



# GCSMP MONTHLY NEWS

*The official publication of the Guadalupe County Sheriff's Mounted Posse & Drill Team*



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## Toast to Texas

SATURDAY, 2 MARCH 2024

It has been 188 years since the signing of the Texas Declaration of Independence. The Daughters of the Republic of Texas and the City of Seguin Parks and Recreation host this celebratory event in Seguin, where the Posse has been honored to deliver an opening proclamation. This year marks it's 38th anniversary. A total of six riders have been asked to represent the Posse and the positions were quickly filled. This year we had family members walk with the procession and fill the crowd. The Posse was able to visit and take photos with many of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Mayor Donna Dodgen, Deputy Chief Joshua Ray, and many others. The event was a true tribute to the spirit of Texas that has existed for almost two centuries.

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## Playday News

### Event Dates:

23 March

13 April

11 May

22 June

27 July

**\*\*Please mark these dates on your calendar as volunteers will be needed to work the events.\*\***

- The first event of the 2024 Saddle and Buckle Series is right around the corner. Do not forget that we will need cake donations for the Cakewalk, volunteers to work the arena, and any other assistance that may come up.
- Please consider posting flyers around town advertising the playday. Rosemary Williams has many copies for distribution or email us at [gcsmp tx@gmail.com](mailto:gcsmp tx@gmail.com) and we can send you a copy.
- Rules will be posted on Facebook as a reminder of what to expect. Please share on your personal page to help get the word out.

“The horse, with beauty unsurpassed, strength immeasurable and grace unlike any other, still remains humble enough to carry a man upon his back” — Amber Senti



# Drill Team Highlights



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## *Upcoming Events:*

**TOAST TO TEXAS SEGUIN 3/2**  
**MARCH VIRTUAL DRILL FILM DEADLINE**  
**3/17**  
**MARCH PLAYDAY 3/23**  
**LA VERNIA BLUEBONNET PARADE 4/6**  
**APRIL PLAYDAY 4/13**  
**APRIL VIRTUAL DRILL FILM DEADLINE**  
**4/14**

## What is a Virtual Drill?

In March of 2020, Covid-19 spurred massive shutdowns. The forced need to isolate caused the deterioration of many organized group activities that were popular prior to this devastating event. As people were allowed to start organizing outdoors again, with limitations on group size, virtual competitions were started in lieu of in-person. These types of drills allow a team to compete with other groups around the world without leaving their hometown. One of the most positive aspects of the competitions is that they are much more affordable and allow more teams to participate. There is a significant challenge to these types of competitions as well, teams have one month to choreograph their maneuvers, learn the drill, and submit their performance. After the team is finished and recorded, their hard work is submitted to a panel of judges. Each successful submission adds to the Drill Team's portfolio, builds a more cohesive unit, and improves the skills at the foundation of the GSCMP mission, to maintain a group of skilled horse persons.

## New Riders Welcome

As this year is focused on rebuilding, this is a reminder that new riders are welcome to join the team. New riders to drill will need to practice and learn the new patterns before being allowed to perform in the virtual drills and/or playday performances. The team is excited about the newest members that have been added to the ranks and reminds everyone that practice is on Monday nights at 7:00pm at the Posse arena.



# Hitting the Trails...

## Children's Hospital Trail Ride



Friday, March 1, 2024

Kosciusko Community Hall

\$12.00 PER PLATE

Enjoy a plate consisting of: FISH, SHRIMP, FRIES, COLESLAW & HUSH PUPPIES

Meal begins at 6 P.M. till runs out.

- To go or dine in
- \$3.00 sausage strips available

Benefitting CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS Foundation

DI Friday Night I&M Proounds

KOSCIUSKO HALL

Saturday 03.02.24

## 36th Annual Trail Ride And Benefit Dance

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

REGISTRATION includes an appetizer, coffee, and a complimentary meal. PRE-SALE MEAL TICKETS CONTACT ANNETTE GOREZILL 210.365.4058

Registration begins at 2 p.m. on Friday, 03/01/24

Please donate to CHHS. Age appropriate and all fun for all. Patients of CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS.

5:00 PM - Supper \$12.00 (Bread & Butter Plan)

6:00 PM - Live Auction

9:00 PM - Live Music

Open to the Public - Cash/Check

More Info:

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**COLORADO RIVER TRAIL RIDERS ASSOCIATION**

**SPRING TRAIL RIDE TO THE WINERY**

APRIL 19-21, 2024

JOIN US ON A TRAIL RIDE TO THE WINERY

2 HORSE RANCH 1460 PM

5:30 PM WINE TASTING

WHISTLING DEER WINERY

8 MILES RIDE TO THE WINERY

WITH LUNCH PROVIDED

SPENDING TIME MOUNTAIN AND WINE TASTING

RIDE 9 MILES BACK TO CAMP

FRIDAY APRIL 19	SATURDAY APRIL 20	SUNDAY APRIL 21
7:00 AM MEET AT 2 HORSE RANCH	7:00 AM BREAKFAST	7:00 AM BREAKFAST
8:00 AM RIDE TO THE WINERY	8:00 AM RIDE TO THE WINERY	8:00 AM RIDE TO THE WINERY
12:00 PM LUNCH AT THE WINERY	12:00 PM LUNCH AT THE WINERY	12:00 PM LUNCH AT THE WINERY
2:00 PM WINE TASTING	2:00 PM WINE TASTING	2:00 PM WINE TASTING
4:00 PM RIDE BACK TO CAMP	4:00 PM RIDE BACK TO CAMP	4:00 PM RIDE BACK TO CAMP
6:00 PM DINNER AT THE WINERY	6:00 PM DINNER AT THE WINERY	6:00 PM DINNER AT THE WINERY

MARK YOUR CALENDARS APRIL 25TH - 28TH

**Crawfish Crawl TRAIL RIDE**

CARNDAROSA RANCH & CHAISSON FARM

Come Out and Enjoy ALL YOU CAN EAT

Friday - 10am Start

Saturday - 9:30am Start

\$25/PP (9 & Under Free)

Shirts, Hats, Koozies Available

Cash, Cashapp, Venmo, CC Accepted

2234 FM 2798 Livingston, TX 77351

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# Parade Opportunities

- Toast to Texas Seguin - 2 March
- La Vernia Bluebonnet Parade - 6 April
- Armed Forces Day Parade - 18 May
- Stockdale Watermelon Parade - 21 June
- Seguin 4th of July Parade
- Comal County Parade - 27 September
- Guadalupe County Rodeo - 13 October



**“IF YOU’RE NOT IN THE PARADE, YOU WATCH THE PARADE. THAT’S LIFE.”**  
**— MIKE DITKA**



## Up for Discussion...

- Electricians/ qualified volunteers are still needed for a reasonable estimate to fix the arena lights.
- Volunteers needed to work the 23 March playday.
- Date for Playday Committee Meeting



## Welcome Wagon

The GCSMP would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest members:

- The Caraway Family
- The Fowler Family



## Upcoming Meetings:

11 March 2024 - 7:00pm

8 April 2024 - 7:00pm

13 May 2024 - 7:00pm

10 June 2024 - 7:00pm