

# Wilco, G'town respond to freeze

By CHRISTOPHER DE LOS SANTOS

Williamson County and the City of Georgetown were prepared for the ice and freezing temperatures caused by Winter Storm Landon last week.

Williamson County Emergency Communications took 201 calls for service during the height of the storm Thursday, said Connie Odom, county spokesperson. These included 30 fire service calls, 84 law enforcement calls and 87 calls for Emergency Medical Services.

“People did a great job with self-care, meaning our first responders could focus on the ones who really, really needed our help,” said Amy Jarosek, the county’s program leader for community health paramedicine.

Community Health Paramedics and the Mobile Outreach Team also provided responses to some residents in difficult situations, she said.

Although calls were made, the volume was far less than last year’s winter storm, due to preparations made by city and county offices, as well as this year’s event being less severe. The sheriff’s office responded to a few crashes caused by icy roads, Ms. Odom said.



SUN ARCHIVE

Ice gathers around the lake and gazebo at Murphy Park in Taylor Thursday. Williamson County received a thick coating of ice, closing schools, government offices and businesses as temperatures remained in the 20s Friday.

## Storm responses

Williamson County’s Office of Emergency Management activated the Emergency Operation Center on Thursday night before the storm, said Michael Shoe, the county’s senior director of emergency management.

“We held numerous conference calls with the National Weather Service, cities, school districts and utility providers in order to determine if there were any unmet needs,” he said.

His team works with the state to request equipment or resources that cannot be filled within the county.

Road crews prepositioned stocks of de-icing fluid and sand to spread on bridges and roadways. City and county crews applied these regularly during the nights of freezing temperatures to make travel as safe as possible as roads thawed.

Ambulance stations and the sheriffs office also stocked buckets of sand in vehicles to prepare their

driveways for the freeze.

Additionally, first responder agencies were fully staffed, and had extra personnel on call to respond to emergencies.

The local fire department was active during the storm.

“Georgetown Fire Department did note an increased number of motor vehicle collisions that began in the February 3 afternoon and a spike in fire

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Back on track

# Madella Hilliard again hosting Meals on Wheels

By BRAD STUTZMAN

Beatrice Aranda dug her fork into a hearty helping of chicken alfredo and talked about how good it was to be back for a Meals on Wheels lunch at the Madella Hilliard Neighborhood Center in Georgetown.

While Covid has not interrupted home deliveries, the pandemic did cause congregate sites in both Williamson and Burnet counties to close in March 2020.

Ms. Aranda, who is 69 and lives near Jonah, said she’s enjoyed partaking in food and fellowship at Madella Hilliard for about nine years. She’s faithfully arrived almost every Monday for the past two years, taking shelf-stable foods and baked goods H-E-B donates home with her. But the experience wasn’t exactly the same.

“I missed my friends here,” Ms. Aranda said.

Between bites of the chicken, green salad, carrots and spicy dessert apples on her plate, she explained what else she likes about the center and its offerings. The center is open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., with lunch served at noon.

“When we come early enough, they’ve got coffee,” Ms. Aranda said. “They’ll make it as fast as we drink it. It’s always clean here.”

Ms. Aranda said she likes playing dominoes with Ed and Joyce, a Sun City couple who did not want their last name published.

“This is a great community,” Ed said of the congregate lunch crowd, numbering less than one dozen for the February 1 reopening. “We like everyone we’ve met.”

Kelsey Ward, who serves as site director for the Meals on Wheels program at Madella Hilliard, said participants might return slowly, but she’s looking forward to building the congregate program back up.

Ms. Ward noted that during the pandemic-driven closure of almost two years, many regular congregate participants had hot lunches delivered to their homes.

“We’ve seen these folks the past two years, but only for five minutes at a time,” Ms. Ward said.

She then offered a short prayer, before ringing the dinner bell at noon.

Senior Nutrition Direc-

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# Housing growth in Jarrell ISD to triple school enrollment in 10 years

By KATHERINE ANTHONY

Enrollment in Jarrell ISD is projected to swell over the next 10 years, according to a demographic report presented January 26 to JISD trustees.

The surge will be triggered by home construction in Jarrell — the 10th fastest growing community in Central Texas, according to Trent Smith of Zonda Education, a housing market research and real estate analytics firm based in Southlake.

JISD’s current enrollment is 2,878. By 2032, it’s projected to rise to 9,956.

The district’s growth has been steady in recent years, Mr. Smith said. Since 2018, it has increased by 1,100 students from 1,703 students to its current enrollment. Percentage-wise, annual growth in that time was greatest from 2020-21 to 2021-22 — 24.9 percent.

For now, JISD Superintendent Toni Hicks said the district is meeting the challenges of growth.

“Passing the May 2021 bond helps the district evolve by building new facilities and classrooms to

accommodate the expected enrollment increase,” she said Monday. “In addition, the new elementary school (to open in 2023) and building upgrades to our other campuses will strengthen our innovative approach to academic excellence.

“As a result, Jarrell ISD will further enhance its way to being a destination district.”

JISD has four schools — two elementaries, a middle school and a high school. One of those schools, Igo Elementary, was opened in 2019 and is currently over its 800-student capacity, with an enrollment of 849. Jarrell Elementary is also over-enrolled — 667 students with a capacity of 600.

In December, JISD broke ground on its third elementary — Double Creek — which will open in 2023.

Both Jarrell middle and high schools will reach capacity in 2024 with enrollments of 1,004 and 1,258, respectively, the report projected.

Zonda Education’s research shows that JISD ranked 10th among Central Texas’ 20 school districts in new home closings —

## Housing boom spurs Jarrell ISD enrollment growth

- JISD increased by 573 students this fall for an enrollment leap of 24.9 percent.
- The district has 15 subdivisions actively being built.
- There are nine future subdivisions approved in the district.
- JISD is on pace to close more than 1,100 homes in 2021.
- Groundwork is underway on more than 1,960 lots.
- The district will likely see 1,200 to 1,400 new homes a year for the next three to five years.
- JISD can expect to enroll more than 6,100 students by 2026-27, and almost 10,000 by 2031-32.

*Source: Zonda Education: JISD third Quarter 2021 Demographic Report.*

1,078 — in the third quarter of 2021. Leander ISD leads area growth with 2,682 home closings in the same period. Georgetown ISD is No. 2.

JISD has 15 actively building subdivisions, Mr. Smith said. Within the district there are nine future subdivisions, and of these, groundwork is underway on more than 1,960 lots within six subdivisions.

The high residential growth is occurring in four

housing subdivisions — Sonterra West, Stonebridge Crossing, Sonterra Enclave, Villages at Schwertner Ranch.

The report ranks 10 area subdivisions by projected future growth — Sonterra Eastwood, Stonebridge Crossing, Rio Lobo, Berry Creek Highlands, Villages at Schwertner Ranch, Balcones, Hidden Oaks at Berry Creek, Sonterra Coolwater, Enclave at Berry Creek and Home Place at Jarrell.

## Shadows and Light

Morning shadows and light fall on the facade of Grace Heritage Center on Saturday.

— Photo by Andy Sharp



BRAD STUTZMAN

Alexandra Morales serves lunch to Beatrice Aranda on February 1 as the Madella Hilliard Neighborhood Center, 803 West Eighth Street, reopened for in-person Meals on Wheel lunches. Local Meals on Wheels programs are part of services the Georgetown-based Opportunities for Williamson and Burnet Counties provides.

# Brown Symposium kicks off February 16

Southwestern University’s Brown Symposium commences on February 16, with options to attend in person or virtually.

The overarching topic of the lecture series will be attraction. This includes topics such as sexual selection, evolutionary psychology, social psychology, fashion and art. The symposium is funded through an endowment established by The Brown Foundation of Houston. It is in its 40th year.

Registration will be required to attend. The in-person lectures will take place at the Alma Thomas Fine Arts Center.

## Symposium schedule

9:00-9:15 a.m. — Welcome and introductions from President Laura Trombley, Ben Pierce and Fay Guaraci.

9:15-10:30 a.m. — Lisa

Diamond: “Gender, Genes, Desire, and Behavior: New Perspectives on Old Questions”

10:30-10:45 a.m. — break

10:45 a.m.-noon — Michael Ryan: “A Taste for the Beautiful”

Noon-1 p.m. — lunch break

1-2:15 p.m. — Amy Muise: “Keeping the Spark Alive: Self-Expansion in Relationships”

2:15-2:30 p.m. — break

2:30-3:45 p.m. — David Buss: “When Men Behave Badly: The Hidden Roots of Sexual Deception, Harassment, and Assault”

3:45-4 p.m. — break

4-5:15 p.m. — Valerie Steele: “Fashion and Sexual Attraction”

5:15-6:15 p.m. — art exhibition (Fine Arts Gallery)

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# G'town could get detached condominium neighborhood

By CHRISTOPHER DE LOS SANTOS

Developers were scheduled to bring a revised subdivision proposal back to the Georgetown City Council on Tuesday for a zoning vote on Riverpointe, a medium-density, single-family neighborhood proposed for the western side of the city.

SEC Planning and Blackburn Homes, both of Austin, proposed Riverpointe as a detached condominium neighborhood to be located along State Highway 29, around three miles west of Interstate 35. Positioned between the Water Oak and Riverview subdivisions, it will consist of about 12.8 acres, within the master plan of the Heights at San Gabriel.

The homes, lots and streets in the neighborhood would all be narrow, according to SEC's proposal.

"The neighborhood will look and function like a small-lot, single family neighborhood," Mark Baker, principal with SEC wrote in the letter of intent.

"But the housing product will be delivered via a single-lot site plan, similar to a multi-family or condo development."

Homes would be detached, single-family condominiums of around 1,400 square feet, with yards and sidewalks in the front, and garages in the back, Sofia Nelson, the city's director of planning, told the council January 25. Garages would be accessed through back alleyways, she said.

