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Aiming to bring top quality eye care to rural communities

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Those who live in rural communities often have more limited access to healthcare specialists and are sometimes forced to travel to places hours away for treatment.

With the goal of helping offer specialized services to a greater number of people - especially those who reside in small towns. Austin area ophthalmologist Lisa McIntyre is partnering with Coryell Health on a project that could spread throughout the country - and around the world.

Jeff Bates, chief medical officer with Coryell Health, said the Gatesville hospital and its clinics in Moody and Goldthwaite were limited in being able to refer patients to other locations during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. That led to rural hospitals banding together to help resolve those concerns.

Coryell Health is making strong efforts to provide local residents with a variety of specialized services, including eye care. This has led to the collaboration with McIntyre, who shares the same goals.

"You start with a vision, and we have a really great hospital in rural Texas where we do surgeries," Bates said. "The concept was, you have a regular eye doctor - what if you have access to a retina specialist and didn't have to drive to Austin?"

Those who have diabetes face a number of increased health concerns because of the damage the disease does to small nerves, which can affect the feet, heart, kidneys and eyes. If there's one area of the treatment that is most often neglected, it is eye care, Bates said.

"Those with diabetes need an eye exam

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Dr. Lisa McIntyre is partnering with Coryell Health to help ensure greater access to specialty eye care.

Women rise to the head of the class/school

BY DAVID SCOTT
Staff Writer

The month of March has been designated to celebrate the vital role of women in American history. In 1987 a bill was passed to expand a previous week-long event to "Women's History Month" to celebrate the contributions women have made in the United States and to recognize their achievements over the course of American history in a variety of fields.

In Coryell County, there have been a few notable "firsts" including the first female sheriff, Willie "Birdie" Hollingsworth who became sheriff in 1934. In the years that followed, women became more visible in official offices and in educational roles.

Making history in Coryell County through the Gatesville Independent School District can now include the current principals at each of the five campuses. Not intending to make history, but rather creating history happened in 2021 when Marie Barrows accepted the role of Gatesville High School principal, thus joining four other female campus principals in their leadership.

GISD Superintendent, Dr. Barrett Pollard, said "I rarely think about the five lead principals as being ladies. They were the best candidates for their prospective positions and have done a wonderful job." Dr. Pollard continued, "They were the best candidates for their respective positions and have done a wonderful job." Dr. Pollard went on to explain that the school system, to name a few, has had some other outstanding principals in the past such as Pam Bone, Marsha Worthington, and Cindy Venable. "All of those ladies were and are phenomenal to work with and great role models for our students. You could not ask for better educators for your children," Pollard said.

Beginning with the principal of the Gatesville Primary School, Mashara Streater was a



COURTESY PHOTOS

The Gatesville Independent School District is led by a quintet of female principals, including (from left) Mashara Streater at Gatesville Primary, Keegan Webb at Gatesville Elementary, Bridget Register at Gatesville Intermediate, Suzy Penrod at Gatesville Junior High and Marie Barrows at Gatesville High School.

1985 graduate of Gatesville High School. Her undergraduate degree was from Texas A&M University and, in addition, she received her Masters in Educational Administration from Tarleton State University. Her teaching career began 23 years ago as a Special Education teacher in College Station. She taught Life Skills and Resources for Waco and Midway ISD, before coming to Gatesville in

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Gatesville announces 4 finalists for city manager; meet & greet set

STAFF REPORT

The Gatesville City Council, working in consultation with Strategic Government Resources, has named the four finalists for the Gatesville city manager position, announcing them in a March 14 news release.

The finalists were selected from an original pool of 31 candidates. Members of the community will have an opportunity to meet the city manager finalists during a special meet and greet event from 5-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 22, in the Gatesville City Council Chamber. City Council members will interview the candidates on March 23.

The finalists include:

* **David Harris**, who has served for 23 years in city management. His experience most recently includes eight years as city administrator in Balcones Heights, Texas, as well as serving as assistant city manager in Schertz, Texas from 2006 to 2014, and as

city administrator for Hill Country Village, Texas from 2000 to 2006.

Harris holds a bachelor's degree in American Studies from Whitworth University in Spokane, Washington, and a master's degree in urban administration from Trinity University in San Antonio. He has held numerous leadership roles in both the Texas City Management Association and the Texas Municipal League.

* **James Fisher**, who has more than 30 years of experience in city management for local government in Texas - including the cities of Brenham, Forney, Murphy, Bee Cave, Muleshoe, Castroville - and as assistant city manager in Port Aransas. Fisher holds a master's degree in public affairs from the University Texas at Dallas, and a bachelor's degree in business administration-management from West Texas A&M University in

Canyon. He earned his Texas Certified Public Manager designation from Texas State University and has served in leadership roles in the Texas City Management Association and the International City/County Management Association.

* **Neal Wendele**, who currently serves as city manager for Todd Mission, Texas, and previously served as a local-government consultant to the city of Navasota, where he began as a city manager intern in 2017. His prior employment includes working as indigent defense coordinator for a law office, as well as other positions in the private sector for almost 15 years.

Wendele holds a master's degree in public service and administration from Texas A&M University in College Station, and a bachelor's degree in political science from Texas A&M University-Central Texas in Killeen.

He currently serves as city manager in residence at the Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M University.

* **Scott Albert**, who has almost 30 years of experience in Texas-based city and town management, serving in Hondo (currently), Angleton, Celina, Fairview and Springtown. He began his public sector career with the city of Plano, where he served as management assistant for multiple departments. He served in multiple subject-matter-expert and advisory roles in local government development and infrastructure in Iraq and Afghanistan as part of his USAID deployments from 2008-2011.

Albert holds a master's degree in public affairs and bachelor's degree in public administration-economics & finance, both from University of Texas at Dallas.



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Council continues to monitor work on substandard houses

BY JEFF OSBORNE
Senior Writer & Editor

The Gatesville City Council received updates on March 14 about two houses that have come before the Council numerous times before as substandard houses that are required to be repaired.

One house at 308 Fennimore St. is primarily finished, while the owner of the house at 2006 Bridge Street has asked for additional time - until the end of April - to complete repairs.

Regarding the Fennimore house, Bill Parry, a consultant continuing to temporarily fill the city manager role, said, "sheetrock is completed, it's taped and textured. (The own-

er) has met all requirements. The last thing is to get an electrical permit."

Josiah Wilson, who has been directed to attend two recent Council meetings but sent emails saying he is unable to appear in person, told city leaders in an email that electrical work has been "roughed in" and that a plumber who was supposed to do work on site had not yet done so.

"His timeline is that by the end of April he expects to complete work," Parry said. "On November 15 he thought he'd been done in eight weeks but asked for 12 and you (the Council) gave him 12."

