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Photo by Sabrina Anderson

Courthouse protest questions bail amounts in sex trafficking case

By SABRINA ANDERSON
Messenger News Reporter

Protesters gathered outside the Coryell County Courthouse and the Sheriff's Office Thursday afternoon were unhappy with the bail amounts set for suspects in a sex trafficking case.

Bond amounts were set between \$1M-\$2M.

As of early this week, six of the eight suspects were still in jail.

Signs carried by protestors included messages such as, "Injustice anywhere is injustice everywhere," "Liberty and justice for Y'ALL" and "Million dollars, really?"

Carl Ford, one of the suspects, is currently serving another sentence in a state jail. Another suspect, Fernando Torres, who is only charged with possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram, has since been released on a bond of \$5,000.

Million dollars, really?

Community residents, including members of the Ford and Williams families, turned out Thursday to protest the bail amounts set for suspects recently arrested in a sex trafficking case.

Fort Hood soldiers celebrate firework fun

By SABRINA ANDERSON
Messenger News Reporter

Various units of soldiers from Fort Hood were invited to the Stanley Auto Group of Gatesville on Sunday to enjoy the annual city fireworks show.

Soldiers were treated with a free BBQ-cooked meal and live concert upon their arrival, enjoying the holiday with one another and time away from the barracks.

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Gatesville graduate wins trapshooting championship

By SABRINA ANDERSON
Messenger News Reporter

Patrick Hopson, 2016 Gatesville HS graduate, attended the Amarillo Gun Club's Texas State Trap Shoot in Amarillo, Texas this past week.

The event lasts for a total of six days with approximately 260 shooters competing.

The Texas State Singles Championship requires shooters to hit

as many targets as possible from a total of 200 singles targets. Hopson was the only competitor to hit all 200 targets, earning him the championship.

In doing so, he successfully defended his title for the third straight year for the Singles Championship. Hopson competes in various trapshooting competitions throughout

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Courtesy photo

Local lawyer recognized

Awards Committee Chair, pictured right, hands Allen D. Place, Jr. his award for the Percy Foreman Lawyer of the Year.

Gatesville attorney honored for legal work

By DAVID SCOTT
Messenger News Reporter

Local attorney, Allen D. Place, Jr. was recently honored with the Percy Foreman Lawyer of the Year Award by the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association at their meeting in San Antonio.

The award is meant to honor an attorney who has provided outstanding legal representation and is

a member in good standing of the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association and the State Bar of Texas.

"I was very honored to receive the 2021 Percy Foreman Lawyer of the Year award from Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association. TCDLA, in its membership, includes the best lawyers in Texas,

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Courtesy photo

Three years running

Gatesville graduate Patrick Hopson defends title for third straight year at Amarillo Gun Club's Texas State Trap Shoot.

Q&A Corner:

Q: Why do we celebrate July 4th with fireworks?

A: According to the Pennsylvania Evening Post, on July 4, 1777, a year after the signing of the Declaration of Independence, "About noon all the armed ships and galleys in the river were drawn up before the city, dressed in the gayest manner, with the colors of the United States and streamers displayed." After each ship's cannon fired a 13-gun salute (in honor of the 13 colonies), the evening was closed with the ringing of bells, and at night there was a grand exhibition of fireworks.

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KGB's July Yard of the Month

Keep Gatesville Beautiful chose the home of Jan and Lee Johnson at 313 Straws Mill Road for the July Yard of the Month. Their 4th of July theme, attractive decor, landscaping and beautiful lawn caught their eye. Jan and Lee tend their own flower beds and lawn. They lost two rosemary bushes in the freeze, so Jan turned them into bottle bushes. There is a family of Swallows who love their porch too!

Clawson clan to gather for 92nd reunion

The descendants of Nathaniel Clawson will gather at Faunt LeRoy Park in Gatesville July 8-11 to celebrate their 92nd Annual Family Reunion.

The festivities will begin Thursday evening with the Gayle Clawson Memorial Fish Fry. Hamburgers and reunion fries will be

served Friday. Saturday will be filled with water activities for young and old, along with a lot of visiting to catch up on all we have missed the past year. The Saturday evening meal will either be catered or potluck.

The family encourages you to bring your lawn chair and join us for any or all ac-

tivities and meals. Historical scrapbooks and photos will be on hand for all to enjoy.

Following COVID protocols of social distancing and wearing of masks is encouraged for anyone feeling more comfortable doing so. Bring your own individual meal if you prefer. All plans for 2021 are subject to change.

CTHH open facility for day visitors

The Central Texas Hospitality House announces the opening of their facilities for day visitors only, which began on June 18. Hours will be noon to 6 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Families visiting their loved ones in prison may come to the CTHH to rest and relax before or after their visit. Soft drinks and snacks will be provided free

of charge.

Their first visitor since re-opening on June 18 had driven from Brownsville - a six-hour drive.

Overnight lodging will be available for visitors when the wardens restore the Special Visits, which allow two consecutive days with four hour visits.

