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## GISD approves scaled down budget for 2022-23

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

The Gatesville Independent School District Board of Trustees gave final approval to the 2022-23 budget and tax rate during a special meeting on Aug. 30, setting the budget at \$29,717,793 and the tax rate at \$1.0546 per \$100 property valuation.

The approval came after a difficult process in which GISD staff, led by Chief Financial Officer Darrell Frazier, made several reductions to the budget in order to offset a \$2 million shortfall caused by the reduction of state funds. State funding had been reduced because of lower enrollment and attendance rates following the COVID-19 pandemic.

However, trustees received some good news that should

have a positive impact on funding moving forward. Frazier noted that both attendance and enrollment numbers were up so far for the 2022-23 school year.

"Enrollment is good - we're up to 2,704 (students) and that's more than last year," he said. "We've had really good attendance levels, too. If we can keep enrollment and attendance up, we'll be doing great."

School board President Charles Ament commended Frazier and the district's staff for pulling together in difficult conditions to propose the budget.

"A lot of people worked on that budget," Frazier said.

The tax rate consists of .08546 for maintenance and operations - GISD's day-to-day expenses - and 20 cents for the interest and sinking fund, which relates to longer term debt payments.

Frazier said the maintenance and operations rate was down nearly a penny from the previous tax rate, and that the interest and sinking rate had declined by about half a cent.

Because of higher property values, the district will bring in more local revenue for 2022-23 than it did for the previous year, but the state also reduces its funding by a similar amount when local revenue rises.

Based on property values, the tax rate was effectively raised by 12.29%, which will raise taxes on a home valued at \$100,000 by about \$11.62.

The board also approved designating portions of GISD's fund balance to meet specific obligations, including:

\* \$100,000 committed toward satisfying a requirement

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## Coryell County Courthouse bell silenced

BY DAVID SCOTT  
STAFF WRITER



In 1940, author Ernest Hemingway wrote the classic novel, "For Whom the Bell Tolls." These days, that title may have an opposite meaning for the residents of Gatesville and could be titled For Whom the Bell Doesn't Toll.

For the past several months, the bell atop the Coryell County Courthouse has remained silent. This fact has been noticed by many businesses on the courthouse square and those living in nearby neighborhoods.

The courthouse bell which has announced the hour for well over a century recently fell silent due to what has been described as a malfunctioning in the clapper mechanism - a metal rod with chain links that, over the years, have worn through. According to the senior maintenance technician at the courthouse, Todd Pierce, the problem of the bell not striking lies in the very small attic area just above the bell where the hammer has come apart due to the worn chain links. Due to the precarious location above the bell, Pierce said that "safety precautions must be in place due to the dangerous conditions of the repair work." It has been estimated that the work on the bell will begin in a few months.

Concerns over the bell were first aroused in 1986 when D.W. McDonald, chairman of the Coryell County Historical Commission, voiced concerns about the likelihood that the 2,000-pound bell could come crashing through the courthouse dome and fall three floors to the rotunda below. In 1986, that was a very unrealistic view considering there are two floor levels just below the bell before reaching the ornate courthouse dome. Due to mounting concerns about the bell and, after being inspected by stress engineers, it was decided by the commissioner's court to silence the bell due to the weakening of the tower housing the bell. In a May 1, 1986, issue of The Gatesville Messenger, a headline read "Courthouse Bell is Ordered to Close" after local television media reported on the topic.

The current courthouse was constructed between 1896 and 1897.

A \$1 million courthouse restoration project was begun in 1986 after authorization was granted by the county commissioners. In 1988, William Blankenship, a nationally and internationally known opera star, and former native of Gatesville, held a benefit concert to

**SILENCE ON THE SQUARE: A malfunctioning clapper has led to a silencing of the courthouse bell -- at least for the foreseeable future.**

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PLEASE SEE BELL | A2

## Quick actions by GHS cafeteria manager save life

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

Quick thinking by Gatesville High School cafeteria manager Brittany Boaz helped save a co-worker's life, and Boaz was recognized for her actions during the Aug. 30 meeting of the Gatesville Independent School District Board of Trustees.

