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## Blanchette authorized to execute courthouse remediation agreement

By Chris Edwards  
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**WOODVILLE** - At a special meeting of the Tyler County Commissioners Court last Thursday morning, commissioners unanimously voted to approve County Judge Jacques Blanchette to execute a remediation agreement with the Texas Historical Commission concerning the restoration of the courthouse.

The steps the county must undertake as part of the remedial agreement were presented in the form of an agreement written by Mark Wolfe, Executive Director for THC and Eric Magee, an attorney with Allison, Bass & Magee, LLP. The agreement's stated purpose is to resolve a dispute concerning several modifications made to the

courthouse by the county between 2015 and 2018. The county's goal is to restore the building to its original appearance, as it appeared in 1891. According to THC, the work done by the county was done "without providing formal notice to the [Texas Historical] Commission." Some of the items noted in THC's agreement include the removal of numerous original windows dating back to 1891 and 1936, and replacing them with "non-conforming vinyl windows," as well as the removal of exterior stucco, which the agreement claims caused "extensive damage to historic brick."

Blanchette acknowledged the county's culpability in undertaking what was thought to be acceptable work. "We acknowledge our

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JIM POWERS | TCB

Last weekend was Western Weekend in Tyler County. The fun included a rodeo held on Friday and Saturday and the traditional parade through Woodville on Saturday afternoon.

## DETCOG approves support for HR 759

By Jacob McAdams

**COLDSPRING** - DETCOG met in Coldspring on March 28 to discuss issues tied to the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas, the DETCOG building project and updates with GLO's recovery programs.

Tribal Council Chairperson Cecilia Flores discussed a resolution supporting HR 759 in the United States Congress.

"This is a bill introduced by Brian Babin in January of this year to clarify some conflicting federal statutes that apply to the tribe," said Flores.

The statutes in general refer to the operation of Naskila Gaming, which opened in May 2016 after the tribe re-



JACOB MCADAMS

Cecilia Flores, Chairperson of the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas discusses the impact of HR 759 on the tribe, Naskila Gaming and the local economy during the DETCOG meeting in Coldspring.

ceived authorization from the United States Department of Interior to operate on the reservation.

Naskila Gaming is regulated by the federal National Indian Gaming Commission established by the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.

Conflict has allegedly risen over the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe operating electronic bingo, which the State of Texas constitutes as a form of gambling.

In Jan. 2019, United States Representative Babin filed HR 759 to clarify the right of the tribe to offer this category of Indian gaming. If HR 759 passes, it will therefore eliminate any questions the state has about operating Naskila Gaming within the Alabama-Coushatta reservation.

"The economic impact of Naskila Gaming provides 370 jobs at the site itself," said Flores.

Naskila Gaming provides a total of 500 jobs according to Flores, with 70 percent of them going to non-tribal members.

"We are employing our neighbors," said Flores.

The majority of visitors that come to Naskila Gaming are

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MIKE MANESS | TCB

Mayor Floyd Petri was glad to announce at the Chester city council meeting Monday evening, April 1, that a new culvert was installed at the city park. For the first time in years, when the drainage work is finished, citizens will be able to park near the tennis courts.

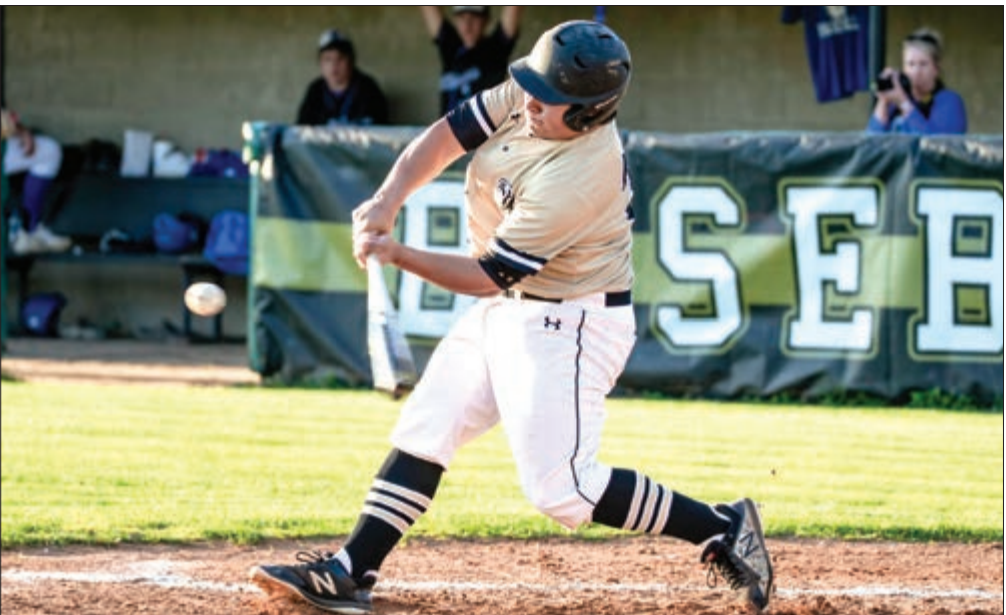
## Chester to implement cameras

By Michael G. Maness

**CHESTER** - Last month an unknown individual broke into both the Chester Volunteer Fire Department station and the Hickman Shop and stole red lights, tools and some other items. Law enforcement and some locals believe they have a few suspects, but there is no proof for due process.

Pct. 2 Constable John Fuller approached Mayor Floyd Petri and offered to pay half the cost for some quality cameras equipped with night vision, and the city council enthusiastically approved at their meeting Monday evening, April 1. Petri, a retired law officer himself and former certified security consultant, led the discussion on options the city could afford.

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HALE HUGHES | TCB

Here Comes The Broom - Woodville senior Marcos Broom unloads on a pitch to send it to deep right-center for a triple. For more coverage of spring sports in Tyler County, check out pages 8A.

## Timber, bees discussed at Landowner meeting

By Col. Eddie Boxx

The Tyler County Forest Landowner's Association met Saturday, March 23 for the Spring General Meeting with more than 40 members in attendance.

The event kicked off with well-known and highly respected forester, Hap Hatchel, who discussed current timber and forestry trends in East Texas. He emphasized that each forest landowner should have a plan that specifically meets his/her vision - and stay in charge of the plan and its execution.

He also warned when acquiring forestland, new owners should be aware that landlocked property is a potential issue. Historically (especially in southern Tyler County) large tracts of lands were owned by mills and timber companies and have since been fractured and sold, thus some of the newly created tracts are landlocked. Some landowners have misinterpreted the 1990 era Texas legislation regarding property access via state-owned land. Mr. Hatchel discussed how timber sale prices reported via the Texas A&M Forest Service ultimately impact property taxes. (To review how timber tax valuations are calculated, please reference the Summer 2016 issue of "The Dogwood Times" at <http://tcforest.org/downloads/Dogwood-2016-Jun.pdf>. To report your timber sales, use the Timber Tax Valuation Price Reporting Form at <http://tcforest.org/downloads/TimberTaxValuationPriceReportingForm.pdf>.

The next speaker Terry

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FRANK (BUD) L. JOHNSON

Frank (Bud) L. Johnson, 79, passed away March 30, 2019 at his home in Woodville, Texas. Born January 24, 1940 in Pensacola, FL to the late Charles and Mary Johnson, he proudly served in the U. S. Navy. Frank is survived by his brothers, George Johnson of Evans, CO and Robert Johnson and wife, Debra of Woodville; sisters, Helen Stross of Joplin MO., Grace Russell of Montrose, CO, Carol Curtis of Montrose, CO. and Fay Gallagher of Paragould, AR. A graveside will be held at the V. A. National Cemetery in Houston at a later date. Services are held under the direction of Riley Funeral Home and Crematorium.

CARLENE WHITMAN

Carlene Whitman, 57, of Spurger passed away peacefully on March 31, 2019. Born January 1, 1962 in Groves, Tx to James and Coral Davis, she lived in Spurger for many years. She was a loved and was devoted to her family and friends and was loved by all who knew and loved her. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Spurger who served her Lord and Savior and put her trust in him. Carlene was preceded in death by her father, James Davis. She is survived by her ex-husband, Wesley Whitman of Spurger; son, William Jordan Whitman and wife, Kerri of Port Neches; daughters, Whitney Bielecki of Spurger and Chelsea Parrish and husband, Christopher of Spurger; mother, Coral Davis of Nederland; brothers, Kim Davis of Houston and Merrell Davis of Nederland; grandchildren, Callie Whitman, Ariel Whitman-Smith, Taylor and Mae Bielecki; numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. A graveside service will be held Wednesday, April 3, at 11 a.m. at the Beech Creek Cemetery in Spurger with Brother Cole Clark officiating. Visitation will be held Tuesday, April 2, 2019, from 5 till 8 pm at the funeral home. Serving as pallbearers will be Jacob Landavazo, Mike Minter, Ellis Jones, Jim Zachary, Matthew smith, Jeremy Buckner, Bryan Collier, Zachary Zachary. Honorary pallbearers will be Brandon Morales and Billy Petree. Services are held under the direction of Riley Funeral Home and Crematorium.



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MARGIE WORTHY LICHENSTEIN

Margie Worthy Lichenstein of Warren passed away on March 24 at Dogwood Trails Manor in Woodville. Margie spent her childhood growing up in Tyler, Texas. Later in life she married her high school sweetheart Grandville S. Carter. They then moved to Beaumont with other family members and had three boys, Jerry, Steve and Johnny Mack Carter. As things go Margie and Grandville went their separate ways in life. She met Louis Lichenstein and they became husband and wife. Louis owned and operated Louis's Yazoo and the Pacesetter Lounge in Beaumont. Louis and Margie worked hard and played hard as well. After retirement they purchased a motorhome and started traveling. They met a lot of people and made many friends along the way. Louis and Margie were lifelong members of the Beaumont chapter of the Elks Lodge and the local motor home club. Margie was born November 8, 1934 in Tyler to Lenoa Goodman Worthy and Marion Worthy. Survivors include Jerry Carter and his wife Brenda; Johnny Carter, all of Warren. Stepchildren: Pat and Cheryl Lichenstein from Aspen, Colo.; David Lichenstein of Beaumont and Joel and Sherry Arena of Beaumont; 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents, Louis Lichenstein, brother Richard Worthy and son Steve Carter. The family of Margie Lichenstein would like to thank Dog-



wood Trails Manor for all the great care given to our mom and all the other residents there, from housekeeping, maintenance, dietary, nursing and management. What a great asset your facility is to Woodville. Can't say enough good things about you. Also: Kindred Hospice, another great bunch of professional people.

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NELDA LOIS BALES

Nelda Lois Bales, 86, of Vidor passed away March 27, 2019. Born in Colmesneil, Tx to the late Clarence and Odna Freeman, she worked in Home Health as a sitter. She was a loving and devoted mother, grandmother, sister and friend to all who knew and loved her. Nelda was preceded in death by her parents; children, Michael Ray, Kathy Perkins and Charlotte McCullen. She is survived by her son, Raymond Ray; daughter, Nelda Cox; sister, Eloise McMillen; numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren, other family members and friends. Graveside service was held Friday, March 29, 2019 at the Mann Cemetery in Colmesneil. Services are held under the



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ROBERT PRESTON BEST



Robert Preston Best, Sr., 65, of Colmesneil passed away March 27, 2019. Born June 11, 1953 in Woodville, Tx to the late Vernon and Joyce Carl Best, he lived in Colmesneil for many years. He was pipeline inspector. Robert was a great husband, father and grandfather who loved his family unconditionally. He liked to fish but his passion was to travel. He and his wife's favorite place to travel was to Florida. Robert was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter, Tonia Linscomb. He is survived by his loving wife, Sandra Reynolds Best; daughters, Irene Alegre and husband, Lyle of Colmesneil and Casey Sturrock and husband, Billy Jack of Chester; son, Robert Best, Jr. and wife, Brittany of Woodville; sisters, Penny Graham and Mary Winters both of Colmesneil; brother, Richard Best of Colmesneil; fifteen grandchildren and one great grandchild. A memorial service was held Saturday, March 30, at 10 a.m., at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Milton Powers. Services were held under the direction of Riley Funeral Home and Crematorium.

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Tax season – all forms that we have them are in the hallway. If there is something specific you can come use one of the computers to print off the correct forms.

Poetry Group is now meeting on the third Thursday of every month. Next meeting will be April 18th. We have Story Time for ages 2-6 – A book is read to and a craft are always involved. Next Story Time is April 4th at 10am.

Did you know that the library provides books to nursing home patrons? If you or your loved one is interested in this service please let the library know.

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# CAMERAS

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Fuller, also an expert on security, said a sheriff’s deputy who deals in such would also be a great asset. Petri and the council left the purchase and installation into the hands of Fuller and City Public Works Supervisor Dale Clamon.

Proclamation recognizes Child Abuse Prevention Month  
At the beginning of Monday’s meeting, Petri invited guests to speak. First up was Pct. 2 Commissioner Stevan Sturrock who requested a proclamation from the city declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention Month

and Sunday, April 28, as Blue Sunday, the latter to encourage all to where blue that day. The proclamation approved by the council and signed by Petri noted some very sad statistics: last year in Texas there were 300,375 reports of abuse, 211 child deaths; in Tyler County 241 reported, 143 investigations, 86 confirmed victims, and 43 children removed from their homes. Sturrock sits on the Tyler County Child Welfare Board and mentioned they currently have about 42 children under their care, trying to help them get through school with as normal an experience as the board can provide. Citizen Duane Jordan asked if the city could do something about the large trucks parking on Hwy 287 in

front of the stores, as even on this day he experienced a dangerous encounter. Petri kindly resonated, as did the council, for they all had similar experiences. Petri encouraged Jordan to get with TxDOT or the DPS. If need be, Jordan could tell them he has the support of the mayor and the council for any “No Parking” signs. Petri said he had requested a caution light years ago to no avail.

Other business  
A citizen came forward about an excessive gas bill for a second home she owned. She insisted the house was vacant and the stove shut down. How could that vacated home have a higher bill than her own home in constant use? Petri felt her concern and

wished there was more they could do. Petri mentioned that all “before the meter was their responsibility, and all after the meter was her responsibility.” In sum, Clamon will be dispatched again to do some detective work and see if they can help isolate the usage. In other business, Clamon mentioned their city truck needed a new head gasket and was in the shop getting that done. The military dump truck will need inspection and looks to be a great asset in city maintenance. Petri was glad to announce that a new culvert was installed at the city park. For the first time in years, when the drainage work is finished, citizens will be able to park near the tennis courts.

# EXECUTE

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part in the decisions that we made, as well as the ones being currently made,” he said.  
THC is requiring the county to execute several measures within a 24-month timeframe, or by March 31, 2021, whichever should come first, at the county’s expense.

The county must procure the services of a preservation architect for all services related to the work required by THC, which includes the re-stuccoing of exterior brick walls and reversing the window replacements. There are five measures specified in the agreement. Before the authorization action item came up for a vote, some discussion was had about the process. Pct. 1 Commissioner Martin Nash prepared

a statement to read before voting. Nash said that he felt “comfortable” voting for the agreement, that it represents “our best avenue going forward,” but expressed frustration in his prepared remarks. “Being forced to return upgrades to a previous condition makes absolutely no sense. It has nothing to do with any historical presentation or preservation,” he said. “However, you can be assured Commis-

sioners Court is committed to [being] careful stewards of the fund[s] entrusted to us by the Tyler County [t]axpayers while trying to provide a Courthouse which we can all be proud of,” he continued.  
Blanchette said he “couldn’t agree more” with Nash’s statement, and said he is “hopeful we can begin to address the points [he] raised.”

# DETCOG

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from Harris County and the tribe now injects \$140 million into the regional economy according to Flores.  
“We would like to ask DETCOG to support my resolution,” said Flores. “That will be sent to Congressman Babin to show the regional support for our facility.”  
Flores also requested support from individual counties. DETCOG approved the resolution.  
The next item involved an application for Law Enforcement Training Grant.  
DETCOG Public Safety Planner Candy Hartman discussed this issue and its impact on the region.  
“We are getting ready to rewrite the grant for the law enforcement training,” said Hartman.  
In the past, the grant was a reimbursement program for travel and training for law enforcement.  
“We’re going to try to make this grant stretch a lot further,” said Hartman. “We’re going to reach at least twice as many officers by rewriting this grant.”  
The grant rewrite will make DETCOG a provider for the Texas Commission of Law Enforcement (TCOLE).  
“TCOLE is the agency who mandates the training for officers, dispatchers and jailers,” said Hartman. “We would be a provider for the TCOLE and we would bring the training to our region.”  
This will allow trainees to come to DETCOG for training at times instead of

going to other regions.  
DETCOG approved support for the application.  
DETCOG Executive Director Lonnie Hunt addressed an item regarding an update on a new building.  
“This building is a joint venture with DETCOG and the new non-profit organization that we helped create,” said Hunt. “The non-profit is called the Forest Country Development Corporation. They’re going to own the building. We’re going to lease it from them.”  
According to Hunt, the guaranteed maximum price for the building’s construction is \$2,668,020 with fees and other expenses bringing it to a total of \$2,917,520.  
Currently, DETCOG has resources for the project totaling at \$2,736,380.  
“We have enough to build the main building,” said Hunt. “The difference that’s causing us to be a little short is during the course of this project design, it was determined and the Building Committee recommended that we also add an additional storage building right behind our main building.”  
The storage building was recommended due to DETCOG’s situation with storage.  
“We’re currently paying \$1,100 a month to rent mini-warehouses in various places around Lufkin and Jasper to store materials that we don’t have room for,” said Hunt.  
The recommendation is to accept the guaranteed maximum price of \$2,917,520.  
“We are in need of \$181,140 to finish paying for this,” said Hunt.  
The project is a 14,080

square ft. building with an 1,800 square ft. storage facility. Hunt explained that the current facility for DETCOG is starting to become more expensive.  
“In three years, we’ll be paying over \$15,000 a month where we are,” said Hunt.  
DETCOG approved applying for grants to get the remaining funding. If a grant is not able to cover the funds, then DETCOG is expected to go for a loan.  
Hunt next discussed the Regional Broadband Planning Study for the DETCOG area.  
“It is moving right along,” said Hunt.  
The study is being performed by inCode Consulting and is supposed to span three milestones. Its purpose is to show a case for a need for broadband connections in the mostly rural DETCOG region.  
“We have now presented with the first milestone,” said Hunt.  
Engineers are looking into public services and organizations such as law enforcement, emergency services, schools, local governments and more in order to see how to provide broadband and related technology services to the area in order to make it more compatible in today’s digital economy.  
The study is expected to be completed by no later than the end of June 2019.  
“The next big step is going to be a real engineering and design study,” said Hunt.  
DETCOG’s hope is that the study will attract the needed funding to provide much needed broadband services for the region.  
Texas General Land Office (GLO) representative Jennifer Harris gave

updates to the Homeowner Assistance Program.  
“We have had 590 total applications throughout the DETCOG region,” said Harris. “At this time, there are about 233 applications completed and they are submitted for review.”  
The Homeowner Assistance Program (HAP) is meant to help local homeowners who lost their residence to the flooding caused by Hurricane Harvey.  
Two homes are already approved for construction.  
“We feel that is going to be a great marketing effort for our citizens that have suffered from Hurricane Harvey to apply for the program,” said Harris.  
Another program is the Homeowner Reimbursement Program, which is the first ever that the GLO has done of its kind. This program can help with the costs of those who engaged in repairing their homes prior to Feb. 28, 2019.  
“A survivor can be reimbursed for up to \$50,000,” said Harris.  
GLO wants to get satellite offices in each of the regions.  
“We’re working to have those co-located with our Homeowner Assistance Program to make it easier for our survivors,” said Harris.  
Harris announced upcoming events for the DETCOG region, including working with Pct. 1 and Pct. 4 of San Jacinto County on April 5 regarding intake activity. Another event is coming up on April 11 and 18 in Polk County. For more information, email jennifer.harris.glo@recovery.texas.gov.



