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Gainesville to Sell \$4.5M in Bonds for Street, Utility

By Delania Raney
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GAINESVILLE – Gainesville City Council ratified an ordinance at the March 19 meeting authorizing the issuance of sale of up to \$4.5 million of city of Gainesville combination tax and revenue certificates of obligation for street and utility system improvements. The ordinance includes levying an annual ad valorem tax for the payment of the certificates.

Marti Shew of Hilltop Securities, the city's financial advisor,

briefed the council on the sale of the bonds noting the city received a favorable interest rate, in large part, due to its AA- credit rating.

"You're in a very elite category in terms of credit," Shew said.

The bonds were sold through a competitive sale which means they were put out on the open market and any and all underwriters were invited to submit a bid for the right to purchase and sell the city's bonds to the public, she said.

"I'm pleased to report that the city received six different bids

with BOK Financial coming in with the lowest proposed true interest cost of 3.65 percent," Shew told the council members.

The bonds will be amortized for a 20-year period and the interest rate is fixed for the life of the bond, she said.

A minimum of three bids is considered optimal for a successful sale, Shew added.

Approval of the ordinance was the final step in the bond process, she said.

"You are affectively accepting the bid and locking the rate into place," she said.

City Manager Barry Sullivan told the council the favorable bond rating is a result of the city's advanced financial policies.

"That was one of the reasons," he said. "And our checks and balances, how we deal with looking at our fees annually, how we have a five-year budget, how we have a five-year capital improvement plan."

He also said he believes it's important to have the plans approved by the council members.

"We need to be able to tell the market these financial plans aren't just staff [approved]," he said.

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Valley View Celebrates 152nd Birthday – Valley View marked its 152nd anniversary with music, food, vendors, a historic display in the community center and other family-friendly activities. Pictured in the top right photo are Valley View City Secretary Ashley McGowan, Valley View Police Chief Justin Stamps and Valley View ISD School Resource Officer Cory Smith. (The Weekly News Photo)



Muenster ISD Hires Impact Education Services for Superintendent Search

By Delania Raney
The Weekly News

MUENSTER – Muenster Independent School District board of trustees voted at the February 14 regular meeting to hire Doug Williams of Impact Education Services to head up the Muenster ISD superintendent search, according to approved minutes from MISD administration.

Scott Bicknell had served as

MISD superintendent since 2022.

Bicknell was announced as the lone finalist for superintendent of Jayton-Girard ISD, according to a February 6 post on Texas ISD.com.

In the meantime, the board approved an employment agreement for part time interim superintendent Curtis Eldridge at a \$600 per day pay rate.

The closing date for superin-

tendent applications is Thursday, March 28.

Board members also approved 12-month term contracts for the 2024-2026 school years for Debra Sicking, Monte Sewell, Jeff Presnall, Brady Carney and Kristi Schneider. Rusty Richardson abstained.

The board also approved minutes of the January 10, 2024 meeting and reviewed reports and information from adminis-

trators and staff members.

In his technology report, Jeff Presnall discussed Chromebook repairs noting four units were deemed beyond repair. He also noted a Smart Board in the elementary school has failed and cannot be repaired. The district is looking at the future replacement of some outdated hardware.

Presnall also noted MISD is in compliance with the Children's

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GISD Adopts New Science Text Books; Signs MOU For Case Management

By Delania Raney
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GAINESVILLE – Gainesville Independent School District is set to adopt new science instructional materials for the 2024-25 school year.

The GISD Board of Trustees approved a proclamation authorizing purchase of K-12 science resources both print and digital at the Monday, March 18 board meeting.

"...Our textbooks are up for adoption in the science department," Superintendent Dr. Des Stewart said. "The last adoption cycle for our science textbooks was 2014... So imagine all that

has changed since 10 years ago."

The lifecycle for science texts is generally about eight years, Stewart said.

The instructional materials are funded through the Instructional Materials Allotment which is money given to districts by the Texas Educational Association.

"This allows us to pretty much purchase updated textbooks at zero cost to the district," he said.

The board also approved a memorandum of understanding between Education Service Center 11 and GISD for case management services.

"Currently we have two campuses that have targeted improvement plans and that's Chalmers

and Gainesville Intermediate," Stewart said, adding "the MOU allows GISD to partner with Region 11 to provide a case manager to basically help with the development and execution of the targeted improvement plan... this is just a process that we have to do until we raise the level of student achievement."

The board also voted to nominate Stewart for the Texas Association of School Boards 2024 Superintendent of the Year and approved a request for proposal for FiveStones Safety Silent Panic Alert Technology System.

Consent items approved were minutes of the February 20, 2024 regular meeting, monthly

bill list, financial statement, quarterly investment report, AUI Partners, LLC payments for ag expansion and 900 N. Grand Ave. project.

Leopard Pride Students of the Month for March were April Mendez and Max Neelley of Gainesville High School, Kashaiah Bowen and Daniel Rico of Gainesville Junior High School, Sebastian Llama and Ella Linnel of Gainesville Intermediate School, Noah Jenkins and Kendra Huerta of Chalmers Elementary School and Aleksondria Fails and Zyhane Russell of Edison Elementary School.

GISD Employee of the Month

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King Around Town

by Grice King

It is that time of the year, get the eggs, vinegar and food coloring ready! Easter is this Sunday, March 31! Happy Easter everyone!!!

Here is some more of what's happening around town this week.

The public is invited to the April 6 meeting of Cooke County Republican Women, featuring guest speakers Mayor Tommy Moore and County Veteran Services Officer Tim Cortes. Moore will talk about the Medal of Honor Host City Program history, plans for this year's events and the MOH Museum under construction at North Central Texas College. Cortes will explain how his office listens to the needs of veterans and helps them access the many services and benefits they earned through their military service.

The meeting is Thursday, April 4, at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall of First Christian Church, 401 N. Dixon, Gainesville. All members of the community are welcome to attend and learn more about upcoming MOH events and services available to veterans. Refreshments will be served. For more details, contact VP-Programs Karla Metzler, 940-902-3102, or President Dianne Helms, 940-368-0007.

Workforce Solutions Texoma will be hosting a hiring event, located at our office 1311 N Grand Ste 200 Gainesville, for Global Gaming/Jani King on March 27 between 11-1 pm. To find out what positions they will be hiring for check out www.workintexas.com.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension office is hosting a FREE six session Vegetable Gardening class – Grow the foods you like to eat. Classes are set for Wednesday mornings at 10:00 pm on April 3, 10, 17, 24, May 1 and 8

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"The city has 'buy in.' The council has 'buy in.' It's part of our overall plan as a group together.

The council approved the following consent agenda.

Minutes of March 5, 2024 City Council Meeting.

A resolution making appointments to the Parks Board.

A resolution approving appointments to the Gainesville Housing Authority Board of the City of Gainesville, Texas.

A resolution making appointments to the Planning and Zoning Commission for the City of Gainesville, Texas.

A resolution of the

City Council of the City of Gainesville, Texas approving the actions of the Gainesville Economic Development Corporation, which voted to approve the purchase of 1407 Hillcrest Blvd, for the purchase price of \$285,000.00, plus due diligence costs and closing costs; authorizing the President and Executive Director to execute any and all related documents to acquire said property.

