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## Diseases, heat & drought are among major concerns

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

COVID-19, monkeypox and water shortages resulting from sizzling weather and drought were all topics addressed by Coryell County Emergency Management Coordinator Bob Harrell during a recent meeting of the Coryell County Commissioners Court.

After more than two years on the scene, the COVID-19 virus continues to make its presence felt, with three variants responsible for the majority of infections locally and nationwide.

Harrell gave an update on COVID-19 and other concerns during the July 26 meeting of the Coryell County Commissioners Court.

"We've had an uptick in Texas and in Coryell County," Harrell said. "There are three main variants that are responsible for this. Vaccines are said to result in a milder case and lessen the frequency of people having to be hospitalized."

As of July 26, there have been a total of 15,923 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Coryell County (since the virus was first diagnosed in spring 2020) out of a population of about 78,000, Harrell said. He added that he thinks the number of cases is "underreported, I'm quite sure" since not everyone who has had COVID-19 has sought medical help. Also, with some mild cases, those infected might not even be aware that they have had COVID.

The population that is the most vaccinated countywide is people who are age 65 and older, Harrell said. He noted that 86% of senior citizens have had at least one dose of the vaccine, while just over 78% are considered to be "fully vaccinated."

Another disease that is generating attention and concern is monkeypox. The World Health Organization has labeled the disease global health emergency. Nationwide, 2,500 cases of monkeypox have been reported.

"There are 200 cases in the state of Texas and they are starting to test in Houston, Dallas, Austin and other areas,"

Harrell said. "They are pushing out vaccines to at-risk populations."

Monkeypox has historically been more prevalent in Africa and has been much more rare in Europe and North America.

According to the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention, monkeypox infections typically last two to four weeks and symptoms are similar to the flu - a fever, muscle aches, headaches, chills, exhaustion and swollen lymph nodes. A rash with red raised bumps which turns into blisters is another symptom. The severity of the infection varies from person to person.

The CDC notes that only five deaths have been reported as a result of monkeypox worldwide, although it can be painful and discomforting.

The primary means of infection is skin-to-skin contact with someone who is infected with monkeypox.

Another recent and much more widespread concern in

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## Legendary Gatesville educators



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GISD Superintendent Barrett Pollard stands with retired teacher Sue Dixon, who was honored during the July school board meeting as a Hornet Legend.



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Retired teacher Linda Graham, who was honored during the July school board meeting as a Hornet Legend, stands with GISD Superintendent Barrett Pollard.

## Dixon, Graham honored for their positive impact on students

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

Two former Gatesville Independent School District educators - Sue Dixon and Linda Graham - were recognized as Hornet Legends for their positive impact on local students during the July meeting of the GISD Board of Trustees.

Dixon began her career as a teacher in 1972 and she continued working until 1976 in other districts before taking time off to

raise two daughters. She began teaching at GISD in 1987 and retired in 2002. She mainly taught high school science, including physical science, chemistry and Advanced Placement chemistry.

According to the school board packet, "Despite the tough content of these subjects, Mrs. Dixon's patient and caring attitude toward her students helped them excel. Her supervisors noticed additional strengths that Sue brought to teaching."

Among the comments about Dixon were

from Mike Barr, who said, "No one works harder to prepare for class than Mrs. Dixon." Larry Anderson said, "(There was) excellent rapport between Mrs. Dixon and her students. It was obvious that students enjoyed the class and were having fun while learning difficult material."

Roland Lambert said of Dixon, "You have again developed excellent rapport with your students. There is always a good climate of teaching and learning in your classes."

During the meeting, Dixon thanked the dis-

trict for recognizing her, and said she did not feel worthy of such recognition.

Graham started teaching in 1967 at the Gatesville State School for Boys. She joined Gatesville ISD in January 1971, and she taught several different classes and subjects in grades 3, 5, 6 and 7, as well as art.

"However, it was primarily sixth grade ELAR (English, language arts and reading) that Mrs. Graham would teach until her

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## Disaster preparedness highlighted during recent presentation

BY DAVID SCOTT  
STAFF WRITER

Coryell County Emergency Management Coordinator Bob Harrell recently presented a program on "Coryell County Summer 2022 Preparedness" to give county residents some tips and ideas on how to prepare for emergencies such as the recent wildfires facing the drought-ridden county.

Harrell addressed the group using an outline containing four different categories: Threat and Risks, Mitigation Strategies for Homeowners, Family Preparedness, and Potential Problems Going Forward.

Harrell first addressed the extreme drought situation and the wildfires that have been raging in Coryell County. Following the governor declaring a drought disaster in Texas, Harrell said, "We've had drought since just after Christmas and the number of days that we've had rain, we're on track to be the third driest year going back at least 70 years and that's pretty bad."

Harrell also mentioned the problems ranchers were having due to the lack of hay and grass. "A lot of our ranchers are having to sell cattle off, some of them not getting a cutting on their hay." In addition to the drought conditions, Harrell spoke of the outbreak of wildfires, recent water shortages and heat injuries. "I can't say enough good about our volunteer fire departments, they are doing a great job."

Due to the recent wildfires, Harrell recommended that property owners remove foliage from around their house area and consider alternative exit strategies from their property for inhabitants and livestock. "When there is no way of getting out, make sure you have a place where you can cut a fence [to exit] to stay alive," he said.

