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Homeless shelter makes pitch to city leaders for local ARPA funds

By LYNETTE SOWELL  
Cove Leader-Press

In 2022, Cove House Emergency Homeless Shelter had to deny services to 39 men and 28 women, 13 of whom were veterans, as well as 110 families.

Currently, the shelter has four units of housing, in which it can house six women, six men, and two families at a time.

Cove House Executive Director Brian Hawkins has, in the past, made a request to the City of Copperas Cove for funding to help construct a six-plex, which would help the facility expand its services to the community and surrounding area.

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## Community Calendar

**April 14**  
Yoga, 12 p.m., Copperas Cove Public Library.  
D.R. Horton ribbon cutting, 5:15 p.m., 402 Minnie L Loop.

**April 15**  
Breakfast, 8-10 a.m., VFW Post 8577.  
Think Aloud, 9 a.m., Copperas Cove Public Library.  
O.S.C.A.R.'s Market, 10-4, Ogletree Gap Park.  
Autism Awareness Walk, 10 a.m., S.C. Lee Jr. High School.

**April 17**  
Refit Exercise Class, 6:30 p.m., Copperas Cove Public Library.

**April 18**  
Copperas Cove City Council workshop, 5 p.m., 508 S. 2nd St.  
Copperas Cove City Council meeting, 6 p.m., 508 S. 2nd St.  
CCISD Board of Trustees meeting, 5:30 p.m., 408 S. Main St.  
American Karate, 6:30 p.m., Copperas Cove Public Library.

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## Copperas Cove ISD hosts 7th annual autism awareness walk

By WENDY SLEDD  
Special to the Leader-Press

More than 300 students and their families are expected to step out and prove that autism is not a disability but a different ability at CCISD's 7th Annual Autism Awareness Walk at Hanke Stadium on Saturday.

This year's walk theme is Color the World with Kind-

**CCISD 7th Annual Autism Awareness Walk**  
When: Saturday, April 15, 10 a.m. – 12 noon  
Where: Hanke Stadium, 1205 Courtney Lane  
Who: event is free and open to the public  
Why: to build acceptance of those with unique differences

ness. April is Autism Awareness Month.  
With morning temperatures slated in the early 70s at the start

of the walk at 10 a.m., students will enjoy a variety of sensory activities at more than 30 booths while dancing with cheerleaders,

competing in roller scooter limbo and more.  
Children receive a booth bingo card and receive a bag of prizes courtesy of Extraco Banks once they have filled every square by visiting the various booths and trying the different activities.

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Clements/Parsons Bilingual Kindergarten R.I.S.E. teacher Zuheila Acevedo Babilonia reviews a math lesson in both Spanish and English with her students. CCISD is paying for Babilonia's college courses so she is able to complete her bachelor's degree and obtain her teaching certification.

## Puerto Rican native becomes bilingual teacher through CCISD R.I.S.E. program

By WENDY SLEDD  
Cove Leader-Press

One word to best describe Clements/Parsons Bilingual Kindergarten intern teacher Zuheila Acevedo Babilonia is the word, flexible. Babilonia studied in her native country of Puerto Rico to work as a hairstylist and nail technician.

"Although this has nothing to do with being a teacher, it sparked my interest in serving and helping people," Babilonia said.

Marrying a U.S. Army soldier brought her to the United States where she struggled to learn a new culture and new language.

"This forced me to start from the basics. I started taking a course at the local community college to learn English," Babilonia said. "Then, I found a part-time job as a cafeteria server. Outside my responsibilities, I also volunteered to translate for the staff and students. It was there that my true vocation awoke, to be a teacher, to try to reach the lives of students, someone who helped them move forward."

Babilonia decided to pursue her bachelor's degree in education but another military move to Fort Hood set her goal back again.

"I had to start again, but I knew that my dream was just starting, and I had to keep going," Babilonia said. "Wonderfully, another door opened, and I started working with Copperas Cove Independent School District in August 2019. In August 2022 I had the great opportunity to join the R.I.S.E. program."

CCISD's Rising Instructors Soaring in Education program creates a fast-track for staff members to apply for teaching internships after they have completed 60 hours of college credit. CCISD pays for the college courses so employees are able to obtain their bachelor's degrees and teaching certifications. Babilonia had 90 college credits entering the program and was able to have her own classroom this year with the support of a mentor teacher.

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ABOVE: Children in the 5-6 group collect eggs during the Easter Egg Round Up. BELOW: Children have their picture taken with the Easter Bunny.

## Copperas Cove holds annual Easter Egg Round Up

By PAMELA GRANT  
Cove Leader-Press

While collecting eggs at Copperas Cove's annual Easter Egg Round Up, little DW Pile (1 ½ years old) couldn't help but offer several of his own eggs to other miniature egg hunters despite his parents' best efforts to point him towards his own basket during Copperas Cove Parks and Recreation's annual Easter Egg Round Up.

"I think he was a lot more interested in making friends than finding eggs," joked DW's father, Tanner Pile.

His mother, Cassidie Pile said that they had a blast at the egg hunt and DW did manage to collect a good number of eggs for himself as well.

The Easter Egg Round Up, hosted by Copperas Cove Parks and Recreation, was held Saturday at City Park. Children were divided into age groups of 0-2 and adaptive, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, and 9-10 with each hunt taking place 15 minutes after the previous hunt with the first hunt starting at 10 a.m. Families were able to get free pictures with the Easter Bunny from 10:15 a.m. until noon. The event also featured several vendors.

Ashley Wilson, Special Events Coordina-



tor for Parks and Recreation, said that they distributed 28,000 eggs throughout the event with 4,000-6,000 eggs placed for each age group.

"It's just fun seeing them out their collecting their eggs," said Wilson. "It's just great to see their little faces and how happy they get."

Each age group's hunt featured a special "golden egg" (a regular egg with a drawing on it) which granted the finder a special Easter basket full of goodies.

Prestin Gower (4) was the lucky egg hunter who found the golden egg in his own age group holding it up in triumph after the conclusion of the hunt.

"He's excited. He's happy," said Prestin Gower's mother, Jessica Gower.

Jessica Gower said that she makes sure to bring her sons, Prestin Gower and Jaylon McCoun (9) to the egg hunt every year and has a collection of pictures of her boys with the Easter Bunny.

## Kids build their own stands at Lemonade Day Workshop

Special to the Leader-Press

Heights Lumber & Supply hosted the Lemonade Day Build-A-Stand Workshop to show local youth how to build a lemonade stand on Saturday.

Youth participants watched a demo on how to build a lemonade stand from pallets and took home their completed stand. Heights Lumber & Supply also gave each family a free drill to take home.

Lemonade Day is proud to partner with Heights Lumber & Supply, a local family owned business that celebrates entrepreneurship. Lemonade Day is a free, community-wide program that is part of a national initiative to teach children, Pre-K through high school, how to start, own and operate their own business – a lemonade stand.

The Lemonade Day lessons cover everything from finding an investor to being a socially responsible citizen by choosing a charity with whom to share



Courtesy Photo  
Twenty kids participated in a Build-A-Stand workshop on Saturday, courtesy of Heights Lumber, ahead of this year's Lemonade Day, set for May 6-7. Each family received a free drill to take home.

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## Obituaries



### EVELETH

Devlin Edward Connor Eveleth  
February 20, 2013 – April 6, 2023

### EVELETH

Shaemus Emmett Michael Eveleth  
January 9, 2015 – April 6, 2023

Devlin Eveleth age 10 and Shaemus Eveleth, age 8 of Copperas Cove, passed away on the evening of April 6, 2023. A private Celebration of Life service will be held at a later date.

