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## River snags, logjams pose concern

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

Logjams and snags in the Leon River are causing property damage during high water events. Coryell County leaders are looking to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to help resolve the problem.

"We've been dealing with logjams in the Leon River, and it's been causing some issues for us," said Coryell County Attorney Brandon Belt. "One in particular that continues to cause damage is upstream from the bridge across (Farm to Market Road) 1829. When the river gets up, it cuts across the land and then runs across 1829."

Other major logjams have led to recurring flooding near Mother Neff State Park.

The county has been discussing the concern and a possible resolution with the Corps of Engineers.

"They have a program to help remove snags," Belt said. "Over the years, the snags cause the river to jump out (onto property nearby)."

When water flows through the impacted areas, "It runs deeper, faster and there's more erosion," Belt said. "There's nothing to stabilize it because it's running across a field. The Corps of Engineers has a program and property owners (who are affected) have to have the consent of the governing agency."

Steve Manning, a Coryell County rancher, told the Coryell County Commissioners Court that by working together, different local entities can help resolve the concerns.

"There are a number of problems with the river and flooding, and



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Snags, logjams and chronic flooding have caused multiple concerns throughout the area, including at Mother Neff State Park.

there's a lot of money out there but you have to go get it," he said. "That involves coordinating with

the cities and county." County Judge Roger Miller said the county isn't being asked for

funding as part of the effort, but county leaders are just expressing their support for Corps of Engi-

neers work to help fix snags in the river that lead to flooding issues.



COURTESY PHOTO

Leon River flooding sometimes creates road hazards for area residents. Recurring issues could be addressed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

## Hazardous waste collection scheduled in Gatesville

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

Area residents will have the opportunity to get rid of items that should not be disposed of in regular trash collection during the annual Household Hazardous Waste Event from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 26 at the Gatesville Civic Center, 301 Veterans Memorial Loop.

The event is open to all residents residing within the Central Texas Council of Governments boundaries, including Coryell, Bell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Milam, Mills and San Saba counties. Coryell County residents are also able to participate in similar hazardous waste collection events in other CTCOG counties.

Participants must show proof of residency to drop off items at the

collection, such as their driver's license or a utility bill, but the event is free.

Those items which are eligible to be dropped off include paints, automobile batteries, motor oil, antifreeze, household cleaners, household chemicals, pesticides, herbicides, flammables, corrosives, medications and other hazardous household products. Electronics and appliances are event-specific.

This collection is for household items only. Large quantities from businesses, farms, or commercial operations will not be accepted.

Tires will be accepted on a limited basis - up to four car or light truck tires without rims may be disposed of free of charge. The charge for each additional tire is \$3, with cash and checks only accepted.

Items which will not be accepted include infectious and medical

wastes, biological and radioactive materials, televisions, compressed gas cylinders, ammunition, smoke detectors and explosives.

Taking items to collection events such as this helps to keep hazardous items from seeping into waterways or otherwise harming the environment. For more information, call 254-770-2366.

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Several Gatesville Lions Club members were recognized for years for service to the club during a recent meeting, including, from left, Kathy Harte, Scott Johnson, Britt Clay and Carole Corgill. Pictured at right is District Gov. Angela Cases.

SHAWNEE MILLER | COURTESY PHOTO

# Coryell County seeking auditor assistance

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

Coryell County is looking for an auditor to fill the position when Ben Roberts retires, an assistant auditor to take over the responsibilities in the meantime, or possibly both.

During a recent meeting, the Coryell County Commissioners Court discussed whether to seek an assistant auditor, and had already advertised for an auditor.

"We've talked about this in the past - it's not easy to find a qualified auditor or assistant auditor," said County Attorney Brandon Belt. "The sooner we get going on this .... It may be a while before a suitable person is found. At this point without going through a (recruitment) service to help us, I don't know how we're going to find someone. This fiscal year is quickly rolling by."

"I know Judge (Trent) Farrell (the 52nd District Court judge) would back up the creation of that (assistant auditor) position, and we should start looking for someone to fill that position."

Belt said he is confident in

Roberts' ability to handle the many requirements of the job, "but it's a lot of things to keep up with. We can get the blessing from the district judge and start working on (finding a new auditor and/or assistant auditor)."

County Commissioner Kyle Matthews noted that a position has already been approved by the commissioners court for someone to focus on purchasing, and noted those duties could be combined with an assistant auditor post.

Roberts said getting a reasonable salary to attract a new auditor is important.

"If you do find someone to take my job, they're probably not going to take it for that salary," he said.

The annual wage listed for Roberts for 2020 was \$70,561. According to published reports from the Texas Association of Counties, the Burnet County auditor in that same year had a salary of \$91,790 while the Lampasas County auditor's salary was \$71,842. These salary surveys are only published in even numbered years, so there is no report for 2021. The 2022 report has not been published yet.

Neighboring counties which are significantly larger paid substantially more for the same timeframe. The McLennan County auditor's salary was posted at \$153,411 for 2020 according to the online county budget. Meanwhile, Bell County auditor was listed at \$114,515 according to the Bell County budget, which was also posted online.

As of March 8, the posting for the Coryell County auditor position did not list a salary range.

"Judge Farrell would not stand in the way of the commissioners court posting a salary to help us recruit for that position," Belt said.

County Judge Roger Miller said he supports using a service to help the county recruit a qualified auditor applicant.

"You may need additional money to help pay an auditor," Roberts said. "That leaves the judge some room to negotiate."

"He's just got to find someone to negotiate with," Belt said.

Roberts said he is committed to staying a while until the county leadership can

find someone to take his place.

"I'm not leaving until we get somebody," he said. "I'm not going to leave you in the lurch. We're not in a unique position. This kind of search is going on all across the nation."

Matthews said he also fa-

vors hiring specialists that can fill out grant applications to help take the load off the auditor's office.

"While we look for someone to fill the position, there's companies out there that can help us with grant applications," he said.

"We have the perfect op-

portunity to give them a test run," Belt said.

"I think it's worth our while to advertise an assistant auditor position," Miller said. "Right now, we have a need for both (an auditor and assistant auditor)."

# 1st Cav adapts during power outage drill on post

BY MASTER SGT. MIRIAM ESPINOZA  
1ST CAVALRY DIVISION PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

FORT HOOD - 1st Cavalry Division adapted food service operations on March 15 to feed troopers during the Fort Hood Energy Resilient Readiness Exercise which left the installation powerless throughout the duty day.

The purpose of the exercise was to test installation emergency and standby energy generation systems, critical infrastructure and equipment to inform senior leaders of what infrastructure is required to support critical missions on the installation.

"It provides me with satisfaction; to be able to feed the customers, to give them hope that they have somewhere to eat if something like this was to happen," said Spc. Jovan Harris, culinary specialist, 1st Cavalry Division Sustainment Brigade.

Culinary specialists with 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, and 1st CAV Sustainment Brigade set up field feeding equipment with the capability to feed up to 600 troopers, ensuring troopers, who are meal card holders, still had the opportunity to receive three meals while on-post restaurants and dining facilities remained closed.

Despite the loss of power, troopers continued to conduct operations to maintain the division's readiness. Private 1st Class Jazer

DeGuzman, infantryman, 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, said he was preparing for upcoming training at the National Training Center and appreciative of having the commodity of stopping by and grabbing a plate of food on his way to work during the power outage.

Field feeding teams made up of 10-12 culinary specialists provided eligible troopers hot meals for breakfast and dinner. During the lunch meal, troopers were offered a cold take-out meal kit, which met the Army "Go-for-Green" nutritional value standards and included a sandwich, produce, a drink and snacks.

