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Bishop makes things better at GISD



Joyce Cole, a social worker for the Gatesville school district, brought therapy dog Bishop, a border collie, to a recent meeting of the GISD Board of Trustees to talk about the positive impact Bishop has made on GISD campuses.

JEFF OSBORNE | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Therapy dog making big impact on local campuses

BY JEFF OSBORNE
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

Dogs just have a way of connecting with people emotionally that can make an incredible positive impact for those coping with emotional distress, and one new canine on the scene for the Gatesville Independent School District is Bishop.

"He was a godsend," said GISD social worker Joyce Cole, who has had Bishop for about six months. She said she has seen a noticeable difference in children's behavior when they interact with him.

"I started bringing him to school last year, and I figured out pretty quickly he was a natural," Cole said. "He has a keen sense of awareness and can tell when someone is upset or unhappy. His only job is to give love."

"Kids may be crying and he'll go sit in their lap and comfort them. He'll go to every student, but he gravitates toward those who are upset. With our emphasis on SEL (social emo-

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Joyce Cole

tional learning) and wanting to lower stress levels, he's done wonders. Even test scores have improved when Bishop is there. People become calm and loving."

Bishop is patient with people and doesn't try to approach those who aren't comfortable with him, Cole said.

"He doesn't demand affection or attention, and normally he won't go up to anyone who doesn't want to pet him. He can sense that, and that's OK. Not everyone loves dogs."

"A couple of kids moved in and they became my Bishop trainers. They felt happy that there was something they could contribute."

According to information provided to the

Gatesville ISD Board of Trustees, "when traumatic events happen at schools, counselors and a trauma team from the Service Center can converge on the campus to support the grieving students and staff. Therapy animals can also be deployed to help soothe pain and help people open up and start healing. Therapy animals are not reserved for traumatic events. Schools are beginning to use therapy animals in their everyday routines."

Bishop has become a celebrity and attracts attention wherever he goes, Cole said. "He's already very well-known and I'm so excited about having him," she said. "It's

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City to consider rates for water

BY JEFF OSBORNE
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

Although a decision will be made during an upcoming Gatesville City Council meeting, Council members were given a sneak peek at a water and sewer rate study which could result in increased fees for customers.

City Manager Bill Parry said the study, which will be presented in greater detail during an upcoming Council meeting, considers a price increase which the city will have to pay to the Brazos River Authority for water rights, as well as expenses for staffing, chemicals used for water treatment and maintenance.

In addition to the base rate, changes may be recommended in the volumetric rate - based on the amount of water used by customers.

"Everybody pays the same base rate," Parry explained, "and we try to balance the base rate and volumetric rate."

In 2018, the Council voted to keep the base rate the same regardless of the size of the water meter customers have. A consultant studying the best and most efficient way for the city's water department to operate has recommended that customers with larger water meters be charged a higher base rate than those with smaller ones. A larger meter allows more use.

Based on the current policy, Parry noted, "Wal-Mart pays the same amount for the first 1,000 gallons as other customers."

One possible change is that the water rates would be based on a tiered structure, and those who use more water or who require larger meters might be charged a higher rate.

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Working for the future

BY JEFF OSBORNE
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

Whether helping Coryell County find sources of grant money, identify top concerns among low-water crossings or put important information and maps into an electronic database, Natural Resource Solutions of Austin has been busy assisting county officials and departments for several months.

During the most recent meeting of the Coryell County Commissioners Court, a scope of work was approved between the county and NRS to help plan out future efforts.

"This is a continuation of what we've accomplished (working with NRS) - including three grant applications - and gives the court more latitude to continue with data collection independent of specific grants," said Coryell County Judge Roger Miller.

A next step is to obtain software so it can be utilized for county

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operations including the road and bridge department, emergency services, school districts, “a whole host of uses,” Miller said.

Once the Geographic Information System (GIS) software is being used by the county, “it can provide another level of information that will be readily available to the public,” Miller said. Two examples of beneficial uses he mentioned were to alert people and show areas being evacuated because of fires, as well as road closures during an emergency.

“This (agreement) will allow us to work with NRS to continue to collect data and analyze it,” Miller said.

Steve Manning, president of NRS, said there are a trio of specific areas to focus on.

“There are about three things that are especially relevant right now,” Manning said. “This is a pathway for the court that doesn’t cost a whole lot of money to get you into the 21st century (with data collection and accessibility).”

When NRS began working with the county earlier this year, much of the information needed to compile databases – including key maps – was only available on paper and not in electronic form. Not only is having an updated electronic database important for local accessibility, it is often required in order to apply for certain grant funding for county projects.

Manning said there is a program the county can use through Esri – an international supplier of geographic information and software – that would cost \$600 a year (or \$50 per month). It would allow the county to tap into an electronic database and also use that as a way to communicate with vendors, the city of Gatesville, Copperas Cove, and other entities through that system.

“That would get you up and running and better able to communicate and identify areas on the map if concerns arise,” Manning said. “We recommend you do this pretty quickly so y’all can actually see the product.”

Manning said while the county has worked with NRS primarily on road and bridge information, “it has come to my attention that the county is

also interested in grants for water infrastructure. There are grants specifically tied to smaller communities and counties and we should talk about those opportunities more in the near future.”

There are U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) grants available that would benefit the county, Manning said.

“The (Central Texas) Council of Governments has done a great job helping the city of Belton obtain about \$2 million (through the EDA) for the city of Belton. We believe another grant opportunity for water infrastructure is available. Counties can apply. This would not necessarily be for roads, but for water infrastructure.”

Maddie Todd, an NRS policy analyst and project manager, gave county leaders an update on grant applications. One which would help upgrade local bridges has already been submitted, and others are in the process of being compiled.

One of those grants would provide funding to help eliminate snags in rivers and streams that have caused significant flood damage in Coryell

County.

Commissioner Ryan Basham said he has already reached out to area landowners affected by these snags and hopes to obtain funding to help them.

