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Celebrating Shivarree 2022

Appraisal rates hit new high



BY BRANDI ADDISON
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Homeowners across Texas recently received their new annual property appraisals, and to the surprise of many, values have skyrocketed.

Across the state, the average increase is between 25 and 27%, though some counties have seen a 60% jump. Unfortunately, Coryell County is no anomaly in the increased valuations.

"What's happening in Coryell County is on par, it seems, with what's happening in many counties across the state," said Mitch Fast, the chief appraiser of Coryell Central Appraisal District.

But some Gatesville residents are still feeling "sticker shock" by the number they've seen.

For instance, resident David Doyle owns a 23-acre property in the 1000 block of Mountain Road. His valuation increased by about \$80,000 this year, his son, Justin Doyle said.

With no real improvements or changes to the property, both are bewildered as to why such a colossal increase occurred.

"There's been no real improvements to the property, nor the neighborhood, that would even justify the amount of increase," Justin said. "I don't (know) if the appraiser is just rolling dice and we got the Yahtzee on our property — or maybe they're throwing darts at a dartboard with a multiplier."

Justin added that his dad is over 65, so the payment should have been capped 14 years ago. Plus, he's

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THRILLS IN GATESVILLE: Shivarree brought plenty of fun and excitement to the community June 2-4. Sponsored by the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce, the event moved back into the city limits for 2022 and featured rides, games, food and entertainment.

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SKY HIGH FUN: The Ferris wheel offered a bird's eye view.

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Attractions such as the Fun Slide brought smiles from all ages.

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GISD approves collaboration with county attorney

BY JEFF OSBORNE
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

A few weeks after approving a similar agreement with the District Attorney's Office, the Gatesville Independent School District Board of Trustees approved a memorandum of understanding with the Coryell County Attorney's Office that will enhance cooperation and sharing of information among the two entities.

"Just as with the DA's Office, this agreement will allow us to share resources that will help our students and their families," said Scott Harper, assistant superintendent for administrative services for GISD.

Harper said when the MOU between GISD and the DA's Office was approved, County Attorney Brandon Belt asked, "What about us?" Harper said he wasn't aware the county attorney's office also had a crime victim's assistance department.

Sharing information is expected to help ensure students get the services they need, adding that sharing information between different agencies will be in everyone's best interest.

Harper has said making sure that agencies collaborate can make a big difference, and helps to avoid anyone falling through the cracks and not getting the necessary help and attention.

RehabLiving offers short-term and long-term care

BY JEFF OSBORNE
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

Whether helping someone recover from an injury or ailment or providing more long-term care, RehabLiving at the Meadows offers area residents quality healthcare options without having to drive to larger cities.

Helen Munday, administrator at the facility, which is part of Coryell Health, and Lisa Moore, director of nursing, gave an overview of care options during a recent meeting of the Gatesville Exchange Club.

The Meadows is currently undergoing an extensive remodel that Munday said should be completed later this year, possibly in October.

She underlined Coryell Health's emphasis of providing top rate medical care even in smaller communities by noting that the healthcare net-

work, including the main hospital in Gatesville and clinics in Waco, Goldthwaite, Moody and Temple, has 635 employees.

RehabLiving at the Meadows had 106 beds, including 16 which are private rooms.

A variety of therapy services are provided geared toward all ages and focusing on different types of recovery, whether from accidents, surgery or long-term disabilities.

Munday said there are 29 beds in the memory unit which serves those with Alzheimer's and other types of memory loss.

"The thing about Alzheimer's and dementia is that many of the patients really do not remember things and may not know what to do," Moore said. "Some think of (staying at The Meadows) as being like a college dorm or their apartment."

Those experiencing dementia may have increased anxiety in the evening, which is referred

to as Sundown Syndrome.

"They sometimes get anxious and think it's time to go home and may be looking for their car," Moore said. She added that it is important for staff members to "get into their reality at that moment. You have to validate what they say. If you tell them they are in a nursing home, it might increase their anxiety. What they are imagining is real to them."

Those staying at the facility often benefit from a variety of activities, which includes baking.

"It's all about quality of life," Moore said.

Munday said Coryell Health hosts a monthly memory support group and can offer tours to those who are interested in visiting the facility.

Asked the age of their youngest patient staying at RehabLiving at The Meadows, Moore said

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Shivaree 2022



Shivaree rides created joy among those young visitors who took part in the annual event.

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The band Little Texas headlined Shivaree.

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a disabled veteran who should have received an additional exemption. Yet, he said his annual tax payments continue to grow each year.

According to Doyle, his annual property taxes have more than doubled since he was 64. At the time, he paid less than \$1,000, and he anticipates this year's price will amount to \$2,500 or more.

