

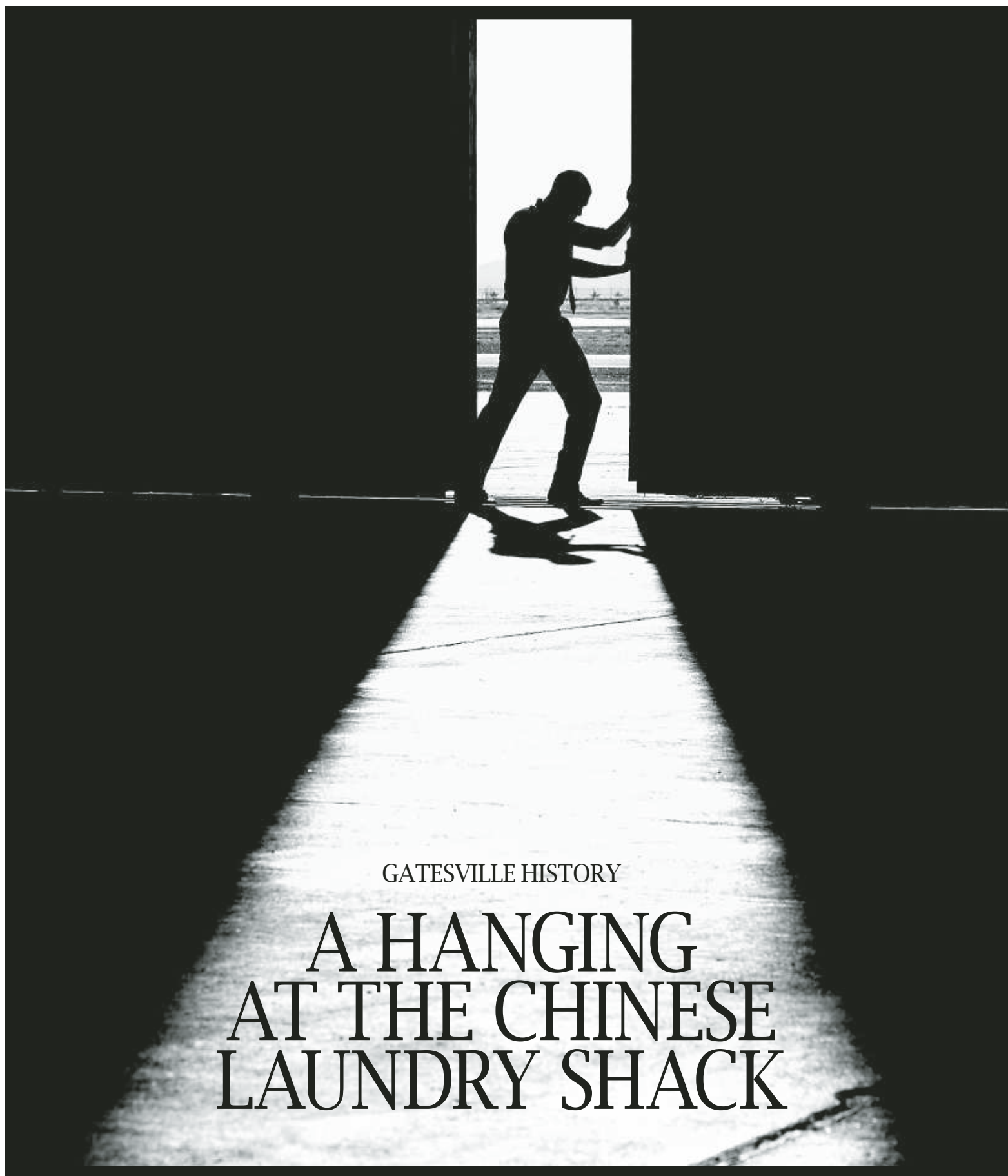


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METRO GRAPHICS

GATESVILLE HISTORY

A HANGING AT THE CHINESE LAUNDRY SHACK

BY DAVID SCOTT
Staff Writer

When Wong Lee first stepped foot in Gatesville he was a curiosity.

Lee was the first Asian in town, according to a 1949 report in the The Gatesville Messenger and Star Forum by Bob Saunders.

With a queue, a long pigtail down his back, and dressed in a Tang suit, a traditional Chinese attire, Lee was popular with the kids in town. They paid him daily visits.

“He was a curiosity to us (the children). All of us kids made it a point to drop by and see how the old Chinaman was getting along,” Saunders wrote. “He was always glad to see us, I guess he got lonesome by himself.”

Why he was in town was a point of debate.

Saunders reported that Col. Horatio Atkinson, the proprietor of the much acclaimed Atkinson Hotel, sent someone to California to find a Chinese man to work in Gatesville to wash and iron their clothing. White laundered shirts were a “badge of gentility” and mostly worn by doctors, lawyers and bankers, Saunders would write.

This claim may be in dispute because many Chinese immigrants were already in Texas operating laundry businesses.

The Chinese first arrived to help build the Houston and Texas Central Railroad in 1870. More of them would arrive in 1881 with the construction of the Southern Pacific Railroad, and once the line was completed, some of them decided to stay in Texas.

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Save a buck, shop tax-free weekend

BY SABRINA ANDERSON
Staff Writer

Texas will be having its annual tax-free weekend from Aug. 6-8, the final weekend before school starts in Gatesville.

Most, if not all, retailers will be participating as long as the items they carry fall within the tax exemptions requirements. Most items of clothing or school supplies are tax exempt, and each item must cost less than \$100.

A shopper can buy two sets of shoes each valued at \$99 a set and still receive the tax exemption, even though the total of the two sets would be over \$100. However, if buying the footwear online with a shipping charge tacked on and the total price exceeds the limit, the items are excluded from the program.

Common items not included in the tax break weekend are accessories, such as watches and hair products; jewelry; sports-specific clothing, such as cleats or football padding; shoe inserts and shoelaces; sunglasses; handbags or purses; and camping gear.

Some items shoppers might not think fall within the requirements of the program are baby clothes and bibs, disposable or cloth baby diapers, office supplies, adult diapers, baseball caps, children’s novelty costumes, graduation caps and gowns, sleepwear, and uniforms for nurses, military, postal, waitress, police or fire personnel.

Online shoppers can take advantage of the program when shopping at participating retailers, such as Amazon and Walmart.

To fully take advantage of this

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McGregor man dies in head-on crash

BY KRISTEN MERIWETHER
Staff Writer

Texas Department of Public Safety Troopers responded to a head-on crash on July 18 at 4:31 p.m. on FM 1783, five miles west of FM 116.

