

# Around the State: Work starts on lake at Dogwood Trails Camp

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**After almost five years** of fundraising and planning, [Dogwood Trails Camp and Retreat Center](#) has broken ground on their largest project to date. The construction of a three- to five-acre multi-use lake will expand the campus into previously unused property. The lake will provide not only a beautiful area for guests to experience, but also expand programming into canoeing and fishing, as well as provide a keystone for future development. For more information, [click here](#).

✘ Brad Griffin, associate director of the Fuller Youth Institute. (PHOTO: ETBU/Mike Midkiff)**Brad Griffin**, associate director of the Fuller Youth Institute, spoke to participants in the third annual Engage at ETBU: Leading the Church into the 21st Century Conference held on the campus of [East Texas Baptist University](#). Area ministers attended the one-day conference and heard principles and concepts enabling them to understand better the youth and young adults in congregations.

**Lois Patton**, [Howard Payne University](#) professor of business administration, joined about 100 volunteers at the 31st annual Community Thanksgiving Feast who served 2,127 meals to their friends and neighbors. Volunteers delivered 1,438 of those meals to homes in the area, while 689 people enjoyed the food and fellowship at HPU's Mabee University Center.

✘ Howard Payne University's Model United Nations team in Stockholm, Sweden.[Howard Payne University's](#) Model United Nations team represented the school at the 10th anniversary conference held in Stockholm, Sweden. Six of the 14 HPU students who participated received awards at the conference, making Howard Payne the most recognized

university in attendance. Jason Murphy of Brownwood and James Abbatiello of Kerrville competed as the delegation of the United Kingdom in the Economic and Social Council and received the best delegation award. Students earning honorable mention awards were Cara DeLoach of San Angelo, Mike McConnell of Burleson, Nicole Nehf of May and Justin Moore of Brownwood.

**Traci West** has joined the [Dallas Baptist University](#) faculty as special collections librarian with a focus on the preservation of DBU archives.

### **Anniversary**

**Betty Downey**, 30th, as pianist at First Baptist Church in Big Spring, Dec. 14.