Fast agreed, that if the property owner was older than 65 or disabled, they should have received exemptions. In the case of Coryell County residents, most tax amounts — school taxes, county taxes and city taxes — should freeze under these exemptions. The Trinity Groundwater Conservation District is the only taxing entity that does not freeze payments,

Fast said.

"If someone turned 65 back in 1960, and the school taxes were \$100, then they should have frozen at \$100. If they froze this year, and the school taxes were \$2,000, they would be frozen at \$2,000," Fast said. "Now that doesn't freeze the market value; the appraisal district is always going to provide an opinion of market value for what we think that property would sell for, regardless of what exemptions are in place."

Of a different perspective, resident Carol Brown said she knows why her property taxes increased but she still believes it's incorrect. Her \$30,000 valuation increase was prompted by two new portable buildings next to her home — at least that's what aerial imagery displayed.

"But when I looked at it, I said, 'Wait a minute, that's not a portable building,'" Brown said. "It was an

enclosed cargo trailer parked at the side of the house, so they weren't even sure of what they were taxing me for. So, they took that item off easily, but they said (some other items) comes from airplanes that fly over our property and takes photos.

"They hire somebody to fly for tax purposes — I don't think that they can legally do that," Brown said.

Fast said CCAD — along with the majority counties in the state — does use aerial imagery every few years because it can provide property imagery at several angles in a more cost-effective and timely method than hiring staff.

"The reason why most appraisal districts do that is because the Texas Legislature says we're supposed to comply with IAAO appraisal meth-

odology standards, and they put together a standard that says property is supposed to be reappraised over a periodic time," Fast said. "We can either send out appraisers to remeasure two sides of every structure in the county, or we can go through this process of utilizing aerial imagery and the software to determine if sketches are wrong or not.

"It's, of course, much more cost effective for the appraisal district to do the imagery and all that sort of stuff versus hiring the amount of staff that would take to remeasure every house in Coryell County on every two- or three-year basis," he added.

After calling the appraisal district with her concerns, Brown said

the organization removed about \$700 in taxable structures, but they're still taxing her for two portable buildings, which she believes shouldn't count toward valuation.

"They said, 'If they can't be moved within 24 hours, they're taxable,'" Brown said.

Ultimately, Fast said the hot seller's market — driven by low inventory and high demand — is the biggest reason behind appraisals.

If the demand goes up, and the supply goes down, that's going to suggest prices are going to be pushed upward," Fast said. "And that's really the problem, in many cases, is that we don't have the supply of houses to keep up with demand of people that are moving here to buy them."

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it is a man in his 20s who is a quadriplegic.

"He won't stay forever," she said. "We are reaching out to other programs that would be more appropriate for his age."

Munday noted that Coryell Health has a hyperbaric chamber to help people's wounds heal, a state of the art healthcare option in Gatesville.

"I was an RN (registered nurse) in South Africa in the 1970s and saw hyperbaric chambers there, and it's quite different from what it used to be," she said.

Another local healthcare option is dialysis treatment as part of Coryell Health. A different company had been previously offering that ser-

vice and decided to discontinue it. However, Coryell Health purchased that facility and incorporated it into its own network of options.

"It's great to have this right here in our community," she said. "Otherwise, people would have to travel to Waco, Temple or Killeen three days a week (for treatment). That's just one more service we're able to provide."

Asked the maximum number of days someone can stay at the facility short-term when they are recovering, Munday said that depends on a person's insurance or whether they are served by Medicare.

"Standard Medicare offers up to 20 full days, and the possibility of another 80 days where Medicare pays 80% for a total of 100 days," she said. "When we have patients with insurance, we

have to get authorization, and the time a person can stay is limited by their insurance."

For those who may be caring for an elderly or disabled person in their home, Munday said RehabLiving at The Meadows can provide respite care to offer relief for the full-time caregiver.

"Caregivers get very tired — mentally is the main thing," she said. "We can care for a patient here for a few days and give the caregiver a break because it can be very stressful for them."

Outstanding food quality on site is a highlight for patients and residents, Moore said, and Munday noted that specialized beds are designed to use either a soft or firm side to cater to specific preferences.

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Pictured above is George (G.W.) Smith, guest speaker at Turnersville Homecoming. Below, The Leach family were honored for travelling the longest distance of 800 miles. Pictured from left to right are Rex Leach, Donna Leach Clifton (standing), James Leach and Corine Leach.



Turnersville Homecoming held May 29 at tabernacle

The 65th annual Turnersville Homecoming was held on Sunday, May 29, at the tabernacle with dinner on the grounds following the program.

One of the most treasured traditions of the Turnersville Homecoming is to honor veterans who have proudly

served the community and our nation. Flags were placed on the graves of those veterans being honored.