A 2014 Dodge Ram pickup being driven by a 16-year-old female from Gatesville was traveling westbound on FM 1783 when the pickup truck crossed over the centerline around a curve, according to DPS. The pickup truck collided with a 1997 Honda Civic driven by 45-year-old Shawn Eric Lyndsey of McGregor.

Lyndsey was pronounced dead at the scene by Justice of the Peace Jim Caldwell, according to DPS. Next of kin has been notified. The driver of the pickup was transported to Coryell Memorial Hospital with non-incapacitating injuries, according to DPS.

“Texas DPS would like to remind drivers to limit distractions while driving,” a statement from DPS said. “Distracted driving increases the probability of being involved in a traffic crash. Don’t put yourself or others on the roadway at risk.”

QUESTION & ANSWER CORNER

Q: What is Keep Gatesville Beautiful?

A: Keep Gatesville Beautiful is a community-driven non-profit organization that works to improve the community’s environmental awareness.

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COUNTY WIDE

Vacation Bible School at Eastwood Baptist

Eastwood Baptist Church will hold its vacation Bible school from July 28-30, 6-8:30 p.m.

The theme this year is "Life is a Highway" and all children entering Kindergarten through 6th grade are welcome to join.

There will be Bible stories, puppets, crafts, food and music. There will be a "fun surprise" on the last day, Friday, July 30.

Eastwood Baptist Church is located at 2518 E. Main Street in Gatesville. For more information call 254-865-2948.

Event to benefit electrocuted man

A benefit will be held Aug.

1 for Jason Shields who was recently electrocuted by a power line on Main Street.

Shields remains hospitalized at Dell Seton Medical Center burn trauma unit 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.

Grief support available

The GriefShare group meetings will be held weekly from 5-7 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Gatesville beginning Aug. 25. Meetings will end Nov. 17.

GriefShare is a Faith-based program that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one.

If you or someone you know are in need of support,

encouragement and help in your time of grief please consider coming to one of our meetings.

You may enroll online at <http://www.GriefShare.org> or in-person at the first meeting. There will be a fee of \$15.00 for the workbook. For questions call the church office at 254-865-2014.

Baked potato fundraiser for family center

Hidden Gem Family Center will be hosting a baked potato fundraiser Friday, July 30 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

The meal will include a barbecue baked potato with all the fixins, a drink and dessert for \$10. The meals can either be delivered or

picked up.

To place an order, please call 254-206-3003 or 254-317-6178. Hidden Gem Family Center is located at 115 S. 7th Street in Gatesville.

Meals on Wheels drivers needed

The Gatesville Senior Center is looking for volunteer drivers for its Meals on Wheels program.

If interested, contact Gatesville Senior Center Director, Tonya Sikes at 254-865-8234.

The Gatesville Senior Center is located at 208 N. Lutzerloh Avenue.

Williamson reunion set for early August

Descendants of Stephen and Sarah Williamson will

hold their Williamson Family Reunion in Gatesville on Aug. 6-7.

A dinner will be held Friday, Aug. 6, at 5:30 p.m. at The Feed Mill Restaurant. The family will then gather at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 7, at Ranchers Steakhouse in Gatesville for 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 descendant and haven't received a note, please contact Paula Weeks at 254-855-6123 or Marsha Richards at 832-233-2725.

Yeehaw! Gatesville rodeo is here

Get ready to ride Gatesville.

The 84th annual Gatesville Riding Club Rodeo is July 29-31 at 7:30 p.m. at the arena located at Veteran's Memorial Drive in Gatesville.

Mutton bustin' is held every night with a \$30 entry fee. It is limited to 10 riders a night.

Thursday is "Military Appreciation Night" and tickets will be \$8 for adults, \$4 for children ages 6-12 with military identification.

Friday is "Back the Blue" day and all are encouraged to wear blue in support of law enforcement. Saturday is "First Responder Recognition" night.

There will be a calf scramble, which will not require pre-registration. The junior barrels event requires participants to register.

Call 254-493-8954 on Monday, July 26, 7-9 p.m. for more information.

Crime Stoppers tips to help you avoid being a victim

This week Centex Crime Stoppers would like to provide a few tips that could help reduce the chances of you becoming a victim of mail/package theft.

If possible, consider having packages delivered somewhere else. For instance, your place of employment (if permitted), a secure UPS/Fed-EX location, or look into getting a PO. BOX for package delivery.

Subscribing to delivery alerts is a good way to keep track of packages, and when they are delivered. Also, you could request that package delivery require a signature.

As always remember that many crimes occur as a result of opportunity, and if we eliminate the opportunity

that reduces the chances of you becoming a victim.

If you have any information about any local crime, call Centex Crime Stoppers 24 hours a day at 1-254-865-8477 (TIPS) or visit our website at www.Centexcrimestoppers.org or by downloading the "P3" mobile app available on both the Apple app store and Google Play Store. You never have to give your name, and if your information leads to an arrest, you may be eligible for a reward.

Crime Stoppers, residents, police, and the news media working together can make our community a safer place to live. Together we can make a difference.



COURTESY PHOTO

PRO TIP: Have your packages delivered at work or a post office box.

TAX-FREE

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money saving program, here are some tips for shoppers:

■ Make a shopping list. This will save you from overspending and will help to avoid impulse buys.

■ Show up early. While tax-free doesn't carry the same

urgency as Black Friday, the earlier you shop, the more likely you'll find a larger supply of items as well as a wider selection of sizes to choose from.

■ Check for additional coupons at the stores you plan to shop with.

■ Shop online. Tax-free weekend will be honored at most online retailers as long

as you live in the state that is having the exemption.

For more information and to see the complete list of items that qualify for tax-free weekend, go to Comp-

troller.Texas.gov and search for "Sales Tax Holiday."

HANGING

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There were 136 Chinese in all of Texas during the 1880 census enumeration. That was first census to enumerate Chinese in Texas, according to a report written by Dr. Edward C.M. Chen, titled "Into the Future-Together Two Lunar Centuries of Progress 1877-1937."

Lee, in all available accounts, worked hard, spoke

in Pidgin English and spoke of going back to China.

He worked and lived in a shack just off the courthouse square on 7th Street, then known as Faunt Le Roy Crossing Road. The May 1885 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map of downtown Gatesville clearly shows the structure and labels it simply as "Chinese Laundry." The structure itself wasn't very large and was built flush with the dirt sidewalk. The inside didn't have a ceiling and you could

see the rafters overhead.

He was a busy man, according to Saunders, washing and ironing men's white shirts and collars saying that he didn't do any other kind of laundry.

