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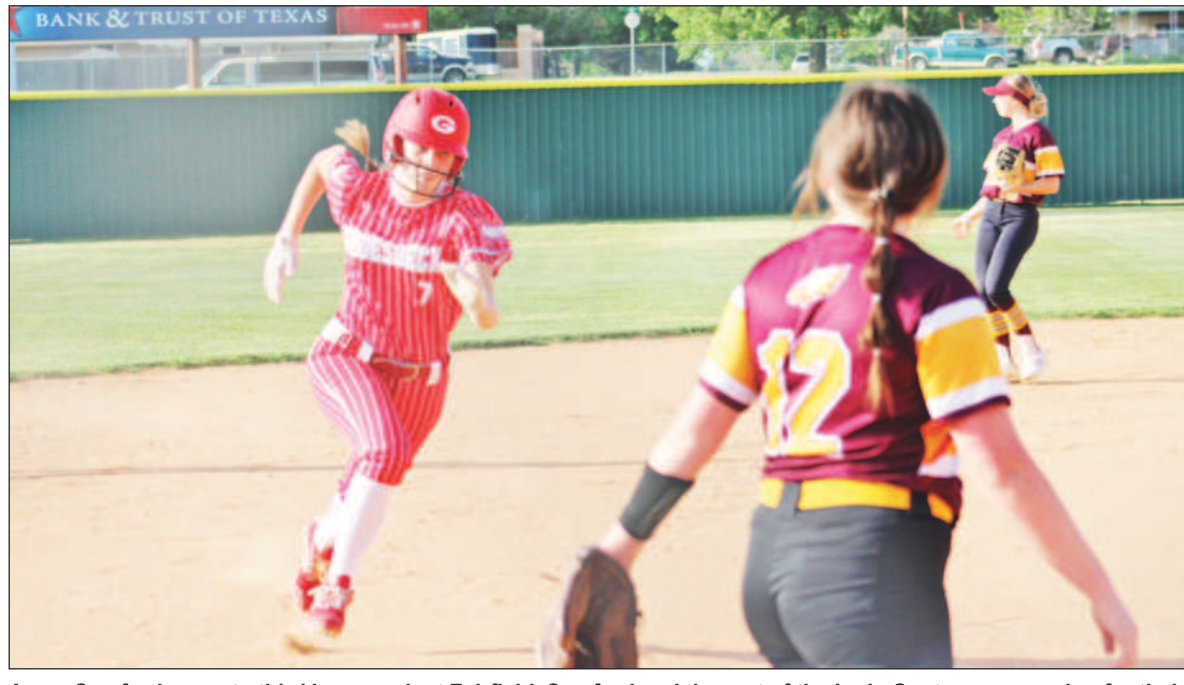
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Avery Samford races to third base against Fairfield. Samford and the rest of the Lady Goats are preparing for their bi-district playoff game against Rogers at the Waco ISD softball complex, Frida at 6 p.m.

Photos by Edgar Estrada/Groesbeck Journal

Lady Goats head into playoffs Secure third place in district

By Edgar Estrada
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Fairfield 14, Groesbeck 12

Groesbeck fell against a desperate Fairfield team looking for a win to keep their playoff hopes alive on Friday, April 22. The Lady Eagles battled back from a 12-3 deficit and scored 11 unanswered runs to create a three-team log-jam for third place in the district standings, forcing a

play-in game.

Groesbeck struck quickly in the opening frame. After a lead-off fly ball out, the Groesbeck batters settled in and garnered a walk and hit three singles, producing the first two runs of the game.

Fairfield answered as they loaded the bases with no outs to start the inning. Madelyn Morrison then cleared the bases with a double, giving Fairfield the early 3-2 advantage.

The Lady Goats responded by

retaking the lead with a four-run second inning. After Fairfield failed to score in the second inning, both teams were held scoreless in the third inning.

In the fourth inning, things went bonkers.

Groesbeck posted 6 runs in the top of the inning, and were getting dangerously close to ending the game by run-rule.

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Burn Ban in Question County holds Funding Workshop

By Alexandra Cannon
Contributor to the Journal

Limestone County commissioners spent about half an hour discussing whether or not to lift the burn ban at their meeting Monday, April 25, a hot-button issue that can have serious consequences for county residents one way or another.

The lack of moisture and rainfall the county has received paired with high winds mean that controlled burns can easily get out of hand and have devastating effects, but as County Judge Richard Duncan has previously expressed, many residents out in the county rely on the ability to burn trash as there are no collection services where they live.

COUNTY - PG. 11

Although county commissioners spent a lot of time discussing it, they opted to leave the burn ban on at their meeting on Monday, April 25. The following day, County Judge Richard Duncan lifted the burn ban through May 1. Monday, May 2, the burn ban will be made active again.

Texas Game Warden Thomas Rinn, a member of the Parks & Wildlife dive team, is shown here helping search for a man who went missing in Stillhouse Lake in 2020.

Contributed photos



Limestone Game Warden wears many hats

By Roxanne Thompson
Special to the Journal

Limestone County Game Warden Thomas Rinn's job has expanded recently in a way that has nothing to do with hunting or fishing – although it is outdoors. Each week, about 60 game wardens travel to the border to help stem the tide of illegal immigration. Rinn is part of that work, traveling to the border about every other month, staying around nine days each time, and working 12-hour days while there.

Rinn recently spoke to the Mexia Lions Club about this and the other tasks he does as part of his job.

"We're on the list to be going down there at least through the end of this year and probably into next year if things get any worse,"

Rinn told the Lions. "Our main responsibility is to our constituency here, but we have to make sure we're taking our turn down at the border. That way not everybody has to go down every month."

With family units crossing the border, he said, the drug runners distract border personnel with families in one area while the drug runners try to bring drugs across the border in a different area.

"It's only been getting worse, and everything has been getting amplified now," Rinn said. "We're stuck in the role of assisting with DPS (Department of Public Safety), so it's one of those things we're getting used to. We've done it in the past, but now we're consistently going down there to help out with that stuff."

"We funnel them to Border Patrol," Rinn said of the illegal border crossers, "and that gives them enough time to process people and get them shipped to wherever they're taking them to – just for them to come back and us try to catch them again. It's just a big revolving door now. Some people run, some people don't, but a lot of times they're not trying to fight the officers; they're just trying to run to get away. Or they're staying put because they know they're going to get processed and get sent somewhere else."

"Border security is just one of those things we're going to have to get used to in the near future," he concluded.

GAME WARDEN - PG. 5

GISD Board Amends 22-23 Calendar, Ends Early Release Fridays

By Alexandra Cannon
Contributor to the Journal

The Groesbeck ISD Board of Trustees met for a special meeting on Monday, April 25 to complete necessary board training and to finalize business from their regular meeting, held the week prior. Bridgette Jackson-Tatum and Angela Crane were not in attendance, but other board members were given a thorough presentation on Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code by Rick Lambert of Powell Law Group.

Powell explained the purpose of the act is to encourage capital investment projects, and a solar energy project within the district, which is currently in the beginning stages, was discussed. Following Powell's presentation, decisions related to Chapter 313 were tabled and will be addressed at a special meeting set for Monday, May 2.

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OBITUARIES

Debra Ann Barkley Vacek

With deep sorrow and much love, we mourn the passing of Debra Ann Barkley Vacek on April 23, 2022. Born January 4, 1952, in San Diego, she is the oldest of five children. Debra married George Vacek on November 4, 1972, and they have two children.

Debra was a generous wife, mother, sister, aunt, cousin, and friend. She was a great cook and would make delicious meals for her family. She had a big sweet tooth and enjoyed making her favorite fudge recipe for the holidays. She loved animals, especially horses. Debra was an avid reader and would often stay up too late lost in a book. She was a free spirit and valued her travels and cruises taken with her family and close friends. She always said the beach was her favorite place.

Debra will be lovingly remembered by her husband, George Vacek;

daughter Thasha Vacek Sams and son-in-law Brett Sams; son Arric Vacek; brother Ronald Barkley and wife Cindy Barkley; sister Lisa Barkley Tarr and husband Jeff Tarr; and her aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. She is preceded in death by her mother Mary Marshall, brother Ty Barkley, and sister Kimberly Barkley Hoefert.

Visitation will be 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Friday, April 29, at Garmany & Carden Funeral Directors Chapel, 1201 Fourth Street, Rosenberg, TX 77471, preceding the Funeral Service which will begin at 1 p.m. Burial will follow in Concord Cemetery, Fairchild Rd, Richmond, TX 77469.

Pallbearers are Chet Barkley, Nicholas Hoefert, Jason Holecek, Trenton McGee, David Nunnally, Kyler Tarr, and James Vacek, Jr. Honorary Pallbearers are Michael



Beckum, Clayton Fishbeck, Bobby Nunnally, and Lonie Mercer.

Memorial donations may be given in her memory to the Alzheimer's Association at alz.org, or mailed to 225 N. Michigan Avenue, Floor 17, Chicago, IL 60601.

Condolence messages may be written for the Vacek family at www.garmanycarden.com

Services are under the direction of Garmany & Carden Funeral Directors, 1201 Fourth Street, Rosenberg, TX 77471 (281)342-4671.

Debbie Sue Nash

Debbie Sue Nash was born to Bobby Lee Jacobs and Patsy Jo Jacobs on September 2, 1955, in Corsicana. Debbie attended Oakwood ISD until her junior year when the family moved to Coolidge. Debbie graduated a year early in 1972 but still crossed the stage with the class of 1973.

Debbie had a few different professions which included, caregiver, co-bar owner, operator for the phone company, hair stylist, employee at Double J Feed, owned a cafe as well as Debbie's One Stop.

Debbie met Adam Lenamond in 1972 and they remained good friends for 50 years. Debbie married Bradley Bruckner Sr. on October 22, 1977. Together they had one son, Bradley Bruckner II. Debbie then married Atmar Lynn Nash on April 2, 1984. They also had one son together, Jeffrey Nash. Debbie and Lynn were married at the time of his passing on September 28, 2019.

Debbie enjoyed helping everyone in the community

and helped anywhere she was needed. Her favorite pastime was spending time with her family and loved ones. She had many great friends and one that stands out is her friend, Bill Ward. Debbie and Bill remained friends for over 50 years. As you can see, once you made friends with Debbie it was easy to remain friends, which is something she took pride in.

Debbie is preceded in death by her father, Bobby Lee Jacobs, her husband Atmar Lynn Nash, her brother Reagan Dean Jacobs, her brother-in-law Gary Davis, brother-in-law Mickey Powell, brother-in-law Ray Robertson; two grandsons, Colton Bradley Bruckner, and Nolan Bradley Bruckner.

Debbie is survived by her mother Patsy Jo Jacobs, her sister Annette Davis, her brother Randall and his wife Christi Jacobs, her sister-in laws Delora Robertson and Jackie Powell, her son Bradley Bruckner and wife Tonia, her son Jeffrey Nash; grandsons Robert Jacob Bruckner, Hunter Ray Nash and Jacob Wells and wife Memory, all of Coolidge. Debbie is also survived by her granddaughters Zoey Nichole Nash and Avrey



Renee Nash of Agua Dulce, Texas; great grandson Nolan Michael Wells of Coolidge. Debbie also has many nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews and great, great nieces and nephews.

Visitation with the family will be 6-8 p.m., Friday, April 29 at Blair-Stubbs Funeral Home in Mexia.

Funeral services will be at noon Saturday, April 30 at the First United Methodist Church in Coolidge. Interment will follow in the Coolidge Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Andrew Jacobs, Joseph Dale, Jacob Wells, Robert Jacob Bruckner, Hunter Ray Nash, and Jon Ward. Honorary pallbearers will be Zoey Nash, Avrey Nash, and Nolan Wells.

Please visit www.blair-stubbs.com to leave the family a message of condolence or sign the guestbook.

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Grand Jury Indictments

The following indictments were handed down March 22 by a Limestone County Grand Jury. Those listed are not guilty unless and until a court finds otherwise, an indictment means there is enough evidence to warrant a trial.

15492A – The State of Texas vs. Nikkie Lenette Barron Possession of a Controlled Substance \$5,000 bond.

15493A – The State of Texas vs. Michael William Birkes II Possession of a Controlled Substance \$7,500 bond.

15494A – The State of Texas vs. Tomethus Lee Bryant Assault Family Violence w/Prior \$10,000 bond.

15495A – The State of Texas vs. Name Withheld Pending Arrest Bail Jumping and Failure to Appear \$10,000 bond.

15496A – The State of Texas vs. Name Withheld Pending Arrest Possession of a Controlled Substance \$20,000 bond.

15497A – The State of Texas vs. Name Withheld Pending Arrest Theft \$2,500 to \$30,000, \$5,000 bond.

