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Commissioners approve local state of disaster

Lee requests aid from Governor Abbott

By DI DUNCAN editor@tribnow.com

On Thursday, Titus County Judge Brian Lee called an emergency meeting of the commissioners court to approve a disaster declaration in light of the recent storms. Lee also drafted a letter to Texas Governor Greg Abbott to plead a case for Titus County to be included in the list of counties receiving disaster assistance, which he read to commissioners at the meeting.

The disaster declaration reads as follows:

"DECLARATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER

WHEREAS, the County of Titus, beginning February 11, 2021, has suffered widespread or severe

damage, injury, or threat of loss of life or property resulting from:

Extreme winter weather including heavy snow, prolonged freezing temperatures, utility

Outages, deterioration of roads, excessive flooding; and

WHEREAS, the County Judge of Titus County has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate the hardship of people and to protect, including but not limited to the rehabilita

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Local man arrested on charges of terroristic threat against peace officer, judge

FROM STAFF REPORTS

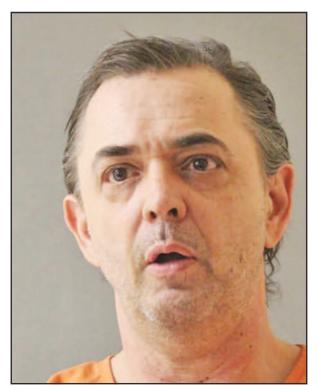
On Wednesday, the Titus County Sheriff's Office issued the following statement on the arrest of Titus County resident Robert Garrison:

"Wednesday February 24th, 2021, Titus County Sheriff's Deputies executed a search and arrest warrant on the 1300 block of CR 2720 located in the southwest portion of Titus County. The warrant was for the arrest of 53 year old Titus County Resident Robert Stephen Garrison. The arrest warrant issued by a magistrate authorized a search of Garrison's property in addition to his arrest.

"On or about February 23rd, 2021, Garrison allegedly phoned a local newspaper and made threats to kill multiple Titus County elected officials. Garrison has been known to make similar past threats over the internet.

"In light of past and currently known officer safety concerns, Titus County Sheriff's Office deployed the agency's unmanned aircraft system (UAS) to provide aerial reconnaissance of the property in order to alert approaching deputies of potential dangers they might not otherwise be able to see.

"Garrison was located on the property and arrested without incident and several firearms were seized as evidence. Garrison is currently incarcerated in the Titus County Jail awaiting bond for two State Jail Fel-



Robert Stephen Garrison, Jr.

ony charges of Terroristic Threat to a Peace Officer or Judge."

Garrison's bond was set at \$500,000 for each felony charge, totalling to \$1 million. He remains behind bars.

Cream of the Crop: Garrett named in top 100 coaches

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DALE BLAUT
JOE CRABB
CHUCK DARDEN
HARLEY DOGGETT
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In celebration of their 100th anniversary, the University Interscholastic League is honoring what they recognize as the top 100 coaches, teams, and players for their 100-year history. This past week, Matt Garrett was named as one of the top 100 coaches for the UIL 100 year history in Girls Basketball.

"I really don't know what to say," said Coach Matt Garrett. "I look at the list of coaches that my name is with and I am just humbled to have my name near theirs. Just to be considered a good coach is one thing, but for the UIL to list me with those coaches, I am just speechless."

Coach Garrett is the winningest girls basketball coach in Chapel Hill's history. He also is the only coach that has coached not one, but two state championships in sports at Chapel Hill. The 37-0 undefeated season is one of those which is only one of 20 teams to ever accomplish that feat in the history of girls basketball. Other tidbits that likely led to this recognition is that he has coached 4 state championships overall

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Matt Garrett

COURTESY PHOTO

Cummings joins Tribune as advertising manager



Brittany Cummings

By DI DUNCAN editor@tribnow.com

A new face has arrived at the Tribune office. Brittany Cummings has become the paper's advertising manager after former ad manager Leslie Brosnan's departure.

Cummings is a native to this area, born at Titus Regional Medical Center. She attended Paul Pewitt ISD in her youth. She is a mother to a six-year-old daughter named Madison, also known as "Stinky," affectionately. She comes from a large family, as one of six children, and has a twin brother.

She enjoys all things creative, such as crafting, interior design, and cooking, and is a self-proclaimed Hobby Lobby fanatic. Cummings has also worked as a model, being featured in portfolios and magazines.

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Lone Star Ag Credit distributes \$22 million in dividends to customer-owners

FORT WORTH, Texas — Lone Star Ag Credit is distributing a total of \$22 million in patronage dividends to its customer-owners, based on its strong financial results for 2020.

The cash patronage payment is a record for the rural lending cooperative.

"As a cooperative, we are committed to returning surplus earnings to our customer-owners," said Joe Hayman, Lone Star Ag Credit chief executive officer. "While 2020 was a challenging year in many respects, the Association had a tremendous year financially, and we're thankful to be able to return nearly two-thirds of our 2020 net income in cash to our customers."

Patronage dividend checks totaling \$15 million will be mailed to eligible customer-owners in March. Last fall, the lending co-op distributed an advance patronage of \$7 million, for a total \$22 million patronage on 2020 earnings.

"This patronage distribution effectively reduces our customer-owners' interest payments for 2020 by an average of 1.5 percentage points," said David Harris, Lone Star Ag Credit chairman of the board. "We sincerely hope these cash dividends will provide needed support to those borrowers who've been impacted by COVID-19 and the severe weather we've all experienced this month."

At the end of each year, the Lone Star Ag Credit board determines how much income is required for capital needs. Then it distributes the remainder as patronage dividends to owner-customers, as determined by their loan balance during the prior year.

Lone Star has distributed \$163.5 million in patronage dividends to borrowers over the past two decades.

With approximately \$2 billion in assets, Lone Star Ag Credit provides financing for rural land, country homes, agribusinesses, livestock, agricultural equipment and operating expenses. The rural lender is headquartered in Fort Worth and has credit offices in Abilene, Cleburne, Corsicana, Denton, Fort Worth, Georgetown, Hillsboro, Lampasas, Mount Pleasant, New Boston, Paris, Sherman, Stephenville, Sweetwater, Waco and Weatherford.

For more information, contact a local Lone Star branch office or visit LoneStarAgCredit.com.

Financial results discussed here are preliminary and unaudited. Please visit our website this spring to see our complete results.

Texas Speaks: Identifying the strengths and needs of Texas communities

TexasSpeaks is being conducted in Camp County and across the State of Texas to allow the citizens of Texas to provide their input on the assets and issues in their communities. The local branch of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service has a rich history of providing educational programs that address the most critical issues in the county, and invites your participation in the TexasSpeaks process.

The Extension Service highly values the opinions shared through the TexasSpeaks community assessment. The expectation is that the assessment will take about 10 minutes.

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service is a statewide network of professional educators, trained volunteers, and county offices. It reaches into every Texas county to address local priority needs and to extend the latest research to the people of Texas. Some of the major efforts are in mitigating drought impacts; conserving water use in homes, landscapes, and production agriculture; improving emergency management; enhancing food security; and protecting human health through education about diet, exercise, and disease prevention and management.

You can provide your input by going to the following tx.ag/texasspeaks or by scanning the QR code below.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Brown County Extension office at 325-646-0386. Thank you very much for your involvement in this process.

Public input sought on Texas Freshwater Fishing Regulation Proposals for 2021-2022

New length, bag limits proposed

AUSTIN – Changes to length and bag limits for blue and channel catfish statewide and at specific locations highlight this year's list of proposed freshwater fishing regulation changes. The proposed changes also include minor modifications to passive gear float dimensions.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is taking public comment on the following proposed changes to the 2021-2022 Statewide Recreational and Commercial Fishing Proclamation, with input to be considered before any action by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission at its March 25 public hearing.

"A team of TPWD fisheries biologists have worked for the past two years to review our current catfish regulations with the goals of continuing to provide good angling, meeting current angler needs, and reducing the number of regulation categories," said Craig Bonds, TPWD's Inland Fisheries Division Director. "These proposed regulations address what we have heard from anglers about their fishing motivations and can be appropriately used across the diversity of our state's waters."

The current statewide regulations for blue and channel catfish consist of a 12-inch minimum length limit and a 25-fish daily bag limit that combines both species. The proposed changes would remove the minimum length limit (fish of any length could be harvested) and retain the 25-fish daily bag. However, of the 25 blue or channel catfish that could be harvested per day, anglers would

be limited to harvesting no more than 10 fish that measure 20 inches or longer.

