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## Residents have final say on city tax rate hike

BY KRISTEN MERIWETHER  
Staff Writer

A slightly higher tax rate proposal was approved by the Gatesville City Council July 13, but a state law giving residents a veto on the matter could scuttle some of the city's plans.

The proposal would hike the rate to \$0.58 per \$100 of taxable valuation — up from last year's adopted rate of \$0.56. This would be the first increase since 2018.

If adopted, the city will have to put an initiative on the November ballot asking residents if they want to roll back the rate. A 2019 law passed by the Texas legislature requires municipalities to give the people the

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## INSIDE RIDERS SHOW SKILLS AT GATESVILLE RODEO



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Find more photos from the 84th annual Gatesville Riding Club Rodeo inside. PAGE 10

## Raises proposed for 'severely underpaid' elected county officials

Federal grant would pay for law enforcement hikes

BY KRISTEN MERIWETHER  
Staff Writer

After looking at counties with populations and budgets comparable to Coryell, the county commissioners proposed giving most county employees raises.

The proposal was presented during a budget workshop July 26, and amendments are possible as the county continues their budget process this month.

"Our elected officials are, across the board, severely underpaid," Coryell County Judge Roger Miller said in a phone interview with the Messenger. "Someone needs to address it."

If the proposal is approved the

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## WHO ARE THE DUMMIES IN THE WINDOWS?

Stories of downtown Gatesville mannequins may surprise, inspire



PHOTOS BY SABRINA ANDERSON | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

**COWBOY IN THE WINDOW:** Building owner Randy Hitt said he found the mannequin when he first bought the property. Hitt thought he would have some fun with his discovery.

BY SABRINA ANDERSON  
Staff Writer

One thing about small towns: everyone knows everyone.

Recently, a few new faces have been spotted in windows of buildings in downtown Gatesville. Two are in windows on the 7th Street side of the courthouse and one in on the corner of Main Street and 6th Street.

A cowboy in a chair with a black hat, thick mustache, blue jeans, gray vest and boots to match stares out of a second-floor window. A block east, a couple peeks out of two separate windows.

So, who are the newcomers?

According to Randy Hitt, owner of the lone cowboy in the Main Street window, he found the mannequin after buying the building from the previous owners and decided to have some fun with it — turning his dummy into a man.

"We're just trying to rejuvenate the downtown area," Hitt said. Shortly after the cowboy began living in the square, two new mannequins moved in on the 7th Street

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**BACK STORY:** Two other mannequins downtown are local siblings with an interesting tale to tell.

Shortly after the cowboy began living in the square, two new mannequins moved in on the 7th Street side of a building downtown.

### QUESTION & ANSWER CORNER

Q: How do I get involved with Keep Gatesville Beautiful?

A: Volunteers are always needed to assist with collection stations, community clean-up, litter pick-up, and beautification projects. Interested persons can call (254) 499-0102 or fill out a form at [www.KeepGatesvilleBeautiful.com](http://www.KeepGatesvilleBeautiful.com)

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# COUNTY WIDE

## Williamson reunion set for this weekend

The descendants of Stephen and Sarah Williamson will hold their Williamson Family Reunion in Gatesville this Friday and Saturday.

On Friday, at 5:30 p.m., there will be a dinner at The Feed Mill Restaurant. The family will then gather at 10 a.m. Saturday at Ranchers Steakhouse in Gatesville for visiting, lunch and a brief business meeting.

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

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

## Gatesville Primary School registration

The Gatesville Primary School registration for pre-k and kindergarten for the 2021-2022 school year will be Monday-Thursday each week from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. The school will be closed on Fridays.

## Win Spurfest bragging rights, grow or wear 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, woman 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 grow? 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.

For additional information or if you have any questions, please contact the Primary office at 254-865-7264.

## Fellowship group to attend concert

The Christian Adult Fellowship Events group (C.A.F.E.) at the First United Methodist Church will be go-

ing to see National Gospel Recording Artist "Greater Vision" from Tennessee Aug. 14.

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

The price is \$30 for tickets and transportation. For more information, call Ruth Jones at 254-865-2112. Payment for tickets can be given to Mrs. Jones or paid at the Methodist Church.

Due to the popularity of the group, tickets must be purchased no later than July 22. The church phone number is 254-865-2520.

## GriefShare to hold program

GriefShare will be held weekly from 5-7 p.m., at First Baptist Church of Gatesville beginning Aug. 25 and ending 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 on your journey 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 is a fee of

\$15 for the workbook.

For questions call the church office at 254-865-2014.

