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Pre-growing pains: Proposed subdivision could have big impact on rural community

Editor's note: This is the second story about a proposed subdivision in the Oglesby area, and its potential impact. The first story ran on Sept. 14.

BY JEFF OSBORNE
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

Blayr Barnard of Oglesby said she is not an opponent of development and growth, but a proposed 592-house subdivision that would be located near there has raised several concerns for her and other neighbors.

Barnard voiced her concerns during the Sept. 13 meeting of the Coryell County Commissioners Court. She recently organized and hosted a town hall meeting for area residents on a Sunday earlier this month which was attended by County

Commissioners Scott Weddle and Kyle Matthews.

"I am submitting 139 letters for review from concerned citizens," she told the commissioners court.

"It's been said I'm against development and growth. That's not true, I worked in development previously, and that's why I had no qualms hosting a town hall meeting with two days' notice."

Barnard said she has concerns about those who want to profit from the development of the land, and that they don't care about the impact it will have on the community.

"These are not local citizens, they are turn-and-burn developers and all the profit will be leaving Coryell County," she said. "If properly developed, this would make my land worth five times its current value, so why would I be against that?"

Barnard and other community members are concerned that

the development will create dangerous traffic levels on roads not designed to handle that many vehicles, will overburden water resources, and will cause taxpayers to foot the bill for services and infrastructure that developers are not willing to help pay for.

She said the impact on water alone is a monumental concern.

"Our aquifer has already dropped 1,000 feet, and if we add another 595 (wells), not to mention an additional 150 nearby, we will run out of water," Barnard said. "We will become California (which has encountered significant resource shortages), and you will have to regulate these issues."

She said she has had to lower her water well 100 feet in the

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Showcasing spurs, fiddles & classic cars



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Members of the Karem Cowboys of Waco helped add western flavor to Spurfest on Sept. 17. Pictured in the garden area behind the Coryell Museum and Historical Center are, from left, John Brooks, Jilla Brooks, Marcelle Russell and Dustin West.

Coming home to a fiesta

BY SE'VETTE EARLY
STAFF WRITER

The Gatesville Independent School District will usher in the Fighting Gatesville Hornets football team with a Homecoming Fiesta on Thursday, Sept. 22, on 27th Street.

Various clubs and organizations from the high school will begin setting up booths at 4 p.m., and the community is invited to join the festivities from 5 to 7 p.m. Community members and Hornet fans can start the evening by stopping by the Project Graduation booth and purchasing a spirit ribbon to wear during the night's festivities.

Booths will be set up consisting of a cow patty bingo (FFA), tennis serve challenge (GHS tennis), face painting & cornhole (theater arts), pictures with the one and only "Buzz," a dunking booth, and a break-the-pinata (GHS band).

Skills USA and Health Science classes will sell pickles, while the Culinary Arts Department will serve and sell fresh lemonade. The PALS program will have fun glow-in-the-dark items, and the GEAR UP program has invited a team of draft horses that will give wagon rides.

Those attending can cool off with a refreshing bottle of water and

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DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Tristan Paskvan competed in his age division Sept. 17 and came in second.



DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Classic cars took center stage during the Cruzin Cruzers contest Sept. 17.

Gatesville enjoys tax windfall

BY JEFF OSBORNE
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

Better than expected sales tax collections mean the city of Gatesville will have about \$500,000 more to spend on different projects around the city.

"Basically, our sales tax has come in really well - above our expectations," Gatesville Finance Director Mike Halsema told the Gatesville City Council during a Sept. 13 meeting. "We are proposing to transfer any excess revenue to the capital funds project to reduce expenses and debt."

City Manager Bill Parry said he wants to allocate those extra sales tax proceeds for the capital projects fund. One of the expenses that could be paid for from capital improvements might also include the purchase of police cars.

"We have in the past leased police cars, and we think there may be some advantage to purchasing

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last five years. In the days surrounding the town meeting, Barnard said she received 47 calls from people concerned about the proposed subdivision, which would be located along areas adjacent to County Roads 267, 268, 272 and U.S. Highway 84. Barnard said a new subdivision with that many homes would overwhelm the Oglesby Independent School District, a small Class 1A district that could see the addition of 1,600 new students. She said the county should consider adopting impact fees for new developments that would require the developers to pay for the infrastructure that would be required with the addition of new homes. "They should have to pay for the infrastructure that affects our community," Barnard said. During a town hall meeting in Oglesby earlier this month, Barnard said representatives of the local volunteer fire department and the Coryell County Sheriff's Department both said they did not have the resources available to adequately serve the addition of such a large number of homes so quickly. She said water resources should also be protected, and electric services for that area would also be a strain. "We are at 80% of our electric grid and that's why we're having brownouts," Barnard

"As a county, we've got to protect ourselves. The developers won't pay for roads, the taxpayers will. They just want to take the money and leave us with the burden."

Doug Davidson

said. "Heart of Texas Electric (which serves the area) has no plans to expand there and Oncor doesn't have plans to come in." She said studies should be done to determine if that area of Coryell County could effectively accommodate that number of houses in that area, even if the studies took years to complete. Coryell County Commissioners Scott Weddle and Kyle Matthews attended the town hall meeting to listen to people's concerns. "I am grateful Commissioner Matthews and Weddle came to the meeting," she said. "We have 150 people to help the county with tasks and to make calls, and I ask you not to vote to approve this subdivision until the subdivision ordinance is updated." Gary Hannemann of Oglesby said his land is near the proposed subdivision on County Road 267 near Highway 84. "There are three or four 90-degree turns and it is dangerous," he said. "There are also several creek crosses that drop off and no guard rails. "My property of 200-plus acres extends to the proposed development, and I have a concern about going from no neighbors to more than 500 neighbors potentially."

Hannemann said he has owned the property since the 1980s and told the commissioners court, "I hope you'll take to heart our concerns." Doug Davidson said he also owns property nearby, "and you have trucks flying down and trying to get uphill." He said he was involved in an accident there, and he has also seen and experienced several near misses. "The trucks coming through only care about getting their speed up enough to go up the hills," Davidson said. "There's also not really room on 267 for people to pass. You almost have to pull into the ditch to allow people to pass, and you also have a one-lane bridge in the area that hasn't been updated. "I foresee a lot of wrecks - the infrastructure is not prepared to handle that many people. The developers don't want to pay for the infrastructure needed. They just want to get their money and be gone. The county will have to maintain the roads, put in guardrails. The developers want to dump (the costs) on us. "As a county, we've got to go in there and protect ourselves. The developers won't pay for roads, the taxpayers will. They just want

to take the money and leave us with the burden." County Judge Roger Miller, who said no official proposal has been submitted for the subdivision to the commissioners court, said county leaders have talked about these and similar concerns. "The commissioners court has had discussions addressing most if not all the issues you've brought up," he said. "There has been a dynamic change in development in Coryell County. We haven't had a situation before where thousands of acres were bought up, putting little towns in the middle of nowhere. "That size development, if it were to come about, would immediately become the third largest (population center) in Coryell County. "We're not sitting by idly. We've been meeting with the Middle Trinity (Water Conservation District) to find a way to have better monitoring of drawdown. We are also engaging in data collection concerning tributaries and runoff." Miller said county leaders are playing catch-up in order to be able to respond to these concerns. "We're still a little bit behind the developers," he said. "It's something new to Coryell County but it's something other areas are facing as well." Regarding impact fees, Miller said, "It's something we should look into - something that holds developers accountable as the county grows."

