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## Kilgore Boy Scout earns Eagle Scout badge

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Mason Gaskill was quick to say that getting to the highest rank in the Boy Scouts was not something he did by himself. He did it with the help of friends, family and his troop. "The most important part of scouting is the people around you," he said. "While in scouts, I've created many friendships even outside of scouts. I want to thank everyone for helping me through this journey to Eagle. All of you have played a role in my scouting journey, and I could never thank you guys enough for helping me."

Troop 252 celebrated Gaskill and his new Eagle Scout badge at a special ceremony Satur-

day, Oct. 8 at Kilgore Bible Church. The ceremony included recitation of the Eagle Scout Charge, as well as the presentation of parent and mentor pins and a speech from Gaskill. Mayor Ronnie Spradlin also stopped by after the ceremony to present Gaskill with a proclamation declaring Oct. 8 as Mason Gaskill Day. Gaskill, in his speech, noted the eagle was the only bird that, when it starts raining, flies high above the clouds. Boy Scouts, in that same token he said, prepares members to go above and beyond the normal expectations in all settings of their life.

"I was lucky to learn about being a scout with great people by my side. But I didn't just



Kilgore Boy Scout Troop 252 honored Mason Gaskill on Oct. 8 at Kilgore Bible Church as he received his Eagle Scout badge. Meredith Shamburger/Kilgore News Herald

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## BAG BASICS

Kilgore students tour plastic recycling plant



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By SADIQ KING

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Students walked curiously through a noisy factory this week as their B.O.B (Bag of Bags) was recycled to make a new reusable bag.

Kilgore and White Oak fifth-graders took part in Revolution's B.O.B program and toured its plastic recycling plant in Kilgore to learn about the origins of plastic bags and the energy required to manufacture them.

The tour took place over three days, Oct. 10-12.

"I have been doing this for around 7 years," said Revolution tour host Jennifer Hawthorne. "[Children] only get the fundamentals; the basics of recycling. So whenever they get to come here, they actually get to see how it takes place. Everything that they've learned comes to life and they're like, 'yes!' It clicks inside their heads."

Stacy Hartsell, environmental health and safety manager, has been in the environmental service business for over 25 years.

"To me, it's great to see children learning this at a very young age, which is a habit that comes through for them throughout



the course of their life that affects their grandchildren and their grandchildren's grandchildren."

In 2011, the plant started the B.O.B program with local Kilgore schools as an initiative to get more involved with the community. The program encourages students to

recycle their used plastic grocery bags rather than throw them away. Recycled B.O.Bs are shredded, melted and rolled. The material is rolled and flattened. Revolution can then create a new bag to reuse indefinitely.

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## 'Matthew Tyeskie Day' proclaimed in Kilgore

By LUCAS STROUGH

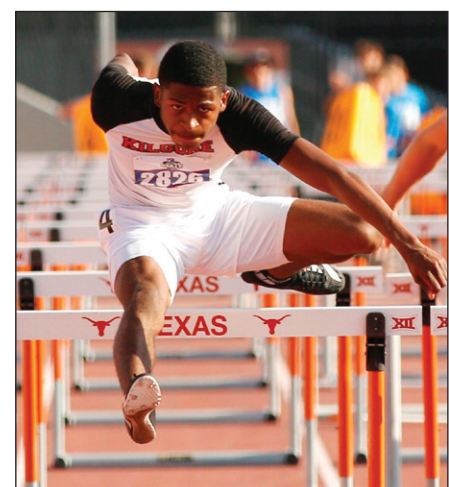
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Kilgore High School student athlete Matthew Tyeskie was honored by Mayor Ronnie Spradlin and the city council this week for his outstanding athletic achievements.

Mayor Spradlin welcomed Tyeskie to the podium in council chambers, along with Tyeskie's mother Brandus Hall and father council member Victor Boyd, to read an official proclamation.

"Whereas Matthew A. Tyeskie, as a junior at Kilgore High School, and

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KNH File Photo

Matthew Tyeskie, as a junior at Kilgore High School, and a second-year member of the varsity track team, represented Kilgore High School at the 2022 state track meet and won first place in the 110 meter hurdles with a time of 13.99 and third place in the 300 meter hurdles with a time of 38.43.

