



Gatesville water rate hike recommended

BY JEFF OSBORNE
SENIOR WRITER AND EDITOR

In order to meet maintenance requirements and continue to provide the same level of service, a consultant is recommending the city of Gatesville raise water rates and also restructure its tiers so that customers who use more water and have larger meters pay more.

The Gatesville City Council heard the recommendations and reasons why a rate increase is needed during its Aug. 16 meet-

ing. Chris Ekrut, chief financial officer for NewGen Strategies, said the city would be in a financial hole in the next few years if the Council did not take action soon. If the Council approves the rates at an upcoming meeting, the cost increase would go into effect for residential and commercial customers of Gatesville water in April 2023. The Texas Department of Criminal Justice would begin paying a higher rate in October.

Gatesville City Manager Bill Parry said the city reviews its rates every two years to deter-

mine if the fee charged is adequate to cover the cost of providing services. He said every five years, the city uses a consultant to review its rates. Gatesville previously had NewGen review the rates in 2018.

"To be successful, revenues have to match or exceed expenses or you're under water — no pun intended," Ekrut told the Council. He said the water department is a business and "you have to reinvest in the business (by maintaining equipment) so you can continue to be in business providing services in the

future."

If the recommended rate is approved, the average home with a three-quarter inch line and using 5,000 gallons a month for water and sewer would pay \$71.45 per month — up from the current rate of \$64.75. For water, the current bill is \$36.75 and would increase to \$40.56. For wastewater, the current bill of \$28 would rise to \$30.89.

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Dedication to GISD recognized



JEFF OSBORNE | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Gatesville ISD Superintendent Barrett Pollard stands with Charolett and Weldon Chambers, who were recognized for their service to the district.

Even in retirement, couple serves Gatesville school district

BY JEFF OSBORNE
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

Weldon and Charolett Chambers may not live in Gatesville — or even Coryell County — but their commitment to doing their best for local students is why the Gatesville Independent School District honored the couple during the Staff Spotlight portion of the Aug. 15 school board meeting.

Weldon retired from his job of teaching at GISD in June 2015 after working 27 years as an educator, including 19 in Gatesville. Charolett spent the last four years as an educator as a behavior specialist at Gatesville Intermediate School.

However, retirement did not mean the end of their service with GISD. Both have continued to work as bus drivers for the district.

According to the information packet given to board members, "A bus driver's day starts very early, especially when you have to drive in from another town (Belton). That shows the dedication and commit-

ment Weldon and Charolett have for this community and our students."

A year ago, Charolett faced a much greater challenge. She missed 88 days of work starting Aug. 10 with a severe case of COVID-19, which was a life-threatening illness for her. Weldon posted daily updates on Facebook and united several people in prayer for her recovery.

GISD Superintendent Barrett Pollard said it was a "great testament to their strong Christian faith."

"Every church had me on their prayer list," said Charolett, "and those prayers were answered. Grace to God, I had two angels visit me when I was down." She said she was told it wasn't her time to die.

"She made a miraculous recovery," Pollard said. He joked that "as soon as she was off life support, we got her back on the bus."

Charolett was able to return to work Jan. 3, which the board packet referred to as "another testament to Charolett and Weldon's work ethic and loyalty to the students and families of Gatesville."

Reduced tax rate proposed for county

BY JEFF OSBORNE
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

While property values continue to rise, meaning local residents will pay more taxes, the Coryell County Commissioners Court is proposing to lower the rate to help ease the burden on taxpayers.

The proposed tax rate for the 2023 fiscal year is 39.994 cents per \$100 valuation.

"That would cut 8.316 cents from the current tax rate," said Coryell County Judge Roger Miller. "This would in fact cover all expenses proposed in the budget" while also leaving the county with a strong, healthy reserve fund, he said.

Because of property values, there will be an anticipated 5.7% increase in the county's general fund compared with the previous year.

The reserve fund balance also contains more than \$1 million in American Recovery Plan Act funds which the federal government has allotted to help local governments facing extra expenses from disaster recovery efforts.

"I believe this would be the largest tax rate cut in the history of Coryell County," Miller said.

"At the end of the day, it's a great tax rate we're proposing," said Commissioner Scott Weddle.

Of the proposed tax rate, 37.624 cents would cover maintenance and operations, which are the day-to-day expenses for the county — including salaries. A total of 2.37 cents is set aside for the interest and sinking fund, which covers longer term debts for the county — usually rated to facilities.

The commissioners court also voted to continue collecting an additional \$10 fee from its residents to help cover maintenance costs incurred by the county road and bridge department.

More detailed information on the county budget and proposed tax rate can be found online on Coryell County's website, www.coryellcounty.org under the subhead "Notice of 2022 Tax Rate."



Gatesville legend, philanthropist Charlie Wise dies

BY DAVID SCOTT
STAFF WRITER

Charlie Wise was named Gatesville Lions Club Lion of the Year in June, and was renowned for his leadership, strong faith and dedication to supporting many charity organizations and community members.

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Charlie Wise, a well-known and respected citizen of Gatesville, passed away on Friday, Aug. 19 at the age of 94. Wise was well known for his philanthropy, good deeds, strong faith, and his hard work. He was born in Coryell City in 1928, attended school in Arnett and Waco and would eventually graduate from Baylor University in 1955. Wise and his wife, Mary Alice, and their two children, Charles Ross and Kathy, returned to his hometown area of Gatesville in 1968 where Wise joined the leadership of Medical Plastics Laboratory. Charlie and his wife have been charter members of Trinity Baptist Church since 1976 and have helped literally thousands of people in the community.

For more information about Wise, please read his obituary located on page A5.

Coaches help set tone for success at Gatesville High



SE'VETTE EARLY | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Coach Aaron Hunter, third from left, and the GHS coaching staff focus on leading by example.

Making a positive impact is important to GHS head football coach Aaron Hunter, staff

BY SE'VETTE EARLY
STAFF WRITER

As members of the athletic department at Gatesville ISD, head football coach Aaron Hunter and his staff members understand the importance of setting an excellent example for the GISD student-athletes in everything they do.

"We are teachers before we are coaches, and we firmly believe coaches have the opportunity to positively impact just as many students in the classroom as they do on the field," he said. "Dressing professionally is just a small way that we

"Eyes are always watching us, and we must practice what we preach."

Aaron Hunter

can help set the tone of how important education is and that, ultimately, education will always take you further than your athletic ability will."

The administration at Gatesville ISD is very supportive of

athletics, and coach Hunter said that he and his staff must do their part to help make the whole campus successful. He and his coaches do that by always talking with their athletes about how they represent something bigger than themselves.

"We as coaches have to have the same mentality, eyes are always watching us, and we must practice what we preach," he said.

Hunter said the coaches strive daily to positively impact those around them, and that their appearance and body language are a big part of that.

WATER

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Ekrut said if a rate increase is not approved, "financial performance is projected to be insufficient through (fiscal year) 2027." He said the "key driver is needed capital investment and inflation."

Without a rate increase, the city would not meet the 25% reserve requirement for the 2025-2027 fiscal years and would have to dip into reserves to cover a projected \$3.3 million revenue shortfall. A negative fund balance would be anticipated by the 2027 fiscal year.

