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Surprise tornado hits Walburg

By MADISON SIMMONS

A small tornado whipped through Walburg Friday morning, damaging several homes and one business before dissipating.

The twister touched down around 9:30 a.m. on Farm-to-Market 1105, one mile south of town. It hit several homes before reaching CPI Products, a material manufacturer.

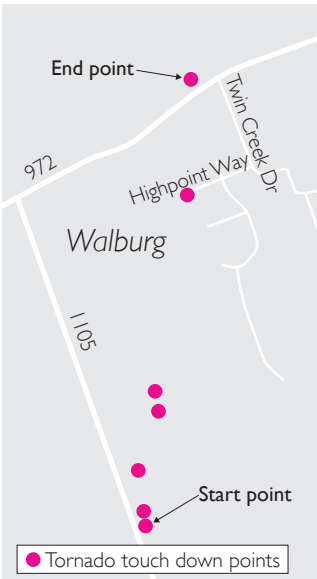
"We just thought it was the guys dropping something," Becky Colvin, CPI accounting assistant, said.

"And that's when we started seeing all the debris and all our guys in the shop were running in here."

The business lost a large section of the warehouse roof; the storm strewn the adjacent field with debris.

By early afternoon, CPI Products had a crew out to temporarily patch the roof.

The tornado dispersed before reaching the Farm-to-



Madison Simmons

A minor tornado ripped part of the ceiling off of Walburg business CPI Products, filling the nearby field with debris Friday. **Left**, the twister damaged four homes as well during its three minutes on the ground, with winds gusting at 80 mph. It traveled about one mile.

Market 972 intersection.

The sight of the tornado greeted Brian Bohannon, head chef at the Walburg Restaurant, on his way to work.

"I pulled over because I didn't know what it was. I

could see debris and then it went back up into the clouds," he said.

The Williamson County Office of Emergency Management said they have received no reports of injuries.

Ms. Colvin, who grew up

in "tornado alley" in west Texas, was surprised the tornado came without warning, but figured it was a fitting day for strange activity.

"Well, it's Friday the 13th, hello!" she said.



Courtesy photo

This photo was taken of a small twister Friday near 3400 Farm-to-Market 972 in Walburg.

Auditor rides off into retirement

By JOYCE MAY

There are no rocking chairs in David Flores' future.

His stepping down as county auditor following 28 years of service does not mean Mr. Flores has resigned himself to idleness.

With five children, nearly a dozen grandchildren and five motorcycles — his most recent purchase a 2016 Indian Chief Vintage — he and his wife of more than 40 years, Rosie, have plenty to keep them occupied.

"We both enjoy traveling. We both enjoy motorcycling and so it's great to be able to combine both and be able to see this great country of ours," Mr. Flores, 68, said.

"We have a beautiful country. As much as we motorcycle, we've only tapped a little bit of all of the roads and states that we would like to visit."

Mr. Flores is one of only four auditors to ever serve Williamson County.

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Joyce May

David Flores, who served as the county's auditor for 28 years, plans to see the country via motorcycle during his retirement.

County treasurer named new auditor

County Treasurer Jerri Jones is moving up in the world, trading her first floor office at the courthouse for a third floor spot as new county auditor.

Citing her "leadership, independence and strong ethics," the county's five district judges, including Betsy Lambeth, Stacey Mathews, Rick Kennon, Donna King and Ryan Larson, appointed Ms. Jones to succeed David Flores, who is stepping down after 28 years of service.

Ms. Jones is expected to be in her new role by March 1.

Ms. Jones, who served in the U.S. Marine Corps for 20 years as a finance officer and achieved the rank of lieutenant colonel, was elected in 2014 to succeed five-term county treasurer Vivian Wood in managing the county's

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REMEMBERING MLK



Photos by Andy Sharp

Marchers leave the Square Monday en route to Macedonia Baptist Church for a service during the Martin Luther King Jr. national holiday celebration. **Below**, Elaine Francis, 73, of Georgetown, gets a push from Ferrell Foster of Georgetown as she takes part in the march along Martin Luther King Street. Holding her hand at right is Jim Deuser, also of Georgetown.

Marching for peace, unity

By JOYCE MAY

Diverse in age, color and creed but unified in spirit, dozens gathered under an overcast sky Monday to testify to the lasting legacy of The Reverend Martin Luther King Jr.

Repeating a Georgetown tradition dating back to 1984 — two years before a federal holiday was set aside in Dr. King's honor — they marched almost half a mile from Austin Avenue and 7th Street to Macedonia Baptist Church.

Many held hands and sang

the Civil Rights anthem "We Shall Overcome."

Joyce Gadison has been part of the march since its inception and served for 20 years as program director.

"I have never missed a march," Ms. Gadison said.

"I think it is important that we continue having a march here in Georgetown so people can continue to come together and there will be a better understanding of the human race."

The event affords her the opportunity to meet new

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Plan moves forward for city's sixth fire station

By MATT LOESCHMAN

Georgetown's sixth fire station is one step closer to reality.

The Georgetown City Council on January 10 unanimously approved an agreement between the city and Emergency Services District 8 for construction of a fire station at Farm-to-Market 3405 and Williams Drive.

"The emergency services district will build a fire sta-

tion that the city will operate," Georgetown Fire Chief John Sullivan said.

"There are a variety of benefits associated with this move. We will improve our response time to one of the growing areas of the city — the western portion."

About 25,000 residents live in the emergency service district that the fire department serves.

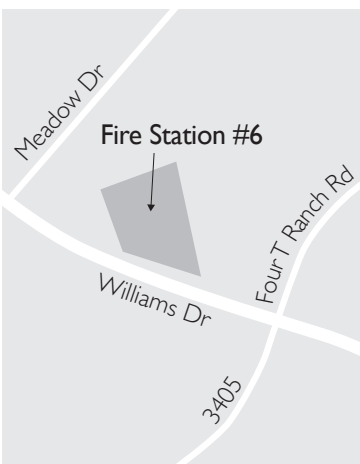
In addition to reducing response times to the immediate area, adding Fire Station 6 should also result in financial savings for nearby residents.

Those living within five miles of the new station would see a significant decrease in their fire insurance premiums, the chief said.

Under the plan, the emergency services district would pay for construction, maintaining the title and insurance on the building near the intersection of Williams Drive and Four T Ranch Road. The district has already purchased the property.

The city would then provide staff and operate the station. The fire department would

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Auditor led office for 28 years

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The Texas Legislature created the position to serve as a system of checks and balances to the disbursement of county funds.

From 1989 to 2005, Mr. Flores also oversaw the county's purchasing process until it was transitioned back under the commissioners court.

Mr. Flores likes to joke that he has moved up in the world since he arrived here from Dimmitt County in South Texas.

Now on the third floor of the courthouse, his first office was in the basement of the historic structure that was then jam-packed with every elected official.

Jokes aside, he departs with a feeling of accomplishment, he said.

When he was sworn into office in January 1989, then mostly rural Williamson County had a population just shy of 136,000 and a \$4 billion tax base — compared to today's more than 500,000 residents and \$54 billion tax base.

The cash-strapped government, which had an annual budget of \$10.9 million, had to take out a loan to ensure that payroll would be met for its

roughly 400 county workers.

The county's bond rating was a low investment grade of BBB-

During his time overseeing the county's financial record keeping, Mr. Flores shaped financial policies to help better manage the explosive growth it was — and continues — to experience.

The county transitioned from cash basis accounting to accrual basis accounting to increase transparency and accountability, he said.

This has resulted in the county receiving a AAA bond rating, the highest rating possible, and growing its cash reserves in the general fund to an estimated \$84.2 million.

"We haven't put off the issues," Mr. Flores said.

"We have a good financial story to tell."

Mr. Flores worked to move WilCo, then over-burdened with health care costs, to a self-funded program to better manage the costs.

He also worked to improve transparency by providing online access to all county contracts.

"Working with a fine staff, the building of our financial strength, investing in road in-

frastructure, and the progressive work in the transparency of our business are amongst the personal highlights of my tenure," he said.

A showcase of awards in the lobby outside the auditor's office testify to the progress.

Former District Judge John Carter, who just began his eighth term as a United States congressman, and the late Judge William Lott selected Mr. Flores.

Calling him "the epitome of professionalism and integrity," Congressman Carter thanked Mr. Flores for his public service.

"I am proud to call him friend and am honored he answered the call when we were recruiting him to Williamson County," he said.

Mr. Flores served as a trustee for the Texas County and District Retirement System from 1994 to 1997, served on the board of directors of the Texas Association of County Auditors in various capacities from 1990 to 1999 and was the chairman of the Investment Committee for the Texas Association of Counties from 2008 to 2012.

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WilCo treasurer to assume role

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revenue and investments.

Her first major project after taking office was leading the effort to select a new financial institution for the county's banking needs.

This included banking reviews, account analysis and conversion of the county's extensive departmental accounts.

Ms. Jones has also taken other measures to streamline operations.

She brings to her new post more than 20 years of financial experience including payroll, budgeting, accounting, and analyzing cost data for major military organizations. During her military ser-



Jerri Jones
New county auditor

vice, Ms. Jones worked her way up to comptroller of the

First Marine Aircraft Wing in Okinawa, Japan, where she managed a \$350 million Navy budget and a \$150 million Marine Corps budget in support of air and ground units in the Pacific.

After returning to civilian life, Ms. Jones served as a mid-level manager in manufacturing for the company Sollectron Texas.

She later became the executive director of the Williamson County Children's Advocacy Center. During that time, she managed contract negotiations and construction accounting as the non-profit built a facility at 1811 South-east Inner Loop.

—Joyce May

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Community remembers Martin Luther King Jr.'s life, legacy



Attendees clasp hands at Macedonia Baptist Church Monday as they sing "Reach Out and Touch" near the end of the service. **Below right**, Pam Johnson of Georgetown listens to the service during the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday celebration



Above, Sun City resident Bobbie Culver comes close to tears while listening to The Reverend Kantrice Robinson, pastor at Georgetown's St. Paul United Methodist Church. **Below**, Emmanuel Hamilton, 4, smiles during the service as he sits with his father, Cedric Hamilton of Georgetown.



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people from different walks of life, she said.

"We have to reach out to people," Ms. Gadison said.

"When we reach out to people, then people will reach out to us and that is how we proceed forward positively."

Macedonia Baptist Church quickly filled to capacity and The Reverend Tashana Morgan, who co-pastors the historic Wesley Chapel African Methodist Episcopal church on West 4th Street with her husband, The Reverend George Morgan, welcomed attendees.

"It's not just a day off work and school but a day in," she said, elaborating that the holiday should be spent in unity and in service to others.

The Reverend Jimmy Johnson, president of the Georgetown Fellowship of Churches, which hosts the annual celebration, offered the invocation. He was followed by Dr. Ronald Swain, president of the Georgetown Ministerial Alliance, who offered greetings.

Dr. Swain, who last year led efforts to launch the Courageous Conversations About Race initiative in the city, spoke of his vision for Georgetown to become the "beloved community" that Dr. King spoke of.

That cannot be achieved with many students in Georgetown ISD living in poverty with some facing futures of despair, he said.

"It breaks my heart that we have these two Georgetowns," Dr. Swain said.

Paulette Taylor also spoke and Macedonia youth Amaya Clark, Daniell Johnson, Madison Ervin and Camryn Kimble made a presentation.

Jermaine Dumes, a Southwestern University senior, and David Quinton, a sophomore, contributed music, including a passionate song they co-wrote Saturday entitled "We Still Have a Dream."

"We just thought about current issues and how it affected us as students and as black men and we just wrote stuff down," Mr. Quinton said.

"It just happened over one night."

Mr. Dumes was playing piano when the words started coming to him.

"We know Dr. King had a dream and he gave his speech and he changed the world big time but we still face problems every day with all races," Mr. Dumes said.

"To say, 'We still have a dream' [means] we still have more work to be done as a whole in the world."

Offering an application to the biblical story of the Good Samaritan, who didn't think twice about helping a stranger in need, guest speaker The Reverend Kantrice Robinson, pastor of St. Paul United Methodist Church, delivered a rousing sermon.

She spoke on "seeing the sacred worth of others" and reminded those gathered of Dr. King's words, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

She offered words of encouragement and urged attendees to live out the theme of the hour "Reaching Out, Reaching Across."