Devlin was born on February 20, 2013, in Houston, TX to Shawn and Kirstie Eveleth. Shaemus was born on January 9, 2015, in Killeen, TX to Shawn and Kirstie Eveleth. They were more than just brothers; they were best friends. Devlin loved dinosaurs and all animals. He always had a smile for anyone he met and loved to talk and make friends. Shaemus, much like his big brother, was friendly with everyone he met. Neither child ever met a stranger. Devlin could name and pronounce any dinosaur he read about or watched. Shaemus loved Sonic the Hedgehog and drawing was his passion as well as his talent. They loved their two little brothers who adored them more than anything in this world. Devlin and Shaemus loved to be outdoors, and their favorite fishing spots will miss them dearly. They were so loved by anyone that knew them, their adventurous nature and infectious laughter could light up a room. They will be so greatly missed, not only by their family but by their community.

Devlin and Shaemus are survived by their mother, Kirstie, fiancé, Robert Kernes III; father, Shawn Eveleth, and fiancée, Whitney Locke; little brothers, Robbie, and William Kernes; grandparents, Vickie Verdine Miller, William and Sandy Miller, Mark and

Pam Eveleth, and Robert Kernes Jr.; as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

The family request that in lieu of flowers, donations be made I Devlin and Shaemus's name to Cameron Park Zoological & Botanical Association or the Texas Childrens Museum.

Condolences to the family may be left at [www.vissfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.vissfamilyfuneralhome.com).

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### THOMPSON

Matthew Lane Thompson

Nov. 5, 2004 ~ April 3, 2023

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our dear son, grandson, brother and friend, Matthew Lane Thompson, on April 3, 2023 at the young age of 18.

Matthew was born on November 5, 2004 in Killeen, Texas but spent the majority of his life in Copperas Cove, Texas. Matthew filled all our lives with love and joy from the moment he came into this world. His curiosity as a child and funny antics as a teen made him a great friend and the life of any party. He was his sisters' best friend, his brothers' role model and his parent's pride and joy.

Matthew was looking forward to graduating from Copperas Cove High School this spring and attending Texas State Technical College in the fall. He loved baseball, wrestling with his brothers, working at Domino's Pizza and hanging out with his friends.

He is survived by his parents, Chantal and Richard Smith, his sisters Alexia, McKenzie, Isabelle and Stormie, and his brothers A.J., Lucius and Nolan as well as his uncle Mike and aunt Melissa and countless other aunts, uncles, grandparents, cousins, and other assorted family and many caring friends.

A celebration of life is scheduled for Saturday, April 22, 2023 at 11:00 AM at the Viss Family Funeral Home, 1614 South FM 116, Copperas Cove, Texas.

## Chick-fil-A Hosts Little Squeezers Event in Support of Lemonade Day

Special to Leader-Press

This Saturday, youth participants will get a behind the scenes peek at how Chick-fil-A makes their famous lemonade while coming up with a recipe of their own for Lemonade Day!

Parents and mentors had to reserve spots for the

event in advance through Eventbrite.

Saturday, April 15th, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Where: Chick-fil-A Copperas Cove (202 Robert Griffin III, Copperas Cove, TX 76522) and Chick-fil-A Killeen (1400 E. Central Texas Expy, Killeen, TX 76541)

## Copperas Cove man evades police in vehicle, takes own life

By LYNETTE SOWELL  
Cove Leader-Press

Keelan River Harrelson, 27, of Copperas Cove died on Tuesday evening, after leading police on a chase after a report of a reckless driver and a traffic stop.

According to a press release issued on Wednesday morning by the Copperas Cove Police Department, Cpt. Gabriel Cardona said that officers were dispatched to the 3000 block of East Business 190 around 9:47 p.m., after a call came in about a "reckless driver who was swerving

all over the road."

This area is in the vicinity of H-E-B Plus! and the Five Hills Shopping Center.

Cardona stated that an officer then located the vehicle in the 800 block of East Business 190.

After Harrelson was stopped, police reported that Harrelson "exhibited signs of intoxication and emotional distress."

While speaking with the officer, Harrelson then fled the scene and pursuit ensued east-

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## Police Blotter

### April 5

Arrested: Smith, Sebastian Bradley: Continuous violence against the family: 300 block North Drive.

Theft 100-750: 200 block East Avenue B.  
Accident: 3400 block Logsdon Street.

Possession of drug paraphernalia: 500 block South Main Street.  
Unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon: 400 block West Business Highway 190.

Assault by contact-family violence: 1000 block South 11th Street.

Theft of service 2,500-30k: 600 block East Business Highway 190.

Open investigation: 2500 block Live Oak Drive.

Forgery of a financial instrument: 800 block East Avenue D.

Accident: 200 block East Avenue D.

Accident: Intersection Georgetown Road and Veterans Avenue.

Harassment: 200 block Veterans Avenue.

Welfare concern: 800 block East Avenue D.

Emergency medical detention: 800 block South 25th Street.

### April 6

Arrested: Flakes, Tara Marie: Assist another agency (Coryell County Sheriff's Office) arrest warrant, motion to revoke - possession of controlled substance pg 1 under 1 gram: 100 block West Avenue F.

Assist another agency (Coryell County Sheriff's

Office): Affidavit of surety to surrender principal possession of controlled substance pg 1 under 1/gram: 200 block South 1st Street.

Disorderly conduct - public affray: 1200 block Courtney Lane.

Theft 750-2,500: 4100 block Primrose Drive.

General information: 1300 block Marlee Circle.  
Passing a school bus: 3400 block Plains Street.

Minor in possession - tobacco X2: 300 block Lutheran Church Road.

Accident: 900 block Hill Street.

Welfare concern: 1000 block Phil Avenue.

Welfare concern: 1200 block Travis Circle.

Runaway: 300 block North 2nd Street.

Runaway Returned (Juvenile detained and released to parent)

### April 7

Arrested: Johnson, Kayla Darlene: Possession of marijuana under 2 ounces in a drug free zone: 2600 block Dennis Street.

Arrested: Welsh, Stephanie Giovanna: Copperas Cove Municipal Court Capias pro fine warrants of arrest X3, speeding over 25 mph, fail to maintain financial responsibility, no proof of financial responsibility.

Copperas Cove Municipal Court warrants of arrest X2, theft of property under 100, expired registration: 2600 block Dennis Street.

Assault by threat-family violence: 2200 block Cline Drive.

Arrested: Canning,

Noah Paul: Arrest warrant, assault with bodily injury-family violence: 302 East Avenue E.

Burglary of building, criminal mischief 100-750: 1200 block Veterans Avenue

Arrested: Holton, Christopher Hampton: Assist another agency (Williamson County Sheriff's Office) bond forfeiture

- assault causing bodily injury family member, bond forfeiture - unlawful restraint: 300 block Casa Drive.

Aggravated assault with a deadly weapon: 1300 block North 1st Street.

Assault with bodily injury-family violence: 400 block Sunset Lane.

Burglary of coin operated machine: 1100 block Leonhard Street.

Arrested: Stoltz, Michael Lee: Assault family member - impede breathing, unlawful restraint: 700 block South 3rd Street.

Arrested: Webber, Heather Irene: Assault with bodily injury-family violence: 600 block North 2nd Street.

Theft 100-750: 1300 block Liberation Lane.

Assault with bodily injury-family violence: 800 block North 19th Street.

### April 8

Accident: 200 block Cove Terrace.

Assault with bodily injury-family violence: 900 block South 15th Street.

