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CORYELL COUNTY'S FIRST, ONLY FEMALE SHERIFF

Willie Birdie Hollingsworth appointed to county post after husband's death

BY DAVID SCOTT
Staff Writer

Willie Birdie Hollingsworth was the first and only female sheriff in the history of Coryell County.

This was at a time when women's participation in city and county government was extremely limited, if non-existent.

Before Hollingsworth, it was reported that the first female sheriff in the United States was in fact from Texas: Emma Daughtery, who began her professional career as a school teacher. Following her marriage to John Riley Bannister, she relinquished her teaching career and became a housewife.

Her husband was elected sheriff of Coleman County, Texas in 1914.

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Becoming sheriff back then meant the family would move into the county jail. Living quarters were located downstairs for the sheriff and family while upstairs was where the prisoners were housed.

Gatesville officials react to new TEA COVID guidelines

BY KRISTEN MERIWETHER
Staff Writer

The Texas Education Agency released public health guidelines for all schools regarding COVID on Aug. 5.

Texas school districts are not required to inform parents of positive COVID cases in their classrooms. Schools will not be required to conduct contact tracing but if they chose to, a parent can still opt to send a child who came into contact with a COVID positive person to school, as long as they do not show symptoms or have a positive test.

"As a parent we are more notified of a lice case in a classroom than a COVID case," Gatesville City Council Member Meredith Rainer said at the Aug. 10 council meeting.

The guidelines said the, "data from 2020-21 shows

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INSIDE BUSY LADY HORNET HAPPY TO BUZZ BACK FOR PRACTICE



MARK GOODSON | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Gatesville Lady Hornet Barrett Boyd joined her volleyball teammates after a hectic schedule at a state AAU heptathlon meet. **PAGE 10**

GATESVILLE CITY COUNCIL City approves lower tax rate of \$.56

BY KRISTEN MERIWETHER
Staff Writer

After a lengthy debate, the Gatesville City Council voted to approve a tax rate of \$.56 per \$100 valuation Tuesday night.

The rate is \$.02 lower than originally proposed and, if adopted on Aug. 16, would not require voter approval in November.

The tax rate originally proposed with the budget was \$.58 per \$100 valuation. The new rate was designed to pay for the creation of a Parks and Recreation Department, add a narcotics detective to the Gatesville Police Department and pay for 3% cost-of-living raises for all city employees, among other items.

City Manager Bill Parry also proposed adding a new IT Director, which would mean the city adopting a \$.57 tax rate.

There was plenty of support among the council members for all of the new items. The council was not, however, supportive of the increase in taxes to pay for any of the additions.

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QUESTION & ANSWER CORNER

Q: How hot is it in Gatesville?
A: According to the NWS, there are 88.8 days annually when the high temperature is over 90°, which is cooler than most places in Texas.

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COUNTY WIDE

Spurfest to be held Sept. 18

There will be 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 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 coryellmuseum@yahoo.com.

Beautiful quilt donated for 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.

Best beard bragging rights

Gentlemen, ladies and children? Prepare to show your beards at Spurfest Sept. 18.

There will be four categories: New beards. Contestants must be clean shaven on Saturday, Aug. 7. Come by the Museum on that day from 10 am-4 pm or provide us with a selfie of your clean shaven face with a timestamp (or in front of a newspaper with that date).

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.

Fake beards. This will be open to men, women and children. You can be as creative as you please. Contestants need to be at Spurfest to be judged. Times for judging will be announced in future Messenger articles.

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.

Meet the Teacher Day in Evant

Evant Independent School District recently announced that "Meet the Teacher" day will be on Monday, August 16 from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. Cheyenne Cook, principal at EISD, said "We would like for everyone to gather in the gym at the beginning of meet the teacher. We will introduce all faculty and staff, Dr. Martinez will provide any updates in the student handbook and then everyone will be dismissed to go and visit with their student's teachers."

Evant Baptist 'Back 2 School'

First Baptist Church of Evant will be hosting a "Back 2 School Event" on Sunday August 15 as they pre-

pare for the upcoming school year at Evant ISD. All teachers, staff and students are invited for a special service dedicated to them. As a church, they would like to pray for them as they begin the 2021-22 school year. A doughnut and coffee fellowship will take place at 10:15 a.m., followed by a service and prayers at 11 a.m. The event will wrap up with a backyard BBQ lunch at noon. First Baptist Church of Evant is located at 200 LiveOak.

Seeking tips for a burglary of a white F-250

Crime Stoppers is seeking information that can help with a motor vehicle burglary Aug. 1.

The crime occurred in the 100 block of Dodds Creek Drive between midnight and 7 a.m. A white 2012 F-250 was burglarized and a backpack containing various items including insulin was stolen from the vehicle.

The cost of the backpack and medication was valued at over \$385.

Call Centex Crime Stoppers 24 hours a day at 1-254-865-8477 (TIPS) or visit its website at www.Centexcrimestoppers.org or by downloading the "P3" mobile app available on both the Apple app store and Google Play Store.

Tips are anonymous, and if your information leads to an arrest, you may be eligible for a cash reward.

Fundraiser for electrocuted man

A fundraiser was recently held at Bare Bones Barbeque for Jason Shields who was electrocuted by a power line on Main Street in June.

Shields remains hospitalized at Dell Seton Medical Center burn trauma unit in Austin. The fundraiser event included live music, a live and silent auction, a dunking booth, bounce houses for the children and a corn hole tournament.

Wally Ellisor, a manager at Bare Bones, said that they had a really good turnout for the benefit.

"It's really good to see how the community comes together on an event like this," Ellisor said.

He also said many donated a number of items for the auction.

Birgit Shields, wife of Jason Shields, recently posted an update on her husband's condition. She reported that he is still in ICU, but that he's making good progress.

"We have heard from several nurses and doctors that he has quickly become the favorite patient on this floor with his positive attitude and easygoing personality even when he's in extreme pain," Birgit said.

She also said that he will need to go to a long-term care facility after leaving Seton Medical Center to finish his wound treatments and rehab.

"Please keep your prayers coming, they are very much appreciated," Birgit added.

SHERIFF

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Upon his death in 1918, officials asked Bannister if she would serve out the remaining three months of her husband's term and she agreed, making her the first "appointed" female sheriff in the state. The same situation would later apply to Coryell County's Willie Birdie Hollingsworth.

Walter Warren Hollingsworth, affectionately referred to as "Holly," was a native of Crockett, Texas. Following the death of his first wife, he became engaged to Willie Birdie Ridens who was a native of The Grove in Coryell County. In 1908, the couple planned a formal wedding, but at the last minute, changed their minds and boarded a train for Fort Worth where they were united in marriage by a Justice of the Peace.

Upon moving to Gatesville in 1912, the couple first lived on Saunders Street, where they would begin their family, ultimately being the parents of seven children.