The city issued a citation to Wilson for not following orders of the building standards commission. He had originally been given an extension until July 12, 2022, to complete work, but was given additional time by the Council.

"Personally I don't like the timeline, I don't like the excuses he's giving," said Mayor Gary Chumley.

Based on a suggestion by Councilman Greg Casey, the Council voted to give Wilson until March 28 to complete repairs or face an additional fine. The Council agreed to revisit the issue at each Council meeting every two weeks until the issues are resolved.

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to Gatesville in 2009. "I have loved working with the younger students. I have enjoyed all my years in education and have many treasured memories and friendships. I am looking forward to retirement after this school year and spending more time with my family," Streater said. Following her retirement in May, Streater will be replaced by Van Collins as principal.

Keegan Webb became the principal at Gatesville Elementary in the 2019-20 school year. She is now in her fourth year as the principal of the elementary school and her 18th year in education. Webb, a 2000 graduate of Gatesville High School, received her bachelor's degree from Abilene Christian University and her master's degree from the University of North Texas. She previously taught for Midlothian and Duncanville ISD's before returning home to Gatesville where she taught elementary music, middle school choir, 3rd grade, served as ESL Coordinator, Special Programs Coordinator, and as an assistant principal. Webb's favorite thing about being the principal of Gatesville Elementary "are the amazing students, staff, and parents I get to work with each day." Webb was recently selected to be a part of the Region 12 Principal Leadership Academy where she had the opportunity to join other Region 12 leaders in Dallas and Boston to observe and learn from leaders across the

state and nation.

The Gatesville Intermediate School remains under the guidance of principal Bridget Register, who grew up in Gatesville and was an honor graduate in the GHS class of 1985. She graduated from Texas A&M in 1998 with a BS Journalism degree. In 1999, she taught English in Oglesby for grades 6-12. From 2000-2006 she served as a Gatesville High School English teacher in addition to teaching World History and coaching girls volleyball, powerlifting, and track. From 2006-2010 she served as the assistant principal at Gatesville Junior High and later served in the same capacity at Gatesville Intermediate School from 2010 until 2015. That same year, 2015, she was named the principal of the Gatesville Primary School where she remained until 2019 when she became the principal of the intermediate school. "I have come full circle in my educational experiences. Starting out as a district high school teacher many years ago, I have been able to teach many students who now have their own children coming up within the district. These connections have helped build strong relationships, expectations, and trust," Register said. Her favorite aspect of intermediate-aged education is seeing students in class having what she calls those "a-ha" moments in a science lab, during an experiment, or reading a story where they are truly excited about their learning.

Suzy Penrod became the lead principal at the Gatesville Junior High for the 2021-

22 school year. As principal, she brought with her 25 years of invaluable experience in education. Penrod served as an assistant principal at Gatesville Intermediate School for four years before transitioning to the Gatesville Junior High where she served as assistant principal for another two years. In the past, Penrod has worked as an Instructional Coach, Reading Specialist, Math Interventionalist, and classroom teacher in Leander ISD and Lake Travis ISD. Penrod has developed strong relationships with students, parents, guardians, and colleagues. Her outstanding work has earned her recognition including the Region 12 Assistant Principal of the Year award in 2018. Her unwavering commitment to "doing what's best for students" is evident by her creating a safe, supportive, and academically challenging environment for all students and is a valuable member of the Gatesville education community. "I believe in every child being valued and challenged to reach their full potential. With a positive mindset, we can achieve anything together," Penrod said.

Marie Barrows was named the principal of the Gatesville High School in 2021. Barrows, originally from Wichita, Kansas, received her Bachelor of Science and her Master of Arts at Newman University in Wichita. Barrows started her professional career as a commissioned law enforcement officer, and later accepted a direct commission into the US Army and served as an Adjutant General Corps Officer. She completed Officer Candi-

date School at Fort Benning, Georgia and was able to gain experience working with diverse groups of people and cultures but spent much of her time attached to military police units. During her experience, she worked advising school safety at Kansas State University and served as a public school liaison. Barrows left the military in 2010 and, at that time, decided to take the plunge and enter public education full time and became an educator. In 2019, she became an assistant principal at Gatesville High School and later finished her superintendent certification at West Texas A&M in 2020. As the principal at the high school, Barrows said that her favorite thing about education is "working with the students and hopefully opening doors for them to be able to choose their adult pathway in life, and our course supporting the amazing staff and faculty at Gatesville High School." Upon Barrows retirement in May, her reign as principal will be assumed by Liz Shoaf who currently serves as assistant principal at the high school.

Not only creating a little history in the Gatesville Independent School District as all female principals, but it should also be noted that these remarkable educators have devoted their time, expertise, guidance, devotion, and expert abilities to make their students more aware of the possibilities and challenges they may face beyond high school and college. They are perfect examples to be recognized during Women's History Month.



50 Years of Banking!

Fresh out of Tarleton State University in 1973, J. Ronnie Sullins began working nights in the Data Processing Department at Citizens National Bank in Waco. In 1974 he was promoted to day shift as a Teller. He was promoted again that same year as he began helping other area banks with data processing conversions. In 1975, Ronnie moved into the Trust Department at Citizens where he worked with his friend and mentor, Henry Searcy. In 1978, Ronnie left Citizens National Bank and went to work at Town & Country Bank in Stephenville where he was the Vice President and Cashier. In 1981, Ronnie traveled back home to Coryell County where he would marry his wife of 41 years, Sharon. He went to work for another friend and mentor, Gene Manske, as the Senior Vice President of The Guaranty Bank and Trust Company in Gatesville where he would eventually become the President and CEO. While working at Guaranty Bank, Ronnie went on to receive his MBA from Tarleton in 1983. He also attended The Southwestern Graduate School of Banking at Southern Methodist University, graduating in 1986. In 1994, The Guaranty Bank and Trust Company was sold to Extraco and in 2000 the two banks merged. Ronnie then became Regional President of Extraco Corp., where he would serve as one of five on Extraco's Executive Committee. In January of 2005, a lifetime dream became reality when Ronnie and fellow business associates and friends, Kyle Pruitt, Carolyn McClellan, and Billy Dyer purchased The First National Bank of Evant. Using the Evant charter as a stepping stone, in 2007 The First National Bank of Evant opened a branch in Gatesville. Ten years later in 2017, Ronnie had another lifetime wish come true when he purchased the bank in his hometown (Oglesby State Bank): the same bank in which his mother, Doris Sullins, once worked as the Cashier. While working on his MBA, Ronnie even wrote a post-graduate paper on how he would one day acquire the Oglesby State Bank. Ronnie has been married to his adoring wife, Sharon, for 41 years. He has one daughter, Lauren Seymour, and husband James, and two sons, Lute Sullins, and wife Kristen, and Payne Sullins. He also has five grandchildren, Hudson, Brooks, and Ford Seymour and Grant and Kendall Sullins. Those who know Ronnie Sullins understand that he is a humble, God fearing, steward of community banking. Cheers to 50 years of Banking!



