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## Future of Austin Avenue bridges comes into focus

Transportation experts address issue

By MATT LOESCHMAN

Two nationally prominent transportation experts will talk about the future of the 75-year-old Austin Avenue bridges over the north and south forks of the San Gabriel River in a special meeting Tuesday.

The public is invited to the meeting, set for 2 p.m. in council chambers, 101 East Seventh Street.

The speeches will coincide with the release of an independent study of the bridges conducted by Winter & Company of Boulder, Colorado, on behalf of Georgetown's San Gabriel River Place Foundation.

Mayor Dale Ross, who received a copy of the report Tuesday, said city council members are not required to attend the 2 p.m.

session that precedes their 3 p.m. workshop.

The workshop session will include recommendations from the city's Road Bond Committee, which has listed the Austin Avenue bridges as its top priority.

### Public Q&A

Council members in attendance will not ask questions following the presentation, Mayor Ross said, but the public can ask questions of the two presenters, Stefanos Polyzoides and Rick Hall.

Mr. Polyzoides, based in California, is an architect and urban planner while Mr. Hall is a Florida traffic engineer specializing in urban and downtown transportation systems.

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New report recommends 'destination' fix

An independent Austin Avenue bridges assessment prepared by Winter & Company, a Colorado urban design studio with an international reputation, offers clear recommendations — and a very different approach from a previous bridges study — to the city council regarding the future of the two aging structures in need of repair.

Instead of a massive overhaul of the bridges, the report recommends fixing the bridges' superstructures while keeping their historical value in place.

The report also addresses

the importance of increased pedestrian connectivity with the city's award-winning San Gabriel River trails system, making the bridges safer for pedestrians and cyclists, using the bridge repair to turn the historic downtown into a destination attraction and maintaining consistency with long-held objectives and goals of Georgetown's Downtown Master Plan.

"This is a time of opportunity in terms of making downtown Georgetown a destination while preserving the character and significance of the area and enhancing its inherent

assets," said the report, which was prepared by Cheney Bostic of Winter & Company.

The plan would also:

- Minimize construction time to four to six months while maintaining traffic on two lanes of the bridges, lessening the negative impact on downtown businesses;

- Make it easier and safer for pedestrians and cyclists to traverse both sides of the San Gabriel River by constructing separate pedestrian bridges (the sidewalks on the current bridges are about four feet wide);

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## County EMS cheers 40 years

By JOYCE MAY

Four decades ago, a Georgetown funeral home, following a growing trend across rural America, decided that it was no longer profitable to provide ambulance services to the city.

That pushed the county in 1975 to partner with the cities of Georgetown, Round Rock, Taylor, Cedar Park and Florence to create a system to handle the ever-growing need for pre-hospital care.

Thus Williamson County Emergency Medical Services was born. The award-winning EMS system this month marks 40 years serving the community.

At their first meeting of 2015, county commissioners on Tuesday recognized the department, which has cared for more than 500,000 patients since its creation.

To celebrate the occasion, staff members selected a logo design that is now worn on their lapels and affixed to all ambulances.

A more formal anniversary will likely be part of the department's May awards ceremony, said Kenny Schnell, EMS director since 2008.

"The men and women of EMS are truly the legacy and really dedicate their lives to providing compassionate care to the community," Mr. Schnell said.

"Those are truly the ones who deserve recognition day in and day out."

Dispatchers, first responders such

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## COURTHOUSE CARE



Andy Sharp

### Repointing work begins

Javier Bishop, with BETCO Scaffolds of San Antonio, helps erect scaffolding Tuesday outside the county courthouse as the months-long "repointing" process begins on the building. Repointing refers to the process of removing some of the existing exterior masonry and mortar joints and replacing or patching them. Sunbelt Building Services of Wylie is the general contractor for the \$650,000 project, which is expected to be finished in late spring.

## The cowboy hat, a Texas icon, thrown into spotlight

By JOYCE MAY

Felt in the winter. Straw in the summer.

That's cowboy hat 101 and something every Texan should know, particularly if a measure proposed by District 20 State Representative Marsha Farney passes this legislative session.

The veteran educator from Georgetown filed a bill Monday that would make the cowboy hat the official headwear of the Lone Star state.

Representing a district that celebrates its Chisholm Trail heritage and is home to the largest cattle operation in North America — Capital Land and Livestock in Schwertner — Ms. Farney found it only fitting that she carry the measure.

Folks from all over the globe already associate Texas with cowboy hats and boots, she said.

"This is not going to change the world or affect funding for roads or water or public schools, but it is

something that celebrates the vibrant heritage of our state and the spirit of Texas," Ms. Farney said Wednesday.

### The idea

Ms. Farney helped a group of Ford Elementary children pass legislation last session that recognized pecan pie as the state pie of Texas. Gene Jantzen, a Georgetown real estate agent and fifth-generation Texan, had that win in mind when he pitched the cowboy hat idea to Representative Farney at the Chamber of Commerce's annual Bar-Bid-Cue fundraiser in July.

The notion struck Mr. Jantzen, originally from Houston, as he thumbed through the *Texas Almanac*, a biennial publication of the Texas State Historical Association that proclaims itself as "the source for all things Texan since 1857."

The notable absence of an official state hat surprised Mr. Jantzen.

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Joyce May

Jim Harrell visits the Square Wednesday. He has worn a cowboy hat all his life. New legislation proposed by State Representative Marsha Farney would recognize the cowboy hat as the state hat of Texas.

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Officers Brandon Palmer, Bryan George and Kandice Ellis stand with Police Chief Wayne Nero after they were sworn into the police department January 5.

## Police department hires three new officers

By JONATHAN ADAMS

Of the Georgetown Police Department's three newest officers, one grew up here with dreams of becoming a cop, another has more than eight years experience in law enforcement and the third is a former WilCo corrections officer.

Bryan George, Brandon Palmer and Kandice Ellis were sworn in January 5 and are in the midst of training.

"Even with some of the training that we're doing now, that some may consider mundane or boring, I'm just excited to be in the building and be a part of it," Mr. George said.

"I'm really excited to be here — I've tried to get here for awhile. Now that I'm here, I'm excited about everything."

Mr. George grew up in Georgetown and graduated from Georgetown High in 1998. "I like the community," he

said. "I want to stay here. I have a vested interest in the community."

Mr. George received his police training in 2010 from the Regional Law Enforcement Academy in Round Rock. He worked as a district police officer at Austin Community College's Rio Grande campus in downtown Austin for three years.

"Becoming a police officer was always something I wanted to do," he said. "As I got older I had some friends who got into it, and I got to go ride out with them and see what it was actually like."

### East Texas transplant

The first time Mr. Palmer stepped foot in Georgetown was after he applied for the job here.

Before that, the Nederland native worked eight-plus years at the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department in East

Texas — five and a half as a corrections officer and three on patrol.

"The first time I was up here was for this job — and I like it, I'm ready to move into the city," he said.

"I'm excited for the new atmosphere and to meet new people and try a new, different kind of style of law enforcement."

Mr. Palmer graduated from the Jefferson County Sheriff's Academy in 2010.

"I've always kind of kept being a police officer in mind, at the back of my head," he said. "So, I hopped into the field."

He found out about the opening in Georgetown when Lieutenant Kelly Devoll visited Jefferson County on a recruiting trip.

### History of corrections

Ms. Ellis is a University of North Texas alumna who majored in kinesiology and spe-

cial education but embraced law enforcement during her undergraduate years.

"I've always been interested in [law enforcement] ever since I was little," she said.

"And then I met some friends in college who did it and I just started to look more into it and decided I wanted to try it."

Ms. Ellis, who is originally from Flower Mound, got her start in law enforcement four and a half years ago working corrections for Williamson County.

"I was deputized for two years with the county and they're the ones who sent me to the police academy," she said, referring to the Regional Law Enforcement Academy.

Ms. Ellis is excited to start with a new department.

"I'm just excited about the whole position," she said. "I'm looking forward to meeting all the people and getting to know the community."



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## City animal shelter to close for renovations

Art for Animals fundraiser postponed four months while floors are redone

By MATT LOESCHMAN

Renovations to the Georgetown Animal Shelter will close the facility next week, change some processes and postpone the Art for Animals auction until May.

"We just could not make Art for Animals work in February considering the renovations that will be taking place," said Jackie Carey, the city's animal services manager.

"It will be much easier to put on the event in May."

Major improvements to the shelter, 110 Walden Drive off North College Street, will close the doors January 16-26.

The building was used as a pump house until the shelter took over the building in 2005 and the floors are now badly

worn. Floors will be sandblasted and then resurfaced.

"Honestly, the floors weren't done right from the very beginning," Ms. Carey said.

"Everything has to be moved out. The floors will be taken down to the concrete and redone. It is badly needed."

Other renovations include repainting the interior of the building and constructing two glass walls in the cat and kitten adoption rooms.

Art for Animals was originally scheduled for February 7 but will now be held May 9. The donation deadline has been moved from January 23 to late April, Ms. Carey said.

"People now have more time to donate," she said.

The fundraiser, held at Georgetown Community Cen-

ter in San Gabriel Park, is sponsored by Friends of the Georgetown Animal Shelter and is the biggest annual moneymaker for the facility.

During the January 16-26 shelter closure, services will be provided on a limited basis:

- For pet licenses, send paperwork and payment (if applicable) to Georgetown Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 409, Georgetown, TX 78627. License tags will be mailed back to you.

- For animal control issues such as loose dogs, call the non-emergency police number at 512-930-3510. Dispatchers will send out animal control officers as usual.