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The council members also approved the audit, financial statement and opinion for fiscal year ending September 31, 2023 as prepared by Pattillo, Brown & Hill, LLP, Certified Public Accountants.

Highlights included the income statement and information on the general fund and the assigned project fund.

The city has a \$9 million fund balance in the general fund and six months' worth of reserves.

Sullivan pointed out the city's high level of reserves is something Moody's and Standards and Poor's take into account when assessing the city's bond rating.

"Remember we just came off a very high year of sales tax," he said. "And remember we've gone from one year over \$9 million to the next year being \$4.5 million. You know oil has been up this past couple of years and when it's up it's great and sales tax stays up but you have to remember when [oil] hits \$50 a barrel, \$40 a barrel - which right now it's floating between \$70 and \$80 depending on the day - you can get hit very hard."

He added the city aims to maintain 180 days of reserves due to the high volatility of sales tax and property tax linked to the amount of oil and gas equipment in the city.

The firm issued an unmodified or clean opinion regarding the audit.

All council members were present for the meeting.

County Library Plans Events for Solar Eclipse

COOKE COUNTY - Does your child have an interest in space or maybe in the solar eclipse that is coming up?

Cooke County Library has joined 10,000 libraries across the country to participate in the celestial event of the century, the April 8, 2024 Solar Eclipse. During this national event, the shadow of the moon will sweep across the United States in a narrow band from the South Pacific Ocean to the Atlantic Ocean in a spectacle that hasn't occurred in decades. In fact, this will be the world's longest land-based total solar eclipse in over a decade. The next total eclipse to cross the continental US won't be until August 12, 2045 so make sure you don't miss this one.

Cooke County Library will offer two free children's programs to discuss the April 8, 2024 eclipse. On Wednesday, 4/3/24 at 4:30pm, there will be a special children's class for kids

aged 5 - 12 years old. Texas Wing, NASA educator and IAS Scientist-Astronaut, Michael Parkhill, will be teaching and demonstrating exactly what happens during a solar eclipse. Then on Friday, 4/5/24 at 10:30am there will be a special children's class for kids aged 0 - 5 years old that will focus on the solar eclipse with Ms. Kim. Join us for some fun activities and of course reading.

During the week of April 1 - 6, 2024, people will be able to come to the Library and get their free eclipse glasses. There will be a limit of 2 per family as the Library received a limited supply. We want to make sure as many people as possible have access to get these glasses.

"We are proud that Cooke County Library will participate in this national program," said Jennifer Johnson-Spence, Director. "We are excited to help our

community prepare for this amazing astronomy event. We think people of all ages and backgrounds will find the solar eclipse to be an experience they will remember the rest of their lives."

Cooke County Library has joined the STAR Library Education Network (STAR Net) and its Solar Eclipse Activities for Libraries, which are providing resources and STEM activities to libraries across the nation related to the eclipse. This project was made possible through support from the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation, and the Space Science Institute.

Cooke County Library is located at 200 S. Weaver St. in Gainesville. Our hours are: Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:30am - 5:30pm; Tuesday 9am - 7pm and Saturday: 10am - 2pm. For more information about the library's special solar eclipse activities, call 940-668-5530.

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Obituaries



Gracie Threadgill

Services

Gracie Threadgill was born September 20, 1929 and passed away March 17, 2024. Services are scheduled for Saturday, March 23, 2024, at Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home, Gainesville. The family will receive friends from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. A funeral service will begin at 2:00 p.m. Interment will follow at Oak Grove Cemetery, Woodbine.

History

She lived an extraordinary life of 94 years. As a single parent in the '60s, she was a force of nature. At 4'9" and under 100 pounds, Grace was often referred to as "Sarge." Her home was a favorite for many in the community; her friends were numerous.

In 1967, she went to work for Texas Instruments in Sherman, TX., where her group built silicon chips that were selected for the Apollo 11 moon landing. Grace moved to Dallas in 1971 and went to work for Neiman Marcus as a purchasing agent. Part of her job included operating the mainframe computer. She's been an inspiration to her family and many friends.

Gracie was preceded in

death by her parents: Levi Eugene (Jack) Diggs and Lillian Pearl Hice; nine siblings: Opal Beatrice Thompson Hairrell, Urhur David Thompson, Kirby Jerome Thompson, Myrtle Louise Wilson, Virginia Irene Vaughn, Lillian Helen Sims, Dorothy Fugitt, Audrey Fay Austin, Mary Helen Allison; and her son, Jerry Threadgill II.

Survivors

Survivors include: her children: Yvonne Cheri & Paul Ray Smith, Jerry & Terri Threadgill II, Treason & Eddie Kindiger, Carmen & Eddie Dewey and Deana & Toni Prince; grandchildren: Jeremy Smith, Michelle & Gerald Taylor, Mistee & Chuck Reiter, Sundi & Shane Johnson, Jory & Jamie Threadgill, Jerry & Sheila Threadgill III, Courtney Threadgill, Chase & Jamie Threadgill, Josh & Toni Kindiger, Casey & Payal Kindiger, Chad & Maida Dewey, Lance Dewey, Derek & Morgan Dewey, Mandy & Jared Talley, Dawndi Harper and Cheyenne & Hunter Ikard; great-grandchildren: Rylee & Tyler Walterscheid, Rylene Reiter, Logan Sewell, Hugh "Jack" Greene, Ryder Johnson, Saylor Johnson, Maci Johnson, Holli & Nathan Moss, Kristy & Jeremy Miller, Halie Threadgill, Alyssa Threadgill, Blaze Threadgill, Caleb Threadgill, Kendyll Threadgill, Landon Threadgill, Mason Threadgill, Creed Threadgill, Rowan Threadgill, Keira Threadgill, Kenlee Threadgill, Braven Threadgill, Emory Threadgill, Cole Kindiger, Clay Kindiger, Carly Kindiger, Katie Kindiger, Arya Kindiger, Saheli Kindiger, Tarek Dewey, Nabila Dewey, Jayda

Dewey, Jenna Dewey, Jewell Dewey, Dylan & Stormy Dewey, Skyler Dewey, Eddie Dewey, Bailey Dewey, Slayde Dewey, Emilyn Addison, Chandler Talley, Maycee Talley, Tayton McKenzie, and Cora Adams; and great-grandchildren: Roman Duranona, Jacob Moss, Brooklynn Moss, Kaceston Miller, Adalynn Bethel, Zaleynn Bethel, Winter Dewey, Summer Dewey, Denver Ikard, Emma Ikard, and Elle Ikard.

You may register your condolences online at www.geojcarroll.com.



Bobbie Kelley Amis

Services

After several months of declining health, on January 24, 2024, Bobbie Amis of Era, Texas, passed from this world. She was 88 years old. Celebration of Life will be held at the Prairie Point Church of Nazarene in Rosston, Texas on March 23, 2024. The Celebration of Life will start at 2pm.

History

Bobbie was born on April 30, 1935, in Montague, Texas. She was the daughter of Ray Kelley and Estelle Brown Kelley and a member of the Prairie Point Church of Nazarene in Rosston. On December 5, 1955 she married Thomas James Amis in Grand Prairie at the NAS chapel.