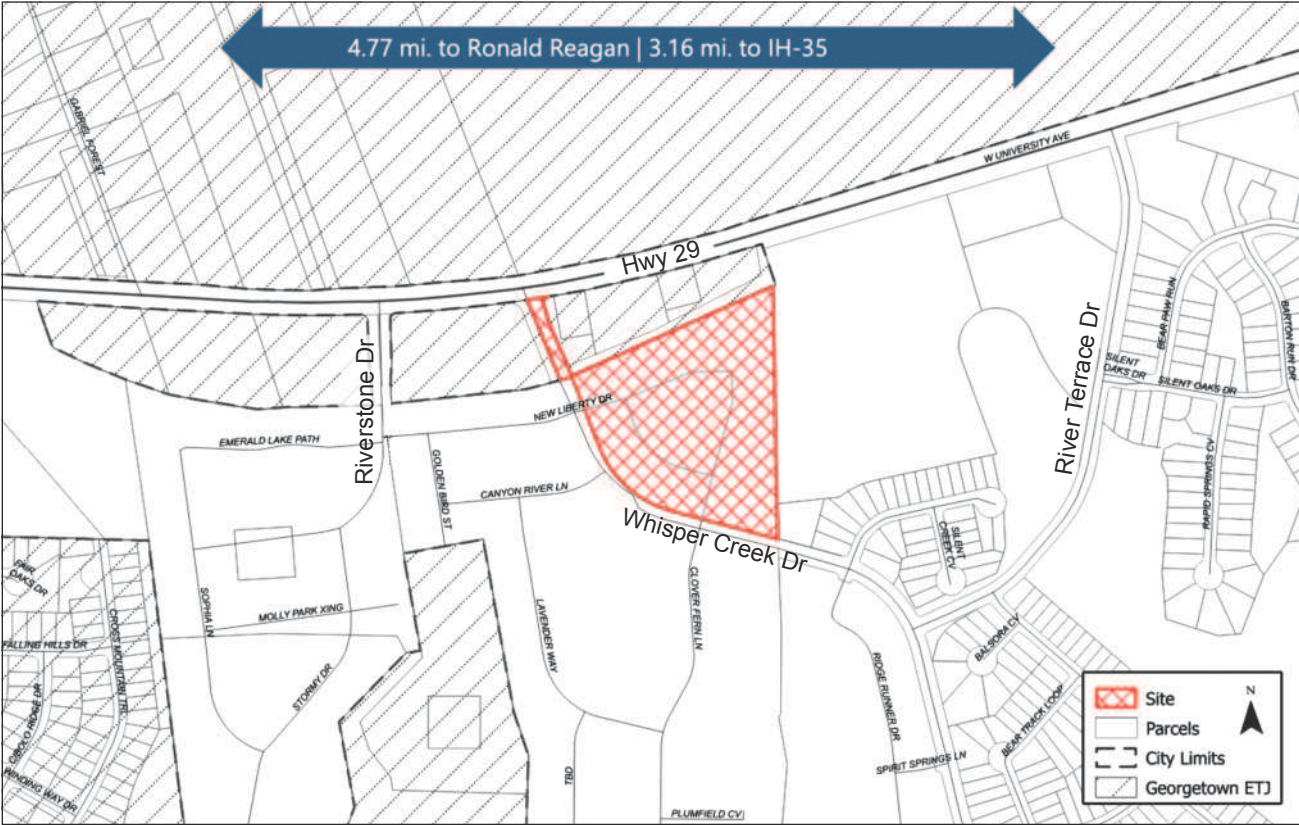
The distance between homes would be about half of what is found in a typical subdivision, she said. Streets would be too narrow for parking in front of the homes, she said.

### Revisions made

City council rejected an initial proposal for Riverpointe last fall because it contained about 15 guest parking spots, located at an edge of the neighborhood, for up to 178 homes.

SEC's revised proposal triples the guest parking to 45 spots, distributing them around the neighborhood. It also limits the number of homes to 65, documents show. With a garage and driveway in back, each home will have four parking spaces.

The revised version of Riverpointe also contains



The proposed Riverpointe neighborhood of detached condominiums would be built on the south side of State Highway 29 between Ronald Reagan Boulevard and I-35.

additional greenspace, including karst buffers around hills and a pocket park that will now contain picnic tables and play equipment for children.

"I like the changes. It's a

good housing product. The changes satisfy me," Council Member Mike Triggs said January 25.

The city council heard the proposal and held a public hearing on January

25. However, action was delayed due to a city error in posting of related supporting information.

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval on January 18.

If supported Tuesday, the proposal will return to city council in the coming weeks for a second vote. This edition of the *Sun* went to press before the city council held the first vote.



T.J. Kirchner is presented with a certificate from Stock Show Calf Scramble Committee member Paxton Motheral.

## Stock show scramble

Williamson County 4-H student T.J. Kirchner won a calf scramble at the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo, February 3.

The prize was a \$500 purchase certificate to put toward a show heifer, and it also earned him a spot in the Stock Show scholarship program. T.J. can use the winnings to purchase and

raise a calf from the show, which he will raise and submit monthly reports for, up until next year's show.

Depending on the results and consistency, he could win a scholarship between \$500 and \$16,000. The program has distributed more than \$3.6 million in scholarships since it started in 1987.



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## Georgetown Festival of the Arts

# Classical concert to celebrate community

By KATE THURMOND

The Georgetown Festival of the Arts will return February 20 with the second of three classical music concerts in an ongoing series of performances.

Traditionally, the festival usually spans a week, but has been shifted to a series of one-off concerts that will take place throughout the year due to the ongoing pandemic. The group held one concert in November,

and plan to host one more in the spring after the free February 20 event, which begins at 4 p.m.

The February 20 concert will feature the music of Beethoven, Beach, Schubert, Copland, and Rachmaninov.

Performers for the afternoon will be Patrice Calixte, Hai Zheng, and Kiyhoshi Tamagawa of the Southwestern University music faculty; Bruce Williams of the Austin Symphony Or-

chestra; Virginia Dupuy and Catherine Lysinger from Dallas; and local artist Toby Blumenthal.

The show is meant to be a celebration of classical music and a gift to the community, said Florence Gould, one of the founding committee members.

"We're really hoping Covid lets us continue with this," she said. "People love coming."

The festival was created 17 years ago by Ellsworth

Peterson, a former faculty member of the Southwestern University college of music. There were 15 festivals before the committee decided to cancel last year.

"We feel tenuous, but we're hopeful," said Ms. Gould.

The concert will take place at the San Gabriel Presbyterian Church, 5404 Williams Drive. It is free to attend, and will begin at 4 p.m.

## New construction and new alcohol permits

**Q. We drive on CR245 daily where lots of construction is happening. Do you know what is being built at 700 CR 245?**

**A.** According to City Planning and Zoning documents, the 25.837 acres generally located at this address is owned by Pulte Homes of Texas. In July 2020, SEC Planning, Inc., on behalf of its client, asked the City of Georgetown Planning Department to incorporate this parcel into a nearby larger 769.9 acre Sun City Texas plot known as Somerset.

As required by the City's Unified Development Code:

- all property owners within 200 feet of the subject property were notified of the request (7 notices mailed),
- a legal notice advertising the public hearing was placed in the *Sun* (August 30, 2020) and signs were posted on-site.



### ASK ME

Ellen Greeney

City staff received no written comments in favor or in opposition of the request. The item went before the City Council for a Second Reading on October 27, 2020, and was approved with an affirmative vote by Council Members Calixtro, Triggs, Fought, Pitts, Jonrowe and Gonzalez.

**Q. I'm becoming concerned about the number of establishments offering alcohol in Georgetown. How many are there?**

**A.** According to the latest records and statistics from the Texas Alcohol Beverage Commission, there were 28 TABC licenses/permits (including temporary permits) issued in 78626, 78627, 28628 and 78633 ZIP codes during 2021.

"We process close to 100,000 licenses and permits each year," Chris Porter, TACB public information officer; ex-

plained. "The only difference between a 'license' and 'permit' is the type of alcohol they sell; license holders may only sell malt beverages, while permit holders may sell distilled spirits or wine along with malt beverages."

There are six categories of permits and establishments:

- Nonprofit Temporary Event Permit;
- Wine and Malt Beverage Retailer Off-Premise (usually grocery/convenience stores);
- Package Store (aka liquor store);
- Wine and Malt Beverage Retailer On-Premise (usually restaurants offering beer or wine);
- Mixed Beverage Permit (usually bars/clubs or restaurants including a full bar); and
- Wine-Only Package Store (grocery/convenience store which only sells wine).

If you would like to view the entire 12-page list, let me know at ellen@wilcosun.com.

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# Jarrell ISD opens new Family Health Center

By KATHERINE ANTHONY

Jarrell ISD cut the ribbon last week on the new Family Health Center that will serve not only district families, but the entire community.

“As our community grows, so does the need for accessible health care. So when presented with the idea, we, as a board, knew how beneficial it would be to the Jarrell ISD community,” Crystal Phalen, JISD board president said. “We’re proud to be part of something that is going to change Cougar Nation for years to come.”

In 2020, JISD’s board of trustees approved a partnership with Texas A&M College of Nursing and Bluebonnet Trails Community Services to establish a Family Health Center on the Jarrell ISD administration campus, offering health care services.

This partnership brought together a medical practitioner and licensed counselors in a campus-based clinic — increasing access to medical and behavioral health care in the rural, but



With a scissors’ snip, JISD leaders and clinic partners celebrate the Family Health Center. Left to right are trustees Bruce Epstein Crystal Phalen, Tamara Dozier, and Rebecca Kirby; Laura Buckley, JISD’s federal and state program director; trustee Jenny Arnold; superintendent Toni Hicks; and Andrea Richardson, executive director of Bluebonnet Trails Community Services.

fast-growing community.

In 2021, St. David’s Foundation announced a grant award of \$300,000 supporting the renovation under-

way at the Family Health Center located at 301 East Avenue F.