Before his marriage to Birdie, Holly was a man of many hats. He was a farmer, merchant, minister and served as the postmaster at Hurst Springs from 1901 until 1906. During this time he also served a stint as a deputy sheriff.

Two years after their arrival in Coryell County, Holly was elected sheriff in 1914 and would remain in that capacity until his death in 1934 - serving a total of 20 years in office.

LIFE OF A SHERIFF

Becoming sheriff back then meant the family would move into the county jail. Living quarters were located downstairs for the sheriff and his family while upstairs was where the prisoners were housed.

The Hollingsworth family lived at



HOME SWEET HOME: Birdie Hollingsworth lived with her family on the ground floor while prisoners were kept upstairs.

the jail until the structure was pronounced "structurally insecure." A new jail was constructed and once again, the Hollingsworth family lived on the first floor of the new building while the prisoners were kept on the second floor.

Birdie gave birth to several of her children at the jail. A few of the Hollingsworth boys were named after some of their father's notable friends such as Texas State Senator Tom Connally, and Governor Pat Morris Neff.

According to a 1931 edition of The Gatesville Messenger, Sheriff Hollingsworth was hospitalized in Waco after an attack by an insane inmate who struck him in the head.

Accounts at the time listed him as improving, but it appeared that

he never fully recovered from the head injury and died three years later in 1934.

When Holly died, a few of the older Hollingsworth children had already left home and now Birdie had the sole responsibility of raising the five younger ones.

COURT APPOINTMENT

Upon her husband's death, a special meeting of the Commissioner's Court took place at the courthouse on April 25, 1934, and it was ordered by the Court that "Mrs. W.W. Hollingsworth" be appointed to fill the unexpired term of her late husband.

Prior to this appointment, Birdie's work had consisted of being a housewife, a mother, a milliner and

a telephone operator in Gatesville.

In a passage from the Holly Branches, a history of the Hollingsworth Family by Sherry Ella Bromser Scott, Birdie's appointment as sheriff was described as follows:

"Birdie was faced raising the five young children without his support, either emotional or financial. With Holly no longer the Sheriff, the family would lose their home. These were the days before pensions and retirement plans. Apparently, no life insurance was in the picture. The County Commissioners stepped up and appointed Birdie to succeed Sheriff Hollingsworth and complete his term. This appointment gave the family an income and a home from April through the end of 1934, her duties

were mainly administrative; Deputy Joe White filled the operational role. Birdie was commissioned by Governor Miriam "Ma" Ferguson, Governor of Texas, on April 27, 1934. "Ma" Ferguson was the first female Texas Governor, and Birdie Hollingsworth became the first (and to date, only) female Coryell County Sheriff."

Birdie served as sheriff the last eight months of her husband's term from April 1934 until January 1, 1935.

After leaving office, she borrowed money from a friend and purchased an apartment house so that her family would have a place to live and have a little income from the rented apartments.

'HARD-WORKING' WOMAN

In the family history book by Sherry Bromser Scott, a description of Birdie was as follows: "When asked to describe Birdie, the reply was often 'hard-working.' She was also remembered as being judgmental, especially about the women who married her sons. Her negative disposition might have resulted from the circumstances life handed her, but she succeeded in keeping her children together in close relationships."

Birdie spent the remainder of her years in Gatesville where she died of a heart attack at the age of 67 on Oct. 29, 1953. She was laid to rest next to her husband in the Masonic Cemetery in Gatesville.

Her obituary mentions the fact her late husband was sheriff and that he held that office continuously until his death in 1934, but there is no mention of the fact that Birdie Hollingsworth herself had been appointed sheriff or the fact that she was the first female sheriff in Coryell County and possibly the second in the State of Texas.

TAX

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"If you don't have the stomach for an election, then you know what the rate needs to be," Parry told the council. "If you can stomach the election, then you tell me the rate you want."

Council members spent over an hour discussing what items could be cut in an attempt to pay for mul-

multiple new expenditures without increasing revenue.

The council briefly discussed eliminating the \$25,000 for the annual July 4 fireworks show from the budget. But a reminder of how poorly that went over with residents when a similar cut was proposed several years ago kept the expense from the chopping block.

Council member Jack Doyle proposed eliminating one of the four miles of seal coat to improve city

roads to pay for the IT director. There was discussion of potentially paying for the seal coat with American Rescue Plan Act funds, but the city has not yet received its allocation.

After all of their discussion the council asked Parry to find a way to fund all the new items with the \$56 tax rate.

"I believe that we could potentially do some recalculation," Parry said "I'll come back to you and let

you know."

On Wednesday Parry said he was working on a solution that involved purchasing the new police side-arms and the new mower in this year's budget, and reducing the contingent appropriation amount. The appropriation is a relic from the city's charter and would not have an impact on city services.

The reduction in expenses would allow for the addition of the IT director and the grant money and

still maintain a balanced budget.

As of midday Wednesday Parry said he had no plans to remove any road maintenance expenses or funding for the fireworks from the budget.

The amended budget was presented to council on Thursday evening, after press time for the Messenger.

The city will hold its final budget hearing on Monday Aug. 16 at 5:30 at City Hall.



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Rise in COVID cases prompts mask order

BY KRISTEN MERIWETHER
Staff Writer

Beginning Monday Coryell County district judges and county court-at-law judges will require face coverings in their courtrooms, according to Coryell County Judge Roger Miller. The move comes after the judges consulted with the local health officials about rising COVID case numbers in the area.

Coryell County has seen 177 new cases since Aug. 1 and has confirmed six new deaths in the last month, according to data from the

Texas Department of State Health Services. The county has seen 7,669 total confirmed cases since March 2020, with 94 total deaths.

COVID hospitalizations make up 19% of total hospitalization in Trauma Service Area L, which includes Co-

ryell County, according to DSHS data from Sunday. It is the fourth highest percentage in the state.

The public health authority in neighboring Bell County, which is also included in TSA L, raised their COVID threat level to Level 1 on Aug. 4. It is the highest threat level

used for when community outbreaks are present and worsening.

Coryell County does not have a public health authority to make those type of decisions.

Public health officials are urging residents to get vaccinated to protect against

infection. According to DSHS data 32% of Coryell County residents 12 and up are fully vaccinated. The data shows 65% over the age of 65 are fully vaccinated.

Coryell Health, Walgreens and H.E.B. pharmacy are offering vaccines locally.

COVID

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very low COVID-19 transmission rates in a classroom setting and data demonstrating lower transmission rates among children than adults."

Districts will still be required to report positive cases

to the local health department and the Texas Department of State Health Services.

The guidelines also put limits on the type of virtual instruction schools may offer. TEA is requiring the virtual learning be two-way and in real time. A teacher cannot teach in-person and to online learners, which means

a school would have to dedicate teacher(s) for virtual learning.