CTHH provides hope and encouragement for families visiting their loved ones. No

funds are received from any governmental entities, local, state or federal. CTHH is funded by churches, businesses and individuals that share their vision. They are always looking for volunteers.

CTHH is located at 708 Hwy. 36 West in Gatesville. For more information, call 254-404-2260 or visit their website at: www.cthhouse.org

Coryell Museum & Historical Center

By Jann Dworsky

Mrs. Georgia L. Hester Grubb, Coryell County Pioneer Woman married in 1874

A History of Coryell County was written by Zelma Scott and published in 1965. She spent over 20 years researching this book. Below is an unpublished letter found in our collections from David Grubb September 12, 1945 written from Ireland, Texas to Zelma Scott telling of his mother's life in Coryell County:

Miss Georgia L. Hester was born in Mississippi and with her mother and brother came to Coryell County when she was seven years old with other emigrants from Mississippi. Gatesville had one small store. She went to school three months out of the year. The Indians gave lots of trouble during those early days.

Wiley P. Grubb was married to Miss Georgia L. Hester

June 6th, 1872, and in 1874 they located on the present ranch in the West Part of the county (near Ireland?), then containing 320 acres. She often said their water system consisted of Uncle Burl Hood, who had a slide and a barrel fit in it to haul the water. He had one ox he hooked to the sled to haul the water from the river. This barrel of water lasted all day for all the people, but Friday was wash day, and it took two barrels of water for the people in Gatesville. Later on, someone dug a shallow well and soon all learned to do this and got what water they needed.

My father had public pens for people to pen their cattle on these round ups, and when they sold cattle to northern buyers they made use of these free pens to sell cattle.

My mother said they had men to ride around these lots all night and sing those cowboy songs and they were beautiful. This kept the cattle from stampeding and tearing the lots down. No one ever charged any one for staying all night.

Coryell Museum is welcoming visitors Wednesday thru Saturday from 10 to 4 p.m. We have a friendly staff of volunteers who have a vast knowledge about Coryell County. Our phone number is 254-865-5007. We have recently remeasured the building and we have 24,400 square feet of exhibit space including military exhibits, a schoolroom, doctor's office, antique cars, and spurs.

The museum is wheelchair accessible and has an elevator if you need assistance.



Photo by David Scott

Pickin' and Grinin' at Pearl Bluegrass

First to appear on stage at the Pearl Bluegrass event was the group known as "Pocket Change" who are pictured above. The recent Pearl event featured six stage shows and was attended by a great number of music lovers and spectators.

Revival season is upon us at Pearl

The Pearl Church of Christ, located at 6790 FM 183 in Pearl, will be having a revival on Saturday, July 10 at 7 p.m., and feature Roy Harris as the revival speaker. Following the service, homemade ice cream and snacks will be served.

On Sunday, July 11 at 10:30 a.m., the revival speaker will be Chris Halpayne. The service will be followed by a brunch.

The Pearl Church of Christ was established in 1895 and summer revivals were always a part of their ministry.

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 Cedar arbors.

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 summer.

Early preachers included Elmore and Dulos Johnson, who travelled to Pearl from the Abilene Church of Christ to preach a one-week revival with services morning and evening. They would spend the week with the Boon Wilkinson family. During the revivals, baptisms would take place in nearby Cowhouse Creek between Pearl and Purnela.

In the very early days, families would arrive for revivals bringing stoves, food, bedding and supplies and they would camp out on the church grounds during the week-long revivals.

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With dozens of churches in our community, there are plenty of differences in the way we worship. But we have one important thing in common: *we all believe in Jesus.* That's why for the next several weeks we're inviting local ministers, regardless of their denominational background, to come deliver a message focused on what we have in common. So, join us for worship with one common goal: to lift up the name of Jesus and glorify God!

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News from Pearl

By Betsy Clark

We in Pearl join all of Gatesville and beyond in praying for the recovery of Jason Shields. Most of you know that Jason suffered a serious electrocution as he was working on a sign in Gatesville on Monday, June 28th. He has been in an Austin burn center since then. At the time of this writing, he has been reported to be in stable condition with many lengthy surgeries and a long road to recovery in his future.

We have also had some very good news from Roy Harris. His cancer doctor told him that his numbers are way down! Roy, Debbie, and family thank everyone for their prayers and ask that we keep lifting him up! We will do exactly that, Roy!

Now for the Pearl Bluegrass news! The July 3rd bluegrass day was a great success! Thanks to Anji Pearl Day for booking four different bands for the stage shows and Ronald Medart for manning the sound!

We thank everyone for attending, and we hope you will come back next month, August 7th, for the next Pearl Bluegrass day!

The Pearl Cemetery Association has plans to build a pavilion to protect attendees from the often-harsh weather

conditions during interments and services. The projected cost is \$4,000, and donations are being accepted at this time. You may send a personal donation or a donation in memory of a loved one to Pearl Cemetery Association, C/O Linda Ray, 1771 CR 152, Purmela, TX 76566. If you have any questions, you can contact Linda at 254-865-9282. Thank you in advance for your support!