The Family Health Clinic will offer scheduled and

walk-in appointments to Jarrell ISD students, their family members, staff members and community residents — regardless of

their insurance status. Cost of services will be charged on a sliding fee scale based on ability to pay.

The Family Health Cen-

ter offers medical examinations for illnesses, infections, colds and flu, as well as immunizations and sports physicals. Specialty care including psychiatric evaluations, medication reviews, counseling, and care coordination also are available.

The clinic can be reached by calling 844-309-6385. For the 24/7 crisis hotline, call 800-841-1255.

“Extraordinary things happen when trusted partners come together for a common mission,” said Andrea Richardson, executive director of Bluebonnet Trails Community Services. “The Family Health Clinic at Jarrell ISD is the first step toward fulfillment of the common mission for a healthy community.”

Abena Asante, senior program officer for the St. David’s Foundation, said the foundation “is proud to be an investor in the health of the community.

“We applaud the collaboration between Bluebonnet Trails Community Services, Jarrell ISD, and the Jarrell community in making this clinic a reality.”

# Additional county mental health crisis services on the way

By CHRISTOPHER DE LOS SANTOS

To deal with an increasing number of Williamson County residents facing mental health challenges, the county commissioners court and the local mental health authority are expanding and reconfiguring the crisis mental health services they offer.

Bluebonnet Trails Community Services is the county’s mental health authority.

The county and its partners have developed several methods to get residents the help they need in the best setting, Andrea Richardson, executive director of Bluebonnet Trails, told Commissioners Court on January 25.

“It has always been our goal to divert out of the county jail those whose mental condition would be best treated in other settings,” Commissioner Valerie Covey, Precinct 3, said January 25.

She said that these methods include adding mental health professionals to 911 dispatch, setting up a law enforcement mental health triage, creating a youth therapeutic respite, reconfiguring the mobile mental health crisis response, as well as expanding and changing care in the justice system.

Some of these services have already begun and more will open in March, Ms. Richardson said.

**911 dispatch**

Beginning with a call to 911, people can now get routed to crisis mental health assistance for themselves or someone else, Ms. Richardson said.

An innovation to place mental health professionals in the 911 center, dispatchers can more effectively route people experiencing a mental health crisis to specific care when it is a more appropriate response than police or paramedics would be, Ms. Richardson said.

A grant through Bluebonnet Trails is providing three mental health professionals — one duty at a time — to take calls at dispatch during many hours of the week. Coverage is not yet 24/7, but the plan calls for seven professionals total, when grant funding and budgeting permits hiring the rest.

**Mental health triage**

To allow deputies and officers an option for people experiencing a mental health crisis, besides booking them into jail, the sheriff’s office and Bluebonnet Trails set up a triage center that will open around March 17, Undersheriff

Ken Evans said.

The triage center will be set up near Liberty Hill in a county owned building, with 27 primary care and mental health professionals. In 23 hours or less, these professionals will determine whether the offender can be safely treated in the community and not sent to jail, Ms. Richardson said.

If so, they will route the offender to appropriate care. If not, law enforcement will return and book the offender into jail, the undersheriff said.

American Rescue Plan Act and CARES Act funds paid for renovations of the facility, documents show. Grants through Bluebonnet Trails will pay for the personnel.

**Youth therapeutic respite**

A therapeutic respite will allow youngsters to stay for as little as a few hours or as long as 30 days, giving families another option for youth suffering from mental health issues. More traditional approaches in the past would have included juvenile services, or an

emergency room visit or a longer commitment in a mental health hospital, Mr. Evans said.

A trauma-informed, community-based crisis intervention partnership between the county and its mental health authority will create an alternative to psychiatric hospitalization at Bluebonnet Trails’ facility in Round Rock, Ms. Richardson said. Beginning March 23, this program will treat young people ages 5-17, she said.

A staff of 26 will provide wraparound care for the county, documents show. Staff will be skilled in mental health, primary care and substance abuse care. Some personnel will also be trained in dealing with people who have been diagnosed with autism or an intellectual developmental disability.

Care coordinators will plan for outpatient care with the family and schools to allow for a smooth transition upon release, documents show.

CARES Act money paid for the renovations, docu-

ments show. ARPA money will pay for the staff, until they are brought on the Bluebonnet Trails budget with grants in the next state legislative budget cycle, Ms. Richardson said.

**Mobile care to schools**

Bluebonnet Trails mobile professionals will now respond to calls where a student experiences a mental health crisis in which they may harm themselves or someone else. This service will be an alternative to a call to law enforcement, Ms. Richardson said.

As the county’s mental health Mobile Outreach Team wound down and the Round Rock Fire Department began filling a similar capacity, Bluebonnet Trails increased staffing on its own mobile crisis response, documents show. This program began January 1, staffed with 17 mental health professionals funded through Bluebonnet Trails and Department of Health and Human Services.

**Jail-based care**

The sheriff’s office, to-

gether with county and district courts judges, have begun partnering with Bluebonnet Trails for court-based and jail-based care coordination. The program began January 3.

Care coordinators will allow more inmates to receive care. People in the justice system can receive mental health care outside the jail as well.

The sheriff’s office is in the process of hiring a physician’s assistant with medical and mental health experience to provide care to inmates. This physician assistant will be able to handle injuries and minor illnesses that occur in the jail. They will also assist with mental health cases.

With the PA treating many of these patients in-house, the jail should require fewer ambulance calls and emergency room visits for inmates.

The county will pay the PA’s salary and benefits with American Rescue Plan Act money until commissioners add the position to the budget, or until the end of 2024.

*Walburg weiners*

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For a taste of Octoberfest without having to wait until the fall, Zion Lutheran Church in Walburg is selling some of its famous bratwursts at their sausage sale going on now.

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February 27 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

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Music trophy & roof bandit

Now wasn’t that the happiest news last week — the surprise award for Benold music teacher Katy Dane? Ms. Dane was named 2022 Music Educator of the Year by the National Association for Music Education, an honor she first learned about at a surprise announcement at Benold Middle School.

And not just happy but impressive, too, that everyone managed to keep it a secret. Even her parents knew far enough ahead to drive down and join the “surprise” crowd.

We congratulate Ms. Dane and are mighty proud to have her in our school system.

Three weeks ago we got back from the upholsteryer new cushions for our porch chairs covered with a beautiful, not cheap, fabric. Three days ago nest-making squirrels chewed a hole in one. Before that, Spouse liked the squirrels. But now we are mobilized, on war footing against them.

We also have raccoons that sometimes come at night and harvest snails from the fish pond, leaving bits of broken shell on the pond border. Other folks have had raccoons chew their way into attics and other places, damaging the house.

Our backyard neighbor, Tristan Whitmire, tells me that recently their little



Winds Aloft

Clark Thurmond

one woke up in the night, and climbed into bed with him and Kauli. This made for a crowd, so Tristan moved the couch. There in the dark, he heard a scratching on the house. He got up and went into the back yard to see what was going on. All was quiet.

But he had a creepy feeling of being watched, he said. He looked around and there were two little eyes staring at him from the roof. He’d been on the roof earlier, so the ladder was there. Up he went to see what was behind the eyes, and a fat raccoon scurried away, up and over the gable.

Tristian took off and chased the raccoon, up and down, across the gables. In the middle of the night. In his PJs.

He came over the last peak, and the raccoon had disappeared. Tristan crept down to the edge and looked over. The raccoon hung by her little hands off the eve. Their eyes met. She let loose, dropped to the ground and hustled off into the dark. Surely the raccoon had never been chased around on a roof in the dark by a man in his PJs.

Kauli said she had woken up just enough to wonder what was all that thumping up on the roof. Tristan returned to the couch. He slept well the rest of the night, he said, having chased away the bandit on the roof.

Letters

Greene letter marred in editing error

My letter you published in the February 2 edition of the *Sun* included errors inadvertently introduced during the editing process.

The editing indicated that the graphs on the website referenced in my letter covered the period through 2011 when they actually covered the period through 2021 for three of the graphs and through 2020 for one of the graphs at the referenced website.

Since the paper I referenced was written in 2011 all of its data was through 2011. That may have led to some confusion.

I don’t think the error invalidates my question about the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change’s ability to forecast the future when they can’t count recent cyclones, but I may ask you for some help if someone chooses the 10-year editing error as a rebuttal of my question about IPCC’s competence.

Thanks for publishing different views in your letters section.

JAMES GREENE  
Whitney Woods Circle

*Editor’s note: I apologize; the mistake was entirely my fault. Dating on the graphs and in the cited paper did make the material confusing, but that is no excuse. Is*

Scientific research, and how it progresses

I don’t quite know how to respond to Mr. Greene’s reply to my last letter to the editor: I suspect the *Sun* has better uses of its

Shopping mall column triggers warm fuzzies

We loved Linda Dwyer’s article on shopping malls. The first mall that she wrote about was Southdale Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

I was five when it opened and Ms. Dwyer’s article reminded me of the day my Mom and Dad took me school shopping for kindergarten at the brand new “enclosed” mall. It was so big and so amazing. I rode my first escalator and Mom bought me a warm fuzzy (fake) fur coat, matching hat and muff for school that year. I also got a grey poodle skirt with a beautiful pink sweater and white blouse with cap sleeves and lace. I can remember it like it was yesterday.

Thanks to columnist Dwyer for inspiring a great memory and warm fuzzies for me and so many others, I am sure. By the way, Southdale is still there!

JACKI WESTPFAHL  
Cathedral Mountain Pass

Tesla: another in line of U.S. greats

What I see in Tesla is a great example of what capitalism is all about. Elon Musk has reduced NASA’s cost of sending rockets to outer space and brings them back to be sent up again.

Tesla is the leader in developing the electric vehicle that will reduce combustion engine gases. He has done this without help from Washington, D.C. In fact, Washington has yet to acknowledge the positive effect he has in making America great.