Two new exceptions to the statewide regulations for blue and channel catfish are being proposed. The first category would follow the no minimum length limit and 25-fish daily bag limit for blue and channel catfish from the proposed statewide regulations but would further limit the number of fish 20 inches or larger that could be harvested per day to five and further limit the number of fish 30 inches or larger that could be harvested to one. A total of 12 locations are proposed for this category. Following are the locations and their current regulations.

Six locations that are currently under statewide regulations: Lakes Belton (Bell and Coryell counties), Bob Sandlin (Camp, Franklin, and Ticounties), Conroe (Montgomery and Walker counties), Hubbard Creek (Stephens County), Lavon (Collin County), and Ray Hubbard (Collin, Dallas, Kaufman, and Rockwall counties).

- Three locations currently under a 30- to 45-inch slot length limit: Lewisville (Denton County), Richland-Chambers (Freestone and Navarro counties), and Waco (McClennan County).
- Two locations currently under no minimum length limit but with harvest limits of five fish that measure 20 inches or longer: Kirby (Taylor County) and Palestine (Cherokee, Anderson, Henderson, and Smith counties).
- Lake Tawakoni (Hunt, Rains, and Van Zandt counties) currently is under similar regulations: no minimum but with harvest limits of seven over 20 inches and two over 30 inches.

The final new exemption category proposed is a 14-inch minimum length limit and a 15-fish combined daily bag for blue and channel catfish. Locations proposed for this category, which are currently under statewide regulations, are:

Lakes Braunig (Bexar County), Calaveras (Bexar County), Choke Canyon (Live Oak and McMullen counties),
Fayette County (Fayette County), and Proctor (Comanche County).

Additionally, two reservoirs will be added to an existing blue and channel catfish regulation category: no minimum length limit and a 50-fish bag limit with the additional restriction that no more than five fish of 30 inches or larger could be harvested per day. Those reservoirs are Lake Livingston (Polk, San Jacinto, Trinity, and Walker counties), which has a 12-inch minimum length limit and 50-fish daily bag limit, and Lake Sam Rayburn (Jasper County), which is currently under statewide regulations.

These two reservoirs, Lake Livingston and Lake Sam Rayburn and these reservoirs, Lakes Caddo (Harrison and Marion counties) and Toledo Bend (Newton Sabine, and Shelby counties), and the Sabine River (Newton and Orange counties), which are currently in the above regulation category, will also be added to the regulations for commercial harvest.

Current statewide length and bag limits for commercial harvest will remain at 14 inches and 25 fish [both species combined], and a five-fish bag limit will apply on all community fishing lakes and lying totally within a state park.

Changes are also proposed to standardize the descriptions for float dimensions for some passive gears as length and width rather than height and diameter. Also, inadvertently, the width of the float for minnow traps was listed as 6 inches, and it should be 3 inches.

Additional details on the proposed regulation changes, including narrated presentations on the proposed changes, can be found on the public comment page and in the Texas Register.

Opportunities to provide comments for or against these proposals include:

Online: At TPWD public comment page until March 24. Phone or Email: Comments on the proposed changes may be submitted to Ken Kurzawski at (512) 389-4591, email: ken.kurzawski@tpwd.texas.gov.

Online Webinar: TPWD staff will present proposed fishing regulation changes and answer questions in an online webinar at 7:00 p.m. Mar. 4. The webinar will also be posted on the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's YouTube channel and Facebook page.

In person: The TPW Commission will take public comment on the proposed changes at their meeting on Thursday, March 25 in Austin. Public testimony will normally be limited to three minutes per person.



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It's so good to be back! The snow was beautiful, but we're loving the sunshine and nice, warm temperatures. Hopefully, things are returning to some kind of normal at your house.

The new Library Reads list was waiting for us. Their number one pick for March is The Lost Apoth-

ecary by Sarah Penner. "Caroline travels alone to London after discovering her husband's betrayal. While mudlarking along the Thames, she finds a small glass vial. Inspired to research its origins, Caroline uncovers a dark tale of poison and murder in the 1700s, where an apothecary owner with a unique talent, a dark past, and a keen sense of revenge meets a young girl with a curiosity that might lead her astray. This is a stellar debut that balances two intriguing storylines and three wonderful characters to create one page-turning story. This one's for fans of The Clockmaker's Daughter, Once Upon a River, and The Essex Serpent." (3-2) Sharon Layburn

In The Conductors by Nicole Glover, "Hetty and Benjy meet as Underground Railroad conductors, settling in Pennsylvania where they're known for their celestial magic. Glover does an incredible job of world building in this supernatural mystery. Her cast is almost exclusively Black, and the characters are rich, with Hetty and Benjy's relationship showcased as a lovely progression of romantic ideals." (3-2) Rachel Reddick

The Dating Plan is by Sara Desai. "Daisy is shocked when she runs into Liam, who stood her up at her high school prom. To save her employer and Liam's family legacy, they must fake an engagement and marriage and not fall in love. This is a whirlwind of a romcom with South Asian American and Irish American families providing background drama and entertainment. Daisy and Liam are lovably imperfect in this quick escapist read. Give to readers who liked Take a Hint, Dani Brown and The Right Swipe." (3-16) Laura Bonds

the Texas Health and Human Services Commission

(HHSC) has received federal approval to automati-

cally provide replacement benefits for Supplemental

Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients in 66

impacted counties for food lost or destroyed due to

winter storm Uri, which began on Feb. 11. Though Ti-

tus County is not included in the 66 counties, options

are available for SNAP recipients in need of benefit re-

Residents of Titus County have until March 31 to

report SNAP food loss and request replacement ben-

efits by calling 2-1-1 and pressing option 2. Alternate-

ly, recipients can download Form H1855 (Affidavit for

Nonreceipt or Destroyed Food Stamp Benefits) on the

HHSC website. To limit exposure to COVID-19, recipi-

ents are encouraged to mail or fax the completed form

to HHSC instead of visiting their local offices. Com-



By HELEN THOMPSON Librarian, Mount Pleasant Public Library nal. "Set in Italy during the Fascist regime and subsequent Nazi involvement, this historical fiction, a departure for the author, is a solid dose of history told through the lives and loves of characters personally affected by the politics. The impact of decisions

Popular author, Lisa

Scottoline, brings us Eter-

and the efforts of individuals to change the course of their country and their lives are vividly portrayed. This is perfect for fans of Lilac Girls and The Nightingale." (3-23) Carol Tuttle

Alex Finlay's new book is Every Last Fear. "This tightly plotted thriller changes perspective and travels through time to explore a family torn apart by tragedy. The arrest of the oldest Pine son for his girlfriend's murder rocked their small town, was the subject of a high profile true crime documentary, and is followed years later by an even greater tragedy, Could these events be connected? Who is really the murderer? This is a gripping novel for fans of Mary Kubic or Peter Swanson." (3-2) Maggie Thomann

After reading 16 Inspector Gamache novels, I really did try to stay away from another series. Then along comes a snowstorm and I'm knee deep into All Mortal Flesh, number five in the Clare Fergusson series by Julia Spencer-Fleming. Clare is a former army helicopter pilot and is now an Episcopal priest. Chief of Police Russ Van Alstein befriends the new priest, becomes her best friend and love interest. The only problem is that he's married. Clare and Russ are thrown together in each installment with circumstances surrounding a murder. Each title is from a hymn and there are currently nine books. Like most good continuing stories, it's best to read these in order. The first five are In the Bleak Midwinter, A Fountain Filled with Blood, Out of the Deep I Cry, To Darkness and to Death, and All Mortal Flesh.

We hope to see you soon in the library. Happy reading!

TX, 78714-9027, or faxed to 1-877-447-2839. For more

these replacement benefits for Texans in need," said

Governor Abbott. "As we recover from the severe win-

ter storm, we are ensuring that Texans affected by this

"Many Texans continue to face serious challenges

resulting from last week's storm," said Wayne Salter,

Texas HHS Access and Eligibility Services deputy exec-

utive commissioner. "Being able to replace benefits for

families across the state will help them resume their

To check benefit amounts deposited on a card,

SNAP recipients with an online account can visit Your-

TexasBenefits.com, or they can call the Lone Star Help

Desk at 800-777-7328. Those in need but not currently

storm can continue to put food on the table."

