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Heat, fire danger smothers area & state

BY JEFF OSBORNE SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

As record heat continues to scorch the state and results in record high temperatures - with heat indexes topping 110 degrees, warnings are being issued and county leaders are scrambling to address

"We have been experiencing high heat with temperatures up to 107 degrees and the heat index up to 114," said Bob Harrell, emergency management coordinator for Coryell County.

"ERCOT (the Electric Reliability Council of Texas) is asking people to reduce energy use, especially between 2 and 8 p.m. Turning off a printer or even a light can help make a difference for the (electric) grid."

Kiley Moran with the Texas A&M Forest Service, which makes firefighting assets available statewide and sometimes even out of state, said his agency has been busy helping respond to fires in Coryell County and neighboring Bosque County.

"The fire threat is very high please exercise extreme caution," he said. "When a fire exceeds the ability of local resources to handle it, the forest service offers assistance. We have strike teams working on the Post Oak Fire" (which erupted recently in the Oglesby

Harrell said most of the fire had been contained, and the forest service was doing flyovers at night





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CORYELL COUNTY FIRE: Volunteer firefighters and the Texas A&M Forest Service worked together to help contain a recent blaze near Oglesby.

to see if there were any remaining hotspots.

"The Post Oak and Hardcastle fires are the main fires being fought in the area," Harrell said, adding that the Hardcastle event is in Bosque County. "The more resources we can bring to bear in this area, the quicker we can get the fires under control.

"We are trying to get people aware that little things can cause big problems - even something like dragging a chain behind a vehicle, throwing out a cigarette butt, or a

barbecue grill."

Justin Latham, director of the Coryell County Road and Bridge Department, said his workers have stopped shredding debris to reduce fire hazards. He said that water restrictions may stop some local road construction.

He said the Multi County, Leon Junction and Fort Gates water supply companies have all stopped supplying water to the department in order to prioritize serving residential customers and businesses and that "only Coryell City and

Gatesville are making water available" to the department as of July 12. Water was also available from Kempner water supply, but Latham said the county didn't have any projects underway in the area that company serves.

Moran thanked the Coryell County Road and Bridge Department for not shredding during the extreme heat and dry conditions.

"A lot of fires start with people shredding (outdoor debris)," he

Moran said the forest service will

sponsor a community Fire Wise meeting at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 26 that will focus on wildfire preparedness and what to do "before, during and after fires." A representative of the Texas Department of Emergency Management will also participate, as well as someone with the Texas and Southwestern

Cattle Raisers Association. Coryell County Judge Roger Miller said he has noticed a strong increase in the amount of aerial

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Looking for a sweet deal



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A woman looks at items for sale during a recent Market Days event hosted by the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce.

County to reap big **insurance** savings

BY JEFF OSBORNE SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

County leaders are celebrating the efforts of the county treasurer and human resources department in helping the county save an estimated \$170,000 in insurance costs compared to what Coryell County was paying during the 2021-22 fiscal year.

County Treasurer Randi McFarlin said the county will pay 7.5% less for its insurance through the Baylor Scott & White Health Plan.

County Judge Roger Miller credited McFarlin and Kristin Weddle, who coordinates human resources for the county, while aggressively negotiating with Scott & White to bring the price down.

Scott & White initially offered a 2%

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Commissioners court voices support for building plan

BY JEFF OSBORNE SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

Taking a big step forward in a commitment to build new facilities for Precinct 3 and 4 Justice of the Peace offices, the Coryell County Commissioners Court voted to proceed with a plan to address what has been referred to as the top priority among county facilities.

The court voted 4-0, with one abstention. New commis-

sioner Scott Weddle, who recently replaced Daren Moore following Moore's resignation, said because he had not been involved in the process previously and had limited information, abstained "because of a lack of knowledge and not a lack of caring," he said.

Architect Jeff Heffelfinger, who has worked with county leaders on previous plans, along with multiple members of the county's facilities committee which studied county needs in depth, were among those who attended the July 8 commissioners court meeting to present information and express

The process to approve a building design had bogged down, and Commissioners Kyle Matthews and Ryan Basham met with Heffelfinger "and came up with an idea that fulfills the (facilities) committee's needs and modifies it somewhat,' Matthews said.

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firefighting equipment serving the area.

