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## Tips offered for protecting privacy, electronic security

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
Senior Writer & Editor

Protecting privacy and personal security can seem like a nearly impossible task in this electronic age dominated by emails, text messages, social media and artificial intelligence, but there are things that can be done to help secure your personal information.

That was the message that David Catsoris, a resident of Jonesboro and an information technology specialist for AT&T, shared with members of the Gatesville Lions Club on March 1. Catsoris has worked in the IT field since 1997.

"Security and privacy concerns have a big

impact on our lives," he said. "All of our information is online, whether it's financial, medical or legal. There are some things you can do so you aren't a victim and find yourself in a situation where you have an account compromised or you're locked out of your email account."

Catsoris described himself as a "tech enthusiast (or) geek and a privacy and security advocate." He said many of the tips he shares are things advocated by Daniel Solove, who is considered an international expert in privacy.

"You have a right to be left alone and to not have something intrude on your life," Catsoris said. "We should be able to control

who has access to our information. We need to do more to protect ourselves — everybody needs to do more, because companies we deal with don't do a very good job of protecting our information.

"A cell phone is basically our digital identity. We all carry them, and we pay for the privilege of Google, Apple and everybody else to track us and try to sell us advertising. We can make ourselves safer and avoid becoming a victim (of cybercrime)."

Catsoris pointed to several examples where data breaches diminished people's privacy and threatened their security.

Credit monitoring company Experian had a security breach that left people's fi-

nancial information vulnerable for 47 days, and Equifax, another credit monitoring bureau, had a similar breach and settled a class action suit that offered only miniscule compensation (\$6.97) to those who were compromised as a result of a class action lawsuit, he said.

He also noted security breaches affecting T-Mobile customers and urged those with the service to change their passwords.

"T-Mobile had a bad 2022," Catsoris said. "They had 100 breaches."

Ring security cameras, which are popular, have been hacked and misused by some. He

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## Hummingbird Boutique takes flight



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From left, Cambreah Byford and store owner Margaret Burch stand in front of a chalk board listing some of the treats available at the Hummingbird Boutique, which is located on the Coryell County Courthouse square.

## Store on courthouse square carries variety of items, treats

BY ALEXANDRA MEELBUSCH  
Staff Writer

Gatesville High School alumni Margaret Burch has always tried to make an impact in the community. Through community service, she has continued the teachings of her grandmother to be kind. In honoring this special person in her life, Burch opened up a boutique and named it the Hummingbird Boutique since her grandmother loved hummingbirds. Burch wanted to have a piece of her associated with her new business.

The Hummingbird Boutique opened three

years ago during the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020.

"The store wasn't in a good location," she said, "and when Covid happened, I had to convert to online sales only." She needed to find the right building for the boutique, and she knew that it would take time and patience.

"I saw an opportunity to move forward my business. When the building became available on the square, I knew it was meant to be." The building was unique in many ways but what caught her eye was that the building was an early day post office of Gatesville in 1907.

In memory of the old post office, Burch hung up a framed photo from when it first opened, in the front of the store.

The building was purchased, and renovations got underway. For a month, she worked all day painting the walls, floors, and building the pallet walls. With the help of her husband, Johnny, and others, the boutique was ready for business.

The Hummingbird Boutique's grand opening was held on Saturday, Feb. 4. There was a

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## Penalties approved for local subpar house

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
Senior Writer & Editor

Based on the progress made, the Gatesville City Council granted leniency to one person regarding a substandard structure and imposed fines on another for a lack of progress.

During an update on the substandard house at 308 Fennimore, City Manager Bill Parry said Dennis Berry of Waco is unable to travel to update the council in person because of medical reasons.

"The house has not passed an electrical inspection because sheetrock hasn't been painted," Parry said. "Technically, we think right now that's all it's lacking. I believe he's got every intent of doing this, but we need to stay on him. Everything is ready for inspection as soon as it is painted."

Although penalties could have been imposed on Berry, the Council opted not to do so because of efforts being made. Parry noted that a contractor was hired to work on the Fennimore Street property and that substantial progress has been made.

The Council had a much different reaction regarding a substandard house at 2006 Bridge St. owned by Josiah Wilson of Buda, Texas.

"The Council on November 15 gave Josiah Wilson until February 15 to complete repairs, and he was supposed to report back on February 28," Parry said. He asked for 12 weeks (to complete work), which the Council gave him. He is out of town and couldn't be here. He sent an email extolling the virtues of how good it looks on the outside.

"It still needs plumbing work. A lot of work has been done by someone not licensed to do plumbing, and it will have to be redone. The house does have a new roof and a fresh coat of paint.

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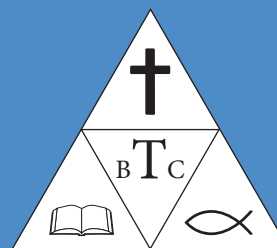
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## SECURITY

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said there are times when people's camera networks have sent false reports to police agencies, and that the people sending the false information watched law enforcement respond to the reports for their own entertainment. Those who are caught are charged with crimes, but not until others are victims of their actions.

"Ring cameras are inherently insecure," he said. "I am not fond of those or other internet of things devices (everyday objects that are connected to the internet and can send and receive data and record video or audio)."

The Dole food company is among the major businesses that have suffered from computer hacking to the extent that it impacted their packing plant and had a negative impact on the food supply chain, Catsoris said.

The National Security Agency has shared guidance with Americans on how to protect themselves from hacking and theft of private information.

"It's ironic that America's top spy agency is giving you advice on how to protect your privacy," Catsoris said. "They say to turn off messages and to not have web cameras turned on." He said they also discourage people from using programs such as Alexa, Google Home or Siri, which listen constantly. Those programs enable some companies to hear people talk to others about specific products, and then send them targeted advertising via social media.

He said in some cases, sensi-

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### DAVID CATSORIS

Technology specialist

tive military information has been shared online, and even the U.S. Marshal's Service and FBI have suffered data breaches.

"If they can hack the FBI, how trivial do you think it is for someone to break into your phone?" Catsoris asked.

In 2022, Americans lost an estimated \$8.8 billion because of cybercrimes, up from more than \$5 billion in 2021, Catsoris said.

Medical records have been hacked, and in some cases, GoodRx, which offers access to discounts on pharmaceutical drugs, has sold information to Google and Facebook without users' consent.

"What do we do?" Catsoris asked. "Use strong passwords. Don't use recognized names. Passwords also need to be longer. Most passwords can be cracked literally in seconds. Do not reuse the same password over multiple sites. If one site is hacked, your password is compromised."

That can be easier said than done, Catsoris admitted.

"How many accounts do we all have?" he asked. "I use a password manager because I have up to 120 entries (different sites used)."

He said password managers create more difficult passwords to decipher. The passwords are encrypted both on your personal device and on the server of the password manager. Catsoris said while those more difficult passwords might still be hacked, it becomes much more difficult and time consuming for cyber criminals to do so, meaning they often choose to move on to an easier target.

"You should delete unused accounts and scrub them," Catsoris said. "It's also best to stop using most of the free email available. Google reads every email you have ever sent. Emails should not be considered secure conversations. Do not put anything in an email that you would not want printed on the front page of the New York Times."

He also encouraged people to use browser-based accounts to log in, saying that they are more secure than apps, and to opt out of tracking when reviewing privacy settings, which are often hidden in an avalanche of terms of use details.

"Also turn off your phone radio," Catsoris said. "Bluetooth can be used to track people to the extent that someone can see how long you stand in a certain spot in a specific store looking at a particular item."

When browsing the internet, Catsoris said search engines such as DuckDuckGo and Mozilla Firefox are better than Google or Bing when it comes to privacy and security.



JEFF OSBORNE | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

**David Catsoris offered tips for protecting your privacy and electronic security during a recent meeting of the Gatesville Lions Club.**

"Google has had a lot of problems with malware (designed to disrupt, damage or gain unauthorized access to a computer or cell phone)," Catsoris said.

Hardware keys or YubiKeys also can help people protect their privacy and data security by requiring authentication to access your devices and information, he said.

He said email through Proton is more secure than email provided by sources such as gmail or Hotmail, and that Signal offers a more secure messaging system.

For password help, a password manager such as Bitwarden can protect people's security.

Proton, Signal and Bitwarden each offer a free tier of service, as well as paid products for added security, Catsoris said. He said his Bitwarden subscription costs \$10 a year.

"It takes some effort, but there are definitely some things you can do to protect yourself," Catsoris said.

## CITY

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I sent a response saying I needed a more definitive timeline of when things will be done. He has not responded."

Councilman John Westbrook asked what the hangup has been regarding the Bridge Street property.

"His electrician got COVID, and he had to fire his contractor," Parry said. "He also has another house at 205 North 19th Street and a house for sale on State School Road. He appears to have bitten off more than he can chew."

Mayor pro tem Meredith Rainer said the Council has given Wilson ample opportunities and time to get work done.

"My concern is if we are too lenient, he'll never get it done," she said.

"It irritated me last time (Wilson appeared before the Council) with his song and dance when Mr. Parry informed us he has other substandard properties," Councilman Greg Casey said.

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### GREG CASEY

Gatesville City Councilman

Parry said imposing financial penalties was an option for the Council.

"If (the city) issues citations, maybe that will get him in here," he said. "He can talk to the prosecuting attorney and the judge to determine what he's going to do. He's got way more than two weeks before he's finished. Based on my experience, he's probably three months out from getting work

done."

Wilson faces a fine of up to \$500 per day until work is completed.

Councilwoman Barbara Burrow asked about the council considering demolition of the house.

"You can do that," Parry said. It sends a pretty strong statement. You can enforce the existing demolition order. It's been over a year (since Wilson was ordered to bring the house into compliance with city requirements)."

Rainer suggested fines were the most appropriate action at this time.

"I'm OK with giving him a fine every day until he shows back up and takes care of it," she said.

Parry said that Wilson seems to be getting more work done on the 19th Street house than the Bridge Street house in hopes of selling it more quickly.

"I believe he has cash flow issues," he said.

The council approved fines against Wilson, effective March 1, until the work is completed, so the house is brought up to code.

# County, NRS host final public hazard mitigation plan meeting

BY JEFF OSBORNE

Senior Writer & Editor

Coryell County leaders and Natural Resources Solutions (NRS) recently had the last public meeting for the county's pending hazard mitigation plan (HMP), and talked about the next steps in the process of helping to protect the community from natural disasters.

The event took place March 7 at the Gatesville Civic Center.

"The entire purpose of

having an HMP is to be able to tap into grant funding and to have a safer and more resilient community," said County Judge Roger Miller. "We are working toward better infrastructure and a better environment for the people of Coryell County."

"NRS set a very aggressive timeline of 120 days, which is really unheard of, and I applaud their effort in dragging us along and being able to accomplish this."

Coryell County is one of

less than 10% of Texas counties that does not already have a hazard mitigation plan, which is a document that helps identify threats to the community from natural disasters and allows steps to be taken to reduce the impact of those events.

"An HMP is not set in stone, it will be a living, breathing document and a program that evolves with the needs of the community," Miller said. "New concerns will arise and will

need to be addressed."

Maddie Todd with NRS, who is the project manager for the Coryell County HMP, said the document will be presented to the Texas Department of Emergency Management, which will then submit it to the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

"When an HMP is developed, it can be used as a tool to help prevent different hazards and to get funding for different projects,"

she said.

As examples, she said the HMP can help the county focus on getting a cohesive emergency communications system to alert the public about threats to the area, to obtain backup generators to deal with emergencies, to help secure routine maintenance for fire hydrants, clear debris and to improve road and bridge conditions and low-water crossings.

One question that has arisen is what about man-made threats.

"This document focuses on natural disasters, but it could be amended to include man-made threats at a later date," Todd said.

The HMP process for the county began on Dec. 13, and the plan is to submit the document by April 13.

A survey was available for local residents to rate their concerns and received 367 responses, including 302 online and 65 paper copies. She said that compared to 236 responses to an HMP survey in Williamson County and 16 in Hamilton County.

Sixty-five% of the responses were from women, and the largest response was from people in the 45-54 age range. A total of 54% of the responses came from Gatesville residents, with Copperas Cove contributing 20% of responses.

Top concerns were droughts, wildfires, winter storms, tornadoes and extreme heat.

Asked about their level of preparedness to face a natu-

ral disaster, the majority of respondents said they were "somewhat prepared."

FEMA offers flood insurance, which is different from standard homeowners coverage. A total of 73% of respondents said they did not have flood insurance, 10% did and 16% were unsure.

Todd said the data collected will be used to look at vulnerabilities in the county, as well as impacts, and to tailor mitigation (reducing the severity) actions or projects.