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Folks around town



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TERRY MASSEY

Say hello to our neighbor, Terry Massey!

Terry is a retail associate at the Gatesville Post Office. She has been greeting and interacting with customers since 2005. She loves how friendly members of the community are when they stop by the post office. Terry likes to read her Messenger online to stay informed on what's happening in our community. If you happen to see Terry around town, say hello! She is one of us!

FROM MY FRONT PORCH

It's 'Bluebonnet in Bloom'; send us your photo and win our contest!



BY SAM HOUSTON

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

It is my favorite time of year, and I don't think I am the only person who feels that way. We live in Texas, and it is time for the bluebonnets to bloom! This means thousands, if not millions of people will seek out bluebonnets that have bloomed, and take photos.

Over the years I have seen a great many bluebonnet photos. Some are of whole families, some of children, occasionally of the family pet in a patch of bluebonnets, and sometimes simply a beautiful Texas landscape photo that includes bluebonnets.

The bluebonnet is our state flower, and other than a cowboy hat and the "lone star," I know of no other symbol that says "Texas"

more than bluebonnets.

With this important rite of spring upon us, and in order to celebrate the event, we decided to have a contest at each one of our newspaper outlets. All our staff believed readers would be as excited about "Bluebonnets in Bloom" as we are. Starting the week of March 20, we are asking folks to send us their favorite bluebonnet photo. It does not have to be taken this year, so you can use an

older photograph as well as those taken this year. Go to your newspaper's website and click on the link to the "Bluebonnets in Bloom." You can upload your photo and will then be entered in our "Bluebonnets in Bloom" contest.

When you submit your entry, it will appear as part of the "bluebonnets gallery" on the newspaper's website, making all entries available for viewing to the public. Beginning the week of March 20, the newspaper will select a weekly winner, and will select additional weekly winners for a period of five weeks.

Each weekly winner will receive a "Bluebonnets in Bloom" T shirt, recognition on the newspaper's social media sites and website, and a free one-year subscription to the newspaper. At the end of the five weeks of weekly winners, a Grand Prize will be awarded and the winner shall receive \$100 cash, a Bluebonnet T-shirt, and a one-year free subscription to the newspaper. The winning photo will adorn the front page of your newspaper!



We hope you have a great time seeing some tremendous entries. I am sure some will make you smile because of their jocular, and others will take your breath away because of their beauty. I am looking forward to seeing them all and eventually announcing the grand prize winner. Tell your friends, dig out those old photos, go and take new photos — but let's have some fun and show how Texans feel about their beloved bluebonnets.

Thought for the day: If heaven does not have a large blooming field of bluebonnets, not sure I want to go.

Until next time I will keep ridin' the storm out.
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Local musician talks about the song production process

BY JEFF OSBORNE
Senior Writer & Editor

Many of those who enjoy listening to music don't know about the long process of changing a song from a diamond in the rough into a polished gem. During a recent meeting of the Gatesville Lions Club, Pat Chesser revealed some of the things that happen behind the scenes.

"I've been in the music business for 65 years. I started playing the guitar when I was four years old and I've got pictures to prove it," Chesser said. He formed a band with his brothers at age six, and as an adult he performed with legendary country stars such as Mel Tillis and Ray Price.

"When you hear a song on the radio it's 2 minutes and 55 seconds and then it's gone," Chesser said. "Behind that song it might have taken six months or more to produce it."

Musicians collaborate with other musicians, rehearsing a song for a week or 10 days before going into a studio to record it. Studio time can cost \$2,000 an hour.

"You go through a song one time and then they do a scratch track in the key that the song will be played in," Chesser said, adding that other musicians join in and add their instruments to the track.

An engineer then works to refine the song, putting all the parts together.

"By the end of the day, you've got it," Chesser said.

But that's only part of the process.

"They may add harmony singing later, or the original singer may do the harmony himself," Chesser said.

The next step involves a lawyer working up a contract with musicians and their representatives.

"All of the sudden things slow way down because now we're in the legal system and things move very, very slowly," Chesser said.

Part of the lawyer's job is determining the compensation for those involved.

Those promoting the song decide on a release date, which Chesser said is often months away from the original recording date.

"In the meantime, here comes the publicist and everybody else to promote it," Chesser said.

Radio station disc jockeys get an advance copy of the song that they can listen to, but they cannot play on the air yet. The idea is that the disc jockeys will begin to talk about an upcoming song to help drum up interest



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Pat Chesser, who has decades of experience as a musician and who has performed with country legends such as Ray Price and Mel Tillis, recently talked about the lengthy process of producing a song from the beginning until the time it is heard on the radio or internet.

before the public hears it.

"That's how a two-and-a-half-minute song gets made," Chesser said. "The song you

hear on the radio goes through a six- or eight-month process before you hear it."

He said people might think, "What a great

song" and go on to the next song, not realizing all the work it took before the song was released.

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every year so they don't go blind," he said. "Sometimes people forget about that eye exam. If I've got access to telemedicine, it is much easier to get those eye tests done. That sounds like a great project. I was thinking Gatesville could be the home of the project."

Linking up Coryell Health's mission with McIntyre's vision was a natural fit, Bates said.

"Dr. McIntyre has a heart for this project — she wants everyone in the world to be able to see," he said.

McIntyre said being able to offer eye care to those who are traditionally underserved — or not served at all — "is a passion."

She has taken mission trips to Mexico to offer those services, but said she realized those services are needed here in America,

too.

"I do mission eye care in Mexico, and it is an amazing, fulfilling way to bring people into the world of seeing," McIntyre said. "It reminds us of why we do what we do and why we love it so much."

"During 2020, I researched where ophthalmologists are and aren't. There's a huge paucity (scarcity) of ophthalmologists in the center of America — 60 million people in my own country don't have access to the eye care they need."

She said she began to explore the possibility of being able to offer remote services. People can visit a local clinic but then connect with an ophthalmologist via the internet.

"Once the images are uploaded, it doesn't matter if I'm across the hall, across the country or across the world," McIntyre said.

She talked to a doctor at a clinic in Argentina, where the economy collapsed a

decade ago, and learned that ophthalmologists set up a network via dial-up internet to treat patients. She sees an opportunity for even faster internet in America to be able to reach those who might otherwise not get the treatment they need.

"What I'd like to see happen is to use some of those tools (telemedicine) to reach people who aren't getting the help they need," McIntyre said. "We can do it more efficiently and cheaper and can have all the subspecialists available to the patient at any time."

