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## Area resident remembers first rodeo – 85 years ago

BY DAVID SCOTT  
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Just 85 years ago, on Saturday, June 5, 1937, Gatesville held its first Annual Rodeo and Homecoming.

It was an event which attracted between 5,000 and 6,000 spectators. The official start of the first rodeo consisted of a large and colorful parade held earlier in the afternoon.

Leading the procession was the Gatesville High School band attired in their gold-colored uniforms. The crowds greatly anticipated the highly publicized rodeo which attracted many out-of-town performers.

Estelle “Sissy” Lovejoy Newton, who is now 101 years old and lives in Copperas Cove, remembers attending the first Gatesville Rodeo in 1937 when she was 16 years old.

Although she says she was just a spectator at the first rodeo, she did participate as a contestant in the following years where she would ride in the grand entry and participate in the “quadrille.”

She explained the meaning of the quadrille by stating, “It was a square dance on horseback.” Several participants would form squares and parade around the arena to music wearing bright and colorful costumes.

Newton remembers competing at other area rodeos when she was barrel racing. One in particular was held in nearby McGregor.

“I won third place and received three bushels of oats as my prize,”



101-year-old Estelle “Sissy” Newton holds her program from the first Gatesville Rodeo held in 1937.

she said.

Newton was born on Nov. 13, 1920, in Coryell County on what is now Fort Hood, later growing up in the Pidcoke community. She

married Cecil Newton, Sr. in 1940. Upon his discharge from the Army, he returned to Pidcoke where he and his wife ran a small grocery store and filling station until 1955



COURTESY PHOTO

A photo of Estelle “Sissy” Newton on horseback about 1938. This was made about the time when she first began riding in rodeos.

when they moved to Copperas Cove.

Growing up in a cattle and ranching family, Newton and her husband continued the family tradition and according to an article in The Cove-Leader Press, her son, Lee Newton, said that his mother could “tell you the names of every one of the cows she’s ever had.”

Also mentioned in the article, published on the event of her 100th birthday, Newton said that she thought that staying busy attributed to her long life. “When you retire, don’t sit down, just keep moving,” she said.

The Gatesville Riding Club plans to honor Newton during their 85th rodeo celebration by bringing her into the arena in a horse-drawn buggy where they will name her the honorary “Rodeo Sweetheart.”

Linda Segraves, a board member of the Gatesville Riding Club said that when Newton was told about being honored and that she would be riding in a buggy, the 101-year-old stated, “I believe I can still get on a horse (and ride into the arena).” Considering her physical and mental agility, one could easily believe that she could accomplish this feat.

## Service dog offers lifeline for local veteran

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
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For many people having a pet is a source of companionship and comfort, something that makes life better. For others like Lynetta Gravelyn, it’s the key to being able to function and interact in the world.

Gravelyn, a local resident and combat veteran, has gone through experiences during military service that perhaps only fellow veterans could understand. During a recent meeting of the Gatesville Lions Club, she shared what it means to be able to have a service dog in her life – and the difference between fully certified service dogs and dogs which are considered therapy dogs or emotional support dogs.

“Tank and I train together every day,” she said of the Great Pyrenees who is a constant companion. “He’s been working with me for four years and he’s brilliant. We go everywhere together.”

When she visits a business, some owners or employees are unsure of how to respond when someone comes into their business with a dog.

If it is a true service dog, people have a legal right to have the animal with them. How do you know the difference? You can often tell by a dog’s behavior. She said if a dog is not well disciplined, is disruptive and relieves itself inside a place of business, that is definitely evidence that it is not a service dog. In cases when an animal misbehaves and is clearly not a trained service dog, owners or employees can ask a person and the dog to leave.

However, actual service dogs play a vital role in helping people navigate through the world with some type of disability, and they are important in helping their owners to function.

Some veterans suffer from various types of trauma, and one way to treat that is with drugs prescribed by a doctor. However, another way is through a fully trained service dog.

“I promote dogs instead of drugs,” Gravelyn said. “I want to help those who truly need them be able to have access to service dogs. A dog will make you get up and go outside where a drug won’t. They understand what you are feeling and can help bring you out of (a bad experience or withdrawal).”

She said a dog can also help remind someone when it is time to take their medication, and they act as a strong and quiet defender of their owner.

Gravelyn’s dog is trained to be off-leash, which sometimes has caused issues when people do not understand that. She spoke of one incident at a veteran’s hospital in which police responded at gunpoint to a situation they did not understand, even though her dog was not being disruptive or aggressive toward anyone.

“Tank is trained to be off a leash,” she said. “I need to be able to use my hands. Also, if I have a dizzy spell, he’s able to better help me.”

Leashes may be legally required for most dogs for safety reasons, but for a true service dog, the situation is different.

Gravelyn said she does not appreciate when people claim they have a service dog and it is not a true service dog, but rather a therapy or emo-



TAKING A BREAK: Tank, a service dog, rests as its owner, Lynetta Gravelyn, talks about the importance of service dogs during a recent presentation to the Gatesville Lions Club.

tional support dog.

“Therapy dogs and emotional support dogs are not trained the same way,” she said.

According to the Americans With Disabilities Act, “in situations where it is not obvious that the dog is a service animal, staff may ask only two specific questions: is the dog a service animal required because of a disability? and what work or task has the dog been trained to perform? Staff are not allowed to request any documentation for the dog, require that the dog demonstrate its task, or inquire about the nature of the person’s disability.”

Because service dogs are working to help their owner, others should not distract the dog or ask to pet it.

“Don’t ask to pet a service dog,” Gravelyn said.

“That’s like asking someone if you can play with their wheelchair. I try to educate people.”

Gravelyn was asked about dogs such as police dogs, which are different from service dogs.

“Those are working dogs,” she said. “There are dogs who do search and rescue, bomb sniffing or police dogs.”

Gravelyn said she only works with dogs who provide services for veterans.

“I can be in public because I have Tank,” she said. “Things like a loud noise can set you off, and in an instant you may feel like you’re back in a war zone. The dogs bring you out of that and reminds you you are not in a war zone. He

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## 2022 Rodeo

## Three days of events scheduled

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

The 2022 edition of the annual Gatesville Riding Club Rodeo is celebrating a milestone – the 85th time this event has been held in the community.

The three day celebration – scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday at the Gatesville Riding Club Arena (near the Gatesville Civic Center) will feature events such as bull riding, bronc riding, calf roping, barrel racing, breakaway roping, team roping, junior barrels and the ever popular mutton bustin’. There will also be a county team rope-off.

Gates will open at 6 p.m. each day. The cost is \$12 for adults, \$7 for children ages 6-12 and is free for children ages 5 and younger. Thursday is Military Appreciation Night, Friday is Back the Blue (law enforcement) Appreciation Night and Saturday is First Responders Appreciation Night.

Competition events are sanctioned by the Cowboy Professional Rodeo Association, United Professional Rodeo Association and Women’s Professional Rodeo Association.

Some sources state that the first Gatesville rodeo was held in 1936 and others say 1937 was the first event. Either way, it’s clear the rodeo has been popular throughout the region for decades and is among the biggest events of the year in Gatesville.

The rodeo is a fundraiser for the Gatesville Riding Club, which has been active for more than four decades. The riding club is billed as “a family-oriented organization that was established over 40 years ago,” according to information posted on the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce website about the organization. “Our members represent

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reminds you you are not in a war zone. He brings me back (from a bad experience) and that is so valuable. No drug can do that for you.

"You all know somebody going through that (a veteran experiencing trauma) and they don't want you to see that, so they isolate. A service dog changes that. Tank has given me my life back. It's definitely better than someone putting a round between their eyes (because they are unable to cope with the post combat stress). It's important that if you want to support the veterans in your life that you support service dogs, too."

She said the Texans With Disabilities Act and Americans With Disabilities Act are much the same.