Regarding preparedness, Harrell suggested that instead of the recommended three days of supplies, individuals should have at least one week of self-sustaining supplies such as water, food, pet food, generators, first aid supplies, emergency weather radios, and medication. "I recommend at least one week of supplies, and I highly recommend keeping your ve-

hicle at least three-quarters topped off with fuel."

Harrell also spoke about the potential problems going forward including the rise in cases of COVID-19, supply chain delays (availability of supplies) and fuel shortages.

In addressing the high fuel costs, Harrell said, "The fuel costs for our volunteer fire departments have doubled since last year."

The CodeRED system was also presented to those in attendance. The CodeRED system provides individuals and businesses the ability to add their own phone numbers directly into the database which will allow them to be notified about evacuation notices, bio-terrorism alerts, boil water notices and missing child reports.

Communities covered include all residents and businesses located inside counties of Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Milam, Mills, and San Saba (the Central Texas Council of Governments region). A link to register for the CodeRED system can be found by visiting [www.coryellcounty.org](http://www.coryellcounty.org) and searching the Emergency Management page.

## Celebrating Seniority at Gatesville High School



Gatesville High School seniors continue the tradition of decorating parking spaces before the start of the 2022-23 school year. The first day of school is Thursday, Aug. 11.

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## Back to School Bash slated for Aug. 6 to include haircuts, free supplies

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, Freedom Reins Counseling, Canyon Creek Behavioral Hos-

pital, 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.

## CONCERN

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Coryell County is the heat and accompanying drought, which was elevated when an equipment failure impacted Gatesville water customers.

The problem was resolved within hours as parts were obtained from Houston to fix the concern, and welders worked to provide a protective seal.

Harrell was able to arrange for cases of water to be delivered to the Gatesville Fire Department for local residents, through the efforts of the Texas Department of Emergency Management and the fire department.

Harrell thanked Gatesville Fire Chief Billy Vaden for his efforts in helping to coordinate the water giveaway.

Gatesville was not the only area municipality to suffer an equipment malfunction in its water treatment. Harrell said there was another water main break north of Hamilton that impacted that area as well as Multi-County Water Supply, which serves several Coryell County residents.

Harrell said there is a concern that there will be more problems with water systems as hot dry weather continues.

"We can anticipate more of this if we don't get more rain soon," Harrell said. "The shifting ground due to dry weather is causing cracks."

The commissioners court voted to continue the burn ban to help reduce local fire hazards.

County Judge Roger Miller said the ban will remain in

place as long as the county continues to endure "severe drought conditions. It's just bad right now - hot and dry."

He said the Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM) has selected Coryell County as a location for a liaison who would be permanently stationed here.

"TDEM is implementing a program to put more people in cities and counties, and Coryell County has been selected to have a liaison officer to respond to, prevent and help mitigate disasters," Miller said. "David Shaw is the regional director, but this would give us someone (from TDEM) in Coryell County full-time."

There will be no cost to the county, Miller said, other than office space either in Gatesville or Copperas Cove for the liaison.

courtesy and encouragement bring out the best in students," James Baize said. "Mrs. Graham effectively captured and held student attention. She was patient and supportive of her students." Don Edwards said, "Mrs. Graham does an excellent job in the classroom. She relates well with her students and has a great working relationship with their parents. She is a real asset to our school system."

During the school year, the GISD board recognizes outstanding students and staff. However, during the summer months, it takes time to honor former GISD instructors as Hornet Legends.

after her retirement, she was walking in a Hamilton antique store when a man approached her and asked if she was Mrs. Graham who had taught in Gatesville. Graham said she was..

"He said he always felt special in my class - like he mattered. I hope that I gave students that feeling."

Like Dixon, Graham said she felt unworthy of the recognition. She said that years

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## FROM MY FRONT PORCH

*Some lessons learned are not as painful as others***SAM HOUSTON**

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

Though for generations my family have been farmers/ranchers, I was raised in a metropolitan area and thus never had the opportunity to be around horses. I would go to my grandfather's for a week or so in the summer but other than when I visited, it was simply impractical for me to have many horse experiences.

I had always wanted to be a cowboy. When my mom passed, I found where she had saved my cowboy handkerchief that I had used in grade school. I would tie it like a bandana around my neck so I could look western. Even when I got past the little boy stage, I never lost the desire to be a cowboy.

Once I graduated from college and began my career, I set my mind to buying a horse. I went through quite a bit of research, did my homework and learned the proper way to take care of an equine. I then secured a location where I could keep my new amigo.

After a lot of searching, I bought Dan. He was a 16-

hand bay ranch gelding who had worked hard on a cattle ranch nearly every day in his life. He was 17 years old and was broke to do just about anything a ranch hand would ever ask. While still sound, Dan had gotten to the point in his life where he simply could not work hard every single day. But as an occasional riding horse for me, he was perfect. He was "bomb" proof safe, meaning he had no buck in him at all and was easy to catch and saddle. He was smart, good looking and friendly.

I had taken riding lessons, but an old cowboy friend told me the best way to become a good rider was to create a lot of wet saddle blankets: that is, ride regularly. So, almost every night after work, I would drive out to where I kept Dan, saddle him up and take off. There was a neighbor who had given me permission to ride in his 640-acre pasture. Dan and I would open the gate, ride in and then go wherever we took a notion to.

