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County approves jail healthcare help

BY JEFF OSBORNE
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

Responding to a heavy medical caseload at the Coryell County Jail, the Coryell County Commissioners Court approved hiring personnel to help decrease the workload on the jail's nurse. "When an emergency arises inside the Coryell County Jail, they call our nurse," said Tim Quintana, a correctional consultant with Southern Health Partners. "She previously worked for the TDCJ (Texas Department of Criminal Justice, which administers the state's prisons) and is tops in her field. She's putting in a lot of hours due to jail overcrowding and staffing shortages.

"We're in a losing situation and I'm asking y'all for further help with a med tech who can assist her 20 or 40 hours a week. This is one of those situations



where we really need help. We are in a critical situation. Ultimately, it will also help Coryell County to be more proac-

tive on the medical front. It has a trickle-down impact. I would hate to burn her out and lose her."

Commissioner Kyle Matthews said he is familiar with the concern.

"I've visited with the nurse, and I agree - she's overworked, but she does a great job," he said.

County Judge Roger Miller said he has talked to the Kaufman County sheriff, which also uses the services of Southern Health Partners, and learned that they help fill medical needs at their jail by using a split shift approach that might also be beneficial in Coryell County.

Quintana said he would welcome an approach that can help reduce the workload on the jail nurse, and that filling the need with a med tech is a viable solution.

"In today's world, getting a nurse is like getting an astronaut - they're rare

and highly sought after," he said. "I believe a med tech or med techs would be easier to find."

"Is a med tech able to dispense medication?" Miller asked.

"Yes, and they would be extremely beneficial in helping," Quintana said. "Our nurse sometimes works 60 or 70 hours a week and she also gets calls at home. She's very dedicated."

Matthews said getting additional help is a high priority for the county.

"I think it's super important because this will help prevent potential errors," he said. He proposed allocating 20 hours per week for a med tech "to see how that helps. It may solve the problem, or it may tell us we need another 20 hours."

"We really appreciate it," Quintana

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Barbecue that keeps 'em coming back

BY JEFF OSBORNE
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

Nolan Marshall could have retired after working 60 years as a truck driver, but the Gatesville resident instead embarked on a second career cooking barbecue, and the faithful customers who frequent his establishment Thursday through Saturday are glad he did.

"I cook ribs, brisket, sausage - I do it all," Nolan said. "I really enjoy cooking. Before I had this business I cooked for family all the time on weekends. It's something I really enjoy."

"If people come here and try it, most of them come back. That's how it got its name (Marshall's Comeback BBQ)."

Business was steady on a recent Friday, with a line of people waiting during lunch hour, although the service was quick. Nolan is helped by his son Renny and employee Sue Sedberry.

Renny said he likes being able to help wherever he can.

"I like meeting people, serving people and just helping out - I enjoy it all," he said.

As for his favorite menu item, Renny said he likes the sausage best.

While ribs, brisket and sausage take top billing, other items including barbecue Frito pie and loaded baked potatoes are also popular.

"I sell more brisket than any-

"If people come here and try it, most of them come back. That's how it got its name."

Nolan Marshall, owner and chief cook of Marshall's Comeback BBQ in Gatesville.

thing," he said. "Sometimes it gets so busy I can hardly keep up. We also sell a lot of barbecue Frito pie and loaded baked potatoes."

"I also do catering if anyone has a special event."

Nolan said he mixes his own barbecue salt, and the banana pudding on the menu is homemade.

He came to Gatesville in 1961 after a career on the road delivering mobile homes.

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PIT-SMOKED GOODNESS: Nolan Marshall and Sue Sedberry stand next to the smoker at Marshall's Comeback BBQ in Gatesville

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New 'upscale' RV park proposed near local ball park

BY JEFF OSBORNE
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A local resident is hoping to build an upscale RV resort on land he owns on the east side of the Gatesville ball park, and is seeking city water service for the development.

Lynn Massingill spoke to the Gatesville City Council on April 12 and again on April 26 and said he hopes to build a quality facility that will bring in visitors to the community.

Massingill said he met with city staff before approaching the Council and was told there is no capacity to add sewer services at the property, although water could be made available.

He said he hoped to proceed with the development by utilizing a septic system, and said he believes the RV park will benefit the community by giving people a

place to stay when nearby baseball tournaments, riding club and rodeo events take place.

Massingill and his son, Chase, both addressed the Council on April 26.

Chase expressed disappointment that the proposed RV park was removed from the Council agenda because two Council members were not present at the meeting.

He said the item has been "unjustly removed from the agenda" and that the Council routinely conducts business without all members being present. He added that his family has owned the property since the 1980s.

"City ordinance includes a path for beneficial development, and the city has the right to sell water outside the city limits," Chase said.

He asked for the proposal to be included in that evening's agenda, "or if that's not possible, the next meeting.

"This action does not require a vote - several months ago it could have been handled with a phone call," Chase said.

Massingill said he is unsure why his request for city services for the property has stalled.

"I'm wondering how we got to this point," he said. "I'm trying to get water to an RV park that will be nice, beneficial to the city and bring in more money for the city. This business will bring outside money to the city."

"A 6-inch water line there is what we need, and this will be a good development, it won't be a shabby campground. I don't know how we got to a point where this can't be resolved. It's just a matter of calling the water department."

Councilman Claude Williams said he is in favor of putting the item on the agenda as soon as possible so the Council can consider the request.

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HELP

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"We really appreciate it," Quintana said. Commissioner Daren Moore said he favored allocating 40 hours because of the workload and the number of inmates. "I really don't have a problem with option 1 (the 40-hour recommendation), and that may help us to hire two med techs," he said. Miller said taking action was crucial. "I do believe we need to do something immediately," he said. "I don't believe either option fully addresses what our needs are. This is really a Band-Aid. We really need to re-

assess what kind of medical services we have at the jail and what we will need going forward." Quintana said whatever help is offered will be welcome. "We need it - we need that Band-Aid right now to get us through," he said. "I would welcome the opportunity to come down and talk to you during budget time." Commissioner Ray Ashby made the motion for the 40-hour option, which Matthews seconded, and the court unanimously approved the proposal. "This requires a budget amendment, but it could be very well be considered an emergency situation," Miller said.

BBQ

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"I traveled all over the place - Arizona, Oklahoma, Arkansas and also places in Texas - Odessa, Fort Worth, El Paso, Houston and Dallas," Nolan said. Andrew Taylor, a family friend who went to school in Gatesville with Renny Marshall, said he works for Union Pacific Railroad which involves frequent travel, and Marshall's Comeback BBQ is among the best he has had. "I travel a lot and eat a lot of barbecue and I love coming here," Taylor said. "I like this the best. The food is great, and I also think a lot of the family. Mr. Marshall is a humble man and he is always doing what he can to help people." "My favorite thing to get here is the three-meat plate. You can tell they enjoy feeding people." Nolan said in addition to cooking, interacting with customers is a highlight for him. "I enjoy meeting the customers," he said. "Just about everyone I've met



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(Top) Plenty of seating is available at Marshall's Comeback BBQ, located off Lutterloh Avenue just south of St. Louis Street in Gatesville. (Below) A menu lists many of the items available.

has been really nice." In addition to Renny, Nolan has 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren, some of whom come and help, Nolan said. The family connection is

strong for the business. "This will be passed down to (Renny) one day, so the legacy will continue," Taylor said. Marshall's Comeback BBQ is open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday

through Saturday, and is located at 402 N. Lutterloh Ave. in Gatesville, just past St. Louis Street and down the road from H-E-B. For catering or special orders, call 254-679-9123.



