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Federal funds may help build county center

County Judge proposal allocates \$6 million of American Rescue Plan Act money

BY KRISTEN MERIWETHER
Staff Writer

At the corner of East Leon Street and South Fifth Street sits an expansive vacant lot. A set of stairs and a cracked driveway are all that remain of the former Foxworth-Galbraith Lumber store that used

to sit on the property.

All that adorns the parcel now is overgrown grass and the occasional trash blowing through. But in the coming years it could house a new Coryell County government building.

In April 2019 Coryell County Commissioners began working

with Southwest Architects Inc. to design a new jail and what was then called a new "Justice Center."

Voters overwhelmingly rejected the new jail earlier this year, but the second building, now referred to as the "Coryell County new government building" is still in the planning phases.

Coryell County Judge Roger Miller proposed allocating \$6 million of the \$14.7 million in American Rescue Plan Act money the county received to partially fund the proj-

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County Commissioners have approved changes to health-care plans it offers to its workers. **PAGE 2**

The court would have to approve the design, vote to move forward with the project and fund it before anything would be built.

At Monday's Commissioners Court meeting Jeff Heffelfinger, president of Southwest Architects Inc., discussed the latest design for the building. The updates came after meeting with each department planning to use the new building to ensure it would fit their needs.

ect. A total cost for the project has not been established and a final proposed budget for the ARPA funds or the county has not been submitted.

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Radio tower lights go dark

County to pay for emergency repairs

BY KRISTEN MERIWETHER
Staff Writer

Warning lights for the Coryell County Radio tower have completely failed leading the county to use emergency funds to pay for the repair.

The 460-foot radio tower on the east end of town near Highway 36 serves the Coryell County Sheriff's Office, Coryell County and Gatesville Fire Department and the Gatesville Police Department and Emergency Medical Services.

The red and white warning lights on the top and sides of the tower are required by the Federal Aviation Administration to warn air-

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COURTESY PHOTO

THE OILD SCHOOL: The Gatesville school building was built in 1914 at a cost of \$20,745 from a design drawn by architect Charles Page.

Local non-profit offering mortgage assistance

BY KRISTEN MERIWETHER
Staff Writer

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs awarded local non-profit Families in Crisis, Inc. a \$529,650 Housing Stability Service Grant on July 23, according to a list provided by Gov. Greg Abbott's office.

Coryell County residents who are behind on mortgage payments due to the impacts of COVID could be eligible for assistance. To qualify:

- The property must be in Coryell, Bell or Lampasas counties
- The property must be your primary residence
- Your household must be at or below 80% Area Median Income
- Your mortgage is at or below

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PIECE OF HISTORY: The cornerstone from the old school is now on display inside the recently renovated Gatesville High School

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"Incorporating the 1914 cornerstone was important to us as a district because we wanted to honor our past."

BARRETT POLLARD
GISD superintendent

Piece of Gatesville history finds a corner in new high school

BY DAVID SCOTT
Staff Writer

Tucked away in a warehouse sat a piece of Gatesville history: the cornerstone of the original school built in 1914.

Shortly after the school was demolished, the stone was given to officials at the Gatesville Independent School District as a token. Fast forward nearly half a century later — as the school district expands facilities at the high school — this remnant of the past finds a home in the present.

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COUNTY WIDE

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 mu-

sic, a live and silent auction and a cornhole 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 the meetings. You may enroll online at <http://www.GriefShare.org> or in-person at the first meeting. There will be a fee of \$15 for the workbook. For more details call the church office at 254-865-2014.

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. Luterloh Ave.

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 Sat-

urday, 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.

Adjusted hours for Boys & Girls Club facility

Due to a positive case of COVID-19 at the Boys & Girls Club, the facility will have altered hours and arrangements for those parents who have to work. They would like to remind parents and students of the following plan:

- The teen center is closed until Aug. 12 as most teens can stay at home by themselves, so the facility will only be open for grades 1st to 6th.
- If you have other options for your children or if

you don't work, please do not send your children at this time.

- Because the Club is currently low on staff, all remaining field trips will be cancelled.
- The school will NOT be serving breakfast or lunch to the Club the first three days of August, so they are asking that parent's send breakfast and a sack lunch with their child for on those days.
- The Club will be closed August 5th to 11th for training and club cleanup.



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BUILDING LOT: The new county center will be built on this open lot on the corner of East Leon Street and South Fifth Street.

MORTGAGE

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150% Fair Market Rent

- Your loan is from an eligible lender (rent to own or private loans are not eligible)
- The mortgage is in a first or second lien position
- The first lien mortgage was not funded with a federal, state or local government funds

The program will pay up to four months of past-due payments and two months of future payments. For information and to be screened, residents are urged to call 254-634-1184.

Families In Crisis, Inc. was established in 1980 and serves survivors of family/sexual violence, veterans and their families and the homeless and at-risk for homelessness populations. Services include emergency safe shelter for survivors of family/sexual violence, transitional and permanent housing assistance, crisis intervention counseling, case management, 24-hour hotline, hospital accompaniment, provision of food, clothing, personal care items, and household items, support groups, life skills classes and information and referrals.

COUNTY

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The plans showed the first floor housing a modern courtroom with a jury box and gallery for the Justice of the Peace as well as Commissioners Court. Rooms for election equipment, counting, and early voting were drawn in on the other side of the lobby. Offices for county administration officials including the commissioners, the county trea-

surer and the auditor were adjacent to the court. The sub-basement included the Department of Public Safety, the game warden, the brand inspector, the Office of Emergency Management, and a new central dispatch. In an effort to protect people in the courtrooms, visitors would have to pass through a full security station to access the building. Heffelfinger pointed out the space was designed with growth in mind. There

are double the spaces for central dispatch, additional clerks for the Justice of the Peace and an office for a voter administration official — a job that doesn't exist yet but likely will as the county grows. As currently designed, the building would take up nearly every inch of the parcel, although Heffelfinger said he would be tweaking the design over the next few weeks in an effort to shave some square footage. There would be 39 park-

ing spaces in a secure lot in the back of the building, and an additional 54 spots in a proposed lot across East Leon Street. A building would need to be demolished to accommodate the additional lot. All four of the commissioners nodded their approval during Monday's workshop, although no action was taken on the project. Heffelfinger is expected to bring final plans back over the next few weeks for approval from the court.