"I think somebody told me that he washed and ironed two shirts and six collars for two bits [the equivalent of twenty-five cents]," wrote Saunders. "All he was working for was to make enough money to go back and be buried in China."

Lee would tell a young Saunders and his friends that if his pigtail was ever cut off that he would not be able to go home.

Unfortunately, Wong Lee's wish to return to his homeland, was not to be.

"One Saturday night someone went into Wong Lee's place, put a rope around his neck and hung him from the rafters in his front room." Saunders wrote that no one knew or cared who had killed him because there was no

law against killing a "Chinaman."

The sheriff ruled the death a suicide.

The kids disagreed.

They point out Lee's happy disposition and plan to make enough money to go back to China.

Saunders wrote that when the body was found, Lee's shack had been ransacked and that even the floor boards had been ripped up by someone searching for Lee's money.

"But he [Lee] fooled them, for he put his money in the bank," Saunders wrote.

Courthouse records do not reveal anything about Lee's murder or what became of the money he had placed in the bank. There was no probate of his estate after his death. It can only be assumed that he was buried in an unmarked grave in the old City Cemetery ... a long way from his homeland where he wished to be.



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NEWS FROM PEARL

Traveling bikini is on the lam

BY BETSY CLARK

The Community of Pearl has several important and fun events coming up in August and September.

First, the next Pearl Bluegrass event will be Aug. 7, which takes place at the Pearl Community Center. Everyone is welcome to come and play, and you can schedule a stage show time by calling Anji Pearl Day at 325-665-7996.

Pickers and grinders are welcome throughout the day. Rachel Bates will host a "Slow Jam" in the Community Center in the room with the chalk board across from the dining room. That event is free and there is no charge for the stage show or to be a "grinner" throughout the day.

Come and enjoy the free stage show by sitting in the air-conditioned auditorium. The show usually starts about 1 p.m. You can purchase a meal in the lunchroom, and you won't be disappointed with how great the food is (especially the pie—my personal favorite).

Also, if you want to camp, there are RV hookups available year-round. Please see pearltxcommunitycenter.com for pricing and contact phone numbers. The Pearl Community Center has a Facebook page as well. Be sure and like that page to keep up with the latest news.

A HAVEN FOR BOOKWORMS

The Pearl Cottage Bookstore and Resale Shop is always open whenever the Bluegrass events take place. This little store has over 6,000 books—both paper and hardback. Plus, you can find an eclectic mix of knickknacks and glassware in the store. Actually, you just never know what you might find

in the Book Cottage.

However, you will always find smiles, laughter, and a welcoming atmosphere. Most purchases are "buy what you want, pay what you want," and all proceeds go to benefit local charities.

By the way, for all of you Pearl history buffs, there are at least nine different books about Pearl available for purchase ranging from \$5 to \$15. See or call Linda Ray for more information at 254-865-9282. You can find more information about the Book Cottage on the Pearl Cottage Bookstore and Resale Shop Facebook page. Be sure to like the page to receive updated information.

HOMEcomings

The Pearl Community Center Board met on July 19 and agreed to make the Sept. 11 Bluegrass Event the Pearl Homecoming/Reunion with a special welcome to all new "Pearlites." All local and returning Pearl residents and new attendees and residents will receive special recogni-



Clark

tion and a hearty welcome during the Stage Show event. Please mark the event on your calendar and come to Pearl—bring friends, family, and even people you meet on the street to Pearl. There's no place like Pearl.

FISH FRY

The Pearl Church of Christ will host its annual Atchley Fish Fry and Silent Auction on Sunday, Sept. 6 following the 10:30 a.m. church service.

The money raised from the auction will benefit "His Kids" from Lampasas and local scholarships. All are welcome to attend church, bid on auction items, and enjoy the free fish fry meal.

The auction items will be displayed in the fellowship rooms of the Pearl Church of Christ one week before the auction, so stop by and start placing your bids at that time. Everyone is always welcome. Be sure and like the Pearl Church of Christ Facebook page to keep up with the latest news and information.

CEMETERY PAVILION

The Pearl Cemetery Association plans to build a pavilion to protect attendees from the often-harsh weather conditions during interments and services. The project is estimated to cost \$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, Purrnela, TX 76566. If you have any questions, you can contact Linda at 254-865-9282. Thank you in advance for your support.

Also, the next Cemetery Board meeting will be Aug. 2 at 7 p.m. at the Pearl Community Center. All are welcome to attend.

ABOUT THAT UNWANTED BIKINI

There are new developments in the continuing saga of the traveling bikini. Remember the last couple of times, you learned that the bikini made its way to my house. But now, the bikini has suddenly and mysteriously disappeared. Actually, I'm glad to see it's gone even though I have no idea what happened to it.

There are clues, though. One evening while watering my plants in my backyard, I caught a glimpse of a car that looked an awful lot like Linda Ray's drive off quickly toward the east. Before it sped away, I saw what looked like Kay Pruett in the back seat and Margie Cummings getting into the front seat faster than I've seen her move in a couple of years. Knowing them as I do, I fully expected to find chicken salad sandwiches or a large dish of that delicious

blueberry stuff in my kitchen when I went in.

But, no. Nothing new in my house, and, at the time, I detected nothing missing. However, one morning that week, I had decided to take the bikini and donate it to charity. I had to get rid of it somehow before my kids came to visit. But, I could not find it anywhere. Then I remembered that when I saw Margie get into Linda's car, she was carrying what I thought was a new, green purse with black and turquoise strings attached. That fleeting image in my head started me wondering if perhaps Margie wanted that atrocious thing and had stopped at nothing to acquire it.

I don't know the answer to that question yet, but I will keep you posted as I further investigate this new, possible development with the questionable escapade of Pearl's version of the Thelma and Louise plus one trio. I wonder.....no, it couldn't be!

The closing verse for this week comes from Psalm 62:1-1: "For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation." 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 betsyclark47@yahoo.com for information or to submit any Pearl news that you might have.

Win Spurfest bragging rights, grow a beard

Gentlemen, ladies and... children? Prepare to show your beards.

The Coryell Museum & Historical Center is sponsoring a beard contest at Spurfest Day Sept. 18.

There will be four categories so men, women and children can all compete. Contestants need to be at Spurfest to be judged, times for judging will be announced in future Messenger articles.

Category One is new beards. How fast can you grow a beard? How long will it be? Will it be patchy or full? Earn bragging rights for the best full beard grown. Contestants must be clean shaven on Saturday, Aug. 7.

Come by the Museum on that day from 10 am-4 pm or furnish us with a selfie of your clean shaven face with a timestamp (or in front of a newspaper with that date). This gives you six weeks to grow your beard.