Bobbie worked as a Cafeteria Manager for Plano ISD for 18 years. She often wore a different brooch to school each day. She enjoyed making lap/crib quilts and attending craft fairs as a vendor. She had so many repeat customers that they would come to her home in Era, Texas to pick out quilts before her shows. She enjoyed traveling, camping, going to the casino and family dinners. Bobbie and her husband have travelled to almost every state. She lived in Hawaii while her husband

was stationed there.

Survivors

Bobbie is survived by her husband Tom Amis of 68 years; son Mark Amis of Era, Texas, daughter Charlene Amis of Era, Texas and daughter Stacey Daniel of Decatur, Texas; 6 grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren; and several nieces and a nephew.

Bobbie is preceded in death by her parents; oldest son Michael; three brothers Jerry, Lanny and Raymon (Buck), her sister Monda Kelsey and Son in law Kevin Daniel.

You may sign the online register at www.geojcarroll.com.



Samye Nell Ballard

Services

Samye Nell Ballard, 87, of Whitesboro, Texas passed away on March 18, 2024. A visitation will be held on Friday, March 22, 2024, from 6:00pm-8:00pm at Meador Funeral Home, Hwy 377, Whitesboro, Texas. Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, March 23, 2024, at 10:00 am at Meador Funeral Home with Bro. Rick Carney officiating. Interment will follow the service at Sadler Cemetery, Sadler, Texas.

History

She was born on October 27, 1936, in Sadler, Texas to Albert Rodgers and Clay (Hall) Rodgers. Samye married James David Ballard in Ft. Worth, Texas on April 17, 1959. She was a member of First Baptist Church, Collinsville, Texas and graduated Whitesboro, Texas high school. Samye retired from Jack N Jen Daycare in Sherman, Texas. She was a member of Eastern Star, a Girl Scout Leader for years and loved games with her friends.

Survivors

Samye is survived by her daughters, Janet Van Sandt and husband, Jack, Jr. of Winfield, Alabama; Kathy Jones and husband, Randy of Allen, Texas; Lynda Matthews and husband, Mark of Gainesville, Texas and Debra Ogden and husband, Chuck of The Colony, Texas; brother, James Rodgers and wife, Mary Nell of Whitesboro, Texas; grandchildren, Judy, MaryAnn, Alyssa, Alex, Logan, Magen, Mandy, Lesly, Jason & Jennifer; great-grandchildren, Emily, Scarlet, Madyson, Jackson, Athena, William, Cleo, Harper, Raiden, Bailey and Lincoln; several nieces and nephews; special friends, Wanda Dooley, Janie Russell, Cheryl Burge

and Vicky Winchester.

Preceded in death by husband, James Ballard; parents, Albert and Clay Rodgers; grandson, Ethan Matthews; brothers, Harold Rodgers & Kenneth Rodgers; sisters, Eulene Laplant, Modene Bowen, Ruth Snow, Lois Sellers & Karen Murrell.

Pallbearers will be Jim Jack Rodgers, Jeffrey Perkins, Craig Sellers, Alex Jones, Jason Nowikowski & Logan Rankin.



Margaret "Margie" Lucille Hess Huchton

Services

Margaret "Margie" Lucille Hess Huchton, of Lindsay, Tx, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loved ones on March 17, 2024, at the age of 76. She was the seventh child of Henry Hess Sr. and Rose Schmidtkofer Hess.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 am on Friday, March 22, 2024, at Saint Peter's Catholic Church in Lindsay. Rosary and vigil will be held at 6 pm, Thursday, March 21, 2024, at Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home in Gainesville. Services will be officiated by Fr. John Martin. In Lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Saint Peter's Catholic Church, the National Kidney Foundation, or a charity of your choice.

History

Margie was raised on the family farm, south of Lindsay, and grew up picking cotton and milking the cows day and night. She vowed that her children would never have to pick cotton or milk cows. She attended school in Lindsay where she enjoyed basketball, cheerleading, and was the 1964 Homecoming Queen.

Mrs. Huchton married the love of her life, John David Huchton, on September 7, 1968. The Lord blessed them with 55 years of marriage, six sons, and two daughters. She was an avid Lindsay Knights fan and enjoyed watching all 8 of her children in their sporting events over the years, along with gardening, bird watching, canning, and spending time with her family and friends. Her passion was cooking, and she loved cooking for her family, friends, and for the many students that passed through the doors of Lindsay ISD. Margie was a true believer in her Savior Jesus Christ and was an active member of Saint Peter's Parish.

Survivors

Margie is survived by her husband, David Huchton; mother-in-law Billye Huchton; daughters Tammy (Pat) Bezner, Jenny (Jason) Ford; sons Troy (Amy) Huchton, Tracy (Deborah) Huchton, Tommy (Dyan) Huchton, Travis (Elizabeth) Huchton, Hank (Krystle) Huchton, Calvin (Katie) Huchton; 24 grandchildren; and 7 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by brother Paul (Lillian) Hess; sisters Rosemary (Winston) Fangman, Clara Hellinger; brother-in-law Lynn (JoAnn) Huchton; sister-in-law Suzanne (Ike) Stevens; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Huchton was preceded in death by her parents; father-in-law John Huchton; brothers Lambert Hess, Henry (Nell) Hess, Julius (Elsie) Hess; sister Nellie (Gus) Berend; brother-in-law James Hellinger; and sister-in-law Shirley Hess.

You may sign the online register at www.geojcarroll.com.



Donna Evans

Services

Donna Marie McDonald Evans, 73 of Gainesville, Texas passed away on March 22, 2024. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Meador Funeral Home of Gainesville. At this time no services are scheduled.

History

She was born on January 9, 1951, in Cumberland, Maryland to James Lester McDonald, Sr. and Rita May (Kifer) McDonald. Donna married David Sanford Evans on December 18, 1982. She was employed by Walmart in Gainesville, Texas. Donna was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Gainesville, Texas.

Survivors

Donna is survived by her husband, David Evans; children, Ritchie Evans, Jana Turbeville, Bridget Heinold, Chelsea Hobbs; grandchildren, Bradlee Tompkins, Jordan Gonzalez, Brandon Richards, Sheldon Heinold, Cody Henneke, Jacob Heinold, Tripp Hobbs, Hayes Hobbs, Eli Hobbs and Claire Hobbs; 16 great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews; siblings, Randy Shipler and Jim McDonald.

Preceded in death by her parents, James and Rita McDonald; Sherry Stidham, Charles McDonald and Sandy McDonald.

