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Hospitality house opens back up, under new leadership

By SABRINA ANDERSON
Messenger News Reporter

For families of individuals in the prison system, the Central Texas Hospitality House is a welcoming place.

New managing directors, Conley and Nancy Brown, want to keep it that way.

“It’s a gift for the community, and they really appreciate being able to have somewhere to go in

situations when they need help,” said Conley Brown.

Located at 708 State Hwy. 36 North, the house offers free lodging and food to families in town to visit incarcerated relatives. Their services include laundry facilities, a playground for children and a kitchen.

The Browns will be commuting from Huntsville weekly as they are needed at the house. However, the

couple are no strangers to the community. In 1976 and 1977, Conley was the head coach for boy’s track and an assistant coach for football at Gatesville High School.

The couple also has experience with other mission-based opportunities. Before taking over as directors for the Hospitality House, the Browns were involved with the Agape Force Street Ministries and Lifeway Haven. Over the years,

they have also served as foster care parents, home parents for sex trafficked minors and adult women and worked with an orphanage in Sudan, Africa. At one point, after successful professional careers, Conley became the principal of a Christian school where Nancy taught.

The couple see their work with the hospitality house as serving a critical need.

Conley recalls an instance from several months ago where a woman had traveled over eight hours one way to Gatesville to visit a loved one in the prison unit that only lasted for a single hour. After the visit was over, the woman traveled another eight hours back home.

“When you see stuff like that, it just makes you go ‘wow,’ and we

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Photo by Jaci Velasquez

July rain continues

Creeks and streams carry an abundance of water as rain continues to fall in Coryell County. This photo shows water spilling over a rock walkway at Raby Park near the splash pad.

New SH 236 bridge will help stop flooding

By DAVID SCOTT
Messenger News Reporter

The Texas Department of Transportation plans to replace the aging State Highway 236 bridge to help stop flooding at Mother Neff State Park.

Flooding has primarily occurred when logs are wedged between the piers of the SH 236 bridge. The 201-foot bridge recently opened back up to motorists after flood waters subsided. For months the roadway was closed.

Flood waters also forces the closure of the park’s original river-bottom section to the public.

“The SH 236 bridge replacement is scheduled to begin in a few months, weather permitting,” said TxDOT Public Information Officer Jake Smith. “The goals of the project are to replace the bridge with a

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Q&A Corner:

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Getting ready to entertain with music....

Pictured above is a group of musicians known as The Elderly Brothers who are based out of Lampasas and will entertain at the Gatesville Country Music Hall of Fame.

Williamson reunion set for early August

The descendants of Stephen and Sarah Williamson will hold their Williamson Family Reunion in Gatesville on August 6-7, 2021.

The reunion will be held Friday, Aug. 6, at 5:30 p.m. with a dinner at The Feed Mill Restaurant. The family

will then gather at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 7, at Ranchers Steakhouse in Gatesville for visiting, lunch and a brief business meeting.

Paula Melbern Weeks, of Hewitt, is the chairperson of the Williamson Reunion. Information about the reunion

has been sent via mail to all known family members, but if you are a Williamson descendant and haven't received a note with the information, please contact Paula Weeks at 254-855-6123 or Marsha Richards at 832-233-2725.

75th Hampton Reunion, July 16th-19th 2021

The descendants of Eli Michael "Yack" and Sarah Roberta "Bertie" Purvis Hampton will hold their 75th reunion at the historic Pearl Community Center "schoolhouse" July 16-19.

On Thursday at 7 p.m., there will be a pre-reunion gathering at Prima Pasta in Gatesville.

On Friday at 8 a.m., the Hampton Reunion tees off with the annual Copperhead

Classic/family golf tournament at the Gatesville Country Club. After the tournament, golfers and the rest of the family will have lunch at the Feed Mill in Gatesville. Scott Reaves (936-443-0086) is the go-to for Copperhead Classic questions.

On Saturday at 6:30 p.m., a variety show on the schoolhouse's stage will showcase family talent and will recognize Eli and Bertie's only living child, 95-year-old Steve

Hampton. Family friends are encouraged to participate.

The last day of the reunion will be on Sunday. At 10 a.m., the Hampton family will worship at the tabernacle (next to Pearl Baptist Church), followed by lunch at the schoolhouse. The reunion will adjourn after lunch.

Kendall Moseley (918-625-0509) may be contacted for any questions or further information about the reunion.

Swinging good times in store with Elderly Brothers

The Elderly Brothers are headlining the Gatesville Country Music Hall of Fame Stage Show Friday from 7-9 p.m. at the City Auditorium.

Step back in time, to the 1950's, when rock-n-roll was the new thing in town.

In their own words: We're the "Texas Elderly Brothers," — five old timers from Lampasas. Most of us grew up singing gospel a cappella. But we all enjoy various types of music, and nowadays we specialize in the toe-tapping tunes of our youth — early rock 'n' roll.

At only 60, drummer Pete Henniger is our "kid" brother. He has his hands full trying to keep some of us on the beat. After studying at Central Texas College and UT Arlington, he went into busi-

ness for himself as a general contractor. Pete and Brandie make their home in Bend on the Colorado River.

Zane Lancaster, 66, sings lead and backup harmonies and plays rhythm guitar. His golden oldie favorites include Everly Brothers, the Beatles, and the Beach Boys. His wife Libby is the group's sound engineer and doubles on percussion when needed. They own Lancaster Plumbing.

Clark Corbin, 66, specializes on vocals and electric bass, and is especially fond of fast-paced rock-a-billy tunes from the likes of Buddy Holly and early Elvis. The only "eligible" Elderly, Clark owns a custom decorative welding shop. One of his creations is a giant replica of Stevie Ray Vaughn's famous

Stratocaster.

Retired coach and former Abilene Christian University football star, Trent Lancaster, 75, has also sung tenor in a barbershop quartet, "The Local Yokels." He's our principal guitarist and sings lead on the beautiful melodies of Roy Orbison and The Platters. He and his wife Mona will celebrate 54 years of marriage in August.

