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Fuel price hike causes budget crunch

BY JEFF OSBORNE
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

Higher fuel costs have taken a significant bite out of the county road and bridge budget for the 2022 fiscal year, to the point where the majority of the budget had already been spent by late March.

The message was delivered to the Coryell County Commissioners Court by County Road and Bridge Administrator Justin Latham, who provided details to county officials and then asked for direction on how to proceed.

"We normally budget about \$250,000 per year or \$4,800 per week, but the last few weeks we've been averaging \$8,000, and one week we spent \$8,600," Latham said. "We only have \$97,000 left in the budget, and I estimate we'll need at least \$120,000 to \$125,000 (to complete scheduled

road and bridge projects throughout Coryell County).

"What do you suggest we do - shut down the trucks? I can amend the list and stop some projects."

County Auditor Ben Roberts recommended that the road and bridge department continue to operate on the same schedule.

"I would suggest you continue to do all the work you planned," he told Latham. "We can amend your budget. The sheriff's office is probably having the same problem."

Commissioner Kyle Matthews also suggested the projects continue at the same pace.

"It's a little too early to quantify slowing down," he said. Costs are also rising for deliveries.

"On the other side, we are starting to see price increases from vendors and fuel surcharges, and they are affecting our materials costs," Latham said. "This will impact our budget

as well, but it's not as severe as fuel costs. I've spent an additional \$43,000 just on transportation. Some of these costs I can absorb and some of them will be difficult."

County Judge Roger Miller said he believes there will be additional funds available from programs such as the American Recovery Act Plan to help offset the rising costs.

"It is a concern because of the economic impact but I do believe more funds will be made available," he said. "I really think the underlying story is the economic impact of events in the world we live in (such as a pandemic and war overseas). Front and center this is impacting businesses and people. The county has a little more leeway."

Latham said his department will be over budget if it continues to operate as planned.

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Brown helping lead Gatesville Chamber

BY JEFF OSBORNE
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

Tracy Brown is a strong believer in Gatesville and building a better, stronger community, and her new role as executive director of the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce will allow her to work with others who share the same goals and vision.

"I've lived in Gatesville my entire life and graduated from Gatesville High School (in 1990)," Brown said. "I worked for the (Texas Department of Criminal Justice) from 1997 to 2021 and retired as assistant warden. I was looking for something that would let me be involved in helping to promote our community and letting people know about what we have to offer here."

Brown said she learned about the opening from a friend and sent in her resume. After she was selected for the job, she began March 21 and is typically in the office from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday.

One thing Brown said she would like to see get more attention is the building the chamber is housed in - the Cotton Belt Depot Visitors Center. Built in 1910, the historic structure not only houses the chamber office but it is available for some public meetings and activities (details are available on the chamber website, <http://gatesvilletx.info/>, under the "About Gatesville" tab).

"This is a beautiful historic building with wonderful woodwork and old scales," she said.

Brown said she would also like to see the chamber and the TDCJ, which has several prisons in the area, work together more.

"I think there are some great opportunities to work together, and I'd like to see more cohesiveness," she said.

She is also looking forward to ways to help build on the success of events such as the annual Shivarree, held the first weekend in June, which features a carnival, music, food, vendors and a variety of fun activities.

"Gatesville is a great community - we have a lot of good things here already, and we can always build on that," Brown said. "I want to help get the word out."

In addition to being a GHS graduate herself, Brown's three children, Levi Harman, the late Haley Harman, and Robin Harman all graduated from Gatesville High School.

Levi is now a computer programmer in Dallas, while Robin is working to open his own business in the area. Brown has two grandchildren locally - Jolee, 6, who attends Gatesville



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Gatesville native Tracy Brown began her role as the executive director of the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce on March 21.

Primary School, and Haize, 1, who attends New Beginnings Learning Academy.

Asked if she had always intended to stay in Gatesville, Brown said, "It just worked out that way. I love living here, and I was such a Mom and Daddy's girl that I never really thought about moving away."

Gatesville Chamber President Barbie Klecka said it was clear that Brown was the right person to help lead the chamber.

"What stood out was her longevity with the state of Texas, her leadership skills, and the

PLEASE SEE **BROWN** | A2

Name change in process at Fort Hood

BY JEFF OSBORNE
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

In the not too distant future, the U.S. Army base known for decades as Fort Hood will likely have a new name.

At the direction of the U.S. Congress, the Department of Defense has been ordered to "remove all names, symbols, displays, monuments, and paraphernalia that honor or commemorate the Confederate States of America or any person who served voluntarily with the Confederate States of America."

A naming commission is recommending possibilities for Congress - which will make the ultimate decision on the name change.

Both Coryell County Judge Roger Miller and Gatesville City Manager Bill Parry - both U.S. Army veterans - said that members of the Heart of Texas Defense Alliance (of which Parry was formerly executive director) had voiced a preference that the base not be named for a person, despite some quality candidates who are on the list. In addition to the people for whom the base could be named, other options include Fort Central Texas in reference to its geographic location and Fort Courage, in reference to a highly prized military attribute.

The people for whom the base could be named are former military personnel including: Brigadier General Charles Young, General Donn Starry, Sergeant First Class Paul Smith, Staff Sergeant Ruben Rivers, First Lieutenant Audie Murphy, Sergeant First Class Eduardo C. Gomez, Lieutenant Colonel Harold Cohen, General Richard Cavazos, and Mas-

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Gatesville company made game boards before burning

BY DAVID SCOTT
STAFF WRITER

The board game, "Wahoo," has sometimes been described as a game that could almost be a cousin to Chinese Checkers. The game, versions of which are still in existence to this day, was popular in the 1960s.

The game board featured a Native American Indian theme which pictured an Indian Chief in the middle of the board surrounded on corners by Indian braves. It was a cross

and circle board game that involved moving a set of marbles around the board attempting to get the player into a safety zone.

Supposedly, the game originated in the Appalachian hills, but is nearly identical to a German board game that originated in 1907.