Mark your calendars for July 10th and 11th for the annual Pearl Church of Christ Revival. The service begins at 7 p.m. on Saturday evening with Roy Harris as the speaker, and there will be an ice cream supper following the service. Sunday, the speaker will be Chris Halpayne, and a brunch will follow that service. Everyone is invited to attend, and there is always plenty of food!

Speaking at the Pearl Baptist Church tabernacle on July 25th will be Dave Roever. They ask that you join them for food and fellowship at 4:30 PM and then hear Mr. Roever at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited.

Contact me at betsyclark47@yahoo.com for information or to submit any Pearl news that you might have.

Obituaries

Jimmy Eugene Maddison

December 3, 1948 – June 29, 2021

Jimmy Maddison, age 72, of Gatesville, passed away on the evening of June 29, 2021. Graveside services were held at 11 a.m., Saturday, July 3, 2021 at Rose Mound Cemetery in Waco with Pastor Bill Trotter officiating.

Jimmy was born in Waco to the late Ralph and Juanita Allen Maddison. He grew up and attended school in Waco. Jimmy worked at Baylor University for over 15 years before he went to work for his uncle, Milton Allen. There he spent another 15 years helping paint houses all over the Waco area. Jimmy and Milton then went on to own and run a donut shop in Waco. Jimmy loved the outdoors and would never pass up a fishing or camping trip. He loved his family and enjoyed spending time with his nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Ralph Jr., William Harry, Delvin and Weldon Maddison; grandparents, Jessie and Audrey Allen.

Jimmy is survived by sisters, Bettye Fletcher, Peggy Beckett; brother, Jackie Maddison; special nephews, Jimmy, Larry Simpson and Anthony Fletcher.

Genealogical Society to meet Tuesday

The Coryell County Genealogical Society will meet Tuesday, July 13, at 6 p.m. in the meeting room at the Gatesville Public Library.

Doris Hoff and Carol Smith, members of the CCGS, will be presenting the program. Their topic will be "Overcoming Brick Walls."

The genealogical group meets six times a year, does research on family history and sells books on Coryell County history.

Anyone interested in family history is invited to attend.

The Gatesville Public Library is located at 111 N. 8th Street.

Ann Inez Donley

April 10, 1932 - July 1, 2021

Ann Inez Donley, age 89, of Millsap, formerly of Gatesville, passed away on Thursday, July 1, 2021 in Weatherford.

Graveside services will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 7, 2021 at Glen Rose Cemetery in Glen Rose, with Rev. John Tunnell officiating. The family will receive visitors from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on Wednesday, July 7, prior to services at Scott's Funeral Home in Gatesville.

Ann was born on April 10, 1932 in Dallas to the late Gordon and Katherine Eddins Heatherley. She grew up in Grand Prairie and Arlington and attended school in both locations. She was a Registered Nurse and received her nursing degree from Texas Christian University. She married Tim Donley on June 6, 1954. They resided in New Mexico, Austin, Texas and then Cleburne for many years, moving to Gatesville in 1984 and then to San Marcos in 1998. She and her husband were missionaries with the Navajo Indian Tribe in New Mexico in the early 1960's. Tim preceded her in death on October 15, 2001. After his death she resided in Millsap. She was a former member of Trinity Baptist Church in Gatesville and a current member of Fairview Baptist Church in Mineral Wells.

Ann's life journey was filled with many adventures, experiences and roles. She was a wife, a mother, a missionary, a nurse, a published author, a journalist, an artist and a community volunteer. She was a rip-roaring member of the Wild West Red Hat Ladies of Weatherford. She took off to East Texas, alone in her seventies, to help set up a first aid center after Hurricane Ike, avoiding downed pine trees blocking the roads to get there. As a journalist for a newspaper in Eagle Pass, she found herself in interesting situations as she researched her articles. These included riding in a helicopter to herd cattle, interviewing Indians camping along the Rio Grande and investigating corruption along the border. She was always proud of her Cherokee and Chickasaw heritage and loved to attend and dance at pow wows throughout Texas and Oklahoma. She published a book called "Healing Plants" and many articles and stories throughout the years. She, along with Tim, always "walked the walk" in regard to their faith in Jesus Christ. During the civil rights years of the 60's, they were very active in teaching their children about the evil of racism using current events happening around them. They taught about the importance of loving and caring for those in need. The children were given great examples of a healthy and loving marriage, which always put God first in the family they created.

Ann is survived by daughters, Melissa A. Donley and husband, David Schweitzer, Julie Blanchard and husband, Jason; sons, Jonathan Donley and wife, Connie Schwartz Donley, Shane Donley and wife, Jeanette; sister, Sue Bohannon; sixteen grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

In lieu of flowers, the family has designated memorials be directed to Texas ALS Association.



The Dispatch

CITY OF GATESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

July 1

8:46 a.m., criminal trespassing was reported in the 2200 block of E. Main Street.

10:44 a.m., a theft was reported in the 2200 block of E. Main Street.

12:56 p.m., a vehicle fire was reported in the 200 block of FM 929.

July 2

3:26 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2800 block of S. State Hwy. 36.