To maintain and upgrade equipment, an estimated \$9.5 million in capital improvements has been proposed over the next five years. In order not to overburden local residents with even larger rate increases, city leaders anticipate having to fund some of these improvements through debt.

NewGen has also recommended a tiered structure in which higher rates would be charged for customers who use more water — or have a larger meter that can accommodate more water use.

"We recommend the more you use, the more you pay," Ekrut said. "Ideally, we are trying to encourage conservation. Water is a limited resource."

Rate increases have also been recommended for the following two fiscal years.

"The good news is as we look out — if we can get through this push — rates will moderate, but there's a little bit of a hill to climb," Ekrut said.

Although a vote on the rate increase will take place at a future meeting, Mayor Gary Chumley talked about the importance of maintaining the water system properly.

"If we don't do anything, we'll end up like Marlin and Groesbeck and wake up without any water."

Fort Hood hosts U.S. Army Forces Command Best Squad competition

FORT HOOD - U.S. Army Forces Command held the Army's inaugural "Best Squad Competition" at the FORSCOM level here August 15-19 as nine of the Army's most formidable squads competed from around the country.

The squads competed in various challenging events all over Fort Hood, testing their physical and mental toughness and ability to work as a team. The squads have been in competition for months at local level competitions. The winner competes at the Department of the Army level in September.

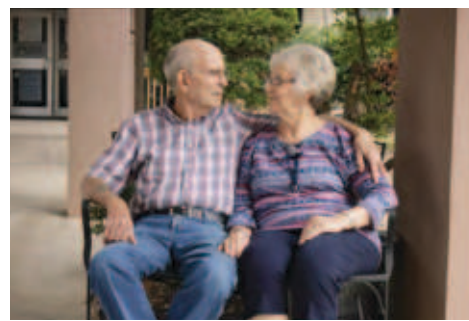
"By the time the squads get to the Army level, we know they're tactically sound," said Sgt. Maj. of the Army Michael Grinston earlier this year when announcing the competition. "So, we're going to challenge them in ways maybe they haven't been challenged before, see how they respond when they're stressed in other ways."

Competing from III Armored Corps and Fort Hood were the 89th Military Police Brigade.



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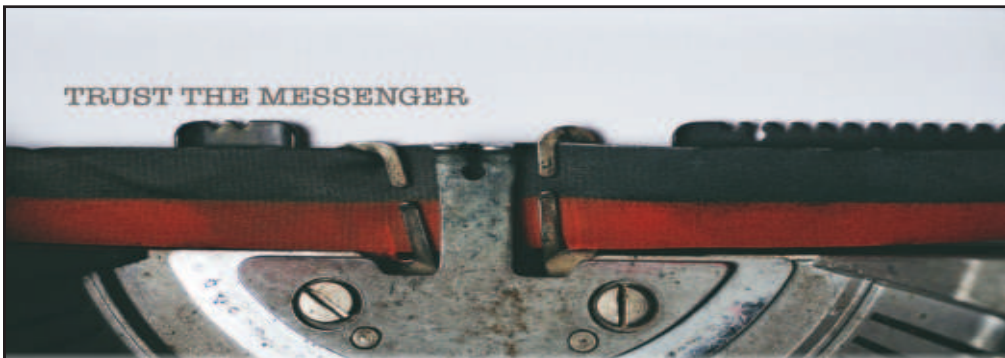


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FROM MY FRONT PORCH

Surprise: Daydream of Oreo cookie bliss tragically turns into story of shock and woe



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

The other day I stopped by the neighborhood grocery store. My wife, Teresa, does our day-to-day grocery shopping but every now and then, I enjoy going to the store and picking up a few things. I shopped around and selected snacks I wanted to take to the office. Many times, I work through lunch, and I like to keep some yogurt, fruit or some other snack on hand in case I get hungry.

I was ready to check out when I thought it would be good idea to call my wife and see if she needed anything before I headed home. No matter how good a shopper you are, things get forgotten, so I thought maybe my call might save her a trip to the store. Teresa responded she was good, except if I saw Oreo cookies, to pick some up. The shelves were empty of Oreos on her recent trip to the grocery and I learned our four-year-old granddaughter had quite the passion for them.

Upon hearing the word, "Oreo" my mind started to drift back to my youth. Oh, how I loved having a big stack of Oreos sitting in front of me with an ice-cold glass of milk strategically placed in the middle of the plate. I had mastered a technique where I would place the Oreo between my thumb and index finger and dunk the tasty treat beneath the surface of the milk for almost 40 seconds. This would allow the cookie to absorb a significant quantity of milk, thus softening its texture to the point of nearly falling apart. At the end of 40 seconds, I would lean over, toss the cookie in my mouth, and allow it to dissolve. It did not require chewing. One could simply savor the deliciousness and wash down the residue with a taste of cold milk.

Even as an adult there have been times when I would buy Oreos and spend the next couple of nights devour-

ing cookies. I don't think I had purchased Oreos in the nearly four years of our marriage, but on that day, I loved the thought of it. I cruised the aisles of the store, found a bag of the legendary deliciousness, included a half gallon of milk to my purchase inventory, and checked out. I was very pleased I was getting some cookies my granddaughter would like, but frankly, my tastebuds were more focused on dining self-gratification. It had been a long time since I had eaten an Oreo.

My wife kept the granddaughter the next day, and they had a big time. They played games at the house, did art projects and then later went to the pool. Sometime during this process, Harper managed to get into the bag of Oreos. Mind you, at least in part, I did purchase them for her to enjoy.

That night I came home late from work and was pooped from a long and arduous day. We ate dinner and watched TV, and then my sweet tooth hit. Oh yeah, I had forgotten I had purchased Oreos and some milk the day before. Comfort food for sure! I walked into the kitchen, got a plate and a glass of milk, and reached in the Oreo bag to retrieve four or five cookies. Boy oh boy this was going to be satisfying!

I walked into the living room, sat down, looked down at my plate with keen anticipation, when I noticed something was terribly wrong! The Oreos did not look right. They were somehow thinner. Could this be the result of a change in the manufacturing process? Was it an attempt to alter a legendary product in the hopes of adding a few dollars to the bottom line? How could the company modify a legend like Oreos for the sake of profits? I then looked closer.

There was no icing in any of the cookies I had taken out of the bag. It had been licked off the cookie as precisely as if the work were done by a Swiss watch maker repairing a Rolex. Once the icing had been removed, the two cookie halves were stuck back together and evidently placed back in the cookie bag with a uniformity that no machine could match.

I had been fleeced! I believe in recycling, but not with my Oreos! Heavens knows my waistline didn't need them anyway. I had been hornswoogled by a four-year-old and I have a feeling it won't be the last time she gets the better of me.

Thought for the day: Cleaning your home while your kids are still growing up is a lot like shoveling the sidewalk when it is still snowing. Until next time.

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DEMENTIA WORKSHOP



DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Coryell Health RehabLiving at The Meadows recently hosted a "Living with Dementia" workshop at the Gatesville Civic Center. The guest speaker was dementia expert Tam Cummings, a PhD, who is a gerontologist dedicated to untangling the complexities of dementia. Dr. Cummings related to those in attendance that her mission is to inspire, educate and empower dementia caregivers.