Boaz, who previously served as Gatesville Junior High's cafeteria manager, was in the right place at the right time on Aug. 19, when "one of Brittany's fellow cafeteria workers started making a strange noise as she gasped for air," stated information that was given to the GISD school board.

That co-worker was choking, and Boaz "jumped into action and performed the Heimlich maneuver. The maneuver quickly worked to dislodge the cookie and free the staff member's air passageway.

"We are so thankful for Brittany's quick thinking and her composure under a very stressful situation. Mrs. Boaz literally saved a life."

"You see this kind of thing on TV or in the movies, but Brittany was able to do this calmly in a real-life situation," said GISD Superintendent Barrett Pollard.



**RECOGNIZING A HERO: GISD Superintendent Barrett Pollard stands with GHS cafeteria manager Brittany Boaz and district food service manager Megan Hendricks. Boaz was honored at the GISD school board meeting on Aug. 30 for saving a choking co-worker.**

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## Wearing Neon to Support the Hornets



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Gatesville High School students recently wore neon to show support for the Fightin' Hornet football team.

### GISD

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under the Disabilities Education Act \* \$500,000 committed toward GISD's property and casualty loss deductible in case of catastrophic loss. \* \$2 million to offset potential future decreases in state funding or delays in receiving that funding. \* \$500,000 for major capital acquisitions and facility projects as authorized by the superintendent with board approval. The board also voted to allow each cam-

pus to maintain the portion of the fund balance related to campus activity funds, and resolved not to relegate that money for other expenses. "This preserves the integrity of funding for each campus (and specifies) that the district will not remove that money," Frazier said. "It's important ethically for the school district to protect those campus activity funds." Superintendent Barrett Pollard said the district's financial office did an outstanding job in preparing the budget. "Darrell's office put in a lot of long hard hours preparing this," Pollard said.

### Gatesville Day of Service scheduled for Sept. 10

In recognition of the 9/11 attacks and to honor first responders who put their lives on the line, a National Day of Service and Remembrance will be held on Saturday, Sept. 10. Volunteers will gather at 8:30 a.m. that day at the Gatesville Public Library. To sign up in advance, visit [www.keepgatesvillebeautiful.com](http://www.keepgatesvillebeautiful.com).

### BELL

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former native of Gatesville, held a benefit concert to help with the restoration efforts on the courthouse. In a letter to the historical commission, Blankenship wrote "I cannot imagine being in Gatesville without hearing that wonder-

ful reassuring sound of the courthouse bell at all times of the day." Following the courthouse restoration process, the bell began chiming once again when the courthouse was rededicated in 1998 after contractors performed their most "sophisticated magic" by beginning in the bell tower where they installed

braces and beams taking the bell out of harm's way. Pierce said that it would be a few more months before parts could be received for the current repair work. In the meantime, the tolling bell will continue to be missed by many downtown businesses and neighboring residents.

### Beef cattle symposium scheduled for Sept. 23

The CenTex Beef Cattle Program is an annual nine-county educational program that rotates each year to a site within one of the host counties. The Beef and Forage Committees within these counties are dedicated in identifying issues and needs that will economically benefit cattle and forage production in Central Texas. The 14th Annual CenTex Beef Cattle Program will be held on Friday, Sept. 23, at the W4 Ranch, located at 1809 FM 927 in Morgan, Texas. Registration is at 8 a.m. and the program starts at 8:30 a.m. A variety of Ag Commercial Vendor booths will be set up for you to visit before, during and after the program. Door prizes will be drawn through-

out the day. The 2022 program includes the following topics: chute side etiquette, feeding with limited forages, pasture management and restoration, bull selection using EPDS, wildlife & hunting and beef cattle market updates. Registration fee of \$20 is payable at the door. Registration includes breakfast and steak lunch. You must contact your county extension office to RSVP no later than Sept. 21. Hosted by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Beef & Forage Committees in Bell, Bosque, Coryell, Falls, Hamilton, Hill, Johnson, Limestone and McLennan counties.