"Thank you to our federal partners for approving

information, please visit hhs.texas.gov.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Events Calendar is published as space permits. Events will also be published on our website. Submit event notices to: editor@tribnow.com

March 3

Drive-thru Tree Seedling Giveaway - Titus County A&M AgriLife Extension: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Titus County Extension Office at 1708 Industrial Road. Seedlings include Cherrybark Oak, Chinkapin Oak, Overcup Oak, Sawtooth Oak, Shumard Oak, and Swamp White Oak. For more information, call (903)572-5201.

March 5

The Mount Pleasant-Titus County Retired School Personnel Association is sponsoring a drive-through food drive at Titus County Cares at 310 N. Edwards Ave. from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Peanut butter and cereal are always needed. You can also make a cash donation to help purchase items. This will be a contactless drop-off. Follow the signs to drive through.

March 8

The Caddo Trace Beekeepers Association will be having an Introduction to Beekeeping Beginning March 8, 2021 at 5:30 pm at the County Agrilife Building, 1708 Industrial RD, T. Pleasant, Texas 75455. The cost is FREE. For more information contact Terry Wright 903-856-8005.

March 6 - April 24

The Texas Retired Teachers Association (TRTA) is sponsoring a number of virtual retirement seminars through the end of April. Visit trta.org/retirementseminars to find the dates to enroll. If you need assistance, TRTA can be reached at (800)880-1650.



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- KEMP, HOLLY RENEE, 32 of Mt. Pleasant for DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED
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- CRIMINAL TRESPASS-SOWELL, WALTER, 58 of Mt. Pleasant for COMMITMENT ORDER and Class C
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- Allen Marchallo Elliott and Alma Iris Gonzalez, Feb. 10
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- James Clinton Bailey and Katherine Lee Martin,
- Feb. 12 · Jerry Wayne Bell and Pamela Michelle Young, Feb. 12

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The View **From A Farr**

By TRACY FARR **Contributing Writer**

Lessons I learned from Polar Vortex 2021

It was just a whisper, but I heard it distinctly in my right ear: "It's all your fault."

"Leave me alone. You don't have to keep reminding me."

I sighed one of those heavy sighs my wife is always able to hear from way off in another room. Luckily, she was outside on the porch.

The whisper continued: "Just a little bit of planning, preparation, self-discipline, fortitude and a wee ounce of effort on your part and none of this would've happened. You know that, don't ya? Well, don't ya?"

I turned my head toward the voice. "Yes, I know. Are you happy now?"

The Handy Man Angel chuckled as he sat on my shoulder. He was wearing a tool belt and a clean pair of Dickies. His wings were tucked into his jacket because wings can be a safety hazard on the job site. I just assumed he was wearing steel-toed boots.

He said: "You knew that cold blast was coming through, you knew you should've gone under the house and wrapped those pipes better, but you didn't. And..."

"Hey! Leave the dude alone," said a different voice in my left ear. I knew without looking it was the You Need A Cocktail Devil sitting on my other shoulder. He doesn't whisper. He knows I'm a little bit deaf in that ear. "It's not his fault Mother Nature threw a strike down his alley. So, just calm down and have a Martini."

The front door opened up and my wife walked in: "Did I just hear you sigh?"

"They're at it again."

"Who's winning?" she asked.

If I had done unto my water pipes what responsible husbands always do unto theirs, I would have rewrapped all of them weeks before Mr. Winter blew a

negative chill factor under my casa, saving a good-natured plumber from having to charge me for fixing said water pipes under said casa. But I didn't.

"You are the King of Procrastination," said the Handy Man Angel, "and hopefully this has been a lesson to you. When your good wife says an Arctic Train Wreck is heading your way, don't put off for tomorrow what you could winterize today."

"But what if she's wrong?" said the You Need A Cocktail Devil. "You might spend a lot of negative time getting all dirty and whatnot when you could be all comfy in your chair sipping on whatever helps you get even more comfy. Besides, we all know this sort of frigid freakshow ain't gonna ever happen again, don't

My wife reached out and wiped both Angel and Devil off my shoulders. "Is that better?" she asked.

I nodded, then humbly submitted to her the Polar Vortex lessons I learned this year:

No. 1 – Get under the house TODAY and wrap up the water pipes like I've never wrapped them up before. It doesn't matter if Mr. Winter never tosses Sibe-

ria at us again. Knowing he could is all that matters. No. 2 – Let's see what we need to do to better insulate the house. You know, keeping the leaky doors and windows from leaking in cold air. If that means wrap up the whole shebang in cellophane, then so be it.

No. 3 – Get the chimney swept before every winter so we can actually use the fireplace in case our electricity goes out.

"And maybe get a brand-new Weber Genesis II gas barbecue grill with a 12,000 BTU side burner and a sear station?" I asked. "You know, just in case?"

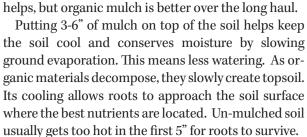
My wife bent her head down to the left, as if she was hearing something. Then she bent her head to the right, shrugged her shoulders and nodded.

"Okay," she said to me, "if that's what you think is

It is, my dear. It certainly is.

Benefits of organic mulch

Adding organic mulch to a vegetable, herb, or flower garden is something we hear and consider, but often fail to use. This is a shame, because it can improve results, and save work in the long run. Inorganic mulch



From a work standpoint, it reduces weed problems by preventing and inhibiting germination. By soaking up moisture and slowing rain's impact on the soil, mulch helps prevent soil erosion. It further reduces soil compaction, which improves aeration. Roots need air.



When the growing season is over, till the mulch into the soil and about 1lb. of 3-2-3 organic fertilizer per 100 feet to help soil organisms break down the organic matter.

Tilling mulch into the soil has additional bene-

fits. It initially pulls nutrients, particularly Nitrogen, from the soil, but this can be countered by increasing fertilizer applications by 50%. With mulch on and underneath the surface, breakdown into compost is greatly enhanced. Aeration expands, as does the soil's ability to hold moisture.

High quality mulches on top of the soil are pine needles and straw or hay. Grass clippings are good but mulch them in your lawn! Bark and wood chips work very well. Pine wood chips may cause some problems due to its high resin content. A partial list of other materials includes shredded leaves, pecan shells, buckwheat hulls, peanut shells, & grapefruit skins. Sawdust is not recommended.

Texas congressmen survive terrorist attack

Puerto Rican terrorists turned the U.S. House of Representatives into a turkey shoot on Mar. 1, 1954. While his colleagues dove for Congressman Wingate Lucas of Fort Worth reacted in true



Texas History By BARTEE HAILE

This Week in

dreamed they were firing real bullets. When we turned him over, blood came pouring out."

his friend fall, he "never

The most ously injured of the five victims, Bentley was

rushed to the hospital with a perforated lung, diaphragm, liver, stomach, and spleen. Though given only a 50-50 chance of survival after undergoing emergency surgery, he eventually recovered.

Two other Texans also had lucky stars to thank. Moments before the shots rang out, Albert Thomas and Wright Patman, who hailed from Houston and Texarkana, concluded a conversation at the rear of the chamber. If they had kept on talking, the two bullets that plowed into the back wall likely would have hit them instead.

Athens' John Dowdy owed his good health to a phone call, which he had to leave the House floor to answer. Greeted by gunfire upon his return, Dowdy closed the door and hid in the outer hallway. He later discovered a bullet hole mere inches above his chair.

A conference with a constituent from Beaumont caused Jack Brooks to miss the mayhem. He not only lived to tell the tale but continued to hold the same office for 19 more elections.

Omar Burleson had a ringside seat for the shooting. Two rows in front of the Abilene Democrat, a Tennessean was shot and an Alabama politician who sat even closer suffered a leg wound.

Burleson's FBI experience came in handy. The former agent instinctively picked up the bullet that passed through his neighbor's limb and held it for police. He then methodically taped over every bullet hole he could find to prevent curious congressmen from tampering with the evidence.

Representatives, House Pages, visitors, and police officers quickly detained three of the assailants outside the gallery. The fourth used the chaos to escape but did not get far. He was captured later that same

The four Puerto Rican nationalists were tried, convicted, and received sentences ranging from 16 to 75 years in federal prison.

In 1979, President Jimmy Carter commuted the sentences of the three shooters still serving time in Federal Prison. Some claim it was in exchange for Fidel Castro's release of American CIA agents being held on espionage charges. That remains unconfirmed. But we do know the Representatives Texans sent to Congress were both brave and lucky that day.

Bartee Haile welcomes your comments and suggestions at BarteeHaile@gmail.com.

Until Teague saw

Texas tradition by bounding up the stairs to help subdue the snipers in the gallery.