The 1st Cavalry Division Sustainment Brigade also provided troopers the opportunity to eat at their Mobile Outpost; which offered three hot meals and was equipped to feed approximately 300 troopers.

"As you can see we are ready to support the Fort Hood footprint to make sure that troopers have the meals they need throughout the day," said Chief Warrant Officer 3 Jobeth Yambo, food service manager, 1st Cavalry Division.

According to Yambo, these types of exercises offer opportunities to test how 1st CAV culinary teams would react if there were a real-world calamity.



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# Mountain Baptist Church to celebrate 90th anniversary

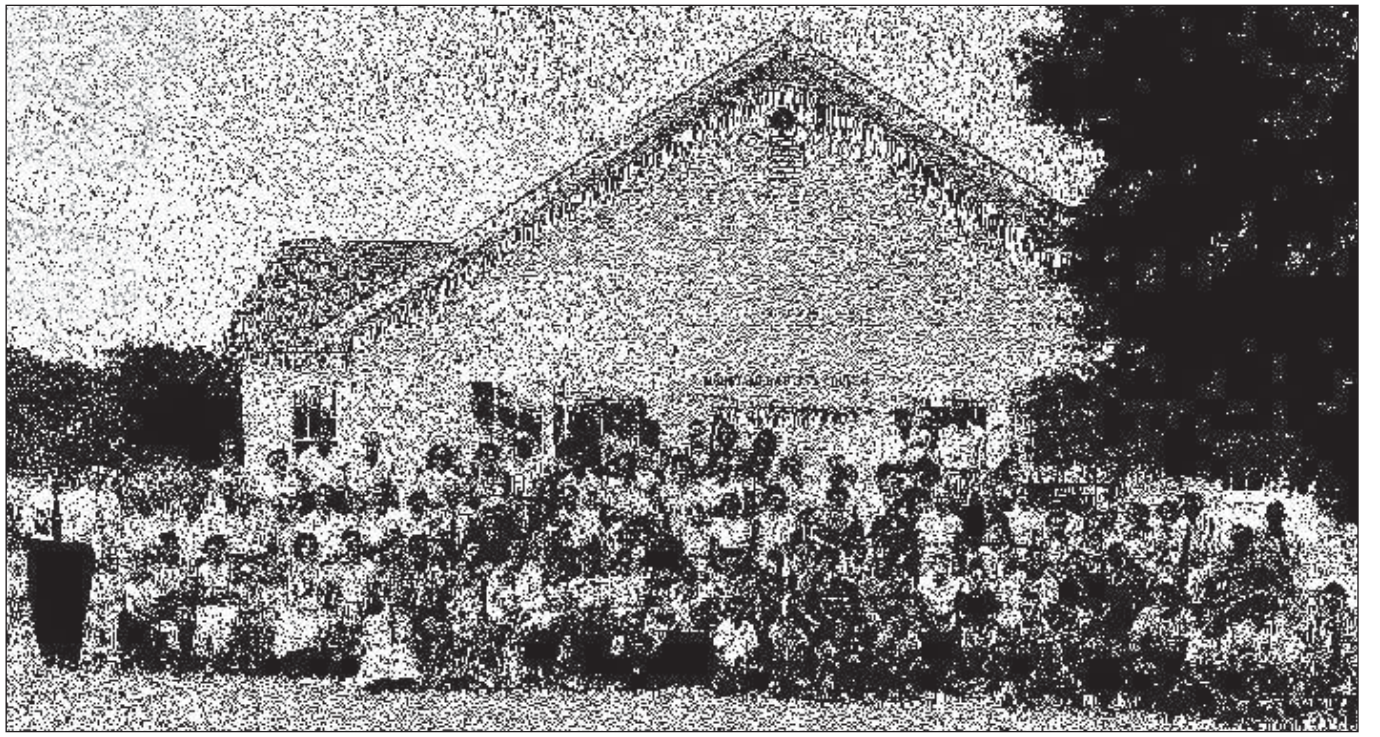
Mountain Baptist Church will be celebrating their 90th anniversary with a special praise and worship service on Sunday, March 27, at 11 a.m.

Following the service, a fellowship meal will be served at 2 p.m. Those planning to attend the meal should RSVP by calling 254-383-2634.

Mountain Baptist Church was organized on March 20, 1932, with the first pastor being Rev. G.H. Lee. In 1936, a church finance committee was appointed to secure funds for a new church building. Tom Barton gave the plot of land for the church, and it was reported that the new building would cost \$302.55. In a meeting in November

of 1939, the church voted to pay their pastor the sum of \$10 per month. A month later, the first mention of money for missions was made – one dollar per month was set aside for missions.

The church voted in 1946 to move the building to the highway to its present location. John I. Blanchard gave the land for the new church site. In the years following, the church added new educational space, a kitchen, nursery and six classrooms. In the mid 1960's, the front of the building was bricked, and sidewalks were built. In 1978, four Sunday school rooms were enlarged, the auditorium was remodeled, and new



COURTESY PHOTO

**MOUNTAIN BAPTIST CONGREGATION:** The photograph shows a large group of church members in the late 1950's in front of Mountain Baptist church located at 6319 E. US Highway 84.

pew cushions and new furniture was purchased using money from a large donation that was received.

A building study committee was formed in 1984 to inspect the building and to determine if it could be repaired

or if it would be more feasible to build a new auditorium. The church voted in 1985 to tear down the old original part of the building, leaving the newer back section and to add a new fellowship hall with a kitchen, new bath-

room, nursery, offices, and a new auditorium. The church was built almost entirely with volunteer labor headed by the building committee. The new church was dedicated on June 15, 1986.

The current pastor of

Mountain Baptist Church is Rev. Kurt Fuessel who has been at the church since 2003. Mountain Baptist Church is located at 6319 E. US Highway 84 in Gatesville.

## The DISPATCH

The following is a partial breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of March 13 -15. Persons are reminded that only emergency calls should be made to 9-1-1, while all other calls to the police department should be made to 865-2226 or to the Sheriff's office at 865-7201.

### CITY OF GATESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

**March 13**  
1:12 a.m., a disturbance was reported in the 100 block of Baird Street in Oglesby.  
12:31 p.m., an accident was reported in the 1500 block of W. Main Street.  
5:01 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1400 block of Golf Course Road.  
5:40 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 300 block of Indian Creek Road in Evant.

6:36 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 1000 block of Old Pidcoke Road.  
**March 14**  
7:38 a.m., an accident was reported in the 700 block of N. State Hwy. 36 Bypass.  
2:10 p.m., a theft was reported in the 2800 block of S. State Hwy. 36.  
3:51 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 4800 block of FM 183.  
5:21 p.m., a theft was reported in the 2800 block of S. State Hwy. 36.

9:14 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 500 block of N. 11th Street.  
**March 15**  
10:40 a.m., an armed suspect was reported in the 1200 block of E. Main Street.  
2:51 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 3500 block of River Road.  
4:26 p.m., an intoxicated driver was reported in the 4000 block of FM 2412.  
5:28 p.m., a structure fire was reported in the 16000 block of FM 107.

11:28 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 6300 block of E. Hwy. 84.

8:58 a.m., a stranded motorist was reported on W. Hwy. 84.  
10:27 a.m., a grass fire was reported in the 1500 block of Lutheran Church Road.  
5:46 p.m., a minor accident was reported on W. Hwy. 84 at CR 128.  
6:39 p.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 1000 block of Old Pidcoke Road.  
8:08 p.m., shots being fired was reported in the 1900 block of Oak Springs Road.

