



THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

SATURDAY | April 9, 2022

75¢

SERVING CORYELL COUNTY SINCE 1881 | VOLUME 121, No. 29, ISSN No. 0894-4954



City leaders consider street name change ordinance

BY JEFF OSBORNE
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

The city of Gatesville is a step closer to having a uniform procedure for renaming city streets, although the Gatesville City Council won't take official action until a potential ordinance is presented for approval at a future date.

"The city does not have a policy regarding renaming streets," said City Manager Bill Parry. "I've looked at some policies of other cities and also consulted with TML (the Texas Municipal League)."

The idea first arose when City Councilman Claude Williams asked the city to consider naming Mill Street in honor of the historic

Carver School which had been recently demolished.

City staff presented sample procedures for renaming streets from other Texas communities, including Georgetown, Austin, Houston and Buda. Each community has a different policy in place, including the way community members are notified of the potential change. Property owners of the impacted area are then given the opportunity to voice their opinion on the matter.

"It would be prudent for us to have a policy, and I will work with the city attorney to craft a document to be considered at a future meeting," Parry said.

PLEASE SEE CITY | A2



JEFF OSBORNE | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

NAME CHANGE?: A portion of Mill (or Mills) Street could be renamed in honor of the Carver School which was once located nearby. This has prompted talk of a new ordinance regarding street names.

From the Army to Gatesville PD

Georg Cleverley found calling serving county & community

BY JEFF OSBORNE
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

Many local residents know Georg Cleverley as a patrol lieutenant with the Gatesville Police Department, but before she served the community in blue, she wore U.S. Army green and camo in 25 years of military service.

Originally from Virginia, Cleverley's service has taken her around the world, including stops in Germany and South Korea.

"When I finished school in the mid-1970s, there weren't a lot of opportunities for lower middle class girls right out of high school," she said. "I had been accepted to college but there weren't many scholarships available. I knew the G.I. Bill would pay for my college, so I joined the military. I wanted to see the world and do something different."

Because the Army had a limit on the number of females it would admit at any one time, Cleverley said she had to delay her entry into the military for five months.

"After three years (in the service), I decided to stay and ended up in the Army for 25 years," she said. "I retired in 2001 as a sergeant major and decided to go into law enforcement."

Cleverley said she originally wanted to be a military police officer, but was considered to be too short and did not weigh enough according to the Army's standards at the time.

Instead, she joined the signal corps. During her service, the Women's Army Corps was blended into the regular Army.

"My first duty station was at West Fort Hood," Cleverley said. "Then I went to Korea and was promoted to sergeant. I learned a lot over there, including how lucky I was to be an American citizen. It really opened my eyes."

Cleverley was later stationed at Fort Bragg in North Carolina for three years,



COURTESY PHOTO

After 25 years in the U.S. Army, Georg Cleverley, who is now patrol lieutenant for the Gatesville Police Department, was able to fulfill a longtime goal of working in law enforcement.

and also served as the only female instructor at the U.S. Army Academy.

She was stationed in West Germany in the early 1980s and later served for nine years at Fort Hood, including during Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm in 1990 and 1991, when Iraq invaded Kuwait and President George H.W. Bush helped lead an international coalition to oust Iraqi troops from that nation.

"My unit was attached to the 82nd Airborne," Cleverley said. "We went with the first wave and did very well. We were over there for about a year."

After the coalition repelled Iraq from Kuwait, Cleverley went back to Germany

where she served as a first sergeant.

She said wherever she was stationed, she was the highest ranking female. Early in her career, she was passed over for a promotion because those in authority did not expect her to stay in the Army. When it was clear she planned to stay in the Army long-term, she earned promotion after promotion.

"I enjoyed my time in the military," Cleverley said. "When it was time to get out, I remembered that I had wanted to be a police officer. I went to police academy and ended up here (in Gatesville). This department gave me an opportunity."

Rural water systems seek assistance from county

BY JEFF OSBORNE
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

The Coryell County Commissioners Court is expected to take action on financial requests from local rural water districts on April 12.

The commissioners court made \$900,000 available to help the rural water districts meet requirements which will allow them to continue provisioning service even during extreme conditions, such as when Winter Storm Uri caused widespread power and water outages in February 2021.

Of the nine rural water districts serving Coryell County residents, four submitted funding requests to the commissioners court and another, Grove Water Supply, asked for an extension.

- Those submitting requests include:
- * Mountain Water Supply, for \$283,335
- * Coryell City, for \$280,025
- * Multi County, for \$271,775
- * Leon Junction, for \$53,295

The funding is expected to help purchase generators and other equipment which will help keep water flowing even if subfreezing weather causes power failures.

Commissioner Ryan Basham said he wanted to give Grove Water Supply additional time to complete their estimate of funds needed.

"I don't have a problem with giving them an extension if they've put forth some effort," Commissioner Kyle Matthews said.

County Judge Roger Miller said 30 days was requested, but commissioners indicated they would like to have the request in before their April 12 meeting, as four other local water providers have already done.

"Holy smokes, they knew this was coming and we have to get that information to the state," Matthews said.

"I agree there are deadlines," Miller said. He noted that applications for funds from both Mountain Water Supply and Multi County were complete before the county's March 22 meeting, while additional information was needed from the Coryell City and Leon Junction systems.

Commissioners have requested additional information from the local water systems as well, such as an estimate on how many customers are served within Coryell County and how many live outside the county.

"I want to come up with an equitable balance - I think that's reasonable," Miller said.

County Auditor Ben Roberts said the water systems have firm deadlines from the state to get information in and also to make sure they are in compliance, and that the county deadlines don't necessarily have to line up with state ones.

Matthews noted that there are other water systems located in different counties which also serve Coryell County residents.

"Kempner is a good example," Miller said. "They service a lot of customers."

The next meeting of the Coryell County Commissioners Court is scheduled for 9 a.m. Tuesday, April 12 in the Commissioners Courtroom, 800 E. Main St. Suite A in Gatesville.

Meet & greet scheduled for local 'Karate Nerd' movie

In the past several months, movie writer/director, MYC Agnew, announced his intentions of filming his latest potential film, "The Karate Nerd," in Gatesville.

Agnew, and the film's star, Gatesville's own, Cris Cole, will be hosting a Meet and Greet event at The Junction on Saturday, April 23 from 12 p.m. until 3 p.m. at 1216

N. Highway 36 Bypass.

The production crew continues to search for locals to be featured as extras in the movie. Some of the featured extras will have speaking lines in the movie.

Without revealing too much, Agnew said "Gatesville's beautiful and historic downtown square will be used for the

film's grand finale, where the little comedic film will have its big dramatic ending."

Those interested in being a part of the film's production, including featured extras, are invited to attend the Meet and Greet on April 23 at The Junction. Interested parties can also contact the director, MYC Agnew, at mycagnew@gmail.

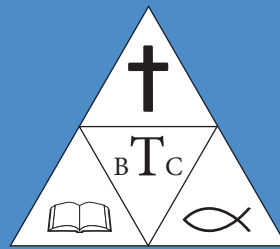


Trinity Baptist Church

A Church That Cares

Sunday School 9:30 am
Worship 10:50 am

1506 W. Main Street, Gatesville, TX
Church 865-8495 | Pre-school 248-0041



Mission Statement:

"The family of Trinity Baptist Church exists to love God and people, teach God's Word, and to help all mankind to follow the Lord Jesus Christ in absolute obedience."

GREYWOLF completes realistic warfighting training

BY ARMY MAJ. HEBBA BULLOCK
3RD ARMORED BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM, 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION, FORT HOOD PRESS CENTER

FORT IRWIN, California - The 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team "GREYWOLF", 1st Cavalry Division with enablers from 100th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, "Task Force Heavy CAV" of 3rd Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, 416th Civil Affairs Battalion and the 399th Psychological Operations Company, successfully completed a month long training rotation using the Army's newest modernized equipment at the National Training Center (NTC) at Fort Irwin, California, April 4.

This decisive action training rotation utilized the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment as a highly skilled opposing force (OPFOR) that helped to provide realistic training for the GREYWOLF brigade. This training enabled the unit to hone their combat skills, put their modernized equipment to the test and overall grow as a unit by validating their synchronization between their staff and subordinate units.

"NTC proved we had an effective home station training plan and built a cohesive team. We enjoyed some successes early on in the rotation, serving as encouragement for the next mission," said Lt. Col. Nicholas Sinclair, commander of 3rd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment. "The whole team fed off one another's success. It was amaz-

"The whole team fed off one another's success. It was amazing to watch. With little prompting from me each platoon and staff section hit well above their weight, adding to the unit's success."

Lt. Col. Nicholas Sinclair

ing to watch. With little prompting from me each platoon and staff section hit well above their weight, adding to the unit's successes."