Julie Smith introduced the guest speaker, her father, George (G.W.) Smith, who is a senior charter member and class of 1956. Smith, a native of the area, grew up on Creek

Road. Special music for the homecoming was provided by Jon and Shirley Crosby. Those traveling the longest distance to attend the homecoming was Rex and Corine Leach, who travelled 800 miles from Bloomfield, New Mexico.

AgriLife Extension offering drought management series

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension On-line is sponsoring a Drought Management and Economics Series focused on tough beef and range decisions. Registration for these on-line programs can be done at <https://agrilife.az1>.

qualtrics.com/.../SV_eFIT-mEFvSlpflY and meetings will start at 10 a.m.

The dates and topics are as follows:

- June 15 - Culling Decisions
- July 6 - Early weaning implications and vaccination

programs

- July 27 - Supplementation decisions.

Let's get together and discuss the options and learn from Dr. Jason Smith and Dr. Justin Benavidez and each other.

The Dispatch

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of June 1 - 4. 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

June 1

- 10:33 a.m., an accident was reported in the 300 block of FM 2412.
- 1:38 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1000 block of S. Lovers Lane.
- 2:21 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 400 block of Pidcoke Street.
- 5:44 p.m., harassment was reported in the 2500 block of Bridge Street.
- 9:05 p.m., animal cruelty was reported in the 2000 block of Waco Street.
- 9:26 p.m., harassment was reported in the 1300 block of Green's Private Drive.

June 2

- 12:57 a.m., a theft was reported in the 2700 block of S. State Hwy. 36.
- 3:26 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 10000 block of FM 116.
- 4:30 p.m., a threat was reported in the 2800 block of S. State Hwy. 36.
- 9:45 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 100 block of Park Lane.
- 10:20 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of Avenue C.
- 11:40 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 400 block of CR 341.

June 3

- 11:06 a.m., an accident was reported in the 2600 block of Business Hwy. 36.
- 11:48 a.m., a burglary was reported in the 400 block of CR 268.
- 6:14 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 200 block of S. 5th Street.
- 7:06 p.m., harassment was reported in the 2300 block of Business Hwy. 36.
- 7:31 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of Pate Drive.
- 10:36 p.m., an assault was reported in the 100 block of

Baird.

June 4

- 2:47 a.m., a disturbance was reported in the 1500 block of W. Main Street.
- 9:53 a.m., a disturbance was reported in the 2800 block of S. State Hwy. 36.
- 2:57 p.m., a structure fire was reported in the 300 block of S. State Hwy. 36 Bypass.
- 3:59 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 2300 block of Business Hwy. 36.
- 5:22 p.m., an accident was reported in the 2200 block of Bridge Street.
- 10:01 p.m., a noise disturbance was reported in the 2100 block of Waco Street.

the 200 block of Old Pidcoke Road.

June 2

- 6:58 a.m., a controlled burn was reported in the 500 block of CR 143.
- 3:30 p.m., a fire was reported in the 1000 block of FM 116.
- 4:23 p.m., a reckless driver was reported on FM 116 and Lonesome Oak.
- 6:43 p.m., a suspicious vehicle was reported on FM 116 and Hwy. 84.
- 10:38 p.m., a dog bite was reported in the 4300 block of E. Hwy. 84.
- 11:50 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 400 block of CR 341.

June 3

- 6:55 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 1200 block of Lutheran Church Road.
- 11:09 a.m., a civil matter was reported in the 100 block of Wood Hollow.
- 5:08 p.m., a theft was reported in the 4200 block of FM 1783.
- 7:28 p.m., a threat was reported in the 4300 block of Blue Ridge Drive.
- 9:08 p.m., an assault was reported in the 1100 block of FM 116.
- 10:49 p.m., a fire was reported in the 3800 block of Harmon Road.

June 4

- 6:42 a.m., a fire was reported in the 300 block of Rocky Road.
- 9:17 a.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 400 block of Old Osage Road.
- 2:06 p.m., an assault was reported in the 500 block of River Oaks Drive.
- 7:30 p.m., a welfare concern was reported on Hwy. 84 near FM 930.
- 8:40 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 700 block of Northern Hills Road.

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June 1

- 6:50 a.m., terroristic threats were reported in the 2700 block of Horse Shoe Bend Road.
- 11:20 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 4200 block of FM 1113.
- 6:09 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on FM 580 towards Lampasas.
- 7:18 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 600 block of CR 113.
- 9:31 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 200 block of Putnam Road.
- 10:44 p.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in



Project Leader Workshop to be held in Temple

The Mid-Texas Area Team is hosting a project leader workshop, Saturday, September 10, from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Immanuel Baptist Church, Fellowship Hall, 1401 W. Central Avenue in Temple. Do you enjoy packing shoebox gifts for children through Operation Christmas Child, which shares the gospel with children worldwide? Do you encourage others to pack boxes, or do you lead a group to collect shoebox gifts for

Operation Christmas Child? Join to receive information, resources, and ideas to generate more boxes. Participate in an escape room activity, learn about the impact made on the lives of shoebox recipients, especially through The Greatest Journey discipleship program, and learn how to create gifts for boxes. Snacks will be provided. Please call Cathy at 254-624-0926 for more information, or RSVP to cscribner67@gmail.com.