“If no action is taken, they will lose more land,” he said, adding that the problem “is massive.”

Manning said the county initially identified 20 areas of concern – low-water crossings – impacted by flooding, but he has learned there are more.

“There are a number of crossings identified by (local) school districts that were not on the list of top 20 projects,” he said. “I need guidance from the court on how you want to prioritize those.”

Judge Miller said the county and the NRS should work together to identify the next steps in a comprehensive plan to make improvements throughout Coryell County.

“We need to start to put together a master plan rather than just taking little bites as opportunities come up,” he said. “We can shape the environment instead of just reacting to it.”

Golf scramble on Sept. 10

Gatesville’s Exchange and Lions Clubs will be hosting their 22nd Annual Golf Scramble on Saturday, Sept. 10 at the Gatesville Country Club. Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. and there will be a shotgun start at 9 a.m. The Golf Scramble will be sponsored by First National Bank.

Team prizes (based on 14-team field) will be \$500 for first place, \$400 for fourth place, and \$200 for eighth place. Participants can form their own four-person team or sign-up for a team list. Cost is \$200 per team or \$50 per member.

There will be a \$5,000 hole-in-one contest plus other prizes.

For details, contact Alan Mathis at 254-289-1651 or Tom Creek at 254-774-5933.

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Capital improvement projects to make improvements in the city’s water and wastewater infrastructure cannot all be funded out of the pool of money the city receives for water service without raising rates substantially, so in order to keep rates lower for customers, one recommendation will be that the city

fund some of those improvements through debt services.

“We will have to talk to a financial adviser to determine how much we can afford,” Parry said. “It wouldn’t be rate funded, it would be debt funded to avoid a high cost for customers.”

Raw water rights which are purchased from the Brazos River Authority have gone \$5 per acre foot of water to \$88 per acre foot, and Parry said the expectation is that

rates will continue to rise an average of \$4 to \$5 per year.

Two likely recommendations for the Council to consider will be to “tie the base rate to the meter size” and to have the “volumetric rate based on a formula in which those who use the most water pay a higher rate,” Parry said.

To maintain the current level of service and also pay for equipment maintenance or improvements, “we will need to increase rates slightly

over the next three years,” Parry said. He anticipated a recommended increase of about \$3.50 per month.

Despite the proposed increases, Parry noted that “the water and sewer rates in Gatesville are some of the most affordable you’ll find.”

He said that even those using 5,000 gallons in Gatesville have rates “half of what they are in McGregor, Marble Falls or somewhere else.”

Based on consultants’ recommendations, the Council will likely be asked to increase water rates for the 2023, 2024 and 2025 fiscal years, with no increases expected for 2026 or 2027.

More discussion – and a possible vote – on water and wastewater fees for Gatesville is expected at the Aug. 16 Council meeting.

BISHOP

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great having him work with students and staff. We hope to make a difference together and visit each campus.”

Christa Hitt, a case manager for GISD’s School-Community Guidance Center, will also be bringing a therapy dog to campus through the Bella’s Buddies program. Bella’s Buddies is a nonprofit which loans therapy dogs to school district’s for extended periods.

Classroom teachers can choose to participate in the program. The cost is caring for the dogs.

A packet provided to GISD trustees noted: “Some research from Bella’s Buddies indicates a decline in (disciplinary problems) and a rise in attendance for students who rou-

tinely interact with therapy dogs. Students look forward to seeing the dogs in class. GISD continues to do what’s best for kids, trying to employ various strategies to connect students to their school.”

Hitt was scheduled to receive a therapy dog to work at GISD earlier, but the need for therapy dogs in Uvalde, the location of the tragic school shooting in May, led her to allow that district to go ahead of her because of their needs.

“Some districts have a therapy dog on every campus,” Hitt said. In one case, there was a student who had received more than 50 referrals to the office because of poor behavior, and his interaction with a therapy dog resulted in dramatic improvement in his behavior, she said.

“Behavior improves and test scores go up because of these dogs,” Hitt said. “Kids will request to take a test with the dog in the

room. It’s not just for the students, though. There’s also a boost in staff morale. We want to see how therapy dogs can improve morale at GISD.”

Cole said Bishop loves his job, and his tail starts wagging when he sees her get the bandana that he wears to school.

“I had a special gift given to me (Bishop) and I had to utilize it,” Cole said.

Hitt said in one case a student was having a severe panic attack and a therapy dog was sent to calm her, crawling in her lap to provide love and affection.

“You could see her de-escalating,” Hitt said. “That is one example that worked rather quickly.”

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Benefit to be held today for Wibbenmeyer

A fundraiser benefit for Annie Wibbenmeyer, who is battling breast cancer, will be held today, Saturday, Aug. 6, from noon until 6 p.m. at The Junction on Route 36. Wibbenmeyer will be having surgery at the end of the month. There will

be a live and silent auction, bake sale, live music and much more.

For more information about the benefit, please contact Seanna Smith at 254-223-9148. The Junction on Route 36 is located at 1216 Highway 36 North.

Marriage licenses for Coryell County filed in month of July

Marriage licenses filed during July 2022 in the Coryell County Clerk's Office included:

Eric Robert Benskin and Justyce Rayne-Nikole Ayers, Taylor Ryan Donaldson and Jackie Ray Saunders, Grant Joseph Gorske and Connor Jo O'Neal, James Thomas Bobby Hendrix and Ashley Dawn Garland, Devin Rickey Holliman and Lauren Kathryn Lentz, Clayton Douglas Homeyer and Victoria Don Vessels, Jose Armando Juarez Gamez and T'ana Lamonte Nolte, Coleman Eugene Martin and Amanda Bow Weaver, Jonathan Duane Martinez and Mer-

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UNDER REPAIR: A stone wall in the Dawson Cooper Hall at the Coryell Museum and Historical Center is currently under repair in preparation for Spurfest.