Three and a half years after an abortive attempt on the life of President Truman, the island nationalists returned to Washington on another malevolent mission. Disguised as ordinary tourists, three men and their female leader found seats in the spectator section behind the speaker's rostrum that faced their unsuspecting targets.

Shouts of "Free Puerto Rico!" suddenly interrupted a mundane debate on immigrant Mexican laborers. Due to the topic under consideration, several members thought the battle cry was "Viva Mexico!"

But not Lloyd Bentsen of McAllen, who had just finished addressing the body and was walking back to his seat when the quartet leaped to their feet. The future senator instantly recognized the banner they were waving as the flag of Puerto Rico.

Drawing carefully concealed handguns, the terrorists opened fire on the stunned assembly wounding five representatives. Bentsen yelled at the top of his lungs, "Get those blankety-blanks!" He later blamed the attack on "the extremists who poll only four percent of the vote" in Puerto Rican elections.

Assuming the episode was a harmless prank, Waco's W.R. Poage made fun of fellow Texan Clark Fisher for jumping under the nearest table. Poage told the cringing congressman from San Angelo to come on out since the demonstrators were obviously shooting blanks.

"Blanks, the devil!" retorted Rep. Walter Rogers of Pampa. "The plaster's falling!"

As Rogers dropped to the floor, Poage realized he was right. When asked where he was during the mayhem, the shaken statesman sheepishly told reporters, "I should have been in an insane asylum, but I was on the front row standing up and looking

George Mahon of Lubbock and Homer Thornberry of Austin mistook the sharp reports of the small pistols for firecrackers. When wounded colleagues cried out in pain, they knew different. "It was unbelievable," said Mahon.

Olin Teague had the closest call of any member of the Lone Star delegation. Had the Bryan representative not stepped aside a second or two earlier, the slug that almost killed Michigan Congressman Alvin Bentley would have struck him down.

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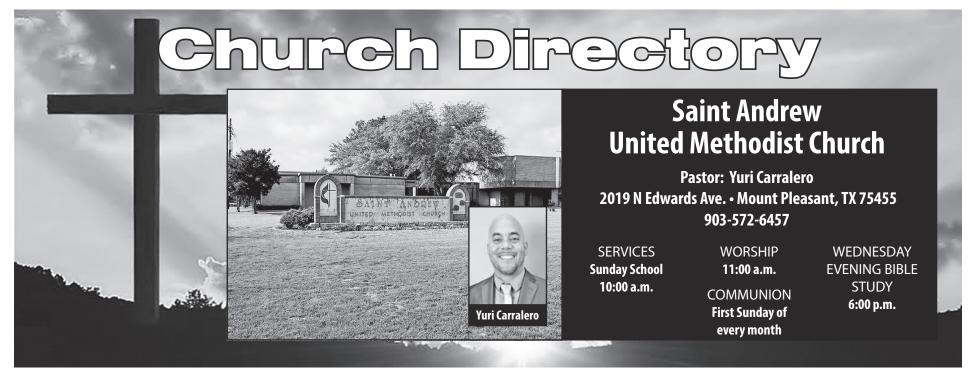
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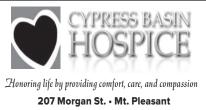


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On Saturday, February 13, 2021, Linda Gail Amerson, loving wife and mother to 5 children, passed away at the age of 70 surrounded by family. Visitation was held at Curry-Welborn Funeral Home in Mt. Pleasant, Texas on Monday, February 22nd, 2021 from 6pm-



Linda Gail Amerson

8pm. Funeral services were held at Curry-Welborn Funeral Home on Tuesday February 23rd, 2021 at 10am.

To honor Linda's memory, in lieu of flowers, she has requested donations be made to Love a Child @ loveachild.givingfuel.com.

HINSON

On Thursday, February 18, 2021, Charles "Chuck" Hinson, loving husband, father, and grandfather, went to be with his Lord and Savior at the age of 72. Chuck was born on March 13, 1948, in Mount Pleasant, Texas, to Jesse Thomas and Leita Mae Hinson. He served in the



Charles "Chuck" Hinson

United States Air Force during the Vietnam War for 4 years. Following his service, Chuck worked as a teacher, welder, truck driver, and preacher. He became a member of Damascus Missionary Baptist Church on October 26, 1989, where he served a deacon, Sunday school teacher, and preacher. At the time of his passing, he was serving as the preacher of Damascus Missionary Baptist Church, a role he filled for 16 years.

On October 14, 1987, Chuck married Janie Mays. They lived, loved, and enjoyed life together for 33 years. Chuck had one son, Sean, and four daughters, Daphne, Sue, Karen, and Angie. Chuck was a grandfather and great grandfather, better known as Pappy, to his seven grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. Chuck and Janie loved spending time together eating out, traveling, and being at home with their dog, Ruger. Chuck loved his dog, and made special trips to Chicken Express for chicken and sweet tea just for Ruger. Chuck also loved his birds, and you could often find him sitting in his chair, Ruger on his lap, as he listened to his birds sing. He was known for his quick wit, dancing skills (especially the "Pappy" dance meant to embarrass and/ or entertain his grandchildren), and nicknaming ability (something he greatly enjoyed creating for each grandchild and great grandchild). Chuck was also known for his love of debating the Bible with anyone who would engage in conversation with him as he had a strong desire for others to know Jesus like he knew Jesus.

Chuck was preceded in death by his father, Jesse Thomas Hinson, mother, Leita Mae Hinson, brother, Jesse Thomas Hinson, Jr, and sister, Ruth McFarland. He is survived by his wife, Janie; his children and their spouses, Sean and Aeron Heath, Daphne and Steve Brooks, Sue and Dwayne Wilson, Karen and Mike Cook, and Angie and Lance Hobbs; his grandchildren, Chrissy Hall (aka Miss Chrissie) and husband Jeff, Jamie Wilson (aka "Dr." Wilson), Brittany Wood (aka Squirt) and husband Ethan, Brooke Webb (aka Fuzzhead) and husband Jeremy, Lauren Kennedy (aka Hog Jaw) and husband Brady, Hogan Hobbs (aka Lil Man) and girlfriend Brandy Walker, and Caityln Hobbs (aka Pookie); his great grandchildren, Coby Wynn (aka Popcorn), Emily Hall (aka Little Miss Fortunate), Eli Webb (aka Peanut), Clifton Hall (aka LJ), Hannah Webb (aka Little Miss Rosie), Caroline Wood (aka "Dat Baby"), Beau Kennedy (aka Goober), and Wade Wood (aka Watermelon Willy); and a nephew, Jesse Thomas Hinson III and wife Cheryl.

The funeral will be officiated by Bro. Dwayne Wilson. Pallbearers will be Jeff Hall, Jeremy Webb, Ethan Wood, Brady Kennedy, Hogan Hobbs, and Coby Wynn. Honorary Pallbearers will be Jesse Thomas Hinson III, Mike Cook, Lance Hobbs, and Johnny Hoffman.

A visitation will be held from 10:00 to 11:00 AM at the Damascus Missionary Baptist Church with services to follow at 11:00 AM. Interment will be in the Damascus Cemetery.

Online registry is available at batescoopersloanfuneralhome.com

PADEN

Thelma Ruth Paden, 89, passed away on February 11, 2021 in Rockwall, Texas. She was born on September 14, 1931 in Johnson City, New York to Merle Ralph Tull and Ruth Eva Blair.

Thelma was a loving and devoted wife, mother, and a grandmother extraordinaire!

Thelma was a Trailblazer! Setting off from Johnson City, New York, with her husband, Edward; a Nursing Diploma and GI Bill in hand, they drove across the country to California, to seek their fortune, in 1951. Life was to be a Grand Adventure!!! The pace was fast and the bar set high.

She loved her lifelong occupation as a surgical OR Nurse and Nurse Anesthetist, practicing her expertise in NY, CA, VA, and MS, AL, and Texas. Thelma loved to travel! For her, the experience of the journey was as important as the destination, as she embraced new sights, sounds, peoples, and culture. She loved to be behind the wheel: whether driving a U-Haul from NY to MS, making weekend trips from Orange to Houston, careening along the Autobahn, or speeding a Jaguar through the Swiss Alps with a friend. An accomplished

private pilot, Thelma loved to soar among the clouds in her little blue and white Cessna. Thelma had a servant's heart: exhibited by her 44 years in the nursing profession, serving her Lord and Church as a Sunday School Leader and Emmaus Walk Disciple, and finally, by her commitment to community, through Girl Scouts and Lutcher Theater activities. Thelma loved life and excitement! Her door was always open, and the table always set!!

