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Council approves \$600,000 in ARPA funding for Cove House

By LYNETTE SOWELL
Cove Leader-Press

After some discussion, the Copperas Cove city council voted on Tuesday evening to allocate \$600,000 of the city's remaining ARPA coronavirus relief funds to Cove House Emergency Homeless Shelter, which had originally requested \$475,000 of that funding for its expansion project.

City Manager Ryan Haverlah gave the background on the funding requests, and that the city will

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Community Calendar

- April 22**
Breakfast, 8-10 a.m., VFW Post 8577.
Pop-Up Shop, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., Moose Lodge, 2828 S.F.M. 116.
- April 24**
Refit Exercise Class, 6:30 p.m., Copperas Cove Public Library.
- April 25**
American Karate, 6:30 p.m., Copperas Cove Public Library.
- April 26**
Scribes Guild, 7 p.m., Copperas Cove Public Library.
- April 29**
Friends of the Library book sale and Library Rally, 10 a.m., Copperas Cove Public Library.
2nd annual Ronnie Viss Memorial Kids' Day, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Ogletree Gap Park.
- May 4**
Congressman John Carter mobile office hours, 11 a.m. 3 – p.m., Copperas Cove Police Department Community Room, 302 E Avenue E.

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Altrusa Copperas Cove celebrates 32nd birthday, 100 years for the club

By PAMELA GRANT
Cove Leader-Press

For 32 years, Cove Altrusans have made a big impact on our city primarily focused on promoting literacy but helping with several other community service projects as well.

Altrusa International of Copperas Cove celebrated their 32nd

birthday Saturday at the Trinity Worship Center from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. Texas (District 9) will be celebrating its 100th birthday this weekend. The first Texas club was organized in Austin in 1923.

For their birthday, members got together to enjoy a fun afternoon with friends enjoying cake and refreshments. They also had a raffle and played games. Members were also asked to bring bilingual

books which will be brought to District 9's 100th birthday party to be donated towards the district's service project. Each member was asked to donate 5 bilingual books.

"Our main thing is service in our communities," said Angea Carroll. "It's not enough to be good; you need to be good for something."

Carroll talked about some of Altrusa International of Copperas

Cove's many contributions to the community. One of their biggest projects is promoting literacy. To that end, they give free books to Head Start students and Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders. They also donate large print materials to nursing home residents. Aside from their literacy programs, they

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Copperas Cove Junior High sixth grader Raigenn Kinnersley receives assistance with her math assignment from R.I.S.E. teacher Monet Stancil. Stancil is getting her college classes paid for by the school district, so she is able to compete her degree and earn her teaching certification.

R.I.S.E. teacher ensures students feel safe, supported, and heard

By WENDY SLEDD
Special to the Leader-Press

Monet Stancil's journey to becoming an educator began when she was in high school when she took an early childhood development program. This is where her love for teaching began.

"As a young adult, I served in the U.S. Army, so I got a late start to college," Stancil said. "I obtained my associate degree in education instruction in May 2021. Shortly after, I was hired at CCJHS as a paraprofessional in August 2021 where I taught exploring arts and languages."

Stancil had completed 86 college credit hours and was working toward her bachelor's degree when CCISD introduced its Rising Instructors Soaring in Education program that creates a fast-track for staff members to apply for teaching internships after they have completed 60 hours of college credit. Stancil applied and was one of 30 accepted into the program.

"I am so grateful to work in a district that's invested in its employee's professional growth," Stancil said. "I'm applying skills that I've learned throughout RISE training including classroom management, procedures, and building rapport with my students. Learning and applying those skills has helped build my confidence as an educator."

As a paraprofessional, Stancil's classroom was the media lab, so she changed classroom locations to work with students. This year was different.

"It was exciting getting my own classroom to set-up, but I grew nervous the closer it got to starting school. This feeling lasted the first few weeks of school. I was so unsure of myself as an educator, and if I was giving my students the right tools to succeed," Stancil said. "As the year progressed, with the help of amazing mentors and administration, I felt supported and I flourished being in front of the classroom. The feedback was always positive and focused on growth."

Stancil says her biggest challenge has been classroom management. She is always

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Youngsters registered for Lemonade Day make their own fresh-squeezed lemonade on Saturday morning at Chick-fil-A in Copperas Cove, with the help of the parents and from Rita Hogan, Chick-fil-A's marketing director. **BELOW:** The Little Squeezers Academy at Chick-fil-A on Saturday morning involved tasting the fresh squeezed lemonade made by youngsters participating in this year's Lemonade Day.

Chick-fil-A preps young lemonade makers for big day

By LYNETTE SOWELL
Cove Leader-Press

With Lemonade Day about two weeks away, young business owners showed up at Chick-fil-A in Copperas Cove on Saturday morning to learn how to make fresh squeezed lemonade and add their own unique twist to the mix.

Marketing director Rita Hogan said a total of 40 pounds of lemons were used for both sessions of the Lemon Squeezers Academy on Saturday morning.

There were two groups of kids, one at 9 a.m. and another at 10 a.m., who had the opportunity to make lemonade with a little help from Chick-fil-A.

They started with six lemons apiece and used a hand squeezer, then spent some time experimenting with the level of sweetness for their lemonades.

Nadiya Byrd is nine years old and is hosting her own lemonade stand for the first time.

She said she already participated in the prior week's build-a-stand workshop at Heights Lumber in Harker Heights, where her family also went home with their own power drill.

Her eventual goal is to raise enough money to attend Space Camp in the summer of 2024.

"My lemonade has a Star Wars theme," said Nadiya. "I'm going to have SkyWater, and Jedi Lemonade, and Lemonheads." She plans

to add other coloring to some of her lemonade, depending on the name. Although the lemonade will have a different color, it will still have the same tart and sweet taste as yellow lemonade.

Saturday's Lemon Squeezers' day was one of a lineup of events held in advance of Lemonade Day. Yet to come before Lemonade Day will be a best tasting lemonade contest, in which Lemonade Day participants make a video pitch about why their lemonade tastes the best. Ten of those participants will then be invited to a lemonade tasting contest. In addition to the best tasting lemonade, another future contest that is part of the Lemonade Day fun is the Best Stand contest.

Lemonade Day weekend is Saturday, May 6 and Sunday, May 7.

So far in Copperas Cove, there are 11 registered lemonade stands where children will be selling their own unique products. Often, they will offer snacks and candy and other merchandise.

An interactive map of the stands and their locations can be found at: <https://lemonadeday.org/fort-hood-area/stands-map>. This site will be updated as more stands are registered.

Held since 2010, Lemonade Day is an annual event during which kids can build, brand, and create their own lemonade stand. They learn about budgeting, marketing, and product development, all while making some money.

The three facets of Lemonade's Day include earning money to save, money to spend, and money to give.

A full lineup of Lemonade Stands in the Copperas Cove area will be included in the Friday, May 5, publication of the Copperas Cove Leader-Press.



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Obituaries

BODE

Linda Thomas Bode
 SEPTEMBER 5, 1947 –
 APRIL 4, 2023

Linda Thomas Bode, age 75, of Copperas Cove, Texas passed away on Tuesday, April 4, 2023. Linda was born in Lampasas, Texas.

A celebration of life for Linda will be held Saturday, April 22, 2023 from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM at Crawford-Bowers Funeral Home, 211 W Avenue B, Copperas Cove, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Linda's memory may be made to Altrusa International of Copperas Cove, PO Box 1715, Copperas Cove, Texas.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.crawfordbowerscopperascove.com for the Bode family.