Flat VFD to have fish fry

The Flat Volunteer Fire Department will be having a "Fish Fry" on Saturday, June 11. It will take place from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. at the Flat Community Center located at 159 CR 334.

The cost will be \$12 per plate and includes a drink and dessert. All proceeds from the fundraiser will go towards new firefighting equipment and personal protective equipment.

Flat Volunteer Fire Department is located at 130 E. FM 931 in the Flat community. They can be reached by calling 254-487-3473.

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ALTON "SONNY" DROSCHÉ

Dec. 6, 1933 - May 25, 2022



Alton "Sonny" Drosche passed away on Wednesday,

May 25, 2022, at Hillside Medical Lodge in Gatesville surrounded by family. He was 88.

Alton was born on Dec. 6, 1933, in Lexington, TX. He graduated from Diboll High School in 1952. He joined the Air Force in February 1953 where he served 4 years active and 4 years in the reserves. After leaving the Air Force, he found a career with Browning Aerial Service (now known as Signature Flight support) where he retired after 30+ years of dedicated service.

He married the love of his life on August 4, 1972. He was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara, and his parents, Arnold and Evie Dro-

sche.

He is survived by his son Curtis Drosche (Jamie, daughter-in-law), his sisters, Joyce McDonald (Gaddy, husband), Mildred Marshall, and his brother JD Drosche (Margaret, wife). He had 4 grandchildren, Samuel, Breanna, Sydney and Blake; and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Services were held at 10 a.m. on Monday, June 6, 2022, at Cook-Walden Capital Parks in Pflugerville. The service was officiated by Pastor Don McConaughy from Pidcoke Baptist Church. A small gathering was held at Pidcoke Baptist Church after the burial.

Pearl Cemetery Assn to meet

The annual business meeting of the Pearl Cemetery Association will be held on Monday, June 27, at 7 p.m. at the Pearl Community Center.

The agenda will include the election of one board member, a vice president and a treasurer. A financial report

will be given and a report of any activities for the past and coming year.

Everyone is encouraged to attend. Social distancing will be observed.

Anyone interested in making a donation towards the construction of the pavilion

or to the organization itself may do so by mailing a check made out to Pearl Cemetery Association, 5840 FM 183, Evant, TX 76525.

For more information, please call 254-248-0665 or 254-216-2011.

PEARL NEWS

292 children attend V.B.S. in Pearl

BETSY CLARK

Pearl News Correspondent

The Pearl Church of Christ reports a wonderful week was had by all during last week's VBS. Total attendance for the week was 292. The

grand total attending since 1991 is 3,227! Last week's VBS attendees enjoyed making Dead Fish T-shirts—yes, you heard correctly. Actual dead fish were employed in the making of those shirts, and the kiddos loved it! The theme for this year was The Chosen-Let Us Be Fishers of Men. There were kiddos from Pearl, Purmela, Gatesville, Brownwood, Killeen, Copperas Cove, and Lexington, Kentucky. The kids were sad to see the week come to a close and are already looking forward to next year's VBS! The church thanks everyone who attended and donated their time and talents to make this event successful! God is Good!!

The Pearl Cottage Bookstore reports a wonderful day on Saturday, June 4th. The store enjoyed visitors from the area as well as San Marcos, Austin, and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The 85-year-old gentleman said that he caught a plane to Texas to attend the Bluegrass event and the Book Cottage Day and was flying back the day after! Wow! What a great recommendation for attending the Bluegrass and Pearl Cottage Bookstore Day!!

The next Bluegrass and Book Cottage Day will be July 2nd. More information will follow later in the month.

In memory of the Book Cottage's dear friend, Judy Vernon, two scholarships in the amount of \$1000 each were given to Evant graduates Harley Blakley and Rayven Honea. Also, the Pearl Church



Clark

of Christ gave the following scholarships: Evan Hanson in memory of Roger Barnett, \$1,000; Jozy Jackson in memory of LaRue Oney Crosby, \$1,000; Zane Dickey in memory of Duane Mariott, \$1,000; Brison Monroe in memory of Tommie Carswell, \$1,000; Angel Centeno in memory of Russell Pruett, \$500; Ilyiana Gaiters in memory of Russell Pruett, \$500; Jayden Wilder in memory of Boone Wilkinson, \$500; Ja'Garyan Alexander in memory of Boone Wilkinson, \$1,000. Congratulations to all of these graduates and may God richly bless you all!!