Category Two is existing beards. This will be judged on longest, fullest, most original, most like Grizzly Adams, etc. You can use styling tools, beard balm and waxes.

Category Three is fake beards. This will be open to men, women and children.

You can be as creative as you please. Judging will be on most original, funniest, along with best use of material used to make beard.

In addition to claiming the title of best in your category, prizes will be awarded.

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The DISPATCH

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through law enforcement dispatchers during the period of July 15-18. 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.

GATESVILLE POLICE

JULY 21

7:46 a.m., reckless driver was reported in the 9000 block of FM 116
12:06 p.m., theft was reported in the 100 block of South 23rd Street
3:16 p.m., narcotics/drugs was reported in the 2800 block of South State Highway 36
4:37 p.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 1400 block of West Main Street

5:24 p.m., family violence was reported in the 500 block of Circle Drive

JULY 22

8:24 a.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 2000 block of Waco Street
12:46 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2800 block of South State Highway 36
1:03 p.m., a five-alarm fire was reported in the 200 block of South Lovers Lane
7:00 p.m., theft was reported in the 100 block of North 27th Street
9:06 p.m. a hit and run was

reported in the 2300 block of East Main Street
10:36 p.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 600 block of East Main Street

CORYELL COUNTY SHERIFF

JULY 21

4:08 a.m., burglary of habitation was reported in the 100 block of Doras Lane
9:45 a.m., a reckless driver was reported at the intersection of East Highway 84 and FM 1996

10:25 a.m., an assault was reported in the 300 block of Liberty Street.

12:31 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 4500 block of East U.S. Highway 84

2:59 p.m., a minor accident was reported in the 11000 block of South Highway 36
5:20 p.m., a domestic issue was reported in the 500 block of East Circle Lane

JULY 22

9:39 a.m. an alarm was reported in the 2000 block of East FM 931

12:52 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1800 block of Oak Springs

2:31 p.m., a stop sign was reported down in the intersection of FM 184 at South Highway 36

5:05 p.m., debris in the roadway was reported in the intersection of FM 116 and CR 145

9:40 p.m., burglary of habitation was reported in the 80 block of Boone Avenue

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Whatever happened to ...

Compiled by David Scott

TWENTY YEARS AGO (2001)

--Gatesville High School teacher LaVonda Popp was awarded the title "Texas Distinguished Teacher" at the 8th Annual State Science Collaborative Conference.
--Kelly Maine and her 17-year-old son, Joseph Schraeder, of Gatesville, were in flood-ravaged Houston lending a helping hand with the American Red Cross.
--A gospel musical stage play was presented at the City Auditorium to raise money for Mount Calvary Church of God in Christ. Proceeds from the play were to be used by the church to replace their present building with a new facility.

--The Coryell County 4-H Council was conducting a "Summer Fun" program to show third through fifth grade students the many ways youth can be involved in 4-H projects without owning animals.
--Jed Gribble won first place in his heat and first in the feature race at the go-cart races in West. William and Janet Gribble accompanied him to the races.

--Gatesville youngsters Luke Howard, Adam Ortega and Kenny Price were part of an accomplishment that most boys can only dream of. Playing for the Temple Indians, they helped the team post a 6-0 record enroute to the national championship title.

THIRTY YEARS AGO (1991)

--A one-year old battle to save a tree-lined road coursing from near Oglesby to Mother Neff State Park had county resident Clay Davis busy searching for ways to protect the area from expansion efforts by an area power company.

--Foster (F.O.) Mitchell, of the Harmon Community, was celebrating his 90th birthday at his home with family and friends.

--Judy McClesky and Bennie Hannon, teachers in the Gatesville Independent School District, were attending the 62nd anniversary convention of the Delta Gamma Society International in Fort Worth.

--Gary Delz, a former Gatesville policeman turned country music performer, was appearing with Gary P. Nunn and Sons of the Bunk House Band at the Hippo-

drome Theater in Waco.
--Dick Ford and Joe Ratliff of Gatesville were recognized for 25 years of service with the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation.

--The University of Mary-Hardin Baylor announced that James Crosby had been awarded a scholarship for Assistant Editor of the campus newspaper, "The Bells," for the 1991-92 school year. James is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Crosby of Gatesville and a 1991 graduate of Gatesville High School.

FORTY YEARS AGO (1981)

--Bertha Cross was honored on her 93rd birthday at her home in Flat. Lunch was served and guests enjoyed ice cream and cake.

--James Bond, British Secret Service Agent 007, was back in action in a new film called "For Your Eyes Only," which was showing at the Town and Country Cinema.

--Members of the 1971 graduating class of Gatesville High School were planning a family cook-out at Faunt Le Roy Park.

--A barbecue honoring Madge and Coach Lloyd Mitchell was planned at Faunt Le Roy Crossing.

--Robert L. Miller of Gatesville, sophomore microbiology major, had earned "Distinguished Student" status at Texas A&M University.

--Sgt. James W. Allen Jr., son of James W. Allen Sr., had returned from a deployment to the Marine Corps Air Station in Iwakuni, Japan.

--Jerry Ashby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vester Ashby, had left for the Azores Islands where he was going to teach school. The Azores Islands are located 800 miles off the

cost of Portugal in the North Atlantic Ocean.

--The Guaranty Bank of Gatesville was taking a major step forward with the opening of its new six-lane drive-in banking facility.

FIFTY YEARS AGO (1971)

--Charles Derrick, a medical psychiatric social worker at the Gatesville State Schools for Boys, had been named to the newly-created post of chief of case work services at the Mountain View School for Boys.

--National Bank of Gatesville officials awarded a \$35,012.60 contract to Kolsan Co. Inc. of Giddings for interior woodwork and fixtures for the new bank building.

--Jim Traylor, age 26, of Coleman was hired to fill the new position of vocational counselor and supervisor at Gatesville High School.

--The first Presbyterian church ever organized in Coryell County, Unity Presbyterian Church at Turnersville, was celebrating its centennial celebration with special services.

--A visit to Gatesville in the heart of Texas was a prized part of his first trip to the United States by William Woo, 43, prominent Hong Kong tailor. Woo was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Powell.

--Rex Tilly, minister of the East Main Church of Christ in Gatesville and the first white student to be accepted in the theology department of Paul Quinn College, received his A. B. degree of theology from the Waco institution during commencement rites.

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NEW CAFETERIA: A bright, airy space for Gatesville High School students to eat their meals.

NEW LIBRARY: The GHS renovation includes a new library. The old library has been converted into offices for the administration.