15498A – The State of

Texas vs. Name Withheld Pending Arrest Fraudulent Use/Possession of Identifying Information \$5,000 bond.

15499A – The State of Texas vs. Name Withheld Pending Arrest Ct 1: Assault Family Violence by occlusion with prior assl-enhanced; Ct 2: Assault Family Violence by occlusion with prior assl-enhanced; Ct 3: Sexual Assault-Enhanced; Ct 1: \$25,000 bond; Ct 2: \$25,000 bond; Ct \$25,000 bond.

15500A – The State of Texas vs. Name Withheld Pending Arrest Theft \$30,000 to \$150,000 \$20,000 bond.

15501A – The State of Texas v. Chauncey Earl Moore Aggravated Assault w/deadly weapon \$25,000 bond.

15502A – The State of Texas v. Jose Antonio Perez Ct 1: Burglary of Habitation; Ct 2: Aggravated Assault w/deadly weapon; Ct 3: Aggravated Assault w/ deadly weapon. Ct 1: \$20,000 bond; Ct 2: \$20,000 bond; Ct 3: \$20,000 bond.

15503A – The State of Texas vs. Name Withheld Pending Arrest Ct 1:

Assault Pregnant Individual; Ct 2: Assault Family Violence w/ previous conviction. Ct 1: \$7,500 bond; Ct 2: \$7,500 bond.

15504A – The State of Texas v. Desmond Jamal Reeves Possession of a Controlled Substance \$5,000 bond.

15505A – The State of Texas v. Gilberto R. Reyes, Jr. Ct 1: Possession of a Controlled Substance; Ct 2: Prohibited Substances and Items in correctional facility;

Ct 1: \$20,000 bond; Ct 2: \$7,500 bond.

15506A – The State of Texas v. Sergio Lopez Rivera Continuous Violence Against the Family \$10,000 bond

15507A – The State of Texas vs. Name Withheld Pending Arrest Possession of a Controlled Substance \$5,000 bond.

15508A – The State of Texas v. Justin Michael Smith Possession of a controlled substance \$5,000 bond.

15509A – The State of Texas vs. Name Withheld Pending Arrest Assault Family Violence w/prior (enhanced) \$15,000 bond.

Groesbeck Lions Club Learns About CASA



Groesbeck Lions Club heard from Liz McDaniel, a CASA or Court Appointed Special Advocate for children who are in foster care on Wed. April 20 during their regular weekly meeting at Mi Rancho Mexican Restaurant.

Tom Hawkins photo/Groesbeck Journal

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On April 20th, the Groesbeck Lions Club heard a program presented by Lion Liz McDaniel. She is a CASA or Court Appointed Special Advocate for children who are in foster care. She stated that every child deserves a safe and permanent home. Each year, in the United States, millions of children are abused, neglected, or abandoned by their families, and removed from their homes and placed in foster care. The role of the CASA Volunteer is to improve the lives of children by providing a consistent presence in the child's life while working with others to identify the child's physical, emotional and educational needs along with the resources to help the child and the family heal. When a child is removed from home and placed in foster care, the judge appoints a CASA volunteer. The CASA volunteer meets with the child on a regular basis to

learn more about the child's needs and communicates with everyone involved in the case which may include the foster parents, teachers, therapist, the CPS worker and attorney ad litem. When a CASA volunteer goes to court, he or she advocates for the child's best interest. The CASA continues working to find the child a permanent home. CASA volunteers are assigned to one or two cases at a time, focusing solely on that one child or sibling group and their family. The CASA volunteer and caseworkers collaborate to reunite families by making sure the child's voice is heard. If reunification is not safe or possible, CASA volunteers will advocate for the child to be adopted by, or live with other relatives or family friends. If that is also not possible, CASA volunteers will work towards adoption by a non-relative. No matter what happens, CASA volunteers will keep in contact with the support network until

the case closes so that everyone continues to put the child's best interest first.

The steps to becoming a CASA include meeting these requirements: be at least 21 years old, attend an information session, fill out an application, attend an interview and pass screening requirements.

Limestone and Freestone Counties both currently have a shortage of CASAs. During the time period of September 2020 - August 2021, 60 children were placed in foster care in Limestone County and 40 in Freestone County. Currently there are 12 volunteers to cover the needs in both Limestone and Freestone counties. Those who are interested in becoming a CASA can visit the Voices for Children website (vfc@vfcbrazos.org) and fill out an online application. To find out more about CASA call the Bryan office at 979-822-9700 or Liz McDaniel at 254-645-0032 or lmcdaniel@vfcbrazos.org.



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Friends of the Library sale is one for the books

By Edgar Estrada
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The study room at the Groesbeck Maffett Memorial Library has not been used for studying for quite some time. It has been used as a storage room for excess books. After Saturday's Friends of the Library book sale, the study room should be back in business for its original intent, studying.

Library director Jamie McLean, said that the storage shed was absolutely full, which is why they resorted to using the study room as a de facto storage unit.

Saturday's sale netted the Friends of the library \$600 per McLean. She estimates that a typical book sale will net an average of \$300. Books were sold either

by the bag or by the box. A bag of books would set you back \$5, while a box of books would cost \$10.

This is the first book sale since fall of 2019, which led to the rise of accumulated books.

All proceeds from the sale go to the Friends of the library, a non-profit fundraising group for the library that helps fund the popular summer reading program. The non-profit also purchases computer equipment for the library.

The books for sale are donations or books that have been weeded out from circulation McLean said.

McLean said that the library uses a formula that determines when books get weeded out. Publish date, years on the shelf and the amount of circulations are

components to that formula. Each genre has its own formula. Science books typically get weeded out faster, they last five to ten years as newer information gets updated and published.

McLean and the library staff have been jokingly calling it 'Death Row.'

Books that don't sell will be shipped to Waco for a larger book sale, or be sent to a recycling center along with books in poor condition.

McLean said that the sale had 140 total visitors including 30 within the first 30 minutes.

One of those visitors was Raven Robinette, a mother who saw an ad on Facebook about the sale.

"Bought a little more than I should have," Robinette said. "I got a lot of books, but it's because

of my kids."

Robinette estimated that she purchased close to 40 books that filled two boxes that she had to use a dollie moving truck to take to her vehicle.

"You get a whole bunch of knowledge for hardly anything," Robinette said. "I got a couple things for me, canning, cook books, and religious books."

Robinette admits she doesn't go to the library often, but she enjoyed browsing the titles for sale and the break from her kids. She knows her kids will be happy with the new books but she doesn't quite know how her husband will react.

"My husband is going, 'oh my gosh' what are you going to do with all that?"



Four rooms full of books on 'Death Row'. The Friends of the Library book sale netted \$600 for the non-profit group. The event was the first book sale since 2019 for the group. An estimated 140 people came to the book sale.

Artwork by area students adorning hallways at ESC Region 12

Special to Journal
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Once every four years, Education Service Center Region 12 swaps out the artwork adorning the hallway walls with new, original works of art from students in its region. Some of the new pieces come from the school districts in Groesbeck, Fairfield and Wortham.

Students from Groesbeck, whose paintings were chosen, include Amberly Kurtz and Karolye Smith of Enge Washington Intermediate School, Jolee Amason and Na'Kyra Hardaway of Groesbeck Middle School and Stephanie Hicks and Emma Hutchinson of Groesbeck High School. Their teachers are Heather Weihausen of Enge Washington

Intermediate School, Laurie Connally of Groesbeck Middle School and Desirae M. Settlemeyer of Groesbeck High School.

The artwork of Kayden Dallas and Emily Kent of Fairfield High School were selected. Teri Frauenberger is their teacher.

The ESC also honored Preston Batts, Tom Ebbett, Veronica Gutierrez and Brenna Lewis, all of

Wortham High School.

During the April 21 gala, An Evening of Art showcase, ESC Region 12 honored 123 elementary, middle and high school students from 74 area schools in Region 12. The evening began with a performance by the University Show Choir from Waco ISD, a certificate presentation for the student artists and their teachers, and a gallery

walk. Art includes work in pastels, pencil sketches, illustrations, watercolor, photography and more.

"The Art Gala is an opportunity for educators, families and the community to celebrate talented young artists from across the region," said Education Specialist Larissa Mezynski, who serves as the event coordinator. "Displaying student art is a powerful

way to foster students' enthusiasm in learning to use their skills to represent themselves and their school well while connecting with and investing in their community."

The gala ceremony live stream video can be viewed on the ESC Region 12 Facebook page and the virtual art gallery can be viewed on the web.

High-speed rail company fails to pay 2021 property taxes

By Mary Cryer Awalt
Special to the Journal

The company planning to build a high-speed rail line connecting Houston and Dallas failed to pay 2021 taxes on any of the property it purchased along the proposed route, and currently owes Limestone County \$10,055, including property tax, penalties and interest.

The unpaid taxes, and amounts owed to each county along the high-speed rail project route, are outlined in a letter to the Supreme Court of Texas from the county attorneys of Freestone, Leon, Limestone, Navarro, Ellis, Madison, Waller and Grimes Counties.

Texas Central Railroad & Infrastructure owes a total of \$622,975 to 10 counties,

according to the letter, and "has not paid any taxes owed for 2021."

"TCRI is actively harming the impacted counties by depriving them of funds needed for essential public services such as building and maintaining roads and bridges, providing emergency management services, managing flood plains, holding elections, registering voters, and maintaining vital records," the letter goes on to say.

The total market value for the 2021 tax year of properties purchased by the company is \$832,584, all of which were purchased between December 2019 and March 2020.

TCRI signed a \$16 billion construction contract in June 2021 with Webuild, a global construction and engineering company, to

design and build all 236 miles of the railroad, half of which will be on a raised viaduct.

The proposed rail line plans to connect Houston and Dallas in a travel time of less than 90 minutes, with a stop in the College Station area. The company said the project will create 17,000 temporary jobs during five or six years of construction, and 1,500 permanent jobs when construction is complete and the train is fully operational.

Construction was slated to begin in late 2021 or early 2022, but has not submitted a full application to the Surface Transportation Board, which is necessary before any construction can begin.

A number of lawsuits have been filed in the

eight years since the rail line was proposed, most of them arguing that since the high-speed rail builder is not a railroad company under Texas law, they cannot use eminent domain to acquire land needed for the rail line.

Eminent domain is the term for forced sale of private property for public use.

Total taxes owed by the company to Texas counties include: Dallas County \$29,898; Navarro County,

\$17,890; Freestone County, \$18,051; Limestone County, \$10,055; Leon County, \$3,942; Madison County, \$68,978; Grimes County, \$145,982; Waller County, \$111,817; and Harris County, \$216,359.

Chase Logan announces run for South Limestone Hospital District Board of Directors position

To the residents of Limestone County:

For those who do not know me, please allow me to briefly introduce myself. My name is Chase Logan, and I am running for one of the South Limestone Hospital District Board of Directors positions. I have a sense of doing what is morally right in the eyes of God, my family, and my community.

Born and reared in Groesbeck by my parents, Bill and Susan Logan, I come from a long lineage of Groesbeck natives, including my grandparents, (late) Charles Sr. and Shirley Smith and my great grandparents, (late) Sid and Bernice Smith who formerly owned and operated the old movie theater.

I have a strong sense of community, and have many ties which have led me to also rear my own family in Groesbeck. My wife, Alicia Logan, has worked in healthcare for 20 years, and we have two children; a son in college, and a daughter who is a current student at Groesbeck ISD. My wife

and I are very active in all areas of our children's' lives, whether it be local sports, AG, or their general education.

I am currently employed full-time in the oil and gas industry, and recently obtained my realtor's license. I am fully vested in our community, and have no plans of moving outside of Groesbeck.

If elected for a South Limestone Hospital District Board of Directors position, one of my goals include having a say in where our community's tax dollars are being spent, and ensuring that they are being used with the best interest of our community in mind. I intend to help our hospital's visitors, patients, and staff in the most beneficial ways.

I would appreciate, for your consideration, your vote in the upcoming election and the opportunity to represent the citizens of Limestone County. Thank you for your valuable time, and God Bless!
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Groesbeck's Rogers, Corn advance to regionals in shot put

By Edgar Estrada
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If you step into a shot put pit with Kallen Rogers, be warned you are stepping into his neighborhood and you are only here to visit.

Rogers captured the area shot put title with a throw of 45 feet 2 1/4 inches. His teammate Cyler Corn joined Rogers on the podium with a third place finish.

The boys team collectively finished in 11 place with 21 points total. Franklin took the boys team title with 112 points.

On the girls side, Fairfield ran away with the area title scoring 172 points, 54 points ahead of second place Cameron Yoe.

