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## Honoring American sacrifice



### In memory of those who fell in service to protect the USA

**DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER**  
**MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE:** (Top photo) Community members and members of the Disabled American Veterans and American Legion gathered at the Coryell County Courthouse on May 30 to pay tribute to those who died while serving in the United States military. (Left photo) Alan Mathis, a retired U.S. Army major, talks about the importance of service and the sacrifice of those who died while helping to preserve the nation's freedom. Mathis is a member of the American Legion, president of the Gatesville Exchange Club, a member of the Copperas Cove Exchange Club, the Gatesville Lions Club, the North Fort Hood Council, and the Silver-Haired Legislature, which works to help promote the interests of senior citizens and other Texans as advocates to the Texas Legislature.



## Big Sting helps war vs. cancer

**BY JEFF OSBORNE**  
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

Ten years ago, Coach Kyle Cooper, then the head football coach at Gatesville, and Velvet Jaynes, who continues to serve as the Gatesville Independent School District Athletic Department's secretary, started the Big Sting, an organization that helps local cancer patients. Jaynes recently spoke to the Gatesville Lions Club and gave an overview of the Big Sting's efforts. "The money we raise stays in the community and helps people right here in Gatesville," she said. "One hundred percent of those funds benefit those battling cancer." Gatesville High School athletes can either purchase a special neon yellow jersey and make a dedication to a loved one who is or has fought cancer, or can allow the jersey to be sold to benefit the charity. "We sell out the jerseys every year," Jaynes said. "We never have any problem selling them. So far we've raised over \$335,000, and we've helped 225 Gatesville residents in their fight with cancer."

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## Shoes offer steps to life change

**BY JEFF OSBORNE**  
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

A pair of shoes can change lives. That is the motto of First Blessing, a Temple-based charity serving Texas residents that is also working to help Gatesville-area residents. Glenn Lackey, who founded the charity, talked about First Blessing's goals during a recent meeting of the Gatesville Lions Club. "I worked for Shoe Carnival as a regional manager and I traveled extensively all over Texas," Lackey said. "I realized the Lord wasn't interested in me doing that, he wanted me to serve him." Lackey said he was inspired by Matthew 25:35-36 - "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." "That motivated me to do something," he said. "I was not a pastor, a deacon or an elder. I was just a sit-in-the-pew kind of guy until my wife

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## Gatesville Methodists face big decision in near future

**BY JEFF OSBORNE**  
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

For 168 years, the Methodist church has had an impact in the Gatesville area, tracing its roots in Coryell County to 1854 - and while its presence in the community continues, members of the Gatesville First United Methodist Church and other area congregations face a momentous time in the history of the church. As part of a process that has been unfolding for years - decades in fact - different blocs within the United Methodist Church both nationwide and internationally have disagreed over significant issues - including same sex marriages and

relationships. This has divided the UMC into conservative, liberal and moderate factions, leading some to seek separation from the United Methodist structure in order to join with others whose views more closely align with their own. During announcements at the beginning of FUMC Gatesville's May 29 service, Pastor Stephen Schmidt gave an update about the local church's navigation through these turbulent times and outlined the steps being taken to move the church into the future. Schmidt noted that the church council, the governing body of FUMC Gatesville, met recently "and decided to explore the process of disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church and uniting possibly with the Global Methodist Church or

some other church." He added, "that does not mean that we are disaffiliating, it is just a process of exploration that begins with a call to prayer on behalf of our congregation to join us beginning June 1 for a 30-day period of prayer and discernment." On May 31, the Rev. Dr. Leah Hidde-Gregory, an elder in the United Methodist Church, spoke to members of the Methodist church in Gatesville to talk about "the process of disaffiliation with the United Methodist Church, the rationale for it and information about the Global Methodist Church," Schmidt said.

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# SHOES

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wife and I started this program. We saw a way to meet real needs. First Blessing has put shoes on the feet of about 50,000 kids in this state, and we hope to keep doing more.”

The charity will be in Gatesville on July 16 and is working with local church groups, including Eastwood Baptist, to serve the community. There are 120 slots available for parents to register their children in advance. Call 254-865-2948 for details.

“I am excited beyond belief to be helping people here,” Lackey said. “I’ve driven through Gatesville many times and I know the need here. I was a faith-based director at the Hughes Unit. The need is unbelievable not inside the prison, but outside. It’s a privilege to come to Gatesville and participate in this



JEFF OSBORNE | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

**Glenn Lackey with the First Blessing charity is dedicated to helping children and also reaching out to their families.**

event.”

Rather than just giving kids a nice-looking new pair of shoes, Lackey said their feet are measured to make sure they’re the right fit.

“It’s important to measure kids’ feet,” he said. “You would not believe how many kids are wearing

the wrong size shoes.

“We also want to get the shoes that kids will like. They get to pick from at least three pairs of shoes.”