Homecoming styles have changed significantly over the years

SE'VETTE EARLY
STAFF WRITER

Dating as far back as the 19th century, the homecoming tradition has been held at colleges and universities to celebrate the season's first football game. In the 21st century, high schools now celebrate homecoming with an entire week with pep rallies, hallway decorations, parades through town, and the famous traditions of lighting the bonfire and crowning the homecoming king and queen. The tradition of crowning the homecoming king and queen has stood the test of time; however, the fashion of the queen's dress and the homecoming mum, originating as far back as 1950 in Texas, symbolizes a token of affection to your sweetheart, has changed tremendously. Who's to say which fashion

trend reigns over the next, but they are worth a stroll down memory lane as Gatesville High School prepares to crown the 2022-2023 homecoming queen. In the 1960s former GHS queens' hair length varied from shoulder to chin with the option for a large quantity of hair spray. A tailored two-piece jacket and skirt to the knees with stockings and heels accompanied by a conservative mum made of only a few satin ribbons and a natural mum flower as the centerpiece was the choice of most queens. The 1970s introduced long flowing, pleated gowns with sleeves and a modest neckline. The 1980s turned a new corner with short-sleeved dresses, some cascading off the shoulder, scooped necklines, dresses trimmed in lace, and, once again, puffy hair.



1990s style



1970s style



1960s style



COURTESY PHOTOS

Homecoming styles from the 1980s.

The 1990s brought in permed, teased hair with bangs (the bigger, the better), shoulder pad jackets, skirts, and dresses. Mums began to double in size, and shiny braids, alternating ribbon

colors, and specialized decor were placed on the mums. Finally, the 21st century changed the homecoming queen's look completely. Long, free-flowing hair with minimal hair spray, plunging, complementary necklines, flashy satin, sequined dresses, and the highest of high heels will be seen as the queens take their final walk to the 50-yard line to see who will become the next GHS homecoming queen.

FIESTA

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select a creative sticker designed by the graphic design students. Swing by the CTE welding booth to purchase items made by the students. Finally, don't forget to stop by the Spanish department booth to buy a piece of

candy. Several local vendors serving the Gatesville area will be set up along the street, serving food and drinks and donating a portion of their proceeds back to Gatesville High School. GHS senior and country singer Thiele Alvarado will be a special guest and perform live. The GHS Marching Band,

Dazzlers, Cheerleaders, and 2023 graduating class of seniors will make their way to the bonfire at 7:30 p.m., and the tradition of lighting the bonfire will occur at approximately 7:45 p.m. GHS staff invite community members to come out and support the different organizations and share a memorable night with family and friends.

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vehicles," he said. Other equipment could include a piece of machinery for street work referred to as a sheepfoot roller. The Council approved the first reading of a budget ordinance approving adjustments to general fund revenues and expenditures of \$500,000 and also allowed for adjustments to the

airport fund revenues and expenditures of \$419,046. Other readings are scheduled for Sept. 27 and Oct. 11. In the Council's information packet for the meeting, it was noted that the airport "experienced damages to hangars last fall." The city's insurer (TML) authorized our claim to rebuild the hangars. The total cost of rebuilding was \$419,046 which was not in the airport fund's budget, as the budget was adopted prior to damages.

Other capital improvements have included the replacement of some older equipment at the fitness center that had been there since the center opened in 2001. Other equipment at the center is also scheduled for replacement. The budget amendment allows the city to put the extra sales tax revenue into the capital improvements fund, rather than adding it to the fund balance.



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CHAMBER MEMBER OF THE MONTH



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The Gatesville Chamber of Commerce recently selected Higginbotham Brothers as its September Member of the Month. The business is located at 2533 S. State Hwy. 36 and can be reached by calling 254-865-8820. Higginbotham Brothers Hardware store began in 1880 in De Leon, and eventually grew into a chain of stores. The Chamber Member of the Month award is sponsored by Extraco Banks and The Gatesville Messenger. Each month, the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce recognizes a chamber member, and those winners will also be in the running for Chamber Member of the Year, an honor awarded each year at the annual Chamber Banquet.

Boozaar to be held on Oct. 29

Gatesville's annual Boozaar Halloween Celebration is usually held annually on the Saturday before Halloween around the square in downtown Gatesville. This year the event will be held on Saturday, Oct. 29, from 6-8 p.m.

This free, family event is the most well attended event

of the year and provides fun for the citizens of all ages from Gatesville and the surrounding area. Those attending can participate in the costume contest and make their way around the square trick or treating at local businesses and playing games set up by local businesses and organizations. There is no admission charge, and most treats and attractions are free.

There are always vendors selling food and drinks if you choose to take advantage of some of the authentic and delicious items that are available.

Interested businesses and organizations are invited to participate as one of the following:

Treat Stops are businesses located on the square or the

Boozaar route that encompasses several blocks around the downtown area. They hand out treats to kids as they make their way around the route.

Treat stations are businesses and organizations who are not located downtown but set up booths around the square to provide free candy, games, and activities for families. There is no charge to set up a Treat Station.

Vendors can host a food booth, sell Halloween related items or charge for a game or activity. Vendor booths are \$55 each for commercial businesses and \$25 for non-profit. Any items sold must be Halloween related.

There will also be a costume contest with categories for all ages.

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Slater Cemetery workday and meeting set for Oct. 1

Slater Cemetery will have 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.

Coryell Retired School Personnel to meet Sept. 22

The first meeting of CRSP (Coryell Retired School Personnel) for this year will be on Thursday, Sept. 22 at 5:30 p.m. at Eastwood Baptist Church. The social time will start at 5:30 p.m. During this time, members may pay dues to the treasurer, Anne Byrom. Dues are \$45, which includes \$10 for local dues and \$35 for state dues. Members may also pick up their yearbook for the 2022-2023 school year.

This meeting will be an "indoor picnic" or "potluck supper." Coffee and tea will be provided. Members are asked to provide main dishes, meats, casseroles, salads, vegetables, fruit dishes and desserts. The meal will begin about 6 p.m.

After dinner, Dr. Barrett Pollard will address the group briefly followed by a short business meeting. The chapter's theme is "Cruisin' Back." As you will discover,

the leaders have already been very busy, making plans to accomplish many projects this year. Officers and committee chairmen have already met during the summer to launch plans this coming year. Some of the members will have attended a District XII leadership conference in Waco on Sept. 20. And by the way, the new District President is their own JoAnn Sugg.

All members are encour-

aged to come, bring your spouses, and bring retirees who are not yet members. Come see old friends, meet new members, and encourage others to join. They would love for you to be a part of what they do! Each year, among other things, they provide two scholarships to graduating seniors planning to major in the field of education. They provide between 1,500 and 2,400 free books to children ages

12 and under at no charge and donate over 30,000 volunteer hours to help out their community. Please come, and please consider joining their chapter. You can make a difference.

Lastly, before leaving, they will hand out lots of door prizes.

For more information, contact Marsha Lee at 254-865-2030 or 254-216-1677.

Letters to the Editor

Frustration with rest home

As election season nears, I remain frustrated that the old rest home at Lovers Lane and Osage is still standing. I was driving by recently and saw kids and bicycles on one of the porches. This drug infested eyesore is a trap for kids and is a block from our elementary. Our community would surely support a fundraiser for a nice park there for kids in East Gatesville. Let's demand every candidate act NOW.

CHARLES AMENT,
Gatesville

Closing of SH 236

The Texas Department of Transportation closed SH 236 at the Leon River more than a year ago. This has created a major inconvenience for local persons on many levels: Most locally have a Moody address and do most business in Moody or McGregor; this doubles time and expense for us.

Access for emergency services is adversely affected.

Access to Mother Neff state park from the south is ridiculous.

We have been patient with progress because the bridge upgrade was badly needed due to intermittent closure of SH 236 due to flooding. There have been several delays, but now progress is essentially halted due to a guardrail material dispute between the contractor and TxDOT. We have been unable to get any update on completion and re-opening of SH 236.