The oldest Elderly, Robbis Storm, 76, spent a lifetime in the hamburger business. He's a newly-wed, having recently tied the knot with Ann Kaiser. A blues specialist, he does vocals and plays harp, keyboard, and guitar. He says, "I like a good beat — anything with enough spark in it to make me want to jump up and jitterbug."

Event to benefit electrocuted man

A benefit will be held August 1 for Jason Shields who was recently electrocuted by a power line on Main Street. Shields remains hospitalized at Dell Seton's burn trauma center in Austin.

The benefit will be held at Bare Bones Barbeque located at 4302 S. Texas Hwy. 36. The benefit will include music, a live and silent auction and a corn hole tournament.



Photo by David Scott

Scrubbing hard to raise some cash...

The Gatesville Junior High Cheerleaders recently held a car wash and bake sale to raise cash for items that they would like to purchase for pep-rallies. The cheerleaders all pitched in washing vehicles and selling baked items.

King Baptist Church to host Vacation Bible School

King Baptist Church will host Vacation Bible School July 19 through 23 for children toddler-age through the 12th grade.

This year's theme is "Keepers of the Light: Learning to let your light shine".

The five day event will

include crafts, games, music, Bible stories and fellowship. A meal will also be provided to all those who attend.

On the final night, Friday, June 23, family members are invited to join their students for family night.

The VBS is scheduled for

6:30-8:30 nightly and no pre-registration is required.

Rides to and from the church are available for VBS by calling Sarah McKamie at 254-493-7912.

King Baptist Church is located southwest of Gatesville at 6730 FM 1783.

C.A.F.E. takes a trip

The Christian Adult Fellowship Events group (C.A.F.E.) at the First United Methodist Church will be going on August 14, 2021 to see National Gospel Recording Artist "Greater Vision" from Tennessee.

The group will leave at 11:30 a.m. from the Methodist Church, eat at Rosa's Cafe, then go to the concert at 3 p.m.

A ticket costs \$30, and includes transportation. For more information, call Ruth

Jones at 254-865-2112. Payment can be made to Mrs. Jones or paid at the Methodist Church.

Tickets are available until July 22. For more information, call the church at 254-865-2520.

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News from Pearl

By Betsy Clark



Everyone in Pearl is so glad that Jason Shields is making progress and that Roy Harris had some good news from his doctors this past week. We encourage everyone to keep praying for these wonderful men, their families, and their care teams. We also need to add Mr. Erwin Davis to the list as he was admitted to the hospital late last week. Please keep Mr. Davis, a Pearl native and a wonderful man, in your prayers as well.

The Pearl Church of Christ reports that their two-day revival was a great success and a wonderful blessing. Roy Harris spoke on Saturday night, and he was as peppy, upbeat, and spirt-filled as ever! The ice cream supper following the service was enjoyed by everyone. Then, Sunday morning, Chris Halpayne gave a very timely and encouraging message which was very inspiring. Following the Sunday morning service, everyone enjoyed a delicious lunch of fried chicken and lots of "fixins!" It was a most definitely a blessed weekend in Pearl!

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, Purlmela, TX 76566. If you have any questions, you can contact Linda at 254-865-9282. Thank you in advance for your support.

The next Pearl Community Center Board meeting is July 19 at 6:30 p.m., and the next Pearl Cemetery Board Meeting is August 2nd at 7 p.m. Both are held at the Pearl Community Center, and all are welcome to attend.

Our own Trent Ray will be going to the state meet of the Texas Amateur Athlete Association on July 29th and 30th in the discuss event. The event is held in Corpus Christi. He just won first place in the shotput and 3rd in the discuss in the qualifying events last week. Congratulations to Trent, and we are so proud of you!!

One of our older boys, Doug Atchley, performed a random act of kindness (as Doug is prone to do) last week at a restaurant in Gatesville. Doug and two of his sweet employees from South Africa were eating lunch when Doug got into a

conversation with a 92-year-old patron and her 95-year-old husband. (Doug is prone to do that, too.) When the couple went to pay their bill, they found that Doug had already taken care of it. Since the couple knew that Doug is from Pearl and the only one who has young men from South Africa working for him, they called Kay to ask who that man was. Kay knew right away that it was Doug Atchley. Doug's mama raised him right—and we are so blessed to have this kind, generous man as part of the Pearl community!

The next Pearl Bluegrass Event will be August 7th. The doors of the Community Center open at 7 a.m. for picking and grinning. The kitchen opens at 11 a.m. and closes at 5 p.m. The free stage show begins at 1 p.m. If you are interested in playing on the stage, please contact Anji Pearl Day at 325-665-7996. Rachel Bates will host a slow jam beginning at 10 a.m. Please come and bring your family and friends! Everyone is always welcomed to attend!

Pearl Cottage Bookstore will also be open on August 7th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Shop the over 6,000 used books and various and sundry other items. It's buy what you want, pay what you want in most cases, and every penny goes to local charities. Linda, Kay, and Corlisa will greet you with big smiles and make you welcome as the flowers in the spring!

The next big event at the Pearl Church of Christ is on September 5th. The annual Atchley Fish Fry/Scholarship Auction will take place at the church. The auction items will be set up in the dining room/kids Bible Classroom by Sunday, August 22nd. The monies received from the auction will benefit local scholarships. There is no charge to enjoy the delicious fried fish, so come have a meal, enjoy the fellowship, and have fun placing your bids! Everyone is invited!

