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County looks at hazard mitigation plans

BY JEFF OSBORNE
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

Helping tap into federal funds to improve low water crossings, fix river snags that lead to flooding and address other concerns in Coryell County was the subject of a presentation by two representatives of Natural Resources Solutions (NRS) of Austin to the Coryell County Commissioners Court.

Steve Manning, president of NRS, and Maddie Todd, an NRS policy analyst and project manager, gave an overview of potential projects through the American Conservation Federation within the Leon River watershed, which includes Coryell County. Their presentation was part of the April 12 meeting of the commissioners court.

"We are looking at state and federal grant opportunities available," Todd said. "Most of

the \$3 billion allocated to the Austin area has been expended, but there are some opportunities available."

Among funds that could possibly be accessed are grants from the United States Department of Agriculture, and assistance is also available from the Army Corps of Engineers, which sometimes works with smaller communities on smaller projects, Todd said.

"While much of the money has been expended for 2022-23, you can get in the queue for future projects," she said.

Emergency bank and shoreline funds are available for areas that have suffered from floods, such as Faunt Le Roy Park which has sustained extensive damage from high water in recent years.

"There is also funding available to help prevent loss of life on roads, or if flooding prevents school buses from being (able) to

travel certain routes," Todd said.

She added that if the environment has been affected by urban development, funds are also available to help rehabilitate aquatic ecosystems.

"A unicorn project (highly prized) would incorporate both flooding response and ecosystem rehabilitation," Todd said.

County Attorney Brandon Belt asked if there were any examples of projects in that category.

"It would be if sedimentation is impacting aquatic species," Todd said.

"So sedimentation prevention and water quality issues," Belt said.

One area of particular concern is snags along the Leon River that have rerouted the river in places and led to extensive flooding.

Manning, with NRS, said a letter has been sent requesting assistance in helping resolve

that recurring problem, and he has also discussed the matter with Coryell County road and bridge personnel.

"There are also a number of low water crossings (to be upgraded), and we're also working with the city of Gatesville," he said. "It would be good to have the county working on the same issues, as well."

Belt said he was well aware of the damage caused by snags in the river.

"That's an issue that has caused the rerouting of the river and it's caused a higher rate of erosion and flooding downstream," he said.

"We want the snags to be fixed, and if it's a recurring issue, it's a larger watershed concern as well," Todd said.

Manning said the river snag at Farm to Mar-

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3-mile cross walk: 'Putting steps to our faith'

BY JEFF OSBORNE
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

Several community members came together on Good Friday to carry a large cross down Main Street (Highway 84) from First United Methodist Church to Coryell Community Church as a way to put their faith in action.

Some of those participating in the event took turns carrying a large white cross along the three-mile route, which included nine stops along the way for prayer.

"We started out about 14 or 15 years ago doing this with our youth group, and it's grown every year," said Carlos Webb, youth minister of Flat Baptist Church. "Everywhere we stop along the way we pray for businesses, schools and for the community."

One of the stops was at the Coryell County Courthouse. As traffic traveled down Highway 84, some cars and trucks honked their horns in support of the group.

"Scripture says to take up your cross daily — Jesus told us to do that and follow him," Webb said. "So many times we forget about that. It's a reminder for us and for the people who see us to follow Jesus. This is not about us, it's about him and what he did for us. Jesus was crucified on Good Friday. He took our sins upon him, and we celebrate his resurrection on Easter Sunday."

During the difficult times that have taken place over the last two years and also in recent weeks, Webb said it's more important than ever to remember God's message.

"With all the devastation that's happened from COVID the last couple of years to the fires (which resulted in Flat residents having



A MESSAGE BEFORE MOVING OUT: Carlos Webb of Flat Baptist Church talks to participants in the Good Friday walk from First United Methodist Church to Coryell Community Church that included people from several different area churches.

to evacuate on March 27) and now the tornado (which hit Central Texas on April 12), it's important to remember that God has his hand upon us. We get caught up in so many negative things happening in the world that we sometimes forget his blessings.

"This is an opportunity for people of different churches and different denominations to come together as one body, coming together for one purpose."

Ray Jones of Mount Calvary Church of God in Christ was among those participating in the walk. "One of the things I've learned is

that each one of us has a cross to bear, and some of them are heavier than others," Jones said. "We need to remember that Christ is with us all."

This was Jones' third year to participate in the event.

"If you know the story (of Jesus' crucifixion) well, you'll recall that there were a whole bunch of people following Jesus when he carried the cross, and not all were believers," he said. "Some of those here today are not believers, but hopefully people will pay attention to this and let God touch their hearts. It can change lives."

Shawn Ruff of Grace Assembly said this was his first year to take part in the walk.

"For me, the importance of it is the awareness it creates — it's like an awakening," Ruff said. "Good Friday is actually Holy Friday — it's a day of atonement instead of just a day to have fun. The meaning of it is very somber, but it's also very joyous. People don't always remember that Jesus was torn apart and suffered for our sins."

Eileen Stacy, who was handing out cards with a message proclaiming God's love, also participated in the event with her husband, Ed.

"I've never done this before, but we're believers and know about resurrection day," Eileen said. "This is a way of putting actions with what we believe — we're putting steps to our faith, because faith without works is dead."

As the group prepared to start the three-mile walk, Webb offered a prayer and reminded the participants of what their walk signified.

"Remember what this is about," he said. "It's about Jesus and being thankful for what he's done for us."

JEFF OSBORNE | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Gatesville resident recalls life of Alaskan adventure

BY JEFF OSBORNE
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

Moving from Alaska to Gatesville was quite a transition for Greg Couture and his wife, Kathy Harte, and during a recent presentation to the Gatesville Lions Club, Couture talked about his experiences.

Couture worked as a helicopter pilot in Alaska and Harte worked for the Atlantic Richfield Company when the couple met while living in Anchorage. Kathy, who was born in Texas, lived in Alaska for 35 years and Greg resided there for 22 years.

"I got a pretty good taste of living the Alaskan lifestyle," Couture said. "When people ask why we moved here from Alaska, I just joke and tell them, 'witness protection.'"

Couture said the first year he lived in Alas-

ka, the area received more than 100 inches of snow.

"Snow could get as high as 4 feet up on the roof, and it wasn't uncommon to see people with snowblowers on the roof. One year, I was shoveling snow on the roof, got too close to the edge and fell off. Fortunately, there was so much snow on the ground that it didn't hurt me."

One of the differences in houses is that in Alaska, people actually use their garages for their cars, whereas in Texas, many use the garage "like it's a storage locker."

Cars often have extra heaters on the exterior to help keep head bolts warm in Alaska, and used cars are much more popular because of the frequent accidents and wear and

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Greg Couture told the Lions Club about some of the big differences between Alaska and Texas.



