

# 1<sup>st</sup> QUARTER 2023 QUARTERLY ISSUES

JANUARY 2023

- 1. LARGEST DONATION TO TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY: (January 7, 2023, 8:30am)** Tarleton State University alumnus Henry Hohenberger has made an unprecedented eight-figure philanthropic contribution to his alma mater. The final amount will be announced later this spring.
- 2. IMPORTANT 2023 SHOW UPDATES: (January 10, 2023, 8:30am)** The Erath County Livestock Association board and county show committee members have evaluated our present position and voted on expanding our current facility to include a new show ring, a dedicated sale platform, new concession area, updated bathrooms & changing rooms, and additional offices. This will provide more space for our ever growing number of exhibitors and livestock entries. As well as allowing for a full premium sale experience with animals. We couldn't be more excited for the new and improved experience in 2023.
- 3. A Voice for Habitat helps organization fulfill vision: (January 18, 2023, 8:30am)** Erath County Habitat for Humanity celebrated its 25th year of establishment by hosting A Voice For Habitat, the 2023 Singing Competition and fundraiser in the Clyde H. Wells Auditorium at Tarleton State University on Saturday. To kick off the song-filled night, music sensations Courtney Patton and Jason Eady performed together on stage.
- 4. Two injured when portion of exterior collapses at First Baptist Church of Stephenville: (January 18, 2023, 8:30am)** Two construction workers were airlifted to a Fort Worth hospital on Wednesday afternoon following the collapse of an exterior part of a local church building. The condition of the two remains unknown by Stephenville fire and rescue officials, but first responders on the scene said the families of the individuals have been contacted.
- 5. Stephenville man says he is being considered for Nobel Prize in Physics for innovative water system: (January 19, 2023, 8:30am)** Philip Alford continues to quietly make water systems inside his home-based shop in Stephenville while renowned scientists from around the world research the system that could earn him a Nobel Prize in Physics. Philip learned last fall that he is being considered for the award for his RPG (really pretty good) Water Catalyst he originally developed for environmental cleanup. That plan began to change about 10 years ago when a series of what he and his wife Glenda call "flukes" led the couple to Idaho where they met Dr. Robert Haralick.

## FEBRUARY 2023

- 6. Huckabay senior signs with Los Angeles talent agency: (February 1, 2023, 8:30am)** Evan Hamilton is on the fast-track to reaching his dream of becoming an actor. The 18-year-old Huckabay High School senior recently signed with a Los Angeles talent agency and plans to relocate to the West Coast to launch his acting career.
- 7. Woman sues Pecan Valley Centers: (February 9, 2023, 8:30am)** A North Texas woman has filed a negligence lawsuit against Pecan Valley Centers for Behavioral & Developmental Healthcare claiming the management of the organization ignored years of sexual assaults and molestation by its systems administrator. That employee, Arran Spodee, an administrator at the Pecan Valley facility in Stephenville for 12 years, was arrested in September 2022 by Erath County authorities on charges of possession or promotion of child pornography and aggravated sexual assault of a child.
- 8. 5-part docuseries that includes 2008 UFO sightings in Erath County airs on National Geographic: (February 12, 2023, 8:30am)** The first two episodes of UFOs: Investigating the Unknown will air from 8-10 p.m. on Monday. The Erath County sightings will be featured in episode two. Episodes three and four will air Feb. 20 and the final episode will air Feb. 27.
- 9. Procession to escort the body of slain firefighter back to Dublin on Friday: (February 16, 2023, 8:30am)** Members of the Dublin Volunteer Fire Department and Erath County Volunteer Fire Rescue will escort the body of Jesse Rollins back to Dublin on Friday morning. Jesse Rollins brother, Ray Rollins, was also shot and is expected to recover from his injuries.
- 10. Co-enrollment arrangement at Tarleton-Ranger College makes it easier to get a bachelor's degree: (February 17, 2023, 8:30am)** A new agreement between Tarleton State University and Ranger College expands an existing collaboration and establishes alternative admission and a pathway to a bachelor's degree for students who otherwise might not have the opportunity. Tarleton President James Hurley and Ranger President Derrick Worrels signed the pact Wednesday at a ceremony in Tarleton's Administration Building.

## MARCH 2023

- 11. SPARD opens registration for youth baseball, softball: (March 6, 2023, 8:30am)** If you have a young baseball or softball player living in your home, make plans to get them registered for SPARD's youth league open now through March 31. Games are set to begin the second week in May and will be played on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- 12. Longer days await: It's almost time to 'spring' forward: (March 8, 2023, 8:30am)** Before you snuggle under the blankets for a good night's sleep

Saturday, make sure to set those clocks one hour forward. Daylight Saving Time begins at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 12, and I am probably one of the few people you know who actually doesn't like those uber long days.

**13. 25th annual Penny Auction Saturday at Faith Lutheran Church: (March 9, 2023, 8:30am)** The Cross Timbers Business and Professional Women is gearing up for the 25th annual Penny Auction this weekend at Faith Lutheran Church. Doors open at 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 11, but the fun begins at 6 p.m. with a silent auction that will include 20 items to bid on.

**14. McAlister's Deli set to open this summer with a design that's uniquely Stephenville: (March 14, 2023, 8:30am)** So when the announcement was made last year that a McAlister's Deli was opening at The Stable in Stephenville, well, I was pretty dang excited. Construction on the restaurant has begun, and Jeff Sandford, executive director of the Stephenville Economic Development Authority, told me an opening target date has been set for June.

**Prime Metal hiring welders, fitters, robot operators and quality control at upcoming job fair: (March 16, 2023, 8:30am)** Prime is looking to fill positions for welders, fitters, robot operators and quality control specialists for its Dublin location. Prime offers wages starting at more than \$17 per hour with benefits that include a full health insurance policy that is 100% covered by Prime, a 50% matching 401(k) package and a \$10,000 life insurance policy