"No school will have the resources to meet that demand," Gatesville Mayor Gary Chumley said at Tuesday's council meeting.

Earlier Tuesday during Coryell County Commissioners Court Emergency Manage-

ment Coordinator Bob Harrell also discussed concerns with the new TEA regulations.

"That's a big concern of mine, as well as medical professionals in the community," Harrell said. "What are we going to do if we start to see huge outbreaks in the schools?"

He said they expect to see spikes in the schools in mid-

or early September.

COVID cases and hospitalizations have risen in the last several weeks. Harrell said the county has seen three daycare centers and one church day camp report outbreaks in the last two weeks.

Hospitalizations in TSA L, which includes Coryell County, was at 20.21% on

Aug. 10, according to DSHS data. There were an estimated 408 active cases in Coryell County as of Aug. 11.

The Messenger reached out to GISD for comment on the new guidelines but emails were not returned by press time.

CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

Delta variant spurs huge increase in COVID-19 hospitalizations

BY GARY BORDERS

The number of Texans hospitalized with lab-confirmed COVID-19 cases is increasing faster than at any other point since the pandemic began in early 2020, due to the highly contagious delta variant.

As of Sunday, the Texas Department of State Health Services reported 8,892 people were in Texas hospitals. That is up more than four-fold from a month ago. The Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University reported 96,807 cases in the past week and 384 deaths. That is nearly

eight times the number of new cases reported a month ago and more than double the deaths.

In Austin, health authorities warned the public that a surge in cases has swamped hospitals, according to a New York Times report. Intensive-care units are near capacity, with only a handful of ICU beds available.

Gov. Greg Abbott has barred local governments and public schools from re-instituting mask mandates but is urging people to get vaccinated against COVID-19. The vast majority of those hospitalized have not

been vaccinated.

A total of 12.84 million Texans are fully vaccinated, about 44% of the state's total population, according to DSHS.

DEMS STILL AWOL

Abbott convened a second special session just hours after the first session expired but there still wasn't a quorum present to pass bills. Many Texas House Democratic legislators remained in Washington, D.C. in an effort to both block a quorum and lobby members of Congress to pass a federal voting rights bill.

Abbott has put forth a 17-item agenda that includes the election reform bill, bail reform, border security and other issues that were presented but not passed during the regular session.

"I will continue to call special session after special session to reform our broken bail system, uphold election integrity, and pass other important items that Texans demand and deserve," Abbott said when announcing the new session. "Passing these special session agenda items will chart a course towards a stronger and brighter future for the Lone

Star State."

Texas House Democrats predictably were critical. State Rep. Ina Minjarez said Abbott is "wasting" taxpayers' money, chiding the governor in a tweet with the hashtag #StopGaslighting-Texans.

LEGISLATIVE FUNDING ANNOUNCED

Texas Capitol employees won't have to go without a paycheck in September after all.

Abbott vetoed a portion of the state budget that funds the Legislature and its staff after House Demo-

crats walked out during the regular session. But Abbott, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, House Speaker Dade Phelan and others announced an additional month of funding for the Legislature before the second special session that began Saturday.

"Texans should not have to pay for Legislators who quit their jobs and leave unfinished business," Abbott said.

Gary Borders is a veteran award-winning Texas journalist. He published a number of community newspapers in Texas during a 30-year span.

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Texas-size Palo Duro Canyon 'recharges me'

BY TUMBLEWEED SMITH

The Palo Duro Canyon is the second largest canyon in the United States. It is 1,200 feet deep, 120 miles long and over 20 miles wide in some areas. It covers parts of four counties in the panhandle and the number of visitors is increasing.

"Its popularity grows by leaps and bounds," says Eric Miller, a tourist expert in Amarillo, "especially now that the pandemic is on the decline and people are starting to travel again." He goes to the canyon weekly and has studied it for years.

"The canyon has caves and columns of weathered rock called hoodoos. The major landmark that people want to see is called the Lighthouse. It's a sandstone structure about 300 feet tall. You have to take a 6-mile round trip hike to get to it. In the summer heat you better take precautions like some sort of headgear, sunscreen and plenty of water. The sun can really sap your energy. Morning is the best time to go."

The canyon is believed to be 90 million years old. The name Palo Duro is from an Indian term meaning hard stick.

"The legend is that Coronado led



COURTESY TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE

SPECTACULAR SIGHT: The major landmark that people want to see is called the Lighthouse. It's a sandstone structure about 300 feet tall.

some conquistadors to the area in about 1540. It was his group that discovered the juniper cedar trees that are still there on the walls of the canyon. Juniper trees have an incredibly hard wood."

Indians made arrows from juniper wood. There are several hiking trails in the canyon. One is called the Rock Garden Trail.

"It starts on the floor of the canyon and goes all the way up to the rim, so it's nearly a quarter of a

mile gain in elevation going up"

The canyon has a replica of a dugout like the one Charles Goodnight, a pioneer rancher used in 1876, two years after the Indians left. He moved 1,800 head of cattle into the canyon in partnership with John Adair and founded the JA Ranch,

There is a state park that covers a small part of the canyon. Concessions include jeep rides, a zip line and the outdoor musical drama

TEXAS that begins in May and runs through mid August. It has special lighting and sound effects.

"The lightning at the end of the first act will have you believing that it's raining."

Eric thinks the canyon is a special place.

"Palo Duro is my go-to place because it just recharges me. There is a deep serenity that comes with breathing in the clear panhandle air."

The canyon is on the Prairie Dog Town Fork of the Red River in Briscoe, Armstrong, Randall and Swisher counties and was created by water erosion. At the rim it has an elevation of 3,500 feet. The floor of the canyon is 2,380 feet above sea level. It was one of the last Indian strongholds on the plains. The Palo Duro State Park is east of Canyon, Texas.

The DISPATCH

TNT-280 08-19/5

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.

GATESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

AUGUST 9

11:13 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1600 block of E. Main Street.

12:28 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 600 block of N. 13th Street.

1:17 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 1200 block of E. Main Street.

1:42 p.m., animal cruelty was reported in the 600 block of Andrews Street.

2:36 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 1100 block of W. Main Street.

5:07 p.m., an accident was reported in the 2800 block of S. State Hwy. 36.

6:36 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1500 block of E. Main Street.

10:29 p.m., a threat was reported in the 2200 block of E. Main Street.

AUGUST 10

10:17 a.m., harassment was reported in the 1200 block of Waco Street.

10:37 a.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 1200 block of E. Main Street.

10:58 a.m., a theft was reported in the 400 block of N. 16th Street.

11:58 a.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 2800 block of S. State Hwy. 36.

12:15 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 300 block of S. State Hwy. 36 Bypass.

