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Commissioners pass budget, tax rate with raises for employees

BY KRISTEN MERIWETHER
Staff Writer

After a flurry of last-minute changes, the Coryell County Commissioners Court unanimously passed the county budget and adopted the tax rate on Tuesday.

The court adopted the

no new revenue tax rate of \$0.4831 per \$100 valuation, a decrease of 9% from last year. It is the largest decrease in the tax rate in the history of the county, according to County Judge Roger Miller.

Despite the tax rate decrease, the court was able to provide raises for every

elected official and increase the pay for every county employee.

“Most of the raises we were looking at, it’s raising the bottom scale, the entry level position, so we are competitive in the job market,” Judge Miller said after Tuesday’s meeting. “Those adjustments were able to be made

without being an additional burden to taxpayers.”

The county judge and commissioners received a 5% cost-of-living adjustments, a \$2,337.69 raise for the judge and a \$2,266.27 raise for each commissioner. The raise was considerably less than the \$6,246 raise for the county judge and the \$4,175

raise for the commissioners in the proposed budget.

Precinct 3 Commissioner Ryan Basham said he will not be accepting the raise, choosing to stick with the current commissioner salary. The raise will stay with the position so whenever Basham vacates his seat the new Precinct 3 commissioner

will start at the same rate as the other commissioners.

The court also voted to increase salaries for deputies, jailers and dispatch staff by \$4,000 for each position, a sharp increase from the \$1,500 raises originally proposed.

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Jail overcrowding costing taxpayers more than \$1M a year



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The Coryell County Jail on Tuesday, Sept. 1.

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The Coryell County Jail is a 92-bed facility with a mandate from the Texas Commission on Jail Standards to stay below 80 inmates. When the population goes above 80, the Sheriff’s Office, which manages the jail, is required to send inmates to other facilities to stay in compliance.

As the population of Cory-

ell County has grown in the last several years, so have the number of daily inmates. The jail, however, has not. This has resulted in an increased number of inmates being sent to other counties at an increased cost to taxpayers.

Through the first 10 months of this fiscal year Coryell County spent \$1.3 million to house inmates in eight counties. That figure is expected to rise to \$1.5

million before the fiscal year ends Oct. 1.

On average 120 inmates are housed out-of-county every day compared with an average of 85 at the Coryell County Jail. The cost varies by jail, averaging \$55 per day per inmate. That does not include transporting the inmate or any medical expenses the inmate may incur.

Four full-time employees manage the daily shuffle required to get an aver-

age of 15 inmates in and 15 inmates out of the facility every day. Jailers drive inmates as far away as Erath and Comal County. And as the COVID cases continue to rise, finding jails willing to take the inmates is becoming an increasingly more difficult task.

“This is a very real problem,” Sheriff Scott Williams said in an interview with the Messenger on Sept. 1. “We did struggle with it before,

but it has become an exponentially larger problem since the pandemic.”

The Coryell County Jail serves two district courts and the county court at law. The courts were shut down for months and no jury trials were held for most of last year due to COVID. But the number of people arrested and charged with crimes did not stop.

Sheriff Williams said they have worked to get those

with misdemeanors and less serious charges out of the jail through pre-trial services. The Sheriff’s Office looks at its jail roster daily to see if anyone meets the criteria for a personal recognizance bond, which allows them to await trial at home.

But they’ve culled their roster as a stop-gap measure for so long that only those charged with serious crimes

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Coryell County surpasses 100 COVID deaths

BY KRISTEN MERIWETHER
Staff Writer

Coryell County surpassed 100 deaths due to COVID on Aug. 17 and added an additional death on Aug. 26 to bring the total to 101 deaths since the pandemic began in March of 2020.

There were 540 active

cases in Coryell County as of Wednesday, according to data from the Texas Department of State Health Services.

As of Tuesday, COVID-positive patients represent 22.8% of all hospitalizations in Trauma Service Area L, which includes Coryell County, according to DSHS data.

TSA L has been above the 15% threshold for a month.

Local health officials are reporting record numbers of patients in the clinic and emergency rooms with ICU beds scarce or unavailable. Of the hospitalized patients with COVID, 90% are unvaccinated.

Even if the hospitals were

able to supply more beds, staffing continues to be an issue across the region. Competition for nurses and respiratory therapists is fierce, with larger hospital systems offering huge signing bonuses to entice prospective employees.

“We encourage anyone that still has a license to contact

their local hospitals if they would like to be hired on.” Bob Harrell, the Emergency Management Coordinator for Coryell County, said on Aug. 20. “I’m quite sure there is a space for them.”

County health officials are urging residents who have not been vaccinated to speak with their doctor or a medi-

cal professional about getting a shot. A little over 67% of Coryell County residents over the age of 65 are fully vaccinated, according to DSHS data. The vaccine rate for those 12 and up is at 35%. This data does not include vaccines given at Darnall Army Medical Center.

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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COUNTY WIDE

'Remember & Serve' ceremony set for Saturday

Keep Gatesville Beautiful invites the public to "Remember & Serve" at a 9/11 remembrance ceremony that will be held on Sept. 11, 2021 at 7:45 a.m. at the Coryell County Courthouse. Anyone who is able is encouraged to stay after the ceremony to clean up downtown Gatesville in an act of service for the community.

