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City meeting to highlight flooding concerns

BY JEFF OSBORNE
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

Gatesville area residents who have experienced flooding issues or who have concerns about future flooding will have an opportunity to voice those concerns and get information about an upcoming city drainage study at a meeting from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, June 21, at Gatesville City Hall.

Gatesville City Manager Bill Parry said the community has dealt with a number of flooding concerns over the years, and the drainage study will attempt to compile the best information to help deal with those recurring issues and address

problem areas.

"If you ask people who live in the southeast quadrant of the City of Gatesville (roughly from State Highway 36 to Golf Course Road, south of Main Street) if there are flood concerns when we get heavy rainfalls, you will likely hear a resounding 'yes'" Parry said. "Drainage issues and flooding do not rise to the top during extensive periods of hot, dry weather and drought - they do when we get excessive rainfall in the first half of the year like we saw in 2015, 2017 and 2020.

"I would also tell you that this isn't a new problem by any means. The August 10, 1995 Gatesville Messenger reported on significant flooding that occurred in early August 1995

after 5 inches of rain fell on the city in one day - in the same area described above. The first step in solving a problem is to admit you have a problem and determine exactly what the problem is. Some define insanity as doing the same thing repeatedly and expecting different results."

Parry said zeroing in on the concerns can help the city make improvements.

"So, what's the problem? When you fail to consider the cumulative effects of terrain, lack of infrastructure, absent or unclear standards, and the amount of impervious surfaces

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Local 4-H team wins state title



COURTESY PHOTO

(From left) Trey Harbour, Kinsey Gardner, Costin Allison and Samuel Belt are members of the state champion livestock judging team.

Coryell County youth excel at 4-H state contests

Coryell County made a strong impact at the annual Texas 4-H Roundup recently in College Station, including winning a state championship.

College Station hosted over 1,500 high school aged youth for the state contests and scholarship event. Among those attending were 24 youth and nine adults from Coryell County. The locals achieved success throughout the week of state roundup and represented Coryell County extremely well. Samuel Belt, Kinsey Gardner, Hailey Luensmann and Cooper Sutton met with their scholarship donors and were recognized at their respective banquets, hosted by sponsors of the Texas 4-H Foundation.

The livestock judging team, consisting of Costin Allison, Samuel Belt, Kinsey Gardner, and Trey Harbour proved themselves in a

tough field of competitors and claimed the state championship. This team, along with 4-H volunteer coach Emily Lochner, will represent Texas in November at the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, Kentucky. The team dominated the field with a 20-point advantage overall as top team, while distinguishing themselves by winning the Swine, Beef, and Reasons divisions. These members traveled many miles and spent long hours in preparation for the state contest. Placing in the top 10 individually were Costin Allison, fifth and Kinsey Gardner, seventh.

Placing second in the solo/band performance of the Share the Fun competition was Thiele Alvarado who performed two crowd energizing songs. Placing fourth in the Livestock Quiz Bowl competition was the team of Jeret Burks, Samuel Belt, Cayleigh Coursey

and Lane Kinsey. Jeret Burks was awarded third high individual overall for number of questions answered correctly. Also placing in the top 5 were the Range Evaluation, Grass Identification, and Horse Quiz Bowl teams. The Range team qualified for the National Land and Range Judging contest in Oklahoma City next May. Range team members are Caleb Mannix, Chase Janke, Matti Mann and Lane Kinsey. The Grass I.D. team was composed of Caleb Mannix, Chase Janke, Matti Mann and Zoe Gribble. Horse Quiz Bowl was made up of Kacy Maurer, Irena Murphy, Ludwika Rodriguez and Carol Marie Szustak.

Other teams competing during the week were the Livestock Skillathon Team (seventh place) Cooper Sutton, Thiele Alvarado, Ken-

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Moore resigns commish position

BY JEFF OSBORNE
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Coryell County Pct. 2 Commissioner Daren Moore, who has served on the county commissioners court for 15 years, decided to end his tenure in office a few months early, announcing at the June 14 commissioners court meeting that he is resigning effective June 30.

Moore, who is director of Scott's Funeral Home, had announced previously that he was not seeking re-election, but that he planned to serve out the remainder of his term. He was first elected the commissioners court in 2006 and took office Jan. 1, 2007.

Scott Weddle won Pct. 2 commissioners' race in the Republican primary election in March and was scheduled to replace Moore on Jan. 1, 2023. (No Democrats filed to run for the office, so Weddle is unopposed in the November election). However, County Judge Roger Miller said he will ask Weddle if he can take office early to fill the vacancy.

"Last fall, prior to the election filing deadline, I made the decision to not seek re-election as Commissioner of Precinct 2, due to pending

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Man gets 50 years for meth

Richard Lynn Key, 39, has been sentenced to 50 years in prison for possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance, more than 4 grams and less than 200 grams, a first degree felony, by District Judge Trent Farrell.

According to the Coryell County District Attorney's Office, a confidential informant contacted authorities on April 22, 2021 regarding a controlled purchase of 10 ounces of methamphetamine. Law enforcement officers set up surveillance in a local business parking lot off Business Highway 36 in Gatesville where the transaction was scheduled to occur.

Key was detained while a canine officer completed a search of Key's vehicle, said Coryell County District Attorney Dusty Boyd.

"The canine alerted to the presence of narcotics," Boyd said in a press release. "Upon searching the vehicle, officers located a clear baggie with large crystal shards in the cup holder of Key's vehicle. Also located was a black box containing a smaller bag of methamphetamine, as well as needles, small baggies and a digital scale."

The substance was sent to the Waco Crime Laboratory for analysis which was determined to be 27.81 grams of meth, Boyd said.

Database to help county keep tabs on concerns

BY JEFF OSBORNE
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Partnering with the environmental consulting firm Natural Resources Solutions of Austin, Coryell County is in the process of creating a detailed electronic database that will help county leaders respond to high priority concerns more efficiently, and also be able to provide information that will help secure more state and federal grants to make local improvements.

Representatives of NRS presented an update to the Coryell County Commissioners Court on June 14, detailing work that has been done so far, how the county will benefit and also outlining what remains to be done.

The county has already received a \$3.4 million grant to help repair and mitigate flooding concerns in the area, based on significant flooding damage the county sustained in 2015 and 2017. Commissioner Kyle Matthews noted that some in the Houston area have objected to Central Texas getting the grant,

and asked if there is a possibility that funding could be pulled by the state.

Steve Manning, president of NRS, said while that funding has already been set aside, having an electronic database in place which provides detailed information about the impact of disasters such as flooding events will not only help protect the county's interests and verify the need for such funding, but it will also provide backup support for state agencies which allocated funding to Coryell County.

As part of a pilot project for the county, NRS employees created a database on what county officials identified as 20 of the areas of biggest concern where roadways are crossed by streams, along with some historical data, population in the area and ways flooding created hazards. In addition to those 20 areas already examined, there are an additional 100 crossings which can be added to the database.

"Whatever data is on (the database, which is still a work in progress), we'll just keep adding to it,"

Manning said. "Once the site is up, y'all can go to it (to access key information) and the public can also go to it."

The NRS team assigned to the task worked primarily with county road and bridge personnel, as well as other county leaders, to identify the 20 target areas which they plan to expand significantly.

"The Gatesville team (from the NRS) compiled a list of information available and built basic algorithms so the county can figure out how to prioritize," Manning said. "This is not an end state, this is just the beginning. The county is short on information, and this will help resolve that issue."

David Jones with the NRS described the work that has been done so far.

"We were tasked to put together as much data as we could in a short period of time and see what we could do with it," he said. "Two points were data collection and then putting meaning to it. Coryell County identified a need to develop a data collection and management

system.

"This will be something you can look at that's readily available that you can go to and get a meaningful answer. We fully intend to build on this and make it bigger, better and more useful."

The pilot project focused on areas where streams crossed roads and created hazards.

"That's useful to road and bridge (workers), but it's also useful to other departments and to the public."