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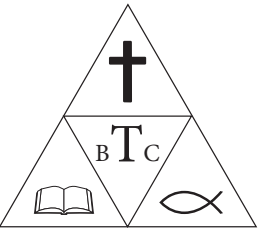
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Sam & Jan Crosby

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# Offices to close for Labor Day holiday

Businesses and governmental offices across Coryell County will join the rest of the nation on Monday, Sept. 5, celebrating Labor Day.

Labor Day pays tribute to the contributions and achievements of American workers and became a federal holiday in 1894.

The holiday has also become synonymous with the end of the summer.

Closings in the immediate area include:

#### GOVERNMENT

The City of Gatesville, City of Evant, City of Oglesby, Farm Service Agency and the Coryell County Court house will be closed on Monday.

#### SCHOOLS

No local schools will hold classes and administration offices will also be closed on Monday.

#### FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Extraco Bank, Bancorp South Bank, The First National Bank of Gatesville, The First National Bank of Evant, Educators Credit

Union and The First National Bank of Oglesby will be closed on Monday.

#### POST OFFICES

All local post offices will be closed on Monday.

#### LIBRARY

The Gatesville Public Library will be closed on Monday.

#### SENIOR CENTER

The Gatesville Multi-Service Center will be closed on Monday.

#### NEWSPAPER

The Gatesville Messenger will be closed on Monday.

## MOUND NEWS

### Dixon sisters celebrate birthdays



**BARBARA HOPSON**

Mound News Correspondent

Julia Kay and Reese Kelly Dixon were honored for their birthdays Sunday afternoon with a pizza party given by their parents and sis-

ter, Jeb, Desiree, and Brooke Dixon at the home of their great-aunt, Barbara Hopson. Those attending were family and friends.

Bruce and Suzy Cox, Ray and John Stephens, Mike and Donna Schultz, Elizabeth Phillips and Richard Crutch were Sunday dinner guests of Martha Lawhorn.

Shaylie Teague was baptized Sunday morning during the worship service at White Mound Baptist Church. Those attending were her parents, Keith and Sherrie Sheets and family and friends.

Debbie Piller, Chris and Jennifer Miller, Neal, Amanda, Blayze, Slayton, Caymbri and Cora Fisher, Ronnie and Kay Fisher and Claudia

Brown watched Brodie Fisher play football for Oglesby against Penelope Friday evening. Brodie scored four touchdowns for the Tigers.

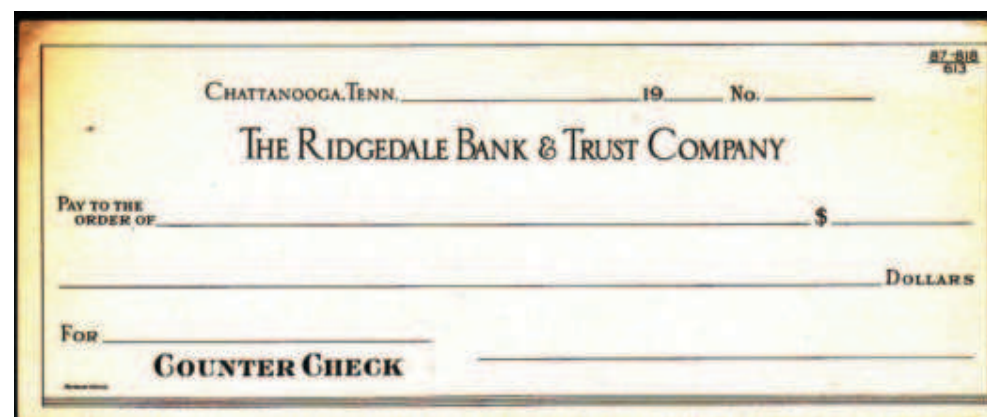
Barbara Hopson went to Hamilton last Friday evening to watch her great-niece, Ruby Pullen, compete in a barrel race.