Information about the HMP is available at coryell-countyhmp.com or on the Coryell County Facebook page and county website.

Those attending the meeting expressed concerns about wildfires at Fort Hood spreading to parts of the county, which happened last spring.

Miller said that is one of the issues that is being addressed in the community wildfire protection plan, which will focus on ways to coordinate resources, "determine best practices and put those out to the community."

Todd said there are several options available based on information.

"There are a wide range of mitigation actions - some at the county level and some that individuals can do," she said. "You can't eliminate all hazards, but it's important to be as best prepared as possible and this plan addresses that."

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# Folks around town



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Aeda Floyd

## Say hello to our neighbor, Aeda Floyd!

Aeda is a long-time waitress at Ranchers Restaurant, and she loves taking care of her customers. She appreciates the kindness of the people of Gatesville and thinks we are a wonderful community of friends and neighbors.

If you are around town and see Aeda, stop and say hello. She is one of us!

## FROM MY FRONT PORCH

# A little 'spaced' out: We love our stuff and we are keeping it!



BY SAM HOUSTON

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

Perhaps more so than any place else on earth, we Americans are a society of consumers.

We are obsessed with acquiring "stuff," and even after we acquire "stuff," we want even more. In 1950 the size of an average American house was 983 square feet. By 2015 the average house averaged 2,439 square feet. During the same time period, the average number of people living in a house dropped from 3.6 people in 1950 to 2.5 people in 2015. This means while the number of occupants in a house dropped by 31%, the number of square feet increased nearly two and half times!

Why do we need so much space, and why such dramatic growth in such a short period of time? What

do we do with all the space, which people did not have in 1950? The answer: we get more stuff! We "need" more knickknacks, coffee and end tables, chairs and sofas. We "need" more wall-coverings, paintings, lamps and beds. The "bigger and better" houses call out to us to be furnished, and that is exactly what we do.

Once we get a house decorated just the way we like, we are not satisfied. Every few years there is a change in style, or we simply get tired of our "look" and a change must be made. Out goes the sofa purchased a mere five years ago, and in comes the new. Wall deco-

rations must change, as well as the other adornments.

And what do we do with the items that have been replaced? We get a storage unit to keep our "stuff" in case we ever need it "one day." Nowadays, a cowboy cannot throw an old horse shoe without hitting a storage facility! The rental units must be very profitable, because there seems to be a new facility everywhere you look. It is not uncommon for a person to rent a storage facility and, in a couple of years, need to upgrade to a bigger space because the old unit is full of too much "stuff" as the "newest old stuff" gets added to the inventory. Thank goodness we have a safekeeping place for our excess "stuff."

Granted, some folks do have garage sales to get rid of "stuff" they no longer want. Frequently they take the money and go to a different garage sale and buy someone else's unwanted "stuff," or take the cash and buy new "stuff."

This is not to imply the only "stuff" we buy is for the house. Heavens no! Though the closet in the master bedroom is full, as well as the closet in the guest

room, we feel compelled to get new clothes, shoes and accessories. While sometimes we sell or give away those items that have become unfashionable, more times than not we keep our "stuff" just in case we lose some weight, or something comes back into style. One never knows when they might want to break out a polyester leisure suit or the like.

We are consumers, even when there is absolutely nothing we need or require. It is like a genetic trait we cannot separate from ourselves. We are destined to buy, and then buy more.

I have decided to take my savings and invest heavily in Amazon and storage units. I have faith that their future is bright.

Thought for the day: How come people love clothing when they buy it, but yet hate 75% of the clothes in their closet?

Until next time ... I will keep ridin' the storm out.

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## Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday

Tonight, everyone will need to set their clocks forward one hour to "spring ahead." Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 12.

Daylight Savings Time in the United States is the

practice of setting clocks forward by one hour when there is no longer daylight during the day, so that evenings have more daylight and mornings have less.

Most areas of the U.S. and Canada observe DST,

with the exception being Arizona, Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The Uniform Time Act of 1966 established the system of uniform daylight savings

throughout the U.S.

In the U.S., DST begins on the second Sunday in March and ends on the first Sunday in November, with the time changes occurring at 2 a.m. local time.

## Tickled Pink Dance Studio taking sponsorships for dance competition

Staff Reports

Tickled Pink Dance Studio is taking sponsorships for their competing dance teams for the 2023 spring and summer seasons. The funds will help finance all costume and accessory fees, contest registration fees, and travel and accommodation expenses required for traveling.

Tickled Pink Dance Studio's competition teams will be competing in the Star-Quest National Dance Competitions taking place in Austin, Baytown and at the World Finals in Galveston. There are three teams that will be competing in the events. The teams include the Rainbow Team, the Glitter Team and the Diamond Team.

Sponsorship options include Gold Level Sponsor which will cost \$300, the Silver Level Sponsor which will cost \$200, and the Bronze Level Sponsor which will cost \$100. Each sponsor will receive recognition with its logo on the dance team shirts, a logo and business highlight on the Tickled Pink Dance Studio Facebook page and its logo on the dance banner used for spring recital pictures.

Make checks payable to Tickled Pink Dance Studio. All receipts will be emailed to each sponsor. For more information on sponsorships, contact the Tickled Pink Dance Studio at 830-279-9851. Tickled Pink Dance Studio is located at 409 N. TX-36 Ste. 2 in Gatesville.

## Texas A&M veterinarian offers tips for designing coops and researching hatcheries

Submitted Item

After egg prices hit record highs in late 2022 and early 2023, having a flock of backyard chickens to provide a personal supply of eggs can be tempting.

Dr. Isabelle Louge, a clinical assistant professor at the Texas A&M School of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, offers tips for designing coops and researching hatcheries before bringing chickens home and keeping them healthy and happy.

First, Louge suggests that owners prepare a spacious coop with fencing to prevent overcrowding and predation, which is the act of one animal killing another for food. "Overcrowding can lead to disease, aggression and even deadly injury among the chickens," Louge said.

"Additionally, poor fencing and housing can lead to predation; a single mink could come in through a hole barely larger than half an inch and kill an entire flock at once."

The coop should have at least 3 square feet per standard heritage breed chicken such as Barred rock or Australorp, according to Louge. Smaller breeds need at least 2 square feet per bird, while giant breeds need 4 or 5 square feet per bird.

Providing ample space within the coop makes it easier for owners to clean as well, which is necessary to keep chickens healthy.

"The buildup of droppings leads to poor air quality and increased rates of respiratory and gastrointestinal diseases," Louge said. "Owners should clear out the coop frequently, at least every two

days."

Louge explained that combining a deep-bedded pack system with appropriate ventilation, or the movement of fresh air in a closed space, can reduce how often a coop requires cleaning. A deep bedded pack system is created by turning over the soiled bedding repeatedly and adding a new layer of bedding to allow the droppings to decompose.

This ventilation is necessary to maintain healthy chickens, according to Louge.

"The best ventilation systems circulate air at the level of the bird's heads when they are roosting and standing on the floor," Louge said. "This will help keep the air fresh, prevent harmful gas buildup produced by droppings, and help keep the birds cool when it is hot out."

For owners who buy layers,

or hens suited for regularly laying eggs, Louge advises owners to provide at least one nest box per four birds with nesting materials such as straw or shredded paper.

Once owners are prepared to house their chickens, they should research the best place to buy chicks or pullets, female chickens under a year old who have not started to lay eggs.

Louge encourages prospective bird owners to buy chickens from commercial hatcheries that vaccinate for Marek's disease, a common and highly contagious disease among chickens. There is no cure or treatment for the disease, so prevention is critical.

"Chickens can only be vaccinated in the egg or at 1 day of age, since vaccinating later in life does not ensure protection," Louge explained.

Some hatcheries also are certified to protect chickens from other dangerous diseases.

"The best sources for chicks and pullets are hatcheries that are National Poultry Improvement Plan certified for, at minimum, Salmonella pullorum and, ideally, monitored or certified for mycoplasma and avian influenza," Louge said.

Salmonella pullorum, a bacterial disease, and mycoplasma, a chronic respiratory disease, are infectious among chickens, but Louge points out that avian influenza is an important problem in chickens.

"All chicken keepers should contact a veterinarian if they notice respiratory issues in their flock or if they have multiple birds that die in a short period of time,"

Louge said.

Louge also recommends owners familiarize themselves with tips from the United States Department of Agriculture on recognizing and preventing avian influenza.

Before joining the family, backyard chickens should be healthy in a comfortable environment designed with their needs in mind. Once they are at ease in their new home, they'll become excellent additions to the family.



# The DISPATCH

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of March 1 - 7. While there were many calls to the dispatcher, this is a partial list of more significant activity. Persons are reminded that only emergency calls should be made to 9-1-1, while all other calls to the police department should be made to 865-2226 or to the Sheriff's Office at 865-7201.

## CITY OF GATESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

**Mar. 1**  
10:58 a.m., a hit and run accident was reported in the 2600 block of S. Business Hwy. 36.

1:52 p.m., animal cruelty was reported in the 2100 block of E. Main Street.

5:10 p.m., harassment was reported in the 3423 block of Imperial Drive.

10:08 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 500 block of Bridge Street.

**Mar. 2**  
4:15 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2800 block of S. State Hwy. 36.

1:04 p.m., an accident was reported on Mother Neff Park Road.

5:47 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 2800 block of S. State Hwy. 36.

7:02 p.m., a hit and run accident was reported in the 2100 block of Waco Street.

**Mar. 3**  
3:26 a.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 2200 block of Bridge Street.

8:28 a.m., a fight was reported in the 2000 block of

Waco Street.  
7:36 p.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of Bridge Street.

7:39 p.m., a missing person was reported in the 4600 block of S. State Hwy. 36.

**Mar. 4**  
3:07 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2400 block of Business Hwy. 36.

4:29 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 3400 block of Imperial Drive.

8:48 p.m., an accident was reported in the 3300 block of E. Main Street.

11:54 p.m., a burglary was reported in the 1600 block of E. Main Street.

**Mar. 5**  
9:42 a.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 2000 block of Waco Street.

5:03 p.m., an assault was reported in the 500 block of Bridge Street.

7:32 p.m., a theft was reported in the 1200 block of E. Main Street.

8:44 p.m., a hit and run accident was reported in the 2400 block of E. Main Street.

**Mar. 6**  
12:46 a.m., harassment was reported in the 300

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block of Winston Lane.  
11:35 a.m., a theft was reported in the 2800 block of S. State Hwy. 36.

5:15 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 1100 block of Sierra Vista Drive.

9:10 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 400 block of Pidcoke Street.

**Mar. 7**  
9:43 a.m., a theft was reported in the 2400 block of Business Hwy. 36.

5:29 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 2500 block of Jackson Drive.

8:23 p.m., harassment was reported in the 200 block of E. Main Street.

10:11 p.m., an accident was reported in the 100 block of

N. State Hwy. 36 Bypass.

## CORYELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

**Mar. 1**  
8:21 a.m., a reckless driver was reported on FM 116 at Pidcoke.

1:40 p.m., an animal complaint was reported on CR 303.

2:30 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 4200 block of CR 107.

11:02 p.m., counterfeit money was reported in the 4200 block of E. Hwy. 84.

**Mar. 2**  
6:10 a.m., a neighbor dispute was reported in the 300 block of FM 107.

12:17 p.m., a livestock

complaint was reported on Straws Mill Road at the dip.

4:29 p.m., illegal dumping was reported on CR 107 and CR 108.

6:05 p.m., a prowler was reported in the 400 block of Apache Road.

**Mar. 3**  
6:14 a.m., a major accident was reported in the 7000 block of FM 116.

12:32 p.m., a stolen vehicle was reported on FM 182.

12:57 p.m., a neighbor dispute was reported in the 100 block of Sims Circle.

2:12 p.m., a threat was reported in the 300 block of FM 107.

**Mar. 4**  
12:25 a.m., a noise complaint was reported in the 1900 block of CR 257.

11:59 a.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 3100 block of W. Hwy. 84.

3:11 p.m., trespassing was reported in the 7000 block of FM 1783.

4:20 p.m., a major accident was reported in the 4000 block of CR 274.

**Mar. 5**  
4:37 a.m., a stranded motorist was reported in the

200 block of CR 225.

10:20 a.m., illegal burning was reported in the 7000 block of FM 1783.

5:09 p.m., a civil matter was reported in the 100 block of Coleton Drive.

6:47 p.m., suspicious persons were reported on Oak Springs Road and FM 3220.

**Mar. 6**  
7:29 a.m., a civil matter was reported in the 4700 block of Slater Road.

12:03 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 6400 block of FM 1783.