Well...you will never guess where that crazy, teeny, tiny, stringy bikini is now. Or, maybe you will. Here's the rest of the story. I was leaving a wonderful church service and ice cream supper on Saturday evening, prepared to go home and rest from consuming all of the delicious homemade ice cream. Upon opening my car door, I discovered that there was a small gift bag with a message on it in my front seat. The message said "B, it's all your fault." Now,

knowing Kay and Linda like I do, I quickly suspected one of them (or both in cahoots with each other) was the culprit. I know this because of the excitement that the many tour buses caused as they passed through Pearl looking for the lady's swimming pool (aka creek), hoping to catch a glimpse of that now-famous bikini lady, was causing Kay and Pearl (the dog) much consternation. Linda was just tired of being asked directions. By the way, I had nothing to do with the tour bus events! Really! Well, by the time the tour buses started arriving, that skimpy, stringed item was now hanging on Linda's fence. Therefore, there's no telling what Kay was wearing to the pool, uh, creek. This makes me wonder what exactly Linda was doing with the swimsuit that's smaller than a pair of sunglasses. And...who moved that darned thing to my car!! And...why is it my fault? All I do is simply report the news. I have a lot of thinking and planning to do with that microscopic suit that is causing all this trouble. I had never intended to be a part of the sisterhood of the traveling bikini that won't even fit on my left knee, but here I am. Stay tuned!

The closing verse for this week comes from I Corinthians 2:9: "...What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love Him:--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 Church of Christ" Facebook page. The Pearl Community Center also has a website: www.pearltxcommunitycenter.com. Or you can contact me at betsyclarck47@yahoo.com for information or to submit any Pearl news that you might have.

The Dispatch

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of July 8 - 11. While there were many calls to the dispatcher, this is a partial list of more significant activity. Persons are reminded that only emergency calls should be made to 9-1-1, while all other calls to the police department should be made to 865-2226 or to the Sheriff's office at 865-7201.

CITY OF GATESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

July 8
7:30 a.m., a theft was reported in the 100 block of Lark Street.

10:52 a.m., an intoxicated driver was reported in the 1600 block of Waco Street.

12:14 p.m., harassment was reported in the 800 block of CR 324.

3:08 p.m., harassment was reported in the 500 block of Live Oak Street.

5:09 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 100 block of River Place West.

July 9
2:58 a.m., an accident was reported in the 400 block of N. State Hwy. 36 Bypass.

10:40 a.m., a burglary was reported in the 100 block of E. Main Street.

11:44 a.m., a theft was reported in the 200 block of State School Road.

4:07 p.m., an assault was reported in the 200 block of Hamilton Drive.

4:56 p.m., harassment was reported in the 500 block of Live Oak Street.

7:01 p.m., a theft was reported in the 1000 block of Saunders Street.

July 10
3:02 a.m., a threat was reported in the 100 block of N. 27th Street

9:17 a.m., a theft was reported in the 2800 block of S. State Hwy. 36.

9:20 a.m., an accident with injury was reported in the 1800 block of S. Hwy. 281.

7:49 p.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 2600 block of E. Main Street.

July 11
7:01 a.m., a disturbance was reported in the 400 block of Woods Drive.

10:46 a.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 7000 block of S. State Hwy. 36.

12:22 p.m., a vehicle fire was reported in the 200 block of State School Road.

3:55 p.m., a theft was reported in the 2200 block of Bridge Street.

4:47 p.m., a burglary was reported in the 300 block of S. 14th Street.

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July 8
6:20 a.m., a suspicious vehicle was reported on CR 146.

7:35 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported on CR 338.

10:34 a.m., welfare concern was reported in the 900 block of Greystone.

12:21 p.m., a scam was reported in the 800 block of CR 324.

1:07 p.m., a reckless driver was reported on W. Hwy. 84.
4:52 p.m., debris in the

roadway was reported at the intersection of FM 107 and CR 339.

10:02 p.m., harassment was reported in the 300 block of FM 107.

July 9
11:52 a.m., a minor accident was reported in the Northbound lane of FM 116 at Manning Ranch Road.

4:20 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 9400 block of FM 183.

6:33 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported at the intersection of Hwy. 36 and TX 236.

8:14 p.m., a threat was reported in the 200 block of N. FM 183.

July 10
6:35 a.m., criminal mischief was reported at the Gatesville High School behind the football field.

9:22 a.m., a major accident was reported in the 1800 block of Hwy. 281.

11:40 a.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 100 block of E. Halstead Road.

5:31 p.m., a minor accident was reported on Hwy. 36 one mile South of CR 196E.

7:00 p.m. an animal complaint was reported in the 1200 block of Strawsmill Road.

July 11
10:35 a.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 1200 block of Strawsmill Road.

11:00 a.m., a theft was reported in the 2300 block of CR 145.

6:44 p.m., an assault was reported in the 2300 block of N. FM 116.

7:41 p.m., a stranded motorist was reported on FM 116.

9:46 p.m., a minor accident was reported at the intersection of W. Hwy. 84 and CR 161.

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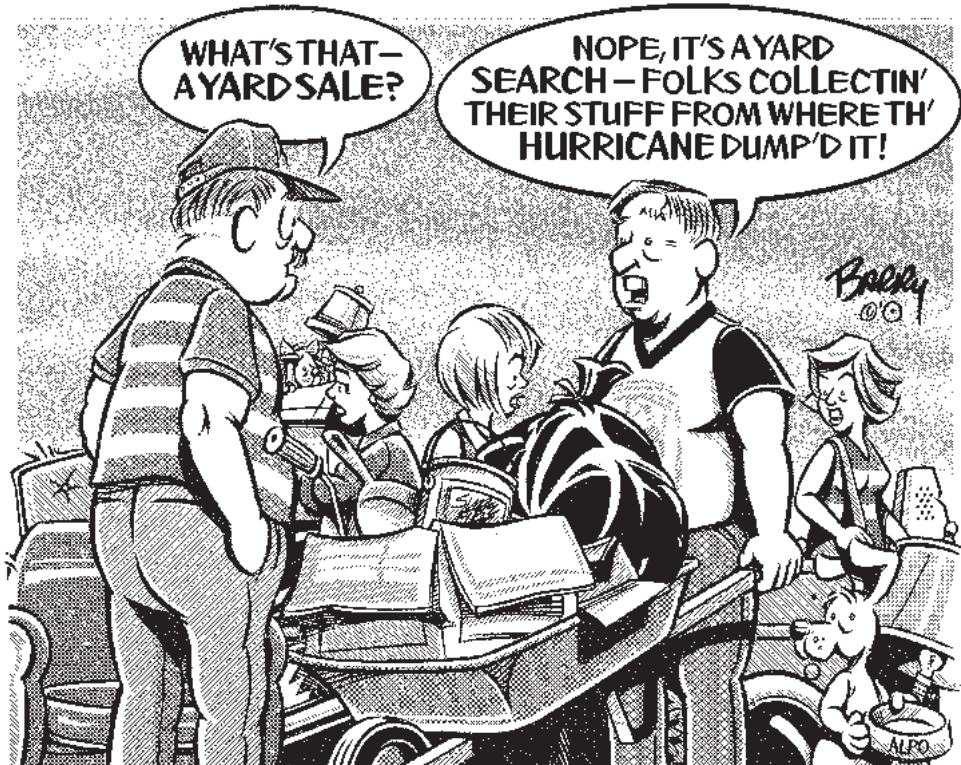
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State Capital HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders, Texas Press Association



