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Counties, cities want local control of 9-1-1 money

Central Texas Council of Governments urge members to pass resolution to wrest oversight of emergency fees from state

BY KRISTEN MERIWETHER
Staff Writer

Hoping to bring local control of fees charged to pay for 9-1-1 ser-

vices, the Central Texas Council of Governments is asking its members to create a regional 9-1-1 Emergency Communications District. "It was advantageous for us to

stay (before) because we were getting more than the \$6 million, we were putting in," Executive Director of CTCOG, Jim Reed, said by phone Tuesday. "But this time, for the first

time in 20 years, that number is going to be lower. The region had to decide: do we stay and take the hit, or is it time to control our own destiny?"

Residents and businesses are charged 50 cents on their phone bill to pay for 9-1-1 services. The money, which is collected by the State, is supposed to go back to the commu-

nities to pay for local dispatchers to route local first responders to local emergencies.

But, in an effort to keep their own budget balanced, the state doesn't always allocate the full amount back to the local communities.

Nothing would change for people

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RECYCLE PLASTIC BAGS, HELP THE HOMELESS

Gatesville women band together, find purpose for discarded grocery sacks



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SHARED BOND: Christina Newman joined forces with Sharon Hoefling and Li'sa Mek'ler in turning plastic grocery bags into soft mats for the homeless.

BY DAVID SCOTT
Staff Writer

Christina Newman saw a post on Facebook a few months back about a group of people who were making sleeping mats for the homeless using plastic grocery bags.

The crocheted mats provided softer sleeping or sitting areas for the homeless, and provides protection from the cold and heat.

Newman contacted the group to find out the process and they directed her to YouTube to watch videos on how the mats were crocheted.

"When I realized that it took hundreds of bags to make just one mat, I put out a post on Facebook asking the community to 'Recycle with me' and drop off their clean grocery sacks to our vet clinic [Bar-N]," she said.

Gatesville librarian Faye Nichols saw Newman's post and reached out to see if the group would like to meet at the library once a month and possibly get others to help Newman with the process. Nichols then posted about the group and their meeting time on the library's Facebook page.

The group, which recently christened itself the "Mad Matters," held



PLEASE SEE MATS | 2 TON OF PLASTIC: It takes 500 to 700 bags to makes a mat.

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CHRISTINA NEWMAN

Messenger now part of Hyde Media

BY KATHY CRUZ
Senior Staff Writer

The Hyde Media Group (HMG), formed by Granbury attorney Paul Hyde last summer for the purpose of purchasing the Hood County News, has grown its family.

The Springtown Epigraph, Azle News and The Gatesville Messenger are now under the HMG umbrella.

Unlike hedge funds that have been purchasing community newspapers across the country only to

PLEASE SEE HYDE | 2



NEW TEAM:
From left, Paul Hyde, owner of Hyde Media Group, David Montesino, managing editor, and Sam Houston, publisher.

RUSSELL HUFFMAN | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Fast-track claim process created for veterans

A fast-track claim process for veterans who served in Southwest Asia was created Monday by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The process will serve those who served in Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, the neutral zone between Iraq and Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Oman, the Gulf of Aden, the Gulf of Oman, the Persian Gulf, the Arabian Sea, the Red Sea and the airspace above these locations.

It also applies to veterans who

served in Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, Syria or Djibouti from Sept. 19, 2001 to present and have been diagnosed with asthma, rhinitis or sinusitis because of their exposure to burn pits during their deployment.

To qualify, these conditions must have manifested themselves within 10 years of their deployment.

For more information call 254-577-2202 or visit vso.cc@coryell-county.org.

QUESTION & ANSWER CORNER

Q: How did Gatesville get its start?

A: Established on land donated by Richard G. Grant shortly after the county was organized in 1854, Gatesville took its name from nearby Fort Gates and is the county seat of Coryell County.

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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..

Pre-k students must be four years of age on September 1, 2021 and kindergarten students must be five years of age on Sept. 1, 2021.

Kindergarten registration will be at the Gatesville Primary main entrance, the north entrance facing the football stadium.

What the Gatesville Primary School will need for pre-k and kindergarten registration:

- Official birth certificate with the seal (not the hospital certificate).
- Complete, validated immunization record including four-year boosters.
- Social Security card of the child.
- Picture I.D. of parent enrolling child (driver's license).
- Proof of residency (utility bill, lease contract).
- Proof of income for household (three months pay stubs).

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, women and children can all compete. Contestants need to be at Spurfest to be judged. Times for judging will be announced in future Messenger articles.

Category One is new beards. How fast can you grow a beard? How long

will it 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 Fel-

lowship Events group (C.A.F.E.) at the First United Methodist Church will be going 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 tick-

ets 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.

Beautiful quilt on Spurfest raffle

The Senior Citizen Center quilting ladies have donated a beautiful handmade quilt to the Coryell Museum to be raffled at Spurfest.

The museum will be selling 104 tickets at \$10 each. Tickets can be purchased from museum board members or by calling 254-865-5007.

Any volunteer interested in selling tickets can call Catherine Fulton at 254-223-0014.

The drawing will take place at Spurfest Sept. 18.