Mr. Musk said that Austin could eventually employ 10,000 workers. President Biden praises America’s Big Three automakers and how they will introduce electric cars. Why won’t he recognize Tesla as the leader in development of the EV car and rockets? Or the number of jobs Mr. Musk has created? I believe the president does not want to give Elon Musk credit because it would affect his support from the Big Three. He counts the votes.

JACK STROOBANDT  
Wild Plum Circle

A mother’s love remembered

My life did not literally begin with her. But for all practical purposes it did. I was only a few days old when she and my father adopted me.

It goes without saying her life didn’t begin with me. She was already 36, marked by miscarriages and the death of an infant daughter, by the time I came into the picture. So the details of all that happened before me — the prequel to my own story, if you will — were over the years filled in at irregular intervals and no doubt with pieces missing.

She was born Lucille Alberta Feldser. Born 100 years ago this February. She went by Lou, later shortening it to Lu. She hated her middle name. She was raised in a small Pennsylvania town, where her father owned a little store that sold candy and tobacco. He lost it during the Great Depression and, like a lot of other men, picked up a shovel and went to work for FDR. Her mother made soups and strudels, selling them door to door.

And so the family survived. The six Feldser kids all finished high school, with the three boys all signing up for Army service during World War II and Korea.

It touches my heart, in the most tender ways, to think of her as having once been girlish. Walking, maybe with sisters, maybe with a gaggle of girlfriends, a few blocks to the Columbia movie theater. In 1939, when she was 17, she plunked down her two bits on the counter and swooned over Clark Gable in *Gone with the Wind*. Twice in one day.

As a young woman she and an older sister ventured north, to the big city of Binghamton, N.Y. There, while working at a downtown shoe store, she met the man to whom she would stay married for 50 years. Now and again she would recall how handsome he looked, upon first sight, in his homburg hat and winter coat with fur on the collar.

And then, several years later, I arrived. We delighted in each other’s company and she called me “number-one son.” Like in the Charlie Chan movies she’d also seen at the Columbia.

I recall being 3, maybe 4 years old. I am not yet going to school. My father is at work. Mom has put a cha-cha record on the hi-fi. Rosemary Clooney is singing “I Only Have Eyes for You.” We dance in a circle. Cha-cha. We laugh. We dance some more. I am happy beyond belief.

On days like those she taught me how to read. She taught me how to pray. Right down to asking God’s blessings on our dog and cat. Her well-worn prayer book, printed in 1951 and held together with masking tape, is now among my most cherished possessions. The pages that are the most brown and brittle lead me to her morning and evening prayers. On a blank page inside she recorded death-date memorials for her parents, her infant daughter, twin brothers lost to heart disease and two sisters who lived their adult lives compromised by mental illness.

She knew pain and loss, but I recall seeing her cry just three times. Once when President Kennedy was killed. Once when hearing of a brother’s death. And once, of all things, at one of my high school wrestling matches. Classmates in the bleachers



MELANCHOLY PARADISE

Brad Stutzman

were cheering on “Stutz” and she hadn’t heard that nickname called in a long time. That’s how my late paternal grandfather had been known. She’d been very fond of her father-in-law. Her mother-in-law, less so, and we’ll leave it at that.

She worked hard, along the IBM assembly line. And with helping my father at the cotton candy concession he sometimes ran, on weekends, at parks and fairs.

She drank very little alcohol. She enjoyed coffee, with creamer, and Bel Air menthol cigarettes. She cooked wonderfully and in prodigious portions, as

if preparing to feed an army. She kept the family’s checkbook balanced.

Mom encouraged me in everything I did. Especially my writing. For close to 30 years, starting when I was in high school, she clipped and scrapbooked every article I wrote. Except for sports. All Mom knew about sports was that Sandy Koufax wouldn’t pitch on Yom Kippur.

She delighted in Wife Ellen, each of them being smart-alecks in a quiet sort of way. Each of them being so good to me. So good for me.

Ellen and I still laugh at Mom’s inexplicable struggles with figures of speech. How she’d call my father, resting in his easy chair; a “potato couch.” How she once spoke of “letting the bag out of the mouse.” When she meant letting the cat out of the bag.

In her later years, Mom routinely tacked 10 years onto her actual age. Prompting friends to compliment her on how young she looked. But truth be told, after a well-deserved retirement, she was typically the oldest woman in her jazzercise and water aerobics classes.

My mother died on July 8, 2000, after cancer kept her bedridden for months. She stayed spunky and resilient, optimistic to the end. While some might find the following morbid, for me it’s a cherished memory that sums up Mom so well.

In what turned out to be the week she died, Ellen and I made one last journey to the hospital in McAllen. Never more than 5-foot-2 to start with, Mom had shrunk terribly since we’d seen her a few weeks before. Instantly I thought: You must not let your face betray how shocked you are.

Mom looked up from her hospital bed and in a weak little voice she said, “Who are you?”

Again, instantly, I thought to myself: C’m on, man, keep it together.

And then — having set the table perfectly for this most improbable of all practical jokes — Mom burst out laughing. Her eyes merry and dancing. A big grin spread across her face. She must have been itching with anticipation, all day, waiting to spring the trap.

I was more relieved than angry. Not really angry at all. But still I blurted out: “Don’t you ever do that to me again!” And she never got the chance. Damn it.

It is hard to believe she’s been gone almost 22 years. Hard to believe she would, if still living, be 100.

Not a day goes by I don’t miss her. And yet not a day goes by I don’t count all the blessings she taught me how to count.

Letters

Bruchmiller best choice for judgeship

As a businessman in this community, I know how important it is to keep Williamson County safe and prosperous. I know that Sarah Bruchmiller has the values and experience to do just that as the next judge of the 368th District Court.

Sarah is currently working as a sitting associate judge here in Williamson County and before that, was a prosecutor in Harris and Williamson counties. While in law school, Sarah interned with Governor Rick Perry, who proudly endorses her. This is no small feat considering he rarely endorses on the local level. Governor Perry appointed Judge Rick Kennon to the 368th District

Court in 2013 and now has publicly made his recommendation for who should fill Judge Kennon’s shoes when he retires later this year:

Sarah is a dedicated, hard-working, experienced lawyer with impeccable ethics. Her values align with mine: integrity, honesty, dedication, and family. She has three beautiful children she is raising in Williamson County with her husband Randy. So, her desire to serve this community and make decisions about what is best for this county truly hits home for her.

I fully support and endorse Sarah Bruchmiller. I hope you will, too. She’s the best choice for judge of the 368th District Court.

JIM SCHWERTNER  
Schwertner

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Mary Elizabeth Berryhill Whitehead

Passed with peace and grace, Mary Elizabeth Berryhill Whitehead entered eternal life on Thursday, February 3, 2022.

Mary was born June 5, 1936, to James and Imogene Berryhill in Memphis Tennessee. Known for its rich music heritage, this must have been where her love of music started. Mary always had a melody in her heart and a lyric on the tip of her tongue. She was playing musical games long before “Name that Tune” and often encouraged others to give her a word and she would sing a song with it in it.

Early on, Mary worked in insurance, but found success in the retail credit industry, working for Avco Financial and Lacks Furniture Company. In retirement, Mary volunteered at Handcrafts Unlimited in downtown Georgetown and served in the nursery schools for both Crestview and First Baptist Churches for many years where she was also known as the card lady - never missing an opportunity to mail a card to lift spirits and spread joy.

Mary was an artist and a poet. She loved country music, dancing, and old movies. Mary collected angels, loved watching *Days of our Lives*, and made the best chicken and dumplings. She was funny and witty but also stoic and head-



strong. More than anything else, Mary was a kind and generous person who loved her family and friends.

Mary is survived by son Raymond (Cherie) Cockrell of Killeen, Texas, daughters, Linda Dreher of Jarrell, Texas, and Susan (Philip) Weaver of Bartlett, Texas. Her spirit also lives on in her grandchildren: Lane (Sarah) Cockrell, Josh (Emeline) Cockrell, Kory (Krystal) Staton, Chris (Mihaela) Cockrell, Raelyn Cockrell, Courtney (Jared) Koppes, Lindsay (Matthew) Vaughn, Jami Dreher, Amy (Leon) Reynolds, Casey Weaver, Cody (Ariel) Weaver, 15 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren. Mary is reunited in heaven with her granddaughter Mandy Weaver — let the picking, grinning and mayhem begin!

A memorial service will be held at The Gabriels Funeral Chapel in Georgetown, Texas, on Friday, February 11, beginning at 3 p.m. Family will be greeting guests starting at 2 p.m.



Bevie Jean Teague-Turner

Bevie Jean Teague-Turner, of Bertram, Texas, was called home to our Heavenly Father on Thursday, January 27, 2022, after living with an extended illness. She was born in Austin, Texas, on September 26, 1942, to Martha and Grathel L. Duke. She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister, Juanita E. Duke Burgess, stepgrandson, Daniel Smith, and granddaughter, Michelle Becker. She is survived by her husband, Jim C. Turner, two brothers, George L. Duke and Joe Billy Duke. Her daughters, Lisa Addison, Cheryl Schneider, Rhonda Turner, and Deborah Maynard, stepdaughter, Kelly Chavis, eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren, and numerous extended family whom she loved dearly. Bevie was known for her loving kindness toward people and all animals. She found joy in



making people comfortable through kind humor. In her final days, she had calls and visits from family while receiving gentle loving care from the staff at Bertram Nursing and Rehab. The family would like to thank all of the very caring doctors and nurses that helped her with her care while there. Also, thank you to Clements-Wilcox Funeral Home for their care and concern. A celebration of Bevie's life will be scheduled for a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be gifted to the Williamson County Animal Shelter and the Georgetown Animal Shelter.

Care has been entrusted to Clements-Wilcox Funeral Home in Burnet.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at [www.clementswilcoxburnet.com](http://www.clementswilcoxburnet.com) for the Teague family.

Mary A. (Trombino) Somol

Mary A. (Trombino) Somol, 98, beloved aunt, sister and friend, passed away peacefully on February 3, 2022, in Georgetown. Born on January 6, 1924, she was raised in Bayside, New York.