Both athletes will represent Groesbeck at the UIL 3A Region III meet April 29-30 at Waco Midway High School. The event starts at 9 a.m.

Girls Team Score

- 1 Fairfield, 172
- 2 Cameron Yoe, 118
- 3 Franklin, 105
- 4 Lexington, 54
- 5 Rogers, 42
- 6 Little River Academy, 35
- 7 Palestine Westwood, 21
- 8 Caldwell, 18
- 9 Teague, 15
- 10 Elkhart, 14
- 11 Crockett, 12
- 12 Rockdale, 7
- 13 Groesbeck, 5
- 14 Florence, 2

Girls Individual Winners plus Groesbeck results (Top 4 finish qualifies for Regional Meet).

- 100 meter
- 1 Brandi Drake, Cameron

- Yoe, 12.72
- 6 Mahoganie Washington, Groesbeck, 13.27
- 200 meter
- 1 Brandi Drake, Cameron
- Yoe, 26.14
- 400 meter
- 1 Yierra Flemings, Cameron Yoe, 57.42
- 800 meter
- 1 Kamree Wolridge, Lexington, 2:22.40
- 1600 meter
- 1 Cruzita Avila, Rogers, 5:52.05
- 3200 meter
- 1 Mattie Brown, Franklin, 12:38.49
- 100 meter hurdles
- 1 Yierra Flemings, Cameron Yoe, 15.27
- 300 meter hurdles
- 1 Hailey Hays, Franklin, 48.76
- 4x100 relay
- 1 Cameron Yoe, Brittani Drake, Crystal Daniels, Yierra Flemings, Dayzsha Bradley, 48.68
- 5 Groesbeck, Mahoganie Washington, Alidah Figard, Emily Herridge, Sa'Riyah Smith, 52.44
- 4x200 relay
- 1 Fairfield, Addie Cox, McKinna Brackens, Jimilyah Nash, Avery Thaler, 1:45.81
- 4x400 relay
- 1 Fairfield, Madox Michael, Avery Thaler, Ava Grecu, Lillian McBean, 4:01.57
- Shot Put
- 1 Shamari Strawther, Fairfield, 35-4.75
- Discus
- 1 McKinna Brackens, Fairfield, 123-2
- High Jump
- 1 Shadasia Brackens, 5-10
- Pole Vault
- 1 Hailey Hays, Franklin,



Kallen Rogers eyes his shot put throw at the area track meet in Rockdale on April 21. Rogers finished in first place and advances to the regional competition in Waco. Rogers' winning throw was 45 feet 2 1/4 inches.

- 10-3
- Long Jump
- 1 Yierra Flemings, Cameron Yoe, 18-2
- Triple Jump
- 1 Yierra Flemings, Cameron Yoe, 38-3.75

Boys Team Scores

- 1 Franklin, 112
- 2 Cameron Yoe, 100
- 3 Rockdale, 75
- 4 Caldwell 73
- 5 Palestine Westwood, 57
- 6 Lexington, 30
- 6 Little River Academy, 30
- 6 Crockett, 30
- 6 Rogers, 30
- 10 Teague, 29
- 11 Groesbeck, 21
- 12 Florence, 11
- 13 Buffalo, 10
- 14 Fairfield, 9
- 15 Elkhart, 3

Boys Individual Winners plus Groesbeck results

- 100 meter

- 1 Michael Booker, Franklin, 11.14
- 6 Chris Cox, Groesbeck, 11.74
- 200 meter
- 1 Tim Grice, Rockdale, 21.89
- 400 meter
- 1 Javon Goldsby, Cameron Yoe, 51.97
- 800 meter
- 1 Sam Prado, Rogers, 2:05.37
- 1600 meter
- 1 Nathan Evans, Cameron Yoe, 4:40.38
- 6 Nicholas Ramos, Groesbeck, 5:24.08
- 3200 meter
- 1 Nathan Evans, Cameron Yoe, 9:55.57
- 110 meter hurdles
- 1 Daylon Washington, Lexington, 14.92
- 300 meter hurdles
- 1 Daylon Washington, Lexington, 38.98
- 4x100 relay



Mattie Wilson goes up on a pole vault attempt. Wilson used a fourth place finish at the district meet to qualify for the area meet.

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- 1 Franklin, Michael Booker, Diego Benavides, Malcolm Murphy, Synsai Kizzee, 42.68
- 4x200 relay
- 1 Franklin, Parker Boycott, Jayden Jackson, Malcolm Murphy, Synsai Kizzee, 1:29.72
- 4x400 relay
- 1 Palestine Westwood, Jonathan Trejo, Josh Davis, Samson Oparinde, Brandon Russell, 3:28.26
- 6 Groesbeck, Anthony Lewis, Floyd King, Ryder Bagley, Braden Ramirez, 3:39.34
- Shot Put
- 1 Kallen Rogers, Groesbeck, 45-2.25
- 3 Cyler Corn, Groesbeck, 43-11.50
- Discus
- 1 Travis Balcar, Caldwell, 151-0
- High Jump
- 1 Daniel Cowan, Caldwell, 6-2
- 6 Allen Lewis, 5-10
- Pole Vault



Cyler Corn gained the podium with a third place finish for Groesbeck in shot put and will advance to regionals.

- 1 Devon Hicks, Rockdale, 12-6
- Long Jump
- 1 Chris Preddie, Little River Academy, 23-0.50
- Triple Jump
- 1 Chris Preddie, Little River Academy, 49-6.75

Goats Baseball Still Seeking Playoff-Clinching Victory

By Edgar Estrada
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Franklin 5, Groesbeck 1

Third time was not the charm for the Groesbeck baseball team as they are looking for a playoff-clinching win.

Twice they struggled finding a bases-loaded game-breaking hit against visiting Franklin.

Down 3-0 in the fifth inning, Groesbeck threatened to score for the first time.

After a fly ball out to start

the inning, Payden Bean reached on an error and he was followed by Bryan Dancer drawing a walk.

Kovan Ferguson struckout for the second out of the inning. Trent Platt then reached base after a four-pitch walk, setting up lead-off hitter Memphis Waddle for a bases loaded at-bat.

Waddle swung at the first pitch and the center-fielder found the ball in the outfield ending the Groesbeck threat. The play could have ended very differently, says

Head Coach J.K. Moody.

"The right fielder didn't see it at all from the very beginning which was promising," Moody said. "But the center fielder came up and made a really good play on it. That was huge, it would have cleared the bases. Just didn't fall."

In the seventh inning Franklin scratched home two insurance runs, padding their lead 5-0.

Groesbeck came up to bat in the bottom of the seventh with an attempt to come from behind and clinch a playoff berth on Tuesday night.

After a leadoff strikeout, three consecutive batters drew walks. Groesbeck was one swing away from tying up the ball game. The first chance went to Platt who went down on strikes. Waddle stepped into the

batter's box next and drew a walk, bringing in Bean for the first Goat run of the game.

Mattux Moody came up next in the order and struck out to end the Groesbeck night.

"Struggling to find a W right now," Moody said. "We've been needing a game to win to clinch a playoff spot. Win tonight would have been big."

Up next for the Goats is the regular season finale against Westwood, a final shot to clinch a coveted playoff bid. There will be a pre-game ceremony celebrating senior night. First pitch is scheduled for 7 p.m.

Moody's message to the team is quite clear heading into the regular season finale.

"We got one game, we



Memphis Waddle takes a swing against Franklin. Waddle, the lead-off hitter, drew a bases loaded walk in the seventh inning that accounted for the Goats only run of the game.

win on Friday you can clinch a playoff spot," Moody said. "It's senior night, seniors' last opportunity to get to play here at Goat Field. That's the overall

message: keep fighting for each other, because you have an opportunity to complete your goal, make the playoffs."



Kovan Ferguson snags a ball on the hot corner for the second out in the first inning. Ferguson drew two walks in the game, in which Groesbeck fell 5-1 against Franklin.

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Brenden Morrow secures the force out at second base early in the second inning against Franklin. Morrow and the baseball team are one-win away from clinching a playoff berth. Their final shot at securing a playoff bid will be Friday, on senior night when they host Westwood.

Howard finishes tied for ninth in overall at golf regionals

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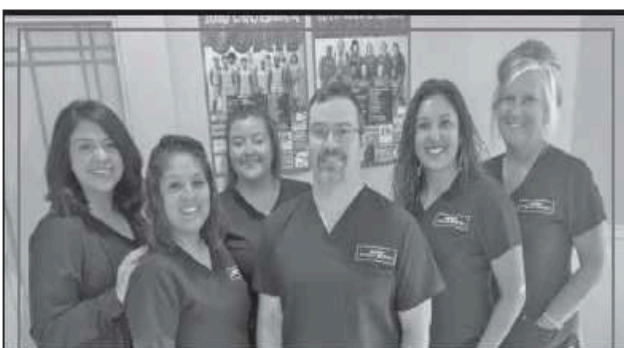
Sophomore Johnny Howard finished tied

for ninth in the overall standings at the UIL 3A Region II golf tournament, April 18-19 at Blinn College in Brenham.

Howard fired a first round score of 89 then improved on the mark shooting an 87 in his second round, finishing with a total of 176.

"This young man works very hard on his golf game," Golf Head Coach

Jeff Rogers said. "Johnny will work very hard this summer and will be ready to go next year when we start the season. Johnny has a bright future playing golf for Groesbeck. Johnny is a great young man and I am excited for him."



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GAME WARDEN FROM PG. 1

Normal game warden duties

The game wardens still have to fulfill their responsibilities in Limestone County. That work varies day to day, so one day he might be on a boat, patrolling the lake; another day he might be assisting the Sheriff's Office, looking for someone who's fled from them.

"It's getting to be summer time," Rinn said, "and a lot of people are out there on the lake, so we tend to focus on our parks and wildlife, water safety stuff, making sure everyone's safe out there on the lake, checking fishermen.

"Then it comes to deer season, and we're checking a bunch of camps, going in places by ourselves, checking hunters and such," he said.

As a game warden, Rinn has the same authority as a highway patrolman anywhere in the state of Texas. He is also a first responder. His fellow game warden in Limestone County is Dylan Wallace

Their role at this time of year is to be out on the lake and on the rivers, checking on the recreational fishermen and boaters. Game wardens are the main law enforcement on the water. While the Brazos River Authority operates on Lake Limestone, helps on the water and has personnel present, the game wardens are the two assets on the lake available if someone were to run into any issues or get stranded on the lake.

As for hunting, anyone born after Dec. 1, 1971, is required to have completed hunter education. Exceptions include military personnel who are honorably discharged, or any law enforcement officer.

Hunters are required to have a license, but a license is not required to hunt feral hogs.

"Anyone who's actively engaged in something we regulate, we have the enforcement action to stop and check them just to make sure everything's on the up and up," Rinn said. "But as far as the hogs go, they are considered depredated now, so nobody has to have a hunting license to hunt them. But hunters still have to do what they're supposed to be doing: You can't hunt them from the public roadway; and you still have to have permission to go on people's property to hunt them."

Rinn is also on the Parks

& Wildlife dive team, so he travels to other parts of the state to search for people who have drowned and for vehicles submerged in bodies of water.

"Those are not necessarily things you want to do," he noted, "but somebody has to do it, and it gives a chance for the family to get closure in instances like that."

Rinn's first assignment was in McMullen County, in the southern part of Texas, where border issues are constant. He worked there for three years before he became a game warden in Limestone County and has been here for more than six years.

Game warden requirements

Applicants to become a game warden are required to have a four-year college degree. After passing a background check, applicants must pass a physical fitness check, a medical evaluation and a psychological evaluation. Then applicants must successfully complete the Game Warden Academy, which is seven months long and in Hamilton. The Game Warden Academy is similar to the DPS Academy but runs longer since applicants must learn the Parks & Wildlife code. After that, graduates may be sent anywhere in the state, wherever they are needed.

The academy meets about every other year to fill vacancies lost through attrition.

Rinn thinks the state could use more game wardens, but that would require getting the Legislature to provide more funding.

Positive interactions as game warden

The people in Limestone County he interacts with in his role as game warden are mostly cooperative, Rinn said.

"A lot of times, when people are in the wrong, they know it; or it's somebody who just had no idea they were messing up," he said. "Most of the time, I have a positive outcome with the public. Typically, it's on the lake where we run into issues with people not knowing why we're stopping them on a boat - which we have the authority to do through our Water Safety Chapter in our code. Just to check for all the safety equipment on the boat.

"We have some people who disagree with our authority, and we have others who like what we do, so it's just a hit-or-miss on who you run into

and who you deal with. As long as we're treating people with respect, typically the conversation goes well."