The GREYWOLF Brigade focused on pushing its new modernized equipment to its limits, as well as challenging the operators, throughout the training to identify any gaps and successes in their overall training.

"Assault bridging was almost a lost art in the brigade combat teams up until the fielding of the Joint Assault Bridge (JAB)," said Lt. Col. James Startzell, commander of the 3rd Brigade Engineer Battalion. "It's really important that we continue to develop our operators and mechanics equally on this platform and invest in formal training and development of Noncommissioned Officers and Soldiers to support



GEORDAN TYQUIENGCO | COURTESY PHOTO

U.S. Army soldiers assigned to 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division fire an M1 Abrams tank at targets during Live Fire Exercises of Decisive Action Rotation 22-05 at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif.

the long term viability of this critical piece of equipment."

GREYWOLF's 3rd Brigade Engineer Battalion conducted their first JAB Combined Arms breach in June 2021, marking the first time in history that both an M1A2 SEPv3 Abrams Tank and a M109A7 Paladin have crossed over the JAB.

"The SEPv3 proved extremely lethal in our NTC rotation. Our gunners bore-sighted daily and the updated and improved fire control system proved extremely accu-

rate at long distances," said Lt. Col. Nicholas Sinclair, commander of 3rd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment. "Our accuracy had an immediate impact on OPFOR tactics since they had difficulty closing the distance on us without being hit."

GREYWOLF fielded the M1A2 SEPv3 Abrams Tank in the summer of 2020 and has conducted a vigorous and effective training plan for its crews and units in preparation for NTC Rotation 22-05 and future missions.

Overall, GREYWOLF departed NTC as a stronger and more lethal unit that is prepared and ready to take on its next mission.

"We are far more lethal and stronger than when we came to NTC," said Staff Sgt. Cole Minnear, brigade Bradley master gunner. "It gave us an excellent opportunity to flex our systems both lethally and through sustainment. We are prepared for any future operations."

CITY

FROM PAGE A1

Williams said he made his suggestion because that section of Mill Street "is a historically Black community, and it's a way to honor that

community by naming (the street) for Carver" to preserve the heritage of the neighborhood.

Williams asked how streets are named in new subdivisions.

"With new subdivisions, we typically allow the developers to pick the names of streets," Parry said.

With a renaming process, "most cities do have a public hearing," Parry said.

Mayor Gary Chumley and Mayor Pro Tem Meredith Rainer both said they are in favor of having an ordinance which would address any future renaming proposals.

Councilman Greg Casey voiced his agreement.

"I think it needs to be an ordinance," he said, adding that whether the cost of renaming the street (including placing new signs at the location) would be paid for by those proposing the name change

or by the city could be considered on a case by case basis.

"We'll eventually come up with an ordinance and there will be three public hearings," Parry said.

Congratulations to our Volunteer of the Month Lois Bartels



The Unsung Hero of CTHH the month of April is Lois Bartels. Each Monday AM Lois arrives to be one of our famous bed makers. Her grandmother taught her the art of making a smooth, wrinkle free bed!!!! As you work with Lois, you will be entertained by her many stories of the past memories of her childhood and the lessons she has learned. Lois has the gift of "helps". She is always helping someone to get some place, care for someone, or assist you in any need you have. We love that Lois is not shy and greets us ALL with a positive attitude and genuine caring heart for her co-workers. Her husband, John Bartels, has volunteered in the past at CTHH. He is missed and Lois still carries on their legacy. Thank you, Lois, for our beautiful, clean, wrinkle-free beds at CTHH. Keep caring for others as you make yourself available to serve and meet their needs. Thank you, John, for your service here too. You are greatly missed!!!!

CENTRAL TEXAS HOSPITALITY HOUSE

We offer free lodging and food to families visiting their loved ones incarcerated in the Central Texas prison system. Our mission is to provide hope and encouragement to those families.



LOCATED: 708 HWY. 36 WEST, GATESVILLE, TX 76528
FOR INFORMATION: 254-404-2260

WWW.CTHHOUSE.ORG | CTHOSPITALITYHOUSE@GMAIL.COM
MAILING: P.O. BOX 124, GATESVILLE, TX 76528

NO FUNDS ARE RECEIVED FROM ANY GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES, LOCAL, STATE, OR FEDERAL. CTHH IS FUNDED BY CHURCHES, BUSINESSES, AND INDIVIDUALS THAT SHARE OUR VISION.

Hunting for a New Opportunity?



Hop over and join the caring team at Central Texas' premier destination for post-hospital rehabilitation and long-term care.

- Nursing**
6 a.m.-6 p.m. or 6 p.m.-6 a.m.
Starting rate:
LVN \$30/hr and RN \$35/hr
Full-Time and PRN
- CNA**
6 a.m.-6 p.m. or 6 p.m.-6 a.m.
Full-Time and PRN
Starting rate: \$16/hr
- Medical Records**
8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
(CNA preferred)
- Dietary Aides**
5:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. or 1:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
- Cooks**
5:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
- Housekeeping**
6:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
- Laundry**
Weekend Doubles or M-F 6:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Apply at www.hillsidehl.com/careers

Contact Administrator Michael Beasley for more info. 254-865-7575

HILLSIDE MEDICAL LODGE
300 S. Hwy. 36 Bypass, Gatesville, TX 76528



THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Publisher
SAM HOUSTON
sam@hcnews.com

Managing Editor
DAVID MONTESINO
david@hcnews.com

General Manager
JANICE VELASQUEZ
ad2@gatesvillmessenger.com

DEADLINES:

Submit all news articles, classifieds and display advertising by noon Friday for the Wednesday issue and noon Wednesday for the Saturday issue.

Articles about events that have occurred 30 days prior to submission will not be accepted. However, they will be accepted as paid advertisements.

All articles and advertisements must meet our standards and

newspaper format as determined by management.

The Gatesville Messenger is not responsible for copy omission, typographical error or any unintentional error other than to publish a correction.

(ISSN-08944954) | P.O. Box 799, Gatesville, TX 76528 | 116 South 6th St., Gatesville, Texas 76528 | 254-865-5212
The Gatesville Messenger is published every Wednesday and Saturday by Messenger Publishing Co. Inc., Periodical class postage paid at Gatesville, TX 76528.

OUR MISSION: The Gatesville Messenger shall provide news and insights to our readers through the independent and impartial presentation of information that educates, enriches and entertains. We are proud to be a community newspaper committed to the people we serve.

FUMC announces their Easter schedule April 10-17

The First United Methodist Church of Gatesville recently announced their upcoming Holy Week and Easter schedule.

On Palm Sunday, April 10, worship services will be held at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Those attending with children and grandchildren are encouraged to meet Karen Schmidt at the entrance of the sanctuary at 10:10 a.m. for the procession of palms.

A Maundy Thursday worship service will be held on Thursday, April 14, at 6:30 p.m. The following day, on Friday, April 15, there will be a Good Friday worship service at 6:30 p.m.

On Saturday, April 16, there will be a community Easter egg hunt at 10 a.m.

On Easter Sunday, April 17, there will be a community sunrise service held at the three crosses at 7 a.m. Sanc-

tuary services will be held at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Between the two services, at 9:30 a.m., there will be an Easter egg hunt and celebration for the children.

First United Methodist Church is located at 2600 E. Main Street. For more information about the Easter services, please call 254-865-2520.

First United Methodist to present Easter choir program

The First United Methodist Church Chancel Choir, Morning Song, and other community choir members will present "Once Upon a Morning: From Resurrection to Pentecost" on Sunday evening, April 24 at 6 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

The Cantata focuses on the Biblical accounts of the post resurrection appearances of Jesus from that First Easter Evening through Pentecost.

A donation will be taken for mission work in the Ukraine.

The choir will be directed by Charles Ament and accompanied by Rosemary Whittle.

First United Methodist Church is located at 2600 E. Main. For more information, call 254-865-2520.

Revival at Mountain Baptist

Mountain Baptist Church invites the public to join them for a time of good preaching, singing and fellowship at their revival services which will be held from April 24-27.

The Cherry family will present the love of Christ through

music and through the preaching of God's word.

Services will begin Sunday morning, April 24, at 11 a.m. followed by a barbecue meal at noon and services again on Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m.

Revival services will continue Monday through Wednes-

day evenings at 6:30 p.m. with a light fellowship meal before each service at 5:30 p.m.

Mountain Baptist Church is located at 6319 E. US Highway 84. For more information, please call 254-383-2634.

Bake sale for Nancy 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.



COURTESY PHOTO

Jay and Tammy to perform at Gatesville Country Music Hall of Fame

Jay and Tammy to perform at Gatesville Country Music Hall of Fame

The Gatesville Country Music Hall of Fame is proud to welcome "Jay and Tammy" for a return visit to the Gatesville City Auditorium stage Friday, April 15, 2022, for a free concert.

