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GISD's Elementary leads way in TEA ratings improvement

BY JEFF OSBORNE
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

While the Gatesville Independent School District overall is holding steady with a solid B average – receiving 86 out of 100 points in the Texas Education Agency's Accountability Ratings – it is the improvement at Gatesville Elementary School that stands out, as the campus has gone from a D to narrowly missing an A score by just a single point.

Shane Webb, GISD assistant superintendent for academics, told the GISD Board of Trustees the

good news during their Aug. 15 meeting.

In 2018, Gatesville Elementary was given a score of 63, which included a 71 in student achievement, a 63 in school progress and a 45 in closing the gaps.

The closing the gaps portion of scoring refers to how a campus addresses the achievements of certain subgroups, such as minorities, special education students and English as a second language learners.

The elementary school had turned things around by 2019, improving to a C rating with 77 points, including 78 for student

achievement, 81 for school progress and 69 for closing the gaps.

Schools were not rated by TEA for 2020 or 2021 because of COVID-19 disruptions statewide. By 2022, Gatesville Elementary had improved to become the highest rated GISD campus with an 89 score. That includes an 88 in student achievement, an 88 in school progress and a 92 in closing the gaps.

The campus also received distinctions in English language arts/reading and in closing the gaps.

Superintendent Barrett Pollard

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Election filing deadline nears

BY JEFF OSBORNE
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

Those who are interested in seeking election to either the Gatesville City Council or the Gatesville Independent School District Board of Trustees should file by 5 p.m. Monday to get their name on the ballot.

The deadline to sign up is 5 p.m. Monday, Aug. 22 for both the city and the school elections, which will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 8. Early voting will begin in October.

Gatesville City Councilwoman Barbara Burrow has signed up to seek re-election to her Ward 1, Place 2 post on the Gatesville City Council, and will face challenger Aaron Smith for that position.

Mayor Gary Chumley has also filed for re-election. As of the afternoon of Aug. 17, no one has signed up to run for two seats for Ward 2, which is on the south side of Gatesville.

Candidates who are seeking election to the GISD Board of Trustees include Ginger Kinsey, Cheyenne Kizer and Mary Anne Leib.

For more information on the elections, visit the city of Gatesville or the Gatesville ISD website online, or call the city at 254-865-8951 or GISD at 254-865-7251.

Singing songs of great success at Gatesville ISD

BY JEFF OSBORNE
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

One program at Gatesville Independent School District that is hitting all the high notes is the choir program, which has increased in numbers and achievements and had two of its students earn All State honors this year.

During the Aug. 15 GISD Board of Trustees meeting, 2022 graduate Addie Carpenter and sophomore Memphis Wells were recognized during the Student Spotlight.

Carpenter and Wells were named GISD Vocalists of the Year, and in addition to winning gold medals at state, have outstanding grades and have helped set the standard for excellence for GISD choirs from grades 6-12.

"It's a remarkable accomplishment, like being a state champion," said GISD Superintendent Barrett Pollard.

"It's pretty remarkable to have two students do so well in one school year, and I'm very proud of them," said GISD Choir Director Cherith Wells. She said Addie and Memphis both received the same gold medal that state champion athletes receive.

While Memphis and Addie were the headline performers for Gatesville High School, they were in good company with several other students who achieved excellence in vocal contests.

Wells and Tim Klingler, GISD associate choir director, have helped lay the foundation for tremendous success in vocal performance.

"I spend a lot of time with these people and they are phenomenal," said GISD board President Charles Ament. He encouraged GISD board members and staff to "take a de-



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HITTING A HIGH NOTE: Gatesville ISD Superintendent Barrett Pollard and the GISD Board of Trustees recognized the district's choir program and two All State Choir members and the overall success of the program during the school board meeting on Aug. 15. Pictured with Pollard are Choir Director Cherith Wells, All State Choir members Memphis Wells and Addie Carpenter, and Associate Choir Director Tim Klingler.

tour, visit (choir rooms) and you will be stunned at what you see."

Wells said the enthusiasm, dedication and work ethic of the students enrolled in choir is key to maintaining the department's tradition of excellence.

"We have classes full of amazing kids," she said. "I lived in Texas

my whole life and I was in choir. Of all the things on the list those kids (Addie and Memphis) accomplished, the only one I accomplished was being named outstanding choir student.

"To have those kids do that in Gatesville, Texas – it's amazing. They are a huge inspiration to our

program."

Wells and Klingler teach choir to students in grades 6 through 12, and over the past few years have seen a strong upsurge in the number of students participating in choir.

"The program has doubled in size at the intermediate school,"

Wells said. "We only had 26 students at the junior high (in choir) in 2018, and now we're up to 70. High school has held steady around the 60-mark. We do a great job of retaining students and also recruiting new ones."

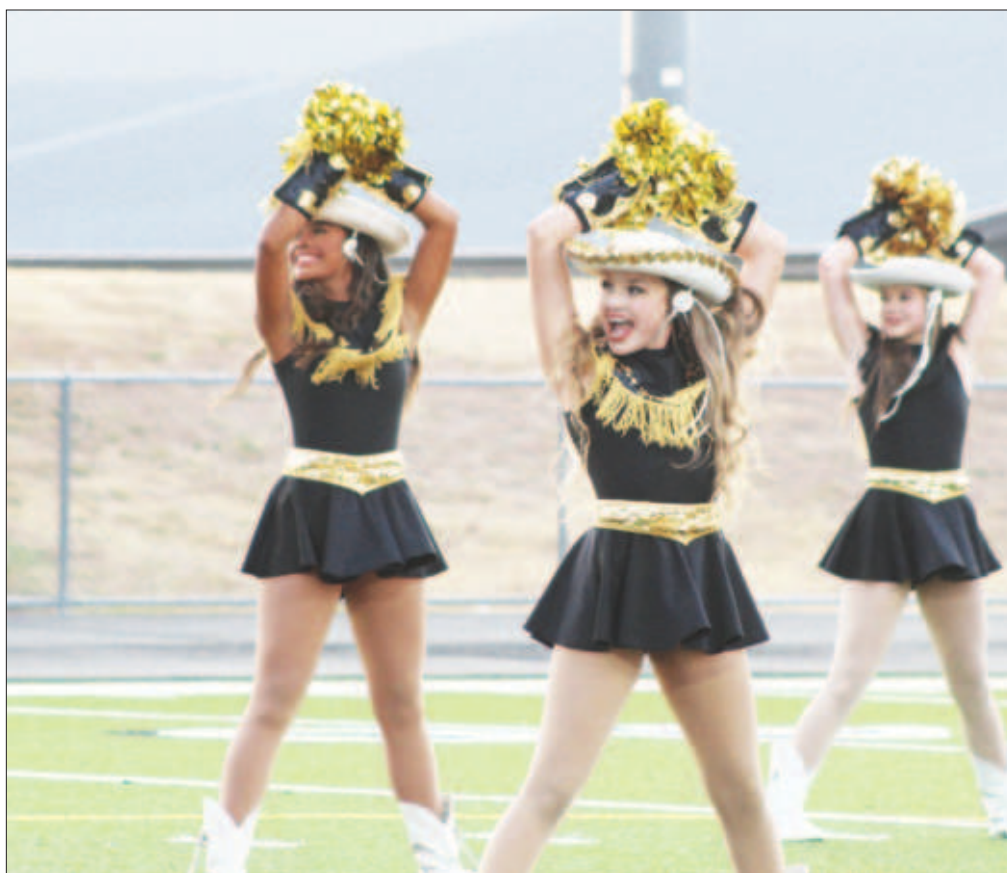
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Pepping up Gatesville



