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'Life-long' book lover gets library named after her

life-long" lover of books to have a library named in her honor.

Cindy Venable, 53, Gatesville Junior High School's recently retired principal, said of the naming of and so grateful for everything the district has done for me and continues to do. Thank you so much."

The Gatesville Independent School District Board of Trustees unanimously approved June 21 the renaming of the school's library as

It was a fitting tribute for "a the Cindy Venable Library. Gatesville ISD superintendent, Barrett Pollard made the recommendation to rename the library in Venable's

"Cindy has had a life-long love the library: "I am humbled, thankful of books. Many of her reading skills came from a subscription to the Dr. Seuss Book-of-the-Month Club at an early age," said Charles Ament, a GISD colleague. "To see middle school kids loving the new library warms her heart.'

Venable is retiring because of



CINDY VENABLE

health reasons. In 1997, a year before she officially joined the teaching ranks of the GISD, she first received the news that she had cancer. She battled her affliction, enduring surgery and treatments. Her fight inspired many in Gatesville to join in the annual Relay for Life benefit events.

This did not stop Venable from continuing to indulge her love of educating young minds. She was named "Teacher of the Month" in October of 2004.

"She has played an important role in the continued improvement of student performance as a classroom teacher and as an instructional leader," said Gatesville Elementary principal Pam Bone at the time.

Six years later, she was named assistant principal at the junior high school in 2010 — then principal two years later.

"(Venables) exemplifies the saying that Hornet Fight Never Dies,"

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Painting the town

Gatesville artist Niki Foster colors in an image projected on the side of a building in downtown Gatesville. Once finished, the mural will feature the Coryell County Courthouse along with a sentiment to the owner of the building.

Local artist creates murals around town

By Sabrina Anderson Messenger News Reporter

Longtime resident of Gatesville Niki Foster is making the town beautiful one mural at a time.

Foster began painting as a young child and has only grown to be more passionate about the hobby since

then. She enjoys a wide variety of painting, such as canvas and mural painting, but says her favorite type of art to create is abstract.

Recently, she has painted a large mural on the side wall of the vacant building at the corner of E. Main

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Looking to view a fireworks display this weekend?

The City of Gatesville's annual Independence Day Fireworks display is Sunday — with the show starting just after dark.

Fireworks will be set off around Gatesville I.S.D., and will be visible from several parking areas. Seating is also available at McKamie

The event is free.

Spectators are reminded to not move any barricades near parking lots and to not park in any of the construction areas around the high school.



Corner:

Q: What was the name of the newspaper that published the **Declaration** of **Independence?**

A: The Pennsylvania Evening **Post**

Write, call or e-mail your question to The Gatesville Messenger. P.O. Box 799 Gatesville, TX 76528 254-865-5212 editor@ gatesvillemessenger.com

A digitized legacy for retiring county clerk

Coryell County Clerk will be the and was the director of the facility digitized files in the office — an until 1980. accomplishment Simpson is most proud of.

no computers in this office and nothing had been digitized," she said, reflecting on her 28 years on the job. "I started digitizing (files) 1993. in 1993. Today, anybody in this office can look up what they need, and I think that is probably my best accomplishment for the future."

Simpson was honored in the County Commissioners' courtroom at the Coryell County Annex with her husband, Ray, and their daughwas the talk at the reception.

When she first arrived in Gatesville in 1975, she immediately stride. sought out community service work Girl Scout leader and a member of the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce Board.

She has also been credited for

Barbara Simpson's legacy as starting the Gatesville Senior Center

"(Barbara) enjoys being associated with people of all ages and "When I took office, there were cultures. She is a highly motivated individual," her husband, Ray, said of her work with the senior center.

She became the county clerk in

"It's a learning curve when you take one of these offices," she said. She did make an impression on her staff: "I will forever be grateful that she approached me to come work for her twenty-three years ago. She has not only been a great boss to me, but she and her family have ters, Mickie, Marcie and Martie in treated me like one of their own," attendance. Her work in Gatesville said Coryell County District Clerk, Becky Moore.

Simpson took the accolades in

"Everything I have done has — being a Sunday School teacher, been a pleasure to do," Simpson said. "When you walk away, you

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Photo by David Scott

Token of appreciation

Trent Farrell, 52nd District Judge, presents Coryell County Clerk Barbara Simpson, with a plaque to express the county's appreciation for her 28 years of service to the county. Simpson retired on Friday.

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County-wide

Revival season is upon us at Pearl Church of Christ

183 in Pearl, will be having will be served. a revival on Saturday, July

Christ, located at 6790 FM made ice cream and snacks by a brunch.

Harris as the revival speaker. er will be Chris Halpayne. a part of their ministry.

The Pearl Church of Following the service, home- The service will be followed

The Pearl Church of Christ On Sunday, July 11 at was established in 1895 and 10 at 7 p.m., featuring Roy 10:30 a.m., the revival speak-summer revivals were always

Clawson clan to gather for 92nd reunion

Faunt LeRoy Park in Gatestheir 92nd Annual Family Reunion.

gin Thursday evening with potluck. the Gayle Clawson Memorial Fish Fry. Hamburgers you to bring your lawn chair you prefer. All plans for 2021 and reunion fries will be and join us for any or all ac- are subject to change.

thaniel Clawson will gather at be filled with water activities scrapbooks and photos will for young and old, along with ville July 8-11 to celebrate a lot of visiting to catch up on all we have missed the past cols of social distancing and year. The Saturday evening wearing of masks is encour-The festivities will be- meal will either be catered or aged for anyone feeling more

The family encourages

The descendants of Na- served Friday. Saturday will tivities and meals. Historical be on hand for all to enjoy.

> Following COVID protocomfortable doing so. Bring your own individual meal if

Many of the descendants of the church moved to Pearl during the Fort Hood Displacement in the 1940s. Most came from the Eliga and Stampede communities with surnames including Graham, Gartman, Thomas, White and Wilkinson - most of which attended the Eliga Church of Christ.

They held their summer revivals under a tent between the church and Cowhouse Creek. Early revivals at the Pearl Church of Christ were held under the Cedar arbors which was typical for the small country churches.

In 1904, the Pearl Church of Christ Tabernacle was built and became the home of their revivals

The tabernacle has recently served as an outdoor church during the pandemic and has, since 1991, been the home of the church's Vacation Bible School each



Courtesy Photo

"Lion of the Year"

The Gatesville Lions Club recently named Oliver Puhr as the "Lion of the Year." Club members have described Puhr as being a kind and encouraging person who has volunteered to lead and participate in multiple projects. Pictured above left is Oliver Puhr with out-going Lions Club president, Kent Scott.

