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Save Austin Cemeteries is hosting "Texas Heritage Day: Six degrees of connection" from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the historic cemetery. The

HAYS COUNTY

DRIPPING SPRINGS

Mock trial to address dating violence

A mock trial is scheduled Thursday to help raise awareness of dating violence among teens.

About 45 Dripping Springs students will participate in the trial by acting as the victim, alleged perpetrator, lawyers and witnesses as well as serving on three separate jury panels.

"We designed this exercise to cover two major areas of learning – expose high school students to the judicial system as well as educate teens on the dynamics of dating violence," Associate District Judge Brenda K. Smith, one of the trial's organizers, said in a news release.

The Hays-Caldwell Women's Center will give a presentation on dating violence and the need to recognize danger signs and getting help at the end of the trial.

Students also raised money to donate to the Women's Center as well as to pay for domestic violence awareness T-shirts and bracelets.

The mock trial is open to the public and will take place 10:15 a.m. in a courtroom at the Hays County Government Center, 712 S. Stagecoach Drive.

The trial is a joint effort between Hays County district attorney's office, area district judges, Hays-Caldwell Women's Center, the Hays County Bar Association, Texas State University and the Dripping Springs school district.

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