Ruby Pullen competed Sunday in Dallas at the State Fair of Texas Barrel Race. Ruby won fourth place in 3D on her horse Stella.

Valerie Terrell and Carolyn Blakley had lunch in Gatesville Thursday.

Robert and Carolyn Blakley went to Fredericksburg for the weekend.

*Barbara's notes:  
Happy Labor Day!*



## FROM MY FRONT PORCH

### Check out the surprising changes that have been made in use of bank checks



**SAM HOUSTON**

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

As a young man I went to work for Deluxe Check Printers. In the late 70s, Deluxe had more than 100 plants coast to coast and produced most of the checks used by the American consumer. The masses used checks for almost every financial transaction, and Deluxe's quality and service made them one of the bluest of blue-chip stocks. Profits were high and business was good.

Somewhere around 1980 a Deluxe vice president came to the plant where I worked and held a meeting. He told us in the not-too-distant future, financial transactions were going to look dramatically different. To a stunned and shocked audience, he declared a day was coming where checks would be all but obsolete. People would transact their business via a device known as a "bank card." This card would be a piece of plastic like a credit card, which people would use to transfer money, pay bills, and make deposits. The public would no longer

be writing nearly as many checks. In fact, a mighty corporation like Deluxe had to diversify or it would soon be out of business.

I remember when I heard those words, I giggled to myself. Our corporate VP must be off his rocker! No way people were going to stop using checks and trust some piece of plastic! My mind was made up. The market for checks would not change and things would go on just like they had been.

An old timer at the plant overheard me talking to another employee about the presentation, and asked, "Do you remember counter checks?" It just so happened, I did. My family had lived for generations in small rural towns, and I had seen my grandparents, aunts, and uncles all use counter checks. Let me explain. For many years it was common in rural America, for local banks to have pads of checks located at the register of local merchants. When a farmer came into the feed store, grocery stores, or drug store, they did not have to worry about carrying a check book. When it came time to pay, the purchaser would grab a pad of checks located at the register, fill out the amount and sign their name.

There was no individual account number on the check. In that era, banks processed checks by hand and bank employees would simply recognize the signature as being legitimate, and then deduct the amount of the check from a person's account.

If there was more than one bank in town, there would

be two different types of counter checks at the register. A consumer merely used the check from the bank where they had an account. Banks would supply counter checks for free and few people had personalized checks. The system, at least in a small rural setting where people did most of their business in their hometown, worked well and efficiently.

The old timer then told me he could remember a Deluxe executive coming to the plant about 15 years earlier telling the staff that checks would soon carry account numbers which would be printed on the checks so electronic scanners could read and process them. It would revolutionize the check printing business because everyone would need personalized checks. He then looked at me and said, "I remember thinking the same as you do now, but the change came to pass. Change is constant and relentless. Only a fool fails to accept change."

As I walked away from the old-timer, I still wasn't sure I agreed with him. In a few short years I stopped working for Deluxe, but I witnessed the changes that came to the check printing business as a consumer. I think of the old timer's advice every time I use my ATM card. Wonder what the next change will be?

Thought for the day: If you always do what you have always done, you'll always get what you've always got. Until next time.

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# OBITUARIES

## BOBBY DON JOHNSON

Dec. 7, 1948 - Aug. 21, 2022



Bobby Don "Bob" Johnson, age 73, passed away on Sunday, Aug. 21, 2022, at home on Ater Farm near Gatesville.

Bob was born in Huntsville on Dec. 7, 1948, to Willie Lyndon and Clara "Belle" Pugh Johnson. In Bob's growing years, his family moved often due to his father's career. In 1963, they settled in Ater on the farm that his parents purchased.

Bob attended school at Jonesboro, but in 1966, he transferred to Gatesville High School where he was in the choir and served as manager for the Gatesville Hornets football team. One credit short to graduate, he transferred back to Jonesboro High School, graduating in 1967. After graduation, he enrolled at Central Texas College in Killeen where he majored in aviation; but his tuition money was quickly depleted so he had to drop from the program.