County approves changes to employee health plan

BY KRISTEN MERIWETHER
Staff Writer

Coryell County Commissioners voted unanimously to eliminate one of two options for county employee health insurance Tuesday. Eligible county employees were offered "Preferred" and "High" plans. The preferred plan requires employees to see in-network doctors and the premium is fully paid by the county. The high plan allowed employees to see out-of-network doctors but additional premium costs were paid by the employee. Prior to the vote, Commissioner Daren Moore asked if anyone had received feedback on the proposed changes. County Judge Roger Miller said he had heard from a few people who weren't

pleased, but said the policy change would impact very few employees. According to County Treasurer Randi McFarlin, 181 of the county's roughly 225 employees receive health insurance benefits. Of those 69 had elected to use the "High" plan. The numbers do not include dependents. The commissioners voted unanimously approve the change which will take effect on Oct. 1, 2021 and extend through Sept. 30, 2022. This is the second change to the county health benefits this year. Earlier this month the commissioners voted to reduce the amount the county pays for dependent premiums from 70% to 60%. That change will also go into effect Oct. 1, 2021 and extend through Sept. 30, 2022.

TOWER

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craft. The tower was down to just functioning white lights and the county commissioners were looking into next year's budget to pay for the repairs. But now that the white lights have also stopped working, emergency repairs are required to avoid a fine by the F.A.A. There were no funds allocated for this repair in the current budget so the commissioners will need to find the extra \$28,700 for the repairs. "Whatever it takes to make it work, I think it's important to get it," Commissioner Daren Moore said at Tuesday's Commissioner's Court meeting. County Auditor Ben Roberts was not at Tuesday's meeting. The court voted unanimously to approve a motion to address the



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OLD LIGHTS: This light, which used lightbulbs, sat atop the original 290-foot tower.

replacement of the lights as an emergency expenditure. Where the money will come from will be decided by Roberts at the next Commissioners Court meeting. Once the funding is secured, the lights could be replaced as early as September 1.

State offers free vaccine education for Coryell County groups

BY KRISTEN MERIWETHER
Staff Writer

The Texas Department of Health Services is offering free COVID vaccine outreach and education to communities or groups in Coryell County. The presentations discuss how the vaccine was developed, possible side effects and vaccine myths. The program is intended to answer questions for workplaces, churches or community groups. According to DSHS data less than 30% of Coryell County residents have been fully vaccinated. This

data does not include vaccinations reported at Darnall Army Medical Center at Fort Hood. As of Tuesday the hospitalization rate for Trauma Service Area L, which includes Coryell County, is at 12.1%. When the area reaches 15% it is considered a high hospitalization rate. Residents wishing to receive a presentation can email HSR7.liaison@dshs.texas.gov or call 254-778-6744.

SCHOOL

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"Incorporating the 1914 cornerstone was important to us as a district because we wanted to honor our past," said GISD superintendent, Barrett Pollard. The cornerstone can now be viewed on a wall across the hall from the high

school's auditorium. **WALK DOWN HISTORY** When the 1914 high school was dedicated, George W. Harris was the superintendent and he decided to let the senior class of 1914 lay the cornerstone of the new building. Robert W. Brown was president of the senior class and Henry Straw represented the

class in an elaborate dedication service Oct. 9, 1914. The school cost \$20,745 to build, according to a Coryell County scrapbook by Mildred Mears. A bond had been issued for \$25,000, and what was left for the construction of the school went to buy equipment. Charles Henry Page was the architect in charge and Johnson Construction built

the structure. **IMMIGRANT'S SON** The architect, Charles Page, was the son of an English immigrant stone mason. The family moved to Texas so the elder Page could work on the construction of the Texas State Capitol building. Charles was 10 years old. The young stone mason's son worked for several archi-

ters as an apprentice before setting out on his own at 17. He and a brother started Page Brothers Architects in 1898. They became one of the leading firms in Texas specializing in public projects such as schools and court-houses. Today, many of the structures the brothers built are listed on the National Reg-

ister of Historic Places. The Gatesville school was demolished before it could make the list. A new high school was built in 1959, with the old school used until the mid 1960s. In 1974 the old "derelict school building" made way for apartments and homes.



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New website aims to show property owners how taxes are distributed

BY KRISTEN MERIWETHER
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The Coryell County Tax Assessor/Collector will mail out postcards on Aug. 2 to all property owners in the county with information on a new website that will show

residents how their taxes are distributed.

The website (coryell.county-taxrates.com) allows property owners to type in their address and see the proposed tax rates for each taxing unit. In Gatesville, those units would be the City of Gatesville, Cory-

ell County, Gatesville ISD and Middle Trinity Groundwater Conservation District.

The website gives historical tax data going back five years, gives a breakdown of the rate at each proposed breakdown and a total of taxes due at each proposed rate.

"I think it will be an educational and informative site for the taxpayer," Coryell County Tax Assessor Collector Justin Carothers said in a phone interview Wednesday. "They will be able to see the process from beginning to end and how that directly affects their property."

Every taxing unit is currently in the middle of determining and proposing their tax rate so data may not be available yet. But as the rates are proposed the website will be updated. Information on public hearings are also included on the new website

Property owners unable to attend public meetings on proposed tax rates can provide feedback directly on the website. Comments can be submitted to individual taxing units and owners can submit an up or down support of the proposal.

The DISPATCH

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through 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 23

10:00 a.m., a threat was reported in the 100 block of Avenue C.
3:15 p.m., a vehicle fire was reported in the 200 block of CR 330.
4:03 p.m., an accident was reported in the 100 block of Memorial Drive.
4:39 p.m., animal cruelty was reported in the 2300 block of Business Hwy. 36.
10:16 p.m., a noise disturbance was reported in the 200 block of Ash Drive.

JULY 24

4:17 p.m., a theft was reported in the 200 block of River Place West.
5:11 p.m., animal cruelty was reported in the 2800 block of Powell Drive.
6:36 p.m., racing vehicles were reported in the 3400 block of E. Main Street.
7:15 p.m., a theft was reported in the 1800 block of Hampton Road.
8:21 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1500 block of Golf Course Road.

JULY 25

4:42 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of Old Pidcoke Road.
11:12 p.m., an accident was reported in the 100 block of N. State Hwy. 36 Bypass.
12:06 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 1700 block of St. Louis Street.
1:21 p.m., a theft was reported in the 400 block of S. 6th Street.
3:29 p.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 5000 block of S. Hwy. 36.

JULY 26

5:15 a.m., a structure fire was reported in the 2800 block of S. State Hwy. 36.
8:44 a.m., a theft was reported in the 2200 block of E. Main Street.
12:40 p.m. welfare concern was reported in the 100 block of N. 28th Street.
4:30 p.m., a utility pole was reported down in the 1400 block of Woodville Drive.
6:46 p.m., suspicious activity

was reported in the 3300 block of E. Main Street.