Spurfest to be held Sept. 18

There will something for everyone at the 20th edition of Spurfest at the Coryell Museum and Historical Center Sept. 18. The event is free and runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Activities will include "Old Time Demonstrations," the "Shriners Karem Cowboys," a quilt raffle, fresh churned butter and chuck wagon biscuits and gravy, and several activities for children. There will be vendors and music. Visitors to the museum can see antique cars, the soda shop, the historic log jail and view a large collection of spurs in the "Lloyd Mitchell Spur Collection." Food vendors can rent a space for \$60. Non-food spaces cost \$30 for a spot outside and \$40 for spaces

Calling contestants for Old Time Fiddlers Contest

The Gatesville Old Time Fiddlers Contest is making a return appearance Sept. 18 at Gatesville's City Auditorium. This Texas Old Time Fiddlers Association-sanctioned contest will kick off at noon, drawing top fiddlers from across the state to compete for cash prizes. Contestants will compete by age in categories ranging from under 10 years to 60-plus. There will also be competitions for twin fiddles and accompanists, with the day culminating in the championship round, featuring

the top fiddlers from the day. The ending time is expected to be around 6 p.m., but is dependent on the number of overall entries. Admission is free and spectators are welcome to come and go throughout the day. The event is presented by the City of Gatesville with funding for fiddler prizes provided by community supporters. If you are interested in sponsorship opportunities or would like to be a supporter with a donation, please call Sherry Hopson at 254-223-3939 or Cheri Shepherd at 254-499-

0102. You can also call them for details about entering the contest. The Old Time Fiddlers Contest is one of three free events in downtown Gatesville on September 18. Residents and visitors are encouraged to view the custom and classic cars that will line the courthouse square during the Cruzin Cruzer's Car Show, visit the Coryell Museum for Spurfest activities, and drop in to hear some good old time fiddle music at the auditorium. There will also be vendors selling a variety of goods at the car show and the museum.

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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.

in the air-conditioned Gilbreath Room. For more information, call Hal Davidson or Erv Adams at 254-865-5007, or email to coryellmuseumhc@yahoo.com.

Best beard bragging rights

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

Republican Party fish fry set Sept. 18

The Republican Party of

Coryell County has scheduled its 2021 annual fish fry, which will be sponsored and co-hosted by Gary and Diane Heavin. The fish fry will be held on Saturday, Sept. 18 at 6:30 p.m. at The Texas Station Event Center located at 305 Old Fort Gates Road. Catering will be by Bare Bones BBQ. The keynote speaker for the event will be Congressman Roger Williams. Tickets will be \$35 per person or \$50 per couple. Sponsorships will be available with speaking opportunities included with the sponsorships. For more information, contact the Coryell County Republican Party at 254-216-9017. Their mailing address is P.O. Box 12, Gatesville, Texas, 76528.

Crime Stoppers website, app see uptick in reporting

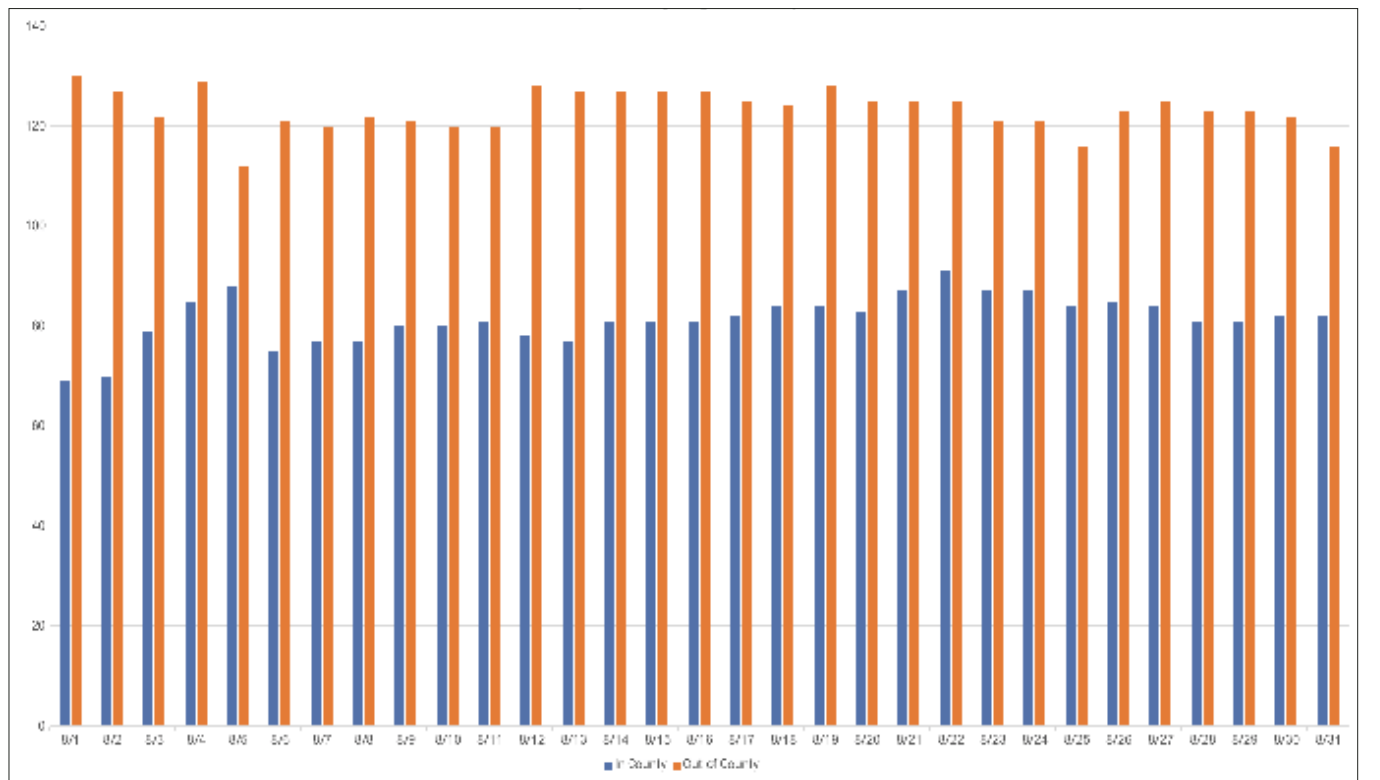
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are left. A look at the roster on Sept. 1 showed numerous charges of sexual assault of a child, multiple aggravated assaults and four held on murder charges. Between the type of charges filed against the inmate, the health issues some inmates have and the dangers of transferring prisoners during this new COVID surge, finding spots for every inmate is now even more challenging. Williams said five of the eight counties that Coryell County has contracts with refused inmates due to COVID last week. As the hospitalization rates continue to climb in Texas, that trend could continue. "I can't blame these other sheriffs at all," Williams said. "The money is easier made when you have a perfect inmate versus one that has a health issue, or a mental issue or a violent issue." Regardless of what the other jails say, Williams is still required to find beds for the inmates. If he doesn't, the jail is considered out of compliance and runs the risk of