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# A toast for Oktoberfest; sesquicentennial coloring books on sale at library

"Where the spirit does not work with the hand, there is no art."  
— Leonardo da Vinci

Ein Prosit, ein Prosit (A toast, a toast)  
Der Gemütlichkeit (To cheer and good times)  
Ein Prosit, ein Prosit (A toast, a toast)  
Der Gemütlichkeit (To cheer and good times)  
A toast and a cheer to all who



attend Oktoberfest in downtown Kilgore today from 1 to 8 p.m. May your steins be full and may your bratwurst be served with sauerkraut.

Limited edition sesquicentennial coloring books, designed and illustrated by Autumn Kinsey and scripted by Kilgore Historical Preservation Foundation, are

now available for \$3.25 each at Kilgore Public Library. The books contain a variety of coloring pages, word searches and more, all imparting important information about the city's 150-year history.

The Friends of McMillan Memorial Library will host their Annual Book Sale Oct. 19, 20 and 21. Book Sale hours will be Wednesday and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and

Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. at McMillan Memorial Library, 401 S. Commerce St. in Overton.

A selection of gently used fiction, non-fiction, paperback and children's books will be for sale at bargain prices. In addition, cookbooks, craft books, Christian fiction and reference, as well as DVDs and puzzles are included. All educators receive a 10 percent discount.

Proceeds from the annual

book sale will support and enhance activities and programs of the library. Call (903) 834-6318, with any questions.

First Baptist Church of Kilgore will have s Fall Fest Monday, Oct. 31 from 5 to 7 p.m. outside the church building on North Street. Come and show off your excellent costume wearing skills and have some fun! Should it rain, Fall Fest will move into the Fellowship Hall.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH DADDY? | JASE GRAVES

## What's in my name?

I've experienced a lifelong identity crisis, of sorts, because of my name (or names), and I've actually kind of enjoyed it — most of the time.



The controversy began in 1970, around the time that I made my almost 10-pound newborn debut (sorry, Mom). Apparently, the discussion between my parents centered on whether to name me "Jase" or "Jason," both names originating from a Greek word meaning "healer" or "royal pain in the rear."

Other than referring to me as their massive baby who was like delivering a propane tank, my parents finally settled on the more formal "Jason" for my birth certificate — thinking that I could later go by "Jase" if I wanted to pretend to be cool.

They then proceeded to call me by my family nickname, "Bub," from that point forward. In fact, it didn't really sink in that I had any other name than "Bub" until I entered public school. All I had heard myself called for the first 5 years of my life was "Bub."

"Bub, get that battery out of your nose!"  
"Bub, don't drink the aquarium water!"  
"Bub, stop licking the television screen!"

I initially responded with disbelief when my parents advised me that my kindergarten teacher would call me "Jason" anytime she asked me to stop eating the Elmer's glue. But I eventually accepted the idea — sort of.

Shortly before kindergarten began, I proposed that I be called "Bub-Jase-Jason" at school — until my big brother assured me that such a name would probably guarantee me a weekly wedgie from my classmates.

I finally settled on "Jase" for educational

settings, which, by the time I entered high school, had been corrupted to "Jass" by my thoughtful and loving closest friends. (The "J" was silent, by the way.)

In my post-mullet teen years, I worked as a lifeguard during the summers and wore a pair of knock-off Ray-Ban Aviator sunglasses, which prompted some of the more nearsighted swimmers to boost my ego by calling me "Maverick" after the "Top Gun" character. My abs were actually out of the closet back then. I miss them.

By the time I went off to college at Texas A&M University, I was back to "Jase," thank goodness, but the fun didn't end there. On the first day of my Spanish III class, I noticed that I was the only student in the entire room whose name was of non-Hispanic origin, and when the professor reached my name on the roster, I guess she didn't want me to feel left out, so she pronounced it "José Grávez." (I still ask my wife to call me that when we're eating Mexican food.)

These days, the most fun I have with my name is when my social media friends hit the wrong key and address me as "Jade." I always just laugh it off and tell them I expect to see them in the front row at my next drag show.