Game wardens operate like state police, but what they have that DPS doesn't have is inspection authority to go on private property, Rinn noted.

"We still have to have a reason to go onto property, and it has to be something we're involved with," he said.

One exception is if a game warden suspects that someone is hunting illegally on someone's property, that warden can go onto the property.

Rinn and Wallace occasionally cover other local counties.

One of the more dangerous cases Rinn is involved with is manhunts, such as when someone shoots a law enforcement officer.

Another recent case involved a man who lived in Texas and had done some illegal hunting in Wyoming. Rinn and other law enforcement officers seized evidence and guns in Texas that had been used in felony hunting cases in Wyoming.

Passing on the love of the outdoors

Rinn said his favorite part of his job is meeting new people.

"I've been very blessed where I've been in the last few years," he said, "and what's really cool is just meeting different people from different backgrounds, different places and seeing how much support you get from different areas. It's different everywhere you go, but you meet a lot of cool people."

Rinn also tries to pass on his love of the outdoors to the next generation, especially to those who otherwise may not have the opportunity to hunt or fish.

"I do a lot of youth hunts," he said. "I go back down to South Texas and do youth hunts and warrior hunts. I get in touch with foster care places, where those youth don't typically get the opportunity to go hunting. They'll call me every year and ask me, 'Hey, if you want to help out with this...'

"Most of the time, if I'm able to, I go down and help," Rinn said. "I grew up with my uncle being a game warden, and I helped him out doing kid fishes, youth hunts and things like that. I enjoyed it as a kid, so I think it's fun to try to get back out there and get people involved who didn't have the same opportunities that I had."

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Trent Lowe, seated, signs with McMurray University where he will continue playing tennis. He will study Sociology and Criminal Justice at the university. (Pictured Left to Right), Tennis Head Coach Lauren Spencer, dad, Ben Ghormley, mother, Amie Ghormley, grandfather, Les Record, grandmother, Debbie Record and Tennis Assistant Head Coach James Brooks.

Lowe to continue tennis career at McMurray University

By Edgar Estrada
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Groesbeck tennis player Trent Lowe will continue his tennis career, deciding to play collegiately at McMurray University in Abilene.

"They have a good sociology program there," Lowe said. "I want to study sociology and still play tennis. This school gave me the opportunity to do that."

Lowe visited the university and came away impressed.

"They have a nice campus, it's not too big and not too small either, that's what I like about it," Lowe said. "I can focus easier with less people in

a class. If I need help I can go to the professor and get help."

For Lowe, playing at the next level started becoming a reality towards the end of his junior year. He credits his coaches with getting him prepared.

"He improved so much this year," Assistant Head Coach James Brooks said. "He took it seriously, put in extra work, once he started improving his forehand and serve we knew right away that he could play in college. He needed a weapon and he found it with his forehand."

Lowe said a big factor in his decision to play at McMurray came from

three former teammates currently playing on the team.

McKenzie Carroll, Hannah Defriend and Andrea Smith all are former Groesbeck tennis players on the current McMurray squad.

"I asked if their team was a good program and if they were willing to help the players grow," Lowe said.

After hearing their responses, Lowe was sold.

Lowe hopes to pursue a career as U.S. Marshall after college.

But before he starts serving the court system as a marshal, he will be serving aces on the court in Abilene.

SOFTBALL FROM PG. 1

Fairfield then matched the six runs themselves. Fairfield's first four batters reached base and after scoring a run and surrendering an out, Madox Mitchael stepped into the batter's box and connected on a ball, putting it over the outfield fence for a grand slam.

After a pair of outs Fairfield trailed 12-9 heading into the fifth inning.

After a scoreless fifth inning by both teams, the Groesbeck bats were held in check once again and Fairfield started the bottom of the sixth with a pair of singles. After a line out and a flyout, McPherson hit a line drive to center field bringing in two more runs, cutting the Groesbeck lead to 1.

McPherson stole third base, and then stole home plate on a ball four pitch. Game tied 12-12.

With a runner on first base, third baseman Landry Bayless, slowed down by a knee brace, stepped into the batter's box and belted a shot over the right field wall. Fairfield took their first lead since the first inning, 14-12.

After a strikeout, the inning ended and pitcher Kennedy Lane was entrusted with closing out the game for the Lady Eagles. After a leadoff walk, the Lady Goats couldn't figure out Lane as they hit into three straight outs.

Groesbeck 9, Elkhart 7

After 14 district games, a three-way tie between Groesbeck, Elkhart and Fairfield, forced tie-breaker games between the schools on Saturday in Madisonville.

In the first game Elkhart defeated Fairfield 10-5. With a win Groesbeck would earn the third-place tiebreaker and avoid having to face Fairfield, with a loss, Groesbeck would face Fairfield in a fourth place tie-breaker game.

The game was a back and forth affair, that saw Groesbeck holding off a late-inning rally.

Elkhart struck first blood securing runs in the first two innings to take the early 2-0 lead.

Groesbeck started the second inning with back-to-back doubles. First Allie Platt hit a double to center field, followed by Molly Clay's double that allowed Platt to score.

After a flyout, Janae Trojacek slapped a single to right field and Cassandra Guerrero earned a walk, loading the bases. Caroline Mathis then works a walk on four balls, bringing Clay in for a run.

Groesbeck follows up with a single, driving in another Groesbeck run and giving them the 3-2 advantage. Guerrero then takes advantage of a wild

pitch and scores padding the Groesbeck lead 4-2.

Elkhart then puts up a run on the scoreboard in the next three innings, putting them back on top 5-4.

The lead doesn't even last an inning as once again Groesbeck takes the lead with a three-run fifth inning. Lady Goats are now up 7-5.

One inning later Groesbeck adds two insurance runs, padding their lead 9-5.

Showing the type of game it has been Elkhart will not go easy. They remain pesky in the seventh inning.

Elkhart starts the inning with a single then Groesbeck gets two quick outs, Elkhart's runner finds herself on third base. An Elkhart single brings in the runner cutting the lead 9-6.

Back-to-back singles load the bases for Elkhart with the go-ahead run now at the plate. A walk is issued by Mathis, scoring a run for Elkhart, the Groesbeck lead is now two.

On a 2-2 pitch, Mathis gets the batter to fly out to center-field, ending the Elkhart rally, and giving Groesbeck the 9-7 victory.

Up next the Lady Goats will face Rogers in a bi-district one-game on Friday at 6 p.m. at the Waco ISD softball field.

Tickets can be purchased through Waco ISD Athletic Department website.

Senior Center News

Glenda O'Neal, Director
April 22, 2022

On the 19 we had four guests for 'Sit 'n Fit' exercise. The four were Belle Brown, Annita Childress, Pat Ogden, and Robin York

We also had 10 Bingo players, Pat Bellar, Belle Brown, Annita Childress, Dorothy McFerrin, Pat Ogden, Sandra Richards, Norma Tate, Judy Vickery, Gail Williams and Robin York

The Jackpot winner was Sandra Richards. Our caller today was our own Pat Ogden. We greatly appreciate Pat filling in when we don't have anyone else to call Bingo for us.

Our domino players on Wednesday, April 20 were Pat Bellar, Rubinell Pelham, Cathy Rayburn, Bill Richards, Norma Tate and Orma Williams.

On Friday the 22 we had seven bingo players, Gretchen Funderburk, Dorothy McFerrin, Pat Ogden, Sandra Richards, Norma Tate, Judy Vickery and Gail Williams. They all stayed for lunch which was hamburgers and fries with chocolate chip cookies for dessert.

Our Jackpot winners were Judy Vickery and Gail Williams. Our caller today was our sweet Pat Ogden who so generously fills in when we don't have a guest caller.

Our menu for Friday, April 29 is lasagna, zucchini with tomato, garlic toast and berry

cobbler.

I wish more people would come eat with us on Tuesdays and Fridays, or any day. Just let me know the day before if you would like to join us for lunch so that we have enough prepared. Contact us at 254-729-5123.

Remember to treat each other like you want to be treated, a little kindness goes a long way. We never know what someone else may be dealing with in their life.

Bible verse of the day: I can endure all things through the Lord who gives me strength. Philippians 4:13

We continue to serve between 60 and 65 homebound meals each day, Monday through Friday.

On a good note, we have been able to get a newer car to replace the 1997 Mercury for our Meals on Wheels program, but still need to

My name is Glenda Morris O'Neal and I am seeking re-election to the South Limestone Hospital District Board of Directors. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as a director of the Hospital District Board these past ten years. We are blessed to have this hospital and three rural health clinics in our communities. We have realized many accomplishments at Limestone Medical Center. I have the desire and commitment to continue to serve and work through the challenges that will present in the health care industry. Your vote for me on May 7th will be very much appreciated.

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Sandcastle Seasonings to hold ribbon cutting/ grand opening, Thursday

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Groesbeck Heritage Festival to take place at Old Fort Parker in May

By Tom Hawkins
Editor Emeritus

The Groesbeck Heritage will be held at Old Fort Parker on Saturday, May 28th!

The Heritage Festival will include many activities including games, Texas Ranger display, demonstrations, storytellers, bands, children's area, food vendors, merchandise vendors, information booths, longhorn steer, dog agility, and other activities will all be located at the Fort. There is plenty of parking available there, and a national ranch sorting competition will be taking place at the same time at the Limestone

County Fairgrounds.

Vendors are currently needed for this event. Those interested in becoming a vendor may visit the chamber website www.groesbeckchamber.com to download a vendor application.

Watch for more details on the Heritage Festival as the date of May 28th approaches.

Julia Morton is the general chairman of the Heritage Festival. please contact Julia, jhmortonatty@yahoo.com, 713-501-5769 or the chamber at info@groesbeckchamber.com, 254-729-3894

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Tom's Topics

By Tom Hawkins
Editor Emeritus

Groesbeck folks woke up on Monday morning to a very good rain, but also to some very stormy weather. Of course, as we all know the rainfall was really needed.

The Spring Peddlers Market was held this past Saturday at the Groesbeck Convention Center. Those folks having booths had some very good items. Many of the items were most unique.

The Spring Peddlers

Market was sponsored by the Groesbeck Chamber of Commerce. By the way, a Fall Peddlers Market is also planned. Watch for the announcement of the exact date coming soon.

Many events are on the schedule for the community and area for the next couple of months. Among the events coming up are the following:

Groesbeck Heritage Festival at Old Fort Parker on Saturday, May 28th. Watch for details!

The Groesbeck Lions Club 24th Annual Car Show will be held at the Groesbeck City Park on Saturday, June 11th.

Remember, the Kosse Hoiniecoming will be on June 10th and June 11th. The Thornton Homecoming will be on June 18th. More details on the Kosse and Thornton homecomings in the near future! Many school activities are on the schedule for the remaining part of April and for the month of May.

GROESBECK PD BLOTTER

April 18, 2022

10:34 a.m. Officer Cardenas to 800 block South Ellis for reported loose livestock. One horse located and returned to property.

10:52 a.m. Officer Cardenas to 700 block McClintic for reported 911 hang-up. Determined to be faulty equipment. No emergency.

3:38 p.m. Officer Cardenas to 400 block North Houston for reported civil issue. Complainant reported dispute with significant other regarding property. Non-law enforcement issue.

April 19, 2022

7:45 a.m. Sgt. Bell to 700 block Henderson for reported animal complaint. Complainant reported loose livestock on complainant's property. Referred to animal control officer.

8:00 a.m. Sgt. Bell to undisclosed address for reported person in mental crisis.

3:50 p.m. Chief Henson to 600 block McClintic for reported disturbance. Resolved on scene.

4:00 p.m. Sgt. Bell to 600 block Parkside Drive for reported minor crash.

4:51 p.m. Sgt. Bell to 400 block South Ellis for reported crash.

8:45 p.m. Officer Pantalici to 1200 block North Ellis for reported assault. Complainant reported juvenile being grabbed by adult. Resolved on scene.

April 20, 2022

1:20 a.m. Officer Pantalici to 1000 block West Yeagua for reported suspicious vehicle on the property. Vehicle located and driver identified.

8:20 a.m. Sgt. Bell to 400 block North Waco for reported suspicious activity. Complainant reported unknown people on property. Call was unfounded.

3:00 p.m. Sgt. Bell to 1200 block North Ellis for reported 911 hang-up. Determined to be accidental dial. No emergency.

4:30 p.m. Officer Martin to call complainant for reported suspicious vehicle. Complainant reported encounter with unfamiliar vehicle in another city. Requested close patrol of residence.

6:16 p.m. Officer Martin to 300 block East Angeline for reported civil matter. Complainant reported dispute with company regarding purchased services. Options

provided. Non-law enforcement matter.

