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City receives fire protection inspection results

BY JEFF OSBORNE

SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

The Gatesville City Council recently received details of a recent Insurance Services Office (ISO) inspection related to the Gatesville Volunteer Fire Department's ability to fight structure fires, and the city was rated a 4 in its public protection classification.

Communities receive a rating of 1 to 10, with a score of one being the best rating. Gatesville received a rating of 4, which is the same it received in the last inspection in 2015. These inspections are done about

every seven years, said Gatesville Fire Chief Billy Vaden.

"The ISO inspection is related to how effective you are at structural firefighting," Vaden said, adding that responding to other emergencies such as grass fires and accidents does not factor into this rating.

Vaden said the highest rating the city has received was "about 15 years ago, when we scored a 69.85. We almost achieved a Class 3 rating that year."

In the most recent inspection, the city received 62.49 points.

"We've lost seven points in the last 15 vears, and what we need to do is prevent losing any more and push back toward a higher score. We will look at areas where we did a poor job and where we can improve."

One of the areas where the city received a low score was on the number of firefighters. While a full-time professional fire department receives full credit for each firefighter, Vaden said a volunteer fire department only receives one-third credit for each firefighter. Based on that, he said the city only received 26.51 out of 50 possible points.

One way the city is hoping to improve the score in by adding another fire engine, Vaden said, and Gatesville is applying for a \$750,000 FAST (Fire, Ambulance and Service Truck) grant to help cover that expense.

"We lost points for not having a second ladder truck, and they start at (a cost of) about a million and a half, so that's not feasible for us," Vaden said.

Another place the city lost a significant number of points was water supply - or flow

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Canine comforting



Winston the therapy dog and Jenny Featherston, victim assistance coordinator for Coryell County, recently visited Uvalde to offer support and encouragement to people in Uvalde, who are dealing with the aftermath of tragic of a school shooting that killed 19 children and two teachers.

Winston, Featherston travel to community reeling from tragedy

My name is Jenny Featherston and I am a victim assistance coordinator for the Coryell County District Attorney's office and Winston is our therapy dog for victims.

On June 10, Winston and I were invited to go to Uvalde to assist

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GISD looks at 2022-23 dress code possibilities

BY JEFF OSBORNE SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

The Gatesville Independent School District Board of Trustees is considering policy changes for students and staff, which will mostly stay the same but will allow some facial hair for students, some "unnatural" hair color and nose studs/ small hoops.

"Those were the big three issues (which staff reviewed and then submitted for the school board)," GISD Superintendent Barrett Pollard said.

Board members Mary Anne Leib and Calvin Ford both said they supported all three, while board Vice President Charles Alderson voiced some initial reluctance in allowing

"My personal opinion differs from what I think is best for the district," said board member Cheye Kizer. "I don't think (the changes) will be a distraction that would take away from students' ability to learn. My personal opinion is 'dress for success."

Board President Charles Ament said the primary focus of the dress code should be to ensure that the things that would cause a distraction and impair students' ability to learn should be prohibited.

"The key for me is, what do you all think is distracting these days?" Ament asked.

Pollard said the district's leadership spent an extended amount of time discussing the dress code with an emphasis on doing what is needed "to prevent distractions in the classroom." "We as a board are elected by the

people of the community," Alderson said. "What is the community going to say?"

"It depends on the person," Pollard said.

Board member Jimmie Ferguson said whatever is allowed for staff should be allowed for students.

"I don't know why we have different dress codes for staff and another for kids," he said.

Ferguson said he was aware of a conversation in which a teacher with a beard told a student he had to shave, and the student noted that the teacher had facial hair.

"He was told when he got a master's degree, he could grow a beard, too," Ferguson said. "To me that's condescending. I want us to be consistent, and it's important that we all agree."

One difference that the board has

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COURTESY PHOTO

Winston relaxes after a busy day of comforting people in Uvalde.

COURTESY PHOTO

A collage of photos honors those who died in the May school shooting in Uvalde.

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with families from the recent school shooting. Winston's job was to be available to students, families, and victims who needed assistance.

The Texas Department of Emergency Management had set

up out on the fairground a place they called "tent city." This is where we reported. We were assigned to the main tent where everyone checked in and began receiving services for whatever that need may be.

The Red Cross and Area Children's Advocacy Centers provided counseling, family assistance and help with filling out Crime Victims Compensation paperwork.

Our job was to walk around and engage with the families. Winston was a big hit with the kids. He would do tricks

for them (especially if they had a treat for him). Sometimes people were very quiet and he would just stand there and let

We also were available to the volunteers that had been there since the shooting. They were needing that down time to work through things for themselves. We felt very honored to be asked to assist in this difficult time.

- for randomly selected hydrants. Out of 40 possible points, the city received 25.63.

"They look at large buildings, and near some of those there was low water flow," Vaden said.

A memorandum given to Council members indicated that of the 2,844 fire departments in Texas, Gatesville is rated in "the top 37% ... it is nearly impossible (and the costs far outweigh the benefits) for a volunteer fire department to achieve a much higher rating."