Dawson Cooper Hall temporarily closed for repair to stone wall at Coryell Museum

According to Coryell Museum Board president, Erv Adams, the Dawson Cooper Hall at the museum will be closed to the public while

repair work is being done on a stone wall inside the hall. Repair work is expected to be completed prior to Spurfest. In the past, mortar between

the stones has been crumbling off the century old wall and the museum board opted to have it repaired prior to Spurfest. The Dawson Cooper

Hall houses the museum's military memorabilia, musical instrument collection, and a replica of an early-day chapel.

FROM MY FRONT PORCH

I have never wondered why they put erasers on pencils



SAM HOUSTON
Sam Houston is a syndicated columnist and the Publisher as well as an actor, author, playwright and entertainment producer and promoter.

I am very pleased that I live in the time of the computer. When I write my column, I am continually changing words, rewriting lines, and making spelling corrections. Thank goodness I can make those changes easily with the software I use, and I no longer need to use an actual eraser to start over. If I did, the eraser would be worn out and my arm would become very tired from all the exercise.

Mistakes are a part of life. Some mistakes are tragic and some of them are humorous. I was probably about 8 and just learning the game of basketball. I managed to talk my folks into allowing me to play in a league and much to my surprise, my father agreed to coach the team. This was very special for me because dad had a very busy work schedule, and we did not spend a lot of time together. My father had been an outstanding basketball player, which is probably why I was interested in playing in the

first place.

My skills levels were not very good, but I practiced as hard and often as I could. The other boys had more experience than I did, and in fairness, Dad was right in not playing me very much. I can remember sitting on the bench and wanting to get into the game and do something which would get my dad's attention and make him proud of me.

One day, we had played the first half of a game and had a five-minute break. During the break I had left the gym to use the bathroom. I came back just as the 2nd half jump-all was to take place. Dad told me to go into the game and I excitedly ran out onto the court. I was so green about the rules of basketball I did not realize and understand the teams' changed directions during half time. My team's basket was now on the other end of the court from what it had been on the first half.

When the referee threw the ball into the air to start the second half, my teammate tipped the ball in my direction, and I grabbed it. I looked down the court and could see nothing but wide-open spaces. Though my dribbling skills were minimal, I maneuvered my way to the basket with a purpose uncommon for my age. When I arrived at my destination, I jumped and tossed the ball effortlessly into the basket. My first goal! I immediately turned and started to run back down the court, to find all my teammates yelling at me, and my father on the sidelines looking mortified. I had gone the wrong way and scored a basket for the other team!

The shame and humiliation I felt could not be measured by any device known to man. An additional blow was my rather uninformed Mother was standing up in the bleachers yelling "that's my boy". Because her knowledge of basketball was only slightly greater than mine, she thought I had made a good play.

I lived through the retelling of this tale during a multitude of family dinners and family reunions. I had made a mistake and while I suffered some humiliating consequences, I learned from it. Much to the surprise of my then third-grade teammates the next year I moved to a different school district though we kept in touch. My senior year in high school, I was captain of our basketball team, and we played my old school mates in a big Christmas basketball tournament. We beat the pants off my old friends, and I had a very good game. After the game, one of my opponents told me, "I guess you finally figured out which way to go, didn't you Sam".

Thought for the day: Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new.

Until next time
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The DISPATCH

The following is a partial breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of August 1 - 3. 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

Aug. 1
12:21 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 3400 block of Crown Drive.
10:41 a.m., a theft was reported in the 2800 block of S. State Hwy. 36.
2:18 p.m., a threat was reported in the 1800 block of San Jose Street.
8:59 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1800 block of E. Main Street.
10:32 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 100 block of Dodds Creek Drive.
10:56 p.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 9000 block of E. Hwy. 84.
Aug. 2
7:13 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 500 block of River Oaks.
10:41 a.m., a burglary was reported in the 100 block of N. 14th Street.
10:44 a.m., an accident was reported in the 2500 block of Business Hwy. 36.
12:35 p.m., an accident was reported in the 6100 block of FM 116.
1:32 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 2300 block of E. Main Street.
9:37 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 300 block of Gateway Circle.
Aug. 3
8:41 a.m., a burglary was reported in the 200 block of Baize Drive.

10:38 a.m., harassment was reported in the 100 block of N. 14th Street.
1:58 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 300 block of Baize Drive.
2:32 p.m., a threat was reported in the 2300 block of E. Main Street.
2:34 p.m., a burglary was reported in the 1600 block of St. Louis Street.
3:52 p.m., a theft was reported in the 2400 block of Bridge Street.

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Aug. 1
6:20 a.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 100 block of Baird Street.
9:22 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported on CR 274 at CR 266.
10:46 a.m., identity theft was reported in the 400 block of Coryell City Road.
4:01 p.m., a civil matter was

reported in the 1400 block of Bridge Street.
4:48 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 1100 block of CR 266.
7:52 p.m., a possible fire was reported on FM 1829.
Aug. 2
10:09 a.m., an assault was reported in the 100 block of Rocky Branch Road.
10:46 a.m., the burglary of a building was reported on FM 107.
12:43 p.m., a minor accident was reported on FM 116 near CR 145.
1:10 p.m., a civil matter was reported in the 100 block of Stillhouse.
3:48 p.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 600 block of CR 355.
10:43 p.m., a vehicle fire was reported in the 100 block of Mooney Avenue in Oglesby.
Aug. 3
12:08 a.m., a possible fire was reported in the 1800 block of FM 215.
6:25 a.m., a major accident was reported on Cedar Mountain Road at CR 274.
9:12 a.m., shots being fired was reported on Straws Mill Road.
9:27 a.m., a theft was reported in the 300 block of FM 107.
9:28 a.m., a fire was reported in the 1700 block of E. FM 931.

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I would like to send out a huge thank you to Daren Moore and Scott's Funeral Home for all of their help during this heartbreaking time of losing Jerry. Their compassion and caring ways were such a comfort. When I was at a loss as to what to do, Daren would just say "Don't worry, I'll take care of that," and he would. You don't want to need them but when you do, they are the best.