Riding was tremendously relaxing for me. The smell of the saddle, the creaking of the leather, the feel of the horse and the sound of his hooves hitting the ground, created a sensory intake which caused my heart to swell and my face to smile. We would walk, run, or trot, all over every inch of those 640 acres. Many nights, I would ride up to the gas station on the highway and get something to drink before putting Dan back in his pen. Over time, the owner of the station set a hitching post for me to tie Dan to when I was in the store. There were not many nights that we missed riding.

One late afternoon, I received a call from a neighbor that his cows had gotten out.

He wondered if I would get my horse and come help get the cows back in to where they belonged. I was so excited I could not control myself! I practically ran out of my office, drove to where Dan was located and began to get him saddled. This was going to be a chance to really "cowboy."

I quickly got Dan and when I finished getting him saddled, I jumped up on his back, shouted something about "let's go get those cows, Dan," and then sunk a little spur in his flank to speed him up. That's when I learned my lesson. Dan took two steps forward and then dropped his front shoulders and kicked up his hips. It wasn't really a buck, but it was enough to make a novice like me to come off the horse, falling straight down Dan's neck. I hit with a thud, but still holding onto the reins. Nothing was hurt but my pride, and while sitting on the ground, I could feel Dan staring at me.

In my entire life, my father never scolded me as much as Dan did that day. He looked

down at me with those big soft brown eyes and stared right through me. I could hear his subconscious say, "Look here son, I have caught more cows than you have ever ate hamburgers. Get your behind back up here and I will go catch them up for you, but I am too old for any of that 'yippee ki ya' stuff."

Believe me, his message was very clear. I slowly and humbly got back on Dan, and we headed off to work. We helped others get in the escaped cows, and fortunately, we did not let my lack of experience make things more difficult for the others. Dan carried me through it.

I had a lot of great rides with Dan. He never, ever, threw me off again. And I never, ever, considered sinking another spur into him. I like to think we were both better off after our little teaching session.

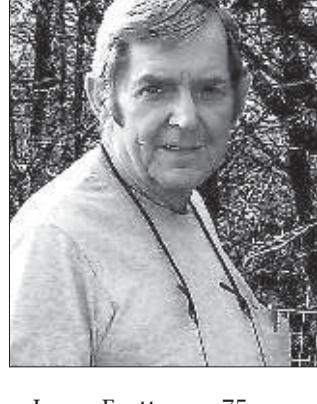
Thought for the day: The only thing more painful than learning from experience is not learning from experience.

Until next time.  
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## OBITUARIES

**JAMES EVETTS**

Mar. 16, 1947 - July 24, 2022



James Evetts, age 75, passed away on Sunday, July 24, 2022, in Cleburne. He was the husband of Donita Evetts. They shared 52 years of marriage together.

Born in Gatesville, he was the son of Alford and Ruby Lee Evetts. He attended Gatesville High School. James was a diesel mechanic at Santa Fe Railroad for most of his life and worked for Walls Industries in Cleburne.

James enjoyed building engines in his shop and racing cars, the louder and faster the better. He loved listening to oldies but goodies and visiting with friends. He was known as "Roho" and loved by all.

James is survived by his wife, Donita Evetts of Cleburne; daughters, Dana Glosup of Burleson, and Shanda Ward of Cleburne; son, Nathan Evetts and wife, Lynn, of Cleburne; sister, Judy Rader and husband, Bill, of Gatesville; grandchildren, Alli Morton, Ian Glosup, Jordyn Ward, Kaden Ward, Kyler Ward, Ryan Evetts and Madilyn Evetts. He will also be missed by his beloved schnauzer, Roxi. James was preceded in death by his parents, Alford and Ruby Lee Evetts, and his son, Richard Harold Evetts.

The graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 30, 2022, at Pidcock Cemetery in Pidcock.

## Texas sales tax holiday is Aug. 5-7

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar is reminding shoppers they can save money on clothes and school supplies during the state's sales tax holiday on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 5-7.

State law exempts sales tax on qualified items - such as clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks - priced below \$100, saving

shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend. The dates of the sales tax holiday and list of tax-exempt items are set by the Texas Legislature.

The Comptroller's office estimates that shoppers will save \$112 million in state and local sales tax during this sales tax holiday.

Apparel and school supplies that may be purchased

tax-free are listed on the Comptroller's website at [TexasTaxHoliday.org](http://TexasTaxHoliday.org).

During the annual sales tax holiday, qualifying items can be purchased tax free online or by telephone, mail, custom order, or any other means (including in-store purchases) when either:

the item is both delivered to, and paid for by,

the customer during the exemption period; or,

the customer orders and pays for the item, and the seller accepts the order during the exemption period for immediate shipment, even if delivery is made after the exemption period ends.

Texas' sales tax holiday weekend has been an annual event since 1999.

## Pearl Bluegrass Aug. 6

The next Pearl Bluegrass event will be held on Saturday, Aug. 6, at the Pearl Community Center. The community center opens at 7 a.m. for picking and grilling - no admission fee. The stage show usually begins around 1 p.m. To sign up to be a part of the free stage show, contact Ronald Medart at 254-865-6013, or contact

Liz Patton via Pearl Bluegrass Jam Facebook page.