Gatesville became the home to the production plants that manufactured the board game under the direction of Elton Sadler and John Sadler who served as the manufacturers using the business name of Creative Ideas.

It was reported in July of 1964 that the

Gatesville plant planned to enlarge its work force to meet heavy orders for its principal product...the Wahoo game. John Sadler, the plant's production manager said, "We have on hand right now orders for 900 dozen Wahoo games."

In the beginning, there were about 19 workers employed by Creative Ideas and John Sadler predicted that workforce would increase over time.

In 1964, the business operated two manufacturing operations - one located at 202 S.

7th and the other at 1403 1/2 Main Street.

Just 17 months after the production began, the business purchased a \$5,000 silk-screening machine for coloring the fast-selling Wahoo game boards. Elton Sadler said that the new machinery was added to step up the production pace of the games in order to meet consumer demand. "We have orders for \$35,000 worth of these games on hand now," Sadler said. He also stated that the

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NAME

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ter Sergeant Roy Benavidez. Parry recently gave a presentation to the Gatesville Lions Club about the name change. Parry said local residents can also take a survey listed in the city website (<https://www.gatesvilletx.com/>) indicating their top choices for a new name for the Army base.

"I am completely confident (the change will take place) regardless of whether people agree with it or not," Parry said.

There is an October 2022 deadline for Congress to select a new name for the base, the Department of Defense is supposed to implement the name change by January 2024.

Fort Hood is one of nine military installations located in states stretching from Virginia to Texas that are named for someone with a connection to the Confederacy, which fought against the United States from 1861-1865.

Parry detailed the original naming of the base, which was called



COURTESY PHOTO

A sign welcomes visitors and newcomers to Fort Hood, which is on schedule to get a new name in the near future.

Camp Hood before becoming Fort Hood. It was named for John Bell Hood of Kentucky, who spent most of his service in the U.S. Army in Texas until the Civil War. When Hood's native state declined to secede from the U.S., Hood declared himself a Texan and led the Texas Brigade during the Civil War.

Hood was known for being daring, and his troops suffered high casualties during the war.

"They along with the Stonewall Brigade (of Virginia) were known as the shock troops of the Confederacy," Parry said.

While the decision to rename the base has attracted both support

and criticism, the base's name is not something that is at the forefront of the military personnel stationed there, Parry said.

"Ninety-eight percent of soldiers at Fort Hood don't know or care who John Bell Hood is," he said, adding that they are just focused on doing their jobs "and are not hung up on it."

Hood was not the only person listed as a potential candidate for the naming of Camp or Fort Hood in the early 1940s. Other possibilities included Major General Robert Lee Howze of Overton, Texas, who won a Medal of Honor for his services in the Indian wars and was a division commander in World War I; Major General William S. Graves who served during the Spanish-American War, the Philippine insurrection and in Siberia; and James Fannin, a Texas soldier who was killed during the Goliad massacre of 1836.

In February 1942, Gatesville members of newspaper publisher and community leader Frank Mayborn's area industrial committee suggested the base be named in honor of General Lesley J. McNair,

who was commander of Army ground forces in World War II. However, one of the criteria in the naming process in the early 1940s was that the namesake for the military base not be a living person, and McNair was alive at the time the base was named. He died in France in 1944, the victim of "friendly fire."

Parry said Gatesville community leaders actually supported the base being located at North Fort Hood, which they said was "more accessible, had better water, a better sewage system, was more healthful and had greater economic security."

During the renaming process, more than 34,000 responses have been submitted with 89 names on the initial list, which have been narrowed to the 11 currently being considered.

April 30 is the deadline for local committee input. The Heart of Texas Defense Alliance will then provide a regional voice making a name recommendation to Congress, which may or may not be the name eventually chosen.

WAHOO

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the plants were turning out approximately 1,500 Wahoo games a day and he expected that amount to double.

At the height of operation, the plants employed between 40 and 50 local residents and furnished the town with a sizeable payroll. The production of Wahoo became so demanding, Creative Ideas decided to expand their production and leased the W.T. Hix warehouse to house their growing operation. Their goal was to produce a million games.

In addition to the Wahoo game boards, the business turned out such items as bulletin boards, blackboards, boomerangs, and sling shots.

News of the company's success reached the pages of The Dallas News in 1964 which reported that the company "started out on the proverbial shoe-string, but soon had to lease a bigger building and hire more workers."

The article continued, "By the time [the company] had been in operation only eight weeks the plant was making 10,000 games a month, a pace which has vastly increased. They are shipped to retailers in Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana,

and Mississippi as well as in Texas, and there have been orders from as far off as California."

The success of Creative Ideas with their production of the Wahoo board game was abruptly ended by a blaze which engulfed the factory's largest production plant located on Highway 36, one mile south of town.

On Saturday morning, Nov. 5, 1966, the wooden-frame factory building was levelled by fire. No one was working at the plant on Saturday and the fire was spotted by a passerby.

The Gatesville Volunteer Fire Department battled the blaze for nearly three hours, but the plant was destroyed and, unfortunately, no fire insurance was carried on the building.

The exact cause of the blaze was never determined.

In a matter of weeks, it was announced to the press that, instead of rebuilding, Creative Ideas would be moving its Wahoo operation to Henderson, Texas, leaving several dozen Gatesville residents without jobs.

What had started out as a company on a small budget had become a well-known and profitable business in Central Texas during the early to mid-1960s.



CLASSIC GAME WITH A GATESVILLE CONNECTION: Wahoo board games were produced at two factories in Gatesville in the 1960s. COURTESY PHOTO

BIG CITY MEDICINE

Small Town Care



BROWN FUEL

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fact that she is well integrated in the community," Klecka said. "She knows Gatesville very well and has a big heart for helping our community grow."

"If we keep going the way we are, I will be in the red on at least one or two line items," he said. "I just wanted to get some guidance."

The commissioners next meet April 12.

