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City completes fire hydrant testing

BY KRISTEN MERIWETHER
Staff Writer

Flow testing of all the fire hydrants in Gatesville's city limits is complete. The city ordered the testing to find out which hydrants had water pressure that is too low to

fight fires.

The hydrants were painted using a color code from the National Fire Protection Agency standards. The color code allows firefighters to quickly look at the hydrants and know what type of flow they will get. The city has 277 total fire

hydrants and tested 235.

Forty-two were already known to be out of service and not tested.

Of the 235 tested, 17 had flows less than 500 GPM but more than 300. Those hydrants can be used in a residential fire, but would not

pass ISO standards.

Here is what the colors represent:

- Blue: 1500 GPM or more
- Green: 1000-1500 GPM
- Orange: 500-1000 GPM
- Yellow: less than 500 but more than 300 GPM
- Black: out of service



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A painted fire hydrant in downtown Gatesville on Aug. 18. The blue color lets firefighters know the hydrant has plenty of water pressure to put out a blaze.

Residents pack council chambers to ask for skate park repairs

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Hunter Swindall does a trick at the Gatesville Skate Park while friends Ethan Branch, and Azahel Martinez watch in the background. The students recently formed a group to help improve conditions at the skate park.



BY KRISTEN MERIWETHER
Staff Writer

The community effort to repair and reopen the Gatesville Skate Park continued to pick up steam on Tuesday.

More than a dozen residents packed the Gatesville City Council chambers to let council members know how important the park is to the community.

"Skate parks are the gathering place for youth and young adults," Gatesville resident Niki Foster said to the council during Tuesday night's meeting. "I see a lot of people moving to this area with young families that want to raise their families in this town, but we do not have the support from our community in the parks like we should."

The Gatesville Skate Park, which opened in 2004, has been locked since spring of this year. Two

ramps have holes in the laminate and one of the ramps, originally made from wood, has rotted away. Screws have backed out of multiple sheets of laminate on the halfpipe making some sections unusable.

On Aug. 16 Ethan Branch, a Gatesville High School senior, created a Facebook Group called "Gatesville Skate Park Repair." As of Wednesday, the group had 292 members. A change.org petition asking for repairs had 796 signatures, as of the Messenger's print deadline.

"We have some contractors that have said whatever they can do, they will donate labor, time, whatever to get it fixed for the community," Foster said.

Mayor Gary Chumley thanked the residents who spoke at the meeting and shared that his son was part of the original group of students who



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From left, Hunter Swindall, Azahel Martinez, Ethan Branch, and Thor Morgan, all of Gatesville, show the holes in the laminate at the Gatesville Skate Park. The students are hoping their petition will get the city to pay for much-needed repairs at the park.

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Free business development assistance available in Gatesville

BY KRISTEN MERIWETHER
Staff Writer

Owning a business has always been a part of the

American Dream. But anyone who has ever started their own business can attest the dream can quickly become a nightmare with-

out helpful guidance.

What permits does the business need? When are taxes paid and to who? Is this location the best?

"When people start a small business, they don't know where to go first," Sharon Smith, business advisor with the McLennan

Small Business Development Center said in an Aug. 18 interview with the Messenger. "We can help people know what they are sup-

posed to do so they do it all above-board."

And best of all — it's com-

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QUESTION & ANSWER CORNER

Q: Where did the community of Bee House get its name?

A: The community's post office opened in 1884. Residents petitioned to have it named "Bee Hive" due to the abundance of bees in the area, but the U.S. Postal Service named it "Bee House" instead.

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MOUND NEWS

A visitor from Boston arrives in Mound this week

BY BARBARA HOPSON

Cathy McCarthy of Boston, Massachusetts, along with Sophia, Hulda and Grace Quebe of Fort Worth spent a few days last week in Mound with Martha Lawhorn and family. The Quebe Sisters are cousins of Martha Lawhorn.

Kay Branham and her granddaughter, Colbi Al-

lison of Gatesville, visited Monday afternoon with Sue



Hopson

Jones. Little Mr. Sterlin Shults

visited with his great-grandparents, Don and Sue Jones.

Brodie Fisher had a varsity football scrimmage against Gholson. Those attending were Joseph, Helen and Debbie Piller, Ronnie, Kay, Neal, Amanda, Blayze, Slayton and Caymbri Fisher and Claudia Brown.

Matti Mann won the Silver Star Awards and Lillie Mann won the Rising Star Award at the 4-H Awards Banquet Monday evening in Gatesville.

Emma Blakley has finished working at the Coryell

County Courthouse.

Emma Blakley left Sunday, Aug. 22, to attend Texas A&M University in College Station for the 2021-22 school year. Emma is the daughter of Robert and Carolyn Blakley, granddaughter of Jerry and Brenda Helms and the great-granddaughter of Mrs. Bettie Blakley.

Mrs. Bettie Blakley of Pearl visited Thursday evening with Robert and Carolyn Blakley.

Those who had birthdays in the month of August were Blayze Fisher, Gaylene

Smith, Santanna Bay, Neil Fisher, Chris Miller, Emily Hanzes, Marty Foster, Bobby McHargue, Sherry Nichols, Hian Davidson, Kathy Zacha, Frank Jaworski, Miranda Allison, Nancy Botkins, Brian McCorkle, Kyle McClellan, Janna Latham, Rena Mitchell, Sissy Leonard, Robert Fowler, Grayson Petty, Jacie Watts, Lois Fulton, Liz McCorkle, Elizabeth Schoenewolf, Shilah Heavin, Jozie Wolff, Julia Dixon and Jonathan Schoenewolf.



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Hunter Swindall, Zack Swindall, Ethan Branch, Azahel Martinez, and Thor Morgan, all of Gatesville, at the Gatesville Skate Park. The group is hoping to raise awareness — and if needed, funds — to repair the skate park.

SKATE

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petitioned the city in January 2003 to build the skate park.

"He had expressed to me his dismay about how it had fallen into disrepair," Chumley said. "But at the same time, with the budget we have, we don't have the money in the budget to fix this at this time."

Chumley said he would like to see an advisory committee created to help figure out the best path forward for renovations on the park.

"That would be a good thing, having their input, because they know a lot more about skateboarding than any of us up here," Chumley said.

After the meeting the Messenger asked the mayor about accepting donations to help fund repairs or new equipment.