Gatesville High School renovation fulfills district dream

A new library, cafeteria and classrooms part of 55,000-square-foot addition

BY DAVID SCOTT
Staff Writer

What began as a dream for the Gatesville Independent School District back in 2019, culminated Monday with the dedication of Gatesville High School's renovations.

The 55,000-square-foot addition to the high school consists of new classrooms, a new cafeteria and a new library. Renovations included turning the old library into administration offices and the old cafeteria into more classrooms.

The construction and renovations were done by Mazanec Construction.

When asked if everything would be finished by the beginning of school: "They [Mazanec Construction] know that we've

got to have it ready, and we have been on track," GISD superintendent, Dr. Barrett Pollard said.

Pollard also pointed out that the construction crews had been blessed with good weather during construction.

New Principal Marie Barrows will begin her first year in charge in the newly renovated building.

"I'm not nervous at all about moving up to the principal's position, but the building makes me feel like I'm in a completely different school in a new district or something," Barrows said.

Evant schools announce additions to senior staff

The Evant Independent School Board of Trustees announced July 18 the school district has added a superintendent, principal and school coordinator.

SUPERINTENDENT:

Brenda Martinez was named the new EISD superintendent. She comes to Evant ISD from San Saba ISD, where she served as assistant superintendent for more than four years.

Before that, Dr. Martinez was in Killeen ISD as a curriculum instructional specialist, assistant principal and principal. She recently completed her 18th year in public education. Her work spans from serving students and staff in elementary and secondary education, strong curriculum support and implementation background, administrative leadership coaching, the creation and implementation of a Pathway to Technology Early College High School (P-TECH) program.

She holds a Doctorate in Educational Leadership at Abilene

Christian University, Master of Education in educational administration and a Bachelor of Science in business administration from Tarleton State University, and a Superintendent Certification from Central Texas A&M University.

Martinez is also a district leader representative on the Chief Academic Officer Council at The Texas Education Agency, a member of the Equity Assurance Panel for Educator and Administrator Certification Examinations, and is a member of multiple administrative and leadership associations in Texas.

Martinez is married to retired Army Sgt. First Class Johnnie Martinez, and they have two children, Noah and Nojemi, high school junior and senior respectively.

PRINCIPAL:



Martinez

Cheyenne Cook was named the Pre-K thru 12th grade principal for the district. She has been at Evant ISD as the secondary English teacher for two years.

Prior to that, Cook was the secondary English teacher at Bluff Dale ISD. She recently completed her seventh year in public education.

Her work includes serving students in the elementary and secondary education in rural school districts. She has served as a High School UIL Coordinator, taught K-12 gifted and talented students,



Cook

and sponsored student organizations such as student council and National Honor Society.

She holds a Master of Education in educational administration with principal certification, Master of Education in curriculum and instruction with an emphasis in Instructional design and Technology, and a Bachelor of Arts in English all from Tarleton State University. Cook is currently enrolled at Tarleton in the doctorate program pursuing a doctorate in educational adminis-



Canales

tration with superintendent certification. She is also a member of administrative and leadership associations.

Cook has two dogs: a miniature schnauzer and an Australian shepherd.

SCHOOL COORDINATOR:

Claudia Canales was named the Effective School's Coordinator for the district. She is the former response to intervention specialist for Evant ISD. Canales also served as an instructional coach for elementary educators and began the process

to ensure that the school's curriculum is vertically aligned and designed to target all learning standards.

Canales has over 10 years of teaching experience and curriculum development specializing in assessment and data analysis in both primary and secondary grade levels.

Canales holds a Doctorate in Education in curriculum and instruction, a post-master's certification in leadership and accountability, and a Master's of Science in psychology specializing in child and adolescent development from Capella University and a Bachelor of Arts in interdisciplinary studies from The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley. Canales is a member of The National Honor Society of Leadership and Success.

She is married to Lt. Luis Canales, a Texas park police officer, and they have a high-spirited first grader, Luis Jr.

BOOK REVIEW

This Hollywood memoir is not about tinseltown

BY TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER
Special to The Messenger

Just hold on. Wait it out, don't quit, they say. Hang on, don't let go. Better times are coming. Just hold on - or, as in the new memoir, "Trejo: My Life of Crime, Redemption, and Hollywood" by Danny Trejo with Donal Logue, sometimes, you have to just let go.

The first time he went to jail, Danny Trejo was 10 years old.

Within two years, he "was a regular at juvenile hall"; by the time he was in his early 20s, he'd spent time in several hard-core facilities, Soledad, Folsom, Alcatraz. He'd been "locked up, in and out but mostly in, since 1956" and he figured he'd die in prison.

Born at the tail-end of World War II, Trejo was taken from his birth mother as a toddler because his father thought she was neglecting the boy. Trejo's father taught him to be stoic, to stand up for himself, and to step up when someone needed to; his beloved Uncle Gilbert showed him how to survive the streets, and prison.

Gilbert also taught him to box, which allowed Trejo to gain respect behind bars.

Trejo knew Charles Manson. He worked as an inmate firefighter. Because he often ensured that vulnerable in-

"TREJO: MY LIFE OF CRIME, REDEMPTION, AND HOLLYWOOD"
By Danny Trejo with Donal Logue
c.2021, Atria \$27.00 / \$36.00 Canada 288 pages

mates weren't subject to violence or predation, guards came to appreciate him, and that led Trejo to better prison jobs. One of the last had placed him near where contraband entered the prison and soon he "ran the heroin bag..."

You needed something? He could get it.

And then he lost that job in a fight that almost put him on Death Row. Heroin, pills, alcohol, weed, machismo, he couldn't do it anymore and he says he began to talk to God, promising to help others if He saved him. Once released, that's what Trejo did: he gave up alcohol and drugs and began counseling other addicts and those on their way to prison.

And one of them mentioned that he was making money as a movie extra...

As Big Hollywood Memoirs go, "Trejo" is a very pleasant surprise, starting with the fact that most of it isn't about Hollywood.

Indeed, author Danny



COURTESY PHOTO BY GLORIA HINOJOSA

STORY MADE FOR HOLLYWOOD: Danny Trejo's memoir is a tale worthy of the silver screen.

Trejo (with Donal Logue) places nearly the entire first half of his book in prison, among hardened criminals, gang members, killers, and addicts, while partly weaving his early life into his tales behind bars. Trejo doesn't hide

anything in his time of crime, nor does he minimize any of the impacts his family had on it, an honesty that allows for a curious trust between reader and writers.

But this is not a True Crime story. Trejo and Logue

switch their tale at the point where Trejo almost accidentally becomes a Hollywood extra, and the tone quickly changes: darkness lifts from the narrative and it's almost... happy. By then, readers will be ready for that; add

the lack of attention-grabbing name-dropping, and you'll be happy, too.