In 1968, he joined the U.S. Navy, reporting to the Navy Recruit Training Command in San Diego, California. While there he was a member of the Blue Jacket Choir. Reporting to Glynco NAS in Brunswick, Georgia, he began his training in air traffic control. After completing his training and ready to see the world, he drew his first billet - Beeville, Texas.

Before reporting to his duty station, Bob returned to Gatesville to marry his high school sweetheart, Ruth Ann Beck. They wed on April 18, 1969, and their first child, Laurie, was born in Beeville nearly a year later. After further training at Glynco NAS, Bob was to report to the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Kitty Hawk but due to other circumstances, Bob was given an early Honorable Discharge. He and his family returned home to Gatesville.

After the Navy, Bob worked numerous jobs within Gatesville, eventually enrolling in the nursing department at McLennan Community College in Waco in 1975. That same year, Bob and Ruth Ann's second child, Jeremy, was born. In 1977 Bob graduated with an associate degree

## THOMAS SMITH

Feb. 12, 1957 - Aug. 19, 2022



Thomas Smith, age 65, of Gatesville, passed away on Friday, August 19, 2022.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 25, at First United Methodist Church of Gatesville, with Rev. Stephen Schmidt officiating. Graveside services were held following the church service at Liberty Cemetery in Leon County, between Centerville and Buffalo on County Road 302.

Thomas was born on February 12, 1957, in Fairfield, to the late Robert H. and Loraine Bell Smith. He grew up in Buffalo, graduating from

in nursing. After working at Scott and White Hospital in Temple for two years, Bob decided to move his family to Tyler where he would work on his bachelor's degree at the University of Texas at Tyler.

While attending school, he worked for two years at UT Health Science Center and then three more years at Mother Francis Hospital. In 1982, Bob received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing; and that same year he and Ruth Ann purchased a home at Hide-a-Way Lake near Lindale. The following year, they welcomed their third child, Eric. Also that year, Bob accepted a position at the hospital in Gladewater as Patient Services Coordinator. In 1985, Bob and Ruth Ann's fourth child, Kerri, was born there. In 1987, Bob and Ruth Ann's daughter Laurie sustained a brain injury which required the family to relocate for her rehabilitation.

Settling in Lockhart, Bob's professional journey continued. From Brown Schools in San Marcos, Department of Health, Austin Urology Associates, Texas Workers Compensation Commission, Texas Health and Human Services Commission, Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services, Texas Department of State Health Services; to state retirement in November 2010.

While Bob worked for the state, he was a Board Member/Treasurer for the Asthma Coalition of Texas for seven years and for 6 1/2 years, he served as Community Services Chair for the Brain Injury Association of Texas. Bob also served as Advisor to the Alpha Phi Omega fraternity at Texas State University in San Marcos.

Returning home to Ater Farm in 2011, Bob was ready to enjoy his retirement. The VA had a different idea though and offered him a position in Waco. After two years, it was obvious that his parents and Ruth Ann's dad were in need of more care, so he resigned his position to be more available.

After his parents passed away, the inheritance of the farm became his life's work; however, he still had time for his many interests. He fell in love with photography while at UT Tyler. In 1985, he and Ruth Ann decided to start a small business, J&J Photos, selling at arts and crafts shows. His first sale was of the Coryell County Courthouse. In 1986, his photo "Fire Water" won first in Landscape, President's Award and Best in Show and was published in the Longview Bank and Trust's 1987 calendar. The following year his Human Interest entry "Fireside Memories" won Honorable Mention and was published in their 1988 calendar.

That same year Bob entered

the photography category of the Palestine Art Guild's Dogwood Festival and won Best of Show overall.