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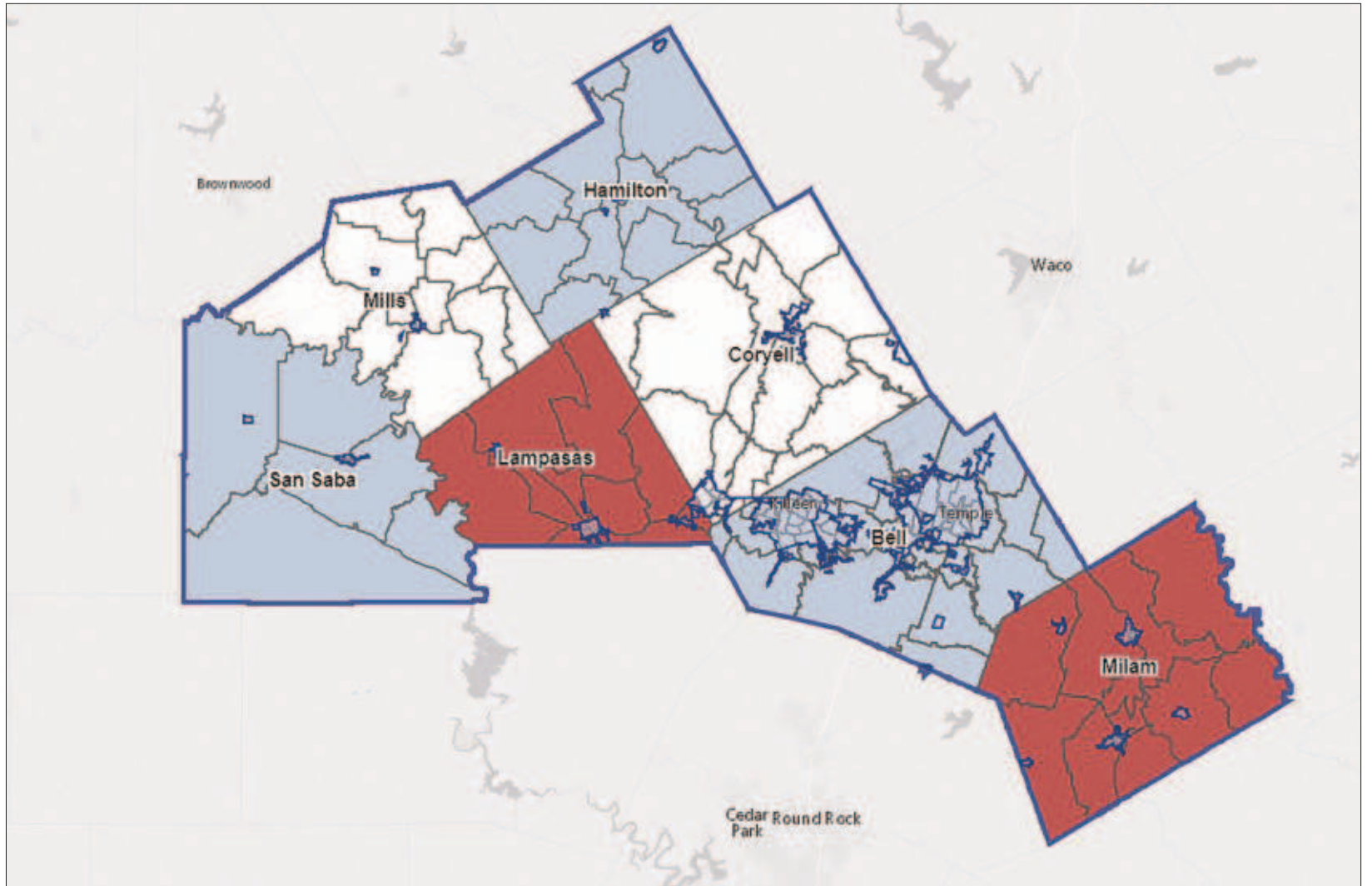
calling 9-1-1. Calls would still be taken by the same residents using the same equipment and cost the same to tax payers. But a board of directors made up of local elected officials would decide how the money is spent—not state officials.

Two weeks ago, the state informed all the participating regions of a \$26.4 million "clerical error." The error will cost CTCOG \$2.4 million over four years and bars the region from replacing any infrastructure for four years. This includes security updates to harden the newly installed digital systems—some of which are required by law.

The CTCOG Executive Committee approved a resolution July 22 to create the Central Texas Regional 9-1-1 Emergency Communications District. The resolution must be passed by all 32 cities and seven counties.

At its Tuesday meeting, the Coryell County Commissioners Court voted unanimously to approve the new EDC. The Gatesville City Council will review the resolution at its Aug. 10 meeting.

Reed said a handful of other cities have already approved the resolution and he expected Bell County to have the final approval some time in December.



MATS

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its first meeting in June.

That was when Newman joined forces with Sharon Hoefling and Li'sa Mek'ler.

They soon discovered that it

takes between 500 and 700 plastic grocery sacks to crochet just one mat. The sacks are turned into "Plarn" which is a combination of the two words "plastic" and "yarn." When the mats are finished they are 3 to 4 feet wide and 5 to 6 long.

"We now have twelve mats ready and are trying to find a local re-

source to get them to the homeless in our own community," Newman said.

The group recently spoke with Gatesville Police Chief Nathan Gohlke about having officers distribute the mats when they encounter those in need living on the streets. Gohlke was very receptive

and supportive of the group's effort.

The Mad Matters will be meeting at the Gatesville Public Library every fourth Tuesday of the month from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

They have booked the library this month for Aug. 10 and 24.

The group welcomes volunteers

to join them. They also welcome donations of grocery bags.

For more information, call Christina Newman at 254-493-4707 or visit their Facebook page called the "Mad Matters."

HYDE

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cut staff and fill the papers' contents largely with nonlocal wire stories, Hyde and Sam Houston, the HCN's publisher and the HMG's chief operating officer, said they are committed to covering local news through quality reporting and photography.

"I still believe that there is a place for the hometown newspaper," said Hyde, who worked in the HCN's insert room as a youngster.

Hyde noted that even though the HCN was purchased during a pandemic when virtually the entire newspaper industry was suffering,

it quickly began thriving again under Houston's leadership.

When Houston arrived at the HCN last summer, the newspaper, which had undergone layoffs, was down to about a dozen employees. Fifteen additional fulltime staffers have since been hired, and subscriptions and advertising sales are up. With the additional newspapers, the HMG now has 50 employees.

"The business plan that we put in place is working and I believe we can do those same things in multiple small towns," Hyde said.

The HCN's offices on South Morgan Street in Granbury will serve as a hub that will provide services to the three newly acquired newspapers. Help provided by the team at

the HMG's home base will free up staffers at the other newspapers to focus more intently on reporting news that is relevant to their communities.

Assistance will include editing, advertising graphics, page production, and website and social media oversight, though services for each newspaper may differ.

Occasionally, the newspapers may share articles on topics of regional interest.

Houston said that care will be taken to respect the uniqueness of each newspaper and the community it serves.

Managing Editor David Monteseino will oversee staff at all four newspapers from his office at the

Granbury location, but each of the three new additions will keep their on-site managers.

Janice Velasquez is manager of The Gatesville Messenger, which is published bi-weekly, and Kim Ware is publisher of both Azle News and The Springtown Epigraph, which are weeklies. The weekly newspapers share staff and office space. Prior to the acquisitions, all three newspapers were being printed at the HCN, which owns a printing press.