Mayor Gary Chumley asked if the fire department can appeal anything in the inspection.

"You can appeal, but the only point I'd argue is that we can supply water to an area using multiple hydrants," Vaden said. The inspection only took one hydrant into account when inspecting each area.

Vaden said a consultant was hired to help the city achieve a higher score in the past.

"Even though it costs a lot for that consultant, he's probably worth the money," Vaden said. "He only charged us \$12,000 last time, and this time he wanted \$30,000

or \$40,000."

Councilwoman Barbara Burrow asked what the positive and negative impacts were for the city's score.

"It mostly affects commercial properties insurance rates," City Manager Bill Parry said.

"What does it take to get to a 3 rating?" Burrow asked.

"The biggest thing would be to increase water flow and to hire a (professional) fire department, and those are the biggest expenses," Vaden said. "It's not a one-year deal (to improve), it takes several years to do it. We'll keep pushing, pushing and

pushing. "One day you'll have a career department. It's getting harder to find volunteer firefighters. The numbers and the dedication is decreasing. It's a hard sell to get people to volunteer - you have to be really dedicated. It's a hazardous job - you never know what's going to happen."

Parry said the 13 fire

hydrants that were tested during the inspection were randomly selected, and steps will be taken to improve wa-

ter flow. "We're going to use some of our ARPA (American Re Plan Act) fund to put in a 10inch water line and tie in to additional lines, and that will solve the problem," Parry

Resolving the issue completely will be costly, he said.

"This is a \$20 million problem," Parry said. "We have to figure out what is a priority and what we're going to

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allowed is that staff should be required to wear pants except for coaches during athletic periods or maintenance workers, while students are allowed to wear shorts.

"The impetus behind (the changes) is that more and more parents are challenging it (certain dress code restrictions) legally and winning," Pollard said. "It's a balance of having students look good and upstanding and giving them some freedom."

Kizer said if district administrators were content with allowing facial hair, some hair color and nose studs, she values their opin-

"If a team of administrators put these suggestions together, that's where I put my pen down. I respect your opinions," she said.

Pollard said rather than focusing on minor dress code infractions, staff could instead for cus on "What's most important."

The board gave administrators the authority to review the three items in question (facial hair, hair color and nose studs) and to make a determination of what should be allowed.

Pollard said he appreciated that, adding there are other major areas to devote more attention toward.

"We have bigger fish to fry," he said. "We are concerned about giving students the best education, preventing an armed intruder and addressing a huge budget deficit."





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The Bugle Boy Listening Room



TUMBLEWEED SMITH Tumbleweed Smith of Big Spring is a newspaper columnist and producer of The Sound of Texas radio series

Musicians from Texas and beyond perform at The Bugle Boy Listening Room in La Grange.

"They come here just because of our reputation as a great place to hear music." says Heather Allbright, Executive Director. "At The Bugle Boy there is no talking during a performance. We're a little non-profit organization with 60 theater seats and room for 20 extra chairs, which makes a maximum audience size of 80. Our mission is to elevate

and sustain original live music. Basically, we are dedicated to the songwriters and their songs."

Bugle Boy is in its 18th year. It started out as a coffee shop, but the only time it drew a crowd was when it had music. So, music became the main attraction.

"Everybody says it's almost like having an intimate show in your own living room. People are able to come and see their favorite artists, meet them, visit with them, get their pictures taken with them and really get to know them a little bit.'

Bugle Boy is in a World War Two barracks building on the north edge of town on Highway 77.

"We're Army Green in our paint scheme and have tried to keep some of that World War Two, Andrews Sisters type atmosphere."

Musicians who perform there must have 90 minutes of original material and are paid for their performances.

"We were the first fair trade venue in the state of Texas. Musicians have a guaranteed minimum or a large percentage of the door take, whichever is greater. They also get

to keep all the income from their merchandise sales."

The facility has 90 shows a year on Friday and Saturday nights. Ticket prices are \$25, more for big name musicians.

"We have a long list of people who want to book annually, then we fit in these people who show interest. They contact us if they want to perform."

The shows are broadcast live on the website thebugleboy.org. Professional sound, lighting and video equipment are permanently installed to record and show musicians who play all types of music. Some performers record albums there because of the professional sound engi-

"We have been told that we have some of the best sound around and that's why people will come and play here."

In between the performing

groups' two 45-minute sets, guests can get beer, wine, coffee, or root beer floats. Concerts start at 8 p.m. and are over by 10. Besides ticket sales, funding comes from fundraisers, patrons, and



TURNERSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER: The community center in the Turnersville area can be rented for various events. It is described on their website as "a family friendly gathering place for recreation, community, education and the arts."

Quarterly meeting July 11 for T-ville Community Center

The Turnersville Community Center will be holding its quarterly meeting on Monday, July 11, at 6 p.m. The meeting is scheduled to take place at the community center and will be open to the public to attend.

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

For more information about the quarterly meeting, please call 254-494-0110.

The Dispatch

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of June 28 - 29. 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-

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1:05 a.m., animal cruelty was reported in the 400 block of N. 14th Street.

1:10 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 300 block of Straws Mill Road.