Thelma is survived by her daughter, Deborah Ann Paden Cober; daughter, Jennifer Ann Paden; grandchildren, Christopher G. Smith and wife Lisa, and Jessica A. Nadeau and husband Stephen; great grandchildren, Samantha Ann Smith and Braeden Edward Smith; and brother, Richard Tull and wife Diane.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Edward Earl Paden; her beautiful daughter, Rebecca Ann Paden; and her parents.

A funeral service will be held for Thelma on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 2:00 PM at Tennison Memorial United Methodist Church in Mount Pleasant with a visitation being held an hour prior to the service, at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of Bates-Cooper-Sloan Funeral Home in Mount Pleasant.

An online registry is available at batescoopersloanfuneralhome.com.

SMITH

James R. "Ronny" Smith, 80, passed away on February 16, 2021 in Mt. Pleasant, TX. He was born on September 18, 1940 in Haynesville, LA to Albert Smith and Alice Dale.

He was a member of South Jefferson Baptist Church in Mt. Pleasant, TX.



Thelma Ruth Paden

James is survived by his loving wife Phyllis Smith; son and wife, Jeff & Julia Smith of Boston, MA; son and wife, Wesley & Keri Smith of Mt. Pleasant, TX; son and wife, Jordan & Ester Smith of Mt. Pleasant, TX; grandchildren, Alex Smith, of Savannah, GA, and Mouren Smith of Mt. Pleasant, TX; brother and wife, Booby & Eleanor Smith of Bossier City, LA; Sister and husband, Frances & Donald Ray Johnson of Bossier City, LA.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father and brother, Billy Smith.

A service will be held at South Jefferson Baptist Church on Friday, February 26, 2021 at 2 PM with a burial to follow at Union Hill Cemetery.

Memorial donations can be made in memory of James R. "Ronny" Smith to Cypress Basin Hospice.

Online registry is now available at batescoopersloanfuneralhome.com

BROWN

Graveside service for Clyde D. Brown, 63, a resident of Talco, Texas was Monday, February 22, 2021 at 11:00 A.M. at Piney Cemetery with Pastor John Hines, officiating. Burial in Piney Cemetery under the direction of Tumey Mortuary, Mt. Pleasant. Mr. Brown was born December 7, 1957 in Talco, Texas and died February 17, 2021.

Public viewing was held Sunday, February 21, 2021 at the funeral Home from 2:00pm to 5:00pm. Online condolences can be left at www.tumeymortuary.com. We're politely asking all in attendance to please wear their mask and to practice social distancing at both lo-

HART

Nancy C. Bowles Hart passed away on February 20, 2021 in Mt. Pleasant, TX. She was born on December 13, 1947 in Dennis, TX to Clint & Ruth Daniels Arney.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Mt. Pleasant, TX.

She is survived by her loving husband, Seth Hart; son, Terry Bowles; daughter, Debbie Tuey; son, Chris Bowles; numerous grandchildren; brothers, Clinton, Dennis & Randy Arney.

She was preceded in death by her parents and an infant son, Clarence David Bowles.

A visitation will be held from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at the First Baptist Church with services to follow at 11:00 AM. Interment will be held in the Nevills Chapel Cemetery.

Online registry is available at batescoopersloanfuneralhome.com

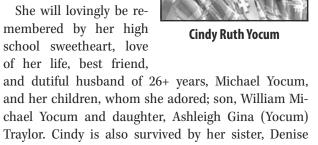
YOCUM

Cindy Ruth Yocum was born in Lone Star, TX on April 13, 1973.

She went to be home with her Lord and Savior, February 19, 2021, after battling colon cancer for several months.

She will lovingly be remembered by her high school sweetheart, love of her life, best friend,

members and friends.



Bynum Green, brother, James Scott Wellborn, son-inlaw, Markevius Traylor, and aunt and uncle, James and Jackie Husband. She was blessed beyond measure with many family

Cindy was preceded into Heaven by her mother, Nelda Jean Harrison Wellborn, father, Michael Parker, step-father, James Wellborn, and maternal grandparents, William Robertson Harrison and Eddie Ruth Harrison.

Cindy worked as a high school counselor, many years, helping countless students, before following the Lord's lead to change career paths and become an RN. She finished nursing school and was hired to be an ICU nurse when God's plan for her was found, her journey

Her greatest accomplishment was her family and her love for the Lord. Though she struggled in this physical body, her faith in the Lord never wavered. She has a new, glorious body, for her death is not the end but is a transition into her eternal life with Christ.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, February 27, 1:00 p.m., at Calvary Bible Church (formerly Calvary Chapel), Mt. Pleasant, TX (411 N Van Buren Ave). In lieu of flowers, please send donations to: ccalliance.org

SUMMERLIN

Barry Zane Summerlin, age 84, passed away on February 18, 2021 at his home. He was born on August 1, 1936 to Leslie and Opal Crafts Summerlin in Dike, TX.

A graveside service will be held at Mt. Vernon City Cemetery on Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 11:00 AM. There is no formal visitation scheduled.

CHEATWOOD

Sherri Hanna Cheatwood, age 57, of Cuthand, passed away, Friday, February 19, 2021, at Medical City Hospital in McKinney. Sherri was born, January 21, 1964, in Lake Village, Arkansas to Floyd and Frances Burns Hanna. She was employed with Healthcare Express in Mt. Pleasant and a member of the Bogata Missionary



Sherri Hanna Cheatwood

Baptist Church. Her parents; and 2 brothers, Larry and Barry Hanna preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 23, 2021, at the Bogata Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. C.A. Middleton, Rev. Joey Williams and Rev. John Purviance officiating. Burial followed in McCrury Cemetery under the direction of Clarksville Funeral

The family will receive friends an hour before service time at the church.

Mrs. Cheatwood will lie in state Sunday and Monday evening's at Clarksville Funeral Home.

Pallbearers are James Bell, Scott Bell, Joey Hanna, Jesse Hanna, Collin Alford and Elbert Cheatwood.

Honorary Pallbearers are Johnny Puckett, Jimmy Puckett, Mark Mitchell and James Lawson.

Survivors include her husband, Ricky Cheatwood of Cuthand, they were married June 6, 1982 in Cuthand; 2 sons, Clinton Cheatwood and wife, Kayla of Reno and Cody Cheatwood and wife, Lynann of Cuthand; 2 sisters, Eyvette Alford and husband, Chris of Bogata and Terri Bell and husband, Mike of McKinney; grandchildren, Emma, Libby and Cawyer Cheatwood; her best friend, Barbara Smith Bryant of Foley, Alabama; special brother, Kenneth Palmer and wife, Mary Lynn of Bogata; brother-in-law, Jeff Cheatwood and wife, Dina of Gilmer, and several nieces and nephews.

Memories and condolences may be added at www. clarksvillefuneralhome.com.

GOATES

Mays Veronica Sue Goates, affectionally known as "Ronnie Sue," passed away February 19, 2021 in McKinney, Texas at the age of 48 years. Veronica was born to Ronnie Gale Mays and Rosemary Madding Mays on April 17, 1972 in Decatur, Illinois.



Veronica Sue Mays Goates

She graduated from Mount Pleasant High School in 1990, going on to work at McKellar's Pharmacy, Wal-Mart, Mastercraft and Pilgrims in Mount Pleasant prior to becoming disabled. Veronica loved designing and making jewelry, creating scrapbooks, and her dogs.

She married the love of her life, Roy, on March 28, 1998 and was married for almost 23 years.

She is survived by her husband, Roy Goates of Mount Pleasant, Texas; sisters & brothers-in-law, Shellie and Kenny Kok of Odessa, Texas, Angie & Bobby Parr of Mount Pleasant, Texas; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Sherman & Diann Goates; sister-in-law Patty O'Bier; and stepmother Ellie Mays, all of Mount Pleasant, Texas; nieces and nephews, Mitchell Kok of Odessa, Texas, Shelbie and Ethan Owens of Fort Worth, Texas, Madison Kok of Odessa, Texas, Aaron O'Bier of Mount Pleasant, Texas, and Ariel Parr of College Station, Texas; great nieces and nephews, Kinslee Kok of Odessa, Texas, Raurie and Scout Owens of Fort. Worth, Texas, and Christopher and Autumn O'Bier; special uncle, John Ryan; and special friends, Josh & Hallie Fanning, all of Mount. Pleasant, Texas, as well as numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents, grandparents, and a nephew Eric O'Bier.