As part of the process, the NRS implemented GIS (Geographic Information Mapping Systems) to not only provide a better understanding of recurring or potential concerns, but also to comply with standards which have become a requirement for those seeking grants to repair or prevent environmental damage from natural events.

"We identified some of the largest concern areas, looked at features that impact flooding at each

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place) Cooper Sutton, Thiele Alvarado, Kendal Clarke, and Brayden Minton; Hippology, with members Irena Murphy, Ludwika Rodriguez and Carol Marie Szustak (seventh place team); Horse Judging: Kacy Maurer, Irena Murphy, Ludwika Rodriguez and Carol Marie Szustak. Wool Judging: Cooper Sutton, Thiele Alvarado, Hadleigh Ament and Jacy Archie.

Educational presenters were: Cayleigh Coursey - Animal Science, Kinlee Gardner - Open Family Community Health, Zoe Gribble - Health and Wellness and Chase Janke - Open Ag and Natural Resources.

4-H is America's largest youth development organization, empowering nearly six million young people with the skills to lead for a lifetime. 4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills. The mission of Texas 4-H is to provide meaningful opportunities for all youth to have fun, learn, explore and discover. While participating in 4-H, young people make new friends, develop

new skills, become leaders and form positive attitudes helping them to be capable, responsible and compassionate members of society. Texas 4-H, as part of the Texas A&M

AgrLife Extension Service also stands to, through the application of science-based knowledge, create high-quality, relevant continuing education that encourages lasting and effective change.

The youth who experienced Texas 4-H Roundup not only competed at a high level, but also enjoyed meeting other young people from across Texas with similar goals and interests. On each night of Roundup, the awards ceremony was held in a different location where the top 3 in all contests were awarded and then culminated with a dance. Tuesday and Wednesday night's entertainment was provided by DJs and Thursday's night event concluded with a live concert by Kody West. The 2023 event is planned for June 5-8, 2023, in Bryan-College Station, Texas.

For more information about Texas 4-H opportunities and events, please call the Coryell County AgriLife Extension Office at 254-865-2414 or check us out on the web at coryell.agrilife.org.

Fire Ravages Fort Hood



COURTESY PHOTO BY ERIC FRANKLIN

A burned out area near Owl Creek Wildlife Management Area is among the portions of Fort Hood which have been scorched by a recent fire. Firefighters from Fort Hood and the surrounding area worked to contain the blaze, which covered 250 acres. The Texas A&M Forest Service also provided firefighting assistance.

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business decisions," Moore wrote in a statement released to The Messenger. "I knew those decisions would affect my ability to continue to serve the constituents of Precinct 2 and the citizens of Coryell County, but I did feel confident I would be able to fulfill my obligations to the completion of my term.

"Since that time, there have been a series

of unforeseen and tragic events which have, and continue to, adversely affect my abilities to devote the much-needed time to appropriately serve our citizens. I truly appreciate the support and understanding this court and all those involved have shown me over the past several months. However, I feel the best decision for Coryell County would be that I resign my position as Commissioner of Precinct 2. After conferring with Judge Miller, I will submit to him a letter of resignation effective June 30.

"I appreciate and have enjoyed the opportunity to be of service in some way to Coryell County throughout the past 15 years. Furthermore, I am gracious to help in any capacity throughout this transition and into the future."

Commissioner Ryan Basham said he appreciates Moore's service to the county, adding, "I've learned a lot from you."

Commissioner Ray Ashby Jr. told Moore, "It's been an honor to serve with you the last six years. You are very well regarded for your service to the county, and your legacy will forever be on our minds and hearts."

Miller said he spoke with Moore about the decision, and thanked him for his service to the county.

"I truly appreciate your service to the county, but I do believe there are circumstances that have come about that make it difficult for you to continue that service," Miller told Moore.

Miller said he respects the decision of the voters who elected Weddle to fill that post, and that he would check on Weddle's availability to begin his service on the commissions court six months early.

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and look at just one aspect of the problem, you will never arrive at a good solution," he said.

Areas of concern he identified include:

- * A 60-foot drop in elevation from a cursory examination of the terrain from the Eastwood addition (34th and Main Street) to the Golf Course area - a distance of just over a mile.

- * In less than a half mile, there is a 40-foot drop from SH 36 between Hillside Nursing Lodge and Walgreens to the Gatesville ISD area.

- * The only infrastructure to carry the stormwater is a series of bar ditches - which for practical purposes, are only so wide and deep, and if not maintained properly, will eventually fill in due to sedimentation.

- * More rooftops and parking lots (impervious surfaces) sheet the stormwater to the ditches instead of absorbing the rainfall into the ground.

- * Residential structures that are built on grade (or below) street level without curb and gutters and stormwater drain infrastructure will be impacted the most. If you don't have and enforce design standards that require an analysis of stormwater runoff and require infrastructure to move that stormwater (which is potentially costly to a developer), the city will have to deal with the problem it creates. The next step is finding a way to fix those

issues.

"So how do we correct the problem?" Parry said. "In April 2018, the City Council passed an ordinance adopting a drainage policy and design criteria for infrastructure to reduce the potential for flooding during heavy rain events. This doesn't solve the problems that existed before 2018, but it goes a long way to preventing making those problems worse in the future.

"The city was awarded a \$225,000 grant from the Texas Water Development Board to conduct a detailed hydraulic/hydrologic study of several tributaries of the Leon River inside and outside the city limits of Gatesville. The grant and study will not give us all the answers we need, but it is a start to fix the problem."

He said Tuesday night's meeting can also help local residents get a better understanding of solutions available and to also present their concerns.

Parry said the purpose of the meeting is "to discuss the purpose of this drainage study, the benefits it will provide to understanding the flooding issues in Gatesville, and most importantly, to give the residents an opportunity to discuss specific flooding concerns they have experienced with the consulting engineer experts."

"If you experience flooding problems during heavy rain events, or are simply interested in the drainage study, we welcome your presence and participation next Tuesday evening."

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of those stream crossings and included information such as population density and impervious cover such as asphalt, concrete and rooftops - anything that when the rain hits it, it flows off and doesn't soak into the ground. Those are important factors for flood risks."

Other information entered into the database included average daily traffic counts at those areas, whether there had been fatalities in that area, the frequency of calls related to flooding in that area and school bus routes. NRS employees initially worked with the Gatesville Independent School District to gather information, but Jones said the hope is to also get information from every other school district in Coryell County.

In addition to provid-

ing useful information to local leaders and community members, "the feds will want all this information for grants - they won't just write a check," Manning said. "They'll ask for it and the county doesn't have it. The feds will want quantifiable information on areas of concern, and this database will help provide that."

Among the stream crossings placed in the database so far are areas covering up to 730,000 acres or as little as 700 acres.

"There's a crossing in Oglesby that's 800-something acres at Ballpark Road, and it blows out (floods) all the time," Manning said. "Almost 20% of that 800 acres is covered in concrete and asphalt, and whenever a house is added, it adds to the problem. It's not that you don't want to build the house, but this will identify areas of concern and you need to know what you're getting

into."

Shannon Farrell, science director for NRS, said the database of key areas of concern should be a big benefit for the county.

"What we're aiming to do is compile all the useful information to justify allocation of resources," she said. "The question is how do you use the information to guide decisions for grant purposes and so on. This can help make current and future needs. We can include lots of information to address many questions."

"You need to organize the info in a way that makes sense of watersheds, flooding, crossings, housing density, impervious cover, log-jams and you can focus on the environmental characteristics of each area.

"It will also provide information on future flood risks. You can (use) the information to make informed predictions of future concerns."



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CLASS OF '59 REMINISCE AT LUNCH



COURTESY PHOTO

Some of the members of the Gatesville High School Class of 1959 recently met at Rancher's Steak House to have lunch and remember their high school years. Pictured, top row from left, are Barbara Miller, Rosa Boynton, Jimmie Kleshick, Jackie Whittenburg, Jack Maxwell, and Ruth Jones. Seated, from left, are Judy McClesky, Mike Trewitt, Jerry Watts, and Myrtle Ann Benner.