9:31 a.m., animal cruelty was reported in the 100 block of Willow Lane.

1:15 p.m. a disturbance was reported in the 1600 block of

1:26 p.m., an accident was reported in the 200 block of E. Main Street.

6:31 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 300 block of FM 116.

8:36 p.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 1500 block of Golf Course Road. 10:54 p.m., suspicious ac-

tivity was reported in the 200 block of E. Main Street.

11:08 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2800 block of S. State Hwy.

June 29

11:42 a.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 1500 block of W. Main Street. 1:25 p.m., suspicious activ-

ity was reported in the 300 block of S. 8th Street. 4:40 p.m., an accident was

reported in the 1900 block of S. Hwy. 281. 4:44 p.m., a reckless driver

was reported in the 1500 block of Golf Course Road.

5:52 p.m., a noise disturbance was reported in the

100 block of FM 1996.

7:18 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 300 block of E. Main Street.

9:09 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of Old Pidcoke Road.

10:06 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 3300 block of S. Table Rock Road.

10:13 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 500 block of Bridge Street.



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CORYELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE June 28

10:30 a.m., an assault was reported at the JP Court of-

10:50 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 3700 block of FM 1783.

1:20 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 1600 block of CR 341.

1:43 p.m., a theft was reported in the 200 block of Harrell Drive.

3:56 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on FM

1783 and the Cowhouse bridge.

5:25 p.m., a reckless driver was reported on W. Hwy. 84

5:44 p.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 200 block of Linda's Lane.

6:13 p.m., missing livestock was reported in the 2700 block of Vigilante Road.

7:26 p.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the

9300 block of FM 2412. 11:30 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2800 block of CR 318, Mound

Cemetery.

6:07 a.m., debris in the roadway was reported on CR 152.

12:50 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 16000 block of FM 107.

12:58 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 300 block of PR 305.

1:52 p.m., animal neglect was reported in the 600 block of Liberty Street.

3:43 p.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 1000 block of Winter Road.

3:55 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 300 block of PR 305.

5:30 p.m., a noise complaint was reported in the 100 block of FM 1996.

10:03 p.m., a fire was reported in the 3300 block of S. Table Rock Road.

10:34 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 1500 block of Bridge Street.



CORYELL VALLEY CHURCH: A ministry of country folks with a goal of bringing souls to Jesus and working together for His purpose. The church invites the public to come worship God with them and enjoy the Lord's creation along Coryell Creek.

Coryell Valley Church to host a gospel singing Saturday, July 16

Coryell Valley Church will be hosting a "Gospel Singing" on Saturday, July 16, from 5 p.m. until 6 p.m. The public is welcome to attend and enjoy the gospel music.

The church is a ministry of country folks with a goal of bringing souls to Jesus and working together for His purpose. The current pastor of the church is Chris Horner.

Coryell Valley Church is located at 4995 FM 929, approximately three miles from Hwy. 36. The area is also known as Coffey, after Smith Coffey, one of the

early settlers.

In the 1870's the original school, church and cemetery were located along Coryell Creek, two miles west of the current Coryell Valley Chapel.

The church site was shared by four denominations, each having use of the building one week per month. The groups included Southern Methodists, Methodist Protestants, Primitive **Baptists and Missionary** Baptists.

In 1905, land was deeded for church use at the current location. During the

1980's the church site was abandoned and in 2008 the Sotero and Sarah Gomez family began to renovate the old rock church and hold worship events there. Since 2008, many things have occurred in Corvell Valley. Some of these things include the 1930's rock church being restored, a community building being added behind the church with restrooms, showers, a kitchen, a loft and wifi, the Coryell Valley Cabin was added, a Wesleyan congregation was established and more.

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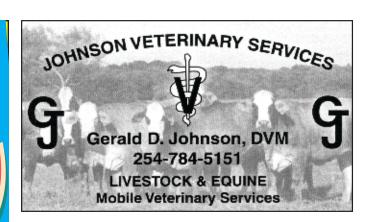
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JACK ELAM

Jan. 22, 1917 - June 28, 2022



Jack Elam, age 105, of Evant passed away Tuesday, June 28, 2022.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 6, 2022, at the First United Methodist Church of Evant, with Rev. Bob Weathers officiating. Interment will follow at Murphree Cemetery in Evant

Charles Lloyd "Jack" Elam was born January 22, 1917, in Pearl, to the late Charley and Henrietta Edmondson Elam. He graduated from Pearl High School in 1936 and later attended 4 C College in Waco.

Jack married Catherine Austin on September 24, 1938. He worked on highway construction as a dump truck driver and shovel operator until 1941, when they moved to Evant and purchased, as well as operated, the cotton gin.