This week's Bible verse comes from Romans 15:5-6: May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. NIV Contact me at betsy-clark47@yahoo.com to submit any Pearl news.

SHIVAREE FUN



COURTESY PHOTO

The Gatesville Chamber of Commerce's annual Shivaree closed out the weekend's fun Saturday night with a concert by Little Texas. The concert, held at the Chamber Depot, was opened by Gatesville native Ryan Turner.

MY FRONT PORCH

Funky George and the "words for the day"



SAM HOUSTON

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

I firmly hold to the belief that people who have never had the opportunity nor the desire to go to college, miss out on a lot of interesting life experiences. For many of us going off to school meant the first time we were on our own, managed our own expenses, and had to handle all the usual human tasks which some of us never previously experienced. Learning how to do laundry, change sheets and make beds made it abundantly clear good old Mom was no where in sight, and we had to seize the bull by the horn and do those mundane chores ourselves. It was quite an adaptation. I have no idea of the number of times I got in my closet and picked out my cleanest dirty shirt to wear to class. College also meant be-

ing exposed to people with completely different backgrounds, tastes and thought processes. One of my most memorable was a young man who we nicknamed, "Funky George." George was eclectic before eclectic was even thought to be cool. He wore the same old grey pair of sweatpants nearly every day and his T-shirt frequently carried a generous sampling of the last two days' worth of meals which had been spilled down the front. To make matters worse, George went on a two-mile run every day in those sweatpants and seemingly only washed them when there was a full moon. He certainly drew one's attention when he walked into the room, hence the name "Funky George."

George had grown up in rural Arkansas and he was determined he was going to make something of himself. He was always coming up with one get-rich scheme after the other and all the while trying to do a good job with his studies. He was a slightly above average student, but not anywhere close to exceptional and exceptional is what George wanted to be. He made all sorts of extra efforts to increase his grades and on Saturday night, when others were having fun, he would have a "BYOB Study Party," meaning everyone bring their own books and do some reading. Despite his best efforts and commitment, it soon became apparent to Funky George he was not going to be the star student he hoped to become.

Funky George, however, was not one to give up. One day, he decided he was going to work to increase his vocabulary. He imagined if he could expand his word usage, better grades would quickly follow. Every day George would come up with his "Five Words for the Day" and he would post them on his door for all to see. The

rest of that day, he would utilize every opportunity that presented itself to put one of the words of the day into a sentence. Problem was, George did not really understand the words and his utilization was misplaced and sometimes downright silly. If a couple of guys were engaged in horseplay in the dorm hallway and it elevated to a full out wrestling match, George might exclaim, "The pugnacious efforts of these pugilists are disturbing my torpidity." Of course, the sentence made no sense, and everyone would look at George and shake their head not knowing whether to call him out or to simply ignore him.

When graduation came, and we all went our own separate ways, I lost track of Funky George. A couple of years later, I heard he had drifted out somewhere in Colorado. Twenty years later, I was shocked to learn George had gotten involved with real estate in the growing Colorado market and had created his own real estate empire in the Mile High City. I saw a magazine article where he was dressed in an Armani suit and looking perfectly fit. Clearly his old grey sweatpants were long gone and he was now worth millions of dollars. Funky George had succeeded at an unbelievable level and had wealth beyond most people's imagination. Using my "words for the day," Funky George clambered up the ladder of success and his emoluments exceeded all expectations.

By the way, "emoluments" and "clambered" are on my words for the day list. I figure it is never too late to copy someone else's path to success.

Thought for the day: It is never too late to become what you might have been.

Until next time.
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Farrell named to UM Honor Roll

Mary Farrell, of Gatesville, was recently named to the University of Mississippi's Spring 2022 honor roll list. Farrell, majoring in accountancy, was named to the Chancellor's Honor Roll, which is reserved for students who earn a semester GPA of 3.75-4.00.

"The remarkable students achieving Chancellor's Honor Roll are among the best and brightest at the Uni-

versity of Mississippi," said Chancellor Glenn Boyce. "I commend them for their hard work and dedication resulting in their outstanding academic achievements and this well-deserved recognition."

Founded in 1848, The University of Mississippi, affectionately known as Ole Miss, is the state's flagship university.

Locals make ASU Dean's List, Damron receives degree

Three Gatesville students, Kenli Cummings, Aleighsia Damron, and Sydney Mundkowsky recently achieved the Dean's List for the 2022 spring semester at Angelo State University in San Angelo. Kenli Cummings is studying social work, Aleighsia Damron is studying kinesiology, and Sydney Mundkowsky is studying psychology.

To be eligible for the ASU Dean's List, full-time undergraduate students must maintain at least a 3.25 grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale.