- For lost and found animals, call the shelter at 512-930-3592 or email [animalsvc@georgetown.org](mailto:animalsvc@georgetown.org) with a descrip-

tion of the animal.

- To surrender a pet, call the shelter at 512-930-3592 to schedule an appointment. Pets will be accepted through the rear gates of the shelter.

- For adoptions, cats and kittens may still be adopted from PetSmart in Wolf Ranch Town Center while dogs can be seen January 17 and 24 at the PetSmart near Ikea in Round Rock.

A municipal shelter supported by taxes like any other city department, the Georgetown Animal Shelter is an open-door shelter that accepts all dogs and cats found within city limits or surrendered by owners that live within city limits.

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# Deal paves way for upgrades to affordable apartment complexes

By MATT LOESCHMAN

Two of Georgetown's affordable housing complexes are in line to receive major improvements through federal grant funding.

The General Government and Finance Advisory Board recommended Wednesday approval of two loan agreements that will pave the way for upgrades to Georgetown Square, 206 Royal Drive off North Austin Avenue, and Northwest Apartments, 1623 Northwest Boulevard, north of Williams Drive.

The federal tax credits are administered through the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for new construction or rehabilitation, said Jennifer Bills, Georgetown's housing coordinator.

"In these cases, we are talking about existing projects," Ms. Bills said.

"There is a point system involved and the requirements have changed. There is now more weight given to securing

funding from a local entity — basically, a loan from the city."

Georgetown Square would improve 55 units while Northwest Apartments would renovate 24 units, Ms. Bills added. Both complexes were built in the 1970s.

"Instead of using their own money for repairs, they can get tax credits," said Tommy Gonzalez, a member of the finance board and a city councilman.

Georgetown Chief Financial Officer Micki Rundell explained that under the deal, the city would provide a loan while the developer or owner gives money to the city that is held in escrow.

"There is no risk to the city," Ms. Rundell said. "We previously did something like this in 2005 but this time it is on a much smaller scale."

The board recommended \$450,000 for Georgetown Square and \$197,633 for Northwest Apartments. Georgetown Square owner Steele Georgetown LIHTC LLC and Northwest Apartments owner Den-

nis Hoover had both asked for the maximum amount of money so they could get maximum points.

Since the developer/owner technically receives money from the city, they earn more points under the federal criteria and will get much more "bang for their buck" through the tax credit, Mr. Hoover said.

"I will get about \$40,000 worth of improvements per unit," he told the board.

No timetable was given for when repairs might begin.

In each case, the board voted 4-1 to approve, with Councilman Gonzalez casting the dissenting vote.

"We are subsidizing a private business with a tax credit — that's how I see it," he explained.

"The average business owner doesn't get that."

The issue will next go to the city council for review.

"The resolution basically confirms that the city approves of the project moving forward," Ms. Bills said.



Matt Loeschman

The owners of the Georgetown Square Apartments off North Austin Avenue are seeking the city's assistance to receive housing tax credits to renovate 55 units.

## Second plane crash victim identified

The plane that took off from Georgetown's airport December 29 and crashed early the next morning in New Mexico was piloted by Austin doctor Richard Sexton, 46.

Dr. Sexton owned the small 1977 Piper PA-28 that went down about 15 miles southwest of Vaughn, New Mexico, killing him and his girlfriend, 22-year-old Alicia Beauchamp of Austin.

The two were flying to Pagosa Springs, Colorado, for a ski trip, said Gina Beauchamp, Alicia Beauchamp's mother.

The plane had already trav-

eled more than 200 miles that day. Someone renting the plane from Dr. Sexton flew from Georgetown to Boerne and back, the National Transportation Safety Board said in a preliminary report on the crash released Wednesday.

The renter returned the propeller plane to Georgetown at 2:45 p.m. Central Standard Time. Dr. Sexton left Georgetown Municipal Airport at 10:50 p.m., the report said. He landed in Lamesa about two and a half hours later and added 27.5 gallons of aviation gasoline to the plane.

Dr. Sexton left Lamesa and flew about 30 miles northwest but returned to Lamesa and added about seven more gallons of fuel, the report said.

Dr. Sexton then left Lamesa for a second time at 2:40 a.m.

The plane disappeared from air traffic control radar at 4:24 a.m., the report said.

The investigation into the crash is ongoing and an autopsy has been requested.

Alicia Beauchamp's family held a funeral service Wednesday at Crestview Baptist Church in Georgetown.

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GEORGETOWN ISD

### District recognizes board members

The school district will honor trustees at this month's board meeting January 20 in honor of School Board Recognition Month.

### Batters need to step up

Students interested in playing baseball at Georgetown High this year must attend a mandatory meeting January 21 at 4 p.m. in the school's field house classroom. There will be a mandatory parent meeting that follows at 6 p.m.

### Have coffee with GHS counselors

Students can sit down with Georgetown High counselors next week to learn what services they offer.

Students are invited to the school's library Tuesday from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. to speak with counselors and enjoy free coffee.

### EVHS sets second commencement

East View High administrators have settled on May 29 for the school's second ever graduation ceremony. Commencement will start

at 7:30 p.m. at the GISD Athletic Complex, 2275 North Austin Avenue, south of Interstate 35.

The school also plans to hold its 2015 baccalaureate service May 17 at 3 p.m. at Church of the Nazarene, 4051 East University Avenue, west of EVHS.

### ACHIEVEMENTS

#### Delgado honored in New England

Trisha Delgado of Georgetown landed on the dean's list at Dean College in Franklin, Massachusetts, for the fall 2014 semester by maintaining a grade point average of a 3.5.

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## Bygone post office

Every once in a while, something wonderful plops into your lap and you are astounded, amazed.

Such was the case early last summer when one day a white envelope appeared in my pigeonhole at the *Sun*. Three old black and white photographs and a stack of letters from the office of U.S. Congressman Lyndon B. Johnson filled the envelope, along with a card from Jerry Secrest, a Temple attorney.



### PULLING HAIR

Linda Scarbrough

The photographs showed Jerry's grandfather, Felix B. Secrest, at two completely different stages of his life: one from 1907, when Mr. Secrest was a young man working for the Georgetown Post Office; the other two show Mr. Secrest's retirement dinner after serving as postmaster from 1944 to 1952.

I had never seen a photograph like the 1907 interior shot of Georgetown's post office, jammed like the old woman's shoe filled with a multitude of children. The postmaster then was William P. Fleming, left, wearing a dark suit, white hair and mustache. Jerry Secrest's grandfather, Felix, stands on the opposite side of the room and is quite a young man. You will note that all of the men and the female postal employees are wearing ties and starched white shirts.

Where was the post office in those days? I queried sister Donna Josey, author of two photographic histories of Georgetown. Ask an expert, get an expert answer.

The post office was in the rear of the Old Masonic Lodge in 1905, Georgetown Heritage Society research shows, Donna wrote.

"And according to Mom's research [Clara Stearns Scarbrough's *Land of Good Water*], it was still there in 1912, when a murder took place outside the building. In the picture I used in my first book [*Images of America: Georgetown*], page 57 of the north side of the building, you can read a sign outside the door that says 'Post Office.'"

And so you can, with a magnifying glass. The second photograph was taken in 1952 in

the Sam Houston Room of Salado's Stagecoach Inn. The occasion was a retirement dinner for Postmaster Secrest, who sits to the left of a flower arrangement. Here he is a far older man, looking a bit weary but distinguished in a light-colored suit. He is wearing glasses and has white hair. Flanking him are his two sons, both in dark suits: Felix B. Secrest, Jr., with glasses, to his left; and Jerry Secrest's father, Jarrad Secrest, elected to the Texas Senate that same year.

"Both of Felix Secrest's sons graduated from Georgetown High School and Southwestern University," Jerry Secrest wrote. "If you are in your late 60s, your father, Don, and mine, Jarrad, were fast friends in Southwestern, and maybe earlier."

Jerry didn't know the identities of the other men in the 1952 photo, but I recognized — or thought I recognized — then-Congressman Homer Thornberry sitting to the right of Jarrad Secrest. In those days, postmasters were appointed by their congressman and worked closely with their representative in Washington, D.C. So it made sense that Congressman Thornberry should be there.

Examining photographs of the congressman on pages 126 and 127 of my book, *Road, River, and Ol' Boy Politics*, my suspicion firmed up. Wiki's photograph of Thornberry while serving in the House of Representatives cinches it: That was Homer flashing his characteristic beaming smile.

The men at the ends of the table remain mysteries. I showed the photograph to Esther Weir, who has known everybody in Georgetown forever. Esther thought, because of a peculiar angle of one fellow's head, that sitting to the right of Thornberry was a young Lyndon Johnson. There is a strong resemblance.

But after comparing photos in Robert Caro's biography of LBJ against this one, I wasn't convinced. The fellow at Felix Secrest's retirement dinner is neither grinning with every muscle in his face nor looking disturbingly intense; every photograph of Johnson in Caro's book contains one of those two elements: a broad, easy grin or extreme intensity. Also, by 1952 Lyndon Johnson's hair had started a sharp retreat from the two sides of his forehead, giving him a strong *faux* widow's peak. The man at Stagecoach Inn possesses a fairly straight hairline.

So it remains an unsolved mystery. If anyone can shed any light on these photos, we'd love to hear from you.



Georgetown's post office in 1907, when it was on the first floor of the Old Masonic Lodge — which Gumbo's now inhabits. Postmaster William P. Fleming stands at left, with employees Charles Chreitzberg, Miss Venie, Dick Shell, and Felix B. Secrest, on the right in the white shirt.