being shut down altogether. Thus far the commission has been understanding, but that can change at any point. "I will give Mr. Wood, the director, and his staff at the commission credit, they see we are actively trying," Williams said. "We are in eight contracts. That's absurd for a county our size." Voters overwhelmingly rejected a bond in May that would have paid for the construction of a new jail. Williams expressed no ill will toward anyone who voted against the jail. But he did point out that the mortgage payment, estimated at \$1.9 million over 20 years, is getting close to the amount of money the county is paying each year to house inmates out of county. With that figure increasing by \$200,000 each year, it will only be a few years before that happens. "When you are robbing Peter to pay Paul, it's eventually going to catch up to you," Williams said. Another bond to construct a new jail cannot be put on the ballot for three years. But waiting three years for a solution is no longer an option. "There are so many things we've done to put a Band-



This graph shows the daily numbers of Coryell County Jail inmates for August 2021.

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Aid on this problem," Williams said. "We've slowed the bleeding. What are we going to do to stop the bleeding?" On Aug. 12 the Coryell County Facility Advisory Committee was formed to provide guidance to the

Commissioners Court on how to address the lack of space at the jail and modernize county-owned buildings. The meetings are not open to the public and no report has been issued yet. Williams said he believes

it will take everyone from elected officials, to the prosecutors, down to every tax-paying resident, to find a solution. "I think it needs to be us coming together to say, you know what, we have a prob-

lem," Williams said. "What can we do to fix it?"

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The raises will be funded by American Rescue Plan funding for the next three years. After that the county will have to absorb the increases into its regular budget. Sheriff Scott Williams had petitioned the court for the \$4,000 increase after losing two jailers and a deputy earlier this month due to low starting pay. The increase still does not put the entry salary in line with surrounding departments, but the hope is it will help with recruiting to fill the seven open positions at the Sheriff's Office. "I am very appreciative for the pay increases," Williams

said in an interview with the Messenger on Wednesday. "It gave really good recognition to my employees. It showed the Sheriff's Office is worth something to them."

ROAD AND BRIDGE

The court also voted to increase pay for Road and Bridge Department employees by \$3,000 per position, an increase from the \$1,500 originally proposed. At Tuesday's meeting Road and Bridge Administrator Justin Latham discussed the difficulties of trying to find a CDL driver with a clean record for a position paying \$26,000 per year with no step raises built in.

"Our biggest competitors are TxDOT, Fort Hood, Knife River, Big Creek. They are

starting these guys at \$16, \$18, \$20 an hour, working 60 hours a week," Latham told the court at Tuesday's meeting. "We are not competing to hire people." Road and Bridge has had two open CDL positions since December 2020. The increase will bring the starting salary to \$29,000 plus benefits. Like the Sheriff's Office raises, these salary increases will also be funded through ARP funds for three years and will eventually need to be absorbed into the budget. Salary increases for all departments will take effect when the new budget begins on Oct. 1.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

ARP funds were planned to fund an added assistant

district attorney position in the District Attorney's Office. However, using those funds would require making the position a contract employee. The hours would be full-time, but the contractor would be required to pay their own taxes and no health insurance benefits would be offered. District Attorney Dusty Boyd spoke at Tuesday's meeting, asking the position be moved to a county employee position to better recruit top talent. "It is going to be a tremendous challenge to be competitive to retain the services of a new prosecutor that's going to be on a contract basis," Boyd said Tuesday. Boyd said given the increase in caseload and population in the county,

the position would continue to be needed even after the COVID-related backlog is cleared. "The numbers support a new employee," Boyd said. The court voted to make the new position a county employee. HEALTH DISTRICT The court also voted to remove a funding line item that would support the creation of a County Health District. The funding was to hire a contractor to help start the program and look at associated costs, not launch a district. Coryell County does not have its own public health district, which can help provide residents with public health initiatives such as local immunization services,

disease surveillance, and public health education. Counties without public health authorities rely on the State to provide public health initiatives. Coryell County is in a 30-county region where only seven counties have health districts. The rest must compete with each other for limited State resources, a challenge that was exacerbated during the pandemic. Someone gave a presentation on public health districts to the court on July 26, but it was not well received. "I don't think there is anybody on the court that is in favor of that," Commissioner Daren Moore said on Tuesday. "I think, it's not a wasted effort, but we need to move on to something else."