In regard to service dogs, the ADA states:

"Many people with disabilities use a service animal in order to fully participate in everyday life. Dogs can be trained to perform many important tasks to assist people with disabilities, such as providing stability for a person who has difficulty walking, picking up items for a person who uses a wheelchair, preventing a child with autism from wandering away, or alerting a person who has hearing loss when someone is approaching from behind."

"The Department of Justice continues to receive many questions about how the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) applies to service animals. The ADA requires state and local government agencies, businesses, and non-profit organizations (covered entities) that

provide goods or services to the public to make 'reasonable modifications' in their policies, practices, or procedures when necessary to accommodate people with disabilities. The service animal rules fall under this general principle. Accordingly, entities that have a 'no pets' policy generally must modify the policy to allow service animals into their facilities. This publication provides guidance on the ADA's service animal provisions and should be read in conjunction with the publication 'ADA Revised Requirements: Service Animals.'"

The ADA specifies that "the dog must be trained to take a specific action when needed to assist the person with a disability. For example, a person with diabetes may have a dog that is trained to alert him when his blood sugar reaches high or low levels. A person with depression may have a dog that is trained to remind her to take her medication. Or, a person who has epilepsy may have a dog that is trained to detect the onset of a seizure and then help the person remain safe during the seizure."

One question people may have is whether emotional support, therapy, comfort, or companion animals are considered service animals under the ADA.

Information on the ADA website states "Are emotional support, therapy, comfort, or companion animals considered service animals under the ADA? No. These terms are used to describe animals that provide comfort just by being with a person. Because they have not been trained to perform a specific job or task, they do not qualify as service animals under the ADA."

However, some state or local governments have laws that allow



Tank the service dog visits Lions Club member James Marques.

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people to take emotional support animals into public places. You may check with your state and local government agencies to find out about these laws."

Another question is if someone's dog calms them when having an anxiety attack, does this qualify it as a service animal?

"It depends," the ADA website states. "The ADA makes a distinction between psychiatric service

animals and emotional support animals. If the dog has been trained to sense that an anxiety attack is about to happen and take a specific action to help avoid the attack or lessen its impact, that would qualify as a service animal. However, if the dog's mere presence provides comfort, that would not be considered a service animal under the ADA."

Gravelyn said there is a strong

bond and commitment between a service dog and its owner.

"There's a lot that goes into having a service dog - they have to be well cared for," she said. For veterans that need a service dog, she helps them achieve that.

"I try to keep prices low," she said. "People who need them can't afford a \$30,000 dog."

She reaffirmed that a dog's behavior is a clear indication of whether or not it is an authentic service dog.

"A dog's behavior shows whether it is truly a service dog or not," Gravelyn said. "This dog is better behaved than any child I've ever met. He's my best friend and I couldn't have a normal life without him. He gave me my life back."

Tank provides invaluable services for Gravelyn said: "He does a lot of things for me. He lets me know when I get too anxious. He leans into me so I'll calm down and take a breath." She said he also reminds her when it's time to take medication. He was first trained to do this by getting a whipped cream treat when he reminded her. However, now it's just routine.

Gravelyn said when it comes to service dogs, a lot of people are not aware of the laws that protect the people who need them.

"I try to keep him away from people who are afraid of dogs, but you will experience discrimination with a service dog. I just have to be calm and patient and carry the law with me everywhere I go."

More detailed information about service dogs, and people's rights and obligations regarding them, can be found online at [www.ada.gov/regs2010/service\\_animal\\_qa.html](http://www.ada.gov/regs2010/service_animal_qa.html).

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different equine (horse) related interests, disciplines and skill levels. Our membership consists of riders and non-riders, ranchers, breeders, rodeo competitors and folks who just like belonging to a group with opportunities to spend time with others who have the same inter-

ests."

The nonprofit group manages and maintains the arena and consists of volunteers. In addition to the annual rodeo, the club sponsors junior rodeos, the Coryell County Youth Horse Show, playdays, trail rides, an annual Christmas party as well as other events.

Regular meetings of the riding club are at 6:30 p.m. the first Monday of each month at the Gatesville Riding Club Arena. For more information about the club or events it sponsors, visit [gatesvilleringingclub.com](http://gatesvilleringingclub.com).

## Internet survey can help improve area service

According to U.S. Census Bureau data, almost 2.8 million Texas households and 7 million residents lack broadband access.

The COVID-19 pandemic confirmed that having access to the internet is a necessity, not a luxury. Our region struggled to complete school and work from home as many residents, businesses and governments lacked access to reliable and affordable internet.

The American Rescue Plan Act enacted by the federal government has allocated \$500.5 million to Texas for broadband expansion and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs

Act will allocate at least \$100 million.

Coryell County has contracted Foresite Group to complete a Broadband Evaluation to assess where the gaps in broadband are within the county and to recommend solutions to bridge the digital divide. The first step in the evaluation is to survey our community in order to understand what services we do have and what services we lack. Your response to the questionnaire would help shape the broadband evaluation project.

For details on how to participate and help improve local service, see the advertisement listed below.

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## OGLESBY LIONS CLUB INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS



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The Oglesby Lions Club recently installed new club officers for the 2022-2023 year. Pictured from left to right are Clement Gossett, one-year director; David Maass, two-year director; Ryan Basham, first vice president; Katy Gossett, assistant membership chair; Cody Miller, president; Ted Tatum, treasurer; Willie Smith, second vice president; Eddie Younce, Lion Tamer; Maurice Martin, song leader. Not pictured are Nancy Kepple, secretary and assistant song leader; Eugene Shirley, membership chair; Doug Davidson, immediate past president; Steve Kepple, Tail Twister.

## Immunizations are essential for health

Nobody looks forward to getting a shot, but the reality is that they're an essential factor in maintaining your health. In recognition of National Immunization Awareness Month, Coryell Health is here to give you a science-backed, medically sound rundown of the importance of immunizations.

Most commonly known as "vaccines," immunizations are the administration of safe, agent-specific antigenic components that can induce protective immunity against the corresponding infectious agent. First introduced by Edward Jenner in 1796 to combat smallpox, vaccines are a cost-effective method to reduce the risk of getting a disease. By working with your body's natural defenses to build protection, vaccines aid in your ability to be proactive and manage the care of your body.

It's important to understand that vaccines contain

only killed or weakened forms of germs like viruses or bacteria. They train your immune system to create antibodies, similar to when you're directly exposed to a disease. According to the World Health Organization, immunization currently prevents four to five million deaths yearly.

### TYPES OF IMMUNIZATIONS

We know it can be challenging to determine what each immunization option protects you from. Allow us to decode some of them for you:

**DTaP:** diphtheria, tetanus and acellular pertussis (whooping cough); your record may show DT or DTP

**Polio:** IPV - inactivated polio vaccine; OPV - oral polio vaccine

**HepB:** hepatitis B

**Hib:** Haemophilus influenza type b

**PCV:** Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine

**MMR:** measles, mumps and rubella vaccines combined

**Varicella:** chickenpox vaccine; your record may show VAR

**HepA:** hepatitis A

Commonly asked questions about vaccines include:

### DO VACCINES MAKE YOU SICK?

No, they do not. While some people can experience mild side effects (i.e., soreness at the injection site or low-grade fever), those should not be confused for sickness. The WHO notes that serious side effects from vaccination rarely occur - most adverse effects are rare enough that they can't be directly tied to immunization.

### DO VACCINES CONTAIN TOXIC INGREDIENTS?

Standard vaccinations are not toxic. While some vaccines contain ingredients that aren't naturally found in your body, they're only there in trace amounts. The

usual dosage of any vaccine approved by the CDC is not considered toxic.

### DO VACCINES CAUSE AUTISM?

Vaccines do not cause autism. Studies have proven that despite claims that this is the case, the use of vaccines cannot be linked to autism in children.

### SCHEDULE A WELLNESS VISIT

Listen, we get it. Shots aren't fun for anyone. But they're worth it in the long run for the health and safety of you and your loved ones. Make sure you stay on track with your and your child's wellness visits. Your healthcare provider will let you know if you need a specific vaccine and be able to answer any further questions or concerns you may have. Schedule a wellness visit with one of our family medicine practitioners by calling 245-865-2166.