JULY 27

8:09 a.m., a disturbance was reported in the 3400 block of Empress Drive.
10:51 a.m., welfare concern was reported in the 300 block of Old Pidcoke Road.
4:17 p.m., a theft was reported in the 2500 block of Oak Drive.
6:48 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 200 block of State School Road.

pute was reported in the 3300 block of FM 1113.
3:06 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 100 block of Mansell Drive.
6:35 p.m., shots fired was reported in the 500 block of FM 2955.

JULY 25

9:27 a.m., a theft was reported in the 500 block E. Leon Street.
10:14 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the

1900 block of N. FM 116.
3:32 p.m., a major accident was reported on N. Hwy. 36 between CR 194 and CR 196.
5:08 p.m., welfare concern was reported in the 6600 block of FM 215.
8:17 p.m., an out of control child was reported in the 1300 block of CR 137.

JULY 26

7:33 a.m., a major accident was reported in the 900 block of FM 1996.

4:30 p.m., a license plate was reported stolen in the 2100 block of N. FM 116.
5:21 p.m., animal neglect was reported in the 2600 block of E. FM 931.
5:54 p.m., a reckless driver was reported at the intersection of E. Hwy. 84 and CR 306.
9:10 p.m., a controlled burn was reported in the 100 block of Harrell Drive.

JULY 27

6:49 a.m., an animal com-

plaint was reported in the 500 block of CR 127.
9:02 a.m., a structure fire was reported in the 1400 block of E. Main Street.
9:30 a.m., illegal dumping was reported in the 900 block of Cedar Mountain Road.
1:15 p.m., a fire call was reported in the 10000 block of FM 116.
7:13 p.m., welfare concern was reported at Bushes Chicken.

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7:40 p.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 400 block of S. 8th Street.

CORYELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

JULY 23

7:41 a.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 100 block of 2nd Street.
1:33 p.m., a reckless driver was reported on N. Hwy. 36.
3:22 p.m., unauthorized use of a vehicle was reported in the 2900 block of CR 318.
6:49 p.m., a minor accident was reported on FM 116, one mile from Sierra Vista.
10:18 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 1900 block of FM 1783.

JULY 24

1:50 a.m., a stranded motorist was reported at the intersection of N. Hwy. 36 and Moccasin Bend Road.
6:53 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported at the intersection of FM 931 and CR 321.
1:29 p.m., a neighbor dis-

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET

The Coryell Central Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget for the 2022 fiscal year. The public hearing will be held on August 11, 2021 at 9:05am at 207 S. 3rd Street, Suite 200, Copperas Cove, Texas 76522.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget:	\$1,074,036
The total amount of increase over the current year's budget.	\$76,209
The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget.	11
The number of employees compensated under the current budget.	10

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

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May 2 was one of the best, most humbling days of my life! To ANYONE who volunteered their time, donated auction items, purchased auction items, volunteered their musical talents, participated in the cornhole tournament, purchased a T-shirt, donated money, but most of all, came to hang out and visit and enjoy the beautiful day! I really enjoyed seeing so many people I haven't seen in so long!

The hugs were the BEST!!

Once again, the community of Gatesville showed up for three neighbors in need and I am so grateful and blessed to be a recipient of your kindness!

We are forever grateful!

Cindy Ament Venable and family

CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

Texas Workforce Commission announces job surge

BY GARY BORDERS

The Texas Workforce Commission released June employment figures that showed Texas employers added nearly 56,000 jobs in June, while the unemployment rate dropped to 6.5%.

"The Texas economy is booming," Gov. Greg Abbott said in a statement. "Businesses are investing in the Lone Star State at a record pace because we've built a framework that allows free enterprise to flourish and hardworking Texans to prosper."

TWC's latest statistics show that the leisure and hospitality industry led all others in job growth, adding more than 19,000 jobs. Education and health services employment ranked second, adding 9,500 jobs in June.

Texas Democrats still holed up in D.C.

More than 50 Texas Democratic legislators remain holed up in a Washington, D.C. hotel, blocking an effort by Republicans to pass more restrictive voting laws during the present special session since state law requires at least 100 reps to have a quorum.

The legislators have been meeting with national Democratic leaders, such as Vice President Kamala Harris, but also dealing with an outbreak of COVID-19 among its members, according to KUT. At least a half dozen legislators, who say they were already vaccinated, have tested positive for the virus while in the nation's capital.

The legislators are pushing for federal voting legislation, called the For the People Act, which has already passed the U.S. House but remains bottled up in the Senate. Without changes to the Senate filibuster rule, passage seems unlikely.

The special session in Austin ends Aug. 7, but Abbott has vowed to call another one if the Democrats remain absent, effectively stopping any legislation from passing.

PUC, ERCOT update consumers on grid reliability

In a joint press conference last Thursday, the chairman of the Public Utility Commission and the interim CEO of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas outlined steps their organizations are taking to improve electric grid reliability during the dog days of summer.

The PUC oversees ERCOT, which is responsible for maintaining the electric grid. ERCOT has drawn heat after the widespread blackouts during the February winter storm, and subsequently pleading for less energy consumption during an early summer heat wave.

"We expect there is sufficient generation to meet summer 2021 electric demand; however, there may be times when we will call on customers to conserve just as other grid operators across the country and around the world do. It's just another tool in the toolbox," Brad Jones, ERCOT interim CEO, said. "In response to a conservation notice, Texans may need to take some simple steps for a limited duration - such as doing laundry in the morning or running the pool pump at night instead of the afternoon - to ensure grid reliability."

Abbott recently issued executive orders directing the PUC and ERCOT to improve grid reliability. Critics say the measures passed in the last regular session to address the issue fall short of what is needed to ensure another grid failure doesn't occur.

As cases rise, new pop-up vaccine sites announced

COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations are on the rise again in Texas, largely spurred by the highly contagious Delta variant. The Texas Department of State Health Services is again hitting the road to encourage folks to get vaccinated.

Rates of those who are fully inoculated continue to lag, particularly in younger populations. DSHS will hold 18 pop-up events at Walmart locations across the state to talk with parents and families about the importance of vaccination for younger Texans as they prepare for next school year and as the Delta variant spreads more widely in Texas.

The DSHS pop-ups last four hours each day and will travel around the state through the first week of August. The events feature a 16-foot video wall, a "Take the Shot" basketball game,



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CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS: The Texas State Capital at nighttime.

and free frozen treats. COVID-19 cases the past week in Texas continue to rise sharply, up 60% from the previous week, when cases nearly doubled. A total of 36,451 cases were reported by the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University along with 190

deaths, flat compared to the previous week. However, hospitalizations continue to spike, with DSHS reporting 4,137 lab-confirmed COVID-19 patients in Texas, up more than 30 percent from the previous week.