8:09 a.m., an accident with injury was reported in the 100 block of Circle Vista Drive.

1:06 p.m., a burglary was reported in the 100 block of N. 28th Street.

4:49 p.m., animal cruelty was reported in the 1600 block of W. Main Street.

July 3

2:39 p.m., a theft was reported in the 700 block of S. Lovers Lane.

5:45 p.m., an accident with injury was reported in the 1400 block of Saunders Street.

9:13 p.m., a noise disturbance was reported in the 300 block of Stoneridge Drive.

9:44 p.m., a threat was reported in the 100 block of N. 27th Street.

July 4

12:52 a.m., a noise disturbance was reported in the 2000 block of Waco Street.

1:25 a.m., a theft was reported in the 2400 block of Osage Road.

10:07 p.m., a hit and run was reported in the 600 block of E. Main Street.

11:34 p.m., an intoxicated driver was reported in the 2300 block of E. Main Street.

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July 1

1:36 a.m., a suspicious vehicle was reported in the 500 block of Hood Drive.

7:52 a.m., a K-9 search was conducted in the 100 block of Chantry Lane.

11:26 p.m., fireworks were reported in the 1300 block Old Osage Road.

July 2

9:49 a.m., harassment was reported in the 1000 block of Lutheran Church Road.

12:50 p.m., a reckless driver was reported between N. Hwy. 36 and CR 106.

5:36 p.m., a threat was reported in the 1500 block of Quail Meadow Drive.

10:54 p.m., a suspicious vehicle was reported at the low water crossing on Straws Mill Road.

July 3

2:58 a.m., a fleet accident was reported on FM 1829 just before E. Hwy. 84.

5:29 p.m., animal cruelty was reported in the 1500 block of Chicktown Road.

10:50 p.m., fireworks were reported in the 300 block of King Country Road.

July 4

12:39 a.m., fireworks were reported in the 300 block of FM 107.

3:43 p.m., a stolen vehicle was reported in the 3900 block of FM 217.

7:31 p.m., shots fired were reported in the 2800 block of S. FM 116.

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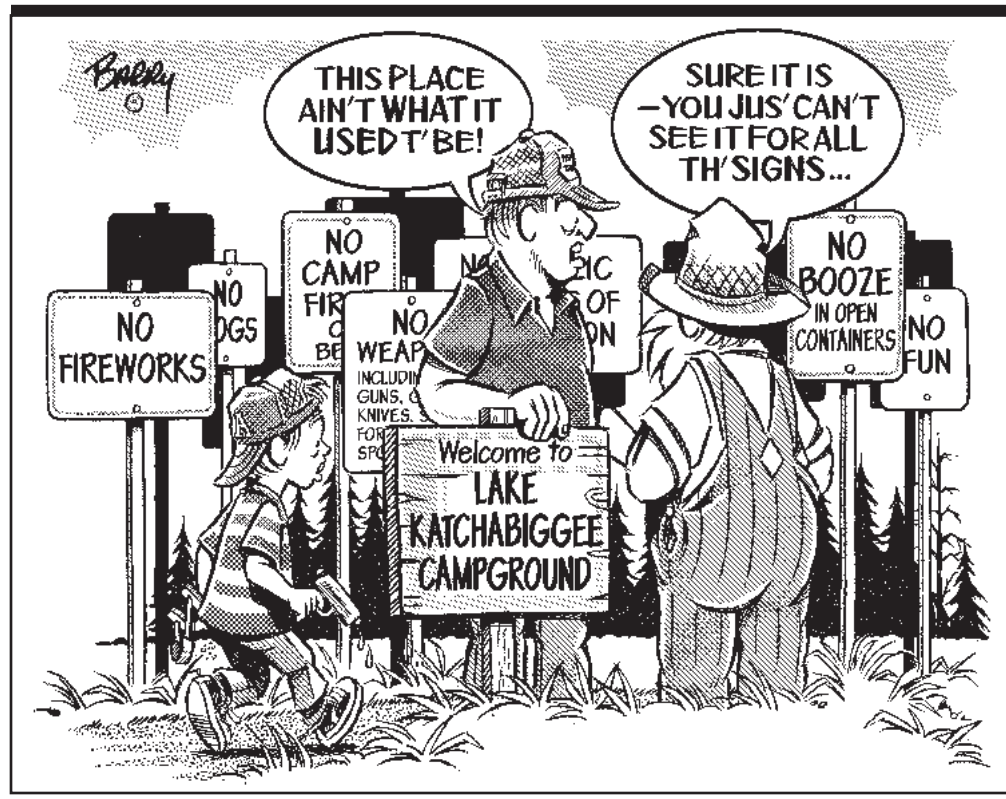
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State Capital HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders, Texas Press Association



Gas prices at highest level since 2014

As Texans hit the road this summer with pandemic restrictions eased and vaccinations widespread, the national average price of gas is expected to top \$3 per gallon, though the average in Texas for regular is \$2.799, according to AAA. Drivers should expect prices to keep rising as demand rises, according to the Consumer Energy Alliance.