Canaan Baptist offers date night comedy show and VBS

Canaan Baptist Church will be featuring "Date Night" Back to Normal Comedy Tour with Scott Davis followed by a Vacation Bible School kick-off party on Sunday, June 26, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. The event will be free and those wishing to RSVP may call

254-421-0884.

The church's Vacation Bible School will begin on Monday, June 27, and continue until Friday, July 1, from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. each evening. A meal will be provided. The theme this year will be "Spark Studios, Created

in Christ, Designed for God's Purpose." For more information about the VBS, please contact Jim at 254-421-0884.

Canaan Baptist Church is located at 177 Coryell City Road at Canaan Baptist Church Road.

FUMC hosts Vacation Bible School

The First United Methodist Church will be offering a Vacation Bible School on Monday, June 20, through Thursday, June 23, from 9

a.m. until noon. The theme this year will be "Rocky Railway, Jesus' power pulls us through" and is for children 4 years of age through

the fifth grade. To register, please call 254-865-2520. First United Methodist Church is located at 2600 E. Main Street in Gatesville.

The Dispatch

The following is a partial breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of June 12 - 15. 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 12
8:57 a.m., a hit and run accident was reported in the 1300 block of Westview Dr.
5:20 p.m., a possible gas leak was reported in the 400 block of E. Live Oak.
8:31 p.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 400 block of N. 14th Street.
9:40 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 800 block of College Street.
June 13
10:43 a.m., animal cruelty was reported in the 300 block of S. Lutterloh Avenue.
3:19 p.m., a vehicle fire was reported in the 3000 block of CR 356.
4:39 p.m., a theft was reported in the 1500 block of St. Louis Street.
6:59 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 100 block of Sandy Lane.
June 14
9:09 a.m., a brush/grass fire was reported on E Range Road on Fort Hood.
2:11 p.m., a theft was reported in the 1600 block of E. Main Street.
8:18 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 3100 block of S. Hwy. 36.
June 15
10:30 a.m., a theft was reported in the 1400 block of Mills Street.
2:51 p.m., an accident was reported in the 100 block of Gateway Circle.

7:01 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 100 block of Old Pidcock Rd.
9:18 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of Old Pidcock Rd.

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June 12
1:10 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported on River Road.
4:17 a.m., a missing road sign was reported on FM 1829 off Hwy. 84.
7:21 p.m., a vehicle fire was reported on FM 3640 and FM 1690.
7:30 p.m., fire was reported in the 200 block of Dees Rd.
June 13
5:08 a.m., an assault was reported at the emergency room at Coryell Memorial.
1:38 p.m., a missing person was reported in the 1600 block of N. Main Street.
2:57 p.m., criminal mischief was reported in the

500 block of Mountain Rd.
6:34 p.m., a vehicle fire was reported in the 13000 block of FM 107.
June 14
11:18 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1700 block of FM 184.
2:39 p.m., graffiti was reported in the 700 block of Leon Street.
3:03 p.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 1600 block of CR 341.
11:38 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 1800 block of FM 580.
June 15
3:51 p.m., a possible fire was reported in the 500 block of Old Fort Gates Road.
7:10 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 900 block of FM 1996.
9:21 p.m., a fire was reported in the 4000 block of Slater Road.
10:04 p.m., a minor accident was reported on FM 580 and FM 1113.

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Central Texas Travel Club to hold meeting Tuesday, June 21

The Central Texas Travel Club will have their next meeting on Tuesday, June 21, beginning at 11 a.m. The club will be meeting at Johnny's Steaks and Bar-B-

Que in Salado, located at 301 Thomas Arnold Road.

The meeting will be open to the public for those wishing to attend. There are no dues or membership re-

quirements to be a part of the club. For more information, please message the group on Facebook or at centraltexastravelclub@outlook.com.

Grace Bible Church hosts VBS

Grace Bible Church will be hosting their Vacation Bible School from Monday, June 20, until Friday, June 24 from 6 until 8 p.m. The theme this year will be "Stand Strong in the Battle

for Truth."

Vacation Bible School will be for children ages 6 to 14. A meal will be provided each evening. Registration will be required and can be done online by

visiting: <https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSeWStT.../viewform>

Grace Bible Church is located at 4012 U.S. Highway 84 and can be reached by calling 254-248-0053.

Whatever happened to.....

20 YEARS AGO (2002)

Brian Lee Brown, a former graduate of Gatesville High School, was nominated for the "Best Specialty Stunt" award at the annual World Stunt Awards. The nomination came from a stunt in which he jumped from a train in the movie "American Outlaws."

Gatesville ISD announced the retirement of Thomas Preston, Charles Alderson, Peggy Timmons, Sue Dixon, Betty Brown, Mary Bishop, Greg Hines, Frankie Stephens, and John Price. Their combined years of teaching totaled 200 years.

Shyloh Smith, 11-year-old son of Reed and Michayel Smith, was honored in Austin for his achievement in writing. His poem, "My Family and Me," had been published in the magazine, Rising Star.

Steven Hall captured first place in a one-mile fun run that was a part of the 23rd Annual Scamper. Hall turned in a winning time of 5:31.

J.D. Shepherd, a member of the Gatesville Boy Scouts Troop 272, took home the grand championship of the Pinewood Derby annual car race. Shepherd was listed as the son of Jimmy and Brenda Shepherd of Gatesville.

30 YEARS AGO (1992)

American Legion Post No. 42 was officially dedicated to Capt. Charles D. Jageler in a special ceremony at the post home located in Fort Gates. Master of Ceremonies for the program were B.K. Walters, Jr., and Mayor Lee Bartlett.

Jimmie F. Thompson was presented with a retirement certificate from MATES. He had been employed there since December of 1985 as a security guard. He was a veteran of World War II and the Korean War.

Homer and Jean Davis were getting ready to celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary. They were married on June 7, 1947, at the First Baptist Church of Victoria.

Brandi Kasting, a Gatesville High School senior, was being honored with a dinner at Mazzio's Pizza and an evening of bowling in Waco. Se-

niors attending were Dee Dee Byrd, Leslie Grogan, Crystal Cox, Christy White, and Monita Medart.

Rick Caldwell of Evant, a member of Boy Scout Troop 389, had completed a project that enabled him to earn the Eagle Scout honor.

40 YEARS AGO (1982)

Stacy Pruitt cycled her way to first place in the Cyclethon, winning a flashy red 10-speed bicycle. She had raised pledges totaling \$266 in the 10-mile race to benefit the American Heart Association. She was listed as the 10-year-old daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Kyle Pruitt.

Three Gatesville High School teachers announced their retirement. They were Mrs. J.B. (Arlene) Martin, Mrs. Helen Nerine Kinsey, and Mrs. Curtis (Beverly) Logan. All three were GHS graduates who returned to their alma mater for their teaching careers.

Rev. Harvey Ozmer was re-named the pastor of Gatesville's First United Methodist Church. Rev. Plez Todd was re-appointed to a fourth year as the associate pastor of the church.

The Gatesville Riding Club was making arrangements for a two-day trail ride to usher in its colorful open rodeo and Western celebration. The rodeo was being staged in connection with Gatesville's ninth annual Shivarere.

Natalie Logan, Margaret Miller, David Hall, and Joey Kenworthy, all Gatesville

High School graduating seniors, were honored with a lasagna dinner held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scott.

50 YEARS AGO (1972)

Management and personnel of Gatesville's Medical Plastics Laboratory formally opened and dedicated a new \$75,000 office building and manufacturing plant on FM 116. The Gatesville industry had gained world attention.

A collection of old coins valued conservatively at \$500 was stolen from a Gatesville home. Following an investigation, the sheriff's department filed charges against two Gatesville men suspected in the theft.

Curtis A. Davis, a Gatesville realtor, announced the purchase of the George B. Painter real estate firm. Davis had recently received his real estate broker's license from the Texas Real Estate Commission.

Sara Nelle Lowrey had been designated as an honor graduate from the University of Texas at Austin, where she received a Bachelor of Journalism degree from the School of Communications. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. O.W. Lowrey.