Hyde and Houston said they are being contacted by other media representatives asking if the HMG might be interested in purchasing more newspapers.

"We don't know how many more

we are going to buy," Hyde said. "But certainly, our intention is to take advantage of these opportunities whenever they become available. We know we're not done yet."

Houston stated, "The greatest commodity we have to sell is local news. No other entity adequately provides this information. Hyde Media is committed to the concept of a community newspaper and serving the locations where we do business. Our recent acquisitions have longstanding traditions for excellence, and we intend to expand and grow these papers just as we have with the HCN."

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Adding narcotics detective will help GPD fight drug activity

BY KRISTEN MERIWETHER
Staff Writer

Gatesville Police Chief Nathan Gohlke asked the city to put a new narcotics detective in the budget that will cost the city \$50,856 a year plus benefits. Narcotics-related calls to the Gatesville Police Department are up by 38 compared to the first two quarters of last year, with eight more arrests. Property-related crime, often associated with the drug trade, is up by four over the same period, according to data provided by GPD.

It's unclear if the upward trend, which dates back to 2019, will hold, but GPD plans on addressing it before it becomes a bigger problem later. "Right now we do what we can to stop what we can, but we can only do so much with what we have," Chief Gohlke said in a phone interview Monday. "We are not going to get a grasp on the problem until we get people in the

right places to work it." The city used to have a narcotics detective but the position was made into a regular detective over a decade ago when call volumes increased. The department got a drug-sniffing dog this year and the hope is a dedicated narcotics detective can be another way to address the increase in drug-related crimes. "We don't have a formal detective that is able to work

confidential informants, tips that come in, and the bigger cases," Gohlke said. "It limits our capabilities of handling the drug-related crime we have in Gatesville."

If the item makes it through the budget process the new detective would be a compliment to the patrol division. The detective will be able to process information gathered by patrol, follow up on tips and work with other agencies on bigger cases. They would also be able to set up confidential informants and work low-level street dealers.

"It's not going to stop the drug market from happening but it will certainly help us to do a better job of enforcing and getting a better handle on it," Gohlke said.

The city council will have the final say on funding this new position. The next public forum on the city budget will be Aug. 10 at 5:30 p.m. in council chambers.



DRUG DOG: Thor, a drug-sniffing dog with the Gatesville Police Department.

COURTESY GPD

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NATHAN GOHLKE

Gatesville Police Chief Nathan Gohlke

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— Christopher Simon

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SWEET HOME BAPTIST CHURCH: 511 North 14th; Sunday services - Sunday morning worship 10 a.m., church school 5 p.m., evening worship 6 p.m.
SPANISH BAPTIST CHURCH: Ezequiel Casas, pastor; 113 Veazy Dr.; Sunday Services; Sunday School 10:00 a.m., worship 11:00 a.m., Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m.
TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH: Tim Crosby, pastor; 1506 West Main; Sunday services - Sunday School 9:30 a.m., morning worship 10:50 a.m. Wednesday Services - Prayer Meeting/Youth Ministry 6:00 p.m., TBC Kids at 6 p.m. Email: trinitybctx@centurylink.net. Church: 254-865-8495 or Pre-school: 254-248-0041.
TURNERSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH: Jon Crosby, Pastor; Sunday services - Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m., Wednesday night Bible study, 6 p.m.
WESTVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH: Hwy. 84 West; Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m.
WHITE HALL BAPTIST CHURCH: Mike Barron, pastor; 2040 CR 238, Gatesville; Sunday school at 10 a.m.; Sunday morning worship services 11 a.m.; Prayer & Devotional meeting fourth Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.; 254-865-2106.
WHITE MOUND BAPTIST CHURCH/MOUND COWBOY CHURCH (meet at 9:30 a.m.): Bruce Cox, pastor; Sun. services - Sun. School 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m. For more info., call 254-865-5908.

Catholic
OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC CHURCH: Rev. Jayaraju Polishetty; 1108 W. Main; Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m. (English) & 12:00 p.m. (Spanish Mass), Weekday Mass Tuesday through Friday at 12:00 p.m.

Church of Christ
CEDAR RIDGE CHURCH OF CHRIST: Deral McWhorter, minister; Osage Road and Cedar Ridge Drive; Sunday services - Morning worship 10 a.m., evening worship 6 p.m.
EVANT CHURCH OF CHRIST: Will Vann, Preacher; Sunday services-Bible Study 9:30 a.m., morning worship 10:20 a.m., evening worship 12:30 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
FORT GATES CHURCH OF CHRIST: Hwy. 36 S.; Sunday services - Morning worship 10:30 a.m.
GATESVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST: 2417 East Main; Sunday services - Bible Class 9:30 a.m., morning worship 10:30 a.m., evening worship 6:00 p.m.

LA IGLESIA DE CRISTO: 2413 East Main; clases y servicios en Español, 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m., Solamente en domingos.
MIDWAY CHURCH OF CHRIST: 1955 CR 3640, Copperas Cove, TX 76522; Sunday 9:30 a.m. Bible Study, 10:30 a.m. Worship; Wednesdays 5:30 p.m. Bible Study; Royce 512-734-5390 or Steve 254-865-3559.
PEARL CHURCH OF CHRIST: Sunday services - morning worship 10:30 a.m.
Church of God
CORNERSTONE, Greg Demmitt, pastor; 338 State School Road; Sunday services - morning worship 11 a.m. www.facebook.com/pages/cornerstone/140632994733
Evangelical Methodist
REFUGEE-MINISTRIES PURMELA CHURCH CAMPUS: Josh Morrison, Campus Pastor; 115 FM 183, Purmela, Texas, 10:45 a.m. Sunday worship, 512-425-2828.
Lutheran
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH: David Reedy, International Interim Pastor; 922 Lutheran Church Rd. in Copperas Cove; Sunday morning Bible Study at 9:15 a.m.; Sunday morning worship at 10:30 a.m.
ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH: Rev. Christopher Richman, PhD; FM 929 in Coryell City; Sunday services - Morning worship 9 a.m., Sunday School 10:15 a.m.
ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH: Rev. John Heckmann, pastor; Hwy. 36 and FM 1114 in The Grove; Sunday services - Sunday School 9 a.m., worship 10:15 a.m.
Methodist
BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: Sunday services - 11 am. 2nd & 4th Sundays. 2 miles north of Ireland on FM 932
EVANT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: Judith Sellers, Pastor; Sunday services - Sunday School 9 a.m., morning worship 10 a.m.
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF GATESVILLE: 2600 E. Main St.; Stephen Schmidt, pastor; Sunday worship - 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. WEDNESDAY WORD: Meal at 5:30 p.m. \$3; youth, Children and Adult Bible Studies at 6:00 p.m. AA meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6:30 p.m. Visit us at fumcgatesville.org for more information.
JONESBORO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: 101 CR 193; Rita Hotz, Pastor; Sunday services - 11 a.m., each 1st and 3rd Sunday.
OGLESBY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: Sunday services - morning worship 9:45 a.m., Sunday School 10:45 a.m.
PIDCOKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: Bill Jones, Pastor; Hwy. 116; Worship service Sundays at 10 a.m. 254-677-6242.