"We have to talk about this. We have to see what the ramifications are on accepting donations from the public," Chumley said. "Then we also would want to get some input from some of these young people on what they

want it to look like."

Chumley said he wants the kids to be involved in the entire process so they understand the cost associated with what they are requesting.

"I am thrilled that young people are getting involved in what I consider civic duty," Chumley said. "I don't know what we can get done at this point, but we can get something done."

The mayor said he would put the issue of the skate park on a future council agenda, but did not have a date yet.

BACKGROUND

The city of Gatesville installed new laminate earlier this year to both the halfpipe and one ramp, according to city officials. Residents have tried using tape to patch the remaining holes and even used their own tools to re-secure the screws. But the investments have not been enough. Following vandalism on prom night this year the city of Gatesville chose to close the skate park.

After months of having nowhere to skate and bike, a group of local high school students decided to take ac-

tion and Branch, along with several friends, started the Facebook "Gatesville Skate Park Repair" group.

"We've been talking about doing it for a while, but we just didn't know if there would be any interest in it," Branch said in a phone interview Aug. 18.

The response online was largely positive. As of Aug. 20, the group already had 254 members and multiple area residents who had been around for the creation of the skate park voiced their support.

NOT FADE AWAY

Recalling those who had originally worked to get the skate park open, Joshua Wilkins wrote on the Facebook page, "We can't let that skate park fade away. That was a dedication to some legends."

Branch previously told the Messenger, "It (the park) just kept falling apart, little by little, so we tried to replace as much as we could. But now it's to the point where there is nothing we can do. We're forced to drive to Austin or Hamilton just to ride our bikes."

On Aug. 18, at the sug-

gestion of someone in the group, Branch started the change.org petition to "show the city that there are people who care about the park and want to see it rebuilt."

The original goal set for the petition was 500 signatures, but it quickly surpassed that. As of Aug. 20, 641 people had signed the petition and their new goal was set at 1,000 signatures.

UNITED COMMUNITY

Shurrie Swindall's 14-year-old son Hunter and 17-year-old nephew Zach are a part of the group trying to save the skate park. She said she couldn't be prouder of her civic-minded son and nephew.

"A lot of people frown upon (skateboarders) and think they are troublemakers. But that's not how it is now," Swindall told the Messenger.

She said that when she's taken her son to other skate parks it's more of a united community than the negative image of skaters made famous in the 90s.

"They can be complete strangers and within two minutes of being at the park, they have a new best friend,"

Swindall said. "It's really great in developing their social skills."

Swindall said she has shared the petition with skate shops in Waco and has been reaching out to different organizations to get them to share it as well.

REPAIRS

The skate park was opened in the summer of 2004 after a group of teens came to a January 2003 City Council meeting to request the city build a skate park, according to a timeline provided by the city.

Exact funding for the original project could not be located by city officials, but there were notes from a 2005 council meeting showing a four-foot half-pipe at a cost of \$32,000 was approved by the council.

Maintenance for the skate park currently falls under the Building and Grounds Department, but should shift to the Parks and Recreation Department in the new fiscal year once that department is officially created.

The city spent \$82.74 in fiscal year 2017 on repairs, \$1,411.41 in fiscal year 2020 and had \$3,000 budgeted

for the current fiscal year, which paid for the new laminate on the half pipe and ramp, according to figures supplied by the city.

The fiscal year 2022 budget has \$3,000 for "park repairs" but City Manager Bill Parry said he was unsure if the two pieces could be repaired with that budget.

"If the damage is significantly higher than \$3,000, it is likely we would present the council with a 2022 budget amendment for their consideration," Parry said in an email on Friday of last week.

He declined to provide comment regarding the petition.

For Branch and his friends this provides an opportunity to give something to the next generation of kids in Gatesville.

"Even though we are seniors, there is a big group that could benefit from having a skate park here," Branch said. "Next year we will probably all be off at college, doing our own thing. But there are still a lot of people here who could benefit from the park."

BUSINESS

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pletely free.

On the third Wednesday of every month Smith meets with clients at the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce office. They are either a returning business owner working through the next step in their development plan, or a prospective business owner looking to make their dream a reality.

Business applications almost doubled nationwide going from 281,692 in July 2019 to 558,688 in July

2020, according to U.S. Census data. As pandemic restrictions lifted earlier this year, the trend continued with 454,460 applications.

Coryell County has seen a huge uptick as well, going from 379 applications in 2019 to 552 in 2020, according to U.S. Census data. The numbers for 2021 are not yet available.

Smith said she helps businesses of all sizes and types, new and established. The clients she works with sign non-disclosure agreements so she couldn't get into specifics. But here are the areas of assistance

Smith and the SBDC can offer at no cost:

BUSINESS STARTUP

This is the crucial first steps to turn an idea into a business. This includes understanding the types of permits, inspections and licenses the business will need, and assistance in legally setting up the correct type of business.

MARKET RESEARCH

The SBDC has access to public records and services that can help identify, research and understand the market a business is trying

to enter. The data can show how many competitors are currently in the market and provide data about who is in your market to make sure the product is a good match.

GROWTH STRATEGY

Established businesses looking to grow can use the service to determine if now is the right time to expand or develop a plan to expand in the future.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

In a business, cash is king. Poor cash flow could prevent a business from

getting a loan or taking on an investor. The SBDC can work with business owners to control costs, decrease debt and increase profitability.

FINDING NEW MARKETS

Selling a product in one space, either online or in one location, can limit a business. The SBDC can help tap into new markets through product or service innovation, government procurement, exporting or leveraging an online channel.

ACCESS TO EXPANSION

CAPITAL

Starting a business without any savings or capital is a tall order. The SBDC can work with potential business owners to determine capital needs and identify what financing options are available.

Regardless of where someone is with their business, and what challenges they are dealing with right now, Smith and the SBDC has the resources to help break through.

"Our whole center is a great tool," Smith said. "We all love small businesses or we wouldn't be here."