## PEARL NEWS

### Next Pearl Bluegrass event coming Aug. 6



**BETSY CLARK**  
Pearl News Correspondent

The next Pearl Bluegrass event will be Aug. 6. If you would like to be part of the stage show lineup, please contact Ronald Medart at 254-865-6013. You can also go on Liz Patton's Facebook page to Pearl Bluegrass Jam and leave a message there. It looks like Liz has been working on updating the web page. Check it out at pearl-

bluegrassjam.org. Items for the Labor Day Sunday Scholarship Auction and Fish Fry on Sept. 4 will be out and ready for bidding in the dining room on Aug. 21 at the Pearl Church of Christ. All proceeds from this auction benefit the scholarship fund for local and His Kids students.

I talked to Kay Pruett yesterday, and she reported that the annual Hampton Reunion that took place last week was a big success. This reunion is always held at the Pearl Community Center. A big crowd was reported for this year with lots of memories being retold and lots of great food being enjoyed by this wonderful family. Kay also reported that she enjoyed a visit from Sandra and Israel Lozano of Beehouse last week. From what I understand, the Lozanos have just returned from a trip to Hawaii celebrating their recent

retirements from their nursing careers. Congratulations, and may your best days be before you.

Speaking of Kay, she will be having an "Everything Must Go Moving Sale" on Aug. 6 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. However, if you want to go earlier, you can call Kay at 254-865-5864 to make an appointment. Included in the sale are items such as an Ashley wood stove, hand tools, Pyrex, antiques, collectibles, kitchen items, furniture, plants, gardening books, succulent books, a 4-foot pencil cactus, craft supplies, ice chests, clothes, and lots more. This sale is on the same day as the next Pearl Cottage Bookstore Day and the Pearl Bluegrass event. Kay's house is right down the road from the Pearl Community Center at 1260 CR 153, so you will have easy access to all bluegrass and shopping for that day. Y'all

come! Ronald, Linda, Chris, Misti and Trent Ray all enjoyed a trip to Corpus Christi last week for Trent's shotput and discuss events during a huge track meet held in Corpus. During this multi-day trip, the family enjoyed a stay close to the beach, lots of great food and visits to the local sites. We understand that Trent did very well in his events. Congratulations, Trent.

This week's Bible verse: "Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these.'" Matthew 19:14 NIV

Contact me at betsy-clark47@yahoo.com to submit any Pearl news.

Check out Jennifer Rushon's Facebook page, Pearl Community Center, Texas.

## Eastwood Baptist hosts Summer Bible Bash

Eastwood Baptist Church will hold a Summer Bible Bash on Wednesday, Aug. 3, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. This event will kick off the 2022-2023 school year with Jesus and some fun. There will be a worship session, inflatable, basketball, Gaga Ball,

bubbles, games, hot dogs and hamburgers. This event will be for ages pre-K through 12th graders.

Eastwood Baptist Church is located at 2518 E. Main Street. For more information about the Summer Bible Bash, please call 254-865-2948.

## VBS at Calvary Baptist

Calvary Baptist Church will host their Vacation Bible School August 2-5 from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. The VBS will be open for children ages 5 to 18. The theme this year will be "The Mighty God, God

Leads Moses and Me." For those needing a ride to VBS, please call 254-223-2002.

Calvary Baptist Church is located at the corner of U.S. Highway 84 and FM 116.

## T-ville Baptist to hold Vacation Bible School

Turnersville Baptist Church will hold their Vacation Bible School on Saturday, July 30, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. and Sunday, July 31, from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. Lunch will be provided on Saturday. The theme this year for VBS

will be "Created in Christ, Designed for God's Purpose." The event will be open for children 4 years of age through the fifth grade.

Turnersville Baptist Church is located at 8120 FM 182.

## Hill family reunion to be held August 13

The family of Albert and Florence (White) Hill reunion will be held on Saturday, Aug. 13 at the Jonesboro Community Center. Doors will open around 10 a.m. Barbecue brisket and tea will be provided. Those attending are asked to bring their favorite side dish and any items they might want to donate for the raffle. For more information, contact Elizabeth Lord at 254-679-1090.

The Jonesboro Community Center is located at 11625 Highway 36 in Jonesboro.

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## C.A.F.E. group will attend Greater Vision concert in Temple

The Christian Adult Fellowship Events group at the First United Methodist Church will be travelling to Temple on Saturday, Aug. 13, to see gospel recording artists Greater Vision from Tennessee.

The group will leave from the parking lot of the church at noon and will eat at Sam's Southern Eatery in Temple. Those attending are responsi-

ble for paying for their own meal.

The cost for the trip will be \$40 which includes the ticket price and transportation. The deadline for reserving a ticket will be Tuesday, Aug. 9. Tickets may be purchased by contacting the office at the First United Methodist Church at 254-865-2520 or Ruth Jones at 254-865-2112.

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FROM MY FRONT PORCH

# What is the best gift you have ever received?



**SAM HOUSTON**  
Sam Houston is the publisher of the Hood County News. He is also an actor, author, playwright, performer and entertainment producer/promoter.

I probably enjoy giving gifts more than receiving them. Something about finding the right gift, something that will be particularly appreciated by the person receiving the gift, gives me a lot of pleasure.

Maybe I enjoy gift giving so much because of an experience receiving a gift.

When I was 13, my folks gave me a 10-speed bicycle for my birthday. Ten-speeds were the craze and all my friends and buddies seemed to have one. Unfortunately, 10-speed bikes were expensive and not the sort of thing my folks usually spent money for. They failed to understand why my fully functional coaster bike was not satisfactory. They were children of the Depression, and they did not believe in luxury items for themselves or their children, and to them a 10-speed was clearly a luxury.

I lobbied my folks for

months, asking if a bike could be both my birthday present and my Christmas present for the next 10 years; hoping to negotiate some sort of a bargain. I would watch with envious eyes as other kids rode their 10-speeds to school. I would stare at pictures of bikes in the Sears catalog. I am sure I dreamed of 10-speeds when I slept at night. I was obsessed with the thought of owning a Schwinn 10-speed.

On the morning of my birthday, I got up and walked to the kitchen to find my folks enjoying their breakfast. They were doing their usual morning routine in preparation of heading off to work, and they made it appear there was nothing special about the day. My mother spoke saying, "Happy birthday, son," and my father grunted something inaudible from behind his morning newspaper.

As I sat down to eat my cornflakes, I felt a little disheartened and disappointed with my folks' lack of excitement. Mom asked me if I wanted something special for dinner that night to celebrate my birthday, and I muttered a disheartened response. It was obvious there was not going to be anything special about this anniversary of my birth.

When Dad finished his coffee, he asked me to follow him out to the garage and help him load a box into his car. He said he needed someone to open the door while he carried the box. I got up from the table, dutifully followed my dad out the back door and headed to the garage. Unnoticed, my mother, followed.

I was glancing down when Dad swung open the garage door. When I looked up there stood a gold 10-speed, complete with a bow on the handlebars. I cannot express the joy that filled my heart! I jumped up and down for a second, and then for some unknown reason, I started to cry. Yes, I cried! I was 13 years old and clearly too old for such an emotional outburst, but I could not help myself. Mother and Dad giggled at me for losing control of my emotions as they gave me a hug. They kept asking, "Do you like it?" All I could do is nod my head up and down, indicating yes.

I will never be able to express the joy I felt as I swung my leg over that bike to take my first ride around the block. I do not know how many miles I rode that first day, or the first week, but I do remember my behind being sore and my legs being weary.

The smiles my folks wore that day made a big impression on me. In my heart of hearts, I knew my folks did not think a 10-speed was necessary, but they did it anyway because they knew how much joy the gift would bring me. I like to think giving me such a gift gave them as much joy as I received that day. I feel that same joy in giving a gift to my wife, children, granddaughters or friends. Nothing beats making the people you care about experience joy and happiness.