9:50 p.m. Officer Pantalici to 400 block South Ellis for reported civil issue. Complainant reported customer payment issues.

11:10 p.m. Officer Martin to intersection of Bradley and Henderson for reported loose livestock. Unable to locate reported livestock.

April 21, 2022

12:10 a.m. Officer Martin and Officer Pantalici to 800 block East Walker for reported disturbance. Determined to be verbal only. One party left prior to officer arrival.

9:30 a.m. Officer Cardenas to 200 block North Ellis for reported suspicious activity. Complainant reported potentially fraudulent activity. Investigation initiated.

10:36 a.m. Officer Cardenas to 700 block McClintic for reported disturbance. Determined to be verbal only. Resolved on scene.

2:23 p.m. Officer Cardenas to 600 block Faulkenberry for reported animal welfare concern. Referred to animal control officer for follow-up.

3:01 p.m. Officer Cardenas to 200 block East Angeline for reported suspicious activity. Complainant reported property left on front porch. Complainant contacted neighbor to remove item.

5:00 p.m. Officer Martin to intersection of Leon and Trinity for medical assist.

5:18 p.m. Officer Martin to 1300 block North Ellis for reported reckless driver. Reported vehicle located on West Trinity. Driver stopped and warned.

9:55 p.m. Cpl. Hobbs to 500 block East Yeagua for reported theft. Complainant reported theft of property by unfamiliar person. Investigation initiated.

April 22, 2022

7:17 a.m. Officer Cardenas to 100 block North Railroad for reported business alarm. Determined to be false alarm. No emergency.

7:41 a.m. Officer Cardenas to 1200 block East Yeagua for reported criminal mischief. Complainant reported broken window on vehicle. Investigation initiated.

10:10 a.m. Officer Cardenas to 300 block West Cypress for reported welfare concern. Complainant requested check of family member. Reported person located and

determined to be okay.

10:39 a.m. Officer Cardenas to 200 block North Tyus for reported civil issue. Complainant reported dispute with neighbor regarding fallen tree. Non-law enforcement issue.

2:29 p.m. Officer Cardenas to 1200 block North Ellis for reported 911 hang-up. Determined to be misdial by employee. No emergency.

3:16 p.m. Officer Cardenas to 400 block North Leon for reported criminal mischief. Complainant reported sidewalk spraypainted by unfamiliar suspects. Suspects later located and placed in jail.

6:05 p.m. Officer Martin to undisclosed address for reported welfare concern. Complainant reported being unable to make contact with family member. Reported person located in residence and determined to have fallen. Contacted EMS for medical assistance.

8:45 p.m. Officer Martin to 500 block East Yeagua for reported suspicious activity. Complainant reported suspicious behavior by customer. Requested criminal trespass notice service.

April 23, 2022

9:15 a.m. Sgt. Bell to 600 block South Rusk for reported burglary. Complainant reported unknown person entering residence and removing property. Investigation initiated.

12:35 p.m. Sgt. Bell to 500 block Allison for reported lost/missing child. Child located prior to officer arrival.

12:55 p.m. Sgt. Bell to 300 block South Ellis for requested criminal trespass notice. Complainant requested second party be served with criminal trespass notice.

April 24, 2022

4:33 p.m. Sgt. Bell to 200 block Elwood Enge for reported civil issue. Complainant reported child leaving with non-custodial parent. Child returned without incident.

8:30 p.m. Officer Pantalici to 500 block East Cypress for reported disturbance. Determined to be verbal only. Resolved on scene.

This weekly Groesbeck Police blotter is a summary of the calls for service Groesbeck PD has received throughout the week. The blotter does not include all self-initiated activities or traffic stops conducted by the officers.

— Contributed by Groesbeck Police Chief Chris Henson

Appraisal District Board holds meeting, Chief Appraiser presents Property Value Study

From Staff Reports
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The Board of Directors of the Limestone Appraisal District met in a special board meeting on Tuesday, April 19.

Motions were made and approved to pay the bills and approval of minutes from the previous meeting as well as correction of the appraisal roll.

A presentation of the 2021 Property Value Study was made by the chief appraiser. Staff member Terri Lenamon stated that all school districts within Limestone County received local value and that the results of the study would not affect the state funding of any of the districts. Coolidge ISD's study fell outside

the State's Confidence Interval Value and was placed under a grace period. The law firm Linebarger Gogan Blair and Sampson, LLP are working on an appeal.

The board also approved a motion to revise the personnel policy by paying employees \$65 per diem accompanied by receipts for meals when traveling.

Attorney Charles Buenger was present to give the attorney's report. Buenger stated that there are currently four active lawsuits dating back to 2015.

In the Chief Appraiser's report, Lenamon stated that Betsy Murphey with the Comptroller's office was recently here conducting her preliminary assessments for the

state's Methods and Assistance Program (M.A.P.). The district will have until November to submit any additional information to Ms. Murphey. The final results will be published in January of 2023.

Lenamon also stated that appraisal notices should be mailed out the first part of May and that Appraisal Review Board (ARB) hearings would begin at the end of June. The Comptroller's office will be conducting ARB training April 28. Several staff members as well as the ARB members will attend. She complimented her staff and stated that everyone had been working hard to get all appraisal and entry work completed so that notices could be generated.

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 - Chinese surname
 - Fit in at the last minute
 - "Very" in musical terminology
 - Underwater displays
 - Crosby's bandmates
 - Belong to he
 - Informed about the latest trends (archaic)
 - Sequences of alternating turns
 - Genus of grasses
 - Satisfy
 - Petty quarrel
 - Made level
 - Ruler of Iran
 - Historical region of Syria
 - Food suitable for babies
 - Something to lend
 - Zone of oceanic trenches
 - Philippine island
 - Domesticated animal
 - Plant of the lily family
 - Bluish green
 - ___ Tomei, actress
 - Without (French)
 - Lilly and Manning are two
 - Apply pressure to
 - Divide in half
 - Bad deed
 - Don't know when yet
 - Hollywood's greatest honor
 - Aiming to exhort
 - Faked
 - A way to pierce
 - Midway between northeast and east
 - Points
- CLUES DOWN**
- Chop up
 - ___ Spumante (Italian wine)
 - Egyptian goddess
 - Split pulses
 - Afflict
 - Type of area rug
 - Tide
 - Affirmative
 - Sudden change
 - One picked
 - Debauched man
 - Stiff bristles
 - Famous arena
 - Established rules and methods
 - Injection
 - Father
 - Protein-rich liquids
 - He delivers gifts
 - Advanced degree
 - Fencing swords
 - Chinese mountain range
 - Shaft horsepower (abbr.)
 - Precursor to hemoglobin
 - Much ___ about nothing
 - Compound fabric (abbr.)
 - A way to act slowly on
 - Ottoman military commanders
 - Popular kids' network
 - Hard compound
 - Sympathize with
 - Northeast college
 - Blood group
 - Frosted
 - Turn away
 - Benefit
 - Dry or withered
 - Bangladeshi monetary unit
 - Reproduced
 - Contributes
 - Thrust horse power (abbr.)
 - Wear
 - Promotes retention of water (abbr.)
 - Very small

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SUDOKU Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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206426	Groesbeck	\$229,000	3/2	1,830 sqft	1111 Joel St
206681	Mexia	\$235,900	3/2	2,174 sqft	508 E Main St
207484	Groesbeck	\$160,000	3/2	1,236 sqft	106 Frost Creek
Contract	Kosse	\$160,000	3/2	1,300 sqft	304 N Narcissus
Contract	Groesbeck	\$152,000	3/1	1,200 sqft	1212 Karen Ln
206861	Groesbeck	\$149,000	3/2	1,420 sqft	912 McClinton
Contract	Mexia	\$142,500	3/2	1,787 sqft	406 W Main St
207324	Mexia	\$122,500	3/2	1,400 sqft	812 E Commerce
Contract	Mexia	\$104,900	3/2	1,146 sqft	408 E Travis
205824	Groesbeck	\$75,000	2/1	1,150 sqft	402 W Martin
206404	Groesbeck	\$45,000	3/2	1,360 sqft	410 N Tyus

MULTI FAMILY:

Contract	Mexia	\$285,000	duplex	4,409 sqft	709 N Kaufman
207381	Groesbeck	\$130,000	duplex	1,888 sqft	308 N Dallas

LAKE HOMES:

206694	Lake Mexia	\$279,900	3/2	1,800 sqft	195 Cedar Rd
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Contract	Mexia	\$475,000	3/2	2,856 sqft	27 ac 1934 E Hwy 84
206265	Tehuacana	\$349,000	3/2	3,422 sqft	1.6 ac 710 S Main St
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204104	Thornton	\$125,000	3/2	1,704 sqft	1.7 ac 254 LCR 737

COMMERCIAL:

Contract	Groesbeck	\$300,000	4,800 sqft	building	302 E Yeagua
206187	Mexia	\$159,000	1,400 sqft	building	920 E Millam
194341	Groesbeck	\$155,000	7,336 sqft	building	301 S Ellis

LAND:

207320	Groesbeck	\$1.5M	107 ac	672 LCR 800
201455	Mexia	\$1.2M	63 ac	5369 Hwy 14
207160	Kosse	\$495,000	50 ac	LCR 712
207161	Kosse	\$315,000	35 ac	LCR 712
207168	Coolidge	\$278,520	46 ac	FM 1951
Contract	Kosse	\$135,000	10 ac	7266 FM 339
206422	Thornton	\$70,000	1.3 ac	LCR 750
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113 AC. 3 LOTS TANGELWOOD ADD. LAKE BELTON SALADO DR. TEMPLE 120.....	\$125,000
309 ALLISON 3/2.....	UNDER CONTRACT
NEW 3/2 1200 DALLAS, THORNTON ON 1.66 AC.....	\$129,000
2462 FM 2749 THORNTON 20+AC, HEAVILY WOODED.....	\$136,000
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2-1 ON 12.09 AC. LCR 786.....	SOLD
REDUCED LOT 1, 11.00 ACRES, MART, LCR 300, OPEN.....	\$165,000
REDUCED LOT 6, 11 ACRES MART, OPEN AND WOODED LCR 300.....	\$165,000
CO-BROKER 384 LCR 236, 3/2 ON 1.39 AC.....	UNDER CONTRACT
2-2 HOME 4504 E HWY 164.....	UNDER CONTRACT CO-BROKER
2032 N HWY 14 3/2 RENOVATED.....	UNDER CONTRACT
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3/2 W/ BONUS ROOM, HUGE YARD 309 ALLISON.....	SOLD
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CASE NO. 32447-B

TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JW STRODE, Defendant- GREETING

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 am on the Monday next following the expiration of 42 days after the date this citation was issued, a default judgment may be taken against you." In addition to filing a written answer with the clerk, you may be required to make initial disclosures to the other parties of this suit. These disclosures generally must be made no later than 30 days after you file your answer with the clerk. Find out more at TexasLawHelp.org.

You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable 87th District Court of Limestone County, Texas to be held at the Courthouse in said County in the City of Groesbeck, Texas, by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Original Petition at or before 10 o'clock A.M. on the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation, the same being Monday, 23rd day of May, 2022. Said Plaintiff's Original Petition, numbered 32447-B, styled LEAH JEAN HENDERSON VS. UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JW STRODE was filed in said court on 23rd day of March, 2022. Said answer may be filed by mailing same to: Carol Jenkins, District Clerk, 200 W. State Street, Suite 206, Groesbeck, Texas 76642 or bringing it to the office.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: This Is An Action To Quiet Title On Real Property, Hereafter Referred To As "the Property", Described A Five And One-half Acre Tract Of Land More Fully Described In A Deed dated November, From Jack Ward, Et Al To J.W. Strode, Recorded In Volume 510, Page 359 Of The Deed Records Of Limestone County, Texas and is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Original Petition on file in this suit.

The name and address of the attorney for the Plaintiffs or the address of Plaintiff is: Amy Thomas Ward, Attorney at Law, PO Box 111, Mexia, TX 76667, 254-562-0700.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Groesbeck, Texas this 5th day of April, 2022.

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HOROSCOPES

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, a mild feeling of discontent has you searching for new projects. There may be something that has been on your to-do list, but you can't seem to figure it out right now.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
A lot of things are keeping you on your toes, Taurus. There's a good chance you have been craving some quiet time. Find a retreat and stay there for a couple of days.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21
There are no obstacles in your way on the path to success this week, Gemini. If you have been holding off on big plans, now is the time to push things into action.

CANCER - June 22/July 22
Cancer, aligning your goals with others is a surefire way to get things accomplished. You can devote onto your own course when action is established.