In addition to being

placed on the Dean's List, Aleighsia Damron received a Bachelor of Science degree in Kinesiology during the 2022 spring commencement exercises held on May 13 and 14. Angelo State University conferred 880 undergraduate and graduate degrees on 873 graduates during the ceremony.

Angelo State University, founded in 1928, is a thriving four-year public school. The environment at the school helps students feel at home, a place where they know faculty and staff care deeply about their success.



Members of the Gatesville High School choir program recently competed in the University Interscholastic League solo and ensemble contest. Six GHS students earned medals. Pictured are (from left) gold medalist Memphis Wells, silver medalist Avery Vest and gold medalists Madison Johnson, Addie Carpenter, Anna Phillips and Brenon Smith. The students are taught by Gatesville ISD Choral Director Cherith Wells.

Students earn medals at state choir contest

On Monday, May 30, six Gatesville High School Choir students competed in the UIL State Solo and Ensemble contest in Austin. All six students came home with a medal.

Avery Vest earned a silver medal for his solo. Anna Phillips, Madison Johnson, Addie

Carpenter, Brenon Smith, and Memphis Wells earned gold medals on their solos. This was a huge accomplishment at the state level.

Each judge heard dozens of students perform, and each judge designated the very best as "Outstanding Performers."

GHS had not only one, but two chosen as an OP — Addie Carpenter, and Memphis Wells. It was remarkable, basically marking them as "State Champions" in Texas State Solo & Ensemble.

"We are incredibly proud of our students and appreciate their efforts to continue

to work on advanced music even in their summer break!" stated Choir Director Cherith Wells. "We also must thank our Associate Director Dr. Tim Klingler and pianist Nelda Milligan for their assistance in preparing these fine students."

Pre-K, K enrollment continues at Gatesville Primary

Gatesville Primary School is continuing to enroll students for the 2022-2023 school year. Pre-K students must be 4 years of age by September 1, 2022, and Kindergarten students must be 5 years of age by September 1, 2022.

The Primary office is open

Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. until 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.

Gatesville Primary School is located at 308 Hornet Way.

Live Oak Baptist to host VBS June 13-16

Live Oak Baptist Church will be hosting their Vacation Bible School on June 13-16 from 5:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. each evening. The theme for the VBS will be "Armor of God - Suit up, Slay Sin, Serve God."

Vacation Bible School will be for children who have completed Pre-K (4 years of

age) through students in the 6th grade. A light meal will be included.

Drop off will be in the sanctuary at the church. Live Oak Baptist Church is located at 113 FM 107 in Gatesville. For more information, please call 254-865-5681.

Library offers workshops

The Gatesville Public Library is offering two parent workshops to help students become better readers. These workshops will help parents understand the reading process and give hands-on suggestions for improving.

Led by Rebecca Jones, a reading specialist and licensed dyslexia therapist, the first workshop will be "Ways to Improve Reading Fluency" which will be held on Thursday, June 9, at 1:30 p.m. The second workshop will focus

on "Strengthening Reading Comprehension" which will be held on Thursday, June 16, at 1:30 p.m.

These workshops are for parents and caregivers of beginning readers through fifth graders and will be conducted at the same time as Thursday's Movie, so childcare can be provided.

Those interested in attending may call 254-865-5367. The library is located at 111 N. 8th Street, across from the Gatesville City Hall.

Kid Scoop

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Plankton

Powerful Plankton

Though they are quite tiny, swarms of this plankton are so huge they can be seen from space! Circle every other letter to discover its name.

W K O R C I J L V L

K

How many of me can you find on this page?

How many plankton are in a teaspoon of water?

How many would you guess? Use the secret code to discover the surprising answer!

○ = SIX ○ = HUNDRED ○ = THAN
 ○ = MORE ○ = MILLION ○ = PLANKTON
 ○ = LESS ○ = THOUSAND ○ = ONE

A teaspoon of water can contain

Are plankton plants or animals?

The answer is both! There are two main types of plankton: **phytoplankton** (fi-toe-plank-ton) and **zooplankton**. Follow the maze to discover which are plants and which are animals.

PHYTOPLANKTON ANIMAL PLANT ZOOPLANKTON

A Breath of Fresh Air

Phytoplankton make more than half of the oxygen in our world. Think of it this way, every time you take four breaths, two of those breaths came from oxygen made by phytoplankton through **photosynthesis**. So even if you live far from the ocean, you depend on it to survive!

PH = F

In English, when the letters **p** and **h** are next to each other, they make an **F** sound.

Words like *phytoplankton*, *phone*, *photograph* and *pharmacy*. Look through the newspaper and find letters to spell each of these words.

Glue the letters onto a piece of paper, spelling out each word. Then read each one aloud.

Standards Link: Match letters and sounds to spell words.