Thought for the day: The best gifts come from the heart, not from the store.

Until next time.  
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# OBITUARIES

## REV. JAMES C. (JIM) BOLING

April 27, 1938 - July 19, 2022



Rev. James C. (Jim) Boling went home to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, whom he loved and served so well, on Tuesday, July 19, 2022, surrounded by his loving family at his home.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 23, 2022, at Scott's Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Thresa Lawson and Rev. Joseph Lawson officiating. Interment with full military honors followed at Restland Cemetery in Gatesville.

Jim was born on April 27, 1938, in Post, to the late J. C. and Maudie Lee Hickson Boling. He lived and attended schools in Azle, Waco and Odessa. He married Carolyn White in 1962 and from that union they were blessed with three children, Tammie, Jimmy, and Angie. He joined the U.S. Army at the young age of 17 and served our country for 21 years until his retirement in 1977. During his military career, he received numerous awards to include the Bronze Star Medal and Combat Infantry Badge, serving in Alaska, Germany, Panama, two tours in Vietnam and Korea. In 1972, he married the love of his life, Joyce Marie Van Lawson and took Joyce's son, Vance, as his own. After his retirement from the Army in 1977, they moved to Gatesville, where he pastored for nearly 40 years. After a fruitful, blessed Pastorate, they built a new home on their son's farm in Mount Calm.

He was preceded in death by his parents; stepmother, Hazle; and brother, Bobby.

Jim is survived by his wife, Joyce Boling; sons, Jimmy Boling, Vance Lawson and

wife, Thresa; daughters, Angie Fay and husband, Bob, Tammie Rutledge and husband, Phil; three sisters, Vickie Lipsey and husband, Ronnie, Beverly Wicks, Linda Sloan and husband, David; brother, Mike Jackson and wife, Dinah; five grandchildren, Melisha Adankpo and husband, Greg, Daniel Lawson and wife, Stacey; Joseph Lawson and wife, Bethany; Joshua Lawson and wife, Jenny; and Victoria Rutledge. Jim's greatest remaining treasures and the real apples of his eye are his fourteen great-grandchildren, Vance Steven, Aubrielle, Abigail, Enam, Asher, Layla, Samuel, Judah, Jack, Ellie, Noah, Bo, Delali, and Emma.

In lieu of flowers, the family has designated that memorials be made to the Parkinson's Foundation at <https://www.parkinson.org/ways-to-give>, or Church of the Open Door, 900 N Loop 340, Bellmead, TX 76705, <https://www.opendoorwaco.org/giving> or Cover 2 Cover Ministries, 1409 W Main, Gatesville, TX 76528.

## DANIEL CASTILLO

Dec. 11, 1938 - July 16, 2022



Daniel Castillo, age 83, of Dallas, passed away Saturday, July 16, 2022, at his

son's home in Rockdale.

A funeral Mass was held at 9 a.m. Friday, July 22, 2022, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Rockdale with burial in St. Joseph Cemetery in Rockdale.

Mr. Castillo was born Dec. 11, 1938, in Cerritos, San Luis Potosi, Mexico to José Castillo and Carmen Banda. On June 22, 1958, he and Juliana Castillo were married in Mexico. Daniel was a farmer and rancher.

He was preceded in death by his parents, José Castillo and Carmen Banda; a brother, Rodrigo Castillo; and two sisters, Lucina Castillo and Margarita Castillo.

Surviving is his wife of 64 years, Juliana Castillo of Dallas; six sons, Manuel Castillo and wife, Julia, of Virginia, Gerardo Castillo of Gatesville, Rosalio Castillo and wife, Juana, of Gonzalez, José Castillo and wife, Leticia, of Dallas, Felipe Castillo and wife, Alma, of Dallas, and Francisco Castillo and wife, Lorena, of Rockdale; three daughters, Rosa Escalante and husband, Juan, of Rockdale, Juana Castillo and Marta Castillo, both of Mexico; 26 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren. His sons served as pallbearers, Gerardo, Manuel, Rosalio, José, Felipe, Francisco Castillo.

# The DISPATCH

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of July 21 - 24. 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 21**  
12:46 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1000 block of E. Leon Street.  
10:50 a.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 200 block of N. 34th Street.  
12:05 p.m., a theft was reported in the 2300 block of Business Hwy. 36.  
1:31 p.m., an assault was reported in the 200 block of N. 29th Street.  
**July 22**  
12:13 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 16000 block of FM 107.  
12:50 p.m., a missing person was reported in the 2500 block of Osage Road.  
7:54 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 200 block of Old Pidcoke Road.  
10:04 p.m., a threat was reported in the 2100 block of Waco Street.

12:17 p.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 400 block of N. 16th Street.  
2:08 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 500 block of E. Leon Street.  
2:52 p.m., an assault was reported in the 100 block of Lark Street.  
**July 24**  
5:52 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1000 block of W. Leon Street.  
10:02 a.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 10000 block of N. State Hwy. 36.  
3:40 p.m., suspicious activity

was reported in the 2300 block of Bridge Street.  
9:47 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2100 block of Waco Street.  
**CORYELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**  
**July 21**  
8:50 a.m., a dog bite was reported in the 100 block of 2nd Street.  
10:29 a.m., an explosion was reported in the 3500 block of CR 158.  
2:09 p.m., an explosion was reported in the 800 block of Beechly.

4:28 p.m., a fire was reported in the 500 block of CR 339 and FM 107.  
**July 22**  
10:51 a.m., a fire was reported on CR 158.  
12:00 p.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 2800 block of Arrowhead Drive.  
2:34 p.m., a major accident was reported in the 2100 block of FM 929.  
3:17 p.m., identity theft was reported in the 1500 block of CR 272.  
6:56 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the

400 block of CR 132.  
7:25 p.m., a theft was reported in the 1600 block of CR 341.  
**July 23**  
12:38 a.m., a suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1700 block of Old Georgetown Road.  
12:44 p.m., a runaway was reported in the 3700 block of E. Main Street.  
12:53 p.m., an assault was reported at Tractor Supply.  
6:39 p.m., a possible fire was reported on FM 116 and Sierra Vista.  
8:08 p.m., a livestock com-

plaint was reported on FM 1829 and Greenbriar Creek.  
**July 24**  
4:13 a.m., a missing child was reported in the 500 block of CR 339.  
9:25 a.m., a theft was reported in the 100 block of Harrell Drive.  
2:59 p.m., a minor accident was reported on Straws Mill Road.  
5:39 p.m., harassment was reported in the 100 block of CR 347.  
8:15 p.m., a possible fire was reported in the 7500 block of FM 116.

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**SPECIAL EVENTS**  
Thursday: Military Appreciation Night  
\$2.00 off ticket price with military ID  
Friday: Back the Blue  
Wear blue to support our law enforcement officers  
Saturday: Ft. Hood 1st Cavalry Horse Platoon  
**EVERY NIGHT**  
Mutton Bustin' - Limited to 15 riders/night, \$30 entry Starts at 7:00 P.M. on Thurs. & Fri. and 6:30 P.M. on Sat.  
Calf Scramble - Does not require pre-registration  
Jr. Barrels - Call on Monday, July 25 from 7-9pm to register, (254) 493-8954  
GATES OPEN AT 6 P.M.  
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Gatesville Volunteer Fire Dept.  
Evant Volunteer Fire Dept.  
Jonesboro Volunteer Fire Dept.  
Levita Volunteer Fire Dept.  
Coryell City Volunteer Fire Dept.  
Thank you for the quick response and efforts putting out the July 14th fire at the Nelson Lee Ranch.  
Sincerely,  
Nelson Lee & Family

# GISD scholarships awarded for 2021-2022 graduating class

Gatesville Independent School District recently released a list of recipients for the 2021-2022 Scholarship Awards. The name of the scholarship followed by the students receiving the scholarship and the amount received. The total amount of scholarships awarded this year totaled \$318,390.

