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GISD, local DA's office strengthen partnership

BY JEFF OSBORNE
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

The Gatesville Independent School District Board of Trustees approved entering into a memorandum of understanding with the Coryell County District Attorney's Office to share resources.

"This will allow us to share information and resources and help to get our students the support they need," said Scott Harper, assistant superintendent for administrative services for GISD.

He said the memorandum will help build a strong connection between the school district and the DA's office, not just focusing on

defendants but also on helping victims.

"When we start looking at things families need, we can look into stockpiling resources and reaching dropouts," Harper said. "We have 41 who seem to have fallen off the face of the earth, and this will help us work to find them."

"We can also focus on how we can get them back and help them get back on track by getting a high school diploma."

"This is an exciting time and will help us reach kids we haven't been able to reach in the past."

Sharing data will "help ensure students don't fall through the cracks," Harper said.

He said district threat assessments can

help reinforce student safety each day.

"The more information we have, the better it is," Harper said. "Hopefully, we're filling gaps. As you know more, you can do more. We can do what's best for kids."

School board President Charles Ament asked about the response of the DA's office to the agreement.

"Is the DA's office as excited about this as you are?" Ament asked.

"Absolutely," Harper said. "They are always working to get more information out to people."

School board member Calvin Ford said he also thinks the DA's office is looking forward to sharing more information.

"I agree they are excited," Ford said. "I think this is a wonderful thing - one of the best things that can happen - and it's much needed."

Sometimes, concerns may not be shared and collaborating more closely can make a difference, Harper said.

"If nothing else, it can make somebody aware (of concerns) who cares," he said.

"I agree with Calvin - I think this is phenomenal," Ament said.

"I think it's outstanding - long overdue," said board member Jimmie Ferguson.

"It's what we need," said board member Linda Maxwell.

Celebrating local Golden Deeds

BY JEFF OSBORNE
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

Outstanding students, as well as a firefighter, peace officer, healthcare professional, educator and community members were honored during the Gatesville Exchange Club's Golden Deeds Banquet on April 25 at First United Methodist Church of Gatesville.

This was the first time the banquet has been held since 2019 because of COVID-19 disruptions in 2020 and 2021.

"It's good to celebrate what a wonderful community we live in," said JoAnn Sugg, a member of the Exchange Club Board of Directors.

The first award presented was the Proudly We Hail Award, which went to Thomas Bone for his display of the American flag.

Tabitha Tippit, assistant director of nursing at Hillside Medical Lodge, was honored with the Healthcare Professional Award.

The Peace Officer Award went to Gatesville Police Sgt. Michael Cochran.

"He has over 26 years' experience in law enforcement and has been in Gatesville since 2014," said Gatesville PD Patrol Lt. Georg Cleverley. "He counsels and mentors officers and is doing the work of two patrol sergeants with the retirement of

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OUTSTANDING STUDENTS: Four local students were presented with scholarships during the Gatesville Exchange Club Golden Deeds Banquet on April 25. Pictured are David Kennon, who received a \$1,000 scholarship; Luis Macias, who received a \$500 scholarship; Alyssa Molina, who received a \$500 scholarship; Exchange Club member JoAnn Sugg; and Evonna Pitrucha, who received a \$1,000 scholarship.

The fury of a woman scorned

BY DAVID SCOTT
STAFF WRITER

On Feb. 2, 1909, tensions were riding high in the district courtroom at the Coryell County Courthouse. A town divided had come to witness a much-discussed court case... that would never culminate with a verdict.

When multiple gun shots rang out in the packed courtroom, those assembled were scrambling to avoid the sudden spray of bullets fired by a woman who was "wronged" by the man who was on trial for seducing her. Inside the crowded courtroom, some spectators were sitting in the windowsills when the shots rang out. One of those people, fearing he would be shot, jumped from the second story window, falling to the ground and breaking his leg. In the end, four people had been shot in the courtroom. The one who died instantly was John Hanes, the defendant accused of seduction.

The story began in March of 1907. Several versions of the story have often been embellished over the years. Verna Ware was an 18-year-old young lady of medium build with dark hair and dark eyes.



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This Coryell County courtroom was the scene of an attack by a woman who had been rejected by a suitor after he seduced her. Four were shot and three died in the 1909 incident.

She had become acquainted with John Hanes, a young man who was 22 years of age. One version of the story is that Hanes, who was said to have been a pharmacist, had secretly placed drugs in chocolates that he gave to Ware at a picnic, and after she was sedated, he took advantage of her. The other story,

and most likely the more accurate version, was that Hanes had escorted Ware to a dance in the western regions of Coryell County where the two had ended up spending the night together and thus resulted in Ware becoming pregnant.

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Internet study approved

BY JEFF OSBORNE
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

The Coryell County Commissioners Court approved participation in a broadband internet evaluation by the Foresight Group despite reservations about the \$249,280 price tag.

The study is expected to help determine the county's internet needs and could also help the county obtain grant funding to help fill the gaps when it comes to technology.

The commissioners court approved the contract with Commissioner Ray Ashby voting against the measure.

"I'm not against broadband, I'm just against spending that much for the study," Ashby said.

Commissioner Kyle Matthews had also voiced concerns about the cost, and the extent to which the county might be expected to provide the information for the study.

"That's a lot of information they're requesting, and I feel if they're doing the study, they're the ones who need to gather the information," Matthews said.

Lee Comer, a representative of the Foresight Group, said if the county had the information, "we'd love to have access to it. Otherwise, if you could make some introduction to those who have the data, we can get that data."

County Judge Roger Miller said in order to be eligible for grants to enhance local internet service, the study is an important part of the process.

"There is federal funding available," Miller said. "we're not going to be able to get a lot of what's available without having gone through this process. It's beneficial to our citizens and our county, and we've discussed internet concerns for years."

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SHOOTINGS

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On Dec. 24, 1908, Verna Ware gave birth to a healthy baby girl whom she named Opal Kathryn. The exact relationship between Ware and John Hanes remains unknown, but the following month after her daughter's birth, on January 23, 1909, seduction charges were filed against John Hanes. A deadly court case would ensue the following month. Both Verna and John came from well-known and respectable farm families. The community became divided...some coming to Verna's defense and others to John's.

On the day of the shooting, Verna Ware and her brother were standing in the rotunda of the courthouse watching the proceedings through an inside window which separated the courtroom from the rotunda. Some reports say that she feared that Hanes would not be convicted of seduction and that was when she took matters into her own hands. Before she could be stopped, Ware pulled a 38 Colt revolver from her purse and shot Hanes at least twice and then shot three other men in the courtroom who were said to be his character witnesses. Newspaper accounts said that after she had shot the

men, she put the gun to her own head, but that the gun was wrestled away from her before she could fire.