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MAKING BEAUTIFUL MUSIC: Members of the Gatesville High School Fighting Hornet Band added spirit and enthusiasm to the Meet the Hornets event on Aug. 17 at Davidson Field at McKamie Stadium.



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TIME TO SHINE: The Dazzlers dance team offered a preview of the great showmanship and dance moves people can expect to see during halftime of Gatesville High School football games this season.

County looks at water, broadband, firefighting grants

BY JEFF OSBORNE
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

A partnership between Coryell County and Natural Resources Solutions of Austin has helped reveal several grant opportunities for the county to pursue, and while that work continues, the next step could include partnerships with other local entities to help maximize available money.

Maddie Todd, a policy analyst and project manager for NRS, said the county is already pursuing grants for rural surface transportation, Safe Streets and Roads for All and bridge infrastructure repair, but there are additional opportunities to receive state or federal funding.

NRS President Steve Manning said "there is a good bit of money out there for water infrastructure" and asked the Coryell County Commissioners Court for its approval in contacting local water providers to consider partnering with the county and NRS in pursuit of those grants.

Commissioners gave their blessing to the NRS efforts during a recent meeting.

In order to receive those grants, water providers would have to submit information including how much water they are allocated, how much is used, and how much is lost because of faulty infrastructure. Grants could help pay for repairs to stop that water loss.

"This will dovetail with what you are doing (in pursuing grants)," Manning told the commissioners court. He said the county's potential partnership with the Middle Trinity

Groundwater Conservation District is a step in the right direction to help monitor groundwater use and availability, and the NRS is looking at other opportunities for Coryell County and local entities involving water-related grants.

"If all of the water providers came together (to jointly pursue grants), it would reduce the administrative burden on the smaller ones," said County Judge Roger Miller. "It would be advantageous for the water providers to work in partnership."

Manning said unlike the proposed Middle Trinity agreement, the grants that NRS would help county entities pursue "would focus on surface water and the challenges smaller water providers face, such as loss rate."

Another area Manning said the county and local communities could benefit from is with grants for broadband internet.

"There are several pots of money for broadband, and nearly all of them are geared toward rural communities," he said. "That is another conversation for some time in the future."

Leaders of Coryell County as well as Gatesville have expressed a strong interest in improving internet service for the area, and have partnered with the Foresite Group to help identify local needs.

Manning said it would also benefit the county and local fire departments to pursue grants which are available for rural agencies which face significant wildfire dangers and have been fighting a high number of wildfires.

"There are different buckets of money available," Manning said. "If the county has a plan that meets requirements, there

is an opportunity for funds for equipment upgrades for local fire departments. This will be available every year for five years and it's a good opportunity for us to help local firefighters. I can't imagine they'd turn down funding for equipment."

County Judge Roger Miller said Coryell County did not have a community wildfire protection plan, but could submit a grant application for funds to help develop such a plan in order to later receive grant funding for equipment.

"There are several bites at the apple to get equipment for these fire departments," Manning said.

Miller said the county would only be responsible for covering 10% of necessary funding for wildfire planning, with 90% paid by state or federal funds.

"I think it's important we upgrade equipment," Commissioner Kyle Matthews said. "Anything we can get for the fire departments would be great."

"This is really something we should move forward on," Miller said. "Our fire departments would love to see \$10 million flow in for local equipment."

Matthews said the county should put together a wildfire contingency plan in order to help make the area safer.

"The U.S. Forest Service issues the grant," said Manning, who suggested that the county reach out to the Texas A&M Forest Service, which has helped battle Coryell County fires this year, for its support in pursuing the federal grant.

Safety concerns top list as GISD opens new school year

BY SE'VETTE EARLY
STAFF WRITER

The 2022-2023 school year was ushered in with the strong message that school safety comes first and foremost. As a result, campuses across the district opened the school year by practicing safety drills and mandatory locked classroom doors.

The Gatesville High School band, Dazzlers, and cheerleaders welcomed an auditorium full of excited staff members back for the new school year. Superintendent Barrett Pollard opened convocation by announcing that GISD was fully staffed despite the 385,000 open teaching jobs across the country. He added that just a few months ago (May 20) we all sat in the auditorium and had our years of service awards. Then, on May 24, the Uvalde shooting occurred, and just a few days after that, officials said that an escaped killer (who was being transferred from the Hughes unit in Gatesville) murdered Mark Collins and his four grandsons. With all that being said, Dr. Pollard stated, "My message to all of you today is about school safety."

Pollard shared sad but powerful stories about heroes who had lost their lives as educators protecting their students. He mentioned Dave Sanders, who ran to the cafeteria and sounded the alarm in the Columbine shooting. Liviu Librescu, who was 76 at the time, working in the Norris Hall Engineering Building, held the door of his classroom shut while his students escaped through the windows and then was gunned down in the back by the enraged shooter. Victoria Soto of Sandy Hook Elementary School, who used her own body to shield her first-grade students, has since been hailed as a hero and received the Presidential Citizen Medal. Angela

McQueen, who saved an unknown number of students from death in Mattoon, Illinois, survived a school shooting but still suffers from the lasting effects of PTSD caused by the trauma of the incident. Dr. Pollard stated that he knew these stories were heavy, but these folks are worth remembering.

Dr. Pollard asked his staff, "What can we do to be proactive?" He provided a list of services that GISD will provide for the upcoming school year. The list began with the availability of social workers and providing therapy dogs on each campus. Next, he asked the teachers to look for warning signs in students such as isolation, depression, and dark thoughts. Pollard went on to mention the importance of the PALS program and the positive effects it has on children in the school district.