Jay and Tammy maintain homes in Temple and on Prince Edward Island, Canada traveling between them year-round playing classic country, big band era, 50s rock and roll and favorites from the pop charts. In addition to

live performances, they are regular performers on RFD TV's "The Midwest Country Music Show." Along with their usual repertoire, they will be taking requests from the audience, so come ready to ask for that special song you have been hankering for.

The Gatesville Country Music Hall of Fame seeks to provide good, wholesome music with a family-oriented flavor at our free concerts held at The Gatesville City Auditori-

um Stage located at 110 N 8th St. in Gatesville on the third Friday each month.

The doors open at 6:45 p.m. and the show with our own Country Sounds Band will kick off the festivities at 7 p.m. Please take reasonable COVID-19 precautions and stay home if you are feeling unwell. Free parking will be available across the street at the library.

Mountain Baptist Church Easter services start April 10

Mountain Baptist Church recently announced their schedule for the Easter holidays. On Palm Sunday, April 10, the church will have the Lord's Supper Service at 11 a.m.

On Sunday, April 17, the church will begin their Easter services with a 7:30 a.m. Son Rise service followed by an 8 a.m. fellowship breakfast. A Bible study will be at 10 a.m. prior to the 11 a.m. Resur-

rection Celebration service. There will not be an Easter evening service.

Mountain Baptist Church is located at 6319 E. U.S. Highway 84. For more information, call 254-383-2634.

CLASS OF 2022

You can tell your special graduates how proud you are of them...in the special section "CLASS OF 2022" to be published in the Gatesville Messenger May 18, 2022 and distributed at the graduation ceremony.

Joey

Congratulations on your achievements! Remember to take life just one pitch at a time!

We are so proud of you!

Grandma & Grandpa



\$45.00

2 col. x 4" ad (actual size)

For more information
Call the Gatesville Messenger at
254-865-5212

Advertising deadline is April 25, 2022.

2 col. x 4" ad (3.458" x 4")..... \$45.00

Gatesville Primary PRE-KINDERGARTEN AND KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP

Pre-K

Wednesday, April 13
4:30 - 6:00 PM

The student must be 4
September 1, 2022

Only one parent is
needed to complete
the paperwork. The
student does not
need to be present
at registration.

Kindergarten

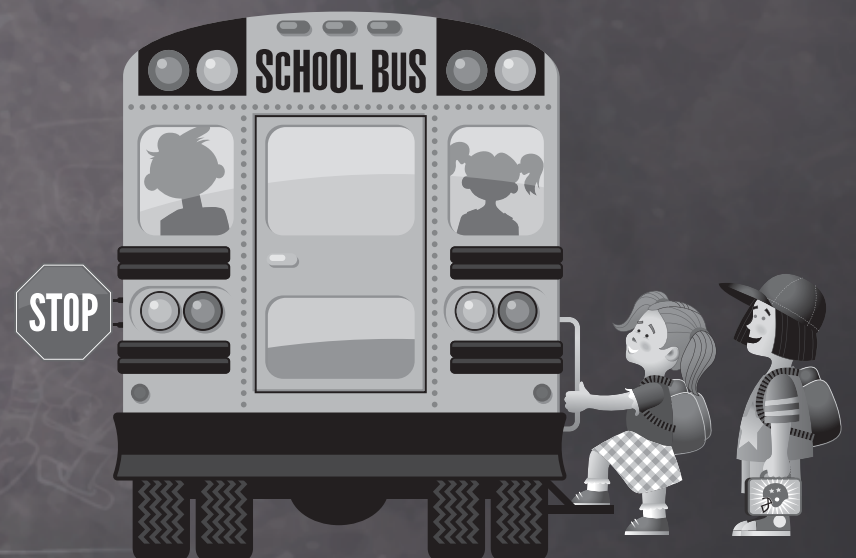
Tuesday, April 12
4:30 - 6:00 PM

The student must be 5
September 1, 2022

Location

Gatesville
Primary
main
entrance
North entrance
facing the
football
stadium

FOR MORE INFORMATION
Check the Gatesville Primary
Facebook page or
call 254-865-7264.



AgriLife Extension in Coryell County to offer Private Applicator Training

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Coryell County will present a Private Applicator Training session from 8:30 a.m.-noon April 20 at its office in Gatesville. The class will be limited to the first 15 paid participants.

"This training is for people who do not have a Texas Department of Agriculture license to apply restricted-use pesticides on their property or those who had a license that expired at least a year ago," said Robert Ferguson, County Extension Agent, Agriculture and Natural Resources, Coryell County.

Cost is \$80 per person, which includes training and

two study manuals. Make checks or money orders payable to Ag Industries Committee. Credit cards will not be accepted. There will be additional fees associated with applying for a license and online testing. Registration must be done in person in the Coryell County Extension Office by April 14.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m., with training from 9 a.m.-noon. Lunch is not included.

The license cannot be used for commercial, government or for-hire applications.

"When you pass the examination, you can submit for a Private Applicator Li-

cense to be used on agricultural lands," Ferguson said. "To maintain your license and keep it current, you will need to earn 15 Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units within a five-year period. If you are not able to earn these within that five-year period, your license will not be renewed."

Participants should bring a calculator and photo identification.

For more information, contact the Coryell County Extension Office by e-mail (Robert.Ferguson@ag.tamu.edu) or call 254-865-2414.

Natural Resources Conservation Service to hold virtual meeting

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Hamilton-Coryell Soil and Water Conservation District are seeking input from the public on how to best serve local citizens through Farm Bill conservation programs and technical assistance. The public is invited to attend their Fiscal Year 2023 Local Working Group (LWG) virtual meeting on April 13, 2022, from 10-11 a.m. To join the meeting call 1-888-387-8686 and enter passcode 2827768.

The meeting will be an opportunity to bring farmers, ranchers, conservationists and others together to

discuss natural resource needs and set local conservation priorities. The information gathered at these listening sessions helps provide NRCS and the district the necessary technical and financial support to help land managers make ground management decisions that produce positive ecological outcomes at the local and state level. The input helps determine collaborative efforts for natural resource priorities and identifies opportunities to address them with conservation practices that improve soils, watershed health, biodiversity and farmers' livelihoods.

Conservation stakeholders and others interested in obtaining federal technical and financial assistance to improve private land in Hamilton and Coryell counties are encouraged to participate.

For more information, please contact Simon Teaff, resource conservationist, at 254-865-7012 ext. 3, or via email (simon.teaff@usda.gov). A request for accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours before the meeting. For more information, visit the NRCS Web site at <http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/>.

OBITUARIES

JIMMY DALE GARTMAN

July 12, 1965 - April 5, 2022



Jimmy Dale Gartman, age

56 of Gatesville, passed away on Tuesday, April 5, 2022.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Friday, April 8, 2022, at Turnersville Community Tabernacle with Rev. Matt Dossey and Clay McClellan officiating. Interment followed at Coffey Cemetery.

Jimmy Dale was born on July 12, 1965, in Gatesville. He graduated from Gatesville High School in 1983. He was a true cowboy all his life and rode bulls in his younger years. He was a cow trucker and worked for Dwayne Turner Livestock. Anyone that knew Jimmy Dale knows that he loved everybody, and would of-

ten times kiss you and tell you that he loved you. "Ain't no feeling like cowmobiling."

He was preceded in death by his father, M.D. Gartman.

Jimmy Dale is survived by his mother, Charlotte Gartman; son, Lariat Gartman; daughter, Lane Gartman and fiancé, Benito Martinez; sister, Marion Young and husband, Doug; special friend, Kristie Moreland Pearce; and seven grandchildren, Jade, Zoey, Bailey, Joshua, Isabella, Ansel, and Sophia; and nephews, Josh and Jacob Young.

ROBERT "ROB" NICHOLS

March 13, 1955 - March 2, 2022



On March 2, 2022, the Nichols family lost their

dad, brother, uncle, cousin, and friend. Robert (Rob) Allen Nichols is at last resting in peace.

Rob was born at Fort Hood on March 13, 1955 and grew up in Gatesville. After high school graduation, he moved to Houston where he enjoyed over 40 years as a very successful and highly talented welder. The industry allowed many great life experiences as he traveled across the United States.

Rob is survived by his daughter, Courtney Nichols Cadena and her husband, Ruben; his siblings and their spouses, Mike Nichols and Cindy Nichols Moore; one niece and three nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, and many friends.

He was preceded in death

by his father, Lindsey Jack Nichols and adoring mother, Neta Sue Renfrow Nichols. To honor Rob, his family will be placing his ashes at rest with his loving parents at their burial plot in King, Texas.