Fraudulent use/possession of debit card information: 300 block Creek Street.

Arrested: Edwards, Chad Wesley: Arrest warrant, violation of protective order: 2300 block Big Divide Road.

Arrested: Bingham, Gary Leon: Copperas Cove Municipal Court warrant of arrest, theft under 100: Robert Griffin III Blvd and E Business Highway 190.

### April 9

Arrested: Lorea, Arthur Alan Jr: Copperas Cove Municipal Court capias pro fine no driver's license, display wrong/fictitious/altered/obscured insignia: 1400 block Martin Luther King Jr Drive.

Arrested: Thomas, Anthony James: Assist another agency (Austin Pardon And Parole Board) parole violation: 2400 block West Avenue B.

Welfare concern: 900 block North 7th Street.

Accident: 800 block East Business Highway 190.

72-hour parking: 600 block South 15th Street.

Accident involving damage to vehicle O/200: 200 block East Halstead Avenue.

Arrested: Debarge, Jerome Michael Jr: Assist another agency (Killeen Police Department) arrest warrant, criminal trespass of habitation-shelter: 2100 block East Business Highway 190.

Assault causing bodily injury-family violence, welfare concern: 1400

block Bluff Drive.

Theft of motor vehicle 750-2500: 200 block Robert Griffin III Boulevard.

Arrested: Gallagher, Patrick Allen: Arrest warrant, interfere with emergency request for assistance, continuous violence against family: 300 block West Business Highway 190.

Assist another agency (Coryell County Sheriff's Office) Indictment, Assault Family/Household Member Impede Breath/Circulation: 302 West Business Highway 190.

### April 10

Welfare concern: 300 block West Business Highway 190.

General information: 300 block Northern Dove Lane.

Criminal mischief 750-2,500: 2700 block Sun Point Circle.

Arrested: McLin, Kenneth Dewayne: Burglary of a habitation: 900 block Oak Hill Drive.

Credit card abuse: 2100 block East Business Highway 190.

Accident: 1000 block U.S. Highway 190.

Burglary of a building: 100 block Wind Ridge Drive.

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This piece of legislation covers many areas. But here are some changes that may be of interest to you, depending on your situation:

**If you're a retiree ...**

- **Higher age for RMDs** – The age at which you must take withdrawals — known as required minimum distributions, or RMDs — from your traditional IRA and 401(k) has increased from 72 to 73, effective this year. (If you turned 72 in 2022, but still haven't taken your first RMD, you will need to do so this year.) And in 2033, the RMD age will increase again, to 75. You don't have to wait until these ages before taking withdrawals, but the new age limits may

affect your withdrawal decisions.

- **Lower penalties for missed RMDs** – If you don't take at least the RMD for a given year, you could face tax penalties.



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Previously, this penalty was 50% of the amount you were supposed to have taken but now it's reduced to 25%.

- **New options for qualified charitable distributions**

– If you're 70½ or older, you can make a one-time qualified charitable distribution (QCD) of up to \$50,000 to entities that previously couldn't receive these QCDs, including charitable remainder annuity trusts, charitable remainder unitrusts and charitable gift annuities that meet certain criteria. Because QCDs are typically excluded from your taxable

income and could satisfy some or all of your required RMDs, which are otherwise taxable, these expanded opportunities may

prove beneficial from a tax standpoint. Consult with your tax advisor to determine if and how QCDs make sense for your situation.

**If you're still working ...**

- **Roth contributions to retirement plans** – Starting this year, if you participate in a 401(k) or similar plan, you can take your employer's matching and other contributions on a Roth basis. While these contributions will count as taxable income, they can ultimately be withdrawn, along with any earnings they generate, tax free, provided you meet certain conditions.

**If you're a business owner ...**

- **Increased tax credit for starting a retirement plan** – If you have 50 or fewer employees, you can now claim a startup credit covering 100% — up from 50% — of the administrative costs of opening a 401(k) plan, up to \$5,000 for each of the first three years of the plan.

- **Employer contribution credit** – You may now be able to get a tax credit based on employee matching or prof-

it-sharing contributions. This credit is capped at \$1,000 per employee and phases out gradually over five years.

- **Military spouse tax incentive** – If you have 100 or fewer employees who earn at least \$5,000 annually, you can earn a tax credit of up to \$500 for three years if you make military spouses eligible for a retirement plan, such as a 401(k) or SEP IRA. You can receive the credit for the year in which the military spouse is hired, plus the next two taxable years.

These aren't the only provisions in the SECURE 2.0 Act that may be relevant to you, and some parts of the new law go into effect in the future. You may want to contact your financial and tax advisors to see just how you might ultimately be affected by this legislation, and how you could take advantage of it.

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City Manager Ryan Haverlah, Copperas Cove city councilmember Manuel Montanez (Place 5), as well as Coryell County Judge Roger Miller, were among the central Texas leadership who paid a visit on Monday to the state capitol in Austin and appeared before the Texas legislature.

## City, county officials visit state capitol

By **LYNETTE SOWELL**  
Cove Leader-Press

On Monday, government and city leaders in the greater Fort Hood area visited the Texas State Capitol in Austin to address the current legislators regarding additional relief due to the lost revenue from the 100 percent disabled veteran property tax exemption.

The leaders weren't seeking to rid the exemption, but rather seek state support to help provide relief to the city's financial burden of that lost tax revenue.

The officials and leaders addressed HB 1613, which would provide financial relief from the state to cities and counties disproportionately affected by the property tax exemption for 100 percent disabled veterans.

The bill's primary coauthors include local representatives, Shelby Slawson (House District 59, Coryell County) and Hugh Shine (House District 55, Bell County), along with three other

primary coauthors, and more than 90 supporters.

In its current form, the bill means local governments could qualify for more relief, if the amount of lost tax revenue is more than one percent of the government's ad valorem tax revenue.

The bill calls for the creation of an account in the state's general fund. This account would be called the disabled veterans local government assistance account, and provide funding to qualified cities and counties.

Proceeds to be collected for this account would come from the "sale, storage, use or other consumption of taxable items inside the boundaries of a United States military base."

Councilmember Montanez believes that the local officials appearing before the legislature on Monday was a priority, and was a way to support his city and the region.

Haverlah spoke before the

legislature and stated the City's support for HB 1613. Likewise, he shared with legislators about the impact of the revenue losses on the city as it grows and faces the requirement of increased services.

"Most agree that this State-wide and State granted tax exemption is much deserved of our fighting men and women who defended our country. Yet, this exemption has unfortunately negatively impacted the ability of communities these deserving men and women live in to provide necessary day-to-day critical services," Haverlah told the committee. "Some communities, like the City of Copperas Cove, have been significantly and disproportionately impacted by this State-wide benefit in terms of tax revenue lost due to the concentration of eligible veterans living within our communities. While the dollar amount may not appear to be significant when considering the House's \$302 billion budget, the

residents of Copperas Cove have felt the direct impact of the lost revenue."

Haverlah gave numbers on the city's population increases, taxable values, and the number of exempted properties—all of which have increased since the exemption first began in 2009.

"Our population increased 19% since 2009, taxable values increased 21%, and inflation increased 23%, while the total number of employees generally remained unchanged, the number of exempted properties increased 267%, and the value of exempted properties increased 539%.

"Again, while this is a worthy State-wide tax exemption and a significant benefit to our veterans, the cost of the exemption should be borne by the entire state equitably."

Also in attendance with Haverlah, Montanez and Miller, were the mayor and city manager of Killeen, the mayor and city manager of Belton.