CTHH opens facility for day visitors

The Central Texas Hospi- of charge. tality House announces the opening of their facilities re-opening on June 18 had for day visitors only which driven from Brownsville - a began on June 18. Hours will be noon to 6 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday available for visitors when always looking for volunand Sunday.

come to the CTHH to rest and relax before or after snacks will be provided free visiting their loved ones. No *cthhouse.org*

Their first visitor since six hour drive.

the wardens restore the Spe-Families visiting their cial Visits, which allow two loved ones in prison may consecutive days with four tality House is located at 708 hour visits.

their visit. Soft drinks and encouragement for families

funds are received from any governmental entities, local, state or federal. CTHH is funded by churches, businesses and individuals that Overnight lodging will be share their vision. They are

The Central Texas Hospi-Hwy. 36 West in Gatesville. CTHH provides hope and For more information, call 254-404-2260 or visit: www.



Photo by David Scott

New roadside sign for Coryell Health

Those driving on West Main Street may have noticed a change on the grounds of Coryell Health. A new and large display sign was recently installed so that visitors and patients will know where to turn to visit the emergency room, hospital and clinics.



CENTRAL TEXAS HOSPITALITY HOUSE WELCOMES NEW MANAGING DIRECTORS – **CONLEY AND NANCY BROWN**



Conley and Nancy are not strangers to Gatesville. Conley was Head Boys' Track Coach and Assistant Football Coach in 1976 and 1977. Nancy, a Registered Nurse, chose to stay at home until their children were in school.

"The Browns have wonderful qualifications for the mission at Central Texas Hospitality House. It is a mission station, welcoming visitors from all over the world. The Browns have been missionaries most of their lives."

- CTHH chairperson Kay McCleary

After successful professional careers, they served in Agape Force Street Ministries. Conley, principal of a Christian school and Nancy served as a teacher. They also served in foster care for boys for 10 years and an orphanage in Sudan. The Browns were home parents at Father Heart Maternity Home and also house parents for sex trafficked minors and adult women. They served in Lifeway Haven, which trains women coming out of prison in life skills to live and work in the free world.

Conley and Nancy will commute to Gatesville from Huntsville, their home for the last 7 years. They have 8 children.



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Central Texas Hospitality House offers free lodging and food to families visiting their loved ones incarcerated in the Central Texas prison system. No funds are received from any governmental entities, local, state or federal. CTHH is funded by churches, businesses, and individuals that share our vision.

$News_{\text{By Betsy Clark}} Pearl$

saga of "The Young and the Rest of Us—and The Rest of Us Are in Pearl." Now that Kay Pruett has developed a liking for her new bikini the will be "Pocket Change," size of a pair of sunglasses, her dog named Pearl has developed a psychosis which is characterized by a propensity to run and hide under the nearest bed whenever her mistress, Kay, puts on the tiny garment and goes to her nearby pool aka the creek. This poor dog is traumatized, and her best friend and neighbor, Woodrow, can be heard for miles around sympathizing with his dear friend. I am a witness to Woodrow's sympathetic howls which could be heard in stereophonic sound while I was working at the church last week. I knew instantly what was happenbathing suit and was either sunbathing or floating in the (um) pool. Heartbreaking. Will the person responsible for gifting Kay that crazy bikini please come forward and remove that horrifying garment from Kay's possession? Pearl—the community and the dog--and Coleen and Randall (because of Woodrow's great concern for his friend which he loudly laments), need help. Kay is out of control!! L. R., are you listening? Russell and Michelle, can't you do anything with your mother? (Kay "affectionately" told me that if I write anymore about this, that I would be a "D. P." Dead possum? Who knows! I'm not really scared (maybe a little!!).

last call for everyone to come is July 19th at 6:30 p.m., me at betsyclark47@yahoo. to Pearl for the monthly Blue- and the next Pearl Cemetery com for information or to grass event! Give yourselves Board Meeting is June 28th submit any Pearl news that

Update to the continuing (or up) to Pearl on Saturday, July 3rd! The free stage show begins at 1 p.m. in the Pearl rium. Kicking off the show followed by House Arrest (2 Pearl invite everyone to atp.m.), Bosque River (3 p.m.), tend any of their services. Salt Kreek (4 p.m.), and fin- Pearl Community Church ishing with "A Pearl Jam" at meets in their building at 9 5 p.m. The last event, coordiac. n.m., Pearl Baptist Church nated by Anji Pearl Day, will meets under their tabernacle include any pickers who want at 10 a.m., and Pearl Church to jam on the stage for all to of Christ meets at 10:30 a.m. see and hear. This is a new addition to the Bluegrass Day show will close with the Pearl Jammers playing Amazing Grace. Remember, the doors open at 7 a.m. for all pickers opens at 11 a.m. and closes at 5 p.m. I highly recommend everything on the menu in the kitchen—especially the PIE!! Anji at (325) 665-7996. It's plenty of food! gonna be fun!!

Pearl Cottage Bookstore 28-30: Have you not known? day!! The cottage is open Have you not heard? The from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Lord is the everlasting God, hardback and paperback the earth. He does not faint books along with various or grow weary; His underand sundry other items which standing is unsearchable. He p.m. have been donated to the gives power to the faint, and by donation—buy what you want, pay what you want. No price tags to bother with here! All proceeds go to benefit local charities. The Book Cottage is a friendly place to shop, visit, and laugh!! Kay, Linda, and Corlisa operate Church of Christ" Facebook the friendliest charity house in Texas!!

a break and come on down at 7 p.m. Both are held at the you might have.



Community Center audito- Pearl Community Center, and all are welcome to attend.

> The three churches in in their building.

Mark your calendars for and should be great fun. The July 10th and 11th for the annual Pearl Church of Christ at 7 p.m. on Saturday evening with Roy Harris as the speakand grinners. The Kitchen er, and there will be an ice cream supper following the service. Sunday, the speaker will be Chris Halpayne, and a brunch will follow that ing—Kay had on that blasted For more information about service. Everyone is invited the stage line-up, please call to attend, and there is always

> The closing verse for this Saturday, July 3rd, is also week comes from Isaiah 40: increases strength. ESV

To keep up with the latest Pearl news online, you can go to the "Pearl Cottage Bookstore" Facebook page, the "Pearl Community Center" Facebook page, or the "Pearl page. The Pearl Community Center also has a website: The next Pearl Commu- www.pearltxcommunitycen-In other news, this is the nity Center Board meeting ter.com. Or you can contact

Fourth of July events...

Independence Day Bash

ist Church will be having a more. "4th of July Bash" on Sunday July 4, from 6 p.m. until 9

The public is invited to join church members in the field by the church's garage. There will be a free bounce house with slides, obstacle courses, ice cold watermelon, 254-865-2520.

The First United Method- bottled water and much

Some seating and tables will be provided, but those attending are encouraged to bring lawn chairs.

First United Methodist Church is located at 2600 E. Main Street. For more information about the event, call



Reading of Declaration of Independence

On Friday, July 2, at 10 place in the 52nd District Place and Greg Simmons. Revival. The service begins a.m., local members of the Courtroom in the Coryell Texas Criminal Defense County Courthouse. Lawyers Association will sponsor a reading of the United States Declaration of will include Allen Place, Paul

Local TCDLA members participating in the reading Independence. This will take Harrell, Janet Prueitt, Shea 254-865-8475.