**March 14**  
2:14 a.m., a noise complaint was reported in the 900 block of Kubitz.  
9:08 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported on E. Hwy. 84 at the rest area.  
1:26 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 4300 block of E. Hwy. 84.  
1:51 p.m., tampering with evidence was reported in the 500 block of E. Leon Street.  
4:08 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on W. Hwy. 84 at Purmela.  
**March 15**  
9:30 a.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 8000 block of FM 185.  
9:36 a.m., a threat was reported in the 2900 block of FM 107.  
1:33 p.m., a theft was reported in the 7400 block of E. Hwy. 84.  
8:19 p.m., a dog bite was reported in the 500 block of CR 196.  
10:39 p.m., a theft was reported in the 100 block of Baird Street.

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**March 13**

## Fish Fry Fundraiser to benefit Evant resident

A "Fish Fry Fundraiser" will be held on Sunday, March 20 on the public square in Evant from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. The fundraiser will benefit Mark Neri, a long time Evant resident, who is facing medical issues. All

donations will go to benefit Mark and his family who are facing medical bills. The public is invited to turn out and show their love and concern for Mark and his family. The menu for the fundraiser includes fried fish,

hushpuppies, fries, beans, coleslaw and tea. Those wishing to make a donation can either sit on the square and visit while they eat or take their plate home.

## Pidcoke Baptist to hold revival

Pidcoke Baptist Church, located at 11125 FM 116, will conduct revival services starting Sunday morning March 27, 2022, at 11 a.m. through Wednesday Evening at 6:30 p.m. The theme of the services will be "Growing in Christ," with Rev. Chris Ortego serving as the guest evangelist and various members of the

church presenting worshipful music during the services. Pidcoke Baptist Church has been in the process of building a new sanctuary since Fall 2021 and is close to being finished with the building process with a goal to conduct its first worship service in the new sanctuary on Easter Sunday. The revival services will

help the church to get revitalized on doing the work God has given them to do by growing deeper in their love for God and their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Pastor Don McConaughay, 254-371-4934, extends an invitation to all to attend these services and experience the love of Christ in worship and word.

## Dementia support group at Coryell Health

Coryell Health is offering a new program called "A New Day," which is a monthly support group for those who have a family member who has been diagnosed with dementia. The support group meets the second Wednesday of each month from 1:30 p.m. until 3 p.m. at 110 Chicktown Road in Gatesville. The group helps to give support to caregivers and families through support

and companionship. They give and receive advice from others who have been there or are going through the process of learning how to relate to dementia patients. Currently more than 55 million people live with dementia worldwide, and there are nearly 10 million new cases every year. Dementia results from a variety of diseases and injuries that primarily or secondarily affect the brain. Alzheimer's

disease is the most common form of dementia and may contribute to 60-70% of cases. Dementia has physical, psychological, social and economic impacts, not only for people living with dementia, but also for their caregivers, families, and society at large. For more information about the support group, please contact Sheila Roedler at 254-404-2531.

## C.A.F.E. announces travel line-up

The Christian Adult Fellowship Events group (C.A.F.E.) at the First United Methodist Church will be attending several different events over the next few months. They will be going to University of Mary Hardin-Baylor College in Belton to see the Easter Pageant on Wednesday, April 13. They will be leaving the church parking lot at 11:30 a.m. and travel to Belton where they will eat at the college, which will cost

\$10 each or less. The meal is self-pay. Afterward, they will attend the pageant at 3 p.m. The pageant has been described as a very moving performance of the life of Christ. The cost of the trip will be \$20. The following month, C.A.F.E. will be travelling to Granbury on Saturday, May 14, to see Derek Spence perform as George Strait - Spence greatly resembles and sings like Strait. They will

leave the church parking lot at 10:30 a.m., and eat at a local restaurant, which will be self-pay. The performance will take place at 3 p.m. For tickets and transportation, the total cost will be \$60 per person. At this time, C.A.F.E. has 20 tickets reserved, so reservations will need to be made in advance since this performance is predicted to be a sell-out. On Thursday, June 9, the group will be attending Stars over Texas in Waco and on Saturday, July 9, they will be travelling to Llano to see the Malpas brothers at the Llano theater. More information about the June and July trips will be furnished closer to the scheduled time. Reservations and/or payments for the trips in April and May can be made by contacting the First United Methodist Church at 254-865-2520 or by contacting Ruth Jones at 254-865-2112.

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# Turnersville Community Center fundraiser March 26

The Turnersville Community Center will be hosting a fundraiser on Saturday, March 26. There will be a Mexican food meal starting at 5 p.m. The price will be \$10 per plate, kids six and under \$5 per plate. In addition to the meal, there will also be a 42 tour-

namment. Registration begins at 5 p.m. and the games will start at 6 p.m. Entry fee is \$10 per person and players eat free. Registration forms will be available at the time of registration, or players may go to [www.Tvillecc.com](http://www.Tvillecc.com) (click on the More tab and then on the Events Calendar)

to download the registration form. A bake sale and silent auction will also be held. For more information, please call 254-494-0010 and leave a message. The Turnersville Community Center is located at 8115 FM 182.

## VITA to offer free tax preparation

United Way of Central Texas (UWCT) and its community partners — will offer free tax preparation services through Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program on March 24, 2022 from noon to 3 p.m. at the Gatesville Public Library, 111 N. 8th Street, Gatesville.

In 2021, the UWCT VITA volunteers prepared nearly 1,000 free tax returns for Central Texans and brought in over \$1.4 million in refunds and nearly \$393,000 in Earned Income Tax Credits to our local community. VITA volunteers are IRS certified and knowledgeable in EITC providing basic income tax return services without charge, ensuring 100% of the tax refund goes directly to the customer.

When tax season arrives, VITA volunteers dedicate themselves to preparing



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This is UWCT's 13th year to provide tax assistance to the local community. Clients eligible to have their taxes prepared for free must make less than \$55,000 a year — last year, the average client income was less than \$24,000 per year.

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To schedule an appointment, please call the United Way of Central Texas office at 254-778-8616 OR schedule online at [www.uwct.org](http://www.uwct.org).

## MOUND NEWS

### Group celebrated Beth Haines' birthday

#### BARBARA HOPSON

Mrs. Beth Haines of Gatesville, Patti Thompson of Longview, Lindsey and Brooklyn Oh of Lewisville, Pam Hopson and Kinsley McPherson spent Saturday night in Nemo at the home of Mrs. Tammy Roe. The group celebrated the 83rd birthday of Mrs. Beth Haines with a dinner.

Truett and Jacklyn Pullen of Rockwall spent a few days of their spring break with their grandparents, Kenneth and Nancy Dixon. While here, they visited with their other relatives and many cousins.

Chaya Fincher of Gatesville spent the weekend with Katie

Sue Hopson. Emma Blakley of College Station came home Thursday for the week. Emma is on her spring break this week.

Carolyn and Emma Blakley went shopping and had dinner in Waco Sunday afternoon.

Ruby and Jacklyn Pullen of Rockwall, great nieces of Barbara Hopson, had a barrel race in Texarkana last weekend in the Lucky Dog Productions race. Ruby placed in the pee wee, youth and the open on Saturday.

Barbara's Notes: This Sunday, March 20, 2022, is the first day of Spring.



Hopson

## CRSP to meet on March 24

The upcoming meeting for CRSP (Coryell Retired School Personnel) will be held at Ranchers Steak House on Thursday, March 24. Social time will be at 9:30 a.m., followed by the meeting at 10 a.m. The program will be presented by Pam Evetts of Bee Blessed Farms in Gatesville.