On February 22, 1944, Jack was inducted into the Army, serving in WWII as a Corporal with the 10th Mountain Division, 86th Regiment, Company D. He received the Bronze Star for his actions

in Apinninas and Po River Valley in Italy. After his military service, Jack owned and operated Evant Feed Mill and Evant Water Works. At the same time, he had an egg farm with 50,000 chickens and operated feed lots with the capacity of 200 cattle. In 1963, he bought stock in the First National Bank in Evant. He worked there in several capacities, with his wife Catherine. He served as chairman of the board and president of the bank, until his retirement in 1986. He served as Chairman of the Housing Authority Board in Evant, where he was proud of making it possible to provide ten government housing units in 1970 and 1971. He was a member of the First United Method-

ist Church of Evant, former

and other civic committees.

member of the Lions Club

He has been a member of the Bee House Masonic Lodge #550 A.F. & A.M in Evant since 1943 and Waco Karem Shrine since 1963. He was also a former member of the Texas Bankers Association.

Jack was preceded in death by his wife, Catherine; son, Charles Austin Elam; sister, Mildred Elam Manning; and a grandson, Chris Elam Comer.

He is survived by his daughter, Linda Kay Comer of Evant; grandson, Charles and wife, Krissy; and greatgrandchildren, Charlie, Caroline, and Cort.

In lieu of flowers, memorials have been designated to his grandson's scholarship fund, Chris Elam Comer Scholarship Trust, P.O. Box 306, Evant, Texas 76525.

ELSIE MAE

Sept. 14, 1933 - June 28, 2022



Elsie Mae Bobbie Lengefeld Mallett, age 88, of Gatesville, formerly of Upstate New York passed away Tuesday, June 28, 2022. Funeral services will be Saturday, July 9, 2022, at 10 a.m. at The Presbyterian Church of Gatesville with The Rev. Dr. D.D. "Buddy" Wheat,

Jr. officiating. Burial will follow at Hemmeline Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., prior to the service.

Elsie was born on Sept. 14, 1933. in Gatesville, to Albert Lengefeld and Rosa Schoenewolf Lengefeld. She grew up in the King community and attended school in the Plainview community and graduated from Gatesville High School in 1950. She continued her education at Tarleton State College and San Marcos College, both in Texas, State University of New York College at Cortland, where she completed a bachelor's degree in education in 1963, and then Elmira College in New York, where she completed her master's degree in education in 1972.

Elsie married Cyril G. Mallett on August 28, 1953, at Bethel Heights Church in Gatesville. They were married 48 years until his passing in

2003. They lived in California and Illinois, settling in upstate New York, where they raised their children. She was employed by the Odessa School District, Odessa, New York and the Spencer Van Etten School District in Spencer, New York, retiring in 1988. She moved back to Texas to be near her family in 2011. Elsie enjoyed reading the Bible, genealogy research, visiting with family and friends, and playing 42 when

she came to Texas to visit.
She was preceded in death
by her husband, Cyril G. Mallett; parents, Albert Paul and
Rosa Leona Schoenewolf
Lengefeld; infant daughter,
Virginia Mallett; son, Edwin
Mallett; sisters, Rose Marie
Lengefeld Fryer and Erma Lee
Lengefeld Hibler; brother,
Albert Paul Lengefeld, Jr.;
and brothers-in-law, Johnny
Fryer, Walter Babb, and Lloyd
King, Jr.

Elsie is survived by her

daughters, Elizabeth Mallett Stephens and husband, Jerry, and Sylvia Mallett Greene; son, Malcolm Mallett and wife, Andrea; daughter-inlaw, Carolyn King Mallett; 12 grandchildren; 20 greatgrandchildren; as well as many nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank Dr. A. Dirk and Dr. T. Kaldis and their staff, to Elsie's other family, Brookdale Lake Brazos Assisted Living staff, Compassus Hospice staff of Waco for their loving care. Also thank you to special friends, Chris Lesinski and Chandar Fuller for their love and support.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Texas, 3520 Executive Center Drive, Suite 140, Austin, TX 78731 or Boys and Girls Club, 2533 E. Main Street, Gatesville, TX 76528, or to the charity of your choosing.

FROM MY FRONT PORCH

The Impact of Legends

SAM HOUSTON

Sam Houston is a syndicated columnist, a newspaper executive, author, actor and entertainment producer/promoter

Growing up, I was an avid fan of the St. Louis Cardinals. Many a night I would stay awake, laying under the covers listening to my transistor radio as Hall of Fame announcer Jack Buck would call the game. I had been instructed by my Mother to be sleeping and getting my rest for school the next day, but I could not help but lay there in anticipation of the last out of the game and Jack Buck saying his immortal call: "That's a Winner!" Those are very poignant and precious youthful memories to me.

Recently, Hall of Famer Lou Brock, and Hall of Famer Bob Gibson passed on; two Cardinals legends which were some of my favorite childhood heroes. I watched or listened to them play hundreds of games and took from them their competitive spirit under pressure, their desire to win, and their commitment for excellence. They were my "friends" (at least in my heart) and I learned a lot about how to go through life by watching them play. Knowing they have now passed on makes me feel a profound loss: a sense that something is gone which will never be replaced. They were two men of color in a time when color mattered, but it did not for me. To me they were simply great men and I wanted to play like them, be like them and win like they did.