"We begin to nonviolently resist the powers that be who subscribe to demeaning and degrading the richness of our diversity, be it classism, be it sexism, be it agism," Reverend Robinson preached.

"We cannot allow the dogmatic principles of religion, of denomination, of bureaucracy and hierarchy to keep us from aiding our sisters and brothers in their time of need."

In his closing remarks, Reverend Johnson urged attendees to move out of their comfort zone and to remember Dr. King "was first of all a preacher."

"Let us practice over the next year unity and the gathering of one another," he said.

"I believe we can do it as a community if we put forth some efforts."

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Kantrice Robinson, pastor at Georgetown's St. Paul United Methodist Church, speaks Monday.

Correction

In the January 15 issue of the *Sun*, an article on the proposed Enterprise oil pump station stated that Judge Michael Jergins refused to issue a restraining order in the matter: It was District Judge Ryan Larson who made the refusal. The *Sun* regrets the error.

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Grading system unfair

So exactly what are we going to do about it. I mean the bad grades our schools got in the State's latest, newest, apparently better-than-ever grading system? A grading system we all understand, since that's what we were brought up on.

First, I have to say that coming up with a letter grading system, because that is what we all understand is a silly way of grading a school. Yes, good for Chemistry I, but for the whole shebang?

And secondly, the grade our school gets isn't really a grade of the schools. It is a grade for us all — parents, empty-nesters, nest-builders and the folks we hire to run our schools.

About 15 years ago the *Sun* embarked on a program of tutoring in the schools. We raised money, sent out a call for tutors who, although they were volunteers, earned a modest stipend. The program was called The Exemplary Schools Campaign and aimed to help raise Georgetown schools out of the "Acceptable" category as graded by the State. The program lasted until it spent the \$100,000 it had raised.

One thing we learned from working with low-performing youngsters after hours is that \$100,000 is the same as filling Lake Georgetown with an eyedropper:

And we also learned that the public schools cannot possibly solve the problems that come to them from the community. That is why it is unlikely that Georgetown schools will be able to do as well as the schools in Westlake, the highest rated system in the area. A quick look at the stats tell a lot.

Average household income:	
Westlake	\$210,000
Georgetown	\$ 88,500

Top performing Westlake has a population that will naturally demand and support a high-performing school, and, in the aggregate, will send the teachers better prepared students from homes with higher expectations.

Yes, there may be more spoiled brats, but in general, the students will be easier to educate, because they come from homes that see education as a necessity and have the resources, and family culture, to support it.

But the wealthy school district is a special, and narrow, case.



Winds Aloft

Clark Thurmond

Georgetown school students are far more representative of American life than are students in the enclave schools like Westlake. And that is why these state grading systems are, to my way of thinking, simply bogus.

They do not grade schools alone, but also grade communities. When the Texas Education Agency says we have D-rated schools, the TEA is really saying we have a D-rated community.

Whose fault is this? It's our state legislators who have insisted on a grading system that is narrow, blinded, inaccurate and in the end, unfair. Perhaps they will do something about it this session.

What would be fairer—and far more useful—would be a system that considers the nature of the students that come to the school to begin with. How well do our schools do for the students they start with?

Let's say we have two cabinet makers and we want to judge their skill. One goes to the pile of mixed-grade lumber and chooses his wood. Then the other chooses wood from what is left over:

If they are of equal skill, the first will build the better cabinet. But what if the second person makes as good a cabinet as the first? Judging the cabinets alone, it's a tie.

But is that a fair judgment of the builders? No. It's a judgment of cabinets, not builders. The second builder is the better builder.

These state grading systems, if they fail to start with the nature of the average student the school educates, those students preparation and readiness to be educated, then these grading systems don't grade how effective the schools are.

Some argue that the new rating system is created to make charter schools look better than public schools. Maybe so, maybe no, but to make that argument misses the point.

The system is incomplete and being incomplete, is unfair. And insulting to those districts educating the normal range of American families, districts that don't have the luxury of starting ahead of the game, like the first cabinet maker with his carefully sorted, selected raw material.

Our legislators must give us a better grading system.

CEDAR FEVER TIME

By GARY MILLER



Letters

The law that time forgot

Wouldn't it have been interesting if, at some point during the presidential campaign, one of the candidates had asked, "Oh, by the way, has anyone in Washington D.C. ever heard of the McCarran-Walter Act of 1952?"

I did not know of this Act until recently, but it has been a law for almost 65 years.

After several terrorist incidents were carried out in the United States, Donald Trump was severely criticized for suggesting that the U.S. should limit or temporarily suspend the immigration of certain ethnic groups, nationalities, and even people of certain religions (Muslims).

The criticisms condemned such a suggestion as, among other things, being un-American, dumb, stupid, reckless, dangerous and racist.

Known as the McCarran-Walter Act, the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 allows for the "suspension of entry or imposition of restrictions by the President, whenever the President finds that the entry of aliens or of any class of aliens into the United States would be detrimental to the interests of the United States."

The President may, by proclamation, and for such a period as he or she shall deem necessary, suspend the entry of all aliens or any class of aliens as immigrants or non-immigrants, or impose any restrictions on the entry of aliens deemed to be appropriate.

Who do you suppose last used this process? Why, it was President Jimmy Carter; no less than 37 years ago, in 1979, to keep Iranians out of the United States.

But President Carter actually did more. He made all Iranian students already in the United States check in with the government. And then he deported a bunch of them.

Seven thousand were found in violation of their visas, and a total of 15,000 Iranians were forced to leave the USA in 1979.

So, what say you about the criticism that Donald Trump received from Democratic senators, representatives and the Obama Administration?

Additionally, it is important to note that the McCarran-Walter Act also requires that an "applicant for immigration must be of good moral character and in agreement with the principles of our Constitution."

ED KONETCHY
Beautybush Circle

From trailer to 'no-kill' success

Jackie Carey, manager of the Georgetown Animal Shelter, retires on January 27 after 20 years of service. Many of us remember the "old animal shelter" that was actually in an old trailer and shed out by the sewer plant.

Today, the city is blessed with a wonderful "no-kill" shelter that provides care and consideration to our homeless pet population. Jackie has been an integral part of that success. Please join me and in recognizing her commitment and dedication to the Shelter. She will be missed.

MICKI RUNDELL
Arrowhead Lane



Jackie Carey

Editor's note: Micki Rundell is the former finance director for the City of Georgetown.

Man with the irresistible smile

Phil Walden had a quirky sense of humor. I think he would have laughed at the Yogi Berraism that came to mind as I dressed for his going-away party.

"If you don't go to other people's funerals," Berra said, "they won't come to yours."

So I slipped on a sweater and sport coat and slipped out into the gray winter damp. Because that is what one does, for a friend — even a friend one didn't really see all that often in recent years.

The Gabriels Funeral Chapel was packed, as befits a man who "never met a stranger." Words such as those become clichés. But only because there is truth in them. Only because there are such people — those who bring smiles to our lips by the mere mention of their name. Phil Walden was one such man.

I first met Phil — oh, gosh, it must have been 35 years ago — not long after I'd first hit Georgetown.

I was getting my eyes checked by Dr. Steve Schaefer, back when Steve and Bonnie ran the University Avenue shop across from what we, back then, would soon come to call the "new" H-E-B. It was, as I might have mentioned, a long time ago.

They were a team: Dr. Schaefer did the eye exams and Phil fitted people for the eyeglasses.

Phil had a sharp mind and a winning smile that brought to mind F. Scott Fitzgerald's description of Jay Gatsby: "It was one of those rare smiles with a quality of eternal reassurance in it ... it faced — or seemed to face — the whole external world for an instant, and then concentrated on you with an irresistible prejudice in your favor."

That generosity of spirit was on display when, in the mid-1980s, Phil invited me to join him and Morton Gold for a baseball game at the Astrodome.

Houston was hosting the New York Mets and the game was memorable. Darryl Strawberry, then in his prime, hit a ball so hard and high that it was still rising when it struck the domed ceiling. I believe that was a ground-rule home run. Also, we witnessed one of those rarest-of-all baseball occurrences, a triple play.

I can't remember what we talked about, on the drive down or back. Except I know the conversation would have been freewheeling and



MELANCHOLY PARADISE

Brad Stutzman

wide-ranging, because Phil was interested in everything. By that, I don't mean he was indiscriminate. Rather, Phil just drank deeply from life and all it had to offer.

Surely we must have discussed music. Phil loved music. Especially vinyl records. Separated by just three years, he and I grew up and came of age listening to the same sounds, so evocative of time and place, the way music always is.

During Saturday's memorial, I sat next to a bulky, gray-haired gentleman who drummed his fingers on a leg while Bob Seger sang "Turn the Page."

"We're getting old," I whispered to him. "The music of our youth is now being played at funerals."

Then, for a moment, I suppose we were each lost in our own thoughts, as Mick Jagger sang about riding those "Wild Horses."

I kept up with Phil, when he and Dr. Schaefer moved out to Williams Drive all those years ago. But less so, after he opened his own shop in Williamsburg Village.

I kept meaning to see him and get my always-scratched lenses replaced. But, practical to a fault, I figured any new lenses would only end up scratched, as well, so what was the point? There are times I ought to be less practical.

Then I worked in Round Rock, then Temple, and Round Rock again. I got married and bought a house. I became an editor and buried my parents. The busyness of life did what it does and time slipped away.

During those decades Phil and I lost touch, except for the occasional bumping into on a Friday night as we fetched our respective spirits at the neighborhood liquor store.

After I rejoined the *Sun* last year, Phil would sometimes send me an email or leave a phone message. Sometimes I got back to him. Other times I didn't. Tag, you're it.

Still, it is Phil's smile, his kindness, his tireless zest for life that I remember.

Newspaper columnist Jimmy Breslin once wrote that the only two of life's emotions we can always count on being there for us are anxiety and depression. Breslin recommended going with anxiety, if one can choose, for it is the more active of the two.

I find myself agreeing with Breslin. But I also find that folks like Phil Walden are a good antidote to all that.



The Georgetown Animal Shelter's most recent addition, the Judith Shirven Catio, opened in October.

Sun photo

Questions for Congressman Carter

On the front page of the October 30 *Williamson County Sun*, Congressman John Carter was quoted as saying, "Hold your nose and do what's best for your party." Now that the Republican Party controls all three branches of our federal government, it's appropriate to ask if Congressman Carter and his party will continue to hold their noses and support the views of our new president, or if Mr. Carter will hold him accountable and do what's best for his country instead of his party.

I invite Congressman Carter to respond to the following questions on this page. His response would be informative and help us understand where he currently stands.

■ Will Mr. Carter demand that the new president immediately release his tax returns so we can see what his real connections to Russia might be?

■ Will he support a full-throttled investigation (think Benghazi-style) into Russia's involvement in our country's election, to include what the new president knew about the involvement and when he knew it?

■ Will he explain to his constituents what changes, if any, he personally supports to Medicare and Social Security? Does he support the privatization of these programs as envisioned by Speaker of the House Paul Ryan?

■ When the wall along the south border of Texas is built and paid for by Mexico, private land will undoubtedly have to be taken from private owners, presumably under eminent domain procedures. Will Mr. Carter explain to his constituents how he sees that working?

■ Millions of Americans, many of whom are the congressman's constituents, will lose health care when the Republican-controlled Congress "repeals" the Affordable Care Act. We've heard

for six years that the Republican Party has a plan to "replace" it. Would Congressman Carter please provide us details? Soon?

LARRY HILLIARD
Bright Leaf Trail

Our congressman needs to connect

I've lived here 10 years and can't recall that Congressman John Carter shows up here in the heart of this legislative district to hear from his voters. The last Congress met the fewest days in history, claiming that congressmen needed to spend the rest of the time in their districts listening to and informing their constituencies.

How many times has Congressman Carter held a town hall here where he could actually connect with us? Did I miss seeing a notice in the paper about his open meetings with us? Cutting ribbons at the opening of a new road is not what passes for town halls. An absentee legislator is worse than an absentee landlord.

KAY WALKER
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District 2 seat open in election

By **MATT LOESCHMAN**

Changes are on the horizon in Georgetown City Council District 2.

Last week, District 2 Councilman Keith Brainard announced he would not run for re-election while business owner Valerie Nicholson said she would run for the soon-to-be-vacant seat.

Councilman Brainard, elected for his second term on council in 2014 after previously serving from 2007 to 2010, cited his business as a main factor for deciding to step away from the dais.

