

GAUSE NEWS

By **WANDA LEE**
Reporter correspondent

This Friday is the end of the fifth six weeks of school.

"Our group" played dominoes Sunday afternoon; something we haven't done in a while. We really had a great time!

The fish fry and barbecue fundraiser for youth camp were both a huge success over the weekend.

Students who finished the eighth grade in Gause and are graduating from Milano are Lysnie Korengay, Taylor Lange, Blake McBee, Presley Hurt, Jaylyn Barcak, Kristiana Zeig, Larry King, Chase Sylvey and Carl Walker.

Cameron Cooper and Kendall Lee will graduate from St. Joseph Catholic School in Bryan.

For the 2017 Milano High School Project Graduation, Wilde Auto Plus of Caldwell will donate \$2 for every tire sold until April 30.

You can probably find

something you can't live without if you attend the Milano Volunteer Fire Department's Ladies Auxiliary spring garage sale at the Milano Fire Station April 6-8.

The Milam County Livestock Show was held last week in Cameron. Gause 4-Hers Kendall Sheppard received reserve champion with her heifer. Cameron Cooper was first in his class with his lamb. Garrett Reed also competed. If I have missed some names and placing, please let me know.

On April 11, Gause ISD pre-K through third grade will take a field trip to Franklin Safari.

Then on April 13 there will be an early release at 12:30 p.m. And, if we don't have any bad weather before Friday, there will be a day off.

Then comes the month of May—STAAR testing.

April 20 will be the Gause Athletic Banquet and Burleson-Milam Field Day in Cameron.

Schlesinger wins song-of-the-year

Fiddler and vocalist Paul Schlesinger of Taylor is the winner of the 2016 Western Swing Song of the Year for the tune, "You Were Meant to Ruin My Dreams."

The song is a track on his CD, Paul Schlesinger and his Knights of Texas Swing. The presentation took place during the 21st annual Will Rogers Academy of Western Artists awards banquet in Fort Worth.

Schlesinger's CD, released last February, got its start in Rockdale back in 2006 when the initial recordings were made at Rockdale Sound, a studio operated by Scott Fischer.

"You Were Meant to Ruin My Dreams" was written in 1949 by lyricist Cecil R. "Butterball" Harris and composer Arlie A. Carter, who were band members of Jimmy Heap and the Melody Masters from Taylor.

In January, Schlesinger was contacted by the Academy of Western Artists (AWA) and informed that his recording of the song was a Top 5 Finalist for Western Swing Song of the Year. "I didn't know anything about the AWA and really had no idea the song would ultimately win," says Schlesinger. My wife Tara and I attended the event thinking it would just be an interesting experience, and we'd never have the opportunity to go again. However, I think she secretly had more faith than me!"



Paul Schlesinger (center) accepts song-of-the-year award from disc jockeys Billy Bowles and Cathy Whitten of radio station KSSL.

Other Rockdale area musicians who played on Schlesinger's CD include the late Bill Dessens on steel guitar, and the late Bill Dowdy on rhythm guitar.

Dessens, who became a high-profile western swing musician, spent his formative years in Rockdale before settling in Houston.

Dowdy, who lived in Lexington, was a master rhythm guitarist and developed the western swing

style chord pattern on the prize-winning song. Both were members of Rockdale's Tommy Thompson band in the late 1940s, and made several recordings on the national 4-Star record label for that group.

Both were inductees of the Texas Western Swing Hall of Fame. In 2004 Dowdy and Schlesinger released their first CD, "Our Way," also recorded at Scott Fischer's studio.

The Paul Schlesinger and his Knights of Texas Swing CD is available at KRXT studios, the Dowdy House in Lexington, and online at www.paulschlesinger.com.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April 8—Chris Wall, Lynn McGuire, Matt Higginbotham, Joyce Magee.

April 9—Barkley Lagrone, Tiffany Prestridge.

April 10—Madeleine Moody.

April 12—Vickie Vega.

Anniversaries
April 8—Jeff and Kelly Pickel.

MILESTONES
Marriage Licenses
Keith Van-Thomas Beasley and Brittany Burke.
Leslie Cooper and Bettyna Lopez.
Charles Kaiser and Jennifer Dygert.

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

Monday—Soft beef taco, pinot beans, lettuce, tomato, onion, chunky fruit medley, milk.

Tuesday—Beef pasta casserole, vegetable medley, garden salad, garlic bread, dressing, melon cubes, milk.

Wednesday—Crunchy baked

fish, garden blend rice, green beans, wheat bread, angel food cake, milk.

Thursday—Beef tips brown gravy, mashed potatoes, vegetable medley, whole wheat bread, scalloped peaches, milk.

Friday—Good Friday holiday.

Thank you

The family of Larry "Pete" Morgan would like to express our gratitude for the kindness and caring support shown to us during this difficult time.

Our sincere "THANK YOU" to all those who sent cards, food, flowers, and prayers.