Ware was taken to the Coryell County Jail where physicians reported her to be in a "critical condition of nervous collapse." She had to wait in jail a few days before the grand jury could charge her. During that time, newspapers reported that there were "threats of violence" made against her by friends of John Hanes. One account reported that "a party was formed which threatened a lynching, but its leader was arrested, and the rest were dispersed by officers."

The grand jury returned three bills of indictment for murder and one for carrying a pistol. Ware's bond was set at \$7,500 which was determined by \$2,500 for each charge of murder. The bond was provided by prominent citizens of the community who sympathized with Ware and her condition.

Ware's trial began in the latter part of 1909. In August, it was reported that the courtroom was filled to capacity with 120 men, visitors, and witnesses. The window in the courtroom through which Ware had fired the fatal shots had been painted over and the sheriff had declared that everyone entering the courtroom would come through one door and no one

with firearms of any kind would be permitted to enter.

The trial continued on until February of 1910 when a verdict of "not guilty" was rendered by the jury. The judge had instructed the jury to deliberate the charges of first-degree murder, manslaughter, and self-defense. Ware's legal defense continued to press for a plea of insanity and irrepresible impulse, which apparently worked since newspapers reported that during the trial "many pathetic scenes took place that moved the jury and spectators alike to tears."

The year following her vindication, Verna Ware married W.R. Eck in Gatesville when her daughter Opal was nearly three years of age. Opal believed W.R. Eck to be her father and would carry his name until she married. W.R., Verna, and Opal would later live in the Dallas area before moving to Oklahoma and eventually, to Utah - far away from any memories that might haunt her.

Verna Ware Eck died on July 31, 1973, in Clearfield, Utah. Her obituary mentioned that she was a saleswoman and buyer for a clothing store. She was also a member of the Baptist Church and a member of the Business and Professional Women's Club. Her only survivor was her daughter, Opal.

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The price tag is an issue for Matthews, he said.

"My concern is that it's a lot of money," Matthews said. "We've done these studies before and nothing happened. I don't want a situation where two years from now we're still in the same situation because the company that's been grandfathered in (to provide service) to the Gatesville area doesn't want to upgrade. My concern is the cost and the buy-in from other entities."

Commissioner Daren Moore said he believes upgrading local internet service is important.

"I think this is essential to business - even a very small business," he said. "It all focuses on access to broadband. We're really being left behind if we don't do something. If it costs twice as much and gets something

done, it's still a good investment. This is essential, or businesses will go elsewhere. It's also important for distance learning. We want to keep the businesses we have without them going somewhere else."

Matthews said he agreed, and noted smaller communities such as Evant, Jonesboro, and Oglesby have all been able to upgrade internet speeds because of grants and decisions by companies serving them.

"The company that's here (in Gatesville) has the ability to do that and it's not doing it," he said.

Miller said he has talked to some local superintendents, including for the Jonesboro and Gatesville school districts, as well as Copperas Cove, and each has said they have some students who do not have internet access at home.

"To me there are three areas - with businesses, education and emergency

services," Miller said. "We're not going to entice growth or even keep what we have without connectivity. I believe a lot of the funding - and this is strictly my opinion - will focus on bringing high-speed broadband to rural and underserved areas."

"I am pretty sure if you're in downtown Dallas, you have access to high-speed internet. The need for a student in Dallas to have that internet access is no greater than the need of a student in Coryell County."

Miller said he also believes emergency services will focus more on the internet.

"It's huge for a rural area to be able to provide that," he said. "This gives us the foundation to build on. The county has dedicated \$2.5 million in (American Recovery Plan Act) funds for broadband and internet. Those previous studies had no funding mechanism for implementation, and now we do."

"I see this as a very unique

Saluting those who stand in the gap for community

Jeff's Reflections & Lu's Views

By Jeff Osborne & Tallulah

Jeff Osborne is senior staff writer and editor for the Gatesville Messenger and Tallulah is his trusted border collie-Jack Russell terrier mix.



Whether it's keeping us safe from the kind of fires that recently raged at Fort Hood, preventing many crime threats that we may never even know about or saving someone's life during a medical crisis, I am very thankful for the people who stand in the gap to help protect our community.

During World War II, Winston Churchill, the leader of Great Britain, paid tribute to the British fighter pilots who kept the Nazi war machine from subjugating his nation. His famous quote, "Never have so many owed so much to so few" rings true today.

Firefighters, law enforcement officers, first responders, EMTs, doctors and nurses play such a big role in helping our society avoid plunging into chaos.

When I reported on the local fire departments rushing to the aid of Fort Hood as fires spread on the post, I thought of the dedication and sacrifice those men and women make on a regular basis.

In small towns, we know many of our law enforcement officers, firefighters and first responders on a first name basis. There is a strong respect and appreciation for the job they do to keep us safe. I am glad I live in a place where we enjoy that kind of environment. Not everyone does.

While some of what they

do is recognized, there is much more they do on a daily basis that often goes unnoticed, but no doubt those are many of the things which enable us to sleep safely at night and also go about our routine business in peace each day. And when crises do threaten us, it is amazing to know that there are dedicated men and women who have our backs, who step up and do their best no matter the challenges.

Hats off to those who protect us so well. Life would be far more precarious and hazardous without their vital service.

Lu, what do you think?

Tallulah: I am very thankful to all of those who help

keep people and pets safe. I agree with all you named, but I want to add veterinarians to the list, too.

So many people have a heart of gold when taking care of people and animals.

I know you have a great appreciation for our military, too, but we'll focus on that in another column.

I was so thankful to see all the people who rallied together in our community to raise funds for the police dog, Stana, who had to retire because of a medical need.

It's great to see fellow dogs are doing their part to serve our community, too.

Some fire departments have a dog, and dogs can also help bring joy and love to people who have gone through difficult times.

I know people take the lead, but there are also dogs in our community that help make it a better place to. I guess that goes for kitty cats, too, and other animals that help enrich people's lives.

I suppose I've gotten a bit off topic, but that's a dog's prerogative. If you want to get a dog's view, there will be inevitable wandering and sniffing from time to time.