The DISPATCH

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of August 18 - 20. 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 911, 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. 18**
2:31 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of N. 28th Street.
1:18 p.m., a theft was reported in the 400 block of 14th Street.
4:11 p.m., animal cruelty was reported in the 100 block of S. 34th Street.
6:40 p.m., an accident was reported in the 7000 block of N. State Highway 36.
8:22 p.m., a threat was reported in the 500 block of Bridge Street.
10:26 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 400 block of Park Street.
- Aug. 19**
2:37 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of S. State Highway 36 Bypass.
2:39 p.m., a fight was reported in the 100 block of Airport Road.
5:59 p.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 200 block of Oak Ridge Road.
7:14 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 2200 block of Bridge Street.

- 8:46 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2300 block of Business Highway 36.
11:59 p.m., a threat was reported in the 200 block of CR 330.
- Aug. 20**
12:02 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 700 block of E. Leon Street.
7:10 a.m., a disturbance was reported in the 2500 block of E. FM 931.
10:46 a.m., a theft was reported in the 200 block of Carroll Drive.
11:51 a.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 800 block of S. 7th Street.

- 1:02 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 400 block of S. 7th Street.
2:34 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 11000 block of N. State Highway 36.

CORYELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

- Aug. 18**
3:12 p.m., a grass fire was reported on Hwy. 36 at North Fort Hood.
3:18 p.m., animal neglect was reported in the 600 block of Dove Lane.
6:02 p.m., a stranded motorist was reported on FM 116 at Shell Mountain.
6:48 p.m., a minor accident was reported on Hwy. 36 at CR 196.
8:39 p.m., a dog bite was reported in the 800 block of Bluestem Drive.
9:20 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on W. Highway 84.
- Aug. 19**
7:56 a.m., a minor accident was reported on FM 2955 and N. Highway 36.
8:29 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported on FM

- 2412 and CR 174.
10:32 a.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 500 block of Casa Del Rancho Road.
4:52 p.m., a dog bite was reported in the 500 block of E. Brooks Drive.
6:21 p.m., illegal burning was reported on CR 142.
8:54 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on FM 2412 near CR 174.
- Aug. 20**
12:05 a.m., a threat was reported in the 200 block of CR 330.
7:14 a.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 2500 block of E. FM 931.
10:41 a.m., a civil matter was reported in the 4800 block of S. Hwy. 36.
2:49 p.m., an assault was reported in the 100 block of Hay Valley Road.
10:25 p.m., deadly conduct was reported in the 800 block of Cactus Lane.
11:13 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 1700 block of Fort Panic Road.

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Coryell County producers urged to consider risk coverage before deadlines

The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds producers to review available USDA crop risk protection options, including federal crop insurance and Noninsured Crop Disaster Assis-

tance Program (NAP) coverage.

Federal crop insurance covers crop losses from natural adversities such as drought, hail, and excessive moisture. NAP covers losses from natural disasters on crops for which no permanent federal crop insurance program is available, including perennial grass forage and grazing crops, fruits, vegetables, mushrooms, floriculture, ornamental nursery, aquaculture, turf grass, ginseng, honey, syrup, bio-energy, and industrial crops.

The deadline to purchase a NAP policy for 2023 small grains for haying and grazing is Sept. 1, 2022, and the deadline for 2023 grasses and mixed forages for haying and grazing is Dec. 1, 2022.

The USDA has partnered

with Michigan State University and the University of Illinois to create an online tool at www.fsa.usda.gov/nap that allows producers to determine whether their crops are eligible for federal crop insurance or NAP and to explore the best level of protection for their operation.

NAP basic coverage is available at 55 percent of the average market price for crop losses that exceed 50 percent of expected production, with higher levels of coverage, up to 65 percent of their expected production at 100 percent of the average market price available, including coverage for organics and crops marketed directly to consumers. Crops intended for grazing are not eligible for additional NAP coverage.

Federal crop insurance coverage is sold and delivered solely through private insurance agents. Agent lists are available at all USDA Service Centers or at USDA's online Agent Locator: <http://prodwebnlb.rma.usda.gov/apps/AgentLocator/#>. Producers can use the USDA Cost Estimator, <https://ewebapp.rma.usda.gov/apps/costestimator/Default.aspx>, to predict insurance premium costs.

For more information on NAP, service fees, premiums and sales deadlines, contact the Coryell County FSA office at 254-865-7012 or visit the web at www.fsa.usda.gov/nap.

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OBITUARIES

CINDY ELAINE GORDON

Oct. 23, 1955 - Aug. 15, 2022



Cindy Elaine Gordon, age 66, of Purmela, passed away peacefully in her sleep on Monday, August 15, 2022. Funeral services were held Tuesday at her home in Purmela. Pastor Wray Nunn, a longtime family friend, officiated her service. Food and fellowship were provided at the Pearl Community Center in Pearl by some of her Evant kiddos Nolan Sanders, Clayton and Stephanie Landua and Ashley Erwin.

Cindy Elaine Gordon was born October 23, 1955, in

Houston to the late Bobby Fears and Annie Pearson. She loved plants and working in her yard. Her heart was pure and full of love. She loved watching football with her kids and grandkids and cheering for their teams. Where they were you could surely find her. Her children and their families were the loves of her life. She never lost her faith in God, but she was ready to go and meet Jesus.

She is survived by her five children Amy Paul and husband, Jason, Caroline Paxton and boyfriend, Shawn, Travis Cox, Daniel Cox and girlfriend, Gracie Cantwell, and Andrew Gordon Jr. and wife, Ashley. She is also survived by her siblings Gaylen Henson, Katy Henline and husband, Robert, Tammy Strickland, Jason Lee, Bobby Fears Jr. and wife, Sandy, Debbie Clayburg and husband, Kenny, Becky Reynolds, and Richard Reynolds. She also leaves behind many nieces and nephews, her Aunt Neeter Lum, several others she called her own and many dear friends. She will surely be missed by many.

GLENDA MURRAY

April 3, 1935 - Aug. 15, 2022



Glenda Murray, age 87, of Austin, formerly of Gatesville, passed away on Monday, August 15, 2022, in Austin.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, August 19, 2022, at Scott's Funeral Home Chapel, with Minister Loyd Hall officiating. Interment followed at Restland Cemetery.

Glenda Roberts Murray was born on April 3, 1935, in Coryell County, to the late

Ross and Thelma Vesta Culp Roberts. She attended Gatesville High School where she played the timpani drums and was Secretary for the Senior Class of 1955. While at North Texas State University in Denton, a friend of Glenda's set her up on a blind date with Max Murray, who was also attending the university and had recently returned from the Navy. Glenda stood him up, but eventually, Max won Glenda's heart. On March 5, 1955, they married at Max's mother's home, Maude Murray, in Denton. She was a member of the Gatesville Church of Christ.

Glenda is survived by her husband, Max Murray; four children, Grayson Nelson, Cameron Hardman, Craig Murray, Heather Mueller; sister, Mary Lou Reed; grandchildren, Eric Noff, Callie Schmidbauer, Corrine Murray, Katelyn Mueller, Cassandra Murray, Emilee Mueller and Corbin Murray; great-grandchildren, Rowan Schmidbauer and Fallon Schmidbauer.