Jonesboro VFD schedules benefit barbecue April 10

The Jonesboro Volunteer Fire Department will be serving a barbecue lunch on Sunday, April 10, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Jonesboro Community Center.

The cost will be adults \$12 per plate and children \$8 per plate. Dine in or carry out will be

available. There will also be homemade desserts available.

The Jonesboro Community Center is located at 11625 Highway 36.

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OBITUARIES

WANDA CAROL SMITH

Mar. 19, 1942 – Mar. 31, 2022



Wanda Carol Smith of Gatesville passed away on Thursday, March 31, from a brief illness surrounded by her family at the age of 80. Despite her small stature, Carol was the epitome of a life lived with strength and determination. Everyone was welcome in her life.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 2, at First United Methodist Church, with Pastor Stephen Schmidt officiating. Burial followed at Restland Cemetery.

Wanda Carol Smith was born in the Browns Creek community of Coryell County, now part of Ft. Hood, on March 19, 1942, to the late Melvin Stella and Bessie Winifred Brookshire Smith. She was raised in Gatesville and graduated from Gatesville High School in 1960. Carol was a member of the high school band, playing the clarinet. She was voted "Most Quiet" in her senior year.

She attended Texas Christian University and the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor earning a bachelor's

degree in elementary education as well as becoming a certified librarian. She taught school in the San Antonio, Waco, and Oglesby school districts for many years before retiring from teaching. During the last 20 years, she worked at Walmart and finally at UTMB in Gatesville before officially retiring.

Carol's greatest passion and enjoyment was the Gatesville Genealogical Society which she joined in 1979. She held every office within the group. She enjoyed travelling to cemeteries far and wide to conduct research. She was deeply devoted to the story of her own family in Coryell County and the Camp Hood area. She was proud of her roots within the Brookshire, Trammel and Wolf families to include Thomas Trammel, a Revolutionary soldier. She loved to share her knowledge of Coryell County with anyone who would listen.

Carol was an avid traveler. She visited many places in Texas and surrounding states including trips to Alaska, New England, Branson, Missouri and several journeys to Israel and Egypt. She went on more than 15 mystery tours with M&M Travel in Waco, not knowing where they would end up. It never mattered where they traveled, her anticipation and surprise was part of the fun.

Carol was a Methodist all her life and devoted to her church family at the First United Methodist Church of Gatesville. She volunteered where needed and enjoyed field trips and other activities with her church group. She was always looking for-

ward to the next event or adventure and never slowed down. She loved to visit the Gatesville Senior Center and was grateful for their mission to the seniors of Gatesville. She was also a proud member of the Gatesville Exchange Club.

Carol is survived by her sister, Zula Katherine Ayers and husband, William; niece, Katherine Pruitt Lee and husband, John; nephew, Brian Alan Pruitt; and her favorite and only great niece, Delaney Katherine Lee. She also leaves behind many cousins and friends, whom she considered her chosen family. There are too many special friends to mention but she loved them all just the same.

Carol's family would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers during her last few weeks of illness. Carol never stopped praising her care coordination team at Coryell Health: Lauren Buss, Lauren Shelton and Dr. Wuenschel. The family would also like to express their appreciation to Lori and the staff at The Oaks Assisted Living Facility, Providence Hospice, David Myers and her dear friend, Lisa, who provided special care and companionship at the end.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church, 2600 E. Main Street, Gatesville, TX 76528; Gatesville Genealogical Society; Gatesville Public Library, 111 N 8th St, Gatesville, TX 76528; or the Gatesville Senior Center, 208 N. Lutterloh, Gatesville, TX 76528.



COURTESY PHOTO

FREE CONCERT: Vineyard Voice vocal chamber ensemble will perform at First United Methodist Church.

First United Methodist to host Vineyard Voice concert

The First United Methodist Church will be hosting Vineyard Voice, who will be performing in the church sanctuary at 6 p.m. on Sunday, April 10. Vineyard Voice is a vocal chamber ensemble

of master singers. They deliver a variety of musical arrangements from today's top sacred music composers with excellence and profound musical energy.

The concert is free, but

a freewill love offering will be taken to help defray the costs and support the witness of this group. It will be a wonderful way to begin Holy Week.

Day of the Child event scheduled

The Exchange Club of Gatesville will be hosting its "Day of the Child" child abuse prevention project Saturday, April 9 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in front of the Gatesville Walmart on Highway 36.

Day of the Child, first held in Gatesville in 1998, is an effort to reach families in our community with helpful, positive parenting tips. Exchange believes parents have the power to make positive parenting choices in the lives of their children and The Exchange Club of Gatesville is offering some easy-to-use tips to help all parents.

The club will also partner with other organizations who offer services to children and families such as Head Start, AWARE Central Texas, Early Childhood Intervention, Righ-

teous Roots, Hidden Gems Family Center, Gatesville Fire Department, and Gatesville Police Department.

Other local individuals and organizations will provide games and fun things for kids to do such as face painting, horse rides, barrel train rides, football toss and other fun things. Ambassadors from 4-H will have an area set up for Easter pictures with real bunnies and chicks, so bring your phone or camera.

A certified child passenger safety instructor will also be available to provide safety checks for child safety seats and provide education on the correct installation of seats. A free hotdog sack lunch will be provided for children ages 12 and under. Lunches will be available for those older than

12 for a nominal fee.

If your organization offers services to children and you would like to have a space, contact any Exchange Club member or email Faye Nichols at fnichols@gatesvilletx.com.

The National Exchange Club, America's Service Club, is inspiring communities to become better places to live with our national project, the prevention of child abuse, and three programs of service - Americanism, Youth Project, and Community Service. To date, the National Exchange Club's efforts have helped more than 700,000 families and 1.8 million children break the cycle of child abuse through its Exchange Parent Aide Program and public education projects.