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MOUND NEWS

Saturday rodeo event in Rockwall was a thrill

BY BARBARA HOPSON

Ruby, Jacklyn and Truett Pullen of Rockwall, nieces of Barbara Hopson, started their rodeo season Saturday at Lone Star High School Rodeo Association. Ruby won a check in goat tying. On Sunday, Ruby competed in barrel racing at the Texas State Fair Barrel Race. Ruby placed on each of her horses and won the 3D.

The Mound Ladies Bible Study Group started back Tuesday morning at White Mound Baptist Church Youth building. The first meeting was held Aug. 3,

at 10 a.m. with a new study this year. The name of this study is "We will not be silenced" by Erwin W. Luther. Everyone is welcome to come and join in this study



Hopson

and enjoy the fellowship. Jan Johnson of Gatesville treated her sister, Liz McCorkle, to dinner and a

movie in Waco Tuesday evening. The name of the movie was "Respect, the Life Of Aretha Franklin" about the famous singer. Eric and Liz McCorkle celebrated their 48th wedding anniversary with a dinner in Gatesville Wednesday.

Little Mr. Grady Brack Jones has started his first year at Kindergarten for the 2021-22 school year at the Gatesville Primary. Grady is the son of Tucker and Kyanne Petty and the grandson of Joe and Carol Jones, and Lanelle Lemons and the great-grandson of Sherry Hopson.

Holly Jones of Gatesville and Sue Jones went shopping and had lunch in Temple Thursday.

Emma Blakley, of College Station, was home Thursday visiting with her parents, Robert and Carolyn Blakley. Other visitors were Mrs. Bettie Blakley. Angie Taylor, of Stephenville, was a dinner guest of Robert and Carolyn Blakley.

Cyndee McCarthy, of Boston, Massachusetts, visited her cousin Martha Ann Lawhorn. The Quebe Sisters band played in their third summer concert in Waco at the Magnolia Silos last

week. The group celebrated Hulda Quebe's birthday at the farm in Mound at the home of Martha Ann Lawhorn. During Cyndee and Hulda's visit, they were invited to Mrs. Pam Duncan's for a luncheon. For their fun and excitement a helicopter and pilot were rented for photography and fun at La Vista Ranch. Looking forward to more fun and excitement next year when Cyndee comes back to Texas.

Barbara's note: Happy Labor Day weekend.

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PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

Jana Dixon Carpenter, right, (pictured with GISD Supt. Dr. Barrett Pollard) has been recognized by the Gatesville ISD Board of Trustees. She is a faithful, lifelong Hornet fan and continuously supports the school district. Her most recent gesture occurred at the beginning of summer when she donated \$600 toward the purchase of a new Buzz mascot uniform. She has taught gymnastics, dance and cheer to hundreds of students over the years. She has been a role model for many in Gatesville who have fond memories of her as an instructor. Her enthusiasm and support for GISD is very much appreciated.



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STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Kris Raney, left, who leads the transportation department, was honored by the Gatesville Board of Trustees and placed in the "Staff Spotlight." At left is GISD Supt. Dr. Barrett Pollard. Raney has worked tirelessly to keep the department running due to the extreme shortage of drivers and bus aides. Finding personnel has been difficult. In addition, it has been a heavy beginning of year traffic. Despite many hurdles, Raney remains calm under pressure and makes good decisions. He is very supportive of the drivers and campus principals and cares about getting the students home safely.



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OBITUARIES

NANCY CAROL COLLINS

May 3, 1934 - August 30, 2021



Nancy Carol Lam Collins, age 87, of Waco, passed away August 30, 2021 in Waco. Graveside services are scheduled for 11 AM Thursday, September 2, 2021 at Restland Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at Scott's Funeral Home.

Nancy was born May 3, 1934 in Mound, Texas to Thurman Paul Lam and Win-

nie Opal Looper Lam. She married William David Collins on May 25th 1951. She attended school in Mound, TX and graduated from Flat High School. She attended Durham Business School in Waco, TX. She was a previous member of Mound Baptist Church. She was a current member of First Baptist Church in Robinson, TX.

Nancy enjoyed camping, water skiing, drag racing, music and travelling. She enjoyed reading her Bible, going to church, spending time with her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; brothers and sister, Loyd Fred Lam, Max Terry Lam and Barbara Ann Lam Bruton.

She leaves behind daughters, Rhonda Skains and fiancé Charlie Anderson, Kim Allison and husband, Ed; grandchildren, Justin High, Damon High, Nicholas Skains and wife, Amanda, Nathan Skains and Shannon Skains and wife, Asia; and 9 great-grandchildren.

DAMON DEAN

May 29, 1964 - August 27, 2021



Damon Dean, age 57 of Gatesville, passed away on Friday, August 27, 2021 in Killeen.

Graveside services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, September 3, 2021 at Gates-

ville City Cemetery, with Rev. Dwayne Edwards officiating. Visitation with the family will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Scott's Funeral Home.

Damon was born on May 29, 1964 in Ft. Carson, Colorado to the late Bobby and Anita Nelson Dean. He grew up in Copperas Cove and moved to Gatesville in 1982. He worked at Walls Manufacturing and Texas Department of Criminal Justice and in the construction business.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bobby and Anita Dean; and a brother, Steve Dean.

Damon is survived by his brothers, Mark Dean and wife, Tammy, Doug Dean; nieces and nephews, Dustin Dean, Alexis Dean, Jennifer Hazlett, Taryn Dean, Todd Dean, John David Dean, Bobby Dean, Joseph Dean.

BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

Use these back- to-school internet safety tips

With the 2021-22 school year underway, teachers, administrators and families are adapting to varying situations. While most Texas communities are resuming face-to-face instruction this school year, the presence of COVID-19 requires flexibility and an emphasis on maintaining a safe online environment.

Better Business Bureau offers the following tips on how to stay safe on the internet this school year.

TEACHERS, ADMINISTRATORS

Videoconferencing tools: Make sure the online software used to deliver lectures, classroom work and other online interactions is secure. The days of Zoom bombing, phishing and other forms of cybercriminal activity are not over.

Evaluate and update cybersecurity plans. The sudden shutdown of in-person activities left many scrambling to change course in creating and delivering a curriculum. Now is the time for educators to develop a plan to notify students, faculty and staff should there be a data breach or security problem once classes are back in session.

Keep a clean machine and update devices that connect to the internet. Scheduling and regularly backing up critical lesson plans, personal information and assignments is the best defense against viruses, malware and other online threats. The only way to do this is to stay updated on the most current software to protect against attempts by cybercriminals to access electronic devices.

PARENTS: BE CAREFUL

Creating accounts on websites without permission: Social media sites are ripe

with strangers with intentions that may be quite different than yours. Many sites are designed to collect and sell unauthorized user details and behaviors to advertisers looking to engage in targeted marketing. When creating an account, some children may falsely create a birthdate to meet the minimum age requirement. Know what your child is doing online and keep track of the social media sites and accounts they have access to.

Phishing: Adults are not the only ones who receive spam and junk mail. Kids often get junk mail, and since they don't have much online experience, they are more likely to click on links and answer questions they probably shouldn't. While some emails may be legitimate, the last thing parents want is a \$500 bill from a fraudulent website where their child may have made a purchase - or worse, releasing personal information that con artists can track to your home.

Understand apps: Short for "applications," apps are downloaded software that operates on various devices, such as smartphones. However, certain apps might collect and share personal information about your child or target your child with ads. Even free apps may include paid features, and children may not understand that some apps or game features cost money since the developer labeled them as free to download. They may click on these so-called free games and end up costing parents or guardians a hefty bill at the end of the month.

File sharing sites: Many websites allow children to download free media. They may not know that these sites often come

with the risk of downloading a virus, allowing identity thieves to access the gaming device, personal computer, or even cell phone used. From there, the cyber thief can track financial transactions, physical location or even tap into the household Wi-Fi without anyone knowing it.

FAMILY PRIVACY TIPS

Learn about CARU: The Children's Advertising Review Unit (CARU) is the nation's first Safe Harbor Program under the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA), signed into law on April 21, 2000. Participants who adhere to CARU's Guidelines are deemed compliant with COPPA and essentially insulated from FTC enforcement action as long as they follow program requirements. When advertising or data collection practices are misleading, inappropriate, or inconsistent with laws and guidelines, CARU seeks change through the voluntary cooperation of companies and, where relevant, enforcement action. Parents can find more information about CARU and its impacts at BBBPrograms.org.

Learn about COPPA: The Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA) protects the personal information of children under the age of 13 on websites and online services—including apps. COPPA requires those sites and services to notify parents and get their approval before collecting, using or disclosing a child's personal information.

Read privacy policies together. Parents can have their children read the privacy policies and terms of use for any apps they want to use. Remind them of the importance of knowing what they are signing up for

and insist that they read the policy in full. Take time to learn and understand the privacy settings on each of the apps and games. Less is more when it comes to sharing information.

Use parental controls if necessary:

Although the best way to keep a child's online privacy safe is to teach them to manage it themselves, enabling parental controls is an additional tool to help monitor their online activity. Today Android, iOS, and most web browsers offer built-in features that allow parents to monitor their children's online activities, but third-party apps are also available. Research the option that works best.

Share with care and remember, personal information is like money. What is posted online can last a lifetime: parents can teach children that any information they share online can easily be copied and is almost impossible to take back. Talk to them about who might see a post and how it may be perceived in the future by showing them how anything they do online can positively or negatively impact other people. Sharing personal information can also give online thieves an idea of what login information or passwords might be used for banking or other online accounts.

Avoid sharing your location. These days nearly every app automatically tracks a user's location. It's a good idea for children to disable this feature on the apps they use. Advise them not to geotag their posts with their location either.

Visit BBB.org for more information on how to protect a child's online privacy.

Visit the National Security Alliance at StaySafeOnline.com for the latest news regarding internet safety.



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The DISPATCH

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CITY OF GATESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

August 29
 3:05 a.m., an intoxicated driver was reported in the 4300 block of State School Road.
 4:42 a.m., a noise disturbance was reported in the 2500 block of Powell Drive.
 9:50 a.m., an accident was reported in the 2300 block of E. Main Street.
 11:46 a.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 2500 block of Bridge Street.
 3:58 p.m., a reckless driver was reported on FM 931 near Hwy. 36.
 4:28 p.m., harassment was reported in the 100 block of Byrom Drive.

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August 30
 3:33 a.m., a theft was reported in the 200 block of Old Waco Road.
 5:28 a.m., a noise disturbance was reported in the 2500 block of Powell Drive.
 8:31 a.m., criminal mischief was reported in the

1700 block of W. Main Street.
 9:36 a.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 200 block of N. 19th Street.
 10:23 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 200 block of Tippit Lane.
 10:56 a.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 100 block of FM 107.