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another patrol sergeant.”
The Firefighter Award was presented to Lee Walters, who has been with the Gatesville Volunteer Fire Department since 2013. He previously worked for a fire department in Maryland. Walters has worked as canine handler for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.
“He is certified as a master firefighter and is the training chief for the department,” said Gatesville Fire Chief Billy Vaden.
Sharon Inbody, who teaches health science classes for Gatesville High School, was Educator of the Year.
“She was selected by the students for this award,” said Gatesville Independent School District Superintendent Barrett Pollard.
“She helps prepare our future

medical professionals,” said GHS Principal Marie Barrows.
Exchange Club President Alan Mathis won the Senior Citizen Award.
“He is fun loving, loves family, loves people and is very dedicated,” said Exchange Club board member Helen Munday. “He is also involved in the Lions Club, American Legion, Silver-Haired Legislature, helps with the North Fort Hood Council, is a HAM radio operator and unloads food trucks for the Gatesville Care Center.
After 23 years in the U.S. Army, Mathis retired and then worked as a civilian military contractor in Iraq.
The Care Award for exceptional service and going above and beyond the call of duty went to Becky Coward, who is the County Extension Office’s 4-H Youth Development agent.
“She has given exceptional service to children in our community,

including my children, helping them become what they are today,” said Coryell County Commissioner Kyle Matthews.
Students of the Year were Haley Luensmann and Cooper Sutton. Luensmann has served as the Texas Future Farmers of America District 8 vice president and attended the FFA national meeting in Indianapolis. Sutton was named to the Texas Academic All-State Football Team and was selected to participate in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Heart of Texas Victory Bowl.
Four students were awarded scholarships. Luis Macias and Alissa Molina each won \$500 scholarships. David Kennon and Evonna Pitrucha each earned \$1,000 scholarships. Each student has overcome significant challenges.
Macias “came to America for a better life and has excelled in academics and athletics,” Sugg said. “He works at El Tapatio and has been accepted to both Tarleton

State and Texas Southern.”
Molina “was born to a drug-addicted mother which has resulted in health problems for her,” Sugg said. “She has had lung problems and was raised by her grandfather. She is an excellent student and will be the first in her family to go to college. She was in the band all four years and has been accepted to Stephen F. Austin State University.”
Kennon’s family moved frequently “because of his father’s addiction to drugs, and his grandfather stepped in to raise him, so he moved to Gatesville in junior high,” Sugg said. “He helped care for his grandparents while attending high school, participated in FFA, has been accepted to Tarleton and wants to be a vet.”
Pitrucha overcame a situation in which “both parents were incarcerated for drug abuse and child abuse,” Sugg said. “She was in (Child Protective Services) custody for eight years before she was

adopted. She has played volleyball all four years and has excelled in academics. She will attend McLennan Community College to become a vet tech.”
Exchangeite of the Year was Clark Burns, for his volunteer efforts and consistent dedication to Exchange Club activities and ideals.
Cody and Erika Archie received the Book of Golden Deeds Award.
“They are dedicated volunteers who have over several years contributed to the community,” Coward said during the presentation. “They have been co-owners of Valet Cleaners since 2012 and had hosted annual coat drives, sponsored youth sports teams, and Cody has coached flag football.
“They have also helped to sponsor numerous events including the Coryell County Youth Fair. They are leaders at Hay Valley Baptist Church and help lead youth activities and work with 4-H.”



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FIREFIGHTER AWARD: Billy Vaden presents the Firefighter Award to Lee Walters.



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POLICE AWARD: Georg Cleverley stands with Police Award winner Michael Cochran.



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HEALTHCARE AWARD: Winner Tabitha Tippit (center) stands with Penny Nielsen and Michael Beasley.



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BOOK OF GOLDEN DEEDS: Erika and Cody Archie were honored for service, sponsorship, mentorship and leadership.



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CARE AWARD: Winner and local 4-H Director Becky Coward stands with her husband, Will.



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TEACHER AWARD: Superintendent Barrett Pollard stands with winner Sharon Inbody and Principal Marie Barrows.



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EXCHANGEITE OF YEAR: Club President Alan Mathis stands with winner Clark Burns.



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PROUDLY WE HAILED: Winner Thomas Bone stands with club President Alan Mathis.



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SENIOR AWARD: Winner Alan Mathis stands with Rosemary Mathis and Helen Munday.



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STUDENTS OF THE YEAR: Local Students of the Year were Cooper Sutton and Hailey Luensmann.

Exchange Club serves area

The Gatesville Exchange Club has served the Gatesville community for 39 years. Its mission statement is to work to make our communities a better place to live.
2021-2022 officers are:
* President Alan Mathis
* Secretary Faye Nichols
* Treasurer JoAnn Sugg
* Public Relations Officer Lauren Morrell
2021-2022 Board of Directors include:
* Mary Bruton
* Clark Burns
* Nathan Gohlke
* Marilyn Secrest
* Bill Trotter
* Kerry Berglund
Meetings are held at 7 a.m. each Thursday at the Junction at 36 restaurant, 1216 Texas Highway 36 in Gatesville.
The Gatesville Exchange Club has donated

more than \$15,000 to community service projects this past year.
Club activities and donations include:
* Child Seat Safety Check
* Christmas for Foster Children
* Taste of Gatesville
* Field of Honor
* Fire Ant 100k Bicycle Tour
* Give a Kid a Flag to Wave
* Day of the Child
* Golden Deeds Banquet
* Freedom Shrine
* Righteous Roots
* Back Pack Program
* Children’s Advocacy Center
* Special Olympics
* The Big Sting
* Rainbow Room
* Food For Families
* Other community activities/events



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Family geocaching at one of Texas' beautiful state parks

Geocaching at Mother Neff

An introduction to geocaching class will be held at Mother Neff State Park on Saturday, May 14, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The class, instructed by Ron Willis, will be free. There will be a park entrance fee – adults \$2 per person, children under 12

will be free. Come learn all about geocaching, a modern-day treasure hunt with technology. Geocaching combines outdoor adventure and the use of GPS tracking. It's fun to do alone or with family and friends. You will even have an

opportunity to enjoy the park and find your first geocaches. Mother Neff State Park is located at 1921 State Park Road 14 in southeastern Coryell County. For more information, please call the park headquarters at 254-853-2389.

Pearl Church of Christ to hold VBS

Pearl Church of Christ recently announced they would be hosting their Vacation Bible School on Monday, May 30, through Friday, June 3,

from 9 a.m. until noon each day. The theme for Vacation Bible School this year will be "The Chosen – Let us be Fish-

ers of Men." Pearl Church of Christ is located at 6790 FM 183. For more information, please call 254-865-9282.

Turnersville Community Center to hold its quarterly meeting

The Turnersville Community Center Association will hold its quarterly meeting on Monday, May 2, at 6 p.m. The meeting is scheduled to take place at the community center and will be open to the

public to attend. The community center is a family-friendly gathering place for recreation, community, education, and the arts. It is located at 8115 FM 182 in Turnersville.

For more information about the quarterly meeting, please contact the association's secretary, Dorothy Wagoner, at 254-494-0110.

Gatesville Special Olympics returns to action next month

Team Gatesville, a delegation of Special Olympics Texas, provides year-round social opportunities, sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities.