- Call additions or corrections to The Reporter, 446-5838.
- **American Cancer Society**, Gaye Bland, memorial chair, 963 N. FM 908, Rockdale TX 76567.
 - **American Heart Association Processing Center**, PO Box 8411125, Dallas, TX 75284-1125.
 - **American Legion Carlyle Post 0358**, PO Box 501, Rockdale, TX 76567.
 - **Black Jack Cemetery Association**, c/o Johnny Morton, 9665 S. FM 908, Rockdale, TX 76567.
 - **Black Jack VFD**, 11341 FM 908 S, Rockdale, TX 76567.
 - **Bradley Key Memorial Scholarship**, Cornerstone Christian Academy, PO Box 3882, Bryan, TX 77805.
 - **Bret Key Memorial Scholarship**, United Heritage Credit Union c/o Tammy Key/Sierra and Shelby Key Educational Fund-Georgetown Branch, PO Box 1648, Austin, TX 78767.
 - **Gentiva Hospice**, 2626-B S. 37th St., Temple TX 76504.
 - **Kay Theater Foundation**, Kay Theater, P.O. Box 1572, Rockdale, TX 76567 (512)466-2216.
 - **Linwood Acres Garden Club Scholarship**, Janice King, 318 San Gabriel, Rockdale TX 76567.
 - **Love & Learning Center of Milam County**, PO Box 998, Rockdale TX 76567.
 - **Lucy Hill Patterson Memorial Library**, Melanie Todd, librarian, 201 Ackerman, Rockdale TX 76567.
 - **Matinee Musical Club Scholarship Fund**, Marie Gest, 1600 Skyless, Rockdale TX 76567.
 - **Milam Adult Resource Center**, 1705 Pecos, Rockdale TX 76567.
 - **Milam County 4-H Foundation**, Cheryl Walker, 100 E. First St., Cameron TX 76520.
 - **Milam County Child Protective Services Board**, PO Box 425, Rockdale TX 76567.
 - **Milam County CrimeStoppers**, PO Box 1122, Cameron TX 76520; 1-888-697-TIPS.
 - **Milam County Genealogical Society**, Patterson Library, 201 Ackerman, Rockdale TX 76567.
 - **Milam County Museum**, PO Box 966, Cameron TX 76520.
 - **Pleasant Hill Cemetery Foundation**, PO Box 9, Rockdale TX 76567; 512-446-3582.
 - **Richards Memorial Hospital Auxiliary**, PO Box 1010, Rockdale TX 76567.
 - **Rockdale Historical Society**, PO Box 788, Rockdale TX 76567.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

- **Rockdale Homecoming Association**, Barbara Gross, 815 Allday, Rockdale TX 76567.
- **Rockdale Outreach Center**, Gunar Gerthe, Rt., 3, Box 87-C, Rockdale TX 76567.
- **Rockdale Volunteer Fire Department**, Brady Nelson, president, 301 Wilcox, Rockdale TX 76567.
- **Salvation Army**, Milton Holmes, PO Box 1000, Rockdale, TX 76567, 512-446-1442.
- **Thursday Reading Club**, Annette, Stone, Treasurer, 2000 Yokley Road, Rockdale, TX 76567.
- **United Way of South Milam County**, PO Box 189, Rockdale, TX 76567.
- **VOICES Memorial Against Abuse**, PO Box 1591, Rockdale TX 76567.

Calvary Baptist Church Community Festival

Pastor and Mrs. Moffett
1443 S. FM 487

Saturday, April 8
1 to 5 p.m.

Food and Fun ~ Free
Bounce houses, games, music and Easter egg hunt
~ Everyone Welcome ~

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JOIN US IN APRIL..

SATURDAY 8TH KIDS EVENT
10:00 A.M.—12:00 P.M.

SUNDAY 9TH EASTER MUSICAL
11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

SATURDAY 15TH MOVIE "RISEN"
5:00 PM. & 7:00 PM. [2 SHOWS]
ALL WELCOME

SUNDAY 16TH COME CELEBRATE "CHRIST IS RISEN"
11:00 A.M. WORSHIP / CELEBRATION SERVICE

Meadowbrook Baptist Church
1401 Colorado • Rockdale
512-446-3367

St. Thomas Episcopal Church
302 East Davilla Phone—446-5932/ 569-3676

Holy Week Schedule

April 9	Palm Sunday	11:00 am
April 12	Wednesday: Centering Prayer	5:30 pm
	Evening Prayer	6:00 pm
April 13	Maundy (Holy) Thursday	7:00 pm
April 14	Good Friday: Stations of the Cross	12:00 pm
	Reading of the Passion	7:00 pm
	With Holy Communion	
April 16	EASTER SUNDAY	11:00 am

www.stthomasrockdale.org

St. Joseph's Annual Mayfest
Sponsored by
Rockdale Knights of Columbus Council #7014 and St. Joseph's Church

Sunday, May 7, 2017

Rockdale Knights of Columbus Hall
Hwy. 79 East • Rockdale, Texas
Celebration starts at 11 a.m. and goes until Food and Prizes are gone.

Bar-B-Que Beef and Sausage Dinner
Dine In or Take-Out Available
Meal Tickets - \$10.00 Each
Tacos, Tamales, Kolaches & Pastries Available

LIVE AUCTION - 12:30
Cake Walk • Plant Booth • Music • Silent Auction
Inside and Outside Children's Games and Prizes

RAFFLE TICKETS
\$20 per ticket • 6 for \$100
To be given away: \$5,000 Gift Card, \$3,000 Gift Card, Two \$1,000 Gift Cards, Four \$100 Gift Cards
For tickets, contact Pat Jerman, (254) 627-0040, or come by The Reporter and ask for Kelley. Need not be present to win.

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