Legislature returns for special session

The Texas Legislature convened in special session last Thursday and GOP legislators introduced a fresh set of voting bills after Democrats blocked an earlier attempt during the regular session by walking out in May, preventing a quorum.

HB3 and SB 1 don't include some of the more controversial measures that were in the previous bill, such as restricting voting on Sundays. KUT.org reported the new bills include new ID requirements for people voting by mail and banning local election officials from sending vote-by-mail applications that have not been requested by the applicant.

The measures, still largely opposed by Democrats and voting rights groups, also ban drive-through voting and extended hours during early voting. Those backing the new bills say those extended hours encourage voter fraud, though there is no evident of widespread fraud during the 2020 election. Republican lawmakers are pushing for a full House floor vote this week.

Gov. Greg Abbott announced the topics to be considered during the special session the day before it opened. Besides the voting bills, they include:

- Bail reform to "protect the public from accused criminals who may be released on bail."
- Border security with increased funding to support law-enforcement agencies and counties.
- Social media censorship legislation to protect social-media users from being silenced by social media companies based on their viewpoints.
- Restoring funding to the Legislature and legislative agencies that was vetoed by Abbott after the walkout.
- Family violence prevention legislation to provide funding for education to middle school and high school students about dating violence, domestic violence and child abuses. Parents would have the right to opt their children

out of such programs.

- Youth sports measures to revive legislation passed by the Senate that bans transgender students from participating in UIL athletic competitions "designated for the sex opposite to the student's sex at birth."

- Abortion-inducing drugs legislation that would prohibit providing such drugs by mail or delivery service.
- Thirteenth Check legislation to allow a one-time supplemental payment of benefits under the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.
- Bills targeting "critical race theory" and restricting how current events and the country's history of racism is taught in Texas public schools.

- Appropriation bills targeting property-tax relief, protecting children in the state's foster-care system and safeguarding the state from potential cybersecurity threats.

PUC ordered to improve electric reliability

Abbott also last week directed the Public Utility Commission to make major changes "to ensure the reliability of the Texas power grid," the Houston Chronicle and other media outlets reported.

Abbott asked the PUC, which oversees the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, to improve maintenance on power plants and speed development of some transmission projects.

"The objective of these directives is to ensure that all Texans have access to reliable, safe, and affordable power," Abbott wrote in a letter released last Tuesday. In response, PUC chairman Peter Lake in a letter to Abbott expressed "wholehearted agreement with its contents." Besides the widespread blackout during the mid-February storm, a heat wave in June prompted ERCOT, which maintains the state's electric grid, to urge Texans to conserve electricity as usage approached peak capacity.

\$4.1 billion more in school

stimulus funds

Texas will receive another \$4.1 billion in federal stimulus funding for its public schools, the San Antonio Express-News reported.

The U.S. Department of Education announced last week that it had approved the state's plans for spending \$12.4 billion that was allocated to the state. According to the Express-News, the top priority for the Texas Education Agency is bolstering the mental and emotional health needs of Texas students by expanding tutoring and other methods.

TEA estimates Texas students lost 5.7 months of learning during the pandemic school year.

"The approval of these plans enables states to receive vital, additional American Rescue Plan funds to quickly and safely reopen schools for full-time, in-person learning; meet students' academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs; and address disparities in access to educational opportunity that were exacerbated by the coronavirus pandemic," Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona said in a news release.

Number of COVID-19 cases in state rises

At 12,426, the number of new COVID-19 cases in Texas increased 18% in the past week when compared to the previous week, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University.

The number of new deaths in the past week dropped slightly to 151. Hospitalizations of lab-confirmed COVID-19 patients in the state were on the rise, with 1,927 currently in Texas hospitals as of Sunday, according to Texas Department of State Health Services.

The number of Texans fully vaccinated crossed the 12 million mark this week, DSHS reported. The rate of vaccinations in the state has slowed significantly in recent weeks, despite troubling reports of the spread of the delta variant of COVID-19.

Wheelchairs for Disabled Athletes

By Tumbleweed Smith

People in wheelchairs participate in just about every sport, including golf and fencing. Mike Box of Wharton makes some of the wheelchairs they use.

"When my brother got hurt, he brought me to a wheelchair basketball game," says Mike. "He was playing in it. That just set me on fire."

Mike has been making wheelchairs for Olympic Athletes for 30 years.

His brother was paralyzed from a motorcycle accident and was having trouble finding a chair that fit him. So Mike started making wheelchairs.

"I actually worked with him to develop a chair especially for him. Then we just started making them for other customers. Some of our first chairs were for tennis players."

At trade shows, Mike showed videos of people in his wheelchairs doing the same things skateboarders do.

"They're jumping curbs, turning 360-degree flips in the air, just all sorts of things. When the people saw the

videos they said, 'they're just like us.'"

The name of Mike's company is Box Wheelchairs. His products are sold all over the world. When I visited him he was making 14 wheelchairs for Argentina.

"These are individual chairs made to fit the athletes. Ten of these are for normal use, 2 are for tennis, one is for basketball and one of them is for rugby. It's like getting fitted for a suit. These athletes are getting fitted for a chair."

Mike donates 50 or more chairs a year.