Since 2015, lost revenue from the disabled veteran property tax exemption in Copperas Cove alone has increased from \$478,765, to just over \$2 million in fiscal year 2023.

For the upcoming fiscal year, the amount rises to an estimated \$2.4 million, or \$2,463,517.

Along with increasing property values, the number of veterans receiving the exemption in Copperas Cove has also risen, from 555 in 2015, to 1,580 properties in fiscal year 2023.

Next fiscal year, the anticipated number of properties exempt from paying property taxes is 1,652.

There is a similar bill in the Texas Senate, SB 748, co-sponsored by Sen. Pete Flores, Sen. Cesar Blanco, and Sen. Sarah Eckhardt.

The current legislative session convened on Jan. 10, 2023 and will end on May 29, 2023.

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"Some of the biggest challenges as a classroom teacher have been being able to identify each one of my student's educational needs to provide them with the necessary strategies and tools to achieve their goals and

meet my educational and social-emotional goals as well," Babilonia said. "It is extremely important to provide extra support to those students who need it to be able to academically succeed and develop."

Babilonia was named

the CCISD 2022 Paraprofessional of the Year for her work in the classroom as an aide. She said she appreciates the investment that CCISD has made in her professional future.

"The R.I.S.E. program has helped me feel

more confident that I will have what is required to earn my teaching certification," Babilonia said. "It has provided me with great professional training, coaches, and mentors who are guiding me tremendously at all times."

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## The Tea Party

When I was a little girl, Dad had all his buddies over and they built a little storage house in our back yard. It was a lovely little house, especially to a seven-year-old girl. I called it the “little house.”

Mom and Dad stored the cool stuff in the little house. Their old high school yearbooks, Dad’s letterman jacket, Mom’s wedding dress, old photo albums, baby memorabilia from my brother and me... I loved to hang out in the little house. I spent hours there, sorting through stuff and imagining the stories attached to each item. It was my playhouse—my escape to an imaginary world where I could do and be anything I wanted.

One night, I dreamed I went to the little house. When I got to the door, it opened and there was Jesus! He invited me inside, where He’d set up a child-size table and chairs with a lovely pink tablecloth, a

real china tea set and a vase of roses. He held the chair for me as I sat down, and then He sat with me, poured tea, and we laughed and sang and talked and played for the longest time. He acted like He had nothing better in the world to do than spend time with me, a little seven-year-old girl.

Next thing I knew, my mother sat on the edge of my bed, waking me for school. I was confused... the dream was so real; I didn’t know where I was now.



**Renae Brumbaugh Green**  
Coffee Talk

Where were the table and chairs? Where was the tea set? Where was Jesus?

Slowly, reality seeped in and the dream faded. “Mama,” I said. “Jesus had a tea party with me in the little house. I...” Disappointment singed my spirit. “I guess it was just a dream.”

My mother looked at me, and then she gave me one of the sweetest gifts anyone has ever given me. She said, “Maybe it was real. Maybe Jesus really did visit you in your dream, Renae.

You need to remember this dream always. You must be so special, for the Son of God to have a tea party with you.”

So I tucked that memory into my “very special” mental file, and I remembered. For a long time, I remembered how loved I was, how special I was to the King of the Universe.

Until I forgot. Years passed. Life got in the way. And somewhere along the road, I forgot that very special day, that priceless treasure of knowing I was precious and wanted and loved.

I forgot all about it until a few years ago.

I went through some really hard times. Years when I was forced to my knees,

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## Believe it or not...

Lynette Sowell | My Front Porch

...Not everything is for you, or about you. There are people who like things that you don’t like. Every activity or pastime is not our cup of tea. It’s ok that we are different and like to do different things.

There are events that not all of us are interested in attending. We are ok with sitting home and skipping some events. And that’s ok. Not everyone has the same interests. Did I mention that it’s ok?

For me, two of those things are golf tournaments and car shows. They are just not my thing. I get that people like to golf. My uncles golfed. Two of my brothers-in-laws golf, on occasion. It is something that other people enjoy, but I don’t. I did a nine-hole mini “real” course once, and it was an exercise in frustration.

Car shows. Now I can see that someone is interested in cars more than golf. There’s something about a lineup of classic cars, with their gleaming chrome and impeccable paint jobs and snazzy accessories. But truth be told, if given a choice, a car show isn’t something I’d make the time to attend if I had a free afternoon.

Yet, I don’t begrudge the fact that the above are both things that other people enjoy. I’d rather go to an art show, a live music event, or a museum trip, or shopping at a flea market. I’m sure some people would rather golf.

Then there’s the wide variety of chicken restaurant options. (I can hear some of you laughing.) But really, how many different restaurants does anyone need? And, we have them here. Except for a few. Pizza, too. We have a number of options in our community that we all have different opinions about. And yet, by this time next year, we will have another pizza option.

Not everything is about us, or for us.

For example, McLane Stadium in Waco is already selling tickets to view the total solar eclipse on April 8, 2024. The scoffers have already been out in force: “Why would I pay tickets to see something I can view from my own backyard for free?”

To scoffers such as they, I can only say: “That event isn’t for you, or about you. Stay home and have a party at your house. Or, be by yourself.”

If you live here locally, most of you will probably plan to stay home and watch it from your very own yard. Or, maybe you’ll attend a family gathering and be with loved ones as you witness the once-in-a-lifetime event. But, not every event is for you, or about you. And, know what? That is perfectly ok.

Yet, sometimes it does not hurt to think beyond what we’d like to do, and realize that there are other people coming to town. A month or so ago, I wrote my column about getting ready for company. Sometimes, when company comes, we do things out of the ordinary that we wouldn’t necessarily do for ourselves.

It is a knee-jerk thing to think of what we personally want to do, or would prefer to do, first thing. It’s human nature, to think about what we want, before someone else might want. It’s not the best way to do things, but it’s how we are wired. It takes practice to remember that.

Before you think I’m saying we should never, ever think of what we want or that our own preferences don’t matter, that is not what I am saying at all. It is perfectly fine to have our own preferences and wishes for how we’d like to spend our time. But, we shouldn’t discount that other people may have their own ideas about what’s fun for them or where they’d like to eat. It’s not always about us.

## Local History

As I’ve noted in a few columns over the last little while, I’m in the process of trying to (rather extensively) world-build a community that I can use as a setting for one or more creative works. Those who have borne with me have seen me

talk about creating full programming matrices for various television and radio stations (leading to a discussion of how what we see and hear shapes our perception of the world), mull over lawyer-friendly brand names I could use for different products (leading to a discussion of how certain real-life brands got their names), and ponder what sorts of small businesses would be in place (leading to a discussion of how important small businesses are to the American economy). Now, I’m on to the next step.

Some of you might be asking whether or not I’ve chosen a name for this community and settled upon a backstory. After all, every town has a name. Towns

also have reasons for existing, as few people just decide to plunk buildings down just because they can. Well, the truth is that this actually \*is\* my next step, the result of my waffling a bit between different ideas.

Every town has a reason for existing, even “ghost towns” where humans either abandoned them or never settled them at all. It may be that the town was convenient to a natural resource, such as fresh water or a mineral deposit. It may be that the town was along a river, trade route, or other commonly-travelled corridor. It may be that people fleeing misfortune found a spot they felt was a safe distance away. It may have even been that the town was somehow ordered into existence by a third party, such as politicians or business leaders.

Likewise, every town also has a name, usually one chosen by the people who first settled the area and organized the place. The town may be named for an early settler, a nearby land feature, whatever resource led people to the area, or even some high-minded ideal. You can even have towns named for other towns.