This may be the most unique and gracious memoir you'll read this summer, so check it out. "Trejo" is a treasure, one you'll hold on to.

CORYELL MUSEUM

Indian raids and pouring lead for bullets

BY JANN DWORSKY

This is an article about a letter sent to Miss Zelma Scott who wrote "A History of Coryell County." This letter is found in our collections, on very brown paper, unlined and written by Dave Grubb, son of Wiley P. Grubb and Georgia Hester in 1945.

The letter is as follows:

Dear Zelma,
The Indians came on moon shiny nights and they would steal all the horses they could find, throw them together. The Indians were good, fast riders and they would drive those horses in a dead run, so they would be out of the country by daylight. The horses that could not keep up with the bunch, they killed every one of them.

You had to be prepared at all times in case the Indians made a raid on your home. Father bought bars of lead and they were put in ladles and put over hot fires and melted and poured into bullet molds. The copper ball pistols were always kept loaded and double barrel muzzle loaded shotguns. You first poured in each barrel the powder then the gun wadding then tamped it with a long stick. Then you poured in the shot and it was tamped the same way then your gun wadding over that, then at the end of the barrel you placed a cap on (the back end) each tube. You pulled your hammer back one at a time, pull the trigger and shoot, then turn and use the other barrel the same way.

Your friend,
Dave Grubb

Coryell Museum and Historical Center is open for tours 10-4 p.m. on Wednesday thru Saturday. We have 24,400 square feet in air conditioning and 1,000 square feet in our beautiful Courtyard Garden. Tour the museum and shop in our Gift Shop where we have a wonderful array of unique Coryell County items, Spurfest T-Shirts and delightful soaps!

Downtown Cowtown garden worth a visit

BY TUMBLEWEED SMITH

When the summer heat is at its peak people in Fort Worth seek refuge in the shade and beauty of the city's Botanic Garden in Forest Park.

"We're very well situated," says Steve Huddleston, who served 26 years as the garden's senior horticulturalist. "We are just west of downtown Fort Worth in an urban setting and yet we have this green space here so close to the downtown area. It's a wonderful place for people to retreat and enjoy nature and see flowers. We're an outdoor museum of living plants so we fit very well into the museum district, the cultural district. We're the green lawn of the city, so to speak."

The garden has a significant history.

"We are the oldest public Botanic Garden in Texas. We began in 1934. Our rose garden was the first public relief program in Fort Worth. It put a lot of men to work during the depression."

The garden covers 110 acres and even during the pandemic attracts 200,000 visitors a year. Steve says there is so much to see and experience he recommends visitors spend at least three hours in the garden.

"We have a water conservation garden, a perennial garden, a fragrance garden. In all we have about 25 gardens that feature different kinds of plants."

Throughout the year, the garden has all sorts of events and educational opportunities. The Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra does a concert over a 3-day period. There are formal teas in the garden and the exhibits are always changing. Just recently there were woodpeckers, gardeners, a praying mantis and other figures made from Legos.

"Right now we have an exhibit called Stick Work which consists of saplings from American Elm and Rough Leaf Dogwood that were woven or fashioned into a structure that you can walk through, look through and explore. It's very interest-



ing."

Sculptures are throughout the garden and there are several water features such as lagoons, waterfalls and pools. A popular destination is the Japanese Garden.

"That's a 7-acre garden. It has 3 large pools filled with Koi fish and is beautifully

landscaped with plants native to Eastern Asia especially Japan. We have a lot of interesting structures in there as well. The whole environment is very authentic."

Steve thinks a visit to the garden is extremely uplifting.

"I love flowers. They are

absolutely beautiful. Their form, their shape, their colors, their fragrance. They make us feel good."

A mushroom (devil's cigar) emerged from roots of cedar elm trees in the garden. The state legislature named it the official mushroom of Texas. It opens up like a star.

FROM MY FRONT PORCH

70 Years is a lot of saddle time, even for a real cowboy

SAM HOUSTON

Sam Houston is the publisher of the Hood County News. He is also an actor, author, playwright, performer and entertainment producer/promoter.



Houston

It seems a lot of middle-aged folks reach a point where they think a change needs to happen in their life.

More and more people want to stop the life they are leading and reevaluate if the path they are on brings them joy. If, during their evaluation, the answer comes up "no" they make a complete pivot in their life. We all know someone who has been a career businessperson who resigns to go and teach or do volunteer work or spend time with perfecting their favorite art form.

Sometimes the change manifests itself in a change of location and a move across the country. Other times it may mean ending

a long-term personal or business relationship. While some people find themselves dissatisfied and wanting something else, a few are fortunate enough to find their peace at a young age and spend their life enjoying it.

Mike Craig started riding a horse just about the first day he could walk. His father, "Fat" Craig, was a horse trainer and it was only naturally Mike would share his love for horses. Fat was one of the first AQHA judges and a friend of Roy Rogers, who at the time was one of the greatest idols in America. I remember Mike telling of the time when he got to meet his father's friend and how the impression Roy made upon him was so impactful. Mike still idolizes Roy Rogers and the ideals Roy stood for, like kindness, fair play and honesty.

Mike showed horses as a youth and rode every time

he could and began learning how to train horses. "Fat" told Mike in no uncertain terms it was very hard to make a living training horses and he needed to go to school and "make something of himself."

Mike did just that. He got his degree and went to work in sales and was so successful it evolved into management in the food processing business. His affable nature and ability to resolve tough issues led to him having a national reputation for excellence. Mike often indicated a lot of what he knew about business he learned on the back of a horse.

"People are like horses ... they don't want to be bullied and forced to do things. A man can try and force his will on another, but in the long term it always fails. If instead we teach, and create a relationship based on trust, and a mutual understanding of what must be done and when to do it, the relationship becomes very special and lasts a long, long time."

While Mike climbed the executive ranks and man-

aged hundreds of people, he still had a training stable where he worked horses of an evening and on weekends. The business started small with just a horse or two, but because of Mike's talent with horses and people, he soon had a barn full. Mike rode every night, every Saturday, week after week and year after year. His sons Cory and David would eventually come ride with him, with Cory becoming a full-time professional trainer and partner. Later, the grandsons would also participate in the riding and barn chores.

There have not been many days in his life when Mike Craig was not on a horse. I hesitate to think of how many animals he has swung his leg over. Some were good stock, and some were complete "pickles," but Mike made each horse better, and usually their rider/owner too.