"It's not for any other reason than to see a young individual with a smile and knowing he is able to do the most he can do."

For the disabled, Mike says wheelchairs are their tennis shoes.

"Wheelchair motocross is becoming an Olympic sport. Little girls dance in wheelchairs. There's a group called The Rollettes. I get goose bumps just talking about it. I've made a couple of their chairs. They just light up. They start moving their chairs in and out and find out

they're just like everybody else."

Before starting his wheelchair business, Mike had a job making parts for airplanes, battleships and submarines.

"I was pretty good at welding. God has blessed me with a tremendous set of hands and I try to put them to good use."

Mike has acted as equipment manager for a rugby wheelchair team in 2 Paralympics. There is a backlog of orders for his wheelchairs.

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.

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Whatever happened to...???

TWENTY YEARS AGO (2001)

--Mr. and Mrs. Lesley West were celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. Lesley West and the former Julia Warren of Coryell City were married July 14, 1951 at the home of the late Rev. Ramon Sims at South Mountain.

--Dwain Place was named executive director of the Gatesville Housing Authority, replacing Paul Bromser, who had recently retired.

--Woodman State Jail Senior Warden, Rebecca Adams, was named "Warden of the Year" for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice-State Jail Division. Adams was a veteran of 20 years with TDCJ.

THIRTY YEARS AGO (1991)

--Fred Daschofsky of Gatesville, was honored for his outstanding sales achievements in the insurance field and selected to attend the annual meeting of top sales producers.

--Martha Rodriguez, of Gatesville, was named to the President's List at Howard Payne University for the spring semester.

--Mr. and Mrs. Troy Sheffield of Gatesville were honored on their 60th wedding anniversary. Troy Sheffield and the former Mozelle Griffith of Osage were married July 16, 1931 at Compton Baptist Church near Crawford.

FORTY YEARS AGO (1981)

--Mr. and Mrs. Page Massingill were to be honored on their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception at their home in Turnersville. The former Bertie Mae Kays and Page Massingill were married July 19, 1931.

--A special service was held at Bethel United Methodist Church honoring Rev. J. D. Walsh on his appointment for a 17th year as Bethel's pastor.

--Gatesville's William (Bill) Bowlin went deep-sea fishing and hit the jackpot his first time out, reeling in a strapping 7-foot, 6-inch sailfish after a 30-minute tussle with the creature.

FIFTY YEARS AGO (1971)

--David Hader, son of Mr. and Mrs. August Hader of Gatesville, was preparing duty on his military tour of duty in Germany.

--Judge Floyd Zeigler, a local attorney, left for London, England, to attend a five day meeting of the American Bar Association. He was accompanied on the trip by his wife.

--Herman Egger, of Flat, had been re-employed as government trapper for Coryell County.

--A construction contract had been awarded for a new 50-bed addition to the Rotunda Retirement and Convalescent Facility.

Obituaries

Daniel James Hoisington, Sr.

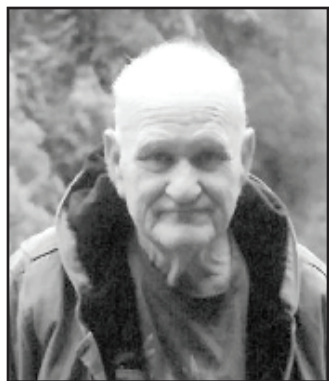
January 1, 1950 – July 7, 2021

Daniel J. Hoisington, Sr., age 71, of Gatesville, passed away on the morning of July 7, 2021 surrounded by his loving family. Funeral services will be Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at 10 a.m., at Scott's Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Restland Cemetery.

Daniel was born on January 1, 1950 in Leakey. He was the fifth child born to David and Jewell Hoisington. In 1969, Daniel met the love of his life, Viola Gail Covey and they married that same year. Together they had three precious children, two boys, James and Jerald and a daughter, Sheila. He worked cutting cedar most of his life as well as he was a jack-of-all-trades kind of man. Daniel didn't care what the work was as long as it put food on the table and paid the bills. He was a very devoted dad, son, brother, uncle and papaw. He enjoyed spending time on wood working projects in his shop. Daniel was a family man from the beginning and his grandbabies were his world. Daniel was called to rest on July 7, 2021. He will be missed by all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Elijah, Jesse D. and David J. Hoisington; two great-grandchildren, Cheyenne Harrington and Daniel Whipkey.

Daniel is survived by his wife, Viola Gail Hoisington; sons, James Hoisington and fiancé, Crystallyne Miller, of Campwood and Jerald Hoisington and wife, Tonya; daughter, Sheila Whipkey and husband, Paul; brothers, Donald, Larry, Gary, Robert, Jesse and Leon Hoisington; sisters, Jewell Morrow, Dora Cox, Peggy Willingham and Susie Hamilton; grandchildren, Elizabeth Harrington, Melissa McMasters, Wayne Hoisington, Billy Whipkey, Tabitha Harper, Kevin Whipkey, Tyler Hoisington and Jessica Burkham; great-grandchildren, Trent Harrington, Alyssa, Colton and Karissa McMasters, Elizabeth, Erin, Shelby, Judith, Bethany and Virgil Hoisington, Jason and Melory Whipkey, Jax Harper, Braileigh and Aylin Burkham.



Anne Sexton

September 3, 1939 – July 7, 2021

Anne Sexton, age 81, of Gatesville, passed away Wednesday, July 7, 2021. Services were held at 10 a.m., Saturday, July 10, 2021 at Scott's Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed at Greenbriar Cemetery.

Anne was born Sept. 3, 1939 in Gatesville. She was the daughter of Amos and Ruth Blackstock McLaughlin. Anne attended Gatesville High School and Central Texas College. She married Garland Sexton on Nov. 30, 1960. Anne worked for the City of Gatesville in many capacities and she retired from CTC as the Assistant to the Director.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Amos and Ruth McLaughlin; sister, Joyce Ballard; great-granddaughter, Adelin Woodson; and sister-in-law, Donna Jo McLaughlin.