Bob was the ultimate Scouter. He was a member of Boy Scouts of America for over 30 years. As a leader, he served as Cubmaster, Scoutmaster (founding Troop 215 in 1992), Commissioner, Vice-Commodore Sea Scouts for Capitol Area Council, Lost Pines Campmaster Crew Leader, and National Jamboree Electronics Merit Badge Staff. He attended Sea Badge and became a member of the Buffalo Patrol in Wood Badge. He received many awards in Scouting including District Award of Merit, Distinguished Commissioner and in 1999 Silver Beaver, awarded for excellence in service to Scouting. For the first time in Capitol Area history, a husband and wife received this award at the same time. Bob was also a member of the Order of the Arrow, holding the Vigil Honor. The OA instilled an interest in Native American cultures, leading Bob to research his family history discovering ties to the Chickasaw tribe. He was given the name Yanush, meaning Buffalo, during a naming ceremony by the Chickasaw Community Council of Central Texas.

He had a keen interest in genealogy and local history, which led him to be involved with the Coryell County Genealogical Society, Coryell County Historical Commission, Wood Cemetery Association and Confederate Veterans.

Bob was a lifelong reader, a love that was instilled in him by his mother. He collected a large assortment of books over the years encompassing a wide variety of subjects. He enjoyed being a member of the Mystery Book Club at the Gatesville Public Library.

He enjoyed "vintage" cars, particularly his 1956 Ford Fairlane, which reminded him of the car he had in high school. He enjoyed driving around the family property in an old Jeep, often taking his great-great nephews along for the ride.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Eugene and Evalena Baker Pugh and George and Martha Bennett Johnson; his parents, Willie and Belle Johnson; sisters, Carol Johnson and Glenda and Linda Johnson.

Bob is survived by his wife of 53 years, Ruth Ann Beck Johnson; children, Laurie Johnson, Jeremy Johnson, Eric Johnson and wife, Jacki, and Kerri Johnson; six grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

A celebration of Bob's life will be held at a later date. Time and location to be determined.

Memorials may be given to Pearl Book Cottage or charity of choice.

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# The DISPATCH

The following is a partial breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of August 28 - 29. Persons are reminded that only emergency calls should be made to 9-1-1, while all other calls to the police department should be made to 865-2226 or to the Sheriff's office at 865-7201.

## CITY OF GATESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

**Aug. 28**  
7:36 a.m., a utility pole was reported down in the 3400 block of Royal Drive.

1:52 p.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 200 block of Valley View Drive.

2:07 p.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 400 block of N. State Hwy. 36.

2:48 p.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 10000 block of E. Hwy. 84.

2:52 p.m., an armed suspect was reported in the 100 block of Old Pidcock Road.

7:58 p.m., a burglary was reported in the 500 block of CR 131.

**Aug. 29**  
2:27 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 300 block of State Hwy. 36.

2:30 a.m., a disturbance was reported in the 1500 block of W. Main Street.

8:18 a.m., a theft was reported in the 300 block of Northern Avenue.

12:26 p.m., an assault was reported in the 100 block of Golf Course Road.

9:41 p.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 100 block of N. Lutterloh Avenue.

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**Aug. 28**  
10:40 a.m., trespassing was reported in the 2300 block of CR 145.

11:42 a.m., missing livestock was reported on FM 929 near the Hughes Unit.

12:03 p.m., a civil matter was reported in the 100 block of Stillhouse Road.

3:24 p.m., a theft was reported in the 200 block of Vista Road.

5:10 p.m., a civil matter was reported in the 3300 block of CR 318.

8:26 p.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 200 block of CR 253.

**Aug. 29**  
5:38 a.m., suspicious persons were reported on Hwy. 84 near Mountain Church.

10:00 a.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 600 block of Hill Top Drive.

12:08 p.m., a civil matter was reported in the 100 block of Glen View.