FRANCES SPENCE

Feb. 2, 1932 - Aug. 17, 2022



Frances Spence, age 90, of Gatesville, passed away on Wednesday, August 17, 2022.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, August 24, 2022, at King Baptist Church, with Rev. Charles McKamie officiating. Interment will follow at King Cemetery.

Lennie Frances Spence was born on February 2, 1932, in the Slater community of Coryell County to the late Roy and Lula Wittie Stovall. She grew up in the Slater and King communities and went to school in Pearl and Gatesville, graduating from Gatesville High School in 1949. She married Grady H. Spence on August 31, 1947, at her home. She started working at Medical Plastics Laboratory in 1969 and

worked there for 44 years and twenty-two days, retiring from Laerdal in 2013 at the age of 81. She was baptized in the Cowhouse Creek at the age of eight years old at King Baptist Church. She remained a member of King Baptist Church for many years and was currently a member at Eastwood Baptist Church. She was a member of the Quilting Club in Gatesville, that met at the members' homes. She was a former Den Mother for the Cub Scouts and she enjoyed cooking, gardening, canning, sewing, and crocheting.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Grady H. Spence, Sr. in 2008; brother, Clyde Alexander Stovall in 1931; sister, Kathryn Mosley in 2022; grandson, Christopher Alexander Patrick in 2009; and a daughter-in-law, Sandy Spence in 2018.

Frances is survived by her son, Grady H. Spence, Jr.; daughter, Luanna Gayle Gossett and husband, Johnny; grandson, Jonathan Andrew Patrick; great-grandson, Aidan Lane Patrick; adopted grandson, Michael Moore and wife, Sharitta; aunt, Grace Stovall; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, the family has designated memorials be made to the King Cemetery Association or King Baptist Church, c/o 601 CR 135, Gatesville, TX 76528.

RICHARD 'DICK' MCCLENDON

Dec. 10, 1928 - July 8, 2021



Richard 'Dick' McClendon was born December 10, 1928, to Roland 'Dad' and Bertha McClendon in Turnersville, Texas. He died in Santa Barbara County, California July 8, 2021. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. in Turnersville at the Turnersville Community Center on August 25, 2022. He preferred that his ashes be tossed into the ocean because he did not want to be any trouble for anyone. He was born and raised on the Foote Ranch in Texas. He was respected by everyone who ever knew him.

As a farm boy, growing up during the depression, Dick was working the same as all farm children, sun up to sun down, missing school to pick cotton or working in the grain fields. He did play on some Sunday afternoons with nearby school friends. But, when they were young teens, he was working at the thrashing machine, driving a tractor, hauling hay, whatever needed to be done because all the older men had gone away to fight a war. He was voted most popular student his senior year as well as football and basketball captain under Virgil Jones, coach, and superintendent. He attended Tarleton State College in 1947 before joining the U.S. Navy. Dick volunteered in December 1948 for his military service and served on one of the first aircraft carriers which flew jet airplanes. Richard Tucker McClendon was Honorably Discharged from the U.S. Navy as an aviation electrician in March 1952 in San Diego, California. The U.S. Commander of the Air Force of the Pacific Fleet recommended McClendon

for Reenlistment as well as a Good Conduct Medal. After his discharge he worked for Chance Vought in Dallas for a year before moving several times and ending up in California where he was employed by Lockheed Martin at the Vandenberg Air Force Base on the Missile Launching Tracking Team. He met Jeanette Krause, his forever sweetheart at a dance in California. They were married on July 31, 1954, bought a home in Lompoc and lived there for the rest of their lives. However, he traveled to many locations worldwide in his career. He and Jeanette were living in New Mexico when he worked with the team on the lunar landing module.

He was employed for work with the National Aeronautics and Space Scout Program from 1960 to 1980. He was awarded a watch by Vought Corporation in 1977 for his 25 years of service from 1952-1977. The McClendons lived a very frugal and simple lifestyle. Their newest car was a 1976 Chevrolet which may still be in the driveway on Daisy Street in Lompoc. He worked until 1994 and retired as a Foreman. He and Jeanette were both treated for a work-related illness for many years. Jeanette died in 2019 and her ashes were tossed into the sea at that time.

Some McClendon family members had nicknames, and some did not. Jeanette was simply called Jay. Roland was always known as 'Dad' even as a child; Richard Tucker and H.N., his younger brother, were known by their school friends as Dick and Henry. Professionally, Dick was recognized as R. T. McClendon. His work friends called him "Mac".

Dick had three sisters and three brothers. Syble, Ralph, Bertha Marie, and Rollene predeceased Richard. All are buried in the Turnersville Cemetery except Bertha Marie Bibb Roam who was buried in Selma, California in 2020. Three of his nephews died at a very young age. Two sisters-in-law died earlier as well as two brothers-in-law.

Dick is survived by his brother, Eugene McClendon of Amarillo and twenty nieces and nephews.

HENRY MCCLENDON

June 8, 1931 - Aug. 15, 2022



Henry McClendon, age 91, of Gatesville, passed away on Monday, August 15, in Waco.

Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, August 25, at Turnersville Community Tabernacle. Interment will follow at Turnersville Cemetery.

H. N. McClendon was born on a ranch in Coryell County near the Bosque and Hamilton County line on June 8, 1931. His family moved to a farm two miles south of their home in 1940, where his neighbors were the Smith, Cathey and Pruitt families. He worked as a farm laborer with his family until 1955. He graduated from Turnersville High School in 1949. He was very athletic and participated in all sports. He was basketball captain in 1948, and his classmates called him "Henry" through most of his school years. His father, R.

M. "Dad" McClendon passed away in May 1950. The McClendons had purchased the Tharp Lone Tree Place near the town of Turnersville in 1948. Henry was not accepted by the military when he volunteered at age 18, most likely because his mother and brother needed him to help operate the farm. When the farm note was paid off, Henry decided to move to the city. He met and married Helen Harris in 1955. Henry was hired by Standard Oil Company in 1957 and delivered gasoline. He was promoted to dispatcher and retired after 31 years of service from Exxon in 1989.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen Joyce McClendon on May 10, 2015; brothers and sisters, Syble, Ralph, Roland, Bertha Marie and Dick.

Henry is survived by three children, Carl McClendon and wife, Patti, Steve McClendon and wife, Shannon, Deana McClendon; brother, Eugene McClendon; eight grandchildren, Michelle Blalack, Mark Blalack, Jason McClendon, Drew McClendon, Whitney Wesser, Chase McClendon, Rachel Shirey and Brent McClendon; twelve great-grandchildren; six great-great grandchildren; nephews, John and Fred Mayberry, Richard, Helen Jean, Roy and Ruth Ann, Roland and Doug Bibb and Larry Fickland.

Memorials may be made to the Turnersville Community Center, P.O. Box 701, Gatesville, TX 76528.

LORETTA ANN BAILEY MOORE

Aug. 1, 1938 - Aug. 11, 2022



Loretta Ann Bailey Moore passed away on Thursday, August 11, 2022, at her home in Gatesville. A memorial service is scheduled for Sunday, September 4, 2022, at 1 p.m. at Levita Baptist Church.