The public is invited to attend this reading celebrating our country. For more information or if there are any questions, please call

Grace Bible Church to host Independence Day celebration

Grace Bible Church will store has over 6,000 used the Creator of the ends of be hosting an Independence Day celebration on Saturday, July 3 from 6 p.m. until 9

BBQ sandwiches, hot cottage. Most purchases are to him who has no might He dogs, drinks and desserts will be served until 8:30 p.m.

> For the kids, there will be inflatables, games, Bingo, train rides, corn cannon and music. Everything is free on a Sunday this year, the and everyone is welcome to Exchange Club will <u>not</u> host attend..

located at 4012 US Hwy. 84. For more information, please Day. call 254-248-0053.

Ringing in Independence Day

The VFW Post 8577 is and baked beans. inviting everyone for an open house on July 4th from noon-

The post is celebrating Independence Day and serving potato salad, macaroni salad Gatesville.

Food will be served at noon following an 11 a.m. traditional bell ringing ceremony in the parking lot.

The VFW Post is located brisket, sausage and chicken, at 1509 Golf Course Road in

Exchange Club to give kids flags

of Gatesville GIVEAKI-DAFLAG project will take place on Sunday, July 4 prior to the fireworks display.

Because of July 4 falling a Veteran's Breakfast. A Vet-Grace Bible Church is eran's Breakfast will resume in November on Veteran's

The Exchange Club of

The Exchange Club Gatesville would like to thank all veterans, active duty military and their families for their devoted service to the United States.



New Dialing procedures for Texas customers in 254 area code

10-digit dialing instituted to facilitate access to National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

phone numbers in the 254, with only seven digits will digits. 361, 409, 806, 830, 915 and reach a recording prompt-940 area codes now need to ing them to hang up and dial alert or security provider dial 10-digits (area code + again using both the area if you are not sure whether telephone number) for all code with the seven-digit your equipment needs to be local calls.

On July 16, 2020, the FCC 20-100, approving 988 as the three-digit abbreviated dialing code for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

communications providers, including telecommunications carriers, interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) providers, and oneway VoIP providers (covered providers), to make any network changes necessary to ensure 988 access by July 16, 2022.

Several Texas area codes (254, 361, 409, 806, 830, 915 and 940) have numbers with a 988 prefix. Therefore, those areas must transition from seven-digit to 10-digit local dialing. (Areas shown in yellow on this map are not affected by this change.)

Saturday, April 24, 2021 marked the beginning of a "permissive dialing period" in which callers in those area codes can still complete a call with seven-digit dialing.

When that period expires on Oct. 24, only calls dialed with ten digits will be connected.

After the permissive dial-

telephone number.

Important safety and se-Federal Communications curity equipment, such as Commission issued an order, medical alert devices, and alarm and security systems ming of alarm and home must be programmed to use security equipment must be 10-digit dialing.

Austin-- Texans with ing period, local calls dialed ment may still use seven-

Contact your medical reprogrammed to accommodate the upcoming change to 10-digit local dialing.

Any needed reprogramdone during the permissive Many systems operate dialing period from April





Messenger Forum



Adventure Stories at a Birthday Party By Tumbleweed Smith

his wife Erika came in from Chicago for my birthday. So did my son BZ who lives in Oakland, California. We all met in Dallas where my son Kevin lives with his wife Jill and their son Caleb. The night of my birthday we sat around the diner table and told adventure stories.

My wife Susan went first. She told about going up in a balloon during the Balloon Fiesta in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She and 3 others in the balloon stayed aloft for quite a while. When it landed, the balloon hit the ground with a thud, then went skyward again. It did the same thing 3 more times before finally coming to rest. It is customary when a person makes a first balloon flight to have a glass of champagne. All the pilot had was a bottle as a memory.

BZ told about parachuting from a plane over Stanton on his 18th birthday. He said right after the parachute

was wearing headphones and that he still remembers. listened to the jumpmaster on the way down. When BZ got getting to France and getting close to the ground he saw the big X where he was to land. He landed standing up right on the X. Since his first jump was perfect, he decided he couldn't ever beat that so he hasn't been parachuting where a friend of mine con-

a child when the brakes failed on a Winnebago (she called it a Winnebagel). Caleb told about catching a crook who was stealing money from a mine and I rigged up a ridiculous iron trailer that held a 55 way into a group of scouts He flew home in style. who were going to climb a the mountaintop. He said it was a rugged climb that took opened he felt a sense of hours but when he reached peace and serenity that he had the top he experienced such

My grandson Jackson and never experienced before. He a feeling of accomplishment

Kevin's story had 2 parts: out of France. He was to leave on a labor day Monday to go on a Rotary Youth Exchange trip. Saturday we couldn't find his passport. So Kevin flew to Washington vinced the state department Erika told about a time as to open on a Sunday morning and issue Kevin a passport. Kevin had spent 3 days in London on his way home after the exchange. He went to Gatwick airport but was told tennis center where he works. his plane left from Heathrow. Jill told about the adventure An airline official suggested of marrying Kevin. I told he take a helicopter. Kevin about a raft trip in Santa didn't have that much money Elena Canyon while filming so he took a bus. When he got a documentary. A friend of to the airport he was told the plane was ready to take off and he had better hurry. He gallon trash can full of our ran through the airport with of Foster beer, which he stuff. Of course we capsized all his luggage and learned wanted to pour on Susan's in the heavy rapids and lost that his seat had been sold head. She said, "I think not. everything. Jackson related to someone else. There hap-But I want that bottle of beer." an adventure he had in the pened to be a seat in first class The bottle stays on her desk Boy Scouts. He talked his and they gave him that one.

> The stories were amazing mountain and place a flag on and we learned a lot about each other.

> > Have a question you want answered? How about a pet peeve? Want to express an opinion? Contact The Messenger and we'll see if we can get you an answer to your question, let you express your pet peeve and give you a chance to sound off with your opinion. Email: editor@ gatesvillemessenger. com

State Capital HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders, Texas Press Association

Democrats sue over defund- and those agencies. ing of legislative branch

House Democrats filed a July 8 petition with the Texas Supreme Court on Friday, seeking to overturn Gov. Greg the legislative branch.

Statesman and other media outlets reported, House Democrats were joined by constitutional.

Abbott used his line-item veto power to abolish funding for the legislative branch in the next biennial budget, which takes effect Sept. 1. He was angered by the last-minute walkout of House Democrats to stop consideration of will be used by the state to various voting law changes request additional border pushed by the governor and Republican legislators.

"Abbott's veto is an abuse of power, an act of legislative urged jailers statewide to coercion and a threat to democracy, the result of which is clear and immediate harm ties and providing jail beds to the people of Texas," said for people arrested on state Chris Turner, D-Grand Prai- charges related to crossing rie, chair of the Texas House the border illegally. Democratic Caucus.