Postmaster Felix B. Secrest's 1952 retirement dinner at Stagecoach Inn. Mr. Secrest sits near the center of the table in a light-colored suit flanked by his two sons, Felix B. Secrest Jr. (wearing glasses) and Jarrad Secrest. To the right of Jarrad Secrest is Congressman Homer Thornberry, who represented Williamson County in Congress at the time. The other men are unidentified.

## Don't try at home

By GARY MILLER



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## Letters

### More development, more floods

Two wet-weather creeks run through our land. Over the years I have noticed these fill quicker with less rain than in the past. I believe this is caused by the one-acre parcel homes [that have been built] upstream. There are hundreds nearby, thousands in the county. [Some] builders clear cut the land, build large structures, pave new roads and landscape with non-native plants. I do not believe our home is in danger because our creeks start about half a mile away, although I have seen these creeks out of their banks with a good "five-incher" during thunderstorms of the past.

If one follows the creek branches near Rural Route 2338 west of Georgetown on a satellite photo or Topo chart it is very easy to see where this water will create future problems. It all runs into Berry Creek. When we used to get big rains, the [undeveloped] land could absorb it.

Now there are thousands of houses, hundreds of streets and large paved areas covering the watershed all the way to Interstate 35.

There will be floods when the rains return and they will return. It will be worse east of I-35. Lately there have been warnings in the Austin area of flooding with rains of two inches or less. Two inches is nothing! Central Texas cities have been buying out flood-prone areas. The taxpayers cannot afford to buy out all the structures in flood-prone areas. County and city management should be concerned about this problem and start preparing for it.

If you moved here in the last 20 years, live on a small lot on the watershed, can see a creek nearby or throw a rock and hit it I would start preparing for floods.

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### Church offers prayers of lamentation, peace

In telling his version of the birth of Jesus, Matthew reminds us that "When Herod learned he had been tricked by the Magi he killed all the children in and near Bethlehem who were two years old or under . . . So was fulfilled what had been spoken by the prophet Jeremiah, 'A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children. She refused to be consoled because they were no more.' " We cannot pray for peace without offering prayers of lamentation for our children who are no more.

I am grateful to Pastor Silas Swint and the congregation at Wesley Chapel AME Church for offering those who celebrate the birth of Jesus an opportunity to pray in lamentation for our children who are no more. This is the work of the church and not enough of us are doing it.

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### Shelter deserves praise for rescue

Bravo to our Williamson County Regional Animal Shelter for recognizing the value of a good dog and choosing to save his life! Many communities would have simply put him down upon arrival or even worse may have left him by the side of the road to die. Thanks to Joyce May's article ("Mastiff loses home after car accident but keeps leg, thanks to county shelter," January 4) about Slim and his need for a new home, I am hoping that he will find the perfect family to care for him. If I didn't already have four elderly pets that would likely object to an 84-pound newcomer, I would adopt him myself . . . and I still may.

Both the Williamson County shelter and the Georgetown Animal Shelter do great work to care for the lost, injured and unwanted animals in this community. And while so many of the animals at these shelters may not have as compelling a story as Slim, they are all just as deserving of a good home and, speaking from experience, there really is something special about the love of a good dog (or cat).

**LEE NICKELL**  
*Pine Street*

### School should take threats seriously

I have not read anything more on the students supposedly threatening to murder another student and all they received was a 10-day in-house suspension ("Student's threats raise legal queries," December 17). Oh, I forgot, a few hours of service in the community.

I'm sorry. I would laugh if this was not such a serious matter. One of the first things that some of us in the community asked when we heard about this was "Whose kids are these?" and better yet, who are the parents of these kids and are they on the "who's who" list of the Georgetown community?

I do know that in the past couple of years news outlets have reported that there have been kids five, six and seven years old expelled from school for two and three days for using their fin-

gers to be guns when playing cowboys out on the playground.

I truly feel sorry for the child and the mother of this child. With all the terrible things that have happened in the schools throughout America in the past few years, I along with many others just cannot believe just how little punishment has been given to the kids who did this. Why has the school district turned so soft on these kids? Just makes me wonder: I for one stand with the victim and the victim's mother.

**STEVE LANGE**  
*Liberty Hill*

### Social Security, a complex critter

Untaxed until 1983, Congress decided to enact legislation that by now can result in taxing 85 percent of Social Security benefits. This tax starts by taxing 50 percent of benefits if there is "substantial taxable income" other than Social Security.

Substantial means \$17,000 for a married couple filing jointly with \$30,000 of combined Social Security. Of little consequence at that income level, bear in mind that after that level of income each dollar you take as a distribution from, say, a regular IRA, will be taxed as if you took \$1.50. If this couple needed a distribution of more than \$29,000 to supplement their social security, each dollar would be taxed as if they received \$1.85. If this couple needed a distribution of \$37,000, for a total income of \$67,000, using a standard deduction, the effective tax rate on the final incremental \$5,000 would be 27.5 percent.

Bear in mind that this is almost the 28 percent of rate paid on income from \$148,850 up to \$226,850. In fact, if they itemized deductions, the higher income would reduce some itemized deductions.

From a practical standpoint, if a couple needs to tap their IRA for \$5,000 to pay their property tax bill, they could need over \$6,800 to accomplish that.

Social security is a tax; the amount remitted has been taxed (a tax levied on a tax). Further, we are taxed as we receive this benefit, with no allowance for our basis, as we would have in any legitimate retirement plan. Only our elected Congress and their bureaucrats could devise a plan that reeks with such dishonesty and lack of transparency.

**GRAGG GUTHRIDGE**  
*Whispering Wind*

*Editor's note: Mr. Guthridge was a certified public accountant for approximately 25 years. He is now retired.*

### About Letters

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## Mary Margaret "Miggie" Maxey

Mary Margaret "Miggie" Maxey, beloved mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend, died January 6. Miggie was born February 9, 1924, in Paducah, to Fred and Stella Swint. Miggie graduated from Paducah High School where she was a cheerleader. She attended Mary Hardin Baylor University and Texas Tech University. Miggie married Haskell Maxey in 1947. They moved to Odessa in 1955. Miggie worked at the First National Bank and National Bank of Commerce for many years before becoming a legal secretary. She worked for Representative Ace Pickens and Ector County Judge Gary Watkins. Miggie had two life-long passions: Her love for her children and the Dallas Cowboys. Miggie never willingly (or graciously) missed a Dallas Cowboys football game. Miggie was preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Stella Swint; brother, Elwin Swint; and sisters, Fredda Hill and Jean Holland. She is survived by her son, Zane Maxey, of Austin; daughters, Marsha Stone (Keith) and Marybeth Barrett (Jim Wolfe), of George-

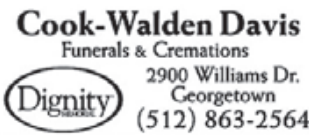


town; grandchildren, Kara Maxey, of Odessa, Crystal Smith (Tommy), of Flower Mound, Jessica Stone, of Georgetown, and Landon Barrett, of Austin; step-grandchildren, Beth Stone, of Florence, Kristin Adams, of Lufkin, and Gary Stone, of Georgetown. She is also survived by four great-grandchildren and five step-great-grandchildren.

The family received guests for a time of visitation at Cook-Walden Davis Funeral Home in Georgetown from 1 to 2 p.m. on Thursday, January 8. Funeral services followed in the funeral home chapel. Interment followed at I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Georgetown.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at [www.cookwaldendavisfuneralhome.com](http://www.cookwaldendavisfuneralhome.com).



## Barbara Jo Faglie Hyden

Barbara Jo Faglie Hyden (Bobbie Jo) of Austin and Granite Shoals passed away on Monday, January 5, in the arms of her beloved daughter, Barbara Christene. She was welcomed into Heaven by her beloved son, Darryl Hyden.



Shawn and Darryl Peterson, all of Georgetown. She is also survived by four sisters and one brother as well as her maternal Aunt and numerous other family and friends throughout Texas.

Memorial services were held at Ramsey Funeral Home on Saturday, January 10, at 2 P.M.

You may share a message or memory in the memorial guest-book at [www.RamseyFuneral.com](http://www.RamseyFuneral.com).



She is survived by her daughter, Barbara Christene "Chris" Hyden-Peterson; grandsons,

## Amanda Pierce

Amanda Pierce of Georgetown passed away Thursday, January 8.

For 85 years, Amanda showered her friends and family with love and care. She was born on June 21, 1929, in Marshall, to Edgar H. and Fawn Baldwin Allen. She grew up in Marshall during the Great Depression and World War II — events that greatly shaped her life — and graduated from Marshall High School. She attended Texas State College for Women (now Texas Women's University), majoring in education; she graduated with a B.A. degree in primary education in 1950. While in college, Amanda met J. Rush Pierce on a blind date and immediately fell in love; the two married on June 10, 1951, and remained married for 63 years. Amanda taught in the Marshall and Dallas public schools until her first child Rush Jr. was born; afterwards she became a full-time mother. Three more sons, Ben, Frank, and Scott, followed. She and Rush lived in Birmingham, Alabama, Jacksonville, Florida, and Dallas, before moving to Arlington, where they raised their family and lived for 40 years. After retirement, Amanda and Rush moved to Granbury, and also maintained a summer home in the mountains of northern New Mexico.