Since the February meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather, they will compensate for having to eliminate their "Bingo for Books," which was a way of raising money for the Chil-

dren's Book Project. Instead, they will pass the hat and collect donations to put into the book fund and/or bring books to donate to the project. Bingo prizes that were on hand last month will become additional door prizes for the meeting.

Other items on the agenda will include: (1) election of officers for 2022-2024; (2) approval of travel funds for delegates to the State TRTA Meeting in April; (3) acceptance of dues payments for July 1, 2022, amounting to

\$35 for state dues and \$10 for local dues; and (4) discussion of by-law changes covered in THE VOICE publication, which delegates will vote on at the State Convention.

Members are asked to bring their volunteer hours to Debbie Grmela. Members are also encouraged to invite other school retirees who are not members of the local chapter to join and attend meetings in the coming year.



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## Junk & Disorderly Market / Citywide Garage Sale April 9

The City of Gatesville Convention and Visitors has announced that the Junk & Disorderly Market and Citywide Garage Sale event will be held on April 9th.

Registration is now open for vendors who are interested in reserving a space at the Gatesville Civic Center and for individuals and groups holding garage sales in and around Gatesville.

Vendor spaces at the Civic

Center range from \$50 for an indoor booth to \$25 for barn and parking lot spaces. There is no fee to register a garage sale. Those will be listed on the VisitGatesvilleTX website and Facebook page and will be posted at the Civic Center.

Online registration is available at VisitGatesvilleTX.com/junk-disorderly. For questions, contact Cheri Shepherd at (254) 499-0102.

## YARD OF THE MONTH



COURTESY PHOTO

Keep Gatesville Beautiful chose the home of Ann Miller (pictured with her son, Roger Miller) at 302 Leon as Yard of the Month for March. This beautiful home has been in their family since it was built 71 years ago on property that belonged to Ann's mother-in-law. The Millers raised their family in this home. With post oak trees, St. Augustine grass and the boxwood bushes that stay green all winter, the home and yard look great regardless of the season.

### OUR WATER

## What is Middle Trinity Groundwater Conservation District?



**STEPHANIE KEITH**

*Editor's Note: Stephanie Keith has served as the education and public relations coordinator for Middle Trinity Groundwater Conservation District for the last five years. During her time at the district, she has established multiple educational programs ranging from classroom lessons to presentations for civil organizations.*

Formally, Middle Trinity Groundwater Conservation District is a political subdivision of the State of Texas that has the authority to regulate the spacing of water wells, the production from water wells, or both under the Texas Constitution, Article III, Section 52, or Article XVI, Section 59.

Understandably, this definition portrays the district

as the "water police," but we were actually established to aid in protecting groundwater rights of district landowners. MTGCD was formed through a local petition process in May 2004. All rules were developed according to Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code, the needs presented by its residents, and aquifer characteristics. District staff process each new well to confirm adequate spacing is available from wellhead to wellhead to minimize neighbor pumping interference. Within the State of Texas, well registration and permitting of non-exempt wells is required within a groundwater conservation district.

The district continues to serve the residents within its four counties, Erath, Comanche, Bosque and Coryell, by well water level monitoring, well registration and permitting, free well water quality testing, free well capping and plugging, educational programming, 4-H Water Ambassador Program supporter and scholarship opportunities.

If you would like to learn more about the district, join us for our monthly board meetings or stay up to date on district activities by visiting us at [www.middletrinitygcd.org](http://www.middletrinitygcd.org) or Facebook: @middletrinitygcd.

Remember, every drop counts!

## Popular insect repellent plants

Homeowners choose plants for their properties based on a number of variables. Some may be into growing their own foods, while others desire their gardens to be an awe-inspiring mélange of bright colors and alluring scents. There's no wrong reason to plant a fresh garden, but some plants offer extra benefits, such as repelling insects.

Insects can be a nuisance and a threat to individuals' overall health. According to the American Academy of Family Physicians, insect-borne diseases are viral and bacterial illnesses that develop from insect bites. Mosquitoes, sand flies and fleas are some examples of insects that can pass on disease. Fever, chills, headache, and muscle soreness are just a few of the more common symptoms linked to insect-borne diseases.

The good news for avid gardeners is that certain plants can help repel insects and provide the additional benefits like fresh food and aesthetic appeal that so many people love.

### BASIL

The aroma of fresh basil is enough to compel any gardener to make a place for it in their garden. But there's more to fresh basil than its scent, as the Farmers Almanac notes it can be used to repel mosquitoes and moths.

### LAVENDER

Fleas, flies, mosquitoes,

and moths are not fans of this aromatic and colorful member of the mint family. Bees tend to be drawn to lavender, a durable plant that many garden centers recommend in areas prone to drought or hot summers without much precipitation.

### MINT

Mint is another plant that is instantly recognizable for its aroma. But mint lovers may not realize that it's also great for keeping ants

at bay. Mint also can be used to repel mosquitoes, but gardeners with no experience planting mint should plant it in pots. That's because the Farmers Almanac notes mint is an especially aggressive spreader that can quickly take over a garden. Separating mint in pots can prevent it from bullying its way into other plants' domains.

### LEMONGRASS

Lemongrass is a tropical grass that's so fragrant it's

often used in perfumes. Lemongrass contains citronella, which many people associate with repelling mosquitoes. A potted lemongrass plant can repel these unwanted guests, keeping them away from decks, porches and/or patios all summer long.

### CHRYSANTHEMUMS

The Farmers' Almanac® recommends using chrysanthemums, which repel a range of insects from bedbugs to fleas to ants, as border plants around a home. That's because they contain the natural insecticide pyrethrin, which can serve as something of an insect-repelling boundary around a home.

Insects are unwanted guests around a home each spring, summer and fall. Certain plants can help repel insects and serve as an eco-friendly alternative to insecticides.



## Corral a crabgrass infestation

Crabgrass is one lawn problem that can compromise the look of an otherwise lush lawn. Thankfully, crabgrass can be controlled without much effort.

### Identifying crabgrass

Crabgrass is a weed that grows in areas of a lawn that are bare or where the grass is thin. Crabgrass gets its name from its appearance, as it grows from the center outward and mimics the look of crab legs emerging from the center shell.

### The growth of crabgrass

Crabgrass is an annual plant. That means a crabgrass infestation that's problematic once the mercury rises in the summer will die out in late fall or early winter. But crabgrass germinates in the spring, so homeowners will want to take steps to prevent it long before it becomes an eyesore in summer.

### How to corral crabgrass

Application of a pre-emergent herbicide before

crabgrass seeds can germinate is an effective way to eliminate it. The timing of that application can be tricky, as jumping the gun and applying the herbicide too early can prove fruitless. The same goes for applying herbicides too late. Crabgrass will likely still grow if the herbicide is applied too early or too late. Experts may recommend applying a pre-emergent herbicide when soil temperatures approach 55 F.

Chemical treatment may be applied after crabgrass has already grown in, but this option requires careful application to avoid killing surrounding healthy grass. Crabgrass can be pulled out by hand, but such an approach can be physically daunting. That's especially so because crabgrass thrives when the weather is hot and dry. So homeowners who intend to pull crabgrass by hand can decrease their risk of dehydration or heat-related illness by drinking plenty of water and pulling the grass during early morning or evening hours when the sun is lower and temperatures are more mild.

Crabgrass can compromise the look of an otherwise healthy lawn. But various strategies can eliminate crabgrass and restore a lawn without much effort on the part of homeowners.

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# TAGD recognizes Joe Cooper

At the Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts (TAGD) business meeting on February 8, members awarded Joe B. Cooper an Honorary Membership. The TAGD Honorary Membership recognizes Cooper's outstanding commitment to the organization and achievement in groundwater management.