CHARMANT

Tyra Chevonne Charmant
 October 24, 1970 ~ April
 16, 2023

Tyra Chevonne Charmant, 52, of Copperas Cove, passed away on April 16, 2023.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 pm, on Thursday, April 27, 2023, at Viss Family Funeral Home, 1614 S FM 116, Copperas Cove, Texas 76522.

Condolences may be left at www.VissFamilyFuneralHome.com

PARRISH

Pearlie Mae (Johnson)
 Parrish
 December 5, 1925 ~
 April 14, 2023

Pearlie Mae Johnson Parrish, 97, of Copperas Cove, passed away on April 14, 2023.

Visitation for Pearlie will be held from 5:00 –

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Early voting opens next week for CTC trustee election

By LYNETTE SOWELL
 Cove Leader-Press

Although the City of Copperas Cove and CCISD does not hold elections in May like other governmental entities in other cities do, there will still be a ballot for some Copperas Cove voters to consider.

Copperas Cove voters will have the opportunity to cast ballots on May 6 for two positions on the Central Texas College board of trustees.



Camron Cochran



Don Armstrong



Rex Weaver



Earnest Wilkerson

Place 6, held by incumbent Don Armstrong, is a three-way race between Armstrong,

Camron Cochran,

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City moves forward with holiday banners

By LYNETTE SOWELL
 Cove Leader-Press

Copperas Cove is on its way to showing more of the holiday spirit in 2023, with a new program being started by the city.

Roxanne Flores, Executive Director of Keep Copperas Cove Beautiful, gave the council an update on a KCCB subcommittee's efforts to get in touch with businesses about purchasing banner sponsorships.

The banners will go along Business 190 at 38 locations between Constitution Drive and Georgetown Road.

So far, 21 businesses have committed to the program, said

Flores.

"There's potential that is still out there, and people are excited," Flores said.

Also, there are some that are interested in a yearly holiday banner program. She said she has been in touch with a company that would manage the program for the city, or the other option would be that the city could handle it internally.

Flores said that they will have a vendor table at Rabbit Fest next month to make the pitch to festivalgoers about the program. She also shared a timeline for the program, with an

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CCISD names Loy Studer as new Director of Bands

By LYNETTE SOWELL
 Cove Leader-Press

James "Loy" Studer will succeed Tony Chapa as CCISD's Director of Instrumental Music/Head Band Director, after he was approved by the CCISD board of trustees at its Tuesday evening meeting.

Studer hails from S.H. Rider High School in Wichita Falls, where he was the director of bands and orchestra since 2006.

The district received nine applications for the position. Studer

along with another finalist were interviewed in March.

Studer has more than 26 years of experience as a public school teacher in Texas, and has overseen 13 different performing groups at S.H. Rider. groups, including those that have won numerous UIL Sweepstakes awards in both band and orchestra, performed at the UIL State Wind Ensemble Festival, been finalists at the UIL State Marching Band Contest and the UIL Area Marching Band contest, finalist at the Bands of America Southwest Su-

per Regional and achieved Grand Champion status at the Orlando MusicFest, Alamo Showcase of Music, and the South Coast Music Festival.

Studer is a 1997 graduate of the University of North Texas College of Music and has taught at several other school districts, including Lewisville ISD, Hurst-Euless-Bedford ISD, Grapevine-Colleyville ISD, and Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD.

Another of the new hires at this month's meeting is Jennifer Creswell, the new principal of

Williams Ledger Elementary.

The board was presented with the plan for the district's summer programs, to include summer school and credit recovery, along with a number of camps for grades K-12.

The board also approved an agreement with McMurry University for its Dual Credit Academy, for online courses that are transferable and built at McMurry University. These 16-week courses are offered every Fall, Spring, and Summer semester. Courses are college credits and

are accepted at many institutions within the state and nation.

A purchase of more than \$25,000 was approved by the board, in the amount of \$265,550 for training for the district's secondary campus staff. The new curriculum, called "Capturing Kids' Hearts," is described as a way to "build meaningful, productive relationships with students, colleagues, and the community."

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Police Blotter

April 12
 Fleet accident: 600 block Park Avenue.

Fleet accident: 1700 block East Business Highway 190.

Sexual assault of a child: 300 block East Avenue E.

Sexual assault of a child: 300 block East Avenue E.

Arrested: Riley, Dayron Michael: Assist another agency (Coryell County Sheriff's Office) motion to adjudicate - indecent assault: 300 block East Avenue E.

Assault by contact, criminal mischief (inconvenience): 400 block South 25th Street.

Accident: 200 block Paula Street.

Welfare concern, found property: 300 block Lutheran Church Road.

Found property: 300 block East Avenue E.

Emergency medical detention: 400 block South 25th Street.

Found property: 300 block West Business Highway 190.

Aggravated assault with a deadly weapon: 600 block Kate Street.

72-hour parking: 1300 block Fairbanks Street.

Theft 750-2,500: 100 block Northern Dove Lane.

Assault with bodily injury-family violence: 2200 block Vernice Drive.

Indecency with a child: 300 block East Avenue E.

Found property:

1000 block Veterans Avenue.

Terroristic threat: 2200 block Mike Drive.

Arrested: Whatley, Dusty Duke: Assist another agency (Austin Pardon and Parole) administrative release violator, possession of marijuana u/2 ounces, possession of drug paraphernalia: 400 block South 7th Street.

Assault by contact-family violence: 1200 block Amthor Avenue.

April 13
 Continuous violence against the family, welfare concern: 800 block Little Street. (One juvenile detained and released to Bell County Juvenile Detention Facility)

Injury to elderly: 2700 block East Business Highway 190.

Burglary of a vehicle: 200 block Blanket Drive.

Arrested: Collins, Laura Christine: Arrest warrant, false statement to obtain credit: 300 block East Avenue E.

Unattended death: 1300 block Falcon Trail.

Possession of a controlled substance pg 3 <28 grams, possession of dangerous drug, possession of drug paraphernalia: 300 block Appaloosa Drive.

Arrested: Jones, X'zavian Jamaar: Manufacture/delivery of controlled substance pg 2 or 2-a >= 4 grams <400 grams x2, possession of a controlled substance pg

1 >= 1 gram <4 grams, possession marijuana >=4 oz. <5 pounds. 300 block Appaloosa Drive.

Assault with bodily injury: 1200 block Courtney Lane.

Found property: 100 block Bridle Drive.

Criminal mischief 2,500-30k: 1600 block Velma Avenue.

Possession of a controlled substance pg 2 >1 gram < 4 grams in a drug free zone: 400 block South 25th Street. (One juvenile detained and released to parent)

Injury to the elderly: 300 block Barber Drive.

Theft 100-750, fraudulent destruction/removal/concealment writing: 2700 block East Business Highway 190.

Theft U/100: 2700 block East Business Highway 190.

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Arrested: Agnew, John Wilfred: Copperas Cove Municipal Court Warrant Of Arrest X2, operate motor vehicle without license plates or registration insignia, operate motor vehicle without license plates or registration insignia: 900 block West Avenue D.

Theft 100-750: 400 block Veterans Avenue.

Arrested: Nolen, Jackie Wayne: Possession of drug parapher-

nal. Copperas Cove Municipal Court warrant of arrest, possession of drug paraphernalia: 700 block Hackberry Street.

Welfare concern: 400 block North 4th Street.

April 14
 Arrested: Martin, Lorna Jo: Driving while intoxicated: 1700 block East Business Highway 190.