12:44 p.m., a possible fire was reported on CR 152.

6:00 p.m., suspicious persons were reported in the 1100 block of Sierra Vista Drive.

**Mar. 7**  
9:16 a.m., a theft was reported in the 300 block of FM 107.

2:11 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 1000 block of FM 107.

2:48 p.m., a civil matter was reported in the 100 block of Bruton.

5:05 p.m., a reckless driver was reported on FM 116 at Lonesome Dove.

## Whatever happened to....

### 20 YEARS AGO (2003)

American Legion Post 42 presented more than 20 Blue Star Service Banners to area residents who had family members serving in the armed forces, including Marline Hill of Jonesboro and Ron and Mary Steffey of Gatesville.

Todd Culpepper and Adam Baker, both jailers at the Coryell County Sheriff's Office, were certified to become police officers after passing the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education test.

Justin Gummelt placed second at both the Forth Worth and San Antonio stock shows with his Santa Gertrudis heifer and won the 2002 Coryell County Youth Fair calf scramble.

Patch of Pretties, a new business in Gatesville, opened with a selection of home and gift selections. The owners were Patsy Baize, Dickie Wilson, Linda Survant, Donna Henderson, and Rose Mary Moreland.

Members of the Tiger Cubs Den 1 were making bird houses and hanging them in Raby Park. Den members included William Haines, John David Hoover, Nicholas Brown, Justin Hoover,

Brandie Brown, and Jacqi Hoover.

Area resident, Joshua James, was pictured in the Gatesville Messenger trying to break the ice on a bird bath in front of his home.

### 30 YEARS AGO (1993)

Wayne Martin presented Mayor Wyllis Ament with a plaque of appreciation for the city's continued support of the Cruzin' Cruzers Car Club and its annual show held at Faunt Le Roy Park.

Elizabeth Wallace of Jonesboro was included on the President's List at Howard Payne University. She was studying education at Howard Payne.

Chris Thetford, son of former Coryell County residents C.L. and Sue Thetford, had joined in law partnership with local attorney Bob Salter.

Live Oak Baptist Church was celebrating the retirement of the note on their education building and remodeled fellowship hall. Jerry Raines, a former pastor, and Jerry Stratton, Director of Missions for the Tri-River Baptist Area, were on hand for the celebration.

Brant Farley had won the Reserve Champion Crossbred Barrow at the San An-

tonio Livestock Exposition. Brant, the 12-year-old student at Gatesville Junior High, was the son of Hollis and Debbie Farley.

Shanna Parrish won Junior Grand Champion Turkey at the San Antonio Livestock Show. Junior Reserve Grand Champion Turkey honors went to Shanna's stepsister, Leslie Hancock-Parrish.

**40 YEARS AGO (1983)**  
Jason Owen Parker and Mrs. Walter Ayers were honored with a birthday party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Graham on Bridge Street. Jason was one year old and his great-grandmother, Mrs. Ayers, was 73.

Jay and Faye Allen finished with a total of 22,600 points to win the annual bridge tournament held at the Gatesville Country Club.

Kathleen Blanchard, a 17-year-veteran in the dietary department, had been selected Coryell Memorial Hospital's Employee of the Month.

The Hospital Auxiliary was holding a style show and luncheon. Kathi Oswald of Leaird's Department Store and Stephanie Emert of Fabric Fashions were two of the models participating.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Lee Sugg were being honored on their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception in the community room of the First National Bank in Evant. Hosts for their reception were the

couple's children.

### 50 YEARS AGO (1973)

Airman Rickey R. Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Wright of Gatesville, had been assigned to Chanute AFB after completing Air Force basic training at Lackland AFB. Airman Wright was a 1970 graduate from Gatesville High School.

L.V. Arnett, son of Mr. and Mrs. V.L. Arnett of Gatesville, had been elected president of the Fort Stockton Chamber of Commerce. He was in the real estate business in Fort Stockton and was one of the city's leading civic workers.

A newly organized basketball team called the Gatesville Stars defeated East McGregor 69-46. The roster of the Stars included Mike Johnson, Tim Wells, Archie Ward, Eddie Johnson, Ronnie Snow, Nathan Hull, and George Dysinger.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Huckabee were celebrating their silver anniversary. They were married in 1948 in Lubbock and made their home since in Purmela. Mrs. Huckabee was the former De Etta Redman of Lubbock. Mr. Huckabee was a native of Ireland.

Dr. J.W. Sprinkle, who served the First Methodist Church in Gatesville as pastor from 1947 to 1950, was scheduled to return to preach at the church. He later became superintendent of the Temple District.

## Gatesville's Spring Sip and Shop set March 18

Vendors around Gatesville will host a Spring Sip and Shop for the community to enjoy. It will be held on Saturday, March 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Giveaways, sales, drinks, and more will take place at all participating vendors.

- Vendors include:
- 1854 Mercantile
  - Cowgirls To Lace
  - Hinds Fine Jewelers/Moo's Boutique with The Green Rooster
  - Pennoli Bed and Breakfast with The Pink Daisy and Stampin Up
  - Spur Nutrition
  - The Hummingbird Boutique
  - Vintage Royalty Boutique

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- The Parrot Imports
  - The Feed Mill
- The 1854 Mercantile is located at 501-A E. Main Street, Cowgirls To Lace is located at 712 E. Leon Street, Hinds Fine Jewelers and Moo's Boutique are located at 119 S. 7th Street, Pennoli Bed and Breakfast is located at 1009 E. Main Street, Spur Nutrition is located at 103 S. 7th Street, The Hummingbird Boutique is located at 600 E. Leon Street, Vintage Royalty Boutique is located at 2401 S. Hwy. 36 Ste. 100, The Parrot Imports is located at 107 N. 24th Street, and The Feed Mill is located at 108 N. 6th Street.

## T-ville Cemetery Assn to meet March 13

The Turnersville Cemetery Association will have its first quarterly meeting on Monday, March 13, starting at 6 p.m. The meeting will take place at the Turnersville Community Center and will be open to the public.

A cemetery association was formed by 1900 but disbanded in the 1930s. The current association re-organized in 1953 and continues to care for the burial ground. The community center is located at 8115 FM 182 in Turnersville.

### CENTEX CRIME STOPPERS

## Mailbox damaged at home

Centex Crime Stoppers can use your help in solving a case of criminal mischief over \$750. On March 3, at approximately 4:58 p.m., an unknown person(s) committed an act of criminal mischief in the 300 block of River Ridge Drive. Suspect(s) demolished a brick mailbox in front of a residence. It is believed the mailbox was struck with a vehicle. No suspect or vehicle description is available.

If you have any information about any case or any local crime, call Centex Crime Stoppers 24 hours

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## Day of the Child event scheduled for April 15

### Submitted Item

Members of the Exchange Club of Gatesville will join thousands of fellow Exchange Club members across the country throughout the month of April to promote child abuse prevention awareness in their local communities. The Exchange Club of Gatesville will be hosting its "Day of the Child" child abuse prevention project on Saturday, April 15, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. in front of Gatesville's Freedom Park on Hwy. 84.

Day of the Child, first held

in Gatesville in 1998, is an effort to reach families in our community with helpful, positive parenting tips. Exchange believes parents have the power to make positive parenting choices in the lives of their children and The Exchange Club of Gatesville is offering some easy-to-use tips to help all parents. They will also partner with other organizations who offer services to children and families.

A free hotdog sack lunch will be provided for children ages 12 and under. Lunches will be available for those

older than 12 for a nominal fee.

If your organization offers services to children and you would like to have a space, contact any Exchange Club member.

The National Exchange Club, America's Service Club, is inspiring communities to become better places to live with their National Project, the prevention of child abuse, and three Programs of Service - Americanism, Youth Project, and Community Service.

To date, The National Exchange Club's efforts have

helped more than 700,000 families and 1.8 million children break the cycle of child abuse through its Exchange Parent Aide Program and public education projects. The Exchange Parent Aide Program, Exchange's proprietary child abuse prevention model, has been cited in the "Journal of Child Abuse and Neglect."

For additional information about The National Exchange Club or "Believe in the Blue," please visit [www.NationalExchangeClub.org](http://www.NationalExchangeClub.org).

## Forty-Two Tournament set for March 25

### Staff Reports

The Turnersville Community Center invites the public to come to the Forty-Two Tournament to be held on Saturday, March 25. The entrance fee will cost \$10 per person and \$20 per team. Registration will be from

11:30 to 12:30 and the tournament will begin at 1 p.m.

Mexican style cuisine will be served at noon. The cost will be \$12 and for children under the age of six will be \$6. If you are participating in the tournament, the meal will be half price. The community center will not be

serving alcoholic beverages, but you can bring your own. Glass containers are not allowed.

A Turnersville Community Center fundraiser will take place at the tournament as well, including a bake sale and a silent auction.

To download the registration form, visit [www.tvil-lecc.com](http://www.tvil-lecc.com) online. For more information, or if anyone needs a partner call 254-494-0110 or 254-494-0010 and leave a message.

## Income tax preparation assistance offered

### Submitted Item

The United Way of Central Texas will be hosting Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) with free tax preparation of those households with an income of \$60,000 or less per year. IRS certified VITA volunteers will provide basic income tax return services without charge, ensuring 100% of an individual's tax refund goes directly to that individual without any hidden fees or costs.

The tax preparation event will take place on Thursday,

March 16, from noon until 3 p.m. at the Gatesville Public Library located at 111 N. 8th Street. It will be by appointment only. If you wish to take advantage of this service, please call 254-778-8616 to make an appointment in advance.

For those wanting to participate, the following documents must be brought to an appointment: a photo ID; Social Security card or ITIN card (for you, your spouse, and all dependents); W-2s; and if applicable, a copy of last year's Federal Tax return; 1095 - (A,B, or C) proof

of health insurance; 1099-G (unemployment insurance benefits); 1099-INT (bank interest); 1098-T (tuition statement); 1098-E (interest on student loan); Notice 1319 (advance child credit); 1099-NEC, 1099-MISC, and/or 1099-K; Checking/savings account statement with bank routing numbers (optional); if you are married filing jointly, your spouse needs to be present at the appointment.

Due to program limitations, they will not prepare the following:

Married Filing Separately;

Schedule C with loss, depreciation, or business use of home; Complicated Schedule D (capital gains and losses); Form SS-5 (request for Social Security Number); Form 8606 (non-deductible IRA); Form 8615 (child taxed at parent's tax rate); Form SS-8 (determination of worker status for purposes of federal employment taxes and income tax withholding); Parts 4 & 5 of Form 8962 (premium tax credits).



COURTESY PHOTO

Brown Bag Ministry is now handing out non-perishable food items at 301 N. Lutterloh every Thursday.

## Brown Bag Ministry changes distribution location

The Brown Bag Ministry will be helping the homeless and those in need by passing out brown paper bags full of non-perishable food items every Thursday from 11 a.m. until noon. Previously, the food bags were distributed at Raby Park, but the pick-up location has been changed to the parking lot of the old "9 Ball Café" located at 301 N. Lutterloh.

The bag items will be non-perishable such as pop-

corners, and bottled water. There will be no forms to be filled out or questions asked to receive the bags. There will be a maximum of two sacks per person — first-come, first-served.

The bags will be bigger than a typical brown lunch bag, but smaller than a grocery bag in size.

The Brown Bag Ministry appreciates the outpouring of support of those helping this ministry to feed the area homeless and those in need.

## Central Texas Beekeepers School has grown to have 750 attendees, 45 speakers



### BY TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Tumbleweed Smith of Big Spring is a newspaper columnist and producer of The Sound of Texas radio series.

"Out of every three bites of food that you put in your mouth, two bites were there because a bee pollinated something," said Michael Kelling of Brenham, who manages the Central Texas Beekeepers School, now in its 13th year.

When he started the school, it was right after a tornado, and he had it in his house. Thirty-three people showed up. Since then, it has grown quite a bit. "Last year

we had 750 people at our one-day bee school."

More are expected this year when it takes place on April 1 at the high school in Brenham. The location

keeps changing because the number of attendees keeps growing. "We have about 45 speakers who come in," Kelling said. "Some 60 people in our group put it on. The classes are in the band hall and auditorium, and we'll have about 45 vendors in the gym."

For the \$85 cost, those attending get a book on beekeeping and a meal. "And Blue Bell ice cream for dessert," he said. "We are in Brenham, after all."

The curriculum is varied. A dozen sessions are going on simultaneously.

"We have a morning session that is just for beginners," he said. "Out of 750 last year, 80% were brand-new beekeepers. We do have

classes for intermediate and advanced students also. It's more than just about honey, which is what everybody thinks about. But that's a minor part of what they contribute.