The number of Texans fully vaccinated rose slightly

to 12.51 million, about 43 percent of the state's population. As the Delta variant spreads, the state's positivity rate has exceeded 10% for the first time since February.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

Form 50-874

This notice only applies only to a taxing unit other than a special taxing unit or municipality with a population of less than 30,000, regardless of whether it is a special taxing unit.

A tax rate of \$.5800 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of the City of Gatesville.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$.5800 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$.5397 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$.5433 per \$100
DE MINIMIS RATE	\$.5405 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2021 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for the City of Gatesville from the same properties in both the 2020 tax year and the 2021 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that the City of Gatesville may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate, unless the de minimis rate for the City of Gatesville exceeds the voter-approval rate for the City of Gatesville.

The de minimis rate is the rate equal to the sum of the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate for the City of Gatesville the rate that will raise \$500,000, and the current debt rate for the City of Gatesville.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the voter-approval tax rate and the de minimis rate. If the City of Gatesville adopts the proposed tax rate, the City of Gatesville is required to hold an election so that the voters may accept or reject the proposed rate. If a majority of the voters reject the proposed tax rate, the tax rate of the City of Gatesville will be the voter-approval rate of the City of Gatesville.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON August 10, 2021 at 5:30 pm at Gatesville City Council Chambers, 110 N. 8th St., Gatesville TX

The election will be held on 11-02-2021. You may contact the Coryell County Tax Assessor Collector for information about voting locations. The hours of voting on election day are 7:00 am - 7:00 pm

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE TAX RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

$$\text{Property tax amount} = (\text{tax rate}) \times (\text{taxable value of your property}) / 100$$

(List names of all members of the governing body below, showing how each voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase or, if one or more were absent, indicating absences.)

FOR the proposal: Claude Williams, Barbara Burrow, Meredith Rainer, Billy Sinyard, Greg Casey, Jack Doyle

AGAINST the proposal: _____

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The 86th Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by CITY OF GATESVILLE last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by CITY OF GATESVILLE this year.

	2020	2021	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.5600	\$0.5800	3.57% increase
Average homestead taxable value	\$115,975	\$125,076	7.84% increase
Tax on average homestead	\$649	\$725	11.71% increase
Total tax levy on all properties	\$2,226,689	\$2,429,235	9.09% increase

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for CITY OF GATESVILLE at 254-248-3144 or TAC@CORYELLTAX.COM, or visit WWW.CORYELLCOUNTYTAX.COM.

City Council sets fall election for November 2

BY KRISTEN MERIWETHER
Staff Writer

At Tuesday's meeting the Gatesville City Council ap-

proved November 2 as the date for the fall elections. Three council members will be eligible for reelection: Claude Williams: Ward 1,

Place 1 (elected Nov. 2020) Meredith Rainer: Ward 1, Place 3 (elected Nov. 2015) Greg Casey: Ward 2, Place 5 (elected Nov. 2019)

Council members serve two year terms but there is no limit to the number of terms they can serve. Residents wishing to run

for city council can apply in person at Gatesville City Hall with the City Secretary by August 16, 2021 at 5 p.m. Early voting for the elec-

tion will be October 18-22 and October 25-29. The general election will be Nov. 2 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

MOUND NEWS

Birthday bashes, a baby shower, hot dogs, fishing the tank

BY BARBARA HOPSON

Miss Anna Grace McPherson was honored on her 13th birthday with a Birthday Bash Thursday and Friday including camping, swimming, games and more given by her parents, Mark and Kelli McPherson. Those attending were family and friends.

Chelsea, Barton and Sterlynn Johnson were honored with a baby shower at the Fort Gates Water Annex in Gatesville Saturday. Hostesses were Sue Jones, Holly Jones, Judy Cullar, Tammy Shoaf, Beverly Jones, Kelly Saunders, Pam Hopson, Cherie Tatum, Tam-

my Barnett, Virginia Parrish, Gloria Davidson, Katy Smith and Lori Edens.

Bruce and Suzy Cox have returned home from a trip to Denver to visit their daughter and son-in-law. While there, they visited Royal Gorge and walked across the



Hopson

highest suspension bridge in the United States. They also drove up Guanella Pass to fish and hike. The weather was beautiful and the food was good especially at Little

Man Ice Cream.

Sara, Jaryn and Lyndi Poynter have returned home after a week exciting trip to Riviera Maya, Mexico. They enjoyed an all inclusive resort and taking excursions where they snorkeled toured a cave, and visited Senotes beautiful white sand. Lots of palm trees lined the beach at their resort. They enjoyed a full week of family fun time and lots of laughter.

Mrs. Gracie Ford, Billy Bob Ford, Brett, Annie, Gracyn and Hudson May visited Saturday afternoon for a hot dog cook out at the home of Cheryl Ford. Afterwards, they went to the tank to fish. Gary and Debbie Keeton

visited Friday in Gatesville at the home of Sue Magee.

Mrs. Doris Hoff and her son, Bert Hoff, of Gatesville and Martha Lawhorn attended Ronnie Viss's birthday party Sunday afternoon in Belton.

Rayland and Shirley Hamilton of Chandler spent a few days with Ray and John Stephens.

Emma Blakley went Saturday afternoon to Fredericksburg.

Carolyn Blakley and Valerie Ferrell had lunch in Gatesville Friday.

Carolyn and Emma Blakley had lunch together in Gatesville Wednesday.

Theresa Kinnear and Sue

Jones took Debbie Piller to Wimberly Wednesday for her birthday for lunch and shopping.

Coby Jones spent a few days visiting with Don and Sue Jones, Case and Kristen Jones, Scott, Kelby and Sterlin Shults.

Mitchell Jackson of Dallas came by Saturday afternoon to visit with Sue Jones.

Don and Sue Jones had lunch Sunday at a local restaurant with Larry, Barton, Chelsea and Sterlynn Johnson, Brad Deats, Doug and Peggy Davidson.

OBITUARIES



DAVID O. WATSON

July 30, 1940 - July 25, 2021

David O. Watson, age 80, of Gatesville, passed away Sunday, July 25, 2021 at his residence. Services are scheduled for 3 PM, Thursday, July 29, 2021 at Scott's Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Weaver Chapel Cemetery. The family will receive visitors from 5 to 7 PM Wednesday, July 28, 2021 at the funeral home.