Loretta was born August 1, 1938, in San Antonio, to Henry Ford Bailey and Frankie Regina Bell Bailey. She lived and worked in the Houston area for many years and on June 11, 1959, she married Raymond Eugene

Moore.

Loretta loved the outdoors and would go fishing and hunting with Gene; they especially enjoyed saltwater fishing together. She and Gene had several dogs over the years that they loved. Loretta's little Chihuahua, "Peanut" will truly miss her.

She was preceded in death by her parents; all of her siblings; and her beloved husband, Gene, who passed in 2008.

Loretta is survived by her son, Raymond E. Moore, Jr. and wife, Marleen, of Purmela and a grandson, Clifton Cade Moore and his family.

Loretta's family would like to thank Jeanetta Millsap and Bill Wessels for their help through the years and a special thank-you to the nurses and doctors at Bluebonnet Hospice.

Memorials may be made in lieu of flowers to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, P.O. Box 1890, Amarillo, TX, 79174, www.calfarley.com.

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.

Golf Scramble to be held 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.

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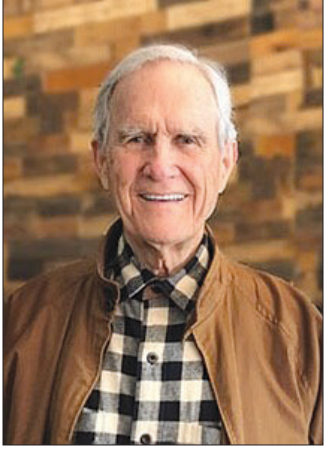
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OBITUARIES

CHARLES DANIEL WISE

Feb. 13, 1928 - Aug. 19, 2022



Charles Daniel Wise was born Feb. 13, 1928, in Coryell City, and lived on earth until Aug. 19, 2022, when he died in Gatesville from the impacts of pancreatic cancer.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 26, at Trinity Baptist Church, 1506 W. Main St., Gatesville, with Rev. Tim Crosby and Rev. James Pool officiating. Interment will follow at Restland Cemetery in Gatesville. The family will receive visitors from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 25 at Scott's Funeral Home, 2425 E. Main St., Gatesville.

Charles attended a four-room schoolhouse in Arnett. His earliest job was caddy at Gatesville Golf Course where his grandfather, Daniel Webster Davis, was caretaker along with his wife Lula Mae Davis. He completed eighth grade at West Avenue Junior High in Waco and delivered prescriptions for the drug store then located at N. 15th and Colcord. He dropped out of school and moved to Fort Worth to help support his father by working at Carshon's Meat Market and Deli.

Two days after turning 17 years old, Charles enlisted in the U.S. Navy during World War II, serving seven years on supply/personnel ships in the Pacific Ocean and during the invasion of Korea. He noticed that a few differences between himself and the Naval officers were education and social graces and requested that his mother send him a dictionary and book on

etiquette. As an eyewitness to atomic bomb tests in the Bikini Islands, he noted, "Everybody was scared and apprehensive. We were issued special sunglasses to wear during the test. The test area was filled with abandoned boats captured from the war enemies. Later we boarded those ships with Geiger counters to assess various items placed there as experiments for testing the effects of radiation." Observing the traumatic impact of the Korean invasion as the front-line soldiers rotated back through his ship stationed in the port, Charles took an account of his life and began to consider what changes needed to take place.

Charles finished his GED, enrolled in 1951 at Baylor University through the G.I. Bill and on academic probation, and received a B.A. in Business with minors in English, psychology and speech. Baylor was a meaningful part of his life. He accepted Jesus Christ as his savior during his college years. "Becoming a Christian was like coming out of a long dark tunnel into the sunlight. I woke up the next morning with hope for the first time in my life, filled with gratitude." He and Mary Alice met three months later in geology class. "I thought she was one of the prettiest girls I had ever met. But even more so I saw in her the love and happiness from knowing Jesus."

He served in student government and as student body president. As an alumnus, he enjoyed years of service on the Development Council, Board of Regents, and Diana R. Garland School of Social Work's Board of Advocates. He learned a lot from Baylor about raising donations back in the early days: "When the need is money let that need be known to donors, and proceed cautiously with offers of portraits, oil leases, antiques, etc. that may have other hidden contingencies." Baylor sports events led to many fun outings with family and friends no matter the outcome of the score. Charles and Mary Alice were honored with the Founders Medal

from Baylor in 2011.

Charles contemplated vocations in ministry, politics or business, and he and Mary Alice decided the most effective way for them to serve was as Christian citizens wherever they lived. After a brief stop in Houston, his first major job after Baylor was on the sales management team of Upjohn Pharmaceutical where he and the family were based out of San Antonio, Temple, and Fort Worth. His rookie sales year included introducing an innovative-at-the-time insulin tablet and building relationships with the Hispanic doctors of the San Antonio area. He also taught the Dale Carnegie course. For the duration of his life, he put into practice one of Carnegie's quotes: "Remember that a person's name is to that person the sweetest and most important sound in any language" because it embodied respect for and acceptance of others.

1968 brought several changes including moving to his hometown area of Gatesville and joining the leadership of Medical Plastics Laboratory (later bought out by Laerdal), a company that produces health education models. This move was a bit of a full circle for Charlie as MPL was started by Drs. Wendall and Elworth Lowrey (along with Dr. Tom Williams and Price Neeley) and it was their father, the elder Dr. Lowrey, who had given the original land for the golf course where Charlie had first worked. Though business trips allowed Charlie and Mary to visit many places around the globe, the more satisfying part of the work at MPL was engaging with the employee team to provide excellent products and create jobs to highlight the gifts and skills of those choosing to live in Gatesville. He enjoyed serving in the community through the Lions Club, Coryell Memorial Hospital and Foundation boards, Gatesville Chamber of Commerce, and Gatesville ISD school board. He was honored as "Gatesville Citizen of the Year," "Lion of the Year," and "Humanitarian of the Year

- Gatesville Black History Awards."

Being a part of the body of Christ as expressed through the local church was an essential part of Charlie's faith development and practice: learning about hospitality and Rotel cheese dip from the Leuschner sisters' Sunday night fellowships at Seventh and James Baptist (Waco) during the Baylor years; finding life-long community with the "Unfamily" and becoming a deacon at Manor Baptist (San Antonio); teaching and serving at Memorial Baptist (Temple), University Baptist (Ft. Worth), and First Baptist (Gatesville). An especially meaningful part of Charlie's life was being involved in Trinity Baptist Church (Gatesville) from the beginning (1976) to present. Trinity's motto is "a church that cares" and Charlie experienced the mutual love of caring relationships through bus ministry, prison ministry, Sunday School, and service in the Gatesville area.

Favorite memories include: "closing the office" (especially during retirement) each week to go with Mary Alice on little day trips to eat a meal, see a movie, run errands or visit with family/friends; train/road trips and supportive discussions with Charles Ross; vacations at Trapp Family Lodge; hiking in Vermont with Kathy and friends; hymn singing at gatherings of family/friends; early morning jogging/walking from age 43 to 93; early Sunday mornings with the bus team; and personal Bible study and his love for preparing to teach weekly Sunday School.