Ft. Hood units train in California

Fort Irwin, CA - For the past two months, armored brigade combat teams from the 1st Cavalry Division conducted training at the National Training Center. While improving the brigades' lethality is a key training objective, commanders must also learn to leverage combat support capabilities. ICD Sustainment Brigade

commander, Col. Anthony Wilson, has travelled out to NTC multiple times during the armored brigade rotations to oversee logistics support. "Sustainment and logistics have to be there to perform and support during the planning and execution phases of training and real-world operations," Wilson said.

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Oglesby ISD to host for blood drive Friday

Summer marks a difficult season for the community blood supply, as focus turns to family vacations and time off from school.

However, the need for blood never takes a break. Carter BloodCare notes up to 800 patients - including those injured in accidents, older adults with health issues, people undergoing cancer treatments, and many others - need blood transfusions daily. Most require more than one unit of red blood cells or other components, such as plasma or platelets.

To support the community and avoid the summer slump in donations, Oglesby ISD is hosting a Carter BloodCare drive from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, May 6, at 125 College Avenue in the parking lot on the Carter BloodCare bus.

Donors can secure a spot at this lifesaving blood drive with any of these three options, but "walk-ins" are always welcomed:

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Contact: Sheila McClinton at (254) 456-2271 extension 221

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Carter BloodCare is an independent, community blood center providing transfusion resources to more than 180 medical facilities in 50-plus counties of North, Central and East Texas. The nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization is one of the largest blood programs in Texas, delivering more than 450,000 blood products annually to meet hospitals' requirements for their patients. Services include collection, processing, specialized laboratory testing, storage and distribution of blood and blood products.

Gatesville Shivarree Color Run June 4

The Gatesville Chamber of Commerce recently announced plans for the Gatesville Shivarree Color Run which will be held on Saturday, June 4, at 8 a.m.

Participants can run/walk through Gatesville getting covered in color as they go. The race will begin by Vintage Royalty Boutique near the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce. All entrants that register on or before May 15 will get an official "Color the Shivarree" shirt to show

off all the color. This event is fun for the whole family- children of all ages are welcome.

**Deadline to be guaranteed a t-shirt is May 15.

**PRICING: Age 4-10 \$10 | Age 11-17 \$15 | Age 18+ \$25

Note: Age-Based Pricing will be applied at checkout. This pricing will not be reflected on the sign-up page.

To register for the Gatesville Shivarree Color run, visit <https://runsignup.com/Register/?raceId=110684>

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DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Gatesville Sporting Adventures recently donated the proceeds from a raffle to VFW Post 8577 in Copperas Cove. The raffle prize was an American Eagle Henry .22 long rifle limited edition. The raffle raised \$1,250 which was presented to the post commander. Pictured in the presentation include from left to right, Brian Henry, Copperas Cove VFW member; Ron Abrahamson, Copperas Cove Post 8577 Commander; Tina Zimmerman, Johnny Zimmerman, Paul Petroni and Sara Petroni.

CTC summer registration now available

Registration for summer courses at the Central Texas College (CTC) central campus in Killeen opened this month on the school's Eagle Self-Service online system and will continue through May 30. Returning students who have a degree plan on file may register starting that day while new students must first complete the admissions process before registering online. The online admissions application is available on the CTC website.

Ten-week and summer I

five-week classes start May 31. Online registration for these classes is open through May 30. The summer II semester is a five-week term starting July 5 and the registration deadline is July 1. Class format for the summer semester includes in-person lecture, blended courses combining face-to-face lecture with online work and synchronous virtual lecture.

CTC offers several online terms with start dates of May 16 (eight-week term), May 31 (five- and 10-week

terms), June 13 (eight-week term), July 5 (five- and eight-week terms). The online registration deadline is the day before each term starts. Weekend (Friday, Saturday, Sunday) classes are also available starting June 3 (five-week term), June 17 (eight-week term) and July 8 (five-week term). Registration deadlines are June 2, June 16, and July 7 respectively.

The CTC Fort Hood campus will conduct summer I, June 6 through July 8, and summer II, July 11 through August 12,

five-week terms with face-to-face delivery. The registration deadline for summer I is June 10 while summer II registration closes July 15. Fort Hood also offers an eight-week term from June 6 through July 31 with blended classes combining online and in-classroom work. Registration is open through June 10.

Students in need of academic advising assistance can email academic.advising@ctcd.edu or go online to schedule an appointment.

BOOK REVIEW

Go hog wild and read this beastly book



TERRIS SCHLICHENMEYER

Sometimes, you're such a goose.

And that's okay; a little horsing around never hurt anyone and times with friends are the best. You can chatter like monkeys, laugh like hyenas, get a little squirrely, and memories are made like that. You need your friends to get wild every now and then, and in "The Social Lives of Animals" by Ashley Ward, you'll see that flying, running, climbing, and crawling creatures are really no different at all.

Anyone watching a few dogs playing in a park, or a clowder of cats in a windowsill, would likely agree that animals can form relationships. But how does that matter to humans?

Says Ward, being able to "trace direct... parallels between our own societies and those of the animals... [can] help us to appreciate how sociality shapes our lives...."

We love to gather in groups, for instance, and Antarctic krill likewise hate to be alone. As it turns out, gathering in large groups helps keep krill alive because it confounds whales, who enjoy krill for dinner. Being in groups keeps locusts alive, too: locusts can be cannibals, and the innate desire not to be eaten keeps them all moving "in the

same direction."

Teamwork may be essential at your job, just as it is with army ants. One bite from a single army ant hurts like crazy but it won't kill you. A bunch of army ants, though? That's a different matter entirely.

Flocks of birds have influenced the making of self-driving vehicles. Fish have taught scientists how many influencers are needed to move a crowd. Studies with rats show the effects of dense crowding on mental health, and cows are good at recognizing friends by their portraits. Hyenas communicate to the pack which prey they plan to hunt for the day. Whales play, and dolphins play with them. Monkeys lie to get what they want. Animals innovate, reason, have a culture, and communicate, Ward says, and they have a lot to tell us....

So, you say that someone called you a birdbrain the other day. What a compliment, as you'll see when you read "The Social Lives of Animals."

Chances are - especially

if you're an animal lover - you're already an observer of animal behavior and, if so, you'll be happy that author Ashley Ward extends your knowledge. There are, it seems, dozens of facts on each page that will delight lovers of fin, feather and fur, as well as new findings and fascinating anecdotes.