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ALASKA

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tear on vehicles from the rugged climate and terrain, Couture said. "Every car up there has to have two sets of tires, one with studs (for snow and ice)," he said. "Everybody up there needs a vehicle with four-wheel drive. Every year in October, you'd have to have your studs (snow tires) put on, and in May you'd have to change them out. It was against the law to drive with studs in the late spring and summer months."

In Anchorage, the snow covering streets wasn't plowed, but instead pushed aside using a road grader. "At night they'd come through with giant snow blowers and trains of dump trucks," Couture said. "They'd take the snow to the snow dump and it could get up to 200 feet high. It would never melt all the way in the summer."

While football is often considered the most popular sport in Texas, in Alaska hockey takes center stage.

"They do have football, but it's a very short season," Couture said.

Swimming pools are quite rare in Alaska, while skating rinks are commonplace.

Like Texas, Alaska has no state income tax, but one difference is that Alaska writes yearly checks to its citizens based on oil revenue.

"During the oil boom, the state

set aside a lot of money and created a fund," Couture said. "Everybody gets a check from oil sales, and that was a pretty good deal."

However, a higher cost of living in Alaska can offset that advantage.

Travel is also significantly different.

"Alaska has a state-owned rail system, and you can't take a car from the lower 48 to Alaska," Couture said. "Trains go from Seward in the south up to Fairbanks, and it's very popular with people who visit Denali (National Park, formerly known as Mount McKinley)."

Because train stations are few and far between, passengers will let the conductor know when they want to get off, even if it seems to be "the middle of nowhere," Couture said. "Then people will stand next to the tracks somewhere and wait to get on. The trains also haul coal and natural resources."

Anchorage does not charge a sales tax, so the price listed in the store is what people pay, and because of its remote location, costs can be quite a bit higher.

"You can tell the difference when you're buying eggs between whether they came in on a barge (which is cheaper) or flown in," Couture said.

Two items that customers do pay a sales tax for are hotel rooms and rental cars.

"Anchorage has its own airport on the edge of town, and it only takes about five or six minutes to



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Denali National Park is among the most beautiful places in Alaska.

get from there to downtown," Couture said.

He encouraged people who want to visit Alaska to research what they most want to see and do first, and then use Anchorage as a hub in order to see more of the state.

"Otherwise, you're mostly on a boat (cruise ship) or a train," he said.

Cloudy conditions can severely limit visibility at Denali. Because the state stays light even in the middle of the night during summer months, people might get a call at 2 a.m. that conditions are clear if they want to get up and view the park.

Couture said he enjoyed the baseball games that started at midnight in the summer, conditions that were considered broad daylight despite the early hour.

"There's lots of wildlife to see, and you might see a moose or a bear in your backyard," he said. "Anchorage is the world's largest seaplane base and there's fantastic fishing. You can drive 20 minutes north or 20 minutes south from Anchorage and you're in the frontier."

While Texas' severe weather threat is often tornadoes, "in Alaska, it's earthquakes," Couture said. "They average about one a month."

Harte said she was part of five generations of her family which lived in Alaska. Her ancestors moved there to escape oppression in Austria.

"Anchorage is the biggest city in the largest state," she said. "I will always treasure the time I spent there - it was magnificent."

As their children moved to what Alaskans call the "lower 48" (continental U.S.), Harte said she and her husband moved to Texas to be closer to family, "but I wouldn't trade one second of the 35 years I spent there."

COUNTY

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Market Road 1829 was a particular concern.

"The one at FM 1829 is a priority for the county," he said. "It's in Commissioner (Ryan) Basham's district, and that snag is at least as big as the one that was at Mother Neff (State Park), if not bigger."

Todd noted that \$400,000 had been spent to help resolve the river snag issue at the state park.

Todd said with the approval of the commissioners, a letter can be sent to appropriate state and federal agencies to com-

pete for funding for needed projects in Coryell County.

"I think the county has plenty they can use help on with infrastructure and low water crossings," Manning said. "The city and county working together on some of the issues would make (the grant application process) more competitive. You have a lot of counties chasing this money - it's competitive - and we want to get in line."

County Emergency Management Director Bob Harrell said approving a county mitigation plan is an important step in being able to apply for grant assistance. Later on April 12, the Gatesville City Council voiced support for the county in its work toward a mitigation plan.


"Once we get a mitigation plan started it will allow us a 75-

25 split (grant funding at 75% and county funding at 25%) for hazard mitigation issues in the county," Harrell said. "There is no deadline, but the sooner we get this submitted, the sooner we can get things going and request help with mitigation projects."


He said the Brazos River Authority is also involved in hazard mitigation planning in the area, which includes the Leon River watershed.

Basham suggested the commissioners court and county staff meet with NRS during a workshop, in which they can focus on high priority concerns.

Commissioners scheduled a workshop from 9 a.m. to noon on April 27 to address hazard mitigation priorities..



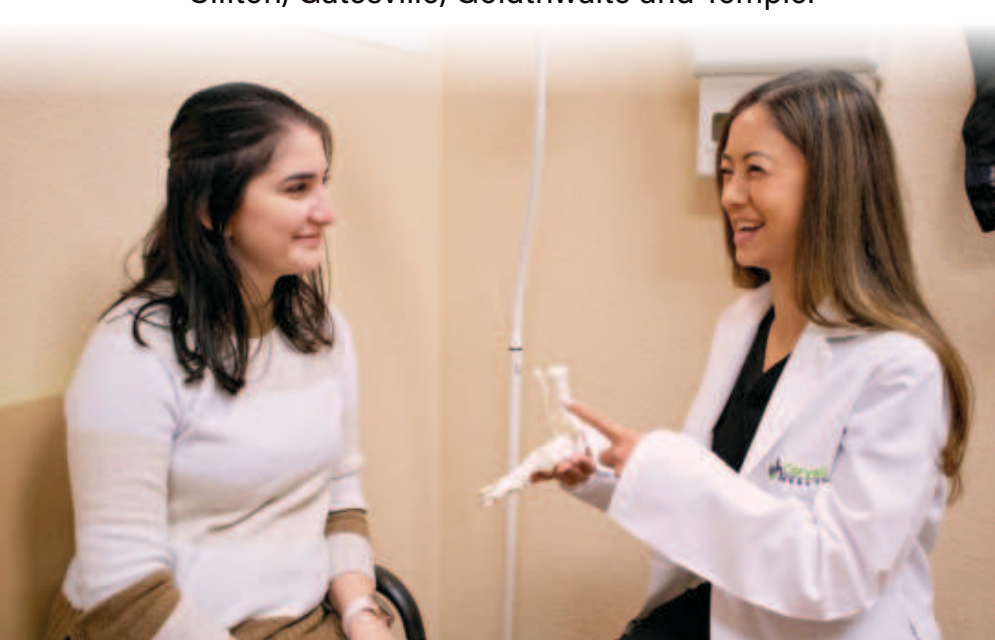
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PEARL NEWS

Changes have been made to flea market



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Please note the important changes regarding the upcoming Pearl Flea Market and the Pearl Music Festival:

*The annual Pearl Flea Market will be on April 23rd 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. Bettie Blakley reports that they have all the workers they need in the kitchen for the Meet and Greet at this time. If you have any questions about the flea market or the Meet and Greet in the kitchen, please call Bettie Blakley at 865-6530, Connie Long at 223-0621, or Pam Bowers at 206-1834. *

The next Pearl Music Festival along with the Pearl Cottage Bookstore will be May 7th. The Community Center doors for the music will open at 7 a.m. til 7. The kitchen opens at 11 a.m. and closes at 5 p.m. The Bookstore opens at 10 a.m. and closes at 5 p.m. There will be another Junk in Your Trunk

event around the Bookstore at this time. Junk in Your Trunkers are welcome to park north of the Bookstore and Cabin to sell. A \$5 fee will be charged to the vendors which goes toward Community Center upkeep. For any information about the kitchen or the Community Center, please call Bettie Blakley at 865-6530, Connie Long at 223-0621, Pam Bowers at 206-1834 or Myrna Rice. For Bookstore information, please call Linda Ray at 254-865-9282. Everyone is invited to attend.

The next Pearl Community Center Board meeting will be April 25th at the Community Center at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Pearl Baptist Church asks that you join them at the Evant School for prayers for the school at 7 a.m. on May 13th. Meet at the Prayer Tree in front of the school. Everyone is invited!

Another Important Change:

* Heads up for an important change! The dates for the Pearl Church of Christ VBS have been changed to May 30th through June 3rd due to unforeseen circumstances. Please feel free to invite friends and family to join us throughout the week!

Weekly Verse: "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:34,35 NIV Contact me at betsyclarke47@yahoo.com to submit any Pearl news.

Coryell Museum to host Bakeless Bake Sale

The Coryell Museum and Historical Center will host a Bakeless Bake Sale. Instead of baking pies, cakes and cookies, the museum suggests that those interested in contributing donate the price of a baked item rather than going through the time and expense of actually baking. The Coryell Museum is

located at 718 E. Main Street and can be reached by calling 254-865-5007. For those wishing to contribute, donations can be mailed to the Coryell Museum & Historical Center at P.O. Box 24, Gatesville, TX 76528.

Donations will be very much appreciated.

HILLSIDE DONATES A VAN



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The administrator of Hillside Medical Lodge, Mike Beasley (pictured second from right), recently donated one of the facilities older transport vans to the Auto Mechanics Class at Gatesville High School. The students were pleased to get a new vehicle to work on as they learn the craft of being an auto mechanic.

The DISPATCH

The following is a partial breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of April 14 -16. 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 14

11:36 a.m., harassment was reported in the 2400 block of E. Main Street.
1:42 p.m., a burglary was reported in the 1900 block of Saunders Street.
2:48 p.m., a theft was reported in the 1400 block of W. Main Street.
3:33 p.m., an accident was reported in the 2600 block of E. Main Street.
6:03 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 800 block of College Street.
8:19 p.m., a threat was reported in the 100 block of Old Pidcoke Road.

April 15

12:41 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1200 block of E. Main Street.
9:18 a.m., a burglary was reported in the 1400 block of W. Main Street.
12:19 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of E. Leon Street.
7:18 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 100

block of E. Leon Street.
7:45 p.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 600 block of Watts Lane.
10:33 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 1900 block of Moccasin Bend Road.
April 16
2:05 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of FM 107.
11:24 a.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 500 block of S. 6th Street.
12:21 p.m., a hit and run accident was reported in the 2400 block of Business Hwy. 36.
4:24 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 100

block of FM 116.
7:23 p.m., harassment was reported in the 1900 block of Railroad Street.
7:48 p.m., an accident was reported in the 200 block of Ash Drive.

CORYELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

April 14

11:58 a.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 800 block of Greystone.
4:43 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 1000 block of CR 148.
6:43 p.m., an animal bite was reported in the 1300 block of Old Osage Road.
7:56 p.m., a threat was reported in the 2600 block of Twin Hill Road.
8:02 p.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 100 block of CR 4777.
10:37 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 200 block of Fowler Street.
April 15
6:06 a.m., a prowler was reported in the 3400 block of FM 1113.
11:37 a.m., mail tamper-

ing was reported in the 1700 block of Hay Valley Road.
2:59 p.m., a theft was reported on Cedar Ridge Road.
7:16 p.m., animal cruelty was reported in the 800 block of Greystone.
8:52 p.m., trespassing was reported in the 2000 block of N. Hwy. 36.
10:37 p.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 1900 block of Moccasin Bend Road.

April 16

4:19 p.m., a missing child was reported in the 1000 block of Winters Road.
4:29 p.m., a civil matter was reported in the 800 block of Sierra Vista.
4:33 p.m., harassment was reported in the 300 block of FM 107.
6:02 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on FM 215 at CR 238.
6:17 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 200 block of Helm Road.
8:53 p.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 1200 block of Lutheran Church Road.

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Many times, as a groundwater conservation district, we focus on brush control as a water conservation practice, but due to recent fire outbreaks, the topic lends itself to more than just saving water. Dry vegetation, high winds, low humidity, lack of rainfall and above average temperatures have led to an unusual number of wildfires recently across the state.

Fire has been used historically to maintain the prairies by recharging soils with nutrients, foster healthy, diverse perennials, and mini-

mize the growth of invasive woody species. However, the perception of fires as being beneficial changed with the western progression of pioneers. As townships and croplands were developed, natural fires became a threat to development. Settlers soon planted trees for windbreaks and as communities grew, grasslands began to diminish. To some degree the settler's perspective is still present today, resulting in fewer prairies and more brush.

Woody invaders, like mesquite and cedar trees, not only drain groundwater resources but they also pro-

vide fuel for fires and impact wildlife, livestock and prairie grass species. Implementing brush control practices can cut down on volatile fire fuels and allow for more prairie and range grasses to flourish, thus providing more opportunities for groundwater recharge to occur.

Dense tree and shrub populations prevent rainfall from ever hitting the ground before evaporation takes place. In a groundwater conservation sense, this could be detrimental in areas with minimal recharge rates due to the makeup of the aquifer. Comanche and Erath counties will see increased aquifer



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water levels within two weeks, where Bosque and Coryell counties may not see any increased water levels for years. Many factors contribute to fire risks but controlling dense areas of brush can certainly provide more opportunities for groundwater recharge, less fire fuels, and more vegetation for wildlife and livestock.

Meet & Greet scheduled for "Karate Nerd" movie to be filmed in Gatesville

MYC Agnew and Cris Cole will be hosting a Meet and Greet event this Saturday, April 23, from 12 p.m. until 3 p.m., at The Junction in Gatesville, located at 1216 N. Hwy. 36 Bypass.

The event will be to discuss plans to produce Agnew's upcoming movie, The Karate Nerd, which is planned to be filmed in Gatesville.