Another proactive step forward is the implementation of SROs with mental health training and the necessary training to use the weapons and equipment required to protect students and staff. In the wake of the Uvalde tragic incident, SROs no longer have to wait for orders to protect our schools.

Next on the list was providing ID badges to students in grades 4-12, to be worn and visible at all times. Grades PK-3 will have theirs attached to their backpacks.

To eliminate so much foot traffic on the school campuses, Pollard indicated that he felt it was in the best interest of student safety to close school lunches to parents.

As Pollard made his closing remarks on the importance of school safety, he stated, "Sadly, years will pass from Uvalde, as they did after Sandy Hook, and like they did after Columbine, and we get complacent. Let's always keep safety in the back of our minds as



WELCOME BACK: Gatesville cheerleaders and the Hornet mascot welcome staff members back to campus

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we go about the important business of teaching kids."

"Speaking of kids, Dr. Pollard remarked, "This summer, we have been honoring some of our former educators as Hornet Legends. I think many of you here are Hornet legends in the making. But, of course, these Hornet

Legends weren't perfect. They all had their quirks, as we all do. Not all of them taught here for 40 years. But they all made a significant, positive impact on kids, and that's powerful. So, I would challenge all of you to be a Hornet Legend."

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CHOIR

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In the spring, GHS had 12 regional medalists, with 11 earning gold and another earning silver. In state vocal competition, five earned gold and one was a silver medalist.

The varsity mixed choir (featuring both boys and girls) earned a superior rating in University Interscholastic League competition, while the varsity treble choir (consisting of girls only) earned the first ever sweepstakes for GHS in choral competition - meaning perfect

scores, Wells said.

At the junior high level, two students were selected to the Texas Music Educators Association Region Choir and one earned All State honors.

Intermediate students participated in the Pride of Texas Music Festival. Wells said more than 50 students in grades 6-12 participated in solo work.

The choirs had a pop concert with music from the 1980s that sold all available tickets, and this school year the emphasis will be on music from movies.

While the choir program had a strong year for 2021-

22, "we have 50 more kids in choir this year than we had last year," Wells said.

"We had a spectacular year - it was one achievement after another," she said. "It's a testament to the type of kids we have in the program."

Board member Jimmie Ferguson said he appreciates all the effort that goes into the choir program.

"Y'all are enthusiastic and excellent at what you do," he said.

Wells said just being around the choirs can help brighten people's day.

"If you're ever having a bad day, swing by the choir room," she said.

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said that type of progress could earn the elementary campus recognition as one of the U.S. Department of Education's National Blue Ribbon Schools.

Webb said that Blue Ribbon designation could be earned in two ways - either based on overall student achievement or in outstanding progress in closing the gaps.

He said he had seen schools make less improvement than Gatesville Elementary and earn Blue Ribbon recognition.

"That shows a lot of hard work on the faculties' part," said board member Linda Maxwell.

Overall, GISD received an 86 for 2022, including an 87 for student achievement, an 89 for school progress and an 80 for closing the

gaps. That compares to an overall score of 87 for 2019, with 89 for student achievement, 92 for school progress and 74 for closing the gaps. In 2018, GISD had an overall score of 80, with 81 for student achievement, 78 for school progress and 76 for closing the gaps.

Gatesville Intermediate also improved its D rating in 2022, achieving a C. After overall scores of 69 for both 2018 and 2019, the intermediate earned a 75 for 2022.

Gatesville Junior High improved its score to an 81 for 2022, up from 74 overall in 2019 and down slightly from an 82 score for 2018. The junior high earned a distinction for its performance in science.

Gatesville High School earned an 83 for 2022, which was down from an 86 score in 2019 but better than the 2018 score of 80. GHS earned distinctions for English language arts/reading and science.



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Old Time Fiddlers Contest is held each year at the Gatesville City Auditorium

Fiddlers Contest to be held Sept. 17

The Gatesville Old Time Fiddlers Contest is making a return appearance on Saturday, Sept. 17, at Gatesville's City Auditorium.

This Texas Old Time Fiddlers Association-sanctioned contest will begin at 1 p.m., drawing top fiddlers from across the state to compete for prizes.

Contestants will compete by age in categories ranging from under 10 years to 60-plus. There will also be competitions for twin fiddles and accompanists, with the day culminating in the champion-

ship round, featuring the top fiddlers from the day.

The ending time is expected to be around 6 p.m. but is dependent on the number of overall entries.

Admission is free and spectators are welcome to come and go throughout the day.

The event is presented by the City of Gatesville with funding for fiddler prizes provided by community supporters. Those interested in sponsorship opportunities or would like to be a supporter with a donation, please contact Sherry Hopson at 254-

223-3939 or Cheri Shepherd at 254-499-0102. They can also be contacted for details about entering the contest.

The Old Time Fiddlers Contest is one of three free events in downtown Gatesville on Sept. 17.

Residents and visitors are encouraged to view the custom and classic cars that will line the courthouse square during the Cruzin Cruzers Car Show, visit the Coryell Museum for Spurfest activities, and drop in to hear some good old time fiddle music at the city auditorium.

Golf Scramble is September 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.

Team prizes (based on 14-

team field) will be \$500 for first place, \$400 for fourth place, and \$200 for eighth place.

Those interested can form their own four-person team or sign-up for a team list which will be \$200 per team or \$50 per member. The price includes green fees,

golf cart, and food.

There will be a \$5,000 Hole-in-One contest plus three other Hole-in-One prizes sponsored by First National Bank.

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

Quilt to be raffled during Spurfest

The Coryell Museum and Historical Center is currently selling tickets for a quilt raffle which will be held during Spurfest on Sept. 17. Local resident Grace Dallimore donated a YoYo Quilt to the museum to help raise money for the museum during Spurfest.



YoYo Quilt

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.

CTC offering Adult Education classes in Gatesville

Central Texas College, based in Killeen, will be offering Adult Education Classes that will now be available in Gatesville.

Registration opportunities and GED classes will be available every Monday and

Wednesday evening from 6 p.m.-9 p.m. at the Gatesville Primary School.

Central Texas College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award associate

degrees and certificates of completion.

For more information about the Adult Education Classes in Gatesville, call 254-526-1120.

The DISPATCH

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of August 15 - 17. While there were many calls to the dispatcher, this is a partial list of more significant activity. Persons are reminded that only emergency calls should be made to 9-1-1, while all other calls to the police department should be made to 865-2226 or to the Sheriff's office at 865-7201.