"We will have 12 beehives on site and provide the suit, the veil and all the protective gear. If you want to, you can suit up and go stand behind a beehive while a beekeeper opens it up and shows you the parts of the hive, the live bees, the queen, the honey, the baby bees, all kinds of things. You can get into beekeeping with a minimum amount of expense."

Michael, who has 150 beehives, said that people come to the school from all parts of Texas and other states,

even from Canada. There is a big interest in bees. "Eight or nine years ago, there were 13 bee clubs in the state of Texas," he said. "Now there are 65. People have become aware of their importance."

Attendees learn that fungicides and insecticides have caused a decrease in the number of bees. The life span of a queen used to be seven years. Now it's three. Bees don't hibernate during cold weather. "They create a cluster with the queen in the middle," he said. "They vibrate their wings to create heat. The queen is laying eggs all the time and is the mother of all bees in the hive. She will lay up to 2,000 eggs every day. A worker bee gathers nectar and pollen

and lasts about six weeks. Drone bees do nothing but mate and they mate one time in their life and die. They mate with the queen outside the hive. It's a fascinating ongoing process."

The school in Brenham is scheduled to run from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Then door prizes are awarded. Last year, there were so many it took some extra time.

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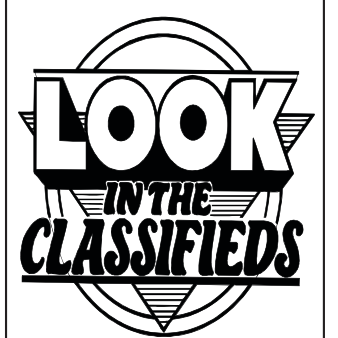
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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of James P. Kier, Deceased, were issued on February 22, 2023, in Cause No. 23-10786, pending in the County Court-at-Law of Coryell County, Texas, to: Patricia Kier.

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

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

DATED the 24th day of February, 2023.

Allen D Place, Jr.  
Attorney for Patricia Kier  
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Gatesville, Texas 76528  
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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Corey James High, Deceased, were issued on February 22, 2023, in Cause No. 23-10794, pending in the County Court-at-Law of Coryell County, Texas, to: Jason Shields.

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

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

DATED the 24th day of February, 2023.

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## NOTICE TO BID—CORYELL COUNTY Timeframe: March 14, 2023 - March 13, 2024

Coryell County is seeking bids for Crushed Rock

Contact the Road and Bridge Department, 254-865-5021 and visit the Coryell County website: [www.co.coryell.tx.us](http://www.co.coryell.tx.us) for the bid sheets and any further information. The Commissioners' Court has the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Bids addressed to the Honorable County Judge and the Commissioners' Court of Coryell County, Texas will be accepted in the office of the County Judge until 9:00 a.m. on March 10, 2023. Mail, bring your bid or FAX to: Hon. County Judge Roger Miller  
Coryell County Main Street Annex  
800 E. Main Street, Suite A  
Gatesville, Texas 76528  
PH: 254-865-5911 ext. 301  
FAX: 254-865-2040

Bid will be awarded at the Commissioners' Courtroom on Tuesday, March 14th, 2023, 9:00 am in the Commissioners' Courtroom, 801 E. Leon Street, Gatesville, Texas.  
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## 099 PUBLIC NOTICES

CITATION BY PUBLICATION-TRC109 & 114

THE STATE OF TEXAS:  
ROBERT JAMES COUNTS; GINGER LEE COUNTS

-vs-

W M SIMPSON; LAURA SIMPSON; ROSA LEE SIMPSON CHUPP; ALICE SIMPSON; TOM JOHN SIMPSON; EFFIE SIMPSON MCINTOSH; RUBY MCINTOSH WILCOX; OPAL MCINTOSH LAYFIELD; LAURA MAY SIMPSON; W F SIMPSON; MONTA SIMPSON; EDWARD SIMPSON; AKIN SIMPSON; HAROLD SIMPSON; JOHN MCMILLIAN (MAC) CHUPP; OTIS MONTRAVILLE CHUPP; KITTIE REBA HEATH CHUPP; ANNIE PEARL CHUPP; ROY LEON COWAN; JESSE MORRIS CHUPP; MARVIN CHUPP; PAULINE MAY CHUPP; LILLIE ADELL CHUPP; GRADY MCMILLIAN CHUPP; LILLIE ADELL CHUPP; RUBY T CHUPP; MAMMIE ADDIE CHUPP GILCHRIST; MARLIN GILCHRIST; VERNON GILCHRIST; VIOLAGILCHRIST; RUBY GILCHRIST; CORDELIA GILHURST; AUBREY T. GILCHRIST; GENEVA GILCHRIST; JESSE GILDER CHUPP; KENNETH CHUPP; LOTTIE CHUPP; DOROTHY CHUPP; JOHNNY CHUPP; THURMAN (TOOTER) CHUPP; THELMA BROWNLEE CHUPP; CHARLES CHUPP; JOHN FRANKLIN CHUPP; BENNY WAYNE CHUPP; LILIE BELLE CHUPP SOLOMAN; CLARA CHUPP; MINNIE MAE CURRY  
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Defendant - GREETING

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 A.M. on the Monday next following the expiration of 42 days after the date you were served this citation and petition, a default judgement may be taken against you. In addition to filing a written answer with the clerk, you may be required to make initial disclosures to the other parties of this suit. These disclosures generally must be made no later than 30 days after you file your answer with the clerk. Find out more at [TexasLawHelp.org](http://TexasLawHelp.org)."

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before 10:00 o'clock AM on the Monday next after expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation before the Honorable 440TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT of Coryell County, at the Courthouse in said County in Gatesville, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on the 01/20/2023 in the above entitled cause.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit as follows, to wit: BEING 2.00 ACRES OF THE SAMUEL FRIEND SURVEY, ABST. NO. 370 IN CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS AND BEING PART OF A 4 ACRE TRACT OF LAND DESCRIBED AS SECOND TRACT In a DEED FROM ALICE SIMPSON TO LEWIS MONTRAVILLE SIMPSON, ET AL, DATED JULY 17, 1947, AS RECORDED IN VOL. 160, PAGE 508 OF THE OFFICIAL PUBLIC RECORDS OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS; AND BEING PART OF A 5.2 ACRE TRACT OF LAND AWARDED TO RUBY MCINTOSH, ET AL, IN CAUSE NO. 6358 OF THE DISTRICT COURT OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS; AND BEING PART OF LOTS 4 AND 5 OF BLOCK 21 OF THE TOWN OF LEVITA , AS SHOWN ON A PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT CAB. 1. SLIDE 424 OF THE PLAT RECORDS OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS, AND BEING AWARDED TO ROSA CHUPP IN SAID CAUSE NO. 6358; AND INCLUDING A 20 FOOT WIDE ALLEY BETWEEN SAID LOTS AS SHOWN ON SAID PLAT. as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Gatesville, Texas, this 22nd day of February, 2023.

Attorney for Plaintiff or Petitioner  
MARK SESSUMS  
PO BOX 150573  
AUSTIN TX 78715

Clerk of the Court:

Becky Moore, District Clerk  
P.O. Box 4

Gatesville, Texas 76528

Coryell County, Texas

By: ASHLEY LAMB, DEPUTY 00029945

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GARY LEE JACKSON

-vs-

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Coryell County, Texas

By: ASHLEY LAMB, DEPUTY  
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## NOTICE OF CALL FOR BIDS DEMOLITION, CLEARING, AND CLEANING OF PROPERTY

The objective in issuing this Notice of Call for Bids is to solicit bids from qualified companies that have the experience and capability to effectively complete the demolition project.

Coryell County is requesting proposals from interested and qualified performance contractors for demolition, clearing and cleaning of County buildings located at 410 E. Leon, 418 E. Leon, and 508 E. Leon, Gatesville, Texas 76528, as fully described in paragraph 11 of this Notice of Call for Bids.

BID START DATE: February 25, 2023  
BID CLOSING DATE: March 13, 2023

CONTRACTOR SELECTION: March 14, 2023, at Commissioners' Court Session

All qualified firms interested in providing bids for specified performance contracting services should respond with a written proposal to the County. Final selection will be made in accordance with the policies and administrative directive of the County and other statutory provisions. Responses must be received by noon on March 13, 2023, to Coryell County, Office of the County Judge, 800A East Main Street, Gatesville, TX 76528, after which time and date they will no longer be accepted. Late responses will be returned and will not be considered. Responses may be mailed or delivered in person. Submit your "Intent to Bid" by mail or fax at (254) 865-2040 to Coryell County before noon, March 8, 2023, stating your intent to bid. The complete bid documents are available on the Coryell County website at: [www.coryellcounty.org](http://www.coryellcounty.org) or in the Office of the County Judge. Telephone number is (254) 865-5911, ext. 301. 00029927



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No. 23-10799

IN THE ESTATE OF  
LILLIAN ROSE KROEGER  
A/K/A LILLIAN R. KROEGER,  
DECEASED

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF  
CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Lillian Rose Kroeger a/k/a Lillian R. Kroeger, Deceased, were issued on March 1, 2023, in Cause No. 23-10799, pending in the County Court of Coryell County, Texas, to: Michele E. Kelso.

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

BAIRD, CREWS, SCHILLER & WHITAKER, P.C.  
c/o: Stephen T. Brischke  
Attorney at Law  
15 North Main Street  
Temple, Texas 76501

DATED the 8th day of March, 2023.

BAIRD, CREWS, SCHILLER & WHITAKER, P.C.

/s/ Stephen T. Brischke  
STEPHEN T. BRISHKE  
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15 North Main Street  
Temple, Texas 76501  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Guardianship for the Estate of NALYAH MARIE KENDRICK, An Incapacitated Person, were issued on February 15th 2023, in Cause No. 22-388, pending in the County Court at Law of Coryell County, Texas, to: SARAH FRANCES HARRIS.

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: Mary Wiley  
Attorney at Law  
100 W. Central Texas Expressway, Suite 302  
Harker Heights, Texas 76548

DATED the 24 day of February, 2023.

Mary Wiley  
Attorney for SARAH FRANCES HARRIS  
State Bar No.: 24032669  
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Harker Heights, Texas 76548  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Nona M. Gilmer, Deceased, were issued on March 6, 2023, in Cause No. 23-10801, pending in the County Court-at-Law of Coryell County, Texas, to: Douglas E. Quicksall. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: Allen D. Place, Jr.  
Attorney at Law  
109 S. 7th Street  
Gatesville, Texas 76528  
DATED the 7th day of March, 2023.

Allen D. Place, Jr.  
Attorney for Douglas E. Quicksall  
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**OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY APPLICATION TO ESTABLISH A BRANCH**

Notification is given that First National Bank of Central Texas, 1835 North Valley Mills Drive, Waco, Texas 76710, has filed an application with the Comptroller of the Currency on or about March 10, 2023, as specified in 12 CFR 5 for permission to establish a branch office at 2908 East Main Street, Gatesville, Texas 76528.

Any person wishing to comment on this application may do so by submitting written comments on this application within 30 days of the date of this publication to: Director for District Licensing, Comptroller of the Currency, Southern District Office, 500 North Akard Street, Suite 1600, Dallas, Texas 75201 or licensing@occ.treas.gov. Written requests for a copy of the public file on the application should be sent to the Director for District Licensing.

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## Gatesville Riding Club to host Playday Saddle Series

Staff Reports

The Gatesville Riding Club is scheduled to host a Playday Saddle Series on March 18, April 15, May 6, May 20,

and June 24. Books will open at 9 a.m.

A saddle is high point for all ages. Buckles will be given to first and second place. Prizes will be awarded to first through fifth place.

Events will include poles, straights, clover leaf barrels,

and speed barrels. Lead line will have a \$25 office fee and will begin at 10 a.m.

The nomination fee will cost \$25, exhibitions will cost \$5, the office fee will be \$10, and all events will cost \$8.

Contestants must be present and participate in four out of five playdays, enter all events, and pay the one-time nomination fee of \$25 to qualify for end-of-series

awards. Participants will be allowed to pay-it-forward for one playday that is missed. The rules of physically attending four out of five will still apply.

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A needle crafting group will meet on Thursday, March 16, at 2 p.m. in the Game Room, on the Evant Square. This will be a time for crocheting, knitting, and needlecrafts. As of now, the needle crafting group meets each Thursday.

For beginners who want to learn, bring yarn and any size needle or crochet hook.

If you are advanced bring a current project, or a needle and yarn.

For more information about this event, contact Joyce Dutton at 254-315-2660 or by email at joycedutton53@gmail.com. The Evant Square is located at 115 Brooks Dr. in Evant.