Statistics show that at least 60% of children attending Gatesville Independent School District receive some type of assistance based on

their economic status, and First Blessing aims to make a positive impact on their lives, Lackey said.

“This program is designed so we can love on people, especially the unchurched and the unincorporated – people who don’t think they can be a part of mainstream society,” he said.

“We only operate in the state of Texas with the exception of a couple of trips to Haiti and Mexico, because there is a lot of need right here in Texas.”

Not only does his charity aim to help and bring joy to children, but also to reach their parents and other family members and to reach out to them with God’s love, he said.

“We do this to touch lives,” Lackey said. “To see those little kids’ eyes light up is just overwhelming. We also give the kids and their families a chance to interact with people from a local church. They can learn about vacation Bible school and have a chance to meet a

pastor.”

Fifty percent of church members are not there because they’re Baptist, Church of Christ, Methodist or other denominations, but because the people of that church are friendly.

“There are disasters happening in this country, and people are looking for friendly people. If you want to grow your church, be a friendly church. If a visitor can connect with seven people in a church, they are 80% more likely to come back.”

Lackey’s knowledge of shoes through his career made the outreach a natural thing for First Blessing’s focus.

“Shoes are so important,” he said. “When a kid goes back to school, they want new shoes, and we can help them get those new shoes. We can also share God’s love, and that makes all the difference.”

More information can be found at [firstblessing.org](http://firstblessing.org).

# STING

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Garrett Gunnels, a GHS graduate who played football for the Hornets, bought his jerseys his junior and senior years in honor of grandparents who had cancer.

“That gave me something to fight for other than football,” said Gunnels. “It’s a good thing that everybody should support.”

The STING in Big Stings is an acronym for Support Those in Gatesville, Jaynes said.

“Gatesville is the only place in the state of Texas that has anything

like this, although Coach Cooper is starting it in Ponder,” she said.

Jaynes said the first year of the Big Sting, a little girl put in 37 cents and asked if that was enough to make a difference.

“She was hoping that money would help someone, and she was diagnosed with cancer,” Jaynes

said. “We were able to help her, and she is now in college.

“I don’t care if you give me a penny or a million dollars, it’s going to help someone.”

Jaynes said those battling cancer can receive assistance through the Big Sting up to four times. They must be currently battling cancer

and not in remission, and their home residence is confirmed to make sure they are living in Gatesville.

More information and updates can be found online at <https://www.facebook.com/TheBigSting/>.

# METHODISTS

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talk about reasons for the Gatesville congregation to remain in the United Methodist Church.

“We will have both sides of the subject presented,” Schmidt told the congregation. He added that disaffiliation would only occur if during a called church conference meeting of members, two-thirds of those attending vote to disaffiliate with the UMC. At that time, church

leaders and members could decide to affiliate with either the Global Methodist Church or possibly another Wesleyan congregation. John Wesley, who was part of the Church of England, founded the Methodist movement in the 1700s.

“This is a point of exploration, and we want you to help us in that process of exploring,” Schmidt told church members during the May 29 service. “We also want you to be informed about that issue and what that would mean for our congregation – just to be in prayer.

“We ask you to unite with us in prayer as we move through that process of exploring the possibility of disaffiliating with the United Methodist Church and uniting with either the Global Methodist Church or maybe another Wesleyan congregation.”

Schmidt told the congregation that their views are important.

“We do value the voice of every single member of the church,” he said. “That decision is not a council decision to make on their own, although they have the right to set

the process in motion. It is only by a vote of the entire membership present and voting in a called church conference meeting.”

The Methodist church in Gatesville traces its history to Nov. 7, 1854, when the “Rev. Robert Barnard Wells preached the first sermon in the newly organized town of Gatesville in a clapboard house on the southeast corner of the square that was being used as the courthouse,” according to the church’s website. “His wife, Mary Fisher Wells, organized the first

Sunday school and private school at their log cabin. Planning soon began for organizing a Methodist Church in Gatesville.”

The Gatesville Methodist church officially was organized on Jan. 11, 1855, with 16 members. After being in different locations over the first 116 years, the congregation moved to its current location in 1971, incorporating stained glass from earlier buildings. The church opened Let’s Grow Learning Center preschool in 1982 and added its Family Life Center in 1998.