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- Pulverize, as potatoes
- Most desired group of guests
- Weightlifter's bane
- Creative thought
- Hot chocolate drink
- Valentine's Day flower
- Caviar fish
- "Hello everybody!"
- Sports cable channel
- A Series of Unfortunate Events author
- Indoor pro sports venue
- Scheduled to arrive
- Wooden pin
- Money in Tokyo
- Boston's state: Abbr.
- Affectionate term of address
- Dimes, to dollars
- Raison d'__
- "Poetic" rap artist
- Paves, as a driveway
- Found a second purpose for
- Salt dispenser
- Traditional Scottish skirt
- Grocery sack
- Skillet or wok
- Neighbor of the Simpsons
- Exclusive group
- Moutie of cartoons
- Snake's tooth
- Novel that's downloaded
- Part of a molecule
- Skater's jump

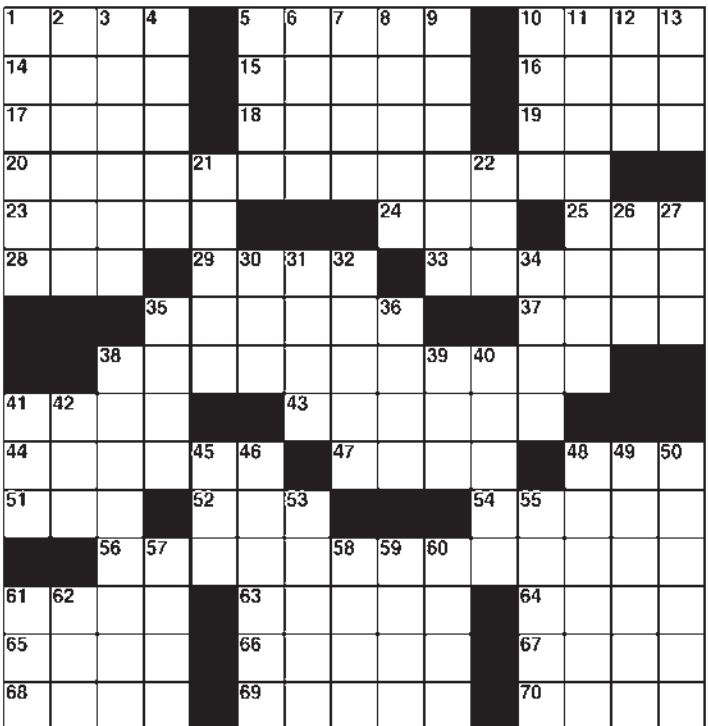
- Squiggle on "São Paulo"
- Capital of Italia
- Damp, as morning lawns
- Got to one's feet
- Raced along

DOWN

- Lose temporarily
- Stick (to)
- Sailor guys
- Was wearing
- With sore muscles
- Lane of Superman stories
- "Not if __ help it!"
- Sturdily built
- After-bath powder
- At no cost

- Animals on neighborhood posters
- Egyptian snake
- Actor Kingsley or Affleck
- Appoints
- Under lock and __
- Talent for music
- College sr.'s test
- Insect in a colony
- Lead performer
- Ogre of movies
- Heroic act
- Elephant's tooth
- Feng __ (architectural art)
- Never taken out of the box
- Designer label initials

- Taxi fare calculator
- Recipe meas.
- "It just occurred to me!"
- Bring to completion
- Finds another tenant for
- Main circus tent
- In one's residence
- Lose one's temper
- Bank account subtraction
- Deceitful people
- Hostile, as a crowd
- Texter's "seize the day"
- Bygone flightless bird
- Approved of
- Fleeting craze
- Logger's chopper



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for March was Marisela Martinez of Chalmers Elementary School.

March Teachers of the Month were Katie Heffron of Gainesville Intermediate and Jane Bohac of GHS.

Art teacher Whitney Galubenski Vogl presented artwork by her Edison Elementary School students. Students completed projects drawing with scissors. The project was inspired by artist Henri Matisse.

The superintendent report indicated GISD overall enrollment is approximately 14 students more than at this time last year.

Stewart also noted attendance is up slightly over last year.

“Three out of our five campuses have shown increases in comparison to where they were last year,” he said. “And as a district we’re slightly above where we were last year.”

A report from Paula Parkhill of the Student



Health Advisory Council revealed the council plans to utilize the services of Abigail’s Arms staff members and volunteers with Court-Appointed Special Advocates of North Texas to help educate students



on issues including child abuse, sex trafficking, cyber safety and bullying. The curriculum is designed to be age appropriate. The Abigail’s Arms program is aimed at grades 6-12. The CASA program targets students in grades K-5.

Executive Director of Curriculum & Instruction Dana Dudenhoeffer reported on mid-year data.

Students are tested at the beginning, middle and end of the year via a universal screener that measures achievement and growth in grades 3-10 math and reading.

“What this does is it measures growth data so you don’t look at it like achievement,” she said. “You look at it as growth.”

All board members were present with the exception of Laticia Hendricks.

Marriage License Requests Received

COOKE COUNTY – The following applications for marriage were received by the Cooke County Clerk’s Office.

Todd Andrew Bowen, 45, Sulpher, Okla., and Casey Lee Ann Pass, 34, Sulpher.

Mark Mendonca, 66, Gainesville, and Barbara Kay Moody, 76, Gainesville.

Heath Berton Danford,

54, Dallas, and Kimberly Denise Wells, 53, Lake Kiowa.

Juan Manual Mitre Juarez, 21, Fort Worth, and Maria Del Cielo Sanchez, 20, Saint Jo.

Collin Willard Williams, 21, Gainesville, and Kaitlyn Nicole Beane, 20, Gainesville.

William Dylan Scruggs, 22, Gainesville, and Marina Joy Rangel, 22, Gaines-

ville.

Tony Lynn Boaz, 37, Gainesville, and Cynthia Christine Erwin, 38, Gainesville.

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at the Cooke County Extension Office, 301 S. Chestnut in Gainesville. No cost to participate but registration is encouraged. Go to cooke.agrilife.org/events or give them a call at 940-668-5414.

Chamber and Triple C Plan Mixer

GAINESVILLE – The Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce (GACC) invites the community to jump into the Farmers Market with them for their March Mixer hosted by Triple C Bounce Rentals.

Rolling out the inflatables for a full fun experience, Triple C Bounce Rentals will be setting up bounce houses and slides for the community to enjoy, along with providing fresh popped popcorn and drinks. “This month we are also celebrating what we call our third birthday for the business,” Triple C Bounce Rentals Co-Owner Matt Collett said. “We plan to have cookies made by Cookie Conundrum,

cupcakes, and free giveaways for the evening as well.”

The March Chamber Mixer hosted by Triple C Bounce Rentals will be held at the Farmers Market located at 201 N Chestnut St. in Gainesville on Thursday, March 28 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. This event is open to the public and is free to attend. Those planning to come can anticipate needing to bring business cards for networking purposes.

Cooke County Dems Convention Results

COOKE COUNTY – The Cooke County Democratic Party Convention met on Saturday, March 23, 2024, to elect delegates and consider resolutions to the state convention, which convenes from June 6-8 in El Paso, Texas. County Chair Sherman Moore presided and Pat Ledbetter was elected secretary.

Proposals relating to health care and education were brought before the convention and discussed. Ultimately resolutions passed opposing school vouchers, supporting teacher pay raises with no strings attached, expanding Medicaid coverage, and providing funding for rural mental health services.

Discussing school vouchers, the group expressed unanimous opposition to any proposals that would reduce already inadequate funding for public schools. They concluded that rural school districts would be especially harmed and also objected to the people’s tax money being spent to subsidize private education.