Accident: 100 block West Business Highway 190.

Welfare concern: 100 block West Anderson Avenue.

Assault with bodily injury: 1200 block Courtney Lane.

Assault with bodily injury: 1200 block Courtney Lane.

Aggravated assault with a deadly weapon: 300 block East Avenue E. (Juvenile detained and released to parent)

Arrested: Coleman, Dion Tyrell: Theft U/100, Copperas Cove Municipal Court capias pro fine warrant of arrests X2, expired motor vehicle inspection, failed to yield right of way: 2700 block East Business Highway 190.

Indecent assault: 300 block East Avenue E.

Safe keeping: 2700 block East Business Highway 190.

Arrested: Hollins, Gerald Janod: Criminal Trespass: 2700 block East Business Highway 190.

Safe keeping: 2900 block Lindsey Drive.

Arrested: Clark,

Felicia: Terrorist threat of family or household, public intoxication: 2900 block Lindsey Drive.

Assault with bodily injury-family violence: 1800 block Terry Drive.

Arrested: Adams, Davon Alexander: Assist another agency (Coryell County Sheriff's Office) assault of a family member - impede breath/circulation: 300 block East Avenue E.

Arrest warrant criminal mischief 750-2,500: 300 block East Avenue E.

Accident: 2400 block Isabelle Drive.

Found property: 500 block East Business Highway 190.

April 15
 Arrested: Puente, Gonzalo Omar: Assist another agency (Bell County Sheriff's Office): 500 block Rodney Avenue.

Theft U/100: 2000 block West Avenue B.

Duty on striking fixture/highway landscape O/200: 200 block Northern Dove Lane.

Fleet accident: 400 block South Main Street.

Found property: 700 block South 13th Street.

Terroristic threat causes fear of imminent serious bodily injury: 300 block East Avenue E. (Juvenile detained and

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Cove holds 2nd annual youth vendor market

By PAMELA GRANT
Cove Leader-Press

Copperas Cove's youngest entrepreneurs displayed their creativity and skills at Saturday's O.S.C.A.R.'s Market, selling a variety of hand-crafted products.

The Copperas Cove Chamber of Commerce and the Copperas Cove Economic Development Corporation (EDC) teamed up to host the 2nd annual Oscar's Market which took place Saturday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Ogletree Gap Park.

The day featured 10 vendors—Sister's Color Creations, Bella's Beadz, Galactic Goodz, Inara's Wonderland, Sweet Spirited Scrunchies, Lemon Squeezos, Food Cart Art, Knick Knacks & Fun, Pillbug Arts, and 2E Apothecary—set up shop around Ogletree Gap.

The top three businesses received prizes. 3rd place winner Pillbug Arts received \$100. 2nd place winner, Ben Cunningham with Galactic Goods, received \$200 and a booth at Rabbit Fest. The 1st place winner, Bella's Beadz, received \$300 and a booth at Rabbit Fest, won by Bella's Beadz.

Each of the young entrepreneurs' businesses were judged on their brand, pitch, feasibility of the business, aesthetics, gross sales, and more.

Prior to O.S.C.A.R.'s Market, the EDC held several classes to help the entrepreneurs prepare including classes on branding, creating a business plan, marketing and more.



Courtesy Photo

Bella's Beadz is awarded a check for \$300, winning 1st place at last Saturday's O.S.C.A.R.'s Market. Bella's Beadz also won a booth space at next month's Rabbit Fest.

"Everything they've done is hand-crafted... These kids are excited to be here," said Diane Drussell, assistant EDC director.

Drussell was impressed by the skills of the young businessmen and women saying, "These kids have got it going on."

O.S.C.A.R.'s Market is named after chamber board member Michelle Rocha-O'Sullivan's father. It's also an acronym and stands for Operation Student and Community Advocate Readiness.

"We have so many kids that are inspired by their own parents who are business owners and they wanted to be part of the business as well," said Rocha-O'Sullivan.

Rocha-O'Sullivan said

that her father was a veteran and an entrepreneur. Her parents encouraged them to push themselves and do what made them happy and she wanted to give other children the same opportunities that she had.

Katrina Caywood (14), manned the Sweet Spirited Scrunchies booth selling a variety of cute and creative scrunchies with a variety of themes from popular characters, colors and color designs, animals, and more.

They also came in a variety of materials including silk, velvet, minky, and more.

Caywood said that she was inspired after she got her braces and wanted to help relieve the financial burden on her family by helping earn some extra income.

She said that she likes seeing her scrunchies making people happy too.

"It's pretty awesome to see someone wearing my scrunchies and smiling," said Caywood.

"I'm just proud that she was willing to help the family," said Caywood's mother, Kristal Caywood.

Many of the vendors had their families there to support them.

Four sisters, Kierstin (12), Jordyn (11), Ashlynn (9), and Janessa (7) Wheeler worked together to create Sister's Color Creations which offered a variety of creative products.

"We all have fun stuff," said Jordyn Wheeler. "We all got our hobbies together."

"I like tinkering around with colorful things," said Ashlynn Wheeler.

Their mother, Caitlin Wheeler said that her daughters really enjoy doing things together and worked well together to make their business a success.

She said she liked that they learned about the hard work that goes into it and



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Ben Cunningham went with a space theme for his booth, Galactic Goods, at Saturday's Oscar's Market.



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Duane Shaw sells lemonade at his booth, Lemon Squeezos at Saturday's Oscars Market.

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and Ernest Wilkerson.

Incumbent Rex Weaver is the sole candidate who filed to run for Place 7.

Armstrong has been on the board of trustees since first being elected in May 1993, and Weaver was first elected in May 2005.

The CTC board of trustees is made up of seven elected representatives from the school's district, which include the Killeen and Copperas Cove independent school districts.

Each trustee serves a six-year term.

There will not be other positions open on the board of trustees until the May 2025 election. Other trustees include

Jimmy Towers (2025), Bill W. Beebe (2027), Brenda Coley (2027), Charles Hollinger (2025) and James A. Pierce, Jr. (2025).

Early voting begins on Monday, April 24, at the Copperas Cove Early Voting Center, located at 508B Cove Terrace Shopping Center. Early voting days are April 24-28, and May 1-2, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Polls on Saturday, May 6, are open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Voting for the CTC board of trustees is open to voters who reside within the CCISD and KISD school districts.

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7:00 pm, on Friday, April 21, 2023, at Viss Family Funeral Home. A graveside service will be held at 1:00 pm, on Saturday, April 22, 2023, at Killeen Memorial Park, 3516 Lake Rd, Killeen, TX 76543. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 pm, on Saturday, May 6, 2023, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 908 Industrial Ave, Copperas Cove, Texas 76522.

Pearlie Mae Johnson was born on December 5, 1925, in Phenix City, Alabama to Jessie Johnson Sr. and Annie Mae Johnson. She attended school in Phenix City at St. Paul CME Church School during her early childhood. She was raised by her grandparents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Bill and Pearlie Walker. Pearlie did a variety of jobs including cleaning and working on a farm.

She married at an early age to Jackson Parrish who was in the military. After Jackson's retirement from the military in Texas, Jackson and Pearlie Mae decided to make Copperas Cove their home.

While living in Copperas Cove, Pearlie Mae loved working with flowers, helping people, and her God, Jehovah. She never met a stranger but used every possible opportunity to share a scriptural thought about her

God. Pearl became a regular pioneer in the 60s and remained one until her death.