Consider, for example, one of the most infamous “ghost towns” on the planet, that of Pripyat, Ukraine. Reason for existing? It was ordered into existence in order to support the Chernobyl Nuclear

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**Darren Blair**  
Shop the Insanity

## Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves

a movie review by Darren Blair

As long-time readers of my op/ed are aware, I first started into tabletop role-playing games in 1990. I have been a long-time part of the Dungeons & Dragons and Battletech gaming communities, and have played many other games as well. Remaining part of the Dungeons & Dragons community has become increasingly difficult over the last few years, however. Not only have some employees at Wizards of the Coast, the company who owns the game, declared us older fans to be “obstacles” to them implementing their vision for the franchise, the company as a whole recently faced extreme backlash and possible legal issues for attempting to claw back an open license they themselves issued circa 2000. They therefore need this movie to be a hit to restore goodwill.

Well... it isn’t a hit, or seemingly concerned about restoring goodwill.

The film starts with the main male lead, a bard named Edgin (Chris Pine), violating the classic rule of “show, don’t tell” with a massive info dump

that could have been another movie. He was once part of a peacekeeping group called The Harpers and worked against evil, but the pay was barely enough to provide for his family.

When the Red Wizards killed his wife, he forsook his Harper oaths, fell into alcoholism, and met Holga (Michelle Rodriguez), a recently divorced female barbarian. She essentially became his second wife and helped raise his daughter, but the pair turned to crime for the money. They eventually brought mage / thief Simon (Justice Smith) and con artist Forge (Hugh Grant) on board, and were soon hired by the mysterious Sofina (Daisy Head) to break into a Harper stronghold with the promise of Edgin stealing a magical tablet that could bring his wife back. But he and Holga were caught, and they’ve spent the last two years in prison.



Got it? Good, because the movie kicks off from there. It turns out that Forge has manipulated his way into becoming lord of a major city-state, he still has Edgin’s daughter, and is still working with Sofina. Sofina, in turn, is one of the Red Wizards, propping Forge up as a puppet for her own ends. To defeat the pair, Edgin will have to convince shape-shifting druid Doric (Sophia Lillis) and questionably awkward paladin Xenk (Rege-Jean Page) to join him in the effort.

Even on a surface viewing, the film falls flat. We have an excess of narration to speed things along yet waste time on overly-long “joke” sequences. We have an over-reliance on plot MacGuffins and deus ex machina moments. And we also have characters who are alternately forced into being foolish, petty, or melodramatic for the sake of the plot.

But this isn’t any old sword & sorcery movie, it’s part of the Dungeons & Dragons franchise... which makes the film’s decision to mock and possibly kill off (they’re forgotten about as the movie goes on) the cast of the 1980s cartoon series all the more galling. Given how critical the cartoon was in mainstreaming the game and how often fan demand has brought it back to television, this is probably the biggest “Older fans be gone!” yet. I was going to give this film a middling score in recognition of its various creative shortcomings, but having to sit through the film just for this was the last straw.

Don’t bother with this movie, and in fact use the three hours to play an actual tabletop gaming session of your own.

Total: 0 / 10  
Rating: PG-13  
Run Time: 134 minutes



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**Briefs**

**Altrusa to celebrate 32 years**

Altrusa International of Copperas Cove, Inc., will celebrate 32 years in the community on Saturday, April 15, from 1-3 pm, at the Trinity Worship Center, Fellowship Hall, 1802 Martin Luther King Dr. Anyone interested in Altrusa is invited to contact Debbie Llacuna to attend and learn about the organization. Over the last 32 years, Altrusa has been involved in many community service projects, primarily focusing on literacy. Altrusa of Copperas Cove meets at noon the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at Giovanni's Restaurant, 115 W. Bus. Hwy. 190, Copperas Cove. For more information on Altrusa, call Debbie Llacuna at 254-290-6277.

**Library Advisory Board**

The City of Copperas Cove is accepting applications to fill positions on the Library Advisory Board. The purpose of the City Council appointed board is to encourage the development

of public libraries, make policy and program recommendations, review the annual library budget, and cooperate with other public and private organizations to advance the interests of the public library. The board consists of nine members, appointed to staggered three-year terms, and meets monthly on the second Monday. Applications are available at 914 S. Main St., Suite D, or on the City's website, [www.copperascovetx.gov](http://www.copperascovetx.gov) under "Forms and Applications". Completed applications must be submitted to the office of the City Secretary for consideration.

**Economic Development Corporation Board**

The City of Copperas Cove is accepting applications to fill a position on the Economic Development Corporation Board. The purpose of the City Council appointed board is to direct and coordinate the broad-based expansion of the City's business tax base and to promote sustainable job growth, there-

by continuously enhancing the quality of life for Copperas Cove residents. The board consists of five members, appointed to three-year terms, and meets monthly on the fourth Wednesday. Applications are available at 914 S. Main Street, Suite D, or on the City's website, [www.copperascovetx.gov](http://www.copperascovetx.gov) under "Forms and Applications". Completed applications must be submitted to the office of the City Secretary for consideration by City Council.

Questions may be directed to City Secretary Lisa Wilson at [lwilson@copperascovetx.gov](mailto:lwilson@copperascovetx.gov) or (254) 547-4221.

**Mayfest Color Run 5k**

The annual Noon Exchange Club Mayfest Color Run 5k is now open for registration. The run will be held Saturday, May 13 at Ogletree Gap in Copperas Cove. Registration is \$40 online and \$50 the day of the event. Same day registration starts at 7 a.m. and the run starts at 8 a.m. The first 75 runners will get a free t-shirt and race bib. All runners will be en-

tered into a drawing for a fitness tracker. Registration online is at <https://runsignup.com/noonexchangerotary5k>. Stay for food and fun after the event, and a raffle giveaway for an iPhone 14, Echo Show, bluetooth turntable, \$100 gift card, soundbar, Samsung Galaxy Watch 5 Pro.

**Stage 1 Water Restrictions Still In Effect**

The City of Copperas Cove would like to remind all water users, to include residents, businesses and other entities, that the previously issued Stage 1 Water Restrictions ordered on August 8, 2022 remain in effect due to current lake levels. According to the city's drought contingency plan for Stage 1, residents should limit watering their yards and other landscaped areas to two days a week, between the hours of midnight and 10 a.m., and 8 p.m. to midnight. Outdoor water use should be limited between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., except when a hand-held hose, a faucet-filled bucket, or a watering can of five (5) gallons or less is used.

# Caribbean Jerk Hut opens in Copperas Cove

By PAMELA GRANT  
Cove Leader-Press

The Caribbean Jerk Hut celebrated its grand opening Saturday with music, family fun, and great food.

The Caribbean Jerk Hut is located at 314 East Avenue D and is open Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m.

"I think the food is great...I think this restaurant is great," said Sandra Dukes who attended the grand opening. "My favorite is the ox tail. They're so good and tender and once you start eating, you can't stop. It's delicious!"

In addition to the ox-tail, their menu includes jerk chicken, beef patties, curry goat, curry chicken, fillet catfish, brown stew snapper, and more.

This is restaurant owner, Shawn Rowe's second Caribbean food restaurant—his other restaurant is in Killeen. He said he's been in the



restaurant business since 2013.

"It's a proud feeling," said Rowe about

holding the grand opening for his second restaur-

ant. "I'm not only giving them food, I'm introduc-

ing them to my culture."