The need for teacher pay raises, also inspired a county resolution. It was noted that the state had the funds to provide a substantial increase, but it failed because

of the bipartisan refusal to support the voucher program demanded by the Republican leadership. The group wanted to assert its unanimous support for our public school teachers, especially given the difficulty the state has in recruiting and keeping its teachers.

No opposition was expressed to the resolution supporting the expansion of Medicaid. It was noted that Texas has by far the highest percentage of uninsured citizens and among the worst health outcomes. Only ten states have failed to expand coverage, putting their rural hospitals in jeopardy; Texas also has experienced the largest number of rural hospital closures in the nation during the past decade.

Another health care issue that the Democratic Convention supported unanimously focused on was the inadequate funding for mental health services in rural counties. Chairman Moore pointed out that this lack of adequate care not only leads to unnecessary suffering, but it also imposes excess expenses on our county. He added that the county jail too often serves as the last resort for mental health treatment, a role that it is woefully unsuited to

fill.

At the end of the convention, Chairman Moore played a recorded message from the Democratic candidate for Congressional District 26, Ernest Lineberger. Lineberger introduced himself as a retired Naval officer who served on nuclear-power warships, including the aircraft carrier, USS Nimitz. He expressed pride in the part he played in the legend and legacy of our national defense. For the past twenty-eight years he has worked in the semiconductor manufacturing business at Texas Instruments of Dallas.

As a Congressman, he will be committed to ending the obstructionism and misinformation that currently gets in the way of serving our nation and our communities. He also expressed support for affordable health care, responsible gun ownership, good jobs with living wages, and excellence in education.

The group also discussed an upcoming event sponsored by the Cooke County Democrats. On May 18, at 4:00 in B.P. Douglas Park, everyone is invited to meet and create Democratic candidates and enjoy a barbecue picnic. More details will be provided later.

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Gainesville Police Reports

GAINESVILLE – Gainesville Police Department received the following incident reports.

Forgery of a financial instrument less than \$30,000 was reported at

First State Bank headquarters in the 1800 block of North Interstate 35.

Class C theft was reported at Tractor Supply in the 1700 block of North Grand Avenue.

Matthew Davis Thompson reported burglary of a vehicle in the 2000 block of Woodlawn Street.

Theft of a firearm was reported in the 1900 block of Woodlawn Court.

Unauthorized burning was reported in the 800 block of Olive Street.

Kenneth Wayne Williams reported being punched numerous times on the chest in an incident in the 700 block of South Weaver Street.

Danielle Rose Rangel reported a hit and run accident in the 400 block of North Clements Street.

A vehicle struck a guard rail in the 2500 block of West Highway 82 and the driver fled the scene. The damage to Texas Department of Transportation property was estimated less than \$200.

Paul Marcos Dasilva reported assault causes bodily injury in the 1800 block of Lawrence Street.

Found property was reported in the 1900 block of North Interstate 35.

Kenneth Wayne Lemon reported theft of property in the 1800 block of Lawrence Street.

Theft after the fact was reported at Hibbett Sports in the 900 block of East Highway 82.

Arrest Log

Caleb A. Schlomach, 29, Alvord, misdemeanor warrant arrest.

Preston N. Gonzalez, 29, Gainesville, alcohol-related offense.

Mariah E. McClellan, 25, Gainesville, misdemeanor warrant arrest.

Dezmond R. Johnson, 27, Dallas, criminal trespass call led to warrant arrest and resisting charge.

Zachary S. Murphy, 26, Gainesville, possession of a controlled substance less than one gram.

Chance L. Little, 38, was arrested for being trespassing at Wal-Mart Supercenter in the 1800 block of Lawrence Street.

Jonathan R. Fuller, 35, Weatherford, Tarrant County felony offense warrant during a traffic stop.

Zay A. Henry, 46, Gainesville, misdemeanor warrants.

Cheaney D. Purvey, 27, Gainesville, public intoxication.

Cooke County Sheriff Logs Incident Reports

COOKE COUNTY – The following incidents were reported to the Cooke County Sheriff's Office.

Theft of property less than \$150,000 was reported at a business in the 5200 block of East Highway 82.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported at a residence in the 2000 block of County Road 117.

Criminal mischief less than \$750 was reported at a residence in the 2200 block of County Road 147.

Burglary of a building was reported in the 200

block of County 167.

Forgery of a financial instrument was reported at a residence in the 1700 block of County 2117.

Forgery-to defraud or harm elderly was reported at a residence in the 200 block of County Road 232.

Arrest Log

Mireya Grace Evans, 20, Durant, Oklahoma, aggravated assault family/household member with weapon, serious bodily injury.

Kevin Charles Holcomb, 40, Gainesville, theft of

property less than \$2,500 with two or more previous convictions.

Magdalena Elizabeth Romo, 19, Gainesville, possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

Katlyn Kristine Stark, 26, Gainesville, expired driver license, failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to appear/bail jumping.

Lydia Gean Tell, 37, Dallas, driving while intoxicated with a child under 15 years of age.

Landon Zaine Vaughn, 19, Valley View, assault peace officer/judge.

NTMC Retains 5-Star Ratings

GAINESVILLE - North Texas Medical Center (NTMC) in Gainesville, TX is proud to announce that the hospital has retained its five-star ratings for both Overall Star Rating and Patient Survey Rating from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

NTMC was awarded five stars in both categories in July 2023 and received word recently that the hospital has earned five-star ratings for both again in 2024.

Only eight of the 284 acute-care hospitals in Texas achieved this recognition. Six of the eight hospitals who earned a five-star rating in both areas are specialty hospitals, such as Heart and Vascular, Surgical or Orthopedic facilities. That leaves NTMC and Hill Country Memorial as the only full-service, acute-care hospitals in Texas to achieve such high honors.

"I am humbled to be a

part of such a great hospital." NTMC CEO Tom Sledge said. "Thank you to all our staff, providers, leadership team and volunteers for your commitment and dedication to excellence."

The CMS Overall Star Rating ranges from one to five stars, with more stars reflecting higher performance. Obtaining a five-star rating is achieved by earning the highest scores across a range of quality measures and patient satisfaction metrics.

The CMS Hospital Compare tool evaluates five key areas to calculate overall ratings. These areas are patient outcomes data such as mortality, safety of care, and readmission rate, combined with direct patient feedback on patient experience and the effectiveness and timeliness of care. For more information about CMS Hospital Compare, please visit: www.medicare.gov/care-compare/

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NTMC serves the residents of Cooke, eastern Montague, western Grayson and northern Denton counties in Texas and southern Love County, Oklahoma.

NTMC is operated by Community Hospital Corporation and owned by Gainesville Hospital District.

For more information, please visit www.ntmconline.net.