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

in the movie.

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 being a featured extra, are invited to attend the Meet and Greet.

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Evant ISD adopts a 4-day calendar for the 2022-2023

Changing to a four-day calendar week may sound radical, but it's not a new concept. According to research from the Center for Reinventing Public Education, over 550 school districts in at least 25 states have a four-day school week. Some states have instituted this practice state-wide. This is growing in popularity across the nation and has recently grown in Texas among rural/small school districts.

Evant ISD is now among multiple Texas districts that will run a four-day calendar week starting in the 2022-2023 school year. Currently, Evant ISD houses an Evant community daycare service that is open to infants and children ages 0-4. With this calendar change the school district is looking into offering a drop-in service for pre-K to fifth grade students at a minimal fee, and if possible, at no cost, to its parents for the Mondays that are designated as a student holiday.

EISD recently earned a childcare grant worth \$111,000 that will assist with funding to support the new Monday drop-in childcare program for students in pre-K to fifth grades.

Evant ISD Superintendent Dr. Brenda Martinez has been intrigued with the idea of a four-day calendar. Before ever presenting this idea to the Board of Trustees, Dr. Martinez did extensive research with Texas 1A and 2A school systems that have been running this type of calendar. Most school districts have seen an increase with staff retention, student enrollment, a reduction with student and staff burnout, as well as a positive culture shift within the organization. Dr. Martinez also met in-depth with EISD staff, the Board of Trustees, Evant High School students, and shared a proposed calendar for input with EISD parents prior to the calendar being brought forward

for consideration and approval on April 11, 2022.

In a rural school system, most staff wear multiple hats, so meeting before or after school for professional learning is not effective. The four-day calendar will allow the school district to explore multiple options for EISD staff, such as providing essential planning and preparation time, professional development, as well as allow for creative scheduling by coaches and CTE teachers for students in academic/athletic UIL and CTE programs. This schedule will also allow the district to set-up necessary college prep and/or tutorials for students at various times throughout the school year. Evant is still working on the other details, such as the bell schedules, etc., and will update their Calendar Q&A as decisions and plans are finalized. For more information, please visit www.evantisd.org.



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JUDGING CONTEST: Members of the Jonesboro FFA who competed recently at the Area 8 CDE Judging Contest at Tarleton State University.

Jonesboro FFA competes at Tarleton

Jonesboro FFA members recently competed at the Area 8 CDE Judging Contest at Tarleton State University. The members will compete for state advancement on one day and do this against 1A-6A schools. The results are as follows:

Entomology, 2nd place Dist. and 9th place Area.

Clayton Herring, Addie Ruter, and Sierra Chapman.

Wool, 4th place Dist. and 9th place Area. Austin Massingill, Kenny Warrick, Braxton Dossey, and Trysen Altum.

Poultry, 2nd place Dist. and 25th place Area. Leonella Rodriguez, Madison Manning, Hunter Beaty, and

Peyton Williamson.

Horse-5th place Dist and 39th place Area. Mac Coble, Layken Benson, Michella Martinez, and Payten Manning.

Livestock- 6th place Dist and 21st place Area. Pate Foote, Trey Harbour and Garrett Young.



COURTESY PHOTO

PUBLIC SPEAKING: 4-H members giving speeches for the County Level Educational Presentation Contest are, front row, from left, Cooper Aulabaugh, Zak Huckabee, Chase Janke, Beretta Dubai, Matti Mann, Hadleigh Ament and Lane Kinsey; back row, from left, Clancy Archie, Kace Laster, Makaylie Williams, Lillie Mann and Cayleigh Coursey.

4-H members learn public speaking by giving presentations

A common characteristic among successful people is the ability to communicate. 4-H helps youth learn good communication skills by providing opportunities to develop those proficiencies.

One such skill, public speaking, is taught through the 4-H leadership project. 4-H members are encouraged to enter an educational presentation in a category of their choosing to learn more about a topic of interest and to teach others about what they have learned.

The county level educational presentation contest was held April 11th at the Gatesville Civic Center where 14 members from 4-H clubs around the county presented speeches. Each youth that presented has the opportunity

to represent Coryell County at the District 8 contest, to be held April 30 at West High School. The senior members who place in the top three at the district contest will compete at the State 4-H contest at Texas A&M in June.

Listed below are results in each age division and category:

Clover Kid Division:
Beretta Dubai, 1st place, Animal Science

Junior Age Division:
Mary Mitchell, 1st place, Animal Science

Intermediate Age Division:
Clancy Archie, 1st place, Open

Zakary Huckabee, 2nd place, Open

Kace Laster, 1st place, Safety and Injury Prevention
Makaylie Williams, 1st

place, Promote 4-H
Lillie Mann, 1st place, Animal Science

Senior Age Division:
Hadleigh Ament, 2nd place, Animal Science

Cooper Aulabaugh, 3rd place, Animal Science
Cayleigh Coursey, 1st place, Animal Science

Lane Kinsey, 1st place, Beef
Matti Mann, 1st place, Health and Wellness

Chase Janke, 1st place, Open Ag and Natural Resources

Zoe Gribble, 2nd place, Health and Wellness

For more information about joining 4-H in Coryell County, contact Becky Coward, County Extension Agent for 4-H and Youth Development at 254-865-2414 or becky.coward@ag.tamu.edu.

GHS PLANT SALE



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Buzz's Floral Shop will wrap up its annual plant, vegetable and flower sale at the Gatesville High School Greenhouse with one last day to purchase, Wednesday, April 27 from 8 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. The sale will include Spider grass, snake plants, Aloe Vera, multiple types of herbs and vegetables, succulents, century plants, and wondering Jews. For more information, contact Morgan Smart at msmart@gatesvilleisd.org.

Project graduation is underway

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.

If anyone would like to help sponsor the Project Graduation lock-in, it would

be very much appreciated. The deadline will be May 4.

Checks can be made payable to: "Class of 2022 Project Graduation." Please call Lisa Baker for more information, 254-206-0782, or email (lisar_25@yahoo.com).

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EARTH DAY READING: Children's books to help learn about Earth Day

BOOK REVIEW

Earth Day books for kids

TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

Mom is always after you to clean your room.

She always wants you to make your home a better place, starting right there. Sometimes, you wonder why and it's probably because a clean room makes everything better. In a way, you're safer when you live in clean surroundings, too, and that goes for the biggest home of all: the Earth. It's true, so why not read about our planet and learn what you can do to keep it clean and healthy?

How would you like to be someone that the Earth can count on in a pinch? In "Earth Friend Forever" by Molly Bloom, Marc Sanchez and Sanden Toten, illustrated by Mike Orodan (Little, Brown, \$17.99), the creators of the science podcast, "Brains On!" will show you how to be the buddy the planet needs most.