LEO - July 23/Aug 23
Leo, take a moment and be sure a goal you're pursuing right now is really worth it. If finances are involved, you will likely have to pay it back in the near future.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, collaboration could be key in the days ahead. Another person gets the ball rolling and now you can join in. Follow their lead and trust this person's judgment.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
So many voices are shouting at you from different directions, Libra. With so much advice coming your way, you may not know which way to turn. Mull it over a bit longer.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
Nothing is guaranteed, but taking a risk this week could pay off in a big way, Scorpio. Things are more likely to go your way this time of the month, so start moving!

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
Pay some extra attention to your life at home, Sagittarius. There are issues that can use a little attention. Letting them fester could lead to big problems.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
A hectic week is likely ahead of you, Capricorn. Things seemingly pop up out of nowhere and you have to figure out how to tackle them all. Try to delegate some of your tasks.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
It's understandable that you want to make some waves right now, Aquarius. However, it may be better to aim for subtle ripples instead of a cannonball splash.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
Express your confident side at work and others will be inspired, Pisces. It's good to stray out of your comfort zone every so often.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS
APRIL 24
Kelly Clarkson, Singer (40)
APRIL 25
Al Pacino, Actor (82)
APRIL 26
Kevin James, Actor (57)
APRIL 27
Corey Seager, Athlete (28)
APRIL 28
Melanie Martinez, Singer (27)
APRIL 29
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Community Calendar

Ongoing
Mondays, 6-8 p.m. – First Baptist Church of Tehuacana still hosts a knitting/crocheting group in the fellowship hall, making prayer shawls or lap robes for people. Anyone wanting to learn to knit or crochet is invited. There is no cost, and the yarn is provided. For more information, contact Angela Bailey at 409-782-0229.

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Second Monday of every month at 5:30 p.m. The Limestone Cancer Support Group meets at the Mexia EDC boardroom, 214 N. Sherman in Mexia. Anyone interested in helping those going through cancer treatment, or who wants more information, are welcome to attend. For more information: everycancermatters@yahoo.com.

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Mondays, 7 p.m. – Celebrate Recovery for adults is held at Shiloh Baptist Church in Shiloh. For more information, contact Pastor David at 254-747-5847.

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On the first Tuesday of each month from 9 a.m. to noon and the third Tuesday of each month from 4 to 6 p.m., Caritas of Mexia will hold drive-up food distributions.

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Every first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. West Lake Limestone holds its regular business meeting at the WLLVFD Station 1, 6614 FM 937, Thornton, TX 76687. Public welcome.

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Veterans who need someone to talk to are invited to call the VFW Post 4694, 317 S. MLK Highway, in Mexia, to talk to a volunteer who will listen. Call the Post at 254- 562-9270 and leave a message for Joe "JoeRob" Roberts to arrange a date.

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Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7-8 p.m. - Crystal Meth Anonymous is meeting again at First Baptist Church Tehuacana. For questions, call 254-625-1665.

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Wednesdays, noon,

Groesbeck Lions Club meets at Mi Rancho Mexican Restaurant.

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Every Wednesday from 9:30 a.m to 12:00 p.m. Fishes and Loaves Food Pantry is open to those in need. Located at

Church on the Rock in Groesbeck at 1470 Hwy 14. For more information contact them at (254) 729-5200. All you need is your picture ID. You can come as many times as you are in need.

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Every Wednesday 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - Seeking 42 players at the Mexia Senior Citizens Center, 111 N Sherman St.

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Thursdays, 4:00-6:30 p.m. - Limestone Farmers Market will be at the Groesbeck Parkette, 302 W. Navasota.

The Limestone Farmers Market serves Limestone County and its surrounding communities to support a local economy by providing a gathering place to promote ethical and sustainable farming, to provide clean local produce and products, and to cultivate a productive and creative community. For vendor applications and information, please email limestoneetxmf@gmail.com

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Each Thursday at 10:00 a.m. or 6:30 pm GriefShare, a grief support group at Calvary Baptist Church, 519 McKinney, in Mexia. Entrance and parking in the back of the building. For more info. Call (254) 562-2269.

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Every 2nd and 4th Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. First Baptist Groesbeck Clothes Closet is open. All clothes are free. They have men's and women's clothing and some children's. All are welcome. For more information call 254-729-5120.

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GED CLASSES: If you are interested in taking free GED classes, please contact us via email: director@groesbecklibrary.org, or a phone call at (254)729-3667. If it is after hours, please leave a

message and a call back number.

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Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 7 to 8 pm - Narcotics Anonymous meets at the building beside 401 W. Sabine in Groesbeck. For questions email journeyin2recovery@gmail.com

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Last Monday of each month at 12 noon - American Legion Last Monday Brunch, meeting immediately after. American Legion Department of Texas Post 288 is located at 213 West Navasota Street.

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Submissions: To submit an item for the community calendar, email news@groesbeckjournal.com, or bring it to our office at 115 N. Ellis in Groesbeck. Mail us at PO Box 440 in Groesbeck. **Questions?** Call 254-729-5103.

APRIL 26 - The regularly scheduled meeting of the South Limestone Hospital District Board of Directors will be held Tuesday in the Board Room of Limestone Medical Center, 701 McClintic Drive, Groesbeck.

APRIL 28 - 12 noon, Sandcastle Seasonings, located at 104 N. Railroad St. (Across from ILSA) Grand Open and ribbon-cutting. There will be pulled pork sandwiches, cookies, and lemonade for those in attendance. Please join the chamber in welcoming them as a new member.

APRIL 29 - 9am - 12pm, LMC Spring Fling Health Fair. Come for free diagnostic tests from LMC and Educational Information Booths. Masks are required. www.lmchospital.com. For information call 254-729-3281. 701 McClintic Dr., Groesbeck.

APRIL 30- Cross Creek Meadows 2nd Annual Golf Scramble Fundraiser. 501c3 Non-profit Organization. We serve Veterans, First Responders, Children with Disabilities, and others interested in equine-assisted activities and therapies. We will be at Battle Lake Golf Course in Mart Texas at 8:00 AM Registration, a 9:00 shotgun start! Cash Prizes/ Prizes. 1st Place, Middle of the road, Second to last, Longest drive men, Longest drive women, 2 Mulligans included in golf fee of \$75 per person. Teams of four. Fish fry included, Immediately following golfing. You may pre-register now by calling or texting Darla Wurtz at 254-900-7715 or mailing a check payable to Cross Creek Meadows. (Memo-Golf) PO BOX 175 Groesbeck TX 76642.

7 pm - Groesbeck High Prom at the Groesbeck Convention Center.

MAY 1 - 2:00pm, Annual LCFA General Membership Meeting in the annex building. They will be voting on board members and discussing the 2023 Limestone County Fair. Any questions please contact us at limestonecountyfair@gmail.com

MAY 3 - 5:15pm, Groesbeck Chamber of Commerce Directors Meeting in the club room of the Groesbeck Convention Center.

MAY 5 - 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM, The Leon Health Clinic Open House And Ribbon Cutting at 144 Humphreys St. Buffalo, Texas. A service of the Freestone Medical Center. Join us for giveaways and light refreshments. Tour the brand new facility and meet the staff.

MAY 7 - all day, Groesbeck Spring Citywide Garage Sale. To list your address on the citywide garage sale list, please call the Groesbeck Journal office at 254-729-5103. The list will be published in the May 5 issue of the Journal and online on our facebook!

MAY 9 - 10:30am, The Limestone County Retired School Personnel Association will meet at Hughes City Park pavilion in Mexia. Sandwiches and drinks will be served. Bring your lawn chair and come enjoy the fellowship.

MAY 12 - 12 Noon, General Open Chamber Meeting at the Groesbeck Convention Center. Lunch provided. Come learn about the Financial Literacy Program presented by Brittany McDowell from Citizens State Bank. McDowell is a former intermediate and high school math teacher with a banking background who is dedicated to helping students understand how money works. Some of her class topics include Saving for Emergencies, Building Wealth, Credit, Responsible Banking, Compound Interest, Paying for College, Purchasing a Vehicle, Budgeting, Identity Theft, Elder Fraud/Abuse and much more. Sponsored by the Groesbeck Chamber of Commerce, www.groesbeckchamber.com RSVP by emailing the chamber info@groesbeckchamber.com

MAY 13-14 - 4th Annual Steel Sizzlin BBQ Cook-Off, Corn Hole Tournament, and Concert, Leon County Expo Center. Friday Night - enjoy a BBQ Cook-Off and Corn Hole Tournament at 6:30, Saturday Night - enjoy a Concert at 7 pm featuring Cory Morrow and Mike Ryan Plus, the BBQ Cook-Off at 6:30. Gates open at 6 pm. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the gate plus a \$10 cooler fee. \$300 will cover a table for 8 and 2 cooler fees. Tickets are available at <http://www.facebook.com/SteelSizzlin> or from Heart and Home in Buffalo and Country Cousins in Centerville. Proceeds will benefit the Friends and Family of Steel Charitable Fund Karen Helmcamp, Buffalo EDC, 903-388-4930

MAY 14 - Springfield Masonic Lodge #74, 314 S. MLK (Hwy 14) Annual BBQ Lunch Brisket, Sausage, Beans, Potato Salad, 11am-2pm. All orders to go. \$12 a plate

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF GAYLAND MATEJKA, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 32437-A

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT EXECUTRIX

Notice is hereby given that on March 23, 2022, Letters of Testamentary were issued to:

Amber Ferriol

by the Honorable 77th District Court of Limestone County, Texas, in Cause No. 32437-A, pending upon the Probate Docket of said Judicial District Court of Limestone County, Texas.

All persons having claims against said estate being administered are hereby requested to present the same within the time prescribed by law to:

The Estate of Gayland Matejka,
Deceased
Amber Ferriol, Independent Executrix
c/o Courtney M. Lyssy
Lyssy Law P.C.
15995 N. Barkers Landing, Suite 274
Houston, Texas 77079

NOTICE of Federal Program Planning for Coolidge ISD

Coolidge Independent School District is currently in the planning process for the 2022-2023 Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Consolidated Federal Application for the following programs:

Title I, Part A – Improving Basic Programs
Title I, Part C – Migrant Education
Title II, Part A – Supporting Effective Instruction
Title III, Part A – English Language Acquisition, Language Enrichment and Academic Enrichment
Title IV, Part A – Student Support and Academic Enrichment

Campus eligibility for Title I, Part A is based on low income data and academic need. **Private Nonprofit Schools and/or Homeschools with government nonprofit status** that serve students living within Coolidge ISD boundaries and that are interested in receiving program information on participation and/or providing input into program planning for services for eligible students may contact Dr. Robert Lowry, Superintendent, at 254-786-2206 or 1002 Kirven Street, Coolidge, Tx. 76635

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The Coolidge Cemetery Association will be accepting bids for ground maintenance for the following locations:

- 1. Main Cemetery (Bell Street)**
- 2. Hill Cemetery**
- 3. Armour Cemetery**
- 4. Old Armour Cemetery**

Bid Packets can be obtained by writing to the association at P. O. Box 84, Coolidge, Texas 76635 or contacting either the association's president at (254) 747-0991 or secretary at (254) 747-1348.

Sealed Bids Due No Later than the end of business on Friday, May 13, 2022.

There will be a pre-bid meeting at the chapel for those interested on Monday, May 2, 2022, at 6:30 pm.

GROESBECK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE OF PROPOSED SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND REQUEST FOR SEALED BIDS

PROPOSED SALE OF 0.9-ACRE TRACT
Located at 510 S. Ellis, Groesbeck, Limestone County, Texas 76642

Contact the following District representative to receive the Bid Packet:

Dr. James Cowley, Superintendent of Schools
1202 N. Ellis
Groesbeck, Texas 76642
(254) 729-4100
james.cowley@groesbeckisd.net

The Bid Packets will be available beginning 9:00 a.m. on April 21, 2022 and all sealed bids must be submitted, in accordance with the terms of the Bid Packet, no later than 3:00 p.m. on April 29, 2022.

The winning sealed bid will be selected by the District at 6:00 p.m. on May 2, 2022 at 1202 N. Ellis, Groesbeck, Texas 76642. All sealed bids must be submitted via mail or in person to the District representative listed above.