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NOTICE OF SALE

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and issued pursuant to judgment decree(s) of the 235th District Court of Cooke County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date, in the hereinafter numbered and styled suit(s) and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff or Constable of said County, I have on January 30, 2024, seized, levied upon, and will, on the first Tuesday in April, 2024, the same being the 2nd day of said month, on the east steps of Cooke County Courthouse at 101 S. Dixon Street, in the City of Gainesville Texas, 76240, between the hours of 10 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m., beginning at approximately 10 a.m. on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit (s) in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Cooke and the State of Texas, to-wit:

Cause #: CV19-00521 OVATION SERVICES, LLC v. JENNY LYNN FRANKS;
Judgment Date: July 28, 2021
Tax Acct #: 2744-000-00019 and 2744-000-00020
Order of Sale Issued: January 4, 2024

Legal Description: LOT NINETEEN (19), SHADOW WOOD SUBDIVISION, COOKE COUNTY, TEXAS, ACCORDING TO MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN CABINET A, FILE 106, THE OFFICIAL PUBLIC RECORDS, COOKE COUNTY, TEXAS. LOT TWENTY (20), SHADOW WOOD SUBDIVISION, COOKE COUNTY, TEXAS, ACCORDING TO MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN CABINET A, FILE 106, THE OFFICIAL PUBLIC RECORDS, COOKE COUNTY, TEXAS. Judgment Amount: \$18,571.19 plus penalties and interest that has accrued from July 28, 2021. Estimated minimum bid after credits - \$6,500.00.

any volume and page references, unless otherwise indicated, being to the Deed Records, Cooke County, Texas, to which instruments reference may be made for a more complete description of each respective tract.) or, upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion of the property described above shall be sold to satisfy said judgment(s) interest, penalties, and cost. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment(s) rendered in the above styled and numbered cause(s), together with interest, penalties, and costs of suit, and the proceeds of said sales to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

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IN COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF COOKE
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Benjamin Harrison Adkisson, Jr., Deceased were issued on October 11, 2023, in Cause No. PR18344, pending in the County Court at Law of Cooke County, Texas, to: Jimmy Alvin Thomas.

All persons having claims against this Estate, which is currently being administered, are required to submit them, to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law, and before the estate is closed, addressed as follows:

c/o James L. Moss
104 West Main Street
Gainesville, Texas 76240
Telephone: 940-665-5697
Facsimile: 940-665-5698

DATED the 4th day of March, 2024.

James L. Moss
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To all persons interested in the Estate of **DAVID LEE WILLIAMS**:

On 3/19/2024, **DAVIA KAY WILLIAMS** filed a(n) **APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP & FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION** in Cause No. **PR18427** in the County Court at Law of Cooke County, Texas.

Said **APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP & FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION** may be heard and acted upon by said court after 10 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday next after the expiration on **ten** days from the date of publication of this citation.

All persons interested in said estate are hereby cited to appear before said court by filing a written answer contesting said should they desire to do so.

Given under my hand and seal of office in Cooke County, Texas, this 19th day of March, 2024.

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate NARCA LEE HUNT, Deceased, were issued on March 4, 2024, in Cause No. PR18325, in the County Court at Law of Cooke County, Texas, to: JERALD BARTHOLD.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: JONATHAN W. HENLEY
Attorney at Law
Bennett & Henley Law, PLLC
309 East Pecan St.
Gainesville, Texas 76240

DATED the 27th day of March, 2024.

BENNETT & HENLEY LAW, PLLC
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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate DONNA J. OSBORNE, Deceased, were issued on March 7, 2024, in Cause No. PR18408, in the County Court at Law of Cooke County, Texas, to: JOHN M. CHAPMAN, JR.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: JONATHAN W. HENLEY
Attorney at Law
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309 East Pecan St.
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DATED the 13th day of March, 2024.

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Michael Barone

The Electric Car Fiasco



By Michael Barone

Donald Trump’s anodyne if overexcited comment that the U.S. auto industry would face a “bloodbath” if he’s not elected and doesn’t impose 50% or 100% tariffs on cars produced predictable results. “Don’t outsmart yourself,” Sen. Brian Schatz (D-Hawaii) posted, and Joe Biden’s campaign promptly charged Trump with promising a “bloodbath” if he loses, without saying that he used a common metaphor and was talking about the auto industry. That’s a subject Team Biden is understandably touchy about, given the conspicuous fiasco of its electric vehicle policies. It’s summed up in a lengthy Wall Street Journal report on how a “dramatic societal shift to electric cars” had “overlooked an important constituency: the consumer.” Evidence is plentiful. Manufacturers have been cutting prices as dealers’ lots filled up with unsold electrics. Ford is halving its output of electric

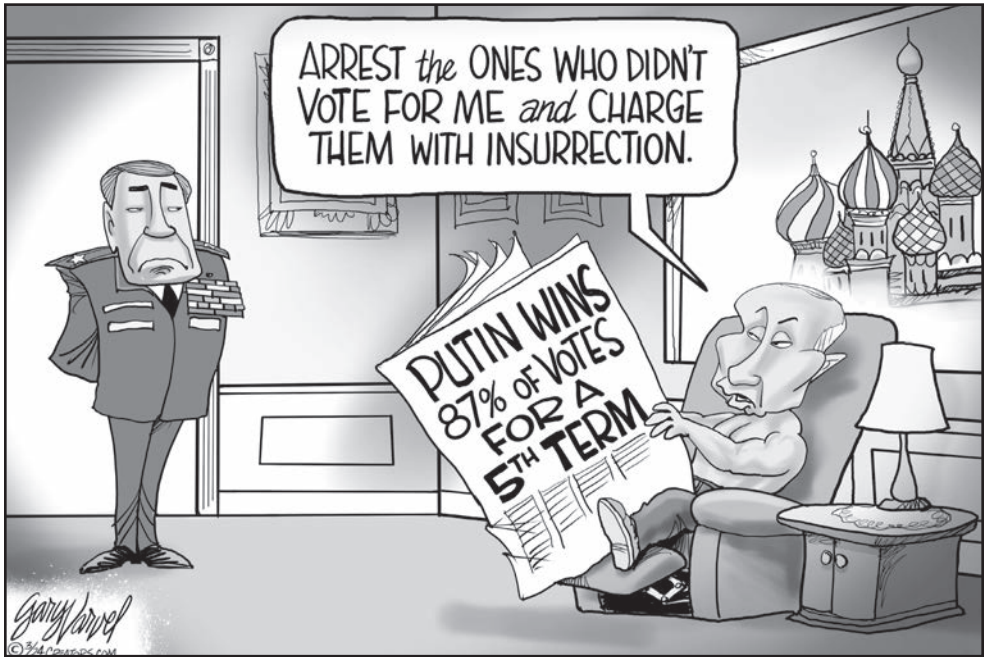
F-150 trucks in its Dearborn, Michigan, plant. General Motors dealers are pressing the company to reverse its strategy, cut EV production and build hybrids instead. Tesla CEO Elon Musk warned of “notably lower” EV production. Expectations elsewhere went unmet. Hertz sold off 20,000 rental EVs at a loss of \$245 million and lost its CEO, a Goldman Sachs alumnus. EV startup Fisker, which defaulted on \$192 million in Obama administration loans, is reportedly preparing for bankruptcy. Apple is shutting down its multibillion-dollar electric car division. “Plans for an EV-led industrial revolution are in full-scale retreat” in Britain, France and Germany, the London-based Telegraph reported. “It looks like all those ‘well-paid green jobs’ are going to take a little longer to arrive than anyone anticipated.” Liberals justify the \$7,500 consumer subsidies for EVs as a way to reduce carbon emissions. But, of course, reductions depend on where the electricity, and the rare earths and metals in batteries, come from. Meanwhile the environmental pitch may have boosted sales among Democrats, but it also has resulted in low sales to Republicans. These attitudes correlate with geography. EVs may be practical to zip about in the mild weather of the Pa-