She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Joe, brother, Tony, sister, Jean, and friends, Jim and Ev.

Mary is survived by her sister, Josephine Botta; nieces, Judith (Jay) Marten, Karen (Chuck) Romani, Bonnie (Mike) Scalera; and nephews, Anthony (Cathy) Trombino and Anthony Michael (Mary Beth) Cecchini as well as their children and grandchildren. She also loved her Texas family, Jack and Jenna Tintera and their children and grandchildren.

A private interment will be held at a future date. Memorial donations can be made in Mary's honor to the Rheumatoid Arthritis Foundation at [www.help4rhtra.org](http://www.help4rhtra.org).

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at [www.cookwaldendavisfuneralhome.com](http://www.cookwaldendavisfuneralhome.com) for the Somol family.

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Madella Hilliard again hosting Meals on Wheels

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the program's headquarters, 604 High Tech Drive, Georgetown. She emphasized Meals on Wheels lunches, prepared daily under a dietician's supervision, are nutritious. And, of near-equal importance, interactions between paid staff, volunteer drivers and service recipients make for warm, comforting relationships.

**"I missed my friends here."**  
**Beatrice Aranda**  
Meals on Wheels client

"Giving them something that they need - with a meal, with conversation - it just uplifts your whole heart," Ms. Berry said. In 2021 the local program, covering both Williamson and Burnet counties, served 202,527 meals though home deliveries and lunches at its congregate locations. Meals on Wheels has about 1,100 clients between the two counties. It is a division of Georgetown-based Opportunities for Williamson and Burnet Counties. In Georgetown alone, the Madella Hilliard Neighborhood Center provided ser-

Nancy Elizabeth Wells

October 10, 1939 – February 1, 2022  
Nancy Elizabeth Wells of Sun City passed away quietly and comfortably in the presence of nursing staff and hospice caregivers at Ascension Seton Williamson Hospital in Round Rock on Tuesday, February 1.

Nancy was the youngest of three, children born to Eugene and Dorothy McCahan in Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, on October 10, 1939. She was predeceased by her oldest brother, Malcolm, while Dave currently resides in College Park, Maryland. When Nancy was one year old the family moved to Hannibal, New York. When she was five, the family relocated to Port Royal, Pennsylvania, where Nancy resided until adulthood.

Nancy attended Maryville College, in Maryville, Tennessee. She transferred to the University of Pittsburgh after two years of study in order to enroll in nursing school. Nancy earned her nursing degree at Pitt and embarked on a lifelong career as a registered nurse.

Nancy's initial nursing assignments were in Cleveland, Ohio, and Los Angeles, California. She then entered a one-year geriatric nursing program in Washington, D.C. On her way back from D.C. to California, Nancy stopped off in Knoxville, Tennessee, where she had a chance meeting with Dick Wells, who in Nancy's words, "swept me off of my feet". Dick was a divorced father of four children, Sally, Judy, Dick Jr. and Kitty. Nancy and Dick married in 1970.

Eventually settling in the state of Connecticut, where Dick was a sales executive in the corrugated box industry. Nancy worked in a variety of nursing assignments. She was a visiting nurse and also assigned to several hospitals



in Connecticut, at one time or another. The couple moved to Foxboro, Massachusetts, in 1978, and then to Hamilton, Illinois, in 1985. While in Hamilton, Nancy worked in the Keokuk Area Hospital in Keokuk, Indiana, and also as a visiting geriatric care nurse for neighboring communities. Her nursing credentials and selfless devotion to her husband inspired Nancy to care for Dick throughout his battle with Alzheimer's. When her husband passed away in 2016, Nancy moved to Georgetown with her stepson, Dick Wells Jr., and daughter-in-law, Margo Chase-Wells. This final relocation ensured that Nancy would always be near family. Nancy was blessed to be present for the arrival of two, Texas-born, great-grandchildren. Nancy is survived by her brother, Dave, four stepchildren, eight grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Nancy loved animals, enjoying the company of a variety of dogs and cats throughout most of her life. She had a beautiful singing voice, and participated in church choirs wherever her travels took her. Nancy loved football, and traveled to St. Louis to spend the weekend with her husband for every Rams home game. Among her many talents, Nancy also excelled at cooking. She was always patient and kind to her stepchildren and grandchildren, whom were frequent visitors ... often for extended periods.

Nancy lived humbly and virtuously and was dearly loved by family and friends alike. Family members find comfort in knowing that Nancy is reunited in Heaven with her husband, Dick ... no doubt enjoying watching football together again.

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February 10, 1922

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We had something to say in each issue of The Sun during January on each phase of law enforcement. We had a great deal to say about jurors and their duties, particularly concerning the fact that the work of the grand jury, prosecuting attorneys and constabulary, and law enforcement may all be brought to naught if the jurors will not do their full duty.

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The groundhog, alias the woodchuck, could have scurried back into his hole Thursday as sunshine and shadow alternated in such quick and constant succession that he could have taken his sides according to whether he was an optimist or a pessimist.

February 4 & 8, 1979

Patricia Hearst, the kidnapped heiress who later joined her kidnappers, the Symbionese Liberation Army, in robbing a bank in San Francisco, has had her prison sentence commuted by President Carter and has been released under parole-like conditions.

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The river story: too much sewage - Georgetown may be facing tougher pollution control standards on the sewage effluent it dumps into the San Gabriel River. J. C. Newell, chief of the Permit Engineering Section of the Texas Water Commission said, "We are looking at the possibility of modifying the Georgetown permit to require a higher level of treatment."

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Lynn Parr and Andy Burnette were the Optimists' January Young Texanne and Texan.

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Twelve members of the Chamber of Commerce

Yesteryears

BARBARA YELVERTON

along with three members of the local news media made a trip to the Lone Star Industries, Inc. plant in Greencastle, Indiana on the plant's private jet for a fact-finding tour. They gave a very favorable view of the plant and its pros and cons. There will be a hearing on March 27 on the Lone Star permit.

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James and Naomi White gave a tour of their "cave house" dug into the side of a hill in Wild Country Ranch Estates off RR 250. Temperature is 70 degrees year-round, except when cooler; a heatilator is used. Their electric bill is usually \$22.00. It is all modern and all-electric.

February 5 & 8, 2006

Georgetown loses longtime community leader - Dr. Jo Ann Ford 1933 - 2006 -She was an organizer, thinker, doer, motivator. She did all for the benefit of the children from health-care to education.

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In Austin at the Junior ROTC Ball, Royalty was from Georgetown - King Wess Frayer and Queen Heather Readd, both Cadets. About 500 from the surrounding area attended.

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Three GHS soccer players are going on to play at the college level - Stephanie Crain for Rice, Sarah Green for Tech and Andrea Griffin for Texas State.

February 5 & 9, 2014

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Neighbors say please slow down on Shell Road.

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Scott Alarcon is the Chamber of Commerce's Citizen of the Year for 2013, as well as Southwestern's Martha Hurtado Award winner for bolstering Georgetown as a college town. Small Business Winner of the Year went to Wildfire Restaurant owner Bill Cox; and Large Business Winner of the Year went to Roy and Barbara Jones, owners of Georgetown Mortgage.

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Winter weather slows start to season

THE TEXAS GOLFER

Doug Kienitz

Coaching is fun. Just ask any coach of any sport.

Coaches love the challenge of inspiring and teaching high schools in their particular sport with all the nuances, and above all, about sportsmanship.

East View High School's golf coach Kris Inman, a member of the Georgetown ISD for some two decades, continues coaching along with other multitasking projects at the newest local high school.

Of course, this spring golfing season has been fraught with circumstances that are a tad unusual.

Consider the nearly two-year Covid pandemic, and then blend in a winter weather pattern that was not friendly to golfers for practice or competition.

Weather wins

A Patriot tournament for the boys was set for January 24 at Balcones Golf Course, but was delayed a week. It was then rained out the last day of January.

"Not a good start for the semester," lamented coach Inman.

The boys now have a tourney at

Avery Ranch in Austin on February 14, while the girls make their spring debut at Star Ranch in Hutto on February 23.

Going into the spring, there are five girls on the Patriot team. For team competition four scores are necessary.

The Patriot quintet includes Taylor Nakae, Ashley Gelsinger, Emma Corley, Kendal Sanford and Emma Davila.

Among the boys returning from last fall are: John Docherty, Luke Namee, Ryan Pullen, Christian Lansdale, Gavin Soto, Trey Walter, Dylan Porterfield, Vincent Harwell and Brigham Palmer.

The spring roster now also includes Mason Pullen, Patrick Maxwell, Alex Saadeh, Chase Trapp, Bode Goodenow and Ethan Neil.

The coach notes several Patriot golfers are also multi-sport athletes.

Patriot district sites

District play for the boys will be played over the Avery Ranch layout in Austin in late March while the girl's competition is the first week in April over the Delaware Springs Golf Course in Burnet.

Effective this fall, the Texas UIL realignment of all teams in Texas goes into effect.

That means that the East View Patriot golfers will be in a district with the Georgetown Eagles, Bastrop and Bastrop Cedar Creek, Elgin, Pflugerville, Pflugerville Connally and Pflugerville Hendrickson. That particular district is 23-5A.

Hole-in-one

White Wing GC, January 9: Darlene Garner, No. 8 at 87 yards, 7-iron; witnesses were Joseph Garner, Becky Scofield and Billy Hatfield (subhead) Future events (subhead) February 12—Cimarron Hills Golf & CC: MGA ABCD scramble February 13—Cimarron Hills Golf & CC: Super Bowl scramble February 13—Georgetown Country Club: 4-person Super Bowl scramble February 14—East View HS boys, Avery Ranch Preview, Avery Ranch GC, Austin

February 21-22—Southwestern men, San Antonio Shootout, TPC, San Antonio

Reach golf writer Doug Kienitz via TexasGolfing@yahoo.com

Ideas for Valentine's Day roses

TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE

Kate Whitney

Valentine's Day is quickly approaching, just in time to buy your sweet-heart a rose bush.