CITY OF GATESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

August 15

5:17 a.m., a disturbance was reported in the 2600 block of E. Main Street.

6:09 a.m., an accident was reported in the 600 block of S. Lovers Lane.

10:14 a.m., a burglary was reported in the 300 block of Valley View Drive.

11:49 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of Robert Evetts Drive.

12:30 p.m., a theft was reported in the 1200 block of E. Main Street.

7:22 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2300 block of Bridge Street.

August 16

2:23 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 300 block of Old Osage Road.

12:40 p.m., a threat was reported in the 400 block of Straws Mill Road.

1:12 p.m., a theft was reported in the 1200 block of N. State Highway 36 Bypass.

1:28 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 1400 block of St. Louis Street.

4:11 p.m., a missing person was reported in the 200 block of N. 8th Street.

6:53 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of N. 31st Street.

August 17

9:09 a.m., an intoxicated driver was reported in the 14000 block of S. State Hwy.

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11:42 a.m., a disturbance was reported in the 200 block of State School Road.

12:40 p.m., an accident was reported in the 300 block of E. Main Street.

4:24 p.m., an assault was reported in the 1500 block of W. Main Street.

6:13 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 500 block of Kinney Lane.

9:24 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 300 block of Veteran's Memorial Loop.

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August 15

5:51 a.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 2800 block of Arrowhead Drive.

11:26 a.m., a structure fire was reported in the 800 block of N. Hwy. 281.

11:58 a.m., missing livestock was reported on CR 176 and W. Hwy. 84.

3:24 p.m., a neighbor dispute was reported in the

2700 block of Mulberry Drive.

5:31 p.m., an assault was reported in the 200 block of Barbara.

9:27 p.m., a structure fire was reported in the 2800 block of FM 1113.

August 16

8:09 a.m., a neighbor dispute was reported in the 2800 block of Arrowhead.

8:40 a.m., mailbox damage was reported in the 100 block of Harrell Drive.

9:39 a.m., a stolen vehicle was reported on FM 116 from Hilltop Drive.

3:54 p.m., an assault was reported in the 1200 block of Cummings Avenue.

4:50 p.m., a minor accident was reported on CR 356 at The Grove.

8:16 p.m., a fire was reported in the 1700 block of Moody Leon Road.

August 17

8:13 a.m., a theft was reported in the 300 block of FM 107.

8:16 a.m., the burglary of a building was reported in the 4200 block of Hwy. 84.

10:54 a.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 800 block of Bluestem Drive.

11:58 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 7100 block of W. FM 217.

3:41 p.m., a grass fire was reported in the 100 block of Knowles Road.

5:20 p.m., a threat was reported in the 800 block of CR 102.



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A small glimpse of some of the spurs from Coryell Museum's Lloyd and Madge Mitchell Spur Collection.

Museum hosting Spurfest Sept. 17

There will be something for everyone at the 21st edition of Spurfest at the Coryell Museum and Historical Center on Saturday, Sept. 18.

The event is free and runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., drawing attention to the city's designation as the "Spur Capital of Texas."

The designation commemorates the massive spur collection of the late Lloyd and Madge Mitchell, which is on display in the museum. Visitors can view about 6,000 out of a collection of 18,000 spurs that are on permanent

display on two floors of the museum. The collection includes spurs worn by Pancho Villa and Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis. The spur collection is recognized as the largest collection of spurs in the United States and perhaps in the world.

Spurfest activities will include Old Time Demonstrations, the Shriners Karem Cowboys, a quilt raffle, fresh churned butter, chuck wagon biscuits and gravy, several activities for children, along with live music in the morning and afternoon.

There is a vintage doctor's office to visit, a beauty shop, general store, post office and a blacksmith shop.

Visitors to the museum can also see antique cars, the soda shop, the historic 1854 log jail and view the large collection of spurs.

Coryell Museum and Historical Center is located at 718 E. Main Street.

For more information about Spurfest, contact museum president Erv Adams at 254-865-5007 or email coryellmuseumhc@yahoo.com.

Whatever happened to...

20 YEARS AGO (2002)

Don Skiles was elected president of the newly formed Gatesville Economic Development Corporation.

Ruth Jones and Laura White represented the Gatesville Exchange Club at the National Exchange Club Convention and received the highest honor, called the Big "E" award.

Charles D. Jageler American Legion Post 42 held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for its new bingo hall.

Janna Kay Herridge, daughter of Bill and Diane Herridge, was named to the Texas All-State Academic Team by the Texas Association of Community Colleges.

30 YEARS AGO (1992)

Plez Todd was honored by the Gatesville Masonic Lodge where he was presented a 50-year service award.

The Baylor Football Caravan visited Gatesville as part of its tour through rural Central Texas. Gatesville native Cotton Davidson was aboard the caravan.

Jody Cummings graduated from Tarleton State University receiving a bachelor's degree in general business and marketing.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Jackie L. Ford had been deployed aboard the destroyer USS Briscoe for six months to the Red Sea.

40 YEARS AGO (1982)

Clovis King of Gatesville received the Faithful Service Medal. King, a veteran of 22 years in the State Guard, was a platoon sergeant in Co. C of Gividen's battalion.

Dallas Cowboy Coach Tom Landry was presented with a bronze bust, "The Gentle Winner," created by Gates-

ville sculptor Don Hunt.

Anamelia Voss, daughter of Barry and Judy Voss of Gatesville, was honored on her first birthday.

Vocational agriculture teachers Raby Smalley of Jonesboro and Harry Grelma of Gatesville were attending a workshop on electric motors conducted Waco.

50 YEARS AGO (1972)

Mack Morris and James Dixon were presented with life memberships in the Scottish Rite.

Gene Holder and Earl Higginbotham had written a book about Coach Lloyd Mitchell and his famous spur collection and it appeared in "Horse & Rider" magazine.

E. Dale Bohne was awarded a degree in welding technology from Texas State Technical Institute in Waco.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Zeigler were honored with a reception. Mr. Zeigler had recently been appointed as superintendent of the Gatesville Public Schools.

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Holden and Foreman make Dean's List at Baylor University

Baylor University in Waco recently announced the students achieving the Dean's List designation for the 2022 spring semester.

Gatesville students Alison Holden and Sam Foreman were recently placed on Baylor's Dean's List. Holden is in the School of Music and Foreman is in the College of Arts & Sciences.

To be eligible for Baylor's Dean's List, students needed to obtain a minimum semester grade-point average of 3.70 with no grade lower than a "C," while enrolled in at least 12 graded semester hours.