The donors and recipients are as follows:  
 Ancient Free & Accepted Masons/Gatesville Lodge #197- Ciera Billingsley, \$2,000; Cooper Sutton, \$2,000; Anonymous - Hayden Mooney, \$1,000; Anonymous - James Hamilton, \$500; Ashley's Scholarship Award - Cheyenne Miller, \$2,000; Bancorp South - Jack Straw Memorial - Samuel Belt, \$1,500; Bancorp South, Andrew Kendrick Memorial - Sarah Saunders, \$1,500; Bancorp South, Cam McGilvray Memorial - Juleeva Sun, \$1,500; Bancorp South, Dawson Cooper Memorial - Riann Tippit, \$1,500; Blackacre Clancy Lawhorn Memorial - Adeline Carpenter, \$1,250; Cayden Mata, \$1,250; David Kennon, \$1,250; Evan Hanson, \$1,250; Luis Macias, \$1,250; Bob & Ann Miller Scholarship - Jozy Jackson, \$1,000; Brack Jones Memorial - Camden Morra, \$1,000; Caydon Best, \$1,000; Cooper Sutton, \$1,000; Kinsey Gardner, \$500; Lyndi Poynter, \$1,000; Milton Walters, \$1,000; Riann Tippit, \$1,000; Samuel Belt, \$1,000; Sarah Saunders, \$1,000; Buckworth Dream Scholarship - Avery Mullins, \$1,000; CCYF David Treadway Memorial - Cheyenne Miller, \$1,250; CCYF David Treadway Memorial - Cooper Sutton, \$1,500; CCYF Freddie Wolff Memorial - Hailey Luensmann, \$1,500; CCYF Freddie Wolff Memorial - Kinsey Gardner, \$1,500; CCYF Freddie Wolff Memorial - Samuel Belt, \$1,500; CCYF Kenneth Barnett Memorial - David Kennon, \$1,250; CCYF Paula Jander Memorial - Mikala Bryson, \$1,000; Central

Texas College Chancellor's Scholarship - Briyana Alexander, 12 Semester Hours; Chamber of Commerce Junior Ambassador - Zane Foster, \$1,000; Charlie Frances Straw Memorial - Juleeva Sun, \$1,000; Lexi Poston, \$2,500; Nolee Pickles, \$1,500; Class of 1954 - Tyler Sutton, \$500; Class of 1965 - Baylee Snoddy, \$500; Class of 1965 - Camden Morra, \$500; Class of 1965 - Cooper Sutton, \$500; Class of 1965 - Harlee Snoddy, \$500; Class of 1965 - Natalie Jones, \$500; Class of 1965 - Tyler Sutton, \$500; Class of 1965 - Zach Swindall, \$500; Coryell Area Go Texan - Baylee Snoddy, \$500; Cooper Sutton, \$2,500; Hailey Luensmann, \$3,500; Jimmy Hall, \$1,500; Kinsey Gardner, \$3,500; Mikala Bryson, \$500; Samuel Belt, \$2,500; Coryell Memorial Healthcare Volunteers - Kalli Robinette, \$500; Nolee Pickles, \$500; Coryell Retired School Personnel - Mikala Bryson, \$500; Olivia Brownlee, \$500; Cruzin' Cruzers - Brett Byler, \$1,500; Dylan Markgraf, \$1,500; David S. Barnard Memorial - Caydon Best, \$2,000; Sarah Saunders, \$2,000; Davidson Auto Parts / Allam & Gloria Davidson - Hayden Mooney, \$1,000; Debbie Powell Thompson and Robert & Mary Lou Powell Memorial - Anna Mitchell, \$1,000; Camden Morra, \$1,000; Cooper Sutton, \$1,000; David Kennon, \$1,000; Megan Barcroft, \$1,000; Dorothy F. Haines Educational Endowment - Tasha Thoms, \$1,000; Anna Mitchell, \$1,500; Kaitlyn Merritt, \$1,500; Nolee Pickles, \$1,000; Dorsey-Graham Memorial - Camden Morra, \$1,000; Cayden Mata, \$1,000; Cooper Sutton, \$1,000; Hailey Luensmann, \$1,000; Hayden Mooney, \$1,000; Jaiden Gomez, \$1,000; Jimmy Hall, \$1,000; Samuel Belt, \$1,000; Stormy Tatum, \$1,000; Zach Swindall, \$1,000; Dylan Blanchard Memorial - Megan Barcroft, \$2,000; Erine Car-

roll Whitt Memorial - Hayden Mooney, \$5,000; Exchange Club - Youth of the Year - Cooper Sutton, \$1,000; Exchange Club - Youth of the Year - Hailey Luensmann, \$1,000; Exchange Club - ACE Award - Alyssa Molina, \$500; David Kennon, \$1,000; Evonna Pitrucha, \$1,000; Luis Macias, \$500; Extraco Bank-B.K. Cooper Memorial - Olivia Brownlee, \$250; Extraco Bank-J.F. "Pete" Patterson Memorial - Hazlee Edwards, \$250; F.W. "Jack" Straw Memorial - Jessi Salas, \$2,500; Peyton Dooley, \$2,500; Frank Aubrey & Cleo Stratton Black - Bailee Williams, \$1,000; Natalie Jones, \$1,000; Gary & Diane Heavin Community Fund - Allie Pearce, \$1,500; Bella Perry, \$1,500; Cayden Mata, \$1,500; Caydon Best, \$1,500; Cheyenne Miller, \$1,500; Dylan Markgraf, \$5,000; Hayden Mooney, \$1,500; Kinsey Gardner, \$1,500; Lyndi Poynter, \$1,500; Matthew Arrington, \$1,500; Megan Barcroft, \$5,000; Ryan Smiley, \$1,500; Samuel Belt, \$1,500; Gatesville Lions Club - Wesley Brown, \$2,000; Jozy Jackson, \$2,000; Gatesville Lions Club, L.C. McKamie - Jimmy Hall, \$2,000; Gatesville Lions Club, Sid Pruitt - Cooper Sutton, \$2,000; Gatesville Lions Club, Jerry & Dora Dyson Scholarship - Scout Key, \$2,000; Gatesville Lions Club, Wayland Cargill Memorial Scholarship - Cheyenne Miller, \$3,640; Gatesville PTO - Hailey Luensmann, \$1,000; Gatesville Youth Sports, Basketball - Jaiden Gomez, \$1,000; Hamilton Electric Co-op - Hailey Luensmann, \$1,000; Henry W. Glass Memorial - Stormy Tatum, \$1,000; Higginbotham Brothers Scholarship of Excellence - Cooper Sutton, \$1,000; Hochheim Prairie Ins. Branch 163 - Hailey Luensmann, \$1,000; Harley Atterbury, \$1,000; Jozy Jackson, \$1,000; Riann Tippit, \$1,000; Hornet Radio - Cooper Sutton, \$250; Stormy Tatum, \$250; Jason Brady Memorial - Cheyenne