The Bluegrass Kitchen opens at 11 a.m. and closes at 5 p.m. The Pearl Cottage Bookstore and Resale Shop opens at 10 a.m. and closes at 5 p.m. There are over 6,000 used books and other sundries to purchase. All proceeds go toward the bookstore's local charities.

## Calvary to host VBS

Calvary Baptist Church will host their Vacation Bible School Aug. 2-5 from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. The VBS will be open for children ages 5 to

18. For those needing a ride to VBS, please call 254-223-2002. The church is at the corner of U.S. Hwy. 84 and FM 116.

## Eastwood hosts 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 is for ages pre-K

through 12th graders.

Pre-register on the church's Facebook page. The church is located at 2518 E. Main Street.

## The DISPATCH

1:25 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 800 block of CR 140.

**July 26**

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# HOUSES OF WORSHIP

## BAPTIST

**BETHEL HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH:** Hemmeline Cemetery Rd.; Sunday services - Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m.

**BETHLEHEM PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH:** Elder, Hugh Montgomery, pastor; Peabody community 5 miles south of Pearl on FM 1690; Sunday services - Morning worship 4th Sunday each month at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**PEARL COUNTRY CHURCH:** Sunday morning

## The Least of Your Brothers



"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

—Matthew 25:40 NIV

It can be tempting to judge ourselves by how we respond to those who treat us well. It's easy to be kind to those who are kind to us. But perhaps a more accurate moral assessment can be made by looking at how we respond to those who treat us poorly. There are many ways in which people can mistreat us, from lying to us, to insulting us, to ignoring us, to stealing from us, and even to abusing us physically or emotionally. How we respond to these insults is probably the best measure of our character. How we behave in times of health and prosperity says very little about us. How we behave in times of sickness and adversity speaks volumes about our character. Courage stands out on the battlefield when bullets are flying and not during target practice. So perhaps at the end of each day we should reflect on how we treated those difficult co-workers or clients, and how we dealt with the people we consider unworthy of our kindness. Thank God for the opportunity to test your mettle by giving you difficult people in your daily life. They truly are the least of your brothers.

— Christopher Simon

worship 10 a.m.

**PECAN GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH:** Sunday services - Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m.

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**SWEET HOME BAPTIST CHURCH:** 511 North 14th; Sunday services - Sunday school 9:30 a.m., Sunday morning worship 11 a.m.; Wednesday services - Wednesday evening worship 7 p.m.

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

**TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH:** 1506 West Main;

Sunday services - Sunday School 9:30 a.m., morning worship 10:50 a.m. Wednesday night services - activities for adults, youth, and children 6:30 p.m. Email: trinitybctx@centurylink.net. Church: 254-865-8495 or Pre-school: 254-248-0041.

**TURNERSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH:** Jon Crosby, Pastor; Sunday services - Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m., Wednesday night Bible study, 6 p.m.

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

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

**WHITE MOUND BAPTIST CHURCH:** Bruce Cox, pastor; Sun. services - Sun. School 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m. **MOUND COWBOY CHURCH** Bruce Cox, pastor; Sunday services - morning worship 9 a.m., Sunday school 9:30 a.m. Men's breakfast every third Saturday of the month at 8 a.m. For more info. and location, call 254-865-5908.

## CATHOLIC

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Rev. Jayaraju Polishetty; 1108 W. Main; Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m. (English) & 12:00 p.m. (Spanish Mass), Weekday Mass Tuesday through Friday at 12:00 p.m.

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

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

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

**GATESVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST:** Justin Hall,

minister; 2417 E Main; Sunday Bible class 9:30 a.m., morning service 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday Bible classes 6:30 p.m.

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

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

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

## CHURCH OF GOD

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

## EVANGELICAL METHODIST

**REFUGE-MINISTRIES PURMELA CHURCH**

**CAMPUS:** Josh Morrison, Campus Pastor; 115 FM 183, Purmela, Texas, 10:45 a.m. Sunday worship, 512-425-2828.

## LUTHERAN

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH:** David Reedy, International Interim Pastor; 922 Lutheran Church Rd. in Copperas Cove; Sunday morning Bible Study at 9:15 a.m.; Sunday morning worship at 10:30 a.m.

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

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

## METHODIST

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

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

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

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

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

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

## MORMON

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

## NON-DENOMINATIONAL

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

**CORYELL COMMUNITY CHURCH:** Daniel Crowther, Pastor; 115 N. Levita Rd., Gatesville, 248-0849. Sunday Worship services 9am & 10:30 a.m.

## INTER-DENOMINATIONAL

**BOOTS -N- SADDLE COWBOY CHURCH:** Max Gunn, pastor; 254-248-1850; 10 miles west of Gatesville on HWY 84; Sunday Service @ 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday Night Service @ 7:00 p.m.; Youth Sunday Service @ 9:45 a.m.

**HIGHWAY 2 HEAVEN BIKER CHURCH:** Monty & Tammy VanHorn, pastors; 1608 W. Main St., Gatesville; Sunday Praise and Worship 11 am, Wednesday Bible Study Rally-6 pm, 254-865-4076.

**THE POINT FELLOWSHIP:** James & Laurinda Paine, Pastors; 2315 Osage Road, Gatesville; Wednesday Services at 7:00 p.m. (Adults, youth & children); Sunday services - Destiny Discovery Class at 9:00 a.m. and Regular services at 10:30 a.m. 254-248-1265.