Baylor University, founded in 1845, is a private Christian research university.

FROM MY FRONT PORCH

Customer service or customer aggravation?

SAM HOUSTON

Sam Houston is a publisher, actor, author, playwright, performer and entertainment producer/promoter.



Houston

It is so time consuming and costly for a business to acquire a customer, so the last thing a prudent business wants to do is fail to effectively deal with a customer's problem.

Many years ago, I managed the customer service department for a Fortune 500 company. The company mantra was pounded in my brain, again and again: "Be sure to take care of the customer." Even if we did not make an error or mistake, listen to the needs of the customer and solve their problem.

I found this sentiment to be a good business attitude to maintain. Once they feel as though someone has truly listened to them, many agitated customers walk away feeling appreciated and valued. Frankly, the best way for a business to earn a customer "for life" is when a customer has a problem. Businesses that are in the game for the long haul understand and appreciate these strategic opportunities, and make sure the customer feels good about how they were treated.

Just this past week, I had a most distasteful situation with a company. I look after a 91-year-old, and she is like another mother to me. She depends on me for handling her finances, looking after her, and seeing her needs are being met. She is a resident of a wonderful, assisted living facility located in another town, and they take great care of her. She has made friends with the staff and administration, and she loves her apartment. The problem she has been experiencing is with the cable company.

I won't mention the company's name, but Miss Jayne was very unhappy with some aspects of her cable service and asked me to reach out to the cable company and resolve the issue. Until a year ago, the cable company had a local office. I had a friend who worked there, and it was always convenient to pay a bill, move service to a new location, or solve a problem. Unfortunately, in a cost-saving measure, the cable company closed the office, fired the staff, and left customer service to a toll-free number.

Knowing I was tilting at windmills a la Don Quixote, I made the call to the cable company's 1-800 number. I had Miss Jayne's account number, access code, Social Security number, phone number, email address — and just about every other form of identification — ready and in hand. The last thing I wanted to do was fail to have information ready, in order to assist in solving the problem.

When my call was answered, I got a computer who in a very friendly "voice" started asking me questions about my needs and letting me know the cable company was very interested in making me happy and satisfied. When the computer asked me to identify what I needed, I simply responded, "I need to speak to a human." The computer responded by providing all sorts of options to handle the matter electronically, telling me the customer service agents were very busy. The computer asked if I

needed to pay a bill, move my service, if I was having technical difficulties, and a variety of other questions. Again, I responded by saying, "I need to speak to a human."

The phone clicked and a recorded voice told me I was being switched to a customer service rep. Now I was getting somewhere! Unfortunately, the next computer voice told me my wait time to speak to a human would be an estimated 16 minutes.

I did not enjoy the elevator music which played in my ear for what seemed like an indeterminate amount of time, but I was rewarded for my patience by finally getting a human on the line who asked me what they could do to help. I highly suspect the person who answered was in a different country.

I explained my problem in detail, providing an endless amount of information including the account number, access code, address, date of birth, as well as my favorite color and how I liked my steak cooked. At this point I was willing to tell them anything to get the problem resolved.

The person I was speaking to could not solve my problem, but they would transfer me to another department that could. The customer service rep also double-checked my phone number so in case we were accidentally cut off she could call back.

I again went on hold. This time an electronic voice told me the wait would be 12 minutes. Good deal, I said to myself, I am making progress! Twelve minutes is less than 16.

I anxiously tapped my fingers on my desk, as I watched the minutes go by, and then there was a "click" on the line as the call was terminated. I waited for an hour for someone to call me back as had been promised, but no one from the company ever tried. I had to start all over again!

After crawling naked through sandbars, and sticking a fork in my eye, I did manage to finally get Miss Jayne's problem resolved. I am now older, missing hair, blood pressure elevated, and I am in the process of doing everything I can to find out a way to switch services to another company. Why couldn't the cable company simply have had a way to help customers in need, rather than trying to save a few bucks making everything automated?

I am hoping the cable company calls me to ask why I changed service. I am going to tell them I am going to have to put them on hold and it will be 32 minutes before I can respond. Serves them right.

Thought for the day: Your most unhappy customers are your greatest source of learning.

Until next time.
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Sheep and goat workshop set for Aug. 26

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office recently announced a multi-county sheep and goat workshop which will be held on Friday, August 26, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Registration is \$20

per person and lunch will be provided. Topics will include the Market Trend, Internal Parasite Vaccinations, Forages and Control, and Livestock Guardian Animals. The program is

hosted by Hamilton, Coryell, Mills, Lampasas, and Bosque counties. The workshop will be held at the Hamilton County Commission Company/ American Legion on Memorial Highway in Ham-

ilton. For more information or to RSVP, please call the Coryell office at 254-865-2414, or the Hamilton office at 254-386-3919.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The GATESVILLE ISD will hold a public meeting at 05:30 PM 08/30/2022 in Gatesville ISD Boardroom, 311 S. Lovers Ln

Gatesville, TX

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

| | |
|---------------------------------|--|
| Maintenance Tax | \$ 0.854600 / \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations) |
| School Debt Service Tax | |
| Approved by Local Voters | \$ 0.200000 / \$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness) |

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

| | | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------|----|-----------------------|
| Maintenance and operations | _____ % increase | or | 3.220717 % (decrease) |
| Debt service | 1.432205 % increase | or | _____ % (decrease) |
| Total expenditures | _____ % increase | or | 2.914018 % (decrease) |

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Tax Code Section 26.04)

| | Preceding Tax Year | Current Tax Year |
|--|--------------------|------------------|
| Total appraised value* of all property | \$ 1,314,243,283 | \$ 1,635,147,356 |
| Total appraised value* of new property** | \$ 23,984,245 | \$ 44,548,155 |
| Total taxable value*** of all property | \$ 1,054,160,276 | \$ 1,175,520,708 |
| Total taxable value*** of new property** | \$ 22,058,017 | \$ 44,548,155 |

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(8).
** "New property" is defined by Tax Code Section 26.012(17).
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(10).

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 20,305,000

* Outstanding principal.