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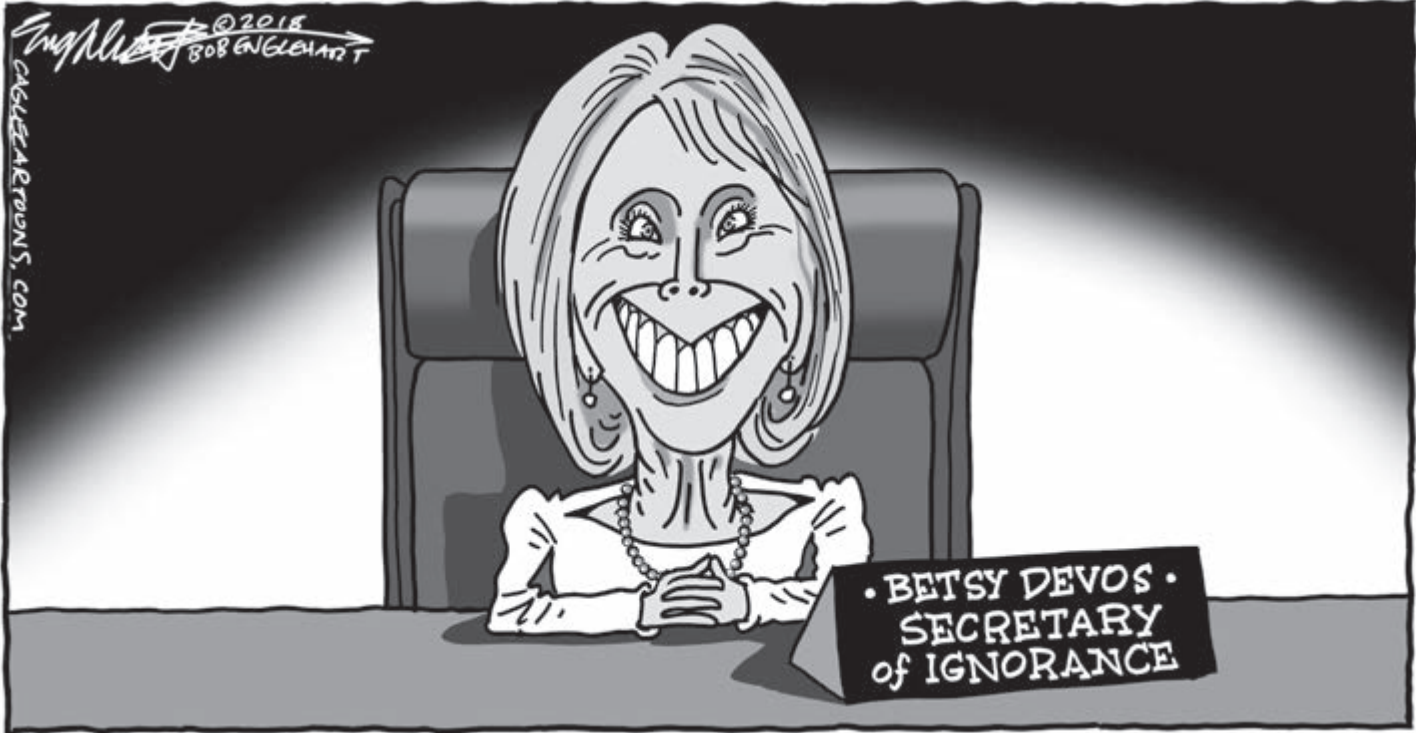
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# Betsy DeVos: A study in cruelty and incompetence

By Chris Edwards

The most dangerous and ridiculously unqualified of President Trump's cabinet appointees is back in the news, and not in a positive light, either.

Betsy DeVos, heiress of billionaires, yacht enthusiast and erstwhile Secretary of Education, who does not believe in public education, has been raked over the coals, and rightfully so. Instead of her usual activities of chipping away at budget items that for-profit learning institutions don't like, she's gone after the Special Olympics.

Yes, the Special Olympics.

It would take far more space than what is allotted for this column to really get into the ridiculous failure of DeVos in her position. For brevity's sake, I'll stick to the current controversy.

DeVos's proposed cuts to the federal budget include a total \$7.1 billion with all \$17.6 million of the Special Olympics allocation gutted. Of course, with Democrats in charge of the House, these proposed cuts have about as much of a fighting chance as a case of Topo Chico has lasting the week in my house. President Trump thankfully put the kibosh on her nefarious idea and said the program will continue to be funded. However, it's interesting to note that for once, a political controversy has united the two warring gang factions.

There's been bipartisan wailing and gnashing of teeth over DeVos's proposed cutting and most everyone seems to agree that the Special Olympics is an untouchable item on the federal budget; holier than Harry

Caray's cow. Rep. Joe Kennedy III, a Democrat whose great aunt Eunice Kennedy Shriver founded the event, voiced his opinion as did former Ohio governor John Kasich, a Republican.

Not too many years ago, the more hardcore Libertarian-minded me would have made a case for eliminating funding for any programs that didn't produce tangible results from the federal budget. That version of me didn't see much use in the Education Department, either, for that matter. Old and soft me, however, revels in events that spotlight the triumphs of the human spirit. Since its inception in 1968, the Special Olympics has shown our country as a leader in empowerment and inclusion of individuals with intellectual and physical disabilities. The organization has grown to provide year-round training and competitions to more than five million athletes and has partners in 172 countries.

The Special Olympics represents much more than a series of competitions; it helps arm participants with useful skills and the ability to persevere in healthy conflict, and the opportunity to feel pride in accomplishments. It wasn't always this way, as individuals with disabilities were not given such opportunities at one time. Instead, many of them were institutionalized or left to their own devices.

The culture of inclusion the Special Olympics helps to create has helped erode at the stereotypes that were once so pervasive with intellectually disabled individuals.

A congressional report in 2014 found

that a confluence of factors resulted in 1 in 3 Americans with disabilities living in poverty. Small wonder that there'd be no love lost between DeVos, who was estimated in 2017 to be worth an upwards of \$1.3 billion, and a charitable cause like the Special Olympics.

DeVos's rationale in her proposal was that the Special Olympics receives generous donations from philanthropic organizations and various sponsors that make up the bulk of its funding. This is true, but beyond any pragmatic reading of the proposal, our government's assistance in this program sends a positive message.

It helps show our country as a leader of inclusion. Things like the Special Olympics make us something exemplary; it shows us to be something besides the world's leading arms dealer or the leader in mass incarcerations.

Diversity and inclusion strengthen us and sends a strong message to the rest of the world, including some places where marginalized populations might not feel as included.

Such a message helps maintain America's greatness (or helps make it great again, if you believe it not to be), along with the work of teachers and other public servants, and of volunteers who help make events such as the Special Olympics a success.

Inclusivity, diversity and education should be key, wholesome values in our country. If Betsy DeVos were qualified to do the job she was appointed to, then she would have a better understanding of these values than she has demonstrated.

# Lawmakers discuss feral hogs, tobacco

MY FIVE CENTS...

By Robert Nichols

State Senator

While the Legislature has officially passed the 70th day, the halfway point of the session, most of the work is done in this last half of a long marathon.

Here are five things happening at your Capitol this week:

**INDIVIDUAL GRADUATION COMMITTEES**

During the 84th Legislative Session, SB 149 was passed, which created a special graduation committee for students who have been unable to pass up to two of the five end-of-course exams currently required to graduate from high school.

These individual graduation committees (IGC), made up of parents, principals, counselors and teachers, must consider a variety of factors to determine a student's eligibility for graduation, including grades, coursework, attendance rate and the scores on college entrance exams.

Students are required to pass all of the courses required to graduate in order to be eligible for the IGC process and must complete additional remediation and completion of a project in the area in which they failed

the exam. When the bill was originally passed in 2015, it was set to expire in 2017, and then was moved to expire in 2020.

After four academic years, data shows that IGCs are being used judiciously for deserving students. SB 213 was recently heard in the Senate Higher Education Committee, which extends the sunset date to 2023 to ensure this opportunity remains available for deserving students.

**HUNTING FERAL HOGS**

Texas is currently home to one of the largest feral hog populations in the United States with an estimated 2-3 million hogs in the state, with a large part of that population being in East Texas.

They can cause millions of dollars worth of damage on the land of farmers and property owners, as well as disrupt the natural patterns of other animals.

In an attempt to address this issue, the Legislature has previously passed legislation allowing individuals to hunt feral hogs from helicopters and hot air balloons and passed laws allowing a landowner to kill a feral hog if they are destroying their property at that time, without a hunting license.

Senate Bill 317, by Senator Bryan Hughes would allow a hog to be killed at anytime, whether they are destroying

property at the time they are killed or not, without a hunting license. The hope of this provision is to enable landowners to further protect their property from damage.

**LEGAL AGE TO PURCHASE TOBACCO**

National data shows approximately 95 percent of adult smokers began smoking before they turned 21, with many starting even younger. Currently, seven states and 380 cities have increased the minimum legal age of tobacco purchase to 21.

Supporters of increasing the age state that adolescents are particularly vulnerable to the addictive effect of nicotine and nicotine addiction and that it can inhibit the development of the brain and its cognitive functions. Those against the increase don't believe it will stop those under 21 from accessing tobacco.

SB 21 has been filed and recently heard in the State Affairs Committee. This bill would raise the minimum legal age of tobacco distribution, possession, purchase, consumption and receipt of cigarettes, e-cigarettes and tobacco products from 18 years of age to 21.

**DOGS ON PATIOS**

A few weeks ago, I wrote about SB 476, also known as the Fido-Friendly Outdoor

Dining Act. This week it was passed off the Senate floor and is now on its way to the House.

This bill would allow restaurant patrons to bring their dogs along with them to restaurants across Texas, which have patios and sidewalk cafés. Some of the requirements include a sign stating dogs are allowed should be posted; no food is prepared on patio; pets must be able to get to the outdoor area without walking through the restaurant interior, be on a leash and not sitting on a chair.

**BATTLESHIP TEXAS**

This week in 1945, the Battleship Texas supported the landings for the battle of Okinawa, which was the final great amphibious assault during World War II. This great ship, which also served in World War I, carried many soldiers and provided support during landings all throughout World War II.

When it was retired, it was given to the State of Texas and now sits as a memorial at the San Jacinto Monument in Houston.

As part of the duties of the Senate Finance workgroup I currently Chair, we are working to secure funding to ensure the Battleship Texas will be able to remain intact and available for future generations to tour and experience.

# Men's Suits: Are They on The Endangered List?

POLITICAL Tyrades!

by Danny Tyree

My octogenarian aunt has spoken wistfully of one of her older relatives who had operated a boarding house and required college students to show up for breakfast wearing suit and necktie.

Slob that I am, I nonetheless take vicarious pleasure in watching footage of crooners such as Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin nattily dressed as they belt out songs with intelligible lyrics.

But according to the recent Wall Street Journal article "Men Ditch Suits, and Retailers Struggle to Adapt," such images may go from seeming quaint to seeming totally alien. Sports apparel has grown 17 percent since 2015, but the U.S. men's suit market has shrunk eight percent. Even Goldman Sachs Group Inc. recently loosened its dress code.

Yes, several generations of men have grudgingly accepted traditional blue, gray or black suits as The Way It Has Always Been ("Sweating profusely: it helps take your mind off of being just another cog in the machine!"); but we should step back and look at the longer timeline. Do you realize how many legal codes were written, wildernesses were explored, wars were won, masterpieces were painted, and inventions were brainstormed by men wearing togas, robes, buckskin, knee breeches, kilts, and smocks?

"Sorry, Michelangelo. White out that ceiling and come back when you're in a more double-breasted phase."

I mean, when Jesus recruited sibling pairs as some of His apostles, he chose Peter and Andrew and James and John - not the BROOKS BROTHERS!

Dichard defenders of suits insist that we must Dress for Success. As their sales plummet, I must solemnly ask the stuffy executives, "How's that workin' for ya, Chuckles?" ("Oh, no - one of the rats leaving the sinking ship unraveled my fabric!")

I know that old-timers in the garment industry

are trying to be the Adults In The Room when they bemoan slovenly dress codes, but they're embodying the WORST aspects of parents. ("Why should you wear a suit? Because!!! Now stop crying or I'll give you something to cry about!")

Even in work environments with relaxed dress codes, some employees insist on wearing a suit. These are the firebrands who risk inciting brawls in bars by wearing a gray flannel MACA (Make America Conformist Again) cap.

These folks say that a suit just Makes A Statement, doggone it. Yes, a suit really says something about a man, something like, "I will handle your business professionally and conscientiously, just as soon as I pinch my secretary's derriere, smoke two packs of Marlboros, enjoy a three-martini lunch and make sure only white people have touched my 45 rpm phonograph records."

Suits are supposed to denote class and dignity; but given the number of morally fluid suit-wearing people in the fields of law, advertising and government, it's a wonder the clothing companies don't hire ZZ Top to perform "Every illegal carcinogen dumper's crazy 'bout a sharp-dressed man."

Maybe it's too little too late, but retailers are trying to blend traditional suit elements with plaid patterns, hoodies and sneakers. ("Suits: now roomy enough for fence straddling!")

It's hard to have sympathy for the clothing industry when they keep raising the bar and making you jump through hoops for their approval. The snobbiest purists sputter, "He bought it OFF THE RACK" with exactly the same intonation as "He just decapitated the Pope!"

"Yeah, but to his credit, he was SWEATING as he decapitated."

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# AG Ken Paxton applauds decision protecting private property rights

**AUSTIN** – Attorney General Ken Paxton today applauded a U.S. District Court after it agreed with a Texas county and landowner whose lawsuit seeks to delist the Bone Cave Harvestman – a tiny cave-dwelling arachnid – from the endangered list under the federal Endangered Species Act. This decision states that the United States Fish and Wildlife Service used the incorrect standard when deciding whether the Bone Cave Harvestman should be delisted under the Act and sent the case back to Fish and Wildlife for reevaluation. The attorney general filed a friend-of-the-court brief in the case.

Williamson County and property owner John Yearwood challenged the authority of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to use the Interstate Commerce Clause to regulate non-commercial interactions with the arachnid – which only exists in two Central Texas counties, is not bought nor traded in inter-

state commerce, and does not otherwise affect interstate commerce.

“The court’s decision is a victory for private property rights in Texas and a defeat for an unlawful Obama-era land grab,” Attorney General Paxton said. “As we argued in our friend-of-the-court brief, the Obama administration abused its power under the Endangered Species Act by unlawfully listing a species on the endangered list that only lives in the state of Texas and has no impact on interstate commerce.”

Under the Constitution, the federal government can only act when there is a direct logical connection between the subject being regulated and interstate commerce. A spider that only exists underground in two Texas counties and is neither a bought nor sold commodity fails that test by definition. For such localized species, it is the state and county, not the federal government, which can best address conservation.

Yearwood owns a 35-acre property in Williamson County that’s belonged to his family for more than 140 years. He lets community organizations and church groups use it at no charge for camping and other recreational purposes. But because the Bone Cave Harvestman was found on a portion of his property, Yearwood faced prosecution by the federal government if the arachnid was disturbed.

The harvestman, which dwells underground in limestone caves, has been listed as endangered since 1988. Williamson County currently maintains 11 harvestman habitat preserves on nearly 900 acres. Under the Obama-era edict, landowners who knowingly harm a Bone Cave Harvestman or its habitat could be subject to \$50,000 in fines and up to a year in prison. Development within 35 feet of a known harvestman cave required \$400,000 an acre in mitigation permits.

# CASA calls for volunteers during National Child Abuse Prevention Month

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, and CASA of the Sabine Neches Region is raising awareness about child abuse and neglect and the need for more dedicated members of the community to step up and become CASA volunteers.

When a child is placed in the foster care system due to abuse or neglect, they are often removed from their home and placed in state care – sometimes far away from their family, loved ones and community. CASA volunteers, or Court Appointed Special Advocates, are everyday people from all walks of life who are recruited and specially trained to advocate for these children and provide a consistent, reliable adult presence for them during a difficult time in their life.

“In addition to the trauma they have already experienced due to the initial abuse or neglect, foster care can take a toll on children,” said Codie Vasquez, Executive Director of CASA of the

Sabine Neches Region. “They need an advocate who will get to know them, speak up for them and ensure their needs are met while they are in the system, and that is what our volunteers provide.”

CASA volunteers are assigned to one child or sibling group to advocate for their best interest in court, in school and in other settings. They get to know the child, and everyone involved in their life, such as family members, foster parents, therapists and teachers, in order to develop a realistic picture of the child’s unique situation. They make recommendations to the judge overseeing the child’s case, with the goal of ensuring that the child is safe and has the resources needed to heal.

According to the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS), there were 520 victims of child abuse or neglect and a total of 715 children in the child protection system within the six counties served by CASA of the Sabine Neches Region, these include: Tyler, Hardin,

Jasper, Orange, Newton and Sabine counties.

“Even one child victim of abuse or neglect is too many, and it is critical that we continue to raise awareness of this issue in our community and nationwide,” said Vasquez. “But becoming a CASA volunteer is a way to take it beyond just awareness and do your part to help break the cycle for future generations.”

Statewide, the CASA movement is growing faster than ever before. Last year, the 71 CASA programs in Texas recruited a total of 10,856 CASA volunteers to advocate for 30,136 children.

“We at CASA of the Sabine Neches Region always hope for the day when CASA and a national month dedicated to child abuse prevention are no longer needed because all children have the safe, loving home they deserve,” said Vasquez. “Until then, we will continue to seek more members of the community to join our growing movement, and we will not rest until we can provide

a CASA volunteer for every child who needs one.”

We are requesting all who would like to participate to attend a vigil in memory of the 211 Texas children who died from child abuse or neglect in 2018 to join us at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 17 at the Woodville City Hall in Woodville.

The purpose will be to offer the community comfort and support for these losses as well as show the importance of identifying and reporting suspected abuse and neglect.

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. If you see abuse, report it to 1-800-252-5400 or go to [www.txabusehotline.org](http://www.txabusehotline.org). If a child’s life is in danger, call 911. For more information on CASA, visit [www.CASAsnr.org](http://www.CASAsnr.org) or [www.BecomeaCASA.org](http://www.BecomeaCASA.org). Information and Training Sessions are currently being offered, check [www.CASAsnr.org/events](http://www.CASAsnr.org/events) for the next session closest to you.

## JAIL REPORT

**Jail Bookings for March 25 through 31**

<b>Dezaerae Abair, 25, of Woodville</b> – Assault causing bodily injury	<b>James Randall Murray, 21, of Colmesneil</b> – Burglary of a building
<b>Billy Cain, 56, o Silsbee</b> – Possession /w/ intent to promote child pornography	<b>Kevin Lynn Parker, 50, of Hideaway</b> – Parole violation
<b>Truman Jay Davis, 47, of Woodville</b> – Driving while license invalid; defective brake light; no registration	<b>Tiffany Kay Sallas, 36, of Woodville</b> – Possession of controlled substance PG 1 <1G
<b>Granville Owen Dennis, Jr., 27, of Woodville</b> – Assault/family violence impede breath/blood; possession of marijuana <2 oz.	<b>Cory Robert Stark, 42, of Woodville</b> – Possession of marijuana <2 oz.; failure to maintain financial responsibility
<b>Tristan Fontenot, Jr., 21, of Houston</b> – Prohibited substance/item in correctional facility	<b>Virgil Wayne Sunday, 56, of Woodville</b> – Theft of property >=\$750 but <\$2,500
<b>Kionna Hawthorne, 25, of Woodville</b> – Credit/debit card abuse; Organized retail theft >=\$100 but \$750	<b>Joe Nathan Vann, III, 20, of Houston</b> – Prohibited substance/item in correctional facility
<b>Christopher Dashawn Montoya, 24, of Warren</b> – Aggravated assault causing serious bodily injury; criminal mischief >=\$750 but <\$2,500; Possession of dangerous drug	<b>Michael Clint Wallace, Jr., 42, of Kountze</b> – Indecency /w/ child sexual contact (x2); Continuous sexual abuse of young child/children
	<b>Damian Carroll Watts, 22, of Spurger</b> – Criminal trespass /w/ deadly weapon

# NewWave contest helps students dream bigger

**PHOENIX, ARIZ.** – Schools and organizations serving K-12 students in NewWave communities have the opportunity to win \$3,000 to fund their technology project or club as part of the NewWave “Dream Bigger” social media campaign.

Schools and organizations throughout the communities NewWave serves can enter to win simply by sharing a photo and written entry outlining how the money will be used to fund their technology project – whether for equipment, competition fees, field trips or otherwise – and how it benefits students. One entity will be selected to receive a \$3,000 prize.