The bridge is completed except for guardrail. We need SH 236 re-opened by some temporary means (I would suggest the concrete lane barriers they use everywhere) while they iron out their issues.

This delay is not acceptable when there are ways to prevent it.

GUY MATHEWS,
The Grove Community

Good job, Messenger

I felt as an avid reader of The Gatesville Messenger I needed to compliment the pictures and articles about the sports you are including in your paper! They certainly include many events and students who are participating, and their successes.

Everyone likes to read about and see their special loved ones who are training and working so hard to succeed, and I am no different.

Of course, when I sign this, you know my special event is tennis. I will give a thumbs up to Coach Jones, Justin and Marla Tatum, Sam and Se'vette Early, Glen Vernon and wife Sue for their coaching and encouragement to this sport for the last four years. Hooray to Shy Tatum, Stormy Tatum, Slone Early, Ty Warren, Alex Scott, Ally Nichols, and Cousin Callie Smith for their efforts to encourage participation in this tennis sport. To Se'vette Early and David Scott, thanks for your pictures and articles.

SANDRA TATUM,
Gatesville

Travel Club to meet Sept. 20

The Central Texas Travel Club will hold their September meeting Tuesday Sept. 20 at 11 a.m. The meeting will take place at Johnny's Steaks and Bar-Be-Que located at 301 Arnold Road

in Salado. Discussions for upcoming trips will include San Antonio, Texas State Railroad, Nashville and Iceland. Ideas for future trips will be discussed as well. All meetings are open to every-

one without meeting dues or requirements.

For more information, contact centraltexastravelclub@outlook.com or through the Central Texas Travel Club Facebook page.

GATESVILLE SENIOR CENTER

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Open House today at Senior Center

An open house is set for Wednesday, Sept. 21 at the Gatesville Senior Center, located at 208 N. Lutterloh Ave.

The event is scheduled from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. and Hillside Medical Lodge is providing a free lunch to those attending.

The community is invited to stop by and meet the center's new director, Pam Rudolph.

Vendors at the open house will include Amedisys Hospice, Treadway Hearing Aid Center, Coryell Home Health, HOP Transit, Companion In-Home Senior Care, Bealka Eye Surgery, Hillside Medical Lodge and Meals on Wheels.

There will be lots of information to help assist the elderly in our community.

The Gatesville Senior center invites everyone ages 50 and up to come join the activities at the center. Those activities include weekly BINGO and games, music, quilting, a fitness room, monthly birthday parties, and more. Other activities coming soon include crafting Fridays, educational classes and movie days.

There is no membership required to join the Senior Center and activities are free.

Lunch is also available Monday through Friday at 11 a.m.

Drivers needed for Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels is currently in need of local volunteer drivers. Meals on Wheels is a federally funded program for older adults who are homebound, unable to prepare a meal, don't drive and have no one to cook for them. The Meals on Wheels program provides home-delivered nutritious meals.

Gatesville is in need of volunteer drivers Monday

through Friday with meals picked up at the Senior Center at 10:15 a.m. Drivers are needed for four different routes. Volunteers will be reimbursed for their mileage - 62 cents per mile.

To volunteer, contact the Senior Center Director Pam Rudolph at 254-865-8234. The Gatesville Center is located at 208 North Lutterloh Avenue in Gatesville.

YARD OF THE MONTH



COURTESY PHOTO

Keep Gatesville Beautiful chose Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church as their September Yard of the Month winner. Harry and Debbie Grmela, volunteers and members of OLOL, landscaped the church property with Texas Natives and Texas Superstar plants and flowers including Lantana, pink and purple Skullcap, Dwarf Esperanza, Dwarf Santolina, Pride of Barbados, Rock Rose, Rock Daisy, Lambs Ear, Lari-ope, Dwarf Yaupon Holly, Red Slavia, Asparagus Fern and Potato Vine. These hardy plants withstood the scorching summer heat and the deer and blooms were on full display most of the summer. Texas Natives and TX Superstars are drought tolerant but need some watering when rain is scarce. Harry said he was watering around once every two weeks this summer. Many of the blooms out front are now in their rest cycle but Debbie expects them to show their colors again soon. The back parking lot islands have a variety of colorful plants that are in full bloom. Shown in the photo are the Pastor Fr Jayaraju Polisetty (Fr Jay), Arturo Chavez, Debbie Grmela, and Harry Grmela. Arturo, also a church volunteer, keeps the lawn mowed.

OBITUARIES

BOBBY DON "BOB" JOHNSON

Dec. 7, 1948 - Aug. 21, 2022

Bobby Don "Bob" Johnson, age 73, passed away on

Sunday, August 21, 2022, at home on Ater farm near Gatesville, Texas.

Celebration of life services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, September 24, 2022, at the Jonesboro Community

Center, 11615 N. State Highway 36, Jonesboro. Dress casually and comfortably and bring your stories to share. A light lunch will be served, and all are welcome to visit as long as you want.

EVA DUNBAR BAILEY

Jan. 5, 1925 - Sept. 13, 2022



Eva Dunbar Bailey came to the end of a full, 97 year-long life on Tuesday, September 13, 2022. She was born January 5, 1925, in Kingston, New

York to Henry Fowler and Ilse (Knauth) Dunbar.

After attending Eastman and Julliard schools of music, she took a job as principal violist in the New Orleans Symphony orchestra. While there, she met and married Ralph Bailey, a medical student at Tulane University. In their 65 years together, they lived in such exotic places as Afghanistan and the Bahamas in addition to numerous places in the United States including Nacogdoches and Gatesville. Eva maintained her music career as much as practical, playing viola with the San Francisco, CA, Dallas, and Tyler, TX symphony orchestras, teaching strings at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, and for numerous private students.

Eva is survived by three

children: Clyde Bailey of Little Rock, Arkansas (his wife, Patricia Keightley), Ilse Bailey of San Antonio (her husband, Al Graham), and Cindy Grayson of Nacogdoches; four grandchildren, Joshua Fisher of Nacogdoches, Bobby Fisher of Nacogdoches, Eva Graham of Denton; and Galen Graham of Denton; one of her five siblings, Susan Barrymore of Santa Barbara, CA, and a number of nieces and nephews and their offspring.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you may donate to the Nature Conservancy, the Stephen F. Austin music department, the Audubon society, or a charity of your choice in her honor.

A celebration of her life may be planned in the future.

PERRY PRICE

March 31, 1934 - Sept. 13, 2022



Perry Price, age 88, of Gatesville, passed away on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at his home.

Private family services will be held at the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Killeen, with Naval military honors.

Perry Dean Price was born on March 31, 1934, in the Ewing community of Coryell County, now part of Ft. Hood. He joined the Navy at the age of 17 and honorably served four years during the Korean War, being discharged in 1955. He married Janice Loretta Herzog on November 15, 1958. After their marriage, they resided in Houston where they raised their family. They owned and operated Price Painting Company until their retirement. They moved back to Gatesville, moving into the home that

they built on Coryell Creek. Shortly thereafter, they planted the pecan orchard on Golf Course Road in Gatesville that they lovingly cared for.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Gladys Beaty Price; brothers, Bill Price, Wayne Price; sisters, Eva Cook, Ponice Smith, Doris Phillips.

Perry is survived by his wife of 63 years, "Niece" Janice Price; children, Deanna, Richard and Laura, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to Alzheimer's Texas, 7719 Wood Hollow Dr., Ste. #157, Austin, TX 78731 or the charity of your choice.

DAV FUNDRAISER



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Chapter 74 of the Disabled American Veterans, continues to hold a fundraiser raffle for the chapter. Tickets are being sold for \$6 each or six for \$25. The first place prize will be \$300, second place \$200, and third place \$100. Raffle ticket sales will continue through Dec. 3 when the drawing will take place. Pictured above is Stephanie Lathum and her daughter, Everly McCoy purchasing a raffle ticket from left, Rebel Brown and Robert "Kaz" Kazmierczak.