Wednesday services 6pm; Adult Bible Study, Children's Ministry and C3 Student Ministry.

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

**COVER2COVER MINISTRIES:** Pastor: Rev. Brandy Spiker, Sunday morning service 10 a.m., Sunday evening service 6 p.m., Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. 1409 West Main.

**GATESVILLE REVIVAL CENTER:** Wes Covey, Pastor; Sunday school 10:00 a.m., Sunday morning 11:00 a.m., Sunday evening 6 p.m., Thursday evening 7 p.m. 2518 Bridge St., Gatesville.

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

**GRACE BIBLE CHURCH:** Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. and Sunday Services at 10:45 a.m. 4012 US Hwy. 84, Gatesville.

**HARVESTING SOULS INTERNATIONAL CHURCH:** Mike & Martha Johnson pastors, 503 N. 11th Street, Gatesville, 865-6222. Sunday morning worship 11:00 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study Ministries (Men, Women, children) 6:00 p.m. "Overcomers" a TDC and state approved 12-step recovery program meets Tuesday 6:00 p.m.

**JOHNNY WATKIN'S MEN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS:** Sundays, 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. aqui se reune La Iglesia de Cristo, in the 2400 block of East Main Street.

**LEVITA BIBLE FELLOWSHIP:** Peter M. Mafwal, Pastor; 4460 FM 930, Levita; Sunday Bible Study at 9:45 a.m.; morning worship at 10:45 a.m.

**MOTHER NEFF FAITH TABERNACLE:** William Bertelsen, Pastor; 1415 Texas Hwy. 236; Sunday services - 10:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

**PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE OF PRAISE UPC:** Rev. Jimmy Skiles, pastor; 202 E. Main, Gatesville; Worship services - Sunday mornings at 10:00 am; Wednesday evenings at

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#### Coryell Health Clinic Waco:

- RN - FT
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- CCMA - FT
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#### Coryell Health Home Health:

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- PCA PRN - for Gatesville, Evant and Copperas Cove

#### Culinary:

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1 Br, 1 Ba rock home, recently remodeled, laminate flooring, central heating & air & new windows, open floor plan, ceiling fans in living room & bedrooms, stainless steel cook stove & dishwasher, rock storage building, 20 ft storage container & large lot with plenty of space for a nice workshop. \$115,000

1.4 +/- Acres, approx. 204 ft. of Hwy 281 frontage & approx. 266 ft. deep & approx. 300 ft. of frontage on Bell St., good traffic count on Hwy 281. Would make a great location for a convenience store, small strip center or any retail business. \$369,000

8.01 acres east of Evant, TX, Buffalo Creek Ranch Subdivision. Live Oak Trees on the upper end of the property. Nice home site, nice view looking south toward Langford Branch, native pasture going down to the branch, approx. 400 ft. of Langford Branch. \$250,000

8.5 Acres, 2 Br, 2 Ba wood frame home, Gustine TX. 2-car attached carport, 2 living areas. The owner had started doing some updating on the house. New owners will have to finish any updating, 1 water well, metal build with concrete slab & 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

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

17 acres, FM 929 Frontage & CR 255 frontage. The property is level with good views to the north, approx. 8 acres of Coastal Bermuda & the remaining is native grasses. Coryell City Water & electric are available along CR 255. \$185,000

20.03 acres, Evant, TX, Hamilton County, rolling terrain, good tree cover & on CR 421 the property will have electric serviced by Hamilton County Electric Co. & Fiber Optic Internet service from Central Texas Telephone Company. \$275,000

36 +/- acres west of Evant, TX, Hamilton County. Completely fenced with electric along the front of the property, scattered tree cover & rolling terrain & pond that is on the neighbor's property that backs up 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, breakfast bar, ceramic tile in kitchen, breakfast area & bathrooms. Laminite 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

103.5 +/- 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

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**PUBLIC NOTICES**
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GATESVILLE WILL CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 9TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2022, AT 5:30 P.M. AT CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 110 N. 8TH STREET. PURPOSE OF THE HEARING IS TO HEAR COMMENTS ON A PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE 2023 FISCAL YEAR. ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

THIS BUDGET WILL RAISE MORE TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES THAN LAST YEAR'S BUDGET BY \$313,333 OR 13.4% AND OF THAT AMOUNT \$35,094 IS TAX REVENUE TO BE RAISED FROM NEW PROPERTY ADDED TO THE TAX ROLL THIS YEAR.

A COPY OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET IS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION ON THE CITY WEBSITE, AT THE PUBLIC LIBRARY, AND THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY.

WENDY COLE  
CITY SECRETARY  
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**PUBLIC NOTICES**
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Faustino Cruz Sanchez, Deceased, were issued on July 25, 2022 in Cause No. 22-10603 pending in the County Court at Law; Coryell County, Texas, to: Oralia Hernandez Sanchez.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law:  
Oralia Hernandez Sanchez  
c/o Ted Smith Law Group, PLLC  
660 W. FM 2410  
Harker Heights, TX 76548

DATED THE 26th day of July 2022.

Raymond L. Panneton  
State Bar No. 24082079  
660 W. FM 2410  
Harker Heights, TX 76548 00029469

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Herbert Neal Secret, Deceased, were issued on July 11, 2022, in Cause No. 22-10678 pending in the County Court at Law of Coryell County, Texas, to: Edward H. Roffe.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.  
c/o: Edward H. Roffe

Estate of Herbert Neal Secret  
3612 Devon Court, Bedford, Texas 76021

DATED the 27th day of July, 2022.