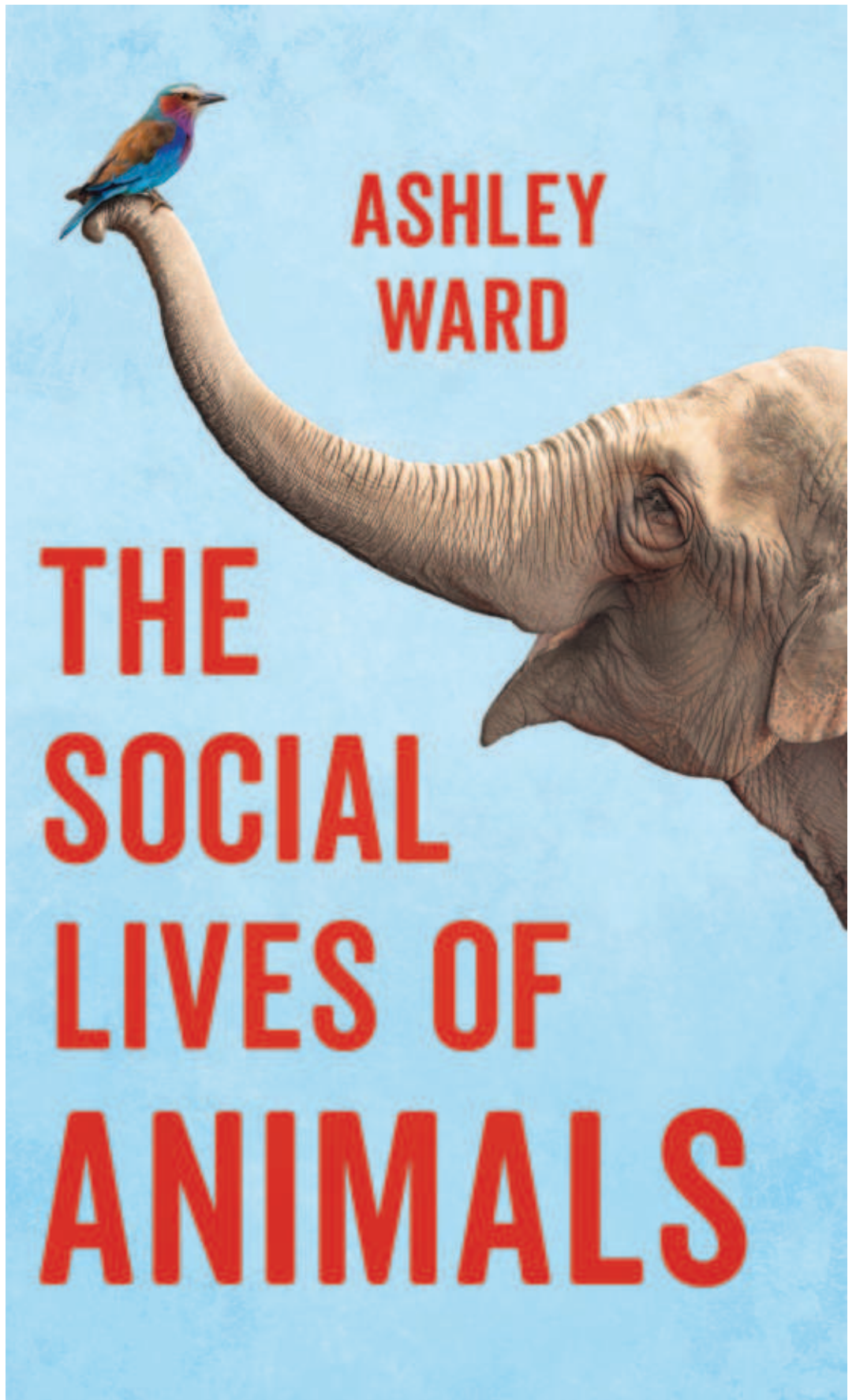
But this book isn't all serious bull. Ward is a lively writer who is obviously interested in his subject - he's a professor of animal behavior at the University of Sydney, after all - and his personal tales of exploration and discovery are academically lighthearted, like cocktail party banter that'll make you chuckle.

Perfect for armchair biologists and animal lovers of all kinds, this is one of those "hey, listen to this" kinds of books that you'll want to share out loud. Start "The Social Lives of Animals" and you'll go ape over it.

"The Social Lives of Animals" by Ashley Ward c.2022, Basic Books, \$30.00, 373 pages



Ashley Ward, Author



The DISPATCH

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of April 28 - May 1. 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 28
7:53 a.m., a theft was reported in the 100 block of Hillcrest Drive.
9:28 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2600 block of E. Main Street.
10:19 a.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 4200 block of S. State Highway 36.
4:23 p.m., an assault was reported in the 300 block of Lovers Lane.
9:03 p.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 1300 block of N. State Highway 36.
10:29 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 1600 block of Venus Avenue.

April 29
7:44 a.m., a threat was reported in the 2400 block of Business Highway 36.
8:34 a.m., a theft was reported in the 1200 block of E. Main Street.
11:49 a.m., an assault was reported in the 200 block of Hamilton Drive.
3:32 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1400 block of Saunders Street.
6:27 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 2400 block of Bridge Street.
11:47 p.m., a theft was reported in the 100 block of S. 23rd Street.

April 30
7:54 a.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 3500 block of FM 107.

8:44 a.m., a theft was reported in the 2300 block of Business Highway 36.
10:15 a.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of Fieldstone Drive.
3:39 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 200 block of Elm Lane.
3:57 p.m., a burglary was reported in the 300 block of Veteran's Memorial Loop.
10:53 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 4100 block of S. State Highway 36.

May 1
1:43 a.m., a theft was reported in the 1200 block of Mountain Road.
2:45 a.m., a robbery was reported in the 100 block of State Highway 36.
12:33 p.m., a theft was reported in the 300 block of FM 107.
1:27 p.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 100 block of Old Pidcoke Road.
2:55 p.m., a theft was reported in the 200 block of Old Osage Road.

10:06 p.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 100 block of N. State Highway 36 Bypass.

CORYELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

April 28
12:00 a.m., a welfare concern was reported on N. FM 116 and Vista Road.
12:17 a.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 100 block of Julia Drive.
2:15 p.m., a reckless driver was reported on FM 116.
5:20 p.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 300 block of FM 107.
6:03 p.m., shots being fired was reported in the 1000 block of Twin Mountain Road.
7:41 p.m., a domestic disturbance was reported on Old Pidcoke Road.

April 29
5:30 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported on CR 269 and FM 185.
10:03 a.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 2300 block of Hay Valley Road.
10:45 a.m., a theft was reported in the 1000 block of Pheasant Circle.
4:53 p.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 700 block of Northern Hills.
8:28 p.m., the burglary of a habitation was reported in the 6300 block of E. Highway 84.

9:37 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on Straws Mill Road.

April 30
9:36 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported on FM 932 and Mustang Creek.
11:50 a.m., a grass fire was reported in the 1000 block of CR 176.
3:51 p.m., a dog bite was reported in the 100 block of FM 1996.
4:30 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on CR 269.
6:34 p.m., property damage was reported in the 3000 block of Straws Mill Road.
7:56 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on Bald Knob Road near Old Georgetown Road.

May 1
1:44 a.m., a prowler was reported in the 1200 block of Mountain Road.
5:32 a.m., a runaway was reported in the 1200 block of Lutheran Church Road.
7:38 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported on CR 269.
1:48 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 1500 block of CR 177.
6:47 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on FM 215 and CR 248.
8:17 p.m., a minor accident was reported in the 300 block of Cattle Drive.

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The chapter of the National Honor Society at Evant Independent School District recently inducted eight new students. Those inducted were, pictured front row, left to right: Caystin Forrest, Canyon Smith, Jamie Graham, Aubrey Kelley and Kate McGilvray; back row, from left: Julia Andrade, Cason Ingram and Hunter White.



