

Around the State: UMHB groundbreaking, Baylor Nursing School gala

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The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor marked the beginning of construction on its performing arts center with a groundbreaking ceremony Feb. 5. More than 400 students, guests and community members attended. The 40,725-square-foot building will include multifunctional rooms that will allow it to be used both for learning and performance. The center also will feature a 546-seat theater. The design includes a 2,000-square-foot ensemble room, which can be used as a classroom, a venue for small concerts or recitals, or a reception space for social gatherings.

Baylor University's Louise Herrington School of Nursing will conduct its fifth annual Going for the Gold Gala Saturday, Feb. 27, at 6 p.m. at the Renaissance Hotel in Dallas. Noah Galloway, a wounded U.S. Army war veteran and finalist on "Dancing With the Stars," will be the keynote speaker. The program also will feature Saralinda Garcia, a Navy medic and veteran of the war in Iraq and a 2010 Herrington School graduate, as well as Dallas Cowboys receiver and former Baylor Bear Terrance Williams. WFAA-TV meteorologist Pete Delkus will be the emcee. Tickets are \$200 per plate or \$2,500 for a table for 10. For more information, click [here](#) and click on "Going for the Gold Gala," call (214) 808-9802 or email nursinggala@baylor.edu.

Two chemistry students at **Howard Payne University** received donations from Brownwood-area business leaders to aid in the completion of undergraduate research projects. **Samuel Parmley**, a senior from Bastrop, and **Sarah Van Remmen**, a senior from Santo, each received \$300 to fund

their studies. Paul Smithson, chief executive officer of Apollo Computers in Early, supported Parmley's project, and Zac Allen, owner of Lazy Eight Ranches in Coleman, helped fund Van Remmen's project. Parmley is creating a library of narcotics with an ion trap spectrometer, a system that potentially could aid law enforcement agencies in the future. Van Remmen is studying the active ingredients in sunscreen and the degradation of these ingredients with normal use.

Ordinations

Christopher Simonton to the gospel ministry at Lakeview Baptist Church in Waco, where he is youth minister.