Dori Ray Mistic, Attorney for Edward H Roffe  
State Bar No.: 04091800  
P.O. Box 246, Copperas Cove, Texas 76522  
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**Preliminary MOD Public Hearing**
**Hurricane Harvey Community Development Block Grant Mitigation Funds Method of Distribution (MOD) for Milam and Coryell Counties**

Notice is hereby given that the Central Texas Council of Governments (CTCOG) is seeking feedback on the approved Preliminary Method of Distribution as it prepares to develop the final MOD for \$6,769,000 in Community Development Block Grant Mitigation Funds.

The Public Hearings meeting to obtain comments will be held as follows:

**Milam County**

Wednesday August 3, 2022, from 12:00-1:00 PM AND 6:00-7:00 PM at the Milam County Annex, 806 North Crockett, Cameron, TX 76520.

**Coryell County**

Tuesday August 2, 2022, from 12:00-1:00 PM AND 6:00-7:00 PM at the Gatesville Council Chambers, 110 N 8th Street, Gatesville, TX 76528.

**Virtual Meeting Link (Link will be the same for each meeting)**

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The purpose of this meeting will be to obtain community feedback regarding potential mitigation activities in Milam and Coryell Counties to help develop the final Method of Distribution of funds.

CTCOG will provide for reasonable accommodation for persons attending this CTCOG function. Requests from persons needing special accommodations should be received by CTCOG staff 24 hours prior to the function. Public meetings and hearings will be conducted in English. Requests for language interpreters or other special communication needs should be made at least 48 hours prior to a function. Please call 254-770-2373 for any accommodation needs.

Written comments may be submitted by mail, fax, or email by 12:00 p.m., Monday, August 8, 2022, to: Jesse Hennage, Central Texas Council of Governments, 2180 North Main Street, P.O. Box 729, Belton, Texas, 76513; fax – 254-770-2360; email – jesse.hennage@ctcog.org.

**Audiencia pública preliminar del Ministerio de Defensa**
**Método de distribución de fondos de mitigación de subvenciones en bloque de desarrollo comunitario del huracán Harvey para los condados de Milam y Coryell**

Por la presente se notifica que el Consejo de Gobiernos del Centro de Texas (CTCOG) está buscando comentarios sobre el Método Preliminar de Distribución aprobado mientras se prepara para desarrollar el MOD final por \$ 6,769,000 en Fondos de Mitigación de Subvenciones en Bloque para el Desarrollo Comunitario.

La reunión de la Audiencia Pública para obtener comentarios se llevará a cabo de la siguiente manera:

**Condado de Milam**

Miércoles 3 de agosto de 2022, de 12:00 a 1:00 PM Y de 6:00 a 7:00 PM en el Anexo del Condado de Milam, 806 North Crockett, Cameron, TX 76520.

**Condado de Coryell**

Martes 2 de agosto de 2022, de 12:00 a 1:00 p.m. y de 6:00 a 7:00 p.m. en las Cámaras del Consejo de Gatesville, 110 N 8th Street, Gatesville, TX 76528.

**Enlace de reunión virtual (el enlace será el mismo para cada reunión)**

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El propósito de esta reunión será obtener la opinión de la comunidad con respecto a las posibles actividades de mitigación en los Condados de Milam y Coryell para ayudar a desarrollar el Método final de Distribución de fondos.

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Vicki Cribbs Berry, left, pictured with "Quaver Ed" played by Graham Hepburn.

## Berry attends conference

Gatesville Intermediate School's music teacher, Vicki Cribbs Berry, had a lucky day earlier this week while attending the Texas Kickoff in Dallas with QuaverMusic.

Not only did she get to meet and hang

with Quaver Ed (Graham Hepburn) himself, she also

won a door prize with an approximate retail value of

\$340. The prize consists of various musical instru-

ments that the Intermediate students will have the opportunity to interact with and use in the upcoming school year.

QuaverMusic is taught in more than 18,000 schools worldwide, with almost four million students engaged in music education. The program leads students through different musical concepts in each episode.

## Dr. Martinez resigns as EISD superintendent

Dr. Brenda O. Martinez has announced her resignation as Superintendent of Schools for the Evant Independent School District.

An agreement has been reached which permits the Board to pursue hiring another superintendent.

The Board of Trustees expressed their sincere appreciation to Dr. Martinez for her efforts while serving as superintendent of this school district.

During her tenure in EISD, she was named as an Inspiring Leader in TAS

Insight magazine as well as able to accomplish, lead and collaborate on multiple efforts for the betterment of the district.

The Board of Trustees extended its best wishes to Dr. Brenda Martinez in her future endeavors as she pursues the next chapter of her professional journey.

Dr. Martinez will be joining the Texas Education Agency as a senior academic advisor/associate commissioner in the office of School Programs.