COURTESY PHOTO

The origins of Cinco de Mayo celebration

According to the editors of the Encyclopedia Britannica, Cinco de Mayo, (Spanish for "Fifth of May") also called Anniversary of the Battle of Puebla, is a holiday celebrated in parts of Mexico and the United States in honor of a military victory in 1862 over the French forces of Napoleon III. Cinco de Mayo is celebrated this year on Thursday, May 5.

In 1861, Mexico declared a temporary moratorium on the repayment of foreign debts, English, Spanish, and French troops invaded the country. By April 1862, the English and Spanish had withdrawn, but the French, with the support of wealthy landowners, remained in an attempt to establish a monarchy under Maximilian of Austria and to curb U.S. power in North America.

On May 5, 1862, a poorly equipped Mestizo and Zapotec force under the command of General Ignacio Zaragoza defeated French troops at the Battle of Puebla, southeast of Mexico City; about 1,000 French troops were killed. Although the fighting continued and the French were not driven out for another five years, the victory at Puebla became a symbol of Mexican resistance to foreign domination. The city, which was later renamed Puebla de Zaragoza, is the site of a museum devoted to the battle, and the battlefield itself is maintained as a park.

The day is celebrated in the state of Puebla with parades, speeches, and reenactments of the 1862 battle, though it is not much noticed in most of the rest of the country. In the mid-20th-century United States, the celebration of Cinco de Mayo became among Mexican immigrants a way of encouraging pride in their Mexican heritage.

Cinco de Mayo is not to be confused with Mexican Independence Day, which falls on September 16. The latter holiday was established in 1810, some 50 years before the Battle of Puebla occurred.

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

The Christian Adult Fellowship Events group (C.A.F.E.) at the First United Methodist Church will travel 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.

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Raffle to benefit Teri Kizer

Make a Wish Cancer Fundraiser is holding a raffle for Teri Kizer in her fight against cancer. Two-hundred raffle tickets are available at \$20

each and can be purchased at Gatesville Sporting Adventures at 2514 S. Hwy. 36. The winner of the raffle will receive a T-6 AR15 5.56

NATO 8:1 Twist Operator Series firearm. It has a modified triggering system and muzzle break and is valued at \$1,199.

Benefit May 14 for Medina family

A benefit will be held on Saturday, May 14, at 11 a.m. to benefit the children of Raul Medina, who suddenly passed away on March 5. The benefit will take place at the Texas Station Event Center. There will be a cornhole

tournament, bake sale, silent auction, and food. The cornhole tournament boards will open at 10 a.m., with bags starting to fly at 11 a.m. Cost will be \$60 per team with a \$1,500 pot. For those wishing to sponsor the event, sponsorships will be \$500. For those who would like to donate or sponsor, please call 254-223-4445. Texas Station Event Center is located at 4105 S. State Hwy. 36.

Mooney fundraiser concert and dinner to be held 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.

CCGS resumes meetings

After a two-year hiatus due to COVID-19 precautions, the Coryell County Genealogical Society will hold their regular meeting on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at 6 p.m., at the Gatesville Public Library. There will be a roundtable discussion of the future plans and projects for the organization, and a preview of future meeting programs.

The group is looking forward to this opportunity for members to reconnect and discuss their new genealogy happenings or Coryell County history discoveries. In the spirit of spring cleaning, they are reducing their holdings of extra copies of CCGS publications, by offering a half-price sale on our overstuffed items. The publications include Coryell

County cemetery and marriage books. As always, the public is invited to attend. If anyone is considering entering the fascinating world of genealogy, this organization is there to help you start your journey. If your interest is in Coryell County history, they have a great group of historians, who love to share their knowledge.

Adaptive sports field day 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 Gatesville residents and those in the surrounding areas to join them for a little baseball fun. Special needs children of all ages are welcome to partici-

rate. For more information about Gatesville Adaptive Sports, please contact Kara Dotson at 254-206-0064 or visit their Facebook page.

INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS



COURTESY PHOTO

At their April 28 meeting, Coryell Retired School Personnel (CRSP) installed new officers for 2022-2024. Shirley Boyd of Temple, the District 12 Immediate Past-President, did the installation. Pictured above, left to right, Shirley Boyd; Kathy Smith, Secretary; Marsha Lee, 2nd Vice-President; Gayla Linton, 1st Vice-President; Gail Johnson, President; and JoAnn Sugg, Immediate Past-President of the local chapter. Not pictured is Anne Byrom, who was installed as Treasurer by phone.

FROM MY FRONT PORCH

Who can understand the real reason we bite our lip or stub our toe?



SAM HOUSTON

Life is made up of a series of routine or repeated tasks. Since the age of 16 or 17, I have shaved most every morning. Getting dressed, I always put my right sock on first and then my left, but curiously put on my left shoe before the right. I consume a single large cup of coffee when I first wake up, and then drink several more once I arrive at the office. I make sure I have a pen in my shirt pocket, and I almost always wear a watch.

All these acts are normal everyday tasks, which over the years have become my habit or routine. Since I am currently 65 years old, by estimate I have shaved nearly 17,720

times, put on a pair of shoes more than 23,725 times and drank more than 54,750 cups of coffee. Most of these actions occurred without negative consequences.

We never consider how many times we breathe each day, blink our eyes or lick our lips. They are natural acts that we commit without a conscious thought. Humans breathe on average 15 times a minute, which means I have drawn a breath over 512,460,000 times! Most of these breaths were drawn with no conscious thought: my body simply performed the task. Remarkable!

So, tell me, how is it with the hundreds of thousands of times I have eaten and chewed food, I occasionally manage to bite my lip? What demon takes over my brain and somehow interrupts the normal, routine process of chewing, and suddenly causes my teeth to jump to one side of my mouth and snag a piece of my cheek or a lip?

Is it a political conspiracy or an alien invader who interrupts the solace of the universe to affect my bi-rhythms and cause such a

seemingly random act? I can be having a ham and cheese sandwich, chewing away as usual, and "WHAM," the next thing you know I just got a bite of lip! It hurts, and the worst part is trying to understand why it happened in the first place. What made my mind jump off the tracks like a runaway, out-of-control train? Surely there must be someone or something to blame for this sudden biological malfunction.

I have walked from the bathroom to my bed thousands of times. I am very familiar with each piece of furniture in the room, how the room is laid out, and the distance from the doorway to where I slide into bed. I regularly make the journey without incident or giving way to the evil forces that might cause action contrary to norm. So why are there occasions when my foot suddenly decides to introduce one of my toes to the framework of the bed and do so with such vigor as to make it feel like my toe was just hit with a 40-pound sledgehammer? I cannot imagine what wrong my toes have committed to lead my brain to punish my foot with such apparent lack of mercy or sympathy. Why do we stub our toe?

It would seem in life, we have habits and routines where we operate comfortably, but for some unexplainable reason, we occasionally inflict pain upon ourselves. No matter how much we prepare, how much we plan, or how we try to train our mind, we will still occasionally have an issue. Some of the pain is just fate, or bad luck. Some of it is simply the forces of the universe that make us wonder how much control we really have.

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SUTTON RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP



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Gatesville High School senior, Cooper Sutton, recently received a \$5,000 college scholarship from Coryell Valley Church. Sutton plans to attend Texas A&M University at College Station in the fall. Sutton, pictured left, was presented the check by church pastor, Christopher Horner.