Since the reopening of in-person activities, Team Gatesville has participated in four Area 12 meets, competing in bocce, basketball and track and field events. The team currently is preparing

to compete at Summer State Games, set for May 12-15 at Morgan's Wonderland Inclusive Park in San Antonio.

Heidi Clough, head of the delegation, said she and the team would like to thank the community of Gatesville and surrounding areas.

"We are humbled and grateful for the unparalleled kindness, prayers and support for our organization," she said. "As the team does not receive any outside funding, this generosity is inte-

gral to our ability to serve and improve the wellbeing and quality of life for our athletes."

If you would like to assist with state expenses, donations may be mailed to P.O. Box 255, Gatesville, Texas 76528.

More information can be found at facebook.com/teamgatesville, sotx.org or by emailing teamgatesville12@yahoo.com.

Gatesville Adaptive Sports to host Field Day on May 14

Gatesville Adaptive Sports will be sponsoring a Field Day on Saturday, May 14, from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. at Faunt Le Roy Park's walking trail.

The group invites Gates-

ville residents and those in the surrounding areas to join them for a little baseball fun. Special needs children of all ages are welcome to participate.

For more information

about Field Day or Gatesville Adaptive Sports, please contact Kara Dotson at 254-206-0064 or visit their Facebook page.

GHS announces honor roll

The Gatesville High School recently released the names of students who qualified for the A and the A/B Honor Roll. The students included:

A HONOR ROLL 9th Grade

Brianna Allen, Hannah Bartlett, Romi Bomar, Jeret Burks, Kyle Casey, Teagan Comer, John Davidson, Ryleigh Eaton, Jackson Erwin, Kasey Fitzer, Kinlee Gardner, Madison Hester, Katherine Hopson, Alexander Johnson, Emily Kelly, Elaina Knobloch, Caleb Mannix, Jahaziel Martinez, Vania Martinez-Jaramillo, Emilie Moore, Dana Myers, Dutch Nielsen, Andrea Ortiz Saenz, Allyson Penrod, Roman Perez, Gabriel Pollard, Lucy Pritchett, Ian Rainer, Liam Shoaf, Cal-

lie Smith, Avery Streetman, Hunter Swindall, Addison Taylor, Cameron Thompson, Mariah Votruba, Memphis Wells.

10th Grade

Riley Aaron, Barrett Boyd, Max Carpenter, Lilyana Carrillo, Wyatt Dunbar, Zoe Gribble, Anna Laskowski,

11th Grade

Payton Armstrong, Lena Clawson, Kylie Cox, William Crozier, Lindsey Cummings, Rosalee Dilly, Slone Early, Brenden Gohlke, Kason Herbelin, Sara Hernandez, John Meharg, Kallyn Moreland, Aydan Necessary, Maria Olvera Rodriguez, Dawson Poliquin, Ty Warren, Carter Williams

12th Grade

Matthew Arrington, Ciera Billingsley, Wesley Brown, Brett Byler, Joao Francisco Cerqueira Lima Chaves, Rachel Conner, Peyton Dooley, Hazlee Edwards, Zane Foster, Jaiden Gomez, James Hamilton, David Kennon, Jordan Kinkade, Hailey Luensmann, Nicole McGinn, Kaitlynn Merritt, Cheyenne Miller, Anna Mitchell, Shandiin Monroe, Hayden Mooney, Tina Moran, Camden Morra, Avery Mullins, Allison Pearce, Jorja Penney, Lexi Poston, Kalli Robinetto, Jessi Salas, Bella Smith, Brenon Smith, Baylee Snoddy, Harlee Snoddy, Juleeva Sun, Cooper Sutton, Tyler Sutton, Stormy Tatum, Riann Tippit, Brendan Wrisk

A/B HONOR ROLL 9th Grade

Jack Armstrong, Devyn Ayala, Logan Biggs, Audrey Blanco, Roland Bowen, Mason Brizendine, Destiny Campbell, Jaylyn Campos, Grace Carothers, Rosa Castillo, Carvin Coppersmith, Tyson Crawford, Bradley Crozier, Dillon Daniels, Jayden Davenport, Karilyn Dudik, Mason Emigh, Kallie Featherston, Kloye Feldman, Reagan Fitts, Ranyah Garraway, Raylee Glover, Dylan Granados, Max Healer, Torri Hobbs, Amelia Holden, Juan Ibarra, Clayton Jones, Keira Jones, Tiffany Kollman, Vincent Lira-Rodriguez, Evan McCracken, Avery Meelbusch, Tamiah Miller, Trae Miller, Brayden Mills, Logan Morgan, Hayden Mullins, Malachi Olvera, Rexall Owen, Laura Perez, Brianna Petrie, Emryss Robles, Dominyk Romero, Keira Ruiz, Katelyn Sanchez, Foster Shirley, Ariel Short, Yeri Solano, Maryjane Stevens, Chloe Stovall, Carolmarie Szustak, Jade Villegas, Kaitlyn Walden, Myia Walpole, Hayleigh Webb, Zayla Wisheart, Addison Woods, Royce Wright, Alaynah Wrisk

10th Grade

Tommy Aaron, Sean Aguilar, Juan Almandariz, Madison Ayres, Cameron Baker, Elizabeth Bales, Blake Barnes, Charlee Barron, Kale Branum, Coral Bryant, Zachary Bryant, Lorelai Byrd, Jonathan Chavez, Cayleigh Coursey, Taylor Coward, Nathan El-

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11th Grade

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The DISPATCH

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of April 24 – 27. While there were many calls to the dispatcher, this is a partial list of more significant activity. 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 24
2:15 a.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 2500 block of E. Main Street.
8:13 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 14000 block of W. Hwy. 84
April 25
8:11 a.m., a burglary was reported in the 200 block of N. 7th Street.
2:43 p.m., harassment was reported in the 200 block of S. Lovers Lane.
3:08 p.m., a theft was reported in the 2800 block of S. State Hwy. 36.
3:18 p.m., a theft was reported in the 100 block of Veazey Drive.
4:31 p.m., an assault was reported in the 300 block of Thackston Lane.
5:06 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1100

block of S. Lovers Lane.
April 26
7:29 a.m., a brush/grass fire was reported on CR 320.
11:46 a.m., an accident was reported in the 2800 block of S. State Hwy. 36.
2:54 p.m., a theft was reported in the 2300 block of Bridge Street.
4:34 p.m., a theft was reported in the 200 block of S. Lutterloh Avenue.
5:18 p.m., animal cruelty was reported in the 200 block of N. 7th Street.
8:41 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 300 block of E. Main Street.
April 27
12:54 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 300 block of FM 107.
1:33 p.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 1200 block of W. Main Street.
1:52 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the

2000 block of Waco Street.
4:48 p.m., an armed suspect was reported in the 100 block of N. 19th Street.
9:24 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1200 block of E. Main Street.
11:04 p.m., a noise disturbance was reported in the 1200 block of Bridge Street.