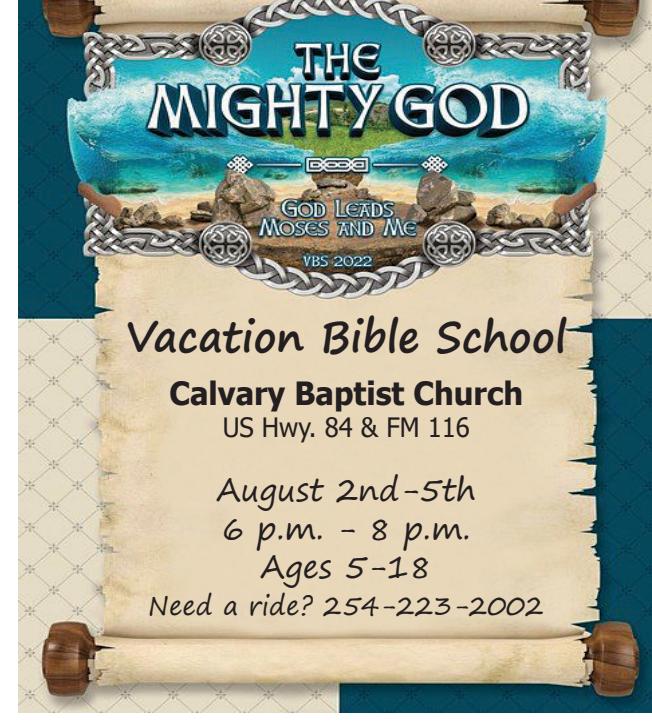
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## Seniors take center stage



LAST FIRST PRACTICE: Gatesville High School senior tennis players had their final first practice of the season ahead of their season-opening clash with Robinson on July 28. Pictured are Ty Warren, Sloane Early, Alex Scott and Preslee Edmond. Not pictured is Carlo Martinez.

## GHS tennis squad looks to build on success

Under the direction of Coach Wendell Jones, the Gatesville High School tennis program has established itself as a powerhouse, with competitors winning both team and individual honors for the Hornets.

As the 2022-23 season unfolds, Gatesville is led by five seniors who are returning to pace the team: Preslee Edmond, Sloane Early, Carlo Martinez, Alex Scott and Ty Warren.

The Hornets opened the season on July 28 by hosting the Robinson Rockets.

Following an Aug. 2 visit to face the Taylor Ducks, the Hornets will host a tri-match against the Temple Wildcats and Copperas Cove Bulldogs on Aug. 4. After an Aug. 6 home contest vs. Waco Midway, the Hornets will host a tri-match on Aug. 9 against China Spring and Waco University.

## Area fishing report

### Belton

GOOD. Water lightly stained; 85 degrees; 7.18 feet low. The strong all-morning white bass topwater bite which ran for a solid two weeks is over. Some light topwater is still happening at dawn and dusk. Otherwise, fish must now be found with sonar. Downrigging with #12 and #13 Pet Spoons is an excellent search tactic. Once fish are found, anglers can capitalize by working MAL Dense Lures (white body/ chartreuse tail) vertically or horizontally. Doing so with Garmin LiveScope is particularly effective. Report by Bob Mainelle, Holding the Line Guide Service. Large-mouth 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 Minnix, Jig N Jerk Guide Service.

with #12 and #13 Pet Spoons is an excellent search tactic. Once fish are found, anglers can capitalize by working MAL Dense Lures, with a white body and chartreuse tail, vertically or horizontally. Doing so with Garmin LiveScope is particularly effective. Largemouth bass continue to school sporadically on topwater over open water, feeding on shad. This typically kicks off around 7:30 a.m. and wanes around 9:30 a.m. Small, clear baits, like soft plastic grubs are working well when thrown fast and accurately while the fish are still near the surface disturbance created. Larger bass continue to haunt the deep hydrilla edge around 22-24 feet of water with dark soft plastics presented with Texas or Carolina rigs. Report by Bob Mainelle, Holding the Line Guide Service.

### Whitney

GOOD. Water lightly stained; 82 degrees; 6.85 feet low. Stripers and sand bass are moving fast. Catch them shallow early in the morning, but once the sun rises fish in deeper water. Striped bass are great on live bait, crankbaits, swimbaits and jigging spoons from mid lake south towards the dam on flats and near the shallow edge of the river channel. White bass are good on live bait, jigging spoons and Alabama rigs. Look for schooling fish then anchor outside of the school and cast into them. They are moving fast.

### Stillhouse

GOOD. Water lightly stained; 85 degrees; 7.27 feet low. A very consistent morning white bass bite is taking place on Stillhouse. Fish are typically found in the greatest numbers between 35-45 feet of water. Downrigging



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## Hunter offers GHS football preview

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

Brimming with enthusiasm and looking forward to his first campaign as head coach of his alma mater, Gatesville High School head football coach Aaron Hunter offered a preview of the upcoming football season during a meeting of the Gatesville Lions Club on July 27.

Hunter joined the GHS coaching staff as defensive coordinator in 2020, and was named head coach in January when Luke Howard resigned after three seasons. Hunter is a 2007 GHS graduate and a 2011 graduate of the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor.

"Thank you for caring for our school, kids and football program," he told the Lions. "I love developing kids and I'm really looking forward to turning the tide. It was a crazy spring. I came here to work with Coach Howard and we grew up together and graduated together."

"We are working hard to change things. Gatesville football was not where it needed to be. Luckily I got picked as head coach and it is a privilege - it is my dream job. I'm home. We've had a rough couple of years but made the playoffs the last two years. We're working to turn the tide."

Hunter said there were 85 students participating in football in grades 9-12 two years ago, and those numbers have increased to more than 120.