Vacation Bible School to be held at Pearl Church of Christ

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

Davidson Cemetery Association annual meeting is Saturday

The Davidson Cemetery Association will hold their annual business meeting on Saturday, May 7, at 10 a.m. at the cemetery pavilion. All members and interested persons are encouraged to attend. Attendees are asked to bring their favorite picnic lunch and drink for the social following the meeting. For more information, please contact Jerry Helms at 254-865-2525. Davidson Cemetery is located on FM 1829 between Highway 84 and FM 107.

Pidcoke Cemetery Association to meet May 7 at the pavilion

The Pidcoke Cemetery Association will hold its annual business meeting on Saturday, May 7, at 11 a.m. at the cemetery pavilion. All members and interested persons are encouraged to attend. Attendees are asked to bring their favorite picnic lunch and drink for the social following the meeting. All donations may be mailed to: Pidcoke Cemetery Association, c/o Shirley Bartlett, Treasurer, 105 River Ridge Drive, Gatesville, TX 76528.

Hillsdale Cemetery Association's annual meeting set for May 21

The annual meeting of the Hillsdale Cemetery Association will be held on the third Saturday, May 21, at 9:30 a.m., at the cemetery on Slaters Road northeast of Izoro. The physical address for the cemetery is 278 Hillsdale Road in Coryell County. Anyone with relatives buried in the cemetery or those interested are welcome to attend the meeting. Donations can be sent to Hillsdale Cemetery Association, c/o Laresa Fowler-Yick, 7701 FM 1690, Copperas Cove, TX 76522. For more information, call 512-768-3864.

Meeting for the Greenbriar Cemetery Association 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 about the cemetery association, call 254-865-3341.

Kid Scoop

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Get Creative @ Your Library!

This book gives directions for making and playing simple musical instruments. Readers will see that letting out their inner musician is fun and easy!

Fill in the missing vowels to reveal the title of this book. Then, check it out at your local library!

- Bert Bookworm

Standards Link: Spelling: Spell grade-level appropriate words correctly.

Kid Scoop Together:

What is a Yankee Doodle Dandy?

You know the song. But do you understand its meaning? Fill in the missing words using the Word List to discover the origins of this classic American song.

British _____ used the song **Yankee Doodle Dandy** to make fun of the American colonists during the Revolutionary War. In response, the American _____ adopted it as their song. When the war began, Americans were proud to be called Yankees, and **Yankee Doodle** became the colonists' most stirring anthem of defiance and liberty.

But why macaroni?

When the song **Yankee Doodle** first became _____, the word **macaroni** in the line "stuck a feather in his cap and called it macaroni" didn't refer to the _____. Instead, a **macaroni** was a traveled young man who liked overdressing in very _____ clothing. So by just sticking a _____ in his cap and calling himself a "macaroni," Yankee Doodle was proudly claiming to be the country _____ (an awkward and unsophisticated person) that the English mocked.

Strike Up the Band!

You are surrounded by idiophones! And anyone can play them!

What is an **idiophone**? **Idio** means self and **phone** means sound. Idiophones are instruments of solid materials that vibrate when hit, shaken, plucked, scraped, rubbed, stamped or crashed together. But who's to say what's an instrument?

Stomping your foot on the floor turns the floor into an idiophone. Tapping a pencil on your desk uses the desk as an idiophone. Think of other things that could be idiophones.

Standards Link: Performing Arts/Music: Students perform a varied repertoire of music on instruments.

Make a Gutbucket!

STUFF YOU'LL NEED:

- A sound box (you can use an empty coffee can, bucket or cardboard box)
- A stick about twice the height of your sound box
- String or wire
- Pencil or dowel

File a notch on one end of your stick. The notch will help hold the stick in place on the rim of the can.

On the other end of the stick, have an adult drill a small hole. Feed the string through and tie to secure.

Turn the coffee can upside down. Have an adult punch a small hole in the bottom of the can. Feed the string through and tie a pencil or dowel on the end of it. Set the notch end of the stick on the rim of the can. Hold the gutbucket as shown here pulling the string taut. Then, start plucking!

Find the difference between the two pictures.

Double Double Word Search

by Christopher Payer

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

GUTBUCKET
SINGING
GLASSES
PASTIME
SOUND
IDIOPHONE
MARACAS
SOLID
VIBRATE
BUZZ
WIRE
BEANS
WET
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Singing Glasses

During the 1700s, playing music on glasses was a popular pastime. The glasses were partially filled with water and the person playing the glasses would slightly wet a finger and rub it around the top of the glass.

The more water you put in the glass, the deeper the note it will play.

Fill some glasses with different amounts of water, and see what kinds of sounds you can create. Try tapping the rim of each glass with a pencil or spoon for another kind of sound.

1/2 1/8 3/4 3/4 2/3
1/4 1/3 1/2 1/2 1/8

Under each glass, circle the fraction that best describes how much of the glass is filled with water.

Standards Link: Math/Number Sense: Identify and use fractions.

Mini Maracas

Partially fill empty plastic yogurt containers with different things: sand, seeds, marbles, uncooked beans, rice or pasta. Cap and shake. Notice the different sounds each makes.

Match the marbles.

FROM THE KID SCOOP LESSON LIBRARY

Onomatopoeia

This refers to a word that sounds just like what it means. For example, the word **buzz** sounds like the noise it describes. Look through the newspaper for five or more examples of onomatopoeia.

Standards Link: Vocabulary: Identify and use onomatopoeia.

Write On!

Ocean Sounds

Find five to ten words to describe the sounds of ocean waves. Write a paragraph describing the sounds using these adjectives.

Extra! Extra!

Your Country

Look through the newspaper for ten or more words that describe your country and how you feel about it. Put these words into alphabetical order.

Standards Link: Spelling: Arrange words in alphabetical order.

Word List

COLONISTS TROOPS
POPULAR THEME
PASTA FEATHER
FANCY BUMPKIN

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Use context clues to determine the meaning of words.

Kid Scoop-doku™

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word **SOUND** in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

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	N		O	
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PEARL NEWS

A tribute to Pearl's famous personality, Kay Pruett, and her family



BETSY CLARK

Everyone has been asking about the very famous Pearl personality, Kay Pruett. She even has a dog named Pearl. Kay has recently had hip surgery, but she is back home with rehab and doing well. In fact, she's back to her old self. Seems like all our visitors want to know more about Kay, so we thought we would tell you little about her and her family.

Kay, her son Russell and his wife, Michelle, have been instrumental in the care and maintenance of the Pearl Community for many years. Kay, Russell and Michelle have been caretakers of the Pearl Cemetery, the Pearl Cottage Bookstore, the Pearl Community Fellowship Church, and the Pearl Community Center and have taken great pride in taking care of all of these precious Pearl locales. They were instrumental in turning the "little rock house" on the Community Center grounds into the Pearl Cottage Bookstore and Resale Shop. A lot of hours went into the building and setting up of the bookshelves and placing the 6,000-plus books into those shelves. The Book Cottage, a charity house, has been in operation for thirteen years since.