Jack Barton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dossey Barton, was named to the dean's list for the spring semester at Texas Tech University in Lubbock. He was a senior student at the university majoring in math and minoring in English.

Thank You!

The Mooney family would like to express their gratitude to the community for the remarkable fundraiser on Hershel's behalf.

From the individuals and businesses who donated items, to the buyers who gave generously. We wish we could name them all but there are too many, just know we thank you.

We will never forget the support and kindness you have shown us in this difficult time. This event could not have happened without Texas Station and the many friends who worked so hard to make sure everything was just right. And it was!!

Hersh and I are proud to call Gatesville our hometown. Thank you and we love you all!

*Hershel and Renee Mooney
Terry, Lauren, Hayden and Lawson Mooney
Eric, Jenna and Kason Herbelin*



THE CITY OF GATESVILLE WILL HOST A
PUBLIC MEETING

TO DISCUSS THE CITY OF GATESVILLE DRAINAGE STUDY

TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2022
FROM 5:00 – 7:00 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 110 N. 8TH STREET

The purpose of this meeting is to:

1. Inform the community about the project;
2. Describe how the study will benefit the community;
3. Gather project-related input from the community, including locations of flooding risks.

DATE NIGHT!

BACK TO NORMAL COMEDY TOUR
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and

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Webb named to Dean's List

Harley Webb, a junior studying accounting is among more than 1,200 Harding University students included on the Dean's List for grades achieved during the Spring 2022 semester. Webb is a 2020 graduate of Gatesville High School.

Harding University Dean's List is published each semester by Dr. Marty Spears, University provost, honoring those who have achieved high scholarship. To be eligible, a student must be carrying 12 or more hours with a 3.65 or higher grade-point average

and no incompletes. Harding University is a private Christian liberal arts university located in Searcy, Arkansas. Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, it is the largest private university in the state.

Jones named to President's List

LeTourneau University in Longview recently announced its spring 2022 President's List. Included on the list was Gatesville resident Allaira Jones, who is working on her bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. Jones was a 2018 graduate of Gatesville High School.

son said being named to the President's List is, indeed, a significant achievement and honor.

"As the comprehensive Christian polytechnic institution in the country, LeTourneau University attracts students who are among our nation's best," Mason said. LETU offers more than 140 undergraduate and graduate degree programs online and at LETU's residential campus in Longview.



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Garvin

Garvin receives master's degree

Sam Houston State University recently released their graduation list of their Spring 2022 graduates. Among those receiving degrees included Gatesville's own Candice Garvin who received her MLS degree - Master of Library Science. Garvin is currently the librarian at the Gatesville Intermediate School.

SHSU's Master of Library Science degree is designed to prepare competent professionals for school librarianship. The library science courses are founded in a variety of professional library skills and utilize the latest advances in technology and information literacy.

Sanders named to honor roll at HPU

Gatesville student, Kaleb Sanders, was recently named to the honor roll at Howard Payne University. HPU honored 211 students for academic success in the spring 2022 semester. Students must earn a 3.5 to 3.64 grade point average to be named to the honor roll. To be eligible, students must be enrolled in 12 or more semester credit

hours and have a no grade of Fail, No Grade or Incomplete Grade in all courses attempted.

Howard Payne University is a private Baptist university in Brownwood, Texas. It is affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Texas. Howard Payne College was founded by Reverend Noah T. Byers and Dr. John David Robnett in 1889.

RIBBON CUTTING HELD AT BURKES OUTLET



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The Gatesville Chamber of Commerce recently held a ribbon cutting ceremony at the grand opening of the Burke's Outlet. Burke's Outlet is a part of Bealls, Inc., a privately held company, still owned by the founding family. They sell apparel for the entire family, housewares, shoes and accessories at discount prices. The Burke's Outlet is located at 2401 State Highway 36, Ste. 101 in Gatesville. They can be reached by calling 254-216-7255.

From My Front Porch

Looking back at walking up the hill to the future



Houston

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

the "old home place" one more time. We set this past Saturday as the time to fulfill our plans.

In some of my past columns, I have mentioned by friend Miss Jayne. She is 90 years old and is my dear friend and substitute mother now that mine has passed. She was born and grew up in Durant, Oklahoma, where she attended grade school, high school and college. Miss Jayne's dad was a telegrapher with the railroad in Durant but was a smart and industrious man and realized way back in the 1940s that there were no dormitories at the growing Southeast Oklahoma State University and very few apartments in Durant. He purchased a city lot which had a house already built upon it which was located just two blocks from the college. He then proceeded to take the roof off the house and built a series of boarding rooms in the newly created second and third floors. Miss Jayne's family lived on the first floor, and the second and third floors were rented to female college students. Many of the renters made the house their home for their entire four-year collegiate career.

Because of age and failing health, Miss Jayne had not been back to Durant for quite a few years. When over the holidays we got to talking about her family, I decided when the weather turned warm, I would drive her to Durant and let her see

I could tell upon my arrival that Miss Jayne was excited to make the trip. She could not recall exactly the last time she had been to see the place where she grew up, but the thought of seeing her childhood home and reliving her family memories was nearly more than she could bear. As we drove the 90 minutes we talked about her folks, her brother and the times they shared. We visited about her deceased husband Marcus and how she had met him at Durant when she was in college. Clearly, it was important to her to share with me, her close friend, those intimate memories, and the reality that she was the only one left after all these years, to tell the stories.

When we got to Durant, we drove to her childhood address and was surprised that while the old house was abandoned, it was still standing and in good shape. The yard was mowed and obviously cared for. Miss Jayne began describing how as many as 16 girls had lived upstairs of her family home and detailing the adventures which occurred. She smiled, and giggled, and she regaled me with tales. She told me of the time as small children that she and her brother were playing with their pony, and it fell into a ditch which had been dug by the city to install a new water line. The pony had landed upside down in the trench and could not get itself out,

and Miss Jayne was sure it was going to die until some college students got shovels and managed to free the animal. She showed me the street corner where her three childhood friends would join her to walk up the hill to grade school. The same girls would meet and walk up the hill to high school, and then to college. "I don't know how many steps I took over the years but everything I ever learned in school was on that hill, and I had to take that sidewalk to get there, from kindergarten through a master's degree," Jayne told me, "and I even met my husband and fell in love up on that hill."

We drove around Durant and Miss Jayne remarked at the changes and told stories about old stores and locations as she marveled at all the changes to the college campus. Even pointing out to me the music hall which was the one place she and Marcus could go and "make out" when they were dating so many years ago.

As we drove back home, we talked about life and those things which were important to value. She told me that at her age, memories were all she had left, and she was so pleased she got to go and see one more time the place which held so many memories to her. She also let me know how important it was to her that she shared those stories with me, so I better understood exactly who and what she was and where she had come from.

As I drove back to my home, I thought about the hill Miss Jayne climbed when she started school. I tried to picture my 90-year-old friend as a 5-year-old going to kindergarten with her three childhood friends; giggling as they walked, care-free and unaware of what travails life had in store for them in the years ahead. Little did she know where the sidewalk would lead her or what her life would become. She had no idea we would become friends so many years later.

We all have climbed our "hills" and one day will look back and recollect and smile at the past. My hope is when you do, you have someone close to share those memories with. They will enjoy hearing your memories as much as you will enjoy reliving them.

Thought for the day: Old memories are like coffee with cream and sugar: when stirred, both can become mellow and sweet. Until next time.

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MOUND NEWS

Rachel Hopson honored with a baby shower Sunday in Gatesville

BARBARA HOPSON
Mound News Correspondent

Mrs. Rachel Hopson was honored with a baby shower on Sunday, June 12, 2022, in Gatesville at the home of Morgan Estes. Hostesses were Morgan Smart, Amanda Long, Morgan Estes and Abbey Hunt. Those attending were family and friends.

Mound lost one of its former residents. Mr. Don S. Marshall died Monday June 6, 2022. Funeral services were held Friday at Dossman Funeral Home in Belton. Burial was at Mound Cemetery. Mr. Marshall was the son of the late Jesse and Daisy Marshall. He will truly be missed.