"He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint." ~ Isaiah 40:29-31

NOW OPEN



LOCAL FAMILY-OWNED BUSINESS AND RANCH

BEEF:

- Beef is bred and raised at our ranches located in Flat, TX and Leon Junction.
- Wagyu/Angus cross beef,
- 21 days dry aged,
- USDA Graded Prime and Choice,
- Hormone and antibiotic free

OTHER MEATS:

- Farm-to-table chicken
- Pork

OTHER PRODUCTS:

- Nuts
- Spices
- Olive oils, balsamic vinegars
- Chocolates
- Fresh bread
- Fresh eggs
- Cheeses
- Vollemans Milk

Gift Baskets and Gift Cards available

4301 S. Hwy. 36, Gatesville, TX • 254.223.0051
Hours: Tues.-Fri. 9-5:30, Sat. 9-2, closed Sun.-Mon.

Swarm Baseball 13U Fundraiser

All proceeds to support the local Swarm Baseball 13U Team

Sunday, April 10th

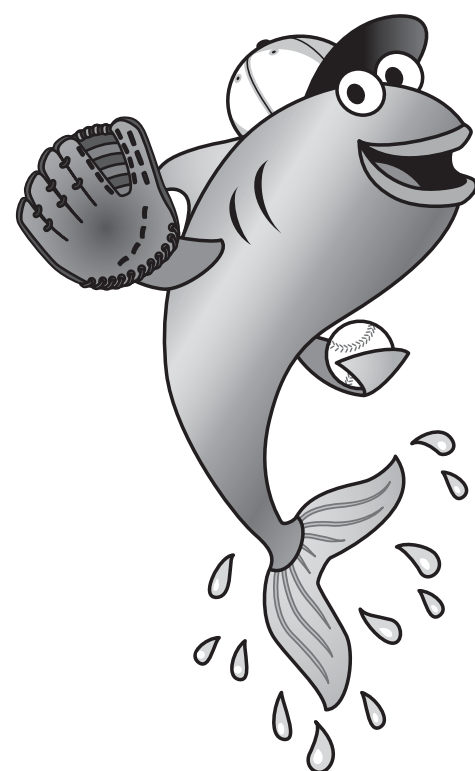
Time: 11:00- 2:00pM (or until sold out)

Cost: \$10 a plate

All Plates Include:

- Fish
- Beans
- Coleslaw
- Potato Salad
- Hush Puppies

Tea & Water available on location



Gatesville Fire Department
109 S. 23rd Street
Gatesville Tx, 76528

APRIL BUSINESS OF THE MONTH



The Gatesville Chamber of Commerce recently selected Regency Inn as their Business of the Month for April. The business is owned by V.J. and Kala Patel and is located at 2307 E. Main Street in Gatesville. They can be reached by calling 254-865-8405. Pictured are the owners with representatives from the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce. The Business of the Month award is sponsored by Extraco Banks and The Gatesville Messenger. Each month, the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce recognizes an outstanding business, and those winners will also be in the running for Business of the Year awarded each year at the annual Chamber Banquet. Nominees must be a member of the Chamber.

The DISPATCH

The following is a partial breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of April 2-5. 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

April 2
 10:39 a.m., a theft was reported in the 1300 block of Pidcoke Street.
 12:06 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1300 block of St. Louis Street.
 9:18 p.m., reckless conduct was reported in the 1200 block of E. Main Street.
 9:33 p.m., a noise disturbance was reported in the 100 block of N. 27th Street.

April 3
 1:42 a.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 2300 block of E. Main Street.
 6:43 a.m., an accident was reported in the 13000 block of E. Hwy. 84.
 8:36 p.m., a noise disturbance was reported in the 1100 block of Waco Street.
 9:01 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 200 block of Hamilton Drive.

5:02 p.m., a grass fire was reported on Oak Springs Road and CR 3220.
April 3
 5:38 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported on E. Hwy. 84 and CR 260.
 6:10 p.m., an animal complaint was reported on FM 116 near Creekside Hills subdivision.
 9:01 p.m., a break-in attempt was reported in the 200 block of Hamilton Drive.
 9:48 p.m., a runaway was reported on S. FM 116.

April 4
 12:30 a.m., a break-in attempt was reported in the 3700 block of E. Main Street.
 5:53 a.m., a minor accident was reported on CR 196 1.5 miles from Hwy. 36.
 3:43 p.m., harassment was

reported in the 100 block of Baird Street.
 6:29 p.m., a threat was reported in the 200 block of Greenbriar Road.
April 5
 9:05 a.m., abandoned property was reported in the 1800 block of Old Osage Road.
 9:29 a.m., an out-of-control child was reported in the 700 block of CR 333.
 2:34 p.m., a theft was reported in the 500 block of Nathan Drive.
 5:10 p.m., a fire was reported in the 1500 block of FM 1829.
 5:38 p.m., a civil matter was reported in the 700 block of CR 339.
 8:28 p.m., an animal bite was reported in the 7500 block of FM 929.

Jed Gribble
 Owner

Jed Gribble Sand & Gravel

Jednheather@aol.com P.O. Box 1312
 254-394-2849 Gatesville, TX 76528

FISH DAY!!
 (Our fish are loaded daily, not weekly)
ASK ABOUT OUR POND PACKAGES

6"-8" Catfish \$89.00 per 100

Bass, Crappie, Coppemose Bluegill, Hybrid Bluegill, Redear, Goldfish, Koi, Fathead and Shiner Minnows

FRIDAY, APRIL 18
11:00 - 12:00 P.M.

Pre-orders not accepted unless large quantity of fish needed.

MICOBÉ, Inc.
 2409 S. Hwy. 36 Business, Gatesville • 254-865-8226

Central Texas Stock Fish
512-752-8555



Census worker from 1950's

1950 Census released

Taken every 10 years since 1790, the United States Census provides a snapshot of the nation's population. Because of a 72-year restriction on access to the records, the most recent census year currently available is 1940.

On April 1, 2022, the 1950 Census was released, and users will be able to access it for free through a dedicated website. This population census is the 17th decennial (every 10 years) census of the United States. The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) has digitized and will provide free online access to the 1950 Census population schedules for U.S. states and territories, enumeration district maps, and enumeration district descriptions.

It is impossible to conduct a national census in just one day. The 1950 census enumeration districts were designed to enable the enumerator to finish the count within two weeks in urban areas and within 30 days in rural areas. However, for statistical purposes, it's important that the data refer to a specific fixed date—the official census day. In 1950, that day was April 1. Enumerators were instructed that the census must count all persons living in the United States on April 1, 1950, and must count them where they usually live. All persons who were living on that date should be included and babies born after that date should be excluded.

The 1950 Census had 20 questions for all persons, so it was shorter than the 1940 Census, but otherwise, changes were minimal. In 1940, every person age 14 or over was asked questions about their income in 1939; in 1950, only persons on sample lines who were age 14

or over were asked income questions. In both 1940 and 1950, the respondent could answer income questions by either providing the information to the enumerator or completing a form and mailing it to the Census Bureau in Washington.

The Bureau of the Census made special efforts to ensure that the 1950 census was as complete and accurate as possible. The Bureau improved enumerator training and provided them with detailed enumeration district maps, conducted radio and newspaper advertising campaigns, and set aside specific nights to conduct enumerations of persons in hotels, campgrounds, YMCAs, and other places frequented by travelers and transients. Extra efforts were made to ensure all infants born from January to March 1950 were counted.

College students were enumerated where they lived while attending school, rather than where their parental homes were located. Members of the Armed Forces who slept off post were counted where they slept rather than where they were stationed. Lodging houses, hotels, and similar places usually contained multiple dwelling units and multiple households. The enumerator was

instructed that "Each group occupying separate living quarters that meet the definition of a dwelling unit should be assigned a separate serial number" while "roomers who rent sleeping quarters only should be listed with the members of the household's family." A dwelling unit was defined as "a group of rooms or a single room, occupied or intended for occupancy as separate living quarters, by a family or other group of persons living together or by a person living alone." In general, quarters that did "not have separate cooking equipment" or a separate entrance from the landlord's quarters were to be enumerated as part of the landlord's household.

A supplemental schedule, Form P8, Indian Reservation Schedule, was used to obtain additional information on Native Americans who resided on reservations. In addition to entering each person's name as it appeared on the regular schedule, Form P1, 1950 Census of Population and Housing, the enumerator recorded other name(s) by which that person was known, along with his or her tribe, clan, degree of Indian blood, ability to read, write, or speak English or any other language, and participation in any Native American ceremonies in 1949.

You call... We haul!