February is a good time to plant both bare root and container grown roses so they can establish their roots before spring and summer.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension identified four varieties of roses as Texas Superstars: Belinda's Dream Rose, Knock Out Roses, Grandma's Yellow Rose, and Marie Daly Rose. Texas Superstar designated plants have been grown throughout the state and proven to be good performers in the diverse regions of Texas.

Marie Daly Rose was developed for Texas as a new color of the famous antique rose "Marie Pavie." This rose variety has good disease resistance and is tolerant of alkaline soils like

we have in Williamson County. This is a shrub rose that grows to three-feet wide and three-feet tall with fragrant, double pink blooms. It blooms from spring thaw to frost in the fall, so this is a lovely rose to keep your Valentine happy for many months.

Grandma's Yellow Rose is a large rose bush with deep yellow roses. It blooms from spring until the first hard frost. The roses have 17-25 petals and a light fragrance, making them a great choice for cut flowers. This rose variety grows to four- or five-feet tall and three feet wide and can be used as a low hedge or border. It likes slightly acidic soil best, but it can adapt to alkaline soil with good drainage.

Knock Out Rose is a hardy, double-blooming rose that has become very popular for its bright pink

blooms. It also blooms from spring to frost, and it gets four-feet tall and three-feet wide. Use a soaker hose or drip irrigation for watering and enjoy an easy-care rose.

Belinda's Dream Rose is the first to be named a Texas Superstar and receive the Earth-Kind designation. This is another large shrub with very large, fragrant pink double blossoms. Belinda's Dream has successive flushes of blooms from spring to frost, and it is disease resistant and does well in highly alkaline soils.

This year for Valentine's Day, skip the chocolates and buy your Valentine a gift that will bloom year after year. Or maybe buy both so you stay out of trouble.

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# Wilco, G'town respond to freeze

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alarm incidents on February 4,” Fire Chief John Sullivan said.

The department had enough firefighters, paramedics and vehicles to respond to all of the calls, the fire chief said.

During the longer freeze last year caused by Winter Storm Uri, some departments were unprepared. A few first responder vehicles slid off roads and into wrecks in 2021 when facing icy roads.

Sheriff Commander James David, who supervises the patrol services division of the sheriff’s office, said this year’s response



Icicles form on a sign at Murphy Park in Taylor February 3.

was improved. “The deputies did a great job on responding and [un- like last year] we did not damage any vehicles at all,” Mr. David said Monday.

# Paramedics help family with generator during freeze

By CHRISTOPHER DE LOS SANTOS

Long-term care facilities across the county and medically vulnerable patients, as well as one particular family near Copeland, received services from Williamson County Community Health Paramedics during Winter Storm Landon, which reached Wilco Thursday.

For the Copeland family, with a husband on hospice care at home, the wife had trouble getting their home back-up generator running. She checked in with the county before the storm.

She called Community Health Paramedics and a team helped her to put the generator into operation.

CHP paramedics also checked on

the family every four hours during the storm, making sure the husband was stable and avoiding an ambulance call.

“Our teams also reached out to each long-term facility in the county to make sure their residents were doing okay,” said Amy Jarosek, leader of the county’s community health paramedicine program.

The county’s community health paramedics ensure underserved populations have access to needed care that is not emergency based, she said.

“We help underserved populations to get them access to care, so that they don’t have to resort to emergency rooms or place calls for ambulance crews,” Ms. Jarosek said.

# Preparations, repairs key to keeping city water flowing

By CHRISTOPHER DE LOS SANTOS

The Georgetown Water Department made detailed preparations ahead of the recent hard freeze, said Chelsea Solomon, water services director for the City of Georgetown.

During the freeze, water crews worked all day and night to take care of the system and help customers, she said.

Some of the preparations included positioning 500 kilo-Watt mobile generators at three of the most important pumpstations on the water service system. Employees placed one mobile generator at the Stonewall Pump Station that services Liberty Hill. Another went northwest to the Hoover station near Florence. The third generator went to the Pastor Pump Station near the intersection of D. B. Wood Road and State Highway 29.

“Stonewall and Hoover pump

stations are quite remote, hard to get to and hard to bring back online if something goes wrong,” Ms. Solomon said. “We put generators there in case of an electric outage to provide continuous power and keep water flowing to our remote customers.”

She said the Pastor station provides water flow to a very large number of the city’s water customers.

“Each of the generators we placed, fueled, serviced and tested before the storm hit, so we knew we were prepared,” Ms. Solomon said.

Another preparation the water utility made was to fill water towers on the water system to full capacity. This allowed maximum pressure to be available to keep the water flowing to customers in case of a power outage, she said.

“Normally in the wintertime we keep the towers about 3/4

full, so that water gets used and refreshed,” Ms. Solomon said. “Only in the summertime do we fill them to capacity to support the amount of water the customers use.”

She also said the team prepared pipes in pumping stations and treatment plants.

Most of the equipment at the water facilities are built outdoors because that provides the best cooling for pump motors in the summer heat, she said. That kind of construction makes them vulnerable to freezing in the winter, so employees added insulation and heat tape in the fall.

Heat tape is like duct tape, with a wire inside that will heat up when electricity runs through it.

“During the freeze, we turned on the heat tape, to keep the pipes from freezing,” she said.

Ms. Solomon said that she put all of her crews on shifts of 12

hours work, 12 hours off, night and day, throughout the freeze. Leadership doing their part improved morale, she said.

“Treatment plant operators for drinking water and wastewater plants slept at their facilities to make sure that everything worked properly all day and all night,” Ms. Solomon said.

At the Leander Pump Station and the Sequoia Pump Station, near the intersection of Shell Road and Williams Drive, she said her employees put industrial propane and diesel powered heaters into operation.

“Those stations were getting too cold, so we deployed industrial heaters there to prevent freezing,” she said.

Senior managers, like Ms. Solomon herself, and other employees who don’t work in the field took charge of preparing meals for those who were constantly out in the cold checking

on equipment and answering customer calls.

City Manager David Morgan also went out to visit the water crews and to eat an evening meal with them, she said.

The water utility took 60 calls from customers, helping them mostly with outside pipes that weren’t insulated and froze, she said.

Overall, the water system had four minor leaks that crews repaired during the freeze. These leaks led approximately 10-20 total customers being out of water for a few hours.

“City [water] equipment experienced very minor damage,” Ms. Solomon said.

Because of the efforts of her employees to prepare beforehand and then check, monitor and maintain during the freeze the damage was less than would be expected during such an event, she said.

# County helps two out of the freeze

By CHRISTOPHER DE LOS SANTOS

Two unsheltered people received assistance from the Williamson County Mobile Outreach Team to get into motels Thursday, protecting them from the Winter Storm Landon.

“Our team always gets people into shelter during winter storms,” said Annie Burwell, the county’s director of mobile outreach. “Since the county doesn’t have a homeless shelter, departments help get individuals who live outdoors into motels for a few days each.”

One person from out-of-town called 911, Ms. Burwell said.

“She was kind of confused about where she was,” Ms. Burwell said. “Our team located her and got her safely tucked into a motel for a few days.”

The other person was a man who suffers from mental illness and lives outside, Ms. Burwell said.

“We know that he lacks warm clothing,” she said.

Mobile outreach also assisted him with a short-term motel stay to get out of the sub-freezing temperatures.

In addition to these two, the team also provided emergency food to unhoused people.

“We can provide some basic nutrition and blankets,” Ms. Burwell said.

## Mobile outreach director moving on

Friday was the last day as a county employee for Annie Burwell, Williamson County’s director of mobile outreach. In a few weeks she will begin a new job with the Round Rock Fire Department, leading a similar team to provide similar mobile mental health crisis services.

“Annie Burwell has been a dedicated public servant for the residents of Williamson County and will be greatly missed,” Williamson County Judge Bill Gravell said.

She has helped the most vulnerable in the county during times of crisis and has been a safety net to keep them from falling through the cracks, he said.

“We are fortunate that she will continue to be helping residents in our community, just in a different capacity. Thank you, Annie, for your commitment, leadership and kindness,” Mr. Gravell said.

# Public Notice

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF ANATOLY GASHEV, AKA ANATOLY GASHEV, DECEASED, Cause No. 22-0136-CP4, in County Court at Law #4 of Williamson County, 405 Martin Luther King Street, Georgetown, Texas 78626.

OLGA GASHEVA, Applicant in the above numbered and entitled estate, filed on the 2nd day of February, 2022 an APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP of the said estate and requests that the said Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of the said ANATOLY GASHEV, DECEASED, and their respective shares and interest in such estate.

Said application may be heard at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on or after the first Monday next after the expiration of ten days from the date of publication of this citation, at the Williamson County Justice Center in Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas.

All persons interested in said estate

are hereby cited to appear before said Honorable Court on or before above mentioned time and place by filing a written answer contesting such application should they desire to do so. If this citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of office at Georgetown, Texas, this the 2nd day of February, 2022.

Applicant’s Attorney: Catherine A. Byers 16731 Huebner Road San Antonio, TX 78248 Nancy E. Rister Williamson County Clerk 405 MLK Street, Box 14 Georgetown, Texas 78626 By: /S/C. Dawson, Deputy

### Notice to Creditors

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Michelle Beth Gattley, Deceased were issued on or about November 10, 2021, under Docket No. 21-1162-CP4 pending in the County Court at Law Number 4 of Williamson County, Texas, to Kathy Hansen.

Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the estate, addressed as follows: Kathy Hansen, Independent Executor Estate of Michelle Beth Gattley, Deceased c/o Jana K. McCown, Attorney

1008 S. Main Street Georgetown, Texas 78626 All persons having claims against this estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Dated the 5th day of February, 2022. Jana K. McCown Attorney for Applicant Jana K. McCown Law Office of Jana K. McCown 1008 S. Main Street Georgetown, TX 78626 Telephone: 512-635-7575 jkmcownlaw@gmail.com

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Wine and Beer Retailers Permit by Black Sugar LLC dba Black Sugar Caffe, 635 University Blvd, #100, Round Rock, Texas, 78665, Williamson County, Texas. Judy Lu CEO and Founder.

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The documents related to the above solicitation can be viewed at <https://leanderisd.bonfirehub.com/portal/?tab=login>. Electronic bids will be opened via the LISD Bonfire program. Requests for additional information can be directed to [purchasing@leanderisd.org](mailto:purchasing@leanderisd.org) or 512-570-0611.

**Leander ISD is currently receiving responses for the following solicitation:**  
RFP#22014M27 Food Service Management Company - Closes 3/22/2022 at 2:00PM Central Time. Proposers may register to attend the pre-proposal conference here: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSiZlthwqSFxktGXMHrgs0i17Sxy3N1q4SezOgmj\\_cQINeugvA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSiZlthwqSFxktGXMHrgs0i17Sxy3N1q4SezOgmj_cQINeugvA/viewform). The documents related to the above solicitation can be viewed and downloaded at <https://leanderisd.bonfirehub.com/portal/?tab=login>. Hard copy submissions must be delivered to LISD - Attn: M. Noble - Purchasing Dept., 204 W. South Street, Leander, TX 78641 before the closing date and time. Late submissions will not be accepted. Requests for additional information can be directed to [purchasing@leanderisd.org](mailto:purchasing@leanderisd.org) or 512-570-0606.

**CITY OF JARRELL  
1ST ST. AND DOUBLE CREEK  
LIFT STATION IMPROVEMENTS  
PROJECT**  
**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**  
Sealed Bids for the construction of the 1st St. and Double Creek Lift Station Improvements Project will be received by City of Jarrell, located at City Hall, 161 Town Center Blvd., Jarrell, Texas 76537, until 10:00 AM local time on March 16, 2022, at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. A general description of the work is as follows:  
Work generally includes lift station upgrades and new force main construction. The 1st Street Lift Station submersible pumps are to be replaced within the existing wet well and electrical controls are to be rewired to increase the working depth. New 6" discharge piping and valve vault piping are proposed, along with approximately 2,650 linear feet of new 8" force main are to be constructed. At the Double Creek Lift Station, submersible pumps and controls are also to be replaced, and the outgoing 4" force main is to be extended approximately 690 linear feet to discharge into an existing manhole. The intent of the project is to increase overall pumping capacity of the City's wastewater system.  
Bids shall be on a lump sum / unit price basis as indicated in the Bid Form.  
The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is:  
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Austin, TX 78759  
Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM, and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office after February 9, 2022.  
Bidding Documents also may be examined at the office of the City of Jarrell, 161 Town Center Blvd., Jarrell, Texas 76537 on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:30 PM; at plan rooms, or online through internet based construction

information subscription services. Bid Documents and Specifications may be obtained electronically by the prospective bidders or suppliers at [www.civcastusa.com](http://www.civcastusa.com) at no charge. Reference City of Jarrell "1st St. and Double Creek Lift Station Improvements Project." Bidding Documents obtained from any other source are for examination only, are not considered complete, and are not valid for bidding purposes. Neither the City of Jarrell nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than those issued through CivCast. The City of Jarrell reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or to waive any informalities, or to make an award to other than the low bidder. It further reserves the right to limit the amount of the award. Attention of the bidders is particularly directed to the requirements of the conditions of employment to be observed and minimum Wage Rates to be paid under the Contract. The City of Jarrell does not discriminate on the basis of handicapped status in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs and activities. A Pre-Bid Conference will be held March 2, 2022 at 2:00 PM local time at Jarrell City Hall, 161 Town Center Blvd., Jarrell, Texas. Representatives of Owner and Engineer will be present to discuss the Project. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is highly encouraged but is not mandatory. Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

**Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Mixed Beverage by The Georgetown Palace Theatre, Inc., to be located at 810 S Austin Ave, Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas. Officers of said corporation are Ron Watson and the Board of Directors.**

**NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS  
AGAINST THE ESTATE OF  
RUSSELL EARL SCHWAUSCH,  
DECEASED**  
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Russell Earl Schwausch, Deceased, were granted on the 1st day of February, 2022, in Cause No. 21-1239-CP4, pending in the County Court at Law No. 4 of Williamson County, Texas, to:  
Sandra Phillips Schwausch  
The mailing address for the Independent Executor is:  
Sandra Phillips Schwausch,  
Independent Executor

GEORGETOWN TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT CORPORATION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING		
Wednesday, February 16, 2022 - 3:30pm Georgetown Public Library 402 W. 8 <sup>th</sup> Street – Georgetown, TX		
In accordance with Local Government Code 505.159, the Georgetown Transportation Enhancement Corporation will hold a public hearing regarding the expenditures of 4B sales taxes not to exceed Fiscal Year 2025 proposed transportation improvement plan.		
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# A salad, main course and dessert

Last night I had my parents and Linda McCalla over for a nice dinner, and Linda brought me something I'm always thrilled to get – recipes for my column. She had a birthday in December and the two lovely women who work with her made her a birthday dinner that she deemed “delicious.” She brought the recipes and I am happy to share them with you today.



## COOK'S CORNER

Laurie Locke

This first recipe was made by Melody Rees, who said it was a favorite of her children growing up. It is similar to a recipe I ran a few months ago, but with its own distinctive taste. I love the combination of flavors.

### Melody's Curried Chicken with Broccoli

4 to 5 chicken breast halves  
2 bunches fresh broccoli  
1 can cream of chicken soup  
3/4 cup mayonnaise  
1 T. lemon juice  
1 to 1 1/2 T. curry powder  
1/2 cup grated cheddar cheese  
4 T. butter, melted  
1/2 cup breadcrumbs

Grease a 9x12 baking dish. Set aside. Cook chicken breasts (boil or roast) and when cooked, shred or chop chicken. Steam broccoli until tender. Cut broccoli into bite-size pieces, if desired. Spread broccoli on the bottom of the baking dish and top with the chicken. In a medium bowl, mix soup (undiluted) with mayonnaise, lemon juice, and curry powder (to taste). Spread mixture evenly over chicken and broccoli. Sprinkle grated cheese on top.

Mix breadcrumbs with melted butter and sprinkle over the cheese.

Bake in a 350 degree oven for 45 minutes. Serve over rice. Serves 6-8. Melody Rees.

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This colorful and delicious salad comes from Melissa Nickens and is perfect served with the chicken and broccoli. I love the different textures and the combination of sweet and tangy flavors.

### Melissa's Mandarin Orange Salad

3 cups baby spinach  
3 cup arugula  
1 (11 oz.) can Mandarin oranges, drained  
1 cup toasted walnuts  
3/4 cup dried cranberries  
1/2 cup shaved parmesan  
Pinch of flaky sea salt

#### Dressing:

2 T. red wine vinegar  
1 T. fresh orange juice  
1 T. honey  
2 t. poppy seeds  
1 t. Dijon mustard  
1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil  
Kosher salt  
Freshly ground black pepper

In a large bowl, toss together the spinach, arugula, mandarins, walnuts and cranberries. In a medium bowl (or I like to use a jar with a tight lid), whisk together red wine vinegar, orange juice, honey, poppy seeds and mustard. Slowly pour in oil while whisking until incorporated. Season with salt and pepper to taste. (If using a jar, mix first ingredients, add oil and shake vigorously until emulsified.)

Pour dressing over salad and toss to combine. Top with shaved parmesan and a pinch of sea salt. Melissa Nickens.

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For dessert, Melissa made this lemon shortbread and topped it with a scoop of lemon sherbet. Just the right ending to a delicious meal.

### Lemon Shortbread

1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour  
1/4 cup plus 1 T. sugar  
1 1/2 t. finely grated lemon zest  
1/8 t. salt  
1 stick (8 T.) cold unsalted butter, cut into small pieces

Heat the oven to 325 degrees. Lightly butter a 9-inch pie pan. In a large bowl, combine flour, sugar, lemon zest and salt. Using your fingers or a pastry cutter, work in the butter until the mixture is crumbly. Press the dough together to form a ball, place in the pie pan and flatten to evenly cover the bottom of the pan. Make a decorative border around the edge of the dough with the back of a fork and prick the bottom all over.

Bake for about 35 minutes or until lightly browned around the edges. Cut into eight large wedges while still warm. Let cool in the pan. Serve with a scoop of lemon sherbet. Melissa Nickens.

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Thanks to Melody and Melissa for sharing today. These cold days, a day in the kitchen is a day well-spent, so why not treat your family and/or friends to this for dinner someday soon? Stay warm, stay well, and enjoy!

# New art gallery, studio comes to Florence

## Impossible Dream

Come see what can happen when you purchase an abandoned gas station and turn it into an art studio. The grand opening for Impossible Dream Studio is 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., February 19.

Fun events for the day include:

- Free work of art for the first 50 people
- Free coffee and donuts from Florence Donuts, while supplies last
- Door prizes
- Wine for sipping
- Delicious macaroons and cupcakes by @bakedwithlovebyneenie
- Art work viewing
- Info about commissioning a portrait
- Artist demonstrations
- Paint Main Street from 9 a.m. to noon with Plein Air Austin
- Official ribbon cutting ceremony at 1 p.m. with the Florence Chamber of Commerce
- Free Oracle Card readings in the afternoon and evening

RSVP at <https://fb.me/e/1mTY5HL-Gv>. To learn more about the studio, visit [ImpossibleDreamStudio.com](https://ImpossibleDreamStudio.com). To see the stunning transformation of the abandoned gas station into a studio and gallery, visit [youtu.be/TpjHcaYBEMU](https://youtu.be/TpjHcaYBEMU).