"It seems like this year we have so many more aerial assets than we've had in the past," he said.

Moran said there were more aerial units in state, and said lessons learned from fire tragedies in the past have led to this increase.

"I'm sure everybody remembers the fires of 2011 and all the damage they did," he said. "Ever since then, our fire resources have jumped exponentially. This allows us to get more air assets, dozers and personnel to areas of concern more quickly."

During the heatwave, in which no relief appears for at least several weeks, the National Weather Service is routinely issuing heat advisories and warning of hazardous weather.

"Heat is one of the leading weather-related killers in the United States, resulting in hundreds of fatalities each year," according to the NWS.

"In addition to being harmful to people, animals and plants, heat takes a heavy toll in other ways, as well.

"Extreme heat impacts our infrastructure – from transportation to utilities to clean water and agriculture," the NWS states. "High heat can deteriorate and buckle pavement, warp or buckle railway tracks, and exceed certain types of aircraft operational limits.

"Electricity usage increase as air conditioning and refrigeration units in homes and offices work harder to keep indoors cooler. Transmission capacity across electric lines is reduced during high temperatures, further straining the electrical grid. Water resources are also strained as conventional power plants require large quantities of water for cooling and crops may need increased water consumption, and people increase water consumption to stay hydrated and cool. Heat can have lasting impacts as crops may be damaged, reducing production which leads to short supply or increased cost to the farmers and consumers."

NWS advises people to limit or eliminate outdoor activities during heatwaves, to drink plenty of water, to use air conditioners and fans to cool rooms, to take a cool bath or shower, and to check on the elderly, sick and children to make sure they are not getting overheated.

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decrease, McFarlin said, but continued negotiations resulted in increased savings.

"That benefit goes to the taxpayers," Miller said. "Randi and Kristin worked hard to get the best deal for the county."

Another option that was explored is an insurance plan offered by the Texas Association of Counties. While that might be a plan to consider in the future, county leaders agreed that the savings presented by Scott & White is the best option for the upcoming fiscal year.

"I believe at some point in the future it may be best to move to (the TAC plan) because of what it offers,

but for now this is the best option," Miller said.

"I agree - we can't beat these rates," McFarlin said. "For us to have a seven and a half percent decrease - I'm just a little excited about that."

Miller noted that there had been some customer service concerns with the Scott & White plan earlier this year.

"We had a change in account managers and have met with the new liaison," McFarlin said. "They realized how upset we were with the problems and lack of communication. It's improving. They have been very receptive to us."

County employees will have the same benefits for the 2022-23 fiscal year, including the same co-pay, McFarlin said.

FACILITIES

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Facilities committee members Matt Dossey, who serves as the superintendent of the Jonesboro school district, and Fred Chavez, a Copperas Cove city councilman, both voiced their support and appreciation for the county moving forward to address these facilities' needs

"I can get on board with this," Dossey said.
"It's doing something. We're taking a step.
"I think this potential plan is a great plan to

meet some important needs and priorities.'
Miller's concern was the lack of an additional courtroom in the plan as originally presented.

"The fundamental problem is we don't gain a courtroom," he said.

"I agree," Dossey said. "I understand that, but it does take a step in the right direction and it's much better than doing nothing."

Heffelfinger said as part of the plan, the JP courtroom "doubled in size so it can handle small county court at law (proceedings).

"I'm not sure it's the panacea, but it can handle 30 or 40 (people)," Heffelfinger said. "JPs don't use the courtroom all the time and we are allotting square footage in excess of 60% of what they currently have."

While an older plan called for building a new facility to house the DPS and some other state offices, Heffelfinger noted the new proposal "allows the county to invest in county needs and not state agencies."

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Basham suggested that county can do its own dirt work for additional savings, but Miller said that would keep county workers from working on roads.

"You could bid to see the cost versus time for employees doing the work or (contracting it)," Heffelfinger said. "I think it will benefit the county to see those numbers."

He added that the plan is preliminary and is based on spending \$300 per square foot for construction.

"That's probably still high but we've been working on this for two and a half years and I would rather tell you the cost will be \$7 million today and bring it in for \$6 million as opposed to the opposite.

"I would suggest you meet with JPs, judges and the (district attorney's) office to determine security and space needs and then you can work on reducing costs."