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Amanda Hall and Chris Darragh with the Gatesville Boy Scouts receive a check from Gatesville Lions Club President Charles Talbott to help cover the organization's expenses.

## KGB'S YARD OF THE MONTH



COURTESY PHOTO

Keep Gatesville Beautiful recently chose the yard of Linda and Robert Farrell at 209 Fairway Drive as its Yard of the Month for March. The beautiful, stately home is landscaped with American holly trees, nandinas and Japanese boxwood, surrounded by a perfectly manicured lawn and Live Oaks. Robert does all of his own yard work. Linda created a lovely display on the front porch with petunias, marigolds and ivy.



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# BOUTIQUE

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ribbon cutting ceremony along with the boutique being inducted into the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce.

The Hummingbird Boutique currently houses various vendors. "I have 22 vendors in the store as of right now," she said.

One of those vendors is Tasha McGehee. McGehee provides the bakery with cinnamon rolls and other baked treats such as cookies, brownies, cheesecake, cupcakes, and even homemade rice crispy treats. There is a donation-based coffee bar that is set up next to the bakery where one can enjoy something to go with your sweet treat. Donations are used to restock the coffee products.

The store's sole employee is store manager, Cambreah Byford, who spends around 40 plus hours a week making sure the store runs smoothly. Once vendors drop off their items during the day, she verifies all the items are sized and priced accordingly before anything is displayed.

Burch said the biggest challenge she faces is trying to please everyone. She takes the time to inform her customers on what she might put in the store on the business Facebook page, and customers give feedback on what is appealing to them.

"Social media has been a major factor in the uprising of my business," she said. "I interact with customers and get their input, which helps me choose the items I put in the store."

The biggest struggle of owning a business is providing

customer satisfaction. She said it isn't easy to find the "perfect product," but she attempts to do this for her customers. When searching for new items, her first thought is the price and whether it will be within a reasonable cost. She makes sure her products are affordable and hopes there is something for everyone at her store.

Burch plans to expand her presence on the square, she hopes to own five more buildings. "I think it would be a great addition to the square to open an arcade for children on the streets," she said, "A soup and deli shop would be nice to have as well."

"As I have struggled through the years, I have finally reached a point in my life where I know my heart is full," Burch said.



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Cambreah Byford helps a young customer with a purchase at the Hummingbird Boutique.



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Shoes, hats and decorative items are among the things displayed at the Hummingbird Boutique.



ALEXANDRA MEELBUSCH | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Bath and beauty products are prominently featured at the Hummingbird Boutique.



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Shoppers will find many different products available, with 22 vendors offering wares for sale.

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## 1st Cav division looks to future

In support of modernizing and reorganizing U.S. Army forces to support large scale combat operations and meet emerging threats, the 1st Cavalry Division was selected to conduct the Headquarters Department of the Army Reconnaissance and Security Pilot to shape how Divisions fight in 2030.

1st CAV Division leaders assessed multiple courses of action based on the availability of existing units and selected the storied 1st Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment to lead the pilot program and serve as the division's cavalry squadron or DIV CAV. Lt. Col. Brennan Speakes, the DIV CAV Squadron Commander, assesses that "the DIV CAV formation will change doctrine for how the division fights by enabling the capability to act across all domains more rapidly than an adversary and aid in command decisions."



## GHS girls show prowess in powerlifting



COURTESY PHOTO

Emma Davidson took second place in the 220 weight class.



COURTESY PHOTO

Kasey Fitzer was third in the 114 weight class.



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Lindsey Cummings finished third in the 105 weight class.



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Brookelynn Byrd finished third in the 165 weight class.



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Marin Seagraves was fifth in the 105 weight class.

## Sophomores Kasey Fitzer, Emma Davidson qualify for state competition

### STAFF REPORT

The Gatesville High School girls powerlifting team competed in a regional invitational on March 3, and had two lifters qualify for the state meet - sophomores Kasey Fitzer and Emma Davidson.

"These girls did a fantastic job of competing and giving everything they had," said coach Jason Moffett. He added that Gatesville's girls finished in sixth place overall in the team standings at the event. The state meet is scheduled for Friday, March 17 at the Comerica Center in Frisco.

GHS results from the meet include:

- Emma Davidson, second place in the 220 weight class with a squat of 325, bench of 200, deadlift of 235 and total weight of 760.
- Kasey Fitzer, third place in the 114 weight class with a squat of 225, bench of 140, deadlift of 240 and total weight of 605.
- Lindsey Cummings, third place in the 105 weight class with a squat of 195, bench of 115, deadlift of 210 and total weight of 520.
- Brookelynn Byrd, third place in the 165 weight class with a squat of 290, bench of 175, deadlift of 305 and total weight of 770.
- Marin Seagraves, fifth place in the 105 weight class with a squat of 180, bench

*"These girls did a fantastic job competing and giving everything they had."*

**JASON MOFFETT**  
GHS coach

of 120, deadlift of 205 and total weight of 505.

- Baylyn Roberts, sixth place in the 105 weight class with a squat of 185, bench of 95, deadlift of 175 and total weight of 455.
- Vielka Gonzalez, sixth place in the 198 weight class with a squat of 325, bench of 170, deadlift of 255 and total weight of 750.
- Zoey Arnold, seventh place in the 220 weight class with a squat of 280, bench of 165, deadlift of 250 and total weight of 695.
- Lena Clawson, eighth place in the 181 weight class with a squat of 235, bench of 170, deadlift of 265 and total weight of 670.
- Isabela Mondragon, 11th place in the 132 weight class with a squat of 195, bench of 130, deadlift of 215 and total weight of 540.

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# Hester, Hunt erupt as Lady Hornets rout Mineral Wells

BY CHRIS ALLMAN  
Sports Correspondent

Madison Hester and Kagen Hunt had six hits each as Gatesville topped Mineral Wells 20-11 on March 7. It was the Lady Hornets' third straight win after a tough stretch in the Franklin Tournament.

Gatesville (13-9) broke open a close game with five runs in the fifth inning, three in the sixth, and six more in the seventh. The Lady Hornets notched 28 hits - 21 singles and 7 extra base hits.

Hunt tripled twice and doubled en route to 11 total bases in the win. She drove in six runs and stole a base.

Hester doubled twice, drove in a pair of runs, and picked up the pitching win.

Hunt came into the game hitting .297, and raised her average almost 100 points to .395. Hester's night bumped her average from .391 to .462 on the season.

Every player in Gatesville's lineup had at least one hit in the win. Ibet Carmona and Kinlee Gardner each had three hits and Rylee Glover, Brilee Ford, Lauren Stuard, and Grace Carothers had two hits apiece.

In the Franklin Tournament, the Lady Hornets dropped their first three games before bouncing back with two wins. They fell to Class 3A No. 7-ranked Coahoma 11-0, and Danbury 12-2 before losing a tough 2-0 de-

*Madison Hester and Kagen Hunt each had six hits for Gatesville in the Hornets' victory over Mineral Wells, the third straight victory for GHS softball.*

cision to Bruceville-Eddy. A Gardner home run highlighted the loss to Danbury while Kallie Featherston scattered six hits and allowed just one earned run as pitcher in the loss to Bruceville-Eddy.

The Lady Hornets finished the tournament with wins over Jewett Leon, 13-2, and Navasota, 8-1. Against Leon, they had six hits but drew 10 walks while striking out just once. They had nine hits in the win over Navasota including a triple from Gardner and doubles from Ford and Hunt.

Featherston got the win over Navasota thanks to a three-inning, three-hit, one run performance. She is 7-0 in her 11 starts this season and has struck out 45 batters in 43 innings pitched.

Gatesville is scheduled to start district play March 17, at home against Robinson.



COURTESY PHOTO

Madison Hester has been part of a formidable Gatesville lineup, and has a batting average of .462 through the first 22 games of the 2023 softball season.

# Gatesville finishes second in Rogers, faces tough slate in Franklin tourney

BY CHRIS ALLMAN  
Sports Correspondent

The Gatesville Hornets baseball team has won five of its last six games as the Hornets head to Franklin for their final round of tournament play this season.

The Hornets' previous tournament outing - winning three of four games at Rogers - featured a pair of double-digit scoring nights, another gem from pitching ace Bralen Veazey, and a peek into a bright future in a win over Clifton.

They opened the tournament with a 10-2 victory over Rogers and a 4-0 win over Silsbee. The win over Rogers was highlighted by home runs from Banner Allman and Kason Herbelin, as well as two scoreless innings of work from pitcher Grant Erwin.

Erwin started and allowed only one hit while striking out four in his two innings. In the top of the third inning, Allman hit a solo

home run to left to break a scoreless tie. The Hornets extended their lead to 2-0 in the fourth, then erupted for eight runs in the fifth inning.

Herbelin tripled to start the fifth inning, then scored on a double from Lawson Mooney. Up 6-0 later in the inning, Herbelin hit a towering grand slam to left field to score Ben Mabry, Mason Mooney, and Miles Tull and make it 10-0.

In the Hornets' win over Silsbee, Veazey outdueled Tigers' pitcher Logan Simmons, a University of Houston signee. Simmons allowed just two hits and two earned runs but hit four batters. Veazey struck out nine hitters and allowed three hits and no runs.

"What makes (Veazey) so good is he has a lot of tools he can use to get hitters out," said head coach Chase Smith. "He wasn't able to locate his fastball and didn't have

his off-speed stuff going early but he was able to find it later in the game and get his off-speed stuff over. He is really hard to hit when he gets that going. He just has to trust his stuff and he battled today and beat a really good team and another great pitcher."

The Hornets got on the board with the deciding runs in the fifth thanks to back-to-back doubles from freshman Brady James and Veazey.

"I felt like both wins today were what we needed. They were both quality wins over really good baseball teams and it should give us confidence for the future when we face a really tough district with some good arms and velocity," said Smith.

Freshman Gehrig Keeton picked up his first varsity win in the Hornets' 12-2 victory over Clifton. Keeton threw five innings and

struck out nine while allowing just one earned run. Lawson Mooney was 3-for-3 in the win while Herbelin and Carter Williams had two hits apiece. Mabry also tripled and drove in three runs.

The four-game win streak came to an end with a 6-3 loss in the tournament championship game against Bosqueville - the state's No. 2 ranked team in Class 2A. Allman homered again in the loss, and James and Williams each drove in a run. Lawson Mooney singled and stole two bases.

The Hornets got back on the winning track thanks to a 17-1 win over McGregor. Mabry had three hits and drove in four runs while John Ibarra and Clayton Gregory had two hits apiece. Herbelin tripled in the top of the second inning, giving the Hornets seven triples in 11 games this season. They have also hit four home runs. Both

numbers are the most of any team in Smith's tenure as head coach.

"We have a bunch of competitors in our lineup that are going to show up ready to play every game. Lawson, Banner, Brady and Veazey have been good at the plate and when you get guys like (Justin) Johnson and Herbelin going it's a tough lineup to get through," Smith said. "I think teams know we are going to be on the move on the bases and getting our guys going at the plate too makes it tough on pitchers and opponents."

Gatesville opened tournament play on March 10 against Class 3A No. 3-ranked Franklin and 3A No. 8 Lorena. They will face Smithville and Palestine on March 11 and return home to play La Grange on Monday with a 1:30 p.m. start.

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# Hornets land 6 on All-District team; Gatesville senior Tyler Shea voted 2023 Defensive Player of Year

BY CHRIS ALLMAN  
Sports Correspondent

Tyler Shea captured the Defensive Player of the Year award and Banner Allman and Carter Williams were both First Team choices on the recently announced 23-4A All-District boys basketball teams.

Shea averaged 1.3 blocked shots and 2.3 steals per game to lead the Hornets in both categories. He also put up 16.9 points and grabbed nine rebounds per game. He set a program record with 236 two-point field goals made on the season and his 81 steals just missed setting a program record (90) for steals in a season. He was a First Team All-District selection in District 6-4A in 2022.

Allman led the Hornets in scoring on the season (18.1 points per game) and led all of 23-4A in scoring (19.3 ppg). He and Shea both finished the season shooting 60% from two-point range - a program record. Allman set a single-game record with 15 free throws made in a 35-point outing against McGregor and finished five points shy of setting the program record for points in a season. He was a First Team All-District choice in 6-4A in 2021.

Williams was the Hornets second leading scorer on his way to a First Team All-District selection in 2022 but assumed more of a do-it-all role in 2023. He averaged 8.4 points, 4.6 rebounds, and 3.4 assists per game.