"The Legislature is a co- Number of vaccinated Texequal branch of government and the separation of powers is enshrined in our state constitution," Turner said. "The government when he doesn't and Human Services. get his way."

\$410.2 million allocated for lab-confirmed COVID-19 pathe Legislature and numerous tients in Texas stayed roughly agencies that provide support the same as the previous to lawmakers.

the Texas Senate and House week.

Special session set for

Abbott has called for a special session beginning July 8, his office announced Abbott's veto of funding for last week. He said in a press release that the items to be As the Austin American- addressed "will be announced prior to the convening of the special session."

Abbott had said previously the AFL-CIO and caucuses that he would ask legislarepresenting Black and La- tors to work on two priority tino lawmakers in asking election bills that died when the court to determine the Democrats walked out, governor's actions were un- as well as a bail bill that also

> On Friday, Abbott urged county judges across Texas to submit their two-year projected budget for expenses related to what he terms the "ongoing border crisis." The projections, submitted online, security funding during the upcoming special session.

On Friday, the governor also assist border sheriffs with operating detention facili-

ans edges upward

The number of Texans fully vaccinated has reached 11.7 million or 40 percent of governor doesn't get to sim- the state's total population, ply cancel another branch of according to Texas Health

Meanwhile, hospitaliza-Abbott's veto struck tions in the past week of week at 1,481. New cases of Besides state lawmakers, COVID-19 in the state in the who make \$600 a month, past week totaled 8,825 with Turner said the veto could af- 167 deaths recorded, little fect up to 2,000 employees of changed from the previous

TCEQ assists Aransas Pass with water contamination

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality is working with the city of Aransas Pass after its water system was apparently chemically contaminated by a backflow from a local business. Antifreeze is the possible contaminant, according to published reports.

As of Sunday, the city's tap water should not be used for drinking, cooking, bathing, brushing teeth, making beverages or ice or dishwashing. It can still be used for doing laundry, flushing commodes and watering outside.

TCEQ sent 40 pallets of bottled water to the city and is onsite taking samples from the municipal water system. It is unknown when the water will be considered safe for consumption again.

The city is holding a selfserve drive-thru behind its civic center where residents can pick up water.

Supreme Court: Academy can't be sued over shootings

The Texas Supreme Court threw out four lawsuits filed against Academy Sports and Outdoors by survivors and family of the victims of the mass shooting at a Sutherland Springs church in 2017.

The Austin American-Statesman reported the court ruled Friday that the suits were prohibited by a federal law protecting retailers from legal action stemming from crimes committed by third parties.

The shooting, at a church in a small community about 30 miles east of San Antonio, left 26 people dead. The gunman was killed after leaving the scene.

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The people speak... Letters to the editor

Since the beginning of the pandemic, at least 1 in 10 residents of Coryell County have been infected with Covid-19, a total of around 7,346 reported cases. Right now, Coryell County is at a high risk for unvaccinated people. Getting vaccinated is an important way to protect yourself and others from getting Covid-19. Only about 30% of people of the county are vaccinated. That means up to 70% are highly liable to get the disease. Those who are vaccinated with two shots are over 90% protected from getting the disease. Since 70% of Coryell County have not had the shot those who have got the shot should still wear their masks when you are in a crowd and protect yourself. See info on internet at: https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2021/us/coryell-texas-covid-cases.html

Jim Denton

Whatever happened to...???

TWENTY YEARS AGO

--Shanna Moody, of

34th Street. -- Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bond of Gatesville were to be honored with a 50th wedding anniversary reception. Charles Bond and the former Joyce Collier were married July 5, 1951 at the Evergreen

Baptist Church.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

--Sixteen year old Coby ployed as the new direc- seven saddles he won in tor of the city's fitness and rodeo competition. Taking recreation center which was first place in the state in team under construction on North roping, Coby was preparing for national competition.

> --Private First Class Jerry W. Rasberry, son of Bill and Betty L. Cooper of Gatesville, had been awarded the Army Commendation Medal Storm.

FORTY YEARS AGO

-- Just before his 74th Gatesville, had been em- Jones showed one of his birthday, Dr. Kermit Jones, senior member of the Coryell Memorial Hospital medical staff officially retired.

> --Gail Hill became the new president of the Jonesboro Parent Teachers Association.

--Mr. and Mrs. Rannel Graves of Oglesby were celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. The former for his meritorious service Helen Everett and Rannel during Operation Desert Graves were married July 5, 1931 in Oglesby.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

--Dr. William F. Floyd was among 400 physicians from 42 states and Canada who attended a medical conference at the University of Colorado School of Medicine.

--William H. (Bill) Jackson was installed as worshipful master for 1971-71 at the Gatesville Masonic Lodge No. 197.

-- Mrs. Cleve (Marie) Chambers, was chosen president-elect of the 'Texas League of Vocational Nurses.

The Dispatch Obituaries R.D. Nichols

The following is a breakthrough dispatchers during the period of June 24-27. While there were many calls to the dispatcher, this is a partial list of more significant activity. Persons are reminded that only was reported in the 200 block emergency calls should be of Memorial Drive. made to 9-1-1, while all other calls to the police de- reported in the 200 block of partment should be made to Hamilton Drive. 865-2226 or to the Sheriff's office at 865-7201.

CITY OF GATESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

June 24

4:15 p.m., an accident was **June 26** reported in the 1500 block of W. Main Street.

4:46 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 1700 block of Waco Street.

7:13 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 200 block of N. 7th Street.

7:21 p.m., a theft was reported in the 1700 block of Hwy. 36. Bridge Street.

tivity was reported in the 300 block of S. 5th Street.

9:56 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 3400 State Hwy. 36. block of Crown Drive.

tivity was reported in the 300 block of Winston Lane.

was reported in the 600 block block of Jackson Drive. of Andrews Street.

June 25

cern was reported in the 200 1700 block of E. Leon Street. Bridge Street. block of FM 116.

down of activity reported reported in the 2200 block of 800 block of S. 7th Street. Bridge Street.

> activity was reported in the block of Valley Circle. 2800 block of S. State Hwy.

> 12:03 p.m., a disturbance 3000 block of FM 116.

12:41 p.m., a theft was

3:43 p.m., animal cruelty was reported in the 300 block of Old Pidcoke Road.

8:46 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 2500 block of Oak Drive.

3:30 a.m., a burglary was reported in the 3300 block of S. State Hwy. 36.

8:22 a.m., a disturbance was reported in the 2400 block of CR 427.

12:39 p.m., an accident with injury was reported in the 2500 block of Business

12:51 p.m., criminal mis-9:35 p.m., suspicious ac- chief was reported in the 200 block of North 7th Street.

> 1:12 p.m., a theft was re- **June 24** ported in the 2800 block of S.

9:56 p.m., suspicious ac- driver was reported in the 4000 block of FM 116.

