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Family serves at senior living community

Special needs Easter egg hunt planned

An Easter egg hunt for kids with special needs is set for Saturday, April 6 at Garland's Jerry Carter Softball Complex. A free lunch will be provided at 1 p.m., with the egg hunt kicking off at 2 p.m. RSVP by emailing Kristal Davis at kristal@specialonesnetwork.com. The softball complex is located at 550 W. Oates Road.

Arbor Day Jubilee registration opens

Registration for the Arbor Day Jubilee is open to everyone hoping to make a difference. Groups will have a chance to plant trees and pick up trash around Sachse beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 6. Supplies will be handed out in the city hall amphitheater, located behind 3815-B Sachse Road. To register, visit http://cityofsachse. com/406/Arbor-Day-Jubilee-Team-Up-Clean-Up.

UPCOMING CALENDAR

Monday, March 25 - Planning and Zoning Commission **By Morgan Howard** Staff Writer news@sachsenews.com

For five local children, family is about more than blood.

Laura Goughnour began taking her kids to Mustang Creek Estates of Sachse around Easter 2018 to teach them the importance of volunteering. A year later, the senior living community has become a second family to them.

"We were looking for a family service project," Goughnour said. "We found that even though (the kids) are all different ages, they all had something to offer the residents. My little ones like Play-Doh and cooking, and my older ones like crafting. We like interacting with the residents and spending time with them, seeing them smile."

All five Goughnours -Claire (13), Emily (11), Benja- $\min(9)$, Jane (6) and Ethan (3) - are homeschooled, and their volunteer work serves as part of their education. They craft, cook and converse with the

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At a St. Patrick's Day celebration held Wednesday, March 13 at Mustang Creek Estates of Sachse, people of all ages come together over crafts. From left to right, Vondaine St. Marie, Jane Goughnour, Emily Goughnour and Shirley Remo work on making shamrocks.

Pre-K, kindergarten enrollment opens in GISD

From Staff Reports news@sachsenews.com

Although the 2019-20 school year won't start for almost six months, planning has already begun. To prepare families for the fall, Garland ISD will offer several key events by the end of this month.

Choice of School for kids starting Pre-K and kindergarten opened March 20 and continues through April 18.

Each year, students entering kindergarten, sixth or ninth grades must select a campus. Choice of School allows families to choose any school in the district for their children to attend. Current students com-

plete the selection process on Skyward, GISD's online resource for families and teachers. Children new to the district will choose a campus as part of the enrollment process.

Magnet program applications also opened March 20, and last until Saturday, March 30.

These programs are special-

ized areas of studies. Available choices for elementaryaged kids are Academy for Excellence, classical studies, dual language, Mandarin Chinese language and leadership, Montessori and math, science, technology (MST) training.

Nine different GISD campuses house magnet programs.

The application is done via See ALL page 3A

Skyward, with testing scheduled for Saturday, April 6 at Dorsey Elementary.

Results will be posted April 29 and the deadline to accept a seat is May 3, both of which are also done on Skyward.

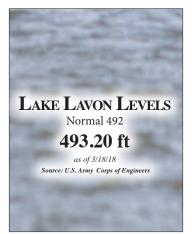
The district will host a kindergarten magnet information

meeting, 6 p.m. at city hall Tuesday, March 26 - Greta the Reading Therapy Dog, 6 p.m. at Sachse Public Library Monday, April 1 – New solid waste services start Monday, April 1 – City Council meeting, 7:30 p.m. at

city hall

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'Reel' fun at the library

A showing of "Teen Titans Go! to the Movies!" at Sachse Public Library draws several families Friday, March 15. Steele, 5, is ready to watch with his blankets and snacks. The event was part of the library's Spring Break noon movie series.

Residents ready to talk trash

New solid waste contract begins in April

By Morgan Howard Staff Writer news@sachsenews.com

One of the city's smelliest subjects will get freshened up as Sachse transitions solid waste providers.