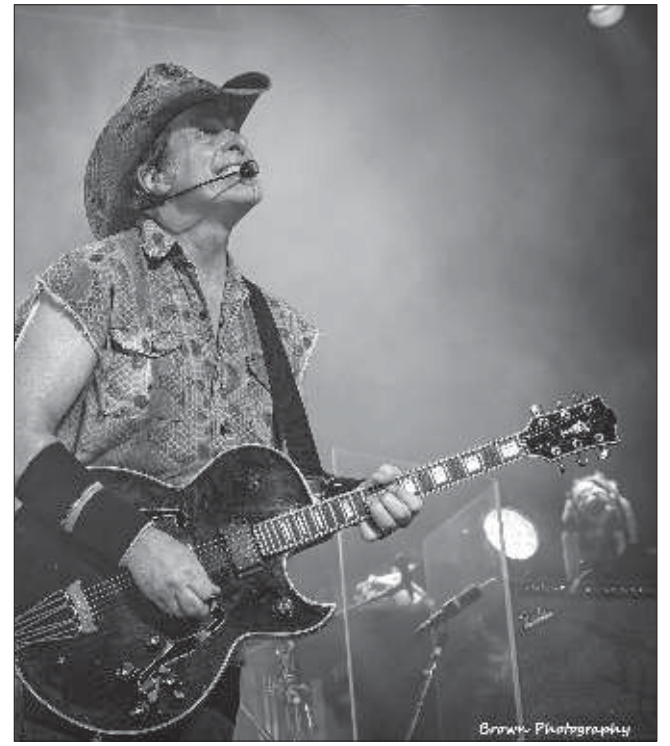
12:40 p.m., a structure fire was reported in the 8100 block of Prairie Chapel Road.

4:22 p.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of CR 231.

6:47 p.m., a stolen vehicle was reported in the 1800 block of CR 213.

## Slater Cemetery Workday

Slater Cemetery will be hosting a workday, meeting and lunch on Sat, Oct. 1, at 9 a.m. Make sure to bring your work gloves, a chair and a dish to share. If you will not be able to attend, you may donate to the Slater Cemetery Association, Bancorp South, P.O. Box 779, Gatesville, TX 76528. For any further information contact Lee Campbell at 254-216-3642.



Ted Nugent

COURTESY PHOTO

## New app alerts GISD parents when kids enter and exit buses

Gatesville ISD recently announced the arrival of a new app called Parent View. The app allows parents to see when their child scans on or off the bus, the current bus location, and enables parents to set alerts to notify them when the bus is close to their house. The app will also allow GISD to communicate directly with parents by individual bus, instead of having to send out mass messages every time.

In order to complete the registration process, parents will need a unique four-digit registration access code for their student. Please contact the student's home campus for the registration code.

## Ted Nugent to play at local benefit at Bare Bones BBQ

Bare Bones BBQ will proudly present classic rock star Ted Nugent on the Bone Yard Stage in Gatesville on Saturday, Sept. 10, in a show to benefit the Friends Helping Veterans organization. Special guests will include

Calvin Ross and the Dirty Groove Noise featuring Lexxi Garza.

Bare Bones BBQ is located at 4302 S. Hwy. 36. Tickets may be purchased online at <https://bare-bones-bbq.ticketbud.com/ted-nugent>.

## Morris Federation to meet next week

The first meeting of the Morris Federation for the 2022-23 year will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 10, in the James Coryell Room at the Coryell Museum and Historical Center.

Dues may be paid at the meeting. Place your money or check in an envelope with

your name on the front of it and give it to the treasurer, Sue Vernon.

Yearbooks detailing programs and activities for the upcoming year will be distributed and briefly discussed.

The September program will be presented by Faye

Nichols from the Gatesville Public Library. She will be speaking on the subject of "Banned Books Week."

After the program, members may enjoy a social time with refreshments provided by their hostesses, the newly-elected officers of The Morris Federation.

## Coffee and cigars in Hico



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

When you enter Roy Ward's cigar store in Hico, the bell rings.

"The name of the store is The Wooden Indian Cigar Shop," says Roy. "We started out just selling premium handmade, hand rolled cigars from Central America. That was four years ago."

He also sells two brands of coffee: Arbuckle and Whiskey Morning. Whiskey Morning is bourbon-flavored and headquartered near Granbury. It is the result of a TCU class project. Arbuckle is an old brand known as the coffee that won the west.