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Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

| | Maintenance & Operations | Interest & Sinking Fund* | Total | Local Revenue Per Student | State Revenue Per Student |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Last Year's Rate | \$ 0.862000 | \$ 0.205000 * | \$ 1.067000 | \$ 4,223 | \$ 6,083 |
| Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service | \$ 0.930080 | \$ 0.195790 * | \$ 1.125860 | \$ 4,710 | \$ 5,591 |
| Proposed Rate | \$ 0.854600 | \$ 0.200000 * | \$ 1.054600 | \$ 4,849 | \$ 5,791 |

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

| | Last Year | This Year |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Average Market Value of Residences | \$ 162,005 | \$ 196,579 |
| Average Taxable Value of Residences | \$ 131,520 | \$ 128,206 |
| Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value | \$ 1.067000 | \$ 1.054600 |
| Taxes Due on Average Residence | \$ 1,403 | \$ 1,352 |
| Increase (Decrease) in Taxes | | \$ -51 |

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.054600. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of 1.054600.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

| | |
|--|---------------|
| Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s) | \$ 10,820,197 |
| Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s) | \$ 651,699 |

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| Best Builder/Developer | Best Mechanic |
| Best Car Salesman | Best Optometrist/Ophthalmologist |
| Best Chiropractor | Best Photographer |
| Best Dentist | Best Real Estate Agent |
| Best Doctor | Best Veterinarian |
| Best Fitness Trainer | Best Waitstaff (Entire Staff) |
| Best Financial Advisor | |



Readers choice:
The Best of Gatesville is a consumer promotion sponsored by the Gatesville Messenger. Ballots will be published until Aug. 27 for you the reader to cast your vote, telling us what you think are the "Best of" in Gatesville.

Contest Rules:
1. One entry per person. Entries must be on original newspaper ballots, no machine copies will be counted. Ballots must be at least 50% completed. Name, address and phone number must be filled in to be counted. Multiple ballots that appear to be from the same person will not be counted.
2. Final decisions on ballots, categories and winning entries will be made by the Gatesville Messenger.
3. All entries must be received by 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2022. (A random drawing of entries will determine the \$50 winner.)

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Food & Drink

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|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
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| Best Bar/Tavern | Best Chicken | Best Italian Food | Best Snow Cone |
| Best BBQ | Best Chicken Fried Steak | Best Lunch Menu | Best Steak |
| Best Breakfast | Best Cup of Coffee | Best Mexican Food | Best Sushi |
| Best Burger | Best Desserts | Best Nutrition Drinks | Best Sweet Tea |
| | Best Donuts | Best Pizza | Best Taco |
| | Best Fast Food | Best Salad | |

Goods & Services

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| Best A/C-Heating Service | Best Dentist Office | Best Lawn & Landscape Service | Best Pre-Owned Car Dealership |
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| Best Apartments | Best Electrician | Best Manicure/Pedicure | Best Propane Company |
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| Best Auto Paint & Body | Best Feed Store | Best Medical Clinic | Best Resale Shop |
| Best Auto Repair Shop | Best Fencing Company | Best Music Lessons | Best Roofing Company |
| Best Bank | Best Fitness Facility | Best Mortgage Company | Best RV Park |
| Best Barber Shop | Best Florist | Best New Car Dealership | Best Spa |
| Best Bed and Breakfast | Best Funeral Home | Best Nursing Home | Best Storage Facility |
| Best Boat Repair Shop | Best Furniture Store | Best Oil Change | Best Tanning Salon |
| Best Car Wash | Best Grocery Store | Best Pest Control | Best Tire Store |
| Best Civic Organization | Best Gun Dealer | Best Pet Grooming | Best Title Company |
| Best Cleaning Service | Best Hair Salon | Best Pharmacy | Best Tractor/Lawn Equipment |
| Best Clothing Store | Best Hardware Store | Best Physical Therapy | Best Trash Service |
| Best Computer Repair | Best Home Health Agency | Best Place of Worship | Best Veterinary Clinic |
| Best Construction Company | Best Retirement/Assistant Living | Best Place to Buy Wine | Best Wedding/Event Venue |
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Genealogical Society to meet September 13

The Coryell County Genealogical Society's guest speaker for its Sept. 13 meeting will be Coryell County Clerk Jennifer Newton.

The program will cover the records available at the county clerk's office for family historians and genealogists. Basic records of birth,

death, and marriage are the backbone of genealogical and historical research, but there are many other county records that provide valuable information.

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

MOUND NEWS

Samuel Truett Belt left for Blinn College



BARBARA HOPSON
Mound News Correspondent

Mr. Samuel Truett Belt left Saturday, Aug. 13 to attend Blinn College in Brenham as a freshman. He will be competing on the livestock judging team. He is also attending his freshman International Student Orientation at Blinn College. Samuel is the son of Brandon and Kari Belt, his grandparents are Randy and Judy Belt, Kenneth and Nancy Dixon.

Little Mr. Benjamin Travis Hopson started his very first

year in Pre-K for the 2022-2023 school year at Trinity Baptist Church Preschool. Benjamin is the son of Paul and Rachel Hopson, and his grandparents are DeElva Grubb, David and Pam Hopson.

Several people of Mound attended the community-wide pep rally to "Meet the Hornets" Wednesday evening at the Tommy Davidson field at McKamie Stadium in Gatesville.

Kay Branham visited Monday afternoon with Sue Jones and Sterlin Shults.

Sunday, Jerry and Brenda Helms, Carolyn and Emma Blakley went to Burleson to meet Nell and Christy Helms for lunch to celebrate Nell's birthday.

Emma Blakley left Sunday to go back to College Station to start her second year at Texas A&M University.

Ray and John Stephens visited Sunday afternoon with Martha Ann Lawhorn.

Barrows Graduates from Baylor University

Baylor University in Waco recently announced its spring 2022 graduates. Graduation commenced on August 16 at the Ferrell Cen-

ter, where more than 3,000 Baylor University graduates received degrees. Conner Mathew Barrows of Jonesboro graduated from

the Louise Herrington School of Nursing with a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing. Baylor University's mission since 1854 is to educate stu-

dents for worldwide leadership and service by integrating academic excellence and Christian commitment within a caring community.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The JONESBORO ISD will hold a public meeting at 06:30 PM 08/30/2022 in JISD Library, 14909 S. St. Hwy 36

Jonesboro, TX **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

| | |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Maintenance Tax | \$ <u>0.942900</u> / \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations) |
| School Debt Service Tax | \$ <u>0.097000</u> / \$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness) |
| Approved by Local Voters | |

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

| | | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------|----|------------------------------|
| Maintenance and operations | <u>1</u> % increase | or | <u> </u> % (decrease) |
| Debt service | <u>0</u> % increase | or | <u> </u> % (decrease) |
| Total expenditures | <u>1</u> % increase | or | <u> </u> % (decrease) |

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Tax Code Section 26.04)

| | Preceding Tax Year | Current Tax Year |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Total appraised value* of all property | \$ <u>143,743,155</u> | \$ <u>161,365,370</u> |
| Total appraised value* of new property** | \$ <u>2,781,496</u> | \$ <u>3,944,950</u> |
| Total taxable value*** of all property | \$ <u>129,179,962</u> | \$ <u>151,471,598</u> |
| Total taxable value*** of new property** | \$ <u>2,701,955</u> | \$ <u>3,804,328</u> |

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(8).
** "New property" is defined by Tax Code Section 26.012(17).
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(10).