Mike is now in his 70s and this past week he told me he was sending home the last training horse he would ever ride. The training barn is still operating full steam as the

Craig name has quite a reputation in the horse industry, but Mike determined he is not going to ride anymore. He told me, "It is time. I have gotten to the point where I need to stop. I do not want to, but I know I should. It is something I have done nearly every day for over 70 years, and I do not regret a one of them. I feel like the horses may have taught me a whole lot more than what I ever taught them."

Few people find their love and passion and get to enjoy it for as many years as Mike. He is my friend. My dear friend, and one of the last of his kind. It matters little what his successes were in business, for Mike got to live his passion and be a cowboy. Being a cowboy is about the biggest compliment I can give a man. Mike, Roy Rogers would be proud of you! I know I am.

Thought for the day: You can tell a cowboy, but you can't tell him much!

Until next time...

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OBITUARIES



MARK COLLIN DAVIS
June 18, 1961 - July 8, 2021

Mark Collin Davis passed away on Thursday, July 8, 2021, at home after a brief illness. Memorial services will be

held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 31, 2021 at Hay Valley Baptist Church, 3110 Hay Valley Road, Gatesville, TX 76528. Mark was a man who loved life. He was born in Gatesville, on June 18, 1961 to the late 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 direc-

tor 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. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Curtis A. Davis, Jr. In addition to his wife, Rebecca, Mark is survived by his brother Gary J. Davis and wife, Sherri; mother-in-law, Carol Corley Nelson; broth-

ers-in-law, Tom E. Nelson III and John C. Nelson and wife, Kristen; many nieces, nephews, cousins and his beloved dogs, Jud and Duke. The family wishes to express their heartfelt gratitude to his many wonderful caregivers. May he rest in Peace. In lieu of flowers, Rebecca has designated that memorials be made to The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd (<https://gsaustin.org>); Gatesville Education Foundation to 311 S. Lovers Lane, Gatesville, TX 76528; Texas Parks & Wildlife Foundation - Priority Land Conservation Acquisitions (<https://tpwd.texas.gov>), or a charity of your choice. Rev. Keith Dyer will officiate the memorial service.



SAMUEL D. MEYER
July 11, 1951 - July 29, 2021

Samuel D Meyer, Jr., 70, of Gatesville, Tx, passed away on July 18, 2021 at his

home. Memorial services with full military honors are scheduled for 11 AM, Thursday, July 29, 2021 at the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Killeen. Samuel was born on July 11, 1951, in Lock Haven, PA, the son of the late Samuel D Meyer, Sr., and Dorothy (Lucas) Meyer. He graduated from Bald Eagle Nittany HS in 1969 and from Penn State Univ in 1999. Samuel married Ellen Snook on April 3, 2000. Samuel was a U.S. Army Veteran. He retired from the Army in June 1, 1994. After retirement, he returned to his hometown to graduate with a degree in Labor Relations from Penn State Univ. He enjoyed a second career as a civilian.

He and his wife Ellen then made their home in Temple, Texas eventually moving to Gatesville, TX where Samuel enjoyed planting fruit trees, growing a garden, and raising various farm animals. Along with his wife, Ellen Meyer, he is survived by mother, Dorothy Meyer; three sisters, Sandra (David) Workman of Bellefonte, Jo Ann (David) Williams of Loganton and Susan (John) Dotterer of Mill Hall; two brothers, Steven (Brenda) Meyer, Tim (Tammy) Meyer; and multiple nieces and nephews and his fur babies, Sophia and Bug. In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by a brother, Scott Meyer and his loyal fur baby Beau.



TIM YEAMAN
Aug. 8, 1950 - July 21, 2021

Tim Yeaman, age 70 of Seagoville, passed away on Wednesday, July 21, 2021 at

his home. Graveside services with military honors, will be held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 28, 2021 at Restland Cemetery in Gatesville, with Brian Parker officiating. Tim was born on August 8, 1950 in Ft. Worth, to Nettie Myers Yeaman and the late Rudolph Yeaman. He grew up in Natchez, Mississippi. He entered the U.S. Army in 1968 and served in Vietnam from 1969 to 1970 in the 25th Infantry Division, where he received the Bronze Star Medal and Purple Heart. He was honorably discharged as a Sergeant in 1971. He married the love of his life, Lorene McLeod in 1977. Tim worked for The Hockaday School for girls in

Dallas, from 1992 until his retirement in 2015. He was preceded in death by his wife, Lorene Yeaman in 2010; father, Rudolph Yeaman; father and mother-in-law, Willis G. and Hedwig McLeod; brother-in-law, Kenneth Thompson; nieces, Jessica McLeod, Amanda Thompson Carver; nephews, Randy Russell and Lucas Thompson. Tim is survived by his children, Krista Ochoa, Daniel Yeaman and wife, Jennifer; Robyn Yeaman; mother, Nettie Yeaman; brothers, Jeff Yeaman, Jay Yeaman; and three grandchildren, Scott Yeaman, William Yeaman and Torin Smith.



JOHN L. FREEMAN
Jan. 28, 1929 - July 17, 2021

John L. Freeman, age 92 of Comanche, formerly of Coryell County, passed away on Saturday, July 17, 2021 in Abilene. Graveside services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 21, 2021 at Pearl Cemetery, with Pastor Preston Atkinson officiating. Johnny was born on Janu-

ary 28, 1929 in Gatesville, to the late C.E. (Charley) and Edith Walker Freeman. He graduated from Pearl High School in 1946. Shortly after high school, he entered the U.S. Navy, serving four years until being honorably discharged. He was a farmer and rancher for many years. He also owned apartments in Gatesville and Copperas Cove, until retiring. He has resided in Comanche for the last several years.

He was preceded in death by his parents and wife, Mary. Johnny is survived by a daughter, Kim Holden and husband, Billy; son, Steve Freeman; sisters, Dolious Williamson, Inez Arnold; grandson, Quade Holden; three nephews and one niece.

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body or the church where service will be held. You must provide the contact info for verification when submitting the obituary. The deadline for obituaries is 10 a.m. Monday for the Wednesday paper, and 10 a.m. Thursday for the Saturday paper. Deadlines are subject to change during holidays.

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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.

c/o: David E. Old
22114 Avalon Street
St. Clair Shores, Michigan
48080

DATED the 21st day of July, 2021.

Dori Ray Mystic
Attorney for David E. Old
State Bar No.: 04091800
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Copperas Cove, Texas 76522
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c/o: Jennifer Evans Harper
Estate of William Allen Beasley
38 Crescent View Court
The Woodlands, Texas 77381

DATED the 21st day of July, 2021.