“I’ve got a full-time job that requires me to travel quite frequently,” said the councilman, a research director for the National Association of State Retirement Administrators.

“I am also now serving on the Texas Pension Review Board.”

Councilman Brainard, a Georgetown resident since 2000, said he would leave the council in four months with the city “in a better place than I’ve ever seen it.”

“There is excellent leadership across the board. The mayor, the council, the city manager, the police and fire chiefs, the staff — Georgetown is running on all cylinders and as far as I’m concerned, I’m leaving on top.”

The councilman touted increasing council control of budget surplus funds and establishing and funding a council “rainy day fund,” renovating San Gabriel Park, pushing forward on construction of the Southwest Bypass and helping bring about a new sidewalk along the southbound frontage road

of Interstate 35 from University Avenue to Leander Road. This project will be complete this summer.

The councilman is focusing on finishing up his tenure that concludes in May.

Ms. Nicholson plans to file for candidacy today, the first day candidates can file. Besides the District 2 seat, the mayor’s seat and the District 6 position are also up for re-election this year. Those incumbents — Mayor Dale Ross and Councilwoman Rachael Jonrowe — are both seeking a return to office.

Election Day is May 6. Early voting begins April 24.

A Georgetown resident for eight years, Ms. Nicholson said she has an appreciation for the community she serves.

“Georgetown is experiencing significant positive growth, which is extremely exciting,” Ms. Nicholson said.

“Recognizing that continued growth is expected in the future, the challenge is to manage and guide quality growth while preserving those qualities that make Georgetown special.”

Ms. Nicholson, 39, and her husband of 17 years, Blake, have three young sons. She lives in the River Ridge subdivision off Leander Road.

“I care deeply about Georgetown,” Ms. Nicholson said.

“I want to continue giving back to the community that has given so much to me and my family. Above all, I want my boys to see me serve and understand that each of us has a responsibility and privilege to give of our time and talents to the greater good.”

Fred L. McClain

Fred L. McClain, age 75, of Georgetown, Texas passed away on January 11, 2017 of a sudden heart attack. He was born November 18, 1941 in Flint, Michigan to Ira and Marion (Campau) McClain.

Fred married Bonnie Spurgeon on February 24, 1968 in Canton, Missouri. He worked as the Circulation Sales Manager for the Flint Journal before his retirement in 2002 after 34 years of dedicated work. Fred was a proud veteran of the U.S. Army.

Survivors include his wife, Bonnie McClain; son, Todd McClain (Anneke); grandchildren, Connor and Delaney McClain; brother, Bob McClain (Linda); nieces, Michele Mounteer, Stephanie Hempton.

Fred was preceded in death by his parents, Ira and Marion McClain.



A memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 21, 2017 at 11 a.m. at Ramsey Funeral Home. A reception will follow at the funeral home. Family has requested donations go to St Jude

Children’s Research Hospital.

You are invited to share a message or memory in our memorial guestbook at www.RamseyFuneral.com.

Arrangements under the care and guidance of Ramsey Funeral Home, 5600 Williams Drive, Georgetown, Texas 78633, 512-869-7775.



Suzanne Douglas Foxx Browder

Suzanne Douglas Foxx Browder, 66, of Elgin, went to be with the Lord on January 13, 2017.

Suzanne was born May 31, 1950 in Corpus Christi, Texas to Sarah Lee Douglas and Paul Page Douglas Jr. Her father being a fighter pilot, Suzanne spent most of her young life traveling around the world. She was a graduate of University of Central Arkansas and worked for many companies including Service-master; Austin Headliners Club and Scott and White Hospital in Temple, Texas.

Suzanne is survived by her mother, Sarah Lee Douglas of Georgetown, her husband of 34 years, Stanley Browder of Elgin, her brother Paul Douglas III of Pflugerville, her sister Dianne Harvey and her husband Beau of Spicewood, her children

Joanne Foxx Thomas and husband Michael of Dripping Springs, Leanne Foxx Chavez and her husband Frank of



Belton, and Johnathan Browder of Elgin. She has four grandchildren; Aurianna, Jacob and Ryan Thomas and Brittany Ballard.

A Celebration of Suzanne’s Life will be held 11 a.m. Tuesday, January 17, 2017, Providence-Jones Family Funeral Home in Elgin. She will be laid to rest in the Pleasant Grove Cemetery

We would like to thank the wonderful staff of St. David’s neurology and Christopher House.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Austin Christopher House.

Arrangements are entrusted to Providence-Jones Family Funeral Home

Providence – Jones Family Funeral Home

604 Hwy 95 North, Elgin (512) 281-2340

Martha Ann Sojka Matlock

Martha Ann Sojka Matlock, 56, of Georgetown, passed away January 12, 2017. She was born March 27, 1960, the daughter of Donald and Bonnie Sharp Sojka, in Weatherford. She graduated from Weatherford High School in 1978, later moving to Victoria then Georgetown. Martha loved life and surrounded herself with family. Though life carried her through several careers, including Activities Director at Wesleyan Nursing Home, her most beloved occupation was being a wife, mother and “Grammie” to her beautiful grandchildren. Martha will be greatly missed by all whose lives she touched. She was preceded in death by her father and brother; Daryl James Clark.

Martha is survived by her



husband and best friend of 33 years, Robert Matlock; daughter, Beth Taylor and husband Kevin of Georgetown and their children, Calvin, Chloe, and Zane; son, Jeremie Matlock and wife Kathie of Brownwood and their children, Skyler, Katelin, and Bella; mother, Bonnie Jane Clark; sisters, Rose O’Bannon and husband Neal, Sharon Hopf and husband Perry; brothers, Daryl Sojka, and Robert Sojka and wife Susan; numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

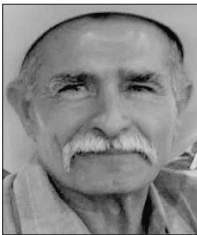
A memorial service will be 10 a.m., Wednesday, January 18 at Galbreath-Pickard Funeral Chapel in Weatherford. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Texas Suicide Prevention.

Adrian Pedraza Gaona

Adrian Pedraza Gaona, 64 of Weir, passed away Thursday, January 12, 2017, at his home in Wier.

He was born the son of Gilibaldo Pedraza and Maria DeJesus Gaona, August 9, 1952 in Mexico. He married Inez Salazar April 8, 1972 in Mexico. Adrian was a member of SS. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church in Granger. He was a hard worker and loved to take care of his animals. Adrian was a loving father who would and did everything he could for his entire family.

He is survived by his wife, Inez Pedraza; seven children, Santa Pedraza and husband Carlos, Rebecca Mejia and husband Neftali, Lidia Pedraza and husband Luis, Dulcelina Bowers and husband Michael, Theresa Lawrence and hus-



band Thomas, Gilibaldo Pedraza and wife Lauren, and Adriana Pedraza and husband Chad; along with 19 grandchildren.

Visitation with the family will be from 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday,

January 16, 2017 at The Gabriels Funeral Chapel, 393 North Interstate 35, Georgetown.

The Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at SS. Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church, 100 North Brazos Street, Granger, Texas, with the burial following at Weir Cemetery.



Joel Lynn Coffman

Joel Lynn Coffman, 84, of Georgetown, Texas, passed away on January 14, 2017, in Round Rock, Texas.

Joel was born on March 11, 1932, in Goree, Texas, to Walter and Kate Tuttle Coffman. In April 1951, Joel enlisted in the United States Navy and served during the Korean Conflict aboard the USS Hazelwood and was honorably discharged in March of 1955. A few years later, Joel married Gail Workman on September 6, 1958, at First Baptist Church, Arlington, Texas. Joel earned his Bachelors degree in Business Administration from Texas A&M Commerce. He also obtained a property claim Law Associate Degree from the American Educational Institute in 1978. He worked for USAA in Insurance Claims for over 28 years until his retirement in 1992. Joel was a member of the American Legion Post 174, a member of the Radio Control Modelers with the sailboats in Sun City, Texas, and he was an active leader in the Trinity Baptist Church of San Antonio, Texas. Joel enjoyed playing golf, taking cruises and traveling all over the world. Yet, he enjoyed spending time with his family most of all. He was a member of The Worship Place in Sun City, Texas. Joel was privileged to be on Honor Flight Austin’s trip #23 to Washington, D.C.

Joel was preceded in death by his parents Walter Wallace and Sally Kate Coffman.

To cherish his memory, Joel leaves behind his wife, Gail



Coffman of Georgetown, Texas; daughter, Michelle Bassett and husband Jack of Las Vegas, Nevada; daughter, Julie Coffman of McKinney, Texas; son, Chris Coffman of Jackson, Tennessee; grand-

daughters: Chebri Lewis and Chelcee Bassett; grandsons: Kelley Lewis and Taylor Lewis; sisters: Alpha Broughton, Mary Kay Bingham and husband Wayne; sisters-in-law: Jannette Workman and Judi Davis; and brother-in-law, W. O. Workman, Jr.; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

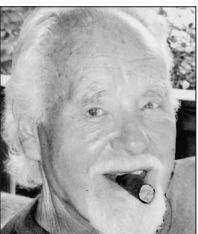
Memorial donations may be made in Joel’s name to the Building Fund at The Worship Place, 811 Sun City Blvd, Georgetown, Texas 78633.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, January 19, 2017, at Ramsey Funeral Home. A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, January 20, 2017, at The Worship Place in Sun City. Following the service, Mr. Coffman will be laid to rest at the Central Texas State Veteran Cemetery at 1 p.m. with the United States Navy to present military honors.

You may share a message or memory in the online memorial guestbook at www.RamseyFuneral.com.



Franklin Ray Lindell



Franklin Ray Lindell, 82, died Monday, January 16, in La Grange, Texas. Per his request, there will be no service. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Hospice Brazos Valley. “Keep Smilin’ ” www.hospicebrazosvalley.org 1048 North Jefferson, La Grange, TX 78945.

Death Notice

Alonzo (Al) Addison Cummins, Jr. died peacefully in his sleep on December 25, 2016 in Georgetown, Texas. A Celebration Service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, January 21, 2017 at Main Street Baptist Church, Georgetown, Texas.

BRIEF

MLK celebration continues

Events celebrating the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. continue this evening, Wednesday, when the Office of Diversity Education and The Coalition for Diversity and Social Justice at Southwestern University hosts “Celebration of Com-

munity: An Evening of Solidarity.”

The free event will be held from 5 to 6 p.m. in the Prothro Center lounge and will feature music, spoken word and dance performances.

The Race and Ethnicity Studies Program at Southwestern University concludes its interdisciplinary symposium Thursday with a program from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the McCombs Shields Ballroom in the McCombs

Campus Center.

In conjunction with the event, the documentary film “13th” will be screened at 8 p.m. Thursday at the F.W. Olin Building, Room 105.

The film by Ava DuVernay explores the intersection of racism and the criminal justice system.

A special worship service will be held at 11:30 a.m. Thursday in the Lois Perkins Chapel.

The Reverend John F. Mc-

Cormick of Round Rock will preach and Southwestern gospel singers will lead the special music.

Courageous Conversations GTX will host a community potluck and assembly Saturday from 5 to 8 p.m. at San Gabriel Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 1322 East University Avenue.

Registration is required. Visit www.courageousconvoctx.com to do so.