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# The DISPATCH

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of May 26 - 31. 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

**May 26**  
 4:56 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1000 block of E. Leon Street.  
 6:41 a.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 2000 block of E. Highway 84.  
 12:45 p.m., harassment was reported in the 800 block of Moccasin Bend Road.  
 10:04 p.m., harassment was reported in the 200 block of N. 10th Street.  
**May 27**  
 8:58 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 800 block of College Street.  
 12:02 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 600 block of River Road.  
 5:34 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 100 block of E. FM 931.  
 9:29 p.m., animal cruelty was reported in the 2700 block of Business Highway 36.  
**May 28**  
 7:02 a.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 6000 block of E. Highway 84.  
 9:09 a.m., a disturbance was reported in the 100 block of Old Pidcocke Road.  
 12:32 p.m., animal cruelty was reported in the 200 block of N. 19th Street.  
 1:20 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported on CR 133.  
**May 29**

1:28 p.m., harassment was reported in the 1600 block of St. Louis Street.  
 3:00 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2900 block of S. State Highway 36.  
 8:27 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 10000 block of E. Hwy. 84.  
 10:16 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2600 block of Jackson Drive.  
**May 30**  
 12:36 a.m., a noise disturbance was reported in the 2500 block of Powell Drive.  
 4:27 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 500 block of State School Road.  
 2:40 p.m., animal cruelty was reported in the 200 block of Old Osage Road.  
 3:05 p.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 9000 block of FM 116.  
**May 31**  
 4:15 a.m., a missing person was reported in the 300 block of S. State Highway 36.

2:14 p.m., a threat was reported in the 900 block of E. Main Street.  
 5:29 p.m., a burglary was reported in the 1400 block of Mills Street.  
 7:22 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 9000 block of W. Highway 84.  
**CORYELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**  
**May 26**  
 1:54 a.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 1800 block of FM 580.  
 3:00 p.m., suspicious persons were reported in the 100 block of CR 82.  
 4:08 p.m., a minor accident was reported on Barton Lane and Apache.  
 7:20 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 2600 block of Snow Road.  
**May 27**  
 8:11 a.m., a civil matter was reported in the 200 block of Linda's Lane.  
 2:38 p.m., an out-of-control burn was reported in the 1000 block of Spring Road.  
 9:07 p.m., a fire was reported in the 5800 block of Moccasin Bend Road.  
 11:56 p.m., a reckless driver was reported on N. Highway 35 and Old Osage Road.  
**May 28**  
 8:01 a.m., an out-of-control burn was reported on CR 320 and FM 1829.  
 4:59 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on CR

269.  
 7:37 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 100 block of College Avenue.  
 11:19 p.m., a reckless driver was reported on FM 116 and CR 150.  
**May 29**  
 1:40 a.m., sign damage was reported on CR 262 at FM 929.  
 2:52 p.m., suspicious persons were reported in the 3200 block of CR 137.  
 8:31 p.m., a fire was reported in the 10000 block of E. Highway 84.  
 9:46 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1400 block of CR 132.  
**May 30**  
 12:43 p.m., a dog bite was reported in the 200 block of CR 931.  
 2:30 p.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 300 block of Slater Road.  
 10:20 p.m., loud music was reported in the 600 block of Thomas.  
**May 31**  
 12:20 p.m., a major accident was reported on Hwy. 190 before Clark Road.  
 5:08 p.m., a fire was reported on CR 318.  
 9:05 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 1500 block of Lutheran Church Road.  
 9:32 p.m., a civil matter was reported in the 100 block of Baird Street.

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## T-ville Cemetery Assn set to meet June 7

The Turnersville Community Cemetery Association will meet at the Turnersville Community Center on Tuesday, June 7, for a quarterly business meeting and election of officers at 7 p.m. The association would like to encourage all interested to make plans to attend and

would like to thank everyone for their dedication. They would also like to thank the local members, officers and trustees for their never-ending support when called upon. The Turnersville Community Center is located at 8115 FM 182.

## Gatesville Primary still enrolling students for 2022-23

Gatesville Primary School is continuing to enroll students for the 2022-2023 school year. Pre-K students must be four years of age by Sept. 1, 2022, and kindergarten students must be five years of age by Sept. 1, 2022.

The Primary office is open Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for anyone wanting to pick up enrollment packets. Please contact the school at 254-865-7264 if you have any questions.

## MOUND NEWS

### Martha Lawhorn gets visitor from Boston



**BARBARA HOPSON**  
*Mound News Correspondent*

Mrs. Bobbie Louise (Cole) Milner, former resident of Mound, died Sunday, April 10, 2022. Mrs. Milner was the sister of the late Mrs. Lois (Cole) Hopson. Miss Connie Jo Milner died Tuesday Dec. 14, 2021. Connie is the daughter of the late Don and Bobbie Milner. There will be a Celebration of Life service in loving memory of Mrs. Bobbie (Cole) Milner and her daughter, Connie Jo Milner, at the First Baptist Church in Killeen on Saturday, June 25, 2022. Bobbie and Connie Milner will truly be missed by their families, many relatives and cousins. Mrs. Cynthia McCarthy of Boston, Massachusetts, spent a week in Mound at the home of Mrs. Martha Lawhorn. They both were treated to lunch Wednesday with Pam Duncan and on Thursday with Mrs. Doris Hoff. Martha Lawhorn was a Sunday lunch guest at the home of Elizabeth and Benjamin Phillips. Others there were Morgan Smart and Richard Carothers.