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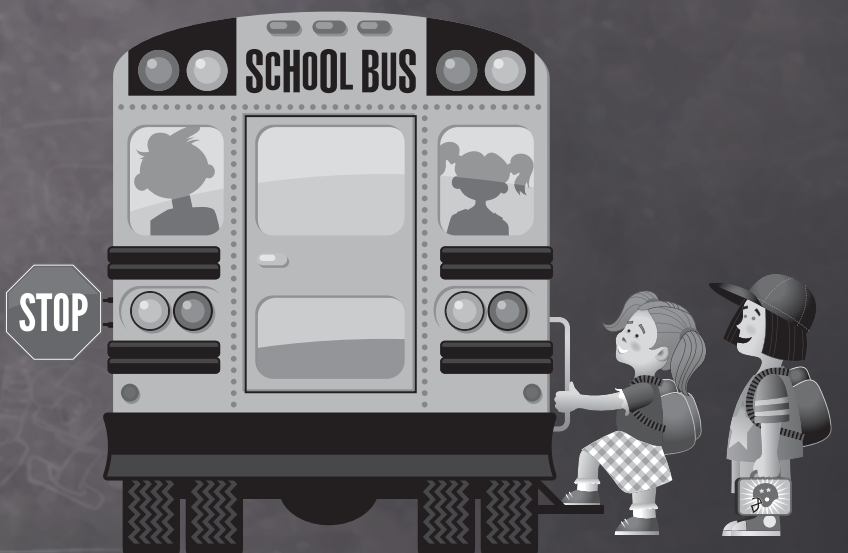
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entrance
North entrance
facing the
football
stadium

Tuesday, April 12
4:30 - 6:00 PM

The student must be 5
September 1, 2022

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Pre-K and K Round Up

The Gatesville Primary School recently announced the registration dates for Kindergarten and pre-K registration for the 2022-2023 school year. Kindergarten students must be five years old on Sept. 1, 2022. Registration will be on Tuesday, April 12, 4:30 until 6 p.m. The registration location for Kindergarten will be at the main entrance of the Gatesville Primary - the

north entrance facing the football stadium. Registration for pre-K will be on Wednesday, April 13, 4:30 until 6 p.m. Registration will be at the north entrance of the Primary School. Pre-K students must be four years old on Sept. 1, 2022. Items that the Primary School will need for registration include:
1. Official birth certificate with raised seal (not the hospital certificate)

2. Social Security card
 3. Complete, validated immunization record including four-year boosters
 4. Picture I.D. of parent enrolling child (driver's license)
 5. Proof of residency (utility bill, lease contract)
 6. Proof of income for household - 3 months of pay stubs (pre-K only)
- For additional information or if you have any questions, please contact the office at 254-865-7264.

Prevent the spread of oak wilt

Oak wilt is one of the deadliest tree diseases in the U.S., killing millions of trees in 76 counties of Central, North and West Texas, and we can help prevent it from spreading. Prevention is key to stopping the spread of oak wilt. Any new wound can be an entry point for infection, including those produced by pruning, construction activities, livestock, land, or "cedar" clearing, lawnmowers, string trimmers and storms. "With wounds being the best entry point for the disease, landowners should avoid pruning or wounding trees from February through June," said Demian Gomez, Texas A&M Forest Service Regional Forest Health Coordinator. "And no matter the time of year, to decrease the attractiveness of fresh wounds to insects, always paint oak tree wounds."

responds by plugging the tissues, resulting in a lack of water to the leaves, slowly killing the infected tree. Oak wilt is often recognized in live oaks by yellow and brown veins showing in leaves of infected trees, known as veinal necrosis. Currently, it may be difficult to diagnose oak wilt due to seasonal transitioning of oak leaves in the spring - when evergreen oak trees shed their old leaves while simultaneously growing new leaves.



To stop the spread of oak wilt through the root system, trenches can be placed around a group of trees, at least 100 feet away from the dripline of infected trees and at least four feet deep, or deeper, to sever all root connections. Another common management method for oak wilt is through fungicide injection. The injections only protect individual trees injected and best candidates for this treatment are healthy, non-symptomatic oaks up to 100 feet away from symptomatic trees.

Other ways to help prevent oak wilt are: plant other tree species to create a variety in the area; avoid moving oak firewood before it is seasoned; and talk with your neighbors about creating a community prevention plan for oak wilt. Infected red oaks that died should be cut down and burned, buried, or chipped soon after discovery to prevent fungal mats that may form the following spring. For more information on oak wilt identification and management, visit <https://texasoakwilt.org>.

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Small Grain Field Day April 14

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, McLennan County along with multiple county extension committees will host the 14th Annual Small Grain Field Day on Thursday, April 14 near McGregor. There are 14 hard red winter varieties planted right off Highway 84. We will start in the field of Kevin Huffman which is located 1.8 miles east of McGregor on the north side of Highway 84. Registration will begin at

7:30 a.m. and breakfast will be provided. Participants will take a walking tour of the varieties, and topics will include the characteristics of each variety entered, a small grain insect scouting report on insects and diseases, the agricultural commodities and current factors affecting markets, and a discussion of the various types of fertilizer mixes and what is affecting current fertilizer prices. This program will offer two TDA CEUs and three cer-

tified crop advisor credits. Registration fee is \$10 and that includes a steak tenderloin lunch. Please RSVP before April 10 by calling our office at 254-757-5180 or email candace.chapman@ag.tamu.edu.

The DISPATCH

The following is a partial breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of March 29 - April 1. 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 29**
11:07 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 200 block of Old Osage Road.
12:26 p.m., harassment was reported in the 100 block of Stillhouse Drive.
6:04 p.m., an assault was reported in the 400 block of 8th Street.
10:07 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 100 block of Old Pidcoke Road.
- March 30**
12:23 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2000 block of Waco Street.
6:45 a.m., an accident was reported in the 1600 block of W. Main Street.
3:01 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 2300 block of E. Main Street.
4:22 p.m., a burglary was reported in the 2200 block of Bridge Street.
- March 31**
9:15 a.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 2200 block of E. Main Street.
10:08 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of Valley Circle.
11:02 a.m., a theft was reported in the 2500 block of Oak Drive.
6:49 p.m., an accident was reported in the 2800 block of S. State Highway 36.
- April 1**
3:10 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1900 block of St. Louis Street.
7:37 a.m., a theft was reported in the 200 block of S. Lovers Lane.
12:31 p.m., a theft was reported in the 200 block of Hamilton Drive.
8:27 p.m., harassment was reported in the 2500 block of Osage Road.