David O. Watson was born in Gatesville on July 30, 1940 to W.J. and Ruth (Yows) Watson. Cotton, as he was fondly nicknamed for his white hair, grew up in Jonesboro where he was blessed with a large extended family and many cousins that were also close friends. David graduated in 1958 from Jonesboro School. His childhood consisted of working on the farm with his father, Boy Scouts, showing animals, and numerous sports. David, along with his

parents and sister Wanda, were members of Jonesboro Baptist Church.

Cotton retired from Fort Hood in 1999 after 29 years of civil service, where he received multiple awards. After retiring from D.P.W., David worked with Bill Roberts and Randy Bartlett completing small construction jobs throughout the community. Cotton is remembered being happiest spending time with friends, gardening, fishing, attending car shows, riding

motorcycles, and going on camping trips to Big Bend.

He was preceded in death by parents and nephew Keith Chilton.

David is survived by wife Gwen (Rainer) Watson of 57 years; sister, Wanda (Watson) Chilton and husband, Harold; sons, Joe Dan Watson and wife, Darlena, Jim Watson and wife, Kristi, Mike Hoover and wife, Brenda; nephews, Heath, and Blake Chilton and wife, Sarah; grandchildren, Julia (Wat-

son) Dailey and husband, Rowdy, Garrett and partner Morgan, Jerid, Jimmie, Brody and fiancé, Ricki, Emily and Kari Watson and fiancé, T.J.; great-grandchildren, Zailynn and Paizlynn Watson.

Memorials can be made to Mound Cowboy Church, P. O. Box 103, Mound, Texas 76558, Weaver Chapel Cemetery, 3470 CR 108, Gatesville, Texas 76528 or Bluebonnet Health Services, 307 Londonderry, Waco, Texas 76712.

FROM MY FRONT PORCH

In contemplation of the nap

My three-year-old granddaughter has mixed feelings about the necessity and appropriateness of her afternoon nap.

On most ordinary days, where she has been playing around the house, having fun on the swing set, or going with her mom to and from the store, she is a little hesitant about taking a nap.

Seems like she fears she might miss out on something, or she wants to spend her time exploring the world around her rather than lay down and rest. On the other hand, if she has been swimming or gone up and down the deck steps to the lake 50 times to feed "her ducks", she might be worn out and then simply eat her lunch, crawl into bed and crash while our dog Jax lays on the pillow with her.

SAM HOUSTON

Houston is a newspaper executive and columnist. He is also an actor, author, playwright and entertainment producer and promoter.



Houston

When the little ones have burned up a lot of energy, they cannot fight off the need for sleep and they simply

surrender. Us old guys are a completely different story. We seldom pass up the op-

portunity to nap.

While at a party this past Saturday, I was sitting on the back porch of a dear friend's home, and three of us older men got into a discussion about naps. All of us have blown past the age of 60.

Long gone are the days when we fought to stay awake or resist a chance to catch a few zzz's.

I was commenting on how nice the surrounding yard looked, and one fella explained he had mowed the grass that very day and then started to weed eat. The weed eater was being contrary, and he spent 20 minutes or more fighting the machine trying to get it to run.

He kept asking himself, "aren't you smarter than this weed eater, and can't you figure this out?" but it was to no avail. With the humidity high in the air, he managed to work himself into a lather.

He saw the porch swing nearby and proceeded to take advantage of the shade and its gentle rocking motion. He claimed that when he sat down, it was merely to cool off, but a light breeze blew across his face and the swing rocked gently back and forth, and the next thing he knew he was gone ... sound asleep.

When his wife walked by the swing, she announced loudly, "you know you fell asleep in that swing, don't ya?"

His only response was, "Of course not, I am merely resting my eyes". He then admitted how easy it was to nap on that swing but confided that if he were really intent on taking an afternoon nap, he got himself hooked up to his CPAP machine so he could do some "serious damage" — meaning sleep for 45 minutes or more.

My other friend confided he also liked naps on his porch swing, but stated he



All I know is my two friends sure make naps sound good and something to look forward to when I join them in retirement.

had a standing appointment to nap each day at 2 p.m. — no matter what was going on. He simply stops and takes a nap.

He even created a game, called "Nap Roulette". Each day when he lays down for his nap, he writes down the exact time his head hits the pillow. When he awakes, he immediately looks at the clock, and does the math to determine how many minutes he has been asleep. When he finally hits the exact same number of minutes that he has recorded from a previous nap, he has won!

He never did tell me what the prize was for Nap Rou-

lette, but I get the feeling the pleasure is in the participation not the victory

All I know is my two friends sure make naps sound good and something to look forward to when I join them in retirement. In the meantime, I will just keep working away. Oh, by the way, if you need to reach me at work, I will be in a conference from 1 to 1:30 each day this week.

Thought for the day: My Mom told me to follow my dreams, so I took a nap!

Until next time.

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TERESA'S TABLE

Ube Pandesal can be enjoyed for breakfast, or snack

TERESA HOUSTON

Teresa Houston is a retired Granbury ISD teacher and a food and cooking aficionado.

Just a few weeks ago, I caught a food segment on a local show, showcasing a beautiful purple cheese-filled bread called Ube Pandesal. I guess I was drawn to this bread's color from living in Granbury so long. After all, our school colors are purple and gold!

So, I quickly went to the internet to see if I could find out more about this "ube" and of course, find a recipe. Several recipes popped up and I was off to compare and bake! The purple color comes from ube, a purple sweet potato that is a staple in Filipino cuisine. The pandesal is enjoyed for breakfast or as a snack. The ube is also a favorite flavor in Phillipino ice cream as well.

This technicolor root vegetable influence has only made it to the United States mainstream in the last few years, showing up first in doughnuts in New York City. From there, bake shops and restaurants began coming up with creative ways to use the ube into various treats and dishes.

Ube Pandesal (makes 12-14 rolls)

Ingredients:

- 1/4 cup of ube powder (see note below recipe)
- 3/4 cup of hot water
- 3 1/2 cups of all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoons yeast
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 6 tablespoons sugar
- 1 cup of warm milk
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil or butter
- 1 egg
- 1/2 pound of Velveeta cheese
- Breadcrumbs

Directions:

1. Place the ube powder in a bowl. Pour the hot water over it and stir until it is hydrated.
2. In a large bowl, mix to combine, the flour, sugar, and salt.
3. Pour in the warm milk, the egg and mix. Add the yeast and mix again.
4. Add the ube and mix until well combined.
5. Put the dough on a lightly floured surface and knead 7-10 minutes. This dough is very sticky, so oil your hands. (see below note)
6. Form the dough into a ball and lightly coat it with oil and place back in the large bowl. Cover the bowl with plastic wrap or a towel and let rise until doubled in size, about 1 1/2 hours.
7. Punch down the dough and divide the dough into 2 parts. Then, divide the 2 halves into 6-7 equal parts. Roll each into a ball.
8. Flatten each ball in your hand and then place a cube of cheese in the middle. Fold/pinch the dough back together and form it back into a ball again. Roll each ball in breadcrumbs and place on a greased pan to rise 30 minutes prior to baking.
9. Bake in a 350-degree oven for 18-20 minutes until slightly browned.