Dossey said taking action to address the needs, which has been delayed for an extended period of time, is crucial.

"The most important thing is a commitment for the commissioners court to move forward" he said

forward," he said.
"I agree with you – we need to move for-

ward," Basham said.
Judge Miller said a focus on technology

needs is also vital.

"Any building we build has to have a centralized server so we can run an intranet in the downtown area," he said. "No matter what building you need (information tech-

ize on the improvements we've made."
Heffelfinger said the proposed design features space for a generator "to facilitate housing IT there."

nology) capability with it or we can't capital-

Miller said plans for the new facility "are a good starting point although it's significantly different from what the county previously discussed. I think the tradeoff of losing a courtroom is not in our best interest. We don't ever have enough courtrooms for all the functions we address.

"I agree we absolutely need to do something - there's no argument about that at all." Dossey said just getting started is important

"If we're not going to take steps then we'll probably never get this resolved," he said. Matthews voiced his agreement.

"Getting the process going is the key to it all," he said. "Not doing anything is our biggest issue."

After commissioners approved moving forward toward working on a plan to address facilities' needs, Chavez thanked the commissioners court for the decision.

"It's not only important from a standpoint of facilities, it's important politically to restore public trust," he said. "People rely on officials to get things done and to make decisions. This vote reaffirms you're willing to invest in our county."

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The DISPATCH

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of July 9-11. While there were many calls to the dispatcher, this is a partial list of more significant activity. Persons are reminded that only emergency calls should be made to 9-1-1, while all other calls to the police department should be made to 865-2226 or to the Sheriff's office at 865-7201.

CITY OF GATESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT July 9

12:29 a.m., a prowler was reported in the 100 block of Elm Street.

2:09 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 7000 block of FM 215.

3:17 p.m., a theft was reported in the 1200 block of N. State Highway 36 Bypass.

3:27 p.m., a missing person was reported in the 200 block of N. 8th Street.

10:53 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of Chicktown Road.

1:52 a.m., an accident was reported in the 1700 block of

FM 215. 10:00 a.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 2000 block of N. State Highway 36

1:20 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 1400 block of Pleasant Street.

3:50 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 10000 block of FM 107.

10:01 p.m., a burglary was reported in the 400 block of Bridge Street.

11:18 p.m., a threat was reported in the 100 block of Elm Street. July 11

9:52 a.m., a structure fire was reported in the 1600

block of Waco Street.

10:30 a.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 400 block of N. 16th Street.

9:35 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 100 block of FM 183.

10:02 p.m., a theft was reported in the 2300 block of Bridge Street.

10:50 p.m., a prowler was reported in the 1900 block of St. Louis Street.

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6:42 a.m., a civil matter was reported in the 11000 block of N. FM 116.

3:20 p.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 13000 block of FM 107.

3:24 p.m., a threat was reported in the 2000 block of CR 2034.

3:44 p.m., an accidental

shooting was reported in the

200 block of Dusty Lane. 9:51 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 2700 block of CR 342.

July 10 2:05 a.m., a minor accident was reported in the 1700

block of FM 217. 1:49 p.m., credit card abuse was reported in the 600 block

of Thomas Street. 2:42 p.m., animal cruelty

was reported in the 3200 block of FM 1113. 7:29 p.m., a livestock com-

plaint was reported in the 1800 block of Bridge Street. 10:08 p.m., trespassing was reported in the 500 block of Old Fort Gates Road.

10:11 p.m., shots being fired was reported on CR 102. July 11

12:58 p.m., theft by check was reported in the 4200 block of FM 1783.

4:07 p.m., a major accident was reported in the 5900 block of FM 116.

4:27 p.m., the burglary of a habitation was reported in the 300 block of Mountain

8:36 p.m., a theft was reported in the 1600 block of

11:49 p.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 1400 block of Old Osage

RIBBON CUTTING HELD AT NEW B&B



The Gatesville Chamber of Commerce recently held a ribbon cutting ceremony at Pennoli Bed & Breakfast located at 1009 E. Main St. in Gatesville. The grand opening celebration was held on Sunday, July 10. The owners, Danny and Debra Kilgore, report that the colonial-style inn has five bedrooms and 4.5 baths. The story behind the name comes from their beloved fur babies Penny (means a new beginning) and Olive (means peace), the two names combined become "Pennoli." Pennoli means a place to come, for a new beginning, refreshing the spirit, mind, and soul in the midst of it all peace. They can be reached by calling 360-560-5615.