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Save Something for a Rainy Day




"Lazy hands make for poverty, but diligent hands bring wealth. He who gathers crops in summer is a prudent son, but he who sleeps during harvest is a disgraceful son."
—Proverbs 10:4-5 NIV

The advice to save something for a rainy day probably has its roots in agricultural traditions, since we can't harvest our crops in rainy weather, and too much rain can threaten the entire crop. Likewise, most people's moods are better during sunny weather than when it's raining, which suggests that during the sunny times we feel our resources are growing and somehow diminishing during the rainy times. Though most of us no longer work in agriculture, we still feel how apt the advice is. It is natural to feel more secure when our bank account is growing and our investments are doing well, and to feel anxious as our bank account dwindles and our investments take a hit. While we shouldn't worry too much about our bank accounts or other material things—after all, it shows faith and trust in God when we can live like the birds of the air and the lilies of the field—we must know that winter is coming, and if you haven't stored up some food for the winter (or some money in the bank), you'll soon be begging a handout. And while there is nothing inherently wrong with asking for help, it's always better to be on the giving rather than the receiving end of a handout. So be diligent in your work, and create a plan, such as a direct deposit, to save a little bit from every paycheck for that rainy day. — Christopher Simon

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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 & 10:30 a.m. 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.

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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.

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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.

OBITUARIES

JOANN POSTON

September 20, 1934 - August 23, 2021



Joann Poston, age 86 of Gatesville, passed into God's presence on Tuesday August 23, 2021 after a brief illness and a lifetime of living with a heart that beat its own unique way.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 25, 2021 at First Baptist Church of Gatesville, with Rev. Mark Rich officiating. Private family interment will follow at Gatesville City Cemetery. The family will receive visitors one hour prior to services at the

church.

Wanda Joann Jones Poston, was born on September 20, 1934 in Gatesville and with the exception of a few years in early adulthood, remained in Gatesville her entire life, a staunch Gatesville Hornet fan. Joann was born to Troy and Cleo Truitt Jones and she and her younger sister, Janice enjoyed the many benefits of being raised in a small town by a loving family. Joann was raised to enjoy sports by an athletic father and music by both of her parents, which remained lifelong passions. She would happily watch and discuss any sport, but football was her favorite. One of the greatest joys of her life was being able to sit in the bleachers and cheer for all of the sporting events that her grandchildren were participants of and she never missed a game or event, no matter what the weather. Joann graduated from Gatesville High School as Valedictorian of the class of 1953, where she enjoyed cheerleading and the attentions of her future husband, Jack, the love of her life. They shared a rich and pow-

erful bond for 61 years, setting a beautiful example of marriage for their children.

Joann was named one of the 13 "brainiest" at Baylor in 1956, in a student body of 5,600. This was a hint that education would also become a lifelong passion, which she indulged by teaching for 36 years. She taught countless young people to read and was fiercely proud of her profession. As president of the Coryell County Teachers Association, and president of the Gamma Alpha chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, as well as many offices in the PTA, she served her profession as well as her students.

Joann was a member of First Baptist Church of Gatesville, from her birth until her death. As a third generation member, it was her home and where she found her faith in God. She sang for many years in the choir and also taught Sunday school to both young and old. Her most fervent wish was that each of her grandchildren come to know the Lord and live in His love as she did.

Joann was preceded in death by her parents and

her beloved husband, Jack in 2017.

Joann will be carried in the hearts of her two children; Ken Poston and wife, Mary and Dee Anna Walker and husband, Todd; grandchildren, Lynlee Poston and fiancé, Conner Meyer, Lauren Poston, Mitchell Nichols, Kristen McKinney and husband, Matt, Katrina Coleman and husband, Will; great grandchildren, Charlie and Alex McKinney; sister, Jan McGough and husband, Bob; nephews and their families, Mark and Julie McGough, Camryn, Ryan and Katy, and Dan and Amee McGough, Mason, Keeran and Emeree. Many precious memories of life and laughter will be cherished and shared by her "bridge club girls", friends for over 60 years, Ann Miller, Corinne Erwin, Jane Jones and Sharon Meharg.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to First Baptist Church, 912 E. Main St., Gatesville, TX 76528 or Gatesville Public Library 111 N. 8th St., Gatesville, TX 76528.

Bellmead, passed away on August 15 at his home. Giebler was a former resident

of Gatesville. A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Septem-

ber 2, at Bellmead Funeral Home.

ROLAND GIEBLER

Roland Giebler, age 83, of

JEREMY LATHAM

March 4, 1975 - August 21, 2021



Jeremy Latham age 46 of Gatesville, passed away on Saturday, August 21, 2021.

Graveside services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 31, 2021 at Turnersville Cemetery. The family will receive visitors from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Mon-

day, the 30th at Scott's Funeral Home in Gatesville.

Jeremy was born on March 4, 1975 in Clifton. He grew up in the Waco area and graduated from Bosqueville High School in 1993. Soon thereafter, he began pursuing his dream to become a professional horse jockey. However, an abnormal growth pattern in his hip joints deemed him unable to ride at the professional level. Refusing to allow that condition to stop him, he agreed to allow both his hips to be replaced at the tender age of 21. By sheer determination and the grace of God, Jeremy became the first known horse jockey to ride professionally with two artificial hips. He went on to ride at major tracks in Texas, Louisiana, California, Illinois, Oklahoma, Florida, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Idaho, Minnesota, New Mexico, Ohio, New Jersey and West Virginia. Af-

ter numerous injuries ending his racing career, he eventually turned to ranching in Gatesville. He was a successful cattleman, rancher, breeder and trainer and went out of his way to help people, too numerous to mention. His infectious personality and wit had a positive impact on many people's lives. Jeremy's last gifts to mankind was his agreement to donate his organs, eyes and tissues to help others improve or save their lives. There is no way to measure the positive impact that decision will have on the recipients. Whomever receives his heart will be the luckiest human on the face of the earth.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, J. R. Latham and maternal grandfather, Rudy Tatum, both of Gatesville.

Jeremy is survived by his mother and stepfather, Juli Rhodes and husband, Jeff of

Gatesville; father and stepmother, David Latham and wife, Stephanie of Boerne; sister and sister-in-law, Kasey and Ariel Sutton of Pflugerville; sisters, Kendle Rhodes of Austin, Erin Miller of Boerne; maternal grandmother, Joby Tatum of Gatesville; paternal grandmother, Nina Latham of Gatesville; maternal grandparents, Glen Doege and Brenda Sorbel of Universal City; aunts and uncles, Preston and Sarah Tatum of Geronimo; Kyle and Lori Latham of Gatesville, Shirley Latham Buster of Waxahachie, Beverly and Kevin Sparks of New Boston; niece, Lily; nephews, Shepherd, Southern and Reagan; as well as numerous cousins.

