

BUSINESS BRIEFS



The staff of NKB Dance & Expressions. The studio, located at 610 North Austin Avenue, opened its doors to the public on July 24.

## NKB Dance & Expressions brings movement to Georgetown

By BRIGID COOLEY

Georgetown resident Nancy Knight-Brown often turns to dancing as an outlet for both her emotional and physical needs. A life-long passion for the art form is what inspired Ms. Knight-Brown to open NKB Dance & Expressions, an all-ages dance studio aiming to be the place where fun and fitness meet.

"I've always felt like dance was the ultimate expression and it's a way to lift your spirits when you're down," Ms. Knight-Brown said. "I've always loved it."

Located at 610 North Austin Avenue, the studio offers a variety of membership options for all ages and experience levels. Ms. Knight-Brown and her team of dance instructors opened the studio to the public on July 24.

Dance classes available include ballet, jazz and hip hop for both adults and children, as well as specialty classes including line dancing, salsa, Gospel Groove and Chicago-style stepping. Yoga, pilates, zumba and some other high-intensity workout classes are also offered.

Senior Sunrise sessions, which include light exercise routines that can be done either sitting or standing, and Parents and Tots classes are also provided.

The studio is open Monday-Saturday, with operating hours determined by class schedules. Monthly memberships range from \$90-375 depending on the dance and movement discipline. One class passes ranging from \$20-25 are also offered.

For a full class schedule or to purchase a studio membership, visit the studio website at [www.nkbbdanceandexpressions.com](http://www.nkbbdanceandexpressions.com).

### 18 Carrot Bakery closes doors, announces new owners

After operating on the courthouse Square for three years, 18 Carrot Bakery closed its doors in late July.

"My bakery has been sold and I am retiring," owner Shari Cahill announced in a July 19 Facebook post.

The business, located at 710 South Austin Avenue, was purchased by Lulu's Pie Shoppe, a family owned pie shop known for operating out of a vintage camper and selling products at local farmer's markets, pop-ups and events. Specializing in pies and other sweet treats, the new owners plan to carry on 18 Carrot Bakery traditions, including high tea and cooking classes, Ms. Cahill wrote.

Lulu's Pie Shoppe plans to open its doors this fall.

### Cozy Cannabis opens Georgetown boutique

Offering e-cigarettes, vape pens and apothecary items, Cozy Cannabis is a one-stop shop for all things CBD. Located at 823 South Austin Avenue in Georgetown, the business opened in July. Hours are 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Saturday and noon-6 p.m. on Sundays. For more information, visit the store's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/cozycanna](http://www.facebook.com/cozycanna).

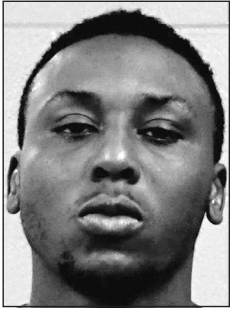
## Suspect arrested in Florence murder case

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The sheriff's office has not released information about what led to Mr. Gilbreath's arrest or how he was identified as a suspect. The office stated no further information would be released on the case from the sheriff's office.

"We believe this was an unprovoked random act of violence," Mr. Foster said. "The Williamson County Sheriff's Office appreciates the support that the Williamson County community has shown towards the solving of this tragic crime."

As of Monday, Mr. Gilbreath was being held in the Williamson County Jail on a \$1 million bond.



JOSHUA ANTHONY GILBREATH

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## A summer reading report

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Although the thought of cooler days this fall is very welcome, the end of summer was always bittersweet for me as a student. The promise of the coming year mixed with the loss of the excitement of summer. I have the same feeling as our summer reading programs draw to a close here at the Georgetown Public Library.

Often people are surprised that summer is our busiest season at the library. That is due in large part to our summer reading programs. This year the participating kids, teens and adults achieved some pretty impressive stats.

From June to August, the library held 25 summer reading programs with over 1,400 people attending. If you add in our weekly storytimes for the summer, that number bumps up to 87 programs and slightly over 4,000 attendees. Most of these were for younger children, but tweens, teens and adults also had their own events. Kids and teens tracked how many days they read over the summer. For kids ages 0-12, their total at the end of July was a whopping 15,692 total days. Teens read an impressive 1,018 days: more than the li-

brary staff's 679 days.

We do not ask adults to track the number of days that they read. Instead, adults participate in challenges that encourage them to explore the library's offerings. At the time of writing, adult challenge card submissions are about to close, and the library has already collected 113 cards. This sets a new record for our adult summer reading program! Of the submissions, 35 percent of participants checked out a type of library material they have never used before, perhaps using our DVDs or electronic books for the first time this summer. Additionally, 7 percent began following the library on social media and 69 percent used Libby or SimplyE, our electronic book and electronic audiobook apps. Another exciting statistic is the 57 percent who visited Second Hand Prose, which is the bookstore run by the Georgetown Friends of the Library. The Friends book sales generate an average of \$50,000 a year with proceeds used to promote and provide a variety of resources to the library.

As we wind down and look towards fall, the library will temporarily suspend storytimes for the month of August. This allows the children's team much needed time to recoup from summer and regroup for fall programming. Storytime will be back in full swing in September. Fall also brings fun new programs such as a teen game night that will be hosted the first Tuesday of each month. It

will kick off on Tuesday, September 6 from 5-7 p.m. for ages 12-18. For those who are 18 and over, join us for our weekly game nights for adults on Mondays from 5-7 p.m. Stay tuned for even more fun and educational programs coming up later this fall.

See you soon at the library!

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