Williamson descendants to gather

ers Steakhouse in Gates-

ville for visiting, a program,

lunch, and a brief business

Paula Melbern Weeks of

Hewitt is the chairperson

of the Williamson Reunion.

Mailings about the reunion

Hit and run on Saunders Street

Centex Crime Stoppers can use your help in solving a case of duty on striking an unattended vehicle (Hit and Run) which occurred in the 1500 block of Saunders Street sometime between July 5 at 6 p.m. and July 6 at 7:30 a.m. Unknown person(s) struck a vehicle that was parked legally on the roadway. The vehicle struck was a gold 4-door sedan. The hit

and run caused significant damage to the passenger's side rear door and rear bumper. Estimated repairs range from \$750 to \$2,500.

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Pinterest camps to be hosted by Texas A&M AgriLife office

Texas A&M AgriLife Exten- cost of supplies. sion will be hosting a Pinterest one-day mini camp to area youth. Those attending will see new things, learn new skills and have loads of fun. Cost of the camp will be \$25 per person and will cover the

First Baptist Church of

nounced their plans for Va-

cation Bible School. It will be

held from July 17-20, from

5:30 to 7:50 p.m. Meals will

The 85th annual Gates-

ville Riding Club Rodeo will

through Saturday, July 30th

Every night events will in-

clude Mutton Bustin', which

will start at 7 p.m. on Thurs-

day and Friday and at 6:30

p.m. on Saturday. It will be

limited to 15 riders per night

and there will be a \$30 entry

fee. There will also be a Calf

be held Thursday, July 28,

at 7:30 p.m.

be included. Those wishing to

Gatesville recently an-

Youth will have two different camp locations to choose from. In Gatesville, the camp will take place on Thursday, Aug. 4 at the Gatesville Civic Center from 1 to 4 p.m. In Copperas Cove, the camp will

the grades of pre-K and fifth.

The theme this year will be

"The Castle of Courage, Be

register your child, please

visit tinyurl.com/fbcg-vbs.

Gatesville Riding Club to host

their annual rodeo July 28-30

quire pre-registration.

Scramble, which does not re-

To register for Junior Bar-

rels, call 254-493-8954 on

have its "Bubble Balls and

Bulls" event for the specta-

Appreciation Night" with

admission fees of \$10 per

Thursday will be "Military

tors to enjoy.

Monday, July 25th from 7-9

Once again, the rodeo will

Strong and Courageous." To

First Baptist Church to hold VBS

take place on Friday, Aug. 5 at the Copperas Cove Library from 2 to 5 p.m. Both camps will be limited to 25 youth per day.

Call 254-865-2414 to reg-

youth@fbcgatesville.org.

cated at 912 E. Main St.

by calling 254-865-2014.

adults and \$5 for kids age

for discount admission.

6-12. Military ID is required

Friday will have a "Back

the Blue" theme, and those

attending are encouraged to

wear blue to support law en-

forcement officers. On Satur-

day, the rodeo will feature an

appearance by the Fort Hood

open at 6 p.m. The arena is lo-

cated on Veteran's Memorial

and \$7 for kids ages 6-12.

Kids ages 5 and under get in

Admission is \$12 for adults

Drive in Gatesville.

1st Cavalry Horse Platoon.

Gates to the rodeo will

First Baptist Church is lo-

The church can be reached

participate must fall between For more information, email

Memorial Cruise-In set July 30 Friends of Don Chandler United Methodist Church in Memorial Cruise-In will take Gatesville.

meeting.

place on Saturday, July 30, at 10 a.m. The event will be in the parking lot of the First

The descendants of Ste-

phen and Sarah Williamson

family reunion in Gatesville

The family will gather at

9:30 am in the right-side pri-

vate dining room of Ranch-

will hold their Williamson

on Aug. 6.

Those interested in attending are asked to bring their "cool ride" (vehicle),

photos, lawn chairs and stories. The public is encouraged to join in on the fun and see some interesting vehicles.

activities have been sent to

all known family members.