Generosity was a theme observed in Charlie's life. He never forgot what it was like to grow up with very little in terms of material possessions. He recognized that "every good and perfect gift comes from above" (James 1:17) and believed that stewardship and generosity are vital parts of the Christian faith. Charlie looked for opportunities to live out James 1:27: "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their

distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world." He took to heart this challenge and calling to engage personally over and above monetary giving: "You say you love the poor, but do you know their names?"

"Since I became an adult, I thought that execution was a correct outcome for a murderer. But my wife had started volunteering at death row for women in Gatesville in the 1980s, and I joined her after my retirement from MPL in 1997. We sat around the table with these inmates, studying the Bible, singing praise songs, holding hands for prayer.

These were people who had done horrible crimes. Many of them were executed, and we had the sobering privilege of sitting with Frances Newton in Huntsville in the hours before her execution. My attitude about the death penalty completely changed. As I looked around the table, God impressed on me that death row was not necessary. These were not mean, evil people and often were there because of the impact of poverty, early life trauma and little access to adequate legal counsel.

The Innocence Project has many helpful statistics regarding people who are unfairly sentenced. In getting to know these ladies and other inmates, we also learned how important family visits are to inmate rehabilitation and reduced recidivism. Along with numerous churches and individuals in our area, we helped with and got to witness the miracles of the formation of Central Texas Hospitality House based on Matthew 25:31-40. It has been one of the greatest joys of our lives to help offer a space for low-income families to stay for free when they travel long distances to visit their loved ones in prison. Before CTHH existed, it was common for some of the folks to sleep in their vehicles in a park on the side of the road due to lack of funds for a hotel room. Often these visitors have tears of joy and gratitude because of the peace of Christ they feel when they walk in the doors, and they are treated with

compassion as individuals."

"Marriage is a '60-60' partnership - giving deference to each other's interests or extending grace to each other. I've been given far too much credit for any recognitions in my life. None would have been possible without the counsel and love from my beloved wife Mary. We regarded everything as a team. She disciplined me in my early faith in Christ as I did not grow up in that environment. Some of my recommendations for a healthy marriage are: Pray daily with your spouse. Spend quality time each day with your family around the dinner table or elsewhere, where you listen to them, and they listen to you."

Philippians 4:4-7 "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

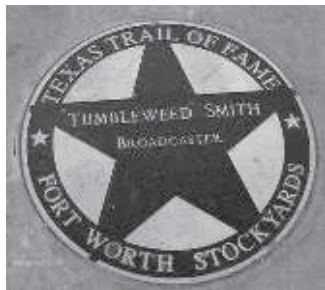
Charles was preceded in death by his mother, Ruth Davis Williams, father, William Charles Wise, beloved stepfather, Estee Williams, sisters, Bess Ernst and Wanda Johnson Forbis, aunt, Earlene Pennington, and uncle, Ralph Wise.

He is survived by his wife Mary Alice Smith Wise, son Charles Ross Wise, daughter Mary Kathryn "Kathy" Wise, nephews Berry Johnson and wife Shirley, Billy Charles Johnson and wife Bambi, Bob Smith, Fred Smith and wife Holly, niece Maria McDonald and husband Brian, numerous great- and great-great-nephews and nieces, and many dear friends who are "adopted" and loved as family. Our family has extended far beyond the boundaries of biology.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations are appreciated to Central Texas Hospitality House, P.O. Box 124, Gatesville, TX 76528 or Trinity Baptist Church, 1506 W. Main Street, Gatesville, TX 76528.

COLUMN NAME

Steve Never Forgets The Second Grade



TUMBLEWEED SMITH
Newspaper columnist and producer of *The Sound of Texas* radio series

When Steve Dunbar of Dayton was in the second grade, the teacher had some unusual punishments. When he didn't finish a math test in the allotted time, he got popped with a paddle.

"I sat there in tears knowing I wouldn't finish the test in time and would end up getting pops," says Steve. "That was a terrifying experience. I kept it quiet and never talked about it for many many years."

The teacher told Steve that

she had talked to his mother and they both decided that the way he was going to learn math was to punish him when he didn't finish a test.

"One time as an adult I was talking to my mother about the pops, and she said the teacher never talked to her."

Kinfolks at family reunions noticed a change in Steve after the second grade. He used to be so outgoing, greeting his family members with hugs and smiles, and then all of a sudden, he was withdrawn.

Steve spent five years in naval service, got some degrees and gradually opened up to people and became his old self. He teaches now in that same school building where he had a bad experience with the teacher. He passes his second-grade room every school day but never goes inside it.

"I believe in punishment but not the way she would do it. One time in the second grade a friend and I

were standing in line to go to the bathroom, and we were horse playing. The teacher had taken us down there and then went back to her classroom. While we were playing, he slipped and fell down on that hard floor. It hurt and he started crying. Of course, it echoed in the hallway because it was quiet in that school back then. She heard that crying sound, came to get us and took us back to the room.

"She called both of us up to the front of the class, reached in her desk drawer and told us we'd better be glad she didn't have time to do the full thing, but she had time to do this. She put baby bibs around our neck, gave us a pacifier and a bottle and had us walk up and down the rows while she belittled us, calling us little babies and different things. Everybody was laughing except us, and we were embarrassed. We were glad she didn't have much time, though. Otherwise, she would have pinned a cloth diaper on us and make us suck on the pacifier and bottle as we walked up and down that aisle."

For the longest, Steve



Smith

didn't like to be in crowds, didn't like to go anywhere and felt like everybody was watching him, laughing at him, making fun of him.

"I worked at a funeral home for a few years, and I was kinda forced into opening up and start talking to people. But it affected me for a long time. I wasn't very good at math and still haven't learned it. But I did great in my history courses and developed a great love for history."

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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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PEARL NEWS

Raymond Hall of Evant passes



BETSY CLARK
Pearl News Correspondent

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Mr. Raymond Hall of Evant. Mr. Hall's service was held at Scott's Funeral Home on Saturday, Aug. 20. Burial followed at Beehouse Cemetery with a lunch that followed at the Pearl Community Center. Mr. Hall's wife was a Pearl School alumni, and they were very active in the Pearl Community Center through the years. They were also instrumental in the renovation of that building. When the Pearl Church of Christ had their college scholarship auctions, Mr. Hall always donated some of his turned wood bowls to this cause. Those beautiful bowls caused bidding wars (polite ones) to occur as everyone wanted one of those beautiful items for two reasons—first because they are so gorgeous and secondly be-

cause Raymond made them. We will miss Raymond, and we still miss his sweet wife, Ino. Please keep this family in your prayers for comfort and peace, and may they remember Mr. and Mrs. Hall with love and thanksgiving that they are both now in the arms of their Savior and King.

Items for the Labor Day Sunday Scholarship Silent Auction and Fish Fry on Sept. 4 are out and ready for bidding in the dining room at the Pearl Church of Christ. All proceeds from this auction benefit the scholarship fund for local and His Kids students. Everyone is invited to attend!

The next Pearl Bluegrass event will be Sept. 10. September is the only month that the Bluegrass event happens on the second Saturday of the month instead of the first Saturday. The Pearl Cottage Bookstore will also be open that day, too. Hope you come and bring friends!