## Spurfest to be held Sept. 18

There will something for everyone at the 20th edition of Spurfest at the Coryell Museum and Historical Center Sept. 18. The event is free and runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Activities will include "Old Time Demonstrations," the "Shriners Karem Cowboys," a quilt raffle, fresh churned butter and chuck wagon biscuits and gravy, and several activities for children. There will be vendors and music.

Visitors to the museum can see antique cars, the soda shop, the historic log jail and view a large collection of spurs in the "Lloyd Mitchell Spur Collection."

Food vendors can't rent a space for \$60. Non-food spaces cost \$30 for a spot outside and \$40 for spaces in the air-conditioned Gilbreath Room.

For more information, call Hal Davidson or Erv Adams at 254-865-5007, or email to [coryellmuseumhc@yahoo.com](mailto:coryellmuseumhc@yahoo.com).



SABRINA ANDERSON | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

**GIVE THE MAN A NAME:** Randy Hitt is seeking help from the citizens of Gatesville on what to call the cowboy keeping vigil over downtown. For suggestions, email [randy.hitt@american-national.com](mailto:randy.hitt@american-national.com).

## DUMMIES

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side of a building downtown, owned by Fred Daschofsky. The man and woman in these windows have been identified as Herman and Fredericka, brother and sister.

### THE BACK STORY

Daschofsky said the back-story of these two characters comes from 25 years of storytelling, based on real people, to his children that

they continue to add to. The story is as follows:

Herman, who lived at the edge of Gatesville in what is now Daschofsky's home, owned a watermelon farm. In 1984, Herman was tending to his crop, unaware of a flood traveling from upstream. His sister, Fredericka, received the news of pending disaster and rushed out to the farm to warn her brother. But that was the last time either of them was seen.

After the flooding, Fredericka's car was discovered

washed up in a creek that feeds into the Leon River. Neither of their bodies were ever recovered.

Late at night when there is a full moon, Daschofsky said he has heard faint cries at the bank of the river. He has sometimes seen something that appears to be a lantern and a small-framed person walking the river crying, "Herman, Herman." He believes it was Fredericka searching for her bother.

About five years ago, all sightings vanished, so

Daschofsky assumed the brother and sister found peace and transitioned into another world.

Well, he was wrong. Just recently, an image started showing up on the Commissioner's Court Zoom meeting that resembles Fredericka and possibly Herman. After doing some research, Daschofsky discovered Herman had some unfinished businesses with the law prior to his disappearance. Then sheriff Winifred "Windy" Cummings issued an arrest

warrant for him.

It appears the brother and sister are trying to clear Herman's good name. Fredericka has reportedly been seen recently on the second floor of the Brown Building overlooking the courthouse. Some said they believe they may also have seen Herman with her.

"I have owned that building for several years and thought creating this kind of mystery could bring more interest to downtown," said Daschofsky.

While the three new faces are a sight to see, Hitt said locals can probably expect to see some seasonal decorations with his cowboy as the holidays approach. Though Daschofsky has enjoyed creating the character duo in his windows, he said he is currently too busy with work and has no plans to decorate.

Hitt has said that he is open to community input on naming the cowboy. For suggestions, email Hitt at [randy.hitt@american-national.com](mailto:randy.hitt@american-national.com).



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# Whatever happened to ...

## TWENTY YEARS AGO (2001)

■ Catherine Gann and Bennie Hansson, members of the project committee for the Gamma Alpha Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, presented school supplies to the Care Center.

■ Floy (Puggy) Sparkman was honored on the occasion of her 100th birthday. The event took place at Westview Manor.

■ Mr. and Mrs. Glen Man-

ning of Pidcoke celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception in the fellowship hall of the Pidcoke United Methodist Church. Glen Ray Manning and the former Antha Vivian Smith were married Aug. 7, 1951 at the home of the bride with the Rev. Weldon Wright officiating.

■ Mountain View Unit Senior Warden Pamela Baggett who had been at Mountain View since 1995, was returning home to Huntsville.

■ Emily Brown, a 2001

Gatesville High School graduate, returned home after singing her way across Europe as a member of the Sound of America Honor Band and Choir.

■ Christopher Eberlein received his master's degree in education administration from Baylor University.

## THIRTY YEARS AGO (1991)

■ Noconie Riley Ferrell, the 19-month-old daughter of Stonie and Jackie Ferrell of

Gatesville, competed in the Texas State Our Little Miss Pageant in Irving.

■ Oglesby Methodist Church celebrated its 100th anniversary with a special worship service with Rev. Henry Radde presiding.

■ Mr. and Mrs. W.T. Shoemaker of Jonesboro were celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. W.T.(Bill) Shoemaker and the former Maurine Bryson were married August 9, 1941 in Gustine.