A graveside service will be held at Nevill's Chapel Cemetery at 2:00 PM, Wednesday, February 24, 2021. The family will receive friends 1 hour prior to the service at Nevill's Chapel Cemetery.

Services under the care of Wood-Haggard Funeral Home in Bogata, Texas.

HOLDER

Our precious mother, Lillian Estelle Kirby Holder, age 87 of Mt. Vernon, Texas, passed away on Saturday, February 20, 2021 from rapid health complications. She was preceded in death by her parents, Eddie Marion and Alma Kirby and many siblings.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Randy and Tammy Holder; grandsons and wife, Ryan and Amanda Holder and 3 great-grandchildren, all of Beulah, N.D.; daughter and son-in-law, Tarona Holder and Glenn Tomlinson; grandson and wife, Lucas and Hope Tomlinson and 6 great-grandchildren; granddaughter, Lonna Tomlinson and 2 great-grandchildren all of Pittsburg, TX; granddaughter and husband Lisa Tomlinson and Sam Jones and one great-grandson all of Longview, TX.

Mom was one of 8 children that was raised on a 100-acre farm, 3 miles south of Winfield. Her family had over 100 registered cattle, but she said they were poor because they did not have shoes to walk to school in.

At a young age they had to chop cotton, work in fields, drive teams of mules when they weren't in church or school and if you couldn't pass a grade you stayed home and worked. July 4th was a great Holiday for her and her brothers and sister, Daddy would go to town and buy ice cream and try to make it back home before it melted. Times were hard back then.

She spent her life taking care of people, waitress for 30 years, a guard with TU Electric at Monticello Power Plant and a house attendant at Mt. Pleasant Assisted

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Living. She didn't retire until she was 74 years old and she didn't want to quit then, but we insisted, "no more work mom." She was loved by all.

As a mother she was the greatest in the world and the best cook. We loved her so much. Anything we wanted or needed she would try her best to get it for us. She provided so many joys of life for us. She always said, "I want to give you things I never had." She spoiled my brother and me.

She loved to ski, ride motorcycles and work in the yard. After she got older and could not do these things, she took up a new hobby- gambling. She could always be ready in 30 minutes and she said her son taught her how to gamble and it was really fun. She's the sun and the moon and all in between to us for Ever and Always.

Love you Mom! -Your Family

Sweet Jesus please take her in your loving arms and walk with her through the gates of heaven. Amen

A service was held at the Highland Park Baptist Church on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 2 PM with a burial following at the Winfield Cemetery.

MORGAN

A celebration of Life for Delane "Laney" Elizabeth Morgan will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Saturday, March 6, 2021 at 80 Acres in Cookville, Texas. Register online at www.batesfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Delane passed away Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at her home in Cookville, Texas. She was 78. Delane was born March 4, 1942 to Ronald and June Gentry Bennett. She was a homemaker and a member of Community of Christ Church in De Kalb, Texas.

She was blessed with a sweet and optimistic spirit and her servant heart ministered to many in her various church and community roles during her lifetime. From Cub Scout Leader, Soccer Coach, Softball Coach, Youth Leader, and Women's Leader, she touched many lives. Delane had a passion for music and loved to sing. She was a member of Sweet Adeline's International and Lake Country Harmony Women's Singing Group. She had an adventurous spirit, a smile as big as Texas, and

great jitterbug moves. You could always find her nose buried in cryptograms, a crossword puzzle or a delightful read.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Albert Leroy "Lee" Morgan; two sisters, Shirley Hoadley and Betty Barber; and one grandson, Melvin Lee Rolf.

She is survived by her husband of 61 years, Leroy Morgan of Cookville, Texas; three daughters, Cathie Rolf of Lindale, Texas, Brenda Wilkins of Quitman, Texas, and Mary Elizabeth Flowers of Mt. Pleasant, Texas; one brother and sister-in-law, Wayne and Sandy Bennett of Canon City, Colorado; seven grandchildren, Cheyanne Rolf, Morgan Reynolds, Justin Reynolds, Ryan Patrick, Sean Patrick, Jesse Reynolds and Brendan Roberts; four great-grandchildren, other family members and a host of friends.

SMITH

Christina E. Smith 46 of Dallas, Texas passed away Thursday February 25, 2021 in Dallas, Texas. Services are pending with J.C. White Funeral & Cremation Services of Mt. Pleasant, Texas. Online condolences may be may be left at www.jcwhitefd.com.

ADAMS

Ellayne Cannon Adams 91 of Naples, Texas passed away Tuesday February 23, 2021 in Mt. Pleasant, Texas. Services are pending with J.C. White Funeral & Cremation Services of Mt. Pleasant, Texas. Online condolences may be left at www.jcwhitefd.com.

DESANTIAGO

Margarito DeSantiago 76 of Mt. Pleasant, Texas passed away Saturday February 20, 2021 in Tyler, Texas. Services were held Wednesday February 24, 2021 at 11 a.m. at St. Michael's Catholic Church. Interment follow at Edward's Cemetery. Services are under the direction of J.C. White Funeral & Cremation Services of Mt. Pleasant, Texas. Online condolences may be left at www. jcwhitefd.com.

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tion of property (private and governmental), the impact on non-profit/private businesses, agriculture, rural/urban water utilities, school districts, emergency services,

road/streets/highways/bridges; and

WHEREAS, Titus County is requesting public assistance in meeting the needs of the above mentioned damages as a result of the winter weather event;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE JUDGE OF THE COUNTY OF TITUS:

That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for Titus County, Texas.

Pursuant to 418.018 (c) of the Texas Government Code, this state of disaster shall continue immediately and indefinitely by consent of the Commissioners Court of the County of Titus as shown below;

Pursuant to 418.018 of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt' and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the Titus County Clerk.

Pursuant to 418.018 (d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the Titus County Emergency Management Plan.

ORDERED this the 25th day of February, 2021, effectively immediately $\,$

Brian Lee, Titus County Judge"

The following is Lee's letter to Governor Abbott regarding local damages to roadways, businesses, homes, and farms:

"Dear Governor Abbott,

Titus County respectfully requests that you consider Titus County as a primary designation for Public Assistance. As you know, just last week Titus County received heavy snow, extremely cold and prolonged temperatures, and flooding resulting in damage to our County roads, culverts and bridges. Our residents, farmers and ranchers and non profit and private businesses within Titus County have also suffered hardship with loss and damage of property.

As County Judge, I am submitting this letter on behalf of the citizens of Titus County in order to request Public Assistance to help with the damage incurred so as to minimize the hardship on people and businesses, and to get repairs made as quickly as possible.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated. If you need any additional information, please contact me at my office 903-577-6791 or on my personal phone 903-466-6666

Sincerely,

Brian Lee Titus County Judge"

Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the disaster declaration and the transmission of the letter to Governor Abbott. The declaration was signed by commissioners Jeff Parchman, John Fitch, Dana Applewhite, and Jimmy Parker, as well as Judge Lee and Titus County Clerk Joan Newman. Judge Lee is hopeful that Titus County will receive aid.

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in girls basketball and has led 3 different schools to the Final Four. There are only a dozen or so coaches that have won state championships at multiple schools; even less than that who have gone to the Final Four at three different places. Add on top of that he has coached 35 National Records in the sport of girls basketball; that likely made him a worthy candidate to be considered one of the top 100 best by UIL. "Chapel Hill is very pleased to have coach Matt Gar-

rett honored as one of the best, brightest and most unforgettable coaches in the last 100 years of UIL Texas HS basketball. This is truly an amazing achievement," said Superintendent Marc Levesque.

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Coach Garrett has been a board member for the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches (TABC) for seven years in the past and is getting closer to his 700th win. Coach Garrett is completing his 30th year in the teaching and coaching basketball. In other sports he has coached 2 additional state championships in golf and cross country, 2 state runners-up (in two other sports) and countless state tournament medals in individual sports.

"As Athletic Director for CHISD, I would like to say how proud we are that Coach Matt Garrett has been recognized as one of the Top 100 coaches in the UIL's 100 years. Matt has been a dedicated professional for over 30 years, winning over 600 games, including four state championships. Most recently winning the 2019 3A championship at Chapel Hill," said David Schmitt.

"I have been blessed by God everywhere I have been. I have been blessed more than I ever deserve" Coach Garrett commented. By his side in all things is his wife Courtney Garrett. Courtney is no stranger to success as she owns 5 gold medals as a student-athlete herself. These two coaches together are a tremendous duo in the coaching world.