August 31
 8:29 a.m., a theft was reported in the 100 block of E. Main Street.
 9:15 a.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 2000 block of Business Hwy. 36.
 1:32 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 200 block of N. 8th street.
 5:12 p.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 6800

block of W. Hwy. 84.
 6:21 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 100 block of Smith Lane.
 6:45 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 1200 block of E. Main Street.

CORYELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

August 29
 3:13 a.m., a reckless driver was reported on S. Hwy. 36 and Watts Lane.
 4:02 p.m., a stranded motorist was reported on Hwy. 281 North of Hwy. 84.
 4:42 p.m., a suspicious vehicle was reported at Mother Neff State Park.
 6:21 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported in

the 1000 block of FM 107.
 7:41 p.m., a domestic complaint was reported in the 300 block of FM 107.
 8:53 p.m., a minor accident was reported on Oakalla Road.

August 30
 4:46 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported on FM 107 near CR 315.

11:21 a.m., an animal bite was reported in the 1700 block of Oak Springs Road.
 11:37 a.m., graffiti was reported on the Moccasin Bend Road bridge.
 1:12 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 12000 block of W. Hwy. 84.
 6:07 p.m., a stranded motorist was reported in the 500 block of E. Leon Street.
 10:50 p.m., a neighbor

dispute was reported in the 100 block of Julia Drive.

August 31
 6:59 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 4000 block of FM 930.
 11:34 a.m., a scam was reported in the 800 block of Kubitz.
 2:00 p.m., animal neglect was reported in the 300 block of FM 107.
 3:10 p.m., a minor accident was reported on Hwy. 190 Bypass.
 5:14 p.m., a reckless driver was reported on Hwy. 84 at FM 930.
 7:59 p.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 11000 block of S. Hwy. 36.
 9:59 p.m., trespassing was reported in the 300 block of FM 107.

Labor Day closings in Coryell County

Businesses and governmental offices across Coryell County will join the rest of the nation on Monday, Sept. 6, celebrating Labor Day.
 Labor Day pays tribute to the contributions and achievements of American workers and became a federal holiday in 1894.
 The holiday has also become synonymous with the end of summer.
 Closings in the immediate

area include:
GOVERNMENT
 The City of Gatesville, city of Evant, city of Oglesby, Farm Service Agency and the Coryell County Courthouse will be closed on Monday.
SCHOOLS
 No local schools will hold classes and administration offices will also be closed on Monday.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
 Extraco Bank, Bancorp-South Bank, The First National Bank of Gatesville, The First National Bank of Evant, Educators Credit Union and The First National Bank of Oglesby will be closed on Monday.

POST OFFICES
 All local post offices will be closed on Monday.

LIBRARY
 The Gatesville Public Library will be closed on Monday.

SENIOR CENTER
 The Gatesville Multi-Service Center will be closed on Monday.

NEWSPAPER
 The Gatesville Messenger will be closed on Monday.

Fort Hood personnel compete in 360 Hoops Tournament

It was a day that 360 Hoops coaches and, hopefully, active duty personnel and their children won't soon forget.
 On Sunday, Aug. 29, 360 Hoops (www.play360hoops.com) conducted an open tournament for 12 teams of soldiers and a youth clinic for more than 40 boys and girls at U.S. Army Fort Hood.
 It highlighted the patented three-on-three version of basketball that features a patented circular court and three connected baskets and backboards attached to one pole.
 University of Notre Dame head men's basketball coach Mike Brey also took some time to meet the soldiers and kids to talk bas-

ketball and life in between sessions at the Fort Hood physical fitness center.
 Team Burba Elite topped Team Takeover, 20-17, to win the title, a battle between No. 1 seeds previously unbeaten in the tournament.
 "360 Hoops is proud to support the outstanding men and women of Fort Hood by bringing our brand of basketball to the post," said 360 Hoops CEO Archie McEachern. "We can't thank them enough for allowing us to share our vision of the game and provide a day of competition to these amazing individuals."
 The day began with a youth clinic for children ages 7-13, introducing the

youngsters to the three-basket format and focusing on some fundamentals applicable to full-court basketball as well. Then 12 teams took to the three courts for several hours of action.
 360 Hoops, the brainchild of Shane Brey and fellow co-founder Anthony Gomez, is an exciting, inclusive addition to the shape of basketball at all levels, incorporating a three-on-three, three-basket game played on a circular court. Teams compete on the circular court, which features a proprietary single stanchion with three regulation baskets facing away in each direction. Players can score for their teams in any of the three baskets.

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 ■ Timothy Raymond Harris and Gemma Levenson
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 ■ Ivory L. McMillan and Kyong Ok Owens
 ■ William Edward Melbern and Carolyn Sue Wheeler
 ■ Marshall Romar Owens and Jessica Noele Lynch
 ■ Lester Bryant Padgett and Mandy Ann Padgett
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TO: DECEDENT'S UNKNOWN HEIRS
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THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF CORYELL

To all persons interested in the Estate of Ann Marie Lambert, Deceased, CAUSE NO 21-10498, County Court at Law of Coryell County, Texas. MAURICE HAROLD LAMBERT filed in the County Court at Law of Coryell County, Texas on the 2nd day of July, 2021, Application for Independent Administration and Letters of Administration pursuant to Section 401.003 of the Texas Estates Code and Application pursuant to section 401.003 of the Texas Estates Code and Application to Determine Heirship said ANN MARIE LAMBERT, 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 23rd day of August, 2021, at the County Court-house 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 11th day of August, 2021.
Jennifer Newton
Coryell County Clerk
Coryell County, Texas
By: Jennifer Newton

099 PUBLIC NOTICES

IN THE 440TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS TO: JERMAINE DWIGHT WALKER, Respondent, Greeting:

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The date and birth of the child/children who is/are the subject of this suit is/are: CHILD'S/CHILDREN'S NAME(S) GABRIEL LEE WALKER PLACE OF BIRTH DATE OF BIRTH 11/04/2018

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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 built 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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Hall of Fame

Gatesville Athletic Hall of Fame induction banquet held Saturday

BY MARK WILSON
Staff Writer

The Gatesville Athletic Hall of Fame inducted several new members for 2021 during its banquet and ceremony held on Saturday, Aug. 28 in the Gatesville Civic Center.