Ray Stephens participated in the Fiddle Contest in Athens over the Memorial Day weekend.

Alan McCorkle of Buda, Brian and Eric McCorkle visited during the Memorial Day weekend with their mother, Mrs. Elizabeth McCorkle.

Mrs. Suzy Cox was honored on her birthday Sunday with a dinner at her home in Robinson with her family.

Camdyn Caye Carothers, granddaughter of Bobby and Nelda Carothers, graduated from Belton High School Thursday evening May 26, 2022. Camdyn will be attending Texas A&M at Bryan/College Station. Congratulations to their youngest and last grandchild.

Memorial Day visitors with Gary and Debbie Keeton were Gip, Casey, Gage and Garner Keeton of Marble Falls, Sue Magee, Graig, Morgan, Gehrig, Grady and Mamie Keeton of Gatesville, Kathy and Nick Taylor.

Carolyn and Emma Blakley went shopping in Dallas on Sunday afternoon.

Valerie Ferrell and Carolyn Blakley had lunch in Gatesville on Thursday.

Miss Lou Ann Montgomery Cashel and Jim Teague were married Saturday afternoon in Mound at the home of Oren and Connie Montgomery Sr. Those attending were family and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Teague are from Grand Prairie. Lou Ann is the sister of Oren Montgomery Sr.

Barbara's Notes: Happy Birthday to Mrs. Deletta Washburn and little Mr. Max McClellan.

## Flat Homecoming scheduled for June 12

The annual Flat Homecoming will be held at the Flat Community Center on Sunday, June 12. The public is invited to attend and share memories, pictures and stories.

Those who are planning to attend are asked to bring a covered dish and lunch will be served at 12:15 p.m. Drinks and paperware will be provided.

Flat Community Center is located at 159 CR 334 and can be reached by calling 254-227-5430.

Flat was originally called "Mesquite Flat" when the

town applied for its own post office. The application was rejected, and resubmitted as "Flat." The post office was successfully opened in 1897.

In 1914, Flat had a thriving population of 100, with three general stores and a cotton gin. By the mid-1920s, population estimates fell to 25. In the late 1930s, the population had rebounded to 125. With the establishment of Fort Hood in 1942, much of the town's cropland was converted into a military base. In 1960, the population was 200. The Flat school merged with Gatesville ISD in 1963.

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## Flat VBS July 12-15

The First Baptist Church of Flat will be hosting their Vacation Bible School on July 12-15 from 5:30 until 8 p.m. each evening. The students attending the VBS can range in age from five to 12.

The theme for VBS this year will be "Deep Sea VBS." For those wishing to register, please visit the following link: <https://bit.ly/3PlxlgW>

Flat Baptist Church is located at 9775 Hwy. 36 and can be reached by calling 254-487-2362.

## VBS set for June 5-8

Gatesville Church of Christ recently announced they would be hosting their vacation bible school on Sunday, June 5, through Wednesday, June 8, from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. each evening. Registration will start at 5 p.m. Vacation Bible School will be for preschool children through the fifth grade.

The theme this year will be "Rocky Railway, Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through."

Gatesville Church of Christ is located at 2417 E. Main Street. They can be reached by calling 254-865-2438.



COURTESY PHOTO BY CENTRAL TEXAS TRAVEL CLUB

**CENTRAL TEXAS TRAVEL CLUB VISITS MANSION NEAR MASON:** Members of the Central Texas Travel Club are pictured in front of the oldest standing mansion in Texas, the Seaquist House. The mansion is located northwest of Mason in the Texas Hill Country. The group traveled to Mason and enjoyed a private tour with behind-the-scenes historical accounts from people who have supported and worked on the renovation of the mansion. Future tours include Yellowstone, Switzerland, Ireland and Scotland, Nashville, and day tours to Waco, Dublin, Texas State Railroad, and San Antonio for the Texas Tribute Concert with narration by the Texas Country Reporter and his wife. For more information about the Central Texas Travel Club, please email [centraltexastravelclub@outlook.com](mailto:centraltexastravelclub@outlook.com).

## Our Hospice House Resale Shop to hold grand opening today

The grand opening of Our Hospice House Resale Shop will be held today, Saturday, June 4, from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. The location of the resale shop is at 1208 N. Robinson Drive in Waco.

The grand opening will include family fun for all who attend. There will be a corn-hole game, door prizes, free donuts in the morning and free hot dogs at lunch. There will also be live music including the Will Smith Band from

10 a.m. until noon and Max Carter on the guitar from noon until 2 p.m.

Those attending are encouraged to bring donation items such as clothing, knick knacks, wall hangings, and furniture.

All proceeds will fund Hospice House to be used for those most vulnerable in their time of need.