11:32 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 2500 Pkwy.

June 27

8:37 a.m., suspicious ac-8:27 a.m., a welfare contivity was reported in the

11:57 a.m., suspicious

10:07 a.m., a theft was activity was reported in the pute was reported in the 4400

2:38 p.m., criminal mis-10:28 a.m., suspicious chief was reported in the 100

> 3:21 p.m., an accident with injury was reported in the June 25

injury was reported in the 100 block of Harrell Drive. 11000 block of E. Hwy. 84.

was reported in the 2500 block of CR 305. block of E. Main Street.

was reported in the 200 block CR 106. of Chapman Street.

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8:42 a.m., a stolen vehicle was reported in the 800 block 6:47 p.m., an intoxicated of Old Georgetown Road.

2:14 p.m., mail box damage was reported in the 1400 7:55 p.m., a structure fire block of Oglesby/Neff Park

> 3:57 p.m., a threat was reported in the 1500 block of CR 269.

> 6:00 p.m., a theft was reported in the 1700 block of

> > 6:14 p.m., a neighbor dis-

block of CR 174.

8:34 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on FM 215 near CR 249.

5:37 a.m., a suspicious 4:47 p.m., an accident with vehicle was reported in the

7:45 p.m., family violence cern was reported in the 700

12:16 p.m., an assault was 9:10 p.m., a vehicle fire reported in the 2800 block of

> 2:25 p.m., identity theft was reported in the 500 block

> was reported on Hwy. 190 in the Westbound Lane.

> 12:29 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported at the intersection of FM 929 and FM 185.

of FM 116.

burn was reported in the 400

1:06 p.m., a missing person was reported on South Fort Hood Training area 40.

10:27 p.m., a major accident was reported in the 13000 block of FM 107.

June 27

tivity was reported eastbound on Hwy. 190 at Clark Road.

8:46 a.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 100 block of Barton Lane.

stock was reported on CR

dent was reported in the 3500 block of FM 116 northbound.

was reported in the 200 block of Chapman Lane.

8:53 a.m., a welfare con-

of E. Main Street.

2:27 p.m., a reckless driver

June 26

5:58 a.m., a prowler was reported in the 10000 block

10:02 a.m., a controlled block of Liberty Street.

7:14 a.m., suspicious ac-

10:48 a.m., missing live-

3:22 p.m., a minor acci-

9:11 p.m., a vehicle fire

R. D. Nichols, age 85, of the Pancake community of Coryell County, passed away on Friday, June 25, 2021 in Gatesville.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, June

29, 2021 at Scott's Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Matt Dossey officiating. The family received visitors one hour prior to services at the funeral

#197 A.F. & A.M.

home. Private family interment followed the service at Jonesboro Cemetery.

January 20, 1936 - June 25, 2021

R. D. was born in the Whitehall community in Coryell County, on Jan. 20, 1936 to the late J.W. (Tobe) and Callie Painter Nichols. He grew up in Coryell County and graduated from Turnersville High School in 1954. In 1955, he joined the U.S. Navy and served two years, until being honorably discharged. He married Myra Watson on Nov. 22, 1958. After their marriage, they resided in Odessa and Gatesville until 1971 when they moved to the Pancake community. He worked for the Texas Youth Commission and later T.D.C.J., retiring in 1991 with 30 years of service. He was a member of Jonesboro Baptist Church and Gatesville Masonic Lodge

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Wes Nichols and Jack Nichols.

R. D. is survived by his wife of 62 years, Myra Nichols; sons, Todd Nichols and wife, Donna, Andy Nichols; sister, Lettie Mae Robinette; sister-in-law, Doris Nichols; grandchildren. Erin DeVillier and husband. Adam. Mitch Nichols. Kristen McKinney and husband, Matt, Josh Chapman and wife, Alli, Jeremiah Chapman and wife, Ashley, and eleven great-grandchildren, Nehemiah, Callie, Layla, Charlie, Alex, Kaelyn, John, Ryann, Harper, Ashton and Elli.

In lieu of flowers, the family has designated memorials be made to the Jonesboro Cemetery Association, 2415 CR 194, Jonesboro, TX 76538.

Gayle Louise Bowers June 3, 1947 - June 24, 2021

Gayle Louise Bowers, age

74, of Waco, passed away Thursday, June 24, 2021. A celebration of life ser-

vice was held at 10 a.m., Monday, June 28, at Lake Shore Funeral Home. Burial followed in China Spring Cemetery. Visitation was from 4 to 6 p.m., Sunday, June 27, at the funeral home.

Gayle volunteered many

years of her time with Coryell Health, specifically at the local nursing home, especially in the Oaks and Meadow wings.

Thoughts and memories may be shared at www.Lake-

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The Gatesville Messenger is now implementing new business hours, in effect as of June 21, 2021.

The new office hours are Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Fridays, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. The office is closed Saturdays and Sundays.

For more information or to submit advertising and editorial information, please call 254-865-5212 or stop by the office at 116 S. 6th St.

Tumbleweed Smith presents one-man show

Tumbleweed Smith, who writes a weekly column for The Gatesville Messenger, unveils his new one-man show in Fort Davis.

During the Pandemic, Smith has been in his studio doing interviews by phone. Since he wasn't traveling, he used his time going through his collection of more than 13,000 interviews to prepare a new one-man show. This time he is using only colorful women who love to laugh.

The new show will be called "Outrageous Texas Women of Character." It will be presented for the first time at 2 p.m., Saturday, July 3 in the Limpia Hotel Ballroom in Fort Davis. There is no admission charge.

Smith will be doing a different one-man show at 5 p.m. that same Saturday in the same location.

If you want to laugh in a cool place, go to Fort Davis this July 4th weekend.

(C.A.F.E.) at the First United Methodist Church will be going on August 14, 2021 to see the Methodist Church. National Gospel Recording Artist "Greater Vision" from Ruth Jones at 254-865-2112.

Tennessee. The group will leave at the group, tickets must be 11:30 a.m. from the Method- purchased no later than July ist Church, eat at Rosa's Cafe, 22. First United Methodist

The price will be \$30 for

Payment for tickets can be given to Mrs. Jones or paid at

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then go to the concert at 3 Church can be reached at 254-865-2620.



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School News



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GEAR UP takes ASU

GISD GEAR UP students were recently able to experience the beautiful hometown campus of Angelo State University. They got a taste of college life by touring a dorm room, viewing a class in session, and eating at the cafeteria on campus. This provided a real-life look into what an average day would be like as a freshman. They also watched a show in the Planetarium about Black Holes and got to have a Q & A with one of the department chairs in environmental science. The day ended with an informational session about admissions and financial aid.

Coryell Retired Teachers scheduled to meet July 1

Coryell Retired School house at 10:30 a.m. Personnel, a local organiza-2021 at Rancher's Steak- the 2021-2022 year.

tion of the Texas Retired come to join the group for package will be available Teachers Association, will fellowship and for planning for \$1 and door prizes will meet in person on July 1, programs and activities for add fun. Please call 254-493-

Raffle tickets for the Dis-All TRS retirees are wel- trict 12 Anne Byrom guilt 7938 for more information.