She was a very skilled teacher of Bible Truths and had the delightful joy of helping many people to learn the truth. Pearlie would often use the words "sugar" and "honey" when referring to her Bible students. She set an excellent example of a devoted servant to Jehovah and always put God's Will first in her life. Pearlie was a compassionate, generous, and loving person who will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Pearlie was preceded in death by her husband, Jackson Parrish; brothers, Hudson Johnson, Jessie Johnson Jr, Archie Johnson, Hayard Johnson, and Levie Johnson; sisters, Carrie Abrams and Bessie Johnson; her parents, Jessie and Annie Mae Johnson; and half-brother, John Lee Johnson.

She leaves behind a brother, John T. Johnson Sr.; a half-sister, Betty Jean Nuns; and a host of nieces and nephews.

The family appreciates all of the love and support shown to Pearlie Mae.

Condolences may be left at www.VissFamilyFuneral-Home.com

CCISD hosts annual Autism Awareness Walk

By PAMELA GRANT
Cove Leader-Press

People with autism don't have a disability, they have a different ability.

To raise awareness about autism, CCISD hosted the 7th annual Autism Awareness Walk which took place at Hanke Stadium starting at 10 a.m. This year's theme was Color the World with Kindness. In addition to the walk, they also offered a variety of fun activities including several sensory activities.

All children who visited could complete a bingo card by visiting each booth and trying out their activities. Children who filled in their cards received a bag of prizes courtesy of Extraco Banks.

"April is recognized as autism awareness and acceptance month. Through the annual Autism Walk, Copperas Cove ISD and its community partners seek to foster that awareness and acceptance for all of our students and community members," said Angela Sharp, Special Education



CCLP/PAMELA GRANT

Attendees of the Autism Awareness Walk participate in several sensory activities.

Coordinator. "We're just out here recognizing the importance of acceptance and inclusion for all and celebrating that it is our differences that make our world a brighter and more colorful place."

Giovanni Echevarria (15) said that he thought the event was fun and interesting and his favorite part was playing the games.

"My son is an amazing human being," said Kelley Echevarria about her son,

Giovanni Echevarria (15). "I cannot imagine having any other child."

Echevarria said that her son finds it difficult sometimes to get his point across but that he's very smart. She said it's like his mind goes a thousand miles a minute and he needs to slow down.

"He doesn't have a disability, he has many abilities that just haven't been highlighted yet," said Echevarria. "His support

from his teachers this year has been overwhelming."

"All the kids that are out here, whether they are special needs or whether they are out here supporting those who do have special needs, are incredible," continued Echevarria.

Antonio Gonzalez's family showed up in a big way to show support with about two dozen of them

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working to improve the flow of her classroom, so her students have structure and feel safe, heard, and supported.

"My biggest rewards have been building bonds with my students. Having a good rapport with my students helps the teaching and learning process," Stancil said.

"We all have an understanding and do our best to ensure that we reach our goals in and outside of my classroom."

With the school year quickly approaching at the end of May, Stancil says she is confident in her abilities, thanks to CCISD's R.I.S.E. program, to ensure her stu-

dents succeed.

"This year has gone by so quickly and I've learned so much that it feels surreal at times," Stancil said. "But that feeling is what motivates me to continue moving forward, to become certified (as a teacher) so that my career can continue to flourish."

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Confessions of a Rock Star Wanna-be

Have you ever had one of those awful moments when you realized the whole world was laughing at you, but not with you? You know what I'm talking about – the toilet paper on the shoe moment. The broccoli stuck in the teeth moment. I had one of those moments a few years ago, and the memory still haunts me.

About a decade ago, I had the honor of performing a couple of numbers in the Dream Legends production at Vives Les Arts Theater in Killeen. First, I was a member of the gospel group, Point of Grace. Then I donned a long blonde Hannah Montana wig and impersonated Mama Michelle in the Mamas and the Papas. I looked like a middle-aged Barbie. I shared the stage with such legendary greats as Captain and Tennille, the Spice Girls, Kenny Rogers and Dolly

Parton, and many others.

I love performing. On stage, I can pretend to be the person I wish I were in real life. On stage, I get to be one of the cool kids. In real life, I fit into the slightly-nerdy-awkward, kinda-clueless category.

So as a member of the Legends cast, I felt like a rock star. As far as the audience knew, I was one of the in crowd. Nobody really knew that beneath the confident exterior hid



Renae Brumbaugh Green
Coffee Talk

a true-blue geek.

In the last number of the evening, the entire cast performed a Beatles song. We all wore those little dark, round John Lennon sunglasses – the kind you order from Oriental Trade Company. Mine had purple lenses. We entered the stage, swayin' and singing. We ventured into the audience, groovin' and clapping. We returned to the stage for final bows. During the entire song, I noticed people looking at me. Nudging and pointing. I waved. They

waved. I sang. They smiled and nodded. In that moment, I spread the joy. I repeat – I was a rock star!

The song ended, and we all filed into the lobby to shake hands and meet the audience. I stowed the glasses in my pocket and acted gracious and humble, because that's what rock stars do at this point in the concert. People politely shook my hand, nodded, and moved on to the next person. Finally, a woman paused and said, "You were so funny up there, with your one-eyed glasses!"

One-eyed glasses? I pulled the shades from my pocket. Sure enough, there was one lens. I promise there were two when I put them on.

The realization flooded in. Dream

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My, but that's some green grass

Lynette Sowell | My Front Porch

Now that spring has officially sprung in Texas, it will be nice and green for a few more weeks. Well, we can hope, anyway! Everyone's getting their lawns and gardens in order and sometimes I feel a little envious of all that green, as I drive past homes.

You know the ones I mean. The lawns are carefully sculpted with a surface that makes it look like somebody hand-planted every needle of grass in perfect arrangement.

The flower beds wave at you when you drive by, almost as if to say, "Aren't we pretty? Don't you wish your flowers were as pretty as us?"

The rock arrangements—or little statue thingies—are expertly put in place, just like you'd see on HGTV.

If the person has a gurgling fountain or birdbath in their yard? Well, that's the last straw.

My, but that's some green grass. And it's sometimes not too hard to find a yard that's prettier than your own.

I started out many years ago with good intentions. I can still see it in my mind's eye—a curved bed of river rock close to the house, going from the steps, around the front of the house, and ending at the opposite corner. The four types of

roses, blooming in their cycle. Cactus, providing a nice drought-friendly alternative. Large chunks of limestone lining the curved bed to let the grass know exactly where it can go no farther.

And it looked like that, for about a year and a half. Nobody warned me about that fierce grass. It ignored the weed barrier we laid down before pouring over 20 bags of rocks to make the curved bed.

The grass must have laughed at those large limestone chunks, because it hopped the rocks. I kid you not. And tunneled under.

The next year or so was spent battling the grass, that green grass, as it acted like some kind of evil vine, ignoring the barrier I'd set up for it.

Then life happened, the grass took over, and now we've got bits of lawn growing into the bed.

But what I really need to do is get out there and pull up that grass, a tuft at a time, to keep it out of our rock bed once and for all. That's a lot of work. And then, maybe I can find those rocks.

At least the roses are all still alive. And I've got some really healthy green grass. Don't be jealous. I can share.

Really.

Entertainment 101: Captain Midnight vs. HBO

As I type this, I was reminded of an infamous act of digital vigilantism. At the moment, the act was as random as it was petty and stupid. But the consequences of this act would reach far beyond the 90 seconds of outrage.