PEARL NEWS

The Pearl Community Center Flea Market will be held October 14-15



BETSY CLARK
Pearl News Correspondent

The Pearl Community Center Flea Market will be held on October 14th and 15th this year. Friday's hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday's hours are 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Community Center kitchen will have homemade breakfast, lunch, and dessert items for sale both days. For more information, please check out the Pearl Cottage Bookstore and Resale Shop Facebook page. There are still

booths and spaces available to rent! You can text or call 254-595-1096 to rent spaces.

The Pearl Church of Christ will celebrate their 127th Homecoming on October 16th with Edward Schaub as the speaker. A catered lunch on the grounds will follow the service. Everyone is invited to attend! Feel free to drive your vintage vehicle to Pearl Church of Christ that day!

The Pearl Cottage Bookstore and Resale Shop will be open on Saturday, October 1st from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Now that Linda, Corlisa, and Kay are famous (since they recently made the front page of The Gatesville Messenger), you can visit with celebrities (ask for autographs!), purchase some great books for some relaxing fall reading, and shop for treasures that will make you smile! At Pearl Cottage Bookstore, you may come in as a customer, but you will leave as a friend! Plus, all proceeds go toward

the local charities that the bookstore supports!

Other news: My nephew came up to me the other day and said, "Aunt B, when I grow up, I want to play in a bluegrass band." I sadly replied, "Sorry, nephew, you can't do both."

Strolling through the Pearl Cemetery with a banjo player the other day, he asked why they bury guitar players ten feet under. With a face lacking any guile, Chris replied, "Because deep down, they're really pretty nice guys."

Seriously, the next Bluegrass event will be October 1st...and that's no joke! This week's Bible verse—"...even if..." NIV

Contact me at betsy-clark47@yahoo.com to submit any Pearl news.

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

There's no place like Pearl!!

Meeting set for Sept. 27 for Turnersville Community Cemetery Association

The Turnersville Community Cemetery Association will hold its third quarterly meeting on Tuesday, September 27th, at 7 p.m. The meeting was initially sched-

uled for Sept. 13, but was cancelled. The meeting will take place at the Turnersville Community Center and is open to the public.

The community center is

located at 8115 FM 182 in Turnersville. For more information about the quarterly meeting, please contact Dorothy Wagoner at 254-679-9259.

FROM MY FRONT PORCH

The most aggravating, rewarding game ever attempted by mere mortals

SAM HOUSTON

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



Being the fall of the year, it is time when most golf clubs have a major golf tournament. For some it is their "club championship" in which the competitors play to win recognition as being the best player on their home course. A week or so ago, the DeCordova County Club near Granbury in Hood County held its annual Club Benders tournament, with members and their guests competing against other golfers for prize money, and for the glory of the title.

I wish I had learned to play golf when I was very young, I never took up the game until I was in my late teens, and since everything I knew was self-taught, I later learned that I did almost everything contrary to what is recommended. It took time and some hard work, and after spending hundreds of hours on the driving range and reading and studying every instructional material on the planet, I was able to make some changes that allowed me to be somewhat proficient at the game. When I say somewhat, I was an "aver-

age" golfer at best. I came to understand, the golf course is one place on earth where being average is an accomplishment.

In the beginning, being average at golf was very frustrating. I desired to be good, even very good, but my swing had too many flaws. Common sense told me a golf swing should be like a baseball swing or shooting a basketball. It is a repeated motion, and once establishing muscle memory, the swing should be consistent and effective. Yah, right! It was not until I went to the PGA Championship that I realized even professional golfers hit bad shots.

No one, anywhere, hits good golf shots all the time. The difference is the pros simply hit fewer bad shots and can make great shots to recover from the bad shots. For myself, like most other "duffers," there were always bad shots and the great recovery shots were few and far between. Golf requires a player to accept occasional failure, to play within themselves, and to understand the interaction between their game and the golf course. The game can be very, very frustrating and sometimes downright maddening.

I came to accept my shortcomings and learned to enjoy the game for what it is. Working in an office all week long made being on the golf course a welcome respite. The course had fresh air, trees, beautifully manicured green grass and fairways. Just being on the course made a man forget about the pressing business at the office, and the exercise it provided allowed the frustrations of life to drift to the wayside, even if only for a short period of time.

The best part of golf was

the guys I played with. We were grown men with responsibilities and obligations, but when we played golf the yokes that weighed heavily upon our shoulders were lifted. We would cut up, tell jokes, tease each other mercilessly, and gamble on the results of the game. Occasionally there were libations involved, but for me the fun was being with other men, having harmless fun, and playing a game we enjoyed. Sometimes I wish I played better, or that I won more bets but mostly I went home smiling and laughing because of the pure pleasure or the company of my playing partners.

Due to some unfortunate back injuries, I have not played golf in years. Recently I did go to the course and watched the Club Benders tournament. I saw some contestants competing to win so hard they were as stressed as a tightly wound eight-day clock. I saw others who were there to have fun, eat, drink and have a good time.

My observations made me miss the game I once enjoyed, but mostly it made me miss my old golf companions and the good times we had. I remember very few great shots I hit during the hundreds of rounds I played during my life, but I can recollect a treasure trove of stories about the guys I played with. Maybe that is the best part of golf.

Thanks for the memory, boys. The next round is on you!

Thought for the day: My partner's golf score seems to improve significantly when he has control of the score card.

Until next time.
sam@hcnews.com | 817-573-7066, ext. 260

Texas Trappers and Fur Hunters Association to meet

A gathering of landowners, wildlife managers, trappers, and fur harvesters will be held on October 14-15, 2022, at the Gatesville Civic Center.

This event is sponsored by the Texas Trappers and Fur Hunters Association and the Gatesville Civic Center. Everyone is welcome to attend as instructors from across the Nation will offer free of charge to the public a diversified program of wildlife management techniques. Instructors will demonstrate effective methods to minimize damage from feral hogs, coyotes, bobcats, beavers, and more. Included will be a field trip to a nearby ranch to demonstrate some of these techniques applied in a natural setting, weather permitting.

This seminar will be held in conjunction with the Texas Trappers and Fur Hunters Association's fall Rendez-

vous. CEU's for pesticide applicators will be awarded for General and IPM credits. Fur harvesting and predator control supplies along with wildlife related crafts will be available throughout the convention. A live fundraising auction will take place Friday evening with auction items on display through the day. Please join them again Saturday for this family-oriented event. They will have Ladies and Youth crafts sessions, along with youth trap setting sessions. Also Saturday, they will have Trap setting and Skillet tossing contests for all ages with winners receiving trophies. Concessions will be available throughout both days. Activities will begin at 1 p.m. Friday, and 7:30 a.m. Saturday.

Make plans to attend and learn more about how trapping and fur harvesting help the environment and econ-

omy. The TTFHA is a 501c3 non-profit organization committed to public education, to the conservation of the natural resources of Texas, and to the responsibility to coexist with the wildlife of Texas. All hunting and trapping activities are regulated by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to ensure a continued thriving population of all wildlife species. Harvesting excess wildlife insures a stable and sustainable balance of wildlife to habitat ratio. It also reduces wildlife conflicts with humans. Wildlife is a renewable resource. Natural fur is an environmentally friendly alternative to man made products that are made from synthetic products based on petroleum. Most harvested furs are sold to international buyers. These sales help to lower the Nation's foreign trade deficit.

Morris Federation met Sept. 10

The first meeting of the Morris Federation for the 2022-2023 year was held on Saturday, Sept. 10 in the James Coryell Room at the Coryell Museum and Historical Center.