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April 24
12:34 a.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 100 block of Shell Mountain Road.
8:37 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported on FM 1829 between FM 107 and Hwy. 84.
11:06 a.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 100 block of Robert Street.
11:27 a.m., a theft was reported in the 11000 block of E. Hwy. 84.
11:49 p.m., a theft was reported in the 3800 block of Greenbriar Road.
7:19 p.m., a threat was reported in the 3300 block of Old Fort Gates Road.
April 25
8:41 a.m., an animal complaint was reported on S. Hwy. 36 at CR 360.
8:55 a.m., a civil mat-



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Jonesboro FFA to hold banquet

Jonesboro FFA will have their awards banquet on Tuesday, May 24, at 6:30 p.m. The banquet will take place at the Jonesboro Community Center. The com-

munity center is located at 11625 Hwy. 36. A meal will be provided, and donations are appreciated. Those wishing to attend can RSVP by May 12 to beth.gann@jonesboroisd.net

The nationally known Future Farmers of America organization was first established in 1928 in Kansas City.



The first place District 8 Junior Consumer Decision Making Team consists of, pictured from left, Bobbi Tubbs, Jozie Wolff and Eve Fulton.

4-H teams continue to win

Coryell County 4-H members have been busy competing and excelling at 4-H contests. Contests provide members not only with the opportunity to compete with other 4-H members, but also a great learning experience that helps them grow in their project areas and learn teamwork skills. The Livestock Judging, Consumer Decision Making, and Fashion Show contests were all recently held.

The District 8 Livestock Judging contest took place in Bryan on April 23 where 12 members in the junior, intermediate and senior divisions participated, representing Coryell County. The senior team once again qualified for the state contest by placing second in a tough field of competitors. District 8, which is made up of 21 counties in central Texas, is comprised of some of the best teams in the state. Placing in the top three and advancing to state is no easy feat. Placing just three points behind Bell County, the locals will again be vying for a chance to compete at a national contest once more. The intermediate and junior teams also placed well at Saturday's contest, both finishing in the top 10.

The District Consumer Decision Making contest was held April 25 in Cleburne. Team members use their consumer skills after given a scenario, to place products. Intermediates and seniors justify their decisions by giving oral reasons. The Coryell County senior team placed 12th. Three teams of intermediates competed, placing third, fourth and 10th. Two junior teams represented the county, placing first and 10th.

The 4-H Fashion Show allows members to learn consumer buying skills, fashion design skills and sewing construction skills in a fun, competitive environment. Individuals also participate in a runway style show to display their garments. Cayleigh Coursey placed first in the senior division with her fashion story board and will advance to the state contest. Lillie Mann placed second in the Intermediate Buying-Dressy category.

All Coryell County 4-H members did an outstanding job representing the county at the District contests. The next District 4-H contests will be Public Speaking, Educational Presentations, and the Share the Fun Talent Show.

Livestock judging results are as follows:

Second place Senior Team: Kinsey Gardner (second high individual), Samuel Belt (sixth high individual) Costin Allison, and Trey Harbour. Garrett Young also competed.

10th place Intermediate Team: Bailey Wolff, Thomas Belt and Lilly Kinsey

Sixth place Junior Team: Jozie Wolff, Mary Mitchell and Pete Wallace

Consumer Decision Making results are as follows:

12th place Senior Team: Jaycee Redden, Emma Rodriguez and Addie Rueter

Third place Intermediate Team: Chole Lusk, Jaelee Thornton, Zak Huckabee and Lilly Kinsey

Fourth place Intermediate Team: Willow Holland, Peyton Williamson, Bailey Wolff and Makaylie Williams

10th place Intermediate Team: Hunter Beaty, Leonela Rodriguez, Ziana Cole and Elizabeth Schoenewolf

First place Junior Team: Bobbi Tubbs (first high individual), Jozie Wolff, and Eve Fulton

10th place Junior Team: Laine Rueter, Mary Mitchell, and Eli Inman

Wallace, Wells excel at competition

Roman Wallace and Paisley Wells, members of the 2022 TMEA Region 8 All-Region MS/JH Choir, learned five high school level pieces in preparation for an audition on April 9, and had to sing for a blind panel of five judges.

The All-Region Choir consists of students from roughly 40 schools throughout Central Texas, with over 700 students auditioning. Only 120 girls will make the Treble Choir and 70 boys will make the Tenor-Bass Choir.

Wells took fourth chair, out of nearly 60 competitors in her zone. Wallace was eighth chair, out of 22 competitors in his zone. They spent the past Saturday at Midway Middle School for the clinic and then gave a stellar performance.

Wells was selected for the 2022 TCDA MS/JH All-State Choir. She will have several songs to learn prior to the Texas Choral Director Convention in July where she will spend several days rehearsing with the group, with a final performance in front of thousands of music educators and audience members.



2022 TMEA Region 8 All-Region MS/JH Choir members Roman Wallace and Paisley Wells

Average teacher salary in Texas trails national average by \$7,510

The average teacher salary in Texas now trails the national average by \$7,510, according to the latest rankings released today by the National Education Association (NEA), at a time when teacher salaries across the country are struggling to keep pace with inflation.

The Texas gap is even worse for the most experienced teachers, although beginning teachers compare more favorably to their peers nationwide.

The average maximum salary for Texas teachers lags \$12,867 behind the national average, while the average starting salary for first-year teachers is \$2,757 more than the national average. Texas ranks 14th in the country in average starting pay for new teachers but 43rd in top salaries for veteran teachers. The state's overall salary ranking for all teachers is 26th.

"The new state task force studying teacher shortages can start here," Texas State Teachers Association President Ovidia Molina said. "Other factors, including the pandemic and the disrespect that some state leaders have

shown educators, are driving good, experienced teachers from the classroom. But the bottom line for most teachers is their bottom line. The pay raises in 2019 were not enough. They can no longer afford doing the work they love."

"Our most experienced teachers are particularly frustrated with salary policies that do not adequately recognize them for additional training and experience. Texas' record in this regard is abysmal," she added.

Texas' average salary for all teachers for the current 2021-22 school year, based on state financial data reported to NEA, is \$58,887, compared to the national average of \$66,397. That ranks Texas 26th among the states and the District of Columbia.

The average starting salary for beginning Texas teachers, based on state data for 2020-21, was \$44,527, compared to the national average for first-year teachers of \$41,770. But one-third or more of those starting teachers will be gone from Texas classrooms after five years as their pay starts to fall farther behind their needs.

Top salaries for teachers, based on such factors as experience and advanced degrees, vary from district to district, but the average in Texas for the most experienced teachers was \$63,673, compared to the national average of \$76,540.