If you are a descendant and

haven't received a mailing,

contact Paula Weeks at 254-

855-6123 or Marsha Rich-

ards at 832-233-2725 for

more information.

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MY FRONT PORCH

Random thoughts on life

SAM HOUSTON

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

Dogs are clearly man's best friend. They are loyal, devoted, caring and loving. Nothing like walking in the door at the end of a long day to have your loyal and noble beast come running towards you, wagging their tail and seeking to express their adoration and affection to their loving owner. For many of us, our dogs become true members of the family; often having a special place where they park on the living room furniture and snooze while the rest of the family watches television. They stand guard for us at night, alert us when there is a noise outside or a strange animal and curl up next to us when we sleep. Dogs have a great many attributes which make them desired pets and companions. But answer me this: why do dogs hate when you blow in their face, but when you take them for a ride in the car, the first thing they want to do is to hang their head out

the window? I only thought things were

No matter how bad my life may get on a given day, I have found a place where I can find emotional balance and put things in the proper perspective. No, it is not some scenic snowcovered mountaintop, nor a beach in a faraway land, or even the banks of a quiet stream in the woods. When I feel overwhelmed and in need of getting my head on straight, I go and sing in the shower. Once I hit the warm water and steam of a good Houston shower and cut loose singing one of my favorite songs,

I immediately know and truly understand my voice is much worse than any problem I am currently experiencing. Everyone can sing, but to quote my entertainment friend Dave Alexander, "few should be recorded". I should not only, "not be recorded", but I am also pretty sure my singing should not be heard by the human ear. I may have had a bad day and perceived life to be confronting me with overwhelming problems, but once I hit the shower and my voice cuts loose, I know things could be

voice? Quite a coincidence

much worse; suppose I had

to make a living with that

Just this past week I was in Gatesville and stopped into the Ranchers restaurant. The Messenger is working on a new Visitors Guide for the Gatesville Visitors Bureau, and I needed to get a few photos of people to place in the magazine. When I walked in the door I approached an attractive lady who was standing there, to



ask if I could have permission to take some photos. I started to introduce myself

but she interrupted. "I know who you are" and she pointed down at the countertop. At the exact moment I walked up to speak with her, she had been cutting out my column from last week to send to a friend! What are the odds of that? She told me she loved my stories and this column she was sharing with family members because it rekindled a wonderful family memory. She got a little teary eyed and thanked me for the story.

I was so pleased to make a new friend, and very happy one of my columns touched her in a positive way. I hope when she reads this column, she clips it out, too!

Thought for the day: If someone is clothed in a western outfit trying to look like a cowboy, are they 'ranch dressing"?

Until next time.. sam@hcnews.com

Gospel Singing

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MASONIC LODGE INSTALLS OFFICERS



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Gatesville Masonic Lodge No. 197 recently installed officers for the 2022-2023 year. Pictured, back row, from left, are Jim Woodul, District $Instructor for Masonic Lodge \ District 69; Barry \ Kellerman, Install \ Marshall; Larry \ McDonald, Installing \ Officer; Samuel \ Shurtleff, Marshall; Larry \ McDonald, Installing \ Officer; Samuel \ Shurtleff, Marshall; Larry \ McDonald, Installing \ Officer; Samuel \ Shurtleff, Marshall; Larry \ McDonald, Installing \ Officer; Samuel \ Shurtleff, Marshall; Larry \ McDonald, Installing \ Officer; Samuel \ Shurtleff, Marshall; Larry \ McDonald, Installing \ Officer; Samuel \ Shurtleff, Marshall; Larry \ McDonald, Installing \ Officer; Samuel \ Shurtleff, Marshall; Larry \ McDonald, Installing \ Officer; Samuel \ Shurtleff, Marshall; Larry \ McDonald, Installing \ Officer; Samuel \ Shurtleff, Marshall; Larry \ McDonald, Installing \ Officer; Samuel \ Shurtleff, Marshall; Larry \ McDonald, Installing \ Officer; Samuel \ Shurtleff, Marshall; Larry \ McDonald, Installing \ Officer; Samuel \ Shurtleff, Marshall; Larry \ McDonald, Installing \ Officer; Samuel \ Shurtleff, Marshall \ Marshall \ Marshall \ Marshall; Larry \ McDonald, Installing \ Officer; Samuel \ Shurtleff, Marshall \ M$ Robert Allen Shurtleff, Tiler. Pictured, front row, from left, are Jerry Casey, Senior Steward; Dale Garrett, Secretary; Larry Crouch, Senior Warden; James Kleshick, Worshipful Master; Raymond Young, Junior Warden; John Cummings, Senior Deacon; James Athearn, Junior Deacon. Not pictured are Greg Casey, Treasurer; Julius Rodriguez, Junior Steward; and Ronald Patterson, Master of Ceremonies.