■ Geraldine Miller of Gatesville was honored on

her 80th birthday with a reception in the parlor of the Gatesville First Baptist Church.

■ Glen and Antha Manning were honored on their 40th wedding anniversary with a party at their home in Pidcoke.

■ For the first time ever, Coryell County had an assistant prosecutor working in the District Attorney's office, Paul Guillotte Jr.

## FORTY YEARS AGO (1981)

■ It was the dream of the Gatesville Civic Theater Board to renovate the Civic Auditorium. They wanted to make it a safer and more beautiful place for citizens to congregate.

■ Sherri Barnard, age 17, was chosen by the Gatesville Riding Club as its sweetheart. She was a GHS senior and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Barnard.

■ All was fair in love, war and comedy when Bill Murray met his lovely co-star P. J. Soles in "Stripes," which was opening at the Town and Country Cinema.

■ Amy Peterson, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Bond of King, won the first place medal in the first Texas Hill Country Ice Skating Competition.

■ Mrs. Dorothy Bond, one of nine employees with the Intensive care unit of Coryell Memorial Hospital, was picked as August's Employee of the Month.

## FIFTY YEARS AGO (1971)

■ Gordon L. Smith, age 43, a member of the Gatesville High School faculty, was the lone candidate to fill an unexpired term on the Gatesville city council in a special election.

■ A public hearing was held on the city council-ordered annexation of State School Road and Straw's Mill Road-South Lovers Lane sectors into Gatesville's city limits.

■ James R. (Jim) Shannon, a former Gatesville Chamber of Commerce manager, had joined the staff of the Brazos Valley Electric Power Cooperative.

■ Joe Broadway, manager of the Coryell County Farm Bureau Insurance Agency, had been awarded the Agency Manager of the Month trophy.

■ Carroll P. Smith and Robert Hopson of Gatesville were among some 1,300 vocational agriculture teachers attending an annual agricultural meeting.

■ William H. (Bill) Jackson and Edwin Powell, Gatesvilleites who are members of the U. S. Army Reserve, left for Camp McCoy, Wis., to attend a two-week military intelligence school.

## CITY

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power to have more control over their local tax rate.

The vote would be a first for the city. If voters reject the proposed new rate, it could force reductions in an already tight budget.

"Less revenue generally equates to a reduced level of service," Gatesville City Manager Bill Parry said in an email July 29. "The city council will have to make a decision between now and August 16th whether to stay with or lower the rate."

The city's proposed \$15.2 million budget would shrink by \$83,767 with a rate rollback. A new narcotics detective, a 3% raise for city employees and the household hazardous waste event would be among city programs the council could vote to get the ax.

Not listed on the chopping block was creation of a new Parks and Recreation Department, which would include a director and staff.

The council will hold a public hearing on the budget and the tax rate on Aug. 10. The second and third reading of the budget will occur on Aug. 12 and 16. The budget must be passed by Aug. 16. Once passed the tax rate can then be adopted.

Residents interested in seeing how different tax rates effect their property tax bill can utilize a new website, [coryell.countytaxrates.com](http://coryell.countytaxrates.com). After typing in an address, property owners can see the proposed tax rates for each taxing unit. The site updates the rates as they are pro-

## WHERE AX MAY FALL

Programs that the Gatesville City Council could vote to cut:

- \$65,000:** Contingent appropriations
- \$10,521:** Fitness Center equipment
- \$50,856:** Narcotics detective for police department
- \$18,000:** Facility improvements at fire department
- Up to \$123,000:** Three percent cost-of-living raises for city employees
- \$15,000:** Structure abatement
- \$20,000:** Household hazardous waste event
- \$15,000:** City-issued firearms to police officers
- Up to \$25,000:** Contracts for group exercise classes
- \$12,000:** Lights at Arnold Field

SOURCE: City Manager Bill Parry

posed and passed and allows for feedback on the tax rate proposals.

## COUNTY

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county judge would receive a \$6,246 raise, each commissioner would receive a \$4,175 raise; the county treasurer, clerk, district clerk and tax assessor/collector would receive a \$3,877 raise; the sheriff would receive a \$2,622 raise; the justice of the peace would receive a \$4,153 raise; and each constable would receive a \$1,821 raise. The raises are currently proposed to come from the general fund.

All county employees designated as law enforcement, which includes dispatchers, would receive a \$1,000 raise; jailers would receive a \$1,500 raise; road and bridge employees would receive a \$1,500 raise. Those raises would be paid for with American Rescue Plan Act money, and only through the fiscal year 2023 budget. The county would have to absorb the cost from the general fund the following year.

The justice of the peace and a few constables were the only officials to request salary increases during budget talks.