Amanda spent much time in the out-of-doors; she loved hiking, camping and canoeing. She became an expert in wildflower identification and served as docent at River Legacy Park in Arlington, at Greenhills Environmental Center in Dallas and with the Arlington Public Schools Nature Trails Program. Along with Rush, she led nature tours in the mountains near Red River, New Mexico. She was skilled in needlework, and often worked on projects for grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Amanda loved professional baseball, especially the Texas Rangers, and could often be found at the ball park on open-

ing day. Throughout her life, she volunteered, especially working with small children. She was a volunteer teacher in the Arlington Public Schools and the Granbury Public Schools and volunteered at the Granbury Head Start and the Red River Library. She was an active member of First United Methodist Church in Arlington, Acton United Methodist Church in Granbury, and San Gabriel Presbyterian Church in Georgetown.

Most of all Amanda is remembered for the time she spent with family and friends. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother and had many close friends wherever she went.

Amanda was preceded in death by her parents, Edgar H. and Fawn Baldwin Allen; and her brother, Edgar H. Allen, Jr. She is survived by her husband, J. Rush Pierce; son, Rush Pierce, Jr. and wife Diane Goodwin; son, Ben Pierce and wife Marlene Tyrrell; son, Frank Pierce; son, Scott Pierce and wife Treaah Pierce; and multiple grandchildren and great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Camp John Marc (<https://www.campjohnmarc.org/>) or Red River New Mexico Community House (<http://www.redrivercommunityhouse.org/>).

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, January 10, at San Gabriel Presbyterian Church in Georgetown.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. on Monday, January 12, at Scottsville Cemetery in Scottsville under the direction of Ramsey Funeral Home.

You may share a message or memory in the memorial guest-book at [www.RamseyFuneral.com](http://www.RamseyFuneral.com).



## Ida "Pearl" Karr

Ida "Pearl" Karr (née Fisch) passed away peacefully on January 6, 2014. She was born in Brooklyn, NY, on March 3, 1923. She graduated from Hunter College in Manhattan, NY and later received her Master's in Education degree. Very devoted to each other, Pearl married Stan Karr in 1947 and they were together for 58 years until his death in 2005. A Master Teacher, she taught elementary school in Queens, New York for 30 years and was much loved and respected by her students and her colleagues. Pearl and Stan traveled extensively and enjoyed their time together raising their children. Pearl was preceded in death by her parents Anna and Joseph Fisch, her brother Herman Fisch and sister-in-law Florence Fisch. She is survived by her son, Russell Karr; of Miami, Florida, his wife Abby, and grandsons Joshua and Elliot; her daughter, Alison

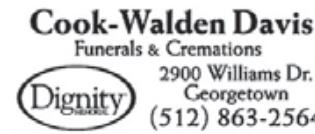


Karr Bencivenga, of Georgetown, TX, her husband John, and grandchildren Michael, Catherine and Margaret; and her niece, Victoria Fisch, of Folsom, CA.

The family would like to sincerely thank all the staff at The Legacy at Georgetown and Harbor Hospice (particularly her hospice nurse, Debra) for their compassionate and loving care and ask that in lieu of flowers, donations be made in Pearl's name to the American Heart Association.

A memorial service has not been scheduled at this time.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at [www.cookwaldendavisfuneralhome.com](http://www.cookwaldendavisfuneralhome.com).



## Nicholas Jay Tableriou

Life was an adventure for Nicholas Jay Tableriou. Born in Little Rock, Arkansas, on April 14, 1943, to Nell Scroggs and Thomas Nicholas Tableriou, he moved with his family to Chicago in his youth. When he was only 12, he walked to a nearby small airport and offered his services washing and gassing planes in exchange for flying lessons. Thus began a lifetime love of aviation. He learned to fly before he learned to drive a car.



Adam. The family moved to Georgetown in the 1980s where they enjoyed small town life and belonged to the Christ Lutheran Church. From his electrical engineering experi-

ence, Nick was able to wire the entire home they built. When his wife Jane passed away in 2009, they had enjoyed a full and rich life raising their family and taking well over thirty cruises together.

In 2011, Nick married Curby Conoley and moved to Austin. They honeymooned in Buenos Aires and Rio de Janeiro and recently took a river cruise down the Rhine and Danube. Nick was embraced and welcomed by her friends at Austin Opera. They enjoyed a lifestyle of many parties and social events in his last years.

Nicholas Jay Tableriou died December 30, in Austin from kidney disease. Nick was preceded in death by his first wife, Jane Ellen Tableriou. He is survived by his wife, Curby Conoley Tableriou, of Austin; his daughter, Nicole Jane Tableriou, of Georgetown; and his son, Brett Adam Tableriou and wife Tiffany, of Georgetown. He is also survived by his beloved rescue dog Annabelle.

Memorial donations may be made to the Williamson County Regional Animal Shelter.

Nick earned a Bachelor of Science from Elmhurst College. A defense contractor in the aero space industry, Nick worked for the Pentagon as well as numerous companies, including Hercules and Bomar. He traveled extensively throughout the world, spending much time in the Middle East during the first Gulf War. Nick also worked on the Star Wars program with Lockheed.

In 1967 he married Jane Ellen Ptacek, the mother of his children Nicole Jane and Brett

## Willie J. Kubala

Willie J. Kubala, 65, of Calvert, passed away on Wednesday, January 7, at the Veterans Hospital in Temple. He was born on February 1, 1949, in Williamson County, to John and Wilma Kuba Kubala. He was a graduate of Jarrell High School. Mr. Kubala served his country with the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a self-employed rancher and had been a resident of Calvert for the past 14 years previously living in Walburg.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Kubala, of Calvert; daughters and sons-in-law, Jenny and Will Caddel, of Calvert, Kandy Kubala, of Nashville, Tennessee; sisters, Lillian Larson, of Georgetown, Alice Morgan, of McDade, and Helen Klepac, of Lewisville; and one grandchild, Jaclyn Caddel.

Graveside Services will be held on Saturday, January 10, at 1 p.m. at the Mt. Vernon Cemetery in Robertson County.

## Helen A. Newton

Helen A. Newton, 96, of Georgetown, passed away on Tuesday, January 6.

Ms. Newton was born February 18, 1918, in Toledo, Ohio, to William and Naomi Armstrong. After her graduation from high school, she attended college before meeting and marrying William Newton in 1941. They remained married until his passing in 1990. Helen raised her family, with stops in New Mexico and Michigan. In 2008, she moved to Georgetown. She will be fondly remembered for her artistry and her skill as a seamstress, crocheting, knitting, quilting and cooking.

Helen is preceded in death by her parents and her husband. She leaves behind to cherish her



memory: her daughters, Suzann Johnson and husband, David, of Missouri; Sally Halterman, of Thorndale; Carol McCracken and husband Gary, of Florida; Sandra Rollins and husband Eugene, of Michigan; eight grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren and numerous other loving family and friends.

Personal words of comfort may be sent to the family online at [www.gabrielsfuneral.com](http://www.gabrielsfuneral.com).



Obituaries may be e-mailed to [TheWilliamsonCountySun@wilcosun.com](mailto:TheWilliamsonCountySun@wilcosun.com).

## Death Notices

**James W. Hill** passed away January 7. A memorial service will be held Sunday, January 11, at 1 p.m. at Ramsey Funeral Home, 5600 Williams Drive, Georgetown.

**Patrick "Lucky" Mitchell** was called home to our Father January 4. Services for Lucky were held at 2 p.m. January 10, at Church of the Holy Spirit, 806 West Ninth Street, Georgetown.

## County EMS cheers 40 years

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as fire fighters and hospitals play a vital role in making EMS successful, Mr. Schnell said.

The county EMS system started with 16 employees and seven ambulances — three brand new ones and four purchased from the city of Taylor, which had been running its own service, according to a 1975 *Sun* article.

The number of ambulances had fallen to four by the time Mr. Schnell started full time in 1994.

The department has since grown to 146 employees and 18 ambulances covering the entire county.

In the early years, county paramedics treated approximately 700 patients per year. Four decades later, it treats approximately 25,000 patients annually.

Over the years, the department has raked in numerous awards and been recognized as a leader in its field.

The most recent honor came in November when the Texas Department of State Health Services named Mr. Schnell as the state's administrator of the year and Dr. Jeff Jarvis as medical director of the year.

Dr. Jarvis succeeded Dr. Stephen Benold of Georgetown, who retired after 30 years of service.

As part of his role as medical director, Dr. Jarvis oversees a rigorous hiring and training process.

### System's past

During Tuesday's meeting, Mr. Schnell also spoke about the birth of modern EMS nationally.

In 1966, Lyndon B. John-

son had received the accidental death and disability report that identified accidental injuries as "the neglected disease of modern society," Mr. Schnell noted.

"Many consider the birth of modern EMS to be in 1969. Richard Nixon had taken office. America was entrenched in the Vietnam War," Mr. Schnell said.

"Vehicle accidents killed more Americans than were killed in the Korean War. They decided we needed to do something. You had a better chance of surviving in a combat zone than a regular city street."

This pushed the government to identify a lack of regulations in training and standardize EMS curriculum, Mr. Schnell said.

### The future

Today, the very nature of the county's EMS department is evolving, said Dr. Jarvis, who graduated from paramedic school in 1988 and then put the skills to use on his way to becoming a physician.

"We have a community health paramedic program that works to find the patient the right resource at the right time in a proactive, instead of reactive, mode," Dr. Jarvis said.

Community health paramedics closely follow patients with chronic illnesses in an effort to ensure they have established a health-care home and are complying with doctors' orders and taking medications as prescribed.