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 400,000

* Outstanding principal.

OBITUARIES

CHARLES "CHARLIE" DAVID COLLIER

Jan. 23, 1947 - Aug. 11, 2022



Charles "Charlie" David Collier, age 75, of Gatesville, passed peacefully at his home on Thursday, Aug. 11, 2022, with his wife, Nancy Barrington Collier, by his side.

Born Jan. 23, 1947, to Damon Ernest Collier and Ruth Josephine Collier, Charlie lived a full and warm life, filled with joy and a passion for sharing wisdom with others wherever he went.

Charlie never met a person he didn't like and make his friend. He will be fondly remembered and sorely missed

by so many.

A master electrician and very skilled at his trade, Charlie had a true passion for electrical and construction work.

An avid fisherman, Charlie loved nothing more than spending his time with family and friends on a lake or river somewhere idling away the day and "reeling them in."

Charlie was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Bonnie Volek.

Charlie is survived by his wife of 15 years, Nancy, the one true love of his life, his soulmate and best friend.

Charles is also survived by brothers, Carroll Collier, Kendall Collier and Cindy, and Ed and Linda Volek; children, Chad Collier and Lyndy Baker, Clint and Trudy Collier, Chandler Collier and Seth Grandberry; stepchildren, Andy and Laura Rice, Chad Smith and Krista Foster; 15 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; numerous cousins, nieces and nephews; and his friends, too numerous to list. He will be missed forever by all.

No services will be held at this time, but a celebration of his life will be hosted by Nancy at his Gatesville home, date and details to be announced at a later date.

CAROLYN ANN LEE IRISH

Dec. 24, 1943 - Aug. 12, 2022



Carolyn Ann Lee Irish, age 78, of Gatesville, went to be with The Lord in the comfort of her home on Friday, August 12, 2022.

Memorial services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, August 18, 2022, at Scott's Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev.

Larry Williams officiating.

Carolyn Ann Irish was born on Dec. 24, 1943, in Marlin. She was the daughter of the late Mike and Juanita Glidewell Kruse. She worked for the McLennan County Sheriff's Office from 1988 until her retirement in 2008. She loved her family, her dogs, sewing, woodwork and fishing.

She is survived by her daughter, Misty Yoakum Diserens and husband, Richard; sister, Lorraine Witske; grandchildren, Wyatt Smith and wife, Seanna, Brittany Diserens & Ben Rosas, Jacob Smith & Hannah Leonard, Landon Diserens and wife, Cassidy; seven great-grandchildren, Wade Smith, Evelyn Brewer, Twila Brewer, Nikolaz Brewer, Skylar Diserens, Raylen Diserens, Waylen Diserens; numerous nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews; and a very close friend, Ann Douga.

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Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

| | Maintenance & Operations | Interest & Sinking Fund* | Total | Local Revenue Per Student | State Revenue Per Student |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Last Year's Rate | \$ 0.960300 | \$ 0.097000 * | \$ 1.057300 | \$ 3,921 | \$ 9,862 |
| Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service | \$ 1.064100 | \$ 0.037800 * | \$ 1.101900 | \$ 4,874 | \$ 8,909 |
| Proposed Rate | \$ 0.942900 | \$ 0.097000 * | \$ 1.039900 | \$ 4,630 | \$ 9,027 |

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

| | Last Year | This Year |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Average Market Value of Residences | \$ 162,656 | \$ 180,635 |
| Average Taxable Value of Residences | \$ 130,721 | \$ 133,012 |
| Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value | \$ 1.057300 | \$ 1.039900 |
| Taxes Due on Average Residence | \$ 1,382 | \$ 1,383 |
| Increase (Decrease) in Taxes | | \$ 1 |

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.039900. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of 1.039900.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

| | |
|--|--------------|
| Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s) | \$ 4,205,784 |
| Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s) | \$ 193,338 |

A school district may not increase the district's maintenance and operations tax rate to create a surplus in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the purpose of paying the district's debt service.

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: Royce 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 Fuessel, 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

Praise God!



"If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ."
—1 Peter 4:11 NIV

There is something in us which wants and needs to praise God. There are times when our spirit just seems to overflow with joy and we simply can't help praising God. There are many ways that this can be done, and a variety of words which can express God's praise, but this seems to be a near universal sentiment. Most of the Psalms are hymns of praise, and throughout the Bible we are told repeatedly to praise God, even being told the seemingly paradoxical advice to praise and thank Him in all circumstances (1 Thessalonians 5:18). Psalm 150 exhorts everything which has breath to praise the Lord! And indeed, it sometimes seems that even the animals are praising the Lord. The animal kingdom seems to have something joyous imprinted in the very fiber of its being, for when we are moving and breathing and fulfilling our God-given functions there is something inherently joyful. So let all that you do be a praising of God, and remember that our primary purpose is to praise God.

— Christopher Simon

worship 10 a.m.

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- ▶ 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
- ▶ 1035 +/- acres, 3 Bedroom, 3.5 bath hunting lodge, 2 water wells, 118 acres of improved grasses, 9 stock tanks, good tree cover, great views with 300 ft of change in elevation, good fences \$11,385,000

099 PUBLIC NOTICES

NO. 22-10686
IN THE ESTATE OF
MARJORIE MAY ALETHA MITCHELL
A/K/A MARJORIE M. MITCHELL,
DECEASED
IN COUNTY COURT
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Marjorie May Aletha Mitchell a/k/a Marjorie M. Mitchell, Deceased, were issued on June 29, 2022, in Cause No. 22-10686, pending in the County Court of Coryell County, Texas, to: Kelly Mitchell. 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.

BAIRD, CREWS, SCHILLER & WHITAKER, P.C.
c/o: STEPHEN T. BRISCHKE
Attorney at Law
15 North Main Street
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DATED the 15th day of August, 2022.

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Fishing Report

Belton

GOOD. Water lightly stained; 85 degrees; 8.43 feet low. Fishing is similar but should improve as the weather moderates and the surface temperature begins to cool. White bass fishing continues to be very tough and difficult to pattern. Small schools are chasing the abundant young of the year shad in above the thermocline, occasionally showing themselves as they burst to the surface to feed on shad, then disappear again. Best chances are to look for brief topwater action at first light and last light, and anticipate this activity to be short-lived. MAL Original Lures work well when white bass are feeding on mature shad, but the #13 Pet Spoons cast on light braid or mono with a fully-spoiled spinning reel work well when fish are feeding on young of the year shad. Downrigging will produce bonus fish in the first three hours of the morning and the last 90 minutes of the day.