2:07 p.m., a theft was reported in the 2800 block of S. State Hwy. 36.

3:58 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 2600 block of Business Hwy. 36.

8:03 p.m., harassment was reported in the 300 block of Shady Lane.

CORYELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

AUGUST 9

10:39 a.m., identity theft was reported in the 400 block of Tom Sawyer.

3:12 p.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 300 block of Thackston Drive.

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3:40 p.m., a vehicle fire was reported on Hwy. 190 at the county line.

3:50 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on FM 580 at Perryman Creek Road.

4:43 p.m., a reckless driver was reported on S. Hwy. 36 at Flat.

5:23 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported at the intersection of FM 182 and N. Hwy. 36.

5:28 p.m., an out of control child was reported in the 200 block of Jack Butler Road.

9:09 p.m., a civil matter was reported in the 500 block of E. Brooks Drive.

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7:50 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 900 block of Pheasant Circle.

8:55 a.m., a reckless driver was reported on Hwy. 84 at South Mountain.

10:29 a.m., identity theft was reported in the 5200 block of FM 1829.

11:33 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 2700 block of Moccasin Bend Road.

6:21 p.m., a stranded motorist was reported on W. Hwy. 84 at the Boots & Saddle Church.

6:24 p.m., an abandoned vehicle was reported on FM 182 at Coryell Creek.

7:31 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported at Leon Junction and the Duncans place.

8:24 p.m., a neighbor dispute was reported in the 80 block of Boone Avenue.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The JONESBORO ISD will hold a public meeting at 6:00 PM 08/25/2021 in JISD Library, 14909 S St. Hwy 36 Jonesboro, TX 76538. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$0.960300 /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax Approved by Local Voters	\$0.097000 /\$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	% (increase) or	-2.000000% (decrease)
Debt service	0.000000% (increase) or	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	% (increase) or	-2.000000% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$119,069,271	\$143,743,155
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$1,782,300	\$2,781,496
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$105,939,609	\$129,179,762
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$1,759,550	\$2,701,955

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.

** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.

*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness: \$470,000

* Outstanding principal

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.015400	\$0.097000*	\$1.112400	\$3,882	\$10,232
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$0.929080	\$0.040060*	\$0.969140	\$4,326	\$9,632
Proposed Rate	\$0.960300	\$0.097000*	\$1.057300	\$4,181	\$9,851

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both.

The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$149,034	\$162,656
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$119,065	\$130,721
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.112400	\$1.057300
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$1,324.47	\$1,382.11
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes	\$0.00	\$57.64

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.057300. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of 1.057300.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$2,765,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$151,500

A school district may not increase the district's maintenance and operations tax rate to create a surplus in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the purpose of paying the district's debt service.

BOOK REVIEW

For horsewomen the ride's the thing

BY TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

You were determined not to get bit. But in a totally different meaning of the word, you were equally determined that your horse would accept one. Without a bit in his mouth, he wouldn't turn, slow down, or stop when you wanted to ride – and of course, as in "Horse Girls," edited by Halimah Marcus, the ride's the thing.

Or is a sense of freedom the best part of owning a horse? Many girls think so, while others just want their very own Flicka or Ginger or Pie. Whatever it is, Marcus says that there's a difference between "horse girls" and "a horsewoman." The latter, she writes, is "tough, no-nonsense... riding every day... unsentimental about horses but devoted to them for life" – unlike many of the women in this book who gave up riding as young women and re-established their love for it later in life.

But what makes a horse girl?

Marginalization, in the stories here. These horse girls often felt shame for not fitting the norm, for being queer, Black, "chubby" or poor – but they still loved horses. Some of the writers are lesbians, but they didn't understand it until their girlhoods were over. Alex Marzano-Lesnevich writes of cross-dressing cowboys in history; Sarah Enelow-Snyder writes about Black cowboys and of "curly Afros shoved into unaccommodating cowboy hats." C. Morgan



"Horse Girls: Recovering, Aspiring, and Devoted Riders Redefine the Iconic Bond," edited by Halimah Marcus
c.2021, Harper Perennial \$17.00 / \$21.00 Canada 304 pages

Babst writes of cruelty and anorexia, a two-pronged part of her childhood.

Horse girls worry. A lot. They worry about where their horses went after they were sold or given away. On the day she got it, Adrienne Celt worried about how she was going to bury her horse if it died. They worry about

disappointing horse-loving parents, and they fret about the best way to introduce their daughters to riding.

They ride with joy. They met spouses through horses. They remember the smell of a box that once contained a plastic horse – because, says T Kira Madden, "the thing about a horse is, it's never about the horse."

Nope, it's also about stories. Fifteen of them, to be exact, all inside "Horse Girls," but unless you're the horsey-type, you grew up in a saddle, or your shelves once held plastic 1:9-scale horses, you can just mosey along. In that case, you'll haaaaate this book and that's OK. It's not for you anyhow.

If you fit the former, though, pommel, stirrup, and all, then editor Halimah Marcus offers stories you'll devour, stories of loving horses, even when (especially when!) doing so made you an anomaly. There's strength in that but loss also looms large here, particularly loss of childhood, innocence, or imagination. Fortunately for many of these storytellers and for the readers invited along on this ride, though, recollections are resolved, reasons for them are reconciled, and the endings are mostly satisfying.

If you ever trotted around the yard, pretending to be a horse, or if you actually spent your girlhood in a saddle, this book will bring back memories. "Horse Girls" is a book you won't want to miss, not even a little bit.



THE EDITOR: Halimah Marcus.

COURTESY PHOTO BY BRYAN DERBALLA

OBITUARIES

**CINDY AMENT VENABLE**

August 21, 1967 - August 3, 2021

Cindy Ament Venable, age 53 of Gatesville, passed away surrounded by her family on Tuesday, August 3, 2021, having fought a courageous battle with cancer for twenty-five years.

Celebration of Life Services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, August 7, 2021 at the First United Methodist Church in Gatesville, with Pastor Bill Bales officiating. The family will be receiving

family and friends following services at the church. Private family inurnment will be at Gatesville Masonic Cemetery at a later date.

Cindy was born on August 21, 1967 in Gatesville. She grew up in Gatesville and graduated from Gatesville High School in 1985. She attended McLennan Community College and Central Texas College while working for Ward Insurance, Coryell County Farm Bureau and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. She then attended Tarleton State University, where she graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bach-

elors Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies and a minor in English. She began her teaching career in 1998 with the Gatesville Independent School District. While teaching, she earned her Masters Degree in Educational Administration from Tarleton State University. In 2010 she became the assistant principal at Gatesville Junior High School and assumed the lead principal at the junior high in 2012. She held this position until her retirement earlier in 2021.