"These types of programs deliver quality care in a much more efficient and effective manner and help keep people out of the emergency rooms," he said.

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## EAST VIEW SOCCER



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East View's Leonel Jaramillo scores in the Patriots' first-round playoff victory over Bastrop in March. Jaramillo, who received all-district honorable mention after last season, is one of five returning starters for coach Frank Litterst.

## Team hopes to avenge last season's surprise end

By GALEN WELLNICKI

East View boys soccer, the most successful athletic program in the school's short history, began its quest for a third-consecutive trip to the UIL state playoffs with a 1-0 victory over 6A Stony Point Thursday night in the opening round of the Temple Tournament.

Playing in temperatures that bounced between 31 and 33 degrees on the natural turf at Woodson Field, sophomore Oscar De Leon scored the game's only goal off an assist by senior Ricky Aviles with

27 minutes and 32 seconds remaining in the first half.

"We played well in the first 30 to 40 minutes, but we came out slow in the second half and then it was up and down," Patriots head coach Frank Litterst said.

"I think we definitely need to work on our conditioning. We didn't look like we had as much energy in the second half."

Despite the offense's inability to capitalize on a number of scoring opportunities, especially in the first half, the East View defense showed potential against the Tigers, keep-

ing pressure off veteran keeper Brendan Soto.

Defense was a key factor in the Patriots' 13-0-1 run to the District 50-4A championship last season and a trip to the second round of the 4A playoffs. They were upset 4-2 in a shootout with Vandergriff after besting Bastrop 3-0 in bi-district.

East View had gone three rounds deep in the playoffs in the previous season.

"Last year, we only gave up four goals in district and probably only about 10 for the season," Litterst said of the '13-3 campaign.

The Patriots return four field starters, all all-district performers, in addition to Soto, a second-team all-district selection — senior midfielder Tommy Ketterhagen (first team), senior defender Caleb Vandergriff (first team), senior defender Shawn Moynihan (second team) and senior forward Leonel Jaramillo (honorable mention).

Litterst, in his fourth season as the Patriots head coach after 12 seasons as Wes Kidd's assistant at Georgetown, enters the season with 19 seniors, four juniors and three

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## Coaching legend signs on with Pats

By STEVE GLENN

Jim Donahue, a longtime Georgetown resident, retired from coaching in 2013 after an illustrious 30-year career at Austin Westwood.

He won more than 600 games and 25 district championships with the Warriors and received many individual honors, including the state's coach of the year award. In November, he was inducted into the Texas Association of Soccer Coaches Hall of Honor.

He has taken over as head coach of the Lady Patriots and will coach the team as it heads into its first year in the new District 25-5A, which is shaping up to be one of the best alignments in the state.

Although Donahue is highly recognized by his peers, you would never know it by his demeanor. The soft-spoken coach would rather talk about his players.

"It's all about the players," he said. Laughingly, Donahue remarked that he has never kicked a goal or blocked a shot — all true. However, he has coached many soccer players who have done that and more.

So the obvious question is, after a highly successful stint at Westwood, what is Donahue doing at East View?

The coach has lived in Georgetown for about 30 years and lives near EVHS. After the previous coach left, Donahue figured it would be a good fit.

He inherited a team with many positive attributes, including nine returning letterwomen on a 19-player roster.

In other districts, East View might have an easier road to the playoffs. However, 25-5A is stacked with some serious state talent, including defending state champion Vandegriff (the Vipers won the state's 4A classification last year in a game in Georgetown that was better remembered for a post-game viral video of a police officer tripping Vandegriff students).

Dripping Springs, Georgetown, Cedar Park and Vista Ridge are also

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## Bastrop course to close, seeks new operator

Wanted: Someone to operate an 18-hole golf course at a state park in Central Texas.

The specifics will be forthcoming within the month from Texas Parks and Wildlife.

The site is Lost Pines Golf Course in Bastrop State Park.

This was the state park that was nearly destroyed by wildfires in September 2011. But the golf course, which is comprised of wide grassy fairways, was spared.

What has prompted such a move?

Economics or a lack thereof following the devastating fires is the issue. The Lost Pines Golf Club, which is

a non-profit organization, oversees the operation with a five-member board elected by the membership.

A.J. Zimmerhanzel, acting manager and the club treasurer, confirms they cannot meet the operating expenses.

"At the end of December we have had to lay off seven employees," he said, including the general manager, office and maintenance personnel.

"We have a concession contract with Texas Parks and Wildlife. They basically outsource the golf course to us as a nonprofit."

But because of the destructive wildfire and the re-opening of another area golf course, Zimmerhanzel said the nonprofit is "heavily in debt."

Thus, he said that "we will keep it open through Janu-

ary 19 — probably no later than January 31."

Zimmerhanzel, who lives in the area and has been involved with the course for some 25 years, notes that volunteers will keep it open as long as they have leased golf carts, which could be re-possessed.

He understands that

Texas Parks and Wildlife will go out with a bid process for a new operator within the month, and hopefully have someone in place by spring.

The 135 acres that comprise the course escaped the ravages of the fire. That occurred with a sprinkler system that watered the fairways when the fires were burning, negat-

ing severe course damage.

The pro shop, opened when the course became a reality in the 1930s, was not damaged. It had been renovated in recent years.

Zimmerhanzel notes the park is open and traffic is increasing.

Some of that boost comes from the nearby Buescher State Park, with RV traffic that pumps financial aid into the park.

Meanwhile, the program of planting loblolly pines in and around the 135-acre course continues but it will take some years for them to reach the sky.

The Civilian Conservation Corps built much of Bastrop State Park between 1933 and 1939 and some 600,000 guests travel to the facility on an annual basis. The initial

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### Week wrap

#### BOYS BASKETBALL

##### Vista Ridge defeats EVHS

Despite an early lead, East View lost 52-31 Tuesday night to Vista Ridge.

The Patriots jumped to a 14-10 advantage after one quarter but had trouble shooting the rest of the game.

Vista Ridge outscored EVHS 14-7 in the second period to enter halftime ahead 24-21.

The stingy Ranger defense limited East View standout Sam Campbell to five points, using double teams and a size advantage.

Vista Ridge blew the game open in the third quarter, outscoring East View 18-3 to go up by nearly 20 points.

East View's defense stiffened in the fourth quarter and only allowed 10 points from Vista Ridge while East View's offense scored 7.

Benji Adams scored a team-high 13 points for East View.

"[We] were very proud of Benji Adams for stepping up and although he's been an all-district player in the past, this is the first game this year where he really asserted himself," assistant coach Jason Jones said.

"We need to do a better job in blocking out because they got second and third opportunities that we can't allow if we're going to be successful. Vista Ridge is a very athletic team running up and down the floor."

Adrian Contreras and Clay Steger each contributed four points.

As the district race heats up, other teams will be concentrating on stopping Campbell.

"Hopefully, that will enable some of the other players to increase their scoring," Jones said.

East View (5-10 overall, 0-2 in 25-5A) played Friday night at Dripping Springs and will host Georgetown Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

— Steve Glenn

##### Eagles drop game to 'Wolves

"They were bigger than us, they shot well, especially from the arc, and were just better than us in this game," said a Georgetown head coach Russell Miller after his team fell to 1-1 in district competition after a 63-51 loss to Cedar Park Tuesday night.

"They got hot in the second quarter and that was basically the game. Our



Derrick Spencer

Benji Adams drives Tuesday against Vista Ridge. The Patriots lost 52-31.

guys played hard and kept up the fight. We're just struggling now with confidence in our shooting and we're having trouble putting points on the board."

Josh Cruz, a 5-foot-11 senior point guard, led GHS in scoring with 22 points, including three 3-pointers and five of six free throws.

Sophomore Chandler Herman (6-2) added 17 points while fellow sophomores Beau Corrales and Zak Kepner chipped in six and four points, respectively.

The Eagles trailed by only one point at the end of the first quarter but were outscored 22-8 in the second stanza.

"They went inside with the ball to collapse our defense and then kicked it back out for the 3-point shots," Miller said.

Corrales corralled six rebounds and had one block and one steal. Cruz had three rebounds while Herman, Walton and Kepner had two rebounds each.

The team hosted Marble Falls Friday afternoon in an early game with the schedule adjusted because of the impending weather conditions. They will visit East View Tuesday night.

— Jon Whittemore

#### GIRLS BASKETBALL

##### Rangers overpower Pats

After hanging with the state's No. 2 team for the first quarter, the Lady Patriots lost 51-33 to Vista Ridge Tuesday.

The Lady Rangers outscored EVHS 21-9 in the second period to enter halftime up 30-14.

With standout Abby Holland still sidelined (she was expected to return Friday), Diamond Morrison and Emily Daniel led East View scoring with 13 and 12 points, respectively.

Rachel Wisian added six points to go along with seven rebounds, three blocks and a pair of steals.

The Lady Patriots (7-13 overall, 2-2 in 25-5A) played Dripping Springs Friday and will visit Georgetown Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

— Allan Shiflet

#### SOCCER

##### Kid wins No. 400 as GHS opens tourney with victory

Georgetown head coach Wes Kidd posted the 400th victory of his 29-season career Thursday night with a 1-0 shutout of Smithson Valley in the Highlander Invitational at The Woodlands.

"I'm definitely not through as we've got all of this season to go, but it's something to take a few seconds and feel good about and think about the players over the years that have blessed your life and helped you achieve the milestone," said Kidd, who has spent his last 25 seasons at GHS and taken teams to the regional finals each of the past two years.