Stillhouse Hollow

GOOD. Water lightly stained; 85 degrees; 8.46 feet low. The white bass fishing on Stillhouse is strong, but technical. Quality sonar and the ability to read it are a must as fish are found in small tight schools at, or near, the bottom in up to 52 feet of water.



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Captains help lead the Hornet charge



Thiele Alvarado



Lucas Garcia



Kason Herbelin



Mason Mooney



Ayden Necessary



Trevor Smith

Six seniors, two juniors are counted on to set the tone

BY CHRIS ALLMAN
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

When the Gatesville Hornets take the field on Aug. 26 at Taylor, they will be led on the field by 14 returning starters from last year's playoff team.

In addition to carrying the load on the field, eight of those returners will be counted on to lead off the field as well as first-year head coach Aaron Hunter has named six seniors and two juniors his captains for 2022.

Seniors Lucas Garcia, Ayden Necessary, Mason Mooney, Thiele Alvarado, Kason Herbelin and Trevor Smith will be joined by juniors Lawson Mooney and Sean Aguilar as captains.

Lawson Mooney was a First Team All-District selection in 2021 after being named the District's Defen-

sive Newcomer of the Year in 2020. Alvarado and Smith were Second Team All-District selections in 2021.

LUCAS GARCIA

What coach Hunter says: "Probably the guy who has grown the most in the last year. He's a vocal and energetic leader."

What his teammates say: "Very energetic and never has a dull moment. Everyone has their ups and downs but he never seems to have downs. He's always doing what he can to pick others up." - Mason Mooney

AYDEN NECESSARY

What coach Hunter says: "Fighter. Just a kid that never gives up. More passionate about football than almost anyone I know."

What his teammates say: "Definitely a hard worker. He's just one of those people who does not back down and



Sean Aguilar

fights adversity" - Thiele Alvarado

MASON MOONEY

What coach Hunter says: "The best leader by example. People want to know what it means to be a Hornet? Watch Mason."



Lawson Mooney

What his teammates say: "Very energetic. Definitely one of our leaders on defense and always picks others up." - Lawson Mooney

THIELE ALVARADO

What coach Hunter says: "All around great person.

Great kid and player. Just a 'do right' guy. You'd let him marry your daughter."

What his teammates say: "Extremely motivated and has one of the best work ethics I have ever seen." - Trevor Smith

KASON HERBELIN

What coach Hunter says: "He's a fighter and the definition of 'On The Anvil.' He's just like Ayden in that he continues to show up and fight."

What his teammates say: "Great guy. Everyone trusts him and he's fun to be around and is an energetic leader." - Lucas Garcia

TREVOR SMITH

What coach Hunter says: "Enthusiastic kid that positively impacts everyone around him. Being around him lifts you up."

What his teammates say: "Leader by example defi-

nately. Hard worker and never lacks in effort. He speaks up and is just a great leader."

- Sean Aguilar

LAWSON MOONEY

What coach Hunter says: "Oh man. Just the guy you want in there with the game on the line. When it matters you want Lawson making the catch or making the tackle."

What his teammates say: "Outstanding. Always plays hard and is not soft. He will hit you hard and then he will let you know he hit you hard." - Kason Herbelin

SEAN AGUILAR

What coach Hunter says: "Fierce competitor. Dude will absolutely lose his mind if he loses."

What his teammates say: "Super competitive for sure. He's just the very model of a leader." - Ayden Necessary

Meet the Hornets



DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSANGER

HERE COME THE HORNETS: Members of the Gatesville High School football team walk onto the field as they are cheered on by GHS cheerleaders, Dazzlers and fans during Meet the Hornets and a community pep rally on Aug. 17 at Davidson Field at McKamie Stadium.

Coach pleased with 1st football scrimmage

BY CHRIS ALLMAN
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

Technically, there were no winners and losers in Gatesville's first scrimmage of the season against Caldwell and Academy on Aug. 13 but for first-year head coach Aaron Hunter, it goes in the books as a win for the Hornet program.

"Overall, I thought we did really well. Our kids played hard and played with a ton of energy and enthusiasm," Hunter said.

Against Caldwell, the Hornets were the dominant team on both sides of the ball. Offensively, the Hornets scored twice against an Academy that returns nine starters from an 11-2 team that advanced to the regional semi-finals in 2021.

For Hunter, it was about more than points and plays. "Coordinators are looking for holes to fill and mistakes to correct. Coordinators will tell you they are looking at the question marks. You'd much rather find those in the scrim-

mage because you don't want to put question marks on the field on opening night against Taylor," he said. "I'm looking at energy and effort as head coach. I'm looking at it from a program perspective."

For Hunter, who has preached excellence in the small details, the Aug. 13 effort showed his squad is moving in the right direction.

"We stretched right. We warmed up right. We had fun. And we hustled," he said. "As soon as Gatesville took the field, there was a ton of enthusiasm and support."

The Hornets played their final preseason scrimmage on Thursday, Aug. 18 against Fairfield at Lorena High School. They will open the regular season at Taylor at 7 p.m. on Aug. 26.

The first home game for the Hornets will be at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 2 against the Glen Rose Tigers, which is also Junior High Night. That will be followed by a pair of road trips, on Sept. 9 at McGregor and Sept. 16 at Mexia. The Hornets will host Godley on Sept. 23 before traveling to Mineral Wells Sept. 30.

GHS v-ball falls to Belton

The Gatesville Hornet volleyball team has spent plenty of time on the road this season before hosting the GHS Invitational Aug. 18-20, and on Aug. 16 the varsity fell to the Belton Lady Tigers 16-25, 21-25 and 22-25.

The Hornet junior varsity team won 2-1 over Belton, while the freshmen fell 0-2.

In the GHS Invitational, the Hornets were scheduled to play a trio of games in pool play Aug. 18, with a 9 a.m. clash with Lampasas followed by a noon contest with Llano and a 3 p.m. showdown with Jarrell.

Results were not available until after deadline and will be featured in an upcoming edition of The Messenger.

Other high schools participating in the tournament were Troy, Waco Reicher, McGregor, Waco Connally, Lubbock Monterrey, Killeen, La Vega and Rogers.

The junior varsity and freshmen teams were also set to play in the tournament.