President Velva Riddle introduced the other newly elected officers for 2022-2024. In addition to Riddle, they are Marsha Lee, vice-president/reporter; Yvonne Dutschmann, interim secretary; Sue Vernon, treasurer; Marcelle Parrish-Russell, historian; and Joann White, parliamentarian.

New yearbooks were distributed by Marsha Lee, who went through the programs planned for the upcoming year. These included Faye Nichols with "Banned Book Week" for September, M.J. Wofford as Dale Evans Rogers with "Happy Trails" for October; artist Wendy Bye, with "What's My Line?" in November; a Christmas luncheon at The Feed Mill with members sharing special

Christmas ornaments and traditions in December; David Myers with "Things Seniors Need to Know" in January; Dona Gallagher with "Off the Beaten Park" about some of her travel adventures, in February; Christina Coleman with "Bee Happy" about honey bees and beekeeping, in March; Bronwen Kirby, violinist, with "Touch of the Master's Hand," in April; and a Spring Luncheon at Prima Pasta in May, with May Ann Leib presenting the program "Sum-sum-summertime."

Faye Nichols, Gatesville Public Library director for the past 27 years, next presented the September program on Banned Books Week. It was founded in 1982 largely by publishers and book sellers to draw attention to books and to boost sales and it usually falls in the last week of September. Through the years, it has evolved into a celebration of the freedom to read.

Ms. Nichols' informative presentation covered who initiates book challenges, where challenges take place, reasons for challenges, and how challenges are handled in various situations.

After the program presentation, Marsha Lee presented an updated copy of The History of The Morris Federation to Faye Nichols. The Morris Federation is the oldest "continually in existence" organization in Gatesville.

The previous copy in the library covered the years 1913-1976; the new edition put together by Sarah Gohlke along with Marsha Lee updates the book 1913-2016 and will continue to be updated every 10 years, per request by previous leaders of the Morris Federation.

After all business was completed, members present enjoyed refreshments provided by the new officers.

Gatesville Police Department to sponsor National Night Out

The Gatesville Police Department recently announced that National Night Out will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 4, at the Sports Complex from 5:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. National Night Out is designed to heighten drug and crime awareness, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partners, and send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting

back. This event will be fun for all ages. There will be free food, safety demonstrations, educational materials, fun games, music, local city/ county information, free giveaways and a chance to visit with your local first responders. Don't forget to bring your lawn chairs.

For more information, please contact the Gatesville Police Department at 254-865-2226.

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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT: Members of the community enjoyed demonstrations from National Night Out in 2018.



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The DISPATCH

The following is a partial breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of September 14 – 17. 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

Sept. 14
12:55 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2200 block of E. Main Street.
9:20 a.m., a theft was reported in the 2800 block of S. State Hwy. 36.
12:17 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 1300 block of W. Main Street.
3:09 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1200 block of Westview Drive.
9:12 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 1000 block of W. Leon Street.
9:39 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 200 block of N. 8th Street.

Sept. 15
12:44 a.m., a burglary was reported in the 3100 block of S. State Hwy. 36.
1:11 a.m., harassment was reported in the 2300 block of Business Hwy. 36.
11:11 a.m., an accident was reported in the 3100 block of S. State Hwy. 36.
5:06 p.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 500 block of FM 116.
8:47 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 2300 block of Bridge Street.

11:35 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of E. Main Street.

Sept. 16
7:57 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2300 block of S. Business Hwy. 36.
3:48 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of Chicktown Road.
5:47 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 800 block of Old Georgetown Road.
6:32 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 1200 block of E. Main Street.
7:33 p.m., a theft was reported in the 100 block of S. 7th Street.

8:09 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 500 block of Andrews Street.
Sept. 17
6:15 a.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 2200 block of E. Main Street.
6:48 a.m., an accident was reported in the 900 block of E. Main Street.
8:57 a.m., a burglary was reported in the 200 block of S. Lovers Lane.
8:55 p.m., a threat was reported in the 2400 block of Oak Drive.
9:02 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 2300 block of E. Main Street.
10:43 p.m., a threat was reported in the 100 block of N. State Hwy. 36 Bypass.

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CORYELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sept. 14
4:58 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported on E. Hwy. 84 near Cedar Lane.
5:11 a.m., a suspicious vehicle was reported at Straws Mill low water crossing.
12:39 p.m., an out-of-control child was reported at Oglesby ISD.
1:39 p.m., a domestic disturbance was reported on Hwy. 190 towards Lampasas.
3:06 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 200 block of Birch Drive.
11:09 p.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 100 block of S. FM

183.
Sept. 15
2:27 a.m., a suspicious vehicle was reported in the 500 block of Nathan Drive.
8:37 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported on FM 116 at Cowhouse bridge.
3:52 p.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 200 block of Thackston Road.
4:12 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on CR 153 at Pearl.
4:27 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 500 block of CR 274.
10:31 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 3200 block of CR 318.
Sept. 16
8:36 a.m., criminal mischief was reported on CR 318.
9:26 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported at the bridge on Chicktown Road.
1:16 p.m., a neighbor dispute was reported in the 100 block of Julia Drive.
2:33 p.m., an out-of-control child was reported in the 200 block of Putnam.
2:44 p.m., a juvenile complaint was reported at Oglesby ISD.
5:48 p.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 800 block of Old Georgetown Road.
Sept. 17
6:17 a.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 1700 block of Fort Panic Road.
10:06 a.m., identity theft was reported in the 4400 block of Harmon Road.
10:10 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 3200 block of CR 318.
1:08 p.m., illegal dumping was reported on CR 356 at The Grove Road.
9:07 p.m., a threat was reported in the 300 block of Deer Ridge Drive.
10:00 p.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 5700 block of E. Hwy. 84.

Cruzin Cruzers

Crowds of people and vehicles turned out for the Cruzin Cruzers car show held on the downtown square in Gatesville. Photos by David Scott.



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SPURS, FIDDLES AND FUN

Gatesville hosted the Coryell Museum's annual Spurfest and Old Time Fiddler's Contest over the weekend. Photos by David Scott.



**Gelett Burgess:
The Nonsense Expert**

Born January 30, 1866, Gelett Burgess is remembered as a nonsense expert. In fact, he may be one of your favorite authors, even though you have probably never heard of him.

He invented such great words as "blurb" and "goop."

Goop comes from the many tales he told of the boneless, ill-mannered and sort-of-human characters he named "goops."

**The goops, they lick their fingers;
The goops, they lick their knives.
They spill their broth on the table cloth.
Oh, they lead disgusting lives.**

The Purple Cow

The most quoted poem of the 1890s was a little ditty by Gelett Burgess called "The Purple Cow."

A But I can tell you anyhow,

B I'd rather see than be one.

C I never hope to see one,

D I never saw a purple cow

ANSWER: The correct order is D, C, A, B.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

How to Draw a Purple Cow

STEP 1
Draw big, simple shapes for your cow's body with a pencil. Draw very lightly. A cow's body is a rectangle. Cows have short legs and a long tail. Draw ovals for the head and feet.

STEP 2
Still drawing with a pencil, start adding details like eyes, hooves, udders, and horns. Remember to draw lightly with the pencil because you'll be erasing the pencil lines.

STEP 3
Draw over the pencil lines in ink. Make sure the ink is dry, then erase all the pencil lines. Color your cow and add spots, stripes, or wild & wacky patterns.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Goopy Manners

Gelett Burgess wrote a series of goop books to teach children manners.

One book of goop tales has verses about 52 children, two for each letter of the alphabet. Each child's name describes a fault.

Draw a line from each goop name to that child's fault.

Asleepnogo	would not share things
Teeza	had dirty hands
Nevashair	didn't want to go to bed
Inkafinga	picked on others

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple directions.