"Milestones are always nice, but I would have liked it last year," he added, referring to the regional finals with Pharr Valley View, which would have advanced the Eagles to the state tournament on their home field.

Sophomore Brian Soto-Mendez scored the game's only goal with 10 minutes remaining in the first half.

Sophomore keeper Jackson Oliver recorder the shutout in goal for the Eagles. Georgetown was scheduled to complete the Highlander Invitational against Brownsville Rivera on Friday and Clear Lake on Saturday.

— Galen Wellnicki

GIRLS BASKETBALL: GEORGETOWN

# Top-ranked Lady Eagles easily dispatch No. 16 Cedar Park

By GALEN WELLNICKI

In a sense — maybe scent is a more accurate description — the Georgetown girls were skunked Tuesday night, but the top-ranked Lady Eagles still claimed a one-sided 48-35 victory over No. 16 Cedar Park in District 25-5A action at Eagle Gym.

Prior to the contest, a very unhappy or mischievous skunk sprayed the Berry Creek premises of GHS head coach Rhonda Farney, making her car and husband Dr. Bill Farney's shoes among the major victims of the attack.

It added a different aura to certain areas of the contest venue, giving new meaning to the old country western standard "My Shoes Keep Walking Back to You."

In a game where the major thing skunked on the court was the Lady Timberwolves' 3-point shooting (just four successes in 21 heaves), GHS improved its 25-5A record to 4-0 and clinched its 26th consecutive 20-win season at 20-2 for the year.

The victory kept the Lady Eagles tied atop the district standings with No. 2 Vista Ridge (21-2 overall after Tuesday's 51-33 win over East View).

The two heavyweights are scheduled for a showdown at 7:30 p.m. Friday on the Lady Rangers' court. Between now and then, GHS will have played at last-place Marble Falls on Friday and crosstown rival East View at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at East View.

"I have the utmost respect for coach [Mark] Myers and his program," Farney said following a game that renewed district competition between the two schools.

"Over the years, we've

played them at least 10 times in district and it's always been difficult to play a zone against them. We were able to do so tonight and that made me happy.

"I was pleased with the job Maddie [Anderson] and Taylor [LaCour] did on Lexy Green," Farney continued, referring to Cedar Park's 6-foot-1 post. "We probably held her 15 points under her season average. I thought Kendrick [Clark] and Amanda [Johnson] played very well along with Avery Kelly, although hers didn't show in the statistics. Kendrick did a good job disrupting their offense."

Georgetown held Green to nine points and seven rebounds, while Johnson and Clark each put in 15 points for the Lady Eagles. Johnson also had a game-high nine rebounds and sophomore guard Taylor Green added eight.

Clark added two assists, two blocks, three steals and three rebounds.

Georgetown never trailed in the contest. Sophomore Brooke Elliott's field goal gave the Lady Eagles a 2-0 lead with six minutes and 31 seconds remaining in the first period and GHS extended its lead out to 15-10 and the end of the period, 29-14 at the half and 43-22 after three quarters.

### DISTRICT 25-5A AT A GLANCE

Standings — Georgetown 4-0, Vista Ridge 4-0, East View 2-2, Cedar Park 2-2, Dripping Springs 2-2, Vandegrift 1-3, Leander 1-3, Marble Falls 0-4.

Tuesday's results — Georgetown 48, Cedar Park 35; Vista Ridge 51, East View 33; Leander 51, Vandegrift 29; Dripping Springs 35, Marble Falls 30.

Friday's games — Dripping Springs at East View, 7:30 p.m.; Georgetown at Marble Falls, 7:30 p.m.; Vista Ridge at Vandegrift, 7:30 p.m.; Leander at Cedar Park, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday's games — East View at Georgetown, 7:30 p.m.; Vista Ridge at Dripping



Russell Rinn

Georgetown junior Kendrick Clark pressures a Cedar Park shot Tuesday night. Clark finished with 15 points, three steals and two blocks as the Lady Eagles won 48-35.

## Bastrop course seeks new operator for course in damaged parkland

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nine-hole course opened in 1937; it was expanded to 18 holes in the 1990s.

The present non-profit group has paid annual fees to play the course. But it was also a prime source of guest play with revenue from park tourists and locals.

"It has faced challenges over the years," Zimmerhanzel said.

"I hope that the park is successful on finding another operator."

### Sun City officers

It's become a family thing for Mike and Terri Pender at Sun City. A year ago, he was tapped as pres-

ident of the Men's Golf Association. That term was just completed with the swing into another year.

However, the Pender name remains attached to the word "president" for 2015.

Terri has become the president of the Sun City Women's Golf Association for the new year. She succeeds

Pam Parnell.

Other WGA officers are Lee Southworth, first vice president; Marge Maddux, second vice president; Cindy Hernandez, secretary; and Linda James, treasurer.

Meanwhile, Jeff Morgan succeeds Mike Pender as president of the men's group.

The other MGA officers are Clay Stubbins, vice president; Walt Junker, treasurer; and Steve Ritzwoller, secretary.

Doug Kienitz is past president of the Texas Golf Writers Association. Reach him via [TexasGolfing@yahoo.com](mailto:TexasGolfing@yahoo.com).

## Donahue signs on

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expected to challenge for playoff spots this year.

The Lady Patriots have scrimmaged four times already and Donahue said the team needs to work itself into shape to be competitive.

"That will come normally," he said.

Patience is another virtue Donahue preaches. Looking for the right player and the right shot will pay dividends in the win-loss columns, he believes.

Donahue has tentatively selected starters, but nothing is "set in stone." Brittany Maldonado, Alyssa Luna, Tara Abraham, Bailey Aleman, Madi Galvan, Michaela Myhre, Cassie Riebe, Kenya Rabadan, Frances Asbury, Taylor Marquez and Jenna VerColen.

The Lady Patriots were scheduled to play in a tournament in Waco this weekend. The first game of the season will be Tuesday at 7 p.m. at home against former district opponent Pflugerville Connally.

## Team hopes to avenge last season

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sophomores on his roster.

"I think we'll get better as we gain experience," Litterst said. "Our physical size is a plus. We have several tall players [Ketterhagen, Vandegriff and senior midfielder Lars Matthews for example] and we may have better speed than last year."

"Also, depth may be a big plus. In the second half of our scrimmage with Hays, our second unit was much better than the teams they put on the field."

As far as concerns, Litterst said, "We haven't played enough yet to get a good reading on that."

But one thing he has a good reading on is that the Patriots will face a much bigger challenge when they move from the weak District 50-4A to 25-5A, which boasts six teams that made the state playoffs last season, including regional finalist and crosstown rival Georgetown.

"It's going to be a challenge every match," he said, "and that's good in preparation for the playoffs."



Sun photo

East View also returns senior midfielder Tommy Ketterhagen.

ing a team for the playoffs. Our old district may have been a factor in our early elimination last year. There were some teams that we just didn't enjoy the experi-

ence of playing. "I look for Vista Ridge to be strong as they had a lot of good young players last season and Vandegrift is always good, as is Georgetown."

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# Cowboy hat thrown into state spotlight

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"I noticed of all the icons there was no hat," he said. "The cowboy boot is the official state shoe. The bolo tie is the official state tie. Why not the cowboy hat? It all ties together."

After a little research, Ms. Farney agreed.

Lending validity to the argument is the fact that the cowboy hat is already part of the official uniform for state troopers and is an approved — but not required — part of Texas Rangers' uniforms (the law enforcement agency, not the baseball team).

Many sheriffs' departments across the state have also adopted cowboy hats as official headgear.

"It is truly something that is directly tied or emblematic of something uniquely Texan," Ms. Farney said.



Joyce May

The cowboy hat is part of Realtor Gene Jantzen's brand. He pitched the idea to make the cowboy hat the official hat of Texas to District 20 State Representative Marsha Farney.

Coincidentally, Stetson Hats of Ft. Worth, arguably the best known hat maker in the world and a popular choice for many a Texan, turns 150 this year.

Mr. Jantzen has made the hat part of his brand for the real estate office he runs with

his wife, Renée Jantzen.

"It has been kind of a fixture for me for a while. The dermatologist loves it because it has a nice wide brim," he said, noting that his wife also holds a fondness for the defining piece of Texan attire.

"She owns more cowboy hats than I do," Mr. Jantzen said.

## Widespread support

Mr. Jantzen will testify before state lawmakers in Austin sometime before the 84th Session ends June 1.

"It started with him, and we want him to be part of the process," Ms. Farney said.

The proposal has made headlines across the state and globe.

Ms. Farney said she was interviewed by an ABC affiliate in Perth, Australia.

"We are getting widespread support. The folks in Ft. Worth are excited about it. There is a lot of public interest in it," Ms. Farney said.

"It is nice to have something like this to start off with when we are also prepared to get down to addressing the critical issues of our state."

# Transportation experts to speak on bridges

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Georgetown officials are seeking the best and most cost-effective way to repair the two bridges.

A Texas Department of Transportation inspection earlier this year revealed structural concerns with the bridges, including significant rust. Using a TxDOT recommendation, the city now prohibits heavier vehicles such as fire trucks from crossing the bridges.

The city hired Aguirre & Fields of Sugar Land to conduct a bridge assessment. The engineering company rated the bridge decks as 6 on a 0-9 scale and rated the superstructure and substructure of the bridges as 5. The bridges are still safe but action is needed, Aguirre & Fields reported.

The four options highlighted by Aguirre & Fields are to do nothing, execute short-term repairs, perform deck/bearing replacement or totally replace the bridges.