Thank you so much!
Eileen Holbrook and Family

Coryell Health to host dementia workshop

Coryell Health RehabLiving at The Meadows will host a workshop opportunity to healthcare professionals and caregivers in Central Texas - "Living with Dementia Workshop." Nurses, social workers, therapists, administrators, and any healthcare attendees earn 7.4 CEUs. Caregivers are encouraged to attend.

The workshop will take place on Thursday, Aug. 18, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Gatesville Civic Center located at 301 Veteran's Memorial Loop. Attendee cost will be \$10 per person with snacks, beverages and lunch provided. Vendor spots will be available for \$75. Those wishing to attend will need to reserve a seat by calling Juana Marez at 254-248-6250 or by emailing her at juana.marez@coryellhealth.

Registration deadline will be Aug. 12. Masks will be required at the workshop.

The guest speaker will be dementia expert Tam Cummings, a PhD, who is a gerontologist dedicated to untangling the complexities of dementia. Her mission is to inspire, educate and empower dementia caregivers. A Baylor University and Texas A&M graduate, Cummings is the author of the book "Untangling Alzheimer's."

Dr. Cummings' educational events clearly explain dementia and how it progresses in the brain. A master at translating medical jargon into easy-to-understand terms, she walks the audience through how the disease starts, how it presents itself in each stage of dementia and how to provide care for a loved one or resident,

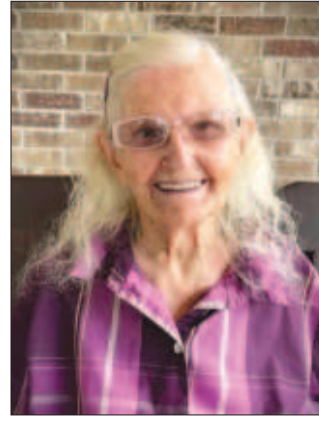
even when their behaviors may be challenging. From diagnosis to death, her expert advice and explanations change families' lives.

Her book, "Untangling Alzheimer's," is designed to allow the first-time caregiver and the longtime professional to gain the understanding and skills they will need to work effectively with persons with dementia. Her dementia staging tool, the DBAT, is adapted from the Global Deterioration Scale. Updated with the behaviors easily recognized in each stage of dementia, the DBAT allows families to track the disease process, prepare for the future and recognize how the behaviors of their loved ones are directly related to damage in the brain's lobes.

OBITUARIES

ARA MAE SHEETS

Aug. 19, 1924 - July 30, 2022



Ara Mae Black Sheets, age 97, of Gatesville, better known as Nanny Sheets to many, gained her angel wings on Saturday, July 30, 2022, surrounded by her loved ones.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 3, at Scott's Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Matt Dossy officiating. Interment followed at Restland Cemetery.

Ara Mae Sheets was born on Aug. 19, 1924, in Coryell County, to the late Frank (Noog) and Mary Ella Vaughn Black. She grew up in the Ruth community and attended school at Ewing until it closed, at which

time she was transferred to Gatesville, where she graduated in 1941. While attending school, she was an avid basketball player, serving as the team captain and tenderly known as the girl who would try and could do anything. The phrase "Ara Mae Black broke her back, trying to ride a paper sack" was coined in her honor. She received the very first 4-H Gold Star Award in Coryell County. After graduating from high school, she worked all summer to save money to attend college. She wrote Texas State University (formerly known as Southwest Texas State University) to tell them she had saved enough money to attend but needed room and board. The university contacted her and provided her with room and board with a young couple who had two small children. She attended college for one year and met her future husband and love of her life, Don Sheets, a soldier stationed at Camp Hood. The two were married Sept. 17, 1943, and she became the mother to children, Donna, Ellery (Buddy), Vernon and Mary. She later went on to work at Fort Hood as a food service manager for the Post Exchange and retired after

working there for over 30 years. After retirement, she and her husband owned and operated an antique store for many years. In her early years, she enjoyed camping and fishing with her family and enjoyed gardening. She always loved finding a good buy at a local yard sale or flea market. For many years, she was known for her hospitality and opened her home to her grandchildren and many area children. She loved her family and was always on "their side." Family was everything to her, and her legacy of love will live on forever.

Mrs. Sheets was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Mary Ella Black; husband, Don Sheets; son, Vernon Sheets; half-brothers, Joe and Frank Black; grandsons, Bobby Sheets and Earl Harman; and granddaughter, Michelle Vroman; and great-granddaughter, Haley Harman.

She is survived by daughters, Donna Wright, Mary Harman and husband, Mike; son, Buddy Sheets and wife, Pam; 11 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; 21 great-great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews; and a special dog companion, Sky.

QUILTING AT SENIOR CENTER



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Anne Byrom, pictured left, and Glenda Reid are busy at work quilting at the Gatesville Senior Center. The Quilting Club meet each week on Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning. The club works on a variety of quilting projects each week and they like spending time together doing something that they find enjoyable.

ROWDY LANE MAYS

April 8, 1997 - July 28, 2022



Rowdy Lane Mays, age 25, of Belton passed away on Thursday, July 28, 2022. A celebration of life service was held at The Gin at Nolan Creek, in Belton, on Friday, August 5th.

Rowdy Lane Mays was born on April 8, 1997, to Byron Mays and Lee Ann Baize in Temple. He attended college at Texas State University with plans to finish at Central Texas State College with a degree in social services. Rowdy enjoyed reading, history, gardening, and keeping up with social issues and injustices. He loved his family and his two dogs, Theo and Tedi. Rowdy had the most compassionate caring heart. He was always

helping his family and would always help anyone in need. His family finds comfort in knowing he lost his life helping someone and feels sadness that the world lost such a kind person.