In lieu of flowers, the family has designated memorials be made to further the ministry in Jeremy's name to Live Oak Baptist Church, 113 FM 107, Gatesville, TX 76528.

COUNTY WIDE

Crime Stoppers sees uptick in reporting

Since the inception of the Centex Crime Stoppers web page and mobile app, there has been an increase in new tips by over 260%.

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

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.

More information, call Hal Davidson or Erv Adams at 254-865-5007, or email to coryellmuseumhc@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 time-stamp (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.

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

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GATESVILLE NEWS

Danielle Villarreal honored at Gatesville Senior Center

CHERI SHEPHERD

Gatesville Convention and Visitors Bureau

I keep a copy of this quote on my desk that says, in part: *If you want to build a place people want to visit, build a place where people want to live and work.* I'm pretty sure we all agree that we want Gatesville to be a place where people want to live and work. One of the ways we create that is by supporting the businesses, events, attractions and activities that make it a great place to visit. Each month, I'll be sharing some of those with you and I hope that you will take time to attend, visit and support them.

SEPTEMBER OFFERS PLENTY OF THINGS TO DO IN GATESVILLE
On Saturday, Sept. 4. go out

to Freedom Park (next to the ballpark and Civic Center) for the quarterly Homestead Fair & Market from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. You'll enjoy shopping with dozens of vendors selling local produce, baked goods, honey, crafts, and more under the shade of the live oak trees. Sept. 11 marks the 20th anniversary of 9/11. Keep Gatesville Beautiful invites the community to come together for a day of Remembrance & Service. A ceremony will be held on the Coryell County Courthouse lawn at 7:45am. Following the ceremony, the organization will hold a cleanup of the downtown area. The Gatesville Chamber of Commerce monthly Market Day at the Depot will be held from 8 a.m.-noon. Stop by and see all of the great vendors! The Gatesville Lions Club and the Exchange Club of

Gatesville join forces on Sept. 11 for its annual fundraiser golf tournament at the Gatesville Country Club. Contact Alan Mathis at 254-289-1651 for sponsorship or entry information. Saturday, Sept. 18 is a big day in downtown Gatesville. You'll find three free family-friendly events all within walking distance of each other. The Cruzin Cruzers are expecting over 200 classic and custom cars at the 34th annual Leon River Car Show around the courthouse square. The cars will be on display from 8am-4pm. The car club be serving up some of their famous BBQ to benefit local scholarships and there will also be a vendor market. Just down the street at the Coryell Museum, Spurfest kicks off at 9 a.m. and runs until 4 p.m. There will be entertainment and activities for the whole family,

including butter churning, biscuits and gravy from a chuck wagon, the Karem Cowboys and live music and vendors. Visitors can see the many museum exhibits, including the old-time soda fountain, log jail, antique cars and a collection of over 10,000 spurs. One block north of the museum, in Gatesville's historic City Auditorium, stop in to hear top fiddlers from across the state as they compete for cash prizes at the Gatesville Old Time Fiddle Contest. There will be something for everyone in the family to enjoy and admission to all three events is free! On Sept. 25, Bare Bones BBQ brings country legend Gene Watson to their outdoor Boneyard stage. For ticket information, go to barebonesbbq.com.



VILLARREAL HONORED: The congregants of the Gatesville Senior Center recently presented Danielle Villarreal with a certificate of appreciation. Villarreal is the Assistant Director and the Nutrition Director at the senior center. The congregants created the "Danielle Villarreal Day" in her honor for all of her hard work and devotion to those in need.

Join Christian Adult Fellowship group in a trip to Wendish Fest

From Staff Reports

The Christian Adult Fellowship Events group (C.A.F.E.) at the First United Methodist Church will be travelling to Serbia on Sunday, Sept. 26 to attend the Wendish Fest. The group will be leaving from the church at 7:45 a.m. to attend a German service scheduled at 10:30 a.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Serbia. St Paul is one of the "Painted

Churches" of Texas. The excursion will cost \$30 for tickets and transportation. The Wends descended from a variety of Slavic tribes who later developed a common language. The Wends or Sorbs (as they were called in Europe) came from an area south of Berlin where the countries of Germany, Poland and Czechoslovakia came together. Serbin means "Place of the

Serbs." The Wends made their decision to leave Europe and settle in Texas due to religious freedom. Germany had merged Lutheranism and Calvinism together and this was resisted by the Wends. A decision was made to emigrate to Texas resisting the national church. The group of Wends was comprised of members of many congregations and

villages. In 1849, the first Wends began arriving in Texas followed by a group of 600 Wends in 1854. They arrived on a chartered sailing ship and docked at Galveston. Eventually the Wends/Serbs made their way to their new homeland in Bastrop County (now Lee County) and formed a community called Serbin. Some of the Wends traveled even further

North and, in 1870, Wendish settlers from Weigersdorf, Germany arrived in Coryell County and settled near The Grove. The Wendish Fest began in 1988 to celebrate Wendish culture, traditions and backgrounds. This year, following church services at St. Paul Lutheran Church, there will be music, silent and live auctions, demonstrations and exhibits, competitions

and children's activities. A traditional Wendish meal will be served between 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. For those wanting to attend with the C.A.F.E. group, please call Ruth Jones at 254-865-2112 or First United Methodist Church at 254-865-2520. Payment and registration must be received no later than Sept. 16.



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Coryell County 4-H celebrates 2021 award winners

From staff reports

The annual Coryell County 4-H awards celebration was held Aug. 23 at the Texas Station Event Center. Attendees enjoyed a "Green Acres" skit performed by members, which added fun to the barnyard theme for this year's event. Members were recognized for their accomplishments throughout the year and were awarded prizes for outstanding participation.

The 2021-22 County 4-H Ambassador teams were also introduced. This year's Senior Ambassador team includes: Thiele Alvarado, Hadleigh Ament, Cooper Aulabaugh, Samuel Belt, Cayleigh Coursey, Kylee Deason, Tiara Elledge, Kinlee Gardner, Kinsey Gardner, Zoe Gribble,

Chase Janke, Lane Kinsey, Hailey Luensmann, Matti Mann, Cooper Sutton and Abigail Valdez. The Junior Ambassador Team members are: Clancy Archie, Hunter Beaty, Thomas Belt, Zakary Huckabee, Lilly Kinsey, Kace Laster, Lillie Mann, Allie McPherson, Anna McPherson, Kinsley McPherson, Pete Wallace, and Makaylie Williams.

