

Club spotlight

> Karina Cazares
Reporter

Student Council



Ethan Settles,
junior

“My favorite part about student council is getting everyone involved.”

Committees: Spirit, Fundraising, Teacher Appreciation, and Community Service

Sponsors:
Mrs. Kayla Sailors
Mrs. Angela Chairez

Serenade

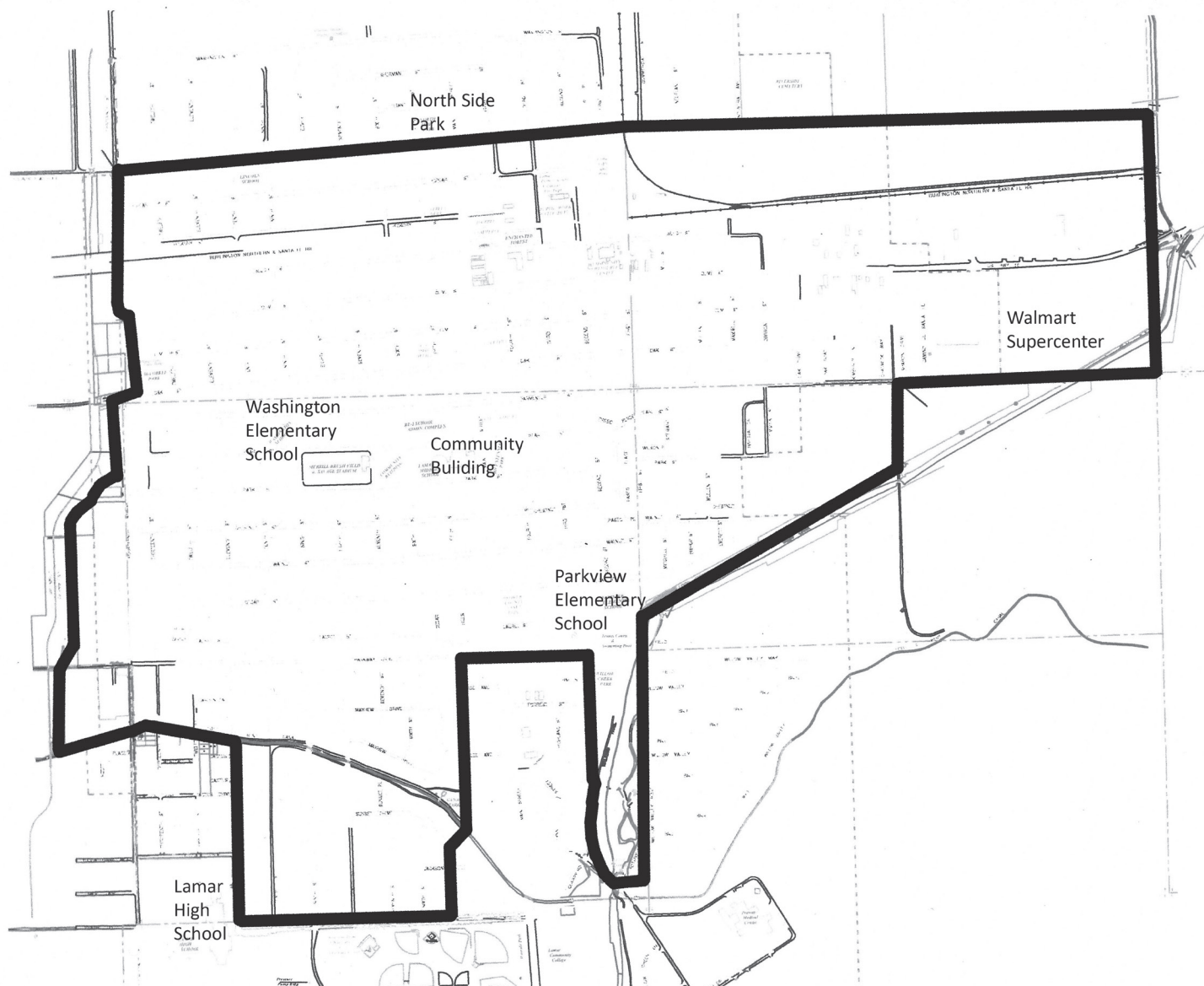
The night after Valentines’ Day, couples continued to celebrate and were sang to by NoteAbles members during an annual dinner called Serenade.

Tickets were \$15 per person. and the profits help buy the members’ dresses and suits.

The event began at 6:30 p.m. at the Lamar Christain Church. The night started with a group song before a meal was served to the attendants. Various solos by each NoteAbles member were then sung before an intermission, and finally the night ended with another group number.

Members began practicing in February with Director Mr. Bob Seay in the auditorium or by themselves. Before the event, the students had to be able to sing the song in front of the class.

Members include freshmen Gabriel Saldana and Ari Martinez, sophomores Joanna McDowell, Sage Higbee, Cailey Reid, Jayde Tombleson, Kyra Johnson, Wyatt McBroom, and Daniel Stroh, juniors Alyssa Carty, Cesar Chavez, Billy Ramsay, and Sheldon Clevenger, and seniors Aurora Reynolds, Bella Maltbie, and Mariah Hartshorn.



Lamar Loop *Multi-use trail almost complete*

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Reporter

The Lamar Loop is an eight mile jogging/walking path that starts in Willow Creek park and goes around the city of Lamar.

According to Craig Brooks, chief building inspector, it is expected to be completed by March 1 as of Jan 15. Only 20 percent is left of the loop to finish.

Currently concrete is being poured on the Greenbelt, and the lines are being painted and the signs are being put in.

“We were granted a grant [for funding the loop].” Brooks said “There were a lot of people who worked really hard to get the grant so the citizens of Lamar could have a place to bike, walk, and jog.”

The process for getting the grant included filling out an application and going through an interview process. Other cities applied for the GOCO grant. The GOCO grant is \$1.3M to invest in transforming North Gateway Park and Willow Creek park as well as 18 programs and associated pathway opportuni-

ties which includes the Lamar Loop. The Lamar Loop has been in the planning process for five years, but Rick Akers, head of parks and Recreation, started to work on it in April of last year.

In the original plan the Loop was in the shape of an “L.” It was first conceived to be built in phases as far as the funding allowed.

“Part of my taking over, was to design the loop to start at one point and end at the same part,” Brooks said.

Once the construction is done the

project will turn over to Rick Akers, head of the Parks and Recreation Department. He will organize the grand opening.

The Lamar Loop is already being put to use by many people, including students.

“The loop goes around town, so I can see the different parts of town while I am running,” said freshman Brandon Davis, who uses the loop for runs. The cross county team will use the Lamar Loop to train on because it gives more areas for them to run and more terrain to run on.