Anne is survived by daughters, Anissa Blanchard and husband, Brian, and Shelly Byrd and husband, Teristin; grandchildren, Robert Janisch III and wife, Natalie, Morgan Woodson and husband, Cecil, Sheyla Derrick and husband, Hunter, Emily Finke, Amanda Ramirez and husband, Gerardo, Mary Haven Wicker, Chevy Atterbury and husband, Trystan, and Ashton McCarley; 17 great-grandchildren; siblings, Grady L. McLaughlin, Noel R. McLaughlin and Barbara Wright and husband, George.



Mark Collin Davis

June 18, 1961 - July 8, 2021

Mark Collin Davis died on Thursday, July 8, 2021, at home after a brief illness.

Mark was a man who loved life. He was born in Gatesville on June 18, 1961 to Thelma and Curtis A. Davis, Sr. He was raised in a wonderful Christian home and forever loved his family, his friends and the town of Gatesville. Mark attended The University of Texas and then went on to a successful career as a land developer, broker and ranch expert.

In 2004, Mark married Rebecca Nelson of Austin whom he loved and cherished until his death. His affection for her was inspiring to all who knew them. They shared a love of Labradors, the outdoors, travel, music and entertaining. They also shared many fun adventures including South Texas bird hunts, fly fishing trips on the Texas coast and summers in Montana.

Mark's career in real estate spanned 40 years. When he looked at a ranch or any other piece of land, it seemed like it spoke to him. He observed "the dirt," the flowers, the trees, the cattle, the birds ... whatever was there. Then he started to share - quietly but with the authority and knowledge that years of experience and study bring - as he laid out what the property's future could and should be. His vision always left the honor and integrity of the land intact while its evolution would be part of its natural destiny. He loved the land of Texas. And, like so many others, it loved him back.

Mark's special gift and passion were his friends. He was charismatic, loyal and a true friend to untold numbers. A born communicator, he was not interested in texts or email; he wanted to hear your voice and talk to you either in person or on the telephone. He was direct and not shy about offering his opinion. Mark loved to plan festive events, gather friends, have lunch, and tell long hilarious stories, all while lighting up a room with his warm smile and cheerful personality. He had a gift with children and made them feel like they were the center of the world. When he got tickled a whole room could find themselves laughing. He was the camp director and the ring leader, and kids and adults alike were the beneficiaries.

He also knew how to be with friends in their times of need. He understood tough times, was unwavering and was always there to listen and offer a broad shoulder to lean on.

Mark was honest and offered leadership and vision to his business partners and associates. He was generous, kind and devoted to his family, friends and community. He will be missed beyond measure and will endure in our hearts forever.

In addition to his wife, Rebecca, Mark is survived by his brother, Gary J. Davis and his wife, Sherri; his mother-in-law, Carol Corley Nelson; his brothers-in-law, Tom E. Nelson III and John C. Nelson and wife, Kristen; many nieces, nephews, cousins and his beloved dogs, Jud and Duke.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Curtis A. Davis, Jr.

A memorial service was held in Austin on July 13. A service will be held in Gatesville at a date to be determined.

Memorials may be made to The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd (<https://gsaustin.org>); Gatesville ISD Education Foundation, P.O. Box 245, Gatesville, TX 76528; Texas Parks & Wildlife Foundation - Priority Land Conservation Acquisitions (<https://tpwd.texas.gov>), or a charity of your choice. The family wishes to express heartfelt gratitude to his many wonderful caregivers.

May he rest in Peace.



Robert Mitchell "Bob" Baker

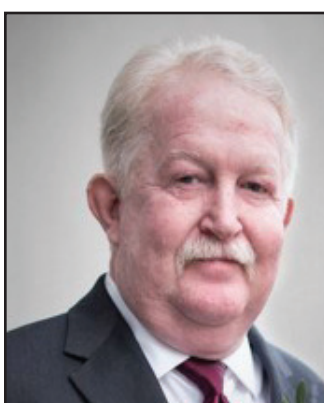
April 25, 1960 – July 7, 2021

Robert Mitchell "Bob" Baker, age 61, of Robinson, passed away on the morning of July 7, 2021. Graveside services were held at 2 p.m., Saturday, July 10, 2021 at Restland Cemetery.

Robert was born on April 25, 1960 in Gatesville to Joan and Horace Baker. Bob excelled in baseball, basketball, and football. He graduated from Gatesville High School in 1978. Bob attended Texas State Technical Institution after high school and began fixing air crafts. Bob traveled all over the world, seeing the many beautiful places God created. He told many stories of flying over the Norwegian fjords, visiting the Amazon Rainforest, and making Panama his second home. Fishing, playing softball, working in the garden and watching the Rangers were a few of his favorite hobbies.

He is preceded in death by his father, Horace Baker.

Those left to cherish his memories are his mother, Joan Baker; sister, Beverly Baker; and two daughters, Kimberly Baker and Kelly Baker Deville with husband, Mason.



Message of truth, hope at Pearl Baptist

With a message of truth and hope, evangelist and Purple Heart recipient, Dave Roever, will speak at Pearl Baptist Church Sunday, July 25, at 6 p.m. under the tabernacle.

Food and fellowship will begin at 4:30 p.m.

Roever uses his life as an example to help his audience with their problems by offering concrete solutions. He weaves together a message of courage, commitment and

survival that touches and transforms those who hear him speak.

Roever has been received both nationally and internationally as a public speaker at churches, schools, conventions and military installations.

The public is invited to the church which is located at 6795 FM 183 in Pearl. For more information about the event, call Connie Long at 254-223-0621.

Pearl Cemetery committee raising funds for pavilion

The Pearl Cemetery Committee recently met and approved the addition of a metal pavilion to be constructed at the cemetery.

The Pearl Cemetery Committee maintains the cemetery grounds and are currently in the process of raising money to build the metal pavilion. The pavilion will be used for cemetery burials during the event of rain or bad weather.

Donations for the pavilion may be sent to The Pearl Cemetery Association, c/o Linda Ray, 1771 CR 152, Purmela, TX 76566. For more information, please call 254-865-9282.

Donations for the pavilion will be posted on a memorial plaque.