Year-end awards were presented as follows:

JUNIOR DIVISION

Bronze Star — Kace Laster and Lilly Kinsey

Rising Star — Thomas Belt, Lillie Mann, and Allie McPherson

Rookies — Eve Fulton, Hunter Beaty, and Pete Wallace

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION

Silver Star — Kinsley McPherson and Chase Janke
All-Star — Anna McPherson, Makaylie Williams, Zakary Huckabee, Kinlee Gardner, Charles Belt, and Clancy Archie

SENIOR DIVISION

Gold Star — Cooper Sutton and Hailey Luensmann
Community Service — Kinsey Gardner

Danforth "I Dare You" Leadership — Abigail Valdez, Samuel Belt, and Thiele Alvarado

Super Star — Tiara Elledge, Cayleigh Coursey, Kylee Deason, Matti Mann, Lane Kinsey



PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

4-H SENIOR DIVISION AWARDS: These are the award winners from the Senior Division from the Coryell County 4-H awards celebration event held Aug. 23 at the Texas Station Center (see article for individual names).



4-H INTERMEDIATE DIVISION AWARDS: Pictured are the award winners from the Intermediate Division from the Coryell County 4-H awards celebration event held Aug. 23 at the Texas Station Center (see article for individual names).



4-H JUNIOR DIVISION AWARDS: Here are the award winners from the Junior Division from the Coryell County 4-H awards celebration event held Aug. 23 at the Texas Station Center (see article for individual names).

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BBB SCAM ALERT

Watch for false promises as eviction moratorium nears end

The eviction moratorium has been extended through Oct. 3, but that doesn't mean scammers have postponed their tricks. Con artists often take advantage of the confusion and stress surrounding significant events. With more than 450,000 Texans behind on their rent, the moratorium's end is a perfect hook.

HOW THE SCAM WORKS

As the eviction moratorium winds down, watch out for scammers offering loans, peddling credit repair services, or promoting government programs. These cons are a way to trick desperate people out of money they don't have.

For example, during the COVID-19 pandemic, BBB Scam Tracker has seen numerous reports of phony "pandemic relief" grants or government programs that allegedly provide funding to people impacted by the pandemic. Once you "qualify for the grant," the scammer will ask you to pay a processing or delivery fee to receive your funds.

Of course, the grant doesn't exist, and if you pay upfront, you just gave money to scammers.

Advance fee loans, debt relief and credit repair scams work in a similar way. They promise a loan - or to repair your credit - for an upfront fee. No matter how much you may need it, don't be tempted by "guaranteed loans" or impossible services, such as removing late payments or bankruptcy, from your credit report.

This recent BBB Scam Tracker report describes a situation more people will likely encounter as the eviction

moratorium nears. "I'd been in a desperate financial situation for a few weeks now, so I had been looking for loans and being denied left and right," the scam victim told BBB. The victim received a call from a loan provider, saying their loan application had finally been accepted. There was just one catch: before the company could release the money, the borrow had to increase their credit score.

Fortunately, this company had a way to help. "The way they would do that is they would send money to my account and then all I would have to do is send it back and that would boost my score." Of course, the scammers never actually transferred the money. When the victim "sent back" the funds, they transferred \$1,000 into the hands of scammers and caused their account to overdraw.

PROTECT YOURSELF FROM THIS SCAM

Double-check any government program before you sign up. If an organization is offering you a grant or relief funds, get to know them before agreeing to anything. Take a close look at their website and read reviews. If you think you might be dealing with an impostor, find the official contact information and call the company to verify the offer is legitimate.

Be wary of out-of-the-blue calls, emails or text messages claiming to be from the government. In general, the government will not contact you using these methods unless you have granted permission.

Think something seems suspicious? Reach out to the agency directly. If you doubt

that a government representative is legitimate, hang up the phone or stop emailing. Then, report the suspicious calls or messages. Make sure the agency is real. Scammers often make up names of agencies or grants.

Do not pay any money for a "free" government grant or program. It is not free if there is a fee involved. A real government agency will not ask for an advanced processing fee. Instead, find out if the grant is legitimate by checking Grants.gov.

Advance fees are a concern. Not all businesses promising to help you repair bad credit are scams, but if you are asked to pay in advance, that's a big red flag. In both the U.S. and Canada, credit repair and debt relief companies can only collect their fee after performing the promised services.

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Get further insight by reading BBB's tips on loans and credit repair services on BBB.org and learn more about government impostor scams during COVID-19.

If you've spotted a scam (whether or not you've lost money), report it to BBB.org/ScamTracker. Your report can help others avoid falling victim to scams.

BUSINESS OF THE MONTH



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THE DONUT HOLE: The Gatesville Chamber of Commerce August Business of the Month is the Donut Hole. The Donut Hole is owned by Molly Chin and Seyla Kim who are pictured holding their trophy and certificate. The Donut Hole offers a drive-through window for early morning customers. The business is located at 2426 Main Street and its phone number is 254-404-2397. Business of the Month is sponsored by Extraco Banks and The Gatesville Messenger. The Gatesville Chamber of Commerce recognizes an outstanding business each month to spotlight. Nominees for Business of the Month must be a Chamber member.

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Texas Center for the Book Announces Four New Literary Landmarks

Austin - The Texas Center for the Book (TCFB) at the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) has announced four new Literary Landmarks, to be unveiled across the state in special ceremonies this fall and winter:

— Theodis “Ted” Shine, Jr. Literary Landmark, Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts, Dallas.

— John Avery Lomax Literary Landmark, John A. Lomax Amphitheater, Meridian.

— Dr. Gloria E. Anzaldúa Literary Landmark, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley Library, Edinburg.

— Lonon Wood Taylor Literary Landmark, Jeff Davis County Library, Fort Davis.

Literary Landmarks are special places located across the country that attract tourists, book lovers and history buffs to educate the public about important literary works and history. The four new Texas sites were approved this spring by United for Libraries, the national organization that administers the program, and all are made possible by funding

from the Summerlee Foundation of Dallas.

This special push for more Texas Literary Landmarks was organized by the TCFB and covers application fees, foundry-made Literary Landmark plaques and programming led by local institutions to create awareness of the sites’ importance to the state’s literary heritage.