She said poor vision not only has an impact on patients and their loved ones but also impacts communities. She said many people do not get the treatment they need because it's inconvenient and requires traveling.

For example, those who need a cataract surgery but do not get it can lose the equivalent of \$121,000 over 13 years, McIntyre said.

"You spread that over a community and it's significant — the impact is exponential," she said. "It's also a burden on the healthcare system if someone is not able to take care of themselves. If people can get their healthcare locally, it also keeps the money in the community."

As part of the treatment process, patients can use local equipment and then link up to a specialist via a video conference.

Potential vision loss is a serious concern, McIntyre said, so patients should take care of any eye concerns sooner, rather than later.

"There's a point where it (vision loss) gets so dense that surgery becomes more complicated, and we don't want the patient to let it get that far," she said.

With telemedicine, McIntyre and Coryell Health are hoping to make a lack of access to specialized eye care a thing of the past.

Plan approved for Oglesby-area Twin Caverns Ranch subdivision

BY JEFF OSBORNE
Senior Writer & Editor

The Coryell County Commissioners Court approved plans at its March 14 meeting for a subdivision in the Oglesby area — Twin Caverns Ranch — that could add nearly 600 homes to what has been a small, rural part of the county.

For several months, current residents of that area had attended commissioners court meetings voicing their concerns about the dramatic changes that would result from such significant growth, including traffic, water availability and potential increased water runoff from newly developed areas.

County Judge Roger Miller asked Justin Mannix of the county road and bridge department to read off a checklist of all the requirements that a developer must meet, and

Mannix did so, saying that each requirement has been met. "They are going to use wells for drinking water, and the subdivision meets all TCEQ (Texas Commission on Environmental Quality) regulations," Mannix said. "They will install a 30,000-gallon water tank (in the subdivision) to help fight fires. We have also received a letter from Middle Trinity (Groundwater Conservation District) stating that their well study complies with (state) rules."

Commissioner Scott Weddle noted that county approval was a formality based on the developers meeting all requirements.

"Because they've met all the rules, their request will be approved regardless of what the court does," he said.

Weddle asked what bonds are required by the county for the developers.

"There is a performance bond to make sure roads are built to county standards, and there is also a two-year maintenance bond to make sure the roads stay in good shape," Mannix said. "There is an estimated \$4,289,713 construction cost and that is also the amount of the bond."

The construction schedule estimates completion date of Feb. 28.

"When I was elected, I knew I'd be challenged by some of the decisions I'd have to make," Weddle said. "I took an oath to follow the Constitution, laws and rules, so I make a motion to approve the plan."

Commissioner Keith Taylor seconded the motion, and the measure was unanimously approved.

OBITUARIES

MARGERIE ONEY

Mar. 19, 1931 - Mar. 11, 2023



Margerie Oney, age 91, of Gatesville, went to join her Lord and Savior on Saturday, March 11, 2023, in Gatesville.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 15, at Scott's Funeral Home Chapel, with Dr. David Crosby officiating. Interment followed at Pearl Cemetery.

Margerie Nell Oney was born on March 19, 1931, in Coleman County, Texas, to the late John Nugent and Louisa Beth Jameson Thompson. She graduated from Coleman High School in 1949 and Durham's Business College in Ft. Worth. She married Vance Oney on August 12, 1955, in Coleman. She worked at Bowen Drug Store in Coleman for 10 years as their bookkeeper. They resided most of their married lives in Monahans, where she worked as a purchasing agent for Ward Memorial

Hospital. After their retirement, they moved to Llano in 1989, where they resided until moving to Gatesville in 2006.

Marge loved the Lord and has been a devoted and active member of the Baptist church her entire life and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Gatesville. After their retirement, she and her husband were active in the Texas Baptist Men Retiree Builders, participating in the construction and expansion of over 150 churches over a 20-year period throughout the United States. She had many hobbies, most notably oil painting, and was very accomplished at Texas and Rocky Mountain landscapes. She also enjoyed gardening and was a fantastic cook. Her joy and delight in her later years were her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three sisters, Madeline Crabaugh, Mary Alice Wily and Imogene Lichnovsky.

Margerie is survived by her husband of 67 years, Vance Oney; sons, Stephen Oney, Bruce Oney and wife, Ling; grandchildren, Jeromie Oney, Kimberly Bates, Melissa Giacoma, Brian Oney, Preston Oney; and great-grandchildren, Caylee, Daylin, Alana, Mila, and Pete; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family requests that memorials be made to Texas Baptist Men, 5351 Castron, Dallas, Texas 75227, or at www.tbmtx.org/ways-to-give or the charity of choice.

CHRIS COCKRELL

Oct. 25, 1980 - Mar. 6, 2023



Chris Cockrell, age 42, of Gatesville, passed away on Monday, March 6, 2023.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, March 13, at Turnersville Community Tabernacle. Interment followed at Turnersville Cemetery.

Christopher Dale Cockrell was born on October 25, 1980, in Clifton. He went to school in Gatesville, graduating from Gatesville High School in 1999, where he was active in football, track and FFA. Chris was known for being a jokester and always having a fun time. He had an uncanny ability to break the ice and, in general, was a very friendly person. He was a joy to be around.

He married Lyndsie Latham at age 27 and built a home in Turnersville, where they were regularly active hunting, fishing, and spending time with family and friends. They welcomed his oldest son, Sadler Dale Cockrell, into the world in 2012. Chris was a highly attentive father who was hands-on from the start. His passion was team roping. He was certainly handy with a rope and was a good horseman as well. He enjoyed success in the arena and was proud of those accomplishments.

Later in life, Chris and Kristen Manning fell in love, and together, they built a life in Jonesboro. He became a stepfather to Landri and Gentry and in 2019, his youngest son, Sterlin Dane Cockrell, was born. He spent his days

working to provide for his family and supporting his children in their numerous activities. He worked tirelessly to transform their property into a beautiful home with his fine craftsmanship. He was dedicated to making whatever he touched top-notch. He was a Jack-of-all-trades and a master of many. He truly could "ride, rope, hammer and paint, and do things with his hands that most men can't." He worked as a construction superintendent for Jerry Wright Homes for 14 years, overlooking countless projects. He currently owned and operated a fencing company, C3 Fences & Barns, and prided himself on fabricating quality fences, arenas and barns. Agriculture was a central focus in his life. Often he listened to or watched live auctions on his phone. He spent hours researching techniques to be successful in different endeavors. He kept up with professional rodeo and college football, and you can guarantee he was going to be watching those Cowboys. He was a music connoisseur and particularly loved Texas country music.

Chris will be deeply missed by his family and friends. He was important and he was loved.

He was preceded in death by his son, Kaycee Dale Cockrell, and grandparents, Kathleen and Buck Cockrell.