Mobile Food Pantry coming to Groesbeck May 4

The Central Texas Food Bank's mobile food pantry is needing volunteers from the community to help with distribution during its food distribution events. Anyone interested in volunteering can get more information by contacting Lysa Kraft, volunteer

engagement specialist at 512-684-2509 or lkraft@centraltexasfoodbank.org. The mobile food pantry distributes free food to McLennan and Limestone County residents in need at various locations. Attendees will receive food boxes containing a

variety of fresh and shelf-stable foods. These events are designed as drive-through events, there are also separate lines for those arriving on foot, by bus, or on a bicycle. It is recommended that attendees without vehicles bring containers in which

they can carry the food as it will be boxed and may be difficult to carry. The Central Texas Food Bank's mission is to nourish hungry people and lead against the fight against hunger. For over 40 years the Food Bank has provided food and grocery

products through a network of nearly 300 partner agencies and nutrition programs, serving 65,000 people every week. Mobile Food Pantry Events: Wednesday, May 4, 10-11 a.m. Word of Life Family Worship Center,

193 LCR 412, Groesbeck 76642
 Friday, May 6, 10-11 a.m. First United Methodist Church, 701 E. Texas Ave., Mart, 76664
 Friday, May 6, 10-11 a.m., Kosse Community Center, 200 W. Adams St. Kosse, 76653

PUBLIC NOTICE OF SURFACE COAL MINING AND RECLAMATION PERMIT APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL/REVISION JEWETT MINE LLC, JEWETT MINE, PERMIT NO. 32H DOCKET NO. MR-21-00006677

In accordance with Section 134.058 of the Texas Surface Coal Mining and Reclamation Act, TEX. NAT. RES. CODE ANN. Ch. 134 (Vernons 2021) and Section 12.207 of the "Coal Mining Regulations", Tex. R.R. Comm'n, 16 TEX. ADMIN. CODE Ch. 12 (Thomson West 2021), this public notice of the filing of a renewal application is being made.

Jewett Mine LLC., P.O. Box 915, Jewett, TX 75846, has applied to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a renewal/revision to Surface Coal Mining Permit No. 32H for its Jewett Mine located in Leon, Limestone and Freestone Counties, Texas (the "Application"). Information related to ownership and right of entry for the permit area and adjacent lands is found in Sections .116 and .117 of Permit 32H. The Application updates information in Permit No. 32H and covers a proposed five-year permit term from 2021-2025. Supplements to the Application may be filed and may include revisions to narrative, maps, drawings and exhibits contained in the application. Interested parties should review the Application, which is titled "Permit 32H Renewal/Revision, 2021-2025," Volumes 1 through 5 and other additional supplements periodically for changes.

The Permit No. 32H area is generally contained within an area as follows: Approximately eight miles north of Jewett, Texas; east of Lake Limestone; south of Highway 164 and Buffalo Creek; west of Alligator Creek; and north of the junction of Highway 39 and the Burlington Railroad. The Permit No. 32H area consists of approximately 21,575 acres and lies within the United States Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle maps entitled "Farrar", "Buffalo", "Jewett", "Donie", and "Round Prairie". The location and boundaries of the permit area are shown on the "Permit No. 32H Renewal/Revision Public Notice" map included with this notice. Mining operations which Jewett Mine LLC. proposes to conduct within 100 feet of the right-of-way lines of any public road include such activities as, but are not limited to, construction of mine roads, drainage diversion ditches, mining disturbance, erosion control, placement of spoil and topsoil, locating office and maintenance trailers, erecting fuel tanks, parking vehicles and equipment, performing equipment maintenance, and maintenance of facilities.

A variance to conduct operations within 100 feet of certain rights-of-way is being requested for portions of the following roads: State Highway 164, FM Roads 39, 1469, and 1512, Freestone County Roads 770, 784, 790, 791, and 795, Leon County Roads 323, 334, 351, 353, 354, 367, 368, and 3531. These roads are delineated on the "Permit No. 32H Renewal/Revision Public Notice" map included with this notice. Detailed information regarding road closures, variances, and relocations is provided in Section .152 of the Application.

Mining is proposed in Mine Area BX during the 2021-2025 proposed permit term and as shown on Exhibit 125-1 for the life-of-mine plan. The operation plan maps are located in Section .139 of the Application, Exhibit 139-1, Sheets 1-7, Volume 2.

Updates to the baseline groundwater reports, three proposed new groundwater monitoring wells, and fourth quarter 2007 water levels for existing long-term monitoring wells are contained in Section .128 of the Application. An updated water well inventory is included, and the location of these wells, as well as oil and gas wells located within one mile of the permit boundaries, have

been updated and shown on Plate 128-6 (water) and Plate 128-7 (oil and gas).

Regrading and reclamation will be done with mobile equipment. Topsoil substitution material will be used in the reclaimed areas. Grass and plant species to be used to revegetate the reclaimed areas are detailed in Section .145 of the Application. These activities will continue to occur in the same manner as previously permitted.

A detailed evaluation of the hydrologic impacts is contained within the Application in Section .146. Baseline information is contained in previous applications and is on file with the Application for inspection at the public offices listed below.

JMLLC proposes that postmine land uses previously permitted, be revised to include pastureland, developed water resources, and industrial/commercial land uses only for disturbed areas within the permit, as shown on Exhibit 147-1.

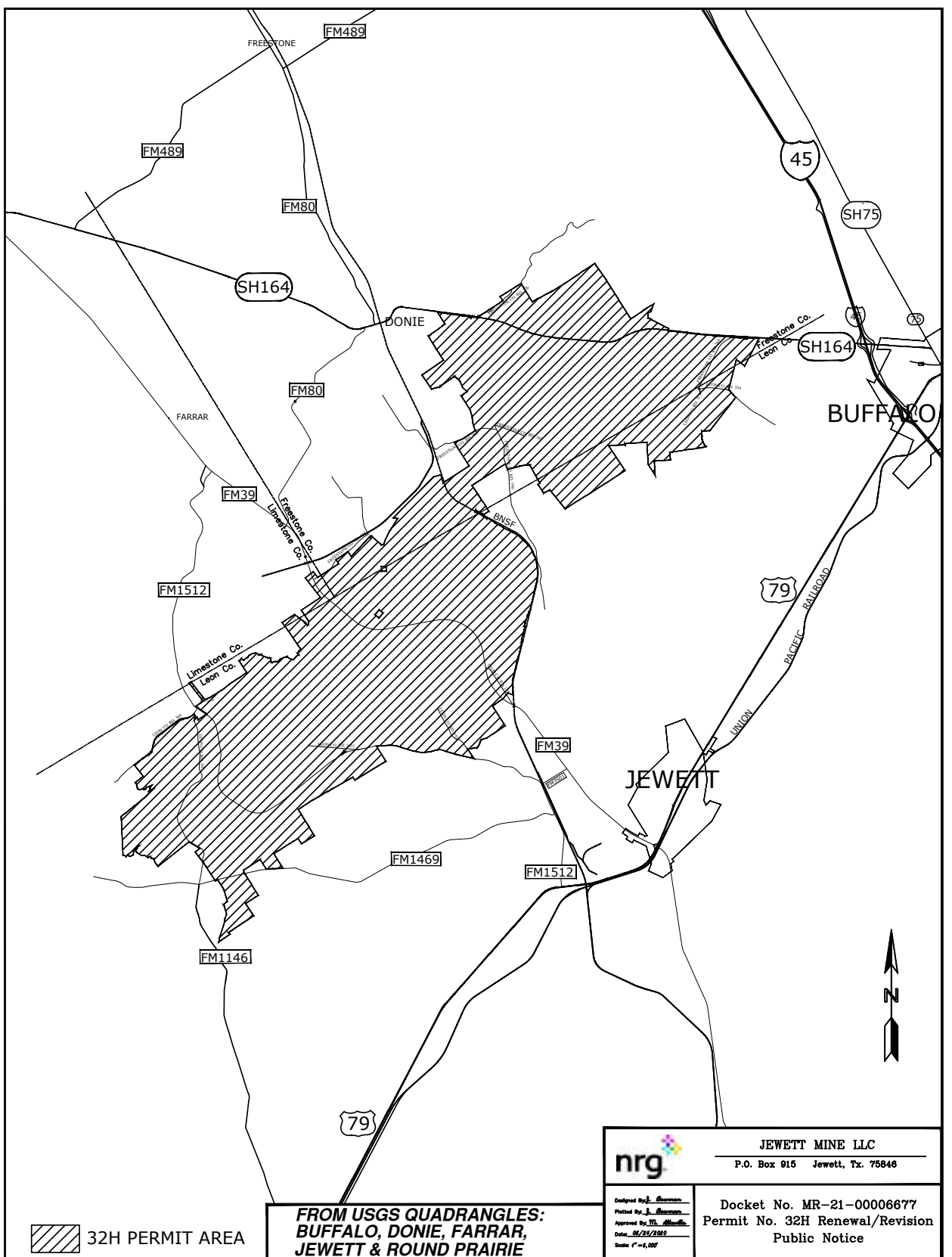
Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the Application within thirty (30) days after the last date of publication of this notice, which will be published once a week for four consecutive weeks. Requests for a public hearing must be submitted within 45 days after the last date of publication of the notice. Additional information can be obtained from the applicant and the Commission. All written comments, objections, or requests for public hearing or informal conference on the application should reference Docket No. MR-21-00006677 and should be directed to:

Ryan Rutledge
 Administrative Law Judge
 Railroad Commission of Texas
 Hearings Division
 P.O. Box 12967
 Austin, Texas 78711-2967

The Application consists of five volumes. Supplement A consists of one volume and Supplement B was submitted electronically. The Application may be supplemented and should be reviewed periodically. A copy of the complete Application may be inspected in the main office of the Railroad Commission of Texas, located at 1701 North Congress, William B. Travis Building, Austin, Texas; in the Office of the Freestone County Clerk, 103 E. Main, Suite 1, Fairfield, Texas; in the office of the Leon County Clerk, 204 E. St. Mary's, Centerville, Texas; and in the office of the Limestone County Clerk, 200 West State Street, Rm. 102, Groesbeck, Texas.

Due to various issues related to the coronavirus pandemic, persons who wish to inspect a copy of the application at any one of the offices listed in this notice are encouraged to contact that office to obtain information about any procedures that may be in place prior to arriving at the location.

During the pendency of this docket, public access to the application at the Railroad Commission of Texas may be restricted. Persons who wish to obtain a copy of the application may make an Open Records Request by email addressed to open.records@rrc.texas.gov. The Docket Number should be indicated in any request.



THE KOSSE CYCLONE

A SUPPLEMENT TO THE JOURNAL SINCE 1943



For bingo night at the Kosse Community Center on Friday, April 22, Mayor Brooks Valls took donations and sold raffle tickets for the lottery tree with all proceeds going to the Volunteer Fire Department.

BINGO in Kosse



Owners of Limestone Nutrition in Groesbeck, Stacy Matejka and Lorraine Heath, were in attendance for the BINGO night fundraiser for the Kosse Volunteer Fire Department, rubbing elbows with locals who will soon be customers! Heath and Matejka are bringing their loaded tea business to Kosse within the next month, opening "The Kosse T" in the building that formerly housed Duck Mud Coffee on Mignonette St. See future editions of the Journal for more information!

THE THORNTON MUSTLER

A SUPPLEMENT TO THE JOURNAL

Thornton Senior News

By Jane Carpenter

We served nineteen meals again last Thursday to Ann Brown, Gayla Lind, Lorene Stenbridge, Snuffy Bennett, Woody and Sue Wood, Alma McCurry, Wayne Sharp, Wilma Lee, Hank and Elle Staniszewski and their grandson, Vicky Vaughn, Earl Mask, Elizabeth Neason, Buddy Lenamond, Doris Lemley, Janice Bilbrey and Myself. We hope to get others coming back. As we miss you when you aren't here. Wayne Sharp and I were celebrating birthdays during the week and we had some pretty and delicious cupcakes to help celebrate. menu for Thursday, April 28, will be steak fingers, gravy, navy beans, steamed carrots, wheat bread, sliced peaches, milk and tea. Be sure and let Janice know of your intentions by calling 254-203-2769.

Kay Alston came and enlightened us on the upcoming Thornton Homecoming scheduled

for June 16-18. She said this year there would be a youth rodeo on Thursday night, which will be free admission to all and would like to see good participation and support for the event. There will also be rodeos, both Friday and Saturday nights put on by professional rodeo producer which she did not name. Also on Saturday night there will be a dance on the slab behind the rodeo arena. Please keep these dates in mind and plan to attend.

Sue Wood called bingo for us again and Woody Wood and Snuffy Bennett won two games each, Ann Brown won a game and Alma McCurry won the Blackout game. Congrats to all of you.

Wisdom is a blessing, walk in it; joy is a gift, be generous with it; prayer is a privilege, set on it; love is a miracle, be God's messenger.

Keep praying for our Country as well as each other. God Bless America!