OBITUARIES

DR. DAVID YEILDING

Nov. 22, 1941 - July 9, 2022



Thomas David Yeilding died July 9, 2022, in Temple. David was born on November 22, 1941, to Hollis Clinton Yeilding and Margaret Evelyn Boyd Yeilding in Brownwood while his father was a student at Howard Payne College (now University). After Brownwood, the family lived in Grandfalls, TX; Kingman, AZ; Monahans, TX; and Rocksprings, TX, where Rev. Hollis Yeilding pastored churches, before moving to Abilene in 1951 when David was in the third grade and his father became pastor of Calvary Baptist Church. The family remained in Abilene almost 17 years during which time David graduated from Abilene High School and earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Hardin Simmons University. He subsequently

earned his Master of Arts from Hardin Simmons and his Doctor of Philosophy from the University of North Texas. He majored in history in all three degrees.

His first teaching job was in Dumas High School; next was Sweetwater High School. The Sweetwater class of 1968 students have always held a special place in his heart. He taught next at Odessa College, before beginning work at Central Texas College in July 1976 as an administrator. His duties took him to work in the college's European division from 1978 to 1980. While there, he married Donnie Cook in Copenhagen, Denmark. After returning to Texas, David was able to secure his desired position of teaching American history at the college. His love of history and of teaching impacted his students. Even students who didn't do well in his classes reported to counselors that he was a great teacher. He later served as chairman of the Social and Behavioral Sciences department. After retiring in August 2003, he continued to teach online history classes for three more years.

David had a zest for life and a strong desire to serve others, whether helping individuals or volunteering in organizations to which he belonged. He enmeshed himself in local history. He was an Emeritus member

of the Bell County Historical Commission, in which he served as chairman from 1987-1991, and an Emeritus member of the Bell County Museum Board, on which he served multiple times as chairman. He chaired Bell County's Sesquicentennial Committee in 1999-2000. David served for a number of years on the board of the Salado Historical Society. He was a member and past president of Bell County Retired School Employees Association. David was an active member and former president of the Temple Ro-

tary Club. David loved family, from his wife Donnie to his birth family to Donnie's family after their marriage. He researched his family history and became active in genealogical organizations, serving in many capacities in the Heart of Texas Chapter Sons of the American Revolution and the George W. Tyler Chapter Sons of the Republic of Texas. He was a past State President of both the Sons of the American Revolution and the General Society War of 1812.

David's greatest love was for God. He served as a deacon previously in First Baptist Church of Killeen and Church of Temple where he and Donnie have been members for more than 25 years. He taught Bible study classes, chaired committees, and served as a church

trustee. In about 2008, the pastor's secretary asked him to assist in organizing the church's historical documents. After working with these items, he developed an interest in writing a history of First Baptist Church. He began researching in 2010 and published the book, "Through Wind and Fire: A History of First Baptist Church, Temple, Texas" in

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, July 18, at First Baptist Church of Temple. The family will receive visitors from 10-11 a.m. Monday prior to the funeral service. Burial will follow at Restland Cemetery in Gatesville.

David was preceded in death by both his parents and his brother Kenneth. He is survived by his wife Donnie, his sister LaNell and husband Norman Spears of Lubbock, his brother Hollis Yeilding Jr. and wife Elaine of Abilene, his brother Kenneth's wife, Patsy Yeilding of Odessa, as well as several nieces, nephews and cous-

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, 8015 W. Adams Ave., Temple, TX 76502, or Bell County Museum, P.O. Box 1381, Belton, most recently in First Baptist TX 76513, or to a charity of one's choice.

> Scanio-Harper Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Coryell County USDA Service Center nominations open for the 2022 county committee elections

The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) encourages all farmers, ranchers, and FSA program participants to take part in the Coryell County Committee election nomination process.