Ray and John Stephens recently attended a dinner party for Mrs. Shirley Hamilton at a restaurant in Chandler.

Mrs. Sue Magee of Gatesville was a Sunday dinner guest of Kathi and Nick Taylor.

Eve Fulton won first place in the 100 High Jump at the McGregor Summer Track Meet last Saturday.

Joseph Piller was honored on his birthday Sunday afternoon with a dinner given by

his family.

Slayton Fisher was honored on his birthday Tuesday evening with a party given by his parents, Neal and Amanda Fisher.

Don and Sue Jones had lunch Sunday at the home of Steve and Kay Branham. Others attending were Alice Fretwell, Jerry and Vickie Audrey of Gatesville, Kelby and Sterlin Shults.

Ron and Blayn Smith of Dallas visited Sunday afternoon with Don and Sue Jones.

Carolyn Blakley went to Glen Rose Friday to meet her friend, Angie Taylor. They spent the weekend at the lake and also went to Granbury, did some shopping and went to a play while there.

Matti Mann competed at the State 4-H Roundup last week. Matti's Plant ID team won fifth on her Range Management team and can now advance to nationals. Matti also competed in Livestock Judging.



Hopson

Several people of Mound attended the Flat Homecoming Sunday at the Flat Community Center.

Several people of Mound attended the Gatesville Exchange Club Fire Ant 100k Bicycle Tour Saturday at the Gatesville Civic Center.

Barbara's Notes: Happy Birthday to Jannetta Spencer, Marilyn McDade and Belva Clark, and also Happy Father's Day.

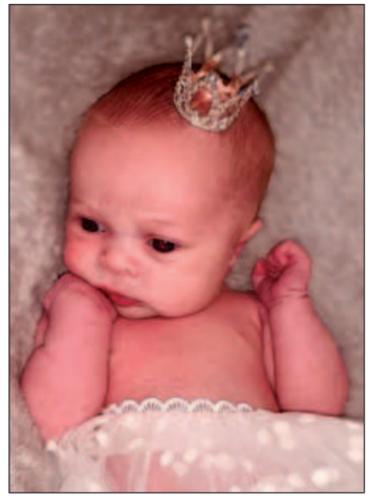
Jocelyn Davé born May 15

Cameron Davé and Jaci Velasquez of Gatesville announce the arrival of a baby girl, Jocelyn Bryce Davé, born at 1:21 p.m. May 15, 2022, in Baylor Scott & White Hospital in Temple.

She weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces, and was 20 inches long.

Grandparents are Jamie and Janice Velasquez of Gatesville and Hesper Davé of Killeen.

Great-grandparents are Irene McCoy and William Jones, both of Gatesville, the late Charles and late JoRuth Holden of Gatesville and the late Basilio Velasquez of Temple.



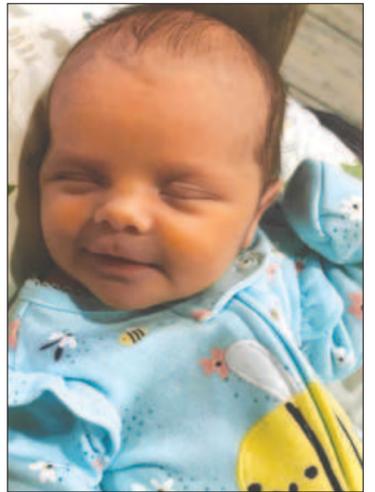
Davé

Wrenley Pruitt born June 1

Cody and Kendra Pruitt of Gatesville announce the arrival of a baby girl, Wrenley Nicole Pruitt, born at 10:01 a.m. on June 1, 2022, at Hillcrest Hospital in Waco. She weighed 5 pounds and 15 ounces, and was 18.5 inches long. She was welcomed home by her big brother, Graham, age 3.

Grandparents are Kent Powell and Andra Powell of Gatesville, Betty Pruitt of Cleburne, and Steve and Regina Pruitt of Klein.

Great-grandparents are Lanell Powell of Gatesville and the late D.F. Powell, Daniel Brumbalow of Hamilton, Billy and Peggy Vaden of Gatesville, the late Elmo and Fay Allen of Gatesville, the late James and Cheryl Pruitt of Hamilton, and Betty Glover of Gustine.



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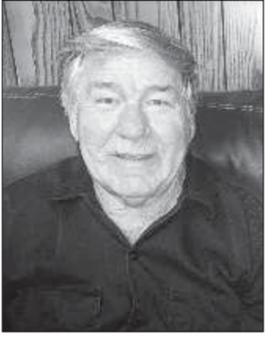
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OBITUARIES

CURTIS "DALE" WILLIAMS

Dec. 31, 1950 - June 11, 2022



Curtis "Dale" Williams, age 71, of Oglesby, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family who loved him dearly on Saturday, June 11, 2022.

The family would like to invite anyone who would like to attend Dale's graveside service on Saturday, June 25, 2022, at 10 a.m. at Post Oak Cemetery in Oglesby with Chaplain Kara Leslie officiating.

Dale was born in Findlay, Ohio, on Dec. 31, 1950, to Kenneth and Evelyn Irene (Shriver) Williams. Dale entered the U.S. Army at the young age of 17 on Sept. 15,

1968. He served in Vietnam from April 1969 to October 1970, where he fought in the Infantry. His last duty assignment and major command was with Battery B 1st Battalion 78th Artillery 2nd Armed Division ("Hell on Wheels") at Fort Hood. During his service, he made the rank of Buck Sergeant in less than a year, which was an accomplishment. While serving in the U.S. Army, he received National Defense Service Medal; Vietnam Service Medal with 3 Bronze Service Stars; Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal; and Sharpshooter (Rifle M-16). Dale received an honorable discharge from the Army on Sept. 15, 1971.

While stationed at Fort Hood, Dale met his future wife, Brenda Key. They would meet at a small church on North Fort Hood. They were married on Dec. 4, 1971. During their 50 years of marriage, they were blessed with two daughters, nine grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Dale loved hunting, fishing, golf, and target practice and has always been an entrepreneur. He enjoyed diving and was a certified master diver. Dale was always there for his daughters' basketball and softball games

and was held hostage by his daughters on the front porch as he endured hours upon hours of cheerleading in the front yard. In addition, he loved spending time with his grandchildren at their sporting events and spending time with his friends. After the Army, once Dale entered the workforce, he prided himself on never being late to work. Dale was a faithful employee of Smead Manufacturing in McGregor for 31 years and seven months, where he worked as a machine operator, warehouse worker, and carton handler.

Dale is preceded in death by a son, Michael; mother, Evelyn Williams; father, Kenneth Williams; brother, Danny Williams; sister, Nancy Williams; infant brother, Kenny Williams; infant sister, Shirley Williams; father-in-law, John Key; and mother-in-law, Wilma Key.

Dale is survived by wife, Brenda (Key) Williams; daughters, Christy Pogue and husband, Billy; Tiffany Jones and husband, Heath; nine grandchildren, Jett Pogue and wife, Chelsea; Bryce Pogue and fiancée, Gena Weeks; Blake Barron; Raylee Reed and husband, Nate; Caleb Jones; Cory Adams; Peyton

Pogue; Bo Pogue and fiancée, Kylie Grisham; and Caitlin Jones; one great-grandchild, Kynslee Pogue. Dale is also survived by a sister, Pamela Diane Nelms; niece, Kimberly Bame; nephew, Jayson Bame; nephew, Scott Williams; aunt, Jan Jones and husband, Duane; cousin, Judy Ball and husband, Bob, all of whom are in Ohio.

The family would like to thank all of the nurses and staff at Fresenius Kidney Care and Compassus (Hospice).

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made in Dale's honor to Oglesby Volunteer Fire Department, who was so faithful to come to his aid several times during his illness, or Disabled Vets of America.



EARL ALLEN

Dec. 2, 1932 - June 11, 2022

Earl Allen, age 89, of the Pidcoke community, passed away on Saturday, June 11, 2022, in Gatesville.

