

QUARTERLY ISSUES

APRIL 2023

- 1. Atwoods Ranch & Home Goods is coming to Stephenville: (April 5, 2023, 8:30am)** The 63,000 square foot store will come with a look that is uniquely Stephenville (think hay and garden center), according to Jeff Sandford, president of the Stephenville Economic Development Authority.
- 2. Tickets on sale for Cross Timbers Got Talent benefiting women's shelter: (April 6, 2023, 8:30am)** Restoration Place, an Erath County shelter for women and children fleeing domestic abuse, is gearing up for its second annual talent show happening at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 21, at City Hall at City Limits in Stephenville.
- 3. George Strait is heading back to Dickies Arena in November: (April 8, 2023, 8:30am)** Texas troubadour George Strait has announced a two-night-only event in his home state, with back-to-back concerts set for Friday, Nov. 17, and Saturday, Nov. 18, at Fort Worth's Dickies Arena. □The King of Country Music will be joined by special guest Caitlyn Smith for both dates.
- 4. Summer officially gets rolling in Stephenville every year with the kickoff of the wildly-popular Concerts in the Park: (April 12, 2023, 8:30am)** This year's series will welcome special guest Don McLean who will perform at Stephenville City Park on July 13. McLean, a singer and songwriter, is best known for his 1971 hit song American Pie.
- 5. Who tore up the soccer fields?: (April 17, 2023, 8:30am)** A \$1K reward offered for information on who's responsible. The Soccer Association is offering a \$500 reward and Cotton Patch has offered an additional \$500 for information that leads to an arrest in the case.

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- 6. With 2 fatal overdoses, agencies work together to keep fentanyl scourge out of Erath County: (May 3, 2023, 8:30am)** Law enforcement officials say it only takes a single pill laced with a small amount of fentanyl to kill a person. That's what happened to a 19-year-old Erath County man who died in June 2021 after overdosing on the deadly drug. Since 2019, fentanyl-related deaths among Texans have increased more than 500%, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services.
- 7. If you regret not trying out as an 'extra' for Bass Reeves: (May 8, 2023, 8:30am)** The Stephenville scenes were set in Fort Smith, Arkansas. Prior to the opening of the Transcontinental Railroad, it was the gateway connecting the American east and west. "Everything is hurry and wait," he said.

“Typically, we walk through scenes eight to 15 times, then shoot eight to 10 times.”

8. **Local letter carriers take part in nation’s largest food drive. Here’s how to give: (May 9, 2023, 8:30am)** Letter carriers with the United States Postal Service are hosting a food drive this weekend and giving is a cinch. All you have to do is place non-perishable food items in a bag by your mailbox on Saturday and your letter carrier will pick it up.
9. **Wondering about that 80-year sentence given to an Erath County teen? (May 17, 2023, 8:30am)** Some wondered why this teenager received such an unforgiving and life-altering sentence when some murderers receive far less. Lt. Jeremy Lanier works crimes against children and called the case the most disturbing he has ever seen. Lanier received a search warrant for Cadenhead’s home and seized his laptop, which was sent to the Texas Department of Public Safety lab in Austin where a plethora of heinous images and videos were discovered.

Two-vehicle accident claims life of beloved local school teacher: (May 23, 2023, 8:30am) A longtime school teacher has died following a two-vehicle accident in Stephenville on Monday afternoon. Linda Brown, 71, was a popular teacher who taught at Stephenville ISD for many years and was currently teaching English and U.S. History at Erath Excels Academy, according to the school’s website

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10. **BBBS announces star-studded lineup for this year’s Dancing For the Stars: (June 2, 2023, 8:30am)** It’s gearing up to be another big year for Big Brothers Big Sisters Erath County’s annual Dancing For the Stars event. Not only is a new location on tap, but five new teams you’re going to love are set to compete for that coveted mirror ball trophy. Dancing For the Stars is the biggest fundraiser of the year for the organization.
11. **Jury takes only minutes to find Jesus Manuel Deleon guilty of murdering former girlfriend: (June 7, 2023, 8:30am)** It took an Erath County jury about five minutes on Tuesday to find Jesus Manuel Deleon guilty of murder in the shooting death of 42-year-old Dora Santamaria Hernandez. Then he was sentenced to 40 years in prison.
12. **4 victims, 7 counts: Grand jury indicts former teacher accused of sexual abuse of child: (June 14, 2023, 8:30am)** An Erath County grand jury on Wednesday indicted 78-year-old John David Trice on seven counts of sexual abuse of a child involving four victims. Erath County District Attorney Alan Nash said he could not comment on the pending case, but said Trice was indicted on one count of continuous sexual abuse of a child under the age of 14, four counts of indecency with a child, one count of sexual assault of a child and one count of sexual performance of a child.

13. Man arrested for allegedly firing gun in domestic dispute, then preventing victim from calling 911: (June 20, 2023, 8:30am) An Erath County man was taken into custody Tuesday after allegedly firing a shotgun during a domestic dispute. According to a press release from the Erath County Sheriff's Office, the department received a call that a shot had been fired inside a residence in the 800 block of CR 491 near Rocky Point Church. When investigators arrived on scene, they found Byron Dean Koonsman in possession of a shotgun he had allegedly fired during a domestic disturbance.

Stephenville paramedic hosts variety of CPR classes for individuals, businesses, healthcare workers: (June 22, 2023, 8:30am) Stephenville paramedic Kiela Whitten has been saving lives for more than 10 years and she's made a career out of teaching others to do the same. Kiela works as the lead instructor at Ranger College's EMT program. She is also a part-time paramedic in Erath County and works one day a week in the emergency department at Fort Worth's Cook Children's Medical Center.