## Differing approaches

Some city officials favor total replacement of the bridges but the Winter & Company report prefers modifying the deck and replacing bearings. Additionally, the report recommends building separate pedestrian bridges for improved safety.

It is undetermined how much weight city officials will give the Winter & Company assessment.

Councilman Keith Brainard said he would attend the special meeting.

"This firm has provided



Matt Brake

some helpful insight in the past," Councilman Brainard said of Winter & Company, the firm run by pioneering urban planner Noré Winter, who helped formulate Georgetown's Downtown Mater Plan more than a decade ago.

"What this will ultimately come down to is maximizing mobility while maintaining the historic charm. I am not in favor of kicking the can down the road — we've got to bite the bullet and find a long-term fix that will last another 100 years."

The mayor said bond funding might not be used on the bridge project.

Aside from Interstate 35, Austin Avenue is Georgetown's primary north-south thoroughfare. City data indicates there are approximately 20,000 vehicular trips across the 367-foot bridges each day.

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# New report recommends repair over replacement

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■ Connect to existing hike and bike trails along the two forks of the river;

■ Accentuate the natural beauty of the rivers while highlighting the bridges as a gateway feature to downtown Georgetown.

The Winter report strongly recommends a forensic engineering inspection, in addition to the visual inspection already conducted, before a decision on bridge rehabilitation is made.

In the Winter report, existing railings and sidewalks would be maintained, but the sidewalks would be used for new lighting since there would be a separate bridge for pedestrian traffic.

The report does not offer a

cost estimate.

The city council is expected to discuss the report at 2 p.m. Tuesday in council chambers, 101 East Seventh Street. The public is invited to attend and comment.

The report was paid for by the San Gabriel River Place Foundation and nearby businesses including the Monument Cafe and El Monumento.

Winter & Company is headed by Noré Winter, a nationally eminent urban planner who helped Georgetown establish its Downtown Master Plan in 2001.

He has worked on revitalizing downtowns in San Antonio, Philadelphia and Boulder, Colorado, among many other cities.

— Matt Loeschman

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Michael Freeman

Monica Masters, a project manager with the Lower Colorado River Authority, talks to high school girls Wednesday. The inspirational talk was part of The Ruby Slipper's inaugural event at East View High School.

## Making sure the slipper fits

New initiative at East View encourages girls to be ladies

Monica Masters didn't have children until she was in her 30s, after she established herself in the construction industry.

While she was bombarded with messages to do something else, she's glad she chose the path she did. She's now married, with children, and a project manager for the Lower Colorado River Authority.

"Don't just settle to be married with kids," she said. "Wait for Mr. Right, and he will be Mr. Forever."

That was just one of the messages she imparted to a group of East View High School students Wednesday during the inaugural event for The Ruby Slipper. The Ruby Slipper was the brainchild of several high school teachers and staff, who at first wanted to create a group that collected prom dresses for students who

couldn't afford them.

"It kind of evolved," said Terri Carpenter, one of the group's sponsors. "It's more than just a dress."

Beauty comes from within. That's the message the group wants girls, especially seniors, to learn.

"Your value isn't dictated by someone else," said Alicea Jones, who also spoke to the girls Wednesday. "Your value is inside of you. You are worthy of being treasured."

More events, including a tea and fashion show, are in the works for the East View girls to have fun and learn to believe in themselves.

The Ruby Slipper is still collecting dresses, shoes, jewelry and money. People can stop by the school's front desk, 4490 East University Avenue, to drop off any items or to ask to volunteer.  
— Michael Freeman

## G'town youth, livestock shows ready for this week

Mark your calendars for the Williamson County Youth Fair and Livestock Show this week.

The Youth Fair, which will feature more than 300 students' baked goods, artwork and crafts, will be Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. with project check-in beginning the day before.

The Livestock Show, where students will show their cattle, hogs, goats, rabbits and poultry, will be Friday through next Monday, January 19. Winners of the competitions will have their animals up for auction at a premium sale at 1 p.m., January 24. The students

keep their animals to show in larger events while pocketing the money from the auction to use to take care of their animals or save for school.

Both events will be held in San Gabriel Park. Work from the Youth Fair will also be at the auction.

A country store will be set up during the fair for those students wishing to sell their projects.

For more information on the Livestock Show, visit [www.wmcolivestock.org](http://www.wmcolivestock.org), and for the Youth Fair, visit <http://williamson.agrilife.org>.

— Michael Freeman

## ONE LAST CUT



Photos courtesy Emmanuel Lozano

Manuel Lozano Sr. cuts his seven-year-old Kaden's hair – his last cut as a barber. Kaden is Manuel's grandson. Below, Mr. Lozano poses for a photo while serving during the Korean War in 1952.

## Barber hangs up his clippers

By CHRISTINA LEONARD

### Editor's note

Christina Leonard is the wife of Emmanuel Lozano, Manuel's son.

When Manuel Lozano Sr. began cutting hair 57 years ago, he gave mostly flat-tops.

Then came the razor cut, or what he calls the "slick look." And now, it's the skin-tight fade.

The 82-year-old former U.S. Marine saw many styles come and go during his barbering career. But in the end, he said, styles slip away and "you end up right back where you started — with just a good haircut."

Mr. Lozano retired from City Barbershop in Georgetown on December 24. He gave his last haircut to his seven-year-old grandson, Kaden Lozano, from Phoenix.

Mr. Lozano, who immaculately grooms his own silver hair and mustache, said he decided to hang up his shears after shoulder surgery.

"I had enough time to think about what I wanted to do," he said. "Here I am, 82 years old, do I want to die behind a barber's chair or do I want to go home and rest before I die?"

The Texas native began his barber-



ing career after returning home from the Korean War, where he oversaw ammunition for his six-man section on the 105mm howitzer.

He first worked in construction. But he got tired of the weather dictating his paycheck.

"I decided I wanted to get into a

profession I could do rain or shine and didn't have to worry about the weather," he said. "I wanted to be warm in the winter and cool in the summer."

He learned the craft in Houston, and then headed to Fort Hood, where he perfected the flat-top as a military barber. He warned against that style for everybody, saying "You've got to have a perfect-shaped head and good hair to have to have a flat-top."

He eventually made his way to Austin, then back home to Georgetown, where he opened his own shop at Ninth and Rock streets.

It was the 1970s then, and long hair ruled. His business card read: "It's not how long you wear it, it's how you wear it long."

He branched out to women's hair, which came with its own set of styles.

"My bread and butter was the Dorothy Hamill haircut," he said. "That one made me a lot of money."

Mr. Lozano joined City Barbershop 17 years ago and developed a loyal

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Photo courtesy Jim Machajewski

Members of the Round Rock High School Dragon Band march during the Rose Parade in Pasadena, California, on January 1. It was the first time the band has marched in the televised parade since 1984.

## Band's march comes up roses

By MICHAEL FREEMAN

Bailey Shamsie had never seen the Rose Parade, so she didn't know quite how to react when she heard her high school's band would be performing in this year's parade.

"I had no idea what it was," the 15-year-old Round Rock High School student said. "I never watched the Rose Parade."

But one year after the parade's president selected the Dragon Band to play after seeing them perform in Indianapolis, Bailey and 324 other band members were marching the streets of Pasadena, California, on New Year's Day. It was the first time since 1984 the Round Rock band had

performed in the nationally televised event.

The band took buses to California on December 27, arriving in California more than 20 hours later.

"It was a long road trip with a bunch of friends," Bailey, a bass clarinet player, said.

"With one bathroom," tuba player Nikk Warren, 15, added.

When the students arrived, not only were they greeted to more accommodations, they had a tour guide to take them through Hollywood. They also toured Beverly Hills, Grauman's Chinese Theatre and Disneyland.

The band marched in the Disneyland parade on New Year's Eve, a 10-minute parade that went about a half-

mile through the park.

"We were tripping on train tracks the entire time," Nikk said.

The students tried to get as much sleep as they could that night because they had to wake up at 3:45 a.m. French horn player Spencer Beaumariage, 15, and his friends set an alarm to watch the ball drop in New York on TV, but they decided to go back to sleep when the alarm went off.

The 126th Rose Parade took more than two hours to march over the course of more than five miles.

"I think I saw the finish line like five times," Spencer said.

The Round Rock band was

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Items are due by noon Friday for the Wednesday paper and noon Wednesday for the Sunday paper. E-mail to [roundabout@wilcosun.com](mailto:roundabout@wilcosun.com).