MYATT FUELS

24 Hour Red Dyed Farm Diesel
Unleaded & Clear Diesel 8-5, M-F
254-675-8107

BULK DELIVERY AVAILABLE
 MyattFuels.net
 202 N. Ave B • ON THE TRACKS • Clifton, TX

ADOPT LOCAL FOR INFO:
 GATESVILLE ANIMAL SHELTER 254-865-2226

Cotton
 3 yr old Spayed Female Great Pyrenees

Nova
 2-3 yr old Female Pit Bull

A FREEDOM BAIL BONDS

Serving Coryell & Hamilton Counties
Lowest rates in town!
 Financing & Payment Plans
 120 S. 6th St. • Gatesville, TX 76528
 (across from the jail)

24 HOUR SERVICE
 254-865-5222
 888-333-0468

Vineyard Voice CONCERT

Sunday, April 10, 6:00 PM

We hope you will make plans to join us for an evening of Great Music as Vineyard Voice, a Vocal Chamber Ensemble of Master Singers, Inc. will perform in the Sanctuary.

Vineyard Voice delivers a variety of musical arrangements from today's top sacred music composers with excellence and profound musical energy. It will be a wonderful way to begin Holy Week.

THE CONCERT IS FREE, but a freewill love offering will be taken to help defray the costs and support the witness of this group.

Gatesville
 FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 Love. Service. Example.

2600 E. Main St.
 Gatesville, TX 76528
 254.865.2520

4-H junior horse judging team named district champions

Coryell County 4-H junior, intermediate, and senior horse judging teams competed well at the Multidistrict Horse Judging Contest held Saturday in Bryan. The junior team placed first while the intermediates were fourth place.

The senior team placed second and will again represent District 8 at the Texas 4-H Roundup contest in June. The teams judged performance classes consisting of Hunter Hack, Hunt Seat Equitation, Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship, and Ranch

Riding. Performance Mares and two classes of Geldings made up the halter division.

Forty-six contestants competed in the District 8 contest. Results are as follows:

JUNIOR DIVISION

First place team members: Marilyn Duncan third high individual

Allie McPherson fourth high individual

Isela Rodriguez sixth high individual

Carsonne Egger eighth high individual

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION

Fourth place team mem-

bers:

Kace Laster 11th high individual

Mia Conley 13th high individual

Marcy Conley 14th high individual

SENIOR DIVISION

Second place team members:

Kacy Maurer third high individual

Ludwika Rodriguez eighth high individual

Carol Marie Szustak 10th high individual

Irena Murphy 13th high individual



COURTESY PHOTO

FIRST PLACE DISTRICT 8 4-H JUNIOR HORSE JUDGING TEAM: Pictured left to right are Isela Rodriguez, Allie McPherson, Marilyn Duncan, and Carsonne Egger. Coach Becky Coward in the back.

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.

APRIL YARD OF THE MONTH



COURTESY PHOTO

The home of De De Powell at 1109 Pidcocke St. was chosen as Keep Gatesville Beautiful's Yard of the Month for April. This beautiful 100-plus year-old Victorian home was built before 1900. The Powells have lived there since 1974. Interestingly, Mrs. Powell shared that at one time, the home belonged to attorney Robert Brown, whose law practice was in the same office building on the square as her husband's, the late Edwin Powell. The fresh coat of paint, the blossoming Bradford pear trees and the colorful potted plants make for a charming and cheerful display.

Marriage license applications filed at Coryell County Courthouse in March

Marriage license applications that were filed during the month of March 2022 at the Coryell County Clerk's office include:

Dennis Edward Altum and Ina Ruth Hinson, John Thomas Bankhead and Cindy Nichole House, Mitchell David Boteler and Natisha Christina King, Carter James Conley and Jada Celeste Thornton, Jason Scott Davis and Brandi Dawn Brown, Waylon Garrett Davis and Chelsea Joline

Dean, Jesse Michael DeCarlo and Katie Sue Mayes, Devin Montaz Dennis and Grace Victoria Wolford, Dylan Anthony Doty and Rylie Olivia Richmond, Clint Boyd Gamble, Jr. and Katlyn Ann Stewart, Dustin Jed Gribble and Heather Nicole Gribble, Zachary Alexander Hill and Jocelyn Marie Rampenthal, Michal Mariusz Krypczyk and Amber Kaye Morrison, Jaime Martinez and Gloria G. Tavarez De Martinez, Pres-

ton Lee Moore and Jordan Leann McCarley, Wattena Reth Myers and Yurith Yoon, Duane Ivan Pike II and Jodi Lynn Easter, David Houston Thompson and Kenzie Lynn Martin, Jordan Nathaniel White and Cassidy Cheyanne Rae Jones, Derek Andrew Wolfe and Denise Guadalupe Hernandez.

JUNK & DISORDERLY
Vintage Market & Citywide Garage Sales

Saturday, April 9
Vendor Market at the Civic Center
9am-4pm Free Admission

Garage Sale Locations:

1124 Baldrige Dr	447 Private Rd 305
107 S 7th	6532 E Hwy 36
1007 E Leon St	122 Oak Grove Rd
1412 Leon St	3206 Osage Rd
701 Fouts	101 Homestead Dr
210 N 14th St	130 Homestead Dr
1208 Bridge St	2505 Mears
1302 Pidcocke St	2523 Lowrey Dr
2105 E Main St	112 N 31st St
3421 Empress Dr	117 Hillcrest Dr
3415 Imperial	109 Pecan Dr
3307 Churchill Dr	609 Golf Course Rd
3401 Spyglass	113 Pamela
306 Sealy Court	1107 S Lovers Ln
306 Winston Dr	205 River Place West
307 Winston Dr	803 River Rd
301 Woods Dr	217 Fairway Dr
313 Woods Dr	114 Gates Dr
3410 Spyglass	411 Valley View
3411 Spyglass	402 Bluestem Dr

See VisitGatesvilleTX.com or the Visit Gatesville, TX Facebook page for last minute additions to the garage sale list!

Also Shop at Chamber Market Days at the Cotton Belt Depot 9am-1pm

HILLSIDE
MEDICAL LODGE
SHORT TERM AND LONG TERM CARE

March Employee Spotlight
KATELYN WHIPPLE
LVN

Congratulations, Katelyn Whipple, on being named Employee of the Month for March!
Katelyn is absolutely an asset to our team! She is kind and loving to every resident and is amazing to work with!
We are so thankful for you, Katelyn, and appreciate all you do!

Directors of Public Relations/Marketing and Hospital Liaisons:
Susie Meelbusch 254-383-2307 | Chelsae Desormeaux 254-760-6386

We accept all insurances, Medicare and Medicaid

300 S. Hwy. 36 Bypass Gatesville, TX 76528 254-865-7575
www.hillsideml.com

PALS awards, induction ceremony held

BY DAVID SCOTT
Staff Writer

The Peer Assistance and Leadership (PAL) program recently held its 2022 Awards and Induction Ceremony. The PAL program's purpose is to have upper grade students assigned to mentor students in the lower grades at each campus, becoming friends with and guiding them as they progress to the upper grades. The program is under the leadership of Elliot Kelley and Star Hamilton.

At the recent ceremony, the seniors were recognized and there was an induction

of the sophomores who will be joining the PALS program in the fall of 2022. Senior PALS recognized were: Brett Byler, Clara De La Torre, Peyton Dooley, Hazlee Edwards, McKenzie Jaynes, Trey McCloud, Allie Pearce, Nolee Pickles, Lexi Poston, Jessi Salas, Sarah Saunders, Johnnie Short, Baylee Snoddy, and Harlee Snoddy.

The torch was passed to the sophomore class who will soon be joining the PALS program. The sophomores include: Cameron Baker, Kale Branum, Caden Brister, Barrett Boyd, Kendal Clarke, Taylor Coward, Nathan El-



DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Gatesville High School seniors resognized at PALS ceremony

liott, Natalie Fast, Danelle Gutierrez, John Hall, Isabell Hamilton, Easton Keeney, Ellie Kelley, Anna Laskowski, Carsyn Modisett, Jasmine Olivar, Bethany Penrod, Anna Phillips, Andi Pitrucha, Jaeda Rodriguez, Lilliana Romero, Raylie Snively, Graceson Stewart, Tatum Taylor, Laura Trejo, Bralen Veazey, and Luke White.

This marked the inaugural PAL scholarship award. The recipient of the first scholarship was senior Nolee Pickles.

Each senior was given the opportunity to submit and essay explaining how PALS had helped them learn more about who they are and how they will use what they learned in their future

relationships. Several essays were received and reviewed by a panel of teachers on an anonymous basis. It was then determined that Nolee Pickles was the perfect definition of an outstanding PAL who had gone above and beyond in the PALS program.

Awards were also presented to the following: the smiliest PAL, Harlee Snoddy; the grumpiest PAL, America Hernandez; the jolliest junior PAL, Khloe Mathews; the sassiest senior PAL, Sarah Saunders; the most outgoing PAL, Johnnie Short; the most influential PAL, Brett Byler; the most outstanding PAL, Kason Herbelin; and the ALL-STAR PAL Award was presented to Ben Mabry.



DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Nolee Pickles, center, recipient of the first PALS scholarship, is pictured with PALS instructors Elliot Kelley and Star Hamilton.

Project Graduation accepting donations

Project Graduation is an event spearheaded each year by a group of Gatesville High School parents who organize a lock-in for seniors on the night of graduation. Although this event is technically not sponsored by GISD because the students have officially graduated, the school strongly supports this endeavor from a safety standpoint.

The lock-in has been a tradition at GISD for decades and is a good way to keep

the seniors off the streets and safe on a night when auto accidents are more likely to occur.

If anyone would like to help sponsor the Project Graduation lock-in, checks can be made payable to: "Class of 2022 Project Graduation." Please contact Lisa Baker if you would like to sponsor the event or donate. She can be reached by phone at 254-206-0782, or contact her by email (lisar_25@yahoo.com).



Business Directory

 <p>WHITT Building Supplies Lyle Bomar Sales</p> <p>1411 N. Hwy. 36 Bypass Gatesville, Texas 76528</p> <p>254.865.2190 Office 254.216.5999 Mobile</p> <p>Fax 254.865.9137 lyle.bomar@wbsupplies.com</p>	 <p>Brian Riddle Sales Representative brianriddlerunningmroofing@gmail.com</p> <p>Running M Roofing & Construction, LLC</p> <p>FREE INSPECTIONS - 254-223-1971 Commercial • Residential • Claims Specialists</p>	 <p>GOSSETT TRANSMISSION SERVICE P.O. Box 291 • 1900 Main St. Gatesville, TX 76528</p> <p>JIM GOSSETT RAY GOSSETT</p> <p>254-865-5791</p>
<p>Rhudy Insurance Agency</p> <p>Let us help you with your insurance needs.</p> <p>Rebecca Rhudy-Hunter Insurance Agent</p> <p>2601 S. Bus. Hwy 36 Gatesville, Texas 76528 254-865-1398 254-865-7718 rebecca@rhudyinsurance.com</p> <p>Germania INSURANCE</p> <p>Home • Auto • Life • Liability • Mobile Home</p>	<p>R & M Fencing & Dozing</p> <p>FREE ESTIMATES</p> <p>Fence Row Clearing Barbed Wire Custom Pipe Fencing Entryways & Corrals Barns & Metal Buildings Residential Fencing Game Fencing Dozer Work Available</p> <p>LARRY RIDDLE 254-248-2205</p> <p>JOYCE MCADAMS 254-248-4318</p>	 <p>O & J SUPERIOR PLUMBING</p> <p>RMP M41774</p> <p>CAMERA LOCATOR RPZ Backflow</p> <p>Jeff Tesar Office: (254) 404-2242</p>
<p>Jaydie Dixon</p> <p>DIXON ROOFING</p> <p>FREE ESTIMATES Residential & Commercial Insurance Claims Specialist 254.248.4053 P.O. Box 67, Gatesville, TX</p>	 <p>WHITT Building Supplies</p> <p>Brandon Latham Owner / President</p> <p>1411 N. Hwy. 36 Bypass Gatesville, Texas 76528</p> <p>mobile: 254-223-1723 Office: 254-865-2190</p>	<p>FERGUSON ROOFING</p> <p>Serving Central Texas</p> <p>Locally Owned Company COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL</p> <p>Free Estimates.....254-466-5128</p>
<p>GRIBS CONSTRUCTION State Certified Installer of Septic Systems</p> <p>BACKHOE & DIRT WORK GRAVEL • ASPHALT ROADS • DRIVES</p> <p>Owner--Gary Gribble</p> <p>2000 VIOLET LANE GATESVILLE, TX 76528</p> <p>254-248-4171</p> 	<p>MID-TEX PLUMBING</p> <p>Residential & Commercial Master Lic. No. M-42617</p> <p>midtexplumbing@gmail.com</p> <p>Tyler Powell 254-223-3551</p> <p>Zach Hodges 254-383-6267</p> <p>120 Reno Rd. Gatesville, TX 76528</p>	<p>Ryan Warren 254-865-9188 P.O. Box 1061 Gatesville, TX</p> <p>Text your service request in to 254-216-3372</p> <p>12 months 0% interest W.A.C.</p> <p>After hours service available</p> <p>B&K AIR CONDITIONING & HEATING</p> <p>We do warranty & service all brands</p> 

Bailey Shea Dickie

254-865-5212 / advertising@gatesvillemessenger.com

DIRECTORY DISPLAY RATES

3 Months: \$26/week

4-H Share the Fun Contest reveals talent

The annual Coryell County 4-H Share the Fun Talent Show was held March 31 in the Gatesville City Auditorium.

Participants in three age categories: junior (3rd-5th grade), intermediate (6th-8th grade), and senior (9th-12th grade) performed their talents before an audience of approximately 100 people. All participants qualified to

represent Coryell County at the District 8 Share the Fun competition to be held April 30 in West.

Categories, age divisions, and places are listed below:
Vocal Intermediate - Lillie Mann, 1st place

Solo/Band Performance Intermediate - Elizabeth Schoenewolf, 1st place

Musical/Instrumental Intermediate - Brent Hudson,

1st place
Celebrate 4-H Intermediate - Willow Holland, Hunter Beaty, Peyton Williamson, Braydon Dossey, Wyatt Oglesby, Luke Forrest, Leonela Rodriguez, and Michella Martinez, 1st place

Vocal Junior - Eve Fulton, 1st place
Vocal Junior - Mary Mitchell, 2nd place

Musical/Instrumental Ju-

nior - Addyson Edwards, 1st place

Poetry/Prose Senior - Cayleigh Coursey, 1st place

Solo/Band Performance Senior - Thiele Alvarado, 1st place (People's Choice award)

Solo/Band Performance Senior - Memphis Wells, 2nd place

Variety Show Senior Jacy Archie, 1st place



COURTESY PHOTO

Brent Hudson with his Musical/Instrumental Entry: Moonlight Sonata



COURTESY PHOTO

Cayleigh Coursey reciting a poem titled, "So God Made Me a 4-H Member" in the Poetry/Prose Category

MOUND NEWS

Waco Juniors 13 Black won first place in a volleyball tournament in Plano

BARBARA HOPSON

Coryell County's 4-H Horse Judging team competed at College Station Saturday. The junior team won first place with members Allie McPherson, Marilyn Duncan, Isela Rodriguez and Carsonne Egger. Allie was fourth high individual overall, fourth in halter and eighth in performance classes.

Anna Grace McPherson and her team, Waco Juniors 13 Black, won first place in the Gold Division at the Final Countdown volleyball tournament in Plano on March 26. The team went undefeated and did not drop a set all day.

Mrs. Martha Ann Lawhorn had several of her cousins to visit Friday for her birthday. The group went to the Gin in Nolan Creek for a birthday dinner. Those attending were Glen Blankenship of Frisco, Bruce Jones of Grand Junction, Colorado; Gary and Linda Leuthauser of Denver; and Dave and Netta Westrup of Longview, Washington. Others were Richard Carothers, and Elizabeth and Benjamin Phillips.

Christopher and Jennifer Eberlein met Nathaniel and Natalie Eberlein in Bandera.



Hopson

The group stayed in cabins and went fly fishing.

Slayton Fisher played in the city of Gatesville's soccer tournament Saturday with his team O Town Café. Their team won second place in the third and fourth grade division.

Robert and Carolyn Blakley attended the Texan fundraiser Saturday.

Carolyn Blakley, and Jerry and Brenda Helms went to College Station Sunday to see Emma Blakley and they all went to an Aggie softball game.

Chuck and Staci Combs, Brenna and Eylan Sharp, Scott, Kelby and Sterlin Shults, and Don and Sue Jones had lunch in Gatesville.

Whatever happened to...

20 YEARS AGO (2002)

Gatesville Mayor James E. Erwin signed a proclamation encouraging residents to recognize "Day of the Child" which was being sponsored by the Gatesville Exchange Club.

Andy's restaurant had begun serving pizza and had added a wide variety of new items to their menu. The owner, Andy Lella, invited the public to try his new line of pizza.

Five Jonesboro High School students had qualified for the UIL Class A Region III Academic Meet in Brenham. They were Calee Jo Holcombe, Shalane Silvas, Lauren Holden, Dane Barron and Jamie Barron.

Gatesville Hornet Misti Basham was on her way to a third-place finish in the 800-meter run in the Cameron Yoe Relays. She also finished fifth in the 1600-meter run.

30 YEARS AGO (1992)

Mayor John Ward was named Citizen of the Year at the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce annual banquet. Ward became one of only two men ever selected to receive the award twice, the first being Dr. E.E. Lowrey in 1988.