Ocean Food Chain

Plankton is made up of tiny, usually one-celled plants and small water animals such as larvae and eggs. Zooplankton and other small marine creatures eat phytoplankton and then become food for fish, crustaceans, and other larger species.

Complete this food chain diagram by drawing an ocean predator (shark, orca, barracuda) here:

phytoplankton → zooplankton → fish larvae → fish

Standards Link: Science: Understand how food chains support the life cycles of animals and humans.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

The world's largest animal, eats up to 16 tons of plankton daily. Ten adult men together would weigh about one ton. So 16 tons of plankton would be equal to the weight of 160 men. Good thing it likes plankton and not people!

Color the spaces with odd numbers blue to reveal the animal's name.

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Double Double Word Search

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

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ANIMALS
BREATHE
PLANTS
OXYGEN
CARBON
PLANET
OCEAN
DRIFT
WATER
FISH
SWIM
TINY
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T W N E H T A E R B
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R D E L T A F E L L
A N W A T E R C K P
C T N E G Y X O O N

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

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Expand a Headline

Look through the newspaper for three headlines. Rewrite each one as a complete sentence. See how many more words you can add to make the longest sentence you can.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Write complete sentences.

Write On!

Message in a Bottle

While walking on a beach, you spy a strange bottle with a note inside. What does the note say? What will you do next?

Kid Scoop Together Plankton Quiz

Can you find the answer to each of these questions? They can all be found on this Kid Scoop page!

- Phytoplankton is a
 - plant
 - animal
 - computer part
- Zooplankton is an
 - plant
 - animal
 - island
- What does *planktos* mean in Greek?
 - swimmer
 - drifter
 - boat
- Where do plankton live?
 - oceans and lakes
 - ponds and rivers
 - all of the above
- How much of the world's oxygen is made by phytoplankton?
 - about 7%
 - 12.4%
 - more than half
- How many tons of plankton does a blue whale eat each day?
 - 16 tons
 - 100 tons
 - 232 tons
- How many plankton can be found in 1 tsp. of water?
 - Between 30-40
 - About 10,000
 - More than 1,000,000

Photosynthesis

light energy → oxygen
carbon dioxide →

water →

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Bright summer for Gatesville tennis



SE'VETTE EARLY | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Recent Gatesville High School graduates of the class of 2022, Dayne Zacha and Tyler Hutts, won second in the intermediate men's doubles class at the 17th annual Bright Open Tennis Tournament in Robinson on June 4.



SE'VETTE EARLY | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Rady Hollingsworth, a 2021 graduate of Gatesville High School, and upcoming sophomore partner Callie Smith won third place in the women's open doubles at the 17th annual Bright Open Tennis Tournament in Robinson on June 4.

Local tennis players shine in Bright tennis tournament

Several current and past members of the Gatesville varsity tennis team traveled to Robinson on Saturday, June 4, to participate in the 17th Annual Bright Open Tennis Tournament.

Former 2021 graduate Rady Hollingsworth and upcoming sophomore partner Callie Smith won third place in the women's open doubles category.

Recent graduates of the class of 2022, Dayne Zacha and

Tyler Hutts, won second in the intermediate men's doubles competition.

Soon to be graduates of the class of 2023, Alex Scott and Ty Warren, won the consolation championship in the men's open doubles. These two seniors will be partnering up for the upcoming tennis season as a permanent boys doubles team to try and accomplish their goal of making it to the state tennis tournament in 2023.

Slone Early battled his way to the semifinals of men's open singles and lost in a tie-breaker.

Other varsity members Kasey Fitzer, Finn Rogers, London Kizer, and Madeline Fast all competed in divisions throughout the day.



SE'VETTE EARLY | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Gatesville High School senior Alex Scott, center, pictured with directors of the Bright Tennis Tournament, was selected for a \$250 scholarship.

GEORGETOWN DOUBLES CHAMPS



SE'VETTE EARLY | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Gatesville High School seniors Slone Early and Ty Warren traveled to compete in the Georgetown Tennis Academy Tournament on Memorial Day and won the championship in men's doubles.

AREA FISHING REPORT

Belton

GOOD. Water lightly stained; 77 degrees; 4.40 feet low. The threadfin shad spawn is now over, and with it much of the spring bank fishing opportunities that accompanied it. White bass are routinely present on topwater early in the morning and late in the evening feeding on shad. The midmorning bite is good with fish heavily congregated in 35-50 feet of water using the MAL Heavy with barbless hooks helps anglers "make hay while the sun shines" by quickly unhooking fish and getting back down to catch more fish while the fish are aggressive. Report by Bob Maindelle, Holding the Line Guide Service. Crappie are good in timber ranging from 18-27 feet of water using ATX Lure companies two inch wicked shad. Report by Zach Minnix, Jig N Jerk Guide Service.