- 10:09 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported on FM 1241.
4:52 p.m., a scam was reported in the 400 block of Skyline Circle.
4:53 p.m., harassment was reported in the 1200 block of Twin Mountain Road.
- March 30**
2:59 a.m., a suspicious vehicle was reported in the 2400 block of CR 132.
12:40 p.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 3600 block of CR 318.
7:10 p.m., a suspicious vehicle was reported on CR 146 and CR 132.
7:28 p.m., a threat was reported in the 1800 block of FM 580.
- March 31**
11:36 a.m., a theft was reported in the 5800 block of CR 174.
1:27 p.m., a neighbor dispute was reported in the 100 block of CR 231.
1:59 p.m., a civil matter was reported in the 100 block of Baird Street.
6:35 p.m., harassment was reported in the 1300 block of CR 137.
- April 1**
11:12 a.m., harassment was reported in the 1300 block of CR 137.
1:18 p.m., a theft was reported in the 500 block of CR 366.
6:11 p.m., animal neglect was reported in the 100 block of Sierra Vista.
7:09 p.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 2700 block of Tanglewood.

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700-800 lb.	130-145
No. 1 Heifers	
under 300 lb.	140-165
300-400 lb.	140-165
400-500 lb.	130-160
500-600 lb.	130-150
600-700 lb.	125-140
700-800 lb.	110-130
Slaughtering Cows	
High Yielding	88-96
Low Yielding	60-72
Fats	77-87
Thin & Shelly	35-50
Packer Bulls (1250-2075 lb.)	
Yield Grade 1&2	85-116
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Young Choice	1400-1650
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PEARL NEWS

Kay Pruett's succulents will be on sale at the Pearl Flea Market

BETSY CLARK

The annual Pearl Flea Market will be on April 23 from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. Vendors, personal Junk-in-Your-Trunk-ers, booths, and vegetable/fruit markets are invited. All sellers will park outside around the Community Center on a "first come-first park" basis. A small fee of \$5 will be charged for each booth/vendor/trunk to benefit the Pearl Community Center. The kitchen will be open for something new—the first Meet and Greet in Pearl. Needed are volunteers to work the kitchen. Bring your favorite snack to donate to the kitchen to sell to benefit the Community Center. If you wish to sign up to volunteer for "kitchen duty" that day, please call Linda Ray at 254-865-9282. Bring your favorite desserts, snacks, or breakfast/lunch items. Everyone is invited. For more information or to volunteer to work in the kitchen, please call Linda Ray at 254-865-9282.

Michelle Pruett will have Kay's succulents for sale at the Pearl Flea Market along with five cold cages and some larger plants. However, if you would like to purchase any of these beforehand, you can call Michelle at 254-865-5864 to make an appointment to see them.

The Pearl Baptist Church



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asks that you join them at the Evant School for prayers for the school and the teachers/staff at 7 a.m. on April 8 and May 13. Meet at the Prayer Tree in front of the school. Everyone is invited!

Pearl Church of Christ will have Vacation Bible School from June 6-10 this year. The five-day event starts at 9 a.m. and ends at noon. The theme this year is "The Chosen—Jesus and His Disciples." The annual VBS at Pearl Church of Christ is a life-changing event, and you don't want to miss it. Invite friends, family, and strangers on the street. Also, be in prayer for this year's VBS. You never know whose life might be changed through the power of this program and the grace of God.

Nic McDonald, grandson of

Ron and Marilyn McDonald, was baptized on March 29 at the Gatesville Church of Christ. Chris Ray performed the baptism. Nic has been a past attendee of the Pearl C of C VBS and is looking forward to attending again this year. Congratulations, Nic. I think I heard the angels singing!

I was the lucky Grammie that got to play with my Temple grands for two whole days last week. Ainsley and Ellie got to spend the night, and Oliver got to spend the day with me on Friday. I can't wait to see Callyn soon. I am beyond thankful for all of my beautiful grands and their super-duper parents.

This week's Scripture—Hebrews 12:1b,2—"And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before Him He endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." NIV

Pray for rain!

To keep up with the latest Pearl news online, you can go to the "Pearl Cottage Bookstore" Facebook page, the "Pearl Church of Christ" Facebook page, or the Pearl Community Center, Texas Facebook page. Or contact me at betsyclark47@yahoo.com for more information or to submit any Pearl news.



COURTESY PHOTO

SECOND PLACE DORPER: Thiele Alvarado (holding sheep) placed 2nd with his Dorper Lamb at Rodeo Austin.

Coryell County 4-H news and events

Rodeo Austin recently held their annual livestock events for 4-H and FFA youth from across the state. Several members and teams were successful in their efforts by placing high in the show and contests. In the livestock show division, Samuel Belt had a 3rd place AOB (All Other Breeds) steer while Thiele Alvarado placed 2nd with his Dorper lamb. Alvarado also faired well in the calf scramble placing 2nd and receiving a \$1500 certificate to purchase a market animal to show at next year's livestock show. Steven Bomar placed 4th in the calf scramble competition earning him \$1000 towards his project purchase for 2023.

Placing 2nd in the Senior Livestock Judging contest were team members Costin Allison, Samuel Belt, Kinsey Gardner, and Trey Harbour. Austin is the final show in the Livestock major show season, however 4-H Contest season will remain very active throughout the spring. Below is a list of dates for county, district, and state 4-H events.