The Pearl Community Center Flea Market will be held on Oct. 14-15, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. each of those days. Booths may be set up prior to the event on Oct. 13. More information coming soon.

The Pearl Church of Christ will celebrate its 127th birthday on Oct. 16. The church

service begins at 10:30 a.m. with a catered dinner on the grounds to follow. If you have a vintage car, be sure and drive it to church that day. Plaques will be given to the youngest and oldest attending, the couple married the longest, the longest attending church member, and to the one that traveled the longest distance. All are invited to attend.

Unfortunately, I have more fake news to clear up that I accidentally reported last week regarding Linda Ray's people contacting my people. Mrs. Ray informed me that I had forgotten that we have no people—they all quit long ago. SMH! So, the only true thing about this whole story about Linda's cooking is that she, in fact, does not cook! However, she is still the reigning champion in shopping in the freezer section of any grocery store—as long as the microwave directions do not exceed three minutes. That, folks, is true!

This week's Bible verses: "Praise be to the Lord, to God our Savior, who daily bears our burdens." NIV

Contact me at betsyclark47@yahoo.com to submit any Pearl news.

Check out Jennifer Rush-ton's Facebook page, Pearl Community Center, Texas.



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Slone Early works with children at Ridgewood Country Club tennis camp.

GISD CANINE RECEIVES SCHOOL ID BADGE



COURTESY PHOTO

With the recent requirement of identification badges for students grades 4-12 at GISD, this requirement even applied to the school's canines. Bishop, a Border Collie therapy dog was recently issued his identification badge although most students and faculty already know him by sight and by name. Bishop is now official.



GHS Class of 1972 planning for 50th reunion

The Gatesville High School Class of 1972 are making plans for their 50th class reunion. It will be held on Saturday, September 24, from 6-10 p.m. at the Gatesville Civic Center. Refreshments and snacks will be provided. The class is also seeking contact information for missing class members.

For more information, please contact Kathy Sievers at sievers2@aol.com or Keith Steward at keithstew53@gmail.com.

Local tennis player serves community, joins honor society

The Gatesville High School National Honor Society inducted approximately 18 new members at the close of the 2021-2022 school year. For students to be accepted and placed, they must demonstrate academic achievement by achieving a GPA of 3.75 or higher and meet the requirements of the following chapters: Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Character. In addition, once accepted into the NHS, students must complete 25 service hours, six of which are a project and are to be completed within the given timeline.

Senior Slone Early, newly inducted into the National Honor Society, completed his required six hours of a community service project during the summer. He served the community by providing free tennis lessons to prepare incoming first-year players and others interested in tennis an opportunity to improve their skills.

Players attending the camp improved their technique, strategy, and endurance with several drills. They also improved their footwork through ladder drills, shot selection through targets,

and a net extender, and became more comfortable with competition through multiple games and activities. Incoming freshman and junior high players were introduced to new drills they will experience while on the Gatesville High School tennis team, such as "Four Corners."

Slone completed his remaining community service hours helping elementary and intermediate-age students at the Ridgewood Country Club Summer Tennis Camp.

Hornet football posters available at The Gatesville Messenger

The 2022 Gatesville Hornet Football posters have arrived and can be picked up at The Gatesville Messenger located at 116 S. 6th Street. A football team photo and 2022 varsity schedule are on the poster.

The poster is free of charge.

This marks the seventeenth year The Gatesville Messenger has partnered with the GHS football program and local advertisers to create the Gatesville Hornets football poster. Within that time, the football program

has received over \$57,000 in contributions from their joint efforts.

To reserve a space on next year's poster, contact Bailey Dickie at 254-865-5212 extension 302.

Multi-county sheep and goat workshop to be held 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

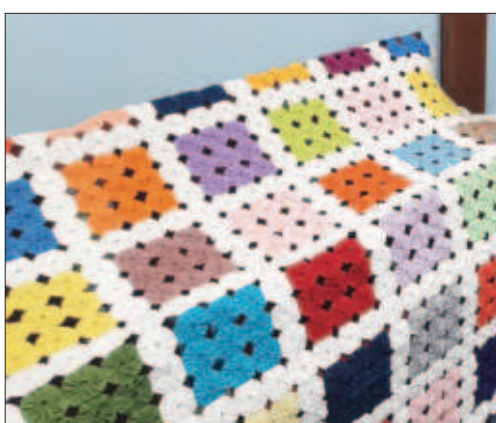
County Commission Company/ American Legion on Memorial Highway in Hamilton.

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

Coryell Museum to hold Quilt Raffle at annual 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.

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.

Old Time Fiddlers Contest 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.

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Gatesville Head Start y Early Head Start ahora están aceptando solicitudes para el año escolar 2022-2023. El HS temprano está disponible para niños de 18 meses-3 años de edad. Head Start es una escuela preescolar que ofrece excelentes oportunidades educativas junto con beneficios médicos, dentales, de desarrollo y nutricionales sin costo alguno. El enfoque de Head Start de atención individualizada y orientación es muy adecuado para ayudar a los niños con discapacidades. No hay ningún cargo por participar en Head Start. Recoja su solicitud ahora en el centro de Head Start en 1105 Saunders St. o 1111 W. Main St. Para obtener más información, llame a su centro local al 254/865-5423 o 254/865-5555 o a la Asociación de acción comunitaria de Hill Country en 325/372-5167.

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

c/o: Allen D. Place, Jr.
Attorney at Law
109 S. 7th Street
Gatesville, Texas 76528

DATED the 17th day of August, 2022.

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Hornets wrap up preseason prep, focus on Ducks

BY CHRIS ALLMAN
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

Gatesville and Fairfield were roughly two-series into their scrimmage when it was called due to lightning forcing the Hornets to abruptly turn their attention to this Friday's regular season opener at Taylor.

The matchup is a compelling one as it features two programs well on their way to potential glory of years past.

The Ducks were a playoff team each year from 2011-2018 but went winless in 2019 and 2020 before hiring Brandon Houston as head coach in 2020.

Houston moved to Taylor after three seasons at Buffalo, where he finished with a 32-6 overall record and took the Bison to their first-ever regional finals appearance in 2020.

He previously served as a passing game coordinator at Grapevine High School (1999-2004) before holding the offensive coordinator positions at Belton (2005-2007), Lorena (2008-2014), and Rockdale (2016-2017). In his final season at Rockdale, he helped the Tigers to the 3A Division 1 state title while averaging 41 points per game.

In his first game as the Ducks head coach, they snapped their 20-game losing streak with a win against Robinson. They raced out to 3-1 record before dropping six straight to end the season - including all five of their district contests.

This season, Houston will rely on six returning starters on offense including quarterback Josh Mikulencak (1,122 yards, 11 TDS passing) and wide receiver Jarvis Anderson. Defensively, Taylor returns five led by defensive back Ryan Valdez and linebacker Jackson Meller.

In 2021, the Ducks and Hornets faced three common opponents: Robinson, Lampasas, and Salado.