Like every good friendship, there's some give-and-take when you're pals with the Earth. You pick up litter, the planet gives you the ingredients for pizza. Nice trade, huh? Yep, but now there's an emergency and it's serious business. With this cute book,

kids ages 4 to 7 will learn to be good stewards of the Earth, and they'll be spurred to take action in ways that are do-able for even the youngest kid.

Also from the creators of "Brains On!," there's "Road Trip Earth" by Molly Bloom, Marc Sanchez and Sanden Toten (Little, Brown \$18.99).

Part adventure, part science, this book takes young readers around the planet and inside it, in bite-sized segments that teach them about the environment, but that also touch upon geology and geography, as well as climatology and light chemistry. But you shouldn't for a minute think that this book is stuffy or unapproachable.

Imagine, for instance, a match-up between two large, famous bodies of water. Who would win? Learn, for example, what lives beneath your feet. Visit a cave, drop in on the desert, check out some "bizarre" creatures that live in weird places, know about snow and rocks, and then take a trip to outer space and see what's up there. For science-minded kids, ages 9 to 14, or for young environmentalists who crave a bit of

literary adventure, this book could be irresistible.

Young environmental warriors can be serious about their work, though, and if your child is one who's laser-focused on the environment, you'll want "Be the Change: Rob Greenfield's Call to Kids - Making a Difference in a Messed-Up World" by Rob Greenfield and Antonia Banyard (Greystone Kids, \$18.95).

Filled with jaw-dropping pictures, real statistics, solid, adult-caliber information and ideas for being green, this book is perfect for kids 10 and up, especially if they're keen on making their lives and your home as zero-waste as possible. Find it on shelves April 19.

If your child wants more information, or if these books don't quite fit what you're looking for, be sure to ask your favorite librarian or bookseller for help. They can instantly put their fingers on books that will help your kid help make this world a better place.

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JISD accepting applications for Pre-K and Kindergarten

The Jonesboro Independent School District is now accepting Pre-K and Kindergarten paperwork now through June 1st for district & out-of-district students.

Priority will be given to in-district students until June 1st, then it will become a first come, first served basis. For more information about Pre-K and Kindergarten

registration, please call the school office at 254-463-2111. Jonesboro ISD is located at 14909 TX Hwy. 36 in Jonesboro.

Evant ISD Pre-K, K registration is Thursday and Friday

Evant Independent School District will be hosting their pre-K and Kindergarten registration on April 21 and 22 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Registration packets will be available daily at Evant ISD from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

To be eligible for pre-K, the

child must be age 4 by Sept. 1, 2022. To be eligible for Kindergarten, the child must be 5 by Sept. 1, 2022.

New students to the district must provide proof of residency, birth certificate, social security card, shot record and a driver's license

or picture ID of the enrolling parent.

If the child does not live in the district, transfer papers will need to be approved at a school board meeting prior to the school year.

FUNDRAISERS

Benefit for special needs field day

A bake sale will be held on Saturday, April 23, at 10 a.m. as a fundraising event for the Central Texas Special Needs Sports Field Day and other future events. The bake sale will be held

outside at J&M Hill Country Bar-B-Q located at 2601 E. Main Street.

Baked goods for the sale can be donated by contacting Heather Gribble at J&M's. Central Texas

Special Needs Sports can be found on Facebook. For more information, please call 254-206-0064 or 254-223-0916.

Calvary Baptist youth group hosting BBQ fundraiser for camp

Calvary Baptist Church will be hosting a youth camp BBQ fundraiser on Saturday, April 23, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Proceeds from the fundraiser will help fund the youth's summer camp trip in July.

Advance orders are welcomed and will help the church plan accordingly. To place an order, please call or text 254-223-2002.

Sandwiches (including chips) will include brisket sandwich \$8, pulled pork \$7, sliced sausage \$6, sau-

sage wrap \$3.

Plates (including 2 sides and fixings) will include a brisket plate \$12, half chicken plate \$10, pulled pork plate 1/2 pound \$10, pork spare ribs \$12, three-meat combo plate \$16.

Potatoes (butter, cheese and sour cream) will include brisket \$9, pulled pork \$8, pulled sausage \$7.

By the pound will include brisket \$20 per pound, half chicken \$8 each, pulled pork \$12 per pound, sausage \$8 per pound, pork

spare ribs \$10 per pound. Side dishes will be sold as single for \$2 and large for \$6, and will include beans, coleslaw, and green beans.

Desserts will include pies sold by the slice, banana pudding, brownies and homemade cookies.

Drinks will be sold for \$1 and will include bottled water, Coke, Diet Coke, Dr. Pepper and Sprite.

Calvary Baptist Church is located on the corner of U.S. Highway 84 and Highway 116.

Car show at Live Oak Baptist Church

For the first time, Live Oak Baptist Church will host a Car Show on Saturday, April 30, from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. All proceeds will benefit LOBC youth so that they can attend church camp.

This will be a family fun event including food, drinks and a bounce house. The entry fee will be \$25, and trophies will be

awarded.

Those interested in participating in the car show can register using the following link: <https://sites.google.com/view/lobccarshow/home> or call for more information, Star Hamilton at 254-493-7526 or Greg Casey at 254-206-0056.

Live Oak Baptist Church is located at 113 FM 107.

Mountain Baptist Revival April 24-27

Mountain Baptist Church invites the public to join them for 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 Wednesday 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.

Greenbriar Cemetery Association to hold annual meeting May 7

The Greenbriar Cemetery Association will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, May 7, at 9 a.m. at the cemetery.

For those who cannot attend the meeting, donations to the Greenbriar Cemetery Association can be sent in care of Sherrie Barton, 2470

Greenbriar Road, Gatesville, Texas, 76528. For more information, call 254-865-3341.

Murphree Cemetery Association business meeting is Sunday

The annual business meeting of the Murphree Cemetery Association in Evant is scheduled to take place at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 24 at the First National Bank in Evant.

The agenda will include a

financial report, election of some of the officers and directors, and a report on the maintenance of the cemetery.

Those who are unable to attend, but need to make their annual maintenance payment, may send a check made

out to the Murphree Cemetery Association to P.O. Box 144, Evant, Texas, 76525. The maintenance fee is \$8 per grave and grave site.

For more information, contact Scott Marwitz at 254-749-3932.

Whatever happened to....

20 YEARS AGO (2002)

Gatesville Mayor Pro-tem Daren Moore tossed out the first pitch to officially begin the 2002 Little League season. There were more than 800 boys and girls competing on 62 teams.

Joyce Talbott was selected as "Teacher of the Month" by the Gatesville Lions Club. The third-grade teacher received a certificate from Lions Club president Richard Mackay and Gatesville Elementary School principal Pam Bone.

The Gatesville Parent-Teacher Association president, Kathy Smith, deliv-

ered checks to the Gatesville Primary and the Gatesville Elementary campuses. The money was from a cookie dough fundraiser.

Curtis Troutt, who began singing professionally at the age of 12, was scheduled to perform at the Coryell Museum and Historical Center as part of the museum's anniversary celebration.