"Our school support employees also are underpaid," Molina said. "These people are the bus drivers, cafeteria workers, secretaries, teach-

ers' aides and many more whose work is essential to every school campus. Teachers can't do their jobs without them."

According to a related NEA report, these school district employees in Texas were paid, on average across job categories, \$29,067 in 2020-21, ranking Texas 38th in the country.

But Texas broke into the Top 10 among the states and the District of Columbia in another school finance category of special concern to property taxpayers. In 2020-21, Texas moved from 14th to 10th highest in the percentage of state and local school revenue paid by local taxpayers. Local property taxes accounted for 57.7% of total state and local school revenue in Texas that year. That was almost nine points more than the national average of 48.8%.

This continued overreliance on local property taxes contradicts what state leaders promised when they enacted House Bill 3, the school finance law, in 2019. They said House Bill 3 would transfer more of the responsibility for school funding to the state and give property taxpayers a break, but that hasn't happened.

Based on input from school finance experts in Texas, TSTA believes a more-accurate estimate of Texas' average per-pupil ADA payment for 2021-22 is about \$12,000.

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Derek Spence performs as George Strait

C.A.F.E. group to see George Strait impersonator in May

The Christian Adult Fellowship Events group (C.A.F.E.) at the First United Methodist Church will be attending various events over the next few months.

The group will be travelling to Granbury on Saturday, May 14, to see Derek Spence perform as George Strait. Spence greatly resembles and sings like Strait. They will leave the church parking lot at 10:30 a.m., and eat at a local restaurant, which will

be self-pay. The performance will take place at 3 p.m. For tickets and transportation, the total cost will be \$60 per person. At this time, C.A.F.E. has 20 tickets reserved, so reservations will need to be made in advance since this performance is predicted to be a sell-out.

On Thursday, June 9, the group will be attending "Stars over Texas" in Waco and on Saturday, July 9, they will be travelling to Llano to

see the Malpas Brothers at the Llano theater. More information about the June and July trips will be furnished closer to the scheduled time.

Reservations and/or payments for the May trip can be made by contacting the First United Methodist Church at 254-865-2520 or by contacting Ruth Jones at 254-865-2112.

First United Methodist Church is located at 2600 E. Main Street in Gatesville.

EVANT STUDENTS ATTEND YES EXPO



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Evant High School students, ninth through 12th grade, recently participated at the YES! Expo in Waco. The students visited with various colleges and career exhibitors during the event. The YES! Expo is a career exploration event for youth in the Heart of Texas. This multi-award-winning event connects youth to career and educational opportunities available in the region.

Mooney fundraiser May 29

A fundraiser benefit to help defray the medical expenses of Hershhal Mooney will be held on Sunday, May 29, at 4 p.m. at Texas Station Event Center. Tickets will be \$50 per person and will include a crawfish plate.

The tickets are pre-sale and can be purchased at Vintage Royalty.

Entertainment will be provided by Waylon Thibodeaux, "Louisiana's Rockin Fiddler." Those planning to attend are asked to

bring lawn chairs and coolers. It will be a BYOB fundraiser event.

Doors will open at 3 p.m. and food will be served at 4 p.m. Texas Station Event Center is located at 305 Old Fort Gates Road.



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Comfort and Belief

“Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.”
—1 Peter 1:8-9 NIV

Recently, I heard a preacher at a funeral remark that “we don’t believe because it’s comforting, but we are comforted because we believe.” This was a nice turn of phrase and certainly comforting words for a funeral, where we are all hoping that we will see our dearly departed again. But this turn of phrase is also good advice for those of us who don’t want to be lazy about what we believe, and want to believe things because they are true rather than simply because they are comforting. It’s easy to fall into the trap of believing things either because we want them to be true or because we fear the alternative, and it’s tempting to view a lot of religious beliefs as falling squarely into one or the other of these cases. So the real question becomes what we are justified in believing, and in the realm of religion, where the subject matter clearly transcends the realm of experience, we must rely on faith. As Saint Paul rightly noted, “faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.” (Hebrews 11:1 NIV) Many areas of life require this leap of faith. Every friendship and every marriage starts with a leap of faith which hopes, but cannot know in advance, that things will work out well. Likewise, when we invest our money or invest our time and effort in studying, we are hoping that those investments will pay off. When it comes to believing in God and the afterlife, we cannot know with certainty, but our faith gives us confidence, and in that there is great comfort. — Christopher Simon

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Gatesville Head Start is now accepting applications for the 2022-2023 school year. Head Start is a pre-school offering excellent educational opportunities along with medical, dental, developmental, and nutritional benefits at no cost. The Head Start approach of individualized care and guidance is well suited to helping children with disabilities. Children between the ages of 3 and 5 may be eligible. There is **no charge** for participation in Head Start. Pick up your application now at the Head Start Center at 1105 Saunders Street or 1111 W. Main St. For more information, call your local center at 254/865-5423, 254/404-2198 or 254/865-5555 or Hill Country Community Action Association at 325/372-5167.

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Saturday, April 30 only, 8am-1pm, 715 FM 2412. Women's clothes, kitchen appliances, and lots of misc. Cancel if raining.

Weekly Feature for Tues, 05/03 - Sat, 05/09 is LINENS! The Boys & Girls Club Resale Shop, 1706 E. Main. Tuesday-Friday, 8a.m.-5p.m. & Saturday, 9a.m.-3p.m.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED SPEED LIMITS ON COUNTY ROADS

Pursuant to Texas Transportation Code §251.152, Coryell County, hereby gives notice that a public hearing will be held at 9:00 a.m. on May 10, 2022, in the Coryell County Commissioners' Courtroom, at 800 E. Main St., Suite A, Gatesville, Texas, to receive public input on proposed traffic regulations, being modified speed limits on County Roads, to include:

- CR 128: 40 MPH
- CR 142: 30 mph from FM 116, 2.4 miles
- CR 262: 35 mph
- CR 267: 40 mph
- CR 268: 40 mph
- CR 334: 35 mph
- Greenbriar Road: 35 mph from Barton Lane to Dusty Lane intersection
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- 10.01 acres east of Evant, TX, Buffalo Creek Ranch Subdivision, nice home site and nice view looking south toward Langford Branch with native pasture going down to the branch, approx. 394 ft. of Langford Branch, \$210,000
- 12.1 acres, FM 929 Frontage & CR 255 frontage, property is level with good views to the north, approx. 4.5 acres of Coastal Bermuda & the remaining is native grasses. Coryell City Water & electric are available along CR 255. \$150,000
- 14.89 acres east of Evant, TX, located on CR 160. Good tree cover & rolling terrain. Known as Lots 66 & 67 in the Indian Creek Ranch Subdivision, \$150,000
- 17 acres, FM 929 frontage & CR 255 frontage. The property is level with good views to the north, approx. 8 acres of Coastal Bermuda & the remaining is native grasses. Coryell City Water & electric are available along CR 255. \$195,000
- 20.02 acres, Evant, TX in Hamilton County, rolling terrain, good tree cover & a seasonal creek on the south boundary of the property. The property will have electric serviced by Hamilton County Electric Co. & Fiber Optic Internet service from Central Texas Telephone Company. \$265,000
- 4/2 Doublewide Home, 850 Blakely Rd., Gatesville, TX, laminate wood floors throughout the home, front porch & deck at the back of the home, 6 ft. x 6 ft. safe house, 40 ft. x 30 ft. metal building 2 roll up doors & 2 walk-through doors, water well that is 493 deep and estimated yield of 30 GPM, good exterior fencing, 1 stock pond, rolling terrain with good tree cover. \$498,777
- 36 +/- acres west of Evant, TX, Hamilton County. The property is completely fenced with electric along the front of the property, scattered tree cover & rolling terrain & pond that is on the neighbor's property that back up water onto the property. Fiber Optic Internet Service, you will need to drill a water well for water. \$387,000
- 47.332 ac. south of Ireland, TX, good tree cover, rolling terrain, good fencing on 3 sides, southside will need to be fenced. \$463,853
- 74.7 acres west of Purnela, FM 1241, barn, cattle pens, good fences, nice view, centrally located. \$511,695.
- 105 acres south of Pearl, TX on Self Rd. Good tree cover, rolling terrain, small branch that run through the property, barn that is approx. 38 ft. x 42 ft. in size with a rain harvest system that collects rainwater from the roof of the barn. Electricity is along the property line in the northwest corner of the property, \$743,775
- 179.562 acres 1.6 miles south of Gatesville, TX, FM 116 frontage, great views, stock tank, rolling terrain & scattered tree cover. Multi-County Water & City of Gatesville have water line running down the front of the property. \$1,230,000
- 242.01 ac. east of Evant, TX on Hwy 84. good tree cover, rolling terrain, 2 stock tanks, water meter at road from Multi County Water Supply and electricity is on the property, Fiber Optic Internet Service is also available, good exterior fencing and approx. 20 acres of farmland. The property is in Coryell & Hamilton County and also has road frontage off of Perkins Rd. \$1,899,778
- 252.87 Acres, 3 Br 2 Ba home 1865 CR 140 Gatesville, open floor plan, fire-place, breakfast bar, inground pool, 3 car attached carport with 12 ft. x 13 ft. storage building, a 60 ft. x 66 ft. metal building, 24 ft. x 60 ft. lean-to, approx. 900 sq. ft. that has been framed out for living quarters inside the main part of the building, good exterior & interior fencing, cattle pens, rolling terrain, scattered tree cover & great views. \$2,150,000

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice of Public Sale Pursuant to Chapter 59 of the Texas Property Code, Ideal Self Storage 1611 E Mains St, Gatesville, TX 76528 will have an on-line auction. The property is being sold to satisfy the landlord's lien. The sale will be at www.storageauctions.com beginning 5/2/22 @ 11am and ending 5/11/22 @ 11am. Seller reserves the right to withdraw any property from the sale upon payment in full. Units to be sold are: Brandi Green, Sheri Hoisington, BJ Jarrell, Brandi Tyroch. Inventory: furniture, clothing, electronics, household items, misc boxes/totes. 00029276

GATESVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Gatesville ISD is requesting proposals for the following product/services:
PROPERTY & CASUALTY INSURANCE COVERAGE
For The fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2023
DEADLINE: Sealed proposals must be received no later than: 2:00 PM Monday, May 27, 2022
DELIVERY: Sealed proposals must be delivered in person or mailed to:
GISD Administration Building
Attention: Darrell Frazier, CFO
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RFP DOCUMENTS: An RFP packet (including bid forms, specifications and instructions to bidders) may be obtained as follows:

- 1) By writing to Mr. Frazier at the above address
 - 2) By emailing Mr. Frazier at dfrazier@gatesvilleisd.org
 - 3) By calling Mr. Frazier at (254) 865-7251, Option 9
 - 4) By downloading the RFP file off the GISD website: www.gatesvilleisd.org click on "Departments", "Bids/Proposals", "Property & Casualty"
- Disclaimer: The Gatesville ISD Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any or all bids/proposals or any portion thereof and to accept the bid/proposal most advantageous to the district. Any exceptions to coverage requested in the specifications should be clearly explained in writing. Failure to meet all specified conditions may invalidate a proposal.

Tigers outscore Hornets in slugfest

BY CHRIS ALLMAN
SPECIAL TO THE MESSENGER

Thanks to a poorly conceived tie-breaker scenario the District 6-4A baseball playoff picture is even more complex than it was just a week ago.

A 16-13 loss Gatesville loss to Glen Rose on Tuesday forced the Hornets into a must-win in their rematch against the Tigers on Friday night. A loss would eliminate Gatesville (9-16, 4-7) from the playoffs. A win would extend the season at least one more game as it would trigger a tournament-style playoff for seeding and, potentially, the final spot.

A Gatesville win on Friday coupled with a Brownwood loss at Stephenville would mean a four-team playoff between the Hornets, Glen Rose, Lampasas, and Brownwood. Games would be played on Saturday and on Monday.

A Gatesville win on Friday and a Brownwood win against Stephenville would mean a three-team playoff between the Hornets, Lampasas, and Glen Rose.

A Gatesville win on Friday would wrap up a 2-1 season-series win against Glen Rose. The Hornets also own the season series against Lampasas thanks to a 3-0 record against the Badgers this season.

Despite those wins, the Hornets will be forced into the tie-breaking tournament as head-to-head record is not taken into account when determining playoff spots and seeding.

"We could go 5-1 and win both series against those guys and they could have the opportunity to jump us," Gatesville head coach Chase Smith said. "It's crazy. Just another obstacle for us this year."

On Tuesday, the obstacle was a surprisingly potent Glen Rose offense. The Tigers scored just one earned run in Gatesville's 8-5 win on March 25 but erupted for 15 hits and 15 earned runs on Tuesday.

"Usually when you score 13 runs you win the game but credit to them, they hit the ball a little bit better," Smith said.

Gatesville jumped out to a lead in the bottom of the first inning with a textbook display of offense from the top of their lineup.

Parker Allman singled to open the game then quickly took second on his team-leading 17th steal of the season. Hayden Mooney followed with a single to left scoring Allman. Cayden Mata then doubled to left to score Mooney for a 2-0 lead. They would extend the lead to 4-0 after one inning when Mata and Grant Erwin scored on Glen Rose errors.