"I have two or three customers who have chuck wagons. They've learned that many of the chuck wagon cooks carried Arbuckle coffee. It's well known in the western community. The Arbuckle brothers started shipping coffee by the hundred-pound bags to ranches in Texas. Out on the trail, the chuck wagon cooks couldn't get the cowboys to help grind the beans. So, the Arbuckles came up with this ingenious idea of putting peppermint throughout the bag. So, when the cooks would need help, they'd holler out 'who

wants the sweet?' The cowboys would line up to help grind the beans so they could have peppermint. Arbuckle still puts a peppermint stick in each bag of coffee."

In addition to cigars and coffee, Roy sells other items like Man Cave Candles.

"I found these in a cigar magazine. They are candles primarily made for men to use in their shops, their barns, their cigar rooms, and they are scented with craft beers, some with bourbon and some with coffee."

But mostly he sells cigars.

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Roy started smoking cigars in college.

"I thought that's such a neat looking thing. A cousin of mine and I first started smoking cigars during our college days. Cigar smokers don't inhale. If you inhale, you're going to be lying on the floor."

Before opening his cigar store, Roy was a financial advisor and regional head of a life insurance company. In the late 1980s, he

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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 120 days of this notice.

c/o: JAMES RAINEY  
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DATED the 17 day of August, 2022.

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(Coryell County)

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Statements of Qualifications must be no later than 2:00 p.m. on September 19th, 2022, to be considered. The County reserves the right to negotiate with any and all individuals or firms that submit proposals. Section 3 Residents and Business Concerns, Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises, and Labor Vendors are encouraged to submit proposals. Coryell County is an Affirmative Action/ Equal Opportunity Employer. Servicios de traducción estan disponibles por peticion.  
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## Hornets top Grizzlies in tennis action



SE'VETTE EARLY | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

**DIALING UP A WIN:** Gatesville High School's Preslea Edmond battled through a tough match to help lift the Hornet tennis team to a 10-9 victory over the Leander Glenn Grizzlies.



CODI WARREN | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

**Carlo Martinez battles for the Hornets in their victory on Aug. 26 at Leander Glenn High School.**



SE'VETTE EARLY | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

**Steady play by Gatesville's seniors, including Slone Early, has helped set the tone for the fall tennis season. The Hornets are scheduled to open district competition against Stephenville at 4:30 p.m. Sept. 8 in Gatesville.**



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**Ben Woodson keeps his focus in action against Leander Glenn to close non-district competition.**

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## Hornets triumph in area cross country competition

Senior Gatesville High School standout Carlo Martinez has picked up where he left off last cross country season - with dominance.

The GHS boys varsity took first place among all 21 participants in the recent Hillsboro High School Cross Country Meet.

Martinez led the pack with a time of 15:39. The Gatesville girls varsity took third place, with sophomore Vania Martinez finishing first overall with a time of 12:22.

Both teams were scheduled to travel to Woodward on Aug. 31 for competition at Gordon Wood Stadium.

## Evant excels in volleyball play

The Evant Lady Elks have recorded multiple victories in recent volleyball competition, defeating Comanche and Moody in the Hamilton Tournament and then defeating Eagle Christian.

In Hamilton, Harley Weeks had four aces, three kills and 20 assists, Hailey Neri had two kills and five digs, Molly Waldrum had three aces, three kills and three blocks, Bree Ramirez had 11 aces, 10 kills and three digs, Luwi Rodriguez had four aces, one kill and three digs, Izzy Gandy had six kills, one ace

and six digs, Haylie Dryden had one dig, Jolyce Acosta had one ace and Jocie White had one ace and one dig.

Against Eagle Christian, Weeks had nine assists, one kill, three aces and three digs, Neri had one kill, 13 aces and five digs, Waldrum had three kills, three blocks and four aces, Ramirez had one assist, five kills and two aces, Gandy had two kills and five aces, Dryden had one dig, Acosta had two digs and White had two digs.

## Lions, Exchange Club schedule golf scramble

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.

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