Rowe is Jamaican and said that he has a passion for cooking, and people love food, so it works out perfectly. Still, he's both nervous and excited to bring his style of cooking to Copperas Cove, admitting to a bit of butterflies before the grand opening.

"This is a new market. I see there is a void," said Rowe, noting that Cove doesn't have another restaurant like his.

Rowe said that he's very active in the Killeen community, participating in things like an annual turkey drive, and he hopes to be just as active in the Cove community.

In addition to good food, Rowe hopes to include live music—to include reggae music—and potentially other entertainment on weekends.

"It's something different that people can look forward to," said Rowe about his restaurant. "It's all about food, entertainment, and fun."



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# Copperas Cove senior citizen completes half-marathon in all 50 states

By LYNETTE SOWELL  
Cove Leader-Press

Longtime area resident Jan Ward will turn 78 years old this fall, and slowing down does not cross her mind.

In January 2023, she completed a goal of running a half-marathon in all 50 states, when she completed the Mainly Marathon's Aloha Series half-marathon in Hawaii on January 20. A half-marathon is 13.1 miles.

Back in 2018, Ward accomplished her goal of running mostly 5Ks in all 50 states, and she reached this goal along with her teenage grandson, Turtle Powell, who ran the events with her. Powell has since graduated high school and gone on to college, but Ward set another goal for herself: to complete a half-marathon in all 50 states. Ward's running "career" isn't something she's been doing for decades, but she began running in her late 60s, with the goal of staying active and not falling prey to physical decline and mobility issues that plague some senior citizens.

"I did not start putting one foot in front of the other with purpose until a week after my 68th birthday in September of 2013, five



years after retiring from a 47-year career in dentistry," Ward said, who worked as a dental hygienist.

As she shared with people about her quest and the races, there was some-

thing she found important to share with others.

"I found myself always relating that I want people, especially seniors, to know that you can accomplish these goals," Ward empha-

sized. Reaching the goal of completing 50 half-marathons has had its delays.

Originally, she had planned to complete all 50 events by her 75th birthday,

in 2020.

"Well, we all know what that turned out to be," she said, referring to the multiple running events canceled during the time of the pandemic outbreak.

Likewise, she found herself also aiding her family and caring for grandchildren.

Then, she began hav-

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# Dawgs drop district contest with Hutto

By BEN PETET  
Cove Leader-Press

On Tuesday evening the Copperas Cove baseball team lost a 12-6A match up to the Hutto baseball team 11-4.

The Hippos swept the Dawgs as they won a rain delayed game Monday evening in Hutto 6-3. The Hippos are in second place in the district with a 5-2 record and chasing a playoff berth. The district standings are Midway 8-1, Hutto 5-2, Bryan 4-3, Harker Heights 4-3, Temple 3-6, Copperas Cove 2-6, and Weiss 1-6.

The Hippos started out hot in the top half of the first inning, sending 10 batters to the plate and scoring five runs against Dawgs starting pitcher Matai Anzaldna. The Hippos

starting pitcher Ben Jamieson had a 1-2-3 inning to keep the score 5-0 Hutto after one inning.

Anzaldna stranded a Hippo baserunner at third base in the top half of the second inning to keep the Hippos from extending their lead.

Gabe Chapman led off the home half of the second inning with a double down the right field line. Caden Harris followed with a RBI double just inside the left field line to plate Chapman and get the Dawgs on the board. Harris stole third base and with one out, Dominick Vasquez hit a fly ball to right field. Harris tagged up and came home but was called out for not sliding and contacting the Hippo catcher, keeping the score at 5-1 Hutto after two innings.

The Hippos added on three runs in the third inning and three runs again in the fourth inning to take a 11-1 lead into the home half of the fifth inning. Vasquez had a one out single followed by Zach Wilson's RBI double and Daniel Izquierdo's RBI single to make the score 11-3 after five innings. This kept the Hippos from run ruling the Dawgs.

In the home half of the seventh inning, Blake Smith had a two out triple and went home when the throw from the outfield went into the Hippo dugout, making the final score a win for Hutto, 11-4.

The Dawgs will be back in action Friday evening hosting the Harker Heights Knights at Bulldawg Field with a 4:30 scheduled start time.

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a portion of the lemonade stand profits. Lemonade Day will be held the first weekend in May and is presented by First National Bank Texas and First Heroes National Bank, along with Fort Hood Family Housing and Community Lend Lease with

other local sponsors including H-E-B and Chick-fil-A. For more information about Lemonade Day, visit [fort-hood.lemonadeday.org](http://fort-hood.lemonadeday.org). A lineup of registered Lemonade Stands in the Copperas Cove area will be posted prior to the weekend event.



### Coffee - From Page 4

when I couldn't take another step. In desperation, I cried out to God. And sometime during that process, I remembered. He whispered gentle reminders to me that I'm special to Him. I'm precious. I'm treasured. I'm loved. And I remembered the tea party. He's reminded me in recent times that to Him, I'm the same seven-year-old girl. He will never leave me or forsake me. And He longs to spend time with me.

Friends, I want to assure each of you of one thing: God loves you that way, too. Oh, you may not have a tea party memory. But if you'll search your mind, you'll find so many ways that He reached down and spoke to your heart, using your very own special love language. Perhaps He sent a beautiful sunset just when you needed the peace it brought. Perhaps He arranged for you to have tickets to the big game when they seemed impossible to get. Or maybe

it was that phone call from an old friend, just when you thought no one cared. This week, as we recall Christ's ultimate sacrifice on the cross to pay the hefty price for our sinful natures... as we celebrate His resurrection on the third day... remember these truths: He loves you. You are precious to Him. You are treasured and priceless. You hold a special place in His heart. He will never leave you or forsake you. Nothing can

ever separate you from His great love. Don't ever forget. "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord," Romans 8:38-39.

### Blotter - From Page 2

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21-22: Gonzales County	17-18: Port Arthur	15-16: Bell County Expo	26-27: Brenham	30-31: Port Arthur	11-12: Bell County Expo	14-15: Taylor at Wilco Center		11-12: Bell County Expo

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### Police - From Page 2

bound on Business Highway 190. The officers lost sight of Harrelson's vehicle, but then found it again in the 3000 block of East Business Highway 190 after it had crashed. Officers found Harrelson deceased from an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound. He was pronounced deceased onsite by Coryell County Justice of the Peace Bill Price of Precinct 2. Police say the incident is still under investigation.

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## TEXAS CROSSWORD

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**ACROSS**

- in Grayson Co. on hwy. 5
- TXism: "\_\_\_ late and a dollar short"
- TX astronaut Don "\_\_\_" Slayton
- first TXn to walk in space: \_\_\_ White
- sixth sense
- TXism: "\_\_\_ out" (ate too much)
- TXism: "cut from the \_\_\_ bolt"
- this TX Helmond was on "Who's the Boss?"
- TXism: "\_\_\_ with kid gloves"
- once a Houston NFL player
- TX Willie tune: "\_\_\_ It You Wanted"
- TX singer Vikki released
- TX frontier scout James B. who got Medal of Honor
- conservative TXns are \_\_\_-\_\_\_ government
- UT '66 sniper (init.)
- TXism: "\_\_\_ my hide!"
- grant possession to a Cowboy, Rocket, Spur, Star or Astro
- TX Jim Reeves tune about an island girl
- knees that stick out more
- TX Dan Jenkins football novel
- entreated
- "in the year of Our Lord" (abbr.)