- The new inductees are:
- Kenny Moore, athlete.
- Bobby Jones, athlete.
- Coach Mary Bishop.
- Coach Jack Maxwell.
- 2009 Gatesville High School boys golf state champions.

■ 1960 Gatesville High School football regional finalist team.

"It was a great night celebrating some of GHS' finest ... athletes, teams and coaches," Gatesville Athletic Director Rickey Phillips said. "Bobby Jones (1955 GHS graduate) and Kenny Moore (1987 GHS graduate) both (were) standout multi-sport athletes with great successes during (their) storied athletic careers."

The 1960 football team was the first undefeated regular-season team in

Gatesville High School history, and the 2009 GHS boys' golf team produced an incredible run to its state championship.

"Both coaches, Mary Bishop and Jack Maxwell, share a common bond in their dedication to and love for the hundreds of students and athletes that came through Gatesville ISD," Phillips said.

Bishop spent 33 years in the Gatesville school district and Maxwell 36 years with the district.



Kenny Moore



Mary Bishop



Jack Maxwell

"It was a great night celebrating some of GHS' finest... athletes, teams and coaches."

Rickey Phillips
Gatesville Athletic Director



1960 football regional finalists: Bottom row (left to right): Joe Carothers, Bob Edwards, Sammy Petty, Benny Bankhead; top row - Edward Schaub and David Bell.



The family of Bobby Jones - wife, Jane; sons Philip (left) and Robert.



2009 boys' golf state champions: Aaron Massey, Chance Cathey, coach Guy Dean, Hunter Abbott, and Jake Truss.

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Explanatory Statements for the November 2, 2021
Constitutional Amendment Election

Proposition Number 1
(HJR 143)

HJR 143 proposes a constitutional amendment expanding the circumstances in which a professional sports team charitable foundation may conduct raffles to raise money for the foundation's charitable purposes. The proposed amendment would allow professional sports team charitable foundations of organizations sanctioned by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association or the Women's Professional Rodeo Association to hold charitable raffles at rodeo events.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment authorizing the professional sports team charitable foundations of organizations sanctioned by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association or the Women's Professional Rodeo Association to conduct charitable raffles at rodeo venues."**

Proposition Number 2
(HJR 99)

HJR 99 proposes a constitutional amendment allowing the legislature to authorize a county to issue bonds or notes to finance the development or redevelopment of an unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted area within the county and to pledge for repayment of those bonds or notes increases in property tax revenues imposed on property in the area by the county. The Texas Constitution gives the legislature the power to authorize an incorporated city or town to issue such bonds or notes but does not expressly give the legislature the power to grant that same authority to counties. The proposed amendment also provides that a county that issues bonds or notes for transportation improvements may not pledge for the repayment of those bonds or notes more than 65 percent of the increases in ad valorem tax revenues each year, and a county may not use proceeds from the bonds or notes to finance the construction, operation, maintenance, or acquisition of rights-of-way of a toll road.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment authorizing a county to finance the development or redevelopment of transportation or infrastructure in unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted areas in the county."**

Proposition Number 3
(SJR 27)

SJR 27 proposes a constitutional amendment barring the State of Texas or a political subdivision from enacting, adopting, or issuing a statute, order, proclamation, decision, or rule that prohibits or limits religious services. The proposed amendment would apply to religious services, including those conducted in churches, congregations, and places of worship, in the state by a religious organization established to support and serve the prop-

agation of a sincerely held religious belief.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment to prohibit this state or a political subdivision of this state from prohibiting or limiting religious services of religious organizations."**

Proposition Number 4
(SJR 47)

SJR 47 proposes a constitutional amendment changing certain eligibility requirements for a justice of the Supreme Court, a judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals, a justice of a court of appeals, and a district judge. The proposed amendment provides that a person is eligible to serve on the Supreme Court if the person, among other qualifications, is licensed to practice law in Texas; is a resident of Texas as at the time of election; has been either a practicing lawyer licensed in Texas for at least ten years or a practicing lawyer licensed in Texas and a judge of a state court or county court established by the legislature for a combined total of at least ten years; and during that time has not had the person's license to practice law revoked, suspended, or subject to a probated suspension. The same eligibility requirements would apply to a judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals and to a justice of a court of appeals. The proposed amendment further provides that to be eligible for appointment or election as a district judge, a person must be a resident of Texas; be licensed to practice law in Texas; and have been a practicing lawyer or a judge of a court in Texas, or both combined, for eight years preceding the person's election, during which time the person's license to practice law has not been revoked, suspended, or subject to a probated suspension.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment changing the eligibility requirements for a justice of the supreme court, a judge of the court of criminal appeals, a justice of a court of appeals, and a district judge."**

Proposition Number 5
(HJR 165)