Primary registration dates announced for 2021

The Gatesville Primary School recently announced tion for Kindergarten will 3. Social Security card of the the registration dates for Pre- be at the main entrance of child. K and Kindergarten for the Gatesville Primary, the north 4. Picture I.D. of parent

Pre-K students must be stadium. four years of age on Sepyears of age on September istration: week from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. certificate). Fridays.

The registration loca- four year boosters.

tember 1, 2021 and Kinder- mary School will need for bill, lease contract). garten students must be five Pre-K and Kindergarten reg-

- 1, 2021. Registration will be 1. Official birth certificate on Monday to Thursday each with the seal (not the hospital
- The school will be closed on 2. Complete, validated im- the Primary office may be

- 2021-2022 school year. entrance facing the football enrolling child (driver's license).
 - What the Gatesville Pri- 5. Proof of residency (utility
 - 6. Proof of income for household (three months pay stubs).

For additional information or if you have any questions, munization record including contacted at 254-865-7264.



When plants are bad for you

you harm.

Poison ivy, poison oak, and poison sumac are three HOW TO IDENTIFY THE of the most common irritants PLANTS in North America, and they plants secrete oily chemicals that can cause redness, swell-

These plants contain urucharacteristic rash and itchiness that develops.

A good rule of thumb is to remember the famous saying, "leaflets of three, let it be." Poison ivy is far more common and its leaves are compound leaves, meaning each leaflets. In each set of leaflets, land areas. the middle leaflet has a longer stem than the two side leaflets. Often, a poison ivy leaf TOMS has a reddish stem, and the leaflets follow a distinctive, alternating pattern.

vine. Thick, hairy vines are a the oil. If your rash is minor, hallmark of poison ivy plants. here are some tips from the Finally, look for berries. American Academy of Der-

As the summer sunshine Poison ivy vines will sprout matology. draws all of us outside, be small, opaque, white or velaware of plants that can cause lowish berries that look like soapy, lukewarm water. tiny pumpkins.

Poison ivy – This vine is affect as many as 50 million found on the ground, climb-Americans each year. These ing on trees, fences, and walls, and can also be found in small shrubs. Poison ivy ing, and itching if your skin always comes with three comes in contact with the leaves and never has thorns or sharp or scalloped edges.

Poison oak – Poison oak shiol, which is a poisonous is not as common as poison compound of oils. Nearly ivy in Oklahoma. However, everyone is allergic to this it is hard to tell the difference substance, resulting in the between the two and most people use the term ivy and oak interchangeably.

Poison sumac – You may only run into poison sumac if you are traveling south. Poison sumac looks a lot different than poison ivy, as its only form is a small tree. leaf is composed of three Poison sumac thrives in wet-

TREATING THER SYMP-

The itchy rash caused by poison ivy often does not appear until 12 to 72 hours Be sure and check the after you've been exposed to

· Wash the affected areas with

· Place cool, wet compresses on the affected area for 15 to 30 minutes several times a day.

· Soak in a cool-water bath containing an oatmeal-based bath product such as Aveeno.

· Apply an over-the-counter corticosteroid cream for the first few days.

· Apply calamine lotion.

· Take oral antihistamines, such as diphenhydramine (Benadryl, others), which may also help you sleep

· Wash any belongings that might have come into contact with the ivy to prevent further outbreaks.

If you break out into a serious rash or if you experience swelling or painful blistering with a rash, it's best to visit your health care provider right away. A doctor may offer topical steroid creams to reduce redness and swelling, and they may prescribe oral antibiotics if the rash develops an infection.

If medical treatment is needed, call Coryell Health Clinic at 254-865-2166 to schedule an appointment.







Sparkler safety for kids and adults

to light up warm summer 12 require extreme supervinights. With their brilliance sion. and glowing trails through the darkness, sparklers attract both children and adults on special occasions like Independence Day.

When using sparklers, heed the following safety tips such as safety goggles. from the National Council on Fireworks Safety.

· Ensure that sparklers are protect hands against burns. legal where you live prior to

Sparklers are best han-

dled by people ages 12 and

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Wear eye protection,

· Leather gloves or those lined with Kevlar can help

Each person should have his or her own sparkler stick. Only light one at a time.

Maintain a distance of six feet from one another while sparklers are blazing.

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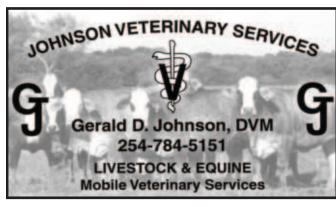
· Remain in an upright · Everyone handling spar- position when holding a lit

· Tossing or throwing the sandals, to protect their feet sparkler is extremely hazard-

Do not use sparklers (or other fireworks) while under the influence of alcohol.

· Sparkler sticks can remain hot long after the flame is extinguished. Keep a bucket of water nearby and dump some water on the sparkler after use.

More safety information is available through the Na-Even though it can seem tional Council on Fireworks festive to wave a sparkler or Safety at www. firework-





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Sports





Gatesville hosts baseball camp

Gatesville ISD has a busy schedule of sports camps set. This week it was baseball for the first through ninth graders at Ryan Powell Memorial Park.

Coach Chase Smith ran the camp with the help of Hornets varsity players.

Wrestling will hold a camp July 21-23 for incoming first through eighth graders. Cost is \$40.

Contact Robert Clater, Jr. (254) 339-7033.

Volleyball will hold a camp July 26-28 for incoming first through ninth graders at Sydney L. Pruitt Gymnasium. Sessions are 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$40.

Contact: coach Janey Weber at (254) 216-2976.

Football will hold a camp for seventh through ninth graders from July 26-28 at Tommy Davidson Field. Cost is \$40.

Contact: coach Luke Howard at (254) 679-9061.

Tennis will hold a camp July 29-31 at the GHS tennis courts for kindergarten-ninth graders. Sessions are 2-4 p.m. on the 29th and from 8-10 a.m. on the 30th and 31st.

Contact: coach Wendell Jones at (254) 258-2585.



First grade work

First grader Jagger Newman was quick with reactions in a graders 7-8:30 a.m. drill run by Hornet head baseball coach Chase Smith.

Photo by Mark Goodson

Bear concentration

Bear Hodges works on his hand-eye coordination in an early drill Monday at the Gatesville baseball camp. Hodges is a first grader. The camp runs this week at the high school field. More than 50 campers showed for Monday's first session of fundamentals. Some of the Hornets' high school players helped work the camp.

Gatesville workouts

Gatesville athletes are encouraged to attend respective speed and strength workouts throughout the summer.

Following are upcoming

Speed and strength work-

High School: Monday through Thursday - 9th-12th

Junior High: Monday through Thursday - 7th-8th graders 8:45-10:15 a.m.