Kay, Russell, and Michelle were also instrumental in reopening the Pearl Method-

ist Church as the Pearl Community Fellowship Church. Many hours went into repairs, cleaning, gardening, and turning a storage building into a fellowship-coffee-snack area with kitchen and bathroom facilities. Additionally, Kay is "The Caretaker" of the cemetery. All calls about lots, burials and funerals go to Kay. She has marked the graves/lots and was instrumental in writing the Pearl Cemetery Book. Another big venture of Kay's is that she carried on her mother's love of growing succulents and plants. She has sold hundreds of those plants during the many plant sales she has had and then donated that money to the Book Cottage.

Additionally, Kay and her "sidekick" and partner in the Pearl Cottage Bookstore, Linda Ray, were determined to keep the Pearl Flea Markets alive, taking it over when Joy Bates retired from the job in 2007. Kay should be given the keys to the town of Pearl... well she already has all the keys to the town of Pearl. Actually, Kay deserves a crown. Not a day goes by that we don't think about Russell and all he did. You cannot look around Pearl and not see the evidence of his handiwork. He is dearly missed! Thank you, Kay, Russell, and Michelle for your many years of service to Pearl.

IN OTHER NEWS
Saturday, May 7, the Pearl Cottage Book Store and Resale Shop will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Surrounding the bookstore will be our monthly Pearl Flea Market with Junk-In-Your-Trunk. You can bring a trailer full of treasures or a trunk full with the rule of First Come-First Park on the Community Center grounds. There will be a small fee of \$5 charged which goes toward the maintenance and upkeep of the

Pearl Community Center building and grounds. Let's grow this every first Saturday event (except for September when we will be open the second Saturday) into the most popular flea market event in the area.

We're inviting anyone to bring their fresh vegetables and/or fruits—only no "already prepared" food items as there will be food in the Pearl Community Center

kitchen for sale to benefit the center. If you would like to advertise your business, bring some business cards and join us.

We always have someone interested in real estate, so agents in the area are welcome to set up a booth.

People are always asking for recommendations for people who can clear a lot, dig a tank or well, or build a fence. For only \$5 a booth,

you can get your message out.

If any bands would like to come and play under the pavilion or on the stage, you are welcome. Come and spend the night on the grounds. RV spaces are available. Sites are also available for longer stays. Full hook-up pull-throughs. 30 AMPS-\$20 per night; 50 AMPS-\$25 per night.

For more information on renting trailer spaces or the

Community Center itself, call 254-223-0621. Pearl Book Store Contact Numbers are 254-865-9282 or 254-865-5864.

This week's Bible verse: "Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." Ephesians 4:2-3.

Submit Pearl news at betsyclark47@yahoo.com.



COURTESY PHOTO

TRTA EXPRESS: Pictured on the TRTA Express are Coryell County retired teachers, from left to right, Yvonne Dutschmann, JoAnn Sugg and Gail Johnson.

Locals recently attended the Texas State Retired Teachers Convention in Dallas

On April 11-13, three members of CRSP (Coryell Retired School Personnel) attended the 68th State Retired Teachers convention in Dallas.

Local delegates were Yvonne Dutschmann, Immediate Past President; JoAnn Sugg, Outgoing President;

and Gail Johnson, Incoming President.

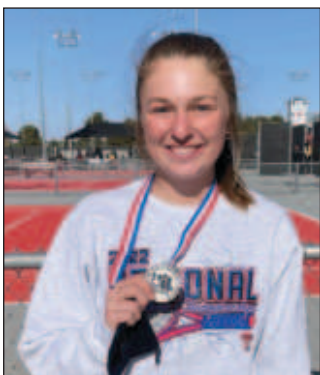
On the agenda were caucus meetings by district, breakout sessions, legislative sessions, House of Delegates and an informational fair. Attendees had many opportunities to share and exchange ideas with retired

teachers across the state. They were also able to discuss and gather information regarding various legislation concerning retired teachers, focusing on an agenda for the upcoming legislative year.

For the first time, a silent auction was held to sup-

port TRTA's Foundation program, which provides funds for various charitable programs and educational support for past, present and future teachers through grants and scholarships. The local chapter donated a quilt made by Anne Byrom to the silent auction.

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Notice of Virtual Public Meeting

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2023 - 2026 Rural Transportation Improvement Program

WACO DISTRICT

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) - Waco District will conduct an online virtual public meeting for the 2023 - 2026 Rural Transportation Improvement Program (Rural TIP). The purpose of this meeting is to provide information and receive comments on which transportation projects may be coming to your area. The Waco District includes Bell, McLennan, Limestone, Hill, Falls, Bosque, Hamilton, and Coryell counties. The Rural TIP includes all added capacity and regionally significant projects to be funded within a TxDOT District during the next four years, including those eligible for federal funding. As such, this meeting offers the public an opportunity to review and comment on the proposed priorities. The Rural TIP is the first step on the road to producing a Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

To participate in the virtual public meeting and learn more about projects in Limestone, Hill, Falls, Bosque, Hamilton, and Coryell counties, please join us on the time and date indicated below:

Virtual Public Meeting

Available on Thursday, May 19th, 2022, at 4p.m. through Monday, May 30th, 2022 at 11:59 p.m.
Limestone, Hill, Falls, Bosque, Hamilton and Coryell Counties
Visit www.txdot.gov and keyword search: "Rural TIP Waco District 2023-2026"

The Rural TIP meetings are being held pursuant to Title 43, Texas Administrative Code, Section 16.102, which calls for an opportunity for public comment concerning the Rural TIP. A short presentation, exhibits explaining how the Rural TIP operates, and projects that are included in it will be available to view during the virtual public meeting.

All community members are encouraged to attend the virtual public meeting and provide written comments on the proposed program. Comments must be postmarked or otherwise received by Monday, May 30, 2022 to: TxDOT Waco District, Attn: Rural TIP; 100 South Loop Drive, Waco, Texas 76704-2858; or by email to Christi.Bonham@txdot.gov, Attention: Rural TIP.

Special Accommodations: The virtual public meeting will be conducted in English. If you need an interpreter or document translator because English is not your primary language or have difficulty communicating effectively in English, one will be provided to you. If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can be made to accommodate most needs. If you need interpretation or translation services or are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation to attend and participate in the virtual public meeting, please contact Christi Bonham, Waco District at (254) 867-2731 no later than 4 p.m. CT, Friday, May 13, 2022. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for the TxDOT to arrange.

Area track competes at regional meets

Gatesville High School had several athletes compete in the Class 4A Region I track meet April 29-30 in Lubbock.

Sixteen contestants from throughout the region competed in each event. The top two in each event will advance to the state track meet, held May 12-13 in Austin.

Results include:

- * Barrett Boyd, 6th in high jump (5'2")
- * Evan Hanson 8th in shot put (47'4")
- * Vania Martinez, 3rd in girls 3200 meter run (11:38),

tying her own school record

- * Carlos Martinez, 3rd in boys 3200 meter run (9:42), breaking his own school record
- * Barrett Boyd, 3rd in the girls pole vault
- * Barrett Boyd, 7th in the girls 100 meter hurdles
- * Bethany Penrod, 11th in the girls 800 meter run
- * Ashtyn Culley, 7th in the boys long jump
- * Evan Hanson, 9th in boys discus
- * Luis Macias, 7th in the boys 800 meter run

Jonesboro High School had athletes who had a strong

showing in regional competition in Class 1A.