Chris is survived by his wife, Kristen Manning; children, Sadler Dale Cockrell, Sterlin Dane Cockrell, Landri Rianne McFarlin, Gentry Marie McFarlin; parents, Donna Glass Olson and husband, James; Bradley Cockrell and wife, Tonia; grandparents, Donald and Louise Glass; brothers, Blayne Cockrell, Andrew Gover and wife, Courtney; and a sister, Tamara Cockrell.

In lieu of flowers, the family has established a benefit account for Chris's children at the First National Bank of Evant, Gatesville and Oglesby.

TOMMY ROSS

Sept. 20, 1930 - Feb. 20, 2023



Tommy Ross, age 92, of Gatesville, passed away on Monday, February 20, 2023, in Waco.

Tommy was preceded in death by his wife on Monday, February 13, 2023.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, March 24, 2023, at Turnersville Cemetery. The family will receive visitors from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Thursday, March 23, at Scott's Funeral Home.

Thomas William Ross was born on September 20, 1930, in Coryell County, to the late Tommie Lee and Lois Irene Farris Ross. He graduated from Turnersville High School in 1949 and attended Clifton Junior College for one year studying Industrial Arts. He married Joyce Maxine Stryker Ross on September 16, 1950, in Clifton. They had three children: T. Wayne in 1953, Rebecca Joyce in 1956, and Cynthia Kay in 1959. Together, they enjoyed 42 years of marriage, travelling, raising their three children, entertaining grandchildren, and building their dream vacation home in Creede, Colorado.

Tommy worked in the professional manufacturing industry for over 40 years. First, at A. Brandt Furniture Co., Inc. located in Fort Worth for 20 years starting as an Assembly

Line worker and moving up to Purchasing Supervisor over four branches of the company. In 1970, he moved to Royal Mfg. Co. Inc. located in Grand Prairie, where he worked as the Quality Control Manager until 1990. He retired early so he could be the full-time care giver to his wife, Maxine, as she fought a valiant battle with colon cancer ending in 1993.

In 1998, he went to his 50-year Turnersville High School Reunion, where he met an old friend, Joy Patterson Bates, who had been widowed in 1991. He began to court her with flowers, square dancing dates, and playing dominos. On June 4, 1999, Tommy married Joy Bates, and the two enjoyed 23 fun-filled years together, before her death one week earlier than his on February 13, 2023. He promised her "she could go first," and he kept that promise by one week!

Tommy and Joy had a quiet life split between Gatesville and Creede, Colorado. He loved working in the barn/workshop on his hobbies of "inventing things that moved & solved problems" and with his wood-working toys.

Tommy is preceded in death by his first wife, Maxine, and his second wife, Joy; brother James Ross and a granddaughter, Victoria Joyce (Tori).

He is survived by his three children, T. Wayne Ross and wife, Joyce, Rebecca DeLong and husband, John, and Cynthia Ross-Bell and husband, Randie; and all his grandchildren: Jason, Jessica, Tyler, Antora, Beth, Amanda, and Adam.

In his own words, "I never decided what I wanted to do when I grew up. I just walked the way the wind blew," and it served him well for 92 years.

In lieu of flowers, the family requested that memorials be made to the Boys & Girls Club, 2533 E. Main Street, Gatesville, TX 76528.

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Mother Neff Baptist Church hosts "Clear It & Clean It Day"

Staff Reports

A community-wide Clear It & Clean It Day event was held last weekend at Mother Neff Baptist Church. The goal was to clear brush and overgrowth to bring new life to the historic space.

Volunteers were entered for a chance to win various prizes including gift certificates.

Mother Neff Baptist Church is on six acres of land donated by Pat Neff in 1945 for the church's use. The church was used off and on for many years by different organizations. The homeowner's association that surrounds the church made an agreement with the church association and built a small building to use as the community center for meetings and such, but the church is to remain active by holding services, prayer meetings, etc.

The vision is to restore the community center building, add a playground, a picnic area, a proper parking area, an outdoor seating area, a fire pit for prayer circles, and a proper church building to hold regular Sunday services. "The clean-up day is our first event we are holding in order to start cleaning the enormous overgrowth and brush," Jessica Owens, President of the church explained.

While the church works toward additional goals, monthly Community Prayer and Church Association meetings will be held on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Other events are in the works, and the first will be an Easter sunrise service on Sunday, April 9 starting at 6:30 a.m.

Mother Neff Baptist Church is located at 1415 TX-236 near Moody.

CRSP meeting to feature M.J. Wofford as Elizabeth Barrett Browning

Submitted by Marsha Lee

The next meeting for Coryell Retired School Personnel (CRSP) will be March 23, at Ranchers' Steakhouse. Members may arrive at 9:30 a.m. for social time, and the meeting is set to begin at 10 a.m.

Thank you to our members for their efforts and support of fundraising activities at our January and February meetings. The "silent auction" in January raised enough money for CRSP to provide two scholarships for

graduating seniors enrolling in college this fall and planning to pursue a career in education. The "Bingo for Books" in February also netted a nice amount of money to be added to our Children's Book Project Fund to purchase new books to replace some of the 2,320 books we gave away last year to children ages 12 and under.

Members are reminded that March is "dues-paying month" for the coming year (2023-2024). Dues money

may be given to our treasurer, Anne Byrom, at the meeting. Dues are \$45 (\$35 for our state organization and \$10 for our local chapter). We are also requested to give our community volunteer hours from the last meeting to this one to Debbie Grmela. Those hours can be logged in as we sign in at the meeting.

Our program for this meeting will be presented by M.J. Wofford. She attended Baylor University, majoring in history and English. The Eng-

lish Department was located in the Armstrong Browning Library, so she became quite familiar with it. She took the Browning course and fell in love with it. Her presentation will be on the life of Elizabeth Barrett Browning. Mrs. Wofford also presents a program on Dale Evans Rogers, which some of you have perhaps already enjoyed.

Dates to Remember: (1) April 12 - "A Day at the Capitol;" (2) April 27 - our regular meeting "What's New

in 4-H?" with Becky Coward and Youth; and (3) May 16 - District XII Spring Leadership Meeting at Region XII Education Service Center in Waco, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Anyone is welcome to attend. Our own JoAnn Sugg will be presiding over the meeting as District XII President.

If you are a school retiree and have not yet joined our organization, we would invite you to attend a meeting and see exactly what kinds of things we do. By way of

explanation, we are a member of TRTA (Texas Retired Teachers Association), but we choose to call our organization Coryell Retired School Personnel to indicate that we are open not only to teachers, but also to other school personnel as well. You would be an asset to our organization, and we would welcome your membership. For more information, contact Gail Johnson, chapter President, at 254-865-4388.