Mormon
CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST LATTER-DAY SAINTS: 206 South 26th; Sunday services -Sacrament services 10 a.m., Sun. School 10 a.m
Non-Denominational
CHRISTIAN LIFE CHURCH: Frank Rosenstern, pastor; Hwy. 84 West; Sunday services, 10:30 a.m.; Thursday services, 7:00 p.m.
CORYELL COMMUNITY CHURCH: Daniel Crowther, Pastor; 115 N. Levita Rd., Gatesville, 248-0849. Sunday Worship services 9am & 10:30am. Wednesday services 6pm; Adult Bible Study, Children's Ministry and C3 Student Ministry.

CORYELL FELLOWSHIP CHURCH: Doran Belknap III, Pastor; Sunday service 11:00 a.m., 8205 FM 182 in Turnersville; (254) 218-5901.
GATESVILLE REVIVAL CENTER: Wes Covey, Pastor; Sunday school 10:00 a.m., Sunday morning 11:00 a.m., Sunday evening 6 p.m., Thursday evening 7 p.m. 2518 Bridge St., Gatesville.
GRACE ASSEMBLY CHRISTIAN CHURCH: Wray Nunn, pastor; Sunday morning worship 10:30 a.m. at Gatesville High School Auditorium; Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at the church, 1408 Waco Street.
GRACE BIBLE CHURCH: Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. and Sunday Services at 10:45 a.m. 4012 US Hwy. 84, Gatesville.
HARVESTING SOULS INTERNATIONAL CHURCH: Mike & Martha Johnson pastors, 503 N. 11th Street, Gatesville, 865-6222. Sunday morning worship 11:00 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study Ministries (Men, Women, children) 6:00 p.m. "Overcomers" a TDC and state approved 12-step recovery program meets Tuesday 6:00 p.m.
JOHNNY WATKIN'S MEN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: Sundays, 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. aqui se reune La Iglesia de Cristo, in the 2400 block of East Main Street.
LEVITA BIBLE FELLOWSHIP: Peter M. Mafwal, Pastor; 4460 FM 930, Levita; Sunday Bible Study at 9:45 a.m.; morning worship at 10:45 am.
MOTHER NEFF FAITH TABERNACLE: William Bertelsen, Pastor; 1415 Texas Hwy. 236; Sunday services - 10:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study at 7:00 p.m.
PEARL COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP: 6735 FM 183 in Pearl. Sunday Services- 9:00 a.m.
THE HOUSE THAT GOD BUILT: Bill Trotter, pastor; 3412 E. Main St.; Sunday service 11 a.m., Wednesday service 7 p.m.

Pentecostal
TABERNACLE OF PRAISE UPC: Rev. Jimmy Skiles, pastor; 202 E. Main, Gatesville; Worship services - Sunday mornings at 10:00 am; Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm; www.gatesvilletop.org. 254-206-1826.
MOUNT CALVARY CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST: Rev. Lee O. Ford, pastor; 128 North 12th Street; Sunday services - Sunday School 9:45 a.m., worship 11 a.m., weekly services, Wed. Bible Study 6:30p.m.-7:30 p.m., Wed. night service, 7:30p.m.
Presbyterian
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH: Rev. Dr. Buddy Wheat, pastor; 1110 E. Main, Gatesville; Sunday services - Sunday School 9:45 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m.
Wesleyan
CORYELL VALLEY CHURCH: 4995 FM 929, 3.5 miles from S.H. 36; Worship Saturdays at 5 p.m. coryellvalleytexas.com

Inter-Denominational
BOOTS -N- SADDLE COWBOY CHURCH: Max Gunn, pastor; 254-248-1850; 10 miles west of Gatesville on HWY 84; Sunday Service @ 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday Night Service @ 7:00 p.m.; Youth Sunday Service @ 9:45 a.m.
HIGHWAY 2 HEAVEN BIKER CHURCH: Monty & Tammy VanHorn, pastors; 1608 W. Main St., Gatesville; Sunday Praise and Worship 11 am, Wednesday Bible Study Rally-6 pm, 254-865-4076.
THE POINT FELLOWSHIP: James & Laurinda Paine, Pastors; 2315 Osage Road, Gatesville; Wednesday Services at 7:00 p.m. (Adults, youth & children); Sunday services - Destiny Discovery Class at 9:00 a.m. and Regular services at 10:30 a.m. 254-248-1265.

OFF THE SHELVES

Gatesville library offers much, much more ...

BY FAYE NICHOLS
Library Director

Thankfully, the end of summer 2021 looks very different at the library than the previous year.

The library hosted a very successful Summer Reading Club and fun was had by all.

From June 1 to July 31, your wonderful and talented library staff held 81 programs for kids of all ages. There was something for everyone's interest ranging from yoga, ukulele, cooking, science, arts & crafts, technology, as well as our weekly story times.

There were also 11 programs for adults that included a book club, a coloring group for adults, crocheted rug-making classes, and crocheting sleep mats for the

homeless in our community. The library served 729 kids and 110 adults with programming this summer. Participants also logged over 240 hours of reading.



Nichols

Thank you to our great community for supporting us in these endeavors with your attendance and participation.

Several of these great programs will continue into the fall.

Story times will be every Wednesday at 11 a.m. with groups for pre-k and elementary school children.

Homeschool families are welcome.

This month, our Mad Matters crochet group will meet on Tuesday, Aug. 10 and 24 at 6 p.m.

Christina Newman started this group that takes plastic grocery bags, turns them into "plarn" and crochets them into mats for the homeless.