“We are very excited to have this opportunity to pay homage to the rich literary history of Texas,” said TSLAC Director and Librarian Mark Smith. “These Literary Landmarks speak to the great variety of writers who hail from the Lone Star State and celebrate the diversity of their voices, genres and areas of interest.”

THEODIS “TED” SHINE, JR.

Theodis “Ted” Shine, Jr., often called “the dean of Black Texas playwrights,” was also a renowned author. The creator of more than 100 plays, Shine also wrote on the contributions of African-Americans to American theater. Shine was a student at Booker T. Washington High School years before it became the award-winning,

integrated Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts (BTWHSPVA).

“It is such an honor to be recognized with this Literary Landmark designation, honoring our amazing alumnus, Ted Shine. This award once again speaks to the amazing graduates of Booker T. Washington High School before it became ‘Arts Magnet’ in 1976. We would like to thank the Texas Center for the Book and the Summerlee Foundation of Dallas for supporting our school through this process,” said Scott M. Rudes, Ph.D., principal.

JOHN AVERY LOMAX

John A. Lomax grew up in Central Texas, just north of Meridian in rural Bosque County. Approximately two miles outside the city is a historical marker designating his former home site. He lived there until the age of 21, when he left to attend Granbury College. As a teen living in Meridian, he enjoyed the cowboy songs and frontier ballads sung by those working on the nearby Chisholm Trail. These early

experiences sparked his life’s work of capturing the lyrics and music of American folklore.

“The Meridian Parks and Recreation Department is deeply honored and proud to be a part of recognizing the legacy of John A. Lomax,” said Brett Voss, Activities and Events Director. “As his childhood home, Meridian will be a fitting place for a literary landmark in his name, and the John A. Lomax Amphitheater serves as an ideal setting to represent the folklore he worked so hard to preserve.”

DR. GLORIA E. ANZALDÚA

Gloria Anzaldúa, born and raised in the Rio Grande Valley, was the 1962 valedictorian of Edinburg High School and in 1968 graduated from Pan American College, one of the legacy institutions of the present-day University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, where the landmark will reside in the Edinburg campus library. Anzaldúa wrote a number of books in her life but is best known for *Borderlands/La Frontera: The New Mestiza*, published in 1987. The book was hailed

at the time of publication, but has continued to grow in importance in the three decades since publication and is now widely considered a groundbreaking classic.

“We at the Society for the Study of Gloria Anzaldúa are more than pleased with this designation,” said Dr. Norma Cantú, Founder and Director of the Society for the Study of Gloria Anzaldúa and Murchison Professor in the Humanities at Trinity University in San Antonio.

LONN WOOD TAYLOR

In addition to authoring 10 books, including *Texas, My Texas*, *Turning the Pages of Texas*, and *Marfa for the Perplexed*, Lonon Wood Taylor was a columnist, literary and historical advocate and local West Texas celebrity. He served as an NPR radio and television personality, as well as past director of the Winedale Historical Complex and director of public programming at the Smithsonian’s National Museum of American History.

“To recognize one of our local authors in this way helps fulfill our goal of promoting the people, culture

and history of Jeff Davis County,” said Elaine Harmon, Secretary and Event Coordinator, Friends of the Jeff Davis County Library. “I’m so pleased that we’ll be able to honor one of our local literary treasures with this recognition.”

More information about Texas Literary Landmarks can be found online at <https://www.tsl.texas.gov/literarylandmark>. Information about plaque unveiling ceremonies and programming for the four new sites will be posted there.

Established in 1987, the Texas Center for the Book seeks to stimulate public interest in books, reading, literacy, and libraries. The Center builds partnerships with library professionals, educators, authors, publishers, and booksellers who provide support to our shared mission of promoting a love of literature throughout the Lone Star State. The Texas Center for the Book is under the direction of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission at the Lorenzo De Zavala State Archives and Library Building in Austin.

Lions Club fish fry set Sept. 25

From Staff Reports

The Oglesby Lions Club will host a fish fry on Saturday, Sept. 25, 2021 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. \$10 per plate, followed by live music by the Bosque

River Band and concessions from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The cost will be \$10 per person. Both events will be at the Oglesby Community Center.

Dinner will include fried

fish, French fries, hush puppies, and tea or water. Pie will be available for \$2 per slice.

A Trailmaster MB200 mini bike donated by Barger’s Allsports will be raffled after the

live music session. Raffle tickets are \$5 each, or five tickets for \$20 at the event.

The winner need not be present to win.

All proceeds will go to the Oglesby Lion’s Club to be used for community support.

For more information or to purchase tickets in advance, call: 469-450-4973; email: oglesbyrattlesnake@gmail.com and/or find them on Facebook — Oglesby

Lions Club Rattlesnake Roundup.

Youth flag football signup set

From Staff Reports

Registration deadline for the Gatesville Youth Flag Football League for kindergarten through sixth grade players is set for Thursday, Sept. 9.

Entry fee is \$50 per child. Checks need to be made payable to the city of Gatesville.

Registration forms can be picked up at the child’s school or at the Gatesville Fitness Center. Also drop

off completed forms at the child’s school or the Gatesville Fitness Center.

Parents interested in coaching must fill out a form and are subject to background checks.

The drafts for teams will be the weeks of Sept. 12 and 19. The season starts Oct. 9.

The Gatesville Youth Volleyball League for third through sixth graders is

also having its registration through the Sept. 9 deadline.

Registration forms can be picked up at the child’s school or at the Gatesville Fitness Center. Drop off completed forms at those two locations as well.

The volleyball season is scheduled to start on Oct. 9.

For more information contact Seth Phillips at sphilips@gatesvilletx.com.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

There is a scheduled Public Hearing of the Planning and Zoning Commission of Gatesville on Monday, September 13, 2021 in the City's Council Chambers at 5:30 p.m. The purpose of this Public Hearing is to consider the request of the City of Gatesville to re-zone 319 Unit A Valley View Dr. from Planned Development to Residential Single Family. This hearing is open to the public.