What faults are described by these names?

Askalotte _____

Xcitabelle _____

Badinskool _____

Fibius _____

Standards Link: Vocabulary: Understand word meaning from context clues.

Make up names for children with these faults:

_____ She would not brush her teeth.

_____ He liked to sing too loud.

_____ He pinched his baby sister.

_____ She ate with her fingers.

Standards Link: Vocabulary: Create words from context clues.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Only two of these kooky cows are identical. How fast can you find them? Better get moo-oo-ving!

Standards Link: Visual discrimination: Recognize objects that match.

Double Double Word Search

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

NONSENSE	G M E R E V E N L E
PURPLE	T T E G B E U R E T
EXPERT	S D R O W R E S L E
GOOPS	G B P O P S N E P B
BLURB	T R E P X E S W R A
ALPHABET	E O D S S O U H
POEM	E T U N S C L W P P
VERSES	T H O O R B K C I L
BROTH	H N L D X N N A M A
NEVER	
WORDS	
COW	
LOUD	
TEETH	
LICK	

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

Kid Scoop Together: Missing Words

Here are some limericks written by Kid Scoop readers. Use the words in the Word List to make each limerick rhyme.

There once was a clever young lad
But sometimes he gets really _____
He found a big clover
It flipped him right _____
In the end he was very glad.
— by Sam G.

Hey, it's free pizza day _____
All the towns people cheered, "Horray"
But the fools didn't _____
'Cause they went with the flow
That I was going to yell April Fools Day!
— by John D.

I was sitting in my comfy _____
Eating like a big grizzly bear
I just couldn't _____
I thought I would pop!
Now I'm fat, but I really don't _____!
— by Cece D.

I love playing in the bright _____
Oh my it is so much good fun
To play in a _____
But always stay _____
It is so sad when the day is done.
— by Audra P.

CARE POOL OVER KNOW CHAIR **SAD SUN COOL TODAY STOP**

Standards Link: Vocabulary: Identify words that rhyme.

Kid Scoop-doku™

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

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H			R
Y	E		R
M	H	R	
E	R		Y

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Opposite Ads

Find an ad in the newspaper. Rewrite the ad so that it says just the opposite of the original.

Standards Link: Writing: Write brief descriptive narratives.

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Sticky Situation

What is a time you found yourself in a "sticky" or difficult situation? How did you solve your problem?

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Mary Alice Wise, Independent Executor, Estate of Charles Daniel Wise, Deceased
c/o Philip C. Joseph
2904 Richard Lane
Austin, Texas 78703

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

Dated September 15, 2022.

Law Office of Philip C. Joseph
By: Philip C. Joseph, Attorney for Mary Alice Wise,
Independent Executor for the Estate of Charles Daniel Wise, Deceased
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Rosa Ulrike Majszak, Deceased, were issued on 8-15-22, in Cause No.10696 Christina Debrah Majszak.

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: Christina Debrah Majszak
Estate of Rosa Ulrike Majszak
2939 Poplar Drive
Kempner, Texas 76539

DATED the 15 day of August, 2022.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Harold Ira Barker, Jr., Deceased, were issued on 8-15-22, in Cause No. 22-10694, pending in the County Court at Law of Coryell County, Texas, to: Harold Barker III. 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: Harold Ira Barker III
Estate of Harold Ira Barker, Jr.
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DATED the 15 day of August, 2022.

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Cause No. 22-10683, pending in the County Court at Law of Coryell County, Texas, to: Sheryl Jean Johnson.

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.

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DATED the 15 day of August, 2022.

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JOINT NOTICE OF SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF CORYELL

BY VIRTUE OF ORDERS OF SALE issued pursuant to judgment decrees of the District Court of Coryell County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date in the hereinafter numbered and styled causes, and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said County, I have on the 8th day of September, 2022, seized, levied upon, and will on the 4th day of October, 2022, at the Courthouse Steps, at 10:00 A.M. on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, as provided for by the TEXAS PROPERTY TAX CODE.

All of the following properties being located in Coryell County, Texas and each property being more particularly described on an instrument recorded in the Volume and Page reference (V__/P__) or document number of the Deed Records, Coryell County, Texas. The approximate property addresses reflected herein are the addresses on the tax records and may or may not be completely accurate.

TRACT	SUIT #	STYLE	PROPERTY DESCRIPTION, APPROXIMATE ADDRESS, ACCT #	MIN BID
1	CTX-14-03135	Coryell Co. vs. Tim Sullivan	Lot 5, Block 6, Town of Leon Junction (V468/P37), CR 347. #000000116464	\$15,083.99
2	CTX-16-03263	Coryell Co. vs. Martin M. Magrum, Jr.	Lot 9, Block 5, Leon Junction Addn. (Instrument #205976, OPR) #116510	\$4,295.21
3	CTX-16-03283	Coryell Co. vs. Mac A. Byrd	22.02 Acres, more or less, of Abstract 1094, of WM Walker Surv. (Instrument #242821, OPR) 2455 CR 258, Valley Mills, #109620	\$51,931.72
4	CTX-18-03431	Coryell Co. vs. Thomas E. Patterson	N part of Lot 4, Block 87, OTS Gatesville (Instrument #194411, OPR) 204 E Main St, #114228	\$17,250.56
5	CTX-21-03693	Coryell Co. vs. Elaine Kinney	Lot 2, Block 82, OTS Gatesville (Instrument #289503, OPR), 307 N 10th St, #114191	\$37,731.51
6	CTX-21-03699	Coryell Co. vs. John D. Hoover	10.05 Acres, more or less of the George W. Robinson Surv., Abstract 861, (Instrument #193246, OPR) 1st L. Winter Rd, Gatesville, #107503	\$3,542.71
7	CTX-21-03713	Coryell Co. vs. Paula Bowen	Lot 6, Block 2, Western Hills Estates, Section 10, (Instrument #322350, OPR) 612 Mesquite Cir. Copperas Cove, #126604	\$5,012.81

This sale will be conducted to satisfy the judgment(s) for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interests due on the properties described herein, and for all costs of court and sale.

I do hereby verify that true and correct copies of the foregoing Joint Notice of Sale have been delivered by United States Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, and by regular mail, to each of the Defendants named in each of the numbered and styled causes.

DATED the 8th day of September, 2022, at Gatesville, Texas

SCOTT WILLIAMS
Sheriff, Coryell County, Texas

You may contact the attorney for the taxing units at (254) 756-7755.

Hornets take top honors in cross country again



The Gatesville Hornet boys cross country team won its fourth straight meet, this time at the hometown Gatesville Invitational, on Sept. 17. The Hornets were led by senior Carlo Martinez, (third from the right in this photo), who was first place overall with a time of 16:06 in the 5K run - one minute and 35 seconds faster than the second place runner. Teammate Justin Muegge won the silver medal.

COURTESY PHOTO



Gatesville's Vania Martinez completed her run with a time of 12:09, winning the girls' meet with a time of 12:09, winning the girls' meet by 12 seconds over the second place contestant. The Gatesville girls finished third overall in the Gatesville Invitational on Sept. 17.