Sport-specific skill work-

Football (stadium): Monday Wednesday - 7th-8th graders 8-8:45 a.m., 9th-12th and Thursday - 9 a.m. graders 8:45-9:45 a.m.

Volleyball: Tuesday

-Wednesday 7th-8th graders 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.; 9th-12th graders, 8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.

Baseball: Tuesday and Thursday - 7th-8th graders 8:00-8:45 a.m., 9th-12th graders 8:45-9:45 a.m.

Cross Country: Tuesday

Football: Monday and Wednesday - 7th-8th graders 8:00-8:45 a.m., 9th-12th graders 8:45-9:45 a.m.

Softball: Monday - 7th-12th graders 10:30 a.m. to noon.



Gatesville Hornets

Gatesville Hornets football 2021 Opponent Date Time Friday, Aug. 13 @ McGregor scrimmage 7:15 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19 Fairfield scrimmage 6:15 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27 Llano 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3 @ Glen Rose 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10 @ Lorena 7:30 p.m. @ Hillsboro Friday, Sept. 17 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24 Lampasas 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1 bye Friday, Oct. 8 Salado* 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 15 China Spring* 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22 @ Robinson* 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29 Connally* 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 5 @ Jarrell* 7:30 p.m.

Hornets freshmen/JV

Gatesville Hornets freshmen/JV football 2021					
Date	Opponent	Time			
Friday, Aug.13 @ McGregor scrimmage		6 p.m.			
Thursday, Aug. 19 Fairfield scrimmage		5 p.m.			
Thursday, Aug. 26	@ Llano	5/6:30 p.m.			
Thursday, Sept. 2	Glen Rose	5/6:30 p.m.			
Thursday, Sept. 9	Lorena	5/6:30 p.m.			
Thursday, Sept. 16	Hillsboro	5/6:30 p.m.			
Thursday, Sept. 23	@ Lampasas	5/6:30 p.m.			
Thursday, Sept. 29	bye				
Thursday, Oct. 7	@ Salado*	5/6:30 p.m.			
Thursday, Oct. 14	@ China Spring	* 5/6:30 p.m			
Thursday, Oct. 21	Robinson*	5/6:30 p.m.			
Thursday, Oct. 28	@ Connally*	5/6:30 p.m.			
Thursday, Nov. 4	Jarrell*	5/6:30 p.m.			
* denotes District 9-4A, Div. II games					

Jonesboro Eagles

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Jonesboro Eagles 20	21	
Date	Opponent	Time
Thursday, Aug. 12	St. Jo	5 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 19	@ May	6 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 27	Coolidge	7:30 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 3	@ Perrin Whitt	7:30 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 10	JCCA	7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 17	Blum	7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 24	@ Milford	7:30 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 30	Turkey Valley @	Trent 5 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 8	bye	
Friday, Oct. 15	bye	
Friday, Oct. 22	Zephyr*	7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 29	Lometa*	7 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 5	@ Evant*	7 p.m.
* denotes District 15-	1A division games	

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Tackle

signups

The Gatesville Youth Tackle Football League will offer registration for \$150. Practice begins in the

middle of July without pads. Contact starts in August.

in Troy.

338-4534.

The first game is Aug. 21

Sign up at leaguelineup.

com or call Kent Ford for

more information at 254-

Money raised

Stanley Auto Group recently donated money to the Gatesville ISD athletic department. At the check donation were, left to right: Josh Godfrey, Lee Jaynes (Hornet radio), Nicole Shonkwiler and Stanley general manager Kandi Mills, head football coach Luke Howard and athletic director Rickey Phillips.

2021 Hornet volleyball

2021 Gatesville volleyball

2021 Gatesville volleyball							
Date	Opponent	ninth	JV	varsity			
Friday, Aug. 6 (S)	Killeen, Troy	10 a.m.	10 a.m.	10:30 a.m.			
Saturday, Aug. 7 (S)	Comanche, alumni game	9 a.m.	10 a.m.	11 a.m.			
Regular season							
Monday, Aug. 9	at Lake Belton	4:30 pm.	5:30 p.m.	6:30 p.m.			
Tuesday, Aug. 10	Waco University	4:30 p.m.	5:30 p.m.	6:30 p.m.			
ThursSat., Aug. 12-14	Haltom Tournament			TBA			
Tuesday, Aug. 17	Lorena	4:30 p.m.	5:30 p.m.	6:30 p.m.			
ThursSat., Aug. 19-21	Gatesville Invitational	TBA	TBA	TBA			
Tuesday, Aug. 24	at China Spring	4:30 p.m.	5:30 p.m.	6:30 p.m.			
ThursSat. Aug. 26-28	Athens Tournament			TBA			
Tuesday, Aug. 31	La Vega	4:30 p.m.	5:30 p.m.	6:30 p.m.			
Friday, Sept. 3	at Temple	4:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	5:30 p.m.			
Tuesday, Sept. 7	at Robinson	4:30 p.m.	5:30 p.m.	6:30 p.m.			
Friday, Sept. 10	Taylor	4:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	5:30 p.m.			
ThursSat., Sept. 9-11	West Tournament	TBA	TBA				
Tuesday, Sept. 14	at Burnet	5 p.m.	5 p.m.	6 p.m.			
Friday, Sept. 17	at Connally	4:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	5:30 p.m.			
Saturday, Sept. 18	Crawford Tournament		TBA				
Tuesday, Sept. 21	Salado	4:30 p.m.	5:30 p.m.	6:30 p.m.			
Friday, Sept. 24	Lampasas*	4:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	5:30 p.m.			
Tuesday, Sept. 28	Brownwood*	5 p.m.	5 p.m.	6 p.m.			
Friday, Oct. 1	North Central Texas		4:30 p.m.	5:30 p.m.			
Tuesday, Oct, 5	Glen Rose*	5 p.m.	5 p.m.	6 p.m.			
Friday, Oct. 8	Stephenville*	4:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	5:30 p.m.			
Tuesday, Oct. 12	at Lampasas*	5 p.m.	5 p.m.	6 p.m.			
Friday, Oct. 15	at Brownwood*	4:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	5:30 p.m.			
Tuesday, Oct. 19	BYE						
Friday, Oct. 22	at Glen Rose*	4:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	5:30 p.m.			
Tuesday, Oct. 26	at Stephenville*	5 p.m.	5 p.m.	6 p.m.			
* denotes district games	3						

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For more information, read Texas State Parks Pass Details.

Buy a Texas State Park Pass on the reservation website or at any state park, or call (512) 389-8900 to order a pass (plus shipping and handling).

at a park.

Stanley raises funds for Hornet athletics

Gatesville ISD recently received a check from Stanley Auto Group to help the school district athletic program.

"In an effort to give back to the community and support GISD Athletics, Stanley Auto Group donated \$20 to the Gatesville All-Sport Booster Club for every car sold during the 2020-2021 school year, totaling \$10,000," said general manager Kandi Mills.