Graveside services were held at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, June 15, 2022, at the Pidcoke Cemetery, with Rev. Bill Jones officiating.

Earl Wade Allen was born on Dec. 2, 1932, in the Pidcoke community of Coryell County, to the late Kyle Bailey and True Thompson Allen. He attended school in Pidcoke, until it consolidated with Gatesville. He graduated from Gatesville High School in 1951. He accepted his Christianity, during a summer revival at Pidcoke Baptist Church. His life and family life were very involved in the Pidcoke Methodist Church. He was only a few months old when his family purchased land and moved three miles east of Pidcoke on the Cowhouse Creek. He loved to tell of the days that he and his two older brothers walked the three miles to school. But even worse, they had to travel it two times a day. He loved his home on the Cowhouse Creek. The creek offered so many things that he enjoyed doing, such as fishing, swimming, picnicking, etcetera. In March of 1942, they were informed that they must leave their home immediately, due to need of Camp Hood. As a young boy, barely nine years old, he was upset and heartbroken. He always had a special place in his heart for that home and his childhood days there.

Shortly after his high school graduation, he served four years in the U.S. Air Force from 1952 - 1956. After his service in the Air Force, he went to work at Ft. Hood, as a civil service employee. He married Wanda Harrell in 1960 and they made their home in Copperas Cove. They raised their family in Copperas Cove, where they all graduated from Copperas Cove High

School. He retired from Ft. Hood in 1987 after thirty-five years as a civil service employee. He was very much an outdoor person. He loved hunting, fishing, boating, camping and never tired of doing any of it. His two sons grew up doing all these things with him. He taught them to shoot guns and always respect them and the dangers of not using them properly. He also was a music lover and played the guitar. He volunteered playing in several nursing facilities in Coryell and Bell Counties, for their entertainment. He was a member of the N.R.A. for many years and a member of the Central Texas Cattleman's Association. He loved his cattle and caring for them. After he and his wife retired, they moved back to Pidcoke, where they spent many good and happy years there together. He continued all throughout the years to go and visit his old home place on the Cowhouse Creek. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather and had his own way of showing his affection.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Ray Allen and Gerald Allen.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Wanda Allen; sons, Doug Allen and wife, Christi; Dale Allen and wife, Charlotte; daughter, Donna Torrez and husband, Danny; four grandchildren, Beth Allen, Wesley Torrez, Cole Allen, Dana Burns; and five great-grandchildren.

Mr. Allen's family would like to extend a special appreciation and thanks to Dr. Maynard, Della Altum and the staff, nurses, and aides at Hillside Medical Lodge for their care.

The family has designated that memorials be directed to the Pidcoke Cemetery Association, c/o Shirley Bartlett, 105 River Ridge Dr., Gatesville, TX 76528.

Scott's Funeral Home in Gatesville, in charge of arrangements.

JACK MANNING

Nov. 26, 1925 - June 12, 2022



Jack Manning, age 96, passed away peacefully to join his bride in heaven on Sunday, June 12, 2022, in Odessa.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m., Thursday, June 16, 2022, at Sunset Memorial Funeral Home with Brother Clydel Chapman of Northside Baptist officiating. Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, June 18, 2022, at Restland Cemetery in Gatesville.

Jack was the second-born of six children to William C. Manning and Lela M. Manning on Nov. 26, 1925, in Coryell County. Jack began his education early in life at the age of only four years old because

his older brother, Billy needed his assistance opening and closing the wire gates. He later attended Gatesville High School until making the noble commitment to serve his country.

Jack was sworn into the U.S. Army at the age of 18 and was immediately shipped out for basic and advanced training. He served in the 387th infantry regiment of the 97th infantry division during the European theater of operations during World War II. He saw combat in France at Bastogne, Belgium and in Czechoslovakia. After VE Day, he returned home on leave before being sent to the West Coast where he received amphibious training for the invasion of Japan.

In July 1945, he was on a troop ship, steaming to Japan. He was only two days away from the islands when the atomic bomb at Hiroshima occurred. After Japan's surrender, Jack landed in Nagasaki Harbor and served a year with United States Occupation Forces in Japan. He was later honorably discharged with the rank of staff sergeant with a combat infantry badge.

While Jack had been away serving his country, his parents and younger siblings moved to Odessa. Upon discharge, he joined them and found work in the dust of the

West Texas oilfields.

Jack married Ina Joyce Motley, the love of his life, on May 15, 1947, at First United Methodist Church Odessa. Housing was difficult to come by at the time they were newlyweds, so Jack worked 12-16-hour days as he was able. Eventually, they were able to afford a small new house, where they would welcome their firstborn child, Jackie. Only 15 months later, they were blessed with a second son, Bobby.

As time passed and the family grew, Jack thought he could improve their lot by starting his own business the cowboy way. Fifty-two years ago, Jack mortgaged 20 momma cows at \$300 apiece. With \$6,000, Jack and his friend Tilmon Perry founded Rock Tool Company on Feb. 2, 1970. Later, Jack and his son bought out his partner. This was the first of over a dozen successful and diverse companies for Jack and Ina over the years. His businesses involved oil and gas, service, real estate, banking, ranching and breeding horses.

Jack's passions included helping children, horse racing, enjoying Ruidoso, feeding cows and Dr. Pepper. Jack was a long-standing freemason and a member of the El Maida Shrine in El Paso. He was a member of the AQHA and the Jockey Club in Ruid-

oso Downs, New Mexico, for over 50 years.

Those that knew Jack well would say that though he was soft spoken, he had a presence that drew people to him. He was gentle as he was tough; reasonable as he was stubborn. He'll be remembered as "the horseman that just passed by" and the "last oilfield cowboy."

Jack is preceded in death by his wife, parents and all five siblings.

Jack is survived by his sons, C. Jack Manning and wife Rhonda of Odessa, and Bob D. Manning of Gatesville; seven step-grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

Honorary pallbearers will be Bill W. Butler, David Long, Jack D. Motley, Ronnie Peoples, Bryce Pool and the crew at Rock Tool Company.

In lieu of flowers, if desired, the family requests donations be made to Shriner's Children's Hospital. The family would like to express their great appreciation to dear friends Diane Norwood and Beth Cobb. Arrangements are entrusted to Sunset Memorial Gardens and Funeral Home. To send condolences to the family, please sign his guestbook at www.sunsetodessa.com.

BETTY STUBBS HAVEN

Dec. 31, 1938 - June 6, 2022



Betty Stubbs Haven passed from this life to her heavenly reward on June 6, 2022, at the age of 83.

Betty was born the daughter of Hilma Enger Stubbs and James Clifford Stubbs on Dec. 31, 1938, in Cranfills Gap. She was one of nine children who grew up in humble beginnings as a sharecropper's daughter but rose to the heights of the corporate world as a key member of executive teams to vice presidents and CEOs at some of the nation's top Fortune 500 companies, in-

cluding Marriott and Quest Diagnostics. She attributed key abilities for her successful career, such as assuming responsibility and keen decision-making, to her father and mother's loving and strict upbringing.

Betty is survived by her daughters Pamela DeRita and her husband, Kevin DeRita, of Garland, Heidi Haven of Ashland, Oregon; granddaughters, Claire Alexander of Los Angeles, and Isabella DeRita of Garland; brother, Jim Stubbs and wife, Barbara, of West Columbia; brother-in-law, Robert Gohlke of Gatesville; and sister-in-law, Dorothy Stubbs of Woodway; and many extended family members, cousins, nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 411 North Town East Blvd., Mesquite, Texas on Saturday, June 25, 2022, at 10 a.m. The graveside service will follow the funeral service at 4 p.m. at Boggy Cemetery, Cranfills Gap, Texas. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (<https://givenow.lls.org/give/394054/#/donation/checkout>)

WILLIAM MORRIS FORD

Oct. 5, 1940 - May 9, 2022



William M. Ford, age 81, passed away on May 9, 2022. He was born Oct. 5, 1940, in Gatesville, the son of Jack and Ruth (Ussery) Ford.