In an email on July 28, Judge Miller said the genesis of the proposal came from knowing numerous county employees are making more than elected officials. After researching what other comparable counties paid their elected officials, Miller decided Coryell County officials

were making considerably less across the board.

Judge Miller looked at all Texas counties with budgets within \$3 million of Coryell County's \$25.9 million budget, finding 19. He also looked at all Texas counties with a population between 50,000 and 100,000 to compare to Coryell County's 76,000. He found 24. Hardin, Starr and Nacogdoches counties were the only counties to appear on both lists.

The analysis was given to each commissioner at budget workshops. A copy was provided to the Messenger.

The Coryell County sheriff, county attorney and constables were the only positions whose salaries were above the averages of all 19 counties with budgets within \$3 million of Coryell County. The rest of the positions ranked near the bottom of the pay scale, including the judge who ranked last and over \$23,000 below the average.

Any elected official or employee who does not wish to receive the raise can decline it. If approved the new figure will, however, be the base pay for any newly elected official or new employee at that position.

A hearing regarding the proposed pay increases will be held on Aug. 16 at 8:45 a.m. on the second floor of the Coryell County Courthouse at 620 East Main Street. Residents can also email or call their county commissioner. Contact information can be found at [coryellcounty.org](http://coryellcounty.org).

## WHO MAY BE GETTING RAISES?

- County Judge +\$6,246**  
Current: \$46,754  
Proposed: \$53,000
- County Commissioners +\$4,175**  
Current: \$45,325  
Proposed: \$49,500
- Treasurer +\$3,877**  
Current: \$57,123  
Proposed: \$61,000
- County Clerk +\$3,877**  
Current: \$57,123  
Proposed: \$61,000
- District Clerk +\$3,877**  
Current: \$57,123  
Proposed: \$61,000
- Sheriff +\$2,622**  
Current: \$76,378  
Proposed: 79,000
- Tax Assessor/collector +\$3,877**  
Current: \$57,123  
Proposed: \$61,000
- Justice of the Peace +\$4,153**  
Current: \$52,847  
Proposed: \$57,000
- Constable +\$1,821**  
Current: \$35,679  
Proposed: \$37,500



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# 'Nothing more Texan than Dairy Queen'

BY TUMBLEWEED SMITH

When I was in high school I could get a hot dog and strawberry sundae at Dairy Queen for 40 cents. It was a regular stop. The oldest Dairy Queen in Texas in continuous operation is in Henderson.

"We're proud of that designation but we try to do everything possible to keep it from looking like the oldest Dairy Queen in Texas," said Rob Beall of Jacksonville, who owns it. "The Henderson dairy Queen opened on May first 1950."

He knows some DQ history. The company's headquarters are in Bloomington, Minnesota.

"The very first DQ was in Joliet, Illinois. It opened in 1940. The first one in Texas opened in 1947 on Guadalupe Street in Austin, near the University of Texas campus. It has since closed."

Rob bought the Henderson location in 2004. He owns five Dairy Queens now. He got into the business after his family sold a chain of department stores.

"After I got out of college the family had sold it off and I decided I needed to do something different. Dairy Queen has always been interesting to me and that's why I went with it."

Several items in the Henderson store let customers know they are in the oldest DQ in the state in continuous operation.

"We have it etched in glass as you walk in the door you can see it and we have some old pictures of it when it was just a walkup store before the invention of the drive-through. We actually have the old walk-in cooler. You can

see it from the dining room. You can open the door and look in it. It was before refrigeration and you can see where the block of ice used to sit. Icemen would bring it in from their ice delivery truck."

The Henderson store is a destination for DQ fans and loyal customers, who are always telling stories of their early experiences with the franchise.

"In fact I was talking on the phone with a woman who told me her first job was at a Dairy Queen and she could still make the curl on the cone."

You can get the DQ soft serve ice cream in every state, but Texas DQs have a complete menu.

"The soft serve menu is the same throughout the country but when it comes to food you can't get a Hunger Buster or a Dude chicken fried sandwich or T-Brand tacos anywhere else but Texas."

Texas has more DQs than any other state.

"You know people in Texas take great pride in being Texans and to me there is nothing more Texan than Dairy Queen."



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ICONIC PRESENCE: Texas holds the distinction of having the most DQs in the United States.