30 YEARS AGO (1992)

Pianist and former Gatesville resident, Jeffrey Arnold, was scheduled to present the third in a series of concerts commemorating the silver anniversary of his career in

music at the Wendland Hall in Temple.

Jamie Peveto was serving as rodeo sweetheart and Dusty Dann was serving as the alternate sweetheart at the Central Texas Youth Rodeo Association's annual youth rodeo in Gatesville.

The Evant Elks copped their second meet title of the cinder season as they swept past the field at the Comanche relays.

Dean Smith got a taste of the big time as his 1934 Ford 5-window coupe was featured in Rodder's Digest magazine, a bi-monthly publication for hobby car enthusiasts.

40 YEARS AGO (1982)

Deborah Sue Crosby, age 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Crosby, had been selected to be a state finalist in the 1982 Miss United Teenager Pageant which was to be held at the Hilton Hotel in Dallas.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital announced that Clay Reeves and Curtis Beaird had been named to lead the 1982 Spring Bike-A-Thon in Gatesville.

Bob Beck and Karen Pruitt, 5-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Pruitt, both claimed \$100 prizes awarded by the Jonesboro Lions Club.

Fire damages estimated at \$100,000, possibly more, were reported from flames that swept through Schnorrenberg Ford-Mercury dealership.

50 YEARS AGO (1972)

Billy Landua was elected for a two-year term as Fort Gates mayor in city voting. Twenty-five votes were cast in the election. He would succeed Esteen Williams to become the third mayor of Fort Gates.

Debbie Flippen from Evant became Coryell County's pecan queen for 1972. She was picked from a field of 14 poised teenage young ladies

in a colorful pageant conducted by the Coryell County Pecan Growers Association.

Dwayne Laxon and Ronnie Rhodes received recognition at the Gatesville Jaycees Awards Banquet. Laxon received the Jaycee of the Year award while Rhodes received the Jaycees Distinguished Service Award.

Gatesville Junior High School athletic coach, Kenneth Marshall, was appointed to manage the city swimming pool for the 1972 summer season.

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c/o: Jerry Lee Sikes
 Estate of Erika Anna Sikes
 2011 Babb Street
 Copperas Cove, Texas 76522

DATED the 14th day of April, 2022.

Dori Ray Mistic
 Attorney for Jerry Lee Sikes
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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: Cynthia Diane Burleson
 221 CR 4748
 Kempner, Texas 76539

DATED the 14th day of April, 2022.

Dori Ray Mistic
 Attorney for Cynthia Diane Burleson
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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: Carol A. Joanis
 2009 Babb St.
 Copperas Cove, Texas 76522

DATED the 14th day of April, 2022.

Dori Ray Mistic
 Attorney for Carol A. Joanis
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No. 20-10288

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of JANET KAY SANDEFUR aka JANET KAY YOST, Deceased, were issued on the 31st day of March, 2022, in Docket No. 20-10288, pending in the County Court of CORYELL County, Texas, to DANIELLE M. PHOMSOPHA.

Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate addressed as follows:

DANIELLE M. PHOMSOPHA, INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATRIX
 ESTATE OF JANET KAY SANDEFUR aka JANET KAY YOST, DECEASED
 MICHAEL BEATTY & ALCOZER, L.P.
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A young Easter egg hunter looks to share his bounty with the Easter Bunny.



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DIAS DEL NIÑO

A Day for Children in Mexico!

In Mexico, Children's Day (Día Del Niño) is celebrated on April 30th. On this day, there are no classes in schools. Instead, schools organize games and music.

Children bring in their favorite foods to share. Some families take a day out with their children. Often there are special activities for children around the community. Children wear bright colors to celebrate their youth and the coming of Spring.

Color the last balloon in each row the color it should be to continue the pattern in that row.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Silly Book Puns

A pun is a play on words. Read the book titles below and then draw a line from the book title to the author's name that makes a funny pun. For example: *The Arctic Ocean* by I.C. Waters.

WORLD'S BEST MAGIC TRICKS	HOW TO MAKE A BILLION DOLLARS	SCUBA DIVING FOR BEGINNERS	by Lotta Money
			by A. Stronaut
			by Abby Cadabera
			by Duncan Under
			by U. Turner

Kid Scoop Together

Make a Piñata

You will need:

- a large balloon
- colored tissue
- glue
- lots of newspaper
- scissors
- 5 cups of flour
- string
- water
- pencil
- masking tape
- paint (optional)

- Inflate the balloon and tie tightly.
- Tear the newspaper into long, thin strips (about 1 inch wide and at least 12 inches long). You'll need lots of strips!
- In a large bowl, mix 5 cups of flour with water, adding water slowly until it looks like pancake batter.
- Dip a newspaper strip in the flour mixture, wetting it completely. Then drape it over the balloon.
- Continue overlapping strips until the balloon is completely covered.
- Add more and more layers until you have applied 5 to 10 layers. Allow to dry completely.
- When your piñata is completely dry, you can paint it and glue colored tissue paper all over it.
- To fill piñata, cut a small flap in the top, bend it back carefully, and drop in small, wrapped candies.

A Day for Games

One popular Día del Niño game is Pin the Tail on the Donkey. Help Hector pin the tail on the donkey picture.

Double Double Word Search

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

CHOCOLATE	D	Y	A	D	E	Y	L	F	N	C
CHILDRENS	I	T	U	N	A	E	P	R	H	H
CELEBRATE	M	D	R	I	N	K	N	O	O	I
MEXICO	S	E	F	O	L	N	C	T	M	L
DONKEY	Y	M	X	L	R	O	C	H	U	D
PEANUT	D	A	L	I	L	D	O	E	S	R
SCHOOL	N	G	L	A	C	A	E	H	I	E
PALMS	A	B	T	T	P	O	R	A	C	N
FROTH	C	E	L	E	B	R	A	T	E	S
DRINK										
CANDY										
MUSIC										
TAIL										
GAME										
DAY										

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

Hot Chocolate Song

On Children's Day, many families start the day with a yummy cup of hot chocolate and they sing of a song at breakfast. A *mollinillo* is used to stir the chocolate drink by rolling it between the palms of your hands while it is dipped in the hot chocolate. The kids sing the following song while stirring the drink. The game is to sing each verse a little faster every time it is sung.

Bate, bate, chocolate,
(Stir, stir, chocolate.)

Tu nariz de cacahuete.
(Your nose is a peanut.)

Uno, dos, tres, CHO!
(One, two, three, CHO!)

Uno, dos, tres, CO!
(One, two, three, CO!)

Uno, dos, tres, LA!
(One, two, three, LA!)

Uno, dos, tres, TE!
(One, two, three, TE!)

Chocolate, chocolate!
(Chocolate, chocolate!)

Bate, bate, chocolate!
(Stir, stir, chocolate!)

Bate, bate, bate, bate,
(Stir, stir, stir, stir.)