cific Coast and over the short distances of the Northeast -- Biden territory in 2020. But EV batteries run out of charge over long distances, when it’s freezing outside, or when you’ve got your air conditioning on -- all common experiences in the South, Midwest and Rocky Mountain states, which Trump carried in 2016 and 2020. It’s not hard to see, although government projections seem to have missed it, that many people would be reluctant to pay more for a vehicle likely to totally stop functioning in common use, and much more expensive to repair. And irksome to charge. In the 1920s, the private sector built vast networks of gas stations capable of refueling a vehicle in five or 10 minutes. In the 2020s, the government has taken on the task of building electric charging stations, with predictable results. After more than two years, the \$5 billion 2021 charging station program has produced exactly eight charging stations. In the marketplace, it’s clear the demand for electric vehicles is much smaller than that predicted by environmental enthusiasts and imposed on carmakers by the Biden administration. Toyota’s hybrid gasoline-and-electric vehicles, while less fashionable in certain quarters than battery-powered EVs, are rated as more reliable and just as green, and they are outselling the all-electrics.

As the late economist Herbert Stein said, “If something cannot go on forever, it will stop.” Projections for EV sales have fallen woefully short month after month. The Environmental Protection Agency projects EV sales will rise from 7.6% in 2023 to 67% in 2032, but the EPA’s tailpipe regulations, the tool used to raise EV sales, are not on track to do so. At least not without drastically cutting total auto production. Environmental nonprofit organizations may not mind that, but the United Auto Workers, which represents workers at Detroit’s Big Three but not at Tesla or foreign-based companies, does and has demanded the

administration change policy. Which it has, sort of. The EPA is now announcing it won’t enforce EV sales requirements until 2030. But it still says it’s requiring two-thirds by 2032. As you may have noticed, there are three presidential elections between now and late 2032, when Biden will turn 90 and Trump 86. Team Biden is obviously fiddling with its failed EV policies in the hopes of smoothing over the differences between its environmentalist and union constituencies, Marin County, California, and Macomb County, Michigan. That might work, up through Election Day. Then, whoever wins, there

will come something you might provocatively call a bloodbath. For an industry with large capital needs and long lead times, or for environmentalists determined to phase out vehicles that most consumers prefer and can afford -- maybe for both. Michael Barone is a senior political analyst for the Washington Examiner, resident fellow at the American Enterprise Institute and longtime co-author of *The Almanac of American Politics*. His new book, *Mental Maps of the Founders: How Geographic Imagination Guided America’s Revolutionary Leaders*, is now available. COPYRIGHT 2024 CREATORS.COM



Susan Estrich

Chuck Schumer and the Democratic Left



By Susan Estrich

Who was Sen. Chuck Schumer speaking to when he denounced Benjamin Netanyahu and urged Israel to hold new elections to replace him? And who was he speaking for? Don’t get me wrong. I’m no fan of Netanyahu’s. Not one bit. When the history of Oct. 7 is finally written, Hamas will rightly be blamed for unspeakable evil. It was their doing and

their fault. But is there any doubt that the massive intelligence and political failure that allowed that to happen was due to the malfeasance, shortsightedness and self-interested failings of the Netanyahu administration? Public opinion polls in Israel make absolutely clear that if elections were to be held today, Netanyahu would lose. But that is for Israelis to decide. We provide massive support for Israel. As we should. They are staunch allies in a part of the world where we need their support. They are a democracy, deserving of respect. We have the right to try to influence what they do with the military aid that we supply them. But there are fine lines to be respected. Americans overwhelmingly support aid to Israel. We recognize that Israel has a right to

defend itself from terrorists who slaughter their citizens just as we had the right to defend ourselves after our fellow citizens were slaughtered on 9/11. Innocent civilians were killed when we went after Osama bin Laden and his men, and the world did not turn on us as a result. So why has the world turned on Israel? Why has Schumer? Public opinion polls in Israel show that Israelis overwhelmingly remain committed to winning this war. They have not won, not yet. They continue to live next door to a state run by terrorists who are committed to repeating the sort of slaughter and butchery of Oct. 7. The Israeli public says never again. Wouldn’t we? Are we to say they must live with the prospect of terror? That they have no right to destroy Hamas?

The Democratic left is noisy. The war is hurting Joe Biden. It’s ironic on all counts. By my lights, Biden has been terrific. He came immediately and forcefully to Israel’s defense. At the same time, he and his administration have been responsive to the humanitarian crisis in Gaza, have used every diplomatic resource to try to secure a temporary ceasefire, to get aid into Gaza, to seek the return of the hostages. For this, he gets picketed everywhere he goes. And what would Trump do? Try to make hay? Trump attacks Jewish Democrats, saying we hate Israel and hate our religion and that Israel won’t exist if we vote for Biden. Exactly who does the noisy left want to help -- and who do they want to punish? Schumer is playing to the Democratic left in America. Instead of telling them to

stand down, he is standing up with them. And playing into the hands of the Republican senators, who had their own meeting with Netanyahu, to embrace him. They would turn support for Israel into a partisan issue, to help Trump, at the expense of not only Biden but Israel. With the world effectively turning on Israel’s right to defend itself -- and thus its right to exist -- plunging Israel further into our partisan divide is bad policy in the service of short-term partisan gain. It is the last thing true friends of Israel should do, which is

not what Trump is. The Israeli public doesn’t need Schumer to tell them what to do. The Democratic left in America does. Biden needs support, not support for the protestors. And Israel needs a united America on its side so it can end this war by winning it and, with it, the right to exist in peace. To find out more about Susan Estrich and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate website at www.creators.com. COPYRIGHT 2024 CREATORS.COM

Letters to the Editor...

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To the Editor,

Set abortion exception guidelines
The ambiguity of the abortion law in Texas endangers pregnant women and their health care providers and needs the input of the Texas Medical Board (TMB).
Doctors, not legislators, have the medical knowledge

and experience to discern what constitutes risks to a mother’s life while pregnant. On March 20, the TMB will begin the process of drafting clear policy about what, how, and when physicians can take necessary and compassionate action to save a woman’s life without facing imprisonment and/or fines under current abortion ban laws.
You can help by signing the petition located at <https://texasimpact.org/tell-the-texas-medical-board-no-guessing-games-on-emergency-abortion/>. Texas Impact is an organization representing people of many different faiths who care about truly compassionate care for all Texans, especially pregnant women.
Opposition to TMB specifying exceptions to the ban

on abortions is likely. Let’s stand together to safeguard the health and well-being of all women by supporting the Medical Board as it does its job.