Notes:

1. I found the Ube powder online and I am sure it can be purchased at Asian markets in the DFW area.
2. I used my stand mixer with a dough hook to do the kneading, which eliminated the sticky mess of hand kneading.

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FOR BREAKFAST OR SNACK: Ube Pandesal, a Filipino pastry, is colorful and can be eaten any time of the day.

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The Crane Wife

A FOLKTALE FROM JAPAN

Replace the missing words in the story.

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One day, a rice farmer _____ a beautiful crane that had been shot with an arrow. The farmer carefully removed the arrow, and the crane _____ away.

When the farmer _____ home, to his _____ a beautiful woman was waiting for him. She had come to be his wife.

The farmer explained to her that he was very poor, but she told him not to _____.

The wife shut herself in a room and told the farmer to _____ look inside. She stayed in the room for seven _____.

When she came out of the room, she was very thin and _____, but she gave her husband a beautiful piece of cloth. He took it to market and _____ the fabric for a high price.

A few weeks later, when his wife shut herself in the room again, the farmer's curiosity got the better of him. He investigated and discovered his wife was really the crane whose life he had _____. She was weaving her own feathers into the _____ for him to sell at the market so that he would no longer be poor.

Now that the farmer knew she was really the _____, the _____ spell was broken and she had to leave. She gave him the cloth and _____ flew away.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Homophones are two or more words that sound alike but are spelled differently and have different meanings. Draw a line connecting these homophones. Use the kite shapes to help you.

mail

there

knew

scene

new

their

male

they're

Standards Link: Recognize homonyms; use knowledge of homonyms to determine meaning of words.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

D	A	W	M	A	R	K	E	T	C
Y	T	I	S	O	I	R	U	C	L
E	N	F	G	E	R	C	S	O	O
G	R	E	F	A	R	R	O	T	
A	E	W	E	A	V	I	N	G	H
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E	A	R	E	E	U	K	I	A	H
M	F	O	L	K	T	A	L	E	D

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Curiosity

Some people say that curiosity killed the cat. In this folktale, curiosity caused the crane to fly away. Look through the newspaper for some examples of where curiosity was a good thing.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Write On!

Summer Jokes













Write down your favorite summer jokes and riddles. Mail them to a friend or family member who needs a smile.

A Story with a Message

Folktales are stories with messages about how to live a good life. What do you think is the message of *The Crane Wife* folktale?

Use the code to discover one message. Could there be more than one message learned from this tale?

Use the code to discover the message of *The Crane Wife*.

 = A	 = I	 = D	 = N
 = E	 = O	 = F	 = R
 = G	 = S	 = H	 = T

Extra! Extra!

Story Starter

Select five nouns from the newspaper. Think of a story to tell with those five nouns. Write your story and share with a friend.

Standards Link: Identify and use nouns.

Kid Scoop Together: Haiku

Haiku (high-koo) is a kind of poetry that comes from Japan. It is a three-line poem made up of words that total 17 syllables. The first line has 5 syllables, the second line has 7 syllables, and the third line has 5.

Haiku poems are typically about nature. Here are four about the seasons. How many syllables are in each line?

Summer Haiku
Ice cream melts in heat
Swimming pools bring sweet relief
In the shade it's better

Fall Haiku
Crunchy leaves drift down
The moon glows with orange light
Bats fly through the night

Winter Haiku
Blanketing whiteness
Creaking footprints make us smile
Snowflakes blow around

Spring Haiku
The river runs fast
Fueled by the winter snows
Water brings the spring

Your Turn!
You can write a haiku, too!

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Line 2: (7 syllables) _____

Line 3: (5 syllables) _____

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DOG

FROM PAGE 12

birds. This is one of the most overlooked commands to give your dog, but you can easily fix any issue with a handful of treats. Start off in a quiet, distraction-free environment, and move toward a loud, obnoxious, crazy environment.

Marked retrievers are a great exercise to use and this modified version involves walking your dog to a specific spot, having her sit and drop a bumper. You'll then walk her out of sight of the bumper, have her sit, and call her to retrieve the bumper. Not only does this help to exercise your dog's brain by retrieving from memory, but it also helps to ensure that your dog does not get overly excited at seeing a bird splash in the water. Your dog seeing the bumper hit the ground and having to wait creates a reward for her patience. She gets to retrieve the dummy, after she has followed direction.

Warm summer evenings offer one of the best opportunities to water train your dog. The warm days and cool water offer a training exercise your pup will not refuse. Throwing a bumper into the water time and time again

not only keeps your dog ready for the real thing, but also helps to condition your bird dog properly for the coming waterfowl season.

While summertime offers many great opportunities to train with your bird dog, it is essential to train properly. By this I mean keep the training sessions short and fun. Have a lot of treats and give plenty of praise. It is also essential to make sure that you don't overwork your dog.

The heat of a Texas summer can prove to be detrimental to your dog's health, so always make sure to train during the cooler parts of the day and that your dog has plenty of water.

Constant training throughout the year is the key to success when considering a bird dog. You can't let her go months without training and expect her to perform at a high standard.

Repetition is key when training your bird dog.

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TRAINING MAKES PERFECT: A well-trained bird dog can sit still in the blind and will not be spooked by noise or movement as it retrieves a bird.



SHOAF

FROM PAGE 12

in the classroom." He'll be a ball-hawking safety and one of several running backs in the Eagles' offensive attack. For his career, he has 216 carries for 1,959 yards. Shoaf has 34 rushing touchdowns, three receiving and five passing.

He has 171 career tackles and 10 interceptions. He had five picks last season.

"I think we're going to be better than last year," said Shoaf, who played more defense than offense as a junior. "We're faster and stronger."

Shoaf is a chiseled athlete, carrying 190 pounds on his 6-2 frame.

"This year, we're going to be a lot more in the spread," Shoaf said.

The Eagles are a traditionally stout program in the six-man ranks. Coach Gallegos always has a team that loves to hit. The six-man game fits the Eagles well.