—Joyce May

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The Medical practice of Robert M. Garza, MD will be closed after January 20 2017


For patients of Dr. Garza, after January 20, Dr. Michael Nacol will be the custodian of Dr. Garza’s medical records. Dr. Nacol’s office address is the same location, at 3201 S. Austin Ave., Suite 130, Georgetown, Texas. Phone: 512-863-7440

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SCOREBOARD



Georgetown Eagles

Boys Basketball

Standings

Overall (District 19-5A record)

Georgetown	18-5 (7-1)
Pflugerville Connally	18-6 (6-2)
Leander Rouse	18-8 (6-2)
Elgin	13-7 (5-3)
Cedar Park	7-7 (5-3)
Hutto	12-9 (3-5)
East View	5-16 (2-6)
Bastrop	7-13 (2-6)
Bastrop Cedar Creek	4-18 (0-8)


Scores (as of January 13)

Georgetown 42, Connally 34

Rouse 72, Bastrop 56

Cedar Park 42, Elgin 38

Hutto 70, Cedar Creek 39



East View Patriots

Girls Basketball

Standings

Overall (District 19-5A record)

No. 12 Georgetown	18-6 (9-0)
Leander Rouse	18-9 (8-2)
Cedar Park	21-9 (8-2)
Bastrop	19-9 (6-4)
East View	11-10 (5-4)
Pflugerville Connally	7-18 (3-7)
Cedar Creek	8-17 (2-8)
Hutto	7-19 (2-8)
Elgin	4-18 (1-9)


Scores (as of January 13)

Georgetown 77, Connally 26

Rouse 51, Bastrop 37

Cedar Park 90, Elgin 54

Cedar Creek 44, Hutto 30



Gateway Gators

Boys Basketball

Standings

Overall (District 25-3A record)

Johnson City	14-4 (4-0)
Comfort	11-7 (2-1)
Florence	14-6 (3-2)
Blanco	11-9 (2-2)
Lago Vista	1-9 (1-2)
Ingram Moore	2-7 (1-2)
Gateway	4-17 (0-3)

Scores (as of January 13)

Blanco 71, Gateway 59

Jarrell Cougars

Girls Basketball


Standings

Overall (District 13-3A record)

Franklin	11-0 (2-0)
Little River Academy	18-5 (4-0)
Jarrell	14-7 (3-1)
Rogers	9-3 (2-1)
Lexington	4-7 (1-1)
Rockdale	8-11 (2-4)
Cameron Yoe	8-16 (1-6)
Hearne	3-9 (0-2)

Scores (as of January 14)

Franklin 62, Jarrell 51



Southwestern Pirates

Men's Basketball

Standings

Overall (SCAC record)

Colorado College	6-9 (5-0)
Texas Lutheran	9-6 (3-1)
Schreiner	6-9 (3-1)
Trinity	7-8 (2-2)
Centenary	8-8 (2-3)
Austin College	6-10 (2-3)
Southwestern	6-9 (1-3)
Dallas	5-9 (0-5)

Scores (as of January 14)

Schreiner 77, Southwestern 72

Women's Basketball


Standings

Overall (SCAC record)

Texas Lutheran	12-3 (4-0)
Austin College	12-4 (4-1)
Trinity	14-1 (3-1)
Southwestern	5-10 (2-2)
Schreiner	4-11 (2-2)
Dallas	8-7 (1-4)
Centenary	4-11 (1-4)
Colorado College	2-14 (1-4)

Scores (as of January 8)

Schreiner 89, Southwestern 82



Texas Stars

Hockey

Standings

Pacific Division

Ontario Reign	19-7-6-0
San Jose Barracuda	18-9-1-3
Tucson Roadrunners	18-9-4-0
Stockton Heat	18-12-3-1
San Diego Gulls	16-12-2-1
Texas Stars	17-15-1-2
Bakersfield Condors	14-13-4-1
San Antonio Rampage	16-19-3-0

Scores (as of January 16)

Texas Stars 4, San Antonio 3

The Stars will host the Manitoba Moose at the H-E-B Center at Cedar Park.

SPORTSMAN OF THE WEEK: Zion Hester

East View’s Hester enjoys competition

By JONATHAN ADAMS

East View High School sophomore Zion Hester has been playing basketball his entire life.

His interest started from watching the game as a child. Now, Hester is one of East View’s top basketball players and leading scorers.

After high school, Zion plans to attend college, but is unsure as to where he will go. For now, he wants to enjoy his years at East View.

Q: What got you into basketball?

A: When I was little, I grew up watching it. I liked playing the sport and hanging out with my friends.

Q: Do you have any favorite memories competing?

A: Yeah, when Donald Walton and Devhaun Little argue on the court. It’s all friendly, but it’s really funny to see them argue.

Q: What do you like most about basketball?

A: I like competing. There’s so much energy. I like playing against people and seeing who’s the better athlete and who has more discipline.

Q: Do you play any other sports?

A: I play football. I like running and getting to hit people and it’s all legal. There’s a lot of energy. It’s just fun.

Q: What’s one thing your teammates don’t know about you?

A: They don’t know I can sing. I like to sing anything, really. I don’t have a style. My favorite musicians are Future, Young Thug and Kodak Black. I like the way they rap. I don’t rap myself; I can’t, but I like it.

Q: What’s the most impactful lesson you’ve learned from sports?

A: If you lose, it’s okay. If you get knocked down, you just have to get back up and keep fighting. I can apply a lot of that to my life.

Q: Have you thought of any careers you would be interested in?

A: I would like to work for the district attorney. I think that would be fun. I watch stuff like that on television and I thought it would be fun to do.



Jonathan Adams
Zion Hester is one of the leading scorers for the East View High School boys basketball team.



Eagles dominate District 19-5A

Georgetown’s Kaden Herbert dribbles past Overton Jefferson of Pflugerville Connally Friday night. The Eagles defeated the Cougars 42-34, positioning Georgetown at the top of District 19-5A.

Herbert was the leading scorer with 24 points. Other lead scorers were **Matt Taparauskas** (6 points), **Zak Kepner** (5), and **Chandler Herman** (5).

The Eagles played at Hutto Tuesday night. Results were not available by press time.

See more photos on page 7A.

Jonathan Adams

Crosby ends Cowboys season



Sun photo
Mason Crosby kicks the ball during his junior year in 2002 at Georgetown High School.

Despite having the best record and top seed in the NFC, the Dallas Cowboys (13-3) were booted out of the NFL playoffs after Georgetown’s own Mason Crosby ended their run with a 51-yard field goal Sunday.

Crosby, a kicker for the Green Bay Packers and former Eagles football star, knocked in two field goals in the final 98 seconds of the game at AT&T Stadium in Arlington to win the NFC Divisional playoff game, 34-31.

Cowboys coach Jason Garrett used the team’s final timeout just before the ball was snapped, negating Crosby’s first game-winning kick.

Following the timeout, Crosby returned to the field and delivered a low kick that crossed inside the left upright for the win.

Crosby made 11-of-13 fourth quarter field goals this season and has hit 80.4 percent of his career field goal attempts.

The Packers are 12-6 and NFC North division champs. Green Bay’s next game will be Sunday against the Atlanta Falcons.

– Jonathan Adams

Lady golfers prepare for contest

The winter chill still permeates around Central Texas, but don’t be fooled.

The prep golf season has begun.

Yes, it starts this Friday for some members of the Georgetown High School Eagles girls’ golf team.

They will be participating in a tournament over Slick Rock Golf Course in Horseshoe Bay on Friday and then on Hidden Falls Golf Course in Marble Falls the next day.

GHS and East View High School are both coached by Kris Inman who has been doing double duty since the inception of the East View Patriots.

The girls from the two schools each have designated days for hitting the courses at Berry Creek, Georgetown Country Club and Sun City’s multi-course layout.

As noted, the variety in course terrain and greens gives the girls many different kinds of op-



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Doug Kienitz

tions for shots, putting and chipping.

That is beneficial since they will be attacking some tough area courses this spring.

That includes Slick Rock at Horseshoe Bay, ShadowGlen’s hilly terrain in Manor, Star Ranch’s long and challenging de-

sign in Hutto and River Ridge in Sealy.

Coach Inman’s young teams include:

GHS Eagles — Emma Dooley, Laylah Davis, Payton Hess, Caroline Horton, Cailey Scully, Carly Cash, Mia Helpert, Rocky Hutchens, Chloe Mantz, Grace Ragaglia and Mason Trulove.

He will be selecting several of them for the initial tournament this weekend.

East View Patriots — Lauren Ellis, Alyssa Garza, Tristen Rutledge, Westlin Corley, Madison Dyer, Emily Egbert, Callie Hanson, Mackenzie Mayo, Cassidy Salyer and Madison Ulry.

The Patriots first event will be in early February.

New district 19-5A

This is a new district for both teams, meaning they will be playing on several different courses

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Updates

Rugby returns to Dell Diamond

USA Rugby will play Brazil at the second annual Americas Rugby Championship on February 11 at the Dell Diamond in Round Rock.

The Dell Diamond will host one of two Americas Rugby Championship games in the country this year. The five-week tournament will feature six of North and South America’s top-ranked international rugby teams: Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Uruguay and USA.

San Antonio will also host a U.S.-based match.

This is the second year Dell Diamond will be home to the USA Rugby Eagles. The team faced Canada earlier in 2016 as part of the inaugural tournament, which brought in more than 7,000 fans to watch the Eagles defeat Canada 30-22.

Tickets for the event are on sale online at RoundRockExpress.com, over the phone at 512-255-2255 or at the Dell Diamond ticket office.

Crappie University comes to ACC

Austin Community College is offering a continuing education course for anyone interested in crappie fishing. A crappie is a small freshwater fish.

The course, titled Crappie University, is an eight-hour course across four two-hour classes and taught by a team of expert crappie fishing instructors. The fee, which covers samples of crappie lures and jigheads, costs \$89 per person.

The class will begin January 31 and continue every Tuesday until February 21 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. All four classes will be at the Austin Community College in Austin.

To enroll, call the campus at 512-223-0128 or visit online.

Upcoming games

Georgetown High School’s boys basketball team will host Elgin High School on Friday at 7 p.m. The girls team will be at Elgin on the same day and time.

East View High School’s boys basketball will play at Cedar Park High School on Friday at 7 p.m. The girls team will host Cedar Park on the same day and time.

Southwestern University’s women’s and men’s basketball teams will play at Centenary in Louisiana on Friday at 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., respectively.

– Jonathan Adams

Eagles top district play



Photos by Jonathan Adams

Above, Matt Tapauskas takes a shot as a Pflugerville Connally player blocks him. Above left, Will Dietlein looks for someone to pass the ball to during Friday's game.

Berry Creek association chooses leaders

Continued from 6A

from the previous two years. In the former district, most teams were west of I-35; now most are east of that dividing highway.

Other teams in this district include Bastrop, Cedar Creek, Cedar Park, Elgin, Hutto, Rouse and Pflugerville.

Coach Inman's teams will be competing in the district tournament over the exceptionally well-maintained Delaware Springs Golf Course in Burnet.

That will be followed by the regional event over River Ridge Golf Club in Sealy and the UIL state championship at Wolfdancer Golf Resort in Lost Pines.

Berry Creek LGA

Jeanne Whetsell has been named president of the La-



Doug Kienitz

The Eagles practice at Berry Creek Country Club. Pictured are Emma Dooley, left, Laylah Davis, Payton Hess and Caily Scully.

dies Golf Association at Berry Creek Country Club. She succeeds Sharon Ries.

Other people that will serve on the 2017 board are Cheryl Seeman as vice president, Lin-

da Kirksey as secretary, Linda Barkalow as treasurer and board advisor Karen Elliston.

Berry Creek's golf course, designed by architect and Georgetown resident Carl Do-

ering, was completed in 1986. It is an 18-hole layout that covers some 115 acres.

The private club is among the facilities that operate under the ownership of the CBIGG Management. The group is involved with clubs from Arizona to Texas to several in the northeastern United States.

Future events

Jan. 20-21 — GHS girls, Slick Rock GC, Horseshoe Bay, & Hidden Falls GC, Marble Falls
Jan. 31 — GHS boys, Hancock Park GC, Lampasas

Doug Kienitz is past president of the Texas Golf Writers Association. Reach him via TexasGolfing@yahoo.com.

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Fast Pitch will focus on arts-related nonprofits

By SHARLOT SHEPHERD

Arts and culture-related nonprofits will be the focus of this year's Fast Pitch giving event.

"We think it will help people focus more on arts and culture nonprofits, and have an idea of the impact they have on the community," said Julie Johnson, project manager.

Fast Pitch, now in its sixth year hosted by Chisholm Trail Communities Foundation, provides an outlet for nonprofit leaders to exhibit their programs to the community. The foundation then awards the deserving groups with grants. Last year, 15 nonprofits received a more than \$35,000 with the Ride On Center for Kids' women's veteran program getting the grand prize of \$10,000.

"The goal of Fast Pitch is to provide a different platform for nonprofits than they have through their own databases. We want them to communicate their message beyond their existing audiences," Ms. Johnson said.

In past years, Fast Pitch has been open to two categories: arts and culture, and open, the latter represents nonprofits that don't address arts and culture in their mission statements.

Starting this year, the event will begin alternating categories; 2017 will be only for the arts and culture category, and 2018 will be for the open one.