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Gatesville Junior High Football

7B vs. Mexia

	1	2	3	4
FINAL				
Gatesville	0	0	0	0
Mexia	0	6	0	0

Leading Rushers: Cash Heath- 6 for 33; Havik Appelton- 3 for 13; Brensyn Pope- 3 for 18

Leading Passers: Appleton- 2 for 4, 17 yards

Leading Receivers: Jacob Taylor- 1 for 15; Paydon Garret- 1 for 2

Leading Tacklers/Defensive players: Jacob Taylor- 2 TFLs, 1 forced fumble; Kaiden Gibson- 2 tackles, 1 blocked punt; Memphis Salas- 2 tackles, 1 fumble recovery

Season Record: 1-1

8B vs. Mexia

	1	2	3	4
FINAL				
Gatesville	0	6	0	0
Mexia	0	0	8	0

Leading Rushers: Andrew Ballantine- 7 rushes for 38 yards; Jaiden Ducette- 2 for 45

Leading Passers: Case

Wendeborn- 4/7 for 59 yards, 1 TD, 1 INT

Leading Receivers: Ballantine- 3 for 36; Ivan Resendiz- 1 for 20, TD

Leading Tacklers/Defensive players: Ballantine- 4 tackles, 2 TFL; Jacob Desormeaux- 3 tackles, 1 TFL; Charles McLeod- 3 tackles; Gavin Klecka- 2 tackles

Season Record: 1-1

7A vs. Mexia

	1	2	3	4
FINAL				
Gatesville	0	9	0	0
Mexia	0	0	6	6

Leading Rushers: Grady Keeton- 3 for 34, 1 TD; Aiden Zachary- 6 for 51, TD; Eli Phillips- 4 for 18

Leading Passers: Phillips- 7 for 11 for 55 yards

Leading Receivers: Draven Henderson- 3 for 36; Talon Miller- 1 for 3; Kaydon Buster- 1 for 7

Leading Tacklers/Defensive players: Henderson- 8 tackles; Phillips- 6 tackles; Keeton- 4 tackles; Stephen Walker- 4 tackles; Braxton Brown- 6 tackles, 1 for

a safety; Kazim Johnson- 4 tackles; Leonardo Leon made 2 extra points.

Season Record: 2-0

8A vs. Mexia

	1	2	3	4
FINAL				
Gatesville	6	8	0	0
Mexia	0	0	0	0

Leading Rushers: Brady Gist- 9 for 67, 1 TD, 2 pt conversion; Wyatt Baker- 6 for 47

Leading Passers: Gist- 7/11- 60 yards, 1 TD

Leading Receivers: Seth Baize- 1 for 15, TD; Baker- 3 for 24; Carmona- 2 for 11; Howard- 1 for 12

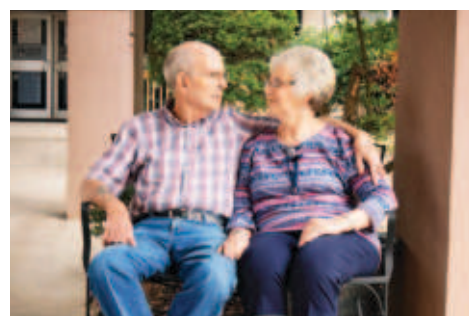
Leading Tackle/Defensive players: Brody Brown- 4 tackles; Zay Nunn- 3 tackles; Carson Griffith, 3 tackles, 2 TFL; Trey Howard- 4 tackles, 2 TFL; Aiden Holden- 4 tackles, 1 recovered On-side kick; Gorge Carmona- 2 tackles, 1 INT; Brady Gist- 5 tackles, 1 INT

Season Record: 2-0



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Hornets fall to Burnet in volleyball play

The Gatesville Hornet varsity volleyball team fell to Burnet, 3-1, on Friday, Sept. 16.

The Hornet JV team lost 2-0 and the freshman squad also lost 2-0.

Gatesville is scheduled to open District 23-4A competition against Robinson High School on Sept. 23.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

GATESVILLE HORNETS
#2 Jacob Newkirk
20 complete passes out of 26 attempted, 287 passing yards, 3 passing TDs, 2 rushing TDs

JONESBORO EAGLES
#16 Demarcus Acoff
48 receiving yards, 1 touchdown, 2 rushing attempts for 70 yards and 2 touchdowns, 2 tackle-for-loss

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Hornets rout Black Cats, push record to 3-1

BY CHRIS ALLMAN
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

There are two questions that start every postgame conversation with the Gatesville Hornets coaching staff: "What did you like? What did you not like?"

"I love the score. I don't love the drive home," offensive coordinator Jacob Hunter said.

Certainly no one was looking forward to the late-night, 83-mile drive from Mexia back to Gatesville but those rides are likely a lot more fun when you can spend them reflecting on the 43-14 thrashing you and your team dealt the Black Cats on their home turf.

"Kidding aside. They played four quarters put together finally," Hunter said. "So the first three weeks were missing all four quarters strung together. And tonight was the first time offense and defense together put four quarters together with similar results."

The Hornets (3-1) led 15-0 after the quarter and 36-0 at halftime. They stretched the lead to 43-0 after three quarters before the offense took their foot off the gas.

The Hornets punted on their first possession but quickly got the ball back when Corey Burns recovered a fumble at the Mexia 26-yard line. On the next play, quarterback Jacob Newkirk hit Tyler Shea over the middle for a quick 6-0 lead.

Newkirk had attempted to hit Shea - also a Hornet basketball standout - down the field twice on the prior possession - part of the Hornets' attempt to start quicker.

"If you want to start fast you have to be a little bit more aggressive," Jacob Hunter said, "So the first three weeks have been very conservative. Tonight, it was kind of like, 'nope, so we're gonna try to push the ball downfield vertically.' It helps when you have a 6'5" target out there."

Newkirk said that the effort to start faster was a point of focus during their week preparing for Mexia.

"I think what the biggest deal with us starting faster is how we practice. We had a great week of practice and we were prepared," he said.

Following Shea's touchdown catch, Rayshon Smith punched in the two-point conversion for an 8-0 lead. The Hornets extended their lead to 15-0 on their next possession when Newkirk hit Kyle Shafer for a 25-yard touchdown in which Shafer bounced off one Mexia defender and then outran two others to the end zone.

Offensively, the two first quarter touchdowns were the first points the Hornets have scored in a first quarter this season.

On their final first quarter possession, Newkirk was intercepted in the end zone trying to hit Trevor Smith. But he bounced back on the first possession of the second quarter as he hit Smith for 45 yards. Two plays later, Newkirk snuck into the end zone for a 22-0 lead.

Following the interception, Hunter wasn't hesitant to put the ball back in the hands of his junior signal-caller.

"We told him...with aggressive play-calling to push the ball downfield, there's gonna



Tyler Shea drags a defender in the Hornets' 43-14 win over the Mexia Black Cats on Sept. 16.

CHRIS ALLMAN | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER



Lawson Mooney

be times they're gonna get one. So don't be scared to come back...we'll push it back down the field. And see if they can stop it again," he said.

Newkirk finished the game 20-27 for 287 yards with three touchdowns. He also ran for a pair of scores.

Later in the second quarter, Rayshon Smith scored from six yards out to make it 29-0. Then, just before half, Newkirk found Shafer again from six yards out to give the Hornets a 36-0 halftime lead.

It would not be incorrect to assume that the Hornets offensive game plan might have been "throw the ball to someone with the last name that starts with S" as Newkirk hit



Kyle Shafer

five different receivers on the night - three Smiths, a Shafer, and a Shea.

Shafer had five catches for 62 yards and Shea finished with three for 38 yards. Adrian Smith caught five passes for 20 yards and led the team in rushing, while Rayshon Smith caught four passes.

Not-at-all forgotten was another career night for Trevor Smith. Two weeks after a nine catch, 110-yard night against Glen Rose, the senior tallied 139 yards on just three catches against Mexia. He has 303 yards through four games and is averaging almost 16 yards per catch.

It was his 80-yard reception - 10 yards of pass and 70 yards of sprint - in the third

quarter that setup the Hornets' final score, a two-yard run from Newkirk that made it 43-0 for Gatesville.

Defensively the Hornets were led by Lawson Mooney who had 20 tackles - one for a loss - in just three quarters of work. He also had one reception for 30 yards on a fake punt that set up the Hornets second score. He, along with the majority of the Hornets' defensive starters, watched the fourth quarter from the sidelines.