“With oil’s continued push higher, fueled by continued strong demand globally and production only slowly answering, gasoline prices have had no choice but following oil’s rise last week setting a new 2021 high,” said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. “...It appears the only way forward is for gas prices to continue to rise as Americans’ insatiable demand for gasoline continues to act as a catalyst. And with hurricane season soon coming into its prime, we have plenty more catalysts for a rise in price, and few that could restrain the situation. Motorists should prepare to dig deeper for the second half of the summer, unfortunately.”

TEA releases test results; widespread decrease in performance

State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) results for spring 2021 show that outcomes for in-person learners were appreciably higher than those who attended classes online during the height of

the COVID-19 pandemic. The number of students not meeting grade level increased from 2019 across all subject areas and grade levels, with the exception of English, according to the Texas Education Agency.

“Thankfully, from early on, Texas prioritized the availability of in-person instruction during this tremendously difficult year,” TEA Commissioner Mike Morath said. “When students come into Texas public schools, they are well-served by Texas educators — a fact that these scores confirm. But it is also painfully clear that the pandemic had a very negative impact on learning. I shudder to consider the long-term impact on children in states that restricted in-person instruction.”

School districts that had a higher percentage of students learning virtually had higher declines in STAAR results in all grades and subjects, TEA reported. For example, districts in which fewer than one-fourth of students were learning remotely saw a 9-percentage point drop in math performance from 2019 to 2021. In districts where more than three-fourths of students were learning remotely, the decline was 32 percentage points.

Higher education gets \$94.6 million in emergency relief

Federal pandemic funding continues to trickle down to Texas colleges and universities, with the latest round bringing nearly \$100 million in emergency relief. Last

year the state allocated \$175 million in federal funds to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to support higher education during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Investing in our higher education system is the single best way to bolster the workforce that Texas has become known for and accelerate our state’s economic recovery in the wake of COVID-19,” said House Speaker Dade Phelan.

About half the funding will go to expand capacity for high-demand and high-value educational opportunities, including work-based learning and apprenticeships. Other programs to be funded include financial aid; establishing a one-stop advising resource to help students connect with higher education opportunities; and expanding outreach to adult learners to meet workforce demands of state employers.

Vaccinations slowly increase in state

The number of Texans who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 reached 11.937 million this week, or about 41% of the state’s total population, according to Texas Health and Human Services. Hospitalizations in the past week of lab-confirmed COVID-19 cases rose slightly to 1,502. New cases in Texas increased to 10,493 compared to the previous week, with 193 deaths recorded, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University.

Colleen Hoover and her Books

By Tumbleweed Smith

In one way, you could say Colleen Hoover is just like any other woman. She has lived in the same place near Sulphur Springs since she was four years old and has been married to the same man for 21 years. But there the similarity stops. Colleen is a famous, successful writer of romance and thriller novels that have been translated into 40 languages. She responds to all that by saying, “I don’t feel famous.” She bought a Tesla, but thought it was too weird and traded it in for a Toyota.

She did allow herself one luxury. In her home, one of the bookshelves opens up to a secret room where she locks herself in when on deadline. When she’s in that room, it’s off limits to her husband and three teenage sons. “The boys are always having friends over, bless their hearts. I tell them if I’m in my office they can talk to me all they want to. But when I’m in my secret room, they cannot interrupt me. It’s very hard when you get pulled out of a writing groove.”

Colleen has written 24

books, most of them released by major publishers. One has been made into a TV series (CONFESS), one became a movie (HOPELESS) and three are in the hands of movie producers. She has had book signings in 20 countries. “I usually do an international tour once a year. I’ve done the Philippines, Poland and Brazil recently. It’s just been insane.”

All this has happened in the last 10 years after she wrote a book for her mother. “It was a Christmas present, and I finished it on Christmas day.” The book, titled SLAMMED is about a slam poet. Her friends wanted to read it, so instead of making copies, she put it on the Internet. It ended up on the New York Times Best Seller List. Colleen started charity and raises money for it through a subscription book club. “It’s been a little over five years now, and we’ve donated nearly two million dollars to different charities.”

Colleen lives at a place called Saltillo. The area around there has benefitted greatly from her generosity.

She has a bookstore in downtown Sulphur Springs called THE BOOKWORM BOX. Once, she invited Erika Mitchell (pen name E. L. James), the British author of the book FIFTY SHADES OF GREY, to come to her store for a book signing. “Yeah, that was crazy,” says Colleen. “She released the book and had two signings in the world. One was in New York City and one was in Sulphur Springs, Texas. I could not believe that she took time out of her schedule to come and do that. It was such a fun, fun day. She donated all of the proceeds that day to our charity.”

Colleen has always written as a hobby. She has a degree in social work and was working for the local welfare office and living in a trailer when she started writing that book for her mother. The people she worked with in the welfare office are now on her staff. “I couldn’t make it without them,” says Colleen. “They just take care of everything. We had fun working together in the welfare office, and we’re still having fun in the book business.”

The people speak...

