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Family celebrates new beginnings

After devastating 2015 floods, LaFrance family cuts ribbon to new home

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The LaFrance family received the keys to their new home this week.

Thursday morning was a special day for the family, who now have a three-bedroom, two-bathroom home outside of the floodplain to call their own. The LaFrance’s previous home, located in Blanco Gardens, was devastated by the May and October floods in 2015. With funds from a second round of funding

from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program (CDBG-DR), the city has been able to build three houses, and city officials gathered for a ribbon-cutting for the house.

“The three homes bring the total disaster recovery assistance to a total of eight new constructions and one rehabilitation, and we have more on the horizon,” said San Marcos Mayor Jane Hughson.

Hughson said the city anticipates a third round of assistance and funding that will serve seven families impacted by the floods.

“The mission of the City’s Disaster Recovery Program is to provide safe and quality affordable housing to families who were impacted by the floods in 2015,” Hughson said. “These homes became a reality following our City Council’s approval of a program that allowed vacant city-owned

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The LaFrance Family, along with city staff, Mayor Jane Hughson and builder Steve Mataro cut a ribbon in front of their new home on Thursday. *Daily Record* photos by Jordan Burnham

Train collision on Guadalupe Street



A train collided with a blue SUV on Thursday on South Guadalupe Street near the intersection of Martin Luther King Drive. San Marcos Police reported no critical injuries in the accident. *Daily Record* photo by Nick Castillo

STAFF REPORTS

South Guadalupe Street was shut down Thursday afternoon after a train collided with an automobile. San Marcos Police responded to the train/auto collision on South Guadalupe St. near the intersection of Martin Luther King Drive, where a blue SUV was hit by a Union Pacific train.

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Dr. George W.S. Abbey, former Director of the Johnson Space Center and key figure in first flight to moon, will speak at LBJ Museum on Sept. 26. *Submitted photo*

LBJ Museum to host former Johnson Space Center Director

STAFF REPORTS

The Lyndon Baines Johnson Museum of San Marcos will host a former Director of the Johnson Space Center as its distinguished speaker for its fall lecture: “Fifty Year Reflections on Apollo.” Dr. George W.S. Abbey, a Johnson Space Center

former director and key figure in the first flight to the moon, will speak at the LBJ Museum — located at 131 N. Guadalupe St. — on Thursday, Sept. 26 at 6 p.m. The public is invited to this free event. The LBJ Museum highly recommends this

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SMTX Pride festival and parade kicks off tomorrow



Bunny Boom Boom Leroque walks alongside the Mink Salon & Barber Studio float in last year’s parade. *Daily Record* photo by Colton Ashabanner

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The annual SMTX Pride Festival is tomorrow and is free and open to the public. Saturday morning, the community celebration will begin with the Anti-Bully Pride March at Dunbar Recreation Center at 10 a.m. The parade route starts at Dunbar Park on Martin Luther King Dr. and moves down Martin Luther King to LBJ Dr., up LBJ to the Square and then on to San Marcos Plaza Park, where festivities

will continue until 5 p.m. Community advocate Roland Saucedo will serve as this year’s grand marshal. “I am very honored and humbled to have been chosen to serve as Grand Marshall for this years SMTX Anti-bully Pride March,” Saucedo said. Live music, drag shows and speakers will begin entertaining the crowd at noon. Performers include Shelly Lares, Aurazora and The Revs. Food and mer-

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