Miller, \$500; Knights of Columbus Scholarship - Clara De La Torre, \$500; Johnnie Short, \$250; Landon Sommerfeld Memorial - Luis Macias, \$1,500; Linda Little Brown Memorial - Evan Hanson, \$1,000; Jaiden Gomez, \$1,000; Jorja Penny, \$3,000; Luis Macias, \$5,000; Matthew Arrington, \$1,000; Tyler Sutton, \$1,000; Lloyd & Madge Mitchell - Cayden Mata, \$750; Evan Hanson, \$750; Hayden Mooney, \$750; Zach Swindall, \$750; M. J. Hanna Foundation - Cooper Sutton, \$10,000; David Kennon, \$10,000; Kinsey Gardner, \$10,000; Samuel Belt, \$10,000; Jaiden Gomez, \$10,000; M.J. Lambert Memorial - Harlee Snoddy, \$500; Marshall L. & Esther Lee Donaldson - Jozy Jackson, \$3,000; Mary Ann Clark Memory - Kalli Robinette, \$1,000; Mattie Boyd Milner - Olivia Brownlee, \$1,000; Kinsey Gardner, \$1,000; Mikala Bryson, \$1,000; Max Warren Moffett Memorial - Caydon Best, \$2,000; Melvin & Gertie Watson Memorial - Stormy Tatum, \$1,000; Middle Trinity Groundwater Conservation - Cooper Sutton, \$1,000; Patti Smith Memorial - Hailey Luensmann, \$500; Riann Tippit, \$750; Sarah Hering/Dr. James Brock Service Scholarship - Anna Mitchell, \$500; Jessi Salas, \$500; Sheepdog Marksmanship Training - Baylee Snoddy, \$500; Swarm Scholarship - Cera Touchet, \$750; Emmaleah Zacha, \$750; Kinsey Gardner, \$1,000; Riann Tippit, \$500; Tasha Thoms, \$500; Texas 4-H Foundation - Cooper Sutton, \$10,000; Hailey Luensmann, \$20,000; Kinsey Gardner, \$21,000; Samuel Belt, \$10,000; The Kenneth and Joyce Rhoades Memorial - Avery Mullins, \$500; Gill Wallace, \$500; Jacob Baker, \$500; The Sharon & Van Necessary Texas Aggie Scholarship - Hayden Mooney, \$500; Tommy Davidson Memorial - Cayden Mata, \$2,000; Sarah Saunders, \$2,000; Unique Machine Shop - Caydon Best, \$1,500.

# Meet the Teacher set for local schools

**GATESVILLE ISD**  
 The Gatesville Independent School District recently announced the date and times for the Open House and Meet the Teacher at each of the GISD campuses. The event will take place on Tuesday, Aug. 9, with times at the following campuses: Gatesville Primary School 5 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.; Gatesville Elementary School 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m.; Gatesville Intermediate School 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.; Gatesville Junior High 5 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.; and Gatesville High School from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.  
 Any questions about the Open House or Meet the Teacher night can be answered by calling the office at each individual campus.

**EVANT ISD**  
 Evant ISD will have their Meet the Teacher on Thurs-

day, Aug. 4, from 6-8 p.m. The school is located at 339 N. Memory Lane in Evant. The school can be reached by calling 254-471-3160.

**OGLESBY ISD**  
 Oglesby ISD will host their Meet the Teacher evening on Monday, Aug. 15, from 6-7 p.m. The school is located at 125 College Avenue in Oglesby. The school can be reached by calling 254-456-2271.

**JONESBORO ISD**  
 Jonesboro ISD will have their Meet the Teacher evening on Wednesday, Aug. 17, from 6-8 p.m. A meal starts prior to Meet the Teacher at 5:30 p.m. The school is located at 14909 E. State Highway 36 in Jonesboro. The school can be reached by calling 254-463-2111.

# Community-wide pep rally set to "Meet the Hornets"

Gatesville ISD Athletics will be hosting a community-wide pep rally and "Meet the Hornets" program on Wednesday, Aug. 17. The event will begin at 7:30 p.m. at Tommy Davidson Field at McKamie Stadium. During the evening, members of

the GHS athletic teams will be recognized. There will also be an ice cream social for fans and athletes to get the chance to meet all GISD coaches and staff members. The GHS band, cheer and dance teams will also perform.

# Back to School Bash Aug. 6

A Back to School Bash will be held on Saturday, Aug. 6, from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Gatesville. There will be free backpacks and school supplies, haircuts, vision and hearing screening, COVID vaccines for all ages (a parent must accompany a child for the vaccine), car seat/booster checkups and a bounce house.  
 This event is the result of community-wide involvement including 4-H, Free-

dom Reins Counseling, Canyon Creek Behavioral Hospital, Texas AgriLife, National Guard, Fort Hood, U.S. Army, Gatesville ISD, Scott and White Clinic of Gatesville, Coryell Health Clinic, Acrewood Dental, Gatesville Fire Department, Gatesville Police Department, Gatesville Public Library, Gideon's, H-E-B, Coryell Child Welfare Board, Walmart, and Coryell Community Church.  
 First United Methodist Church is located at 2600 E. Main Street in Gatesville.

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## Clams and Shellfish

Seashells you find on the beach were once homes to small, soft-bodied creatures called **mollusks**. Hard shells protect the soft bodies inside. When the mollusk dies, its shell washes up on shore.

**Mammoth Mollusk**  
 The giant clam can weigh 440 pounds (200kg) or more! When healthy, they can live up to 100 years.

Long ago, people thought giant clams could eat people. The truth is that a clam moves its shell way too slowly to trap a person inside. **Circle every other letter to see what giant clams eat.**

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### Kid Scoop Puzzler

How many clam shells can you find? Have a friend try, too. Who found the most?

### Kid Scoop Together

#### How Many Seashell Facts Do You Know?

Read each statement and choose. Then check your answer by doing the math. A true statement will have a math problem that adds up to an even number. If the math problem adds up to an odd number, that statement is false.

- Seashells were the first money! A small white shell called a cowrie was once used as money worldwide.  
 TRUE  FALSE  
**6 + 10 + 4 =**
- The ancient Greeks used crushed seashells to clean their teeth.  
 TRUE  FALSE  
**9 + 9 + 4 =**
- A giant clam can kill people.  
 TRUE  FALSE  
**7 + 3 + 9 =**
- A shell's color is determined by the food the animal eats and things in the water where it lives.  
 TRUE  FALSE  
**6 + 10 + 4 =**
- Conch shells have been used as trumpets by people for thousands of years.  
 TRUE  FALSE  
**8 + 8 + 8 =**
- The official name of a shell collector is a "conchologist".  
 TRUE  FALSE  
**14 + 2 + 2 =**
- Clams have no eyes, ears, or noses, so they cannot see, hear, or smell.  
 TRUE  FALSE  
**16 + 7 + 3 =**
- The giant clam can live more than 100 years.  
 TRUE  FALSE  
**13 + 13 + 2 =**
- Giant clams can snap their shells closed very quickly.  
 TRUE  FALSE  
**11 + 1 + 1 =**

Standards Link: Math: Calculate sums and differences up to 30.

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### Mollusks and Their Shells

Do the math to label each of these shells.

3 + 3 + 4 = Clam	15 + 6 + 7 = Triton
17 + 2 + 3 = Oyster	11 + 11 + 7 = Whelk
15 + 5 + 7 = Periwinkle	3 + 6 + 6 = Cowrie
9 + 2 + 2 = Cone	14 + 1 + 6 = Nautilus

Standards Link: Life Science: Animals have unique structures that aid in survival.

### Double Double Word Search

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

J	M	P	R	C	L	R	A	E	P
K	S	U	L	L	O	M	V	D	L
L	T	H	S	A	W	N	N	J	A
B	O	R	E	M	V	A	E	B	N
R	E	Y	A	L	S	U	Y	O	K
I	N	A	S	P	L	H	I	R	T
N	Z	T	C	T	M	Y	O	C	O
G	Y	K	U	H	E	T	L	R	N
S	G	I	A	N	T	R	V	B	E

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

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### How to Build a Shell

A few days after baby mollusks hatch from tiny eggs, they start building their shells, layer after layer.

They mix salt and minerals from the sea with other ingredients from their own bodies to build their shells.

When a mollusk grows, it needs a bigger shell. That's no problem! A mollusk adds to its shell every day.

Scientists can tell the age of a mollusk by counting a shell's rings!

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow written directions.

### Finders Keepers

When a mollusk dies, its soft body disappears but its shell remains. Sometimes other animals, like hermit crabs, move in. Other empty shells wash up on the beach.

### Pretty Irritating

When a bit of sand gets inside an oyster shell, it scratches and bothers the oyster. To protect itself, the oyster covers the sand with the minerals it uses to make its shell. Over time, it forms something that humans use for jewelry. Unscramble the letters to find out what it is.

**LEPRA**

Standards Link: Math: Identify even and odd numbers.