FSA's county committees are a critical component of day-to-day operations and allow grassroots input and local administration of federal farm programs.

Committees are comprised of locally elected agricultural producers responsible for the fair and equitable administration of FSA farm programs in their counties. Committee members are accountable to the Secretary of Agriculture. If elected, members become part of a local decision making and farm program delivery process.

A county committee is composed of three to 11 elected members from local administrative areas (LAA). Each member serves a threeyear term. One-third of the seats on these committees are open for election each year.

County committees may have an appointed advisor to further represent the local interests of underserved farmers and ranchers. Underserved producers are beginning, women and other minority farmers and ranchers and landowners and/or operators who have limited resources.

All nomination forms for the 2022 election must be postmarked or received in the local USDA Service Cen-

ter by Aug. 1, 2022 (or next business day). For more information on FSA county committee elections and appointments, refer to the FSA fact sheet: Eligibility to Vote and Hold Office as a COC Member, available online at: fsa.usda.gov/elections.

DISASTER ASSISTANCE FOR 2022 LIVESTOCK FORAGE

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.

LFP provides compensation if you suffer grazing losses for covered livestock due to drought on privately owned or cash leased land or fire on federally managed land.

County committees can only accept LFP applications after notification is received by the national office of qualifying 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 Jan. 31, 2023, for 2022 losses.

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

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Throughout history, water has played a central part of any community, providing a stopping place for friendships to be made and families to be grown.

It is with our deepest regret to announce that one of our beloved family members, Joe B. Cooper III, has passed on to be with his Lord and Savior. Cooper was a passionate groundwater leader. He was a mentor, a friend, and as articulate as they come. Joe B. was kind to all he met and never missed an opportunity to share his passion for groundwater. That passion led him to an 18-year career with Middle Trinity Groundwater Conservation District as the first general manager beginning in 2003. During this time, he served as president for the

Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts (TAGD) and continued to serve on numerous boards including the Texas Water Conservation Association (TWCA), until his retirement in October 2021.

As an acknowledgement of Joe's outstanding commitment to the TAGD organization and achievement in groundwater management, he received an honorary TAGD membership in 2022. Cooper left a lasting imprint on our groundwater family and will be forever cherished in our hearts as we take up the torch and continue sharing our passion for the protection of groundwater resources.

In the days to come we ask that you keep the family and friends in your thoughts as we cope with the loss of our beloved Joe.



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RUBY LAVERNE NECESSARY

March 6, 1934 - July 9, 2022



Ruby LaVerne Necessary, age 88, of Gatesville passed away peacefully at her home on Saturday, July 9, 2022,

surrounded by her loving

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, July 12, at 10 a.m. at the Gatesville Church of Christ with Minister Lloyd Hall officiating. Burial followed at Pearl Cemetery.

LaVerne was born March 6, 1934, in Pearl to William Alvis Davis and Hattie Ruth (DeLoach) Davis. She graduated from Pearl High School in 1951. In August 1976, she married Dwaine Necessary, joining their families for a total of nine children.

LaVerne enjoyed gardening, quilting and attending her grandchildren's school and sporting events. She was famous for her cooking, often hosting big family

dinners. She especially loved wife, Donna, Keith Neceshaving her family together for Christmas Eve. She loved her family; she loved the Lord, and she had a servant's heart. LaVerne could light up the room with her smile.

She was preceded in death by her parents; siblings, Wayman, Joe Wilburn. Ervin, Erwin, LaVetta Davis, and Irene Schroeder; and a grandson, Kane Necessary.

LaVerne is survived by her husband, Dwaine Necessary; children, Sharon Pancake and husband, Albert, Karen Massingill and husband, Gary, Pauline Johnston and husband, Tom, Jimmy Williamson and wife, Paula, Clifton Smith and wife, Whitney, Terry Necessary and

sary and wife, Tommie, Cris Necessary and wife, Debbie, and Heather Barnett and husband, Kevin; 26 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Gatesville Church of Christ, 2417 E. Main Street, Gatesville.

For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. - 1 Thessalonians 4:16

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may have said something that we feel must be challenged. As the discussion turns from

- Christopher Simon

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each 1st and 3rd Sunday.

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issue is to start with what you agree on and see if you can move on from there.