Mason Mooney had 11 tackles while Thiele Alvarado had nine. Tommy Aaron, Ayden Necessary and Lucas Garcia each had 8 and Aaron broke up one pass. Kason Herbelin picked off his third pass in the last two games and Sean Aguilar snagged his first interception of the year as well.

Outside of giving up 49 points to Glen Rose in a week two loss, coach Jose Aguirre's defense is allowing just 18 points per game. For Aguirre, it's a matter of faithfulness to the little things.

"If you look at really good defenses they don't do anything spectacular. What makes them special is that they are very disciplined," Aguirre said. "So the stress across the board from the coaches down to the kids is 'doing your job'. You have to have faith in your teammates, you have faith in your coaching, faith in your work, and faith in your abilities. And they've bought in."

Aguirre and his defense will get a test in their next game as Godley comes to town fresh off a 64-54 win over Ponder. The Wildcats are 2-2 and average 32 points per game while giving up 38.5 per game.

For the Hornets, they'll look to continue what they are building - on the field and in the locker room.

Jacob Newkirk settling into quarterback role for GHS

BY CHRIS ALLMAN
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

Coming into the 2022 season, the Gatesville Hornets football team was facing their first quarterback dilemma they had faced since 2019.

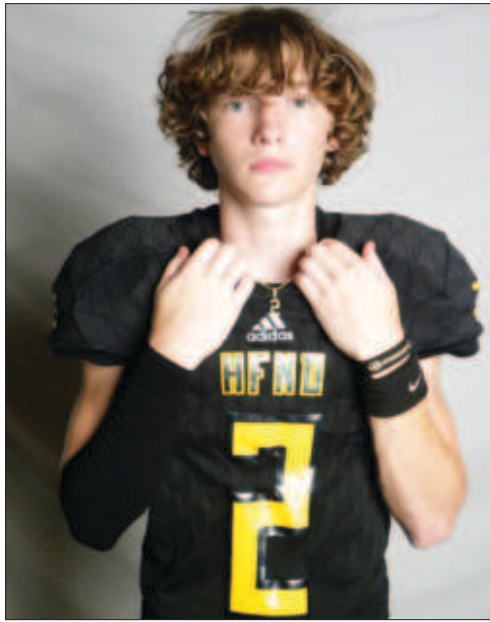
In 2020 and 2021, coach Luke Howard had at least one returning quarterback option with varsity experience. In 2020, he had Wesley Brown and Luke Mullins readily available, and it was Mullins who ultimately guided the Hornets to playoffs and earned First Team All-District honors.

In 2021, Brown took over as the full-time starter in the fourth game of the year and led the Hornets to the postseason for the second year in a row en route to his own First Team All-District honor.

Brown's departure meant that, for the first time since 2019, there was no definitive choice for the Hornets at quarterback heading into the season.

Enter Jacob Newkirk.

The junior, who missed a significant portion of his sophomore season on junior varsity, won the job in camp and has steadily improved each week in guiding the Hornets to a 3-1 mark. In four games this season, he has thrown nine touchdowns and a two-point conversion against four interceptions.



Jacob Newkirk

In the season opening win against Taylor, Newkirk spent the first half shaking off nerves before coming alive in the second half and leading a fourth-quarter scoring drive that culminated in a touchdown pass and two-point conversion to Kyle Shafer and a 22-21 win over the Ducks.

Since the Hornets only loss of the season to Glen Rose (in which he was 21 of 37 with two touchdowns and two interceptions), Newkirk has hit his stride in wins against McGregor and Mexia.

"At the start of the first couple of games I came out slow and would pick it up during the second half," Newkirk said. "After having a talk with Coach Hunter I realized I just needed to come out and do my job, so that's what I did."

In the last two games - both wins - Newkirk has gone 31-41 with four touchdown passes and just one interception. He's thrown for 434 yards combined in the two wins.

He was at his best against Mexia going 20 of 26 for 287 yards, three touchdown passes, and two rushing scores. He completed touchdown passes of 25 yards and 26 yards and also found senior receiver Trevor Smith on completions of 45 and 80 yards.

Offensive coordinator Jacob Hunter sees how the game is slowing down for his signal-caller.

"It's his decision-making. He doesn't turn a bad play into a worse one. So he salvages each play," he said. "And as you saw (against Mexia), there's a couple times he just checks down off his reads and just gets 10 yards. And that's what we do. And so his decision making has been fantastic."

Head coach Aaron Hunter noted that Newkirk's improvement has been a combination of experience, coaching, and the weapons around him. He has completed passes to 10 difference receivers in four games and thrown touchdown passes to six different receivers.

"Like I've said all along, he's very inexperienced. He played two or three games last year because of injuries and everything else that happened to him so in all of his high school he's only has at the most 10 to 12 games experience as a high school quarterback. So he's really getting comfortable," Aaron Hunter said. "I think our receivers help him do that. Coach (Jacob) Hunter is putting together great game plans that give him easy reads and get the ball in his hands quick, which gets him comfortable. So I think overall, he's taking a ton of steps. I'm super proud."

Newkirk is quick to attribute his early success to the culture he and his teammates are working to create.

"Everybody is on the same page and bought in to the culture that Coach Hunter has created for us. That's a big part of our success," Newkirk said. "The vibe in the locker room is like nothing I've seen before since my freshman year. We are a family once we step foot in that locker room."

Tigers, Eagles earn big wins during week 4 football action

The Oglesby Tigers improved to 4-0 with a 46-0 win over Kopperl on Sept. 16, while the Jonesboro Eagles lifted their record to 3-1 with a 62-0 win over Greenville Christian on Sept. 17.

Three Tigers scored in double figures, with Kyler Fossett leading the way with 18 points followed by Johnny Gomez with 12 and Brodie Fisher with 10. Hunter Ewing scored six points for Oglesby.

Hunter Walter completed three of seven passes for 73 yards for OHS, including a touchdown, while Kyler

Fossett completed one of two passes for 28 yards and a touchdown.

Fossett also ran for 120 yards and two touchdowns on eight carries for the Tigers.

Fossett, Ewing and Jack Hendricks each had one catch for 28 yards for Oglesby, with Fossett and Ewing having touchdown receptions.

Hendricks and Fossett each had 12 tackles for the Tiger defense, followed by Gomez who had 11, along with a fumble recovery and an interception. Jakson Tippit and

Alex Castillo each had seven tackles for Oglesby, while Aiden Deskins contributed three. Castillo also had a fumble recovery.

Oglesby is scheduled to host the Methodist Children's Home Bulldogs of Waco at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 23. The Bulldogs have a 2-2 record and beat Our Lady of the Hills, 64-32, on Sept. 16.

Eagles win big

Jonesboro manhandled Greenville Christian in a Saturday road game, rolling to a 62-0 win.

Although game stats were not available, the following team leaders were listed on MaxPreps. Caleb Christel is averaging 107.3 yards rushing per game for Jonesboro and 128 total yards. Nathan Forrest is averaging 50 yards passing per game and has also recorded three pancake blocks (flattening an opponent). Layden Nichols is averaging 12.7 points per game for the Eagles. Jacob Cisneros is averaging 9.3 tackles per game for the JHS defense.

Jonesboro will play the Smoking

for Jesus Christian School Eagles of Burnet in an away game at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 23. The SJCS Eagles are 1-3 and lost to the Tribe Warriors, 76-31, on Sept. 15.

Evant returns to action

The Evant Elks did not play Sept. 16, but are scheduled to travel to Rochelle for a 7:30 p.m. game Sept. 23.

The Rochelle Hornets are 3-1 and beat Lometa, 65-36 on Sept. 16.

All stats are from the MaxPreps website unless otherwise noted.