Cooper retired from Middle Trinity Groundwater Conservation District in October 2021 after 18 years of dedicated service to the Texas groundwater community. He was president of TAGD in 2016 and 2017 and held other positions on the executive committee for the majority of his time at Middle Trinity GCD.

"Joe B." is passionate about TAGD's success and is espe-

cially proud to have served on the hiring committee for the past three TAGD executive directors. Outside of TAGD, he also represented his district through his involvement in the Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group, Groundwater Management Area 8, and on the board of Texas Water Conservation Association.

Prior to becoming the first general manager of Middle



Cooper

Trinity GCD in 2003, Cooper retired from a career as a marketing manager for AT&T. He graduated from Texas Tech University in 1973.

Although some of Joe's newfound free time has been spent fighting recent health

issues, he looks forward to spending his retirement relaxing in his backyard among his gardens and collection of unique yard art.

Middle Trinity GCD and TAGD congratulates Joe B.

Cooper on receiving this Honorary Membership and wishes him the best of luck in his well-deserved retirement. The Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts supports Texas groundwater conservation districts and their efforts to conserve, preserve and protect groundwater.

TAGD provides educational and technical assistance to member districts and the public, serves as a resource on groundwater issues with state officials, assists members in keeping current with state law, and is a central point of contact for information on groundwater issues and practices. Visit TAGD online at [www.texasgroundwater.org](http://www.texasgroundwater.org)

# Tricks to keep floral arrangements fresh

Who doesn't enjoy receiving a fresh bouquet of flowers on a special occasion? Flowers traditionally are given for Valentine's Day, Mother's Day, anniversaries, and other special events. While a beautiful bouquet can make a lovely gift, fresh flowers have finite lasting power.

Recipients of floral arrangements need not fret. Various strategies can help prolong the life of freshly cut flowers. Florists employ certain tricks to keep cut flowers fresh longer. In fact, that's a person's best bet to keep cut flowers fresh - purchasing arrangements from knowledgeable florists who have done their part to ensure flower longevity.

Here are some additional strategies to consider.

#### Make fresh cuts in stems

Think back to the last time you purchased a fresh Christmas tree. What is the key to ensuring it gets enough water while on display? You guessed it: making a fresh cut in the trunk of the tree. The same concept applies to floral arrangements. Use a sharp scissor or pruning shears to cut about one inch from the bottom of each stem at a 45-degree angle. Continue this process every three days or so. The 45-degree angle prevents the stem from squishing during the cut and enables it to absorb more water.

#### Get them in water quickly

Place the flowers in a vase or other vessel with water promptly after making the cuts. Some florists like to cut the stems under water to prevent air bubbles from forming in the stems. Choose an arrangement first, then cut and place the flowers in water quickly. This gives fresh arrangements a good chance to last awhile.

#### Monitor water temperature

The temperature of the



water in the vase should coordinate with the flowers on display. Do not use hot water or the stems will cook. Room temperature is best for most flowers, except for blooms from bulbs that flower during cooler months, such as tulips and daffodils. They'll be more likely to thrive in cooler water, according to Consumer Reports.

#### Chill your arrangement

The experts at FTD by Design tested various theories for keeping floral arrangements fresh, including adding aspirin to the water or using sugar or concoctions that contain vodka. Sugar and vinegar served as a runner-up for long-lasting blooms, but the best solution for prolonging the flowers was putting the arrangement in the refrigerator each night for roughly eight hours.

#### Prune the foliage

Before placing cut flowers in a vase, remove extra leaves at the base of the stems that will fall underneath the water line. This helps to limit bacteria growth in the water and cuts back on foul odors. Plus, removing foliage focuses flowers' energy on the main blooms rather than the leaves.

These steps can add life to cut flowers, helping arrangements thrive in any home.

# Upgrading bathroom safety features

Bathrooms can benefit from updates that improve their form and function. While styles and color patterns may inspire bathroom renovations, improvements to safety also should be considered.

Bathrooms can be one of the most dangerous rooms in a house. Bath and shower areas account for about two-thirds of accidental injuries in these spaces. Many other injuries involve the toilet. In 2008, a thorough investigation of bathroom dangers conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that mishaps near the bathtub, shower, toilet, and sink caused an estimated 234,094 nonfatal injuries in the United States among people aged 15 years and older.

Seniors are particularly vulnerable in the bathroom due to reduced mobility and flexibility, visual impairment and other factors. However, some key modifications can

make bathrooms much safer for aging populations.

#### RAISED TOILET SEAT

Install an ADA-compliant raised toilet seat. Standard toilet seats are roughly 15 inches high, but elevated seats can raise the bowl an additional two to four inches. Another option is to invest in risers that can be attached to an existing toilet.

#### GRAB BARS

Seniors may use towel holders as grab bars, which don't have stability and can dislodge from the wall. Install secured side grip bars by the toilet and inside the shower to make maneuvering easier.

#### WATER TEMPERATURE

Seniors may be vulnerable to hot water temperatures. Lower the water temperature setting on the hot water heater. StaySafe.org recommends 120 F.

#### FAUCETS

Change faucet handles to paddle-style handles rather than knobs. Knobs can be challenging to grip for those with arthritis in their hands. Also, handles that are easier for seniors to use can reduce the risk of the elderly losing their balance as they attempt to gain leverage to turn the water on and off.

#### NONSLIP MATS

Nonslip mats or tape strips can be used in showers and tub bottoms, as well as outside of the shower to reduce the risk of slips and falls. Rugs should have rubberized, slip-resistant backing.

#### ROUNDED CORNERS

Choose counters and fixtures with rounded corners. Should a senior fall against something, the rounded corner may prevent serious injury.

#### SHOWER BENCHES AND TRANSFER SEATS

Benches and transfer seats make it easier getting in and out of the shower. Also, sitting while showering reduces the risk of becoming light-headed or losing balance.

#### WALK-IN TUBS/SHOWERS

Minimizing the threshold to the shower or bathtub is an important safety feature. Some manufacturers make walk-in tubs with doors that secure and make watertight seals. Showers that don't have a lip or tub to scale also are better for seniors.

#### LIGHTING

Eyesight weakens over time, so improve lighting with combinations of overhead lighting and softer side lighting. Night lights or soft-glowing toilet lights can make it easier to get around the bathroom in the middle of the night.

These are just some improvements that can create safer bathroom environments for seniors.

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## Hasty Judgements



*"Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."*  
—Matthew 7:1-2 NIV

It is almost always a mistake to jump to conclusions about other people's motives. We may think that someone is doing something for the worst of reasons, but we really do not and cannot know with certainty why people do the things they do. Scrutinizing our own motives and judging ourselves can often be valuable for our own spiritual progress, but judging others is almost always a mistake because we simply can't know someone else's motives. So why do we do it? Why are we so quick to judge other people? Perhaps part of the reason is simply that to get along with others it helps to be in tune with what others are thinking and feeling. We can't be blind to the fact that other people have feelings and motives for doing what they do. But by judging others charitably, and assuming the best of them rather than the worst, we usually get along much better. In fact, sometimes the charitable judgement becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy. So if you are going to be hasty in making judgements about others, at least be hasty in making charitable judgements. All it takes is a bit of kindness, empathy, and perhaps a smile to get others to act with kindness, empathy and a smile of their own.  
— Christopher Simon

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**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF MARGIE JEANNE KING, DECEASED**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the ESTATE OF MARGIE JEANNE KING, DECEASED, were issued on March 2, 2022, in Cause No. 22-10615, pending in the Probate Court of Coryell County, Texas to ADAM ARELLANO as Independent Executor.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Such claims should be addressed as follows:

ESTATE OF MARGIE JEANNE KING, DECEASED  
C/O Tom Normand  
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- 8.01 acres east of Evant, TX, Buffalo Creek Ranch Subdivision. Live Oak Trees on the upper end of the property, nice home site and nice view looking south toward Langford Branch, native pasture going down to the branch, approx. 400 ft. of Langford Branch, \$250,000
- 10.01 acres east of Evant, TX, Buffalo Creek Ranch Subdivision, nice home site and nice view looking south toward Langford Branch with native pasture going down to the branch, approx. 394 ft. of Langford Branch, \$210,000
- 12.1 acres, FM 929 Frontage & CR 255 frontage, property is level with good views to the north, approx. 4.5 acres of Coastal Bermuda & the remaining is native grasses. Coryell City Water & electric are available along CR 255. \$150,000
- 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
- 17 acres, FM 929 frontage & CR 255 frontage. The property is level with good views to the north, approx. 8 acres of Coastal Bermuda & the remaining is native grasses. Coryell City Water & electric are available along CR 255. \$195,000
- 20.02 acres, Evant, TX in Hamilton County, rolling terrain, good tree cover & a seasonal creek on the south boundary of the property. The property will have electric serviced by Hamilton County Electric Co. & Fiber Optic Internet service from Central Texas Telephone Company. \$265,000
- 4/2 Doublewide Home, 850 Blakely Rd., Gatesville, TX, laminate wood floors throughout the home, front porch & deck at the back of the home, 6 ft. x 6 ft. safe house, 40 ft. x 30 ft. metal building 2 roll up doors & 2 walk-through doors, water well that is 493 deep and estimated yield of 30 GPM, good exterior fencing, 1 stock pond, rolling terrain with good tree cover. \$498,777
- 36 +/- acres west of Evant, TX, Hamilton County. The property is completely fenced with electric along the front of the property, scattered tree cover & rolling terrain & pond that is on the neighbor's property that back up water onto the property. Fiber Optic Internet Service, you will need to drill a water well for water. \$387,000
- 47.332 ac. south of Ireland, TX, good tree cover, rolling terrain, good fencing on 3 sides, southside will need to be fenced. \$463,853
- 74.7 acres west of Purlma, FM 1241, barn, cattle pens, good fences, nice view, centrally located. \$511,695.
- 105 acres south of Pearl, TX on Self Rd. Good tree cover, rolling terrain, small branch that run through the property, barn that is approx. 38 ft. x 42 ft. in size with a rain harvest system that collects rainwater from the roof of the barn. Electricity is along the property line in the northwest corner of the property, \$743,775
- 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. \$1,230,000
- 242.01 ac. east of Evant, TX on Hwy 84. good tree cover, rolling terrain, 2 stock tanks, water meter at road from Multi County Water Supply and electricity is on the property, Fiber Optic Internet Service is also available, good exterior fencing and approx. 20 acres of farmland. The property is in Coryell & Hamilton County and also has road frontage off of Perkins Rd. \$1,899,778
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**PUBLIC NOTICES**

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THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF CORYELL  
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF IRMINGARD MARIA GABRIELE MACE, DECEASED, CAUSE NO 21-10574, COUNTY COURT OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS. KIM ALTON MACE, FILED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS ON THE 7TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2022, AN APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP OF SAID IRMINGARD MARIA GABRIELLE MACE, 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 28TH DAY OF MARCH, 2022 AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN GATESVILLE, TEXAS.

ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID ESTATE ARE HEREBY CITED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE COUNTY COURT 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 15TH DAY OF MARCH, 2022.

JENNIFER NEWTON  
CORYELL COUNTY CLERK  
CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS  
BY: K. HANGST  
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**REAL ESTATE**



# GHS Bands receive high ratings at UIL

Recently, the Gatesville High School Varsity and Non-Varsity Bands received the highest rating at their UIL Concert and Sightreading Contest. Gatesville was the only high school participating that had both performing

groups receive straight superior ratings from all judges.

The Concert bands are restricted by the UIL for bands not to play two selections by the same composer in any given evaluation whether or not the music is chosen

from the Prescribed Music List. The UIL encourages the programming of works from underrepresented composer groups and/or cultures.

The development of sight-reading skills is encouraged by the UIL and facilitates the

successful performance of a greater body of musical literature.

The GHS Band is directed by Jose Sanchez. Assistant Directors are Victor Garza, Lindsay Pfaff, and Michael Hamilton.



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**GHS NON-VARSITY BAND:** The Gatesville High School Non-Varsity Band received superior ratings at recent UIL competition.

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## Whatever happened to...

### 20 YEARS AGO (2002)

Stephen Hall and Tanner Farley participated in the Gatesville Hornet Relay. Hall was fifth in the even and Farley captured gold as the Hornets successfully defended their title in the track meet.

Gina Victoria Lovelle of Gatesville, a junior psychology major at Texas Tech University, was named to the dean's list for the fall semester.

Matthew Guerra was awarded a fiddle at the Pearl Bluegrass Music Festival. He was attending the festival with his brother, Anthony Croff and with his mother, Faye Guerra, who had performed on stage several times at Pearl.

A going away party was held in the County Commissioner's Courtroom for Ruth Jon Smith. She had spent 10 years as the manager and executive director of the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce as well as being a land clerk and records manager for the county clerk's office.

### THIRTY YEARS AGO (1992)

Marine Pfc. Yasma E. Green, daughter of Thelma J. Leake of Gatesville, had completed recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot of Parris Island, South Carolina.

Virginia Dossman and Janice Herring, both of Gatesville, were among 42 University of Mary Hardin-Baylor students who were inducted into Alpha Chi, the national college honor society.

Master Sgt. Gary L. Parker was decorated with the Air Force Commendation Medal. Parker was a munitions chief at Torrejon AFB in Spain. This was his third award. He was the son of Elsie V. Jycius of Gatesville.

Tracy L. Worley, a Tarleton State University student from Gatesville, was one of 59 students inducted during the spring semester into the Texas Alpha Kappa Chapter of Alpha Chi, the national honor society.

### FORTY YEARS AGO (1982)

Mrs. Frankie Blair Maynard presented a program of organ music for members and guests of the Morris Federation in the sanctuary of the First Presbyterian Church. She was assisted in the program by Mrs. Lillian Roach.

Bobby Lowery, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Lowery of Gatesville, received an Achievement Scholarship

given by Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene. The scholarship was presented to students who were high scorers in the college entrance exams.

Robert Harvey, son of Delphia Harvey of Gatesville, entered the U.S. Air Force Delayed Enlistment Program. Airman Harvey selected the mechanical area for job training and was to attend a six-week training program at Lackland AFB in San Antonio.

Gatesville's Mike Fisher, after an on-and-off again rookie season with the St. Louis Cardinals, was taking his second fling in the National Football League with the Oakland Raiders in 1982. Fisher, a 23-year-old free agent, was signed to a one-year contract by the Raiders.

### FIFTY YEARS AGO (1972)

Tom Miller, a member of the Greater Gatesville Chamber of Commerce, was promoted to the president's post when directors elected officers for 1972-1973. Miller was to succeed Dr. Joe Kenworthy at the COC helm.

John Robert Bates, son of Mrs. O.D. Bates of Gatesville and the late Mr. Bates, received the Doctor of Dental Surgery (D.D.S.) degree in graduation exercises held at the University of Tennessee Medical Units in Memphis.

Four old two-story dormitories in the Hilltop unit of the Gatesville State School for Boys had been vacated. The old building at one time made up a major part of the reform school campus. It was planned that the dormitories would be converted to use as vocational training centers.