Letters to the editor

Well Washington is at it one more time, another commission, it seems if they aren’t conducting investigations they’re appointing commissions. Now they want to change the names of various army forts, which includes Fort Hood, which started as Camp Hood, during WWII, training tankers. I would venture to say that all those soldiers training for the big fight weren’t concerned that Camp Hood, later named Fort Hood, was named for a soldier of the Confederacy. How about all those young men that took airborne training at Fort Benning, Ga.? Do you think they were concerned about the name, as they jumped out of the airplanes hollering Geronimo as they left the plane — hoping for a safe landing. I would say that in all these Army posts, many things happen during training exercises, and daily life. All this did not start because of the names of these posts.

Things happen (bad things). It all points to the chain of command-failure. What needs to be done is leave the names stand and concentrate on all the problems that are affecting the country. Thank You JoAnn Lujan

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Whatever happened to...???

TWENTY YEARS AGO (2001)

--Dr. George W. “Bill” Whitt, presented his book, “I Danced with the Lady,” to the Gatesville Public Library.

--Construction was underway on a new building for the Gatesville United Pentecostal Church. The structure was to include a sanctuary to seat about 250 people.

--Traveling artist, Horace Long, visited in Gatesville and concentrated his artistic attention on the beauties of the Coryell County courthouse and the 1904 Leon River bridge.

THIRTY YEARS AGO (1991)

--The Evant Volunteer Fire Department was celebrating the grand opening of the new city hall/fire department building.

--Cheri Robuck, daughter of Randy and Sue Robuck, of Jonesboro, was representing Jonesboro High School in the Annual 6-Man Coaches Association All-Star Queen’s Contest.

--Cory Cooper and Shane Taylor were chosen from their baseball teams to play with the Little League All-Stars.

FORTY YEARS AGO (1981)

--Robert L. Powell became worshipful master of the Gatesville Masonic Lodge No. 197 during the installation of officers for 1981-82.

--Bill Rucker accepted appointment as the new music director at the First Baptist Church in Gatesville. He began working immediately by calling choir practice.

--Gatesville teacher and artist, Connie Bell, was studying watercolor techniques under well-known artist Evert Furrey in Ruidoso, N.M.

FIFTY YEARS AGO (1971)

--Joining the city’s police force as a night patrolman was Jim Alexander, 34, who was chief of police in Clifton for over three years.

--Morris Owens, superintendent of the Oglesby public schools for six years, accepted a position as head of the public schools in Tilden, south of San Antonio.

--Sgt. Ronald Schaub was leaving to return to South Vietnam after spending a two week leave in Gatesville with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Schaub.

“Because Every Thing Is Important To Someone”

lawyer...

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and it is very humbling to be recognized by this association in this manner,” said Place.

Place’s experience with the law can be traced to his education. Place attended Baylor University, earning his Bachelor of Business Administration in 1977 and his Juris Doctorate in 1979. Within a year of graduating from Baylor Law School, he opened Place Law Office in his hometown of Gatesville.

From 1982 through 1990,

he served as Coryell County Democratic Chairman and Gatesville Municipal Judge. Place was elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 1990 and served in that capacity until 1999.

In 1993, Place was named the Chair of the House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence and, in that same year, was the House author of the Penal Code revision, which led to his being named one of the Ten Best Legislators during the 73rd session of the

Texas Legislature.

He has been active in the Gatesville community for over 40 years, serving as Lions Club President and as a deacon at First Baptist Church.

Place has focused on parole law for the last 30 years and is currently in his 22nd year as senior legislative counsel for TCDLA.

He currently practices law with his wife, Tonya K. Place, and his daughter, Shea E. Place.



Photo by Sabrina Anderson

Gatesville treats Ft. Hood soldiers

Ft. Hood soldiers are shown enjoying a meal before the City of Gatesville’s annual fireworks display on Sunday. Businesses rallied together to provide a barbeque meal and concert before the fireworks show started.

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the year and all over the country, both individually and in teams. He has also won the title of the Illinois State Shoot’s Singles AAA Champion and the Kansas State

Shoot – out of state Singles Champion this summer.

After graduating from Gatesville in 2016, he received a 4-year trapshooting scholarship to attend Lin-

denwood University in Saint Charles, Missouri where he maintained his skills with the Lindenwood trapshooting team.

soldiers...

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General Manager of Stanley Auto Group of Gatesville, Kandi Mills, said the plan was originally for the soldiers to just come watch the fireworks show for the night. “We decided we wanted to do something for them,” said Mills. “Then we ended up putting together the concert and BBQ, and we couldn’t be happier to host them.”

Gatesville ISD donated their support to this event by

providing buses and drivers to shuttle the troops to and from post. HEB and Acorn Waste Solutions also helped by donating beverages and latrines, respectively.

Edwin Pierce, Division West Public Affairs Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge (NCOIC) of Fort Hood said it was a really special event for the soldiers who were able to attend.

“A lot of these soldiers

are about to go back home to their families, and a lot of them are about to get deployed overseas,” said Pierce. “So, it’s a great time for them to enjoy the company of one another before those things happen.”