CHAMBER MEMBER OF THE MONTH



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The Gatesville Chamber of Commerce recently selected Scott's Funeral Home as its March Business of the Month. Scott's Funeral Home is owned by Daren Moore and is located at 2425 E. Main Street in Gatesville. Daren considers it an honor to provide assistance and guidance to those who have lost a loved one. Scott's Funeral Home is a locally owned and operated business that was established in 1907. Members of the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce presented Moore with a trophy and certificate in honor of being chosen Business of the Month. This award is sponsored by Extraco Banks and The Gatesville Messenger. Each month, the Gatesville Chamber recognizes an outstanding business, and those winners will also be in the running for Business of the Year, which is awarded each year at the annual chamber banquet. Nominees must be a member of the chamber.

WINNER, WINNER!



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The Cotton Belt Depot Foundation held its annual \$10K Giveaway on March 4. The foundation raises money for restoration and upkeep of the historic Cotton Belt Depot that houses The Gatesville Chamber of Commerce. Numerous area businesses help to sponsor this event every year by donating money, auction items, and raffle prizes. Pictured are the 2023 \$10K winners: Keith and Lisa Bankhead, Kelley Brister, and Mike Kaibas.

Day of the Child event scheduled

Members of the Exchange Club of Gatesville will join thousands of fellow Exchangers 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.

The Exchange Club will offer 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.

For additional information about The National Exchange Club or "Believe in the Blue," please visit www.NationalExchangeClub.org.

Marriage license applications filed at Coryell County Courthouse in Feb.

Marriage license applications that were filed during the month of February 2023 at the Coryell County Clerk's Office include:

Tracy Spencer O'Neil and Melissa Ray; Thomas Earl Manning and Cynthia Maiorino Orta; Jesse Dean Briscoe and Courtney Danielle Keown; Malik Biagas and Kylie Ann Rodriguez; Ronald Edward McCann and Sukcha Choe McCann; Zeth Thomas Williams and Rachel Marie

Suttles; Brenden Michael Hoffmann and Ashlyn Lee Barnes; Patrick Anthony Zamor and Saudia Ayanna Claunts; Pablo Manuel Santiago, Jr. and Feather Rain Alcantar; Charles Ivy Shepherd and Rhonda Rene Shepherd; Andrew Jacob Hancock and Audrey Brooke Ashcraft; Dennis Michael Gatewood and Melissa Kay Brink; Milton Roberto Aguilar, Jr. and Lundden Michelle Leonard Nappa; Oscar Alonzo Holguin and

Maria Del Rosario Fraticelli; Richard Alan Hoppe and Alice Marie Franklin; Juan Ramon Montanez-Olivo and Omayra Rodriguez Figueroa; Chantry Wyn Phillips and Ashley Danielle Buff; Erik Richard Fleming and Christina Renee McKenzie; Zane Gunner McCollum and Jessica Erin Flaherty; and Brandon Evan Paglione and Hunter Renee Graham.

Soup, chili fundraiser today

The Coryell City / Osage Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting a soup and chili fundraiser on Saturday, March 18, from 6-8 p.m. at 301 CR 255 in Coryell City.

The menu will include chili, chicken and dumpings, taco soup, chicken and rice, and stew. The cost will be \$8 for all you can eat. Carry-out will also be avail-

able with pints for \$6 and quarts \$10.

For more information, call 254-230-8758.

Registration dates set for GISD Pre-k and kindergarten

The Gatesville Primary School recently announced the registration dates for kindergarten and pre-k registration for the 2023-2024 school year.

Registration for pre-k will be on Tuesday, April 11, from noon until 6 p.m. Registration will be at the main entrance to the Primary School - the north entrance facing the football stadium. Pre-k students must be four years old on or before Sept. 1, 2023.

Kindergarten students must be five years old on or before Sept. 1, 2023. Registration will be on Tuesday, April 18, from noon until 6 p.m. The registration location for Kindergarten will also be at the main entrance of Gatesville Primary.

Items that the primary school will need for registration include:

1. Official birth certificate with raised seal (not the hospital certificate).
2. Social Security card
3. Complete, validated immunization record in-

cluding four-year boosters

4. Picture I.D. of parent enrolling child (driver's license)

5. Proof of residency (utility bill, lease contract)

6. Proof of income for household - three months of pay stubs (pre-k only)

7. GISD faculty or military ID (pre-k only)

For additional information or if you have any questions, please contact the Gatesville Primary Office at 254-865-7264.

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Historical Commission in need of courthouse construction photos

BY DAVID SCOTT
Staff Writer

The Coryell County Courthouse will celebrate its 125th anniversary honoring the completion of the courthouse construction in 1898. The building was started the previous year in 1897. This summer, there will be a celebration on the courthouse lawn commemorating the structure's anniversary.

The Coryell County Historical Commission is in the need of your help. Photographs of the actual construction of the courthouse are being sought. If you have or know of any photographs of the construction, please notify the historical commission, which is located at the

Coryell County Main Street Annex at 800 E. Main Street.

The Coryell County Courthouse is a historic building located on the courthouse square, the county seat of Coryell County. Built in 1897-98, it was the county's third courthouse; Architect Wesley Clark Dodson, a designer of many civil buildings in Texas, designed the Beaux Arts building. In his design, Dodson modified the traditional cross-axial plan to allow for the erection of a central tower. By moving the district courtroom to a position alongside the tower rather than centered underneath it, he was able to extend the masonry support walls to the ground and support the tower.

An important feature of the courthouse is the massive classical porticos, differing somewhat in scale and treatment, which define the north and south entries. The south portico has paired corner columns, while the north has single columns. The porticos rise from a one-story base of rusticated stone with arched entries in the lower level. The openings flanking the central arch are smaller on the north facade. Red sandstone Corinthian columns support white sandstone pediments, with the five-pointed star of Texas inset in contrasting carved stone.

The courthouse was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1977.



Coryell County Courthouse

DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Gatesville resident Dona Gallagher once kissed the Blarney Stone

BY MARSHA LEE
Contributing Writer

The Blarney Stone is a block of ancient limestone built into the battlements of Blarney Castle in Blarney, Ireland, about five miles from the city of Cork.