Join the Facebook group Mad Matters for the latest updates. If anyone has extra plastic bags lying around that you can donate, please drop them off at the library.

Michelle Craycraft is our resident expert and facilitates Colors & Coffee coloring group for adults.

If you don't know where to start, Michelle gives tips and tricks each month on creating beautiful works of art.

The group is currently working on coloring illustrations for a children's book that will make a great gift for some special child in your life. All supplies are provided. Try this very relaxing and creative activity on Tuesday, Aug. 17 at 6 p.m.

Not neglecting the literary side of things, we have book clubs:

■ The Books Sandwiched In group will meet on Tuesday, Aug. 27 at 10 a.m. This month's book is The Weaver's Legacy, by Olive Collins. This historical novel is set in the American West from 1865-1940.

■ The Mystery Book Club returns on Tuesday, Sept. 7 at 6 p.m. Luci Zahray heads up this group and has arranged for Texas mystery

author Reavis Wortham to make a visit to our meeting. You can find all of Reavis' books at our library. Stay tuned for lots of exciting and mysterious things to come with this group. Luci has 24 years' experience as a reader for St. Martin's Press, Malice Domestic Mysteries. Affectionately known as the Poison Lady, Luci is a consultant for mystery writers who want to kill their victims with poison.

All of our events at the library are on our calendar on the website gatesvilletx.com/library. You can also follow us on Facebook and Instagram @gateslib. For questions or more information, please call the library at 254.865.5367 or email me at fnichols@gatesvilletx.com.

Grant and Randy to play Music Hall of Fame Aug. 20

The Gatesville Country Music Hall of Fame will feature Grant and Randy, The Two-Man Band, Friday, Aug. 20 from 7-9 p.m. at the Gatesville City Auditorium.

Grant and Randy have performed classic country music throughout the three-state area of Texas, New Mexico and Colorado as founding members of The Double Eagle Band. They have been an opening act for more than 30 major country artists, including Ray Price, Roy Clark, John Conlee and many more.

The two-man band features Grant Groblebe on vocals and guitar with Randy Klock on drums. They know more than 1,000 classic country songs and play only country music made in America.

The Gatesville Country Music Hall of Fame show is held on the third Friday of every month at the City Au-

Grant and Randy have performed throughout the three-state area of Texas, New Mexico and Colorado as founding members of The Double Eagle Band.

ditorium located at 110 N. 8th Street in Gatesville. Their purpose is to provide good, wholesome music with a family-oriented flavor.

For more information, please contact Roger Vierser at 254-547-6834.



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TWO-MAN BAND: The Gatesville Country Music Hall of Fame will feature Grant and Randy, The Two-Man Band, at its next gathering.



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The DISPATCH

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through law enforcement dispatchers during the period of August 2 - 4. 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.

CIT OF GATESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

AUGUST 2

1:41 p.m., harassment was reported in the 100 block of N. 8th Street.
 3:02 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 2500 block of Jackson Drive.
 6:07 p.m., a theft was reported in the 2500 block of Jackson Drive.
 7:29 p.m., harassment was reported in the 2200 block of Bridge Street.
 8:12 p.m., a theft was reported in the 2800 block of S. State Hwy. 36.

AUGUST 3

1:22 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 800 block of S. 7th Street.
 4:30 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2500 block of Osage Road.
 4:43 p.m., harassment was reported in the 2500 block of Oak Drive.
 5:16 p.m., a burglary was reported in the 400 block of Tom Sawyer.
 10:27 p.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 100 block of Avenue D.

AUGUST 4

9:57 a.m., a burglary was reported in the 100 block of Dodds Creek Drive.
 12:28 p.m., a distur-

bance was reported in the 100 block of N. State Hwy. 36 Bypass.

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2:34 p.m., a theft was reported in the 2800 block of

S. State Hwy. 36.
 9:15 p.m., a threat was reported in the 800 block of S. 7th Street.
 10:44 p.m., an intoxicated driver was reported in the 3400 block of E. Main Street.

CORYELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

AUGUST 2

8:49 a.m., an abandoned vehicle was reported on E. Hwy. 84, near Bond Road.
 9:46 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported on Hwy. 84 near South Mountain.
 10:59 a.m., a theft was

reported in the 200 block of CR 252.
 1:59 p.m., burglary of a habitation was reported in the 300 block of Liberty Street.
 5:47 p.m., a stranded motorist was reported in the 2700 block of CR 219.

AUGUST 3

8:35 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2800 block of Connell Street.
 10:55 a.m., an animal complaint was reported at FM 1783 and Slater Road.
 11:28 a.m., forgery was reported in the 800 block of Kenney Drive.
 5:18 p.m., burglary of a habitation was reported in

the 400 block of Tom Sawyer.
 6:29 p.m., a stolen boat was reported in the 1000 block of CR 269.

AUGUST 4

8:17 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported on Hwy. 281 at the county line.
 11:34 a.m., a major accident was reported in the 700 block of Bare Branch Road.
 3:13 p.m., a case of fraud was reported in the 400 block of CR 315.
 6:41 p.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 100 block of FM 1996.
 9:40 p.m., welfare concern was reported in the 2700 block of FM 217.

TERESA'S TABLE

Two school cafeteria staples that continue to wow

TERESA HOUSTON

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

I taught school for 29 years and during those years I ate many meals in our school cafeteria. At the high school, the students had names for what was served during the week — like won ton Wednesday (when we used to have Chinese food weekly) and chicken tender Tuesdays just to name a few — but one of the most sought out dishes year-round was the school's tortilla soup. Students and faculty members lined up on the days it was served and if you had last lunch you might be the one that had to scrape the bottom of the pot to get every drop that was left.

I got the recipe from the school librarian, Tammy Burns, who got it from another faculty member — and who knows how they bribed the cafeteria ladies to divulge the goodness.

AND THAT BREAD

The other item that every school cafeteria had was some sort of fresh baked bread or rolls. My high school in Gainesville was known for oatmeal batter bread. I can smell it baking just thinking about it. It was served with a big pat of butter on it, and was oh so good. School cafeterias are not what they used to be, but the ladies and gentlemen who run the cafeterias are some of the hardest working school employees because they make breakfast and lunch for so many each day at their schools. So, on the first Friday in

May it can be fun to celebrate Lunch Hero Day. It is a day to recognize the employees that make each cafeteria and school a better place to be.