Once upon a time, satellite broadcasting signals weren't scrambled. In the 1970s, people began discovering that if they purchased or built their own satellite dishes they could pick up various channels for free beyond the initial purchase / construction and set-up costs. Many hotels and other businesses actually made a point to do this as a service to customers. Sounds like a sweet deal, right?

Not according to the owners and operators of America's various pay television channels. As the 1970s turned into the 1980s, network after network began to scramble their satellite signals. If a person wanted to continue watching these channels, they'd have to purchase subscriptions or get dedicated equipment to de-scramble the sig-

nals, if not both. The list of channels would grow to include HBO, which was a tipping point. Satellite dish owners and retailers were already irate over this to the point of protests, including a protest aimed directly at Congress, and companies that sold satellite dishes found themselves on hard times or even outright forced to close.

Among the affected retailers was John R. MacDougall, whose Ocala, Florida – based satellite businesses was hit so hard by HBO scrambling its signal that he was forced to take a second job at the Central Florida Teleport satellite uplink facility. He was mad, he wanted revenge, and he had a plan.

MacDougall had discovered that when he put the facility's transmission dish into its "storage" position, it would be aiming right at the satellite that carried HBO. He'd already successfully superimposed a color test pattern over HBO's broadcast, and so knew that the transmission dish had the power to hijack HBO's signal. At 12:32 AM local time, MacDougall blasted his protest message, which was imposed over the same type of color test bar: "Good Evening HBO From Captain Midnight. \$12.95 / Month ? No Way! Showtime / Movie Channel Beware!". There was a 90 second battle for control between MacDougall and a technician working with the satellite as they both increased signal strength to a worrying level for the equipment involved, at which point MacDougall relented.

For obvious reasons, HBO got the Federal Communications Commission (FCC)

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Darren Blair
Shop the Insanity

Super Mario Brothers (2023)

a movie review by Darren Blair

I want to say something about this movie opening in the wake of the most recent "Dungeons & Dragons" movie. Specifically, I want to say something about this movie presiding *over* the wake for the most recent "Dungeons & Dragons" movie, if not the franchise itself due to something that happened in between the two releases. Seriously Wizards of the Coast, our expectations for you were low at this point, and you still found a way to shock and disappoint. But I digress...

In this incarnation of the franchise, intrepid brothers Mario (Chris Pratt) and Luigi (Charlie Day) have just started their own plumbing business in their native Brooklyn after leaving a toxic boss. But they failed to line up customers of their own before going, and so they're having trouble finding work. When a water main fails downtown and begins flooding the city, Mario sees it as their chance to impress everyone and perhaps get some city contracts in the process.

In the process of fixing every-

thing, the brothers inadvertently crash through a brick wall under the city and find a sealed off section of the town's water system. Multiple signs warn that the area ahead is dangerous, but curiosity drives them further until Luigi gets sucked into a mysterious pipe. It turns out that these mysterious pipes are actually warp tunnels connecting Earth and at least one fantasy realm, and the two brothers are soon spat out into different parts of the latter.

...Specifically, two different nations. Luigi finds himself in the realm of Bowser (Jack Black), king of the Koopa nation and an absolute tyrant. Mario, however, finds himself in the Mushroom Kingdom, whose inhabitants are all mushroom creatures... except for Princess Peach (Anya Taylor-Joy), their reigning monarch and a human(oid) who may or may not



have also come from Earth as an infant.

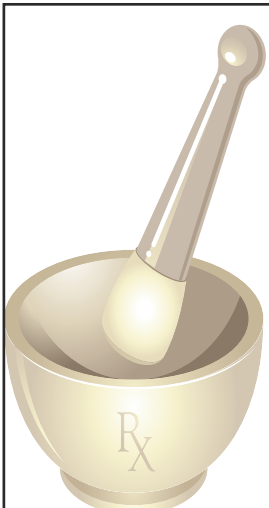
The Mushroom Kingdom is naturally blessed with resources, and its people know no conflict; the only soldiers are the small cadre of palace guards. In contrast, the desolate Koopa Kingdom yields nothing but soldiers for Bowser's army, and he's hardened them all through repeated conquest and looting of other nations. Peach knows that her small force cannot stop such an onslaught, and that she needs all the help she can get; her plan is to convince the neighboring Kong nation, led by king Cranky Kong (Fred Armisen) and his warrior son Donkey Kong (Seth Rogen), to lend their army. Mario, however, knows that any good plumber should be willing to get his hands dirty, and since finding Luigi means he's got to go through the entire Koopa Korps anyway...

Unlike certain other movies I

shan't name, it's very obvious that many of the people who worked on this movie – including Chris Pratt – did so out of love for the franchise. This could have been just another cheap cash grab, but instead we have a film that has heart. The characters are life-like in their behaviors and emotions. Entire scenes were constructed to have the feel of existing Nintendo games. The plot and jokes were kid-friendly without being too dull for adults. We have Illumination's usual fluid animation. And anyone who is up on their Nintendo lore will spot reference after reference gently inserted throughout the movie.

The film is best if you've been a fan long enough to pick up what they're laying down, but even if you aren't it's still a fun way to spend an afternoon with the kids.

Total: 9 / 10
Rating: PG
Run Time: 92 minutes



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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 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, thereby 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 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 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 entered into a drawing for a fitness track-

er. 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.

Earth Day Celebration

The Copperas Cove Girl Scouts are hosting a free Earth Day event on Saturday, April 22, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Copperas Cove Public Library, located at 501 S. Main St. This is for their Bronze Award Project. Join them and learn about local plants, play games, make an earth seed ball, and more. The event is open to families and is an opportunity to come and find out what Girl Scouts is all about.

Reagan Dinner

The Coryell County Republican Party is hosting its annual Reagan Dinner on Saturday, April 22, starting at 6:30 p.m., at VFW Post 8577, 1506 Veterans Ave. in Copperas Cove.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$35 per person, \$50 per couple, and tickets for kids under 18 are \$15. A co-host table for 6 is \$500.

For more formation contact ambertipit.ccrp@gmail.com. Guest speakers are Congressman John Carter and Texas State Senator Pete Flores.

EDC seeks vendors for quarterly popup market

By LYNETTE SOWELL
Cove Leader-Press

The Copperas Cove Economic Development Corporation is hosting its first quarterly popup market for local small businesses, vendors, young entrepreneurs, organizations, artists, food trucks, and farmers.

The first popup market will be on

Saturday, May 13, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at The Narrows Business & Technology Park, located at 1901 Charles Tillman Way.

Vendor setup will begin at 8:30 a.m. and setup must be completed by 9:45 a.m.

There is no fee to participate, but those who register and fail to show without giving 72 hours' notice of can-

cellation, will forfeit the opportunity to have a space in future popup markets.

The EDC is providing the vendor space. However, there will not be electricity available.

Vendors must bring their own tables, chairs, canopies, supplies, cash/change, etc.

Along with the vendor registration form, there is a facility use agree-

ment at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/shopcove-quarterly-popup-market-may-13th-2023-vendor-sign-up-tickets-600891200757.

Registration deadline for the May 13 popup market is 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 6.

For any questions, please call Diane Drussell at 254-547-7874.



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Knights top Dawgs 8-1 on diamond

By BEN PETET
Cove Leader-Press

Friday night the Harker Heights Knights baseball team came to Copperas Cove and left with a victory for the Knights, 8-1 over the Dawgs.

With the win, the Knights improved to 5-3 in district play and the third place standing. The top four teams in the district advance to the state playoffs.