- * Alissa Shumate, 3rd in the girls triple jump
- * Alissa Shumate, 3rd in the girls high jump
- * Eric Thorman, 3rd in the boys 110 meter hurdles

Competing in the regional track meet for Oglesby were Kelly De La Torre in the 800 meter run, Jayda Gonzalez in the 1600 meter run, Heaven Roddy in the 200 meter run and Kyler Fossett in the high jump.

Fish active on area lakes as temperatures warm

BY MICHAEL ACOSTA
HYDE MEDIA OUTDOORS

As a licensed professional fishing guide, Michael Acosta shows you how to find them. He has been a licensed guide since 1998.

The water is warming up, and water temperatures are in the desired range where the fish are really active. The water temperature is not too cold or too hot and the fish are feeling it. Just like us in the outdoors in comfortable 70-degree weather.

It is also a time that many folks start using live bait for a variety of species and for most days, live bait is a great choice.

Recently, on Possum Kingdom for Easter weekend, we had live bait looking for striped bass and sand bass near the state park. We located a bunch of fish in the back of Cedar Creek in about 20 feet of water, but they would not take the live shad. However, if you dropped a jig/slab, they would hit it on most every drop.

You never really know what to expect, but you go with what works. We loaded the boat with fish by vertically jigging slabs. The fish were biting on movement (reactionary bite) but would not touch the live bait.

Not only did we catch striped bass, sand bass, but we also caught yellow catfish and drum on jigging slabs. I can only attribute this activity to fish willing to chase as they were in their desired "comfortable" water temperatures (upper 60s). You would figure that they would eventually hit a live shad, but we did not catch one fish on a live bait and sacked up a limit on artificials.

Another thought is that these large schools compete with each other, and the rapid movement of a jigging slab draws the strike.

Easter weekend was also around a full moon, which as many of you know can have the fish feeding at night which may slow the bite during the day. Not sure this was the case, but it is something I follow and noted.

The moral of the story is if something is not working, try another option. You may be surprised.

Each day is a new adventure on the water.

AREA FISHING REPORT

Belton

GOOD. Water lightly stained; 67 degrees; 3.75 feet low. White bass continue to be productive with slabs now being outperformed by the faster moving MAL Heavy and MAL Dense lures. Fishing shallow in the early morning in areas impacted by the threadfin shad spawn is an easy ticket to fish of all sorts, albeit for a limited amount of time until the sun shines on the water. Casting into the commotion using a steady, moderate retrieve is best. Following that, vertical presentations out in 26-38 feet of water along the breakline where deep flats drop off is producing incredible numbers of fish by simply dropping lure to bottom and racing it up one-third of the way to the surface.

Stillhouse Hollow

GOOD. Water lightly stained; 68 degrees; 3.94 feet low. The hydrilla is now beginning to sprout, green, and grow toward the surface. Numbers of small fish can be taken from over the tops of the submerged beds of hydrilla in 8-14 feet of water using reaction baits, like shad-imitating spinnerbaits. Larger fish are found at the deep edge of the hydrilla in 17-19 feet of water using darker, natural hues of soft plastics Texas-rigged and Carolina-rigged.

Waco

GOOD. Water stained; 68-70 degrees; 5.19 feet low. Crappie are in 6-12 feet of water on brush piles. A few fish are lingering shallow. Report by Zach Minnix, Jig N Jerk Guide Service. The crappie are biting in 2-4 feet of water on minnows or soft plastic crappie lure in electric chicken with a chartreuse 1/16 ounce jig heads under a small cork about a foot and a half down. The shad spawn has started and the largemouth and white bass are feeding heavy early morning. Topwaters, spinnerbaits and squarebills will get the job done early and then switch to flipping or finesse later in the day when things die down. White bass and hybrids are getting back to the main lake and will be feeding heavy early with the largemouth during the shad spawn. Catfish are full of eggs mixed in with the crappie shallow.



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GHS baseball season comes to a close

BY CHRIS ALLMAN
SPECIAL TO THE MESSENGER

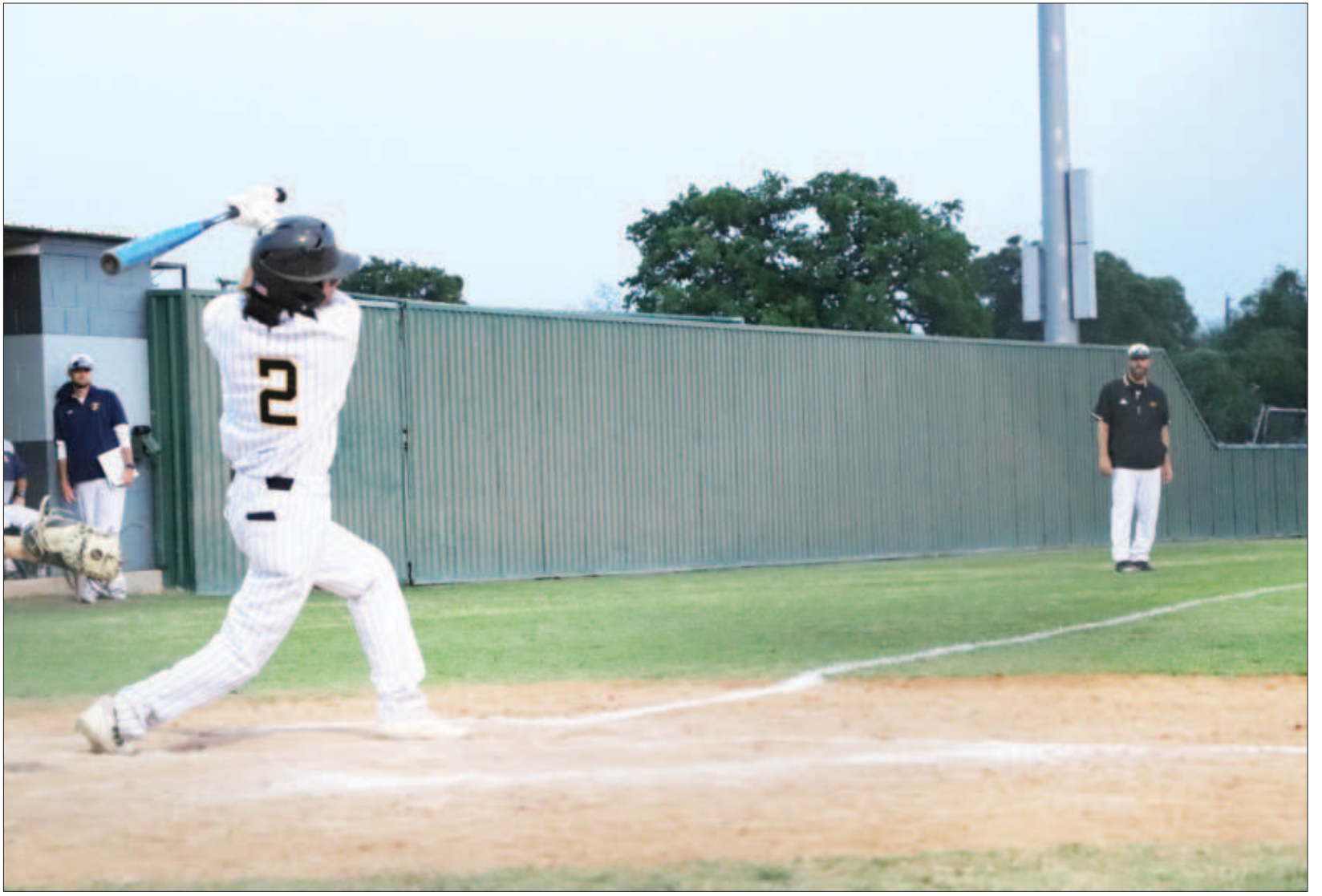
A Gatesville baseball season riddled by personnel losses and held together by duct tape and bailing wire for most of the year came to a frustrating end on Friday with a 5-3 loss in Glen Rose.