Now they are gone, it makes me wonder and recollect about the other people who impacted me. My folks and grandparents of course, but the teachers, coaches, youth leaders, Sunday School teachers, neighbors



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and friends who helped to formulate who I am, how I think, and what I value. As I think about all the influences I have had and the impression they had upon me, I am thankful for their willingness to shape me and formulate me into all I have become.

So, who looks up to you? Have you considered who your actions and words impress and what type of impression you are making? We are have a responsibility and a duty to our community and our world to help those who come behind us, and to be the type of example so when our time comes to "cross that river" they will know our impact was for all things good, decent and respectful. As you go forward this week, stop and think what sort of example you are making for your children, grandchildren, neighbors and friends. We all need to do our part just like Sweet Lou Brock and Bob "Hoot" Gibson did for me. Sometimes legends are wearing a unform and playing on a ball diamond, but more times they are Mothers, Fathers, neighbors, teachers and friends.

Thought for the day: The quickest way to double your money is to fold it over and put it in your back pocket!
Until next time.

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Plans are underway for Coryell Museum's 21st annual Spurfest in September

The Board of Directors at the Coryell Museum and Historical Center are in the early stages of planning for the 21st annual Spurfest that will be held in September. Board members came up with a tentative outline of activities, games and events that will take place during Spurfest.

Children's games and activities will include pin the tail on the donkey, ping pong toss, cactus toss, a coloring contest, a ranger oath and a jail picture.

Various activities which will also take place during

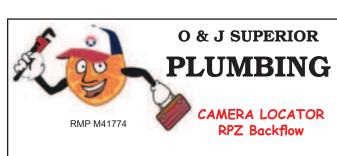


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Spurfest including book signings, biscuits and gravy at the chuckwagon, butter churning demonstrations, cowboy talk and music, a tour of the drug store, a guess the beans contest, a quilt raffle, hourly drawings and music including Ed Leonard, dulcimer music, a jazz band and Ramey Moore.

More details about the 21st annual Spurfest will be announced by the museum over the next few months.

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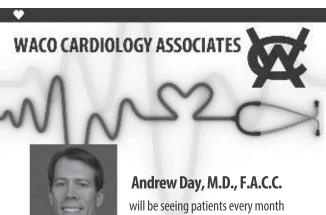
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Commercial steer workshop July 12

Texas A&M AgriLife will be offering a 4-H District 8 Commercial Steer Workshop on Tuesday, July 12, at 5 p.m., at the Wilson Valley Mercantile in Little River – Academy. A meal will be provided at the workshop.

Speakers for the event will be Allie Herring and Jenna Coward. Allie Herring is a student at Texas Tech University and a former Robertson County 4-H member. She received Grand Champion honors after winning the 2020 Houston Commercial Steer Show. She is very knowledgeable and plans to share her expertise and personal experiences starting from the beginning of the feeding period all the way to the plate.

Jenna Coward is a Coryell County 4-H alumni where she has completed

and earned 10 consecutive Champion titles at the Coryell County Youth Commercial Steer Show. Her fifth generation ranching background has allowed her to comprehend all aspects of the industry and excel at feeding cattle. Her main goal is to give back to the program that helped develop her character, specifically interview and public speaking skills.

For those wishing to attend the workshop, please RSVP to the Bell County Extension Office at 254-933-5305. For more information, please contact Kyle Coward, Bell County Extension Intern, at kyle.coward@ag.tamu.edu.

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Southern Plainsmen Quarter

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Southern Plainsmen Quartet to perform at Pidcoke United Methodist Church July 10

Pidcoke United Methodist Church will be hosting a gospel concert and ice cream social on Sunday, July 10, at 6 p.m. The Southern Plainsmen Quartet will be performing at the church's concert.

The Southern Plainsmen Quartet was organized in

May 1978 in west central Louisiana. The ministry, supported by the contributions of its Christian friends, appears in Christian churches, regardless of denominational affiliation, on an expense plus love-offering basis. They are not entertain-

ers in the true sense of the word. Their primary goal is to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ through the medium of gospel music and Christian witness.

The Southern Plainsmen have 20 albums to their credit. In October 2011, the group was inducted into the North Louisiana Southern Gospel Hall of Fame.

Pidcoke United Methodist Church is located at 11230 FM 116 between Gatesville and Copperas Cove. The church can be reached by calling 254-598-5555.

Mundkowsky makes LSCC honor roll at ASU

Sydney Mundkowsky, a 2020 graduate of Gatesville High School, was recently honored and placed on the Lone Star Conference Commissioner's Honor Roll for

the 2022 spring semester at Angelo State University. Mundkowsky is majoring in psychology.

To be eligible for the honor roll, student-athletes must

earn a minimum of 3.30 GPA for the semester and be on an active roster.

Angelo State University, founded in 1928, is a thriving four-year public school in Texas. The campus has a family environment and core values help students feel at home, a place where they know faculty and staff care deeply about their success.

First United Methodist Church preparing back to school bash scheduled August 6

A Back to School Bash will be held at the First United Methodist Church on Saturday, August 6 from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

They will be offering free backpacks and school supplies, haircuts, vision and



hearing screening, and a bounce house for the children to play in.