Upcoming Spring/Summer Events

April 7th- County 4-H Consumer Decision Making Contest/District 8 warm up

April 9th- MJ Hanna Plant ID and Range Contests @ Gatesville

April 11th- County Educational Presentation/Public Speaking Contests- Gatesville Civic Center

April 18th- County Ambassador Meeting- details TBA

April 23rd- District 8 Livestock Judging Contest @ College Station

April 25th- District 8 Consumer Decision Making Contest @ Cleburne

April 25th- District 8 Fashion Show, Storyboard, Duds to Dazzle Contest

April 30th- District 8 Roundup @ West-Public Speaking, Educational Presentations

April 30th- District 8 Share the Fun Contests @ West - Choreographed Routines, Dramedy, Poetry/Prose, Vocal, Musical/Instrumental, Solo/Band Performance

April 30th- District 8 Photography Contest display at Roundup

May 7th- District 8 Rifle Match @ Oakwood

May 20th- District 8 4-H Council Officer Applications due

May 23rd- County 4-H Ambassador Meetings- details TBA

May 24th- Coryell County

Adventure Day Camp- details TBA

June 1st—County Record books, Award Applications and Ambassador Applications are due

June TBA- County Ambassador/Award Interviews

June TBA- CCYF and State Market Steer Validation

June 6-10th- Texas 4-H Roundup State Contests @ College Station

June 13-14th- District 8 4-H Horse Show @ Belton

June 21-23rd- District 8 SURGE Leadership Lab for Seniors- @ Burnet

July 6-8th- 4-H Camp at the Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood

July 7th- District 8 Record book Judging @ Waco

July 15th- CCYF Angora Goat Validation

July 19-21st- District 8 Ag Tour for Senior 4-H members

July 17th- 20th—Texas 4-H Congress in Austin for High School 4-H members

July 28th-29th- Pinterest Day Camp

For more information about upcoming county 4-H events, please contact Becky Coward, County Extension Agent for 4-H youth Development in Coryell County.

Fish fry to benefit SWARM team

A fish fry fundraiser will be held on Sunday, April 10 to benefit SWARM Baseball 13U. The fundraiser will be held at the Gatesville Fire Department from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. - or until sold out. The

cost will be \$10 per plate. The menu will include fish, beans, coleslaw, potato salad and hush puppies. Tea and water will be available on location.

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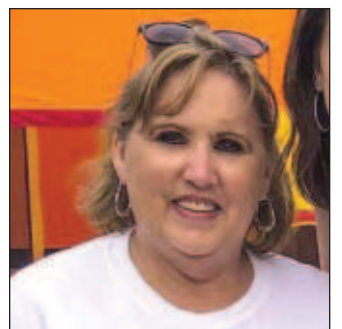
Bake sale to benefit Warren

A bake sale to benefit Nancy Warren will be held on Saturday, April 16 from 9 a.m. or until sold out. The bake sale will take place at Vintage Royalty which is located at 2401 S. Highway 36, Suite 100.

All proceeds from the sale will go to benefit Warren in her fight with leukemia. She is currently at M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston where

she is undergoing medical treatments. Warren will probably be treated at the hospital for the next six months or longer.

Any donations or baked goods will be appreciated. For more information about the bake sale, please contact Kay Branham at 254-223-3888.



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Smiley's hard work leads to triumph

BY TRISTON MCGEEHE
STAFF WRITER

Hard work and dedication brought senior Ryan Smiley to the top, winning the 2022 THSPA State Powerlifting Championship in Abilene on March 26.

Smiley worked tenaciously to improve in every way possible to bring home gold for Gatesville High School.

Smiley was so dedicated this year that he would work out two to three times a day Monday through Thursday and some Fridays to improve his lifts to better himself for competitions.

Smiley asserted that he worked three times harder than he did last year.

"Never give up and keep pushing yourself," Smiley said. "Set your goals very high, keep pushing yourself, and (remember) that every rep counts."

Smiley came off last year with a bronze

medal.

This prompted him to tell powerlifting coach Jason Moffett that he was going to win state his senior year, and he did it, winning the 275-pound weight class against 18 opponents, squatting 815, benching 455, and deadlifting 610 pounds totaling 1,880 pounds.

This was 175 pounds more than last year's performance, where he totaled 1,705 pounds.

Smiley's victory was monumental because he won by a wide margin. Not only did he break personal records, but he beat the second-place opponent by 105 pounds.

Smiley has a strong connection to coaches Moffett and Jacob Hunter.

"They pushed me hard every single day, and they are always behind me," Smiley said.

Smiley shared that Moffett and Hunter told him that he was the first state champion they coached.

"That really meant a lot to me," he said.

After high school, Smiley is thinking about continuing his education at Texas Southern University in Houston. He wants to study business marketing to learn how to market as a real estate agent.

Smiley has participated in powerlifting at GHS for three years and plans to continue his powerlifting career in the USA Powerlifting organization (USAPL). He wants to continue to get better at lifting and break more personal records.

The best memory Smiley had this year was at the West Invitational meet held on Feb. 19, where he squatted a personal best of 800 pounds.

"I didn't know if I was going to get it. I had a lot of people watching me and cheering me on," Smiley said. "This was a big moment for me because it was something that I had never done before."



COURTESY PHOTO

State champion Ryan Smiley.

It's crappie spawning time in Texas

BY MICHAEL ACOSTA
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Crappie anglers from all over Texas look forward to this time of the year to catch some of the best tasting fish around. Granbury anglers are no different.

EXCELLENT FISHING EXPECTED

The cold weather lasted a little longer this year, but the water temperatures are warming, and the crappies are starting to move into the shallows. Last year, the area crappie fishing was excellent, and this year will surely prove to be even better.

Crappies typically make their trek from the deeper water to the backs of creeks and sloughs for their annual spawn. Numerous fish will congregate in these shallow areas, but many may still be staged near the creek entrances.