“Our world is increasingly digital, and today’s students – being digital natives – are the

architects of our future,” said Julie Seff, Vice President of Residential Services. “From coding clubs to robotics teams, we are excited to see how students in our communities are utilizing technology to dream bigger and go further.”

Five finalists will be selected by NewWave and the winner will be determined by public voting which ends April 3. The finalists as well as the school or organization selected to receive the donation will be highlighted on NewWave’s Facebook page. NewWave Communications is a broadband company delivering high-speed Internet, TV and telephone services to residential and business customers in Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri and Texas.

# MEETING

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McFall (Master Beekeeper) shared his knowledge and experience of Piney Woods beekeeping. Tyler County remains an important stop on the mercantile-like “bee circuit” of California, Texas and the northern states. Currently beehives from almond growers recently out west – are now being placed locally. Of note, beekeeping focuses on the maintenance of bee colonies, commonly in beehive boxes. There are 40,000 – 60,000 bees in a colony and the goal is “to keep the colony one bee short of a swarm.” Mr. McFall highlighted “an average worker bee makes only about 1/12 teaspoon of honey in its lifetime. A hive must visit two million flowers and fly 55,000 miles to produce just one pound of honey. One bee

colony can produce 60 to 100 pounds of honey per year.” Landowners are usually paid in “honey” by professional beekeepers but many attendees were interested in raising bees and McFall advised a landowner should expect to devote 1 – 2 hours a week for 20 beehives.”

The final speaker was regional pond expert Ken Hall, CEO of Boatcycle. He presented options for managing unwanted vegetation in ponds, with a focus on using Tilapia to prevent weed growth. Silting on the sides of ponds creates shallow water that promotes algae and pondweeds (such as duckweed and watermeal), submerged plants (coontail, southern naiad, and hydrilla) and emergent plants (water primrose and waterlilies). To improve the quality of pond water, Mr. Hall encouraged landowners to first contact their county’s Texas A&M

AgriLife Extension Agent and maintain “fresh” weed samples for the agent’s identification. Hall emphasized proper alkalinity (pH) is important for a pond. Since the pH of the pond will vary as much as two points during the day, measurements should be taken several times daily in order to determine alkalinity. Ultimately, weeds can be controlled by either mechanical (earthmoving equipment), chemical or biological means. Mechanically removing weeds from a pond can be expensive; chemical treatments can produce short-term results, while biological solutions focus on introducing plant-eating fish such as the Mozambique tilapia. It is the only tilapia species legal for ponds in Texas and does not require a permit. Tilapia not only consume algae and some floating plants (azolla, duckweed and watermeal),

they also suppress mosquitoes and are an excellent food source for bass. The meeting concluded with a barbecue lunch and social.

The next Forest Landowners General Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 21. Preliminary Speakers include Jeff Parker from Parker Forestry who will illustrate the benefits of Geographical Information System (GIS) applications for landowners. Texas Parks and Wildlife Biologist Courtney McInerney will cover current wildlife observations and trends. Additionally, a local timber industry expert (TBD) will discuss emergent local trends concerning timber demand and markets. For more information and to get the latest Tyler County Forest Landowner updates, visit our website at <http://tcforest.org>.

**WESLEY HARRISON**

Wesley Harrison, 76, of Warren passed away Tuesday March 26, 2019. He was born in Staten Island, New York October 2, 1942. He was a retired fire fighter for the Hallandale Fire Department in Hallandale, Florida and a U. S. Air Force Veteran.

He is survived by his loving wife, Donna Harrison; daughters, Karla Beverly and Amy Harrison; sons, Mark Harrison, Shawn Remek, Bryan Remek, Carl Coulter; and numerous other family members and friends.


Cremation services were held under the direction of Riley Funeral Home and Crematory.

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# Lady Jackets win big against Apple Springs



**JANA RAYBURN | TCB**  
Lady Jacket Audrey Gilzow hit well in her team's recent win against the Apple Springs Lady Eagles. The Lady Jackets won the game 17-2.

By Jana Rayburn

**LADY JACKET SOFTBALL -** The Chester Lady Jacket softball team played in Big Sandy on Tuesday, March 26. The Lady Jackets made more errors than they could make up for in their 4-20 loss to the Lady Wildcats. The girls traveled to Apple Springs on Friday, March 29 for their second game against the Lady Eagles. Coach Becki Byrd said, "We did our jobs and it came together. We weren't error free, but our bats were moving, and the errors didn't cost as much." The Lady Jackets defeated the Lady Eagles 17-2 to bring their district record to 4-3. Currently, the Lady Jackets

are in first place out of the 1A teams in their district. The Lady Jackets will have non-district game on Friday against the Bob Hope Lady Eagles. The game will start at 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 9, the Lady Jackets will play Zavalla at home at 4 p.m.

**YELLOWJACKET BASEBALL -** The Chester baseball team only had one game this week, as they had a bye on Tuesday. The Jackets traveled to Broadus to take on the Bulldogs on Friday, March 29. The Jackets had a lot of trouble with the Bulldogs, and errors did not help. The Jackets lost the contest 2-12. The Jackets will have a busy weekend, playing both Friday night and Saturday

morning. The Jackets will host the San Augustine Wolves on Friday, April 5 at 4 p.m. On Saturday, April 6 at 9 a.m., Chester will host the Colmesneil Bulldogs. The Yellowjackets will play at home again on Tuesday, April 9 at 4 p.m. against the West Sabine Tigers.

**YELLOWJACKET TRACK AND FIELD -** The Chester track team competed in the Rainey Relays at Evadale High School on Thursday, March 28. Faith Loughner was the only one to receive a medal. She placed second in the 100-meter hurdles. The junior high track teams will travel to Livingston on Thursday, April 4 to compete in their district track meet.



Cord Neal, a 2017 graduate of Chester High School, is currently a student-athlete at SFA. He recently competed at the University of Louisiana of Lafayette, University of Texas San Antonio and at the Texas Relays held at the University of Texas in Austin. Cord's current distance in the javelin is the second highest in the Southland Conference this season.



PHOTO BY LISA ALEGRE

Senior Leah White is down and ready to play defense for the Lady Dogs.

## Bulldogs take on spring sports with full force

By Brooke Mitcham

**BASEBALL -** The Bulldog baseball team faced the tough competition of West Sabine on Tuesday, March 26. The Bulldogs started off the game strong as Senior Jackson Dannelley struck the first three batters out. A passed ball led to the Bulldog scoring their first run, and Sophomore Jay Johnson had a great hit to right field and got a double. The score going into the seventh inning was 3-4, and the Bulldogs were down. The Bulldogs only let West Sabine score one run in the top of the seventh. Johnson hit the ball into a hole behind second base and was able to score on a passed ball. Sadly, the Bulldogs were not able to pull out a win and the final score of the game was 4-5. The final stats of the game were, Dannelley struck out 13 batters and only gave up three hits with two earned runs. Johnson went 2-3 at the plate, Colby Brack and Dallen Pate had the other two hits during the game. The Bulldogs played Burkeville on Friday, March 29, to start the second round of district and won 20-4. Sophomore Dallen Pate had seven strikeouts over three innings. The Bulldogs started off the second round of district in the right direction. The Bulldogs

will take on Brookeland on Tuesday, April 2, at home and Varsity will start at 6 p.m. On Friday, April 5, the Bulldogs will play at home against Chireno at 4 p.m.

**SOFTBALL -** The Lady Dog softball team did have a game on Tuesday, March 26. The Lady Dogs traveled to Angelina College in Lufkin on Thursday, March 28, to watch Colmesneil Alumni, Mckayla Marshall. Marshall plays for the Paris Lady Dragons, and the softball team got to see a college game and the opportunities that are available after high school. On Friday, March 26, the Lady Dogs traveled to Zavalla, and pulled out a win 13-0. Sophomore Jamie Alegre threw her second no hitter of the season. The Dogs were also able to get their bats swinging and had a smooth victory over Zavalla. The Lady Dogs will play on Tuesday, April 2, against Spurger at the Alicyn D. Mitcham Field. Varsity will begin at 6 p.m. The Groveton game that was supposed to take place on Friday, April 5, has been rescheduled due to other UIL events.

**TRACK AND TENNIS -** The District Track meet will take place on April 8, in Zavala. The District Tennis meet will take place on April 10, at Crown Colony in Lufkin.

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# Ragball tourney benefits family

By Bailey Moore

**RAGBALL TOURNAMENT** - The Warren community came together Saturday night to raise money for Hallie Jo Nevins, Kady Rawls, and Damita Colotta who recently lost their home.

Twenty-one teams showed up to participate and support this family. Everyone came out and helped at in every way possible. The winners of the tournament were the “Has Beens”.

**BASEBALL** - Special news for Warren Warrior Baseball team, one of their own Brody Brockman has verbally committed to the University of Houston Downtown to play baseball. Everyone here in Warren is very proud of this accomplishment Brody has made.

In other news the Warren Warriors are now 2-4 in district and plan to continue to gain win after win throughout this second round.

The Warriors took home two wins last week against East Chambers and Anahuac. Tuesday night the Warren Warriors went up against the East Chambers Buccaneers in East Chambers. On the mound Tuesday was senior, Brody Brockman who pitched a great game striking out 3 batters. Alongside the performance on the mound, on short stop sophomore Trace Daigle played an excellent game on defense.



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Skylar May gives it her all for the Lady Warriors during a track and field event.

The Warriors also competed great at the plate scoring 11 runs on East Chambers. Chace Sims went 5-5 with 6 RBI's against East Chambers.

The Warriors won against the Buccaneers 11-8. Then on Friday night at home the Warriors took on the Anahuac Pirates. Trace Daigle, a sophomore, pitched for the Warriors

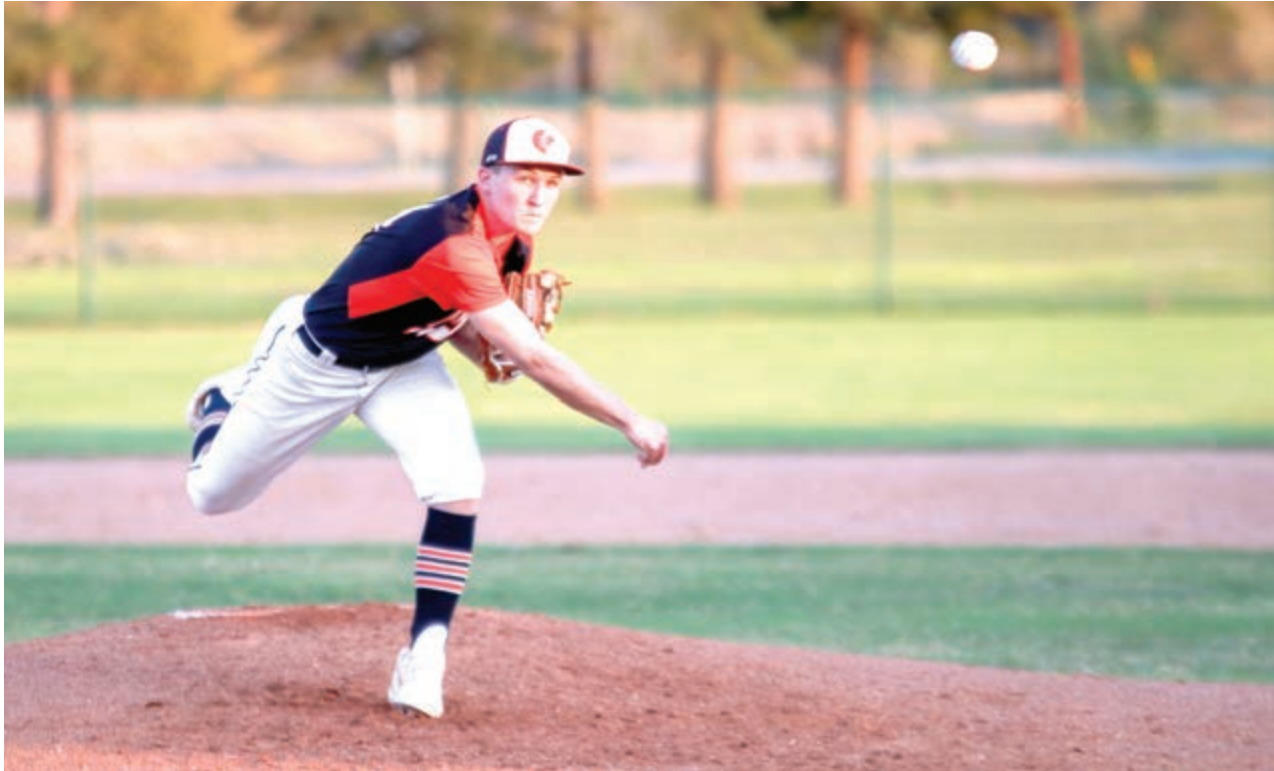


PHOTO BY CARRIE STANDLEY

Brody Brockman takes the mound for the Warriors.

against the Pirates.

Daigle struck out six batters while on the mound. The Warriors were also very productive at the plate scoring 14 total runs. Austin Scherry had six RBI's against Anahuac. The final score for this game was 14-4 with another Warrior win. The Warriors will continue district play this week

playing Kountze on Tuesday and Hardin on Friday.

**SOFTBALL** - The Lady Warriors took home a big win against the East Chambers Buccaneers like the baseball team. The Warren Lady Warriors softball team played East Chambers Tuesday night in East Chambers. Pitcher Claire McEachern was on

the mound this night. The Lady Warriors also did an excellent job at the plate scoring 21 total runs on East Chambers. The Lady Warriors also faced off against Anahuac but however fell short in the end. The Lady Warriors will enter their second round of district this Tuesday against Kountze.

# Woodville splits district games with Corrigan; Tennis team totes home more hardware

By Hale Hughes

**WOODVILLE** - The Corrigan-Camden Dogs and Lady Dogs travelled to Woodville last week to compete in district competition. The Lady Eagles softball team watched Corrigan get an early lead that Woodville scratched and clawed at late in the game at, getting within a run at one point, but ultimately couldn't recover from in a 9-4 loss to Corrigan-Camden last Tuesday. Corrigan came out aggressive early and took the lead on a Lady Dog homer in the first inning that scored three runs for the visitors. From then on, Woodville turned up their intensity and went toe to toe with the Lady Dogs. In the fifth and sixth innings, Woodville showed real inner grit and fought to bring the score to within one run, down only 4-5 at the end of the sixth inning and a real opportunity to make a game of it. The stands were full of fans and filled with excitement for both squads as the final inning got underway. The Lady Dogs scored four runs in the top of the seventh inning, extending their lead 9-4 to put the game on ice. Woodville did not score in the bottom of the seventh. Kristina Nash led things off in the circle for Woodville. Nash has been improving on her pitching through the season and struck out 11 batters against Corrigan and allowed eight hits. Senior Koral Styestine led the Lady Eagles with two hits in three plate appearances. Over on the baseball diamond, both Woodville and Corrigan were solid on the mound Tuesday evening.



PHOTO COURTESY OF TYLER WORD

**The Raquet Pack** - Sam Shirley, Logan Tullos, Brooke Byley, Coach Tyler Word, Malaysia Williams and Caleb Powell pose after winning gold medals in their tournament divisions.

Corrigan was only able to get five hits on the night against the Woodville pitchers. Senior Reese Shaw started the game for Woodville and showed resilient pitching throughout the contest. Shaw allowed those five hits over six and a third innings while striking out six and walking one. “Man, Shaw pitched one heck of a game for us,” head coach Woody McClendon said following the game. “He hung tough for us and was just real gritty there on the mound. I’m really proud of him.” Corrigan-Camden drew first blood and scored first on an error in the top of the first inning. The Eagles maintained focus and Kaden Young scored on an error by the Bulldogs. Woodville took the lead for good in the third inning when senior Marcos Broom scored a run stealing home after hitting a triple. Connor Risinger relieved Shaw with two outs left in

the final inning. Risinger was credited with the win as he finished strong for the Eagles. Shaw, Broom, Trey Hickman and Truett McCollum each had hits for the Eagles.

## EAGLE TENNIS HAS GREAT SHOWING IN BEAUMONT TOURNEY

Last Friday, the Eagle Tennis team participated in the Sheila McInnis Invitational at Lamar University. This tournament was the largest tournament to date that the Eagles competed in with a total of 18 schools represented. Senior Brooke Byley won the girls' singles tourney by taking down PNG 8-5 in the finals. Sam Shirley and

Logan Tullos were up to the task as they won the boy's doubles by defeating West Brook 8-6 in the finals. The third winners from Woodville were Caleb Powell and Malaysia Williams who won mixed doubles by defeating Kountze soundly by an 8-4 score in the finals. Head coach Tyler word shared his thoughts on the team after the tournament. “I thought it was a great showing by our team today. We are eliminating mistakes that we were making in the earlier tournaments and it is showing in the close matches,” he said. “I’m super proud of Sam and Logan in the way they were pulling it out in the close matches,” he explained. Word continued,

“Logan and Tullos were back and forth in the semifinal and finals match but stepped up their game at the end of each set to close the door. They maintained their composure and fought hard every point. I thought that they both were mentally dialed in throughout the tournament. Word also had praise for Byley after the tournament. “Brooke just killed her opponents with consistency. She is hard to beat because she rarely beats herself,” Word explained. He continued to describe Byley's journey, “This is her fourth tournament win this year and winning is something she is starting to expect. Her confidence has really complimented the work she has

put in and now she is reaping what she has sowed.” Word noted that the most consistent winners this year were Powell and Williams, who won their sixth tournament in a row. “What they are doing right now,” Word began, “is something really special. Those two come in, and set the tone at practice, not just for themselves but the whole team, and that intensity that they bring translates into their tournament matches. It's really fun to watch them right now,” Word said. Word closed by stating that it is his hope that the Eagle tennis team can continue their trend and get better so they can make a strong run in the latter part of the season.



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Stephen Nixon caught his 78 pound blue cat at Tawakoni while drifting a chunk of gizzard shad over the same area that produced Rogers' cat.

# FAT CATS

Tawakoni rod and reelers score 67-pound youth state record, 78-pounder on same day

by Matt Williams  
Outdoors Writer

Word travels fast when a youngster reels in a great big fish.

Just ask Brayden Rogers of Cisco. The 13-year-old angler caught a 67-pound blue catfish on March 16 at Lake Tawakoni. He's been bombarded by a media blitz ever since as news outlets all over the country -- some from as far away as Maine -- continue to pick up on a story built around the Cisco Junior High 7th grader and his kingsize whiskered fish.

"It's been unreal," said Amanda Rogers, the angler's mother. "The story is everywhere. Brayden keeps telling me 'but it's just a fish, mom.' I'm like, yeah, but it's a really big fish. He's a pretty humble kid."

Rogers' mom is right about the size of the fish.. In fact, the fat cat is big enough that will likely dethrone Lane Ferguson's 66.20 pounder as the heaviest blue cat ever caught in Texas on a rod and reel by a youth angler. Ferguson caught his fish in Dec. 2011 at Lake Worth, a 3,500-acre lake located in Fort Worth. He was 12 at the time.

Rogers' paperwork on the 47-inch long fish has been submitted to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. It is currently awaiting approval and certification through the state's Angler Recognition Program.

### LAND OF THE GIANTS

It's was a nice surprise to hear that a kid had caught such a big fish, but it wasn't much of a shock to learn that it was pulled from Tawakoni.

The 38,000-acre reservoir located 45 miles east of Dallas ranks among the best in the state for trophy-size catfish of all kinds. The lake record blue cat is 87.50 pounds and the record flathead is 88.00 pounds. The lake record channel cat is a 29.80 pounder.

TPWD fisheries biologist Jake Norman of Tyler says

Rogers' catfish reflects the quality of fish Tawakoni is capable of producing in numbers. He suspects there are plenty of bigger ones in the lake, too.

"There's no doubt about about it," Norman said. "It's a great fish. It wouldn't surprise me to see some more water body records broken there in the next year or two. The guides up there are really good at catching these big fish, the regulations are tailored towards making it a trophy fishery and the fish are growing."

### REELING IN THE RECORD

Rogers caught the big cat during a spring break fishing trip with his grandfather, Steve Billings, and cousin, Trent Huffman, both of Ranger. The anglers were fishing with Noel Ibarra, a full-time guide with Michael and Teri Littlejohn's Tawakoni Guide Service.