First United Methodist Church is located at 2600 E. Main Street. They can be reached by calling 254-865-2520.

Coryell County Genealogical Society will present program on Gatesville's cemeteries

Liz Reinhardt, development coordinator for the city of Gatesville's Planning and Development Services, will speak at the July 12 meeting of the Coryell County Genealogical Society.

Reinhardt's program topic is "Gatesville's Cemeteries." Cemeteries are of vital inter-

est to genealogists, and the City Cemetery and Restland Cemetery, which are operated by the city of Gatesville, also have a special historical interest for Coryell County residents.

These cemeteries are the final resting places for the early county and city founders. Restland Cemetery is the founding of Gatesville, in site of many of the Fort Hood cemeteries' relocated burials, and the property was used for the CCC camp and the County Fair and Rodeo prior to becoming a cemetery in 1942. Land for the City Cemetery was donated by R. G. Grant, soon after the

1854.

The meeting is on July 12, at 6 p.m., in the Gatesville Public Library meeting room. The public is welcome to attend.

Gatesville Chamber to host golf tournament

The Gatesville Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a golf tournament on Saturday, July 23, at the Gatesville Country Club. Tee-off time will be at 10 a.m. The cost will be \$75 per player or \$300 per team.

Cash prizes will be offered along with contests for those getting their ball the closest to the pin and the longest drive. There will be a fourperson scramble as well. A meal will be provided during tournament.

Proceeds from the tournament will be used for further expanding the services and resources the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce provides to its members.

To enter or for more information, contact Gatesville

Country Club at 254-865-6917 or the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce at 254-865-

The Gatesville Country Club is located at 1308 Golf Course Road.

PEARL NEWS

Pearl loses long-time resident Jack Elam, 105

BETSY CLARK

Pearl News Correspondent

We were saddened to learn of the losses of Mr. Rov Revnolds and Mr. Jack Elam this past week. Mr. Reynolds and his wife lived in Beehouse and attended church in Pearl before they sold their home due to illness. We enjoyed knowing Mr. Reynolds even though our time together was short.

Mr. Elam, born and raised in Pearl, was an astute businessman and community leader in Evant for more years than we can count. Mr. Elam was 105 years old. You can find lots of information about Mr. Elam both in past issues of the Gatesville Messenger and on the Pearl Church of Christ Facebook page. He will be greatly missed.

Services for both gentlemen are pending at this time. We extend our deepest sympathies to both families.

The Pearl Cemetery Association gathered last week for their annual meeting. Those in attendance were Sue Wilhite, Linda Ray, Chris Ray, Misti Ray, Rhonda Dickie, Garrett Dickey, Betty Blakley and Ronald Medart. Discussed were the financial report and the upcoming plans for the pavilion. Donations are still being accepted for the construction of this pavilion to Pearl Cemetery Association, c/o Linda Ray, 1771 CR 152, Purmela, TX 76566. Plagues will be made in honor of those who donate and who the donations commemorate.

The Pearl Church of Christ will have its annual Revival on July 9 and 10. The speakers will be Wil Jackson on Saturday evening and Chris Halpayne for Sunday morning. The Saturday evening service begins at 7 p.m., and the Sunday morning service begins at 10:30 a.m. There will be a homemade ice cream supper following the Saturday evening service, and a brunch/ lunch will follow the Sunday morning service. Everyone is invited.

The quarterly meeting of the Pearl Community Center board will meet on July 25 at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Items for the Labor Day Sunday Scholarship Auction



Clark

and Fish Fry on Sept. 4 will be out and ready for bidding in the dining room on August 21 at the Pearl Church of Christ.

Pearl Church of Christ was surprised and blessed to have Turtle Powell stop by the church and visit for a minute. He has been a VBS regular since he was a tiny little boy until he went off to college in Corpus Christi. Why do these precious kiddos have to grow up and move away so fast? We love you, Turtle, and can't wait until your next visit.

I have had a wonderful two weeks in that my grands and sons were visitors at my house. Matthew Clark and his three lovelies, Ainsley, Ellie, and Oliver, and I had lunch at the Main Street Diner in Evant (yum!), and then the girls got to spend the night. Matthew and Oliver returned the next evening to pick up the girls, so we all got to play and visit again. Then, Cliff and his daughter, Callyn, came to stay a few days which, of course, involved eating out, Cliff cooking his delicious special dishes, and lots of playtime. I am one blessed Grammie, that's for sure.

This week's Bible verse: "I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed." Romans 8:18,19. Contact me at betsyclark47@yahoo.com to submit any Pearl news.

Be sure and "Like" the Facebook page, Pearl Community Center, Texas, to keep up with the latest Pearl and Pearl Bluegrass news.

Disaster assistance in Coryell for livestock forage losses for 2022

Producers in Coryell County are eligible to apply for 2022 Livestock Forage Disaster Program benefits on short and long season small grains, native pasture, improved pasture and annual ryegrass.

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County committees can only accept LFP applications after notification is received

by the national office of qualifving drought or if a federal agency prohibits producers from grazing normal permitted livestock on federally managed lands due to qualifying fire. You must complete a CCC-853 and the required supporting documentation no later than January 31, 2023, for 2022 losses.