He was preceded in death by his Aunt Kathy "Auntie" Karasek, his grandparents, Verlon "Papa" Baize, Lee "Grandy" Mays, and Doris "Memaw" Mays. Rowdy lived the first few years of his life with his Papa, Gran, Erika, and his Mama. He was the apple of his Papa's eye, and they went everywhere together. Rowdy was a 60-year-old toddler.

He was raised by a loving village: his Mama, Papa, Gran, Auntie, Erika, Megan, and Mallory. To say Kathy was his Aunt, is very inaccurate. She was his other Mama. She brought that boy lunch every day to school, because he would only eat chicken strips.

Kyle was more than a nephew to Rowdy. He felt responsible to help parent him and make sure he had what he needed... especially chicken strips on demand. Rest easy, Rowdy, we will make sure Kyle has everything he needs.

From Rowdy's Mama: I am so proud to have had you in

my life. I was so happy when you were born. I will never forget your big blue eyes and your soft, sweet hugs. I don't think you realized how smart and amazing you were. I will try to honor you in as many ways as I can. I love you, my Baby.

Rowdy is survived by his mother, Lee Ann Baize; his father, Byron Edward Mays; his sisters, Erika Moon and Erin Henderson; his brothers, Austin Mays and Brady Mays; his grandmother, Jeanette "Gran" Baize, great-nephew, Kyle Shoaf, and numerous nieces, nephews, and other family members and friends.

Arrangements are entrusted to Crotty Funeral Home & Cremation Services of Belton.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that those of you who wish to honor Rowdy contribute to a college education fund for his nephew, Kyle. We had a unique little tribe in our home: Kyan, LeeLee, Rowdy, and Kyle. Rowdy often spoke of wanting to be able to help Kyle through college. Donations can be made to Rowdy Mays Benefit Extracore Bank Attn. Karen Wheeler PO Box 1029, Belton, TX 78513 or venmo @honorrowdy.



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CORYELL MUSEUM QUILT RAFFLE: Quilt creator Grace Dallimore, pictured left, is shown selling Rebel Brown a raffle ticket for a chance to win the pictured YoYo Quilt at this year's Spurfest.

Museum to hold quilt raffle during Spurfest in September

The Coryell Museum and Historical Center is currently selling tickets for a quilt raffle which will be held during Spurfest on September 17. Local resident, Grace Dallimore, donated a YoYo Quilt

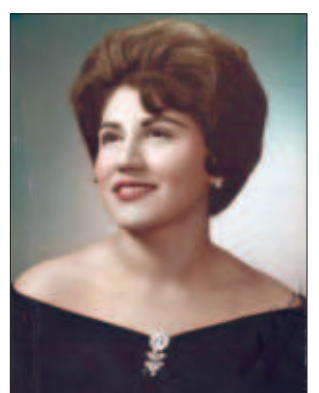
to the museum to help raise money for the museum during Spurfest.

Tickets will be \$10 each and can be purchased from any Museum Board member or in the Museum Gift Shop.

Any volunteer interested in selling tickets can contact Erv Adams at 254-223-0014. The Coryell Museum is located at 718 E. Main St. in Gatesville.

VIRGINIA ROSALES HINOJOSA

Aug. 5, 1940 - July 26, 2022



Virginia Rosales Hinojosa, age 81, passed away peacefully on July 26, 2022, with her loved ones at her side. Services were held at 3 p.m. on Aug. 5, at the Central Texas State Veteran Cemetery in Killeen where she was laid to rest with her husband, Damasio David Hinojosa.

Virginia was born on Aug. 5, 1940, to Lucas and Anna Rosales in San Antonio. Virginia was a proud graduate of Ursuline Academy, class of 1959. It was while attending a school dance where she met the love of her life, a determined young man from Central High School. That young man, later a soldier in the U.S. Army, made Virginia his wife in 1966, at Little Flower Catholic Church. Over the years, their journey took them to reside in New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, California, Texas and Athens, Greece.

Virginia enjoyed reading, sewing, cooking, traveling and being a great friend to many. Virginia was an amazing cook and was famously known for her homemade cinnamon rolls, salsa and countless Mexican dishes. Virginia retired from civil service after 46 years of service and was an active member of the Killeen Senior Center. Virginia was a woman of great faith and was a parishioner at the St. Joseph Catholic

Church in Killeen.

Virginia was preceded in death by her parents, Lucas and Anna Rosales; her husband, Damasio David Hinojosa CW2; and her son, David John Hinojosa. She is survived by her daughter, Diana Barnett and husband, Ronald; her grandchildren, Adam Miller and fiancée, Leska; Andrew Miller and wife, Clarissa; Thomas Cox, Timothy Cox, David Hinojosa, Naomi Hinojosa, Mara Hinojosa, Vanessa Hinojosa, Veronica Hinojosa, Victoria Hinojosa, Matthew Hinojosa, and Miranda Hinojosa; and many great-grandchildren; her sister, Sylvia Garcia and husband, Felix; and her brother, Lucas Rosales.

"Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For His sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ." Philippians 3:8

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OFF THE SHELVES

What a summer it was!



FAYE NICHOLS
Library Director

Summer is coming to an end at the library, but what a summer it was! The library held 85 programs through the end of July with 1,270 people in attendance. We are excited and honored to have been able to serve our community by providing free, fun entertainment and learning opportunities this year. The students will benefit in the coming school year by keeping those reading and thinking skills sharp, and that will have a big payoff for them as they return to the classroom.

The end of summer also means it's time for new reading challenges. Our newest challenge "Read Beyond the Beaten Path" started Aug. 1 and challenges readers to broaden their horizons and read something different. This challenge is for pre-K to adult with a special reading list for each age group. Download the ReadSquared app and start logging your reading today. There will be a special prize for those that complete all 10 books on their reading list.

As the new school year begins, remember the library has a range of services to help you be successful. We have study rooms and carrels in case you need a quiet place to study or to take an online class. We also have free Wi-Fi if you want to bring your own device, or

you can log on to one of the library computers. For your research, we have access to a suite of online databases with full text articles from professional and educational journals on a wide range of topics.