Impossible Dream Studio in Florence is open every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., 105 North Patterson Avenue. Watch for the flags. The blue field and yellow star flag represents the 1836-1839 Republic of Texas flag also known as the Burnet Flag. The other flag is from the Republic of Florence, which celebrates a local iris that grows on the banks of the Arno River in Italy. This flag was adopted in 1251.

## Art Center

The new exhibit is “Voices of the Deep,” a mixed media display created by Madeline Irvine. The exhibit will be on display from February 18 to March 20. The artist reception is 4 to 6 p.m., February 19 and the artist talk is 2 p.m., February 20.

The Georgetown Art Center is located at 816 South Main Street. Call 512-930-2583 for more details.

### Mural signage

The City of Georgetown Parks Department is looking for an artist to design an artistic signage mural for the exterior of an historic water cistern. The City's Arts & Culture Board invites artist proposals for the Heritage Community Garden Mural Project. The mural design should be an artistic interpretation of Heritage Community Garden and serve as gateway signage into the park. Application deadline is February 28.

For more details, visit [arts.georgetown.org/request-for-artist-proposals-for-heritage-community-garden](https://arts.georgetown.org/request-for-artist-proposals-for-heritage-community-garden).

### Spring Art Stroll

Spring is coming and the City's Arts & Culture Board invites artists to submit applications for booth space during the Spring Art Stroll on April 21. Artists



Carlos Rio hangs his winning photo, “As the Lights Come On at Ouray.”

exhibiting their work in Grace Plaza are part of a juried selection process sponsored by the Georgetown Arts and Culture Program. Also, a group of artists may submit their work for one booth space as a group exhibition. The deadline for submissions is February 28.

The Stroll will take place in the Downtown Georgetown Cultural District from 4 to 8 p.m. on April 21 offering an excellent opportunity for patrons to engage in arts programming and purchase art in Grace Plaza. Local art businesses and arts and culture organizations around the Square are also participating.

Grace Plaza is adjacent to Grace Heritage Center and across the street from the Georgetown Art Center and Main and Ninth Streets. For more details, visit [arts.georgetown.org/request-for-artist-booth-proposals-for-the-georgetown-spring-art-stroll](https://arts.georgetown.org/request-for-artist-booth-proposals-for-the-georgetown-spring-art-stroll).

## Sun City Photo Club

Honors won by four Sun City photographers who recently participated in the Photography Club's Photographic Society of America competition include:

Ken Johnston's “Lavender Morning” won Second Place in the Large Color category

Cheryl Janssen's “Spiritual Silence in Yellowstone” won a Third Place in the Large Monochrome category

Rita Johnston's “Crescent Bay Sunset” won an Honorable Mention in the Large Color category

Carlos Rio's “As the Lights Come On at Ouray” won an Honorable Mention in the Large Color category.

These individuals placed in the PSA Inter-Club Prints Competition, Round One for 2021-22. This is an international competition and highly recognized. The photographs are on display in the Activities Center, 1 Texas Drive in Sun City.

## Events

Artists of Central Texas reception, Li-

brary, 2-4 p.m., February 6

Ellen Greeney reception, City Hall, 5:30-6:30 p.m., February 15

Impossible Dream Studio grand opening, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Florence, February 19

Madeline Irvine's reception, Art Center, 4-6 p.m., February 19

Madeline Irvine's artist talk, Art Center, 2 p.m., February 20

Georgetown Texas Photography Festival, Georgetown Square, March 19

Spring Art Stroll, Georgetown Grace Heritage Center, April 21

## Deadlines

“Art of The Selfie,” Downtowner Gallery deadline February 16

Peoples Gallery 2022, Austin City Hall, deadline February 22

Heritage Community Garden Mural Project, deadline February 28

Spring Art Stroll booth application, deadline February 28

## Current exhibits

Rand Renfroe & Jeffrey Dell, print-making exhibit, Art Center through February 12

Pam Jernigan's “Colors of the Rainbow,” Library through February 20

Glenn Rudd & John Leek photos, Muligan's through March 1

“2nd Impressions,” Downtowner Gallery in Round Rock through March 11

Nancy McElwee's paintings, St. David's through March 18

Madeline Irvine's exhibit, Art Center, February 18 through March 20

Artists of Central Texas display, Library through March 24

Ellen Greeney's “7 Continents, 7 Decades,” City Hall through March 31

“Big + Bold” exhibit, TSU Round Rock through April 8

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**Penny Lane**, 9 months, is a sweet and beautiful girl who's looking for a calm family that understands her special needs. Penny Lane has cerebral hyperplasia and is visually impaired. This doesn't stop Penny Lane from being a sweet and playful kitty, though she does sometimes get startled by sudden movements. She prefers the company of humans to other kitties. According to Penny Lane's previous owner, she loves to cuddle, gets underneath the covers, and will chase a brightly lit laser light pen. If you have a low-key home and would like to add Penny Lane to your family, take her home today.

Email [adoption@wcras.org](mailto:adoption@wcras.org) to meet Chico or Penny Lane.

## Georgetown Animal Shelter

**Bullet**, 7, is a big couch potato looking for a couch. His favorite kind of date night is Netflix and chill. Look deep into his eyes, and you may find your furry soul mate. Bullet was surrendered with Mrs. May when the owner could no longer care for them. He walks well on a leash and seems to get along with cats and older children (5 and up). He has heartworms, so if you adopt him, he will come with a year's supply of heartworm preventative. His adoption fee is being sponsored by Pupology.

**Arlo**, age unknown, is friendly, curious and ready for anything. Knitting? He can help. Poker night? Bring it on. Arlo is both cuddly and active and will seek out your attention. He really loves laps and stretching out to his full length. This confident boy can be dominant in interacting with other cats and may do best as a single cat. His adoption fee is \$22.

Visit [pets.georgetown.org](https://pets.georgetown.org) to see available pets and how to make an appointment to meet them.



# Sleeping through the storm

One of the most endearing traits of my Push-faces has always been the fact that they love to sleep. Not just that they are good sleepers, but that the times they choose to sleep for the most part interface neatly with my own preferences. It's a proven, scientific fact that dogs sleep a great deal; the "experts" have actually assigned the number of hours per day that the average dog sleeps. I would list that number here, but I confess I read it and promptly forgot it because I'm pretty sure I don't have anything living in the place that would qualify as "average". Most everything seems to work diligently at not being average. And that's okay with me. I remember the "not average" clearly no matter how many years have passed. I can recall the "average" fondly as well, but it takes more effort.

The individuals that spring to mind are the ones who created a situation which had to be dealt with and, when it was taken care of, left me puzzled over why in the world he/she did that. It wasn't usual, or specific to the species, or even understandable. It was unique, unexpected, problematic and often irritating. You know, the kind of thing that, once you have it dealt with, leaves you looking at the miscreant and thinking, "What were you thinking?" Animals always have their own reason for what they do; it's up to their humans to figure out what exactly



## EGGS IN MY POCKET

Mary Fenoglio

that was in order, hopefully, to avoid a repeat. Sometimes you can, sometimes it remains a mystery to everyone except the perpetrator. It gives me something to ponder at 3 a.m. when we are asleep, Papa, the Push-faces and me, something goes bump in the night, and I choose not to get up and go tracking around in the dark. If I do, the dogs get up too. And sometimes it takes more time to settle everybody back down than it will to clean up/deal with at dawn, all the stuff that I knew was going on while I "slept."

Say, for example, when the sun rises we discover that the pen of young (and fertile) bucks spent the dark hours merrily running amok in the dry doe herd while we slumbered unaware. No doe had been marked as being in heat at evening feeding, but if the bucks make a break for it at midnight, there will be an instant epidemic of season in the does, guaranteed. The unwritten rule is that no buck will breed a doe of the same breed, but may cover a doe of every breed other than his own. We run four separate breeds – not Papa's idea. To maintain registration papers, bucks and does are kept separated, and specific pairs put in breeding pens at the optimum time. Unless, of course, Mother Nature gets bored on a cold winter's night and lets the bucks out. I have no better explanation. Half breed kids have hybrid vigor and are very handsome as a rule.

Though I wouldn't choose to deliberately create them, I don't mind them too much. Papa, however, is not of the same mind as me, so we make every reasonable attempt to avoid having them.

Having more than once, together with Papa in our much younger days, pursued hyper, agile, excited young bucks through mud, slush, ice, cold wind and rain, boots loaded with mud and hair dripping cold water down my neck, holding a flashlight that, when I left the house, could have been used to signal a space station clearly but has suddenly begun alternating between dim and off, only to have the boys break out and turn back when almost in the gate, I now opt to pull a Pushface closer and pretend everything on the place is as warm and sleepy as we are. The Pushface agrees, sealing the deal. Tomorrow, tomorrow, I love ya tomorrow. Sort of.

At least tomorrow there will be some kind of general light, even cold and dreary,

and a cup of hot coffee can boost a person more than one might think. A big cup. A monster mug.

Sleeping isn't easy when a storm is raging outside. Papa has done his best to get everything ready for it, but things happen. You're almost asleep when one of those things floats to the front of your mind and just hangs there, threatening full blown wakefulness. Sometimes you just give up and get up, depending on what calamity has occurred to you and what the ramifications of it might be, going forward. If it's troublesome, but not actually major, lying still with your hand on a warm, relaxed bulldog, listening to her breathe peacefully, will help to pull you down into slumber. Works for me, and the older I get, the easier it is to be convinced.

Like I said, I love the way Pushfaces like to sleep. For soothing and relaxing, they're way better than meds.

## LAKE GEORGETOWN



George and Carrie Godward of Georgetown enjoy early-afternoon views at Lake Georgetown on Saturday.

Ronnie Holman of Georgetown and his dog Uzi prepare to try another fishing spot. After two days of bitter cold, temperatures warmed into the 40s by Saturday afternoon.



Deborah Carter takes photos as she and her husband Buddy Samuels, Sun City residents, enjoy a slightly warmer day. Carter recently joined the Sun City Photography Club.

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