Morris graduated from Gatesville High School, class of 1959, where he was voted Best Dressed and was recognized in football as All District End. Following graduation, he attended Sam Houston State Teachers College where he was a member of the Rodeo Team. He joined the U.S. Air Force in 1961 and served his country for 20 years. He was stationed in San Antonio, Denmark, Hawaii, Vietnam and

Thailand. He also worked for the U.S. Post Office and TSTC.

In addition to his parents, Morris was preceded in death by his wife, Alpha Ann Mathis Ford in 2020. He is survived by two children, Jackie Ford and Amanda Gilmore; sister, Bonnie Ford Roberts, six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Morris loved animals and was known for his natural ability to rope on the ranch and in the army camp, gathering cattle along with his father. His favorite things in life were food, football and baseball. He played in baseball tournaments and had numerous trophies. Morris was also known for his ability to dance to country music and spent many hours on the dance floor.

Those who wish to remember Morris in a special way may make gifts in his memory to the Pidcoke Baptist Church, 11125 FM 116, Gatesville, TX 76528, where he attended church and youth camps on the Cowhouse Creek in his early years.

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CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH: Steven L. Bogan, pastor; Hwy. 84 and FM 116; Sunday services - Bible study 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m., evening worship 6:30 p.m.

CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH: Jim Keever, senior pastor; 177 Coryell City Road, Crawford; Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m., Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

COLD SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH: Bob Phillips, pastor; Sunday services - Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m., evening worship 5:30 p.m.

EASTWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH: Lynn Parks, pastor; 2518 East Main; Sunday services - Sunday School 9:45 a.m., morning worship 10:50 a.m.; Wednesday evening services, 6 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF EVANT: Dane Barron, pastor; Live Oak Street and Memory Lane; Sunday services - Sunday School 9:45 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m., adult Bible study 6 p.m.; Wednesday services - kids' and youth Bible study 6 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF FLAT: Sunday School 9 a.m.; Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.; Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study 7 p.m.; Wednesday Youth Group & Kid Knights 7 p.m.; Wednesday Supper first Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m.; Men's Breakfast second Saturday of each month at 7:30 a.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF GATESVILLE: 912 E. Main Street; Sunday services - Sunday School 9:30 a.m., morning worship 10:45 a.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF OGLESBY: 120 College Ave., Oglesby, Tx 76561; Sunday morning services - Sunday School 10:00 am, Worship 11:00 am; Wednesday evenings - supper at 5:40 pm, Kids & Youth Group 6:00 pm, Prayer meeting 6:00 pm; Jeremy Sanders, Pastor.

GATEWAY BAPTIST CHURCH: Michael Bragdon, Pastor; Hwy. 36 East; Sunday services - Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m., evening worship 1:30 p.m.; Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.

HARMONY BAPTIST CHURCH: A.C. Painter, pastor; 1750 FM 215; Sunday services - Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m., evening worship 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday evening worship 6:30 p.m.

HAY VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH: 3110 Hay Valley Road, off Hwy 36 North. Sunday morning services - Sunday School 10:00 am, Worship 11:00 am. AWANA children's ministry Sunday evening 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Bible Study for men and women on Wednesday at 6:30 pm.

JONESBORO BAPTIST CHURCH: Matt Dossey, pastor; Sunday services - Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship 10:50 a.m.

KING BAPTIST CHURCH: Charles W. McKamie, pastor; Sunday services - Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m., evening worship 6 p.m.

LIBERTY BAPTIST CHURCH: Royse T. Cockrell, DMin., Pastor; Corner of FM 107 & HWY 36 in Gatesville; Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Morning Service 11:00 a.m., Second Service 1:00 p.m., Family Bible Study Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.

LIVE OAK BAPTIST CHURCH: Bro. Ken Laney, pastor; FM 107; Sunday services - Sunday School 9:15 a.m., morning worship 10:30 a.m., Wed. evening Adult, Youth and Children's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

MOUNTAIN BAPTIST CHURCH: Rev. Kurt Fuessel, pastor; Hwy. 84 East in South Mountain community; Sunday services - Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m., evening worship 6 p.m. Prayer meeting 7:00 p.m. Wednesday.

OSAGE BAPTIST CHURCH: Chris Thomas, pastor; Sunday services - Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m.

PEARL COUNTRY CHURCH: Sunday morning

Being Who You Are

"The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

—1 Samuel 16:7 NIV

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SPANISH BAPTIST CHURCH: Ezequiel Casas, pastor; 113 Veazy Dr.; Sunday Services; Sunday School 10:00 a.m., worship 11:00 a.m., Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m.

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WESTVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH: Interim Pastor: Eddie Taylor; Hwy. 84 West; Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m.

WHITE HALL BAPTIST CHURCH: Mike Barron, pastor; 2040 CR 238, Gatesville; Sunday school at 10 a.m.; Sunday morning worship services 11 a.m.; 254-679-3200.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

CEDAR RIDGE CHURCH OF CHRIST: Deral McWhorter, minister; Osage Road and Cedar Ridge Drive; Sunday services - Morning worship 10 a.m., evening worship 6 p.m.

EVANT CHURCH OF CHRIST: Will Vann, Preacher; Sunday services-Bible Study 9:30 a.m., morning worship 10:20 a.m., evening worship 12:30 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

FORT GATES CHURCH OF CHRIST: Hwy. 36 S.; Sunday services - Morning worship 10:30 a.m.

GATESVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST: Justin Hall, minister; 2417 E Main; Sunday Bible class 9:30 a.m., morning service 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday Bible classes 6:30 p.m.

LA IGLESIA DE CRISTO: 2413 East Main; clases y servicios en Español, 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m., Solamente

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MIDWAY CHURCH OF CHRIST: 1955 CR 3640, Copperas Cove, TX 76522; Sunday 9:30 a.m. Bible Study, 10:30 a.m. Worship; Wednesdays 5:30 p.m. Bible Study; Royce 512-734-5390 or Steve 254-865-3559.

PEARL CHURCH OF CHRIST: Sunday services - morning worship 10:30 a.m.

CHURCH OF GOD

CORNERSTONE, Greg Demmitt, pastor; 338 State School Road; Sunday services - morning worship 11 a.m. www.facebook.com/pages/cornerstone/140632994733

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ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH: Rev. Christopher Richman, PhD; FM 929 in Coryell City; Sunday services - Morning worship 9 a.m., Sunday School 10:15 a.m.

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH: Rev. John Heckmann, pastor; Hwy. 36 and FM 1114 in The Grove; Sunday services - Sunday School 9 a.m., worship 10:15 a.m.

METHODIST

BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: Sunday services - 11 am. 2nd & 4th Sundays. 2 miles north of Ireland on FM 932

EVANT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: Dennis Dutton, Pastor; Sunday services - Sunday School 9 a.m., morning worship 10 a.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF GATESVILLE: 2600 E. Main St.; Stephen Schmidt, pastor; Sunday worship - 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. WEDNESDAY WORD: Meal at 5:30 p.m. \$3; youth, Children and Adult Bible Studies at 6:00 p.m. AA meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6:30 p.m. Visit us at fumcgatesville.org for more information.

JONESBORO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: 101 CR 193; Rita Hotz, Pastor; Sunday services - 11 a.m., each 1st and 3rd Sunday.

OGLESBY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: Sunday services - morning worship 9:45 a.m., Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

PIDCOKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: Bill Jones, Pastor; Hwy. 116; Worship service Sundays at 10 a.m. 254-677-6242.

MORMON

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST LATTER-DAY SAINTS: 206 South 26th; Sunday services -Sacrament services 10 a.m., Sun. School 10 a.m

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

CHRISTIAN LIFE CHURCH: Frank Rosenstern, pastor; Hwy. 84 West; Sunday services, 10:30 a.m.; Thursday services, 7:00 p.m.

CORYELL COMMUNITY CHURCH: Daniel Crowther, Pastor; 115 N. Levita Rd., Gatesville, 248-0849. Sunday Worship services 9am & 10:30 a.m. Wednesday services 6pm; Adult Bible Study, Children's Ministry and C3 Student Ministry.