Bate, bate, CHOCOLATE!
(Stir, stir, CHOCOLATE!)

Piñata Pairs

On Día del Niño, children take turns to swing a bat or stick at a piñata, trying to break it apart to release the candy and goodies inside! **ACTIVITY:** All but one of these piñatas have an exact twin. Circle the one that's unique.

Children's Rights Collage

Extra! Extra!

Look through the newspaper for pictures and words showing things you think all children should have a right to. Cut these out and use them to make a Children's Rights collage.

Standards Link: Visual Art: Use art to express a message.

Children's Day in Mexico started in 1925. This celebration has its origins during Alvaro Obregón's presidential term after the country joined the Geneva Convention. The Geneva Convention emphasized the importance of taking care of children, originally the vulnerable children affected by World War I. The United Nations suggested in 1959 countries adopt a National Children's Day in honor of the Children's Rights Declaration of 1959.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Describe Día del Niño

Look through the newspaper for five or more words that describe Children's Day in Mexico. Use these words to write a letter to your local newspaper editor about why you think there should be a Children's Day in your town.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Compose formal letters.

Write On!

My Book

Imagine you could write a book for kids. What would be your topic? Who would be your main character? What would make other kids want to read your book?

GHS tennis team competes in Lubbock

BY MARLA TATUM
SPECIAL TO THE MESSENGER

Gatesville High School had five entries in the regional tennis tournament held in Lubbock April 13-14, and Stormy Tatum qualified for the state tournament for the second year in a row.

Gatesville had two in girls singles, Tatum and Anna Mitchell; one in boys singles, Slone Early; one in boys doubles, Alex Scott/Carlo Martinez; and one in mixed doubles, Ty Warren/Julee Sun.

The Lubbock weather was not kind. The kids battled strong, cold winds and dusty conditions both days.

On day one in boys doubles, Alex Scott and Carlo Martinez drew the No. 4 seed of Khang/Soe from Dumas. Scott and Martinez battled well in the first set but eventually fell 6-4, 6-1 to be eliminated in the first round. The Dumas boys doubles team went on to win all matches that day, making it to the final, where they placed second.

In mixed doubles, the team of Ty Warren and Julee Sun played Chapman/Moreno from Snyder in the first round. The Hornets dominated that match, winning 6-1, 6-3. In the next round, Warren and Sun came up against a strong Pampa team (Bagwell/McCarley). Warren and Sun lost the first set 3-6, then battled back and won the second, 6-4. The Hornets lost in a close third set, 6-4. That eliminated the GHS mixed doubles from the tournament. The Pampa team made it to the final, and finished as the runner-up.

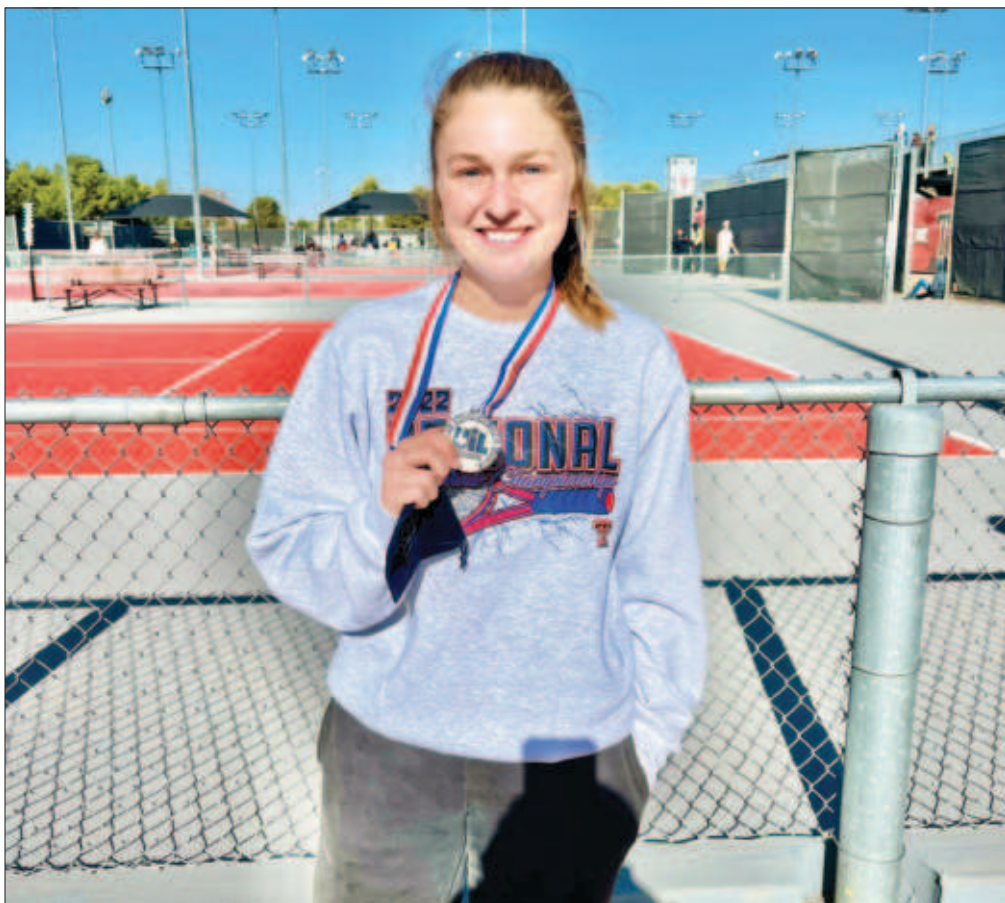
Slope Early started the tournament as the No. 4 seed in boys singles. Early first played

Esparza from Fabens. Early started slow but finished strong in that match, winning 4-6, 6-3, 6-1. In the second round, Early faced Carlson from Krum. Early battled and came out on top 6-4, 6-4. That win placed Early in the semifinals versus Avila of Hereford. That match was a back and forth match with Early battling to the bitter end. Early came up short, losing the match 6-7 (4), 4-6. That ended Day 1 of play for Early. On Day 2, Early came back to play for third place. In that match he faced P. Brock from Burkburnett. Once again, Early had a hard-fought, back-and-forth close match. He battled until the end in a close three-set match, falling to Brock 7-5, 3-6, 3-6. This put Early in fourth place for the tournament.

In girls singles, Anna Mitchell was matched up against the No. 1 seed (Kumar from Argyle) in the first round of the tournament. Mitchell played very well but fell to Kumar, 6-0, 6-0. Stormy Tatum went into the tournament as the No. 2 seed behind Kumar (Argyle). On Day 1, Tatum played Lujan from Andrews and won, 6-0, 6-0.

In the next round, Tatum faced Kocak from Big Spring, and again shut out her opponent, 6-0, 6-0. That moved Tatum into the semifinals. Tatum played Smith from Vernon and won that match, 6-1, 6-0. This finished out Day 1 for Tatum as she advanced to the final on Day 2. Tatum faced the No. 1 seed (Kumar from Argyle) in the final. Tatum battled hard but fell, 2-6, 1-6. That captured second place for Tatum and earned a ticket to play in the state tournament.