Yes, my names have been varied throughout my life, but I've appreciated them all in one way or another, especially after becoming a father. At home, I'm mainly addressed as "Dad," "Diddy" or "Can I use the credit card?"

And it surely is comforting that I can still go visit my parents and hear their familiar advice, "Bub, get that battery out of your nose!"

## TOUR

The plant maintains contact with all of the area's schools by providing plastic bags for all extracurricular activities such as book fairs. This year, the program was expanded to White Oak Intermediate School for the first time.

"We bring recycling with a little bit of fun," said Hawthorne. "It's a real eye-opener for some of these children."

Lily Tucker, a fifth-grade student at Kilgore Intermediate School, stated "I loved how they built [consumer bags] and how they're helping Texas with the B.O.B. The best part was seeing the bags being made."

"It was fun seeing all the cool stuff and how they made the bags. I didn't know they did it like that." Elijah Williams, another fifth-grader, agreed.

Following the tour, students were given Chick-fil-A cookies and had their pictures taken with the restaurant's cow mascot. Chick-fil-A has been a major partner of the B.O.B program since 2017. It contributes to the program's accessibility. Chuck King, franchise owner, donated 350 gift cards, and Darrell Audrey of Kilgore donated Chick-fil-A cookies.

Revolution is a sustainability firm founded in the agricultural plastics industry. It began in Arkansas, and the owner guided the company



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to purchase various businesses, including the Kilgore facility. Kilgore's facility has been a major employer in the city since the 1970s. Revolution's growth was driven solely by the desire to keep plastic bags out of landfills.

Revolution recycles more than just bags. Hard plastic bottles, Tyvek, and other materials are recycled at facilities in Indianan, Minnesota, and Mesquite. "We recover, we create, and then we recycle," said Hawthorne.

The plant has recycled 1.5 billion pounds of film since January.



## TYESKIE

a second-year member of the varsity track team and whereas Matthew represented Kilgore High School at the 2022 state track meet and won first place in the 110 meter hurdles with a time of 13.99 and third place in the 300 meter hurdles with a time of 38.43," the mayor read.

"Matthew, for two years, has con-

tinuously placed in the 110 meter hurdles and the 300 meter hurdles in the area and district championships all the way up to regionals while also medaling in the 4x400 relay and triple jump. He also won first place in the 110 meter hurdle relays at the Texas State Relays, setting a new state record with a time

of 13.97."

Tyeskie is also an active member of community and student programs, including Kilgore Men & Women of Alliance and the American Exchange Program.

The proclamation concluded by naming Oct. 11, 2022 as Matthew Tyeskie Day in the city.

# Rangerettes will celebrate Gussie Nell Davis Weekend Oct. 14-15

## Special to the News Herald

The Kilgore College Rangerettes will honor their founder and former director Gussie Nell Davis this weekend as they celebrate Gussie Nell Davis Weekend Friday-Saturday, Oct. 14-15.

The Rangerettes were the first of their kind when they began in 1940 as a vision of the late Gussie Nell Davis — the true pioneer of the dance/drill team industry.

The weekend will kick off with a "Revel in Revelations" ribbon-cutting event at the Rangerette Showcase and Museum at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 14.

After the ribbon-cutting, visitors can tour the museum to view all of the recent renovations completed at the museum.

Also, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on Friday, KC will host a "Meet the Rangerettes" event at the Gussie Nell Davis Rangerette Residence, where the public can meet and take pictures with the current Rangerette line. On Saturday, Oct. 15,



Gussie Nell Davis Facebook Page

halftime of KC's football game.

The game is set for 3 p.m. Saturday at R.E. St. John Memorial Stadium in Kilgore.

Coast2Coast Productions is owned by Angela Aulds, KC dance instructor, and Megan DeHoyos, Rangerette Showcase and Museum coordinator.

"As Kilgore College alumni, we are thrilled to bring potential students to Kilgore College for this event," Aulds said. "Our love for Kilgore College and the Rangerette organization is something that we intend to share with these young adults for years to come."

During the day, the area dancers will meet the Rangerettes, tour the Kilgore campus and visit the Rangerette Showcase and Museum.

For more information on the Rangerettes, visit [www.rangerette.com](http://www.rangerette.com).

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