The guide had staged a drift over 22-25 feet of water at the north end of the lake using fresh gizzard shad heads for bait. Roughly 20 minutes into the first drift, something big gobbled up Rogers' bait.

The youngster battled the fat cat for about 10 minutes before Ibarra got a net under the big fish and wrestled it aboard.

Ibarra, 40, said he has been guiding on Tawakoni since 2000. He has seen dozens of whopper blue cats, including an 80 pounder that one his customers caught last year. He feels certain there are even bigger one finning around out there.

"Absolutely there are," he said. "There have been some 80 pounders released that could easily go in the 90s by now. Personally, I believe there is a 105 pounder out there right now. These fish are really fat and healthy."

Ibarra said he said he knew from the moment the fish grabbed Rogers' bait that it was a giant.

"You can tell by the take down on the rod," he said. "I could tell by the way the fish bent Brayden's pole over that it was 60 pounds or better."

When I saw it come up beside the boat I felt pretty certain it was a new record or really close to it."

Ibarra didn't waste anytime finding out. The group cut the trip short and took the fish to Trotline Bait and Tackle shop in West Tawakoni, where it was weighed on certified scales. Rogers said the 67-pound fish was nearly double the size of any fish he had previously caught.

"My biggest fish before this was a 34-pound red snapper I caught deep sea fishing," Rogers said. "My pappy told me there are some massive catfish in Tawakoni, so I was pretty excited about the chances of catching one. It feels awesome to have the record."

Interestingly, Rogers wasn't the only Tawakoni angler who found the big ones biting that day.

Roughly six hours after the youth reeled in the 67 pounder, Stephen Nixon of Woodson boated a 78-pound blue cat, also using a big fresh chunk of gizzard shad. He was accompanied by fishing guide Michael Littlejohn.

"Both of those fish came from exact same area, probably 50 yards apart," Littlejohn said. "It's a big flat the fish are using as they transition to spawn. Those fish are on the move right now."

According to Teri Littlejohn, Rogers and Nixon elected to donate their fish to the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center in Athens for live display in one of the facility's large aquariums. TFFC aquarium curator Wayne Heaton says the two catfish are currently in quarantine and undergoing treatment.

"They appear to be doing just fine right now, but it's still pretty early in the quarantine period," Heaton said. "They will probably be in quarantine for 30-60 days. After that we'll make the decision as to where we'll put them."

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Cheyenne Dryden pitching for the Lady Pirates.

# Spurger tennis team advances to Regionals

By: Jennifer LeBouef

High School track competed in the Hull Daisetta Invitational on March 22. The Pirates added additional medals to their already successful season. Girls High Jump - Hannah Balla 3<sup>rd</sup>, Girls Triple Jump - Mckenzy Hatton 4<sup>th</sup>, Girls 800M Run - Sayri Urias Jiminez 5<sup>th</sup>, Girls 1600 M Run - Urias Jiminez 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 100M Hurdles - Hatton 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The following week on March 28, high school track attended the Evadale Invitational. Spurger held their own and finished well against a host of larger schools. Boys Discus - Samuel Tompkins 6<sup>th</sup>, Girls Discus Tabitha Martin 6<sup>th</sup>, Girls Long Jump - Balla 5<sup>th</sup>, Girls Triple Jump - Hatton 6<sup>th</sup>, and Girls 100M Hurdles - Hatton 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The Lady Pirates softball team was on the road to play Zavalla on March 26. The ladies fought hard and after seven innings came away with their first district win 19-11. Cheyenne Dryden pitched seven good innings with three hits and four RBIs. Abigail Simmons had two hits and three RBIs. All but one starter scored for the Pirates.

They traveled to Groveton on March 29 for JV and varsity softball play. Spurger JV played well and gained some much-needed experience but came up short. Varsity played next and had a good defensive game but couldn't get the win against 2A Groveton. Coach Mark McCoy said, "We played great defensively. We are taking steps forward and playing much better. We still have little things to work out but are making strides in the right direction." The ladies will play in Colmesneil

on April 2 at 6:00 before coming back home on April 5 to play Big Sandy at 4:00.

Spurger Pirate baseball played 2A Deweyville at home on March 26. Dalton Holley continued to be vital at first base, as he and his teammates got several runners out. Tyler Dozier caught a hit at third and threw to first for the out. Samuel Simmons had a solid hit to the outfield which allowed him to make it on second. The team battled it out, but after seven innings was unable to come away with the win.

The baseball team was on the road for their final game of the week against Deweyville on March 29. Billy Williams was walked to first base and then went on to steal second. Dozier had a base hit to first which allowed Simmons to score for Spurger. Bryce Oseguera made his pitching debut for the Pirates and had a series of strikes. Although Spurger did not secure the win, the boys and coaches remained focused and competitive from start to finish. Next up, the boys will play Evadale at home on April 2 at 4:00 and away at Evadale on April 5 at 6:00.

The Pirate tennis team had their district meet on Monday, April 1. Spurger won the overall Team Championship for boys and girls. Qualifiers for the Regional meet are: Boys Singles - Hagen Shoemaker 1<sup>st</sup>, Boys Doubles - Kyle Mott and Gage Applegate-Winkle 1<sup>st</sup>, Mixed Doubles - Gracie Greenwood and Hunter Jenkins 1<sup>st</sup>, and Mixed Doubles - Kendall Gray and Colton Jenkins 2<sup>nd</sup>. Girls Doubles teams advancing to Regionals are: Brooke Ellis and Lauren Griffin, Mckenzy Hatton and Shelly Martin.

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# Custer’s March through Tyler County Part 4

Part 4 of a six-part series exploring General George Custer’s grueling trek though East Texas and Tyler County. Ordered to march from Alexandria, Louisiana to Austin, Texas in 1865, the Piney Woods presented a daunting challenge to Custer and his 3000 battle-hardened troops. A poorly equipped expedition along with snakes, chiggers, scorpions, centipedes, mosquitos and the August heat presented a trial as equal to their former foe — the Confederate army

**By Col. Eddie Boxx**

Thanks to Lt Col Thomas M. Browne we have a daily log of the march and at times, wry commentary of Custer’s cavalry in East Texas. Initially commissioned as a captain from Indiana, Browne served bravely during the Civil War and rose to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

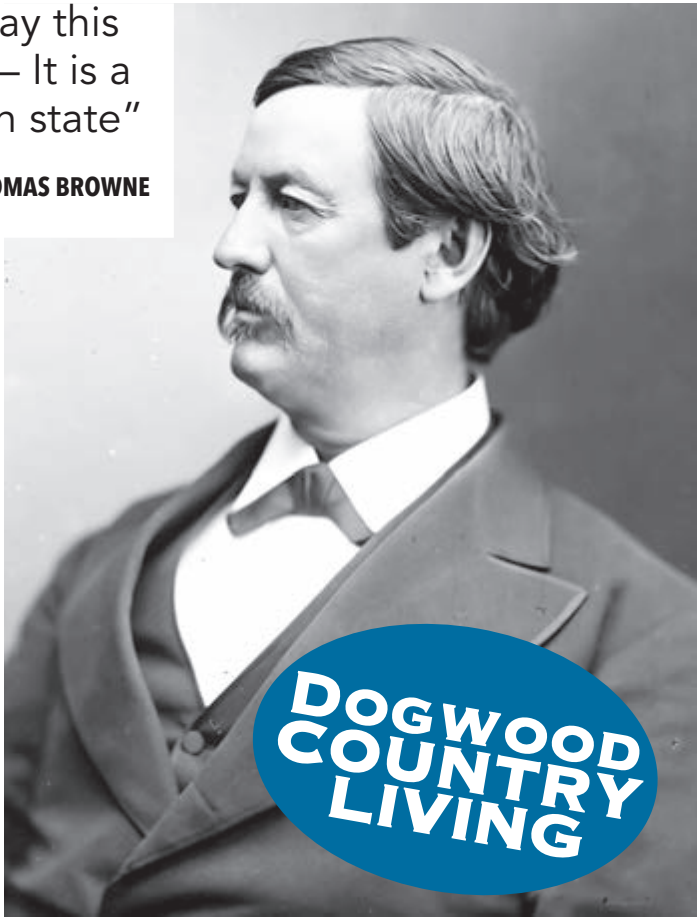
After the hostilities ended in the east with the Appomattox surrender (instead of returning home to Indiana) Brown and his troopers rode west. During the conflict, the Lone Star state had successfully repealed the northern armies and thus Union leaders feared a rebel-led insurgency. The volunteers chafed under the command of Custer – a strict, regular army officer and even Browne resented his overbearing leadership. Morale was so bad that Custer slept with a pistol under his pillow – not for protection from the former Confederates, but from his own men. While he resented Custer, Browne (for a Union officer who had been fighting Texans for years) shows an unexpected admiration for the former republic and southern state. On August 13, he crosses the Sabine and enters Texas.

He acknowledges the “chivalric soil of the Lone Star state” that had withstood Yankee occupation. He next spends hours with an elderly man whom he calls “an original Texan” – a veteran of the 1836 War of Independence

“I can say this of Texas – It is a very mean state”

LT. COL. THOMAS BROWNE

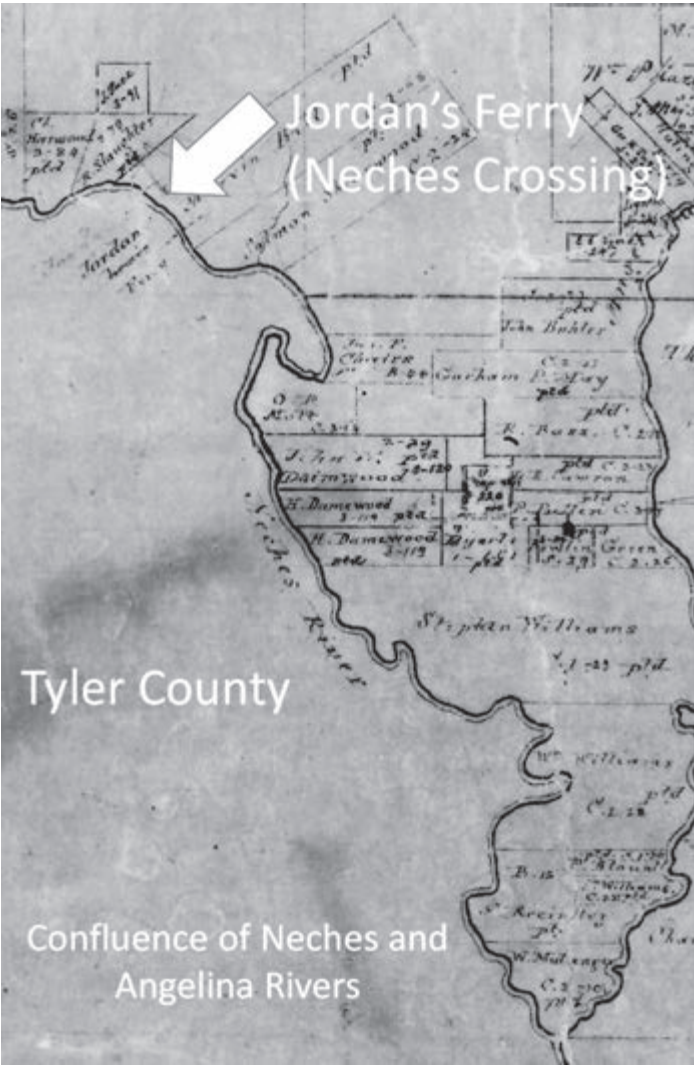
and 1845 Mexican War. On 14 August Browne notes the division stopping at Faris Mill (between Newton and Jasper counties on Cow Creek) where he unknowing pitched his tent over a yellow jacket nest. After a bivouac in Jasper, Custer and his men tack northeast and camp near the Angelina River “about 15 miles from its confluence with the Neches River.” On 17 August, the division fords the Angelina but the higher waters of the Neches forced the construction of a temporary pontoon bridge. As Browne nears Jordan’s Ferry in Tyler County, he describes a remote and rugged landscape. “Pines and deer, bugs, snakes and gallinippers [mosquitos] inhabit the whole face of the earth.” After the Neches crossing, Custer’s men traveled a few miles and made camp where Browne laments, “we camped in the woods after a short march and enjoyed the usual luxury of bitten to almost to death by the infernal bugs.” On 18 August along Tyler County’s “Old Beef Trail,” the veteran cavalry officer, in exasperation, writes, “Marched out of the woods, into the woods, and camped God only knows where. I could not find anybody during the whole day to inquire where I was, so I can simply



Lt Col Thomas Browne of the Indiana 7th Calvary documented the remoteness of post-Civil War Tyler County. He was not a fan of his commander Gen Custer nor the Piney Woods of Texas.

say that I was in the woods all day and camped in the woods at night.” Eventually he makes to the Trinity River where the ordeals of Piney Woods end, but not before pitching his tent in the aptly named “Camp Rattlesnake” as the men killed dozens and went to bed dreaming of serpents. As the Civil War veterans depart Tyler County along the Long King Trace, they have had enough of the East Texas. One Iowa trooper writes home he would rather “go through

hell than to go through Texas with Custer again” and Lt Col Browne exiting Tyler County writes, “I can say this of Texas generally. It is a very mean state.” In 1866, Browne eventually escapes reconstruction Texas and returns to Indiana and in 1872 defeated a future president (Benjamin Harrison) as the republican nominee for governor. Browne lost to the democrat candidate but later was elected as a representative to congress – an office he held for 14 years. While



An 1847 map showing Jordan's Ferry along the Beef Trail – the location where Gen Custer and his 3,000 soldiers entered Tyler County.

Browne abhorred Custer’s leadership, one incident gives insight to the general’s sense of humor and their strained relationship. When the cavalry division neared its final destination of Austin, Custer rode through the German settlement of Bastrop. The civic leaders requested a speech from the famous Union commander, but he deferred to a German-speak-

ing Lt Col Browne who was a short distance behind leading the main column of soldiers. As Browne later entered Bastrop and met the town elders, one can only imagine his confusion once he was told by the mayor to please go ahead and address the community in German – a language incidentally Lt Col Browne did not speak.

**PHOTO COURTESY OF KELLY DEVRIES**

Willie Gibson received the Golden Trowel Award from Magnolia Lodge #495 for his long-time service on Saturday, March 30. He is flanked by District Deputy GM Donald Horton (L) and Texas Grand Master of Masons Tommy Frank Chapman. The award is a great honor for a Mason who has distinguished himself over the years in service and dedication to the lodge within the principles of Freemasonry that strive to make good men better in service to their God, their family and their country.



## Jasper Praise Choir spring concert scheduled

The Greater Jasper Praise Choir is hosting their 2019 Spring Concert, entitled “Honor God’s Word” at First Baptist Church in Jasper on Monday, April 8 at 7 p.m.

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ing new ministry of the choir includes traveling to sing concerts for inmates in area prisons.

Soloists for the concert include Ernie and Annie Stewart, Andrew Mathews, and Eddie Hopkins. More featured soloists and performers include the Jasper Assembly of God Church singers, Terressa Follett and signers Kathleen Wade and Susan Humphrey.

An accomplished Biblical Storyteller, Elizabeth Adkisson of Hillister, will open the concert, presenting Scripture in a new and exciting way. The choir’s accompanist is Woody Wade, Minister of Music at First Baptist Church of Jasper.

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# Concoction promised to cure corpulence

The tired trail driver alighted from his saddle, tied his horse and waddled toward the chuck wagon. Breathing dust behind cantankerous longhorns all morning had the Texas drover mighty hungry for lunch.

“What’s for dinner, Cookie?”  
“This ain’t Delmonico’s,” the master of the chuck wagon replied. “Same thing’s yestiddy...fried steak, taters, biscuits, molasses and Arbuckle’s.” (The West’s favorite coffee before Starbucks.)

Ravenous as he was, the cowpoke gazed down at his ample belly, a spread that looked about as big as King’s Rancho down in South Texas. He really needed to lose some weight.

“I was thinking baked chicken breast with herbal seasoning, lightly sauteed mushrooms, steamed asparagus...maybe some canned tomatoes,” he said. “I need to do something about this danged corpulence. I’ve awled two extra notches in my belt and my horse’s been breathin’ hard when I’m in the saddle. Shoot, I start blowin’, too, ever time I climb on him.”

The cook spat in the fire, barely missing the beans slow cooking for the cowboys’ evening meal.

“If you don’t like my grub, maybe YOU should start cooking for the boys.”

Normally, the threat of having to rustle up his own victuals shut up even the most vociferous of complaining trail hands. But this young man really wanted to shed the love handles before he and the boys hit the Dodge City dance halls. It was time to start banting.

Then the cowboy remembered an ad he’d seen in the Austin Statesman. He’d bought a copy as their herd went up Congress Avenue right after crossing the Colorado.

“Reckon you don’t happen to have a bottle of Allan’s Anti-Fat?” the weight-conscious drover asked in near desperation.

COLUMNIST  
Texas Tales  
By Mike Cox



While the foregoing is fanciful, a little research shows that some early Texans were as worried about their waistline as they were about the spread of newly invented barbed wire.

Delving into arcane cultural history is something there’s plenty of time for when you’re only consuming 800 calories a day on a medically supervised weight loss program. After all, it only takes seconds to open a packet, mix the powder into eight ounces of water, and enjoy either a strawberry, vanilla or chocolate shake. And there’s no shopping, cooking, washing dishes or eating out.

“Corpulence is not only a disease itself, but the harbinger of others,” the Greek Hippocrates wrote back when he and his fellow Mediterranean thinkers were busy coming up with all the many truths that still hold up.

But a 19th century man is credited with inventing the notion of losing weight in deference to one’s health or appearance. His name was William Banting, and depending on the source, he was either a London upholsterer or undertaker. Not disputed is that he suffered from corpulence.

“In a year and 17 days,” the El Paso Times of Nov. 8, 1890 informed its readers, Banting “reduced his weight from 202 pounds to 156. He elaborated a dietetic method of curing corpulence, which method is now known by his name.”

Yes, for generations, going on a diet was called “banting.” And being overweight was known as corpulence.

Mr. Banting had deduced during



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the Civil War that eating fewer carbohydrates and consuming less sugar led to weight loss. By the 1870s, the quack medicine industry was making money off narcotic or alcohol-laden preparations that did at least make you feel like you were better. Perhaps they could offer their customers something to help them in banting.

The June 22, 1878 Austin Daily Statesman carried an ad from J.C. Allan’s Botanic Medicine Co. of Buffalo, NY touting a concoction called Allan’s Anti-Fat. The ad featured an engraving showing a woman before taking Allan’s Anti-Fat and after. The drawing on the left depicted a large and sad looking lady. On the right was the same woman, now of normal size and a happier countenance.

“Purely vegetable and perfectly harmless,” the ad declared, the preparation “...acts upon the food in the stomach, preventing its being converted into fat.”

Of course, the ad continued, one must follow the directions when using Allan’s Anti-Fat. But for those who did, the ad went on, “it will reduce a fat person from two to five pounds per week.” Left unsaid, though implied, was that users of Allan’s Anti-Fat could eat anything they wanted. This miraculous remedy cost only \$1.50 a bottle at drug stores or “by express.” Three bottles (the ad cleverly said a “quarter-dozen”) only cost \$4.

The following month, the Capital City daily carried a short item that today we’d call an advertorial. “Fat People Easily Sunstruck,” the headline warned. Then: “Fat people are not only liable to sudden death from heart disease, apoplexy, etc., but statistics show...they are more liable than others to sunstroke and affections arising from extreme heat.”

What was a cowboy on the Chisholm Trail to do?

Thankfully some reassuring news: “An extensive experience in

the treatment of corpulence has resulted in the introduction of Allan’s Anti-Fat, a safe, certain, and speedy remedy for the cure of this terrible condition. If corpulent people who are exposed to the rays of the sun value life, and a comfortable existence, let them use Allan’s Anti-Fat.”

By late September, the Statesman ran a Botanic ad containing letters from happy customers. While all the correspondence reported excellent results, none came from west of the Mississippi. (Which may explain the company’s Texas advertising campaign.)

This ad offered even more good news. Not only did Allan’s Anti-Fat cure corpulence, it purified the blood, promoted digestion, cured dyspepsia and “is...a potent remedy for rheumatism.”