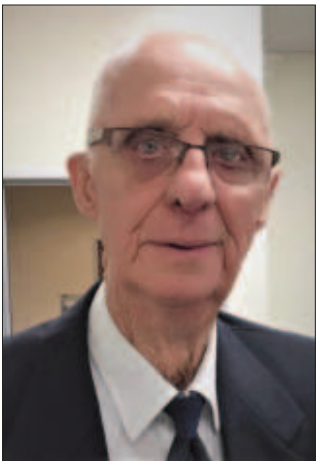
Although she had no children of her own, children were her passion. She treat-

ed her nieces, nephews and cousins as her own children. They all adored and loved her and respected their "Ninny". The children that she taught and administered over the years were also her passion and she could recall them all by name. In 2021 the Gatesville Junior High Library was named in her honor for her love of books.

Cindy is survived by her parents, Wyllis H. and Linda Sue Ament; brothers, Jamie Ament, Kris Ament and wife Gina; nieces and nephews, Clay Ament, Kari Gary and husband, Cameron, Hayden Ament, Hadleigh Ament;

and a great nephew, Grant Gary; uncle, Charles Ament and wife, Debbie, Robert Blanchard and wife, Marsha and their families, Michelle, Tisha, Amy, Alisa, Austin, Jared and Jill. She is also survived by her loving dogs, Roxy and Maggie and her special friends who were very faithful to her.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested memorials be made in Cindy's memory to the Gatesville Junior High School Library, c/o Gatesville I.S.D., 311 S. Lovers Lane, Gatesville, TX 76528 or The Big Sting, 3417 Imperial Dr., Gatesville, TX 76528.

**BILL DELL KORNEGAY**

January 10, 1932 - July 31, 2021

Billy (Bill) Dell Kornegay, age 89 of Gatesville Texas, passed away peacefully on Saturday, July 31, 2021 in

Temple surrounded by his family.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, August 5, 2021 at Gateway Baptist Church in Gatesville, with Rev. Mike Bradgon officiating. The family will receive visitors one hour prior to services at the church. Burial will follow at Restland Cemetery.

Bill was born on January 10, 1932 in Breckenridge, Texas to the late Hamp and Roby Kornegay. He grew up as a farm boy in the small town of Rising Star. As a young man, he enjoyed fishing, hunting and often following the honeybees to their hidden hive for some fresh honey. Bill played football as a linebacker and graduated from Rising Star High School. He and five

other friends enlisted in the U.S. Army. They drove in Bill's 1951 Chevy to Seattle, Washington to report for duty. Bill was deployed to Korea where his duty was to keep the radio tower operational. He was honorably discharged and returned home after his service.

Bill was blessed with the birth of his first daughter Karen in 1955 and then his second daughter Marlene in 1958.

Bill lived in Odessa and worked for El Paso Products. With his knowledge of the job and operations, he was offered a supervisory position at plant in Corpus Christi. He accepted the position after they agreed to cover the expenses to move him and his family. Bill worked for them for 20 years before he decided to retire. On Febru-

ary 26, 1979, Bill married the love of his life, Carral Ann Wittie of Gatesville. They have enjoyed sharing time together in activities such as square dancing in the early years, to the daily country back road drives looking for wild turkey and deer.

After battling a few hurricanes and retiring, in 1982, Bill decided to return to his roots of farming. He purchased his farm, "Lazy K Stock Farm" and built his new house in the small community of King just a few miles outside of Gatesville. While enjoying his farm, Bill also worked at M.A.T.E.S where he started as a security officer. He loved to bring his grandchildren to work and show them the tanks parked on the lot. He later

moved into a maintenance supervisory role and enjoyed the challenge to overcome jobs that most said could not be done. More times than not, he would find a way. Bill later retired from M.A.T.E.S., where he met many lifelong friends. When Bill moved to Coryell County, he became a member of Gateway Baptist Church and remained an active member. In 2000, after overcoming lung cancer, Bill decided it was time to move his family into the City of Gatesville and has lived there ever since. Bill had great faith in God and valued his family. Those values continue to live on.

He was preceded in death by his parents Roby and Hamp Kornegay; brother, J.W. Kornegay; sister, Doro-

thy Maxwell; and a daughter, Karen Marie Edwards Smith.

Bill is survived by his wife, Carral Kornegay; daughter, Marlene Kornegay; son, Tommy Morgan and wife, Barbara; grandchildren, Shawn Edwards and wife, Tammy, Christy Edwards, Aaron Edwards, Tanya Garceau and husband, Gary, Mark "Shorty" Edwards and wife, Lindzey, Jamie Srianeckul and husband, West, Dean Barclay and Amanda; seventeen great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

In lieu of flowers, the family has designated memorials be made to Brazos Valley Coalition on Suicide Prevention, 3200 Cougar Trail #D, Bryan, Texas 77807.

**RICKY DON BATES**

April 2, 1962 - August 10, 2021

Ricky Don Bates, age 59 of Evant, passed away August 10, 2021.

Memorial services will be held 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 14, 2021 at Purlmela Baptist Church, officiated by Dr. John Vassar, assisted by Brenden Hough. A one-hour visitation will be held before the service at 10:00 a.m. Ricky's ashes will be returned to the Earth, being scattered on the very land he dedicated his life to working.

Ricky was born the oldest child to Roy and Rita Bates on April 2, 1962 in Hamilton, TX. He spent the entirety of his childhood attending Evant ISD, only transferring his senior year to Gatesville High School to utilize their work study program. It was apparent at even this young age that Ricky's work ethic was a strong pillar of his

character. After graduating in 1980, Ricky immediately went to work at The Texas Department of Criminal Justice, starting in Tennessee Colony and later transferring to Gatesville. Beginning as an entry-level Correctional Officer, Ricky worked his way up to a Sergeant and eventually to a Correctional Program Specialist. His nearly 30 year-long successful career is best remembered for his strong moral character and dedication to the job.

It was early on his career that Ricky met the love of his life, Terry, while she worked as a Registered Nurse at Coryell Memorial Hospital. The two wed February 12, 1988 and shortly thereafter started a family. Ricky's greatest

passions, aside from being a dutiful husband and father, were farming and ranching, which he did wholeheartedly for 40 years.

The value of a hard day's work was not lost on Ricky and neither was the value of community. His willingness to help his neighbors was not lost on them, especially in challenging situations, like removing bee infestations, for those who desperately needed it. Ricky also served as President of the school board for Evant ISD for 17

years in which he worked earnestly to enrich the educational experience for students, parents, employees, and community members alike. Furthermore, Ricky took on a leadership and

treasury role at Purlmela Baptist Church. The absence of his commitment to the church will be difficult to replace, but his unwavering faith in the Lord will continue to inspire those who knew him best.