For more information, visit [Ourhospicehouse.org](http://Ourhospicehouse.org)

## Pearl Bluegrass event being held today

The Pearl Bluegrass event will be held today, Saturday, June 4, at the Pearl Community Center. Bands can begin playing on stage at 1 p.m. and jamming goes on all day long. Bands are welcome to come and play on the stage or under the outdoor pavilion.

Those interested in participating or those who want to just enjoy the bluegrass music are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Ronald Medart at 254-865-6013.

The Pearl Community Center is located at 6301 FM 183.

# OBITUARIES

## DUANE BLANCHARD

May 13, 1934 - May 11, 2022



Duane Blanchard, age 87,

of Round Rock, passed away May 11, 2022. He was born in Gatesville on May 13, 1934. Duane's career began with the Texas Highway Department in Gatesville and Waco, then he went to work with Ross Anglin and Sons Bridge Construction, which led him and his family to Corpus Christi, Marlin, Temple, Harlingen and eventually to Round Rock, his home since 1971.

Duane met Glen Neans of Conann Homes and Community Engineering, developing numerous subdivisions throughout the Round Rock and Austin areas. Duane also worked with Rabba-Kistner,

developing the I-30 Toll Road from Hutto and ending to Del Valle.

Duane is survived by his wife of 66 years, Dianne Hurley Blanchard; daughters, Montine Blanchard, Lori and husband, Larry Harper, Jarrel Blanchard and partner Debbi Almond; sister, Janet and husband, Jake Moore, and family of Gatesville; grandchildren, Brandon and wife, Hanane Blanchard, Sean and wife, Tanya Blanchard, Leigh and husband, Kyle Drabek, Texas Harper and Judith Gonzalez, Jason and Courtney Blanchard; great-grandchildren, Bella Blanchard, Cash

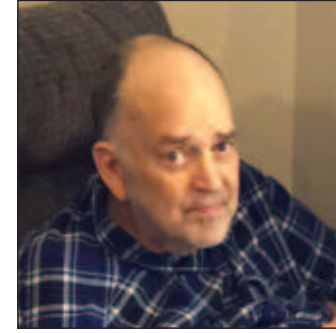
and Jax Drabek; brothers-in-law, David and wife, Mande Hurley, Vic and Carolyn Hurley.

Duane was preceded in death by his parents, Andrew Edwin "Tom" and Lorena Gates Blanchard, his sister Joye and brother John Blanchard.

Duane loved being a horse man and cattlemen. Duane attended Westside Church of Christ with his best friends Glen Neans and Will Stafford (deceased). Among other friends are Marvin Hardin, John Burford and Clyde Krause.

## HUGH MORROW RIDDLE, JR.

Mar. 30, 1946 - May 25, 2022



Hugh Morrow Riddle, Jr., 76, of Robinson, passed away Wednesday, May 25, 2022, in Waco. He was born March 30, 1946, in Atlanta, Georgia to Hugh Morrow and Sue Emaline (Roberts) Riddle. Hugh

graduated from Georgia Tech with a bachelor's degree and from Georgia State University with a master's degree.

On Feb. 14, 1978, he married Carol Braziel Riddle and they had two sons, Mory and Brandon.

For 30 years, Hugh lived in Huntington Beach, California, where he had his own business in computer consulting. In his earlier years, Hugh worked as a CFO of freight forwarding companies and traveled the world. In 2017, he moved back to Texas.

Hugh is survived by his wife, Carol Riddle and sons, Hugh M. Riddle, III (Mory) and Brandon Riddle, all of the Waco area. He also leaves behind his brother, Thom Riddle of New York.

## LELA MAE COLLINS

April 20, 1924 - May 29, 2022



serving others. Lela strived to lead everyone to her Savior. For 32 years, she read with the primary children in McGregor. Lela was very instrumental in the founding of the Central Texas Hospitality House in 2000. Lela worked as a nurse's aide at Goodall Witcher Hospital in Clifton for 15 years and Westview Manor in McGregor for three years. She enjoyed playing cards and dominoes. Most of all, she enjoyed spending time with her family and all of her grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husbands, Floyd Warren and Walter Collins, son, James Warren, five brothers and three sisters.

Survivors include her son, Larry Warren and wife, Terri, of Gatesville, daughters, Rosa Boynton of Waco, Pat Painter and husband, A. C., of Gatesville, Betty Hoffman and husband, Dwayne, of Waco and Janie Brown and husband, John, of Gatesville; 13 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren and 17 great-great-grandchildren; sister, Eva Jane Buettemeyer; numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers: Floyd Brown, Gary Hoffman, Bobby Painter, Michael Painter, Jerry Boynton and Jason White.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to your favorite charity or Central Texas Hospitality House in Gatesville.

## JOET. FLOYD

Nov. 26, 1934 - May 27, 2022



Joet. Floyd, age 87, of Gatesville, passed away on Friday, May 27, 2022.