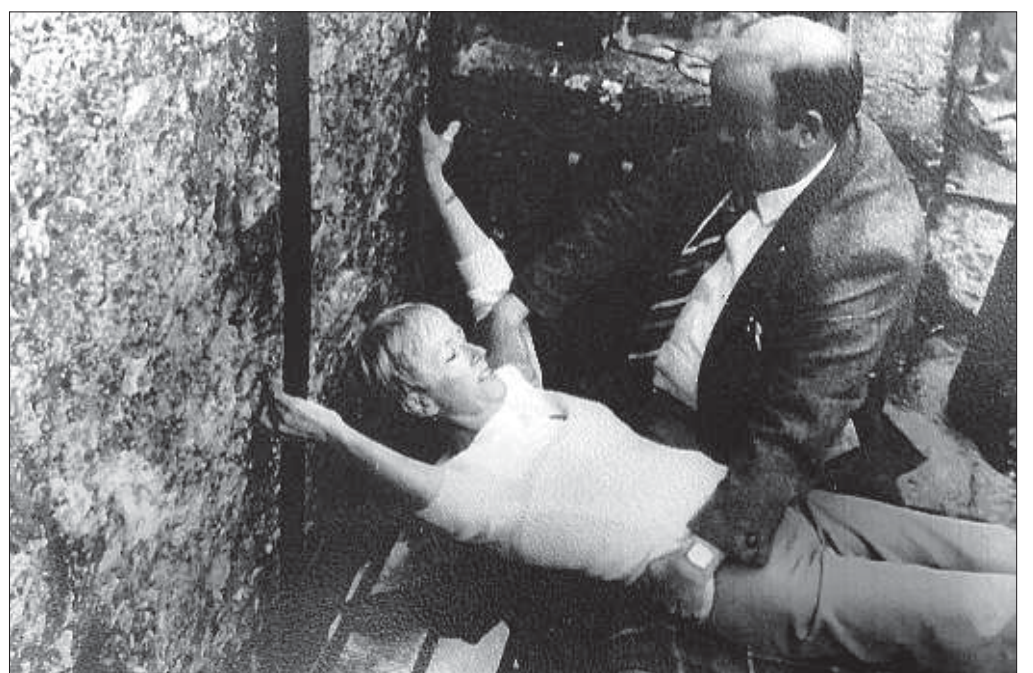
Blarney Castle was built by Cormac Laidir MacCarthy back in the 15th century. Several stories have been passed down that attempt to explain the power of the Blarney Stone and how it came into existence. One legend tells of Cormac Laidir MacCarthy being involved in a lawsuit and appealing to the Irish goddess of love and beauty, Cliodhna, to help him because he was not good at speaking and was afraid he would lose his case in court. She told him to kiss the first stone he found in the morning on his way to court. He did so, and spoke eloquently in court, thus winning his case. He then had the stone set into the inner wall of a parapet surrounding the outer wall of the tower of

the castle in 1446. Another version of the stone's power involves Cormac Teige MacCarthy, who had a falling out with Queen Elizabeth I over rights to his land. He felt inadequate to speak before the Queen and was much concerned that he would not be able to convince her to change her mind. On the way to see the Queen, he met an old woman, and she told him that kissing a particular stone in Blarney Castle would give him the gift of eloquent speech. He followed her advice and persuaded the Queen not to take his land. Thus, kissing the Blarney Stone is said to give the kisser the "gift of gab" (or eloquence, flattery, and persuasiveness, and even the ability to deceive another person without offending him).

One has to kiss the Blarney Stone upside down, because that is the only way to reach the stone. It is not an easy or risk-free task. Rather inconveniently, the Blarney Stone was built into the east wall of the battlement 85 feet off the ground. To reach it, one has to climb 128 narrow stone steps. The participant then must lean backward on the parapet's edge to kiss it and receive its gift. In the past, the per-

son was held by the ankles and lowered over to kiss the stone. Now visitors can lie on a mat, lean down backwards, and hold on to two iron railings as they kiss the stone. Assistants are there to help visitors pull themselves back up. They may also sit on the visitor's legs or lap to help keep them from sliding off the parapet. No one has ever died kissing the Blarney Stone, but a tragedy in 2017 made people think a little. A 25-year-old man died when visiting the castle in May of that year, but the incident occurred when he fell from another part of the castle. This incident led to some safeguards like iron guide rails and protective crossbars. Still, the Blarney Stone is located about 85 feet up, and the whole experience can trigger a fear of heights.

With 400,000 pairs of lips touching the Blarney Stone each year, it is certainly not sterile. The Blarney Stone is cleaned regularly by castle staff throughout the day (along with the mat, the iron bars, the railings, ropes, etc.), but it is just not cleaned between every kiss. This may help some who are aware of the little-known fact that the Blarney Stone was once part of a toilet, in fact, the deflector stone at the bottom of a



Dona Gallagher, a former Gatesville teacher, prepares to kiss the Blarney Stone during a visit to Ireland.

COURTESY PHOTO

toilet. Sorry ...

Here are the names of a few famous people who have kissed the Blarney Stone: Sir Winston Churchill, Sir Mick Jagger, Stan Laurel (Oliver Hardy waited for him below), Sir Walter Scott, and Ronald Reagan. Even if you decide not to kiss the Blarney Stone, there are many other things and places to explore in the castle and its gardens (including a poison garden).

The city of Cork is a short distance away and has an old gaol (jail) that features waxed figures and old graffiti. There is also an English Market nearby along with 11 of the best old pubs, 13 brunch places in Cork, and 15 of the best restaurants. There are historical sites: the Butter Museum, Elizabeth Fort, St. Fin Barre's Cathedral, and Blackrock Castle.

One final note: According

to tradition, at Texas Tech University, a stone fragment displayed on its campus since 1939 is a missing piece of the Blarney Stone, but no one seems to know how this was determined. (Ritz, Jennifer. "This is Texas Tech," Texas Techsan Magazine. Lubbock, Texas: Texas Tech Alumni Association: 7 (7-25-2014)

PEARL NEWS

Time change can be a bit difficult for an old, retired person

BY BETSY CLARK
Pearl News Correspondent

I hope you all remembered to "Spring Forward" last Saturday night.



Getting up an hour earlier is a bit difficult for this old, retired person. It is, however, always fun to count how

many people come to church at the end of services. It didn't seem to be advertised a lot this time period ... or

maybe I just had selective comprehension about this (dreaded—in my opinion) annual event. Anyway, have you noticed how green and pretty everything looks since the nice rains? I get reports from some of the Pearl crew about rainfall and other weather conditions almost daily. I'm hoping to hear about someone's first bluebonnet sighting soon, too. I haven't seen any in east Texas yet, but I have seen the telling sign of their leaves on the ground.

The first bluebonnet sighting is a definite mood-lifter!

The next Pearl Cottage Bookstore Day and Pearl Bluegrass event will be April 1. There are so many "new to the bookstore" items ready to be purchased which will make your shopping even more fun. Remember, the bookstore is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on that day. Bring friends and enjoy the unique experience of this treasure. For the newcomers, you will arrive as friends and

leave as family. Corlisa, Kay and Linda make sure of that.

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

What did pirates call Noah's boat? The "arrrrrrk."