Ricky is survived by his wife of 33 years, Terry Bates; his son, Justin Bates and wife, Ciara, and their children, Javi and Jace; his son, Cory Bates and wife, Devon, and their children, Bryson, Waverly, and Westlyn; his father, Roy Bates; his siblings, William Randy Bates, Rodney Arville Bates, Renea Bates Kirksey, and Rochelle Irene Ninteman, and numerous extended family and friends. He is preceded in death by his mother, Rita Bates.

Ricky was someone to look up to, someone you could depend on, and someone to be proud of. He wasn't always the man to say, "I love you," but he expressed his love with his actions. He showed up for you, he fought for you, and he went above and beyond without ever being asked for you. Whether it was as family or as friend he was someone you wanted to be a part of your life. And even though he is gone his legacy remains, in the memories we made and the love he gave.

In lieu of flowers please consider making a donation to Purlmela Baptist Church in Ricky's honor.

MOUND NEWS

Shoutout to the young ones going to school this year

BY BARBARA HOPSON

Little Mr. Benjamin Travis Hopson will be starting his very first year in preschool for the 2021-22 school year in Gatesville at Trinity Baptist Church. Benjamin, is the son of Paul and Rachel Hopson.

Miss Aubree Ann Long will be starting her very first year in kindergarten for the 2021-22 school year at the Gatesville Primary School. Aubree, is the daughter of Zach and Amanda Long.

Brynn Leigh Dahl will be starting her very first year in kindergarten for the 2021-22 school year at the Gatesville Primary School. Brynn, is the daughter of Miles and Natasha Dahl.

Miss Reese Kelly Dixon will be starting her very first year in kindergarten at Santa Rita Elementary School in Liberty Hill ISD for 2021-22 school year. Reese, is the daughter of Jeb and Desiree Dixon and the niece of Barbara Hopson.

Sue Magee of Gatesville and Kathi Taylor visited last weekend with Gary and Debbie Keeton.

Debbie Keeton visited Monday in Gatesville with her mother, Sue Magee.

Visitors with Gary and Debbie Keeton were Gip, Gage and Garner Keeton of Marble Falls, Gehrig and Grady Keeton of Gatesville.

Rebekah Stephens of Flower Mound spent last week with her grandparents, Ray and John Stephens.

Julia Kay Dixon of Liberty Hill spent a few days last week in Gatesville with her grandparents, Kenneth and Nancy Dixon.

Kyle and Holly Pullen and children of Rock Wall have returned home after a trip to Miramar Beach in Destin, FL last weekend.

Ruby and Jacklyn Pullen of Rock Wall, nieces of Barbara Hopson, competed in barrel races in Giddings and in West last weekend.

Eve Fulton participated in the TAAF State Track and



Hopson

Field meet last weekend in Corpus Christi. Eve placed fifth in the Girls 10 and Under High Jump.

Bobby and Nelda Carothers had lunch with their grand-daughter, Camdyn Carothers last Friday at Olive Garden in Temple celebrating her 18th birthday.

Bobby Joe Carothers was honored on his 56th birthday Sunday August 8, 2021 with lunch at Ninfa's in Waco and made a quick stop by Cabella's...those attending were Mark and Suzanne Henson, Bobby, Nelda and Tracy Carothers. His two boys were playing in a golf tournament at Comanche. They called to wish him a great day.

Carolyn Blakley spent last Friday night in Stephenville with Angie Taylor.

Brenda Helms, Carolyn and Emma Blakley went shopping Saturday afternoon for Emma's college apartment.

Will and Angie Taylor of Stephenville visited last Sunday with Robert, Carolyn and

Emma Blakley.

Jerry and Brenda Helms, Robert and Carolyn Blakley helped moved Emma Blakley Thursday and Friday to College Station. Emma will start A&M August 30.

Robert and Carolyn Blakley attended a funeral service Saturday for Mrs. Cindy Venable.

Carolyn and Emma Blakley, Jerry and Brenda Helms went to College Station and went shopping Sunday afternoon in Waco.

Russ Cox of Gatesville, Case Jones, Kelby and Sterlin Shults had lunch last Friday with Don and Sue Jones.

Kay Branham and Sue Jones went shopping and had lunch in Waco last Friday.

Blayn Smith of Dallas visited Wednesday afternoon and brought supper for Don, Sue, Case and Kristen Jones and Scott, Kelby and Sterlin Shults.

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

Kay Branham and Sue Jones went shopping and had lunch Tuesday in Waco.

Roy and Delecia Reynolds treated Ronilyn Rogers and Alex Nippes to lunch last Monday at a local restaurant.

Debbie Piller hosted a birthday dinner for Blayze Fisher at her home in Mound last Monday evening.

Those attending were Neal, Amanda, Brodie, Slayton and Caymbri Fisher, Joseph and Helen Piller, Chris and Jennifer Miller, Ronnie and Kay Fisher, Claudia Brown, Ashlea Walker, Joe and Janie Piller Jr., Gary and Diane Heavin.

Brodie Fisher has started his two-a-days for the 2021-22 Ogleby Varsity Football Team. Brodie also attended the media day for Waco tribute.

Jennifer Miller and Amanda Fisher took Caymbri, Blayze and Slayton to putters and gutters in Lampasas.

Debbie Piller and Jennifer Miller went to lunch and did

some shopping Saturday in Copperas Cove.

Neal Fisher and Chris Miller was honored for their birthdays Tuesday evening.

Mark and Kelli McPherson and children have returned home after a week trip to Taos, N.M. exploring Carson National forest and all that the area has to offer. The group walked the Gorge River Bridge and hiked the rim trail then traveled to La Vista Verde trailhead where they found a path down to the river and took in the scenery from below. Day two was an early start hiking from Kachina Basin to the Summit of Wheeler Peak, an elevation of 13,167 feet makes it the highest point in New Mexico, an 8 plus miles round trip adventure. While on the trail they took a detour over to Williams Lake to take in the scenery and go for a dip in the cool water. Day three was a white water raft trip down the Rio Grande, a full-day adventure complete with a fajita lunch cooked in Dutch ovens on the banks of the river. In addition to the many hiking trails, the group also discovered a rock climbing section and completed the brand new Taos Via Ferrata trial that ends with repelling 100 feet from an iron bridge and drop onto one of the trails below.

The Coryell County 4H group wants to say a big Thank you to the Hopson family for hosting the Junior Ambassador Team.

Pool Party Friday evening at the home of David and Pam Hopson with a hamburger and hot dog cook-out. They group enjoyed playing games and swimming. The sponsor was Becky Coward.

Reese Kelly Dixon of Liberty Hill spent a few days in Gatesville with her grandparents, Kenneth and Nancy Dixon, and her many cousins.

Lindsey Fitzgerald was honored with a baby shower in Santa Monica at the Jona-

than Beach Club. Lindsey is the step-daughter of Kathi Magee Taylor. While there, Kathi Taylor attended the baby shower.

