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COMMUNITY NEWS & CALENDAR

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Oakalla Meet & Eat Potluck Dinner

May 6 & June 3, 6:30pm
1st Monday of each Month @ Oakalla Community Ctr.

Briggs Community-Wide Yard Sale

May 11, 8am-1pm
@ Community Ctr. Spaces available for \$5, Call Lauren
at 830-609-7244 to get your space reserved.

Briggs Monthly Membership Meetings

May 13 & June 10, 6pm (*New Time)
2nd Monday of every month @ Community Ctr.
Everyone welcome.

Oakalla Library Community Yard & Book Sale

May 18, 9am-1pm
\$10 per table, or free with proceed donation to Library.
For more info email OakallaLibrary@yahoo.com

Briggs Field Day

June 1, 4-7pm
@ Community Ctr. Bounce Houses, Races, Ice Cream &
Popcicles

Burnet County Area Fair

June 7-8
Burnet County AgriLife Extension Auditorium in
Burnet. Former Briggs School student Lela Glimp Goar
is this year's chair. More info for exhibitors, sponsors,
and vendors at burnetcountyareafair.com

Briggs Ice Cream Social

June 10, 6pm
@ Community Ctr. Come meet your neighbors and
bring your favorite ice cream or dessert. Prizes awarded
for best ice cream!

BRIGGS BAPTIST CHURCH

***End of school block party** - May 17, 6pm
Free supper and lots of games. All kids are welcome!
***5th Sunday Potluck** - June 30, 12pm
*Come enjoy good food and fellowship. Come early and join us
for Sunday School at 10am and worship at 11am*
***Vacation Bible School** - (4 yrs - sixth grade)
Sunday, July 14 through Wednesday, July 17, 5:30pm
For more information visit briggsbaptistchurch.com

REDBUD-OAKALLA EE CLUB

*Meetings on 3rd Mondays of each Month at Briggs Baptist
Church Fellowship Hall.
11:30am salad bar lunch followed by an informative
program/presentation, or the group meets at a local nursery
or other interesting venue. Visitors always welcome. For
more info call Roberta Eacott 512-734-2089

OAKALLA LIBRARY

28981 FM 963, Oakalla, TX 78608

Hours & Programs:

Tuesdays: 3:30-8:30pm, Storytime & Craft 4pm, Teen
art at 6:30pm.

Fridays: 10am-2pm, Storytime & Craft 10:30am. 2nd
& 4th Fridays of each month "Fermented Friday"
workshops (sourdough, kombucha, salsa, etc.) 11am
Yoga Class every Friday 8am.

Saturdays: 10am-1pm, 1st Saturday of each month
Book Club & Potluck 11am.

Beekeeping Workshop (Once monthly, Dates TBA).

Contact: OakallaLibrary@yahoo.com



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WIDDLE FOUNDATION: Making a Difference One Paw at a Time



The **Widdle Foundation** is an animal rescue organization based in Briggs, founded by Marcus Perkins in 2019. Its mission is providing for animals needing rescue, shelter, and funding, as well as raising awareness through education. The organization presently focuses primarily on dogs, but future goals involve expanding the facility to serve more dogs, eventually aiding abused farm animals and other domestic pets. All the dogs currently available for adoption were pulled from a shelter in Waco where they were in danger of being euthanized.

The foundation is named in memory of Marcus' beloved Yorkie Selena, who was affectionately nicknamed Widdle during a long illness. Despite a life-saving surgery and lots of loving care, Widdle passed away in 2018. Marcus decided to keep Widdle's memory alive by caring for animals in need and by educating the public about the care and training of dogs.

If you'd like an appointment to view the dogs available for adoption, contact the foundation through their website at thewiddlefoundation.org or by phone at (512) 690-4430.

There are plenty of volunteer opportunities available; anyone interested in walking, grooming, playing with, or feeding and watering the dogs is encouraged to reach out. There's even need for volunteers to read to the dogs and help with cleaning.

The Widdle Foundation is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization. Donations can be made via their website or by mail. Address is 650 CR 218A, Briggs, TX 78608.

Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District

The severe drought is real and might be here to stay for a while. The CTGCD is implementing a newsletter to better inform the public on ways to combat it. Collectively in the county, the local residential user is the largest user of ground water. The newsletter will be oriented toward providing users with water-wise solutions to lessen the impact of the drought over time. CTGCD has also identified NE Burnet County as a critical area of our Trinity Aquifer. As such, they have begun a study of our area to better identify the present conditions of the aquifer and how anticipated development in the area will affect it.

You can sign up for their newsletter at the following link: <https://www.centraltexasgcd.org/newsletters/>

Northeast Burnet County Fire Rescue (NBCFR)

Reporting data for our VFD indicates that as much as 80% of their calls are related to medical situations rather than fires. If you factor in the auto accidents as medical, the percentage is even higher. The VFD has been working to address the need for improving their "medical response" capability membership. They presently have one certified paramedic and four EMT Basics in their membership. There are three more undergoing training at this time. However, until just recently responders were allowed to provide very limited medical assistance (taking vital signs) until an ambulance arrived. At this point in time, the closest ambulance service to our area is dispatched out of either Burnet or Bertram. Serious medical calls suffered delays that approached 30 minutes. Our ESD has recently hired a Medical Director (an actual MD) to oversee the medical activities of our VFD. This now allows the Paramedic/EMTs to at least provide the medical services they are trained for. The Paramedic has a truck that is equipped identically to an ambulance. It's a good first step toward improving service in our area. Many medical services can now be provided well in advance of the ambulance's arrival.

The VFD is focused on providing more medical training among their volunteer membership since the historical data shows such a high need for it. Please support them whenever you have the opportunity. Their website contains additional info:

(www.nbcfirerescue.org). Phone 512-556-0540

Ph: 737-973-3999. <https://www.nbcfirerescue.org>

Commissioner's Corner- by Damon Bierle:

Lots of things are happening in the Precinct. I would like to highlight the new partnership between Burnet County and the Briggs Community Center Board of Directors. A year of planning led to BCCI turning over the Community Center and Ag Building to Burnet County. We are excited about the future of the Community Center. After the May 28 runoff election, maintenance crews will begin restoration to enhance and improve the building.

We don't have a timeline yet, but will work to get new windows, a solid roof, and reinforce beams so the second story can be used again. Various upgrades will be made while keeping the touches and charm of the building intact. Once restoration is complete the BCCI Board will be able to rent out the facility as was done in the past. Community events can use the building and the grounds for meetings, gatherings, reunions, and other functions. We look forward to a grand re-opening for everyone to attend. As always, feel free to reach out via email or call any time. **dbeierle@burnetcountytexas.org, 512-715-2611**