Overall, approximately 200 soldiers attended the event and many volunteers who helped the event run smoothly by serving the soldiers.



Photo by Sabrina Anderson

Reading of the Declaration of Independence

Local attorneys gathered in the Coryell County Courthouse Friday for a public reading of the Declaration of Independence. Those involved include the attorneys pictured, left to right, Greg Simmons, Allen Place (standing), Shea Place and Paul Harrell.

Reading the Declaration

By DAVID SCOTT
Messenger News Reporter

Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association has hosted readings of the U.S. Declaration of Independence readings in courthouses since 2010.

According to local attorney Allen Place, the reason is simple. The public reading is

held to take a few moments once a year to recognize the solemn nature of the singular act which led to the birth of the United States of America.

Within the last few years, a reading of the Bill of Rights is held in addition of the Declaration of Independence.

The two documents are similar in that the Declaration espouses the reasons why our

forefathers sought independence from Great Britain, and the Bill of Rights spells out how the U.S. will govern better and more freely.

The Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association expressed gratitude toward our local District and County Judges who shared their courtroom space for the 2021 reading, which was open to the public.



Photo by David Scott

Home of the brave

The American flag was captured blowing in the wind over the fourth of July weekend. The Gatesville community hosted multiple events including a fireworks show and a private meal and concert for U.S. soldiers stationed at our neighboring Ft. Hood community.

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Sports



Two t-ball teams advance to state

Bar N Vet team produces in comeback role

Gatesville will send two t-ball baseball teams to the Texas Teen-Age Baseball-Softball state tournament that begins July 12 in Belton.

Bar N Vet and Clary Customs are the two teams to advance to the double-elimination tournament.

Bar N Vet battled through the losers bracket at the district tournament, which concluded last week.

Bar N Vet played eight games in five days to earn the second seed from the Gatesville district tournament.

"I'm real proud of those little guys," said coach Van Collins. "It was tough to

play that many games in the heat."

Members of the Bar N Vet team are: Micah Olson, Cooper Floyd, Victor Vega, Malcolm Menyfield, Jagger Newman, Monty Chiaverini, Beau Suggs, Dylan Collins, Bradley-Shane Jones, Van Palmer, Bear Hodges, Josiah Deleon and Logan Plummer.

Bar N Vet finished with six wins in eight games and had two doubleheaders.

The Belton Brewers won the tournament with a 24-23 win in the title game.

The Brewers beat the Gatesville squad, 18-10, in the opener to send Bar N

Vet to the losers bracket.

In the finals, Bar N Vet won the first game, 23-11, to send the teams to the nail-biter in the nightcap.

Clary Customs rolled to three straight wins to open the tournament and give Gatesville two teams in the upcoming event.

Members of the Clary Customs team are Easton George, Garrison Herring, Gael Ibarra, Cullen Clary, Raymond Mackay, Kinser Dowdy, Kolter Wright, Briggs Barron, Radlee Nichols, Jaxon Melton, Thorne Hydrick, Elijah Barnes and Quinn Ayres.



Courtesy photo

Bar N Vet comeback

Bar N Vet will advance to the Texas Teen-Age state tournament for 6U t-ball baseball July 12 in Belton. Members of the team are: (left to right, front row) Micah Olson, Cooper Floyd, Victor Vega, Malcolm Menyfield. (back row) Jagger Newman, Monty Chiaverini, Beau Suggs, Dylan Collins, Bradley-Shane Jones, Van Palmer, Bear Hodges and Josiah Deleon. Not pictured: Logan Plummer.



Photo by Mark Goodson

Rounding the bases

Kolter Wright races to third base for the Clary Customs 6U team. Clary Customs will be in Belton starting July 12 for state in the Texas Teen-Age league.

Staying hydrated is key during outdoor activities

Last year, as temperatures soared into the triple digits in Texas, staff at 39 Texas State Parks handled 132 heat-related illnesses in humans and pets. Now that the summer has officially begun and temperatures are steadily climbing, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is sharing their top six heat hacks for staying safe in the outdoors.

Here are the top six heat hacks recommended for park visitors:

Hydrate- It's important to drink at least 16 ounces of water every hour in the heat to replenish your body and prevent dehydration.

Don't forget to bring enough for your four-legged family members too.

Block the Rays- Apply a generous amount of sunscreen or sunblock before heading outdoors. Be sure to reapply every couple of hours, and after swimming or sweating.

Dress Smart- Wear light, loose-fitting, breathable clothing; a hat, correct shoes, sunscreen and wet bandanas to keep you cool while in the sun. For pets, protect paws against blistering by hitting the trails during cooler times of the day when the ground isn't hot or by putting booties

on pets to help shield paws from the hot ground. Touch the pavement or ground with the back of your hand. If you cannot hold it there for five seconds, the surface is too hot for your dog's paws.

Stay Salty- Food helps keep up energy and replace salt lost from sweating. Eating snacks such as jerky, granola, trail mix, tuna and dried fruit is a fantastic way to nourish your body while on the trails.