So here are those prized recipes. Enjoy each of them, and I hope it takes you back to a wonderful place in time.

- 1 cup of shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1 cup of shredded cheddar cheese

Cook for another 20-30 minutes to allow the tortillas to dissolve. Serve with broken tortilla chips on top of the soup.

TORTILLA SOUP

- 1 large onion, chopped
- 4-6 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder
- 3 tablespoons olive oil

Sautee the onion and garlic in oil until the onion is tender.

Then add:
 2 cans of cream of chicken soup
 1 can of Rotel
 1 can chopped green chilies
 1 tablespoon cumin
 ½ teaspoon black pepper
 2 cups of cooked, diced chicken
 Bring to a boil then lower the heat and simmer for 30 minutes.

Then add:
 4-8 corn tortillas torn into small pieces

OATMEAL BATTER BREAD

- ¾ cup of boiling water
- ½ cup of oats
- 3 tablespoons of shortening.
- 4 tablespoons of sugar
- 2 ¾ cups of sifted flour
- 2 teaspoons salt
- ¼ cup of warm water
- 1 pkg. yeast
- 1 egg

In a large bowl stir the boiling water, oats, shortening, sugar and salt. Cool to lukewarm. Dissolve the yeast in the warm water then add the egg and half of the flour. Beat 2 minutes on medium speed, scraping the sides of the bowl several times. Next add the rest of the flour, mixing with a spoon until well blended. Spread into a greased loaf pan. Let rise for 1 ½ hours and then bake at 375 degrees for 50-55 minutes. Brush the top with lots of melted butter.

thegranburymtable@gmail.com

TARDIGRADES TOUGHEST ANIMAL ON EARTH

Imagine an animal that looks like a combination of a caterpillar and a teddy bear. Can you picture that? Then you have imagined a **tardigrade!**

Tardigrades, sometimes called water bears or moss piglets, are really tiny. They're **microscopic**—you need a microscope to see them.

WHERE TARDIGRADES LIVE

Tardigrades live **everywhere** on planet Earth. They live in the ocean and in every climate zone!

WHERE ON EARTH?

Here's a helpful tardigrade chart I made!

TARDIGRADE TOUGHNESS

When it is dry, tardigrades shrink into a little pill shape called a **tun**. They slow their breathing and **metabolism** to a death-like state. They can survive like this, without water, for **decades**. Once they get wet again, they come back to life in just a few hours!

WORD BOX

Metabolism: The processes in plants and animals by which food is changed into energy or to make cells and tissue.

Can you help me reach the water droplet?

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Replace the missing words.

Tardigrades on the Moon

In 2019, a small _____ called *Beresheet*, crashed on the _____ of the moon.

Beresheet was carrying a special "library." This library had all kinds of _____ about Earth, including some tiny tardigrades.

Some scientists think the tardigrades may have _____ the crash. They can survive all kinds of _____ situations, including times with no water and no air. That's just one _____ they are often considered the toughest animals on Earth.

Match each tardigrade with its shadow.

A tardigrade's tiny feet have claws to help grip surfaces.

A tardigrade's mouth is a tiny tube. They use this to suck food out of plants and animals.

Survived **Information** **Spacecraft** **Surface** **Harsh** **Reason** **Living**

Kid Scoop Puzzler

What do tardigrades eat?

Tardigrades really like to live in damp moss where they get all the food and water they need to thrive. Circle every other letter to discover the things tardigrades like to eat.

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How to Draw a Tardigrade

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

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Decade Math

A **decade** is 10 years. Look through the newspaper for three numbers that are more than ten. Rewrite each one as decades and years. For example, 54 is five decades and four years.

Standards Link: Mathematics: Understand base 10 place value.

Write On!

Ticket to Space

Pretend you could win a ride into space on a rocket ship. Write a paragraph telling why you should win this prize.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Understand alliteration.

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Farm loan rates set

BY KRISTEN MERIWETHER
Staff Writer

The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced loan interest rates for August 2021 on Monday. The Farm Service Agency loans provide access to capital to help agriculture producers start or expand their farming operations, purchase equipment or meet cash flow needs.

OPERATING AND OWNERSHIP LOANS:

- Farm Operating Loans (Direct): 1.750%
- Farm Ownership Loans (Direct): 3.250%
- Farm Ownership Loans (Direct, Joint Financing): 2.500%
- Farm Ownership Loans (Down Payment): 1.500%
- Emergency Loan (amount of actual loss): 2.750%

COMMODITY AND STORAGE FACILITY LOANS:

- Commodity Loans (less than one year disbursed): 1.125%
- Farm Storage Facility Loans:
 - Three-year loan terms: 0.500%
 - Five-year loan terms: 0.875%
 - Seven-year loan terms: 1.125%
 - Ten-year loan terms: 1.375%
 - Twelve-year loan terms: 1.500%
- Sugar Storage Facility Loans (15 years): 1.750%

CTC to host virtual info session Aug. 9

Central Texas College (CTC) will host a live, virtual information session on its Facebook page Monday, Aug. 9 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

The session hopes to give prospective students the information they need to make the decision to attend the local community college.

Attendees will also have the opportunity to ask questions and get answers in real time. The information session is free and open to the public online by registering at <https://ctc4.me/virtual-info>.

According to a CTC news release, the session will be helpful to recent high school graduates, high school seniors, military personnel, parents seeking information about CTC for their children and anyone else thinking of pursuing higher education or career change. Information on admissions and how to register will be available.



VIRTUAL MEET UP: Central Texas College is hosting a virtual meeting on its Facebook page Aug. 9.

Classes will be a combination in-person and online instruction. Students can use the CTC online WebAdvisor system to sign up for classes, which begin August 23.

Students may also register for online classes or synchronous virtual lecture classes available at other sites and at the Central Campus in Killeen. For course schedules, students can click the class schedules link under

the locations tab on the CTC website www.ctcd.edu.

Classes offered in Gatesville include Composition I (ENGL 1301), Composition II (ENGL 1302), United States History I (HIST 1301) and United States History II (HIST 1302).

CTC reserves the right to adjust or correct course scheduling, including class cancellations, class start and end times, class location and

course start and end dates. Class information is subject to change and students should visit WebAdvisor for the latest schedule information.