Well, it’s about time for another faux milkshake. Anyone know where you can buy Allan’s Anti-Fat?

# House, Senate continue to move closer to passing budget

**AUSTIN** – Last week, with 60 days remaining until the end of the 140-day regular session of the 86th Texas Legislature, the House and Senate vaulted closer toward finalizing a state budget.

On March 27, the House of Representatives voted 149-0 in favor of HB 1, its version of the state budget for fiscal years 2020 and 2021. The lower chamber’s bill allocates some \$251 billion to cover the two years and puts \$9

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billion more than the current budget into education reform, including a teacher pay increase and pension funding, and property tax reform.

SB 1, the Senate’s version of the state budget, is scheduled for more early-April hearings in the Senate Finance

Committee before coming to a Senate floor vote. SB 1, like HB 1, presently contains some \$9 billion for education reform and a property tax break. Since mid-January, the committee chaired by Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, heard more than 750 witnesses present public testimony in 25 meetings, helping members craft a bill that totals more than 1,000 pages. Nelson broke down the \$9 billion as follows:

- Almost \$4 billion for an across-the-board teacher pay raise of \$5,000;
  - \$2.3 billion in additional money for non-salary public education reform; and
  - \$2.7 billion for property tax relief.
- SB 1 is expected to pass soon in the Senate, and should it do so, a conference committee of House and Senate members must meet to reconcile differences in the two versions of the state

budget. Nelson and four other senators appointed by Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, along with House Appropriations Committee Chair John Zerwas, R-Richmond, and four House members appointed by Speaker Dennis Bonnen, will make up the conference committee. After the versions are reconciled, both chambers will put the measure to a final vote. If passed, the budget would then be forwarded to Gov. Greg Abbott for final approval.

### BILL WOULD RAISE EXEMPTION

The Senate Property Tax Committee on March 26 considered legislation to increase the homestead exemption for local school property taxpayers by \$10,000.

SB 5 and Senate Joint Resolution 71, a proposed constitutional amendment by the committee’s chair, Sen. Paul Bettencourt, R-Houston, would ask voters in November to approve an increase to the amount of property value that a homeowner can exempt from \$25,000 to \$35,000.

He said the increase would cut the average property tax bill in Texas by about \$125 per year and the state would be able to cover the loss in revenue to school districts by using proceeds from oil and gas production taxes that would otherwise have gone into the Economic Stabilization “Rainy Day” Fund.

Bettencourt said the fund has enough in it to justify the diversion. “I personally view the (Rainy Day Fund) as full because we’re looking at values up to \$15.66 billion at the end of the biennium without any withdrawals,” he said.

### LAWMAKERS ASK FOR MORE

Texas transportation infrastructure is not keeping up with growth, and to make matters worse, the Lone Star State receives less than what other state compared to what it pays into the federal Highway Trust Fund.

To request a better rate of return, all 38 members

of the Texas congressional delegation joined in a March 26 letter to the chairs and ranking members of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee and House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

The delegation’s letter notes the 95 cents on the dollar returned to Texas in fiscal 2019 amounts to a loss of up to \$940 million in taxes paid by Texas motorists and taxpayers. In contrast, according to Federal Highway Administration figures, Alaska received \$6.78, New York, \$1.33, and California, \$1.16.

“Texas has been denied a fair return on federal fuel taxes for far too long. It is imperative that an equitable share of these funds be allocated to improving transportation systems right here in Texas,” said Gov. Abbott. “I urge Congress to put an end to this funding inequity,” he added.

### SENATE OKS HARASSMENT BILL

Any employee of a public or private university who sees or learns of an incident of sexual harassment, assault, rape, dating violence or stalking would be required to report it to the institution’s Title IX coordinator under SB 212, which was unanimously approved by the Texas Senate on March 26.

According to the Senate News Service, the legislation by Sen. Joan Huffman, R-Houston, also would require the coordinator to make regular reports to the university president regarding the number of complaints and the status of investigations.

The president, in turn, would have to make a report to the university board of trustees every semester of the number, disposition and status of complaints and investigations, the findings thereof, and the disciplinary actions taken. This report would be public information but would not identify any person. The legislation still must pass the House and be signed by the governor to become law.

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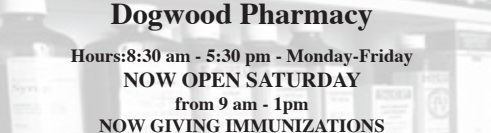


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# How is your journey going?

By Tom Haas

Journey is kind of an old timey word. I am using it here to ask, “How is your life going during this time of Lent?” Lent is a forty-day period prior to Resurrection Sunday in the calendar year of the Christian Church. Easter is the celebration of Jesus’ resurrection from the dead, His return to life after His crucifixion on Good Friday outside the walls of Jerusalem almost two thousand years ago. Not only do the Gospel writers record this, but secular accounts were written as well.

But, before we look at the resurrection, we must take time to look at what Jesus was doing prior to His arrest, passion, crucifixion, and death on the cross of Calvary. If you have a Bible handy, look in the Gospel of Luke, the ninth chapter. Jesus has been transfigured (shown bright as the Sun talking with Moses and Elijah about His own exodus). He has healed a boy of an unclean spirit, and again has foretold His own death.

Because the Apostles don’t want Jesus to talk about dying, they argue about who will be greatest in Jesus’ new kingdom. Jesus said that the one who is the least among them would be great. Jesus never stops talking about us being servants to our fellow man. After all, Jesus, Himself came to serve and not to be served. We fulfill His Law by loving God and loving our neighbor. And Jesus tells us that that is the whole of the Law of the prophets. His saving Grace is the Good News, the Gospel.

Now Jesus went through Samaria as He set



By Pastor Tom Haas, Faith Lutheran Church

His face toward Jerusalem. Jesus, as the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, set out on a three to six-month journey toward the Holy City, knowing fully well that there

He would climb a wooden altar, the Cross where He would sacrifice Himself for your and my redemption. He would take on our sins in order to reconcile us to His Father. Strengthened by the Holy Spirit, Jesus would complete His mission and would proclaim from the Cross, “It is finished.” The Greek here means, “it is paid in full.” If you can find the time to continue to read in Luke’s Gospel, you can follow Jesus’ journey to Golgotha. As he walks with and talks with His Disciples, listen to Him. He is talking with you and me, and all peoples of all times. The Saints of Old trusted in the Promised Messiah, and we trust in Jesus, the Messiah as well, and just like Abram whom God renamed, Abraham, our faith in God’s Word is counted to us as “righteousness.” As John says in his Good News account, “we have been saved by Grace through Faith” which has been given to us by the very word of God for “faith comes through hearing” which is God’s great gift to us all.”

Read and listen to God’s Word for it is life. God’s blessings on your week.

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### April 7 | Faith Tabernacle hosting ‘Heart and Soul Food’

**HILLISTER** – On Sunday, April 7, following the 10 a.m. morning service, Faith Tabernacle Pentecostal Church, located at 6595 CR 4260 in Hillister, is hosting a family fellowship meal. The theme is “Heart and Soul Food.” Feel free to share a favorite dish and come enjoy fellowship.

### April 10-12 | Spring Revival at Camp Zion MBC DOUCETTE

The members of Camp Zion Missionary Baptist Church cordially invite you to the church’s first Spring Revival. It will be held on April 10-12 with services at 7 p.m. each day. The guest speaker scheduled is Pastor Rev. Burton Gans, of Salem Missionary Baptist Church of Port Arthur. This will be a spirit-filled event and we hope to see you there.

### April 13 | Gospel singing at Pineywoods Baptist COLMESNEIL

A gospel singing is scheduled for 6 p.m., Saturday, April 13 at Pineywoods Baptist Church in Colmesneil. The event will feature local talent with an open-mic portion. Refreshments will follow. For more information, contact Margie Allen at 409-429-4292. Pineywoods Baptist is located at 4945 FM 256 in Colmesneil.

### April 13 | Gospel concert at Grace Baptist COLMESNEIL

A gospel concert featuring the Southern Plainsmen and Angel Billings will take place at Grace Baptist Church at 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 13. Food and fellowship will follow the concert. Grace Baptist is located at 148 CR 3260 in Colmesneil. For more information, call Pastor Arnold Billings at 409-300-4992 or 409-200-9325.

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**APRIL 12 | DEDICATION CEREMONY AT ALEX JOHNSON MEMORIAL FIELD:** The dedication ceremony for Chester's Alex Johnson Memorial Field will take place after the Chester Yellowjackets' home game. Concessions with barbecue sandwiches and funnel cake will be available. The game begins at 4 p.m., so the event should start around 5:30 p.m.

**APRIL 27 | MT. ZION CEMETERY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING:** The Mt. Zion Cemetery Association of Chester will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, April 27 beginning at 10 a.m. with a business meeting and election of officers. There will not be a covered-dish luncheon. Donations may be mailed to: Mt. Zion Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 1, Chester, TX 75936 or to Texas State Bank, P.O. Box 180, Chester, TX 75936.

**MAY 2 | ANNUAL OBSERVANCE OF NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER:** The eighth annual National Day of Prayer observance in Tyler County starts at 7:30 a.m. on Tyler County Courthouse lawn in Woodville. All churches welcome. Call Mike Maness at 409-383-4671 for program details.

**MAY 4 | CHESTER LIONS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER:** Event begins at 11 a.m. and lasts until 1:30 p.m. at the Chester ISD cafeteria. Barbecue plates will be available for \$8 each with a choice of brisket or chicken. A silent auction and raffle will also be part of the fundraising fun. Raffle tickets for good such as a wooden porch swing set are available from Lions Club members or at Havis Feed Store in Chester for \$1 each or six for \$5.

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**TOPS MEETING LOCATIONS:** Mondays, 9:45 a.m. at Dogwood Hills Baptist Church, (409)200-5674. Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Spurger, (409) 429-5239.

**EXERCISE CLASS** at the Nutrition Center Monday, Wednesday and Friday beginning at 10 a.m. Free and open to anyone in the community. 201 Veterans Way, Woodville.

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**MONTHLY AMERICAN LEGION MEETING -** Every third Saturday at the Woodville Fire Station. Meeting begins at 10 a.m.

**TYLER COUNTY BEEKEEPERS** meets every month on the fourth Tuesday at 6 p.m. The meetings are held at the Nutrition Center, 201 Veteran's Way, Woodville, in Room C. Everyone is welcome at these meetings. You do not have to be a member, or a beekeeper.

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**LIONS CLUB** Meetings Thursday at noon weekly at the Lions Club Den, 2 miles east of Woodville.

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**FIRST WEEK SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS, ORDER OF THE CONFEDERATE ROSE AND UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY** Meetings held at 10 a.m. the first Saturday of the month.

**SECOND WEEK EAST TEXAS BLACKSMITH ALLIANCE** Meetings held the second Saturday at 9 a.m. Heritage Village Museum.

**SASSY SCRAPPERS** Meet second and last Tuesday, 9-12p Fiber Arts Building, Heritage Village. Call Donna Bomer 409.837-9196 or Virginia Reynolds at (409) 283-3056.

**TYLER CO. HOSPITAL AUXILIARY** The Tyler County Hospital Auxiliary meets the second Monday of every month at 10 a.m. in the LVN classroom. Everyone welcome. Volunteers needed for ER reception, gift shop, vending machine stocking and many other services for patients and their families. For more information, call Wildflower Gift Shop at 409-283-6435

**HERITAGE VILLAGE SPINNING & WEAVING GUILD** Meetings held the second Saturday of the month at 9 a.m. New members welcome. Heritage Village Fiber Arts. Bldg. Call (409) 283-2272 for details.

**THIRD WEEK TYLER CO. HERITAGE SOCIETY** Board of directors meets the third Monday of each month at 10 a.m., Whitmeyer library. Heritage Village, Hwy. 190 West, Woodville (409) 283-2272

**PINEYWOODS FOOD PANTRY** will begin distributing food boxes from the Southeast Texas Food Bank beginning on March 2 to families in need, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. The next distribution will be on March 15 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Our location is out of the Spurger United Methodist Church, located at 13237 FM 1013 in Spurger. Going forward, distribution will always be the first Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and the third Friday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The contact number is 409-429-3409.

**VFW POST 2033** meets the third Tuesday of every month at 5:30 p.m. at 301 Veterans Way in Woodville. We welcome all Veterans of Foreign Wars to join us.

**ONGOING GATHERING OF ARTISTS AND SUPPORTERS** Last Thursday of Each Month. 6:30 PM - Networking opportunities along with featured program & refreshments. Open to Public. No Fee/ Tyler County Art League Gallery, 210 W. Bluff, 409-242-7851

**POETRY GROUP** Third Thursday of the month - Poetry group meeting at Allan Shivers library beginning at noon. All are welcome: poets, published or not, writers, listeners, and those who are interested in writing. For more info text 409 200-0331.



The Woodville Lions Club wants to thank everyone who came out to this year's rodeo. There was great attendance at the event, and fun was had by all. The children ages 5 and under through age 9 loved the goat scramble and the children, aged 10 through 12, enjoyed the calf scramble.



## WHS names Barlow 'Student of the Week'

Woodville High School is proud to honor Freshman Christopher Barlow as our Student of the Week for April 1-5. Chris is a kind, respectful and responsible young man that we are very proud to have on our campus. He has overcome some challenges and despite having to work through those, he has continued to be an A/B Student with an awesome attitude. He was nominated by Elizabeth Kenesson.

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# Read Logging of Warren given 'Outstanding Logger' award

**POINT CLEAR, AL -** The Forest Resources Association and STIHL Incorporated honored Read Logging, Inc. of Warren, Texas, as FRA's Southcentral Region 2019 Outstanding Logger at its South-central Region (SCR) Awards Dinner in Point Clear, Alabama on March 6. Brothers Billie and Wade Read are fifth-generation loggers, with additional family members working in the Read Logging business.

The following is a sampling of Read Logging attributes that make them outstanding:

- Excellent safety and equipment maintenance program. They contract with a safety compliance officer who has developed standard operating procedures for all the equipment they use. All equipment pieces are equipped with CB radios so that everyone can be in contact with one another at all times. All their trucks also have CB radios.
- They have a very low Workers Compensation Insurance Experience Modification factor, reflecting an excellent safety record.
- Two of Read Logging's truck drivers are certified brake technicians. The company has successfully passed two DOT audits within the past couple of years. All log trucks have on-board scales with flashing yellow lights on the rear of the trailers.
- Very loyal employees; 80 percent of their employees have worked for the Reads for 15 to 20 years or more, and some father-and-son pairs (besides the Read family members) work in the operation; good bonus program for employees and a profit-sharing program with their truck drivers.
- Read Logging administers a detailed training program for any new hires, where an experienced operator spends a lot of time with the newcomers.
- Community and association involvement: Both of the Read brothers serve on their respective county school boards



Read Logging, Inc., winner of FRA's 2019 Southcentral Region (SCR) Outstanding Logger Award. Left to right: David Cupp (FRA SCR Chairman), Wade & Stacy Read, Cherie Read (Billie & Wade's mother, holding plaque), Billie & Stephanie Read.

and their county fair boards. Billie serves on his local hospital board, too. Both of them teach Sunday school, and Wade has been active with his church's youth group. They are heavily involved with the Future Farmers of America program, and in fact have a scholarship program (Ben Read Memorial Scholarship) for \$5,000 that is awarded every year to the top FFA student in their local school district.

- Billie Read served on the task group that was successful in achieving legislation for a higher per-axle weight variance permit for log trucks in Texas. He also served on an equipment company's advisory board to provide guidance in the development of a log loader.
- Industry folks in the region can pick out a finished Read Logging thinning job because of how good it looks. Some landowners will let only the Reads cut on their property.

At the March 6 Awards Dinner, FRA's SCR Chairman David Cupp presented Billie and Wade with a wooden crosscut-saw plaque, a STIHL MS 462 chainsaw gift certificate, and \$250 check from STIHL. Upon accepting

the award, Billie Read credited his parents/family and co-workers and Read Logging's long-term relationship with Louisiana-Pacific as contributing to the company's success.

FRA's Outstanding Logger Award program is designed to raise the visibility of professional logging contractors and to encourage other loggers to adopt the performance of the award winners. The Regional Award winner becomes a nominee for FRA's National Outstanding Logger recognition.

The Forest Resources Association Inc. is a nonprofit trade association concerned with the safe, efficient, and sustainable harvest of forest products and their transport from woods to mill. FRA represents wood consumers, independent logging contractors, and wood dealers, as well as businesses providing products and services to the forest resource-based industries.

STIHL Incorporated serves as the sponsor of FRA's Regional and National Outstanding Logger Awards.



# Bees to gators Big Thicket has it all



Rice University students and Dr. Scott Solomon (far right). Below: A participant shows off a tiny snake found in the Big Thicket. Photos by Mary C. Johnston

## Record year for biodiversity inventories in Big Thicket preserve

**By Mary C. Johnston**

The Thicket of Diversity (ToD) project of the Big Thicket Association ambitiously strives to inventory every species in the Big Thicket region. 2018 was a productive year due to the conclusion of five multi-year research efforts.

Bees of the Big Thicket National Preserve (BTNP) were sampled by Dr. Daniel Bennett of Stephen F. Austin State University and Dr. John Pascarella of Sam Houston State University. 3,232 specimens were mounted, labeled and archived and a voucher collection of identified bees assembled. 93 species were represented with 67 of these as new records for the preserve and two as new state records. Hurricane Harvey presented obstacles due to flooding that resulted in the destruction of equipment and access problems with the loss of a bridge. Bennett's project was completed, and funding for further research was approved for Phase 2 research.

Beginning in 2012, Dr. Thomas Powers of University of Nebraska-Lincoln and his team visited 70 sites to inventory nematodes or roundworms. Their study resulted in 1026 identified nematodes of which 7 are currently being described as candidates for new species. Molecular identification is required. When possible, specimens of interest were photographed, measured and the whole body crushed and frozen at -20 degrees F until the DNA template could be identified molecularly. The findings resulted in numerous publications in scientific journals. Nematodes submitted to the BTNP NPS catalog as voucher specimens are housed in the Powers Lab at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. DNA sequences are submitted to the National Center for Biotechnology Database (GenBank).

Dr. Scott Solomon and Dr. Tom Miller of Rice University have researched ant community dynamics in the Big Thicket National Preserve since 2014. Their sampling occurred in 12 units of the preserve. 3,152 specimens were collected representing 33 different species. The research concluded that diversity, species and proportion of native ants are higher inside versus outside the preserve with distance from the edge. Non-native ants were found in every sample unit of the preserve. Dr. Solomon hosted a Science Café for the public and



made a presentation at Kountze High School. Three student theses and a poster further disseminated the project.

Crawfish research conducted by Dr. Zachary Loughman of West Liberty University in Virginia began in 2014. He collected 664 specimens and identified 13 species. Loughman presented locally to KHS students and made presentations nationally at various symposiums. He published a list of

all crayfish (family Cambaridae) in the Southern United States. The list included 357 native crayfish of which 3.4% are critically endangered, 10.4% are endangered; 35.3% are vulnerable, and 50.77 are lower risk. .3% were not evaluated. Loughman deduced that leading factors causing imperilment are restricted ranges caused by changes in land use, contaminants, invasion by non-indigenous species, and habitat fragmentation.

Alison Tarter, a graduate student of Texas State University in the Department of Aquatic Biology, conducted research on the status of freshwater mussel biodiversity as part of her Master study program. She reviewed historical mussel population data from past studies (Vickie Bordelon and Dr. Richard Harrel, 2004; and Dr. Neil Ford, 2014) and conducted new inventories. Tarter compared older collections with 47 new sites in 7

units of the preserve. She analyzed results to determine if mussel species had been impacted by catastrophic flooding after Hurricane Harvey. Tarter inferred that major flooding had a severe impact on freshwater mussels, particularly on the regionally endemic State Threatened Species, *Fusconaia askewi*, also known as the Texas Pigtoe. Tarter was guided and encouraged in her research by Astrid Schwalb, Ph.D. and Thon Hardy, Ph.D. of Texas State University.

Ongoing research soon to be completed includes alligator inventory by graduate student, Jami Brown, and Dr. Matt Pyne of Lamar University.