Buddy System- Two brains are better than one. It's beneficial to have someone with you in hot conditions so you can look after each other on the trail. With

high temperatures hitting Texas, heat-related illnesses are common and having a friend around to help recognize the early symptoms can save you from getting sick.

Plan Ahead- Study the map and have it with you. Average hikers move at 2 miles per hour, so allow yourself plenty of time to avoid hiking in the heat of the day. Make sure to rest in a cool or shaded area to recover from the heat if necessary. It is also a good idea to let someone know your plan before you hit the trails and what time you should be back. If you become lost, people know where to look.

Stock tank fishing can be exciting

By Michael Acosta

As a licensed professional fishing guide, Michael Acosta shows you how to find them. He has been a licensed guide since 1998.

Some of the most active and exciting fishing can be had on your local stock tank, pond or small creek. You don't need much equipment, and you can generally access these effectively without a boat. These are also great places to take kids fishing, as the fish are generally eager to accept most presentations.

As with any fishing trip, you should plan accordingly. A good tackle box with an assortment of small baits is on order as well as a small ice chest with some refreshments. Even more important is to make sure you use sunscreen and insect repellent. Coming back eaten up with chiggers or something even worse is not fun.

My tackle choices would include small spinner baits, jigs, small soft plastics and some topwater baits for artificial offerings. If you want to use live bait, a bucket of small minnows, a can of worms or some grasshoppers may be all you need. Many local ponds have bass, perch and catfish. Some tanks will only have one predator species, whereas some of the bigger tanks may have all species.

If you are looking for bass, soft plastics or small spinner baits are fairly deadly. Generally, most tanks are not fished often, and the fish are fairly easy to catch. Standard bream colors such as chartreuse or pumpkinseed will work. Darker colors will work depending on the water clarity. Just have several colors available.

As I alluded to earlier, smaller baits generally perform better when fishing smaller tanks. Small roadrunners, beetle spins, inline spinners and small chug bugs are effective. Small tube baits or small worms jigged near structure in the tank or even fished under a float may do the trick. Sometimes most anything will get hit in these small bodies of water.

When using smaller baits, you generally will downsize your tackle to better present these smaller baits. I do prefer to use spinning tackle with 8- to 10-pound test line. A long (12 to 20 feet) cane pole is another option that is effective in placing your presentation in many of the openings in moss or in weeds or brush within the tank or pond.

Learn the bottom structure of the tank or pond. As with any fishing hole, bass will be holding near structure or may be sitting idle near the bottom. An incoming creek may be



Courtesy Photo by Mike Acosta

Big catch

From Krom left, Jeff Gerhardt of Cresson along with Dave Lewis and Kenneth Shane are pictured enjoyed catching approximately 40 striped bass on Lake Granbury and kept their limit of 15 to 9 pounds on a recent fishing outing.

the best spot on the tank. An overhanging tree offering some shade this time of the year cannot be passed up.

During the summer, the fish are likely to be more aggressive in the early hours of the day and again later in the evening. Catfish on the other hand may be more easily caught during the night during the summer months. A good rain this time of the year will turn on most every fish on most every body of water.

Fishing tanks this time of the year is a great pastime. I find it relaxing and exciting whether it is the small sunfish

hitting my presentation or a small bass. It is hard to pass up a small body of water without giving it a try.

OTHER AREAS

Whitney lake levels are back to normal. Call the Corps of Engineers for park reopening dates after the flood. Whitney striper limits continue on most days. Lake Graham hybrid striped bass fishing is reported as good to excellent on slabs and live shad. Lake Proctor sand bass and hybrids are reported as good as well on live bait.

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of EDGAR MICHAEL LEWIS, Deceased, were issued on June 28, 2021, under Cause No. 21-10491, pending in the County Court at Law of Coryell County, Texas, to LINDA SHARON LEWIS.

The residence of the Independent Executor is in Coryell County, Texas, and her mailing address is:

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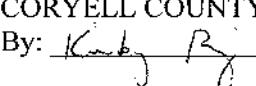
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TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF ERIKA SPADERNA IIAMS, DECEASED, CAUSE NO. 21-10470, COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS, WILLIAM HUNTER KARL IIAMS FILED IN THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS ON THE 25TH DAY OF MAY, 2021. AN APPLICATION FOR INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION, LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 401.003 OF THE TEXAS ESTATES CODE AND FOR DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP FOR ERIKA SPADERNA IIAMS, DECEASED.

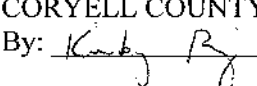
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GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE COUNTY COURT OF CORYELL COUNTY THIS 2ND DAY OF JULY, 2021.

BARBARA SIMPSON, CORYELL COUNTY CLERK, CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS BY: BARBARA SIMPSON
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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: 

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Gatesville celebrates Independence Day

Photos below caption the events held over the July 4th weekend. Celebrations included a fireworks display, a concert and barbecue for Ft. Hood soldiers, Grace Bible Church's annual Independence Day celebration and First United Methodist Church's July 4th Bash. Photos by David Scott, Mark Goodson and Sabrina Anderson.