For additional Information about LFP, including eligible livestock and fire criteria, contact your Coryell County USDA Service Center at 254-865-7012, option 2 or visit fsa.usda.gov.

Whatever happened to...

20 YEARS AGO (2002)

Gatesville Junior High

School Principal Bobby Cole was named the "Outstanding Principal of the Year" for the Region 12 Education Service Center.

The new \$765,000 Gatesville Public Library was under construction across from the Gatesville City Hall.

Navy Seaman John B. Mc-Masters, son of Linda D. Miller of Gatesville, was taking part in a community relations project in Guam. McMasters was assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk.

Katie Humburg and Susan Ussery of Gatesville Florist had completed two weeks of instruction at the Benz School of Floral Design at Texas A&M in College Station.

30 YEARS AGO (1992)

Bill Cole was sworn in as a new school board member to serve the remainder of the unexpired term left vacant by the resignation of Linda Dulin.

Coy Chambers, Coryell County 4-H Council Chairman, had attended the 4-H Council Leadership Institute held at Riverside Farm near Hamilton.

Tommy Ray, Jr., age 16, son of Ruby Pauline Manning of Gatesville, attended the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville. He was sponsored by the Gatesville Lions Club.

Iosh and Roxie Logan were celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary. Joshua Willis Logan and Roxie Lena Dorsey were married July 9, 1927, at the Friendship Baptist Church.

40 YEARS AGO

(1982)Three contestants were competing for the title of Miss Fort Gates. The young ladies were Kelly Herring, Dondi Bates, and Wylanta Taylor. Kelly Herring was chosen as the winner.

Herman Haase of Jonesboro had grown a radish that was one- and three-quarter pounds and measured a foot-long in length. He never had seen a radish that large

Bobbie Weaver was installed as worshipful master, succeeding Ronnie Bruton at the Maples Masonic Lodge No. 791 in Flat.

Leslie Chandler, daughter

of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Chandler, was one of the delegates attending the Future Homemakers of America leadership meeting in Atlanta, Georgia.

50 YEARS AGO (1972)

Steve Hays, age 23, was appointed as the new B team football coach at the Gatesville High School. The addition of Hays had completed the Hornet coaching staff for

Desmond Lawrence joined the sales force at Powell Supply Company. Lawrence had

been in the wholesale meat business but had recently sold it.

Army Lt. Col. Thomas H. Spence, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Spence, had graduated from the U.S. Army War College at Carlisle Barracks.

Marine Lance Corporal Denver B. Cockrell was in the South China Sea with the Anti-Submarine Warfare Group Three about the aircraft carrier USS Ticonderoga.

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Time for Tennis



SE'VETTE EARLY | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Gatesville area youth had a chance to improve their tennis skills during a camp held June 27-29. For more photos from the camp, see Page 8.

Area Fishing Report

Belton

GOOD. Water lightly stained; 84 degrees; 5.53 feet low. The mild cold front that blew through scattered the bait fish shifting the game fish locations. Summer cold fronts typically make the fishing tougher for a few days until winds return from the south, and this cold front was no exception. To target white bass, employ downriggers with 3-armed umbrella rigs equipped with Pet Spoons to both find fish and catch fish. Once a large collection of fish is found while downrigging, work a MAL Dense Lure vertically in that area to catch fish more efficiently until they either shut down or move, then return to downrigging. Report by Bob Maindelle, Holding the Line Guide Service. Bass continue to be good early morning on topwaters lures. As the day goes on, move to deeper points with soft plastics and jigs. The best bite is after the sun goes down on shallow points with soft plastics. Report by Cord Zahn, Belton tournament organizer. Crappie

continue to be good biting jigs and minnows in 25-40 feet of water suspended at 15-20 feet in the timber, and on brush piles anywhere from 18-25 feet of water. As the water temperatures increase, look for fish to move deeper. Report by Zach Minnix, Jig N Jerk Guide Service.