By: Liz Reinhardt
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- 11.09 acres, North of Evant, TX, Mulberry Creek Subdivision, electric, good view, cedar has been removed. Great building site. \$128,500
- 14.89 acres East of Evant, TX, located on CR 160. Good tree cover & rolling terrain. Known as Lots 66 & 67 in the Indian Creek Ranch Subdivision. \$150,000
- 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 Purlmela, 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 Purlmela, 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
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- 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
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Coryell County fall 2021 football schedules

Composite area football schedule (Gatesville, Evant, Jonesboro, Oglesby)

THURSDAY, AUG. 26
Cranfills Gap at Evant

FRIDAY, AUG. 27
Llano at Gatesville, 7:30 p.m.
Coolidge at Jonesboro, 7:30 p.m.
Ranger at Oglesby, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 3
Gatesville at Glen Rose, 7

p.m.
Jonesboro at Perrin-Whitt, 7:30 p.m.
Oglesby at Morgan, 7:30 p.m.
Evant at Moran, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 10
Gatesville at Lorena, 7:30 p.m.
JCAA at Jonesboro, 7 p.m.
Iredell at Oglesby, 7:30 p.m.
Evant at Brookesmith, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 17

Gatesville at Hillsboro, 7:30 p.m.
Blum at Jonesboro, 7 p.m.
Kopperl at Oglesby, 7:30 p.m. (HC)
May at Evant, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 24
Lampasas at Gatesville, 7:30 p.m.
Jonesboro at Milford, 7:30 p.m.
Eagle Christian at Oglesby, 7:30 p.m.
Evant at Penelope, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCT. 1
Gatesville open
Jonesboro vs. Turkey Valley at Trent
Live Oak Classical at Oglesby
Evant at Blanket, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCT. 8
Salado at Gatesville, 7:30 p.m.
Jonesboro vs. Greenville Christian (HC) 7 p.m.
St. Stephen's Episcopal, 7 p.m.

Gordan at Evant, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCT. 15
Gatesville vs. China Spring* 7:30 p.m.
Jonesboro at Evant, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCT. 22
Gatesville at Waco Robinson* 7:30 p.m.
Zephyr at Jonesboro* 7 p.m.
Mt. Calm at Oglesby*, 7:30 p.m.
Lometa at Evant

FRIDAY, OCT. 29
Gatesville vs. Waco Connelly, 7:30 p.m.
Evant at Zephyr, 7 p.m.
Lometa at Jonesboro, 7 p.m.
Oglesby at Buckholts, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOV. 5
Gatesville at Jarrell* 7:30 p.m.
Jonesboro at Evant, 7 p.m.
Oglesby at Dime Box, 7:30 p.m.



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Solution for the puzzle that ran August 25.

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Puzzle by websudoku.com

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Bill Burdett's Family is Very Thankful!

The family of John W. (Bill) Burdett would like to thank each and every one of you for your visits, calls, texts, flowers, prayers, and the generous donations to the scholarship in loving memory of his grandson, John Paul Massingill. We could never thank Scott's Funeral Home enough for their kindness, patience, and excellent care. Thank you, Daren Moore, Bill Cole, James Ragsdale, Jamie Ament, and Carl Kietzer, and the entire team. You have such servant's hearts and are doing such a wonderful job in the career God has placed you all.

A very special thank you to Interim Hospice. Jan Lamar you are a God send! Thank you for all you did for us and for the "angels" you brought. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts Jeanetta, April, Tracy, Chaplains Nate and Kera, and the whole team. We thank God for the tender loving care you showed to Bill and the whole family.

The service was an amazing tribute and honor to Bill. Thank you, Matt Dossey, for the passionate and personal message you gave, for your friendship with Bill, and for everything you and your family did for us. Matt Massingill, your music could not have blessed your grandfather more. The songs you sang were beautiful, and we know it was so very difficult for you to do, but you did it because Poppa asked you to. You are a very special man of God. Thank you, Dr. Lynn Parks, for your sweet prayers at the service and at Bill's home, the visits, and care you gave to Sue and Bill. Thank you and Eastwood Baptist Church for all you did, including the delicious meal.

Thank you to Dr. Tim Maynard. Our family appreciates beyond words all you have done for Bill over the years. We're grateful for a Godly doctor who spoke many words Bill needed to hear.

The kindness, love, and support from all of you have helped our family tremendously in the days before and after Bill's Homegoing. Our hearts ache terribly at Bill's passing, but we know he is at rest and in God's Holy Presence.

We love you all and thank you again.

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WINTER IMPACT: According to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials, the spring dove survey suggests there may have been some impact from the February storm, so hunters may want to get out early this year.

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TPWD anticipates another excellent season there.

One effect of the winter storm that hunters in every Dove Zone may notice this fall is frostbite damage on doves they harvest. The frostbite damage, however, doesn't appear to be im-

pacting the overall health of the birds. The TPWD said that it's not unusual to find doves that migrate in from the northern states missing toes or even the tips of their bills. Fitzsimmons noted that Winter Storm Uri did take a toll on Texas birds though, especially white-winged doves. Hunters may notice there are six Special White-

winged Dove Days instead of the usual four this year. This is the only regulatory change for the 2021-22 season.

Dove season dates for the North, Central and South Zones, along with regulations, bag limits and more can be found in the Outdoor Annual. Hunters can also access digital copies of their licenses via the

Outdoor Annual and My Texas Hunt Harvest apps. Additionally, hunters are encouraged to report any birds they recover that have leg bands.

Anyone hunting on Texas Public Hunting Lands are also required to purchase an Annual Public Hunting Permit. Texas has more than one million acres of land that is accessible by