Elton Edwards, longtime grocery store executive in Gatesville, had accepted a new position as assistant manager of the A&P Food Store. Edwards had recently resigned from the staff at Black's Food Store after 37 years with that firm.

### SIXTY YEARS AGO (1962)

Fred Weaver was elected by Gatesville Jaycees to serve as their present for 1962-63. He succeeded Gene Chitwood as president.

Establishment of a city dog pound was being discussed by the Gatesville City Council. Under study was the construction of a suitable pound at the city dump grounds southeast of town, where dogs picked up might be held until claimed.

## BOOK REVIEW

### *This Brighton Beach Memoir-ish tale is warm as a sidewalk knish*

#### TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

You never thought that you could tell a joke.

Oh, you'd start off right, tucking in all the funny motions and voices. You'd do the build-up like it was meant to be and you'd pause at all the right places but much as you

tried, the punchline never arrived, or it did and it was delivered wrong. Ugh. Maybe you should try writing better jokes. Just remember, as in the new memoir, "What's So Funny?" by David Sipress, some jokes write themselves.

Friday nights at Gino's on Lexington Avenue were the

best of times.

New Yorker cartoonist David Sipress remembers them for their sophistication, for the celebrity-spotting opportunities, for his mother's elegant dresses and pearls, and because his father, Nat, was an important man on those evenings about town.

Nat Sipress was born in the early 1900s and immigrated with most of his family from Ukraine as a boy, to escape prosecution for their Jewish faith. The family landed first in Brooklyn, where life was a struggle; shortly afterward, they moved to Williamsburg and Nat left home, cutting

most ties with his siblings. Why, his son can only guess; Nat was silent on the subject of his life in Ukraine and his earliest boyhood.

And yet, he was open and mostly affable about many other things. The staff at Gino's apparently loved him. He gave Christmas the same weight as Hanukkah in the household, and he didn't lose control the afternoon when Sipress tossed his toys out their apartment window. He urged Sipress to go to college, was proud when he chose to major in Russian history, and urged his son to stick with it, even though Sipress knew his heart was in cartooning. It was then that Nat spoke his displeasure in a time-honored fatherly way: by cutting Sipress loose for awhile.

But it was done with love. As were Sipress' mother's constant queries about Sipress' happy childhood. As were his father's weekly visits to the legacy he'd leave his children, and the surprises Sipress would find when his sister died....

So there you are, sitting anywhere but New York City. So why would you want to read the memoirs of a Jewish kid from Manhattan, circa the 1950s?

Because this Brighton Beach Memoir-ish tale is warm as a sidewalk knish, filled with author David Sipress' stories of innocent



PHOTO BY NINA SUBIN

#### Schlichenmeyer

years, a quaintly overprotective mother, and memories of a New York that you'll never see again. Former children, especially those who grew up in the Eisenhower years, will recognize their own childhood in this book; anyone who was a young adult in the 1960s will identify with memories of father-son clashes and long-haired hippies. Most delightfully, it's all wrapped around Sipress' story of his career and his own marriage, punctuated by his cartoons.

It seems trite to say that you'll laugh at this book and you'll cry, but you will. It's like the best kind of college reunion, with a casual after-gathering in the lounge. Indeed, read "What's So Funny?" and you'll know what is. 1950s?

"What's So Funny? A Cartoonist's Memoir" by David Sipress  
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## New districts announced for more sports

BY TRISTON MCGEHEE  
STAFF WRITER

On Monday, it was announced that the second part of the University Interscholastic League realignment for 2022-2023 and 2022-2024 is here.

Last month on Feb. 3, the UIL unveiled districts in football, basketball, and volleyball, with more to come for other sports. Every district that has been announced will include high school and junior high athletics.

The Gatesville Hornets will compete in

District 23-4A-Region III in baseball, cross country, golf, softball, track, and spring tennis. Academics will also compete in the district.

In team tennis, the Hornets will continue to face Brownwood, Glen Rose, Lampasas, and Stephenville in District 7-4A-Region I.

The GHS soccer team will transition to District 5-4A-Region I, competing with forces such as Stephenville, China Spring, Brownwood, Academy, Lampasas, and Salado. Salado and Academy competed in District 18-4A this season with GHS.

For the GHS wrestling team, the Hornets will continue to participate in District 6-5A-Region II. This is the only sport where the Hornets compete in the 5A classification. District opponents include Winnsboro, Burleson High, Burleson Centennial, Arlington Seguin, Kennedale, Pittsburg, Midlothian Heritage, Midlothian High, and Lancaster.

In baseball, the Jonesboro Eagles and Oglesby Tigers will compete in District 14-2A-Region II in the coming year. In softball, the Tigers and the Eagles will part in district play. The Eagles will compete in Dis-

trict 12-2A-Region II, while the Tigers will participate in District 13-2A-Region II.

The Eagles and Tigers will compete in cross country together in District 25-1A-Region IV, but the Evant Elks will compete in District 18-1A-Region III. In spring athletics, which includes golf, spring tennis, and track and field, the Eagles and Tigers will compete in District 25-1A-Region IV. This classification will include academics as well.

Evant will compete in District 18-1A-Region III in spring athletics. Evant will also be a part of this district in academics.

## Hornets fall to Rockets in non-district baseball contest

BY TRISTON MCGEHEE  
STAFF WRITER

Tuesday night (March 15) did not pan out how the Gatesville Hornets would have liked, losing a non-district game to Robinson, 12-2, at Robinson High School.

The Hornets struggled against the Rockets with only Hayden Mooney and Parker Allman crossing home plate in the third inning.

Mooney's walk in the third inning led to a steal of second base to set him up in scoring position. Allman hit the ball hard into right field for a single and Mooney reached third base. A sacrifice fly by Mata allowed Mooney to score a run. Allman scored his run on a passed ball.

GHS baseball coach Chase Smith remained positive after the defeat. Smith hopes the Hornets can grow from the loss, bettering themselves for district opponents.

"We saw some good pitching, which will help us gain experience in the box for district," Smith said.

With the loss, the Hornets dropped to 6-7 overall. The Hornets are 1-0 in their District 6-4A standings because of their 10-0 mercy-rule win over the Lampasas Badgers on March 8.

GHS was scheduled to play the



Hayden Mooney delivers a pitch for Gatesville. Mooney and Parker Allman both scored runs for the Hornets against Robinson.

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Brownwood Lions on Friday, March 18, at Brownwood as district play

resumed for the Hornets. The next home game for the Hor-

nets will be against the Stephenville Yellow Jackets on Tuesday, March 22.

## Hornet boys, girls track teams triumph in Whitney meet

BY TRISTON MCGEHEE  
STAFF WRITER

The Gatesville Hornet varsity boys and girls track teams won the Whitney High School Billy McCreight Relays on Thursday, March 3.

GHS competed against West, Maypearl, Whitney, and Keene. The boys finished with 183 points as a team, while the girls finished 181 points.

In the boys 100 meters, L.J. Hall placed fifth with 11.94 seconds. In the girls, 100-meter, Lauren Stuard placed first, finishing at 13.32 seconds.

In the boys' 200 meters, Trevor Smith placed fifth, finishing at 25.06 seconds, while in the girls' 200 Avery Mullins also placed fifth, with Lindsey Cummings coming in behind her teammate in sixth place with 30.51.

In the boys 400 meters, Jeffrey Tesar placed second, finishing at 55.07 seconds.

The 800-meter brought Luis Macias in first and Tesar finished behind him in second. Macias finished at a time of 2:06.12, while Tesar finished the race at a time of 2:14.68. Gatesville took first and third in the girls 800, with Bethany Penrod finishing first with

a time of 2:40.45, while Kyla Hinojosa timed in at 2:51.32, placing third.