## events

**WILLIAMSON COUNTY YOUTH FAIR** inspires ages 8 to 18 to showcase their talents in areas such as recycled re-purpose work, woodworking, photography art, baking and more. The 10 best in shows will go to the live auction **Jan. 24, Georgetown Community Center, San Gabriel Park, 445 East Morrow Street, Georgetown, Mon., Jan. 12, 3 to 7:30 p.m., project check-in, Tue., Jan. 13, 6 p.m. awards program and raffle drawing.**

**"BREAKING BAD OR BREAKING GOOD: DRUGS OF ABUSE AND MOTIVATION"** is presented by Dr. Fay Guaracchi at The Salon at Wildfire. Arrive early as seating is limited to first come, first served. **812 South Austin Avenue, Georgetown, Wed., Jan. 14, 6:30 p.m.**

**SOUPER PARTY** serves up soup and chili alongside fun fellowship and a presentation by Georgetown Police Department Silver Shield coordinator Debbie Williams on senior safety. **Fellowship Hall, Main Street Baptist Church, 1001 South Main Street, Georgetown, Thu., Jan. 15, noon.**

**LEARN WHO DUN' IT** as author Dorothy Featherling seeks answers in a pair of historic criminal cases with her newest book, a two-parter with stories "Who Killed Ben Miller?" and "Death of a Juror." Ms. Featherling will sign copies of her book at **The Williamson Museum, 716 South Austin Avenue, Georgetown, Sat., Jan. 17, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**GET FOOTLOOSE** at a social ballroom dance hosted by USA Dance in St. John's United Methodist Church, the new location for 2015. Admission includes at 45-minute waltz lesson. Costs \$5 for USA Dance members and \$9 for non-members. The attire is dressy casual. Event is smoke- and alcohol-free. Open to the public. For more information, visit [www.usadancegeorgetowntexas.org](http://www.usadancegeorgetowntexas.org) or call 512-863-0680. **311 East University Avenue, Georgetown, Sat., Jan. 17, 7 to 10 p.m.**



Natalie Townsend

## Whip crack-away

**STOP BY THE RED POPPY CAFE** in the library and view a new photography exhibit by Wes Odell. The exhibit features all traditional monochrome with western and horse themes. **402 West Eighth Street, Georgetown, through February.** Above, "The Calvary Wagon," a photo in Wes Odell's exhibit.

*Georgetown, Sat., Jan. 17, 9 a.m. to noon.*

**PRO-CHOICE OR PRO-LIFE: A RESPECTFUL LOOK AT THE ISSUES OF HUMAN FREEDOM AND PERSONHOOD** is a lecture presented by John Murphy at the Palace Theatre. **810 South Austin Avenue, Georgetown, Sun., Jan. 18, 7 to 8:30 p.m.**

upcoming exhibit "Courage and Contradiction: Civil War Stories of Williamson County." **716 South Austin Avenue, Georgetown, Wed., Jan. 14, through Sat., Feb. 7.**

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**JEFFREY DELL AND CASSIE WHITE** exhibit is a PrintAustin 2015 preview that displays Mr. Dell's silkscreen printmaking and Ms. White's monoprnt. **816 South Main Street, Georgetown, through Sat., Jan. 24.**

**CENTRAL TEXAS PASTEL SOCIETY EXHIBIT** displays 32 detailed works featuring flowers and butterflies, Central Texas landscape scenes, animals and people. **Healing Arts Gallery, St. David's Georgetown Hospital, 2000 Scenic Drive, Georgetown, through Tue., Jan. 27.**

**FINE ART EXHIBITION** by Austin-based artists Leslie Kell and Kathi Herrin will exhibit photo collages and contemporary ceramic sculptures in the beautiful venue of the Vineyard at Florence. **8711 F.M. 487, Florence, through Mon., Feb. 23.**

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**BOYS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE** in this "Bruises and Bandages" trail race, where women will congregate and conquer distances of 5K, 10K, and 13.1 miles. Don't miss out on this opportunity to breathe in the fresh air on a beautiful trail that features on-course water stops, and a unique finisher's gift. Fresh pancakes, fruit and coffee will be provided at the finish line. For more information and to register, visit [www.trailheadrunning.com](http://www.trailheadrunning.com) or email [info@trailheadrunning.com](mailto:info@trailheadrunning.com). **Lake Georgetown's Russell Park, Georgetown, Sat., Jan. 17, 9 a.m.**

**BABY CARE/ BREASTFEEDING CLASS** for expectant parents offers parents information about initiating breastfeeding, establishing milk supply, avoiding difficulties and breastfeeding after returning to work. Costs \$20. To register and for more information, call 512-478-3627 or 888-868-2104. **St. David's Georgetown Hospital, fourth floor, 2000 Scenic Drive, Georgetown, Sat., Jan. 17, 9 to 10 a.m., general baby care, 10 a.m. to noon, breastfeeding class.**

**RECYCLE** Christmas trees, holly, pumpkins and other living decorations at Texas Disposal Systems in Georgetown. No lights, ornaments, metal, flocking, or other non-living contaminants in the decorations. The material will be made into mulch and compost. **250 W.L. Walden Drive, Georgetown, through Sat., Jan. 31.**

Animal Shelter for its largest fundraiser, Art for Animals, which has been postponed until **May 9**. Artwork must be donated by **April 17**. Other donations accepted to sell at auction include gift baskets, travel packages and other unique items. Donors will receive two tickets for the event. To make a donation, contact Jackie Carey at 512-930-3527 or Jackie.Carey@georgetown.org. Donations may be dropped off at the shelter. **110 W.L. Walden Drive, Georgetown.**

## learn

**THE MAKING OF CATALONIA AND MATISSE** is part one of a lecture series on Catalonia hosted by the Georgetown Art Center. Discover Catalonian culture and explore the life of Henri Matisse and the mark he made on the French-Spanish borderland. **Georgetown Art Center, 816 South Main Street, Georgetown, Thu., Jan. 15, 6:30 to 8 p.m.**

**WHY SHOULD CHRISTIANS READ THE GREEK AND ROMAN CLASSICS?** Find out at a free lecture presented by Louis Markos of Houston Baptist University and sponsored by Grace Academy. **City Lights Theatres, 420 Wolf Ranch Parkway, Georgetown, Thu., Jan. 15, 7 to 8:30 p.m.**

**MANAGING YOUR CLASS WITH EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE AND LOVE** gives teachers tips to offer students tools to support one another and transform the classroom into a productive, joyful and peaceful atmosphere. Costs \$25. **Bridges to Growth, 805 West University Avenue,**

## art

**ARTIST RECEPTION AND TALK** for Jeffrey Dell and Cassie White at the Georgetown Art Center gives insight into the artists' works, which preview PrintAustin 2015. **Georgetown Art Center, 816 South Main Street, Georgetown, artist reception, Sat., Jan. 10, 7 to 9 p.m., artist talk, Sun., Jan. 11, 2 to 3:30 p.m.**

**HAVE BRUNCH WITH ARTISTS** Leslie Kell and Kathi Herrin, whose exhibit is on display at the Vineyard at Florence. Brunch buffet, including a mimosa, is \$16.50 per person. **8711 West F.M. Florence, Sun., Jan. 18, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**LOOKING AT LINCOLN: POLITICAL CARTOONS FROM THE CIVIL WAR** is a visiting exhibit at The Williamson Museum from the Gilder-Lehrman Institute that explores the Civil War through political cartoons of Abraham Lincoln and his policies. This exhibit will kick off two years of events related to the museum's

## kids

**PROSPECTIVE PARENT OPEN HOUSE** gives parents an inside look at Grace Academy and what it can offer their children. **225 Grace Boulevard, Georgetown, Tue., Jan. 13, 10 to 11:30 a.m.**

## philanthropy

**START THE NEW YEAR WITH A NEW FRIEND** by adopting a cat or dog at the Williamson County Regional Animal Shelter. Costs only \$20.15. Adoption fees include vaccinations, microchip and spay/ neuter surgery, as well as heartworm screening for dogs and FELV testing for cats. **1855 Southeast Inner Loop, Georgetown, through January.**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR** and buy tickets for the Spurs and Sapphires Gala, which will feature a fajita dinner, beer, wine, live music, DJ, dancing, silent and live auctions, a washer tournament and barn games in February, hosted by the Chaparral Women's Club. The Round Rock Symphony and Orchestra will provide entertainment. Proceeds will benefit about 40 non-profits in Williamson County. Tickets cost \$55 per person through **Jan. 31** and afterward increase to \$65 per person. **Lone Oak Barn, Round Rock, Fri., Feb. 27, 6 to 10:30 p.m.**

**USE ART TO AID ANIMALS** by donating Valentine's Day-themed artwork and hand-crafted items including pottery, sculptures, jewelry and glasswork to the Georgetown

## music

**DR. PATRICK SCOTT** performs a mix of classic and modern pieces at Grace Episcopal Church. Dr. Scott is the 2014 winner of the National Competition in Organ Improvisation. **1314 East University Avenue, Georgetown, Fri., Jan. 16, 7 p.m.**

## biz

**SMALL BUSINESS NETWORKING** gathers owners and entrepreneurs to meet in a casual environment sponsored by the Board of Directors Networking Group. Free, coffee and breakfast available. For an agenda and more information, visit [BODNetworking.com](http://BODNetworking.com). **Mel's Lone Star Lanes, 1010 North Austin Avenue, Georgetown, Wed., Jan. 14, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.**

## theater

**JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR** at the Palace Theatre dramatizes Christ's final days with passion, edge and explosive theatricality driven by a stirring score. The play emphasizes the power of the human spirit with a passion that pulls on the heart-strings. General admission tickets cost \$27, seniors 55 and up, \$25, students and active duty military, \$15, children, \$11. **810 South Austin Avenue, Georgetown, Fri., Jan. 16, through Thu., Feb. 15, Fri. and Sat., 7:30 p.m., Sun., 2 p.m.**

## health

**SPECIAL NEEDS SUPPORT GROUP MEETING** gives parents the opportunity to mingle with others in the Red Poppy Cafe. **Georgetown Public Library, 402 West Eighth Street, Georgetown, Mon., Jan. 12, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

## environment

**WILCO MASTER GARDENERS HOST JOHN LARRISON** at their monthly meeting to discuss water collection systems. Mr. Larrison will help participants learn from his mistakes and share methods for success. For more information, contact the Extension office at 512-943-3300. **Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, Williamson County training room, 3151 Southeast Inner Loop, Georgetown, Mon., Jan. 12, socializing, 6:30 p.m., program, 7 p.m.**

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