**DOWN**

- TXism: "\_\_\_ my boots retreated"
- TX Benson film: "\_\_\_ to Billy Joe"
- TX Nat Stuckey tune: "She \_\_\_ Every Morning"
- Athens is "Black-\_\_\_ of the World"
- TXism: "plain as the \_\_\_ on a mule"
- this TXn killed "Billy the Kid"
- TXism: "run \_\_\_ by a lawyer"
- this Gene was in "Bonnie & Clyde" about TX duo (init.)
- star of "Oh God! Book II" with TX Louanne Sirota
- a Great Lake
- east TX reptile croco \_\_\_
- shirts worn at a honky tonk
- Mission, TX AM
- Coleman Co. stream: "Jim \_\_\_"
- TXism: "let '\_\_\_ rip!"
- TXism: "\_\_\_ his hide" (spanks)
- this Devane was in "Rolling Thunder" with TX Tommy Lee Jones
- TXism: "sells like \_\_\_ cakes"
- Dallas cosmetics queen Mary Kay
- TXism: "\_\_\_ dog won't hunt"
- TXism: "\_\_\_ drowned rat"
- hound name meaning "faithful" in Latin
- past TX CEO of BSA: \_\_\_ Love
- TXism: "\_\_\_ wrangler" (writer)
- TXism: "I'm gonna slap \_\_\_ a new hat size"
- gratuity for a "menu mamma" (2 wds.)
- TXism: "when \_\_\_ fly!" (never)
- naval prison
- Paducah or Eden h.s. class
- TXism: "he'd be \_\_\_ in a battle of wits" (dumb)
- TXism: "\_\_\_ lick" (none)
- Harlingen has \_\_\_ Jima statue

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that public hearings will be held in the City Council Chambers of the City of Copperas Cove Information Technology Center, 508 South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. The public hearings will be held by the **Planning and Zoning Commission on April 24, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.** and by the **City Council on May 16, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.** The purpose of the hearings is to allow the citizens of Copperas Cove an opportunity to be heard in connection with Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council consideration described as follows:

**A public hearing request to Rezone property by Edward Payne, representing Iron Oaks Properties, LLC, from B-4 (General Retail District) to B-5 (Commercial Services District) for Coryell County Property ID's: 100598 and 100599, consisting of 0.5 acres, located at 404 and 408 E. Avenue D, Copperas Cove, TX.**

Anyone having an interest in this request is invited to attend and present comments.



## Notice of Federal Program Planning For Copperas Cove ISD

The Copperas Cove Independent School District is currently in the application process for the 2023-2024 Federal Programs listed below:

- Title I, Part A: Improving Basic Programs
- Title II, Part A: Teacher and Principal Training & Recruiting
- Title III: English Language Learners and English Language Proficiency
- Title IV: Student Support in Academic Enrichment
- Perkins V: Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century
- IDEA B Formula & Preschool: Children with Disabilities

Eligibility for Title I, Part A services is based on low-income data. Eligibility for IDEA services is based on students with disabilities. These services are offered for students who would otherwise attend CCISD schools.

**Private Nonprofit Schools and/or Home Schools with government nonprofit status** interested in receiving program information and/or providing input into program planning for services may contact Kim Blalock, Coordinator of Federal Funding, at 254-547-1227, no later than May 19, 2023.

Copperas Cove ISD does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs, activities, or hiring practices. Contact Katherine Lewis, Director of Human Resources for inquiries regarding the Title IX policies.

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Center at 1008 North Drive St. For more information, call your local center at 254/547-1771 or Hill Country Community Action Association at 325/372-5167.

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US 190 Utility Relocations Project

Notice is hereby given that the City of Copperas Cove will receive sealed bids for the below referenced item. Bids will be received on behalf of the City Public Works Department, Attn. Cynthia Taylor, at the City of Copperas Cove Public Works Department, located at 1601 N. 1<sup>st</sup> St., Copperas Cove, TX 76522, until **2:00 p.m.** on **April 26, 2023**. Bid opening will be held in the Public Works Conference Room, 1601 N. 1<sup>st</sup> St., Copperas Cove, TX 76522. Bids will be opened publicly and read aloud immediately after closing time.

Digital copies of the Bid Package, including Plans and Specifications can be obtained at no cost beginning **April 10, 2023** from the Public Works Department, Cynthia Taylor, via e-mail at [ctaylor@copperascovetx.gov](mailto:ctaylor@copperascovetx.gov). Reference bid number PW 2023-06-83.

A **non-mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting** will be held on **April 18, 2023 @ 10:00 a.m.** in the **Public Works Conference Room, 1601 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Copperas Cove, TX 76522.**

All employees directly employed on the work shall be paid not less than the established prevailing wage scale for work of a similar character in this locality. A prevailing wage determination for the work has been included with the contract associated with this project and is incorporated therein for all purposes. The Contractor shall pay not less than the general prevailing wages as established by the U.S. Department of Labor and shall keep accurate wage records accessible in accordance with Chapter 2258, Texas Government Code.

The City reserves the right to award the bid to either the lowest responsible bidder or to the bidder who provides goods or services at the best value for the City, in accordance with the Texas Local Government Code.

Further information may be obtained from the Public Works Department by calling 254-547-0751. All bids submitted must be plainly marked on the outside indicating the bid number, opening time and date. Award will be made at a later date. Any Bid received after closing time will be returned unopened. The City of Copperas Cove reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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# Insanity - From Page 4

Power Plant, and was at one point home to almost 50,000 residents. Source of the name? A nearby river, which is also called Pripyat. It was a model Soviet community until it wasn't, the result of the power plant having a critical meltdown that irradiated much of Eastern

Europe and forced much of the region to be evacuated (which might be a column in and of itself).

For an example closer to home, consider Ding Dong, Texas. Contrary to the popular joke, the town has nothing to do with name-brand snack cakes. Rather,

Zulis Bell and his nephew Bert set up a country store near a site used to cross the Lampasas River. A sign created for the store depicted a pair of bells and the words "Ding Dong" as sound effects, and the name stuck.

Consider it a bit of an unofficial

homework assignment to look up the history of the town you live in and how it got its name. After all, you live where you live, so why not learn a little more about it? If nothing else, perhaps you'll find an interesting story you can share with everyone.



# Autism - From Page 1

"I am happy to be a part of Extraco and the values we place when it comes to family first and our values on what we

want to support personally. This is personally very dear to my heart as my 12-year-old son was diagnosed with autism at the

age of 3," said Extraco Relationship Banking Supervisor Tiffany Holley. "I am excited that Extraco was able to be a part of the autism walk in Copperas Cove this year and many years ahead."

Copperas Cove ISD has conducted an autism awareness walk for six years and plans to continue the annual event for families like the Garza family whose son, Alex, was also diagnosed with autism at the age of 3.

"Having the opportunity to share our children's story with our community brings us all joy. The autism awareness walks are always memorable to the children and all involved. The opportunity to visit and see each child in his or her own special way is always a great pleasure," Alex's mother, Briana Garza said.

Copperas Cove High School general education students including members of the CCHS JROTC, HOSA, AVID, football players, CCJHS Starlettes and Cheerleaders, Student 2 Student Groups, 4-H, and special education staff from every campus offer enticing sensory activities and various games for students being honored at the event. Rocks & Roots Realty Group and Accurate Construction are also sponsoring the event.

"I feel the way people see and interact with my son has made a huge impact in his life. He has love for everyone. He has grown so much and has been accepted for who he is. He will leave you with a smile on a bad day. He will give you a hug when needed," Garza said. "Alex has grown to be a loving young boy. I thank my community for accepting him and his peers for who they are."



## NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCIÓN GENERAL)

To the Registered Voters of the Central Texas College District:  
(A los votantes registrados del Central Texas College District:)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on May 6, 2023, for voting in an election to select **two** board members to the following positions:  
(Por la presente, se notifica que los lugares de votación enumerados a continuación estarán abiertos de 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m. el 6 de mayo de 2023, por votar en una elección para seleccionar dos miembros de la junta para los siguientes cargos:)

- Board of Trustees Place 6 (Six Year Term)  
*Junta de Síndicos Lugar 6 (término de seis años).*
- Board of Trustees Place 7 (Six Year Term)  
*Junta de Síndicos Lugar 7 (término de seis años)*

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Copperas Cove	508B Cove Terrace Shopping Center		101,104,206,207,412,416

Early voting by personal appearance will take place at the locations and times listed below:  
(La votación temprana en persona se llevará a cabo en los lugares y horarios que se indican a continuación:)

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# Ward - From Page 6

ing physical issues which caused her being unable to walk for almost two months in 2021.

“Slowly, with hours and hours of physical therapy and personal training I started to move again,” she said. “Our trips to Colorado were stretched out to two days to get there to relieve our bodies of stress.”

“Then, in November of 2021 I booked three states in the Southwest Mainly Marathons Series, with lots of prayer to be able to drive there, walk the distances and drive home without a setback.”

She said the three half-marathons took her five hours each to complete, but she got there, walked and jogged her way through, then returned home to Texas with no

pain and no setback.

The year 2022 began with Ward knowing she had 14 more to complete and knowing that nearly two years being out of commission had set her behind.

Last spring, she put the nose to the grindstone and set in plans to complete the final states to reach her goal. She went on to complete seven half-marathons in June, two in July, two in September.

Also in 2022 came a big challenge for Ward – visiting seven states for half-marathons in 11 days. She continued her races and went from five hours, to under four hours’ completion time.

Then came the Bass Pro Half-Marathon in Missouri, which was state

number 49 for Ward. She knew she needed to complete a race physically in Missouri.

“I couldn’t shake the conviction that I needed to return to Missouri and officially do a half (marathon) on their soil. I had done a virtual (half marathon) in Texas,” she said. “Thanks to a sweet friend, Pamela Walker Shank, who picked me up at the Springfield (Missouri) airport late on a Friday after getting my packet for me, then took me to the race early Saturday morning, I was able to finish that half-marathon in 3:35:59, and even received third place for my age group.”

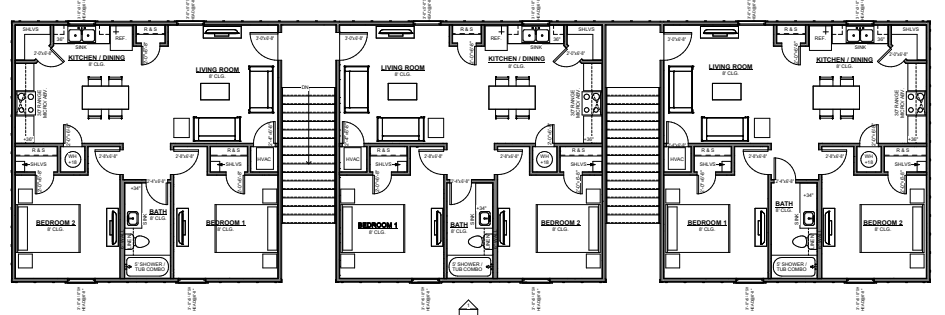
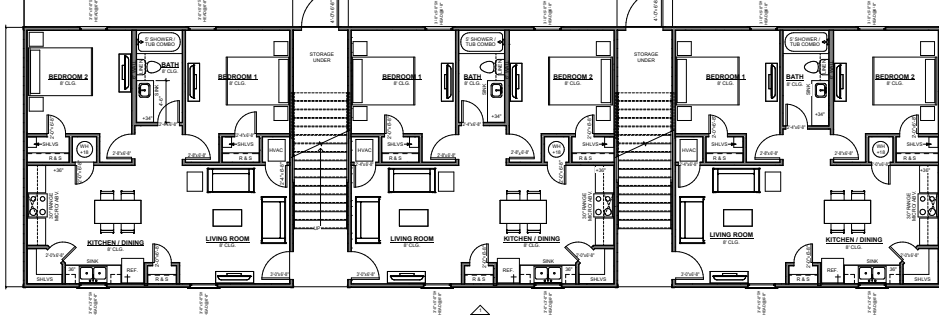
Her friend then whisked her back to the airport the following Monday so Ward could

return to Texas.

At the end of January 2023, after she completed Copperas Cove’s Polar Bear Plunge 5K, Ward was given a surprise celebration by her friends and presented with cake, balloon, cards and gifts.

She had just returned from Hawaii, the location of her 50th half-marathon.

“The odds of my doing this were not in my favor, but hard work, prayer and divine healing have made it possible. So much so that I now have another goal, to run a 10K in all 50 states. Age is a number. Determination is a choice. Hard work won’t kill you!” she tells other seniors, and anyone else. “Go for it!”



Courtesy graphic

The above floor plan of a proposed 6-plex for Cove House Emergency Homeless Shelter would double the number of people that the shelter can serve.

# ARPA - From Page 1

Previously, Cove House provided temporary shelter to families and displaced individuals, but changed up its program to provide longer-term assistance to help people get on their feet and into a stable, permanent living situation.

“Over the past several years Cove House has developed the Firm Foundation program to better assist those seeking to build a better life and return to permanent, affordable housing,” Hawkins said.

“This program has had great success but it does restrict the overall number of people that can receive services. The only solution to this particular issue is creating more space.”

The shelter has had a plan and has been working to raise funds to double its occupancy from four units to eight.

Hawkins had initially requested \$475,000 in funds on behalf of Cove House, toward its expansion.

The original estimated cost for the expansion was \$500,000, Hawkins said.

“We were hopeful to find some additional funding as

well as possible discounts or donations from the builder and suppliers. In the time since the original request was made (to the council), building prices have skyrocketed,” he said.

The proposed building is 5,544 square feet, and at a price of \$150 per square foot, today’s cost would be \$831,600.

“We have a proposed partnership with Dustin Dewald that will make it possible to complete this structure for substantially less money,” Hawkins said. Through that partnership, the building can be completed for \$600,000.

Hawkins has submitted the proposal to the city for the council’s consideration at its upcoming meeting on April 18.

He is asking for Cove House supporters to attend the meeting, or if they can’t attend, to contact the city council members directly.

For nearly 28 years, Cove House has served the City of Copperas Cove by providing shelter, food, clothing, toiletries and other items needed for day-to-day living. The facility also provides a computer lab for job searches, resume writing, and on some occasions class work as well as ID applications.

Ten years ago, Cove House opened the Cove House Free Clinic and currently provides several basic and specialty disciplines to those in need in our community.

This coming Tuesday, April 18, the city council will meet, and on the proposed agenda is an item to allocate the remainder of the city’s ARPA coronavirus relief funds.

So far, the city received \$8,235,166.01, of which \$7,544,132 million has already been dedicated to city infrastructure projects, public safety, and broadband infrastructure, as well as premium pay for essential city workers.

However, the city has \$691,000 left in unallocated funding.

Unallocated projects on the list for council consideration include a Firearms Range Cover & Storage Building, Fire Operations Personal Protective Equipment, Fire Operations Medical Equipment, the reconfiguration and expansion of Fire Station #3, and outside requests from Boys and Girls Club of Central Texas for its Phase 2 development, as well as the Cove House expansion project, all of which total \$1.7 million.



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