We also offer proctoring for exams. If you need to take a proctored test or exam and don't want to drive to a testing center on campus, come by and we will help you get approval for your exam to be proctored here. This is another one of the many services your library provides to make your life easier.

LIBRARY EVENTS FOR AUGUST

Monday, Aug. 15, 3 p.m. – Fiber Arts for Everyone. Are you experienced in your medium, just beginning or want to learn? Come gather, visit and work on projects. Share ideas and expertise. Knitters, crocheters, quilters and all other forms of fiber artists are welcome.

Tuesday, Aug. 16, 6 p.m. – Colors & Coffee coloring group for adults

Tuesday, Aug. 23, 10 a.m. – Books Sandwiched in Book Club, reading Lessons in chemistry, by Bonnie Garmus

Monday, Aug. 29, 3 p.m. – Fiber Arts for Everyone

Every Wednesday, 11 a.m. – Storytime for pre-K and elementary kids

Every Wednesday, 1 p.m. – Mad Matters plarn party. Learn to make plastic grocery bags into sleep mats for the homeless

Be sure to keep an eye on our website at gatesvilletx.com/library for the latest news and our events calendar. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram @gateslib. For questions or more information, call the library at 254-865-5367 or email me at fnichols@gatesvilletx.com.

AUGUST YARD OF THE MONTH



COURTESY PHOTO

Keep Gatesville Beautiful has chosen the home of Sharon and Bob Meharg at 810 Leon Street as their Yard of the Month for August. The Mehargs do not water their lawn and their place still looks beautiful and welcoming. Their charming home was built in 1905 and three generations of Mehargs/Scotts have lived in this home since 1916. Three weddings have taken place in their home. Sharon and Bob are the third couple to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary while living there. Bob's aunt, Zelma Scott, wrote The History of Coryell County so they go back several generations in Coryell County. Their landscape features a Red Oak, Boxwood bushes, Nandinas, Yellow Lantanas (a Texas superstar plant), Monkey Grass, Photinia (Red Tip), and a gorgeous Post Oak tree with a ground cover of Asian Jasmine around the base. This home is beautiful in all seasons. Due to current drought conditions, Keep Gatesville Beautiful wants to encourage everyone to conserve our precious natural resource of water. During this time, they will be selecting their Yard of the Month from properties that are examples of how we can keep homes attractive while conserving water.

Coryell County eligible for disaster relief

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

tion if you suffer grazing losses for covered livestock due to drought on privately owned or cash leased land or fire on federally managed land. County committees can only accept LFP applications after notification is

received by the National Office of qualifying drought or if a federal agency prohibits producers from grazing normal permitted livestock on federally managed lands due to qualifying fire. You must complete a CCC-853 and the required supporting docu-

mentation no later than Jan. 31, 2023, for 2022 losses. For additional information about LFP, including eligible livestock and fire criteria, contact your Coryell County USDA Service Center at 254-865-7012 (option 2), or visit fsa.usda.gov online.

Hill family reunion to be held Aug. 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.

C.A.F.E. will attend Greater Vision concert

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 responsible 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.

"Meet the Hornets" pep rally Aug. 17

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.

GISD meet the teacher/open house Tuesday

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.

Meet the Teacher for Oglesby, Jonesboro

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 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.

CORYELL CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT
705 EAST MAIN STREET
GATESVILLE, TX 76528

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET

The Coryell Central Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget for the 2023 fiscal year. The public hearing will be held on August 17, 2022 at 9:05am at 705 E. Main Street, Gatesville, Texas 76528.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget:	\$1,162,197
The total amount of increase over the current year's budget.	\$88,162
The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget.	11
The number of employees compensated under the current budget.	11

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

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CAUSE NO. 22-10639

ESTATE OF JOHN MICHAEL MCGUIRE DECEASED

THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of JOHN MICHAEL MCGUIRE, Deceased, were issued on August 1, 2022, in Cause No. 22-10639 pending in the County Court at Law, Coryell County, Texas, to: GARY YOUNG.

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.

GARY YOUNG
c/o KUBALA LAW OFFICE, PLLC
408 E. Avenue D
Copperas Cove, Texas 76522

DATED the 1 day of August, 2022.

LISA A. KUBALA
Attorney for KIM MACE
State Bar No.: 24011569
408 E. Avenue D
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City Council of the City of Gatesville, in a meeting held on July 26, 2022 did pass and approve on the third and final reading the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2022-03:

AN ORDINANCE SETTING A CURFEW FOR CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 17 YEARS

Complete text of this ordinance is available for inspection, during regular business hours at City Hall, 110 N. 8th Street.

Wendy Cole
City Secretary
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- RN Case Manager – FT
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- PCA PRN – for Gatesville and Surrounding Counties

Culinary:

- Cook – FT (Food Handlers Certification preferred)

EMS:

- EMT Paramedic or Licensed Paramedic – FT *\$8,000 BONUS
- EMT B – FT & PRN

Emergency Department:

- RN - PRN all shifts

ICU Department:

- RN – FT Day Shift *\$10,000 SIGN ON BONUS

LAB:

- MLT – 6pm-6am FT
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Med Surg:

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- RN – FT nights *\$10,000 SIGN ON BONUS
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CAUSE NO. 21-10476

ESTATE OF
JOE ALFRED COOK
DECEASED

THE COUNTY COURT
AT LAW
CORYELL COUNTY, TX

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of JOE ALFRED COOK, Deceased, were issued on August 1, 2022, in Cause No. 21-10476 pending in the County Court at Law, Coryell County, Texas, to: LILLIAN COOK.

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.