Structure is still key to locating these fish. Boat docks, stick-ups, rip-rap, reed beds and anything in the water that they can relate to is a good choice. Crappies can and will at times move back and forth to the shallows until they actually spawn.

Catching these fish as they move in and out of a creek is a strategy used by many anglers.

Some of the crappies are in the slough behind my house. I believe they are just starting to arrive. Those warmer days will have more and more of these fish moving into the shallows.

BAIT AND TACKLE

Probably the best-known method for



catching crappie is a long pole with a bobber and a small minnow worked in the shallows or worked through stick-ups down the bank. This is extremely effective for catching these fish when they are shallow.

Artificial baits are common and are typically small jigs or small roadrunners worked slow through these areas. A favorite of many is a small tube jig under a bobber worked between stick-ups. Not much action is required to draw a strike but moving and placing the jig up and down in small openings in the shallows where fish may be holding is the normal procedure.

Fishing equipment needed to catch crappie is fairly simple. Most folks that

fish use long limber poles with a small crappie reel. A 10-foot bamboo pole with a small piece of line, a bobber and a small minnow hook is all that is required. You really don't need anything special, though I recommend using light line (4- to 8-pound test) which will ensure you get more bites. Another option is to just tie on some light line leader material to any outfit you currently have, and you can catch fish.

When crappies bite, it may be really subtle. I know sometimes a drifting bobber just pausing will indicate a fish is on. The point here is to pay close attention to your float or rod tip. Small sensitive floats can be an advantage to detect those "soft" bites.

ACE EAGLE GOLFER



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Jonesboro High School's Jeffrey Morse shot a 78 and finished second at the Glen Rose golf tournament on March 23.

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Kid Scoop Puzzler

Egg Patterns

Buzz Bunny has decorated his eggs with number patterns. Help Beeper figure out where to put each of the numbers left in the basket. Draw a line to where each egg belongs.

3	6	9	15
48	12	6	3
5	10	40	80
25	20	10	5

Standards Link: Math/Probability: Recognize patterns.

Say What?

Some phrases people use don't mean exactly what they say. For example the saying, "It's raining cats and dogs," doesn't mean that cats and dogs are falling from the sky. It is a phrase people use to say it is raining hard.

These kinds of phrases are called **idioms**.

The Egg-quirer page has several idioms. Find the idiom that goes with each meaning below:

- Meaning: I was really surprised!
Idiom: _____
- Meaning: To be afraid.
Idiom: _____
- Meaning: Not to depend on one thing.
Idiom: _____
- Meaning: Things are getting busy.
Idiom: _____

ANSWERS:
1. I nearly flew the coop!
2. she is a bit chicken!
3. don't put your eggs in one basket
4. things really started hopping!

Standards Link: Vocabulary: Apply knowledge of idioms to determine the meaning of phrases.

The Bunny Buddies are Back!

Buzz and Beeper Bunny are back with all kinds of Easter fun!

If the activities on this page seem hard, find some bunny to help you. If it looks easy, help some bunny younger than you!

NATIONAL EGG-QUIRER

NEWS FROM THE HENHOUSE TO YOUR HOUSE!

HEN HATCHES HUGE SURPRISE

COOPERVILLE - Last night, things really started hopping for Henrietta Hen. The young mother of 152 is _____ with excitement over the unusual _____ in her nest last night.

"I was just dozing off, around _____ when one of my eggs began to shake," Henrietta recalls. "Now I know why I didn't hear the tapping and _____ sounds the sweet beaks of my chicks usually make as they crack out of their shells."

When Henrietta's egg finally opened, a smiling _____

Bunny Loses Basket

Mr. E.B. Rabbit has an Easter Basket all ready to deliver. But he can't remember where he put it. Take your pencil and show him the way through the maze to the basket. Don't retrace your route or cross any lines.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written instructions.

Bonnet Bizarre

Only two of these bonnets are exactly alike. Can you find them?

What kind of Stories do bunnies Like best?

Extra! Extra! Facts vs. Opinions

Look through the newspaper for advertisements with an Easter theme. Circle the facts in yellow. Circle the opinions in green.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Distinguish between fact and opinion in expository text.

How many chocolate bunnies can you find on this page in one minute? How many can a friend find? Who found more?

Double Double Word Search

DECORATED BUDDIES OPINIONS HATCHING MOVIE MEDIA BONNET BASKET BEAKS COOP CRACK CHICKEN FACTS SHELLS EGGS

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

D	N	E	K	C	I	H	C	B	G
T	E	N	N	O	B	S	O	U	N
N	N	C	Y	M	E	B	O	U	I
S	S	N	O	I	N	I	P	O	H
K	D	V	D	R	K	C	A	R	C
A	I	D	E	B	A	S	K	E	T
E	U	G	F	A	C	T	S	D	A
B	G	I	E	A	I	D	E	M	H
S	L	L	E	H	S	S	O	D	K

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

From the Kid Scoop Lesson Library

Reporter Game

With a partner, read a newspaper article. One of you must choose to be a person in the article and the other should be the reporter. Decide what questions were asked to get the relevant information and then role-play the interview.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Ask clarifying questions about essential textual elements, restate facts and details, clarify and organize ideas.

Write On!

Easter Bunny Spotted

The Easter Bunny has been spotted, and you are the reporter covering the story.

What a Character!

Humor is ...

... laughing with people, not at them.

Silly Scramble

The secret code to crack Beeper's riddle is hidden in the egg rows.

_____ is the letter A. The egg to the right of it is B. The next is C, and so on.

The alphabet follows in order from left to right, top to bottom. Each egg stands for one letter of the alphabet.

Standards Links: Decoding: Recognize letters of the alphabet. Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Tennis team captures district title

BY TRISTON MCGEHEE
STAFF WRITER

The GHS tennis team will be sending seven qualifiers to regionals as they won their District 6-4A two-day tournament on Tuesday, March 29, and Wednesday, March 30 at Brownwood High School.