Funeral services, with Air Force military honors, will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 4, 2022, at Scott's Funeral Home Chapel, with Dr. Levi

Price officiating. Private family interment will follow at Gatesville City Cemetery.

Joe Travis Floyd was born on Nov. 26, 1934, in the Pecan Grove community of Coryell County to the late Howard and Gladys Ogle Floyd. He graduated from Jonesboro High School in 1954. After graduation, he joined the U.S. Air Force, serving until 1957. Joe married Carolyn Winkler on Sept. 4, 1958. He worked for the Federal Aviation Administration as an air traffic controller for 32 years in San Antonio and Houston, retiring in 1986. In 1993, he and his wife moved back to Gatesville. He was a member and deacon of First Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, H. P. Floyd, John Floyd, Raymond Floyd, Tom Floyd; and a sister, Bernice Schoenewolf.

Joe is survived by his wife of 63 years, Carolyn Floyd; children, Sandra Deen Johnson and husband, Steve, David Floyd, Tamara Floyd Williford and husband, Wade; sister, Pauline Young; brother, Bill Floyd; eight grandchildren, Gary Deen and wife, Krista, Travis Deen and wife, Misty, Brent Deen and wife, Rebecca, Jessica Floyd, Shannon Gardner and husband, Kelly, Kaley Consford and fiancé Rolando Reyna, Kyle Consford, Hannah Williford; nine great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family has designated memorials to be made to Alzheimer's Texas, 7719 Wood Hollow Dr., Ste. #157, Austin, TX 78731, or First Baptist Church, 912 E. Main Street, Gatesville, TX 76528.

Lela Mae Collins, age 98, of McGregor, passed away peacefully with her family by her side on Sunday, May 29, 2022, in Gatesville. Funeral service will be 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 4, 2022, at McGregor Baptist Church with Reverend Charlie Brown and Reverend David Thompson officiating. Burial to follow at Turnersville Cemetery in Turnersville.

Lela was born on April 20, 1924, to James E. and Clara Maud (Davenport) Foller in Putnam. She lived in McGregor since 1982. Lela married the love of her life, Floyd Warren, on Sept. 28, 1940, in Coryell County. They were married for 39 years. Then she married Walter Collins on August 22, 1982, in Clifton. She was an active member of McGregor Baptist Church and previously a member of College Avenue Baptist Church. She spent her entire life serving her Lord Jesus Christ and

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**SAM HOUSTON**

Sam Houston is a syndicated columnist and newspaper executive. He is also an actor, author, playwright and entertainment producer.

Once I learned to read, I found the "funny papers" to be a favorite pastime. When the newspaper arrived on our doorstep, my father would immediately grab the front page and I would grab the comics. I would sit down on the floor, spread the paper out and start working my way through the pictures and

the stories. I loved "Blondie", "Beetle Bailey", "Nancy", and many others. As I got older, I became a fan of the comic strip "Pogo". It was a favorite of mine and many others, running in syndication from 1949 to 1975.

Pogo was a possum who lived in the Okefenokee swamp. He was affable, personable, soft-hearted and philosophical. He preferred spending his time fishing but often became entangled in his neighbor's antics which lead to a lot of comical situations. While the comic was entertaining for a child, many adults read Pogo because of the satirical nature of many of his comments and how they related to then, current events.

Pogo's author, Walt Kelly created the poster for World Day in 1970 which had an image of Pogo in his swamp surroundings, but with trash spread everywhere. The caption read, "We have met the enemy and he is us," obviously indicating our acts of

littering and destroying our environment were hurting the very place we lived. After the poster's release, the phrase was used extensively to illustrate human acts which create problems for others.

Maybe it is time for Mr. Kelly to make another poster because us humans sure seem to do a lot of things to shoot ourselves in the foot! Maybe a little reminder of how problems are often self-inflicted, would serve a good purpose. Why is it instead of collectively working to solve issues, we argue, criticize and stick with silly political agendas that only cater to donors and special interests? These agendas seem to have little to do with solving problems and much more to do with power and control.

I applaud how the world has come together to condemn the actions of Russia in the Ukraine. Decent people all over the world recognize Putin's actions for what they are; naked and unmitigated

aggression flavored with cruelty, inhumanity, and a dash of genocide. When I look at the videos from Ukraine and see the destruction and loss of property and lives, I can only shake my head at how sad and unnecessary it all is. Why do we humans seem to be intent on hurting other humans? Is there something in our very essence which compels us to take out our anger or frustrations out on innocent people?

Let's hope rational thinking takes control of egos and emotions, and the hostilities end in Ukraine before even more loss of life and property occurs. The world has enough issues and problems to resolve without unnecessarily creating more. In the case of Russia, the enemy is clearly themselves and their own government.

Thought for the day: Self-inflicted misery smirks under its crown of thorns.