LILLIAN COOK
c/o KUBALA LAW OFFICE, PLLC
408 E. Avenue D
Copperas Cove, Texas 76522

DATED the 1 day of August, 2022

LISA A. KUBALA
Attorney for KIM MACE
State Bar No.: 24011569
408 East Avenue D
Copperas Cove, TX 76522
Telephone: (254) 238-8659
Facsimile: (254) 577-5109
E-mail: lisakubala@kubalalawoffice.com 00029505

JENNIFER NEWTON
CLERK OF THE COUNTY COURT
P.O. BOX 237
GATESVILLE, TEXAS 76528

ATTORNEY OR PERSON FILING CAUSE
RAYMOND L. PANNETON
TED SMITH LAW GROUP
660 W. FM 2410
HARKER HEIGHTS, TEXAS 76548

TO: DECENDENT'S UNKNOWN HEIRS
UNKNOWN ADDRESS
UNKNOWN STATE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF CORYELL

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF DONNA JEAN MORRIS, DECEASED. CAUSE NO 22-10663, COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS. PHILLIP MORRIS FILED IN THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS ON THE 1ST DAY OF AUGUST, 2022, AN APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP SAID DONNA JEAN MORRIS, DECEASED.

SAID APPLICATION SHALL BE HEARD AND ACTED ON BY SAID COURT ON OR AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY NEXT AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF TEN DAYS FROM DATE OF POSTING THIS CITATION, THE SAME BEING THE 15TH DAY OF AUGUST 2022, AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN GATESVILLE, TEXAS.

ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID ESTATE ARE HEREBY CITED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY AT THE SAME ABOVE-MENTIONED TIME AND PLACE BY FILING A WRITTEN ANSWER CONTESTING SUCH APPLICATION SHOULD THEY DESIRE TO DO SO.

GIVE UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY IN GATESVILLE, TEXAS THE 3rd day of August 2022.

JENNIFER NEWTON
CORYELL COUNTY CLERK
CORYELL COUNTY, TX

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of JAMES KENNETH THOMPSON, Deceased, were issued on May 23, 2022, in Cause No. 22-10631, pending in the County Court at Law of Coryell County, Texas, to: KENNETH LEE THOMPSON.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within 120 days of this notice.

c/o: Sarah Berryman Kendrick
Attorney at Law
3809 W. Waco Drive
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DATED the 25 day of July, 2022.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given by 116 Storage of the sale of contents, by public auction, of the following, pursuant to the assertion of a manager's possessory lien against them in order to collect the amounts due on them:

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Joseph Hubert
Korey Porter
Shelia Hughes
Barbara Lancaster

The auction will be held at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, August 6, 2022 (weather permitting) at 116 Storage, 2445 S. Hwy. 116, Gatesville, TX. Terms: Cash

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Notice is hereby given that a public hearing on the proposed budget for Coryell County Fiscal Year 2023 will be held on August 23, 2022, in the County Commissioners Court, 800 E Main, Suite A, Gatesville, Texas at 9:00 AM. A copy of the proposed budget will be on display in County Clerk's office in Gatesville and the Tax office in Copperas Cove beginning August 12, 2022. It can also be viewed on the web at coryell-county.org.

The proposed budget contains salary and allowance increases for Elected Officials as follows:

	Salary	Allowances
County Clerk	\$2000.00	
District Clerk	\$2000.00	
Justices of the Peace	\$3000.00	\$1200.00
County Attorney	\$2000.00	
County Court at Law Judge	\$6300.00	
Treasurer	\$2000.00	
Tax Assessor	\$2000.00	\$7600.00
Constables	\$2500.00	

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TO: DECENDENT'S UNKNOWN HEIRS
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THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF CORYELL

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF HAROLD RICHARD DONELSON, JR, DECEASED. CAUSE NO 22-10706, COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS. MARY ANTHONETTE DONELSON FILED IN THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS ON THE 29TH DAY OF JULY, 2022, AN APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP SAID HAROLD RICHARD DONELSON, JR, DECEASED.

SAID APPLICATION SHALL BE HEARD AND ACTED ON BY SAID COURT ON OR AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY NEXT AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF TEN DAYS FROM DATE OF POSTING THIS CITATION, THE SAME BEING THE 15TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2022, AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN GATESVILLE, TEXAS.

ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID ESTATE ARE HEREBY CITED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY AT THE SAME TIME ABOVE MENTIONED TIME AND PLACE BY FILING A WRITTEN ANSWER CONTESTING SUCH APPLICATION SHOULD THEY DESIRE TO DO SO.

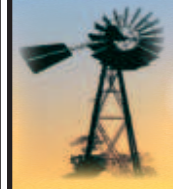
GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY IN GATESVILLE, TEXAS THE 1st day of August, 2022.

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- ▶ 2 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
- ▶ 1.2 +/- 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 water onto the property. Fiber Optic Internet Service, you will need to drill a water well for water. \$387,000
- ▶ 47.332 ac. south of Ireland, TX, good tree cover, rolling terrain, good fencing on 3 sides, southside will need to be fenced. \$463,853
- ▶ 105 acres south of Pearl, TX on Self Rd. good tree cover, rolling terrain, small branch that run through the property, barn that is approx. 38 ft. x 42 ft. in size with a rain harvest system that collects rainwater from the roof of the barn. Electricity is along the property line in the northwest corner of the property. \$743,775
- ▶ 179.562 acres 1.6 miles south of Gatesville, TX FM 116 frontage, great views, stock tank, rolling terrain & scattered tree cover. Multi-County Water & City of Gatesville have water line running down the front of the property on FM 116. \$1,230,000
- ▶ 252.87 Acres, 3 Br, 2 Ba home, open floor plan, wood burning fireplace, breakfast bar, ceramic tile in kitchen, breakfast area & bathrooms. Lamanite wood flooring in living room & carpet in 2 bedrooms, inground pool with slab that was pour for a future outdoor kitchen, 3 car attached carport with 12 ft. x 13 ft. storage building, a 60 ft. x 66 ft. metal building with 24 ft. x 60 ft. lean-to, there is also approx. 900 sq. ft. that has been framed out for living quarters inside the main part of the building, good exterior & interior fencing, set of cattle pens near the center of the property, rolling terrain with scattered tree cover and great views. \$2,150,000
- ▶ 1035 +/- acres, 3 Bedroom, 3.5 bath hunting lodge built in 2014 approx. 1700 sq. ft. of living space, 2 water wells, the well at the lodge is 435 ft. deep with a 30 GPM yield & the well along CR 158 is 303 ft. deep with 15 GPM yield. The ranch has been used to raise cattle & leased out for hunting, approx. 118 acres of improved grasses & 9 stock tanks, good tree cover which consist of Live Oak, Elm, Mesquite & Cedar & great views with the elevation ranging from 1060 ft. along Hwy 84 to 1360 ft. at its highest point on top of the mountain, good exterior fencing & good interior fencing with the ranch being divided into 10 smaller pastures ranging from 5 to 65 acres where the field & improved grasses are located & 3 larger pastures ranging from 200 to 275 acres. \$11,385,000