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Cummings joins the Tribune with years of experience in sales and marketing. For the last several years, she worked in manufactured home sales as a sales consultant and marketing agent. Before that, she worked in the medical field, doing scheduling, triage, and patient care for Evolution Health.

Cummings says that though she's never done advertising sales for print media before, she always tries to be the best at what she does and that she looks forward to creating relationships with community members.

Publisher Toni Rowan said of Cummings, "We are very pleased to have Brittany join our team. She is bright and outgoing, and I am sure our community is going to love working with her."





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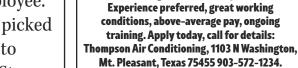
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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE COMBINATION TAX AND REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION FOR THE CITY OF MOUNT PLEASANT, TEXAS

The City Council of the City of Mount Pleasant, Texas, shall convene a meeting at 6:30 P.M. on April 20, 2021, at the Mount Pleasant Civic Center located at 1800 N. Jefferson Ave., Mt Pleasant, TX 75455 and during such meeting, the City Council will consider the passage of an ordinance or ordinances authorizing the issuance of one or more series of interest bearing certificates of obligation in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$58,000,000, for paying all or a portion of the City's contractual obligations to be incurred in connection with (1) constructing, acquiring, installing, replacing, equipping and improving the city's water and wastewater system facilities consisting of transmission lines, lift stations, storage facilities, retention dams, treatment plants and necessary street and road repairs and acquisition of interests in land or easements necessary for such projects; and (2) paying fees for legal, fiscal, engineering, architectural and other professional services in connection with these projects. Such certificates are to be made payable from ad valorem taxes and a lien on and pledge of surplus revenues of the City's waterworks and sewer system. The certificates are to be issued, and this notice is given, under and pursuant

ment Code, Chapter 271, Subchapter C. The following information is provided to comply with Tex. H.B. 477, 86 Leg., R.S. (2019). The current principal of all outstanding debt obligations of the City is \$15,825,000. The current combined principal and interest on all outstanding debt obligations of the City, paid on time and in full, is \$21,143,531. The maximum principal amount of the certificates to be authorized is \$58,000,000 and the estimated combined principal and interest required to pay the certificates to be authorized on time and in full is \$82,914,497. The maximum interest rate for the certificates may not exceed the maximum legal interest rate. The maximum maturity date of the certificates to be authorized is May 15, 2051. The above information excludes \$5,450,000 in principal of outstanding obligations the City has designated as selfsupporting and which the City expects to pay from revenue sources other than ad valorem taxes, being the City's General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2016 and Combination Tax & Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2020. Information regarding these items may be obtained during business hours from the City's Director of Finance, 501 N Madison,

Notice of Public Hearing Case No: A-2021-0 I

to the provisions of Texas Local Govern-

Hold a Public to consider approval of an ordinance for the annexation of a 7.94-acre tract of land situated in the L.H. Bradley Survey, Abstract No. 21, Titus County, Texas, same being that tract of land (Tract I) conveyed to Travel Plaza FM 1001, LLC, a Texas limited liability company, by deed recorded in Document No. 20191595, Official Public Records, Titus County Texas, and a 0.16-acre tract of land situated in the L H. Bradley Survey, Abstract No. 21, Titus County Texas, said tract being part of FM 1001 as shown on Texas Department of Transportation Highway Maps, and located in Titus County, Texas, being a total of 8.10-acres of land and generally located on the south side of IH-30 east of FM 1001.

City Council: 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 16, 2021

Location of Hearings: Mount Pleasant City Hall 501 North Madison, Mount Pleasant, Texas

Request for Proposals

Northeast Texas Community College (NTCC) District invites all "qualified professional service firm(s)" to submit request for Proposals (RFP) responses for NTCC's Landscaping Services for the following solicitation:

• Request for Proposals (RFP) # RFP-2021-02

Submit response to:

Northeast Texas Community College (NTCC)

> Attention: Jeff Chambers # RFP-2021-02 2886 FM 1735

Mount Pleasant, Texas 75455

By no later than: March 24, 2021 at 2:00 p.m., Central Standard Time (CST)

On the date and at the time for submission of proposals, responses will be opened and identified by proposer name. However, proposals will not be read aloud. Proposals that arrive after the date and time for submission of proposals will be considered late and will not be opened.

Proposals from respondents may not be withdrawn for a period of one hundred twenty (120) days subsequent to the date and time for submission without the consent of the Workforce Program Developer.

NTCC reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals in whole or in part, to waive informalities or technicalities, to clarify ambiguities, and to award items or groups of items as may be in the best interest of NTCC.

Notice of Public Hearing Case No: Z-2021-01

Mount Pleasant, TX 75455, Phone: 903-

Hearing Dates and Location

575-4000, Fax: 903-577-1828.

Hold a Public Hearing to consider the request of Roberto Monroy, applicant, to rezone Lots I and 2, Senior Community Addition, Phase I, an addition to Titus County, Texas, as recorded in Plat Cabinet Slide No. 561, Plat Records, Titus County, Texas and a 9.65 acre tract of land situated in the Prior Herron Survey, Abstract No. 265, Titus County, Texas, and being all of the remainder of that certain 20.594 acre tract of land, called Exhibit A, conveyed from Mt. Pleasant Operators, LLC to Fredo Enterprises 1, LLC, by General Warranty Deed, as recorded in File #20150256, Public Records, Titus County, Texas, from PD (Planned Development District) to MF (Multi-Family District) located at the intersection of Greenhill Road (FM 2152) and Senior Community Drive, Mount Pleasant, Texas.

City Council:

DECEASED

6:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 16, 2021

Location of Hearings: Mount Pleasant City Hall 501 North Madison, Mount Pleasant,

NO. P06453

§ IN THE COUNTY COURT **FSTATE OF** WELDON MILLER,

§ 0F

§ TITUS COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF WELDON MILLER, **DECEASED**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Weldon Miller, Deceased, were issued on February 10, 2021, in Case No. P06453 pending in the County Court of Titus County, Texas, to JoAnn Miller.

All persons having claims against this Estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Claims should be addressed to the Estate's representative as follows:

Estate of Weldon Miller, Deceased c/o Michael D. Allen Allen-Lottmann-Kimmel, P.C. 3805 Old Bullard Road Tyler, Texas 75701

DATED the 22nd day of February, 2021.

Respectfully submitted, ALLEN • LOTTMANN • KIMMEL A Professional Corporation 3805 Old Bullard Road Tyler, Texas 75701 (903) 534-0006 (903) 534-3757 (Facsimile) mike@allenlottmann.com

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Texas Commission on Environmental Quality



NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR TPDES PERMIT FOR MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER

RENEWAL

PERMIT NO. WQ0011750001

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. Town of Millers Cove, P.O. Box 300, Winfield, Texas 75493, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal of Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0011750001 which authorizes the discharge of treated domestic wastewater at a daily average flow not to exceed 38,000 gallons per day. TCEQ received this application on September 9, 2020.

The facility is located 0.75 mile southwest of the intersection of Interstate 30 and Texas Spur 185, in Titus County, Texas 75493. The treated effluent is discharged to an unnamed tributary, thence to Blundell Creek, thence to Lake Monticello, thence to Lake Bob Sandlin in Segment No. 0408 of the Cypress Creek Basin. The unclassified receiving water use is minimal aquatic life use for the unnamed tributary. The designated uses for Segment No. 0408 are primary contact recreation, public water supply, and high aquatic life use. All determinations are preliminary and subject to additional review and/or revisions. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and is not part of the application or notice. For the exact location, refer to the application.

https://tceq.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=db5bac44afbc468bbddd36of 8168250f&marker=-95.117777%2C33.154722&level=12

The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The Executive Director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, Executive Director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at Millers Cove City Hall, 5 Miller Street, Millers Cove, Texas.

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ holds a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name, address, phone number; applicant's name and proposed permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the proposed facility; a specific description of how public; a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period; and the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify by name and physical address an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are relevant to the group's purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material water quality concerns submitted during the comment period. TCEQ may act on an application to renew a permit for discharge of wastewater without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. The Executive Director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the Executive Director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and request to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

All written public comments and public meeting requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or electronically at https://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/ within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE. For details about the status of the application, visit the Commissioners' Integrated Database at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid. Search the database using the permit number for this application, which is provided at the top of this notice.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Any personal information you submit to the TCEQ will become part of the agency's record; this includes email addresses. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040 or visit their website at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/pep. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Town of Millers Cove at the address stated above or by calling Ms. Araceli Martinez at 903-305-4327.