Patti Hamilton RN, PhD
Professor Emeritus TWU

To the Editor,

The date was March 13, 2008. The place was Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago Illinois. Presidential candidate Barack Obama was in the congregation as Reverend Jeremiah Wright suggested that God should not bless America. Rather then bless America God should damn Americans. A month later Obama suggest-

ed that Americans were bitter people clinging to their guns and religion.
Now, Donald Trump is continuously assailed by lawfare and a corrupt media. Trump claims that they are not attacking him. Donald claims that they are actually attacking the American people. I beg to differ. They are attacking God!
What does Facism, Socialism, Marxism, and Communism have in common? They are all about removing God and religion. They are all about power. They can not bear anyone but them making the rules. They have no intention of sharing their power with God.

Danny Stoffels
Lindsay

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Cooke County Arts Council Readies for *Sights & Sounds*

GAINESVILLE - See and hear Cooke County's creative side at "Sights and Sounds" Scholarship Fundraiser! With music, art, food and more, it promises to be an entertaining night while also lending support to future scholars and creative talent within the community.

On April 12, 2024 the sounds of music and sights of art will fill the First State Bank Center for Performing Arts at North Central Texas College in Gainesville, for "Sights and Sounds". This annual showcase of the arts by Cooke County Arts Council Members, is fun for all ages.

Tickets are \$15 for adults & \$10 for Seniors & Children at the door or can be purchased in advance from Kevin & Susan Beall Insurance Agency, 326 E Cali-

fornia St., Gainesville. The doors open at 6:30 p.m. - performances begin at 7:30 p.m.

Let your eyes feast upon stunning works of art from talented local artists with the Gainesville Area Visual Arts organization (GAVA), and meet the artists while enjoying light hors d'oeuvres and libations.

The North Texas Choral, directed by Mr. Clint Kelley, will present A Little Jazz Mass. Two very diverse traditions - the Latin mass and the jazz idiom - are successfully brought together by composer Bob Chilcott.

The Butterfield Stage Players will entertain guests with a sneak preview of their Summer Musical, *Legally Blonde*. Drake Jackson who started out at Butterfield Stage Players when

he was in Middle School doing youth theater classes, then continued to perform in numerous shows there, is directing *Legally Blonde, The Musical*.

Marvel at the sweet singing of the Dolce Canto Children's Chorus of Cooke County, directed by Susan Beall. Dolce Canto's performance centers on the theme "Sing a Rainbow," conveying messages of optimism and aspiration fitting for the spring season. Their song selections about the joy of singing and the hope symbolized by rainbows, combined with the chorus members' enthusiastic and sweet little faces, will surely inspire audiences.

After the intermission the 20-piece Gainesville Swing Orchestra led by Grammy-nominated Dave Alexander will take the

stage! The swing band will have you dancing in the aisles with their renditions of swing, jazz and big band classics. Featuring some of the region's most talented musicians, the band brings together percussion, horn, saxophones, and more into an exciting, cohesive showcase of musical talent. From fiery trumpets to the sexy sounds of the saxophones, to a driving rhythm section, the Gainesville Swing Orchestra has something for every musical taste. This concert, the band will delight you with a fun setlist featuring their most beloved songs and fan favorites!

For more information visit the Cooke County Arts Council's website: www.cookecounty-artsCouncil.org or find their Facebook page.

Muenster ISD Hires Impact Education Services for Superintendent Search

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Internet Protection Act. The district must adhere to certain guidelines including filtering student internet access and blocking inappropriate to qualify for discounted E-rate internet service.

Muenster Elementary School Principal Debra Sickling reported campus enrollment as of February 9 was 290 students. Highlights for January included sixth grader Karli C. named spelling bee champion for grades 4-8. Top Muenster Elementary Library Bluebonnet Readers enjoyed a pizza party with prizes for reading five or more Texas Bluebonnet books. Sickling also noted Elementary Counselor Cassie Newton is available daily for students as needed. She visits classrooms monthly and discusses topics including bullying, building character and self-control. She also helped organize, with Nurse Richardson, the 180 degree program on healthy relationships for sixth grade students. Parents had the opportunity to opt-in consent. Court-Appointed Special Advocates Community Outreach

and Prevention Education were scheduled to present a free program to second and fourth grade students. Again, parents could opt-in for their children to participate in the program.

Secondary Principal Monte Sewell said junior high enrollment was 87 and high school enrollment was 172. STAAR RLA English 2 field test was completed. FFA competed at the San Angelo Stock Show and Meat Judging Contest and were preparing for the San Antonio Meat Science Skillathon and Judging contests.

Girls and boys varsity bas-

ketball teams won district titles. Baseball, softball and golf are underway. UIL academics were going strong and One Act Play participants were ready for competition.

The athletic report presented by Athletic Director Brady Carney included final standings for all junior high and high school basketball teams. Carney also noted varsity girls (12-0 in district) and varsity boys (10-1 in district) were district champions.

Twenty-three girls are participating in softball. The season began February 12 in Brock. Twenty-one boys are

participating in baseball. The season began February 29 with the American Cancer Society Tournament. The powerlifting team has competed in three meets. The boys have won all three as a team, he said.

The board also approved the order for election for the board of trustees election set for May 4. Jeff Flusche and John Leidel abstained from the vote.

The board approved a quote from Tex-Oma Builders for an upgraded exterior door.

Also approved were an update the EIC (Local) and 2023-24 budget amendments as presented.

Cross Timbers Genealogical Society Plans April Meeting

COOKE COUNTY - Ever wanted to track down that elusive ancestor? Ever wanted to find stories about your ancestors when they were in school or in the military? Ever wanted to learn what was going on in the country 75 or 100 years ago when one of your relatives was living? Have you ever just had questions about your family's past but were not sure how to go about finding the answers?

Newspapers might just be the angle you should pursue. A wealth of information lies in newspapers, treasures that can broaden your family story. Often, they contain stories that will not be found anywhere else. Unsure how to begin your newspaper search or where to look or what details that you might discover, then come to the next meeting of the Cross Timbers Genealogi-

cal Society where some of those questions will be addressed.

Shana Powell will be speaking on "Using Newspapers to Discover the Stories of Your Ancestors". The meeting will be on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, at the First United Bank Building, 101 W. Broadway Street in Gainesville. Refreshments and fellowship will be at 6:30 and the meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

235th District Court Cases Filed, Decided

COOKE COUNTY - The following cases were filed and decided in the 235th District Court.

Cases Filed

Terra Davis vs. James Dale Hardy, divorce.
Mallory Marie Heidle vs. Richard Marvin Heidle, divorce.
Melissa Lynne Rutledge vs. Roy Glenn Rutledge, di-

vorce.

Patsy Ann Lacroix vs. Jazmin Tejeda, injury or damage with a motor vehicle.

Brandy Kay Kleeman Rose vs. Cory Gene Rose, divorce.
Eric Lee Hess vs. Julie Lee Hess, divorce.

Todd Peterson vs. Allstate Fire and Casualty insurance, Finance of America holdings and Mark Tucker Agency, all other civil cases.

Nancy Rodriguez-Villarreal as next friend of J.G.R. A.X.R and D. vs. Jr Mack Trucking Inc, injury or damage with a motor vehicle.

Kathie Bertrand-Salera vs. Mark A. Salera, divorce.

Cases Decided

Michelle Barbara Hewitt vs. Craig Steven Hewitt, final judgement/non-jury, divorce.

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