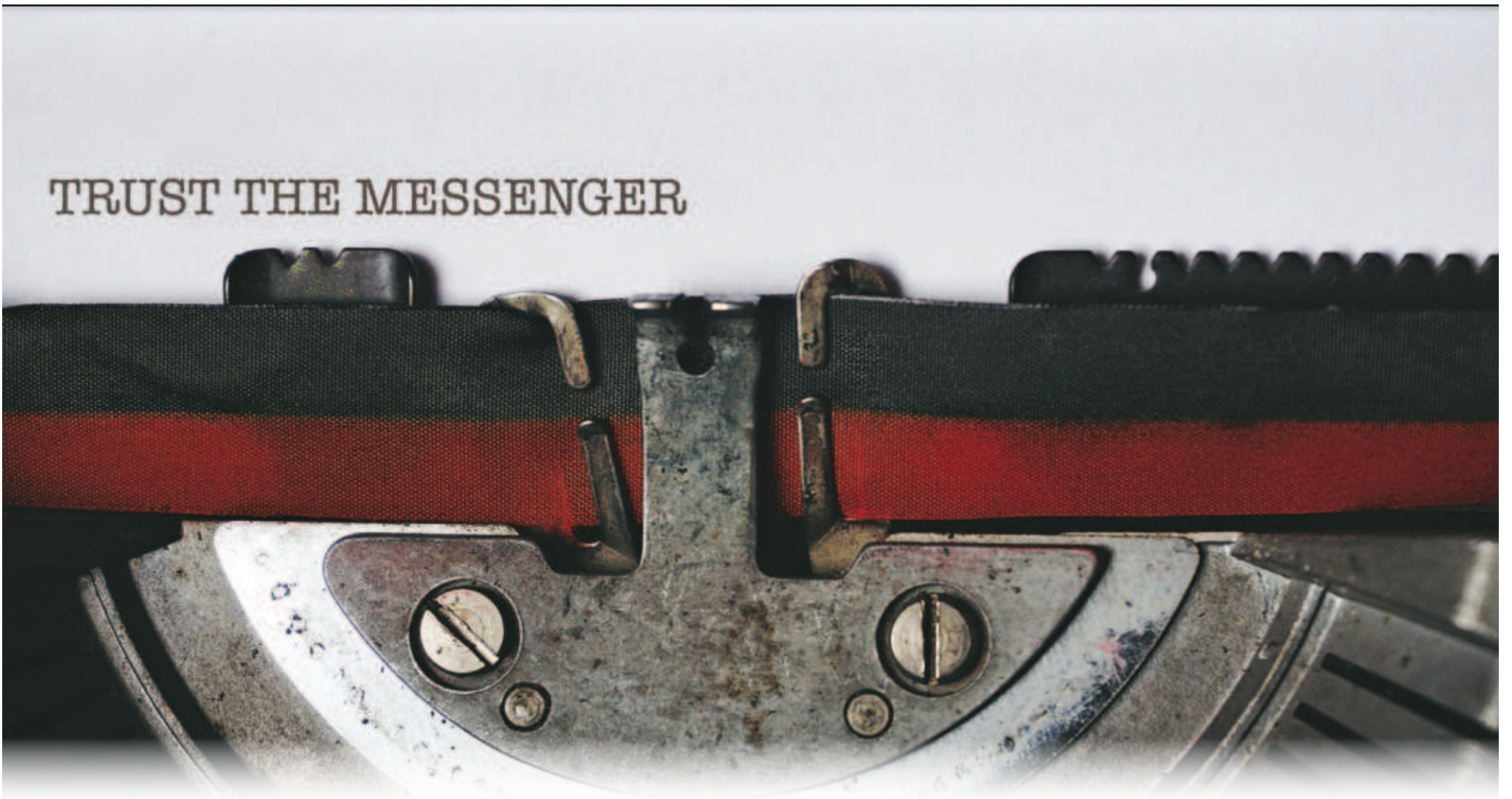
the public. More information about these lands and locations can be found on the TPWD Public Hunting website.

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On other reservoirs, Lake Whitney reports limits of striped bass continue on live bait on the lower ends to McCown Valley. Lake Whitney crappies are also

excellent on small minnows near submerged structure. Possum Kingdom Lake striped bass are also good on live bait and down-rigged jigs from Hells Gate to the dam.

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Dove season in Texas is upon us



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September marks the start of dove season for almost 300,000 Texas hunters.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) has assessed the potential effects of Winter Storm Uri that hit the state this past February. Despite the severe cold weather, the TPWD ex-

pects that hunters can expect a good season, especially in the South Zone.

The TPWD states that, "Our spring dove surveys suggest that there may have been some impacts from the winter storm, particularly in the northern half of the state, but it's difficult to know the extent since dove populations naturally fluctuate from year to year." The biggest impact seems to be in the North Zone, where white-wing estimates are below average overall.

The TPWD indicates that

it does not anticipate any long-term impacts. The good rainfall this spring and summer will help offset any losses and allow for a quick recovery.

The TPWD stated that statewide breeding populations are about average this year with 25 million mourning doves and 12 million white-winged doves. Breeding population estimates range from average to below-average in the North and Central Zones, but they are still well within normal, and even a little up from 2019. The estimates for the South Zone are above average so the



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MORE DAYS: Hunters may notice there are six Special White-winged Dove Days instead this year of the usual four.

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Gatesville cross country ahead of schedule



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The varsity Gatesville Hornets are led by Luis Macias and Carlo Martinez (above).

BY MARK GOODSON
Staff Writer

Gatesville High School cross country coach Elliot Kelley said the Hornets are ahead of schedule with their conditioning.

The team members have been running steadily since reporting in early August.

"They are getting in shape pretty fast," Kelley said. "You never know till you actually see them in a meet."

The Hornets open their season Saturday, Aug. 28 at Valley Mills.

The boys varsity squad is led by Luis Macias and Carlo Martinez.

Other varsity boys who will be making the first trip are: Abraham Almandariz, Angel Almandariz, Jack Armstrong, Morgan Clary, Damien Guerrero, and Braeden Shuemake.

The varsity girls are led by Bethany Penrod and Grace Penrod.

Other girls varsity team members are: Kyla Hinojosa, Valeria Jimenez, Vania

Martinez, Jaycee McKown and America Rodriguez.

The junior varsity boys are: Jahaziel Martinez, Marty Wallace, Malachi Olvera, Ian Rainer and Hector Silva.

The JV girls will have Brookelynn Byrd running.

The Hornets will have junior high boys Zayden Jackson, Bo Kelley, Justin Muegge, Braden Tippitt and Case Wendeborn.

The junior high girls runners are Grace Isaacks and Lillian Kinder.

Evant Lady Elks top Gustine

BY MARK GOODSON
Staff Writer

Emiliegh Burton and Caeleigh Burkham combined for 19 kills to lead the Evant Lady Elks to a 25-19, 17-25, 25-18, 25-20 volleyball victory over Gustine Tuesday night on the road.

Evant's stat leaders in that match were:

Harley Weeks: 21 assists, 8 digs.

Emiliegh Burton: 14 kills, 3 aces, 2 blocked shots.

Caeleigh Burkham: 23 digs, 5 kills.

Luwi Rodriguez: 7 digs.

Bree Ramirez: 8 aces, 9 digs, 5 kills.

Izzy Gandy: 6 digs.

Molly Waldrum: 3 kills.



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Emiliegh Burton led the Evant Lady Elks in their defeat of Gustine.

2021 Football Schedules are here



The Messenger's Mark Goodson has compiled a comprehensive list of football games for the area teams.

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