For more information about the summer schedule or registration, students can contact the CTC advisor at their respective site.

In Gatesville, students can contact CTC at 254-526-1977.

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And so it begins



PRESEASON HUDDLE: Oglesby head coach Jeb Dixon had a big group of athletes out for the first day.

BALL SECURITY: Jacob Cisneros works on one of the base plays for Jonesboro.

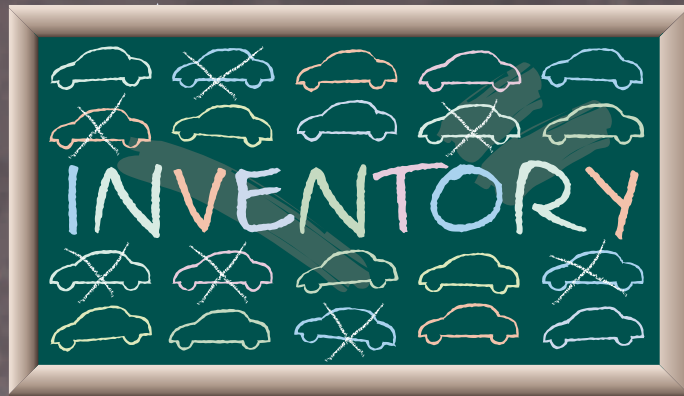


PRACTICE MODE: Gatesville sophomore linebacker Daniel Chism works on cutting in defensive drills.

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OBITUARIES



HALLIE JO JACKSON REESING

June 19, 1927 - July 29, 2021

Hallie Jo Jackson Reesing, of San Antonio, Texas, died on Thursday, July 29, 2021. She was born to Horace K. Jackson, Sr. and Bessie Earle Gilder Jackson on June 19, 1927 in Waco, Texas.

Hallie Jo grew up in Gatesville, Texas and graduated as valedictorian of the Gatesville High School class of 1945. She graduated cum laude from Baylor University in 1949. She was a member of the Alpha Omega Club and later affiliated with Pi

Beta Phi.

On December 17, 1949, she married John W. Reesing. They celebrated 64 years of happy marriage until his death in 2014.

Mrs. Reesing taught adult women's Sunday School classes over fifty years and at the time of her death was a member of Shearer Hills Baptist Church. She was active in the Daughters of the American Revolution having served as Regent of two chapters and served as Chairman of several State Committees of the Texas State DAR. She was a member of the Woman's Club of San Antonio, Pi Beta Phi

Alumnae Club, Albert Sydney Johnston United Daughters of the Confederacy, Baylor University Alumni Association and Development Council, and PEO Chapter X.

She is survived by her two daughters, Jo Bess Reesing Hammer, MD and spouse, Lisa Anthony of Austin and Catherine Anne Reesing Tiller and husband Bill of San Antonio; grandsons, Joel Hammer, Nathan Hammer of Austin and Andrew Hammer of Bozeman, Montana; granddaughters, Catherine Tiller Huddleston and husband, Ben of Uvalde, Texas and Rebecca Tiller Jones and husband, Colby of San

Antonio; great grandchildren, Maggie and Louis Huddleston; Evelyn Smith of Denton, Texas; niece, Jean Jackson Harris of Gatesville, Texas and her children, Megan, Mac, and Jack; cousin, Bill Nesbit of Waco, Texas and other cousins in Seymour and west Texas.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, John W. Reesing; great grandson, Willis Huddleston; brother, Horace K. Jackson, Jr. and wife, Anne; aunt, Margaret Nesbitt; and nephew, Horace K. Jackson III.

The family will receive visitors on Monday, August

9, from 10:30 to 11:00 AM at Shearer Hills Baptist Church.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, August 9, 2021, at 11 a.m. at the Shearer Hills Baptist Church, located at 12615 San Pedro.

Interment will take place in the Gatesville Masonic Cemetery, Gatesville, Texas on Tuesday, August 10, 2021, at 11:00 AM. The family requests in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Hallie Jo Jackson Reesing Scholarship Fund payable to Baylor University, One Bear Place #97050, Waco, Texas 76798.

SUSAN (RAY) STEPHENS

July 3, 1947 - August 1, 2021

Susan Stephens, age 74, passed away at home in Gatesville, on Sunday, August 1, 2021. Graveside Services will be held privately at Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Killeen.

Susan was born on July 3, 1947, to the late Dr. Otis Carter and Hazel Meharg Ray in Gatesville, Texas. She was a member of the class of 1965 of Gatesville High School. Susan followed her father and attended Baylor University and graduated in 1970. Susan then completed

her Juris Doctor at Baylor University in 1973. She practiced a couple of years in Post, Texas before moving to Copperas Cove in 1976.

Susan practiced in Copperas Cove from 1976 to 1993 before she served as the County Court of Law Judge for Coryell County. During her tenure, she proudly served the residents of Coryell County in a fair, just manner. She held this title, with honor, for 18 years before retiring in 2011. In 1978, Susan married Floyd Craig Winger and they shared 12 years together until his untimely death. These 12 years were filled with some of Susan's best memories. Susan served

her community in many ways to include being a former member of the Exchange Club in Gatesville. She will be remembered for her dry, witty sense of humor and her love for family.

Susan was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Otis Carter "Buck" Ray; sisters, Ann Combest Chamlee, and Kay Ray Healer Woodley.

Susan is survived by her sister, Jean Morrison; and her loving nieces and nephews including, Alisabeth "Betsi" Chamlee, Margaret Chamlee Pitrucha, Mike and Mark Healer, Brandt Carter Ray, and Brittini Ray.

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Marriage license applications filed during the month of July 2021 at the Coryell County Clerk's office include:

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 ■ Nathan Aaron Caldwell and Katelynn Leigh Ayres
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 ■ Dillon Lee Estes and Teresa Deann Martin
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 ■ Joseph Olan Ewing and Kayla Maree Lofland
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 ■ Zachary David Parris and Monica Nicole Vanaman
 ■ Ricky Lynn Rhoads and Adrienne Louise Hestilow
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Fishing Hall of Fame seeking nominations

BY KRISTEN MERIWETHER
Staff Writer

The Texas Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame committee is looking for nominations for next year's induction into the hall of fame.