Obituary Information

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Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Matthew 5:4

Pearl Community Center to hold its quarterly meeting Monday, July 19

The Pearl Community Center will hold its quarterly meeting on Monday, July 19, at 6:30 p.m.

Anyone with business to discuss may contact Connie Long at 254-223-0621 to have information topics added to the meeting's agenda.

All interested persons are invited and encouraged to attend the meeting.

The Pearl Community Center is located at 6301 FM 183 in Pearl.



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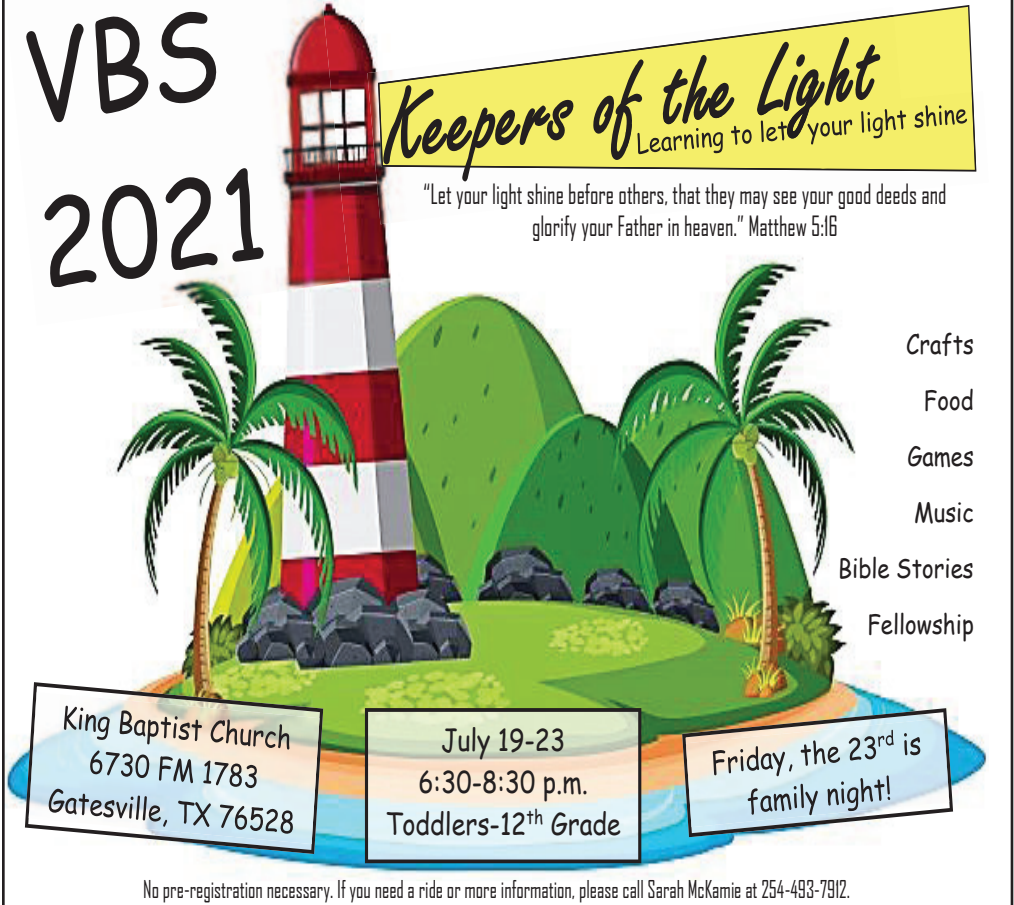
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Friday, the 23rd is family night!

No pre-registration necessary. If you need a ride or more information, please call Sarah McKamie at 254-493-7912.



Sports



Photo by Mark Goodson

Quinton & Sons earns fifth place

Gatesville 10U team goes 3-2 in 21-team field

Quinton & Sons came out swinging in the Texas Teen-Age Baseball-Softball League state tournament.

The 10U softball team went 3-2 in the double-elimination tournament to take fifth among the 21-team state field.

Holland, which Gatesville battled in the district tournament, eliminated the Gatesville squad in a 14-10 decision.

"The teams that came out swinging hit the ball," said coach Lisa Parsons. "Holland hit the ball hard and we hit it, too. Ours were mostly in the infield."

Quinton and Sons' fifth-place finish was a good show for Gatesville.

Gatesville won their first game, 3-2, in a thriller over Mineola. Olivia Parsons drove in Zaylie Tanner for the winning run.

The team won games 5-4 over Alba and 13-6 over China Spring before falling to Holland.

Members of the team were: Olivia Parsons, Riley Kennedy, Kenlee Daniels, Gracie Edwards, Harley Bovee, Ella Carpenter, Breezy Wall, Emma Desarmeaux, Tatum Benner, Jimena Knauber, Autumn Wolff, Zaylie Tanner, Brylynn Fritze and Payton Dubai.

Three of the top five teams were from the Gatesville district tournament.



Courtesy photo

Scoring effort

Olivia Parsons runs the bases for Quinton & Sons during one of its wins in the post-season. The Gatesville team took fifth at state in Corsicana.

Fifth at state

The Quinton & Sons 10U softball team won three of five games at the state tournament in Corsicana to claim fifth place in the 21-team Tournament.

Game Wardens busy over holiday

Thousands of Texans and out-of-state visitors headed to Texas lakes, rivers and coastal bays to celebrate the Independence Day weekend. Texas Game Wardens were out in force to ensure everyone stayed safe on the water.

"Texas Game Wardens conducted safety checks on more than 12,220 vessels statewide between Friday and Sunday over the Fourth of July weekend," said Cody Jones, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's (TPWD) Assistant Commander for Marine Enforcement. "Our game wardens were present across Texas waterways doing their absolute best to help holiday waterway visitors have a responsible weekend, enabling many safe returns home and enjoyable holiday memories."

In addition to issuing 1,474 citations and 1,797 warnings for various boating safety law violations, wardens arrested 42 individuals for Boating While Intoxicated (BWI) and filed eight

other charges for Driving While Intoxicated (DWI). Additionally, another 33 people were arrested for various other charges.