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Sissy Newton, age 101, was recognized during the recent Gatesville Riding Club Rodeo. She attended the first local GRC rodeo back in 1937.



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Volleyball team primed & ready

BY JEFF OSBORNE
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

The Gatesville Hornets volleyball team has a tradition of excellence that few programs in the state share – 19 straight trips to the playoffs.

This year, as GHS looks to claim its 20th straight playoff berth, coach Janey Weber will rely on the leadership of six seniors as the Hornets compete in a new district.

Gatesville will no longer face road trips to Brownwood, Stephenville, Lampasas and Glen Rose for district competition. Instead, the Hornets will join a Waco-centric district that features China Spring, La Vega, Connally and Robinson, along with Bell County opponent Salado.

“Last year, we were traveling an hour and a half to play district games, so this will definitely be better as far as travel goes,” Weber said. “The teams in our district are ones that we always try to keep on our schedule. They are strong programs.”

Closer proximity to Gatesville is an added bonus for both the athletes and fans.

Of the Hornets returning players, two earned All District honors. Kaleigh Haywood earned first team recognition and will bolster Gatesville on the outside, while junior Barrett Boyd, who earned second team all-district honors last year as a sophomore, was middle blocker but will also be relied on to play outside, Weber said.

Weber is entering her third season as the team’s head coach and her fifth year with GHS and is continuing the winning tradition that former coach Rickey Phillips’ – now GUSD’s athletic director – enjoyed from 2001-2019. Assistant coaches are Ashley Drozd-Hubik and Andrea Holdbrook.

The Hornets were 29-10 last season, and lost a close match in the first round of the playoffs last season against Graham.

“We fought hard and played well, but we lost in four sets,” Weber said. “It was a good match.”

One of the players the Hornets will miss this year is Tasha Thoms, the team’s setter who earned a college scholarship to play beach volleyball at Missouri State.

While Thoms was a dominant force for the Hornets, the example she set and level of excellence she achieved will no doubt inspire those following her in footsteps as a new group of contenders step up and look to make their own positive mark on GHS volleyball.

Weber said one of those stepping up into more of a leadership role is Lola Barron.

“Seeing the kids step up and take on new roles is always exciting. Tasha was a great leader for us, and Lola is doing a great job stepping into that role.”

Despite a strong slate of district foes, Weber said she is confident her team will step up to the challenge.

“I feel like this team is very motivated and enthusiastic, and we are really close – like a family,” she said. “They feed off each other.”

The season-opener for GHS will be Monday, Aug. 8 at University High School in Waco. The home-opener will be Aug. 9 against Fairfield, with the varsity scheduled to take the court at 6 p.m.

“It’s been fun watching the players develop and work hard during the spring and summer,” Weber said. “We are ready to get going.”

Weber said the Hornets will give their best shot in every contest, and she hopes the community will back the team with a good turnout.

“Come out and support us,” she said. “We love having a loud and rowdy crowd behind us – the more the merrier. We hope to see you at the games.”

GHS volleyball schedule 2022

- Aug. 5 scrimmage vs. Killeen and Troy, 10:30 a.m.
- Aug. 6 scrimmage against Comanche and Alumni Game, 6 p.m.
- Aug. 8 at Waco University, 6 p.m.
- Aug. 9 vs. Fairfield, 6 p.m.
- Aug. 11-13, Jason Landers Invitational (Austin ISD), times TBA
- Aug. 16 at Belton, 6:30 p.m.
- Aug. 18-20 Gatesville Invitational, times TBA
- Aug. 23 vs. Glen Rose, 6 p.m.
- Aug. 25-27 Athens Tournament, times TBA
- Aug. 30 vs. Killeen, 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 1-3 Belton Tournament, times TBA
- Sept. 2 vs. Temple, 6 p.m.
- Sept. 6 at Brownwood, 6 p.m.
- Sept. 9 vs. Jarrell, 5:30 p.m.
- Sept. 13 at Lampasas, 6 p.m.
- Sept. 15-17 West Tournament, times TBA
- Sept. 16 vs. Burnet, 5:30 p.m.
- Sept. 20 at Marble Falls, 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 23 vs. Robinson, 5:30 p.m.
- Sept. 27 at China Spring, 7 p.m.
- Sept. 30 vs. Connally, 5:30 p.m.
- Oct. 4 vs. Salado, 7 p.m.
- Oct. 7 at La Vega, 5:30 p.m.
- Oct. 11 at Robinson, 7 p.m.
- Oct. 14 vs. China Spring, 5:30 p.m.
- Oct. 18 at Connally, 7 p.m.
- Oct. 21 at Salado, 6 p.m.
- Oct. 25 vs. La Vega, 7 p.m.
- Oct. 31 Bi-district playoffs begin



Gatesville Hornet volleyball players participate in workouts prior to the team’s season-opener.

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The Gatesville volleyball team is working to earn its 20th consecutive trip to the playoffs this season.

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