

# Police investigation into suspicious device still ongoing

Device was detonated by bomb squad in February

Georgetown Police are still actively investigating an incident that took place in early February, near the 1600 block of Barcus Drive in Georgetown, just south of Southwestern University.

In the February incident, Georgetown PD responded

to a call about a suspicious device found at the site. Georgetown PD sought assistance from the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and the Austin Police Department's Bomb Squad. Following an evaluation of the device and out of an

abundance of caution, the APD bomb squad decided to conduct a controlled detonation of the device.

The controlled detonation created a loud boom, which could be heard by Georgetown residents.

At the time, Georgetown's Interim Police Chief, Cory

Tehida, said laboratory analysis of remnants of the device would be required to conclusively determine the device's contents.

That investigation is still ongoing, and no further information will be released until a full investigation is completed, the police department told the Sun last week. There is no present danger in the area.

# Armed suspects apprehended in Jarrell

The Williamson County Sheriff's Office arrested two armed suspects in an alleged stolen vehicle Monday morning. The individuals were apprehended near Jarrell.

According to a press release by the office, the suspects led sheriff's deputies on a county-wide vehicle and foot pursuit. The vehi-

cle occupants were tracked and apprehended by a K9 deputy.

Multiple law-enforcement agencies were involved in the incident.

An investigation into the case is still ongoing, and no additional information was being provided as of time of print Tuesday.



Officials broke ground on a project in Granger last week. Photo, from left: Clint Goertz with Chasco, Granger City Administrator Christy Bradshaw, Main Street Board President Tony Hauger, Precinct 4 Commissioner Russ Boles, Granger Mayor Monica Stojanik, Council Member Debbie Todd, Granger ISD Superintendent Jeni Neatherlin, Council Member Rosie Sweeting and Bennet Love, with RS&H.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### WILLIAMSON COUNTY

#### \$1 million contract awarded

Texas Materials Group, Inc. was awarded last week the construction contract to begin work on an up to \$1 million project by Williamson County commissioners.

The Tradesman's Industrial and Business Park Milling and Overlay Project is part of the county's regular maintenance plan. Tradesman Park Drive, Tradesman Park Loop and Tradesman Drive are all county roads west of Hutto. Out of 19 suppliers who

reviewed the project, Texas Materials Group, Inc. was one of two to put in bids and determined to be the lowest. Texas Materials Group, Inc. is based in Cedar Park.

### GRANGER

#### Construction begins on Davilla culvert

Williamson County officials celebrated the start of the Davilla culvert project in Granger Thursday.

Precinct 4 Commissioner Russ Boles, Granger Mayor Monica Stojanik, Granger City Administrator Christy Bradshaw and a few others

gathered at the intersection of West Davilla Street and North Walton Avenue, where the work will be done.

"I'm so excited for the project," said Mr. Boles. "This is following up on some commitments I made when I ran for office, to make sure that the county invested in our small towns. This road with this culvert is critical to the whole city of Granger, and I'm honored that they're allowing us to work on it with them."

Commissioners voted unanimously on March 1 to award Chasco Constructors their bid for construction at \$664,464. Funds for this project come from the 2019 Road Bond.

# Meals on Wheels thanked for new space

A program of Opportunities for Williamson and Burnet Counties, Meals on Wheels, has expanded to Taylor.

The group moved into their new space in the Lone Star Circle of Care building in the renovated historic West End Elementary School two weeks ago.

"It is a great opportunity to partner with Lone Star Circle of Care and have a multigenerational space for all

to use," said Carrie Berry, Meals on Wheels program director.

The new space has a 1,000-square-foot kitchen and a dining room, and room for a small food pantry. MOW plans to offer educational classes, BINGO, and nutritional education, and exercise classes to the community. They also hope to one day have a community garden "farm to table" market.

Meals on Wheels was mentioned at the last Commissioners Court Meet-

ing by Judge Bill Gravell, in conjunction with the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the national nutrition program for seniors 60 years and older started by Richard Nixon in 1972.

"The work you do is so important," Mr. Gravell told representatives from the group in the session.

Meals on Wheels is actively recruiting volunteers to drive meals to older adults in need. To apply, visit their website at [www.owbc-tx.org](http://www.owbc-tx.org).

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## AgriLife employees to receive boost

Employees with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service of the Texas A&M University System will receive a 3 percent raise based on the cost of living adjustments.

Commissioners voted unanimously March 8 to provide the raise in wages for five extension agent positions in Williamson County.

The county will contrib-

ute \$132,505 towards funding these positions, which includes a \$121,272 contribution towards the agency's extension agents' salaries, as well as \$11,232 of county merit and cost-of-living adjustments.

The decision came based on the results from the ongoing salary study of the Wilco Human Resources department.

## Correction

The Sun made two errors in the recent story about Rhona Farney, coach of the Georgetown High School girls basketball team. The name of Coach Franey's hometown, Lometa, was misspelled, and her alma mater, Howard Payne University, is in Brownwood, Texas. The Sun regrets the errors.

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