"It is to one's honor to avoid strife,

but every fool is quick to quarrel."

-Proverbs 20:3 NIV

along with others much better.

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14th; Sunday services - Sunday school 9:30 a.m.,

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morning worship 11 a.m., Wednesday night Bible study,

Eddie Taylor; Hwy. 84 West; Sunday School 10 a.m.,

pastor; 2040 CR 238, Gatesville; Sunday school at 10

a.m.; Sunday morning worship services 11 a.m.; 254-

WHITE MOUND BAPTIST CHURCH: Bruce Cox,

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GATESVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST: Justin Hall,

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TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH: 1506 West Main;

SPANISH BAPTIST CHURCH: Ezequiel Casas,

McConnaughhay, pastor; 11125 FM 116, Gatesville;

Sunday services - Sunday School 10 a.m., worship

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is required to argue. Lawyers,

politicians and teachers are

another. That is part and parcel of their job,

allowing the truth to stand out in contrast to

and arguing serves the valuable service of

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however, arguing serves no useful purpose

and just creates needless strife and division.

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it is easy to find things to disagree with, but

such disagreements rarely foster peace and

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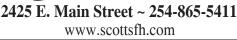


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- an older wooden barn, \$284,000 ■ 10.01 acres east of Evant, TX, Buffalo Creek Ranch Subdivision, nice home site, nice view looking south toward Langford Branch with native pasture going down to the branch, approx. 394 ft. of Langford Branch, \$210,000

ers will have to finish any updating, 1 water well, metal build with concrete slab &

- 10.01 acres west of Hamilton, TX on CR 607. The property has electricity with great views to the south. The property has rolling terrain with scattered tree cover. The property is known as Lot no. 1 in the Bluff View Subdivision. \$139,500 ▶ 16.5 acres near Turnersville, TX. The property is open pasture, good views, located on paved County Road 220. Electricity is across the road, you would need
- ▶ 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. Completely fenced with electric

to check with Coryell City Water on the availability of a water meter. \$206,500

- along the front of the property, scattered tree cover & rolling terrain & pond that is on the neighbor's property that 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 on FM 116. \$1,230,000 252.87 Acres, 3 Br, 2 Ba home, open floor plan, wood burning fireplace, break-

fast bar, ceramic tile in kitchen, breakfast area & bathrooms. Lamanite wood flooring in living room & carpet in 2 bedrooms, inground pool with slab that was pour for a future outdoor kitchen, 3 car attached carport with 12 ft. x 13 ft. storage building, a 60 ft. x 66 ft. metal building with 24 ft. x 60 ft. lean-to, there is also approx. 900 sq. ft. that has been framed out for living quarters inside the main part of the building, good exterior & interior fencing, set of cattle pens near the center of the property, rolling terrain with scattered tree cover and great views. \$2,150,000 1035 +/- acres, 3 Bedroom, 3.5 bath hunting lodge built in 2014 approx. 1700 sq.

ft. of living space, 2 water wells, the well at the lodge is 435 ft. deep with a 30 GPM yield & the well along CR 158 is 303 ft. deep with 15 GPM yield. The ranch has been used to raise cattle & leased out for hunting, approx. 118 acres of improved grasses & 9 stock tanks, good tree cover which consist of Live Oak, Elm. Mesquite & Cedar & great views with the elevation ranging from 1060 ft. along Hwy 84 to 1360 ft. at its highest point on top of the mountain, good exterior fencing & good interior fencing with the ranch being divided into 10 smaller pastures ranging from 5 to 65 acres where the field & improved grasses are located & 3 larger pastures ranging from 200 to 275 acres. \$11,385,000





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High school wrestling team members helped oversee a recent Gatesville ISD wrestling camp. For more photos, see Page 8 today and also see the July 20 issue of The Messenger.



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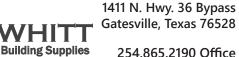
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Getting focused on wrestling skills



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Students in grades 1-6 had an opportunity to work on wrestling techniques during the early session of a Gatesville ISD summer wrestling camp July 11-15. Older students in grades 7-12 took part in a later session, and will be featured in an upcoming editon of The Messenger.



Learning how to take their opponent to the ground and hold them were among the skills youth learned at a recent GISD wrestling camp.



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