*"In fact I was talking on the phone with a woman who told me her first job was at a Dairy Queen and she could still make the curl on the cone."*

TUMBLEWEED SMITH



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TERESA'S TABLE

# Put me in coach: Substitutes come to the rescue

**TERESA HOUSTON**

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

This past weekend, I decided to do a little baking in between ballgames. But just like a sport, I had to rely on my second team, if you will, substitutes. My cupboard was bare, but I really wanted to bake a simple cake. I decided on a buttermilk cake. I just did not have any buttermilk and then realized I did not have brown

sugar as well. So, I hit the internet for some guidance. Here is what I found. If you do not have brown sugar you simply substitute one cup of white sugar and one tablespoon of molasses. And if you do not have buttermilk, simply take one cup of milk, and add one tablespoon of vinegar and you are all set to bake! Without these substitutions there would have been no cake that day! This cake is great during the winter with a cup of coffee and even better during the hot summer months with a scoop of vanilla ice cream on top!

*This cake is great during the hot summer months with a scoop of vanilla ice cream on top!*

**FARMHOUSE BUTTERMILK CAKE**

**INGREDIENTS**

- ½ cup unsalted butter softened
- 2 cups of brown sugar, packed
- 2 large eggs
- 2 cups of buttermilk at room temperature
- 2 teaspoons of vanilla extract
- 2 teaspoons of baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 3 cups of flour

**TOPPING**

- 6 tablespoons of melted butter
- 1 cup of brown sugar, packed
- ¼ cup of milk
- 1/8 teaspoon of salt
- 1 cup of chopped pecans

**DIRECTIONS**

1. Heat your oven to 350 degrees, lightly grease a 9 x 13 pan.
2. Beat the butter and brown sugar together until light and fluffy.
3. Add the eggs, one at a time, beating until smooth.
4. Stir in the vanilla and buttermilk.
5. Add the baking soda, salt and flour and mix until combined.
6. Pour the batter into your pan and then bake for 30-35 minutes until the top is set.
7. Stir the melted butter, sugar, salt, milk, and pecans together for the topping and gently spread it evenly across the surface of the cake.
8. Return the cake to the oven to bake for another 10 minutes. The cake can be eaten right out of the oven while the top is gooey, or after it has cooled.

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Stephen King

SHANE LEONARD

BOOK REVIEW

# Two thrillers smashed into one 'irresistible' read

BY TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

It's all there: the Big Payout. But that's just one thing your check stub will tell you. You'll see how much you made this year, what you paid Uncle Sam, and what went into retirement. Your name's in one corner, your Social Security number in another, and - unlike in the new novel "Billy Summers" by Stephen King - it clearly says who you work for...

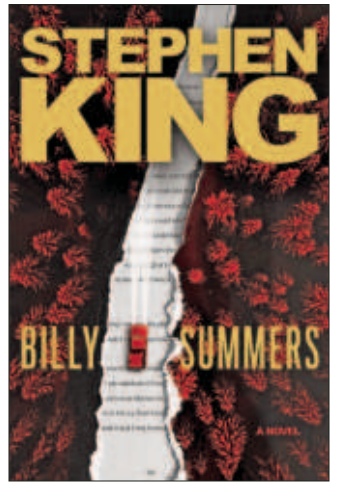
He was really good at acting dumb. Nick and Frank and everybody thought that Billy Summers was empty between the ears, which is what Billy wanted them to think. The dumber they figured he was, the more they yakked and the more Billy learned. Truth was, Billy wasn't your normal hired killer. He was sharp with more than just a gun, and he only killed bad men. Eighteen of them, if you count every single one of them. Billy'd killed the man who killed his sister, he'd spent time in Iraq with the Marines, it all added up and it was time to retire. But then Nick dangled big money in front of him.

Two million dollars, for one shot. Billy had visions of a hammock on a beach. Two mil would last the rest of his life. It would be an easy shot, too, no matter which door the police used to bring the target into the courthouse. Sure, Billy'd have to cool his heels for awhile, waiting for the right day, pretending to be someone he wasn't. But one shot? Two million?

Nick had a cover story all ready and as time went by, it seemed to work; nobody knew Billy was in town to kill a man. Nick also had an escape planned, for after the assassination, but the more Billy thought about that, the more it seemed too good.

Nick - or whoever was behind him - never meant for Billy to escape to Wisconsin after the shooting. Nick never meant to pay Billy the money, either.

But after one bullet had done its job, Billy aimed to collect... And now's the time to stretch your legs a bit. The



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next half of "Billy Summers" takes an unexpected turn and you won't be able to leave your seat once you dive back in.

At first, though, that turn may seem silly or, well, something like a 1960s TV drama. You might even "ugh" with disappointment, but try to resist. At this point in the story, author Stephen King takes what may seem like a tired old story prod and he spiffs it up, modernizes it, and sends it across the country with vengeance in its heart. For a reader who's ready to go, that's irresistible, like having someone smash two related thrillers together, glue them tight, and strap them to a race car. What a ride!