Mooney singled in two runs in the bottom of the third and

Gatesville had a 6-3 lead after three innings when Glen Rose erupted for eight runs and an 11-6 lead after four innings.

But the Hornets battled back.

Walks from Carter Williams and Mooney opened the bottom of the fifth and Williams scored on a Glen Rose error. Bralen Veazey singled to left to cut the deficit to 11-8 after five. Veazey was one of three Hornets with two hits.

In the sixth, Kody Hernandez and Williams reached and Hernandez scored on a passed ball to cut the lead to 11-9. Allman drove home Williams with his second hit of the night to make it 11-10 Tigers after six.

But Glen Rose put the game out of reach with another five runs in the top of the seventh.

Gatesville was led by Allman, Mooney, Mata, and Veazey offensively. Allman, Mooney and Veazey each had two hits and Mooney drove in three runs. Williams also singled and scored two runs. He reached base in all three of his plate appearances.

"The last couple weeks we have scored runs and hit the ball most games but we just haven't had the game where we put it all together with pitching, defense, and hitting. It would be good timing if it came together Friday and Saturday for us," Smith said.

Gatesville Junior High tennis team competes in Brownwood



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Ally Nichols, 8th grade girls singles, 3rd place.



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Ben Woodson, 8th grade boys singles, 1st place



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Daniela Lee & Isis Germain, 7th grade - girls doubles, 1st place



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Finn Rogers & Madeline Fast, 8th grade girls doubles, 1st place



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London Kizer & Breeze Buckner, 8th grade girls doubles, 3rd place



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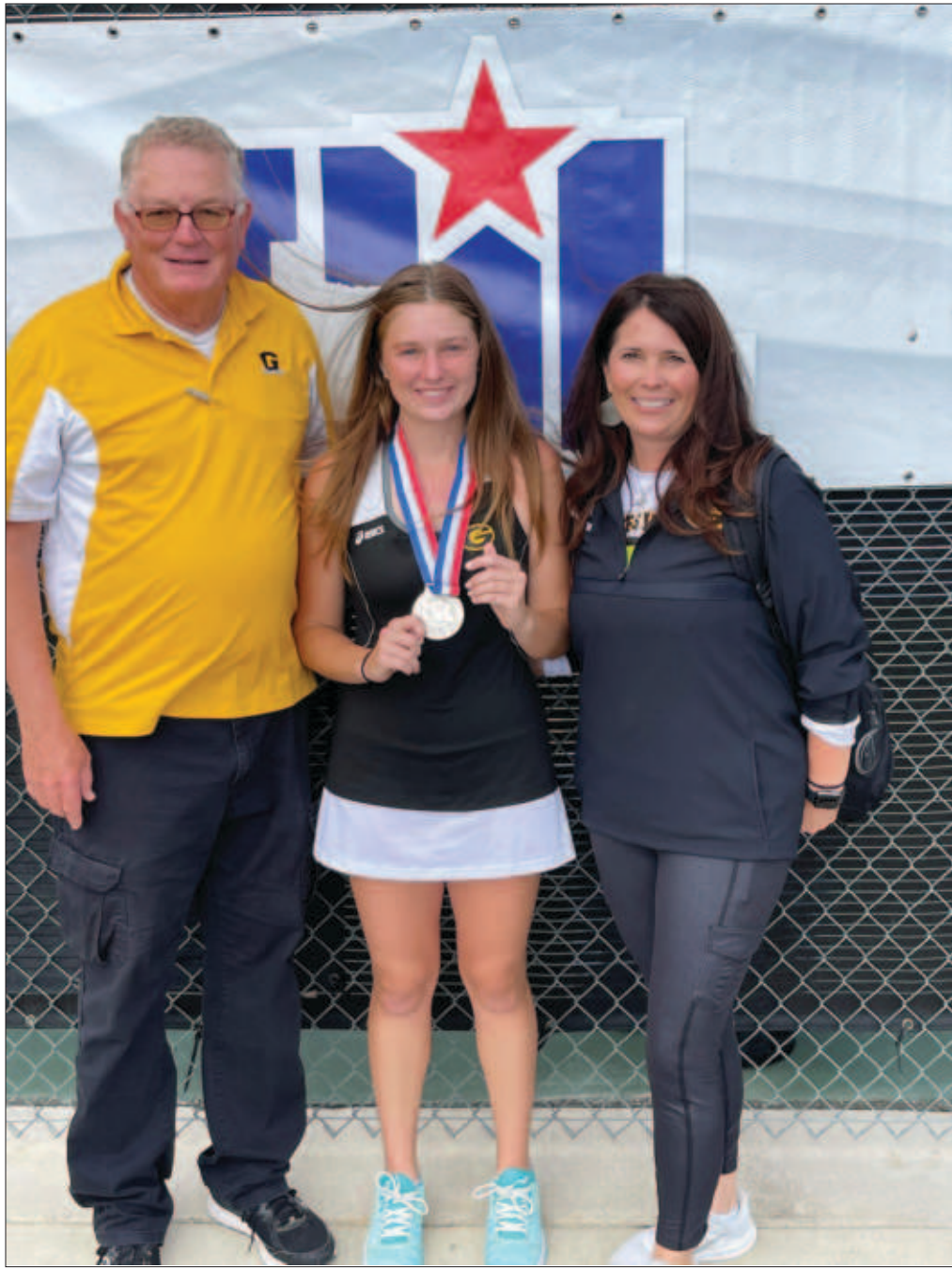
Macee Ayers, 8th grade girls singles, consolation



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GATESVILLE JUNIOR HIGH TENNIS: London Kizer 3rd in girls 8th grade doubles, Ally Nichols 3rd in girls 8th grade single, Macee Ayers consolation in 8th grade singles, Breeze Buckner 3rd in girls 8th grade doubles, Madeline Fast 1st in girls 8th grade doubles, Finn Rogers 1st in girls 8th grade doubles, Zayden Charles 1st in 7th grade Boys doubles, Ben Woodson 1st in 8th grade boys singles, Bo Kelley 1st in 7th grade boys doubles, Jayden Moore 5th in 7th grade boys singles.

Stormy Tatum earns silver at state



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Left: Gatesville High School tennis coach Wendell Jones stands with Stormy Tatum and her mom and assistant coach Marla Tatum following the Class 4A state tennis tournament in San Antonio. Above: Stormy holds up her silver medal following a second place finish at the state tennis tournament. She did not lose a district game in four years at GHS, and finished second statewide in Class 4A in 2021 and 2022.

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Hillside Medical Lodge donates van to GHS Auto Mechanics Class



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 auto mechanics.

"At Hillside, we look to give back to our community any chance we can," said Administrator Mike Beasley.



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