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TxDOT employee LaVisa Matthews demonstrates the correct way to install a car seat for kids to attendees at the TxDOT Safety Day event at the Texas Information Center on Aug. 22. A team was there to promote safe driving and safety for kids when traveling, especially with the upcoming Labor Day holiday weekend bringing heavier traffic for travelers.

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TxDOT event offers child safety tips, free car seats

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The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) held a Safety Day event at the Texas Information Center in Amarillo on Friday, Aug. 22, for interested people to attend. At the event, staff performed car seat inspections to make sure children were as safe as possible in their cars. Visitors also had a chance to take home a free car seat during the event, which lasted from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

TxDOT employee LaVisa Matthews said many people use the “booster” seat

for their children too long. “They shouldn’t be in a booster after they reach 4 years old and 40 pounds,” she said.

Staff demonstrated the “rollover conquer” to the crowd to show how dangerous a rollover can be to a child, or adult, who isn’t properly strapped in with a seat belt. During the demonstration, a child-sized mannequin in the vehicle cab came tumbling out, as the cab spun over and over, simulating a dangerous crash.

“This simulates a 35-mph rollover,” Matthews said. “Dad is distracted because he’s been on his cell phone, he tells his kid to get in and buckle up, as

parents sometimes do. And sometimes, they don’t, and this is what can happen,” she said as the child-sized mannequin fell out.

“There has to be a sticker on the side of every single car seat that shows the weight and height limit, but people sometimes don’t pay attention to it. It’s important, and the law says a child must be properly restrained,” she said.

Matthews demonstrated to a woman who came wanting to see how to properly install the regular child car seat. Other people who drove up received similar instructions and asked

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ELECTIONS 2026 TEXAS’ 13TH DISTRICT

Dem Nair launches election campaign

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In the heart of downtown Amarillo, at the bustling Crush Wine Bar and Grill, former City Council member Mark Nair stood before a crowd on Aug. 26, launching a bold campaign for Congress in Texas’ 13th District.

With a “People First” agenda, Nair, a Democrat, aims to bring a fresh voice to a region long dominated by Republican control — a district so reliably red that incumbent Rep. Ronny Jackson ran unopposed in the 2024 election, securing his third term without a single challenger.

Nair, a 30-year Amarillo resident, inventor and educator, knows the odds are steep. The 13th District, stretching from the Panhandle to Denton, is a Republican stronghold rated R+26 by the Cook Political Report. In 2022, Jackson



Mark Nair, center, greets supporters during his campaign launch event at Crush Wine Bar and Grill in downtown Amarillo on Aug. 26. Nair, a former Amarillo City Council member, announced his bid for Congress in Texas’ 13th District with a “People First” agenda. MICHAEL CUVIELLO/AMARILLO GLOBE-NEWS

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TOOT’N TOTUM

Store offers deals and giveaways at grand opening

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Toot’n Totum will celebrate the grand opening of its newest location, Store No. 27 at 734 N. Taylor St. in Amarillo, on Thursday, Aug. 28 with an on-site promotion, giveaways and more.

The celebration begins with a ribbon cutting ceremony at 11:15 a.m., hosted by both the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce and the Amarillo Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, with community leaders, partners, and guests.

The opening marks a special milestone as the company continues to celebrate its 75th anniversary. Guests will have the chance to win 75 cents off per gallon fuel (up to 25 gallons) and free food items through a digital scratch-off game on the Toot’n Totum app, available only to guests onsite beginning at 11:30 a.m.

In addition to the scratch-off promotion, the event will have barbecue served by Mitch’s Texas Style BBQ, as well as vendor prize giveaways, merchandise, and other surprise items from Toot’n Totum’s valued partners.

“For 75 years, Toot’n Totum has been proud to serve the Texas Panhandle with convenience, value, and hospitality,” said Andrew Mitchell, CEO of Toot’n Totum. “This new store not only represents our continued growth, but also our gratitude to the Amarillo community that has supported us since 1950. We’re excited to celebrate with

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