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**COWBOY UP:** Roper Matt Cupp of Hempstead fires out of the chute in steer wrestling.



**COOL TREAT:** Prairie Jo Mclroy, 18 months of age, enjoys some shaved ice.



**WILD RIDE:** Bronc rider Jacoby Campbell of Grandview stays on during his ride.

**RIDING WITH THE COLORS:** Kylie Rystad rides into the arena with an American flag.



**BUSTIN' A MOVE:** Mutton buster Ellie Kinear was the first rider in Thursday night's competition.



**PATRIOTIC MOMENT:** Tosha Butler and Jack Smith of Copperas Cove stand at attention for the National Anthem.

# OBITUARIES



**MIKKI SCHNEIDER**  
June 25, 1950 - July 26, 2021

Mikki Schneider, 91 of Belton, passed from this life in Harker Heights on Monday, July 26, 2021. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Mikki was born on June 25, 1930 to Frank and Inga Rigenhagen in Jackson, Minnesota. She married Lyle

Gieseke in 1950. Their union produced 4 children of whom she was very proud. She married Maurice Schneider in 1974 and lost him to illness in 1985. Mikki spent 1 year at Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota and 1 year at Barnes Business College in Denver, Colorado. She was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Killeen. Mikki was born to Christian parents and baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran Church in Trimont, Minnesota. She grew up there with 2 younger brothers and 2 sisters. The Korean War was declared on her birthday June 25, 1950. She married Lyle Gieseke later that year. He was called to serve his country with the Minnesota Viking Division. They went to Camp Rucker, Alabama. She was co-owner of Killeen Welcome Service for many years. She was the organist at Grace Lutheran Church in Killeen for 25 years from 1965 to 1990. At that time, she started spending the winters in

the Rio Grande Valley playing trumpet and keyboard for the Winter Texan activities and also for Lutheran church services in Mission. When she was home in the summer she would substitute for the organist when needed at Grace Lutheran Church and play the trumpet for various occasions. She would also play for local senior centers, nursing homes, and played with the Heights Concert Band, James Gang Band, and many others. She gave thanks to the Lord daily for all the blessings he had given her in this life, and for all the wonderful people who enriched her life so very much throughout the years.

Mikki was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Lyle Gieseke; her husband, Maurice Schneider; her daughter in law, Debra Gieseke; and her infant daughter, Faith Naomi.

Those left to honor and cherish her memories are her daughter, Coleen Gartman and husband, Randall of Pearl; son, Todd Gieseke and

partner, Nancy Parkinson of Round Rock; daughter, Wendy Cole and husband, T. Bob of Gatesville; and step-daughter, Christine Berk-lund. She is also survived by her siblings, Ione Thompson, Franklin Rigenhagen, Ramon Rigenhagen, and Ruthie Rose; granddaughter, Lauren Gieseke Adams and husband, Mike; grandson, Levi Cole and wife, Kelsey; grandson, Landon Cole and wife, Avery; granddaughter, Valeri Virta; grandson, Donny Virta; great grandson, Everett Adams; great grandson, Axel Cole; and soon to be born great grandson, Baby Boy Adams.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Grace Lutheran Church, 1007 Bacon Ranch Rd. Killeen, Texas 76542.

The family would like to give a special thank you to her loving and caring neighbors, Norma Materne and Robert Whitley.

Harper-Talasek Funeral Home in Belton is in charge of arrangements.



**SCOTT J. BATES**  
March 9, 1967 - July 12, 2021

Scott Bates, age 54 of Oglesby, passed away on the evening of July 12, 2021.

A visitation with Memorial service is scheduled Saturday, August 7, 2021 at Scott's Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., with a Remembrance Memorial service taking place at 11:00 a.m.

Scott was born in Bennington, Vermont on March 9, 1967. He is the son of Joyce Gustavson and the late Leo

Bates. He graduated from Gatesville High School in 1986. Scott was a longtime employee of Midway Transportation where he drove a truck for the last 30 years.

He enjoyed hunting, working and operating heavy machinery, fishing and traveling the country. He will forever be remembered for his stories, over the top personality and his willingness to help those around him

Scott is preceded in death by his father, Leo Bates; and sister, Lorie Shaffer.