Another change will include each "fast pitch" not being so fast. After nonprofit leaders send in their grant applications by February 6, five finalists will be chosen, unlike last year, which featured 15. Having a fewer

number of finalists will allow more stage time.

The foundation will also provide each finalist with a \$250 stipend to help offset production costs of producing a video by late August. An online voting contest will be held in September for a \$3,000 grant.

In October, groups get the chance to showcase their programs in a creative way. A group might give a theater performance, and an orchestra could play a music piece. In the past, nonprofit leaders got on stage to talk about their groups for a few minutes.

It all leads up to the time when nonprofits are voted on and several win grant awards. The foundation plans to give out \$18,500 this year, along with an amount from private donors to be announced.



Sun photo

The Chisholm Trail Communities Foundation hands out a \$10,000 grant check every year. This year, the way nonprofits vie for the prize will be different.



Photos by Andy Sharp

Above, a squirrel scampers up a tree in Taylor's Bull Branch Park. **Left top**, an abandoned farmhouse sits in a field along U.S. Highway 79 near Thrall. **Left middle**, bare trees reflect in the water at Bull Branch Park. **Left below**, two old barns share a field near railroad tracks along U.S. Highway 79. **Left bottom**, a duck stands in the middle of North Lynn Street in Taylor, seemingly acting as a crossing guard for her fellow birds.



Fog in black and white

If ever a subject found its calling in monotone, it would be fog.

For much of Saturday and Sunday, Williamson County was drenched in fog. Not having much on my plate Saturday afternoon, I did as I often do, explored with my camera.

It had been a while since wandering east. Along U.S. Highway 79, toward Thrall, two subjects merited attention: a deserted farmhouse, sharing an expansive field with a couple of well-used barns. Before the day's muted fog came to a close, I drove into the countryside, stopping briefly to take in the expanse of a county road on gently rolling hills. The fog's delicate touch on the land was elegant.

Sunday morning, if anything, was far foggier, at least it was in Taylor: While running a morning errand, I drove past Bull Branch Park. This is a lovely park anyway, with a nice walking path, a stream coursing through its heart and trees, plenty of trees, mostly cypress. But the fog clarified an already beautiful landscape.

My wife and I have been married for many years. She knows these things: a) when I run an errand, she's aware that I might get distracted by something, and, b) I never leave home without my camera. Naturally, after my errand, I stopped by the park.

The plan, if there was one, was to snap a few frames, maybe five minutes' worth, then mosey home. One thing led to another.

The five minutes grew into an hour. The ducks crossed the road. Motorists slowed down. It was a pleasant interlude.

By Sunday afternoon, the clouds remained, but the fog



FOLLOWING THE LIGHT
Andy Sharp

had left us.

It's interesting being in photojournalism for 40-plus years. The first paying job, in Tyler, was strictly a black and white experience. When I moved from Tyler to Shreveport, in late 1974, we shot some color film, but it wasn't the norm.

As I continued east, to Atlanta, Georgia, at the end of 1980, the *Journal & Constitution* shot color; but its use was relegated to big events, like the Masters golf tournament. A few years later, along came *USA Today*, ushering in the notion of color as the norm. Newspapers, mine included, followed suit.

Today's newspapers, large and small, thrive on color, both for print products and online.

But you know what? Some subjects, like fog, just work better in black and white. Readers, I think, enjoy the novelty of seeing things rendered in the simple gradations of white, shades of gray, and black.

While color is to be cherished and explored, it's good to revisit the simplicity of the monotone image.

Thursday, January 19	
8:00p	Lee Person Band plays at Hardtails Bar & Grill, 1515 Interstate 35
Friday, January 20	
5:00p	Rodney Overturff plays at Grape Creek Vineyards on the Square
6:00p	Memphis Kee plays at Rentsch Brewery, 2500 NE Inner Loop in Georgetown
7:00p	Kate Elizabeth plays at The V Canteen at the Ben D. Snowden VFW Post, 1000 North College Street in Georgetown
7:00p	Walburg Boys play at the Walburg Restaurant
7:00p	Bubba's Friday Friends with Janice and Ricky Maynard at Cotton Club and Steakhouse in Granger
7:00p	"Big Fish" performance at East View High School
8:00p	Texas String Theory plays at Hardtails Bar & Grill, 1515 Interstate 35
Saturday, January 21	
4:00p	Pirate Bowl at Mel's Lone Star Lanes, 1010 North Austin Avenue in Georgetown
5:00p	Sean Russell plays at Grape Creek Vineyards on the Square
7:00p	Walburg Boys play at the Walburg Restaurant
7:00p	"Big Fish" performance at East View High School
9:00p	People's Choice plays at Cotton Club and Steakhouse in Granger
9:00p	Balls play at Hardtails Bar & Grill, 1515 Interstate 35
Sunday, January 22	
3:00p	"Big Fish" performance at East View High School
5:00p	Can't Hardly Playboyz play at Cotton Club and Steakhouse in Granger
Tuesday, January 24	
7:30p	Kithara Duo play at Southwestern University's Alma Thomas Theater
Wednesday, January 25	
6:30p	Songwriters Night at the Walburg Restaurant
7:30p	Tenors Unlimited at the Palace Theatre
Thursday, January 26	
7:00p	"Big Fish" performance at East View High School
7:30p	Forum lecture at City Lights Theaters
7:30p	Tenors Unlimited at the Palace Theatre
8:00p	Treble Soul Band plays at Hardtails Bar & Grill, 1515 Interstate 35
Friday, January 27	
5:00p	Musicale at Southwestern University's Alma Thomas Theater
5:00p	Rob Kahn plays at Grape Creek Vineyards on the Square
7:00p	"Big Fish" performance at East View High School
7:00p	Mike Hidalgo plays at The V Canteen at the Ben D. Snowden VFW Post, 1000 North College Street in Georgetown
7:00p	Walburg Boys play at the Walburg Restaurant
7:00p	Bubba's Friday Friends with David Latimer at Cotton Club and Steakhouse in Granger
8:00p	Code Blue plays at Hardtails Bar & Grill, 1515 Interstate 35
Saturday, January 28	
5:00p	Margaret Marcus plays at Grape Creek Vineyards on the Square
7:00p	Walburg Boys play at the Walburg Restaurant
7:00p	"Big Fish" performance at East View High School
9:00p	Guns & Oil plays at Hardtails Bar & Grill, 1515 Interstate 35
9:00p	Debonaires play at Cotton Club and Steakhouse in Granger
Sunday, January 29	
5:00p	invoke plays at Georgetown Public Library
5:00p	Can't Hardly Playboyz play at Cotton Club and Steakhouse in Granger
Friday, February 3	
5:00p	Sean Russell plays at Grape Creek Vineyards on the Square
7:00p	Rileyann plays at The V Canteen at the Ben D. Snowden VFW Post 8587, 1000 North College Street in Georgetown
Saturday, February 4	
4:00p	Linfield College Concert Choir performs at San Gabriel Presbyterian Church in Georgetown
5:00p	Alex Winters plays at Grape Creek Vineyards on the Square
7:30p	Austin Civic Orchestra performs at Southwestern University's Alma Thomas Theater
Wednesday, February 8	
7:00p	Death by Chocolate Dance at Georgetown ISD administrative annex
Friday, February 10	
5:00p	Dan Sullivan plays at Grape Creek Vineyards on the Square
7:00p	Tornado Town Outlaws play at The V Canteen at the Ben D. Snowden VFW Post 8587, 1000 North College Street in Georgetown

Every week

Tuesday	
9:00a	Farmers Market at Sun City Social Center
Wednesday	
2:00p	Farmers Market at Round Rock Premium Outlets
7:00p	Songwriter Wednesday featuring 10-12 professional musicians at the Walburg Mercantile German Restaurant
Thursday	
2:30p	Farmers Market at Republic Square Center, corner of Austin and Williams
3:00p	Farmers Market at 5th St. & Austin Ave.
Friday	
	Courthouse Tour Starts at the Williamson Museum at 1:30p, 2:30p, & 3:30p
Saturday	
9:00a	Farmers Market at Wolf Ranch Town Center, I-35 & Hwy 29
9:00a	Farmers Market at University Oaks Shopping Center, Southeast corner of 1431 & I-35
1:30p	Courthouse Tour starts at the Williamson Museum at 1:30p, 2:30p, & 3:30p

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MASTER GARDENERS TRAINING CLASS

A free one-hour informational session will explain the Master Gardener program and requirements to become one. Attendance is required at one session before joining and attending Master Gardener classes, which start August 1. The sessions will be Saturday, **January 21**, 9 a.m.; Tuesday, **March 7**, 1 p.m., and Wednesday, **May 17**, at 6:30 p.m. at the Williamson County Extension Office, 3151 SE Inner Loop in Georgetown.

events

CZECH HERITAGE SOCIETY

The Travis-Williamson Counties Czech Heritage Society will meet at 7pm, Wednesday, **January 18**, at the Pflugerville Recreation Center, 400 Immanuel Road in Pflugerville. Officers will be installed and refreshments will be served. Contact Eileen Rosipal at 512-452-3292 or ERosipal@aol.com.

'WOGA' AT THE VINEYARD

The Vineyard at Florence, 8711 West Farm-to-Market 487, presents a one-hour candlelit, beginner yoga class taught by Tiffany Schreiner Humphrey on **January 19** at 6 p.m. Participants must be 21 or older. The yoga class is followed by a complimentary glass of wine. \$20 for one person or \$35 for two people. Register online.

EAGLE BAND PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Georgetown High School Eagle Band is having a pancake breakfast fund-raiser on Saturday, **January 21**, 8-10am at MasFajitas, 3010 Williams Drive in Georgetown. Tickets are \$5 per plate with all the proceeds benefiting the band. For tickets, contact Kathy Baker at koolkat13@sbcglobal.net or 614-216-0216. Tickets will also be available at the door.

PIRATE BOWL

Mel's Lone Star Lanes, 1010 North Austin Avenue in Georgetown, will host the Southwestern Football Pirate Bowl on Saturday, **January 21** from 4pm-6pm. People are invited to bowl with the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference champion senior players and coaches. Entry fee costs \$20, half of which Mel's will donate to the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Williamson County.

FORUM LECTURE

Grace Academy will present a lecture by Nicholas Perrin entitled, "Redeeming Our Doubts: The Overlooked Value of Skepticism in Christian Education." The New Testament scholar will explore some of the cultural conditions that underlie contemporary skepticism. The talk will be Thursday, **January 26**, at 6:30pm at the City Light Theatres, 420 Wolf Ranch Parkway in Georgetown. Free.

PAINTED CHURCHES OF TEXAS

The Newcomers and Friends of Georgetown will talk about the painted churches of Texas, with Jan Opella, a docent and descendant of a church founder presenting. Ms. Opella will describe the history of the churches and their founders. Newcomers and Friends of Georgetown will meet on **February 2**, at the Berry Creek Country Club, 30500 Berry Creek Drive in Georgetown. Coffee is at 9:30 with the meeting starting at 10am.

SNOW DAY

Wolf Ranch Town Center in Georgetown will have a snow day where children can make snow angels, throw snowballs, tube down a 12-foot slide, sing songs take photos with a Disney Ice Princess, and take an art class. Free. Hot drinks and food will be available to buy. The event will be in the parking area east of Gold's Gym in front of the pond on Saturday, **February 11**, from 11am to 3 pm.

MULCH FUND-RAISER

Support the East View High School Patriot Band during its annual mulch sale **March 6 through March 20**. The Patriot Band will be offering brown mulch for \$5 per bag and black or red mulch for \$5.50 per bag. Purchase five or more bags for a free delivery to your door on Saturday, March 25. Visit www.evband.org/mulch, call 512-277-3847 or email EastViewBandMulch@gmail.com.

music

KITHARA DUO

The Sarofim School of Fine Arts' Music Department will host Kithara Duo, a guitar duet featuring award-winning composer Olga Amelkina-Vera. The concert will be **January 24**, at 7:30pm in Southwestern University's Alma Thomas Theater. Tickets cost \$12.