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### FROM THE KID SCOOP LESSON LIBRARY

#### Game: What's Missing?

Cut out a newspaper photo. Then cut out a piece of that photo. Give the picture with the missing piece to a friend and have them ask you "yes or no" questions to figure out what is missing.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow written directions.

### Write On!

## Shell Story

While walking on the beach, you find an unusual seashell. Write a paragraph describing it and whether you will keep it or throw it back into the ocean.



# Offering a full slate of recreation options

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

It's been a busy summer for the Gatesville Parks & Recreation Department, and with plenty of activities also scheduled for the fall, there's no let-up in sight for the number of programs and activities that are available.

Seth Phillips, the city's parks and recreation director, recently gave an update on the department along with fitness center director Patrice Gilbert and Marte Bailey during a recent meeting of the Gatesville Lions Club.

Phillips said he started with the department in 2006 as a summer lifeguard at the city pool. After graduating from Tarleton State University in 2011, he joined the city of Gatesville working in the fitness center and was hired as assistant director. He became recreation director in 2015 before moving into his current role in 2021.

"I started at the city pool and fitness center, and now I'm in charge of all of it," Phillips said. "I appreciate the opportunity I've been given and couldn't do it without an outstanding team that does a great job. We are responsible for the activities at the ballpark, fitness center, skatepark, pool, Raby Park, Faunt Le Roy Park and Brown Park, and we also maintain the grounds of the library and police department."

"There are eight full-time employees and six part-time employees along with 25 seasonal lifeguards. Our goal is to enhance the quality of life for the community. We want to provide great recreation opportunities for the citizens of Gatesville."

Although there is already a

range of recreation opportunities available locally, Phillips said even more will be offered in the future.

"You're going to start seeing improvements, and we are working on a park master plan," he said.

The department has an annual budget of \$885,000 to oversee the facilities and programs.

"At the ballpark, we've got something going on every night of the week with tournaments bringing people to the community," Phillips said. "That's great for the community because it brings people in from out of town who eat at local restaurants and visit the stores."

Gilbert, who oversees the fitness center, said she has worked for the city for 15 years. The fitness center opened in 2002 and is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year.

"We've done a lot to upgrade things," she said. "We replaced all the cardiac equipment over the last seven years."

The fitness center features an indoor pool and hot tub, two racquetball courts, an aerobics area and workout equipment. It is open from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 7 p.m. Sunday.

Gilbert said more than 20 different fitness classes are offered for various ages and fitness levels, and include balance and flexibility activities, strength and conditioning and other fitness exercises.

Fees based on age and residency are posted on the city's park and recreation website, [www.gatesvilletx.com/parksrec/page/fitness-center](http://www.gatesvilletx.com/parksrec/page/fitness-center).



SE'VETTE EARLY | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Patrice Gilbert stands next to some of the equipment at the Gatesville Fitness Center.

Gilbert said that some insurance companies also offer free membership at the center. Those who want to see if their insurance might include a membership can call the fitness center at 254-865-4012.

Lap swimming is also available at the city pool from 6 to 8 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

"We do have a lot of people enjoying summer swimming since it's so hot outside," Gilbert said.

Bailey said he has been working for the city "since gas was \$2.50 a gallon" and said through being on baseball and softball teams, youths can represent their community and compete against other teams.

"We all work together and help each other out because there's so much happening," he said. "We also offer adult

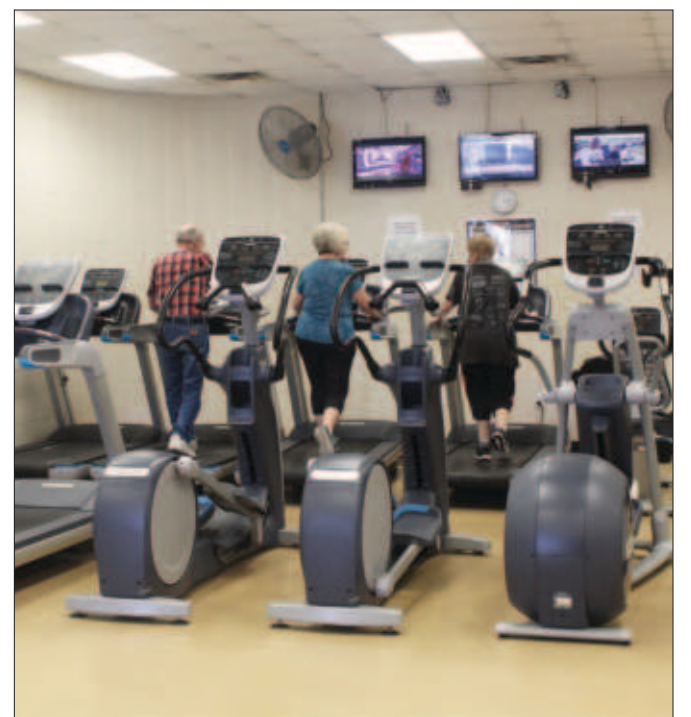
softball leagues, and youth flag football, volleyball and soccer.

"We had 622 players signed up for youth baseball," Bailey said, adding that in addition to Gatesville, there are also participants from Jonesboro and Oglesby, as well as some interaction with Copperas Cove teams.

The youth soccer season featured 55 teams, and in addition to Coryell County, there were participants from Valley Mills.

Select baseball tournaments hosted in Gatesville can bring in up to 3,000 people, Bailey said, adding that staff are working to "take our department to the next level." He said that will allow the department to offer even more to the community.

Adaptive sports, which allows those with different disabilities, will be offered



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Walking in the air conditioned comfort of the fitness center helps people stay fit while avoiding the triple digit heat outside.

during the next calendar year, he said.

Bailey quoted President Franklin D. Roosevelt, saying "We cannot always build the future for our youth but we can build our youth for the future."

Outgoing Lions Club President Randy Waggoner said he has seen tremendous improvements in local recreation programs/facilities.

"The covered bleachers and walkways weren't there 20 years ago," he said.



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KEEPING COOL: The Gatesville City Pool is a popular location for people to cool off during the hottest months of the year and also have an opportunity for a little exercise.



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Slides at the Gatesville City Pool add to the fun and are popular with children.

## Marshall Day Memorial Tournament to be held July 30 in Gatesville

Gatesville Parks and Recreation recently announced that the 2022 Marshall Day Memorial Slowpitch Baseball Tournament will be held on Saturday, July 30, at 10 a.m.

This event raises money for improvements at Gatesville's sports complex. Marshall Day, longtime publisher of The Gatesville Messenger, was a major supporter of the youth sports programs offered in Gatesville and now continues to give to the youth in this way.

Through donations from the tournament, Chris Garrett and the City of Gatesville Parks and Recreation Department have been able to add bleacher shade awnings and dugout covers to five of the six ballfields.

The cost will be \$50 Tournament Registration per team, and \$20 Unlimited HR



**SUPPORTING YOUTH SPORTS:** Marshall Day, longtime publisher of the Gatesville Messenger, is the namesake of a tournament which raises funds for local recreation. FILE PHOTO | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

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wristband.

There will be a Home-run Derby, All Day Dookie Competition (closest to the pin), cornhole, music and a concession stand. No alcohol will be allowed.

Playing rules are posted at

More information can be obtained by contacting the City of Gatesville Parks and Recreation Department, 254-865-4012.

## Area Fishing Report

### Belton

GOOD. Water lightly stained; 88 degrees; 6.68 feet low. White bass topwater action has been excellent since high pressure began to dominate the weather. Best times are sunrise through 8 a.m. Cast MAL Originals with one treble tine snipped off and barbs pressed down on remaining two points to allow for quick unhooking to take advantage of the fish when they surface. Try not to chase the fish with the outboard or trolling motor, instead, get upwind of the fish and drift to and through them. Report by Bob Maindelle, Holding the Line Guide Service. Largemouth bass are good early morning on topwaters. As the day progresses they are moving to the drops and to the treetops in 15-20 feet or water. Wacky worms and Texas rigs are working well. The night bite continues to stay good with jigs being the best. Report by Cord Zahn, Belton tournament organizer. Crappie are good in 18-25 feet of water off points and brush with Dan's jigs tipped with minnows. Report by Zach Min-

nix, Jig N Jerk Guide Service.