The Hornets finished the season 9-17 and 4-8 in District 6A and missed out on a second straight playoff appearance by one game. Stephenville won the district for the second year in a row, followed by Glen Rose in second and Brownwood in third. Lampasas finished fourth.

On Friday, the Hornets turned to senior Hayden Mooney – the only four-year letterman on the squad – to extend their season. He responded with a gutsy 5 2/3 innings holding the Tigers to just four earned runs only three days after Glen Rose scored 16 times in a win at Gatesville.

Mooney helped his own cause and gave the Hornets a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning when he hit the first pitch he saw for a home run off the scoreboard in left center. Mooney's first blast of the year invoked the spirit of Roy Hobbs as momentarily knocked out the lights on the scoreboard.

In the top of the fifth the Hornets pushed the lead to 2-0. Junior Grant Erwin and senior Gill Wallace opened the inning with a pair of singles and Erwin scored when freshman John Ibarra doubled to left. Senior Parker Allman drew a walk – his first of two on the night and his team-leading 13th of the year –



KATHIE BROWN | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Jacob Ybarra puts the ball in play for the Hornets in a clash with the Glen Rose Tigers in Gatesville. The Hornets narrowly missed a second straight trip to the playoffs, falling to Glen Rose in the final two games of the season.

but both were left stranded. In the bottom of the inning Glen Rose tied it at 2-2 on a Braulio Silva homer then took

a 3-2 on a run-scoring double and tacked on another thanks to a double-steal to make it 4-2.

In the sixth, senior Cayden Mata reached and scored on a single from junior Carter Williams to make it 4-3. Williams was one of several Hornet underclassmen who saw increased time thanks to the loss of several players before the during the season.

John Ibarra as a freshman was asked to play one of the hardest positions on the field at shortstop. He was unfazed by the competition level and showed a lot of resilience there," head coach Chase Smith said. "Carter Williams kept getting better and started playing and swinging the bat with confidence towards the end of the year. He did a good job of playing several positions and being a utility guy for us."

Mooney retired the first two Tigers he faced in the bottom of the sixth before giving up a single to Silva and handing the ball over to Mata. Mata got a ground ball from Damian Flores that was misplayed allowing Silva to score and pushing the Tigers lead to 5-3.

In the top of the seventh, the Hornets managed a two-out walk from Allman before a fly out to right ended the season and the careers of seven seniors – Mooney, Mata, Allman, Wesley Brown, Gill Wallace, James Hamilton, and Kody Hernan-

dez. "All of our seniors contributed and will have a lasting effect on this program and I can't wait to see what they do in the future," Smith said.

This class of seniors saw more than its share of ups and downs in their four years of high school, including the hiring of Smith as head coach, a COVID-shortened sophomore season of 2020, breaking a three-year playoff drought in 2021, and a senior year that started with aspirations of a district title and ended with five of nine projected starters out for the season.

In 2021, a young Hornets team went 16-12 and lost in the bi-district finals to Graham. Hopes were more than high heading into 2022 before player losses consumed the core of the club.

Sophomore All-District left fielder Lawson Mooney, junior All-District shortstop Banner Allman, sophomore pitcher & 2021 District Newcomer of the Year Bralen Veazey, and second baseman/pitcher Ayden Necessary were all lost for the year in the fall.

Then, in the Hornets' 4-3 district win over Lampasas, junior Camden Galindo was lost for the remainder of the year. At the time of his loss, Galindo was hitting .323 and getting on base at a .577 clip.

"All the injuries before the season started were devastating but that did give some guys

who might not have gotten as much playing time a lot of really good experience to pull from in the future," said Smith.

Despite the unexpected results there were examples of just how good Gatesville baseball is and will continue to be. The Hornets swept Lampasas for the season, lost a 2-1 decision to state-ranked Cameron Yoe behind a complete game two-hitter from Grant Erwin, and started the district schedule 4-2.

Gatesville heads into a new district in 2023 with the likes of China Spring, Robinson, Salado, La Vega, and Connally but hopes remain high – perhaps higher than they were heading into 2022. The Hornets will return 13 lettermen and promote players from a junior varsity that went 15-7-2.

"We have a lot to build off of and a lot of really good players coming up on our JV and JH kids coming up next year that give us a lot to get excited about," Smith said. "We will go into another tough district, and I know the guys coming back are eager to get back out there and we as a coaching staff will be ready as well."

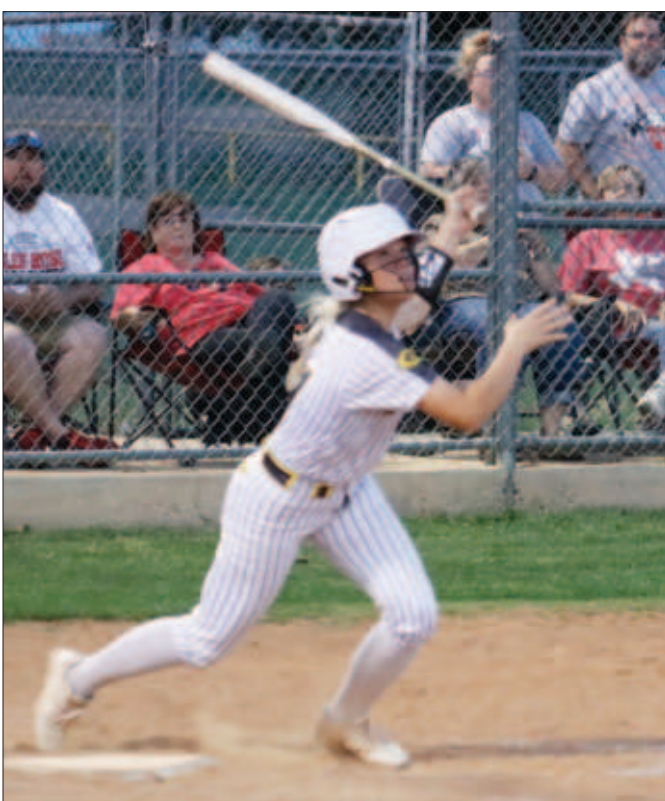
The District 6-4A committee meeting met on Monday to determine this season's all-district honors. Selections will be announced once all 6-4A teams have been eliminated from the postseason.



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Cayden Mata awaits the pitch during a game between the Gatesville Hornets and Glen Rose Tigers in Gatesville.

Lady Hornets fall in softball playoffs



JEFF OSBORNE | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

(Left) Matti Robinette watches the ball after making a hit for Gatesville the Lady Hornets final district home game. (Right) Kallie Featherston, a freshman, was a strong starting pitcher for GHS. The Lady Hornets advanced to the bi-district playoffs on April 29, falling to Burkburnett in two games, 5-3 and 2-0, in Mineral Wells.