TENORS UN LIMITED IN CONCERT

'the rat pack of Opera' will have two special musical performances. This classical crossover group has been entertaining audiences throughout the world since 2002. This trio has performed alongside such notables as Sting, Hayley Westenra, Lionel Ritchie, Simply Red, Daniel and Natasha Bedingfield, soul diva Beyoncé, The Opera Babes, and the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. Following the concert, audience members can mingle and meet the singers in the Palace lobby, and Tenors Un Limited CDs will be available for purchase. Tickets: \$75 at georgetownpalace.com or through the Palace office at 512-869-7469. The Palace Theatre, **January 25 and 26**, 7:30pm

MUSICALE

The Sarofim School of Fine Arts' Music Department will have a musicale featuring student solo and

ensemble works **January 27**, at 3pm in Southwestern University's Alma Thomas Theater. Free.

INVOKE PERFORMS

Professional string quartet "invoke" will be performing in the Hewlett Room of the Georgetown Public Library Sunday, **January 29**, at 4pm. The performance is sponsored by the Georgetown Festival of the Arts. The group not only plays the usual instruments of a quartet (violin, viola, and cello,) but members also play the banjo and mandolin. Tickets cost \$25 for adults and \$10 for students under 18; tickets will be available at the door.

OREGON CHOIR IN GEORGETOWN

The Linfield College Concert Choir, from McMinnville, Oregon, will play a concert on Saturday, **February 4** at 4pm in the sanctuary of San Gabriel Presbyterian Church, 5404 Williams Boulevard in Georgetown.

SPOTLIGHT ON SOUTHWESTERN

The Austin Civic Orchestra will perform at 7:30pm, Saturday, **February 4**, in Southwestern University's Alma Thomas Theater. It will feature SU music faculty and students with Kenny Sheppard leading the SU Chorale and alumni guests in music from Felix Mendelssohn's oratorio *Elijah*. The second half of the concert will feature J. Michael Cooper's edition of Mendelssohn's *Italian Symphony* as well as Jason Hoogerhyde's *Lament* for string orchestra. Tickets cost \$15 for adults, \$10 for military, seniors and students. High school and Southwestern students and staff can get in for free.

DULCIMERS BENEFIT CONCERT

The Sun City Dulcimers will host a benefit concert Sunday, **February 12**, at 3 pm at The Worship Center, 811 Sun City Boulevard. The concert is free, but attendees are encouraged to bring a donation for the food bank.

TOBYMAC IN CEDAR PARK

TobyMac's "Hits Deep" tour stops at H-E-B Center at Cedar Park on Sunday, **February 12**, at 6:30 pm. Tickets to see the Christian hip hop musician start at \$16.

WORSHIP NIGHT

Chris Tomlin will bring his Worship Night in America tour to H-E-B Center at Cedar Park on Sunday, **April 23**, at 7 p.m. The tour features Mr. Tomlin and other contemporary Christian artists, including Big Daddy Weave, Phil Wickham, Zach Williams, Mosaic MSC and Jason Barton. Tickets start at \$15.

theater

BIG FISH

The East View High School Performing Arts Department presents its spring musical production of "Big Fish." Based on the novel by Daniel Wallace and the film directed by Tim Burton, "Big Fish" centers on a traveling salesman who lives life to its fullest. Performed by students in the East View theatre and choir programs, with live music played by students in the East View band and orchestra. Tickets in advance for \$7 at EVHStheater.com, and at the door for \$10. **January 20-21**, 7 pm; **January 22**, 3 pm; **January 26-28**, 7pm

GET READY FOR FOLLIES

Ticket are on sale for "Follies 2017: European Escapade," which will be on stage in the Sun City Ballroom **February 27** through **March 4**, at 7pm every night except March 4, which will be at 2pm. Tickets are \$15 per person and available at scctexas.org or by calling the Community Association Office at 512-948-7700. The Follies is the Actors and Theatre Arts Guild's most popular performance with many of Sun City's chartered clubs participating.

CIRQUE DU SOLEIL

The acrobatic performance group Cirque du Soleil will be at the H-E-B Center at Cedar Park from **March 15-19** for its touring show, "Ovo," which means "egg" in Portuguese. The cast of "Ovo" is made up of 50 acrobats from 12 countries specializing in flying acts above the stage. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster.com.

politics

POLITICAL PHOTOGRAPHER

The Georgetown Area Republican Women invites political photographer David Valdez to speak at their monthly luncheon **January 18**. Reservations can be made by emailing garwpac@yahoo.com. Cost is \$16 per person. The lunch begins at 11am at 30500 Berry Creek Drive in Georgetown.

WOMEN'S MARCH ON AUSTIN

Sun City residents are joining the women's march on Austin. They will board buses and leave at 10:30 am, **January 21**, in the Sun City Social Center parking

lot along Texas Drive. The buses will drop people off at 11th and Congress in Austin at noon and return at 3 pm. The march is for social justice and women's rights.

books

BOOK TOUR

Jennie Allen, a Christian author, will stop by First Baptist Georgetown, 1333 West University Avenue, while promoting her new book *Nothing to Prove*. She will be joined by Dove Award-winning singer/songwriter Ellie Holcomb and an International Justice Mission speaker. Costs \$25 for general admission; \$35 for VIP tickets that includes a book, preferred seating and a Q&A with Jennie. Book-signing party following the event. **February 25**, 6:30pm

art

ARTIST RECEPTION

A reception for artist Sung Cha Brooks will be **January 14** from 3 to 5pm in the Georgetown Public Library, 402 West Eighth Street. The reception will include a raffle for one of Mrs. Brooks' Oriental brush paintings, with the proceeds benefiting the library. A suggested donation for each raffle ticket is \$2. Drawing will take place at 4:45 pm. Her work will be displayed in the library from **January 9** through **February 3**.

LUIS CAMNITZER: UNBOUND

Southwestern University's Sarofim Fine Arts Gallery presents "Luis Camnitzer: Unbound." The exhibit features ethical dilemmas about social injustices, political repression, and the institutions that support them. Luis Camnitzer is a German-born Uruguayan artist whose family emigrated to Uruguay during the Nazi regime. The exhibit will be up **January 30** through **March 6**, Tuesday through Sunday, 1-5 p.m. in Southwestern University's Sarofim School of Fine Arts Alma Thomas Theater, 1001 East University Avenue in Georgetown. An artist reception and book signing will be Friday, **March 3**, 12:45 to 2:45 p.m. Free.

AGAINST THE GRAIN

The Georgetown Art Center, 816 South Main Street, features the works of David Amdur, Daryl Howard, Danny Kamerath, Scott Rolfe, and Herb Smith. Exhibit ends **February 5**.

health

BLOOD DRIVE

St. Helen Catholic Church, 2700 East University Avenue in Georgetown, will host a blood drive on Saturday, **January 28**, in Frizelle Hall beginning at 7:45 a.m. and ending at noon. A donor must be 17 years old and weigh at least 115 pounds and be in good health. Please eat a full meal before your donation and bring an ID. Call Shirley Reeder at 512-635-5888 or Yogi Reagor at 512-869-8958.

SJOGREN'S SUPPORT GROUP

The Sjogren's Syndrome Foundation will have its quarterly support group meeting Saturday, **February 11**, from 1-3 p.m. at Scott & White Hospital, 300 University Boulevard in Round Rock. RSVP to Linda Frost at 512-255-6049 or Dolores Counselman at 512-989-2003.

CPR CLASS

The Georgetown Project will have a "CPR, First Aid, Automated External Defibrillators, Choking" class led by Mike Abernathy of CPR Resources, Wednesday, **February 8**, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, \$25 per person. Instruction will be provided on administering CPR and first aid to adults and children; operating a defibrillator, and what to do if someone is choking. Pre-registration is required, call 512-864-3008. Bridges to Growth, 805 West University Avenue in Georgetown.

dance

BALLROOM DANCE

USA Dance will host a ballroom dance Saturday, **January 21**, from 7 to 10pm, at St. John's UMC Family Life Center in Georgetown. Admission includes a one-hour Waltz lesson at 7. The cost for USA Dance members with ID is \$5; \$10 for non-members. Call 512-863-0680.

DEATH BY CHOCOLATE DANCE

Shirts 'n' Skirts Square Dance Club will have its Death by Chocolate dance Wednesday, **February 8**, at 7pm, in the Georgetown ISD administrative annex, 1313 Williams Drive. Cost by donation of \$7.

parents

SELF-ESTEEM CLASS

The Georgetown Project will host "Nurturing Parenting: Strengthening Self-esteem," a free parenting class in Spanish, led by Alex Garcia-Ellis, bilingual services coordinator, Wednesday, **January 25**, from 6 to 8 pm, Bridges to Growth, 805 West University Avenue in Georgetown. Pre-register by calling 512-864-3008.

MAKING PARENTING FUN

A multiple-session free course entitled "Love & Logic: Making Early Childhood Parenting Fun," for parents with children younger than six years old will be held at Bridges to Growth, 805 West University Avenue in Georgetown. The course will be Wednesdays, starting **January 25**. Other classes will be **February 1, 15, 22**, and **March 1** and **March 7**, all at 8:30 pm. Pre-register by calling 512-864-3008.

garden

INVASIVES IN TEXAS

Hans Landel will talk about invasive plant species Thursday, **January 26**, from 6 to 8pm at the Texas Master Naturalists Good Water Chapter monthly meeting. He joined the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center in 2015 as the invasive species program coordinator. The meeting will be at the Williamson County Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office, 3151 SE Inner Loop Road in Georgetown.

Here are sweet bites that are easy to make

This week I have three new recipes for sweet bites that I think you'll really like.

This first recipe comes from my mother, who made it for lunch last week when my sister Lynnelle and her husband Johnny were in town. Really easy and really good!

Mother's Easy Berry Pie
Pastry for 2 piecrusts
1 bag frozen fruit, like blueberries, blackberries or mixed fruit
1 cup sugar
1 1/2 sticks butter, melted
1 T. flour
1/2 to 1 t. vanilla

Fit one crust into a 9-inch deep dish pie plate. Mix fruit with sugar; melted butter, flour and vanilla and pour into crust. Top with remaining crust and crimp edges together. Cut a few slits in top to let steam escape. Bake at 325 to 350 degrees until top is brown, about 20 to 30 minutes. Just keep an eye on it! Great with ice cream. *Nell Benold.*

I made a double recipe of these cookies last week and froze them for the upcoming Tenors party. They are easy to do and very tasty.

I used the pre-cut parchment paper sheets to cover my cookie sheets and they worked like a charm — same sheet for four bakings!



COOK'S CORNER

Laurie Locke

Buffalo Cookies

1 cup butter-flavored Crisco, melted (I didn't melt mine)
1 cup sugar
1 cup firmly packed brown sugar
2 T. milk
1 t. vanilla
2 large eggs
2 cups flour
1 t. baking powder
1 t. baking soda
1/2 t. salt
1 cup quick or old-fashioned oats
1 cup corn flakes, crushed
1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
1/2 cup chopped pecans
1/2 cup flaked coconut

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Line baking sheets with parchment paper or grease. Combine Crisco, sugar,

brown sugar, milk and vanilla in large bowl and beat on low with mixer until blended. Add eggs and beat until mixed in well.

Add flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt and beat in on low. Stir in oats, corn flakes, chocolate chips, nuts and coconut with a spoon. Drop onto cookie sheets, about two inches apart.

Bake for 13 to 15 minutes or until lightly browned on edges but still slightly soft in center. Cool on baking sheets for three minutes and then transfer to wire racks to cool completely. Makes 2 1/2 dozen large cookies.

This pound cake is so nice to have on hand for a slice with a cup of hot tea, or even toasted for breakfast. Lightly toasting the macadamia nuts brings out their rich, buttery flavor.

Coconut-Macadamia Nut Pound Cake

1 1/2 cups butter, softened
8 oz. cream cheese, softened
3 cups sugar
6 large eggs
3 cups flour
1/4 cup gold rum
1 t. vanilla extract
1/2 t. coconut extract
1 cup chopped roasted, salted macadamia nuts, lightly toasted
1/2 cup sweetened shredded coconut
Snowy Rum Glaze, recipe follows

Heat oven to 325 degrees. Beat butter with cream cheese until creamy. Add sugar gradually, beating until light and fluffy. Add eggs and beat just until yellows disappear. Add flour alternately with rum and mix well on low speed after each addition. Add vanilla, coconut extract and nuts and stir well. Pour batter into Bundt pan that has been well greased with shortening.

Bake for one hour and 10 minutes to one hour and 20 minutes, or until a long wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan on wire rack for 10 minutes; remove from pan and cool on rack completely. Spoon glaze over cooled cake.