"It's just faster," Shoaf said. "The field is a little smaller but it's a lot to cover."

Shoaf is excellent about making breaks out of the backfield and turning a run into a sprint to the end zone.

"We're always working on angles and being in the right place," he said.

Shoaf is a multi-sport athlete. He can run, jump. He simply has a knack for making the big plays whether it's on the football field or the basketball court or baseball diamond.

Last year, the Eagles went 10-2 in the six-man, Division I bracket.

The season ended in Dublin with a loss to the May Tigers.

This season, Jonesboro will get in some tough scrimmages against the likes of Saint Jo and May.

In the regular season, the Eagles will have 10 games, culminating with the District 15-1A, Division I schedule.

The Coryell County area will have four teams taking the field Monday, including Gatesville, Oglesby, Evant and Jonesboro for the first day.

GATESVILLE CROSS COUNTRY SCHEDULE

HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Sat, Aug. 28 at Valley Mills HS
Wed, Sept. 1 at Brownwood Gordon Wood Stadium
Thurs, Sept. 9 at Waco Midway / Hewitt Kiwanis HOT Soccer Complex
Sat, Sept. 18 GHS Bill Bradley Invitational GISD Cross Country Path
Thurs, Sept. 23 at Waco La Vega HOT Soccer Complex
Thurs, Sept. 30 at Lampasas Lampasas HS
Wed, Oct. 6 at Stephenville City Park
Thurs, Oct. 14 District 6-4A meet GISD Cross Country Path
Mon-Tue, Oct. 25-26 UIL 4A-Region I meet Mae Simmons Park (Lubbock)

Fri-Sat, Nov. 5-6 UIL 4A State Meet Old Settlers Park (Round Rock)

JUNIOR HIGH SCHEDULE

Sat, Aug. 28 at Valley Mills Valley Mills HS
Wed, Sept. 8 at Waco Midway HOT Soccer Complex
Sat, Sept. 18 GHS Bill Bradley Invitational GISD Cross Country Path
Wed, Sept. 22 at Belton Heritage Park
Thurs, Sept. 30 at Lampasas Lampasas HS
Thurs, Oct. 14 at Cen-Tex League district meet Heritage Park (Belton)

GATESVILLE VARSITY TENNIS 2021 SCHEDULE

JULY

Thursday, 29 -- 10 a.m. Varsity vs. Waco Robinson @ Waco Robinson

AUGUST

Tuesday, 3 -- 8 a.m. **Varsity vs. Lake Belton @ Gatesville
Thursday, 5 -- 9 a.m. Varsity vs. Temple @ Temple
Tuesday, 10 -- 4:30 p.m. **Varsity vs. Liberty Hill @ Gatesville
Saturday, 14 -- 8 a.m & 2 p.m. **Varsity Tri-match (Academy & Copperas Cove) @ Gatesville
Tuesday, 17 -- 4 p.m. **Varsity vs. China Spring @ Gatesville
Friday, 20 -- 4:30 p.m. Varsity vs. Groesbeck @ TBD
Tuesday, 24 -- 4:30 p.m. Varsity vs. Sweetwater @ Brownwood

Saturday, 28 -- 1 p.m. Varsity vs. Kaufman @ Groesbeck

SEPTEMBER

Friday, 3 -- 4:30 p.m. **Varsity vs. Taylor @ Gatesville
Friday, 10 -- 4:30 p.m. Varsity vs. Killeen @ Killeen
Thursday, 16 -- 4:30 p.m. Varsity vs. Stephenville (District) @ Stephenville
Friday, 17 -- 4:30 p.m. Varsity vs. Belton @ Belton
Thursday, 23 -- 4:30 p.m. Varsity vs. Brownwood (District) @ Brownwood
Thursday, 30 -- 4:30 p.m. **Varsity vs. Lampasas (District) @ Gatesville

OCTOBER

Tuesday, 5 -- 4:30 p.m. **Varsity vs. Glen Rose (District) @ Gatesville
Mon/Tue, 11/12 -- TBD Varsity Bi-District @ TBD
Thurs/Fri, 14/15 -- TBD Varsity Area @ TBD
Mon/Tue, 18/19 -- TBD Varsity Regional Quarterfinals @ TBD
Thurs/Fri, 21/22 TBD Varsity Regional Final @ TBD
Thurs/Fri, 28/29 TBD Varsity State tournament @ TBD

Let the Fall begin — Football Camp held at Gatesville ISD



BUSTING OUT: Rashon Smith burst through the line on a hand-off Monday. Smith is a solid player for the Hornets' program.



DO AS I DO: The Gatesville Hornets coaches, at right, closed out a camp for the seventh, eighth and ninth grade football players July 26-28. Coach Jason Allman works with some of the seventh graders Monday at McKamie Stadium.

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THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

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Solution for the puzzle that ran July 28. (PUZZLE NO. 08)

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2	3	6	9	4	5	8	7	1
7	4	8	6	3	1	5	9	2
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INSIDE HUNTING

Bird dog drills in the summer

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.

Like many duck hunters, I'm the proud owner of a beautiful Labrador retriever that is by my side in the duck blind nearly every December morning.

While she never underwent extensive professional retriever training, my dog can get results in the marsh. It's the countless hours spent with a dog outside of duck season that will make or break your hunting dog.

Creating a training regime that focuses on the fundamentals of retrieving are essential to maintaining your bird dog's keen and apt mind. Summertime offers the best chance for you to enhance your bird dog's skills, with many opportunities to get to witness your dog work a bumper.

So, when you get home from work in the evening and it's just starting to cool off, you can utilize some of these training methods to ensure that your dog is a duck retrieving machine come December.

The first training exercise is the simplest, and you've taught your dog this since she was just a puppy — sit and stay. Ensuring that your dog is steady enough to sit still in the blind is essential to keeping her from breaking and spooking off

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Constant training throughout the year is the key to success when considering a bird dog. You can't let her go months without training and expect her to perform at a high standard.



COURTESY PHOTO BY WILLIAM BURKHEAD

SPLASHDOWN: The warm days of summer are perfect to get your dog used to jumping into water.

HORNETS FOOTBALL

2021 season tickets go on sale Aug. 16

From Staff Reports

Season tickets for all Gatesville High School 2021 varsity home football games will go on sale Monday, Aug. 16, to current season ticket holders (from the 2019 season).

Cost for the season-ticket package is \$45 per ticket and includes all five home games. The special option period for current season ticket holders will end Thursday, Aug. 19.

