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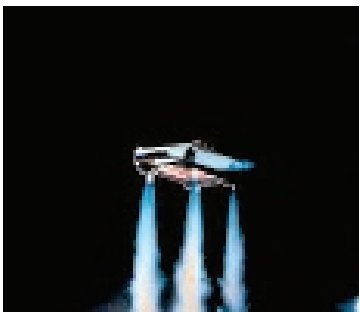
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COMING HOME TO CORDOVA SPRINGS



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The first residents of the Cordova Springs development on the former Floyd Casey Stadium site are expected to move in next month. Construction is underway on 28 homes, with a total of 259 expected over the coming years.

First residents expected to move in next month at stadium site

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Cordova Springs is expected to get its first residents next month, said Steve Sorrells, one of three Waco builders leading the charge on the 259-lot development taking shape at the former Floyd Casey Stadium site off North Valley Mills Drive.

Infrastructure is in place to support most of the building planned for the years ahead, and 28 homes are under construction, with half already sold, Sorrells and Jeremy Pesina, Waco's acting director of economic development, told the Waco City Council in an update last week.

"We will have our first three families moving in during November," Sorrells said.

Turner Brothers Development's work on remaining streets, water and sewer lines, and stormwater systems is on track to meet the Jan. 1 deadline in the firm's master development agreement with the city, according to the city council



Charleston-style row homes are part of the mix under construction in Cordova Springs.

presentation. The city approved Turner Brothers' application for the project in 2020 and inked the initial development agreement in 2022, extending the deadline to complete the groundwork earlier

this year after initial work progressed in fits and starts.

Waco acquired the former stadium site in a series of land swaps

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TEXAS HOUSE DISTRICT 56

Thornton, Curry lay out goals, priorities

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Ashley Bean Thornton is focusing on support for public education in her Democratic bid to unseat one-term Republican Texas House District 56 incumbent Pat Curry.

Curry, meanwhile, said he will continue supporting the policies that drive the state's attraction for major businesses moving in, along with thousands of new residents every month.

He comfortably held off a primary challenge from Ralph Patterson, winning 69% of the vote. Thornton won the Democratic primary with 56% of the vote, defeating Janessa Givens.

House District 56 includes more than two-thirds of McLennan County's population, while portions of central and North Waco, the area around Baylor University, most of Bellmead, and much of the eastern portion of the county are in House District 13.

Election Day is Nov. 3, and early voting will start Monday, running through Oct. 30.

Thornton

Thornton said she is focused on boosting funding for public schools and minimizing the voucher program the Legislature approved last year. Known as Texas Education Freedom Accounts, the program provides public money, up to \$10,000 per student, for use to pay private school tuition or, for homeschool students, up to \$2,000 for various educational expenses.

Thornton said improvements to public education lead to broad-based improvements, from the economy to culture and everything in between.

She questions recent moves to put Bible stories in the state's public school curriculum and opposes a law passed last year requiring the Ten Commandments to be posted in every public school classroom in the state.

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Thornton



Curry

WFM Residency names new program director

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Waco Family Medicine is a well-known name, offering healthcare options to locals without insurance or otherwise unable to afford care. But its residency program, which enjoys a national reputation, may fly under the radar locally despite its broad reach.

"Eighty percent of doctors practicing family medicine in McLennan County are graduates," said Dr. Zach Sartor, recently named as director of Waco Family Medicine

Residency after joining the faculty seven years ago and moving up the ranks.

The program, established in 1969, prepares doctors to have a great bedside man-

ner and to meet the medical needs of entire families. It is an exclusive club without uppity ways. More than 550 physicians from all over the United States apply annually



Sartor

to train in Waco Family Medicine's residency program. Only 12 get accepted, and many remain in Central Texas upon completing their residency, a boon for the availability of doctors in the area.

Sartor said about half of graduates find their calling in rural and underserved communities, stressing that he and colleagues recruit "the best of the best." They begin each year soliciting applications from hundreds of medical students, and Sartor interviews about 130 students interested in the

program before choosing 12 to fill all available spots.

"This is a busy, busy season. So many very high quality people to consider, the cream of the crop," Sartor said. "We ultimately choose those who fit our mission for the community."

An Abilene native, Sartor graduated from medical school at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center and completed his residency at Waco Family

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It's time for Waco to go bananas

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