The top two finishers will advance to the regional tournament in Lubbock. Stormy Tatum and Anna Mitchell each won two matches on day one in girl's singles, and on day two, Tatum finished first, and Mitchell finished behind her in second

place.

Slone Early won two matches on day one and took first place in boys singles on day two.

Tyler Hutts won in the first round of the competition but lost in the semifinals on day one. Hutts competed for third place on day two, but he finished in fourth place.

Alex Scott and Carlo Martinez strolled to victory on day one, winning two matches in boys' doubles. Scott and Martinez continued their momentum into day two, where they won first place.

Callie Smith and Kasey Fitzer won in their first-round but

fell in the semi-finals in girl's doubles on day one. Fitzer and Smith competed for third on day two and placed third.

In mixed doubles, Julee Sun and Ty Warren won their two matches on day one, and then on day two, finished in second place.

Tatum, Mitchell, Early, Scott, Martinez, Warren, and Sun will compete in the 4A-Region I tournament at McLeod Tennis Center at Texas Tech University in Lubbock. The tournament will be held on April 13 and 14.



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SAFE! Gatesville's Kinlee Gardner slides past the glove of the Stephenville catcher to score a run in the Lady Hornets 10-9 victory on April 1.

Lady Hornets sting Honeybees in final inning

BY TRISTON MCGEHEE
STAFF WRITER

A huge comeback effort in the final inning resulted in a Gatesville Lady Hornet 10-9 victory over Stephenville in a District 6-4A softball game on April 1.

In the seventh inning, Kinsey Gardner hit a double and arrive at second base. A ground out by Cera Touchet advanced Gardner to third. Gardner would reach home on Kaitlin Stuard's single into the infield. Stuard reached second on an error. Kalli Robinette entered the game as a courtesy runner for Stuard.

Riann Tippit hit the ball into the right field, bringing Robinette home. Tippit would end up on second base on a double.

Kallie Featherston walked but would be replaced by Kayla Vega as a courtesy runner. Kagen Hunt hit a single to centerfield packing the bases. Matti Robinette hit a single to center field, bringing Tippit and Vega home, winning the game.

GHS softball coach Andrea Holdbrook called a timeout in the final inning to explain the situation to Matti and calm her down in an intense moment with the bases loaded with one out.

"Kids can get overwhelmed with the bases loaded, but she smiled, and it never phased her," Holdbrook said. "I was so excited for her to get to experience success in that situation and the way it felt to come through for her team."

The Lady Hornets faced adversity during the game against Honeybees, and the way they finished made Holdbrook proud.

"The girls fought hard for that win," Holdbrook said. "The one thing I've learned from coaching this group is that they are resilient. They don't give up, and you can't count them out, especially in the seventh inning."

Holdbrook praised the Lady Hornet's play at the plate heading into their district game against Glen Rose.

"We are hitting the ball better each game, and that is the key to putting pressure on their defense," she said.

Gatesville was scheduled to battle Glen Rose on Tuesday, April 5 in Glen Rose.

The Lady Tigers are 3-0 in the district standings, while the Lady Hornets are 2-1. The Lady Hornets improved their overall record to 8-14-2.

Hornets sweep Badgers

BY TRISTON MCGEHEE
STAFF WRITER

The Gatesville High School Hornets baseball team swept their District 6-4A rival Lampasas 4-3 on Friday at Danny Loerwald Field at Ryan Powell Memorial Ballpark in Gatesville.

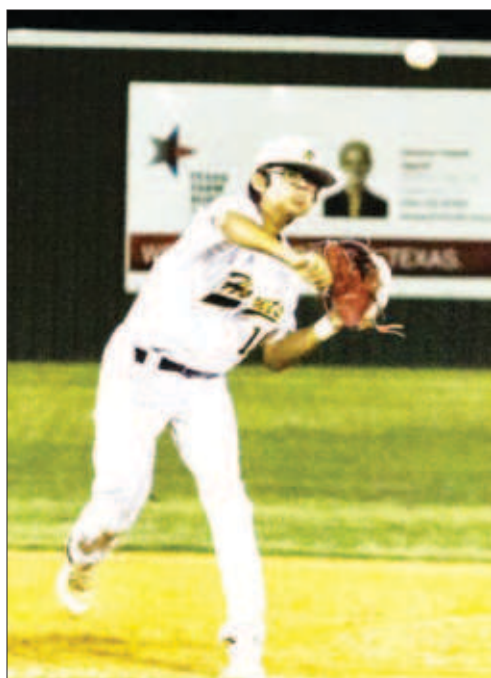
The Hornets struck early in the first inning and kept the Badgers without a run until the third inning. The Badgers scored two runs in the third, and they took the lead 2-1. The Hornets rallied in the fourth to grab the lead back, 4-2 Hornets. The Badgers would find home plate one more time in the sixth inning but would not be able to tie the game.

"It felt really good to get the sweep of Lampasas," GHS baseball coach Chase Smith said. "They were much better, and we held on to a lead and played really good defense."

The fourth inning is where the Hornets got the majority of their runs to win the game. John Ibarra hit a line drive single into left field to get on base. Kasen Herbelin followed Ibarra and hit a single, advancing Ibarra to third base. Trevor Smith came into the game as a courtesy runner replacing Herbelin.

While Parker Allman was at bat, Smith would steal second. Allman would then hit a hard ground ball to center field to bring Ibarra and Smith home. Camden Galindo would attempt to steal second but was caught, but Allman successfully stole home. At the end of the fourth inning, it would be 4-2 Hornets.

Camden Galindo finished 2-for-3 with two



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John Ibarra makes a throw for the Hornets.

runs, while John Ibarra hit 1-for-3 with a run. Parker Allman went 1-for-4 with a run.

The Hornets played two non-district games against the Troy Trojans at Troy High School. The Hornets were defeated 10-0 in the first game and 6-0 in the second game.



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Kasen Herbelin pitches for the Gatesville in the Hornets' April 1 win over the Lampasas Badgers.