At the check presentation were: Josh Godfrey, Lee Jaynes (Hornet radio); Nicole Shonkwiler and general manager Kandi Mills (Stanley); head football coach Luke Howard and athletic director Rickey Phillips.

"We are extremely thankful for Stanley and their support, "said Phillips. "These funds will provide financial support to all of our athletic programs. We look forward to working with Stanley for years to come."



Photo by Mark Goodson

State time

Infielder Ella Carpenter is one of 14 girls that advanced with the Quinton & Sons 10U softball team to the Texas Teen-Age state tournament in Corsicana. The team was 3-2 in the district tournament in Gatesville last week. The team was third, losing to Belton and Holland after beating Holland in the clinching game. State starts July 5.



Photo by Mark Goodson

Speedy runner

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HEAD START

Gatesville Head Start is now accepting applications for the 2021-2022 school year. Head Start is a pre-school offering excellent educational opportunities along with medical, dental, developmental, and nutritional benefits at no cost. The Head Start approach of individualized care and guid-Community Action Association at 325/372-5167.

HEAD START

Gatesville Head Start esta aceptando aplicaciones para el ano 2021-2022 Head Start es una escuelita para ninos de edad 3-5 anos que califican. Head Start ofrece oportunidades excelentes para educacion y tambien beneficos de medico, dental, desarrollo, y de alimento. Head Start ofrece mucha ayuda para ninos y familias. . No cuesta nada para que su nino atiende el programa de Head Start. Puede usted recojer ahora una aplicacion para solicitar un puesto en Head Start. Para mas informacion llame a la Head Start, 1105 Saunders Street, or 1111 W. Main St # del telefono: 254/865-5423, 254/404-2198, 254/865-5555 or Hill Country Community

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HEAD START

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ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT, TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, OUT OF LOT NO. 2 IN BLOCK NO. 36 OF THE NEW THE ADDITION TO CITY GATESVILLE, C. CAZANOBA SURVEY IN CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS.

Tax Account # 113381

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GARAGE SALE

DRIED OUT...FINALLY! So we are having our famous SALVAGE SISTA'S Garage Sale! SATURDAY, JULY 3RD starting at 6 AM. Rain or Shine (stay off grass). 1800 sq. ft. garage LOADED with Unique items, Antiques, vintage, home decor, yard/ outside items, bath, kitchen, jewelry, linens, tools, clothes, furniture, and the list goes on!!! CHEAP prices!! Most .50¢ to \$5 (a few a bit higher)! We are serious about selling out everything! Set GPS for: 228 Reno Road, Gatesville. DON'T MISS OUT!

Weekly Feature: Furniture! Tues., June 29 through Sat. July 3. Boys & Girls Club Resale Shop, 1706 E. Main. Tuesday-Friday, 8am-5pm & Saturday, 9am-3pm.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

The City of South Mountain will hold a Special Meeting on July 6, 2021 at 6:30p.m. to vote on Interlocal Agreement and Regulations of Subdivisions and Property Development between Coryell County and the City of South Mountain, Texas, located next to Mountain Baptist Church.

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for A Wine and Beer Retailer's Off-Premise Permit by Valuga LLC dba La Tiendita to be located at 2107 E. Main Street, Gatesville, Coryell Co., Texas. Managing Member of said

LLC is Maria Valencia -

Managing Member.



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By which said land is most generally known, and located as shown on said map, and between the hours of 10:00 o'clock A.M. and 4:00 o'clock P.M. more particularly beginning exactly at 10:00 o'clock A.M. on AUGUST 3, 2021, the first Tuesday of the month of AUGUST at 620 E. Main St., Gatesville, Texas 76528, at the Coryell County Courthouse, I will sell said land at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, and in compliance with the law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks immediately proceeding said day of sale, in The Gatesville Messenger, a newspaper in Coryell County, Texas.

SHERIFF SCOTT WILLIAMS CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS By: 16 1

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Courtesy photo

Wonder wall

Local artist, Niki Foster, makes progress on the mural she is painting on a building at the corner of Main and 6th streets, near the Coryell County square.

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Street and N. 6th Street on the Randy Hitt's, brother.

have something that you could stop and take a picture of and let everyone know where you've been," said people to take care of what Foster. "We have a great, kinda always hoped that I could help beautify and make freshen it up a little." Gatesville have that."

house, various florals and a she was raised in is one of at, Blackacre Title Company to the owner of the building, couldn't be more excited. As locations. She plans to comwork and inspiration.

"I want to encourage bring in visitors. we have," said Foster. "We beautiful downtown, and I've have an awesome town. We questions about her paintings just need to get inspired and and murals, you can visit her

Foster also has other mu- Mural Art.

Foster said this opportu- rals located at the Gatesville square. The mural features nity to show her work and Primary School and for the the Coryell County Court- leave her mark in the town business she works full-time pickup truck that belonged the best feelings, and she at the Gatesville and Waco a part-time artist, Foster also plete several other murals "I wanted Gatesville to said it's difficult to get the over the next year around the chance to publicly show her town and is excited to take on these future projects to help

> For more information or Facebook page, Wonderwall

library...

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Venable, born and raised in Mashara Streater. Gatesville, is often described and whose life "exemplifies including excursions to Ja- adventurous people I know," one of strong faith, love and pan, New York, San Francis- Streater added.

Pollard told the board of integrity," said Gatesville co, Chicago, Las Vegas and Primary School Principal New Orleans. She has gone rafting and zip lining in Costa Streater points out her Rica, she said. "(She is) one by friends as adventurous friend's penchant for travel, of the most fun-loving and

Simpson...

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memory. "I don't remember there's a good part of all that anywhere or do anything."

need to walk away." She is a year in my life like 2020 as well as a bad part," she walking away after perhaps — nothing like the pandemic said. "I know that I reflected one of the hardest years in — it closed us all up and a lot more when I couldn't go

Homestead fair draws in crowd

The City of Gatesville and Keep Gatesville Beautiful hosted a successful Homestead Fair on Saturday at Gatesville's Freedom Park.

Vendors who sell or trade home-grown or home-produced items in accordance with the homesteading theme were invited to set up for free.

For more information about the Homestead Fair, call Cheri Shepherd at 254-499-0102.

Pictured right: Lonny Clyde Ayres provided entertainment for the crowd at the homestead fair.

The photo below shows vendors and shoppers taking advantage of the shaded area of Freedom Park. Photos by Mark Goodson.





Cove man sentenced to life in prison for child sex abuse

found Francis Jarad Cola, and Protective Services and 44, of Copperas Cove, guilty the Copperas Cove Police of sexually abusing children Department investigated a June 24.

ity of parole.

In August of 2019, the lasted for months.

A Coryell County jury Texas Department of Family complaint that Cola was sex-Cola was sentenced to life ually abusing two children. in prison without the possibil- He was arrested in December.

Prosecutors said the abuse



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