The boys' 1600 meter had Gatesville in the top two spots again, with Carlo Martinez finishing first at a time of 4:46.12, while Macias followed his teammate timing in at 4:57.97. Vania Martinez in the girls 1600 meter placed first at a time of 5:44.14, followed by Penrod in second timing in at 5:51.81, while Hinojosa finished fourth at a time of 6:36.88.

In the boys 3200 meters, Carlo placed first at a time of 9:58.93, while in the girls 3200, Vania also placed first, timing in at 12:31.94.

### Hurdles

In boys' 110-meter 39-inch hurdles, Bradyn Culley placed second timing in at 17.34 seconds, while Kasen Bankhead placed third at 19.09 seconds. In girls' 100-meter 33-inch hurdles, Valeria Jimenez finished first at 17.25 seconds, while Barrett Boyd placed fifth at 20.11 seconds.

In boys 300-meter 36-inch hurdles, Sean Aguilar placed second, crossing the finish line at the 45.87-second mark, followed by Jacob Baker in third, finishing at 46.08 seconds. On the girls' side, Jimenez placed first finishing at the 54.21-second mark, while Ellie Kelley finished in fourth at 1:00.35.

### Relays

In the boys 4x100 relay, Hall, Tommy Aaron, Theron Stone, and Cory Burns placed fourth, timing in at 46.26 seconds, while the girls' team of Kennedy Preciado, Addi Wolff, Mullins, and Stuard placed fifth, timing in at 54.85 seconds.

In the 4x400 relay, Baker, Aguilar, Smith, and Burns finished in third place, finishing at a time of 3:50.16. The girls' team of Penrod, Hinojosa, Boyd and Vania placed third at a time of 4:43.72.

### Shot Put

Brayden Minton took first place for GHS, throwing the 12-pound ball at a distance of 41-06.00, while Trent Ray finished in fifth, throwing a distance of 35-00.00. Jacy Archie placed first for the girls, throwing the four-kilogram ball a distance of 31-06.50, while Kaylie Tippit placed fourth, throwing 28-06.00.

### Discus

Minton threw the 1.6-kilogram disc 124-07, placing first, while Ray placed behind him in second with a distance of 118-09. Tippit for the girls placed fourth, throwing the 1-kilogram disc at a distance of 76-07.

### High Jump

In boys, high jump, Jack Carroll and Tyler Shea tied for third at a height of 5-06.00. Boyd and Mullins placed first and second in the girl's high jump. Boyd jumped a height of 5-00.00, while Mullins jumped at a height of 4-10.00.

### Pole Vault

David Manear placed tied for first place, pole vaulting a total of 9-06-00, while Boyd tied for first in the girl's competition, pole vaulting a total of 11-00.00.

### Long Jump

Kyle Shafer jumped a distance of 18-09.00, placing third, while Culley placed fifth at a distance of 18-05.75. Wolff placed fifth in the girl's long jump. Wolff jumped a distance of 13-08.25.

### Triple Jump

In triple jump for the boys, Shafer jumped at a distance of 39-09.00, placing second. Culley placed third, jumping a distance of 38-10.00, while Bankhead placed fourth at a distance of 38-08.50. For the girls, Stuard placed second, at a distance of 31-10.00, while Mullins came in fourth at a distance of 30-04.00, and Wolff placed fifth, with a distance of 29-08.50.

## AREA FISHING REPORT

### Belton

GOOD. Water lightly stained; 55 degrees; 3.21 feet low. White bass are moving toward spawning areas and tributaries, but cold temperatures and lack of flow is a major hindrance. Using side-imaging to cover large tracts of bottom to find nomadic schools of fish has been very effective. Spot-Locking crosswind from these fish, then casting MAL Heavy or MAL Dense lures to them and working these lures in a sawtooth pattern has been the successful tactic, and will continue to be for the next 2 weeks or so. Using a light spinning tackle with a light (10-15 pound) braided line helps cut through the wind and helps the lure reach bottom quickly. Report by Bob Maindelle, Holding the Line Guide Service. Crappie and white bass are excellent in the Leon River and Cowhouse Creek biting ATX Lure Company plastics. Report by Zach Minnix, Jig N' Jerk Guide Service.

### Stillhouse Hollow

GOOD. Water lightly stained; 45 degrees; 3.15 feet low. White bass are moving toward spawning areas and tributaries, but cold temperatures and lack of flow is a major hindrance. Using side-imaging to cover large tracts of bottom to find nomadic schools of fish has been very effective. Spot-Locking crosswind from these fish, then casting MAL

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### Waco

GOOD. Water stained; 57 degrees; 4.54 feet low. Cattin' Around Adventure's Professional Guide Service. Crappie and white bass are excellent in North and South Bosque biting ATX Lure Company plastics. Report by Zach Minnix, Jig N' Jerk Guide Service.

### Whitney

GOOD. Water lightly stained; 54 degrees; 2.31 feet low. Striped bass is good but can be caught in 25 to 60 feet of water near the bottom. Look for fish suspended off the bottom as those are the ones that are feeding more actively. Soft plastics with a heavy weight to help sink it lower seems to do the trick. Do this while slow trolling at 0.3mph to 1.8mph in the main river channel. These fish are holding deep so deadsticking with white or chartreuse will work as well along with slabs. Fish are scattered throughout the reservoir from the dam all the way to the river. Report provided by Kraig Sexton, Sexton's Guide Service LLC.

### Proctor

SLOW. Water clear; 46 degrees; 1.86 feet low. Fishing continues to be slow but should improve as the weather warms the water. Fish between fronts for the best success. Blue catfish are slow in shallow water on cut shad. Hybrid bass are slow on cut bait drifting 10-15 feet of water. Crappie are slow on brush piles using minnows and jigs.

### Brownwood

SLOW. Water stained; 47 degrees; 2.18 feet low. Largemouth bass to six pounds are good on shad or craw color square bill crankbaits or chatterbaits around stick-ups, and rocky shorelines in 2-6 feet of water close to the mouth of major coves starting to move shallow getting ready to spawn. Crappie are slow on minnows and jigs. White bass are slow on slabs and live bait around bait fish schools. Catfish are slow on shrimp, chicken liver on jug lines.

### Buchanan

FAIR. Water lightly stained; 54 degrees; 4.89 feet low. Largemouth bass are good near rock piles and spawning flats are starting to turn on with some good bites using shaky heads, jigs, worms or crankbaits and spinnerbaits bouncing off or running through rocks. Shallow crankbaits and plastics worked around the flats full of trees are

working as well for largemouth. Crappie are showing up around shallow flats with trees and around docks now as well. White bass and stripers are good using your electronics to find them piled up deeper and dropping jigging spoons on them. Report provided by Bryan Cotter, Texas Hawgs Bass Fishing Guide Service.

### Travis

GOOD. Stained; 54-57 degrees; 20.87 feet low. Lake Travis is fishing well. Check the backs of coves for bedding bass and catch them using soft plastics such as lizards, craw worms and straight or curly tailed worms. Some of the better bites are coming around staging areas just outside of spawning flats and coves where big females are hanging out either going in to spawn or on the way out of spawning. Deep ledges and boat docks are holding fish as well. A shaky head, drop shot or jigging spoon will get you bit. Report provided by Bryan Cotter, Texas Hawgs. Bass are good on jerkbaits around points and bluff walls using shallow running shad crankbaits. Night fishing in the green lights is good for crappie and stripers from the dam to mid-lake and Briar Cliff using live bait and small swimbaits. White bass are trying to move between the Pedernales split and Colorado River biting on jigging spoons.