Johnny Richardson, Jr. had been chosen as Fireman of the Week by the Gatesville Volunteer Fire Department. Before working with the Gatesville department, he had previously served as a volunteer fireman in Bremond.

The Sheriff's Office had decided to add a new vehicle to its fleet of aged cars after Coryell County Commissioner's awarded a bid for a 1992 Crown Victoria police package vehicle to Cove Ford.

The newly formed Charles D. Jageler Post 42 of the American Legion was continuing to accept charter members. Their membership was more than 70. The post was in Fort Gates across from the Fort Gates City Hall.

40 YEARS AGO (1982)

The highlight of the annual Gatesville Chamber of Commerce banquet was the announcement of the Citizen of the Year, which was bestowed on Gatesville attorney, Bob Scott. He was one of 11 nominees for the award.

Willis Hill, a noted fashion consultant and designer, demonstrated his talent at a fashion show that was held at Leaird's Department store. The models were Kim McCoy, Jean Harris, Kathy

Oswald, and Connie Hawk. Ernest Tubb and The Texas Troubadors were scheduled to perform at the Gatesville High School auditorium. The Gatesville Riding Club was sponsoring the event.

Mark Dyson of Trinity Baptist Church emerged as the overall winner in the Coryell Baptist Association's annual Royal Ambassador Pinewood Derby held at Eastwood Baptist Church. Second place was awarded to Scott Culpeper.

per. **50 YEARS AGO (1972)**
Hal Anderson and Cotton Davidson had won re-election and Bob Edwards had been chosen as a new trustee as 335 voters decided a six-man school board race in Gatesville.

John Bales and Paul Dean defeated Dan Edwards and Jerry Wolfe in a one-game play-off to win the Gatesville Country Club domino championship for the second straight year.

Roy Conner, Evant rancher and prominent leader in Coryell County, had piled up 411 votes in the county school board election to unseat longtime chairman of the county trustees, H.R. Hasse.

Joe W. Richards, Jr., manager in Gatesville for Community Public Service Company, was honored by fellow employees at a service awards dinner in recognition of his two decades of service.

GOOD LUCK AT REGIONALS!



GATESVILLE GOLF
Camden Morra (left)
Avery Streetman

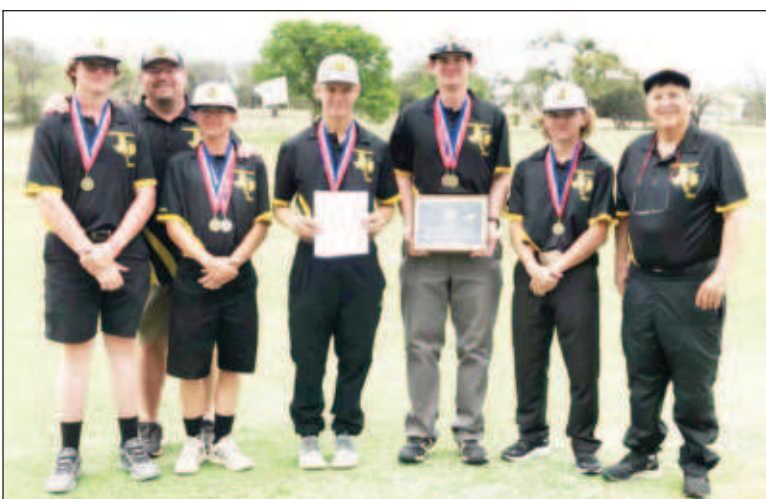
Regional Tournament
Shadow Hills Golf Course in Lubbock
Boys April 18-19 · Girls April 20-21



GATESVILLE TENNIS

Left to right: Carlo Martinez, Alex Scott, Kasey Fitzer, Callie Smith, Stormy Tatum, Slone Early, Julee Sun, Ty Warren, and Anna Mitchell

Regional Tournament
McLeod Tennis Center at Texas Tech in Lubbock
April 13-14



JONESBORO GOLF

Left to right: Lefty Kaibas, Superintendent Matt Dossey, Hunter Thompson, Jeffrey Morse, Logan Necessary, Costin Allison and Coach Billy Massingill

Regional Tournament
Shadow Glen Golf Course in Manor
April 18-19

ACE Hardware
Hardware • Tools • Lawn & Garden
Heating & Cooling • Home & Decor • More
2820 S. State Hwy. 36 • 254-865-6900

HILLSIDE MEDICAL LODGE
Susie Meelbusch: 254-383-2307
300 S. Hwy. 36 Bypass, Gatesville

SONIC
America's Drive-Ins
1910 Main Street, Gatesville • 865-7333

RAY ASHBY
Coryell County
Commissioner, Precinct 4

Leaird's Furniture & Appliance
A Central Texas Tradition Since 1898
108 S. 6th St. • (254) 865-2615
www.leairdsfurniture.com

Gatesville Drug Co.
Medication Compounding Available
2513 S. State TX 36, Gatesville • 254-865-2417

Gatesville Family Dental, P.C.
220 Memorial Dr.
865-7272

Randi McFarlin
Coryell County Treasurer

ROGER MILLER
Coryell County Judge

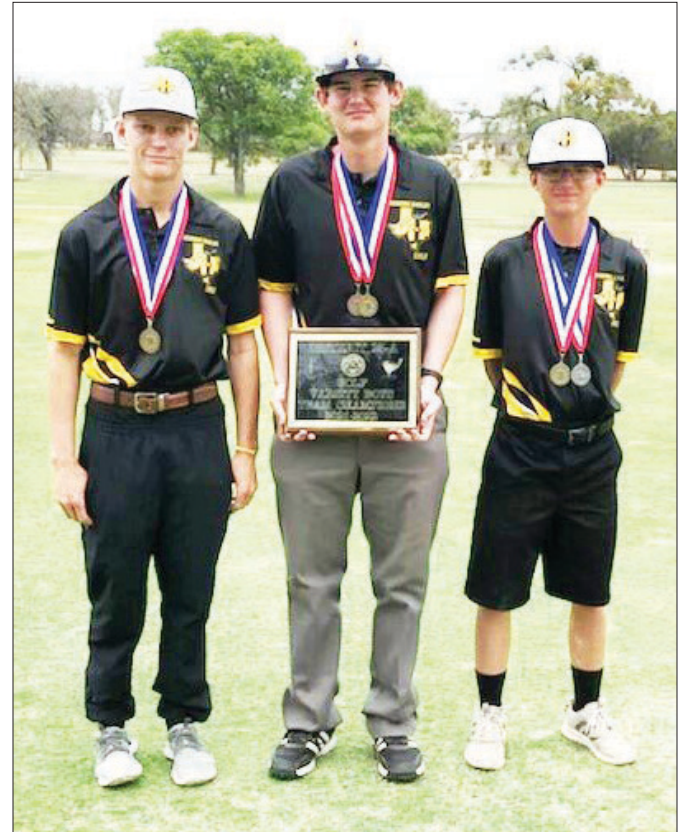
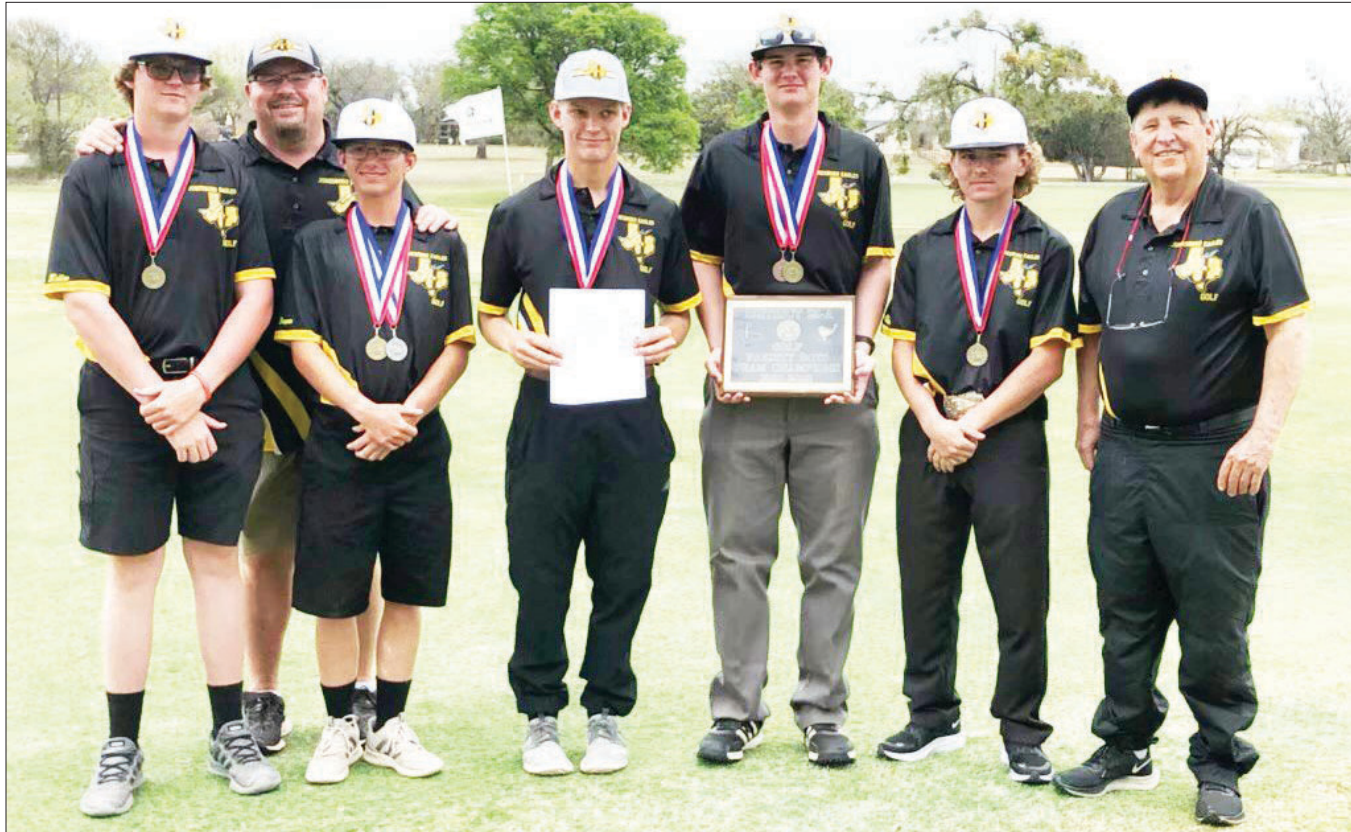
Gatesville I.S.D.