Texas Game Wardens also conducted multiple search and rescues over the holiday weekend. They also assisted with 18 reportable boating accidents at several Texas lakes and rivers including: Nasworthy, Bob Sandlin, Grapevine, Richland Chambers, Canyon Lake, Possum Kingdom, McQueeney, Granbury, Corpus Christi, Lewisville, Ray Roberts, Lake Fork, Ray Hubbard, Neches River, Lake Austin, Lake Travis and Lake Belton.

Game wardens were involved statewide with numerous waterway assists or other incidents.

In one incident in Bexar County, game wardens rescued a boat that was taking on water and transported the boaters to safety on Braunig Lake.

In another incident on Falcon Lake off the Rio

Grande River, Game Wardens attempted to conduct a safety inspection on a white skeeter vessel. The vessel was taken to a boat ramp on suspicion of BWI after a brief pursuit. An inspection of the vessel revealed more than 200 pounds of illegal narcotics in the vessel's storage compartments.

In Travis County, the TPWD dive team assisted with locating an open-water fatality at Lake Travis. Four game warden vessels, a game warden helicopter and 10 game wardens assisted in the initial response.

Texas Game Wardens also dealt with two boating fatalities and seven open water fatalities on Texas waterways over the Independence Day weekend. The two boating-related fatalities occurred on Lake Lewisville.

Open-water fatality locations included the Brazos River, Lake Amon G Carter, Lake Travis, North Bosque River, Joe Pool, the Gulf of Mexico (Matagorda Beach) and the Comal River.



Photo by Mark Goodson

Dig time

Wendy Perez gets low for a dig during Monday's skill work for the Gatesville High School players.

Gatesville upcoming workouts

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

Following are upcoming times for the week of July 19-July 22:

Speed and strength

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

graders 7-8:30 a.m.

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

Sport-specific skill workouts

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

Volleyball: Wednesday and Thursday - 7th-8th graders, 7:30-8:30 a.m. 9th-12 graders 8:30-9:30 p.m.

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

Cross Country: Tuesday and Thurs. - 9 a.m.-10 a.m.

Gatesville Hornets

Gatesville Hornets football 2021

Date	Opponent	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.
Friday, Sept. 17	@ Hillsboro	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.

* denotes District 9-4A, Div. II games

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

Jonesboro Eagles 2021

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.

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COUNTY COURT AT LAW CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of BRIAN WESLEY RADER, Deceased, were issued on April 19, 2021, in Cause No. 21-10440, pending in the County Court at Law, Coryell County, Texas, to: BRIAN WESLEY RADER.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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want to be able to help in any way we can,” Conley said.

COVID has restricted many services in Gatesville including the hospitality house. Overnight stays were curtailed as the prison system put a halt to contact visits for inmates.

As restrictions are slowly removed, the hospitality house is planning on opening back up for out-of-town guests. The Texas Department of Criminal Justice has, as of July 1, resumed two-hour visits for guests of up to two adults and two children.

This means visitors are again traveling to Gatesville. The hospitality house helps mitigate the cost to families, making a stressful trip more

palatable.

The hospitality house operates solely on donations, and are always looking for volunteers to help.

The Central Texas Hospitality House is open noon-6 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Sundays.



Courtesy photo
Conley and Nancy Brown
Central Texas Hospitality House Managing Directors



Photo by David Scott

Storm season means flooding in Texas

By SABRINA ANDERSON
Messenger News Reporter

With the first named storm of the season forming on May 22 this year, forecasters say the short-lived storm is a likely sign of another above-average hurricane season.

Officials at the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) are reminding residents to take into account the significant threat of flooding that hurricanes pose not only to coastal areas but also to the rest of the state. While residents of central Texas are no stranger to flooding, it's important to remember the dangers it brings to roads and bodies of waters.

After all, one of Texas's

nicknames is Flash Flood Alley, which runs down the I-35 corridor from Dallas down to San Antonio and includes surrounding or nearby cities and towns. Flooding is also the number one weather-related cause of death in the state of Texas and, in the U.S., kill more people each year than tornadoes, hurricanes or lightning.

Flash floods are the most dangerous kind of floods because they combine the destructive power of a flood with incredible speed. The strength of moving water associated with flash floods can tear out trees, destroy buildings and obliterate bridges or dams.

Most flood-related deaths happen in cars or while on the

roads due to various factors. While it may seem silly, the phrase “Turn around, don't drown” can be the difference between life and death when making a decision to continue traveling or not. Even shallow-looking water can cause you to lose control or damage your vehicle.

If you do find yourself in the unfortunate situation of driving in bad weather, here are some tips to keep you safe:

- If your vehicle stalls in a flood area, abandon your vehicle and seek higher ground.
- Drive with your headlights on using low beams.
- Reduce your speed to account for the reduced tire traction on wet roads.
- Do NOT use cruise control.
- If you begin to hydroplane, gently ease off the gas pedal and keep the steering wheel as straight as possible.

Log jam at Mother Neff

Texas Department of Transportation plans to replace the State Highway 236 bridge, which has had an ongoing history of flooding due to logs getting wedged between the piers of the bridge. The bridge recently re-opened after being closed for months.

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longer bridge and increase the elevation of the road off of both approaches. During the project, there will be a detour in place.”

In raising the level of the new bridge, state officials hope flooding can be avoided.

“Once the new bridge is in place, seasonal flooding events should not impact State Highway 236 as much as they have done over the

last years which will help make traveling to the park much easier,” said state park Superintendent Melissa Chadwick.

State Highway 236 was built in 1936 to connect The Grove community to Moody. The current bridge was built in 1957. The highway travels to the north and briefly turns to the east before resuming a more northward trajectory

as it crosses the Leon River at Mother Neff State Park.

Historical fact: The road was travelled by the notorious criminals, Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrows who once passed over the original iron bridge at the park on their backroads trip to Waco.

“The new bridge will be a huge welcome to Mother Neff State Park and its many visitors,” Chadwick said.

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