Samuel, Charles and Thomas Belt enjoyed their National Junior Brangus Show this past week. They competed in many events including Showmanship, Brangus Jeopardy and Barnyard Olympics. Samuel was elected to his second term on the UBBA board of Directors.

Jeb and Desiree Dixon celebrated Christmas in July with their family in Port Aransas. For Christmas they decided to take a family trip and enjoy the beach and time together. In attendance was Jorge and Debbie Gonzalez, Bryon and Amber Archer, John and Lori Archer, Zack Archer and all the nephews and nieces; Jackson, Delaney, Max, Fin-

ley, Witten. Jeb and Desiree's children Julia, Brooke and Reese Dixon. They flew kites, boogie boarded and hunted crabs at night. Merry Christmas.

Several children of Mound attended the Volleyball and Tennis Camp, VBS and the Gatesville Rodeo last weekend.

Several of Mound attended the memorial service Saturday in Gatesville at Hay Valley Baptist Church for Mark Collin Davis.

Several people of Mound attended the funeral service Saturday afternoon in Gatesville at the First United Methodist Church for Mrs. Cindy Ament Venable Cindy was the daughter of Wyllis H. and Linda Sue Ament.

Barbara's Notes: This Sunday, August 15, 2021, will mark my 38th year writing the Mound News for The Gatesville Messenger.

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Crawfords celebrate half a century of wedded bliss

Joe and Kathy Crawford of Gatesville will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a family dinner today at the home of their daughter and son-in-law Courtney and Grant Kinsey.

Joe Crawford and the former Kathy Sims were married Saturday, August 14, 1971 at Calvary Baptist Church with Rev. Loftus Nunley officiating.

Joe and Kathy are gradu-

ates of Gatesville High School and Texas State University. Joe is a retired Medical Technologist and Kathy retired from First State Agency. She also served as Executive Secretary for the

Gatesville Lions Club for thirty-five years.

They enjoy watching the activities of their two grandchildren, Lane and Lilly Kinsey and are members of Eastwood Baptist Church.

GISD board incumbents file for reelection

BY KRISTEN MERIWETHER Staff Writer

Vice President Charles Alderson and Board Member Linda Maxwell filed for

reelection for the Gatesville ISD School Board on Wednesday, according to the superintendent's office.

Both have served on the board since November 2018

and both are seeking their first reelection.

Residents wishing to run for school board have until Aug. 16 by 5 p.m to file. Applications can be found on

the GISD website or picked up at the administration building at 311 South Lovers Lane.

The school board election is Nov. 2.

Free meals to be served at GISD schools

Free healthy meals will be available for students every school day this year, according to the Gatesville Independent School District.

Typically, a student's household must meet income eligibility requirements to qualify for free or reduced-price meals. However, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) issued guidance allowing schools to offer meals to all students at no cost for the 2021-2022 school year. Each school/site or central office has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed upon request.

While no application or eligibility determination process is required for your student to receive free meals this school year, the income eligibility requirement will likely resume in the 2022-2023 school year.

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Striving With Adversity



Life can be a challenge. Sometimes the tasks we are assigned at school or work seem beyond our abilities. Other times the challenge comes from the people around us. Our family, friends and coworkers, while often supportive, can sometimes be difficult. Sometimes nature provides us with the challenge, in the form of severe weather, illness, or the death of loved ones. No one is immune from these things. They are part and parcel of the human condition, and the real question is how best to deal with the challenges which life provides. If we look at challenges as an interesting problem to be solved or even as a game to be played—and hopefully won—we will fare much better than if we get discouraged. The optimist believes that the difficult co-worker is a problem to be solved, asking himself how can he get along with this guy, or at least avoid being bothered by him, while the pessimist just wallows in his negative emotions, stewing about what a jerk the guy is. Life can undoubtedly be difficult, but this makes it a vehicle for personal and spiritual growth. We should probably pray for a difficult life, and the means to deal with life's problems. An easy, comfortable life is not as desirable as it might seem, because life will eventually throw some hard times your way, and you want to have the mettle to deal with it. —Christopher Simon

"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance."
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FORT GATES CHURCH OF CHRIST: Hwy. 36 S.; Sunday services - Morning worship 10:30 a.m.
GATESVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST: Justin Hall, minister; 2417 E Main; Sunday Bible class 9:30 a.m., morning service 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday Bible classes

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

c/o: Michael W. Kirkland
Estate of Evelyn Laverne Kirkland
3050 Sikes Drive
Kempner, Texas 76539

DATED the 9th day of August, 2021.

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TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF ERIKA MCGINNIS, DECEASED. CAUSE NO 21-10495, COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS. ROY WERNER CASSATT FILED IN THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS ON THE 2ND DAY OF JULY, 2021, AN APPLICATION FOR INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION AND LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 401.003 OF THE TEXAS ESTATES CODE AND APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP SAID ERIKA MCGINNIS, DECEASED.

SAID APPLICATION SHALL BE HEARD AND ACTED ON BY SAID COURT ON OR AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY NEXT AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF TEN DAYS FROM DATE OF POSTING THIS CITATION, THE SAME BEING THE 16TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2021, AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN GATESVILLE, TEXAS.

ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID ESTATE ARE HEREBY CITED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY AT THE SAME ABOVE MENTIONED TIME AND PLACE BY FILING A WRITTEN ANSWER CONTESTING SUCH APPLICATION SHOULD THEY DESIRE TO DO SO.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE COUNTY COURT OF CORYELL COUNTY IN GATESVILLE, TEXAS THE 4TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2021.
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- 16 acres 4 miles East of Evant, Hwy. 84 frontage, electric on property, good tree cover, rolling terrain. \$184,000.
- 19 acres in Pearl, TX that goes up on Pearl Mountain, which has an elevation of 1320 ft. above sea level. The property has approx. 140 ft. of change in Elevation with great views looking to the West. The property has good tree cover with and FM 1690 road frontage. Multi-County Water meter is available, and electric is at the road. \$295,500
- 24.85 +/- acres South of Evant, TX in Lampasas County. Barn, 1 stock pond & scattered tree cover with good views. \$310,625
- 29 acres South of Pearl, TX in Coryell County on Blakely Rd. The property has rolling terrain with good tree cover. South Bee House creek runs through the property, great views. \$275,500
- 36 acres South of Pearl, TX in Coryell County on Blakely Rd. The property has South Bee House Creek running through it & a smaller season branch that runs through the property, good tree cover with rolling terrain & stock tank. \$378,000
- 36 +/- acres just South of Purnela, TX on FM 183, good tree cover & rolling terrain. The property has a draw running through with small seasonal branch and 15-to-20-foot bluff along part of the branch. It would make a great place to build a large tank. The property has 1 stock tank. \$360,000
- 37 +/- acres just South of Purnela, TX on FM 183, good tree cover with rolling terrain. The property has 1 stock tank & a draw running through it would make a great place to build a large tank \$370,000
- 39.378 acres 11 miles West of Gatesville, TX with Hwy. 36 frontage. The property has scattered tree cover with rolling terrain. A water meter from Coryell City Water Supply will be installed by seller and electricity is available. \$334,713
- 43 acres 3 Br, 2 Ba brick home, detached garage, barn-workshop, 1 water well, open floor plan with granite counter tops, vaulted ceilings, 8 ft. front porch across the front & back of the house, wood burning stove, well-maintained yard & a rain harvest system at the barn, rolling terrain with scattered tree cover. \$625,000
- 92.93 acres just West of Gatesville, TX, approx. 2700 ft. of Leon River frontage, approx. 10 acres of improved grasses, stock tank, water meter is available & electric on property, small branch running through the property, good tree cover. 80 ft. change in elevation with almost a 360 view in all directions, overlooking the Leon River Valley. \$1,275,000
- 166.94 acres East of Hamilton, TX. The ranch is secluded with a nice 2 Br, 1 Ba frame home with a windmill water well, small equipment barn, grain bin & 2 stock tanks. The property has rolling terrain with scattered tree cover. \$749,000
- 179.562 acres 1.6 miles South of Gatesville, TX. FM 116 frontage, great views, stock tank, rolling terrain & scattered tree cover. Multi-County Water & City of Gatesville have water line running down the front of the property on FM 116. \$1,230,000
- 210 acres Cow House Creek, Langford Branch & Indian Creek. The property has approx. 150 acres of Farmland, nice home site & Fiber Optic Internet service is available. The property is just East of Evant, TX \$1,470,000

BOYD

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before we could compete the last day," she said.

Boyd competed in the seven events in the heptathlon over a week that included two trips to Houston.

The heptathlon includes the 100-meter hurdles, high jump, shot put, 200 meters, long jump, javelin and 800

meters.

The versatile athlete ran a 16.26 in the hurdles, threw the shot 25 feet, high jumped 4-feet, 7-inches and ran a 29 second 200 meters.

On her second day she threw the javelin 92 feet, long jumped 14-6, pole vaulted 10 feet and ran a 2:46 in the 800 meters.

Boyd said the hectic schedule was tough, but she didn't want to miss out on any of it.

Now, the versatile sophomore can concentrate on this volleyball season.

She has shown flashes of being a big hitter for the Hornets.

Head coach Janey Weber took time out during a break at practice to acknowledge Boyd.

She competed against the best and she showed that she's an athlete who can be counted on.

TENNIS

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picked up wins.

Gatesville ace Stormy Ta-

tum teamed with Julee Sun for a 6-0, 6-0 win over Brode Peters-Ortiz in doubles.

Mitchell/Alexander and Edmond/Walker also picked up wins.

In boys doubles, Early-Warren, Scott Martinez and Strange/Hutts also won.

Dayne Zacha/Fitzer won in mixed doubles.

SUDOKU

Solution for the puzzle that ran August 11.

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YOU HUFF, YOU PUFF



WIND SPRINTS: Oglesby High School football players get in some wind sprints during practice last week.

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GATESVILLE VOLLEYBALL

BUSY BEE

Sophomore hits the volleyball court after grueling heptathlon meet

BY MARK GOODSON
Staff Writer

Gatesville 15-year-old Barrett Boyd keeps a busy schedule. Somehow, last week she found a way to compete in her first heptathlon at Humble High School in Houston and still hold up her responsibilities as a varsity volleyball player for the Gatesville Lady Hornets.

She snuck in a little nap time Thursday on the ride back from Houston before returning just a few minutes late for an afternoon practice for the Lady Hornets volleyball team.

Boyd competed in the seven events in the heptathlon over a week that included two trips to Houston.

Boyd finished 19th among a field of 58 athletes who competed in Houston in an Amateur Athletic Union heptathlon for 15- and 16-year-olds. The AAU Junior Olympic Games started July 28 and lasted through Aug. 7.

"It was pretty tough having to wait around in a tent for two hours

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ALL SET TO PLAY: Barrett Boyd was able to sneak in a nap on a drive back from Houston before joining her varsity teammates in Gatesville.

MARK GOODSON | THE GATESVILLE MESSANGER

SWEATING OUT THE DETAILS



TAKING A BREATHER: Jonesboro High School senior Manny Torres and teammates take a break during a football preseason workout last week.

MARK GOODSON | THE GATESVILLE MESSANGER

Hornets varsity tennis team survives busy week

BY MARK GOODSON
Staff Writer

The Gatesville varsity tennis team had a busy week. They played host to Liberty Hill Tuesday then hosts a dual match today with Academy and Copperas Cove. Gatesville's team tennis team won its third match in convincing style Aug. 5 over the Temple Wildcats. The Hornets won, 19-0. Slone Early, the No. 1 boys' singles player, led the way with an 8-1 win over Stephen Powell.

The Hornets won all eight boys' singles matches. Alex Scott beat Keegan Dutton, 9-8 (4). Others wins were posted by Ty Warren over Hayden Phillips, 8-5; Carlo Martinez over Noah Livesoy, 8-0; Jesse Strange over Tyrell Williams, 8-3; Tyler Hutts over Fran Trios, 8-3; Dayne Zacha over Julin Martinez, 8-1 and Milton Waters over Francis Valentine, 8-0. In girls singles, Anna Mitchell, Julee Sun, Bri Alexander Preslea Edmond and Kasey Fitzer all

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Volunteers pack more than 18K meals

BELTON — Over 400 University of Mary Hardin-Baylor students participated in Love CTX, a student-led community service event during Welcome Week Aug. 7. UMHB partnered with One More Child to pack 18,000 meals for students in Belton ISD for the upcoming school year. One More Child is a Christ-centered service provider that meets the needs of foster children, hungry children, sex trafficking victims, single moms, and struggling families. In 2020, One More Child impacted more than 324,000 children and families in 14 countries. "It is an honor to partner with One More Child to open the hearts of our students during their first week on campus to service oppor-

"It is an honor to partner with One More Child to open the hearts of our students ... to service opportunities."

BRANDON SKAGGS

tunities," said Vice President for Student Life, Brandon Skaggs. The Welcome Week steering committee organizes love CTX during Welcome Week. UMHB Assistant Director of Student Organizations, Katy Hartt, said, "I am so proud of the committee of students who led this event. They worked alongside

each other to make a significant impact in the lives of hungry children in our community." Skaggs said, "UMHB prepares students for leadership, service, and faith-informed discernment in a global society. This project is their first service experience of many on the UMHB campus."