Until next time...  
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Marriage licenses filed in Coryell County during May

Marriage licenses filed during May 2022 in the Coryell County Clerk's Office included:

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The City Council of the City of Gatesville, in the Regular Meeting held on May 10, 2022 did pass and approve on the third and final reading the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2022-02:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GATESVILLE, TEXAS AMENDING SECTIONS 32-65, 32-66 AND 32-67 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GATESVILLE, TEXAS; PROVIDING THAT CARNIVALS AND CIRCUSES MAY BEGIN OPERATIONS NO EARLIER THAN 10:00 A.M. EACH DAY; PROVIDING A PERMIT EXCEPTION FOR CERTAIN CARNIVALS AND CIRCUSES LOCATED INDOORS; AND AMENDING THE DISTANCE FROM A PRIVATE RESIDENCE AT WHICH A CARNIVAL OR CIRCUS MAY OPERATE

Complete text of this ordinance is available for inspection, during regular business hours, at City Hall, 110 N. 8th Street.

Wendy Cole  
City Secretary  
00029385

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TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF VIRGIL JOE DOUGAN, DECEASED, CAUSE NO 22-10637, COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS. JENNIFER ALICE DOUGAN FILED IN THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS ON THE 24TH DAY OF MARCH, 2022, AN APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP OF SAID VIRGIL JOE DOUGAN, DECEASED.

SAID APPLICATION SHALL BE HEARD AND ACTED ON BY SAID COURT ON OR AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF TEN DAYS FROM DATE OF POSTING THIS CITATION, THE SAME BEING THE 6TH DAY OF JUNE, 2022, AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN GATESVILLE, TEXAS.

ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID ESTATE ARE HEREBY CITED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE COUNTY COURT OF CORYELL COUNTY AT THE SAME ABOVE MENTIONED TIME AND PLACE BY FILING A WRITTEN ANSWER CONTESTING SUCH APPLICATION SHOULD THEY DESIRE TO DO SO.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY IN GATESVILLE, TEXAS THE 26TH DAY OF MAY, 2022.

JENNIFER NEWTON  
CORYELL COUNTY CLERK  
CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS  
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TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF JIMMIE ALLEN NICHOLS, DECEASED, CAUSE NO. 19-10111, COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS. ROBYN DEPALMA FILED IN THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS ON THE 27TH DAY OF MAY 2022, AN APPLICATION FOR JUDICIAL DECLARATION OF HEIRSHIP OF SAID JIMMIE ALLEN NICHOLS, DECEASED.

SAID APPLICATION SHALL BE HEARD AND ACTED ON BY SAID COURT ON OR AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY NEXT AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF TEN DAYS FROM DATE OF POSTING THIS CITATION, THE SAME BEING THE 13TH DAY OF JUNE, 2022, AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN GATESVILLE, TEXAS.

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TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF LOYD GALE PLEW, DECEASED, CAUSE NO 22-10609, COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS. JUSTIN GALE PLEW FILED IN THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS ON THE 24TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2022, AN APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP OF SAID LOYD GALE PLEW, DECEASED.

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- ▶ 8.01 acres east of Evant, TX, Buffalo Creek Ranch Subdivision. Live Oak Trees on the upper end of the property, nice home site, nice view looking south toward Langford Branch, native pasture going down to the branch, approx. 400 ft. of Langford Branch, \$250,000.
- ▶ 10.01 acres east of Evant, TX, Buffalo Creek Ranch Subdivision, nice home site, nice view looking south toward Langford Branch with native pasture going down to the branch, approx. 394 ft. of Langford Branch, \$210,000.
- ▶ 10.01 acres west of Hamilton, TX on CR 607. The property has electricity with great views to the south and has rolling terrain with scattered tree cover. The property is known as Lot no. 1 in the Bluff View Subdivision, \$139,500.
- ▶ 16 acres near Turnersville, TX. The property is open pasture, good views, 1 stock tank, located on paved CR 220. Electricity is across the road and you would need to check with Coryell City Water on the availability of a water meter, \$200,000.
- ▶ 16.5 acres near Turnersville, TX. The property is open pasture, good views, located on paved County Road 220. Electricity is across the road and you would need to check with Coryell City Water on the availability of a water meter, \$206,500.
- ▶ 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, \$185,000.
- ▶ 20.03 acres, Evant, TX, Hamilton County, rolling terrain, good tree cover & on CR 421 The property will have electric serviced by Hamilton County Electric Co. & Fiber Optic Internet service from Central Texas Telephone Company, \$275,000.
- ▶ 36 +/- acres west of Evant, TX, Hamilton County. The property is completely fenced. Electric along the front of the property, scattered tree cover & rolling terrain. Pond that is on the neighbor's property backs 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.
- ▶ 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 Counties and also has road frontage off of Perkins Road, \$1,899,778.