The 12-6A district standings are Midway 9-1, Hutto 6-2, Harker Heights 5-3, Bryan 4-4, Temple 3-6, Copperas Cove 2-7, and Weiss 1-7.

The Dawgs' starting pitcher, Trent Sanders, and the Knights starting pitcher, Jett Millsap, both started the game strong keeping the other team off the scoreboard for the first two innings.

In the home half of the third inning Victor Viale worked a one-out walk, stole second base, moved to third base on a wild pitch and scored on a RBI single by Justice Fortson.

Sanders was able to record two more outs without allowing the Knights to plate any more base runners, keeping the score 1-0 for the Knights after the top of the third inning.

Gannon White started the home half of the third inning with an infield single and Blaine Butler's two-out walk moved White into scoring position, but Millsap was able to get the third out and keep the score 1-0 for the Knights after three innings.

The Knights sent 11 batters to plate and scored five runs in the top half of the fourth inning to increase their lead to 6-0. Millsap started off the home half of the fourth

inning with two quick outs, but then issued back-to-back walks to Sanders and Micah Casson before catching Sanders leading off too far and picking him off second base to end the inning.

Butler came in to pitch and held the Knights scoreless in the top of the fifth inning. Dominick Vasquez had a one-out single followed up with singles by Daniel Izquierdo, Butler, and Matai Anzaldna to plate Vasquez with the Dawgs only run of the evening.

Mike Saiz came in to relieve Millsap with two outs in the fifth and got pinch hitter Blake Smith to strike out, ending the Dawg threat.

The Knights added two insurance runs in the sixth inning to make the final score a 8-1 win for Harker Heights.

The Dawgs traveled to Harker Heights Tuesday for the second game with a scheduled first pitch at 7 p.m.

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campus culture, and student connectedness."

Recognitions at Tuesday's meeting included a presentation of United Way Cornerstone Award to CCISD; Copperas Cove High School Band members, honored for UIL Texas State Solo & Ensemble Qualification; Copperas Cove High School Color Guard, for placing as top-5 finalist in UIL Texas Color Guard Circuit Competition; and Copperas Cove High School HOSA members honored for qualifying for state contest and advancing to world competition.



James "Loy" Studer was announced as CCISD's new director of bands after the retirement of Tony Chapa. Studer visits with CCISD educators and staff after Tuesday evening's school board meeting.

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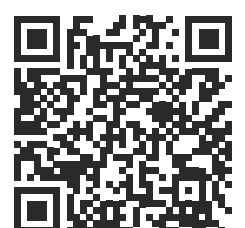
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Altrusa - From Page 1

also hold blood drives, play games with nursing home residents, read to school children, give scholarships, and more.

Angea Carroll is also a charter member for Altrusa International of Copperas Cove.

"I believe in Altrusa," said Carroll. "I can see that they've made such a difference in our community."

Not only do Altrusans help the community, they support each other and enjoy each other's company.

"This is my family," said Debbie Llacuna, president. "There's not a single person here that I couldn't rely on."

Altrusa of Copperas Cove meets at noon on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at Giovanni's Italian Restaurant. For more information about Altrusa, call Debbie Llacuna at (254) 290-6277



Altrusa International of Copperas Cove members celebrate the club's 32nd birthday on Saturday.

CCLP/PAMELA GRANT

Coffee - From Page 4

Legend my foot, this was more like a comic nightmare. All the air escaped from my over-inflated rock star ego as I faced the truth. I was not one of the cool kids, even on stage. My true nerdy-geeky-toilet-paper-on-shoe identity was too overpowering to hide. Everyone knew the truth.

My former friend, who shall remain nameless, burst into laughter. "I thought you knew," she said. "I thought you

were just being goofy! That would be so like you." (I planned to hold this grudge against her for eternity, or at least two days, at which time I would consider gracing her with my forgiveness.) She laughed so hard she had to leave the line and sit down.

Then, I couldn't help myself. I was embarrassed. I was indignant. And she was right. This was one of the funniest nerdy things I'd ever done - thinking

I was all that, when in reality I was a Cyclops. Before I knew it, I had joined her in a fit of junior high giggles. People around us were starting to wonder if our water bottles were spiked.

So now you know the truth about me. I'm not cool. I'm a geek. A nerd. A rock star wanna-be.

But if you could just, for a moment, see past the weird one-eyed sunglasses, beyond the nerdiness, I assure you,

you'll find the soul of a... well, to be honest, I'm pretty much a what-you-see-is-what-you-get kind of gal. So I guess you'd find the soul of a loveable, slightly nerdy rock star wanna-be.

But seriously, guys. If you see me walking around with one lens in my sunglasses, take pity and tell me.

1 Samuel 16:7 "Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

Blotter - From Page 2

released to parent) Accident: 1200 block Hughes Avenue.

Theft 2,500-30k: 200 block Judy Lane.

Possession of drug paraphernalia: 400 block

Casa Drive. Noise ordinance violation: 700 block Creek Street.

Found property: 200 block Bridle Drive.

Possession of mari-

juana U/2 oz: 1400 block South 23rd Street.

Possession of a controlled substance pg 1 or 1-b >4 grams <200 grams, possession of a controlled substance pg

2 > 4 grams < 400 grams, welfare concern: 700 block South 3rd Street.

Assault of pregnant person, assault by contact-family member: 10 block Oak Ridge Drive

way 190 and F.M. 2657. Criminal mischief 750-2,500: 2100 block East Business Highway 190.

Assault with bodily injury, criminal mischief 100-750: 1200 block East Business Highway 190.

Hall, Steven William: Assist another agency (Austin Pardon and Parole) Administrative release violator: 300 block Halter Drive.

Burglary of a building: 2300 block Terrace Drive.

Theft 100-750: 2700 block East Business Highway 190.

Fraudulent use/possession of identifying information: 200 block Robertson Avenue.

Accident: 2400 block Big Divide Road.

Burglary of coin operated machine: 300 block Sunset Lane.

Arrested: Johnson, Tres Evans: Assist another agency (Coryell County Sheriff's Office) failure

to appear - possession of marijuana under 2 ounces: 300 block Sunset Lane.

Fraudulent use/possession of identifying information: 1700 block Clovis Drive.

Forgery of government document/money/securities: 2900 block East Business Highway 190.

Fraudulent use/possession of identifying information: 700 block Houston Street.

Graffiti U/100: 600 block Kate Street.

Safekeeping: 2700 block East Business Highway 190.

Arrested: Blanks, Larry Antuan Jr: Theft of property 750-2,500, possession of marijuana U/2 ounces, assist another agency (Temple Police Department) arrest warrant - theft of property 100-750; assist another Agency (Belton Police Department) arrest warrant - theft of property 100-750: 2700 block East Business Highway 190.

Indecency with a child: 300 block East Avenue E.

Harassment: 400 block Sunset Lane.

Aggravated sexual assault: 300 block East Avenue E.

Fraudulent use/possession of identifying information: 1700 block Clovis Drive.

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Criminal trespass: 1200 block Matthew Spicer Road.

Possession of drug paraphernalia, accident: 2100 block Henry Street.

Criminal trespass: 900 block Holly Street. Accident: 2700 block Ogletree Pass.

Burglary of a vehicle: 2500 block Live Oak Drive.

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Minor in possession-tobacco, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana U/2 ounces: 1800 block Ogletree Pass.

Arrested: Williams, Marquet Lavelle: Copperas Cove Municipal Court warrant of arrest - graffiti U/100: 1800 block Ogletree Pass.

