



National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

The Belton City Council on Tuesday honored the city's emergency communicators with a mayoral proclamation declaring them first responders. Mayor Norman K. Larkey, Sr.'s proclamation took place in recognition of National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. Pictured are, from left, Fire Chief John Sapp, Tabatha, Kenzie, Mayor Pro-Tem James Pryan, Lilly, Caleb, and Police Chief Scott Lyons.

LOCAL FUEL PRICES

WEDNESDAY\$3.59
LAST WEEK.....\$3.59
LAST MONTH..... \$3.29
LAST YEAR..... \$2.89

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WEEKEND WEATHER: FRIDAY: 83 41 SATURDAY: 57 37 SUNDAY: 65 43 Vol. 14, No. 41

DATEBOOK

FRIDAY

APRIL 17
Power of Perspectives Art Competition, Centerview, 227 Municipal Circle, Raymore

SATURDAY

APRIL 18
Peculiar Street Cleanup, 9 am-noon, 351 Legend Ln, Peculiar

MONDAY

APRIL 20
Belton Park Board, 6 pm, City Hall Annex, 520 Main St

Raymore Council work session, 6 pm, City Hall, 100 Municipal Circle

Peculiar Board of Alderman, 6:30 pm, City Hall, 250 S Main St

TUESDAY

APRIL 21
Raymore Planning & Zoning, 6 pm, City Hall, 100 Municipal Circle

THURSDAY

APRIL 23
Raymore City Council, 6 pm, City Hall, 100 Municipal Circle

SATURDAY

APRIL 25
Belton Arbor Day Celebration, 9 am, Memorial Park

Drug Take Back, 10 am-2 pm, Raymore Police Department, 100 Municipal Circle

MONDAY

APRIL 27
Raymore City Council, 6 pm, City Hall Annex, 520 Main St

TUESDAY

APRIL 28
Belton City Council, 6 pm, City Hall Annex, 520 Main St

Raymore Park Board, 6 pm, City Hall, 100 Municipal Circle



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Hearts arrive!



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For the second year, North Cass is hosting entries in Kansas City's Parade of Hearts. Parade of Hearts is a one-of-a-kind public art experience that celebrates Kansas City's creativity, culture, and compassion — all through the symbol of the heart. Launched in 2021, Parade of Hearts set out to unite Kansas City through art. Local leaders and artists transformed the city into an open-air gallery of 100-plus handcrafted heart sculptures. Belton's entry, above, was crafted by Ellie Drueten, a graphic designer for Made in Kansas City. Raymore's entry at TB Hanna Station, below left, was created by Sharyl, while the Price Chopper heart, below right, was created by Ian Barbaglia.



Belton approves World Cup rental regs

By Allen Edmonds

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The Belton City Council on Tuesday approved unanimously the final reading of a temporary relief regulation accommodating short-term rentals in the Old Town district during the 2026 FIFA World Cup special event period, from June 1 through July 31.

City staff proposed the abbreviated regulations to allow property owners the opportunity to host guests and increase tourism in Belton to support local businesses, and the experiment could provide evidence of the impact of short-term rentals in residential neighborhoods going forward, Planning Director Matt Wright told the council.

For the period, each short-term rental registration is required to pay a registration and inspection fee totaling \$120. The property owner/host is also responsible for the payment of the 5 percent hotel/motel tax, which is required to be paid monthly to the Finance Department.

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Belton to celebrate Arbor Day with tribute to Randy Asjes

The Belton Park Department and Urban Forestry Council will host an Arbor Day Celebration in Memorial Park, 998 Commercial, at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 25.

This year the department will plant a memorial tree in honor of the late Randy Asjes, who served on the Belton Urban Forestry Council from 2018 to 2025, including serving as president. He died on Aug. 7, 2025.

The Flamethrower Redbud will be planted near the Rose Garden, behind Memorial Station. The redbud is a fast-growing tree known for its spectacular, multi-colored leaves. The public is invited to attend.

According to Kevin Feedback, park director and city arborist, the Arbor Day

Celebration this year is to honor Asjes as well as raise awareness of trees and the important role that they play in our environment.

"Every tree planted on Arbor Day helps clean the air and water, beautify neighborhoods, provide homes for wildlife, and prevent soil erosion, among other benefits," Feedback said.

"Randy left his mark on this community in the most literal way . . . in the trees he planted and cared for. His passion for horticulture and his dedication to Belton will be greatly missed."

In addition to the Arbor Day Celebration, Mayor Norman K. Larkey, Sr., will present an Arbor Day Proclamation declaring April 25 as Arbor Day in Belton, and April 2026, as Arbor Month.



Randy Asjes

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