Scott is survived by his mother, Joyce Gustavson

of Bennington, Vermont; longtime partner and fiancé, Lupe White of Oglesby; son Mikel Bates and wife, Jennifer; two grandchildren Jase and Lilly Bates, all of Franklin, TX; daughter, Erica Bates and boyfriend, James Schoenrock of West, TX; brothers, Dusty Bates and wife, Dawn, Kris Bates and wife, Sandy, Lee Bates and wife, Marietta and Leo Bates; sisters, Joyce Bates, Jenny Wulff and husband, Robert, Ava Shorey and husband, James; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

# 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, 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 28

3:04 p.m., a theft was reported in the 100 block of N. Lutterloh Avenue.  
6:07 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 500 block of N. 11th Street.  
7:04 p.m., a noise disturbance was reported in the 3400 block of Jewell Drive.  
7:45 p.m., a theft was reported in the 200 block of N. 8th Street.  
10:59 p.m., an assault was reported in the 500 block of N. 11th Street.

### JULY 29

2:26 a.m., a theft was reported in the 2200 block of E. Main Street.  
6:09 a.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 2600 block of E. Main Street.  
11:03 a.m., animal cruelty was reported in the 100 block of N. State Hwy. 36 Bypass.  
12:26 p.m., harassment was reported in the 100 block of Mulberry Avenue.  
7:43 p.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 300 block of S. 8th Street.

### JULY 30

11:34 a.m., a theft was reported in the 1200 block of E. Main Street.  
2:58 p.m., an assault was reported in the 200 block of E. Main Street.  
5:16 p.m., an accident was reported in the 2200 block of Coryell City Road.  
7:29 p.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 1600 block of E. Leon Street.  
9:29 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 200 block of Lindas Lane.

### JULY 31

4:13 a.m., an accident was reported in the 12000 block of N. State Hwy. 36.  
11:21 a.m., a theft was reported in the 3900 block of S. State Hwy. 36

1:39 p.m., a hit and run was reported in the 1700 block of E. Main Street.  
7:00 p.m., animal cruelty was reported in the 600 block of Andrews Street.  
8:55 p.m., a threat was reported in the 100 block of Willow Lane.

### AUGUST 1

11:06 a.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 400 block of N. 14th Street.  
2:15 p.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of N. 27th Street.  
6:48 p.m., reckless conduct was reported in the

7:43 p.m., a medical emergency was reported in the 1200 block of CR 270.  
8:12 p.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 1300 block of Strawmill Road.

### JULY 29

8:02 a.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 6900 block of Harmon Road.  
9:40 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 500 block of CR 360.  
10:59 a.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 400 block of N. Lutterloh Avenue.  
1:36 p.m., a reckless driver was reported on FM 116 onto Cactus and Bluestem Roads.  
4:58 p.m., phone harassment was reported in the 1500 block of CR 269.

### JULY 30

7:24 a.m., a runaway was reported in the 500 block of Liberty Street.  
8:28 a.m., a scam was reported in the 3400 block of CR 318.  
10:44 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported at the intersection of CR 152 and Hwy. 84.  
2:23 p.m., a neighbor dispute was reported in the 1000 block of Lutheran Church Road.  
5:17 p.m., a major accident was reported at the intersection of FM 929 and Hwy. 36.

### JULY 31

1:28 p.m., a minor accident was reported at the intersection of FM 116 and Hwy. 9.  
11:23 p.m., a scam was reported in the 1100 block of Old Pidcoke Road.  
1:09 p.m., an out of control burn was reported in the 2200 block of CR 265.  
8:12 p.m., identity theft was reported in the 4500 block of FM 930.  
9:57 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported

in the 1600 block of Texas Hwy. 236.

### AUGUST 1

7:02 a.m., a minor accident was reported on FM 107, 3 miles East of CR 315.  
9:37 a.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 100 block of Ranier Rd.  
10:23 a.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 1900 block of CR 269.  
10:30 a.m., a stranded motorist was reported at the intersection of S. Hwy. 36 and CR 356.  
3:26 p.m., a neighbor dispute was reported in the 400 block of Coryell City Road.

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11:18 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of Gateway Circle.  
11:29 p.m., a noise disturbance was reported in the 200 block of S. 5th Street.

**JULY 28**  
2:00 p.m., a road hazard was reported in the Osage community.  
4:46 p.m., an animal complaint was reported on S. Hwy. 36 and CR 360.  
5:05 p.m., a runaway was reported in the 400 block of Ranier.

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Sat., Aug. 7, 7am-Noon, 304 Virginia Dr. (River Oaks addition in Ft. Gates area). Baby boy clothes, toys, baby items, table saw, lots of misc.  
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CITATION BY PUBLICATION-FC 103.010 SAPCR

THE STATE OF TEXAS: IN THE INTEREST OF MADISON RENEE LEGLER-GLASS  
CAUSE NO. DC-20-51052 IN THE 52ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS

TO: TIMOTHY GUY GLASS, Respondent, Greeting:

**NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 AM on the Monday next following the expiration of 20 days after the date you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you."**

The SECOND AMENDED petition of ANGELA MARIE LEGLER AND STEPHEN ROBERT CRAHAN, Petitioner was filed in the 52ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT of Coryell County, Texas on the 07/28/2021 against GUT THOMAS GLASS, Respondent and entitled in the above entitled cause.