Accident involving damage to vehicle O/200: Intersection U.S. High-

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Notice for Publication

CITY OF COPPERAS COVE, CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY (CCN) NO. 10449, NOTICE OF INTENT TO TRANSFER WATER SERVICE AREA UNDER CCN NO. 10456 FROM KEMPNER WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION IN CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS

City of Copperas Cove
914 South Main Street_____
(Purchaser's Name) (Address)

Copperas Cove, TX 76522_____
(City), (State) (Zip Code)

has submitted an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to transfer a portion of water certificated service area under CCN No. 10456 in Coryell County, TX from:

Kempner Water Supply Corporation
11896 East Highway 190_____
(Seller's Name) (Address)

Kempner, TX 76539_____
(City), (State) (Zip Code)

The sale is scheduled to take place if approved by the Commission (Texas Water Code § 13.301). The transaction and the transfer of the CCN includes the following subdivision: The Village at Skyline Mountain.

The requested area includes 0 customer connections, is located approximately 1.9 mile(s) northwest of downtown Copperas Cove, Texas, and is generally bounded on the north by Fushia Road; on the east by Skyline Drive; on the south by Logsdon Street; and on the west by Grimes Crossing Road.

The requested area includes approximately 50.1 acres of transferred area from Kempner WSC (CCN No. 10456) to City of Copperas Cove (CCN No. 10449).

The application proposes the subtraction of approximately 50.1 acres from CCN No. 10456 and the addition of approximately 50.1 acres to CCN No. 10449.

A copy of the maps showing the requested area are available at: City of Copperas Cove - City Manager's Office (914 South Main Street, Suite D, Copperas Cove, TX 76522).

This transaction will not have an effect on the current customer's rates and services.

Persons who wish to intervene in the proceeding or comment upon action sought should contact the Public Utility Commission, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or call the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the commission at (512) 936-7136. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is (30 days from the mailing or publication of notice, whichever occurs later, unless otherwise provided by the presiding officer). You must send a letter requesting intervention to the commission which is received by that date. The letter must include the person's name, address, email address and fax number if applicable. If a valid public hearing is requested, the Commission will forward the application to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) for a hearing. If no settlement is reached and an evidentiary hearing is held, SOAH will submit a recommendation to the Commission for a final decision. An evidentiary hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court.

Si desea información en español, puede llamar al 1-888-782-8477.



REQUEST FOR COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSALS FOR COPPERAS COVE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT CTE GREENHOUSE PROJECT 2023

Sealed proposals will be received by Dr. Joe Burns, Superintendent, Copperas Cove Independent School District (the "District"), 408 S. Main Street, Copperas Cove, Texas 76522, and shall be received until 2:00 p.m. (CST), Thursday, May 4, 2023 at the above address, to provide a 30 feet by 50 feet greenhouse and construction services to erect the greenhouse for the Career Technology Education Greenhouse Project 2023 ("Project").

The District has selected the Competitive Sealed Proposals method of procurement of construction services, pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 2269, Subchapter D.

The construction budget for this Project is estimated to be \$145,000.00. The anticipated construction schedule follows:

- Start Anticipated: June 1, 2023
- Access to Campus Sites: June 1, 2023
- Substantial Completion: August 4, 2023

Interested parties may obtain the Request for Competitive Sealed Proposals packet with details concerning the Project by emailing Dr. Joe Burns, Superintendent, at burnsj@ccisd.com, or packets can be picked up in person at the CCISD Service and Training Center located at 408 S. Main St., Copperas Cove, Texas 76522 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. Monday through Friday.

All parties acknowledge the right of the District to reject any or all of the Proposals and to waive any informality or irregularity in any Proposal received. By submitting a Proposal, each offeror agrees to waive any claim it has or may have against the District and their respective employees arising out of or in connection with the administration, evaluation or recommendation of any Proposal; waiver of any requirements under the Proposal Documents; acceptance or rejection of any Proposal; and award of a Contract.

In determining to whom to award the contract, Copperas Cove Independent School District will consider the following criteria in each category:

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| 1. The purchase price | 60% |
| 2. The offeror's relevant experience | 20% |
| 3. The offeror's organization, finances, safety record and claims/litigation | 10% |
| 4. The offeror's experience with meeting timelines and budgets for projects | 10% |
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LEGAL NOTICE

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Wine and Malt Beverage Retailer's Permit (BG) by Alicia Jenny Rodriguez DBA San Miguel Arcangel LLC, to be located at 831 East Highway 190, Copperas Cove, Coryell County, Texas. Owner is Alicia Jenny Rodriguez.



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Council - From Page 1

bringing back more documentation submitted by Cove House.

Likewise, he reminded the council of the matter of funding the construction of a new senior center, as one of the city's capital improvement projects.

Prior to giving the floor to Brian Hawkins, Executive Director of Cove House Emergency Shelter, Haverlah said that using ARPA funds toward the construction of a new senior center was an eligible use of those funds, and that the city is seeking a variety of different funds in order to complete the Senior Center Project.

In the audience were seated some of the Cove House staff, board members, businessmen, business women, and church representatives who have supported the shelter financially over the years and also individuals who have volunteered.

Hawkins reiterated to the council of the need for expansion in the community.

"In 2022, due to limited space, we turned away 39 men, 28 women, and 110 families, and 13 of those individuals were veterans," Hawkins said.

"So far in 2023, we've had to turn away services to 28 different families, 10 men, and 17 women. Two of those were veterans," adding that he had been called last week by Joann Courtland trying to help a veteran with housing, and unfortunately space was just not available.

He said the four houses on site are a men's house, women's house, and two family houses, and they are all very old houses, not energy efficient, and require a great deal of repair.

He said that they met with a builder to construct a six-plex where there are currently two houses.

Cove House has been in existence since 1995, and while originally a two-week program, was transitioned to a longer term program called Firm Foundation.

"We realized pretty quickly that you can't really do much in two weeks," Hawkins said. "Firm Foundation program is a milestone achievement based program where people are given the opportunity, but they are required to work with that opportunity for that opportunity to move forward. When they do that, we make the commitment to partner with him until they can move into permanent housing."

Hawkins also talked about current housing prices and housing availability.

"Last summer, a lot of people that have been landlords in this town, some of them for two or three decades, decided to sell their properties for a lot of profit, just because it was good financial sense for them to do this."

"What happened was our rental inventory shrunk by almost 50 to 85 percent. The two-bedroom, one bath houses similar to the ones we have on site at the shelter, two years ago \$600 would have been a dream unit, now it's \$950 and there's a waiting list to get in."

Hawkins said that another problem are the requirements to rent. With most agencies in this town, they require most individuals to make three times whatever the rent is going to be. So if we have an individual that's out there working 40 hours

a week making \$15 an hour, their gross income is \$2,400 a month. So the most expensive house they can qualify for is an \$800 a month rental. And that's just not much, especially if you're talking about a husband and wife or single parents with children."

Hawkins acknowledged that the \$600,000 was a lot of money to ask for and that is was not a small thing for the council to approve.

Hawkins mentioned that Cove House has another benefactor, Joe Fugitt, who agreed to a contingency for anything in the project that

costs more than \$600,000.

Hawkins told the council that the shelter has applied to another agency for grant funding. Down the road, he is also looking to demolish the other two houses on the property and rebuild them, or possibly build a duplex as one structure would be more efficient than two separate structures.

The council and Haverlah also discussed that funding for the Senior Center could also come from part of the annual Certificate of Obligation bonds issued for the city.