### Stillhouse Hollow

GOOD. Water lightly stained; 88 degrees; 6.78 feet low. White bass fishing in the lower half of the reservoir is becoming more consistent with the increasing summer heat. Downrigging to find fish, then Spot-Locking atop them and working MAL Heavy or MAL Dense lures vertically while observing fish behavior on sonar is the ticket to success right now. Mornings are best. Largemouth bass fishing the outside edge of deep-growing hydrilla with dark soft plastics continues to be a staple. This week, small packs of schoolie largemouth of 15 inches, or smaller, have begun to hunt and drive shad to the surface. Small, clear grub baits on unpainted jig heads or imitation shad streamers behind popping corks cast quickly and accurately into fresh boils are about the only thing these fish are responding to. Report by Bob Maindelle, Holding the Line Guide Service.

### Waco

FAIR. Water stained; 83 degrees; 7.72 feet low. Fish

are biting in the typical summertime patterns, feeding shallow early morning and moving to deeper, cooler water as the sun rises. For white and hybrid bass follow the birds feeding on bait fish. When you find some surface or schooling action slabs and spoons should get you a bite. Catfish are good on live bait. Largemouth bass are fair early morning on topwater lures, throwing soft plastics as the day heats. Report by Johnny Matthews, local angler. Crappie are good in 18-25 feet of water off points and brush with Dan's jigs tipped with minnows. Report by Zach Minnix, Jig N Jerk Guide Service.

### Buchanan

GREAT. Water lightly stained; 81 degrees; 11.86 feet low. Bass are good with an early morning topwater bite with walking style lures, and on rock piles in 6-10 feet of water and at 20 feet of water with diving crankbaits, shaky heads and Texas rigs. Report provided by Bryan Cotter, Texas Hawgs Bass Fishing Guide Service.

## GHS hosts memorial tennis event

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The Gatesville High School varsity tennis team head Coach Wendell Jones and upcoming senior Slone Early hosted the Ethan Sandell Memorial Tennis Tournament on Saturday, July 23, at the GHS tennis courts. Ethan Sandell, a former GHS tennis player, lost his life in a tragic car accident on April 27, 2019.

The open tennis tournament filled the tennis court parking lot with tennis players from towns such as Brownwood, China Spring, Groesbeck, Liberty Hill, Lorena, and Hamilton. The tournament brought fellowship, laughter, and skilled competition.

Including alumni and current Gatesville

High School tennis players, GHS earned eleven medaled positions in the tournament. Upcoming seniors Ty Warren and Alex Scott made their first debut as the number one boys' doubles team for the fighting Gatesville Hornets varsity. They defeated the Liberty Hill team in the championship round, earning them a first-place spot in the tournament. Ty Warren continued his day with a 2nd place win in the Men's Singles competition.

Several former Gatesville High School Alumni returned home to compete in the tournament showing the crowd they had not lost their touch as tennis players. Recently graduated Julee Sun and Trevor Bentley won 2nd in Mixed Doubles. Tyler Hutts and Dayne

Zacha, 2022 graduates, paired back up one final time before heading to Tarleton State University to win the Men's Consolation. Tyler Hutts went on to win 3rd place in the Men's Singles division. 2022 GHS valedictorian Rachel Conner teamed up with Alex Scott to win 3rd place in the Mixed Doubles.

The tennis tournament allowed families and community members to participate. Boys head basketball coach and newly assigned assistant Fall tennis coach Brit Campbell and Gatesville ISD board member Calvin Ford competed in the Men's Doubles competition and came out victorious with 3rd place medals. Mom and daughter team, Colleen Fitzer, and GHS sophomore Kasey Fitzer won 2nd in Women's Doubles. Kasey went on to

win 3rd in the Women's Singles competition.

Incoming GHS freshman London Kizer won the Women's Consolation round, while junior Olivia Walker and senior Preslea Edmond won 1st in Women's Doubles.

To add a little "Fun in the Sun" the tournament included a social dress costume contest. Anna Mitchell and Carlo Martinez were decked all the way from their sun visors and red whistles to their life-saving waist packs to win the title of best dressed.

The tournament began at 8 a.m. and ended at 5 p.m., and despite the brutal heat on the tennis courts, the players had a great time. The GHS tennis team is looking forward to hosting this event again next year.



Rachel Conner and Alex Scott



Ty Warren



Trevor Bentley and Julee Sun



Colleen Fitzer and KC Fitzer



KC Fitzer



Tyler Hutts



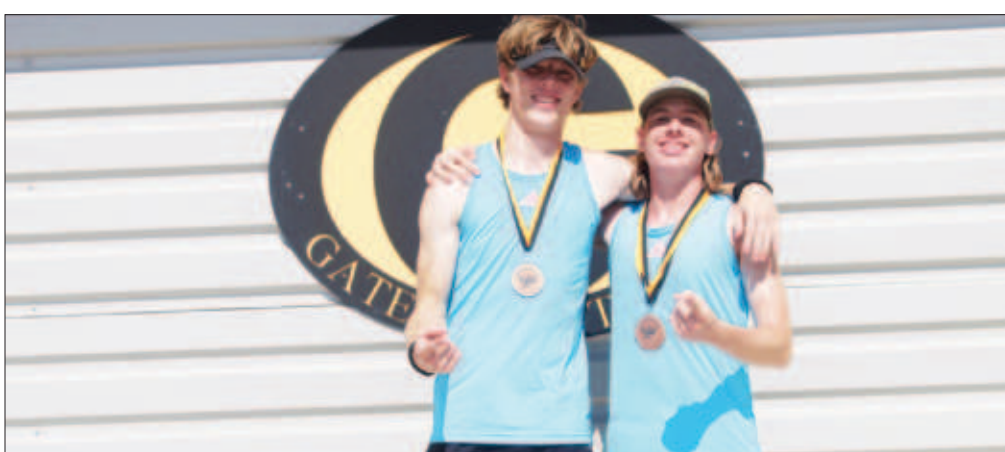
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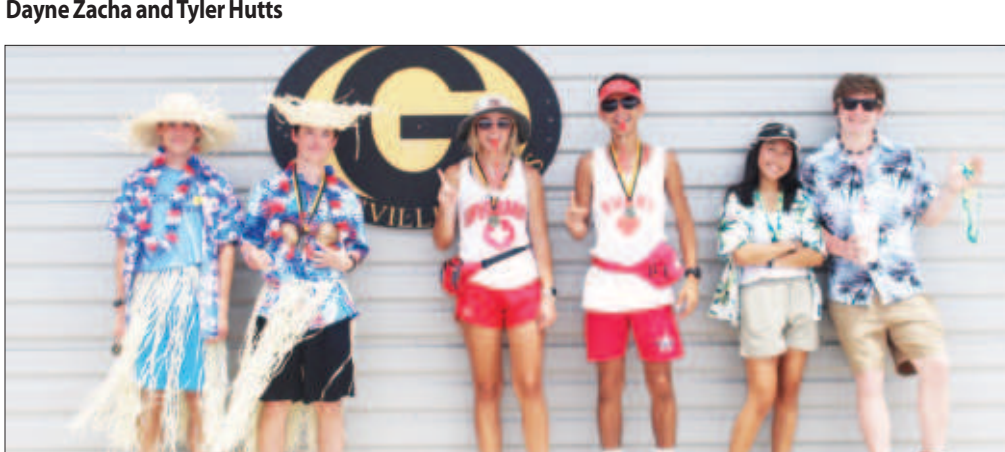
Ty Warren and Alex Scott



Dayne Zacha and Tyler Hutts



Brit Campbell and Calvin Ford



Fun in the Sun costume contest winners