"The program has really grown," he said. "The kids are excited. I'm a young coach but I'm very energetic."

Hunter said the Hornets will have to replace seven starters on defense and five on offense.

"We have young guys who are stepping up," he said. "The biggest thing we're trying to do is not just have success on Friday night but when they walk across that stage and graduate."

A motto for the team will be OTA - On the Anvil. He said that refers to a piece of metal being heated and placed on an anvil and being changed from rusty iron to a sharp sword.

"Our players will strive through difficult situations on the field just like people face adversity in life," Hunter said. "Life is hard. Being a husband, wife or parent is hard. You're going to face hardship and adversity. There are important life lessons these kids can get through football, to keep going when things are tough in life. You have to rally through on the anvil."

Hunter said he learned the phrase from a coach he worked for in New Caney, in the Houston area.

"I was privileged to work for a coach who did the right thing all the time. He did what was best for the kids and for everyone involved every time," Hunter said. "Some people will talk about doing the right thing, but he really did it. I learned a lot from him, and I want to help kids learn to be successful



**NEW ERA TO BEGIN:** Aaron Hunter, a 2007 Gatesville High School graduate who is about to begin his first season as head coach, talked about the football program at a July 27 Lions Club meeting.

adults. That's when we win. Obviously we're going to try to win a lot of games on Friday, too. We'll give it our best shot."

The Hornets, who remain in Class 4A Division II, are in a new district. State champion China Spring has moved to another district and is in the larger Class 4A Division I. Returning as district foes are Connally, Salado and Robinson. Former district opponent Jarrell has been replaced with Madisonville.

Most teams have a bye - or week to rest - during the season, but the Hornets will play for 10 straight weeks, not getting their bye until after the last game of the regular season.

The team opens the season on the road against Taylor on Aug. 26 and plays six non-district games. On Sept. 2, the Hornets will host Glen Rose, will travel to McGregor on Sept. 9 and then travel to Mexia on Sept. 16. Following a Sept. 23 home game against Godley, the Hornets will travel to Mineral Wells on Sept. 30 for the final non-district game.

District play begins Oct. 7 at home against Connally, followed by an Oct. 14 game in Salado, an Oct. 21 home game against Madisonville and the final district game - on the road

against Robinson.

"It's going to be a grind for our kids, it really is," Hunter said. "But we're excited about a chance to turn the corner if we can stay healthy."

After competing against East Texas schools in round one of the playoffs in previous years, the Hornets are now shifting to see teams from the South Texas area as part of a new region.

"We're excited about that," Hunter said. "It's good for us."

One Lions Club member asked what could be learned from past mistakes or shortcomings in order to help Gatesville achieve its athletic goals.

"You have to build the program in junior high and then get them to cross the street into high school," Hunted said. "Winning helps. When you are winning a lot more kids want to play."

"You control what you can, and I am not only the kids' football coach but I will help them be successful in the classroom and in life."

The Hornets' glory days reached the pinnacle in 2000, when the team won a state championship.

Hunter said he moved to Gatesville that year and was in sixth grade.

"I remember how fun that year was," he said. "The whole community was excited and the whole town was turned upside down."

He said for years, Gatesville football has been considered mediocre - certainly not among the worst but also not among those schools that are perennial powerhouses.

"My goal is to have the winningest 10-year stretch we've ever had," Hunter said. "We want to build to the level where when people look at the G on helmets, they won't wonder where that is - they'll know where Gatesville is."

Enthusiasm is already apparent among the students, he said.

"We had 95 kids in grades 7-9 at the football camp this week and that's the most we've had since I've been here," Hunter said. He asked Coach Graig Keeton (who has worked for Gatesville ISD for 19 years) and said he was told that was the highest number Keeton recalls at a camp as well.

Hunter said he is excited about the addition of new defensive coordinator Jose Aguirre, who previously coached at Georgetown, Round Rock and Salado.

"We were blessed to get him - he's a great person and football coach," Hunter said.

He also talked about changes in football from the past where the goal was to line up and run over people, and now it's to spread the field and attempt to get people to miss tackles.

Asked about replacing Wesley Brown at quarterback - who set the school record with seven rushing touchdowns against Jarrell - Hunter said it will be tough to fill that spot but two juniors are competing for the starting spot with promising sophomore and freshman quarterbacks waiting in the wings - as well as some talented ones for the future in the junior high ranks.

"These days, you have to develop quarterbacks a lot earlier because so much is placed on them."

Asked about size, Hunter said that is another area the Hornets have been working hard to improve.

"When I got here, we didn't have a single player who squatted 500 pounds," he said. "Historically, Gatesville always had big strong linemen but for a few years we didn't have that size. Now we have two on the offensive line who are over 300 pounds, and they squat 525 pounds and bench press 315."

"There are two or three sophomores who have grown a lot over the summer, so we are starting to get size covered. They are working hard in the weight room to get stronger."

Hunter said he looks forward to showing the athletes strongly that the community is behind them.

"I want the kids to know the community supports them, and we are going to try to give you something to be proud of on the football field."

### Summer Sweat to prepare for the Autumn Spotlight



Members of the Gatesville High School Dazzlers dance team and the GHS marching band are all spending plenty of time working in the summer heat as they practice routines which they will perform for the community during halftime of football games. The first home game is Sept. 2.

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