Junior Trae Miller, sophomore Rayshon Smith, and sophomore West Allman were

all Second Team selections. Miller was the Hornets leading assist man at 3.5 per game while West Allman led Gatesville in three-point shots made (55) and three-point shooting percentage (30%).

Smith, the 6-4A Newcomer of the Year in 2022, set a program record by drawing 48 charges on the season.

District 23-4A District Honors  
District MVP: Jelanie McDonald, Waco Connally, J'ylon Nobles, Waco Connally  
Offensive Player of the Year: Monta Hillard, Waco La Vega

Defensive Player of the Year: Tyler Shea, Gatesville

Newcomer of the Year: Qwae Willis, La Vega

Coach of the Year: Quinton Snell, Connally

**First Team**  
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## GHS sports roundup

**Girls Track:** Varsity accumulated 153 points to claim the team championship at the Whitney Wildcat Relays. Barrett Boyd pocketed three gold medals (10'6" in pole vault, 16.21 in 100 hurdles, 49.62 in 300 hurdles), while Vania Martinez won the 3200 (11:54). The Hornet JV finished third overall. GHS was scheduled to compete at the Troy Trojan Relays on March 9.

**Boys Track:** Varsity amassed 188 points at the Whitney Wildcat Relays, capturing the meet's team title for the second straight week. The Hornets won six events: Carlo Martinez, 3200 (9:36.90, broke his own school record of 9:42 set in 2022) and 1600 (4:25); Kameron Harley, 300 hurdles (43.57); Brayden Minton, shot put (45'8"); Trent Ray, discus (149'0"); West Allman, high jump (5'8"). The Hornet JV was first overall as well with 159 points. GHS was scheduled to compete at the Troy Trojan Relays on March 9.

**Tennis:** GHS garnered nine medals at the

Brownwood Invitational: Slone Early, 1st in boys singles; Alex Scott and Ty Warren, 1st in boys doubles; Callie Smith, 3rd in girls singles; Carlo Martinez, consolation champ boys singles; Preslee Edmond and Olivia Walker, consolation champs girls singles; Katelyn Sanchez and Jack Armstrong, consolation champs mixed doubles. GHS' next outing will be March 24 at Bryan Rudder.

**Boys Soccer:** The Hornet boys secured a playoff berth by virtue of Lampasas' loss to Stephenville. GHS, which will be postseason-bound for the eighth time in the last nine seasons.

**Boys Powerlifting:** GHS has qualified five athletes for regional competition. The qualifiers include Ca Brister, Zach Bryant, Gabe Charles, L.J. Hall and David Sims, all of whom finished ranked among the Top 10 in their weight classes. Gatesville will host the Texas High School Powerlifting Association Class 4A regional meet here March 11.

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# Morris Federation speaker goes "Off the Beaten Path"

BY MARSHA LEE  
Contributing writer

**M**orris Federation members met on Saturday, Feb. 11, and enjoyed a program on travel presented by Mrs. Dona Gallagher, a former GISD teacher.

She titled her presentation "Off the Beaten Path." Over the years, she has had the opportunity to visit some 31 countries and five territories, spanning five of the seven continents, excluding only Australia and Antarctica.

Between 1967 and 1970, Gallagher saw Okinawa, Guam, Saipan, the Netherlands, Belgium, Hong Kong, Macao, Taiwan, and France. Then between 1984 and 2003, her itinerary included England, Scotland, Ireland, Germany, Sweden, Denmark, Yugoslavia, Italy, Austria, Mexico, Costa Rica, Peru, Ecuador, Brazil, Haiti, South Africa, Canada, Colombia, Guatemala, Portugal, Switzerland, Israel (and Palestine), and Greece.

From the beginning of her presentation, Mrs. Gallagher emphasized that her experiences were "all about opportunity," being in the right place at the right time. At age 14, she enrolled in Nazareth College and Academy in Nazareth, Kentucky, near Barstow. When Gallagher started there, she enrolled in a boarding school with a mix of other cultures attending. The school offered a four-year college program and included the opportunity to befriend classmates from several other countries, such as China, Taiwan, and Cuba. One missed opportunity Gallagher mentioned was a chance to visit a classmate who lived in Cuba.

In 1967, she and her husband, Jimmy, found a notice in an NEA Magazine about taking courses in Guam, and they decided to take up the

offer. Limited to how many pounds of items they could carry, they chose to take a washer and dryer, cooking utensils, plus the normal clothing and other personal items needed for a couple with three children. They enrolled at the University of Guam and took courses under instructors from the Air Force Academy, Columbia University, and others doing sabbaticals.

She started out with 34 college hours and ended up with 126 hours and a degree in history. Her husband ended up with a master's degree. Here they had opportunities not only to get university degrees, but also to get to know the people and experience the culture of Guam. They lived in the capital of Guam, Hagatna.

At another time, the Gallaghers had an opportunity to spend six weeks in Europe. They saw windmills and fields of brightly colored tulips and other wildflowers in the Netherlands (Holland). Gallagher found an educators' organization that set up tours for small groups of people. The tours were all pre-arranged, but the organization was paying guides to serve as escorts for their groups and was paying the fares for the guides as well. This was another opportunity, so she escorted a group of seven students and one mom to London. They saw Stonehenge, various Viking and Celtic artifacts, and visited Windsor Castle, the oldest and largest occupied castle in the world, dating back to the 11th century.

Gallagher had an opportunity to see the Holy Land (Israel, Palestine, Gaza Strip on Mediterranean, West Bank) as a course study. The 17 people in their study group ranged in ages between 19 and 82. While there, they stayed most of the time in a Palestinian guest house. The last day and night they spent in Nazareth. Important areas they visited included the Temple Mount in Old Jerusalem, Al Asqa Mosque, and Dome of the Rock.

Gallagher had opportunities to see parts of Central America as well. She and her husband went to Guatemala to see the country and had some rewarding experiences teaching and working with children there. There were no restaurants where they stayed, and many parts of the country were very poor. While in Central America, she also had the chance to visit Haiti, a very impoverished area. Later she visited Costa Rica with a friend.

Gallagher had opportunities to visit parts of Europe again, especially after hosting an exchange student from Ljungby, Sweden, in the early 1980s.

Gallagher saw Rio de Janeiro and the colossal statue of Jesus Christ at the summit of Mount Corcovado, which stands 2,329 feet tall and overlooks the city. The statue "Christ of the Andes" stands 125 feet tall (98 feet for statue, 27 feet for the pedestal). The outstretched arms of Jesus are 98 feet across.

Another opportunity presented itself when a friend joined Mrs. Gallagher and set out on an adventure to Mexico, a "study mission." They studied the Mexican language. The two ladies repeated this trip to Mexico over several summers. Mrs. White learned enough Spanish to be able to teach the language at TDC after she

retired rather than substituting in home economics (her teaching field). On each trip, the two ladies took full advantage of not only learning the language, but also sight-seeing and learning about the country - its history, culture, and lifestyle.

At various times, Gallagher had a chance to visit or revisit several European countries.

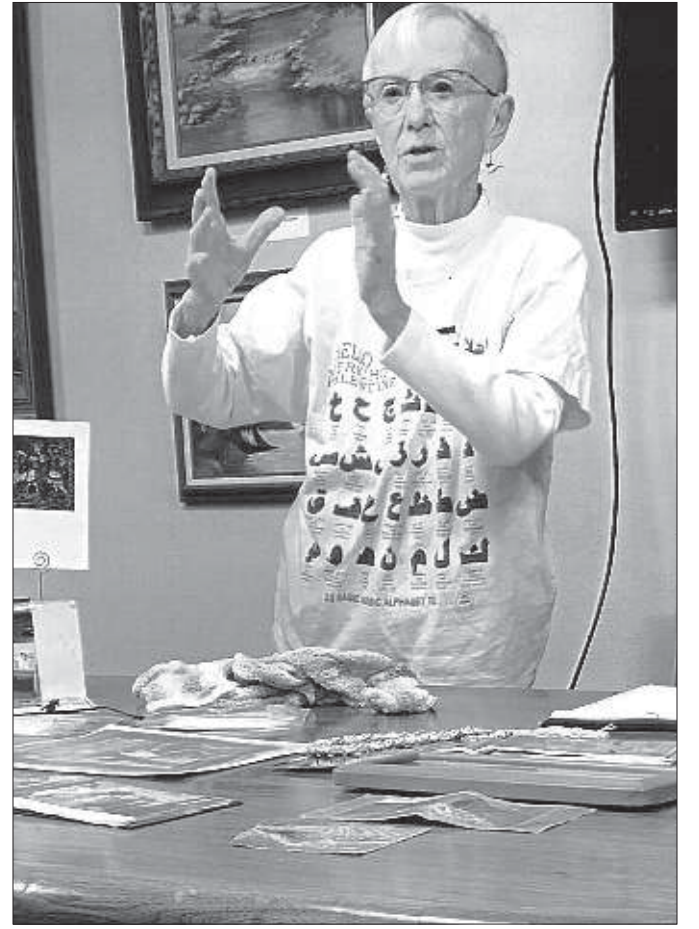
She and travel companions were met in Italy, Greece, and Yugoslavia with machine guns. Passports got them into Italy and Greece, and arrangements were made in Yugoslavia. The only place they toured in Italy was Rome, where they toured the Coliseum and viewed artwork and other points of interest. In Greece, The Parthenon was the main place they visited, but there was much more to see in Greece.

Gallagher's husband, Jimmy, was a chaplain at the Hughes Unit of TDC, and she worked as a volunteer chaplain at another unit. TDC offered to pay his way to a prison chaplains' conference in Johannesburg, South Africa, and she paid her own way. They flew to London, then to South Africa, where they met with approximately 300 chaplains from all over the world.

Asked what her favorite countries were to visit, Gallagher replied, "I can't really say I have a favorite. I toured some countries more than once, like England, Scotland, France, and Sweden. And there were some countries I enjoyed, but I probably wouldn't go back. Each visit to a country was a new experience and can't be repeated again!"

After all the traveling, you may be wondering how the Gallagher family ended up in Gatesville.

"Well," according to her, "that was also a matter of opportunity." In 1972, her



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Former GISD teacher Dona Gallagher speaks at a recent Morris Federation meeting.

husband took a job with Eye Gate in San Antonio, and with that job, he had a territory to serve. They decided they would settle down in the first place in his territory where they could find a teaching job for her.

That turned out to be Gatesville, where the district was wanting to start a new occupational skills program at the junior high school level. The problem was that no one was certified to teach the class. She had already earned 12 hours of credit in Vocational and Occupational Opportunities and Activities, so she went to school at Stephen F. Austin State University one summer to take two courses (six hours of credit) and to North Texas

State University to earn another six hours of graduate credit. Criteria for the job also required that the applicant have experience outside the classroom, and Gallagher had never taught in school before.

With all this, she became one of only 11 teachers in Texas certified for this vocational program.

Gallagher found herself teaching various computer applications and word processing. But once again, an opportunity presented itself, she met the challenge, got her certification, planned out new curricular programs, and spent 29 years teaching, 21 of which were spent at GJHS, enriching the lives of her students.

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Pearl News Correspondent



The Pearl Cottage Bookstore reports that they enjoyed a very busy day on Saturday, March 4.

Linda, Corlisa and Kay said that they had a wonderful time visiting with some old friends and making some new ones, too. These ladies had worked extremely hard rearranging and adding new items to the store before they opened on that Saturday. Kay now has dishpan hands, Linda has a "crick in her back," and Corlisa has supported the local gas stations as she kept the road hot driving in for workdays. Many items from the Self estate had been included in the March 4 sale, thanks to the generosity of Mandy and Rick Self. The Self estate sale benefiting the Pearl Church of Christ Scholarship fund has come to an end, however. But, because of the Self's thoughtfulness and caring, the scholarship fund will be able to provide many more local scholarships, and the Book Cottage will be able to continue supporting their local charities. We are so thankful for Rick and Mandy, and we pray for the Lord's richest blessings over them. Rick is the son of Carrie and Harold Self, who lived in that sweet house for many years. Wouldn't they be overjoyed to know how much their estate has blessed Pearl?

Pearl Church of Christ has announced its annual Vacation Bible School Dates - drum roll, please - May 29 through June 2, 9 a.m. until noon. Please share this information with all of your friends and family. Everyone is welcome!