Dori Ray Mystic
Attorney for Jennifer Evans Harper
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Oglesby football players Coltin Brock, Nash Shaw, Ian Markum and Davin Burrow.



Tigers play in coaches all-star games

The Oglesby Tigers had four football players and three basketball players participate in the Texas High School Coaches All-Star games last week in San Antonio as part of coaching school.

Caitlyn Hoskins played in the girls basketball game. Gunnar Schulz was in the boys basketball game. Coltin Brock, Nash Shaw, Ian Markum and Davin Burrow represented the Tigers in football.

McKinnah Herrings and

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Brian Strazza putts Friday during a round of golf at the Gatesville Country Club.

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Solution for the puzzle that ran July 24.
(PUZZLE NO. 07)

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1	7	2	9	4	8	5	3	6
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improve habitat conditions. Many people hear the word fire and immediately associate this as a negative implication on the landscape, however contrary to many media sources, fire has been used throughout history. Native Americans benefited from and used fire as it rolled across the landscape and provided many ecological benefits to various ecosystems.

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Prescribed fire provides many ecological benefits such as deterring woody vegetation growth, improving and restoring native grasslands and rangelands, and reducing fuel loads on a property, which diminishes wildfire potential.

Woody vegetation encroachment provides a large obstacle, when trying to restore or maintain a native grassland or rangeland. Fire helps to deter the growth of woody species, like cedar

trees, while also promoting the native grass and forb species (excellent foliage for various wildlife) found in an area.

With the promotion of grasses and forbs, habitat can be converted and maintained to grasslands or rangelands. This type of habitat supports numerous wildlife species like quail, turkey, and deer. Incorporating a fire regime also helps to diminish the fuel load on the property.

With the absence of fire, vegetation grows into thickets and raises the potential of a wildfire. However, with the use of prescribed fire, the amount of combustible fuel on a landscape is reduced and prevents the likelihood of a catastrophic wildfire. These ecological benefits to prescribed fire help biologists and landowners to better manage and improve the habitat on their properties.

While there are many benefits to prescribed fire, it is

important to conduct these operations in a safe and efficient manner. Contacting a local biologist and discussing your property is the first and most important step. Biologists from Quail Forever, TPWD, Texas Forest Service (TFS) and other entities can help assist landowners with prescribed fire, as well as helping with some of the financial costs. With the help of a biologist, landowners can plan and implement prescribed fire regimes throughout their properties, allowing for the habitat value and wildlife productivity to increase exponentially.

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INSIDE HUNTING

When fire helps the ecology to regenerate *Prescribed burns a necessity in managing hunting land*

WILLIAM BURKHEAD

William Burkhead is a wildlife biologist for a conservation organization called Quail Forever. He works with Texas Parks and Wildlife promoting a program that increases public hunting land by leasing privately-owned properties.

Carrying a drip torch full of a healthy mix of gasoline and diesel, I walked the perimeter of a burn area on the Gus Engeling Wildlife Management Area (WMA).

The landscape across the WMA was a mosaic of smoldering vegetation, with few pockets untouched by the fire.

The scorching hot summer permitted my college intern with Texas Parks and Wildlife to experience a frequently used habitat management technique in a wildlife biologist's toolbelt ... prescribed fire.

With the help of numerous TPWD biologists throughout the area, we covered hundreds of acres on the WMA, setting back the successional process of the Post Oak Savannah habitat. The prescribed fire helped to deter eastern red cedar growth, while also promoting the native grass and forb species (excellent foliage for various wildlife) found in the area.

While wildfires may consume parts of the western United States, prescribed fire is a tool utilized by wildlife biologists and other conservation professionals to help



FIRE MANAGEMENT: A recent prescribed fire burns on the Gus Engeling Wildlife Management Area.

COURTESY PHOTO BY WILLIAM BURKHEAD

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SPORTS SHORTS

SOFTBALL TOURNEY

The Gatesville Recreation Department is accepting adult softball teams for the annual Marshall Day Memorial Tournament.

The tournament will be held Aug. 2-3 at the city's ball fields.

Entry fee is \$375 for teams for the tournament which includes registration for the 10-game adult softball league.

For more information contact Seth Phillips at 254 535-4794.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Gatesville Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament will be Saturday, Aug. 7 at the Gatesville Country Club.

The four-person scramble tournament begins with a noon shotgun start.

Entry fee is \$100 per player and \$400 per team.

The fee includes a meal.

There will be also a silent auction.

Prizes and contests will be included for closest to the pin and longest drive.

Proceeds will be used for further expanding the services and resources the local chamber provides its members.

For more information contact Gatesville Country Club at 254-865-6917 or the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce at 254-865-2617.

GATESVILLE CAMPS

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

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

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

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

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

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

POOL TIME

The Gatesville city swimming pool is offering season passes for \$70 that include up to four family members. Additional family members can be added for \$10 a piece.

Daily passes are \$3 per patron.

The city pool hours are noon to 6 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays, the pool hours are noon to 10 p.m.

Sunday hours are 1 to 6 p.m.

The pool is open throughout the summer.

FLAG FOOTBALL

The Gatesville Youth Flag Football League will take registration from Aug. 12-Sept. 9.

Cost is \$45 per team.

Draft for the league is Sept. 12-19. The season starts Oct. 9.

The league is for youths from five years of age through the sixth grade.

"Real cowboys still ride horses. I appreciate the tradition of the cowboy and rodeo."

JERRY SEGRAVES



MARK GOODSON | THE GATESVILLE MESSANGER

ON THE FENCE: Jerry Segraves and Joby Mooney are board members for the Gatesville Riding Club.

'Real cowboys still ride horses' *Gatesville rodeo bucks out of the gate Thursday*

BY MARK GOODSON
Sports Editor

Thursday July 29 kicks off the three-day festivities at the 84th annual Gatesville Riding Club Rodeo.

For Gatesville's Jerry Segraves it will mark the fourth straight year that he has been a board member with the Gatesville Riding Club, the organization that has run the show in recent years.

"Real cowboys still ride horses," said Segraves, who spends a lot of his time on tractors and horseback.

Rodeo is still strong in Texas and in the Segraves family.

"I appreciate the tradition of the cowboy and rodeo," he said.

Segraves granddaughter Marin is a member of the local Riding Club. The 13-year-old and 11-year-old Kaylee are both accomplished riders.

The club includes riders of all

ages, up to some more than 60 years of age.

The riding club's riders are from Harker Heights, Clifton, Jonesboro and Gatesville.

Special events include Military Appreciation night on Thursday, Back the Blue on Friday and First Responder Recognition on Saturday.

Tickets are \$10 and kids from six to 12 are \$5. Kids five and under get in free.