The committee is looking for individuals and organiza-

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Inductees will be chosen based on ethics, leadership and commitment, unselfish contributions to the sport, scope of impact on freshwater fishing and fishing/fisheries management expertise

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"Whether it's an outdoor writer, pro-angler, fishing club or leader of industry, we look forward to continuing to honor and recognize everyone that helps make Texas fishing the best it can be," TFF Hall of Fame Committee Chair Dan Kessler said in a news release.

Nomination forms and instructions are available on the Texas Parks and Wildlife website or by calling (903) 676-2277. The deadline is Nov. 1.

The winners will be announced in spring 2022 and will be presented with their award in a special ceremony.

BEACH

FROM PAGE 12

more emphasis on covering ground.

Her busy summer included a lot of traveling.

She's played AAU volleyball in Virginia, Florida, Alabama and Arizona.

Thoms, a multi-sport athlete for the Hornets, turns her attention back to the high school season that started Aug. 2, with the Hornets expecting to form a tight group.

"Shortly after AAU ended I began to play beach with

my coed partner Isaac Peña through Legacy Beach Vol-

leyball in Temple/Belton," she said.

The pair made some big strides early.

They took third and first in their first two tournaments.

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"The varsity girls have been working real hard," Thoms said. "I am always very excited to open the high school volleyball season this fall, and with our hard work we will have a successful season. But without the support of my friends and especially my family I wouldn't have the same dreams and opportunities that I have today."

BUBBLE

FROM PAGE 12

year were the Bubble Bull showdown and the always fun Mutton Bustin'.

"The crowds were really into the Bubble Bull event," Norris said. "That created a lot of excitement."

The new event tests the competitors in a wild few seconds for three men in bubbles going head up with a large bull. The winner was picked by the loudest response from the crowd each night.

The winners each night took home \$100.

In the Mutton Bustin', the lambs came out with some stubborn attitudes. The winners on Thursday were: Thomas Blackman, Jenson Kinear and Easton George.

Back on Friday were: Ruckus Hix in first, Easton George in second and Zander Landrum in third.

Saturday's winners were Carson Poter, Lane Connell and Ashley Barnett.

CLOWN

FROM PAGE 12

Wichita Falls was a good background for Dunn.

His son Brendell Dunn has stepped in his footsteps and is part of the team.

"It's definitely a family venture for us," he said.

Dunn and the rodeo crew are constantly on the move.

They have been on the road in Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Kansas.

They'll make 18 to 24 rodeos in a season.

The rodeo season starts in March and goes through November.

After the Gatesville stop they make a run home to do some clothes before a trip to Louisiana.

"You can get pretty tired out here," Dunn said. "But it's a way of life for us."

Keeping the crowd engaged is the No. 1 priority.

"That and making sure no one gets hurt," he said.

Bare Bones Barbeque would like to thank each and every person who joined, helped, and donated for the Neighbors Supporting Neighbors Benefit for Jason Shields last Sunday. In June, Jason Shields was involved in a power line electrocution in Gatesville and is currently recovering from injuries sustained from the accident. The benefit was a huge success and we can't put into words what an honor it was to witness so much heart, kindness, and support from our community for Jason.

A big thanks to Kandis, Michael, Lani, Ray, Monica, Trey, Toney & Althea for making this a huge success as well! Y'all's time and donations do not go unrecognized and we really do appreciate y'all so much! Thank you to all the musicians as well!

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COURT PARTNERS: Tasha Thoms of Gatesville and Isaac Pena have teamed in sand volleyball this summer.

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Hornets' Thoms sees future on beach volleyball sand courts

BY MARK GOODSON
Staff Writer

Gatesville High School senior Tasha Thoms has been all over the nation this summer playing volleyball. After pushing herself through the AAU select ranks with two teams from January through July, she said she was near burnout but found a new passion in beach volleyball. "I love it," she said. "It's all about hustling and scrapping. I see a future for myself in it."

The 2-on-2 format puts a lot

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SAND WARRIORS: Tasha Thoms and Isaac Pena on the sand court together.

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GATESVILLE FOOTBALL

Hornets open football practice with 60-plus players

BY MARK GOODSON
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The Gatesville High School Hornets opened football drills with more than 60 players taking the field Monday morning.

The Hornets utilized the morning workout for technique and instruction

for the varsity and junior varsity candidates.

"We'll come back in the evening for our first big workout," said coach Luke Howard. "This morning is a lot of refresher work."

The Hornets coaches ran the team through drills in what was relatively comfortable conditions

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for August in Texas. Fall camp practices will be from

6-9 p.m.

Varsity and JV will also report in the mornings from 7-9 a.m.

"We still have some position battles at offensive line, running back, and outside linebacker," Howard said. "We are looking for some young guys to step up into backup and special teams roles."

During fall camp the Hornets will have scrimmages against McGregor and Fairfield. The McGregor scrimmage is on the road while the Fairfield scrimmage will be at home Aug. 19.

The Hornets will open the regular season Aug. 27 with a battle with Llano at McKamie Stadium.

TAKING PRIDE IN PERSONAL PARKING PLACES



MARKING THE SPOTS: Seniors at Gatesville High School gathered in the school parking lot earlier in the week to paint their spaces before school opens.

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84TH GATESVILLE RODEO

Rodeo clown's life is in constant motion

BY MARK GOODSON
Staff Writer

Living life as a rodeo clown is about staying on the move.

For Brandon Dunn of Petrolia, he made a solid impression at this year's Gatesville rodeo.

For three nights, he landed a make-believe airplane that had been hit by flying chickens to pick rodeo fans from various states out of the crowd. He constantly had people on the edge of their seats.

The little ones were strung on the fence, glaring at the sky trying to

see where that plane would make its stop.

His routine touched a lot of rodeo fans young and old.

"I try to tell jokes on myself. You have to be able to laugh at yourself," Dunn said. "I tell jokes on myself, my wife and my mother-in-law a lot. Everybody can relate to those three."

Dunn picks a lot on his home county.

"I use Clay County a lot," he said. Growing up on a ranch near

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BUBBLY SHOWDOWN: The Bubble Bull showdowns were a crowd favorite.

Bubble bull showdowns a big hit

BY MARK GOODSON
Staff Writer

The 84th running of the Gatesville Rodeo went off with a big showing.

"It was three nights of good, exciting entertainment," said Trenton Norris of the Champion Rodeo Company.

The livestock provider for the rodeo had more than 150 head of livestock for the event.

Two of the most popular events this

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