From "The Pleasure and Profit Club" on March 15, 1934: "The Club met with

Odell Reynolds. A quilt was pieced, and several dish towels were hemmed. Miss Mae Basham gave an interesting talk on food. The president called the house to order. The minutes were read and approved. The roll was called, noting the absence of seven members. 55 cents was paid in for dues, and 10 cents was paid out for needles; 35 cents for thread, pins and 1/2 yard of cloth; and 17 cents for gasoline, making a total of 62 cents paid out for expenses, leaving a total of \$2.18 in treasury. Bonnie, Lottie and Coma were appointed to the sick committee. It was decided that we would send Miss Mamie a card of sympathy, even though it was not exactly what we would love to send. The pattern for our club dresses was decided on. Bonnie and Bessie Early are to get the material, buttons and patterns for the dresses. We adjourned to meet all day March 29 with Mrs. Fred Robinson." (I don't know about you, but I would love to travel back in time to have been at one of those meetings!)

This week's Bible verse comes from Deuteronomy 6:6-7: "These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up." (NIV)

Be sure and like the Pearl Community Center, Texas, Facebook page and the Pearl Cottage Bookstore and Resale Shop Facebook page. Please send any Pearl news to betsyclarck47@yahoo.com

# Remembering Uncle Bob

BY DAVID SCOTT  
Staff Writer

Editors note: 'The Remembering Uncle Bob' series will be recapturing some of Robert Lee "Uncle Bob" Saunders' writings in The Messenger from the 1940s and 50s.

Robert Lee "Uncle Bob" Saunders was an early-day resident of Gatesville and the son of one of Gatesville's early business pioneers. Born in 1880 in Gatesville, Uncle Bob had many memories and stories from his childhood which, later in life, he put in writing during the 1940s and 1950s for The Gatesville Messenger in a weekly column titled "Down Memory Lane."

According to John Frank Post, editor of the Gatesville Messenger from 1946-1978, "Mr. Saunders composed his Down Memory Lane columns from his West Main Street home in the shadow

of the county courthouse dome. Deadline time would find him hunched square-shouldered over his small desk pecking away at his typewriter." Post continued, "disdaining the rules of grammar and political correctness, he wrote like he talked - straight and plain-speaking. He was spared any tedious research, as his gifted memory supplied him with facts that he could weave into his own inimitable embroidery, using colorful anecdotes, local history, and happenings. Yes, Uncle Bob knew how to juice up a story."

Post recalled that the "Down Memory Lane" column was a hit with the readers of the newspaper from the beginning. Post said that Uncle Bob's close friends felt he viewed his writing as a "gift to his generation and a legacy to generations to come."

The following is an excerpt of Uncle Bob's Down

Memory Lane column that appeared in the Sept. 30, 1949, edition of The Gatesville Messenger:

**County Judge Fred Faunt Le Roy**

None of the lawyers of the town wanted to be bothered with the county judge's office, for they could make more money out of one big murder case than the judge's pay would amount to for a whole year. But Fred Faunt Le Roy, who lived just across the Leon River south of Gatesville, was prevailed on to stand for the office, and he was elected and took office Nov. 21, 1882.

Fred Faunt Le Roy was a young lawyer from Virginia who was sent to Coryell County when it organized in 1854 by the Federal Government on a special mission, which remained a military secret. Anyway, the young lawyer from Virginia stayed in this county, raised a family of three boys and one daughter, and served as

county judge for the years 1883-84; after which he retired to his farm across the Leon River.

We used to see him on the streets of Gatesville almost every day, and if you knewed the old Judge, you wouldn't get too close to him, or he would drown you with that spray of tobacco juice. The old Judge lacked a whole lot of being a beauty, and as far as I ever heard, he made a good judge.

He was succeeded in office by W.P. (Bill) Stovall, the father of Lum Stovall who now lives at King. W.P. Stovall was not a lawyer, but he evidently was an outstanding man in Coryell County, for the people elected him to serve for the years of 1885-88. Old Timers will remember his brother, Jack Stovall, who ran the Gatesville Hotel for several years back in the '80s and '90s.

## CORYELL COUNTY HISTORICAL MARKER "SPOTLIGHT" Eagle Springs Baptist Church



COURTESY PHOTO

Marker text: This congregation grew from an early Coryell County fellowship known as the Church of Onion Creek. Worshippers met in a log building until it burned in 1854. In 1858 this site was acquired for a new church building. In the same year, the Rev. John McLain, a Baptist missionary, organized the Eagle Springs Baptist Church from the earlier congregation. Charter members included J.H. and Nancy Estep; Evan A. and Tabitha Culpepper; Wyatt, Naomi and Serepha Hall; F.M., Elmira, and Mary Grimes; Daniel Jones; and C.S. and Zura Strickland. By 1880 Eagle Springs was a thriving community with two grocery stores, two doctors' offices, a post office, and a school. The congregation grew also, with many baptisms being held in the Leon River. During the first decades of the 20th century, families began moving away from Eagle Springs. The community school was closed in 1935, and in 1948 members of Eagle Springs Baptist Church voted to disband. The church building was retained, however, for reunions and occasional services. It is one of the few remaining structures in the Eagle Springs Community. (1984). Location: FM 107 near Mother Neff State Park

## Miss Spring Fest Pageant to be held March 25

The first "Miss Spring Fest Pageant" will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 25, at the Texas Station Event Center. The ages for contestant entries include Baby Miss, infant to 2 years of age; Tiny Miss, ages 3-5; Little Miss, ages 6-9; Junior Miss, ages 10-13; and Queen, ages 14-18. There will also be other categories including Most Photogenic and People's Choice.

The deadline is March 15 at a cost of \$50.

For more information about the pageant, please contact Susie at 254-383-2307. Texas Station Event Center is located at 4604 Highway 36.

# RECIPE

This recipe appeared in the "Methodist Best" cookbook in 2008. The Gatesville Messenger is running a series of recipes from that cookbook. If your church has a cookbook, or if you would like to submit your own recipe of a favorite dish for possible publication, please email to: editor@gatesvillemessenger.com

### ZUCCHINI PATTIES

Shirleen Chandler

- 1 c. Bisquick
- 2 eggs beaten
- 1/2 c. shredded mozzarella or cheddar cheese
- 2 c. shredded zucchini
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- 2 T. chopped onion (optional)
- 1 T. butter or margarine

Combine Bisquick, cheese, salt, eggs, zucchini and onion in a mixing bowl. Blend well. Melt butter in a large skillet. Spoon heaping tablespoons of the zucchini mixture into the skillet. Fry for 3-5 minutes per side, until golden brown. Place browned patties on a paper towel. Makes 13 patties. These freeze well and can take out 1 or 2 at a time and heat in the microwave like pancakes. For an Italian flair, dip it in marinara sauce. To reduce calories, use cooking spray instead of butter.

# Sudoku

Last week's puzzle solution:

3	2	7	1	4	6	8	9	5
5	8	4	2	9	7	1	3	6
6	1	9	8	3	5	2	7	4
1	5	3	6	7	8	9	4	2
9	6	8	5	2	4	7	1	3
4	7	2	3	1	9	6	5	8
8	4	1	7	5	2	3	6	9
2	3	5	9	6	1	4	8	7
7	9	6	4	8	3	5	2	1

Puzzle by websudoku.com

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# TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY™

## Texans' defense too much for WAC's top-ranked Utah Valley

### TSU Sports Information

STEPHENVILLE — The Tarleton State University Texans defended Wisdom Gym against the top-ranked men's basketball team in the Western Athletic Conference, Utah Valley, with a decisive 77-58 victory on Feb. 23.

Tarleton (15-14, 9-8 WAC) held Utah Valley (21-7, 12-3 WAC) to only two made shots (2-17 FG) from the field the entire first half and the Wolverines' lowest field goal percentage (.318) this season. Although undersized compared to the Wolverines, the Texans beat Utah Valley on the boards (39-38).

The Texans tied their largest margin of victory of the season (19; Grand Canyon, 1/28/23) with a 77-58 win over Utah Valley, which held the top spot in the WAC entering the game.

On offense, the Texans outpaced the Wolverines in

points from turnovers (22-3), in the paint (24-20), off second chances (17-7), off fast breaks (11-8) and from the bench (19-12). Tarleton also recorded its highest free throw percentage of the season, making 34-of-38 (.895).

The Texans played lights out from tip-off, establishing the lead off a three-pointer from Garry Clark after trailing Utah Valley for less than a minute to start the game.

Halfway through the first half, Tarleton had only yielded nine points to Utah Valley and wouldn't allow another Wolverine field goal for the remainder of the half. The Wolverines worked their deficit down to five points with just over four minutes remaining until halftime.

An 11-2 run for the Texans over the final two minutes of the half secured a 15-point Tarleton advantage heading into the locker room at 35-20.



COURTESY OF TSU SPORTS INFORMATION

**Shamir Bogues (3) of Tarleton State University drives toward the basket during the Texans' 77-58 men's home basketball victory over Utah Valley. Bogues scored 16 points in the contest.**

At the 17-minute mark of the second half, Utah Valley's Trey Woodbury was dealt a Class A technical foul off a shooting foul from Tim Fuller, resulting in four-straight made free throws from Lue Williams to build up a 19-point lead.

With 10 minutes left in the game, the Texans established their greatest lead, at 21 points, off another pair of free throws from Williams.

However, a 12-2 run from the Wolverines narrowed Tarleton's lead to 11 with just over six minutes left to play.

At just under the five-minute mark, Woodbury was charged with his fifth foul of the game. An exchanging of words with a referee led to him receiving two more Class A technical fouls and the Utah Valley bench receiving two Class B technical

fouls. Hicks capitalized on the moment, sinking five of the six free throws awarded from the Wolverine fouls to take a 17-point lead.

The teams traded buckets back and forth over the final minutes, but a second-chance dunk from KiAndre Gaddy helped secure the win.

Hicks and Williams scored 17 points apiece for the game. Hicks went 12-of-

13 from the charity stripe, secured a team-high eight rebounds and grabbed two steals. Williams went a perfect 8-of-8 from the free throw line and grabbed four rebounds.

Bogues scored 16 points (4-9 FG, 7-9 FT), five rebounds, three steals and two assists.

## Tarleton football spring game slated for Saturday, Aug. 15

### TSU Sports Information

STEPHENVILLE — The Tarleton State University Texans will be back on the field in less than a month to start spring football, and for the second straight year, they'll conclude the training with the Tarleton Football Spring Game.

The Texans will play an intrasquad game on Saturday, April 15, at 6 p.m. at Memorial Stadium in Stephenville. Admission is

free for all students and fans.

The Spring Game will serve as the kickoff to Tarleton's annual Founder's Week, which is a celebration of the university's founder, John Tarleton. Several events take place during the week, like the Silver Taps Ceremony and May Fête, and this year, the Spring Game will signal the beginning of the special Texan tradition.

The format of the game will be determined closer to

April 15. It will either be a conventional game or match what the Texans did last year, which was a "Purple vs. White, Offense vs. Defense" game with a unique scoring system.

The Spring Game will provide fans the first chance to see the newest Texans in action. Tarleton announced on National Signing Day that they've added 28 players ahead of the 2023 season, 14 on offense and 14 on defense.

Tarleton will treat the

Saturday like a traditional game day, with tailgating, concessions and entertainment. Texan Alley will open at 9 a.m., plus beer and wine will be available for sale to the general public. Further details regarding game day activities and events will be announced as the game approaches.

For information regarding Texan Alley, fans should contact the Tarleton Ticket Office at 254-968-1832 or go online (tickets@tarleton.edu).



COURTESY OF TSU SPORTS INFORMATION

## TSU has 'parted ways' with women's basketball coach Misty Wilson

### TSU Sports Information

STEPHENVILLE — Vice President of Intercollegiate Athletics Lonni Reisman announced on March 2 that Tarleton has parted ways with women's basketball head coach Misty Wilson, effective immediately.

A TSU media information source was contacted the following day, but indicated that a more specific explanation should not be expected.

"First and foremost, I want to thank Misty Wilson for her nine years at the helm



Wilson

of the Tarleton women's basketball team," Reisman said. "This decision was not an easy one to make. We will begin our search immediately to find the team's next leader."

Wilson just completed her ninth season as head coach of the Texans with a career record of 146-114 (.562). She had been a member of the coaching staff since 2002 following a four-year playing

career at Tarleton.

The Texans ended their 2022-23 campaign on Tuesday, March 21, at 8-21 overall and 2-16 in conference play.

### CLOSING WIN

March 28 was the final game for three of Tarleton's women's basketball players, and the team gave them a perfect parting gift — a win.

Tarleton snapped its longest skid in nearly 30 years with a 74-65 win over Seattle University in the season fi-

nale inside Wisdom Gym.

The Texans (8-21, 2-16 WAC) broke through their 12-game losing streak and improved to 7-7 at home this year, making it their 20th straight season of playing .500+ basketball at home. The Redhawks (5-22, 5-12) lost in their first-ever visit to Stephenville.