CORYELL FELLOWSHIP CHURCH: Doran Belknap III, Pastor; Sunday service 11:00 a.m., 8205 FM 182 in Turnersville; (254) 218-5901.

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GRACE ASSEMBLY CHRISTIAN CHURCH: Wray Nunn, pastor; Sunday morning worship at 10:30 a.m. & Wednesday evening worship at 6:30 p.m. at Gateway Learning Center, 2315 Osage Road.

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MOUND COWBOY CHURCH Bruce Cox, pastor; Sunday services - morning worship 9 a.m., Sunday school 9:30 a.m. Men's breakfast every third Saturday of the month at 8 a.m. For more info. and location, call 254-865-5908.

PEARL COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP: 6735 FM 183 in Pearl. Sunday Services- 9:00 a.m.

THE HOUSE THAT GOD BUILT: Bill Trotter, pastor; 3412 E. Main St.; Sunday service 11 a.m., Wednesday service 7 p.m.

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TABERNACLE OF PRAISE UPC: Rev. Jimmy Skiles, pastor; 202 E. Main, Gatesville; Worship services - Sunday mornings at 10:00 am; Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm; www.gatesvilletop.org. 254-206-1826.

MOUNT CALVARY CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST: Rev. Lee O. Ford, pastor; 128 North 12th Street; Sunday services - Sunday School 9:45 a.m., worship 11 a.m., weekly services, Wed. Bible Study 6:30p.m.-7:30 p.m., Wed. night service, 7:30p.m.

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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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PUBLIC NOTICES

Community Development Block Grant
Community Development Fund
Regional Priorities
Public Hearing

Thursday, June 23, 2022
Executive Committee Meeting
Central Texas Council of Governments Building
2180 North Main Street,
Belton, Texas 76513

Public Hearing: 12:00 P.M

For more information, visit ctcog.org/economic-development/txcdbg-regional-priorities-2/ or call 254-770-2379.
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Application has been made With The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for A Wine and Malt Beverage Retailer's Off-Premise Permit By Zain 123 LLC dba Gatesville Food Mart to be located at 2603 E. Main Street, Gatesville, Coryell Co., Texas. Members of said LLC are Hajjaj A. Khan - Member & Shamaaila F. Khan - Member.
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Turn your yard into a vacation-worthy oasis

Warm weather means more time to relax outdoors. For those homeowners lucky enough to have entertaining spaces outside, spring and summer provides plenty of opportunities to enjoy fresh air under the sun or stars.

Over the last few years, families have become especially familiar with what works about their yards and where there is room for improvement.

A backyard renovation can cost anywhere from \$5,000 to \$50,000. The American Society of Landscape Architects suggests homeowners budget the cost of a major landscaping project at between 5 and 10 percent of their home's value. Large or small, here are ways to make an outdoor oasis at home.

Create living privacy

Living in close proximity to neighbors may make privacy harder to come by. Wood or vinyl fences, however effective, may not provide the all-natural look many people desire. Vertical gardening, which trains easy-care vines like English ivy, Clematis or

various climbing roses to grow on trellis or fencing adds greenery and privacy. Hedges and fast-growing shrubs also can be used for natural barriers.

Install a pool

Pools are the ultimate spots to cool off on hot days. An elaborately shaped inground pool can blend in with the landscape and offer the ultimate hang-out zone. However, above-ground pools also serve the purpose and are more budget-friendly. Stock tank pools are popular among those who want minimal pool expenditure or have small spaces to work with. Stock tanks are metal vessels traditionally used as watering holes for livestock. They also can be "adult kiddie pools" when combined with some plumbing. Galvanized steel frames make them sturdy. With floats and other accessories, they can become the perfect oasis.

Provide outdoor atmosphere

Create a bespoke bistro vibe by using freestanding planters and posts along with hanging lights to make an

intimate outdoor hangout spot at night. For those with permanent structures, like a deck or a gazebo, lights can be strung across the area or on railings or edging.

Extend the living space

Decks and patios can help make outdoor entertaining areas more comfortable by eliminating the need to sit on the grass or gravel. Plus, they add another "room" to the home. When paired with weatherproof patio furniture, such as sofas, loungers and tables, a private seating area can be crafted and utilized for any number of entertaining desires.

Hang a hammock

Few things evoke feelings of relaxation better than a hammock. Fitted between two trees (or two posts if trees are sparse), a hammock is an ideal place to grab a nap or read a book.

Additional oasis-inspired ideas include outdoor kitchens, letting up lanterns, cascading water features, and bird feeders to attract the sounds of nature.



COURTESY PHOTO

Simple steps can turn your backyard into your own private oasis.

Make watermelon the centerpiece of your summer meals

Few things are as delicious and refreshing as watermelon on a warm day.

Most people immediately think of watermelon as a sweet snack or as a palate cleanser after an evening meal, but watermelon is equally at home in savory dishes as it is in sweet offerings. You may enjoy this recipe for "Zesty Watermelon Chicken Salad Tortilla Cups" courtesy of The National Watermelon Promotion Board and recipe author Shannon Kohn. This is a great warm weather meal that looks impressive and is both cool and filling for summer entertaining.



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Zesty Watermelon Chicken Salad Tortilla Cups

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Makes 12 servings

4 8-inch flour tortillas

1/4 cup softened cream cheese

2 tablespoons mayonnaise

1 tablespoon cayenne pepper sauce

2 tablespoons chopped green chiles

1 cup cooked, chopped chicken

1 1/2 cups chopped watermelon

1/4 cup roasted, salted pumpkin seeds (pepitas)

1/4 cup sliced green onions

1. Preheat oven to 375 F.

2. Using a 4-inch cookie cutter or cup, cut rounds out of each tortilla. Press one tortilla round down into each cup of a 12-cup muffin pan.

3. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes or until tortilla cups are light brown and crispy. Remove

from oven; allow to cool.

4. In the bottom of a large bowl, combine cream cheese, mayonnaise and pepper sauce until smooth.

5. Stir in chicken and green chiles. Fold in watermelon.

6. Divide and fill each tortilla cup with an extra amount of the watermelon-chicken mixture.

7. Divide and garnish with an equal amount of pumpkin seeds and green onion, respectively.



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Prepare for drought in advance

Drought is becoming a more frequent problem. According to NASA, the last 20 years have produced some of the driest conditions in the American west on record. When drought occurs, it is now more severe and pervasive than it once was, which underscores the importance of planning for drought before it occurs.

Here are some steps homeowners can take to prepare for drought before it occurs:

• **Check your well pump regularly.** The U.S. Department of Homeland Security urges homeowners who have a well pump on their properties to check them regularly for leaks. If the pump turns on and off while water is not being used, it has a leak. Addressing the leak promptly helps to conserve water, which is one of the most effective means to combatting drought.

• **Plant native species.** The U.S. Forest Service notes that native plants are adapted

to the local climate and soil conditions. That means they will require less water and will be hardy enough to withstand heat waves in areas where especially high summer temperatures are the norm.

• **Raise the blades on your lawn mower.** The DHS notes that lawn mower blades raised to at least three inches encourage grass roots to grow deeper and hold soil moisture. That can help lawns survive drought without much intervention, including extra water during times when water restrictions are in place.

• **Reseed lawns with drought in mind.** When reseeding a lawn, consider the potential for drought. The DHS recommends individuals in areas affected or likely to be affected by drought plant drought-resistant lawn seed. Drought-resistant grasses, which include Bermuda and Zoysia grass, can withstand prolonged periods without

water. However, before re-seeding, consult a local lawn and garden professional to ensure the grass will thrive in your area.

• **Devise a wise watering strategy.** Come late spring, devise a watering strategy to take you through the dog days of summer. Water-efficient irrigation systems can protect flowers, plants and shrubs during prolonged periods marked by little to no precipitation. In addition, less water will be lost to evaporation when watering during early morning or evening hours when temperatures tend to be less extreme and the sun is not as high. If possible, hand water during these times of day or set irrigation system timers to do so.

Dry conditions are more common today than they were 20 years ago. That reality means homeowners must plan ahead as they try to help their lawns and gardens survive drought.

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