Stillhouse Hollow

GOOD. Water lightly stained; 76 degrees; 4.56 feet low. Largemouth bass are good fishing soft plastics on the outside edge of stands of hydrilla in 12-14 feet of water. Dark, natural hues of creature baits perform well. Some light schooling action on topwater is beginning to occur with "schoolie" sized 13-14 inch fish making up the lion's share of the fish in those schools. White bass are beginning to show up in the lower basin of the lake, near the dam after being 'hit or miss' during April and May. Report by Bob Maindelle, Holding the Line Guide Service.

Waco

GOOD. Water stained; 75 degrees; 5.72 feet low. Crappie are awesome in 10-20 feet of water fishing brush piles and humps. Report by Zach Minnix, Jig N Jerk Guide Service. Bass are good early morning with topwaters. Catfish are good with blood bait. Report by Johnny Matthews, local angler.

Whitney

GOOD. Water lightly stained; 73 degrees; 2.74 feet low. Fishing is similar with fish working their way to the south end. Striped bass are great in 20-50 feet of water trolling umbrella-rigs, swimbaits and fishing with live bait on flats and along the main river channel throughout the reservoir. Catfish are great on live or cut bait near the bottom throughout the reservoir. Report provided by Kraig Sexton, Sexton's Guide Service LLC.

Buchanan

GREAT. Water lightly stained; 76 degrees; 5.69 feet low. Crappie fishing is good with fish clinging to the summer pattern. Fishing in 15-20 feet of water over brush piles using chartreuse jigs will fill the boat. Report by Jess Rotherham, Texas Crappie Fishing Service. Bass are good on shallow rock and vegetation, and flipping shallow trees with worms and craw worms. The topwater bite is getting good as well. Crappie, white bass, hybrids and stripers are going strong using small jigging spoons or flutter spoons. Report provided by Bryan Cotter, Texas Hawgs

Bass Fishing Guide Service.

Brownwood

GOOD. Water slightly stained; 75-78 degrees; 3.56 feet low. Bass are good to 6 pounds on crankbaits and shaky heads feeding on perch beds along rocky shorelines. Most are in a summer pattern. Crappie are fair to one pound on minnows from 10-15 feet of water in brush piles and around lighted docks. White bass are excellent to 1.25 pounds trolling with small swimbaits or crankbaits. Catfish are slow on cut bait, liver and perch.

LBJ

GOOD. Water lightly stained; 78 degrees; 0.68 feet low. Bass are good under docks with frogs and senkos, and swimbaits along banks as the bass feed on bait fish. Night fishing is good for bass and white bass on submerged water lights using small crankbaits and crappie jigs. Report provided by Carson Conklin, ATX Fishing.

Travis

GOOD. Stained; 76 degrees; 27.37 feet low. Bass are good with drop shots around docks out to 15-20 feet of water. Bait fish are schooling near marinas and the bass are feeding up on the surface, so small topwaters and swimbaits should land you these. Report provided by Carson Conklin, ATX Fishing. Bass are good suspended in 15-30 feet of water in and near main lake deep marinas. Slowly reel swimbaits in 20 feet of water,

throw chatterbaits into slips, and clear as you can find topwaters. Crappie and whites are seen balled up in schools in marinas hitting spoons and live bait. Report by Randal Frisbie, Central Texas Fishing Guide, LLC. Bass are good on topwaters early in the morning. When the topwater bite slows, switch to 4 inch worms with 1/8 ounce weights fished slowly on steep drop-offs and points in 10-25 feet of water. Report by David Townsend, Austin Fishing Guide.

Austin

FAIR. Water clear; 78 degrees; 0.55 feet low. Bass are good on Lake Austin off docks, deep bluff walls and at the mouths of creeks. On Lady Bird Lake bass are good jerkbaits, paddle tails, wacky worms, topwater worms on submerged grass and around bridges in all depths, especially when the current is flowing. Catfish are good on juglines. Report provided by Carson Conklin, ATX Fishing.

Canyon Lake

GOOD. Water lightly stained; 75 degrees; 2.24 feet low. Bass are good around grass and points throwing small swimbaits and shaky heads with your favorite plastics. Use a 8-10 pound line as the water is very clear. Early topwater bite for largemouth and hybrids from Cranes Mill Park to Jacob's Creek. Crappie are fair on main lake brush and up the river on live minnows. Report by Charles Whited, Barefoot Fishing Tours.

Reigniting Lady Hornet hoops



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FOCUS ON FUNDAMENTALS: New Gatesville High School girls basketball coach Kim Chaffin was among those working with students at a summer basketball camp May 31 through June 2.



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SUMMER SCRAMBLE: Girls had the opportunity to work on their basketball skills under the direction of Coach Kim Chaffin during a recent summer basketball camp.



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