The Hornets defeated Robinson 37-20 and lost to Lampasas (41-33) and Salado (42-6) while the Ducks also took down the Rockets (32-13) then lost to Salado (52-6) and Lampasas (70-20) in back-to-back weeks.

Kickoff is set for Friday at 7:30 at Taylor Stadium. The Hornets will play their home opener against Glen Rose at McKamie Stadium on Sept. 2.

Hornet Cross Country competes in Mud, Sweat & Tears Run



COURTESY PHOTO FROM CARLO MARTINEZ

TRUDGING AWAY: Vania Martinez runs through the mud at the Caldwell Mud, Sweat & Tears Invitational on Aug. 20.



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A MUDDY SPILL: Lacy Campos finds slippery conditions at the Caldwell Mud, Sweat & Tears Invitational on Aug. 20.

Gatesville football 2022

Varsity

- Aug. 26 at Taylor, 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 2 vs. Glen Rose, 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 9 at McGregor, 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 16 at Mexia, 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 23 vs. Godley, 7 p.m. (Homecoming)
- Sept. 30 at Mineral Wells 7 p.m.
- Oct. 7 vs. Connally (Big Sting), 7 p.m.
- Oct. 14 at Salado, 7 p.m.
- Oct. 21 vs. Madisonville, 7 p.m. (Military/Senior Night)
- Oct. 28 at Robinson, 7 p.m.

Freshmen/JV

- * Aug. 25 vs. Taylor
- * Sept. 1 at Glen Rose
- * Sept. 8 vs. McGregor
- Sept. 15 vs. Mexia
- Sept. 22 at Godley
- Sept. 29 vs. Mineral Wells
- * Oct. 6 at Connally
- * Oct. 13 vs. Salado
- Oct. 20 at Madisonville
- Oct. 27 vs. Robinson



TROPHY CLUB: Among those who brought home trophies from the Caldwell Mud, Sweat and Tears event on Aug. 24 were Carlo Martinez, Abraham Almdendez, Cameron Thompson and Jason Mugee.

COURTESY PHOTO FROM CARLO MARTINEZ

LET'S STOP LITTERING!

Hi, Kids!

You know me - I'm your friend, Earth. And there's something that really makes me sick. It's called **LITTER!**

Litter is stuff that should have been thrown into a garbage can or recycle bin, but is just dropped on the ground instead.

Litter causes all kinds of problems. It can clog up storm drains and cause flooding or pollute the waterways that are fed by storm drains. Some litter is dangerous, like broken glass and cans with jagged edges. And litter is ugly. When it's around your school or community, it looks like people just don't care about where they live.

Your friend, **Earth**

Litter Statistics

Kevin's class picked up litter at the park. He made a chart showing the percentages of the kinds of litter they found. Use the chart to answer these questions:

- What was the most common litter item found?
 - fast food waste
 - plastic
 - paper
- Was there more glass or plastic in the litter?
 - glass
 - plastic
- What percentage of litter was plastic and paper combined?
 - 55%
 - 45%
 - 40%

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Don't Be a Litterbug

What is the average number of steps a person will hold onto a piece of trash before they litter? Add up the numbers along the correct path in this maze to discover the answer.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Kid Scoop Together:

Litter Hunt

With an adult, walk around your school and pick up at least five pieces of litter. Write the name of each below:

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

IMPORTANT!
If a piece of litter at your school looks like dangerous trash (broken glass, a needle, bandage, etc.) **DON'T** pick it up, but **DO** tell an adult on campus about it.

Lunchtime Litter

Look for litter in this picture. Can you find all of these items?

- plastic bottle
- plastic cap
- paper cup
- straw
- plastic fork
- paper
- chip bag
- cheese puffs
- soda can
- apple core

Be Complete

Search the newspaper for five headlines that are NOT complete sentences. Rewrite each as a complete sentence. Which words are most often left out?

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Double Double Word Search

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

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

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

Sort the Litter

Some litter can be recycled. Draw a line from each piece of litter to the correct bin.

TRASH BIN

COMPOST BIN

RECYCLE BIN

Write On!

Good Turn

Write about a good turn you did and how it helped someone or something.

LITTER FACT

Only **ONE** out of every **SIX** plastic water bottles we use ever makes it to the recycle bin.

Kid Scoop-doku

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word **WASTE** in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

W	A	S	T	E
W			T	
		W		
S			W	A
A	S	T	E	W

Hornets fly high in Gatesville Invitational



SE'VETTE EARLY | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

SWEET VICTORY: Members of the Gatesville Hornet volleyball team, including Lola Barron, Emma Pollard, Ally Penrod, Rachel Garrett and Charlee Barron celebrate a win in the Gatesville Invitational tournament on Aug. 18. On the first day of the tournament, the Hornets swept Lampasas, Llano and McGregor.

Volleyball team storms to strong showing on home court

BY JEFF OSBORNE
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

A perfect sweep of Thursday opponents in the Gatesville Volleyball Invitational propelled the Gatesville Hornet volleyball team to a semifinal showdown against Jarrell on Saturday, but it was the first-day dominance against Lampasas, Llano and McGregor that GHS fans will likely want to focus on. On opening day of the tournament, the Hornets took down the Lampasas Lady Badgers, upended the Llano Lady Tigers and then topped the McGregor Lady Bulldogs. Although Saturday results were unavailable by deadline, the MaxPreps high school sports website noted that Jarrell played Lubbock Monterey for the championship that day. GHS head coach Janey Weber said the team started off slow Thursday, "then started playing good volleyball. The girls came out with some fire and showed some I&E" (intensity and energy).

"Everyone stepped up - the whole team in general performed well, especially against Llano. The big thing that helped us in the third game was our serving. Also, the girls were aggressive and got the ball in play." The Hornets started off slowly against Llano, and then quickly turned things around. "We seemed like a completely different team (in the third and deciding game)," Weber said. "Sometimes it takes them a little while to warm up but then they go on a rally. "Communication was a big part in turning things around. There was a lack of it early on, and then they took over in games two and three." Weber said it was exciting for the team to play multiple games in front of the home crowd "and it was a great environment. We had some of the basketball and football boys show up to cheer us on and we really appreciate that. It definitely helped to energize our girls when the crowd got behind us."

Members of the Hornet varsity volleyball team for 2022 include:
* Vania Martinez, sophomore
* Barrett Boyd, junior
* Laura Trejo, junior
* Ally Penrod, sophomore
* Rachel Garrett, senior
* Charlee Barron, senior
* Emma Pollard, freshman
* Lola Barron, senior
* Khloe Mathews, senior
Also in tournament action, the junior varsity defeated Llano and McGregor, while the freshmen defeated Belton, and lost to Llano and McGregor. The Hornets were scheduled to host Glen Rose on Tuesday (all three teams) while the varsity will travel to East Texas to play in the Athens Tournament Aug. 25-27. Gatesville is set to host the Killeen varsity, JV and freshmen on Aug. 30.



JEFF OSBORNE | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Emma Pollard bats the ball over the net while Barret Boyd and Lola Barron stand ready to help.



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Barrett Boyd hammers the ball past defenders during the Gatesville Invitational.



JEFF OSBORNE | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Lola Barron serves the ball for the Lady Hornets.



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Khloe Mathews and Rachel Garrett battle at the net for Gatesville.