The BTA manages the Big Thicket National Preserve's Field Research Station in Saratoga under a cooperative agreement with the National Park Service. Access to comfortable housing and a classroom for training encourages specialists, scientists and educators to conduct research in the Big Thicket. Utilizing the facility in 2018 were St. Mary's College from Vermont, Dallas Zoo, Texas A&M University, Houston Zoo Teen Programs, University of Central Oklahoma, Eastfield College, Tarleton State University, Texas Department of Transportation, YES Prep Public School and Student Conservation Association from Houston, US Geological Survey, Texas Conservation Corp., Colorado State University, and Rice University.

The Thicket of Diversity received funds from the Brown Foundation, Inc and private donations. Research was performed with penalty monies from Texas Commission on Environmental Quality enforcement actions.

In addition, the ToD in partnership with the Entergy Charitable Foundation was the recipient of \$2000 grant to support 2018 educational programs. These funds enabled the wiring and mounting of an overhead project in the classroom of the Field Research Station to facilitate presentations.

The Big Thicket region is threatened by factors both natural and man-made and changes are occurring. As natural areas shrink, some life forms are disappearing, while others invade. Baseline inventories and follow up data conducted through the Thicket of Diversity provide valuable information to assist conservation and land resource managers in stewardship strategies when planning for the future.

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paid any required filing fee to the Clerk of the Court at 715 G Street, Rupert, Idaho 83350 (208-436-7111) and served a copy of your response on the Petitioner's attorney at Mark R Petersen, 1156 E Center, Pocatello, ID 83201. A copy of the Summons and Petition can be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the Court or the attorney for Petitioner. If you wish legal assistance, you should immediately retain an attorney to advise you in this matter. DATED this day of , 2019. CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT By: Deputy Clerk (13-4t-p)

## LEGAL NOTICE

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## LEGAL NOTICE

**THE STATE OF TEXAS** To: Jason Broom & The Unknown Father of Reese Hoyt, Respondent(s) "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do (does) not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 A.M. on the Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you." The Original Petition for Protection of a Child, for Conservatorship, and for Termination in Suit Affecting the Parent-Child Relationship of the Department of Family and Protective Services, Petitioner, was filed in the

said Court of Tyler County, Texas, on the 4th day of May, 2018, against Diamond Hoyt & Jason Broom, Respondent, numbered 24,698 and entitled 'In the Interest of Reese Hoyt, A Child'. The suit requests Termination of the Parent-Child Relationship. The date and place of birth of the children who are the subject of the suit: Reese Hoyt, Born January 8, 2016 in Jasper County The Court has authority in this suit to render an order in the children's interest that will be binding on you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship, the determination of paternity and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the children's adoption. Issued and given under my hand and Seal of said Court at Woodville, Tyler County, Texas, this the 28st day of March, 2019. Attest: Chyrl Pounds, Clerk District Court, Tyler County, Texas By: , Deputy Aleena Conner (14-1t-b)

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**SPACIOUS WATERVIEW HOME** hon fenced corner lots. Approx 1957 sq.ft. 3/2 + mudroom CH/A, FP, Open and covered porches, Ski Lake and Candy Cane Park across the road. Mayberry.....**NOW** \$75,000

**LAKE CAMELOT WATERFRONT**, 1/2acre,teardownMFDhome,water,septic,garageneedsTLC,CamelotCir\$19,900

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**SKI LAKE WATERVIEW**, 2 lot pkg. Septic, water, electric, driveway, ceared, Sherwood Forest W.....\$19,500

**BUILDORMANUFACTURED**HomeSite,septic,water,elec.,landscaped.38acre,pavedstreet,SandyLane\$16,000

**SKILAKECUSTOM**builtbrick,octagonalhomehaslots of character in PrimeSkiarea,wide open water views, clean sandyswimmingareaw/waterslideandT-pier,lushgreenlawn,approx1536sq.ft.3bed,1bath,spacioussleeping loft,CH/A,handsomewoodburningf.p. Updatedaerobicseptic,wide decks surround 3/4 of the home. Attached single carport. Storage/workshop has space for 2nd fridge. Recent inspection Charmaine S. **PENDING** \$169,000

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MLS 51086030  
211 Cypress Bend - Wildwood  
3-2-2 garage, 0.65 +/- acres Gated Community Updated kitchen, dining room, large island. Tile floors, carpet in bedrooms. LAKE FRONT Gazebo near lake, 24 hour manned security gate.  
**\$149,000**

MLS 57414017  
601 Cypress Bend - Wildwood  
LAKE FRONT ON 2 SIDES  
3-2-2 attached carport + 1 RV PARKING, Gated community 2 story home, master on first, large kitchen & den. 2 kitchens first & second floor, great for extended family to relax. Fireplace, sunroom, covered deck-great lake views.  
**\$265,000**

MLS 70282230  
10897 HWY 69 South - Warren  
3-3-3 Attached garage, brick home. 8 +/- acres, About 50% is cleared, rest is wooded. Black Creek runs thru woods. Formal living room & dining room, sunroom, den, wood burning fireplace, sitting room, fenced back yard. Warren ISD school district  
**\$235,000**

MLS 52827072  
414 CR 2931 - Colmesneil  
3-2-2 detached carport, 17.9 +/- acres. Private and secluded!! Very peaceful location. Property has open pastures and some heavily wooded, live branch meanders throughout, two pole barns, storage, fruit trees, well house. Porch stretches across back of house.  
**\$325,000**

MLS 85663505  
105 Phillips Street - Woodville  
ONE OF A KIND!!! 4.561 +/- acres Located on corner of HWY 190 West & Phillips Street. Property could be used for commercial or residential. Also has a creek bordering the property.  
**\$46,000**

MLS 41709628  
253 Sherwood Forest Dr. - Woodville  
3-2-2 carport LAKE FRONT brick home, open concept kitchen & living room, granite counter tops, custom cabinets, wood burning fireplace. Sun room leads to the deck. Concrete bulkhead with boat house and private pier. Additional lots across street included.  
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**\$229,000**

Single Family

Woodville: STUNNING 3/2/2 w/2,502 SF on 24 gorgeous acres! Den w/vaulted ceiling, hardwood flooring, WBFP formal DR, open kitchen/breakfast area, granite counter tops, SS appliances, ceramic tile flooring, fenced/cross-fenced, gazebo, hot tub, barn w/horse stalls and 1000 sq ft guest apartment. Community water, water well, aerobic system, underground sprinkler system. All this and so much more! Must see!.....\$525,000

Colmesneil: Spacious! Second floor 3BD/3BA w/2,600 SF. Large LR and kitchen w/island bar and custom cabinetry. Fabulous covered deck. Situated on 1.96+/- acres w/stainless steel appliances and appliances. Tremendous opportunity for an owner/operator or investor to acquire a turnkey building! Totaling 5,888 SF of versatile space, the building can comfortably accommodate over 100+ guests in the large indoor dining area, ideal for sizable events. Set along busy Hwy 69, the property benefits from exceptional visibility and access.....\$375,000

Colmesneil: Gorgeous 3/2/2 custom built brick home w/granite, WBFP, open concept DR/LR, 24x30 workshop on slab, fruit trees, garden, so much more! all on 3.47 acres.....\$279,000

Krbyville: 68.98+/- acres located on an all-weather road in Jasper County. There is power on the property along with a storage building that could be a great start for a homestead or camp. A large part of the trees in the back of the tract will be ready for harvest in a few years. Wildlife abounds with quality deer, hogs, and some turkey signs on the property.....\$199,500

Woodville: 34+/- acres w/Hwy frontage, creeks, homesite or recreational property.....\$178,200

Colmesneil: 15 acres of rolling hilltop ready to build on w/utilities in place; 290' deep water well, aerobic septic system. Large garden area, chicken coops, green house, storage building/wash house w/outdoor sink, and multiple species of young fruit trees.....\$139,900

Woodville: 37.5 acres w/Hwy frontage, rolling terrain, hilltop, great recreational tract.....\$119,900

Colmesneil: 4BD/1BA hand hewn log cabin built in the 1920's w/additions made in the 1950's and 1970's. The 15+/- acres surrounding the home is improved pasture w/a pond and is fenced/cross-fenced. Surrounded by timber company land & hunting leases.....**SALE PENDING** \$115,000

Colmesneil: Back on the market! 4BD/2BA home w/1632 SF situated on 6.5 acres just off FM 3065. Property has an equipment shed, storage building, stocked pond, shade trees.....\$97,500

Woodville: 40+/- acres w/hilltop/rolling terrain; recreational timber investment.....**SALE PENDING** \$76,000

Woodville: 16+/- acres w/approx. 1500' Hwy frontage, rolling terrain and hilltop.....\$70,400

Colmesneil: Waterfront! 3BD/1BA w/over 1/2 acre on Frog Pond Lake. An additional 28x20 building currently used for storage could be easily converted into a guest house.....\$59,500

Warren: 75+/-, unrestricted acre w/County Rd frontage, electricity and gas available.....\$9,500

**LOTS**  
Colmesneil: Appealing .95 acre wooded lot with city street frontage. Excellent building site with large pines and hardwood trees. Property has electricity, city water, and city sewer. Conveniently located in town and near Colmesneil ISD.....**NEW** \$25,000  
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CHESSWOOD: Gorgeous custom brick 3BR/3BA home, beautiful lot, gar. apt. on quiet street. **\$249,000**

N PINE ST: Luxurious 4BR/2BA brick 2,300SF home, ideal beautiful landscaped corner lot. **\$224,900**

WOODVILLE: Beautiful 3BR/2BA home, lg. corner lot, 2,000+ SF, updated, fireplace in town. **\$129,000**

LK AMANDA: Waterfront 3BR/2BA log styled home, elev. deck looks wooded lot, T-head pier.... **\$169,900**

NELLIUS ST: Nice, newly remodeled 3BR/2BA/2CP home, granite counters & beautiful flooring. **\$139,900**

LIVINGSTON: New 2+ acres, nice workshop, outbuildings, quiet subdivision.... **\$175,000**

CHESTER: Frame 2BR/1BA, across school **\$48,000**

LK CHARMINE: WaterView 2BR/1.5BA **\$114,900**

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SPURGER 65+/- AC: On town 3,928 SF 3BR/2BA brick, pond, wkspk, fenced pasture, woods. **\$599,500**

68+/- ACS: Beautiful mixed acc. Trinity Co., rolling terrain, FM 357 frtg., recent 2,000SF barndo. **\$495,000**

26+/- AC FARM: Remodeled 4BR/2BA farm home, 26+ fenced acs., guest cottage, barn/stalls. **\$346,000**

12+/- AC: "The Homestead" in Hillister, 2,500+SF remod. home/business, historic oaks, US69. **\$250,000**

90+/- AC: Nr. Colmesneil, 3,000+SF hardwoods, rolling terrain, 2BR/2BA barndominium, grt. hunting. **\$385,000**

18+/- AC: Hilltop 3BR/2BA, 3,000+SF home on pretty rolling open acres, barns, pond, on US69. **\$346,000**

RES/COMM: 3.98 acs. Polk county line at U.S. 190W, 3BR/2BA home w/1,500SF ret. bldg. **\$350,000**

RESORT: 36+ bldgs, 1,100SF cottage, 2,000+ MH, 2 lakes, pavilion, shop, & more. **\$499,500**

LAND & ACREAGE

255+/- AC: Woodville **PENDING** \$287..... **SCALL**

198+/- AC: Clear **PENDING** creek. **\$2,000/Ac**

145+/- AC: Woods, gd hunting, CR3200. **\$2,555/Ac**

157+/- AC: Outside of Chester, fronts FM1745 & CR 2620, mostly pine, live creek, & electricity. **\$3,500/Ac**

130+/- AC: Mixed woods, great hunting, live water creek, sm. pond, long frontage CR3550. **\$2,295/Ac**

125+/- AC: Nice rolling hills, pasture/woods, outside Wdville, bldg sites, w/adj. priv. lake views. **\$4,995/Ac**

115+/- AC: Pine+Hdwds, creek, CR2800. **\$3,200/Ac**

108+/- AC: On US 287, woods w/lg shop. **\$5,295/Ac**

77+/- AC: Rolling mixed woods/pasture off FM 256 nr. Colmesneil, barn, campsite, sm. pond. **\$4,600/Ac**

68+/- AC: Pretty mixed woods nr. Colmesneil CR 2570 spring-fed ravine sys., elect. access. **\$3,500/Ac**

55+/- AC: Heavily wooded tract nr. Warren, fronts two county rd., electricity, & building sites. **\$4,195/Ac**

40+/- AC: Nr Warren woods on CR4472. **\$3,195/Ac**

36+/- AC: Heavily wooded on FM 3065. **\$3,500/Ac**

28+/- AC: Pretty mixed woods, live water creek, sm. camp w/barn, good hunting, near Hillister. **\$3,695/Ac**

17+/- AC: Long Russell Crk fite nr. Chester, woods, electricity, easement road to US 287. **\$2,500/Ac**

16+/- AC: Colmesneil, wooded on CR 3280, hilly terrain, accs. elect., borders Clear Fk Creek. **\$70,000**

16+/- AC: Nr. Hillister, wooded property, w/live spring, CR access, pot. building sites, elec. & water. **\$69,900**

15+/- AC: Wooded, Lk. Hiatt, nr. Warren. **\$102,500**

10+/- AC: Wooded, edge of twin, bldg. site. **\$4,950/Ac**

8+/- AC: Pretty woods, creek, on CR 2300. **\$49,900**

5+/- AC: Nice woods, FM256E, Colmesneil. **\$17,995**

4.45 AC: Res. bldg. lot on N. Nellius/US69N. **\$35,000**

3.5+/- AC: Open building lot on Pecan St. **\$84,900**

2.20 AC: Wooded bldg. lot on Cobb Mill Rd. **\$17,900**

COMMERCIAL

8.9+/- AC: Open develop. site on US 69S. **\$720,000**

18.96 AC: Woodville cleared on US 69S. **\$550,000**

COMM/RES: Polk Co. line home/gas stat. **\$350,000**

W BLUFF ST: Res/Comm 2.2 wood acs. **\$200,000**

3.8+/- AC: Two com. bldgs. fronts S69S. **\$130,000**

190W: Retail 2,000SF on 1.10 AC, Wdvl. **\$119,900**

1.36+/- AC: Woodville prime lot on US69S. **\$75,000**

12+/- AC: "The Homestead" in Hillister, 2,500+SF remod. home/business, historic oaks, US69. **\$250,000**

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# *It's* Dogwood Festival time in Tyler County



## *Princesses and Ladies in Waiting*

Above: 2019 Dogwood Princesses, pictured, left to right: Hannah Balla (Spurger), Kaitlyn Odom (Woodville), Madi Fondren (Warren), Emilee James (Colmesneil) and Ashlyn Overstreet (Chester).

Left: The 2019 Ladies in Waiting, pictured bottom-to-top (left-to-right): Elizabeth Clymer (Warren), Lainey Spradlin (Warren), Jackie Hughes (Colmesneil), Leah White (Colmesneil), Alexandra Tolar (Woodville), Hallie Nevins (Warren), Claire McEachern (Warren), Adrian Prince (Woodville), Hallee Hughes (Woodville), Madison Berry (Chester), Mylee Powell (Colmesneil), Kaleigh Eason (Spurger), Keyonna Paire (Woodville)

*A supplement to the Tyler County Booster to  
commemorate the 76th annual Dogwood Festival*



# Welcome to the 76th annual Dogwood Festival

Every year, Tyler County folks have celebrated spring with the annual Tyler County Dogwood Festival.

This year's celebration will mark the 76th time Tyler County has hosted the event. The festival, which celebrates the dogwood trees that can be found throughout the county, spans three weekends from mid March through early April and is enjoyed each year by thousands of visitors from all over Texas and the U.S.

The Dogwood Festival was founded back in the 1940's by life-long Tyler County resident James Edward Wheat and has been held continually since then except during World War II. This year's event will kick off with the Festival of the Arts at Heritage Village Museum on March 22 - 23, followed by Western Weekend on March 29 and 30, and the the Queen's Weekend on April 6. Plan to attend each weekend. There are always new things to see and do.

Heritage Village Museum, and downtown Woodville, is the place to start your day during the Festival of the Arts weekend. The Village, located on Hwy 190 on the Western edge of Woodville is a living reproduction of a 19th century village in Tyler County and features 19th Century buildings with displays depicting life in the county at the end of the 19th century.

A main attraction at the Village is the large showing of handmade quilts on display. You will also find blacksmithing demonstrations, the "Spinners and Weavers," music of every kind and food vendors for the hungry crowds.

You can also visit Tyler County Art District during the festival and watch artists in a variety of mediums at work. Be sure to take

a tour of the Tyler County Art League's gallery while you are in town.

Also scheduled during the first weekend of Dogwood is the Royal Tea.

The Dogwood Festival Royal Court invites all the little princesses in the area for tea at the Village Street Bed and Breakfast.

Western Weekend, during the second weekend of events, always brings lots of folks to Woodville for a weekend of fun that includes a parade featuring one of the largest trail rides in the state. The riders converge on Woodville on Saturday.

The Main Event during Western Weekend, though, is two nights of Lions Rodeo action. Last year's rodeo brought out record numbers to watch some fast-paced action in the arena.

The Woodville Lions Club, who sponsor the rodeo, promise this year will be even bigger and better. The Western Weekend Rodeo Queen is crowned during the Saturday night rodeo event.

The weekend also features vendors of every kind, from arts and crafts to all kinds of food. They are located on and around the courthouse square in downtown Woodville. Bring the family and plan to spend the entire day enjoying the festivities.

Queen's Weekend is the showcase of the three week festival and the finale of the three-weekend event.

Saturday offers a full day of fun. You can spend all day shopping for arts and crafts of every kind, enjoying the classic car show, and joining hundreds of folks who line West Bluff in Woodville to watch the annual Queen's Weekend Parade.

Thousands of people have traveled to Woodville to take part in the Dogwood Festival activities. Many of them arrive as strangers, but leave as friends.



The crowning of the 2018 Dogwood Queen Savannah Hudson,  
of Spurger. *Jim Powers photo*



Musicians and trailriders are two (of many) attractions of the annual Festival of the Arts and Western Weekend events that mark the first two weekends of the Dogwood Festival.

*Jim Powers photos*



# Dogwood Festival Deals!



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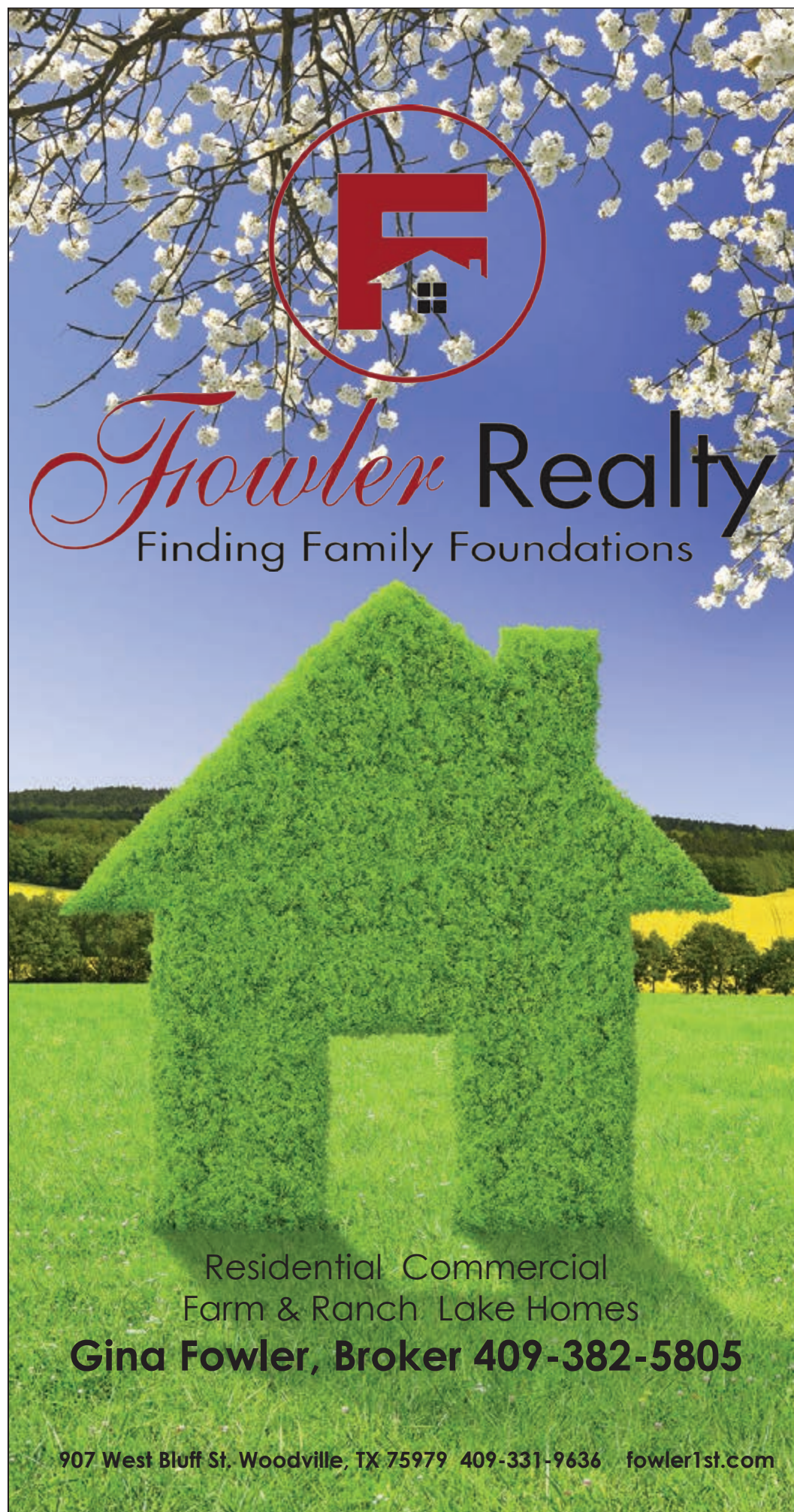
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Queens...continued  
from page 3C.....