MID-TEX PLUMBING
Tyler Powell 254-223-3551
Zach Hodges 254-383-8267
120 Reno Rd. Gatesville, TX 76528

First National Bank
"Always putting you first"
Evant: 115 S. Memory Ln. | 254-471-5531
Gatesville: 3411 E. Main | 254-865-2783
Oglesby: 117 FM 1996 | 254-470-2261

R&M Fencing and Dozing
Barbed Wire • Custom Pipe Fencing • Game Fencing
Entry Ways • Corrals • Barns • Metal Buildings
RESIDENTIAL • FREE ESTIMATES
Larry Riddle: 254-248-2205
Joyce McAdams: 254-248-4318

Jonesboro earns district golf championship



COURTESY PHOTOS

EAGLES ARE FLYING HIGH AGAIN: The Jonesboro Eagles golf team won district with a total score of 356 on April 4. The three senior boys were the top medalists. In the photo on the left, from left to right are Lefty Kaibas, Superintendent Matt Dossey, Hunter Thompson, Jeffrey Morse, Logan Necessary, Costin Allison and Coach Billy Massingill. In the photo on the right, from left to right, are Jeffrey Morse, first medalist, Logan Necessary, third medalist, and Hunter Thompson, second medalist. The Eagles will travel to Manor at Shadow Glen for regional competition April 18-19.

BIG CITY MEDICINE

Small Town Care



AREA FISHING REPORT

Belton
GOOD. Water lightly stained; 60 degrees; 3.50 feet low. Lack of flow in all tributaries has kept fish in the reservoir this spring. The water has warmed to 60 degrees or more above the 30 foot level, and most of the fishing is taking place in increasingly shallow water for that reason. White bass fishing has been excellent in the first 3 hours of the morning and last 2 hours prior to sunset. When the fish are spread horizontally in shallow water, the MAL Heavy Lure with silver blade and chartreuse tail has been the bait of choice. If fish are heavily grouped together in deeper, cooler water, the 5/8 ounce, white, Bladed Hazy Eye Slab has worked well. Report by Bob Maindelle, Holding the Line Guide Service. Crappie are good in the coves and creeks in 1-4 feet of water using the ATX Lure Company wick-shad 2.25 inch paired with Dan's Jigs 1/16 ounce jig-head. Report by Zach Minnix, Jig N' Jerk Guide Service.

Stillhouse Hollow
GOOD. Water lightly stained; 64 degrees; 3.55 feet low. White bass are returning to the lake after a very weak spawn with lots of small fish now making up the catch. Trolling small, shad-imitation crankbaits is effective. Once an area is found with a concentration of fish present, casting the MAL Heavy with silver blade and chartreuse tail works well to add numbers to the catch. Report by Bob Maindelle, Holding the Line Guide Service.
Waco
GOOD. Water stained; 62 degrees; 4.89 feet low. Crappie are good in the coves and creeks in 1-4 feet of water using the ATX Lure Company wick-shad 2.25 inch paired with Dan's Jigs 1/16 ounce jig-head. Report by Zach Minnix, Jig N' Jerk Guide Service. Blue and channel catfish are good with an assortment of cut bait on shallow wind-blown banks and flats near main tributaries. The flathead bite is picking up at night. Report by Jason "SPUD" Barton,

Cattin' Around Adventure's Professional Guide Service.
Whitney
GOOD. Water lightly stained; 65 degrees; 2.40 feet low. Striped bass are good in 20-60 feet of water. Look for fish suspended off the bottom as those are the ones that are feeding more actively. Artificial like deep diving crankbaits are working, but live bait is preferred. 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.
Buchanan
FAIR. Water lightly stained; 57-62 degrees; 4.92 feet low. Bass are good on beds using jerk baits, floating worms, and senkos. The river bite is good in the backs of creeks flipping hardwoods. White bass and striped bass are excellent at the mouth of the river towards the Silver Creek area. Channel catfish are excellent on fresh shad. Crappie are good midlake in 18-25 feet of water on brush piles. Report by Charles Whited,

Barefoot Fishing Tours. White bass are good on crankbaits off the river channel. Crappie are good in 3-15 feet of water on jigs and live bait. Report by Jess Rotherham, Texas Crappie Fishing Service.
Canyon Lake
GOOD. Water lightly stained; 58-60 degrees; 1.20 feet low. Bass are very good midlake and spawning in the backs of creeks. Throw your favorite plastic, such as, weightless senkos, flukes, and small swimbaits. White bass and striped bass are under the birds biting small swimbaits, topwaters, jugging spoons and live bait. Crappie are slow. Report by Charles Whited, Barefoot Fishing Tours.
Brownwood
SLOW. Water stained; 60-63 degrees; 2.44 feet low. Bass are good up to 10 pounds on jigs, crankbaits and swimbaits. in 1-10 feet of water. Crappie are excellent on Lil Fishies in 12 feet of water. White bass are excellent on crankbaits and swimbaits in 2-6 feet of water.



Gatesville - Moody

Temple - Waco

CoryellHealth.org

Made In America

Leaird's Furniture & Appliance

"A Central Texas Tradition Since 1898"
108 S. 6th St. Gatesville, TX
(254) 865-2615 | www.leairdsfurniture.com



COURTESY PHOTO BY JAY HINTON

SHE'S SAFE!: Gatesville's Raylee Glover slides to reach the base before being tagged by a Lady Tiger player during the Lady Hornets game in Glen Rose on April 5.

Lady Hornets battle, fall to Glen Rose in softball

BY TRISTON MCGEHEE
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Gatesville Lady Hornets could not corral the District 6-4A undefeated front runner Glen Rose in a 13-5 loss in a softball game at

Glen Rose High School on Tuesday, April 5.

Glen Rose remains undefeated with a 4-0 record in the district, while the Lady Hornets will fall to 2-2 in district. The game got away from the Lady Hornets early, falling behind 8-1 in the first inning. The Lady Hornets

tried to crawl back into the game in the third, fourth, fifth, and seventh inning, scoring one run in each, but could not overcome the deficit they faced early.

Matti Robinette finished 2-for-3 with a run batted in, while Raylee Glover went 1-for-

3 with two runs and a walk. Kinlee Gardner finished 1-for-3 with an RBI and a run.

The Lady Hornets fall to an overall record of 8-15-2. Gatesville was scheduled to play Lampasas on Friday, April 8.



Kallie Featherston makes a throw during warmups at a Lady Hornets softball game.

TRISTON MCGEHEE |
THE GATESVILLE
MESSENGER

GHS REGIONAL GOLFERS



GATESVILLE GOLF MEDALISTS: Senior Camden Morra, left, and freshman Avery Streetman have advanced to regional competition to represent GHS at Shadow Hills Golf Course in Lubbock. The boys regional tournament is April 18-19 and the girls regional tournament is April 20-21.

COURTESY PHOTO

We still serve the best Fajitas & Margaritas in town!

Now serving Cantaritos

309 S. Hwy. 36, Gatesville
(254) 248-0059

RODEO MEXICAN GRILL

NOW HIRING WAITRESSES & CASHIERS