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MPHS UIL places first at Winter Tiger Invitational

The Mount Pleasant High School UIL Academic team continued its season with its first face-to-face meet on Friday and Saturday, February 12-13 at the Winter Tiger Invitational held on the Mount Pleasant Junior High campus. Due to COVID restrictions the meet was smaller than in years past with 13 schools competing in UIL academic events, six in the large school and 7 in the small school division. Overall, Mount Pleasant High School took first place at the meet. Ten teams including Calculator Applications, Mathematics, Current Events, Spelling, Ready Writing, Literary Criticism, Social Studies, Accounting, Speech and Debate and Journalism all took 1st place team honors in their respective events.

Full results include:

-Mount Pleasant High School: 1st place Sweepstakes team

-Calculator Applications: (1st place team)

10th grade: Isaac Hernandez (1st), Ethan Harbour (2nd), Clayton Brison (3rd)

12th grade: Miguel Segura (1st), Patricia Roque (2nd) Overall: Miguel Segura (1st), Patricia Roque (2nd), Isaac Hernandez (3rd), Ethan Harbour (4th), Clayton Brison (5th)

-Mathematics: (1st place team) 10th grade: Perla Guzman (1st), Ethan Harbour (2nd)

11th grade: Nic Chappell III (1st)

12th grade: Miguel Segura (1st)

Overall: Miguel Segura (1st), Nic Chappell III (2nd), Perla Guzman (6th)

-Number Sense:

10th grade: Ethan Harbour (1st), Clayton Brison (3rd)

12th grade: Miguel Segura (1st)

Overall: Miguel Segura (1st), Ethan Harbour (5th) -Science:

10th Grade: Natalie Crockett (1st), Ethan Harbour (2nd) 11th Grade: Esteban Trejo (4th)

12th Grade: Miguel Segura (5th) -Current Events: (1st place team) Connelly Cowan (1st),

Members of the 2020-2021 MPHS UIL Academic team. COURTESY PHOTO

Reid Pinckard (2nd), Isabella Greco (3rd), Ryan Sharp (4th), Tyler Welborn (5th)

-Spelling: (1st place team) Sophie Greco (1st), Anna Harris (2nd), Diana Velez (4th)

-Ready Writing: (1st place team) Juanita Gutierrez (2nd), MaKayla Spigner (3rd), Norma Delgado (4th), Angelica Hernandez (5th), Briana Sanchez (6th)

-Literary Criticism: (1st place team) Reid Pinckard (1st), Kylie Hedge (4th), Taylor Hubbs (6th)

-Lincoln-Douglas Debate: Reid Pinckard (1st), Kylie Hedge (3rd), Anthony Orellana (5th)

-Informative Extemporaneous Speaking: Taylor Hubbs (1st)

-Persuasive Extemporaneous Speaking: Reid Pinckard (1st), Anthony Orellana (2nd)

-Prose: Madeline Tumey-Simmons (4th)

-Social Studies: (1st place team) Brock Shavers (1st), Odalys Adame (2nd), Desline Chavez (3rd), Mya Clark (4th)

-Accounting: (1st place team) Victor Diaz (1st), David Perez (4th), Tyler Welborn (5th)

-Computer Science: David Perez (1st), Victor Diaz (2nd)

-Journalism: (1st place team)

News Writing: Kylie Hedge (1st), Megan Adams (2nd) Editorial Writing: Madison Adams (1st), Megan Adams (2nd), Kylie Hedge (3rd), Tairelle Chong (4th), Faith Logan

Feature Writing: Kylie Hedge (1st), Madison Adams (2nd), Megan Adams (3rd), Samantha Valdez (4th)

Headlines: Megan Adams (1st), Madison Adams (2nd),

Kylie Hedge (3rd), Tairelle Chong (6th) Copy Editing: Megan Adams (1st), Taryn Thurman (3rd), Madison Adams (4th), Tyler Welborn (5th)

The MPHS UIL Academic teams are coached by Gina Crouch (UIL Coordinator, Spelling, Current Events), Angie Priefert (Literary Criticism), Osias Hernandez (Math, Calculator Applications), Randy Ballard (Number Sense), Larry Russell (Science), Gabby Robbins (Ready Writing), LeAnne Blalock (Social Studies), David Clark (Accounting, Computer Applications, Computer Science), Enrique Martinez (Assistant UIL Coordinator, Speech and Debate), Tammy Thomas (Assistant UIL Coordinator), and John Whitten (Journalism).

MT. PLEASANT ISD SCHOOL CALENDAR

Week of March 1-6

Monday, March 1

- MPHS Tiger Doll candidate parent meeting, MPHS cafeteria, 6:00 p.m.
- Track: MPJH Boys & Girls @ Junior Tiger Relays (home)

Tuesday, March 2

- · MPHS One Act Play public performance, MPHS Auditorium, 6:30 p.m.
- Softball: MPHS JV & Varsity @ Texas High (away), 4:30 p.m.
- Soccer: MPHS Boys JV & Varsity vs. Sulphur Springs (home), 5:30 p.m.
- MPHS Girls JV & Varsity @ Sulphur Springs (away), 5:30
- Golf: MPHS Girls @ Tempest

Wednesday, March 3

- Golf: MPHS Boys JV @ Wood Hollow
- Powerlifting: MPHS Girls @ Regional meet in Whitehouse (away)

Thursday, March 4

- CDC Head Start/Pre-K picture
- MPHS NHS meeting, MPHS Auditorium, 7:45 a.m.
- MPHS Theatre @ One Act Play
- competition, Sulphur Springs Softball: MPHS Varsity @ McKinney tournament (away)
- MPHS JV @ Longview PARD tournament (away)
- Baseball: MPHS @ Spring Hill tournament (away)

- Soccer: MPHS Boys JV & Varsity @ Hallsville (away), 5:30 p.m.
- MPHS Girls JV & Varsity vs. Hallsville (home), 5:30 p.m.
- Powerlifting: MPHS Boys @ Regional meet in Whitehouse (away)

Friday, March 5

- CDC zoom Nutrition class, 8:00
- MP Speech & Debate @ online National Qualifying tournament, MPISD Admin Bldg.
- Baseball: MPHS @ Spring Hill tournament (away)
- Softball: MPHS Varsity @ McKinney tournament (away)
- MPHS JV @ Longview PARD
- tournament (away) • Golf: MPHS Boys Varsity @
- Wood Hollow
- Track: MPHS JV & Varsity @

Saturday, March 6

• MP Speech & Debate @ online National Qualifying tournament, MPISD Admin Bldg.

Watt Meyers Relays (away)

- Baseball: MPHS @ Spring Hill tournament (away)
- Softball: MPHS Varsity @ McK-
- inney tournament (away)
- MPHS JV @ Longview PARD tournament (away)
- Soccer: MPHS Boys JV & Varsity vs. Longview (home), 5:30 p.m.
- MPHS Girls JV & Varsity @ Longview (away), 5:30 p.m.
- Golf: MPHS Boys Varsity @ Tempest

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Lady Devil Advance to their 4th Straight Regional Tournament

By MATT GARRETT

he Chapel Hill Lady Devils defeated Mount Vernon this past Thursday to advance to their 4th straight Regional Tournament. The Regional Tournament is a bit different this year for COVID-19 reasons. This year the UIL split up the Regional Tournament to two different dates instead of back to back days. Now on to the game...

The first quarter started off fast for the Lady Devils has they opened the game with two three pointers. Mount Vernon quickly played right back at Chapel Hill and tied up the game. Mount Vernon hit some big shots towards the end of the quarter and took the lead 12-16. The second quarter was a bit different. Chapel Hill clamped down on defense and forced Mount Vernon into some key turnovers. Chapel Hill kept chipping away at the lead and chipping away at the lead and the next thing you know...at half-time the Lady

Devils took a two point lead 24-22. The the third quarter saw a more methodically game and Chapel Hill played it great. Though the scoring was close at the end of the third quarter 10-5, but the lead increased from two at half-time to seven 34-27. The fourth quarter mirrored the third. Chapel Hill was very methodical on offense and put the clamps down on defense. Chapel Hill would go on to win the fourth quarter 10-6 and the game 44-33 to advance to the Regional Tournament rounds.

"People don't understand how hard it is to get to the regional tournament ever, let alone four in a row with different sets of kids" Coach Garrett praised his team. "I am so proud of these girls. I said from the beginning that this team can be great in a different way than the recent teams in the past...and now they have proved it" Coach Garrett concluded.

The Lady Devils will play Saturday at 3pm at Greenville High School versus Gunter.



Lilly Ellis playing defense.



Callie Thompson playing defense