**1963 Carolyn Clemmons** – Carolyn Clemmons (Deceased) was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morris C. Clemmons, Jr. of Woodville. She died on September 30, 1966.

**1964 Linda Read** – Linda Read Jennings, daughter of the late Grady Lou and Tommy F. Read. She is a graduate of Kirby High School and Stephen F. Austin State University, with a BA and Masters degree in elementary education.

After retiring from a career as an elementary teacher Linda is now the office manager for a fashion showroom in the World Trade Center in Dallas. She and her husband, Glenn, currently live in Allen, Texas. They have two children, Melanie and Greg, a daughter-in-law, Debra, and one granddaughter, Caroline.

**1965 Teri Daniels** – Teri Daniels is a graduate of Warren High School and the University of Colorado. She is married to Wiebe Gartmaker and they have two daughters. They reside in Boulder, Colorado where Teri is an artist and a member of the Texas Pastel Society of America.

**1966 Amanda Haralson** – Amanda Haralson, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J.G. “Jim” Haralson, Jr. of Colmesneil, resides in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Amanda holds a Master of Sciences degree from the University of Texas at Austin and serves as Director of the Community Fund for the Arts in Baton Rouge where her husband, Tom Livesay, is the Director of the LSU Museum of Art. Son Seth H. Stover is a Deputy Sheriff in Angelina County.

**1967 Jeanette McClure** – Jeanette McClure Spradley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy McClure of Woodville, is a graduate of Kirby High School and Baylor University. She is an

alumna of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority and an active nonresident member of the Association of Junior Leagues, Inc. Jeanette and her husband Chris have one son, Will.

**1968 Dell Jordan** – Dell Jordan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T.A. Jordan, is a graduate of Spurger High School and attended Stephen F. Austin State University. Dell is married to Mike Buoy. They reside in Pearland, Texas with daughters Jennifer Elaine and Janna Elizabeth.

**1969 Kaye Owens** – Kaye Owens Wood, daughter of the late Uel Owens and Margaret Owens is an honor graduate of Warren High School and Stephen F. Austin State University. She is presently residing in Weatherford, Texas with her husband Gary Wood, who is Minister of Music at Northside Baptist Church. They have two sons, Randall Scott and Jared Ryan.

**1970 Jill Ogden** – Jill Ogden Fondren, daughter of Mrs. Gergia Ogden of Woodville and the late Jack Ogden, graduated at Colmesneil High School. She attended Angelina Junior College, Stephen F. Austin State University. She received a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree from the University of Texas at Tyler. Jill and her husband, Lary Fondren, live in Athens, Texas. They have two sons, Micah and Jared. Jill is a Certified Public Accountant employed by Squyres, Johnson, Squyers & Co., Certified Public Accountants in Tyler.

**1971 Robbie Crawford** – Robbie Crawford Evans, daughter of Dorothy Oats and the late Roland Crawford, is a graduate of Kirby High School and an honor graduate of Stephen F. Austin State University where she received her Bachelors and Masters degrees.

Robbie and her husband, Steve, reside in Woodville where she is employed as a Speech Pathologist. They have two children, Lauren Smith and Michael Evans, three grandchildren, Claire and Mac Smith and Easton Evans.

**1972 Jenny Whitworth** – Jenny Whitworth Lewis, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Whitworth, Sr. of Chester, is a graduate of Chester High School. She attended E.T.B.C. in Marshall and is an LVN. She is presently working for Livingston Independent School District. Jenny is married to Eddie Lewis. They have two children, a son, Rick, and a daughter Chesney, a graduate of SFA, who is married to Morgan Wright, the superintendent at Spurger ISD. Jenny has two granddaughters, Kirby & Carter. Jenny was Chester's

first Dogwood Queen.

**1973 Charlotte Hancock** –

Charlotte Hancock, daughter of Mr. C.A. Hancock and Mrs. Charlie Nell Hancock was valedictorian of Spurger High School in 1973. After working in the banking and title company field for 25 years, she is now retired and resides in Lumberton, with her husband Joe Lash. She has one son Kurt Miller who works in the surveying field in Austin, where he resides with his wife, Ashley. Charlotte also has four beautiful grandchildren.

**1974 Belinda Currie** – Belinda Currie Allison, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W.S. Nichols, is a graduate of Kirby High School. She attended Angelina Junior College and Sam Houston State University. Belinda is married to Sidney Allison, and they reside in Hillister. She has two sons, John Mark and William Tyler and one grandson, Colten Robert.

**1975 Nancy Nichols** – Nancy Nichols Sales, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W.S. Nichols, graduated as valedictorian of Kirby High School and attended Texas A & M University, graduating cum laude. She is married to Mark Sales, and they reside in Dallas with their daughter, Alexandra, and sons, Marshall and Harrison.

**1976 Jill Crawford** – Jill Crawford Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E.R. Oates and the late Roland Crawford, is a graduate of Kirby High School and an honor graduate of Lamar University. Jill resides in Houston with her husband, David Davis, their daughter Ashlyn Paige and son, Brandon Reid. Jill is employed by Shell Oil.

**1977 Cindy Hryhorchuk** – Cindy Hryhorchuk Skinner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Hyyhorchuk, is a graduate of Warren High School. She is married to Paul Skinner and they have two children Michelle and Ryan. They reside in Sour Lake. They own Star Graphics with several locations in Southeast Texas and Western Louisiana and Digitec of Houston.

**1978 Melinda Raiford** – Melinda Lee Raiford, daughter of Inez and the late Aubrey T. Raiford, is a graduate of Kirby High School. She is married to John Buchannan and they reside in Decatur, Texas with their two sons, Aubrey and Samuel.

**1979 Susan Brodnax** – Susan Brodnax Milam, daughter of Flora McCulley and the late E.M. Brodnax, is a graduate of Kirby High School. She graduated Cum Laude from Stephen F. Austin State University and received her master's degree from Sam Houston State University. Susan is a counselor at Corrigan-Camden Independent School District of Corrigan, Texas. She has one daughter, Ashley Henson, and two grandsons, Cole and Case.

**1980 Gina Temple** – Gina Temple Wolden is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Temple of Colmesneil. She is married to Scott W. Wolden. They reside in Houston, Texas with

their children, Alexandra, twins Zachary and Hilary, and Allison.

**1981 Alison Smith** – Alison Smith, the daughter of Annette Smith of Woodville and the late Charles Smith, is a graduate of Woodville High School and Southwestern University. Alison is married to L.L. Mathews, Jr. of Jasper and they have two sons, Samuel Wayne and Andrew David.

**1982 Cheryl Bass** – Cheryl Bass, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Brandin of Woodville, is a graduate of Woodville High School. She is a teacher at Woodville Intermediate. Cheryl and her husband, Tobin Railey, reside in Woodville with their children, Erin and Trevor.

**1983 Ama Durham** – Ama Durham, the niece of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Laco of Diboll, is a graduate of Woodville High School. She graduated from Stephen F. Austin State University with a degree in Business Administration. Ama is a graduate of the University of Texas with a masters degree in Psychology. Currently she lives in Austin.

**1984 Becca George** – Becca George Uhr, daughter of Mrs. Kenneth George and the late Mr. Kenneth George, graduated as valedictorian of Woodville High School and as a Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Texas. She graduated from the University of Texas School of Law and is a corporate attorney at EXCO Resources, Inc. in Dallas. She is married to Brad Uhr and has a son, David Kenneth and a daughter, Megan Caroline.

**1985 Joan Jordan** – Joan is the daughter of Mrs. Eleanor Jordan and the late James R. Jordan of Spurger, Texas. She is a graduate of SFA University with a BA degree. Joan is married to Ronn Brock and they make their home in Royse City, Texas where they are developing the Sabine Creek Ranch Christian Camp and Conference Center. They have three children, Katelyn, Lydia and Brandon.

**1986 Monica Minter** – Monica Minter Gunter is the daughter of Jerry and Elaine Minter of Chester and Kathy Minter of Corrigan. Monica has one daughter, Sara Elizabeth. They currently reside in Lufkin. Monica is employed with Corrigan-Camden Independent School District.

**1987 Pennie Glover** – Pennie Glover Paris is the daughter of Mr. Russell Glover (deceased) and Mrs. Frances Booker. She is a graduate of Colmesneil High School and graduated Magna Cum Laude from UTA with a BA in English. She married Marty Paris in 1991 and ty had a daughter, Lillian, in 2001. They reside in Garland, Texas.

**1988 Kathleen Mauer** – Kathleen Mauer is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Mauer of Warren, Texas. She is a graduate of Warren High School.

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The 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Tyler County Dogwood Festival is pleased to announce the Children of the Court and Trainbearers to Her Majesty the Queen for the 2019 festival.

**Top Photo: 2019 Tyler County Dogwood Festival Children of the Court** – Pictured left to right: Front – Kinley Brooke Conner, daughter of Jamey and Tina Conner (Chester); Lanie Ann Lambeth, daughter of Matthew and Jessica Lambeth (Warren); Ava Underwood, daughter of Britany Underwood (Colmesneil); Hadlee Ruth Marshall, daughter of Derek and Cheryl Marshall (Woodville). Back – Cannon Glen Conner, son of Joseph and Lauren Conner (Woodville); Ty Wilkinson, son of Luke and Samantha Wilkinson (Colmesneil) and Judd Gray, son of Derrick and Stormie Gray (Spurger).

**Bottom Photo: 2019 Tyler County Dogwood Festival Trainbearers** – Pictured left to right: Front – Sarah Ruth Fielder, granddaughter of Curtis and Ethel Rogers (Spurger); Emily Elizabeth Jones, daughter of Chris and Jennifer Jones (Warren). Back – Madilynn Renee Ogden, daughter of Scott and Lacy Ogden (Chester); Allison Paige Ronaghan, daughter of Patrick Ronaghan and Will and Karen Shaw (Woodville) and River Lyn Squier, daughter of Jason and Coty Squier (Colmesneil).



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She is a graduate of Warren High School and attended Angelina College, Sam Houston State University and The University of Texas at Arlington. She and her husband, Craig Honeycutt, have two daughters, Jordan Lee and Maddie Elaine and currently reside in Carrollton, Texas.

1990 Amy Craine – Amy Craine Davis is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Craine. She is a graduate of Woodville High School and Baylor University. Amy is currently living in Waco with her husband, Michael Davis and their sons, John and William, where she is a speech pathologist.

1991 Angela Blakeney Angela Blakeney Fraser is the daughter of Troy and Marla Blakeney and Pamela Blakeney.

Angela is a graduate of Woodville High School and Texas A & M University. She is currently a real estate broker specializing in high-end homes. Angela resides in Grapevine, Texas with her husband, David Fraser.

1992 Whitney Lamberth – Whitney is the daughter of John and Julie Lamberth. She is married to Scott Myers and they have a son, Hogan, and daughter, Jace. Whitney teaches 5th grade at Bergman Middle School.

1993 Kimberly Woodrome – Kimberly Woodrome is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Woodrome of Chester. She is a graduate of Chester High School and Stephen F. Austin State University. Kimberly is a Language Arts teacher at Chester High School. She is married to Scott Parker and they reside in Chester, Texas with daughter Amory.

1994 Jolea Glenn – Jolea Glenn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Glenn of Warren. She is a graduate of Warren High School. Jolea resides in Warren with her sons, Tyler and Matthew and daughter, Kameryn.

1995 Lindsey Chapman – Lindsey Chapman Broucher is the daughter of William and Donyce Chapman of Spurger. She is a graduate of Spurger High School and Lamar University. She is a respiratory therapist at Tyler County Hospital in Woodville. She resides in Woodville with her husband, James Broucher and daughter, Haleigh.

1996 Christine Heiman – Christine Heiman is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Heiman of Warren, Texas. She is attending Lamar University, majoring in Pre-Med and getting a degree in Psychology and Biology. Christine is on the Dean's List and an officer in Alpha-Chi Omega and member of Delta Omicron Chi. She also plays the clarinet in the Symphonic Band.

1997 Sommer Norwood – Sommer Norwood is the daughter of Jim and Karen Norwood of Warren. She is a graduate of Warren High School. Sommer currently teaches Biology at Warren High School and concurrent enrollment classes for Angelina Junior College. She resides in Wildwood with her husband Clint Linscomb and their two children.

1998 Laura Kenesson – Laura, a graduate of Woodville High School, is the daughter of Huntley and Judy Kenesson of Woodville. She received her bachelors degree from Texas A & M University in 2002 and the masters degree from the George Bush School of Government and Public Service in 2005. Employed as a political consultant by J2 Strategies, Laura and her husband, Reeve Jackson live in Austin, Texas.

1999 Celeste Jordan – Celeste Jordan Wilson is the daughter

1989 Tania Celestine – Tania Celestine Honeycutt is the daughter of Charles and Hazel Celestine.

of the late Henry Joe Jordan of Spurger and Aran Jordan of Landers, California. She graduated from Spurger High School, attended Texas A & M University in College Station, Texas and graduated from Lamar Institute of Technology in Beaumont, Texas. She is employed as a Technologist for the Dow Chemical Company in Freeport, Texas. Celeste resided in Lake Jackson with her family.

2000 Brooke Brochtrup – Brooke currently lives in Pasadena, Texas where she and her husband Philip are both agriculture science teachers at Pasadena Memorial High School. Brooke graduated from Woodville High School in 2000 and is a 2004 graduate of Texas A & M University with a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Science.

2001 Maegan Best – Maegan Cheyenne Best is a graduate of Colmesneil High School. She is married to Michael Baur. They reside in Seabrook, Texas with their son, Alyx and daughter, Michaela where they own a property preservation company.

2002 Sara Beth Erdek – Sara Beth Erdek Stone graduated from Colmesneil High School. She attended Texas A & M University in College Station, Texas and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Distribution as well as a double minor in Business and Economics. Sara is pursuing a career in Advertising and Sales. She currently resides in Pearland, Texas with her husband.

2003 Janna Lee Kerr – Janna attended Lamar University pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and a minor in Journalism.

2004 Jessica Lambeth – Jessica Lambeth West obtained a degree in Mass Communications and a minor in Health at Lamar University. She is currently teaching first grade at Warren Elementary. She is the daughter of Rusty and Leslie West of Warren.

2005 Blair Blanchette – Blair Blanchette graduated from

Texas A & M in December of 2008 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Communications and a minor in International Studies. Blaire is currently living in Colorado Springs, CO attending Dr. James Dobson's Focus on the Family Institute and doing an internship with Compassion International.

2006 Payton Brown – Payton Brown Clotiaux graduated from Colmesneil High School. She attended Sam Houston State University and graduated in May of 2010 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education, where she earned Magna Cum Laude honors. Payton is employed by Woodville Independent School district and teaches 4th grade at the Intermediate School. She and her husband Jaylon Clotiaux reside in Woodville.

2007 Melissa Garess – Melissa began attending Lamar University in the Fall of 2007 and was named to the President's List with a 4.0 grade

point average. She has since received her pharmacy technician certification and is currently working while attending school full time.

2008 Shayla Young – Since being crowned Dogwood Queen, Shayla Young is a stay at home mom. She currently resides in Warren with her son, and is engaged to be married.

2009 Rossi Gardner – Rossi Gardner attended Texas A & M University where she majored in Ag Leadership and Development. She is also actively involved in the Youth Impact Global Vision of Grace Bible Church.

2010 Kaylee Ryan – After being crowned the 2010 Tyler County Dogwood Festival Queen, Kaylee attended Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches in pursuit of a degree in elementary education.

2011 Kelsey Langham Pate – Kelsey graduated from Warren High School. Kelsey is married with children and she is studying Business Administration at Stephen F. Austin State University.

2012 Ashley Livingston – Ashley graduated from Woodville High School and continued her studies Brigham Young University, where she earned a bachelor of science in communication disorders in December 2015. She plans to get her masters degree in Speech Pathology.

2013 Morgan Hammons – Morgan graduated from Woodville High School and is currently a sophomore at Texas A&M University and plans to graduate with a degree in Marketing.

2014 Dorian Maloy – Dorian graduated from Woodville High School and is currently a student at University of Texas in Austin majoring in Pre-Pharmacy.

2015 Laken Read – Laken graduated from Chester High School and is currently attending Stephen F. Austin State University.



2019's Ladies in Waiting ride in the Western Weekend parade.

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# Gibbs-Walker named ‘Ms. East Texas’

Tyler County Dogwood Festival Executive Director Buck Hudson announced Judge Delinda Gibbs-Walker as “Ms. East Texas” for 2019.

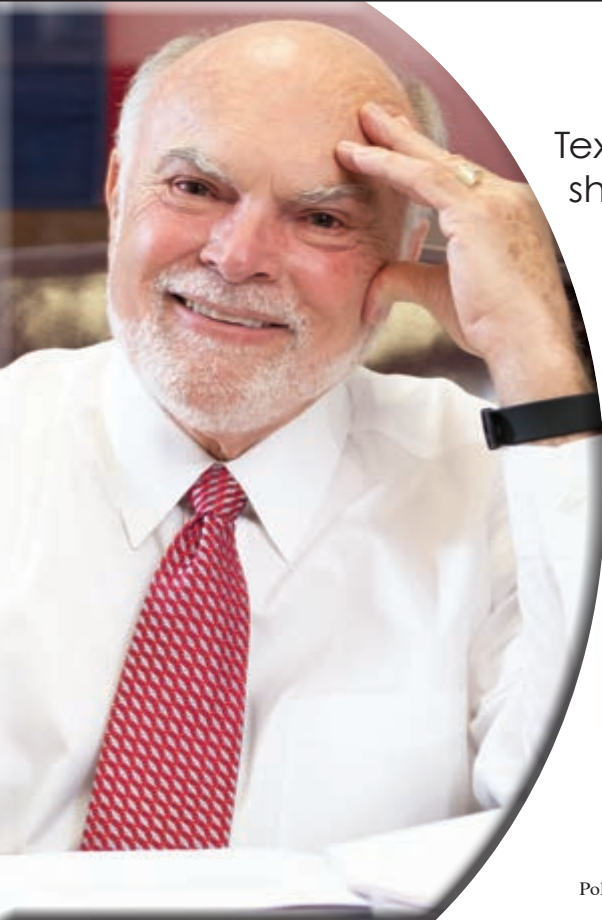
The Mr. East Texas Award is presented each year to the East Texan that best exemplifies the spirit and quality of leadership which advances, shapes and gives direction to the growth and progress of East Texas.