The contract with Community Waste Disposal (CWD) officially begins Monday, April 1, although the switch from Republic Services started this week.

All homes are divided into blue and yellow zones that determine when trash and recycling is collected. Blue zone residents set out their old Republic containers this past week, which were collected with the waste. A gray trash cart and blue recycling cart from CWD were delivered later.

The same system applies to yellow zone residents the week of March 25. Some homes will switch zones to make collection more convenient, and have

been notified.

A major difference between the two contracts is the increase in recycling services; they will collect recycling every week instead of every two weeks. CWD asks residents to place recyclable items directly in the container with no bag.

When the new contract starts, brush and bulk pickup will take place at the trash and recycling collection site. According Sachse's website, city staff are working on designating specific pickup days.

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Chamber brings back golf tournament

By Morgan Howard Staff Writer news@sachsenews.com

After a decade-long hiatus, Sachse Chamber of Commerce's golf tournament is back in the swing of things just in time for spring.

The tournament will take place Friday, March 29 at Woodbridge Golf Club. It will begin at noon and last until about 5 p.m.

"We've been talking about this since last fall, but it didn't work out with Fallfest," said Chamber President Molly Hall. "There's been lots of interest in the community."

Although the chamber hosted a tournament for many years, there has not been one since 2009. The chamber did participate in a tri-cities one with Wylie and Murphy until about five years ago.

Each team will consist of four people and cost a total of \$400, which includes a lunch.

Three different sponsor levels are also available. All levels include the business's name at the registration table and on the chamber's web-

site and Facebook page. Hole sponsors cost \$250 and include the name on signs at the holes. Goody bag sponsors cost \$500 and feature the business's logo on golfers' goody bags. Beverage cart sponsors also cost \$500 and will have the name on the beverage cart that will drive around the tournament.

Groups wanting to both play and sponsor can get a

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To celebrate St. Patrick's Day, 9-year-old Benjamin Goughnour helps Mustang Creek resident Dwight Pace build a Play-Doh shamrock.

Children learn value of volunteering in city

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community. The oldest girls also choose and lead activities, and help create supply lists.

Most visits are holiday-themed. On Wednesday, March 13, the Goughnours helped the residents celebrate St. Patrick's Day by molding green Play-Doh into shamrocks, leaving them out to dry into collectible items. A week later, they united to bake cauliflower cheese bites.

The kids tend to spread themselves out among the seniors, young and old equally engaged with each activity. Not only does this build relationships; it also builds confidence.

"I hope they learn to be compassionate and to interact with senior citizens – to be respectful and comfortable with that generation," Goughnour said. "I've noticed my older girls especially have gained some leadership out of it. They're a lot more comfortable talking to them and leading activities. I've noticed my younger ones are good at sitting next to someone and noticing what they need, and just smiling."

"I was always very shy around older people," Claire added. "But I like getting to learn new things."

Each child noted that they especially enjoy bonding over baking treats.

As for their mother, she likes the ease of getting involved at Mustang Creek. She explained that after contacting the activities director, all she had to do was fill out an application. Additionally, the family also

spends time at a food pantry.

"Volunteering is a big part of our lives," Goughnour said. "We think it's very important and it blesses us as much as it blesses them. We interact with them and learn from their experiences."



A crowd of young artists contribute to varous projects. Sienna, 4, leaves her own mark on a large communal painting.



Vendors from the Wylie area set up booths for Art in the Park. With the help of volunteer Aaron, left, 6-year-old Jonathan fills a bottle with paint and lets it swing, creating bright splatter-paint art.

Creative kids

Photos by Morgan Howard/The Sachse News





A clear greenhouse serves as the perfect canvas for kids at Art in the Park, hosted by Creative Arts Guild of Wylie Thursday, March 14. From left to right, Ayla, Ellie and Bailey leave personal touches on the plastic.

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