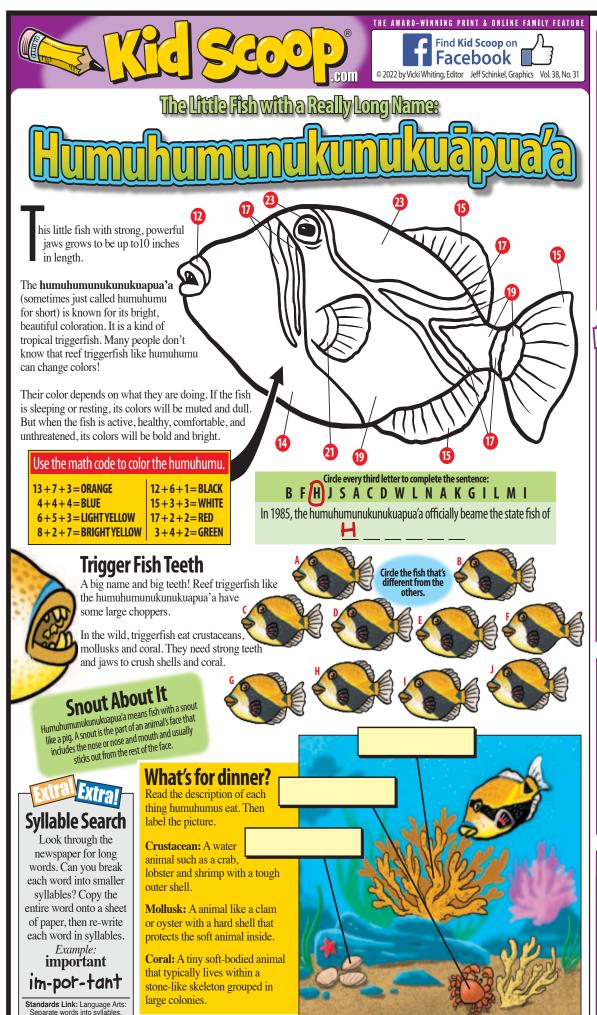
GOOD. Water stained; 82 degrees; 6.74 feet low. Crappie continue to be good biting jigs and minnows in 25-40 feet of water suspended at 15-20 feet in the timber, and on brush piles anywhere from 18-25 feet of water. As the water temperatures increase, look for fish to move deeper. Report by Zach Minnix, Jig N Jerk Guide Service. Black and white bass are good on topwaters early morning, then schooling throughout the day chasing shad. Catfish are good on live bait. Good numbers of crappie on brush piles and standing timber. Report by Johnny Matthews. Stillhouse

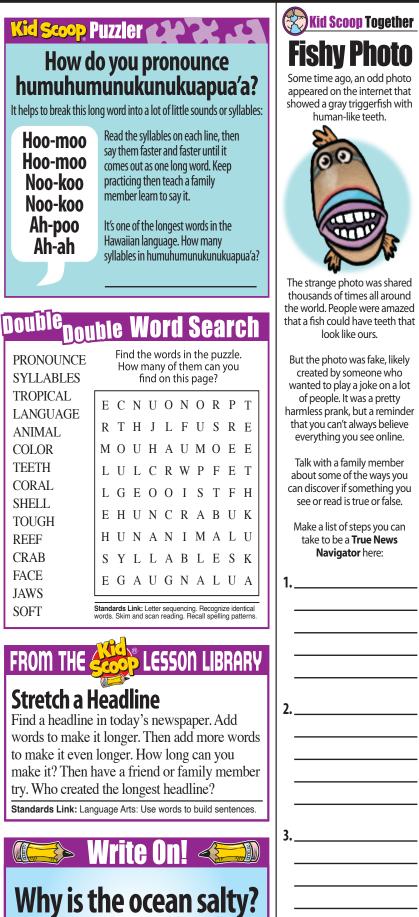
GOOD. Water lightly stained; 85 degrees;

5.79 feet low. White bass are good downrigging unweighted 3-armed umbrella rigs with Pet Spoons helps cover water while scrutinizing sonar for concentrations of fish. Once large groups of fish are found, create commotion by working MAL Heavy Lures vertically to try to draw fish in beneath the boat, keep them there, and catch them. Largemouth bass relate in the abundant hydrilla year 'round. The hydrilla is steadily growing toward the surface as the water level is falling, creating large mats of vegetation. Consistent fishing is coming at the deep edge of hydrilla, now found in 17-19 feet of water. Texas rigs are getting the nod with dark, natural hues of soft plastics attached in thick grass. White spinnerbaits worked over more sparse hydrilla also produced this past week. Some light topwater by schoolies was beginning, but the cold front shut that down. Report by Bob Maindelle, Holding the Line Guide Service.

Whitney

GOOD. Water lightly stained; 82 degrees; 4.55 feet low. Catching largemouth in shallow cover on Coda Lures Apex Jigs off main lake points with drop shots and shaky heads rigged with a 254 Fishing finesse worm in motor oil candy. The main lake fish are fairly consistent early with some schooling fish, but they scatter out and suspend under bait for a majority of the day. Fishing any shallow cover available will produce some solid largemouth right now. Stripers are primarily schooling early, but there have been catches throughout the day. Large schools can be found on the main river channel in the 30 feet of water btiting on live shad. Report by Justin Prisock, Prisock's Fishing Guide Service. Striped bass continue to have a good early topwater bite, and are schooling along the river ledges and near the dam fished off the bottom throwing big spoons and slabs. Report by James Moore, North Texas Bass Fishing and Cmoore Striper Guide Services.





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Training future tennis standouts



Gatesville High School tennis coach Wendell Jones and GHS tennis player Presley Edmond work with youths during a recent tennis camp.

 $\textbf{SE'VETTE EARLY} \hspace{0.1cm} | \hspace{0.1cm} \textbf{THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER}$



Ty Warren, who will be a senior at Gatesville High School, works with young tennis players at the net during a Gatesville ISD tennis camp.

SE'VETTE EARLY | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER



Alex Scott, an incoming GHS senior, helps oversee tennis drills during a camp held June 27-29 for students in grades 1-9.

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