Snowy Rum Glaze:

Whisk together 2 cups powdered sugar, 2 T. milk, 1 T. gold rum and 1 t. vanilla. Add a little more milk if needed to reach desired consistency. Makes about 1 cup.

Laurie Locke is a psychotherapist in Georgetown, and was the original owner of the food businesses Laurie's and Laurie's Too.



Susan Gomez

A winter walk

Jack Stewart walks his schnauzers on a cool winter morning at Legacy Park in Sun City. The schnauzers are rescue dogs Mr. Stewart adopted.

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County Criminal Docket:
■ George E., aggravated assault; guilty and fined \$25.
■ Ethridge E., theft; found guilty and fined \$1 and one day in jail.
■ Sam C. and Will P., failure to obey subpoena in state case; \$5 fine.
■ Louis H., carrying a pistol; plead guilty and punishment fixed at 30 days in jail.
■ W. P. M., aggravated assault; fined \$0.

Criminal District Court:
■ John S., burglary; trial by jury; verdict of guilty and punishment set of two years in the penitentiary.
■ State vs. B. O. contempt of court; dismissed at request of grand jury.
■ State vs. Walter F., murder. This case is now on trial. It was transferred from Bell County to this county last year.

JANUARY 17, 1974

Question of the Week: "What is the best solution to the energy crisis?"
Melissa Ochoa – "I like energy crisis very much. The solution is they show it on TV a lot."
Jeff Brady – "I think one of the best ways to solve it would be to ride bicycles or walk to local places instead of riding in automobiles."
Karen Wolff – "The president should barter with another country. We would give them something they want and they can give us gas or oil."
Larry Irving – "I think a good way to solve the energy crisis is to put fluorescence on the signs so they would give off light."

Awards at the Chamber of Commerce banquet: Agriculturalists of the Year, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Braun, ranchers and owners of the Livestock

Yesteryears

BARBARA YELVERTON

Sale Barn; Woman of the Year; Margie Shepherd, active in many areas of community life, especially in the city-wide Girl Scouts; Most Worthy Citizen, Andrew Prude, active in all areas of the community, heavily invested in the livestock industry.

55 mph is new speed limit.

The Georgetown Police Department reports that the crime rate is up from 274 in 1972 to 440 in 1973.

While in the Jonah community, not out "on the range," Buddy Glass shot and killed a large wolf while in the process of towing a car at 3 a.m. He said it probably was full of someone's chickens or lamb.

JANUARY 14 & 17, 2001
Cedar fever pollen count: 8,000 on January 5, 2,600 on January 6, and a jump to 16,000 this week reports Dr. Kim Hovanky, allergist.

December's Young Texan and Texanne are Billy Russell and Heather Ahrens. Rebecca Pennington is the Study Club's Girl of the Month for December.

Nominated to attend the Naval Academy are Christopher Bridger, Christopher Foote and Audrey Peterman. Jay Doerfler was nominated to the Air Force Academy.

Georgetown supplies Baylor Homecoming Queens: 1998 Queen Abigail Pfister; 1999 Queen Brynn Rutledge and 2000's Queen is Kristin Hopkins.

MLK Day was celebrated with a march from the courthouse on the Square to Macedonia Church. There, the crowd heard an address by Dr. Ronald Swain. Monday night, there was a celebratory dinner sponsored by Southwestern and held on the campus. Other services and addresses were held during the week.

JANUARY 14 & 18, 2009
New constable Robert Chody confronted with a backlog of papers to be served, as well as a staff shortage.

Former GHS Eagle and present-day Green Bay Packer Mason Crosby drew names for prizes in a raffle benefiting Eagle Locker, a program to aid homeless teens at Georgetown

High School.

Solar power in Georgetown subject of Georgetown Utility Systems and Georgetown Rail Equipment Company. There will be a six-month study, aimed at the feasibility of solar panels use in the city.

Two hundred students out of Taylor High School because of the flu. Georgetown High School okay on the flu front.

City continues to weigh bus options.

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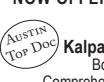
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Service Day

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Right, Park Place Healthcare resident Merle Williams enjoys a game of dominoes with Andrew Exley, 14, of Georgetown during The Georgetown Project's MLK Youth Service Day on Monday. Teens played games and visited with residents at Park Place.



Left, Park Place Healthcare staff member Jim McDonald, center, gives domino-playing advice to Codie Templeman and Andrew Exley, as the teens have fun with Park Place residents Merle Williams, left, and Paul Nemec. Right, Melina Hernandez, 17, of Georgetown makes a blanket for the Williamson County Children's Advocacy Center.



Left, Mason Garza, 15, left, Gunnar Windham, 14, center, and A.J. Vasquez, also 14, all members of the Georgetown High baseball team, clean and organize at the Project NEST Empowerment Center.

bulletin board

THE GEORGETOWN HERITAGE SOCIETY will accept applications for the 2017 Historic Structure Grant Program until February 16 at 4:30 p.m. The structure must be listed in the city's 2007 Historic Resource Survey. Visit georgetownheritagesociety.org.

PAINTING AND PINS combine for a night at Mel's Lone Star Lanes, 1010 North Austin Avenue in Georgetown. A ladies night with Pinot Palette's artists will be Saturday, January 28 from 7 to 9 p.m. Attendees will get to paint on a bowling pin. Tickets are available at www.pinotpalette.com.

A FREE COMMUNITY SOUP SUPPER with a quilt raffle will be hosted by St. Peter Lutheran Church, 2929 Farm-to-Market 972 in Georgetown, on January 23, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY ART GUILD will have its monthly meeting at Georgetown Public Library, 402 West Eighth

Street, on Tuesday, February 7, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will feature examples of members' artwork using the theme of "My Favorite Thing." Art entries will be accepted on February 2 to be shown at the Framers Gallery. Entries are also being accepted for an exhibit on February 15 at Wesleyan Nursing Facility. Anyone interested in joining should email membership@wcartguild.org.

REDBIRD FARM AT BERRY CREEK will have an all-day yoga retreat on February 11 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Three yoga sessions, a walking meditation, lunch, kayaking and wine around the firepit are on the schedule. Fee is \$100. Contact pattiefm@gmail.com to make a reservation. Redbird Farm is at 4020 Farm-to-Market 971 in Georgetown.

COME ON DOWN to the H-E-B Center at Cedar Park on March 9 at 7:30 p.m. when "The Price is Right Live" takes the stage. Tickets starting at \$29.50 are on sale at Ticketmaster.com and the H-E-B Center box office. Contestants can win cash, appliances, vacations or a new car by playing games as seen on the popular CBS show.

featured clubs

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Place: Varies according to activity. See

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Georgetown Texas Area Car Club
Hosts a car show in Sun City once a year and contributes to charitable causes such as Brown Santa. **Contact:** gtnwacc@aol.com or www.gtacc.org, president Kent Didriksen

Georgetown Chess Club
Meets both for casual games and for rated tournaments. The Chess Club welcomes all ages and abilities, but a responsible adult should accompany children. **Contact:** georgetownchessclub.com or vvanburen@gmail.com
Place: Georgetown Public Library, 402 West Eighth, Wednesdays 5:30-9:30 p.m.

Shirts 'n Skirts Square Dance Club
The dance club usually meets on Wednesdays for round, line and special dances. The club started in 1969 and offers lessons. **Contact:** Tony and Martha Burghart, 512-255-8417
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Class A CDL Drivers needed for local road construction. Up to \$18.50/HR for experienced drivers. Call today: (512) 868-5558 ext. 102. Visit www.TexasTruckingCo.com for more information.

H.R. Marc Co., Inc. is hiring construction laborers: may clean and prepare sites, dig ditches and trenches, shovel concrete, set forms, and load and unload materials. Lift up to 50lbs. On the job training. No education req'd. 1 mo. experience req'd. \$13.31 - 16.00/hr. based on experience and performance \$19.97 - 24.00 O.T. 7am-4pm, M-F. Some O.T. may be available. 25 positions available for temp., full time work 4/17-12/17. Williamson County area jobsites. Transportation provided to/from area job sites from a central Williamson County area pick up location. Contact Misti at 512-846-2701 or email resume to misti@hrmarc.com. Apply at Workforce Solution of Williamson Co @ 512-244-2207. Job Order #TX2978496. Employer will make all deductions for optional advance against pay (no interest) not to exceed \$250/worker during 1st pay period. Workers will be reimbursed for transportation (including meals & necessary lodging) to the place of employment if the worker completes 50% of the employment period. Return transportation will be provided if the worker completes the employment period or is dismissed early by the employer. Employer will provide, at no charge, all tools, supplies and equipment required to perform the job. EOE

Texas Beautyscapes Inc. is hiring laborers for laying sod and installation of plants and trees. Lifting moving and removing rocks, laying mulch and loading and unloading materials. Lifting required up to 50lbs. On the job training. No education or experience required \$12.82/hr. \$19.23 O.T. 8am - 5pm, M-F. Some O.T. may be available. 10 positions available for temporary, full time work 4/17-12/17. Williamson County area job sites. Transportation provided to and from job sites from a central Williamson County pick up location. Contact Max by calling 512-864-0722 or email resume to texasbeautyscapes@hotmail.com. Apply at WF SOL OF WILLIAMSON CO @ 512-244-2207, refer to Job Order #TX6521819. Employer will make all deductions required by law from each paycheck as well as for optional advances against pay up to \$75.00/day at the end of each work day for the first 2 weeks. Workers will be reimbursed by check for transportation (including meals & necessary lodging) to the place of employment if the worker completes 50% of the employment period. Return transportation will be provided if the worker completes the employment period or is dismissed early by the employer. Employer will provide, at no charge, all tools, supplies and equipment required to perform the job. EOE

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Employment

Crew Leaders for Landscaping/Irrigation. 3 years verifiable experience, clean driver's license mandatory. Pay dependent upon experience and ability. References checked. Thomas Money, 512-657-5053.

Dealer's Electrical Supply seeking Counter Sales/Inside Person. \$12/hr. with company benefits after 90 days. Previous electrical exper. helpful. Must have basic computer skills, and be able to do heavy lifting. Contact Terry, 512-763-8000 or tpig@dealerselectrical.com

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Immediate opening for Route Sales positions at Flowers Baking Company (ButterKrust Bread, Nature's Own Bread). Must have good driving record and good credit. Earn \$44,200 + annually. For information please call Bobby at 512-506-1237 to begin the application process. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to protected veteran or disability status. EEO/AA/VETS/Disabled.

Maintenance Technician needed for The Oaks at Georgetown. HVAC certification preferred, on-call rotation, drug test, background check, physical required. Equal Opportunity Employer. To apply for this position, please go to the careers link on www.conam.com or apply in person.

Shop helper needed for job shop/machine shop. Must be able to read measuring tape and callipers. Will use forklift and overhead crane to load and unload customers. Will use shear, horizontal & vertical saws to cut steel/aluminum for customers. Will keep shop clean and put away steel/aluminum in racks. Medical, dental and uniforms offered after a 90 day probationary period. Must have a valid driver's license. Work hours are M-F 8am-4:30pm. Email resume to info@astro-mechanics.net, fax to 512-246-9300 or apply in person at Astro Mechanics, 1411 Sam Bass Road in Round Rock.

P/T & F/T Janitorial cleaners needed for Cedar Park, Round Rock area. Transportation, weekends & nights required. Call 512-584-7423 to apply.