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# Gatesville ISD Service Awards



**FIVE YEARS SERVICE:** GISD employees honored for five years with the district.

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**10 YEARS SERVICE:** GISD employees honored for 10 years with the district.

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**15 YEARS SERVICE:** GISD employees honored for 15 years with the district.

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**20 YEARS SERVICE:** GISD employees honored for 20 years with the district.

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**25 YEARS SERVICE:** GISD employees honored for 25 years with the district.

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**30 YEARS SERVICE:** GISD employees honored for 30 years with the district.

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**35 YEARS SERVICE:** Tilli Dean was honored for 35 years with GISD.

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**GISD RETIREES:** Employees retiring from GISD.

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**EMPLOYEES OF YEAR:** GISD teachers and employees of the year for 2021-2022.

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## GISD honors employees

Gatesville Independent School District recently held their 2021-2022 service awards ceremony at the high school auditorium. Educators and staff were recognized for years employed at the school, those retiring, and those named employee and teacher of the year.

Those recognized for their years of employment with GISD include:

- 5 Years**  
Lisa Ayres, Marie Barrows, Jessica Brown, Lexi Brown, Scott Campbell, Jennifer Campbell, Robert Clater, Jr., Ashley Gauden, Cassie Graham, Jean Grimsley, Earnest Hamil, Kristi Hanson, Morgan Harman, Brandi Helms, Sharon Inbody, Michael Kunkel, Delilah Martin, Betty Myers, Kris Raney, Linda Ranney, Kaycie Smith, Ericha Stephens, Jack Thompson, Kraig Walters, Pam Williams
- 10 Years**  
Martha Angulo, Charolett Chambers, Melanie Diserens, Brant Farley, Clayton Floyd, Kara Kouns, Amanda McCarver, Alicia Mehar, Britney Mooney, Kim Nichols, Megan Nichols, Jennifer Rhymes, Carl Roedler, Ricarda Rogers, Angie Stephens, Teresa Vega
- 15 Years**  
Kathie Brown, Darrell Frazier, Amanda Johnson, Lee Marris, Jason Moffett, Mike Reeder, Kim Strickland, Ashley Swodeck, Marla Tatum, Jackie Williams, Clara Wolff
- 20 Years**  
Mary Bruton, Patti Farley, Connie Lee, Michelle McCraw, Dona Zoeller
- 25 Years**  
Maggie Alvarado, Joanie Campbell, April Clark, Betty Cooper, Denise Griffith, Scott Harper, Melissa Mangum, Melissa Pruitt
- 30 Years**  
Sandra Brown, Debbie McWhorter, Gail

Shelton, Tammi Shoaf  
**35 Years**

Tilli Dean  
**Retiring**

Retirement plaques were also presented to 10 individuals who were recognized by the years they had worked at GISD. Those retiring included:

Debbie Baize, 32 years; Joanie Campbell, 25 years; Kim Chumley, 29 years with GISD and a total of 32 years of service; Rena Clark Williams, 27 years; Donnie Cole, 17 years; Tilli Dean, 35 years; Denise Griffith, 25 years; Cindy Hitt, 14 years; Irene McCoy, 9 years; Tammi Shoaf, 30 years.

Those recognized as employee and teacher of the year by campus include:

- Primary School**  
Employee of the Year - Marla Mayberry and Sandra Brown  
Teacher of the Year - Jana Richardson
- Elementary School**  
Employee of the Year - Sherry Feathers and Gail Shelton  
Teacher of the Year - Tilli Dean
- Intermediate School**  
Employee of the Year - Hope Teague  
Teacher of the Year - Earnest Hamil
- Junior High School**  
Employee of the Year - Joanie Campbell  
Teacher of the Year - Madeline Necessary
- High School**  
Employee of the Year - Elizabeth Brownlee  
Teacher of the Year - Jennifer Penny
- Maintenance**  
Employee of the Year - Tim Willingham
- Transportation**  
Employee of the Year - Taylor Pierce
- Food Service**  
Employee of the Year - Ashley Westbrook

# JUNE 1, 2022

## YES, WE ARE REOPENING!

First Community Title is excited to announce the reopening of our Gatesville office!



*Lauren Reynolds*  
Escrow Assistant



Lauren has been a part of the FCT Team for 2 years. She is a Moody native and enjoys spending time with her husband Kayne and their 2 boys, Huxton and Holton. She looks forward to meeting everyone and helping you with your real estate transactions!

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## Getting 'em ready to play



SE'VETTE EARLY | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

A young participant in the Gatesville Independent School District baseball camp practices his swing on the first day of the camp, May 31. Participants in grades 1-9 were able to improve their baseball skills and knowledge during the camp.



SE'VETTE EARLY | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Gatesville High School baseball coach Chase Williams instructs children on base running techniques during the GISD baseball camp.



**SWINGTIME:** Gatesville High School baseball players worked with younger students on a variety of baseball skills during camp May 31 through June 2.

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