Judge Delinda Gibbs-Walker is now serving her second term as District Judge for the 1-A Judicial District (Tyler, Jasper and Newton Counties). Judge Gibbs Walker is the daughter of Ben and Shirley Gibbs, both of Colmesneil. She graduated in 1983 from high school and worked her way through college by working for attorney Joe H. Tonahill. She graduated from college with two degrees, one in psychology and the other in criminal justice.

She went on to law school and following law school was a federal law clerk for Federal Judge Joe Fisher. Gibbs-Walker has spent her legal career representing thousands of people throughout East Texas in various capacities from personal injury to domestic relations.

One of the highlights of her career as an attorney was the time that she spent in the DA’s offices in both Tyler and Jasper counties.

Today if Gibbs-Walker is not on the bench or serving her beloved counties in some other fashion, you will find her taking care of her grandbabies or working in her church.



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8. Turn left on Cherry Lane
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Participants in the 2018 Fun Run pose for a picture. *Jim Powers photo*



A Dogwood Dash runner makes her way toward the finish line. *Jim Powers photo*



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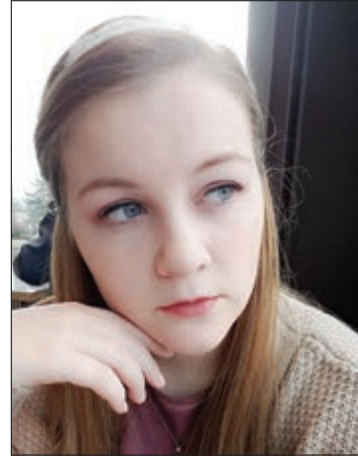
Duchess Alyssa Rood represents Livingston and will be escorted by Bryan Duff.



Duchess Alyssa Yancey represents Beaumont and will be escorted by Richard Benoit III.



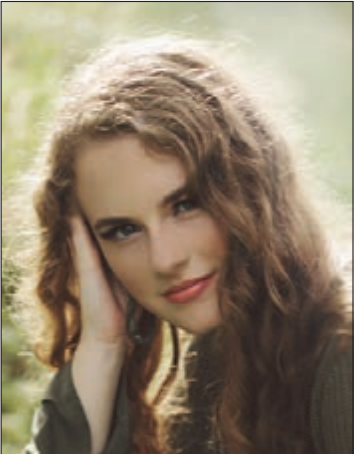
Duchess Anna Makenzie Moore represents Huntington and will be escorted by Chandler Moore.



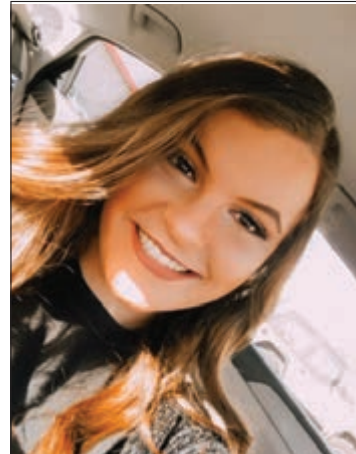
Duchess Celine Nicole Hicks represents John Day, Oregon and will be escorted by Connor Hassig.



Duchess Emily Eddins represents Jasper and will be escorted by Wesley Dobbins.



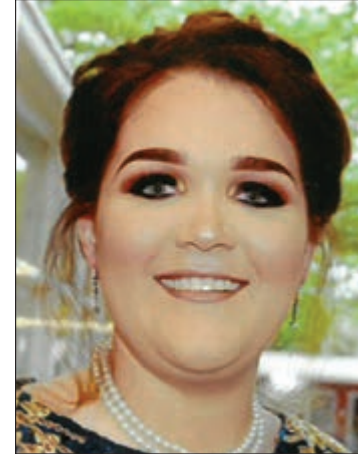
Duchess Emily McCown represents Houston and will be escorted by William Keith.



Duchess Emma Grace Baker represents Kountze and will be escorted by Wade Walsh.



Duchess Hannah Clarke represents Beaumont and will be escorted by Kemo Moran.



Duchess Joanna Elizabeth Thigpen represents Lufkin and will be escorted by Connor Hughes.



Duchess Kaili Philen represents Montgomery and will be escorted by Marcos Broom.



Royal Duchess Kameryn Ramer represents Warren and will be escorted by Ryan Sharp.



Duchess Katy Burris represents Corrigan and will be escorted by Grady Tolar.



Duchess Koral Sylestine represents the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe and will be escorted by Drew Poncho.



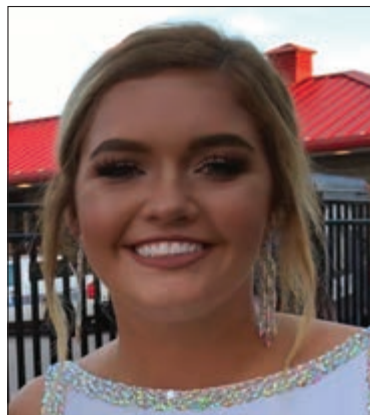
Duchess Madeline Kiker represents Beaumont and will be escorted by Brandon Wheeler.



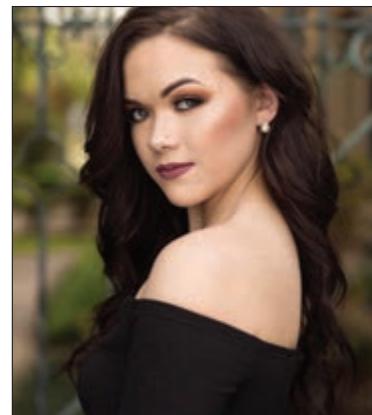
Duchess Madison Lane represents Warsaw, Indiana and will be escorted by Evan Stewart.



Duchess Peyton Marie Lumpkin represents Beaumont and will be escorted by Bryce Cashat.



Duchess Reagan PresLee Dominy represents Kirbyville and will be escorted by Brayden Siau.



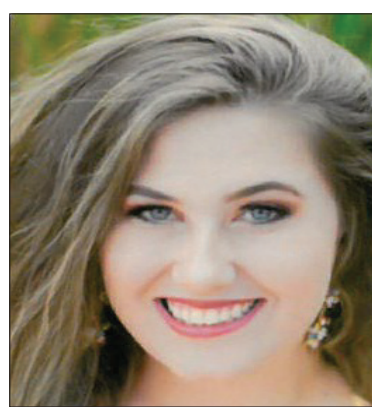
Duchess Sachi Hisako Richardson represents the Big Thicket and will be escorted by Hunter Devin Carter.



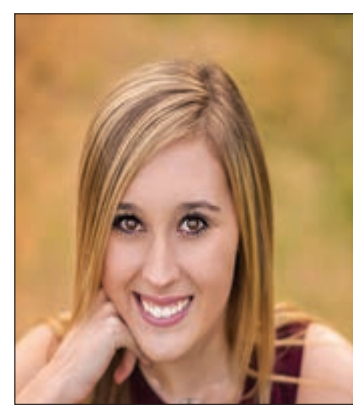
Duchess Sarah Elizabeth Brown represents Woden and will be escorted by Truett McCollum.



Duchess Shelby Martin represents Amarillo and will be escorted by Trey Hatton.



Duchess Shelby McClelland represents Jasper and will be escorted by Spencer Gobert.



Duchess Taylor Handley represents Corrigan and will be escorted by John Martin.

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# Presenting the 2019 Dogwood Princesses



Ashlyn Overstreet, Chester Princess

Ashlyn Bailee Overstreet, daughter of Paul and Stefani Wade, is the Princess representing Chester. Ashlyn has been very active in all activities during her high school years. She played volleyball, basketball, softball, cheer, and tennis while in high school. She also ran cross-country and track. She has advanced to the regional level in track and volleyball. She is involved in UIL academics and has acted in the one act play during the past four years. When Ashlyn has a break in her busy schedule, she enjoys painting, baking, crocheting, and reading. Ashlyn is excited to spend time with and get to know the other princesses, and hopes that she will gain lifelong friendships from this experience. Ashlyn will be escorted by James Thomas Hughes, the son of Doug and Christie Hughes.



Emilee James, Colmesneil Princess

Emilee Grace James, Colmesneil Princess, is the daughter of Janay Gilbert and Roy James. Emilee has played volleyball, basketball, softball, and has run track for Colmesneil during her high school years. Emilee plans to attend East Texas Baptist University in the fall, in hopes of earning a bachelor's degree in nursing. She then plans to continue her education at the University of Texas Arlington to obtain a master's degree in nursing. She aspires to work as a neonatal nurse practitioner at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston. Emilee is excited to represent Colmesneil in this year's festival and is the first person in her family to be a member of the royal court. Emilee will be escorted by Jay Myers, son of Jamie and Tammy Myers.



Chester Princess

*Ashlyn Bailee Overstreet*

Daughter of Paul & Stefani Wade

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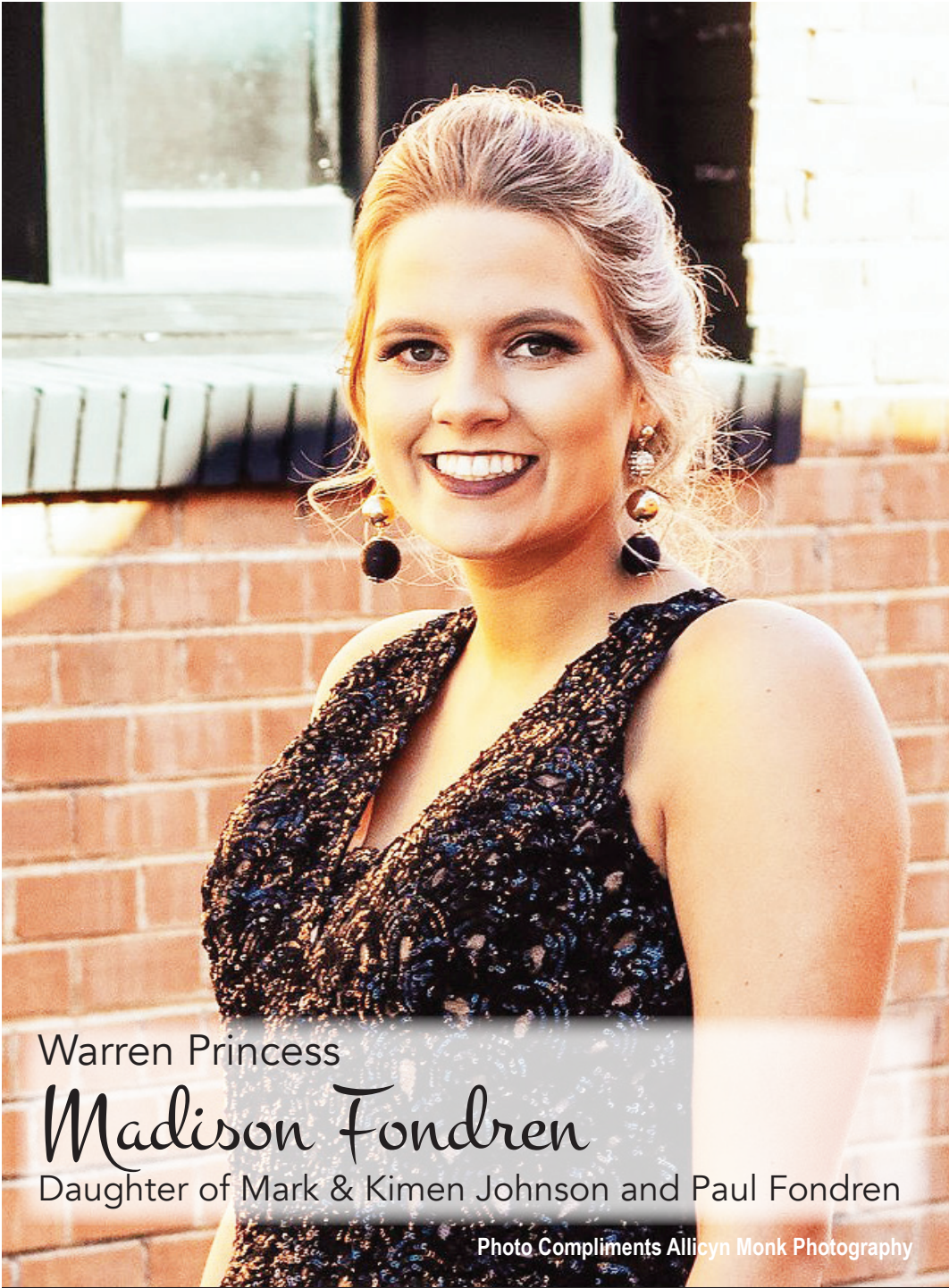
## Spurger Princess Hannah Balla

Hannah Tennille Balla, daughter of Brian and Charman Balla, is the Princess from Spurger. Hannah has been very active during high school, playing volleyball, softball and running track for the Lady Pirates. Hannah is also very involved in the FFA, having served as FFA Chaplain the past four years. While not at school, Hannah enjoys spending time with her sisters, working with her cattle, and competing in jackpot shows with her animals. Hannah's favorite Dogwood memory is riding in the trailride parade during Western Weekend and throwing candy to all the children. Hannah plans to attend Lamar State College Orange in the fall, with the goal of eventually becoming a dental hygienist. Hannah will be escorted by Gantt Stone, son of Lynn and Gretchen Stone.



## Warren Princess Madi Fondren

Madison Shay Fondren, daughter of Mark and Kimen Johnson, will represent Warren as Princess his year. Madi has been a varsity cheerleader for the Warriors for four years. She has also been very involved in FFA all throughout high school, and has served as an officer for the past two years. She is currently on the SFA honor society and SFA Dean's list, as she takes dual-credit college classes while in high school. One of Madi's greatest accomplishments was winning Grand Champion with her broilers at the Tyler County Fair this past fall. Madi loves living in a small town and takes great pride in her community. She was a flower girl in the Dogwood Festival several years ago, and since then, she has looked forward to representing her school as a member of the royal court. Escorting Madi will be Eli Standley, son of Matt and Carrie Standley.





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## Woodville Princess Kaitlyn Odom

Kaitlyn Elise Odom, daughter of Trevor and Sarah Odom, is the Princess of Woodville. While in high school, Kaitlyn has participated in Interact, HOSA, and FFA. She is active in Student Council and is an officer in the National Honor Society. She has played softball, and has competed in cross country and power lifting. While not busy with sports, activities, and keeping her grades up (Kaitlyn has been on the A honor roll since Kindergarten), Kaitlyn enjoys hunting and fishing. Kaitlyn will attend Angelina College in the fall, as she has signed to play softball for the Lady Roadrunners. Kaitlyn’s favorite Dogwood memory is dancing to a Michael Jackson song with former Queen Dorian Maloy in the historic play. Escorting Kaitlyn will be Garret Allen, son of Tod and Laren Allen.



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*Kaitlyn Elise Odom*  
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## Legends of the dogwood tree

There are many legends of the dogwood: some from modern times, some from ancient times, some funny, some of a religious nature, and some about where the name “dogwood” originated. One version says that the name, Dogwood, comes from the wood itself which is very hard, dense and rock-like when dry. The wood was used to make ‘dogs’ or ‘doggerwood’ – an Old English term meaning “a stick used to skewer meat”. Another version is that of a custom in England to cure mange by washing the dog with it – funny!

From Native American flower lore comes this Dogwood legend. The Cherokee believed that a tiny people lived amidst the Dogwoods and that this divine little race was sent to teach people to live in harmony with the woods. The “Dogwood People,” as they were called, were very kind; they protected babies and took care of the old and infirm. It is said that when the Cherokee learned to speak English – they began to call the Dogwood people “brownies.”

In biblical times, according to one legend, it was Adam’s favorite tree ... so the devil sneaks into the Garden of Eden to knock all the blossoms off the Dogwood using a locust tree to climb over the wall surrounding Eden. But his attempt was foiled, as the Dogwood blossoms were in the shape of a cross, all he could manage was to bite a chunk out of each petal. This little escapade caused the locust tree to grow thorns so that it could never be used to access the garden again.

It is said that Jesus had a special love for Dogwood trees which had been the size of oak and other forest trees at that time. So firm and strong was the tree that it was chosen for the cross. To be used thus, for such a cruel purpose greatly distressed the tree, and Jesus with His gentle pity for all sorrow said “because of your regret and pity for My suffering, never again shall the Dogwood tree grow large enough to be used as a cross – henceforth it shall be slender, bent and twisted and its blossoms shall be in the form of a cross” ... “two long and two short petals.”

Those of us who live in the Dogwood Capital have our own legend grown out of the gorgeous weather and beautiful place we live, known lovingly as “Nature’s Wonderland.” Dogwoods grow profusely in the wilds here, turning beautiful shades of pink & yellow-green in the fall, losing their leaves in the winter. In March, the dogwoods and azaleas offer the first beautiful blooms to decorate East Texas.



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### ‘Festival of the Arts’ offers fun and food at Heritage Village

The Festival of the Arts is the first in the trilogy of Dogwood Festival weekends, and there are many things to see, do and taste at Heritage Village.

For both Saturday and Sunday, a full schedule of demonstrations, live music and great food is all on the agenda.

On Saturday, the day is mostly devoted to demonstrations. Arts and crafts enthusiasts will have plenty to see, and lots of potential new finds to buy and take home. The demonstrations will range from quilting to jewelry making.

Saturday’s live music offerings on the Village Green stage often include the melodic sounds of Village favorites the Southeast Texas Dulcimer Friends; vocal music courtesy of the Thomas Jefferson Junior High Choir from Port Arthur, with Ruth Houston singing on one song and Nathan Vaughn. As for eats, the ever-popular Indian Tacos and fry bread are a must for festival goers.

The following day is the traditional Dinner on the Grounds day, and a real treat to lovers of good old-fashioned country cuisine. The menu usually includes everything from tasty brisket, sausage and turkey to sides like Cajun rice, cornbread and cabbage and pinto beans. This year, there was homemade bread and plenty of dessert items.

Live music is also a welcome treat for dinner guests to enjoy while they eat. This year, local bluegrass favorites James and Priscilla Hale performed, as did up-and-coming Christian country singer/songwriter Michael Ryan.

For those who want to take in some history of the Dogwood Festival, there is an ongoing exhibit in the exhibit room behind the gift shop that features memorabilia from the past 75 years of the festival.

Along with photographs of past Dogwood princesses, there are dresses, festival programs and other items on display that showcase the rich history of this Tyler County tradition.



From spinning and weaving to live music and chair-caning demonstrations, there is always a lot to do and see at the annual Festival of the Arts weekend, the first weekend of the overall Dogwood Festival held at Heritage Village.

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# James Wheat: the father of the Dogwood Festival



The Tyler County Dogwood Festival, the oldest outdoor historical pageant in the South, is a continuing tribute to its founder, James W. Wheat. It calls attention to the beauties of the area in story, pageant and song. In the spring of 1938, when the dogwoods were in bloom, James E. Wheat arranged a meeting near the Polk and Tyler County line of a group of the state's leading citizens whose aid he hoped to enlist in promoting the completion of U.S. Highway 190. His guests, from other parts of the state, were so impressed with the natural beauty of East Texas that Jim Wheat hit upon the idea of an annual event which would focus attention on the area when "It's Dogwood Time in Tyler County." On the night of Saturday, April 6, 1940 the first Dogwood Festival was presented by some thirty people to an audience of 300 in a small amphitheater on the grounds of the Woodville school. From the day he had the idea until the day he died, Jim Wheat was President and major promoter of the project which he so ambitiously started. He was born, raised and spent virtually all his life in Tyler County. He was a leader in his own community in school, municipal, church and civic endeavors. In state and national circles he reached the highest levels of success in the legal profession as Chairman of the Democratic Party in Texas, the first Chairman for the forerunner of the Texas Historical Commission, an early reformer of the Texas Prison System, and in other varied capacities. He received citations and accolades from all sides, yet he often stated that his greatest satisfaction was the success of the Tyler County Dogwood Festival. He liked to say in the bulletin each year that the Festival indicates "what can be done in small towns where there is a spirit of good will and broad-minded appreciation of the cultural and esthetic values of life which enables people to work together for the common good." That was Jim Wheat's "ethic", his "Citizens Creed". We are fondly reminded of it and of him each year when we realize that once again, "It's Dogwood Time in Tyler County."



Western Weekend Fun –The steady clip-clop of horses’ hooves was a brief, but welcome presence along Highway 190 in Woodville during the Western Weekend Parade held last weekend.  
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