HJR 165 proposes a constitutional amendment allowing the State Commission on Judicial Conduct (SCJC) to accept complaints or reports, conduct investigations, and take any other authorized action with respect to a candidate for a state judicial office. Currently, the Texas Constitution only permits the SCJC to take such actions as to persons holding a judicial office.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment providing additional powers to the State Commission on Judicial Conduct with respect to candidates for judicial office."**

Proposition Number 6
(SJR 19)

SJR 19 proposes a constitutional amendment establishing that residents of certain facilities have the right to designate an essential caregiver with whom the facility may not prohibit in-person visitation. The proposed amendment would apply to a nursing facility, assisted living facility for individuals with an intellectual disability, residence providing home and community-based services, or state supported living center. The proposed amendment also would authorize the legislature to provide guidelines for these facilities to follow in establishing essential caregiver visitation policies and procedures.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment establishing a right for residents of certain facilities to designate an essential caregiver for in-person visitation."**

Proposition Number 7
(HJR 125)

HJR 125 proposes a constitutional amendment permitting a person who is 55 years of age or older at the time of death of their spouse who is receiving a limitation on school district property taxes on their residence homestead on the basis of a disability to continue receiving the limitation while the property remains the surviving spouse's residence homestead.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment to allow the surviving spouse of a person who is disabled to receive a limitation on the school district ad valorem taxes on the spouse's residence homestead if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of the person's death."**

Proposition Number 8
(SJR 35)

SJR 35 proposes a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the United States armed services who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty. The Texas Constitution provides a property tax exemption to the surviving spouse of a member of the armed services who is killed in action, but the current exemption does not include members of the military who die during their service due to injuries sustained that are not combat-related.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the United States who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty."**

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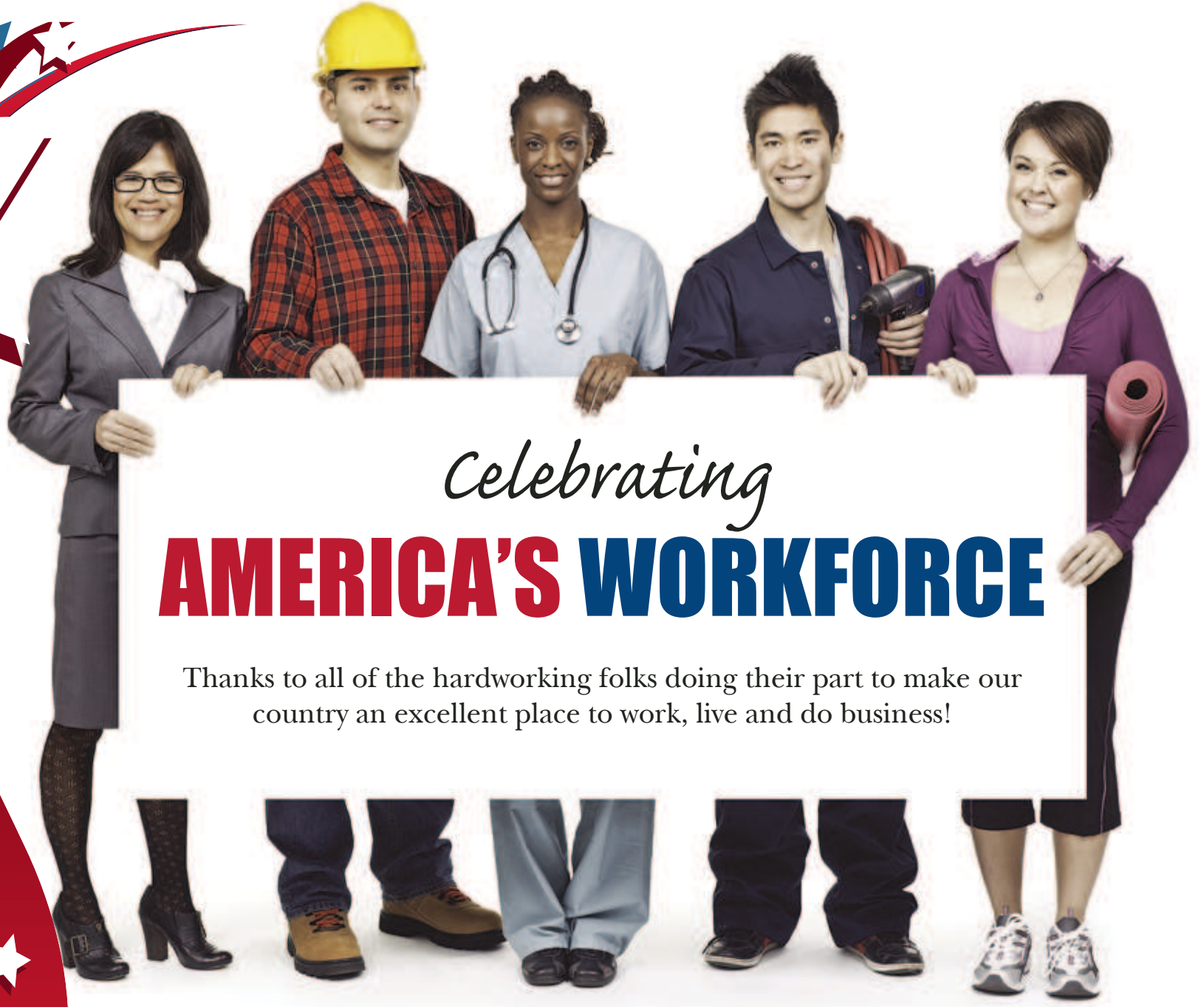
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