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Bernado Espinoza DBA JB Stone is hiring Laborers for lifting stone to put on pallets or buckets, breaking rock with hammers, wrapping pallets of stone with wire. Lifting required up to 35lbs. On the job training. No education or experience req'd. \$13.85/hr. \$20.78 O.T. 8am - 5pm, M-F. Some O.T. may be available. 20 positions available for temporary, full time work 4/1/17-12/24/17. Work to be performed in fixed Williamson County area location. Contact Viridiana by calling 512-746-5300 or email resume to Viridiana@jbstonecompany.com Apply at Workforce Solutions rural Capital Area @ 512-365-8750, refer to JO#TX7168152. Workers will be provided by check for transportation (including meals & necessary lodging) to the place of employment if the worker completes 50% of the employment period. Return transportation will be provided if the worker completes the employment period or is dismissed early by the employer. Employer will provide, at no charge, all tools, supplies and equipment required to perform the job. EOE

Austin Green Cut, Inc., is hiring, landscape laborers for mowing, planting, weed eating, blowing, mulching, and loading and unloading materials. Must be able lift 50lbs. On the job training. No education or experience required. \$12.82/hr. \$19.23 O.T. 8am - 5pm, M-F. Some O.T. may be available. 9positions available for temporary, full time work 4/1/17 to 11/30/17. Williamson County area job sites. Transportation provided to and from job sites from a central Williamson County pick up location. Contact Randy by calling 512-554-3601 or email resume to austingreencut@austin.rr.com or apply at Workforce Solutions of Williamson Co. @512-244-2207, refer to JO#TX3456058. Assistance finding and securing lodging is available, if needed, at no additional charge to the worker. Employer will make all deductions required by law from each paycheck as well as for optional advances against pay up to \$75.00/day at the end of each work day for the first 2 weeks. Workers will be reimbursed by check for transportation (including meals & necessary lodging) to the place of employment if the worker completes 50% of the employment period. Return transportation will be provided if the worker completes the employment period or is dismissed early by the employer. Employer will provide, at no charge, all tools, supplies and equipment required to perform the job. EOE

Montalvo Framing, Inc., is hiring construction laborers to load & unload equipment & tools; assist framing crews by handling the lumber, nails, tools to each crew; use hand & and power tools; clean up area & related laborer tasks. Must lift up to 50lbs. On the job training. No education or experience required. \$13.31/hr. \$19.97 O.T. 8am-5pm, M-F. Some O.T. may be available. 40 positions available for temporary, full time work 4/1/17-12/1/17. Williamson County area job sites. Transportation provided to & from job sites from a central Williamson County pick up location. Contact Juan by calling 512-773-7300 or email resume to Juanmmontalvo@hotmail.com or apply at Workforce Solutions of Williamson Co. @ 512-244-2207, refer to JO#TX5199966. Workers will be reimbursed by check for transportation (including meals & necessary lodging) to the place of employment if the worker completes 50% of the employment period. Return transportation will be provided if worker completes the employment period or is dismissed early by employer. EOE

Lamb's Tire & Automotive now hiring Automotive Technicians & General Service Technicians. Weekly Pay and Great Benefits. We have openings in Georgetown, Cedar Park, Round Rock and North Austin. For immediate consideration, apply at one of our locations or online at www.lambstire.com or call 512-257-2350. EOE

Lomas Land Maintenance, LLC is hiring laborers for mowing, edging, blowing, pruning, mulching, planting plants. Lifting required up to 50 lbs. On the job training. No education required. 3 mo. experience required. \$12.82- 15/hr. based on experience/performance \$19.23 - 22.50 O.T. 8am - 5pm, M-F. Some O.T. may be available. 12 positions available for temporary, full time work. 4/1/17-11/15/17 Williamson County area jobsites. Transportation provided to/from area jobsites from a central Williamson County area pick up location. Contact Ben by calling 512-924-1391 or email resume to lomaslandscaping@live.com Apply for job at Workforce Solutions Rural Capital Area @512-365-8750; Job Order #TX3456177. Assistance finding and securing board & lodging is available. Employer will make deductions from each paycheck for optional advances against pay up to \$75/day at the end of each work day at no interest for the first 2 weeks of employment, if necessary. Workers will be provided transportation (including meals & necessary lodging) to the place of employment if the worker completes 50% of the employment period. Return transportation will be provided if the worker completes the employment period or is dismissed early by the employer. Employer will provide, at no charge, all tools, supplies and equipment required to perform the job. EOE

Caregivers: Comfort Keepers is seeking caregivers to assist clients in their homes. No experience required. CNA is a plus. Apply at comfortkeepers696.hyrell.com or call 512-255-6633.

Nationwide Structural, LLC is hiring laborers: may clean/ prepare sites, form setting, mixing/ pouring cement, reinforce, grading, digging, and loading and unloading materials. Must lift up to 25lbs. On the job training. No education req'd. 9 mo experience req'd. \$13.31/hr \$19.97 O.T. 8am-5pm, M-F Some O.T. may be available. 120 positions available for temp, full time work 4/1/17-12/1/17. Williamson County area jobsites. Transportation provided to/from jobsites from a central Williamson County area pick up location. Contact Maria at 281-379-4343 or email resume to maria@natwideconcrete.com. Apply at Workforce Solution of Williamson County @ 512-244-2207, JO#TX8510484. Assistance finding/securing lodging is available, if needed, at no additional charge to the worker. Employer will make all deductions for optional advance against pay up to \$75/day at the end of each work day no interest for the 1st week. Workers will be reimbursed for transportation (including meals & necessary lodging) to the place of employment if the worker completes 50% of the employment period. Return transportation will be provided if the worker completes the employment period or is dismissed early by the employer. Employer will provide, at no charge, all tools, supplies and equipment required to perform the job. EOE

Kevin Donaldson DBA On Demand Sprinklers, is hiring irrigation installers to install sprinkler systems. Solve small sprinkler problems like wire valves, fix leaks, mend broken sprinkler heads. Dig ditches & replace grass after install. Loading and unloading materials. Lifting required up to 10 lbs. On the job training. No education req'd. 3 mo. of experience req'd. \$13-\$15 based on experience & performance \$19.50-22.50 O.T. 7am-4pm, M-F. Some O.T. may be available. 4 positions available for temporary, full time work 4/1/17-11/30/17. Williamson County area job sites. Transportation provided to & from job sites from a central Williamson County pick up location. Contact Misty by calling 512-608-3390 or email resume kevin@ondemandsprinklers.com or apply at Workforce Solutions of Williamson County @ 512-244-2207, refer to JO#TX5200605. Workers will be reimbursed by check for transportation (including meals & necessary lodging) to place of employment if worker completes 50% of employment period. Return transportation will be provided if worker completes the employment period or is dismissed early by employer. Employer will provide, at no charge, all tools, supplies and equipment required to perform the job. EOE

General Nursery Help needed. Plant knowledge a plus! Must have a valid driver's license and must be able to lift 50 lbs. Apply in person, 303 Leander Rd, Georgetown. 512-863-8243.

Full-time welders, fabricators, helpers needed at local fabrication shop. Welders must pass 3G/ 4G plate test. Drivers license required. 512-931-2188.

Legal Notices

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2017 ANNUAL BUDGET DUE TO CONDITIONS THAT RESULTED IN NEW PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS IN THE CURRENT YEAR, AND EXCESS FUND BALANCE AT THE END OF FISCAL YEAR 2016 DUE TO THE TIMING OF CAPITAL PROJECTS AND OTHER EXPENDITURES APPROVED IN THE PRIOR YEAR; APPROPRIATING THE VARIOUS AMOUNTS THEREOF; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GEORGETOWN, TEXAS, AMENDING SECTION 4.08.010 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING AUTHORITY OF CITY MANAGER AND CITY STAFF TO CONTRACT; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GEORGETOWN, TEXAS AMENDING CHAPTER 2.76 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OF THE CITY OF GEORGETOWN; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF WILLIAMPSON NO. 16-1169-C368

Style of Case: **Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC vs. Walter Lane, Jr., Bonni Gonzalez, The Unknown Heirs at Law of Thomas William Graham, Deceased, The Unknown Heirs at Law of Delores M. Graham, Deceased To: The Unknown Heirs at Law of Thomas William Graham, Deceased** NOTICE TO DEFENDANT-GREETING: "YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. YOU MAY EMPLOY AN ATTORNEY. IF YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY DO NOT FILE A WRITTEN ANSWER WITH THE CLERK WHO ISSUED THIS CITATION BY 10:00 A.M. ON THE MONDAY NEXT FOLLOWING THE EXPIRATION OF FORTY TWO DAYS AFTER THE DATE THIS CITATION WAS ISSUED, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT FOR THE RELIEF

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids addressed to **Jonah Water Special Utility District** will be received at the offices of **Jonah Water Special Utility District at 4050 F.M. 1660, Hutto, TX 78634** until **10:00 a.m. on January 26, 2017**, and then publicly opened and read for furnishing all labor, material, and equipment and performing all work required for the construction of: **2016 – Plant No. 3 Refill; Pipeline**

The project is located within **Jonah Water Special Utility District, in Williamson County, Texas.**

The project consists of approximately **3.62 miles of 12" C-900; DR18 PVC pipe, 0.28 miles of 8" C-900; DR18 PVC pipe, and other project related appearances.**

The bidder shall provide a five percent (5%) bid bond of the maximum total bid amount.

Plans, specifications, and bidding documents must be purchased from **Coyote Consulting, LLC**, by email to miles@cayotecon.com or phone to call **(254) 744-3439**, for the price of **\$50.00** per set, to be eligible to bid. No refunds will be made. Said documents may be examined without charge in the office of **Jonah Water Special Utility District.**

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any or all irregularities. No bid may be withdrawn until the expiration of 90 days from the date bids are opened.

It is the Bidder's responsibility to deliver the Bid to the place of Bid Opening.



Miles W. Whitney, P.E.
Coyote Consulting, LLC; Firm No. 16387



Photo courtesy of Margaret and Loren Block

Sunset on the lake

Margaret and Loren Block of Georgetown shared this photo they took January 3 at Lake Georgetown. *If you've snapped some photos around the county recently, you can submit them to us by emailing them to society@wilcosun.com, or bring them by the office at 707 Main Street. These can include scenery, social activities or an unusual scene you've come across. Please include names of those pictured.*

DEMANDED IN THE PETITION MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU." YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation, the same being Monday, February 16, 2017 - before the Honorable 368th Judicial District Court of Williamson County, Texas, at the Williamson County Justice Center Courthouse, being located at 405 Martin Luther King Street, in the City of Georgetown, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on the October 24, 2016 in the above entitled cause. A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: An in rem proceeding seeking court approval to foreclose on the real property located at 2501 ARMSTRONG DR, LEANDER, TX 78641 and more particularly described as LOT 23, BLOCK B, THE SETTLEMENT AT BLOCKHOUSE CREEK, SECTION 2, A SUBDIVISION IN WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN CABINET E, SLIDES 355-357, PLAT RECORDS OF WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs. ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL of said Court at office, on this the 5th day of January, 2017. ADDRESS OF ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF: Brenda Hard-Wilson Parkway Office Center Ste 900 14160 N. Dallas Parkway Dallas TX 75254 LISA DAVID, DISTRICT CLERK Williamson County, Texas P.O. Box 24, 405 MLK St Georgetown, TX 78627-0024 BY: /s/ Angela Garcia Deputy

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Dale R. Steinkirchner, Deceased, were issued on January 13, 2016, in Cause No. 16-0889-CP4, pending in the County Court at Law No. 4, Williamson County, Texas, to: Denise Steinkirchner. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. c/o: **Joshua D. Wilson, Esq. Attorney at Law 1000 Heritage Center Circle Round Rock, TX 78664 DATED** 16th day of January,

2017. /s/ Joshua D. Wilson, Esq. Joshua D. Wilson, Esq. Attorney for Denise Steinkirchner State Bar No.: 24073801 1000 Heritage Center Circle Round Rock, TX 78664 Telephone: (512) 920-0318 Facsimile: (512) 236-5457 E-mail: josh@jdwilsonlawfirm.com

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Testamentary were issued on January 13, 2017, for the Estate of LAURA LEE LANE, Deceased, in Docket No. 16-0761-CP4, pending in County Court at Law No. Four of Williamson County, Texas, to KATHLEEN M. LANE, as Independent Executor. The residence of the Independent Executor is in Williamson County, Texas, and her mailing address is 309 Oscar Street, Taylor, Texas 76754.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Dated: January 13, 2017. STUMP & STUMP BY: Wren M. Stump-Wenzel State Bar No. 24088486 803 Main Street Georgetown, Texas 78626 Phone: (512) 863-5594 Fax: (512) 863-9350 Email: stumplaw@aol.com

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Two Offices For Lease, 900 sf each, 3008 Dawn Dr., available now, professional complex, \$1,250/mo, 512-818-0502.

The office building located at 104 Parkway Georgetown TX. 78626, approximately 9000 sq ft., will become available for lease in March 2017. It is currently fully occupied by the U. S. Social Security Office. Do not contact any representatives of the government regarding this lease or viewing of the building. For building specifications, availability, and lease information contact John Wilder at 512-731-3057 or 512-258-8172. The office is currently a working government operation and the tenants should not be disrupted in any way.

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