In her final collegiate game, TSU's Mayra Caicedo turned in her first double-double of the season with 11 points (9-10 FT), 11 assists, five rebounds and three steals, playing all 40 min-

utes. Her 11 assists matched a season-high and boosted her into the top-10 in program history for single-season assists, matching Kristin Curtis' 140 assists in 1990-91, 10th most. It was the fifth time Caicedo played the entire game this season.

Teresa Da Silva had a game-high 22 points (4-10 3PT), adding three rebounds and two steals in 24 minutes. It marked her eighth 20+ point game of the season and she is now Tarleton's leading scorer in their D1 era at 14.5 points per game. She

also finished with the fourth most three-point makes in a single-season in program history at 65, surpassing Bailey Wipff's (2015-16) and Helena Smith's (1991-92) 63 makes in their respective seasons.

The Texans held a special pregame ceremony for departing players Caicedo, Axelsson and Starr Omozee on Purple Out, with many tears shed and laughs abound ahead of tip-off.

## Raines repeats as WAC 60-meter champ; Texans earn three medals

### TSU Sports Information

SPOKANE, Washington — Tarleton State University's track and field teams wrapped up the Western Athletic Conference Indoor Championships at The Podium on Feb. 25. The Texan men placed seventh and the women placed 10th.

Kevin Baez broke a school record in the men's 3000m, running it in 8:27.83 and

placing 11th.

Junior Angel Contreras followed behind placing 17th with a time of 8:34.28.

The women's 4x400m relay team of Jordan Anglin, Alessa King, Macie Evans and Brenna Lee placed sixth out of 12 squads, running 3:49.02. That was another Tarleton school record.

Sophomore Justin Raines defended his title in the 60m dash, improving yet again as

he ran 6.60 seconds to earn gold and become the 2023 WAC 60m champion. The time was Raines' best yet as he improved on his time from the previous day in the prelims, a then school record 6.65 seconds. Raines also competed in the 60m hurdles, placing fourth running the race in 8.00 seconds.

Freshman Gabriele Tosti earned silver in the men's triple jump, at 15.42m. The

Seriante, Italy, native was just behind the first-place finisher Astley Davis from Southern Utah, who jumped 15.47m. TSU junior Jaden Hall followed right behind Tosti earning bronze and placing third as he jumped 14.76m.

Freshman Ca'terrin Cox medaled in the 60m hurdles, in 7.98 seconds to place second. He was just two hundredths behind the second-

place finisher.

In women's high jump, sophomores Rylee Hennig (1.71m) and Dora van Doremalen (1.68m) placed fourth and fifth, respectively.

Reid Vincent placed sixth in the 60m dash as the other Texan who qualified for the finals aside from Raines. He ran it in 6.78 seconds.

Bonnie Clifton managed a school record in the wom-

en's weight throw as she hurled it 15.90m, breaking her own mark of 15.77m she set earlier this season.

Rounding out the men's results, Ethan Bratton placed 11th in the men's weight throw as he had a mark of 16.14m, good for second all-time in the school record book. Jamariyan Howlett cleared 1.97m in the men's high jump to place ninth.



# CTC STUDENTS GRADUATE WITH GED



COURTESY PHOTO

Cassie Graham, the Adult Education instructor for Central Texas College, is pictured (center) with two of her High School Equivalent students, Brandi Smith (left) and Amber Stone. Brandi and Amber recently passed their GED test and are enrolled in courses at Central Texas College to advance their careers. Central Texas College offers free GED prep classes on Mondays and Wednesdays at Gatesville Primary School from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., and English as a Second Language classes for adults on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. For more information on enrolling, call 254-526-1120.

# DR. SEUSS CELEBRATED AT GATESVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL



ALEX MEELBUSCH | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

GISD's Assistant Superintendent of Academics, Shane Webb, recently stopped by the Gatesville Primary School to help students celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday on March 2. Webb read stories to various classes that were written by Dr. Seuss. The birthday celebration is held each year at the primary school with teachers and students sometimes dressing as their favorite character from the Dr. Seuss books. Theodor Seuss Geisel, a beloved children's author, was born on March 2, 1904, in Springfield, Massachusetts. He is best known for writing and illustrating more than 60 books under the pen name Dr. Seuss.

# Hanson, Walls named to ACU Dean's Honor Roll

## Staff Reports

Gatesville students Leah Hanson, a senior majoring in Art, and Jack Walls, a sophomore majoring in Biochem-

istry, were named to the Spring 2022 Dean's Honor Roll at Abilene Christian University. Students earn Dean's Honor Roll recognition by

achieving a 3.6 or higher GPA while enrolled in at least 12 credit hours.

Founded in 1906, Abilene Christian University enrolls

more than 5,700 students in robust online and residential undergraduate and graduate programs. Students choose from 87 baccalaureate ma-

jors that include more than 171 areas of study, 71 areas of study in master's degree and specialist programs, and four doctoral programs.

ACU's mission is to educate students for Christian service and leadership throughout the world.

# Farrell named to Dean's Honor Roll at Ole Miss

## Staff Reports

Mary Farrell of Gatesville was named to the University of Mississippi's Fall 2022

Honor Roll list. Farrell was named to the Dean's Honor Roll, which is reserved for students who earn a semester GPA of 3.50-3.74. In order

to be eligible for honor roll designation, a student must have completed at least 12 graded hours for the semester and may not be on aca-

demically during the semester.

The University of Mississippi, affectionately known as Ole Miss, is the state's

flagship university, which has a long history of producing leaders in public service, academics and business. Recognized among the na-

tion's most beautiful, Ole Miss' main campus is in Oxford, which is routinely acknowledged as one of the country's best college towns.

## Kid Scoop

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G	E	N	R	I	A	P	I	T	S
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Z	R	L	E	K	C	I	N	E	S

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### FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

#### Best Food Deal

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# Gatesville High School student becomes published author

BY DAVID SCOTT  
Staff Writer

When 16-year-old Gatesville High School junior Blake Barnes was in the seventh grade, he began writing the first draft of his book titled “The Hellish Fungus of Bornewich.”

He never dreamed his book would be published, but it was, last year by Newman Springs Publishing firm.

The book penned by Barnes is a 13-chapter fictional novella about a medical student named William Adgen who becomes friendly with a patient, Professor George Stannard. Stannard tells Adgen about certain sinister things in the Domerse Caves at the edge of town, and Adgen seeks to investigate.

Barnes said he has always enjoyed writing. He was 11 years old when he first started writing stories as a hobby. Barnes found inspiration to write from reading authors like R.L. Stine and Stephen King from an early age. He fell in love with the works of Edgar Allan Poe, H.P. Lovecraft, and Ambrose Bierce.

The “About the Author” section of his book states: “The influence of (the author) Lovecraft is especially apparent in Blake’s works as he often invokes themes of insignificance and ignorance. Blake produces his first published work as a love letter to these themes and story beats, and he welcomes others to be as inspired as he has been.”

Barnes said he is especially fond of the style of writing found in the fictional books written by H.P. Lovecraft. Barnes mentioned his use of “big purple language” - defined as writing or speech characterized by ornate, flowery, or hyperbolic language.

Discussing his writing skills, Barnes reflected, “I would not enjoy writing,

reading, or the written word in general, without Candice Garvin. She was my fourth grade English teacher, and now she works as a librarian at the Gatesville Intermediate School. I didn’t know what a comma was before I took her class, and I cannot express with simple words the impact she has made on my life.”

In the dedication page of his book, in addition to Candice Garvin who inspired him, Barnes also thanked teacher Emily Pritchett for educating him and teacher Michelle Fast for the encouragement she gave him.

When his book was first published, Barnes said his father helped him establish the financial end of his publication, setting up an account where his royalties could be paid.

“Because of this, my mother didn’t know anything of my publication, so I sought to surprise her with the news on Mother’s Day, but publication took a bit longer, so it became a birthday present for her,” Barnes said.

The Gatesville High School Library now has copies of his book.

“I was certainly flattered when the Gatesville High School Library decided to include two copies of my book,” Barnes said.

The young man, who has an extremely enhanced vocabulary and excels in his definition of words, could almost be described as a human dictionary.

“I’ve had many friends asking me for definitions of multiple words,” Barnes said. Barnes said he does not plan to stop writing.

“Currently, I am working on a novel, a detective story. After that, I will venture into a vampire-related alternate-historical tale about the French Revolution,” he said.

Barnes plans to attend college, and his dream is to achieve a doctorate in forensic psychology.

Copies of his book can be found on both Amazon and Barnes & Noble online retailers.



DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER  
Gatesville High School junior Blake Barnes displays his book, which was recently published by Newman Springs Publishing firm. Two copies of his book were acquired by the Gatesville High School Library and are now a part of the library’s collection.

## GHS BAND RECEIVES “SUPERIOR” RATINGS AT UIL



COURTESY PHOTO  
The Gatesville High School Varsity and Non-Varsity Bands recently earned a Superior rating at their UIL Concert and Sight-Reading evaluation. Of all the Class 4A schools participating in the contest, Gatesville was one of only two schools to receive straight Superior ratings from all judges both in non-varsity and varsity ensembles. The Gatesville High School Band is pictured above displaying the much-deserved and well-earned trophy.

## Jonesboro schools announce 2023-2024 cheer team

Staff Reports

Jonesboro Junior High and Jonesboro High School recently announced the newest members of the 2023-2024 cheer teams.

Junior high members include Lacy Weaver, McKenna Gelsler, Rylee Retana, Makayla Natividad, and Zoey Reed.

High school members include Jaycie Brown, Tenley

Scott, Michella Martinez, Addie Rueter, Kaigan Woods, Peyton Williamson,

Kylee Gould, Gracie Dick-Calhoun, Adalyndra Andrade, and Sierra Chapman.

Allysen Miller, the newest coach of the Jonesboro Junior High and High School Cheer teams, is looking forward to the coming season.

“I am so excited for this next year with these girls,” Miller said. “I think this team has a lot of potential to really bring in the school spirit that Jonesboro needs.”



Jonesboro Independent School District is located at 14909 E. State Hwy. 36 in Jonesboro.

# Gatesville Junior High to host Summer Music Camp

Staff Reports

Registration is now open for the Gatesville Summer Music Camp, to be held on Monday, June 26 through Thursday, June 29 at the Gatesville High School.

Over the course of four days the children will be

taught an entire musical. Each day will consist of lessons on singing, acting, choreography, music fundamentals, costumes, props, and staging. This year’s show will be “It’s Saturday!” a musical celebrating a day off in the life of a kid. That is, until his mom wakes up with the “to-

do list.”

The camp is open to students who have finished kindergarten through eighth grade. Campers will be divided in groups based in age/grade level. The cost will be \$50 per student, and the deadline is Friday, May 12.

The camp will include mul-

ti-ple rehearsals daily, creating props during craft time, recreation time during the camp chat, and a camp T-shirt.

Each day the doors will open at noon, and camp will begin promptly at 12:30 p.m. Dismissal will be at 4:30 p.m. each day. Campers can eat

lunch on campus at noon if needed.

A cast party will take place on Thursday, June 29 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. A pizza dinner will be provided. All parents, family members, and loved ones are invited to attend the performance on June 29 at 5:30 p.m. in the Gatesville High School Auditorium. Admission is free. The cast and chorus will present “It’s Saturday!” showcasing all the skills, music, choreography, and staging they learned throughout the week.

There are several main characters that have multiple speaking lines and solos that will require preparation prior to camp week. If your student is within third through eighth grade and is interested in one of the roles, auditions will be held on Wednesday, May 24 at 4 p.m.

in the Gatesville High School choir room. Email Cherith Wells at gisdchoir@gatesvilleisd.org to secure your student’s audition spot and get the audition materials. The audition will be closed to the public.

Space is limited, and on a first-come, first-served basis. Send in registration form and payment to Gatesville High School as soon as possible to ensure enrollment. Make checks payable to “GHS Choir.” Registration will be non-refundable. Registration is also available online at the GISD School Store.

For more information contact Cherith Wells, Director of Choirs, Gatesville ISD by email at gisdchoir@gatesvilleisd.org or Tim Klinger, Associate Choir Director at 254-865-8281 extension 5233.

### Attention Subcontractors: Bid Opportunity!

Butler-Cohen has been awarded the **Coryell County Jail Expansion** project in Gatesville, TX  
If interested, please contact: [estimating@butlercohen.com](mailto:estimating@butlercohen.com)

#### Pre-Bid Meeting:

March 2nd at 10 AM, Coryell County Jail  
510 E Leon St, Gatesville, TX 76528

Bids Due: March 17th