The council also discussed and voted to approve an agreement with Kimley-Horn, for its engineering design services, for the future SH-9 turnaround project. Once completed, this project will connect SH-9 with Constitution Drive.

The council approved the city applying for a Community Development Block Grant, from the Texas Department of Agriculture. These grant awards can be as much as \$500,000, with a match of as little as 2 percent to as much as 20 percent.

This grant, if funded, would go toward the construction of a new senior center. The estimated construction cost of the center is \$1.2 million, of which the city has \$588,000 from real estate sale, the (possible) \$500,000 CDBG if the city receives that award, and would need to find \$112,000 from other sources.

The council also reappointed Janice Glosson and Charles Moore to the library advisory board, with Mark Sorenson being a new appointment.

Insanity - From Page 4

involved. The Department of Justice and FBI soon followed. After an investigation narrowed down the list of facilities capable of the hijacking, MacDougall found himself on the list of suspects; a tip would eventually implicate him. He accepted a plea deal, and received a metaphorical slap on the wrist.

But Congress was horrified, and various experts noted that other satellites were vulnerable as well. Although quite a few individuals saw MacDougall as a hero (the comic strip "Bloom County" even did a story arc based on his actions), the government and key industry figures alike were quick to drop the

hammer. New laws made satellite hijacking a felony offense, and all radio and television transmitters had to have identifiers in place for tracking purposes. It also brought awareness to the prospect of signal intrusions, with subsequent intrusions largely only happening at the local level.

As of 2011 MacDougall was still in Ocala, but now offering his services as a consultant.

That being said, there is one unanswered question: would these reforms have happened without him? Did he inadvertently prevent a more serious incident later? That's one for history to answer.

Walk - From Page 3

attending the walk. Antonio Gonzalez (12) is a 7th grader at S.C.Lee Junior High School.

Awilda Gonzalez and Guillermo Gonzalez, Antonio's parents, were very grateful to the school for hosting the event and for the community for showing up to support the cause.

Awilda Gonzalez said that her son was diagnosed with autism when he was 2 or 3-years-old.

"We love the fact that [they] honor this day for them," said Awilda Gonzalez. "It means a lot...It makes Antonio very happy. Antonio is one that does not like to get up in the morn-

ing, but this morning was a whole different story. He was looking forward to it and he was very excited."

Awilda Gonzalez, translating for her husband, said that it helps create an awareness of what autism is because there are some people who don't know what autism is. Also, there is a whole spec-

trum of autism and each individual presents in a different way.

"They have many abilities, they really do...They're so strong. Our son is our hero," said Awilda Gonzalez. "Every day he overcomes... We love the fact that this creates an awareness that helps them out."

Banners - From Page 2

advertising pitch in the month of May, with letters to go out at the end of June for commitments and payments due

by the end of July for participants.

For \$700, a business, or even a family, can sponsor a

smaller banner that will be beneath a holiday banner of 7.5 by 2.5 feet.

The \$700 cost will cov-

er the initial purchase of the two banners (\$150 apiece), plus a bracket (\$150 each), along with covering city staff time to use bucket trucks and have traffic officers on hand while the banners are being installed and taken down (\$296.70 total for staff time, per banner). There are discounts for multiple banner purchases.

If all 38 spots are sponsored, that would bring in a minimum of \$17,442, according to the agenda item calculations from a January council meeting.

The holiday banners would be installed by November 17 and come down in January 2024. Businesses would be highlighted for their banner purchases.

Additionally, city manager Ryan Haverlah also reminded the council that purchasing lights to decorate city facilities - 15 locations in total - would cost about \$37,500, but that expenditure was not included as a priority in this upcoming year's budget planning process. The funds would purchase lights to trim the city buildings and also wreaths. City Hall and the Civic Center would have lights, wreath, and garland.

The council came to a consensus to add lights and decorations on the priority list for the upcoming fiscal year's budget planning process.



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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:)

508B Cove Terrace Shopping Center Copperas Cove, TX 76522	Between the hours of: April 24-28, 2023 8:00a.m.-5:00p.m. May 1-2, 2023 8:00a.m.-5:00p.m.
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Application for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 25, 2023.
(La solicitud de boletas por correo debe recibirse antes del cierre de operaciones el 25 de abril de 2023.)

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(Emitido el día 28 de marzo de 2023)

Charles Rex Weaver, Chair, Board of Trustees

CTC students ice cake competition six years in a row

Special to the Leader-Press

For the sixth consecutive year, Central Texas College (CTC) culinary students competed in the "That Takes the Cake" Sugar Art Show and Cake Decorating competition and won Best of Show honors in the Student category.

CTC culinary arts students in the school's Wedding Cake class won first place in each student category entered. Former students also won six medals in the Adult Beginner category, including Best of Show.

Hosted by Capital Confectioners, the annual multi-faceted competition is held in Round Rock and is one of the largest cake shows in the United States.

Among the honors won by CTC was the Best of Division - Culinary Student award won by Gabriela Alvarez.

While this marked the sixth consecutive year CTC has won the award, the third CTC Best of Show - Student winner was Alvarez's mother, Katherine Alvarez.

The winning cake also earned first place in the Wedding Tiered category. The fondant cake was a four-tiered round and hexagon wedding cake that featured gum paste marigolds and skull cutouts piped in royal icing. The cake tiers were hand-piped with royal icing dots in different colors forming a freehand embroidery. The skeletal bride and groom atop the cake were hand-sculpted from gum paste.

The Student category winners were ShaRonda Artry, first place - Sculpted category with a silver overall score. The vanilla cake, covered in modeling chocolate with isomalt, gum paste and fondant, was themed "ONH Doesn't Define Me" and featured a sculpture of her two-year-old son, Mason.

Donna Johnson, Nov-

elty Single category - first place, received a silver overall score for her heart-themed fondant cake. The double barrel cake was covered in fondant, gum paste roses and textured fondant heart cutouts then topped with a chocolate heart and a pair of swans covered with edible gold sheets.

Kenna Belanger, first place - Single category, received a platinum overall score for her vanilla cake with vanilla-colored buttercream completely decorated in buttercream with hand-piped decorations.

Kassandra Shackelford, first place - Special Techniques category, received a platinum overall score for a hand-sculpted chocolate cake.

Jenn Siologa, first place - Small Bites category, received a silver overall score for her small-bite coconut cakes covered and decorated with fondant inspired by the last Queen Lili'uokalani of Hawaii.

Recent CTC culinary graduates competed in the Adult Beginner division. Crystal Kniffen earned Best of Show honors for her four-tier cake covered in fondant and made with iso-

malt bases, frames and sugar skulls. The skulls were hand-piped with royal icing. The fruits, avocados, pumpkins and Pan de Muerto were made from marzipan and airbrush painted. Other elements of the cake were tempered chocolate and isomalt flames, rice crispy treats and chocolate. She also won first place in the Novelty Tier category with a platinum overall score.

Last year's Best of Show - Student winner, Rosa Carr, won first place in the Wedding Tiered category and a gold overall score. The six-tier cake was covered in fondant and hand-piped lace with royal icing.

Lan Griffin won first place in the Special Techniques category and a gold overall score. She also won second place in the Wedding Tiered category and a gold overall score.

Kimberly Waring won first place in the Small Bites category and a silver overall score with her milk chocolate cookies with caramel and pretzels and mango and strawberry curd-filled chocolate balls. She also won third place in the Wedding Tiered category.

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