DIME A DOZEN RANCH BOUTIQUE will be holding their Grand Opening on Saturday, April 30 from 10 am - 2 pm. Owner and Kosse resident Misti Wigley is excited to offer an assortment of trendy and stylish items, from clothing to home decor, accessories and more. Kosse's newest business Dime A Dozen is a boutique selling all sorts of "western, boho, eclectic, gypsy, ranchy, punchy" items, and several are featured on their Facebook page. Though the Grand Opening isn't being held until Saturday, April 30, the store is open and ready for patrons, so feel free to swing by between 10 am and 5 pm Wed-Friday.

Alexandra Cannon photos/Groesbeck Journal



KOSSE/THORNTON CALENDAR

Ongoing TUESDAY NIGHTS - 6:00- 7:30 p.m. - The Kosse Lions Club meets on the first Tuesday of each month at the Kosse Cafe.

FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH - The Thornton Masonic Lodge #486 meets. Meal at 6 p.m. and meeting at 7 pm. All Masons are invited to attend.

Submissions? To submit an item for the community calendar, email news@groesbeckjournal.com, or bring it to our office at 115 N. Ellis in Groesbeck. **Questions?** Call 254-729-5103.

JUNE 10-11 - Reserve the date! The 94th Kosse Homecoming Weekend 2022 will take place. Everything kicks off on Friday, with charitable Bingo fun at the Community Center and the Homecoming BBQ Cookoff. Saturday

features the Kosse Greyhound 5K Run/Walk, the Homecoming Parade, and the popular Kosse Fire Department Lunch. Preservation Texas is planning tours of the Bassett Farm Conservancy while the Kosse Heritage Society will be offering tours of their historic homes.

Highlighting the weekend is the downtown Homecoming Street Dance featuring three bands headlined by the legendary DOUG STONE. He will be joined by Central Texas favorite, THE GORDON COLLIER BAND, and the DERRYL PERRY BAND. Sponsorship information and event details can be found at KosseTexas.com/homecoming or by calling 254-375-2212.

JUNE 18 - Thornton Homecoming Rodeo and Dance. More details to come.

COUNTY

FROM PG. 1

Emergency Services Coordinator Matt Groveton introduced Randy Denzer, who has spent 35-plus years in fire service and has recently retired and moved to the area. He now volunteers at West Lake Limestone VFD. Denzer also has a background in climatology and expressed his fear for a drought season similar to that of 2011, one of the worst droughts in state history that resulted in more than \$7 billion in crop and livestock losses, sparked wildfires and pushed power grids to the limit, reducing reservoirs to dangerously low levels. He recommended preparation through training firefighters but also police, EMS and county officials jointly on how to respond to crisis situations.

"I would be cautious on how you manage your burn bans, and the reason I say that, I went to a Kosse fire earlier and I saw green grass burning. I hadn't seen that since 2011," Denzer said. "The state is gearing up for it and I think there will be a better support network locally, but if we can prepare like we're not going to have outside entities coming in to help us out, then we can take care of ourselves and that's the best thing we can do."

Duncan inquired more specifically whether or not Denzer felt the burn ban should be lifted or left intact, but Denzer skirted the question, offering alternate burn methods like requiring a permit process to allow fire entities to check burn piles before they're lit as a preventative measure against fire spread.

Duncan addressed some of the volunteer firefighters and chiefs in attendance, saying he would appreciate a few suggestions and ideas from the Volunteer Firefighters Association about how to better plan the timing of burn bans and training.

"Myself and the commissioners want to do what's best for Limestone County," Duncan said. "I know we've got quite a few

folks from the volunteer fire departments side here; y'all are the ones that have to deal with it, but if we put a burn ban on forever, I promise you we'll have that many people out here upset about it, so we may not win or lose on this."

After hearing from a few firefighters, Duncan recommended lifting the burn ban for a set 72 or 96 hours, but Commissioners Stephen Friday (Precinct 3) and Bobby Forrest (Precinct 4) expressed a desire to keep the ban on, citing the chance of spreading grass fires and forecasted winds as too high to risk. Duncan called for a motion to remove the burn ban, but receiving none, no action was taken and it stayed active at that time.

However, just before noon on Tuesday, April 26, an official memo from Duncan's office informed relevant parties that the county burn ban had been lifted for a four-day period, ending Sunday, May 1. County residents are encouraged to burn responsibly in this window and be mindful of winds and other weather before burning, even during this allowed window.

The court also revisited the need for RV improvements at the fairgrounds. Quotes for adding a dozen 50-30 amp electric hookups (with water to be installed by the county) for RV sites came in at about \$45,000 total. Commissioners also spoke to Fairgrounds Manager Kenneth Ellis about the recently installed sound system, inquiring about a technical problem experienced at the county fair and deciding to contact the company to troubleshoot any other potential issues. The court approved the RV improvements as discussed, allocating up to \$25,000 of county money to be spent on the work, contingent upon an expected \$20,000 donation for the project.

Another matter prompted by Senate Bill 270 requires the county to advertise for a county engineer position, although the county has not budgeted to hire such a position since 2015 or 2016, according to Forrest,

who stated that actually filling the position was not required since a Road and Bridge administrator position has been established. Forrest stated that the county may need assistance on a consultancy basis and eventually could put the individual on a retainer if needed, but that the court should be in agreement about pay rates and who should do the work. As they are required to advertise for the position, the court approved taking that action with no intention of actually hiring an engineer.

The county airport recently sustained wind and water damage to wind sock lighting, and a bill for about \$1,200 for repairs was received by the county. Duncan noted that according to the county's contract agreement with the manager, minor expenses such as these fall under the responsibility of the manager. Although a motion was made to pay the bill, all commissioners voted nay and the court did not approve taking on the bill for the airport's wind and water damage.

In other business, the court:

- Approved the consent agenda;
- Approved offering Grantworks up to \$25,000 for an Administrative Services Agreement regarding the American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds;
- Approved providing Texas Parks and Wildlife with an available office space in the juvenile detention center;
- Approved a salary adjustment/change for a Dispatch employee for certificate pay;
- Approved the purchase of a spray rig for the Road and Bridge Department in the amount of \$7,600; and
- Approved budget transfers #553 at the Law Enforcement Center/Sheriff's Office for a new ID Card printer and to finish outfitting vehicles and #554 at the Law Enforcement Center/Jail for replacing security equipment, chairs and training.

Following regular business, the court held another American Rescue

Plan workshop to ensure the money awarded to Limestone County by the government (a total of \$4.4 million, split into two installments) is put to the best use for the county as a whole. A large portion has been dedicated to improving water systems and infrastructure countywide, and Duncan has divided a percentage of the money between cities and water providers based on the number of meters they service. Duncan shared details of requests by cities and water entities made on a by-need-basis, listing the amounts intended for each as follows at time of press:

- Groesbeck- \$125,000
- Mexia- \$200,000
- Kosse- \$80,000 planned, *asking \$35,000 more
- Coolidge- \$75,000
- Tehuacana- \$35,000, *asking \$15,000 more
- Thornton- \$50,000
- Bi-Stone Municipal Water Supply- \$100,000
- White Rock Enterprise- \$25,000
- Prairie Hill- \$75,000
- Point Enterprise- \$50,000
- Shiloh- \$200,000, *asking \$50,000 more
- SLC Water Supply- \$200,000

Including proposed adjustments (marked*), the total cost for water infrastructure improvements comes out to \$1,275,000 from the first installment of \$2.1 million ARP funding.

These amounts are not set in stone or legally binding, as the court is still finalizing these plans before money will be dispersed. There was some discussion about using funds from the second installment of ARP money for water infrastructure needs that are not fully covered in this first phase, but other county needs like road improvements may take priority by the time that money reaches the court.

Duncan also reminded the court that \$300,000 of the first ARP payment had been set aside for broadband internet improvement to be implemented at a later date as part of an expected matching grant.

The next Commissioners Court meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. Tuesday, May 10, at the county courthouse.



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FROM PG. 1

Campus principals expressed concerns about the effectiveness of the current early release schedule at the meeting on Monday, April 25, noting that the time saved on Fridays was created for staff

development, but is not the intended fit for meeting the needs of administrators and other educators. The state requires school districts to operate a minimum of 75,600 minutes of instructional time and related activities, and the district builds their school calendar with these requirements in mind,

planning around state testing dates and holidays. As such, the board accepted proposed revisions to the 2022-2023 School Calendar, canceling the early release-Friday format and adjusting staff development days. The change also pushed graduation to May 26, 2023. *A copy of the

new 2022-2023 School Calendar has been included with this story. Related to this year's seniors, GHS Principal Dr. Bonnie Bomar spoke about Class Day, sharing their intention of staff presenting students with their awards through platforms including the school website, on the TV

in the high school cafeteria, through announcements and on Facebook in lieu of holding an in-person event or ceremony. Board members expressed their preference for a more traditional Class Day ceremony, where seniors would be recognized and presented awards with family members and

friends looking on. Bomar will return to the board with a new plan or possible options to that effect in the special meeting May 2. After a brief executive session that resulted in no action, the meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m. The next meeting will be held on May 2 at 6:00 p.m. in the GHS Conference room.

GROESBECK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
2022-2023 Academic Calendar

August 2022							September 2022							October 2022						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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November 2022							December 2022							January 2023						
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February 2023							March 2023							April 2023						
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May 2023							June 2023							Notes						
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	1	2	3	4	5	6					1	2	3	Student Minutes per Day: 460						
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	Teacher Days: 187						
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	Staff Development: 16+4 Comp Days						
28	29	30	31				25	26	27	28	29	30	NINE WEEKS							
														AUG. 17 - OCT. 14 OCT. 17 - DEC. 16						
														JAN. 4 - MAR. 10 MAR. 27 - MAY 25						

New Teacher Inservice	School Holiday	Bad Weather Days
Staff Development (No school for students)	State Testing	Comp Days (No school for Students)
Early Release	B Beginning of Nine Weeks	E Ending of Nine Weeks

• Due to calendar shift from days to minutes, time is built in for late starts, early release, or days closed as needed. Bad weather days will only be used in extreme circumstances. The calendar minutes per day may be adjusted during the school year if needed to account for deficit minutes. The State requires a school district to operate a minimum of 75,600 minutes of instructional time and related activities.

Board Approved: 02-28-22
Revised & Board Approved: 04-25-22

LIVESTOCK REPORTS

GROESBECK AUCTION & LIVESTOCK COMPANY

The Groesbeck Auction & Livestock Company held its weekly livestock auction sale on April 21. The sale is held each Thursday beginning at 12 noon. Sellers 102 and 54 buyers. Total 604 head sold. The market report from last week's sale is given below:

Packer Cows: \$50-\$94
Packer Bulls: \$60-\$115
STOCKER COWS:
Young Bred Cows: \$1000 - \$1350
Older Plain Bred Cows: \$350 - \$850
Good Choice Pair: \$1300- \$1800

Common Medium Pairs: \$750-\$1100

STOCKER & FEEDERS & YEARLINGS STEERS GOOD AND CHOICE:

300-400 lbs: \$185 - \$200
400-500 lbs: \$165 - \$190
500-600 lbs: \$150 - \$187
600-700 lbs: \$142 - \$175.50
700-800 lbs: \$113 - \$161
HEIFERS GOOD AND CHOICE:
300-400 lbs: \$145-\$180
400-500 lbs: \$140-\$185
500-600 lbs: \$130-\$187
600-700 lbs: \$125-\$165
700-800 lbs: \$110 - \$154

BUFFALO LIVESTOCK & MARKETING REPORT

The Buffalo Livestock Auction held its weekly livestock auction on Saturday, April 23. The sale is held every Saturday. Total head sold were 1986, total head last sale was 1451. There were 188 sellers and 82 buyers.

SLAUGHTER COWS & BULLS:

Cutter cows, \$75 - \$92
Fat cows, \$70 - \$89
Canner cows, \$25 - \$75
SLAUGHTER BULLS:
Heavy bulls, \$85 - \$117
Light Bulls, \$75 - \$111
COW/CALF PAIRS & BRED COWS:
Choice pairs, \$1500-\$1925
Good pairs, \$1375 - \$1475
Plain pairs, \$850 - \$1350
Bred cows 3-6 yr. old, \$750 -

\$1325 STEER/BULL CALVES & YEARLINGS:

150-200 lbs., \$155 - \$200
200-300 lbs., \$150 - \$226
300-400 lbs., \$150 - \$220
400-500 lbs., \$145 - \$210
500-600 lbs., \$140 - \$193
600-700 lbs., \$135 - \$172
700-800 lbs., \$125 - \$160
HEIFER CALVES & YEARLINGS:
150-200 lbs., \$135 - \$190
200-300 lbs., \$125 - \$210
300-400 lbs., \$120 - \$206
400-500 lbs., \$120 - \$171
500-600 lbs., \$115 - \$160
600-700 lbs., \$110 - \$140
700-800 lbs., \$105 - \$130



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