This will be the second year in a row that Tatum has qualified for the state tourna-



COURTESY PHOTO

Stormy Tatum earned a silver medal in regional tennis competition in Lubbock and advances to state competition in San Antonio.

ment. Last year Tatum won first place at regionals and second at state. The state tour-

namment will be held in San Antonio at the Annemarie Tennis Center April 26-27.

Hornets edged by Brownwood, 16-15, in district contest

BY TRISTON MCGEHEE
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The Gatesville Hornets fell short 16-15 in their District 6-4A baseball game against the Brownwood Lions in Brownwood on Thursday, April 14.

The game was competitive. Gatesville took a 5-1 lead over Brownwood in the first inning, then Brownwood responded in the second inning by rounding the diamond five times,

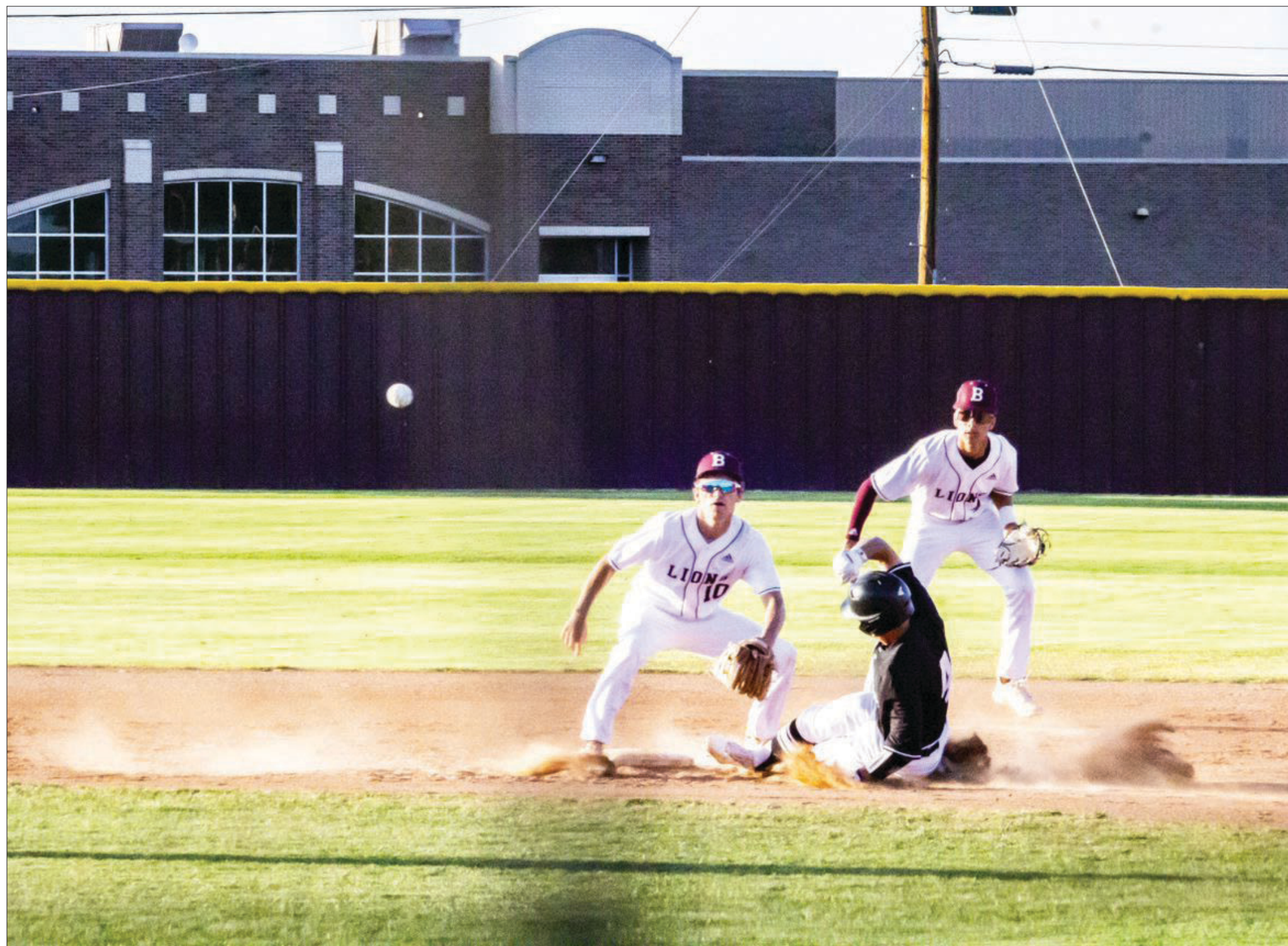
while Gatesville only scored two runs. From there, the run total would continue to fluctuate. Brownwood would finish with the advantage by keeping the Hornets without a run in the seventh.

The Hornets were defeated 9-3 by Brownwood on April 13 at Danny Loerwald Field at Ryan Powell Memorial Ballpark. The game was originally set for Tuesday, April 12, but was canceled because of the weather. The Hornets District 6 re-

cord fell to 3-4, while their overall record became 9-13.

Parker Allman went 3-for-5 with two RBIs and two runs, while Hayden Mooney also went 3-for-4 with an RBI and two runs. Cayden Mata went 4-for-2 with an RBI and two runs. Westley Brown went 2-for-4 with two RBIs and a run.

The Hornets were scheduled to play Stephenville on Tuesday, April 19 in Stephenville.



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Hayden Mooney slides into second base against Brownwood ahead of the throw.

Lady Hornets blast Brownwood, 20-10

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The Gatesville Lady Hornets dominated their District 6-4A opponent Brownwood, 20-10, on Thursday, April 14, at the Gatesville softball field.

The Lady Hornets overcame a five-run deficit in the second inning and kept pushing. Gatesville had runs in every inning except the first. The most significant innings were in the second and sixth, where they had six runs in each.

Riann Tippit and Kagen Hunt went 3-for-4. Hunt had two

RBIs and three runs, while Tippit had four runs and an RBI. Cera Touchet and Kinsey Gardner both went 3-for-5 with two runs. Touchet had two RBIs, while Gardner had one. Kalli Robinette went 3-for-4 with four RBIs and two runs.

The Hornets will improve their overall record to 9-16-2, while their district rises to 3-3.

Gatesville was scheduled to play Stephenville in Stephenville on Tuesday, April 19.

The Lady Hornets are scheduled to host the Glen Rose Lady Tigers at 5 p.m. on Friday, April 22, during Senior Night festivities in Gatesville.

The Messenger welcomes story, photo submissions

The Gatesville Messenger is seeking a sports editor. In the meantime, we welcome submissions of stories or photos.

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