The date and birth of the child/children who is/are the subject of the suit is/are:

CHILD'S/CHILDREN'S NAME(S)  
MADISON RENEE LEGLER-GLASS

DATE OF BIRTH  
07/17/2016

The Court has authority in this suit to render an order in the child's (children's) interest that will be binding on you, including the termination of the Parent-child Relationship, the determination of paternity, and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's (children's) adoption."

ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT AT GATESVILLE, CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS, ON THIS THE 29th day of July, 2021.

Attorney for Petitioner or Petitioner:  
BRETT H. PRITCHARD  
1201 SOUTH W. S. YOUNG DRIVE  
KILLEEN, TX 76543

Clerk of the Court:  
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## Gatesville schools returning to in-person instruction

BY DAVID SCOTT  
Staff Writer

Gatesville schools are returning to the classroom for in-person instruction, according to school Superintendent Barrett Pollard. "GISD no longer offers a remote or hybrid option of schooling," Pollard said during the Gatesville

Independent School District Board of Trustees meeting July 26. "Plus, the governor has made masks optional."

The school district will be applying evolving COVID guidelines as the latest Delta strain spreads statewide, according to Pollard.

"As always, the health and safety of the entire student body and staff

is the top priority. GISD is committed to doing the best it can during the continuation of this global pandemic," he added.

Classes at all Gatesville Independent School District's campuses begin Aug. 12.

Pollard also announced at the meeting that the school district will have Coronavirus aid mon-

ey to spend on school programs such as addressing learning loss, improve operations and services and support student health needs. The grant money will also help the schools buy three new 72-passenger school buses. They have room to allow for social distancing, are more efficient and have better air conditioning systems.

Also on the list are Touchless Water Fountains, which will help reduce the risk of virus transmission, and equipment like Chromebooks, phonics materials and science lab machines.

The shutdown the pandemic forced on the schools was hard on

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### ON FISHING

## Try these tips to improve summertime cranking

MICHAEL ACOSTA

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

Striped bass, hybrid striped bass, white bass and even black bass will usually suspend at certain depths in the heat of the summer especially if there is a thermocline present. One effective way to work a lot of water and to generate more bites is to work a crankbait at a desired depth. The crankbait in the summer imitates the more active baitfish (shad) and those predators more apt to put up a chase will more than likely follow these baits.

There are many different crankbaits out there that will work in shallow water to water over 20 feet down. Crankbaits can be used for topwater, suspended fish in deep water, or locating feeding fish on a feeding flat. Largemouth bass fishing in the summer usually involves the use of crankbaits in many applications.

Shallow water crankbaits with small bills or lipless crankbaits such as a rattletail are some of the most popular baits around. They are effective in shallow water applications for many species. Match the size of the lure to the baitfish and hold on. Other effective shallow water baits include soft plastic swim baits such as the sassy shad or molded soft plastics like the Storm swim baits. These baits retrieved in a steady fashion will draw strikes.

More often than not, I will fish deeper for hybrid striped bass and/or striped bass because that is where they are when the surface action has slowed. Many times they will be suspended, other times they will be in water depths where the bottom is above the thermocline

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### 84TH GATESVILLE RIDING CLUB RODEO

## These cowboys come in all sizes



HANGING ON: Laine Bounds of Lexington gets a jolt during his ranch bronc ride.

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WINNER, WINNER: Thomas Blackman, 6, took first in Thursday's mutton bustin'.



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

JERRY SEGRAVES

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COURTESY PHOTO

HAPPY ANGLERS: Colt Heath, left, and Case Wendeborn are all smiles showing off their fish at the Faith Anglers Network tournament in June.

## Gatesville anglers end summer with tournament success

From Staff Reports

The Gatesville Hornets Fishing Club closed out the summer with Colt Heath (seventh grade) and Case Wendeborn (sixth grade) competing in the Faith Angler Network Championship in mid June. It was a very hot, tough day at

Choke Canyon and the anglers even saw a few alligators.

Sixty-one teams participated. Heath and Wendeborn finished in 20th place.

They weighed in with a five fish limit weighing 10.41 pounds.

The Gatesville Fishing Club will begin a new season in the fall.

## SPORTS SHORTS

### POOL TIME

The Gatesville city 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

### 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.

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SEASON OF FUN: The Gatesville city pool is offering season passes for \$70 that include up to four family members.