Following are some other important dates regarding football season-ticket sales:

Monday, Aug. 23: All remaining season tickets will go on sale to the general public through Thursday, Aug. 26. Cost is \$45 per ticket.

Monday, Aug. 30: All remaining reserved tickets will be sold on a game-by-game basis. Cost will be \$9 per ticket.

Gatesville ISD will also be offering season passes for all other GISD home sporting events for the 2021-2022 school year. Cost is \$45 for adults, \$30 for students. Each season pass allows one person admittance into all Gatesville ISD athletics home games/events (high school and junior high) except varsity football games. The season pass must be presented for free entry at the game/event.

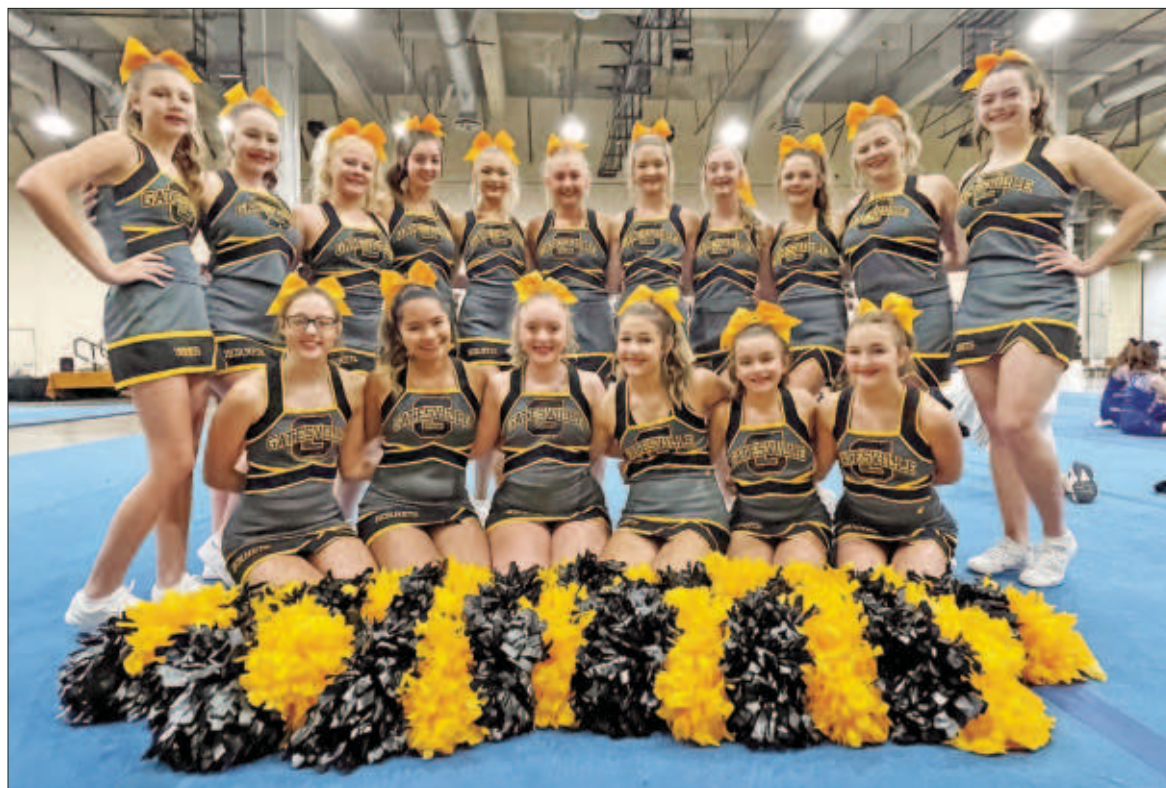
GISD will be also offering complimentary Honorary Hornet season passes for any Hornet fan 60 years of age or older. These season passes are free of charge; you will need to provide a valid ID when obtaining this pass. Each Honorary Hornet season pass allows entry to all GISD athletic home games/events including varsity football (general admission seating only).

All GISD athletic tickets and passes can be purchased from Velvet Jaynes at the GHS Henry Maris Field House during these days/times:

Mondays through Thursdays
7:30 to 11:45 a.m. and 1:30 to 3:45 p.m.

Note: No tickets or passes will be sold on Fridays.

For more information contact Velvet Jaynes at (254) 865-8281, ext. 251 or via email at vjaynes@gatesvilleisd.org.



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WINNING POSE: Back row, left to right: Lana Merriam, Rylee Oliver, Ariel Findley, Addi Wolff, Kallyn Moreland, Georgia Rogers, Marlee Saunders, Michaela High, Chesnea Ford, Anna Phillips and Addison Combs. Front row, left to right: Addison Taylor, Maribeth Trejo, Mya Ayers, Natalie Fast, Tiffany Kollman and Zoe Gribble.

Gatesville cheer take home awards

BY MARK GOODSON
Sports Editor

The Gatesville High School cheer squad recently brought home multiple awards from the National Cheerleading Association camp at the Gaylord Texan in Grapevine.

Mascot Kari Dudik (Buzz) earned All-American honors and Best Mascot.

Ten of the cheerleaders were

nominated for All-American.

Both the varsity and junior varsity will advance to nationals in January in Dallas.

Assistant coach Holly Redford was chosen for the Herkie Award for showing superior spirit and leadership.

The cheerleaders awards included:

Several Superior/Excellent Evals

for team events. Both JV & Varsity earned multiple spirit sticks, took top team in in team chant.

The GHS Cheer teams are also looking for businesses interested in sponsoring their season by purchasing or renewing an advertisement sign to be displayed at the stadium during football season.

Gatesville coaches are Cherith Wells, Sam Polanco and Holly

"I hope for his sake and ours that he doesn't miss any snaps."

EDDIE GALLEGOS

Jonesboro Football Coach



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HOPE OF JONESBORO: Ian Shoaf has 34 rushing touchdowns, three receiving and five passing in his career.

TOUGH ON THE FIELD, GOOD IN THE CLASSROOM

Jonesboro senior to hit the season running

BY MARK GOODSON
Sports Editor

Ian Shoaf goes into the 2021 football season ready to improve and close out a stellar career.

The three-year starter for the Jonesboro Eagles will be one of the first to hit the field Monday when UIL teams open preseason drills. The Eagles will start at 8 a.m.

Shoaf comes into his senior season ready to stay on the field.

"I hope for his sake and ours that he doesn't miss any snaps," Jonesboro head coach Eddie Gallegos said. "He's one of the toughest kids I've ever coached. We expect a lot out of him and he doesn't let you down. He's a good kid in school and

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