This week's Bible verse comes from Deuteronomy 7:9: "Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; He is

the faithful God, keeping His covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love Him and keep His commandments." (NIV)

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The following is a partial breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of March 8-14. 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. 8
12:33 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 4600 block of S. State Hwy. 36.
3:59 a.m., a disturbance was reported in the 1300 block of Green's Private Drive.
3:09 p.m., a burglary was reported in the 100 block of Oakcrest Drive.
4:56 p.m., harassment was reported in the 200 block of N. 8th Street.
Mar. 9
7:51 a.m., a burglary was reported in the 300 block of Old Osage Road.
9:40 a.m., a theft was reported in the 2400 block of E. Main Street.
1:12 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 2300 block of Hay Valley Road.
1:52 p.m., a threat was reported in the 100 block of Avenue B.
Mar. 10
12:48 p.m., a theft was reported in the 4600 block of S. State Hwy. 36.
1:13 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 1300 block of Green's Private Drive.

5:03 p.m., a threat was reported in the 300 block of N. 14th Street.
7:06 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of Boone Street.
Mar. 11
9:17 a.m., a theft was reported in the 1400 block of Mills Street.
10:24 a.m., harassment was reported in the 200 block of N. 8th Street.
12:02 p.m., a theft was reported in the 2300 block of Business Hwy. 36.
10:19 p.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 200 block of Old Osage Road.
Mar. 12
6:29 a.m., a theft was reported in the 1300 block of E. Main Street.
11:50 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 500 block of Fennimore Street.
2:44 p.m., a burglary was reported in the 200 block of S. 3rd Street.
7:13 p.m., a threat was reported in the 100 block of Dora's Lane.
Mar. 13
1:15 a.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 2300 block of E. Main Street.
2:04 a.m., a disturbance was reported in the 500

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block of N. 11th Street.
3:38 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of Dodds Creek Drive.
7:17 p.m., animal cruelty was reported in the 2200 block of Bridge Street.
Mar. 14
8:36 a.m., an assault was reported in the 300 block of S. State Hwy. 36.
4:18 p.m., a vehicle fire was reported in the 8400 block of S. Hwy. 36.
7:35 p.m., an armed suspect was reported in the 1500 block of St. Louis Street.
8:12 p.m., a burglary was reported in the 100 block of Magaldi Street.

CORYELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Mar. 8
12:25 a.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 600 block of Fennimore Street.
12:55 a.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 14000 block of S. Hwy. 36.
3:57 a.m., a disturbance/noise complaint was reported in the 1300 block of Greens Road.
7:21 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported at the Cowboy Church at Leon Junction.
Mar. 9
7:50 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 600 block of Moccasin Bend Road.

10:23 a.m., animal cruelty was reported in the 500 block of Mountain Road.
4:00 p.m., a vehicle fire was reported in the 3000 block of S. Hwy. 36.
6:27 p.m., stalking was reported in the 1200 block of Madison Lane.
Mar. 10
5:56 a.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 200 block of Barton Lane.
7:10 a.m., a possible fire was reported in the 1200 block of River Road.
8:23 a.m., an assault was reported in the 200 block of Inez Lane.
6:53 p.m., harassment was reported in the 500 block of E. Leon Street.
Mar. 11
9:59 a.m., animal neglect was reported in the 100 block of Ranier Road.
11:37 a.m., an out-of-control child was reported in the 100 block of Ramsey Avenue.
2:39 p.m., a civil matter was reported in the 300 block of FM 107.
11:52 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on FM 929 by Coryell City Water Supply.
Mar. 12
11:32 a.m., a theft was re-

ported in the 1200 block of Straws Mill Road.
12:13 p.m., trespassing was reported in the 100 block of Petsick Lane.
8:07 p.m., shots being fired was reported in the 100 block of Dora's Lane.
10:19 p.m., a civil matter was reported in the 300 block of Indian Creek Road.
Mar. 13
3:53 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 400 block of CR 108.
12:10 p.m., identity theft was reported in the 200 block of Barton Lane.
2:52 p.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 200 block of CR 330.
4:42 p.m., a theft was reported in the 100 block of CR 82.
Mar. 14
8:30 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported on FM 1113 and Ft. Panic Road.
4:20 p.m., a vehicle fire was reported in the 8400 block of S. Hwy. 36 and FM 1829.
5:22 p.m., a scam was reported in the 100 block of Boone Avenue.
10:07 p.m., an assault was reported in the 500 block of E. Leon Street.

Dusty Boyd speaks to Exchange Club about numbers

BY DAVID SCOTT
Staff Writer

Coryell County District Attorney Dusty Boyd recently addressed the Exchange Club of Gatesville and spoke to the group about the num-

ber of criminal cases he has witnessed prior to COVID and in the years following. "We are driven by numbers, which is something we do at the DA's office so that we can stay ahead in capturing the type of information

we need so that we can stay ahead of the curve in the criminal justice world - numbers usually dictate that," Boyd said. "A year and a half ago to two years ago, we had some really interesting numbers

during COVID and how COVID impacted my office and how our numbers defined our successes, moving cases," he said.

During that time, Boyd reported that his office ended up trying 20% of the entire state's jury trials, which really wasn't a lot, but some courts weren't having jury trials at all.

"I'm really happy to report that, for the most part, outside some of the really bigger cases that happened during 2021, we're pretty much caught up," Boyd said.

During the three-to-four-year period, going back to 2019, Boyd's office received and reviewed 902 felony cases. The following year, in 2020, that number went up slightly to 919 cases. In 2021, that number spiked to 1,154 cases, but came down a little in 2022 to 1,104.

"This is the most it's been since I've been DA the last two years," he said.

As the cases come in, Boyd reported he has five assistant DA's, which have a certain assignment list of cases

that they prosecute specializing in certain areas such as sexual assault, crimes against children, narcotics, burglary and property crimes, and DWI.

"All five of them have a list of cases that they take, and they screen," he said.

In 2002 they opened with 1,104 cases that were submitted to his office. They opened 589 of those cases and closed 889 cases.

"As a manager of the office, what I'm always looking for - are we closing more cases than we're opening so I can't let the boat get upside down where we're taking in more water than we're pushing out," Boyd said.

Boyd explained the reason they were able to move so many cases last year was because two years ago, the commissioners court approved a new assistant attorney, so they went from four assistant DA's to five. Boyd said when he first became the DA 10 years ago, he only had two ADA's and now he has five.

"What I've managed to see

as our caseloads increase, because our intake numbers are going up, gaining new assistants help us keep pace with the percentage. In 2022, the DA's office was able to return 339 indictments," he said.

Boyd said they continue to work many jury trials.

"In 2019 we did a total of 20 jury trials - we had 15 guilty and three not-guilty. In 2020, where you'll see the effect of COVID, we only did four jury trials where we had four guilty and zero not guilty," he said. "In 2021, we started working our way back up with 13 jury trials - 10 guilty and three not-guilty, and then last year [2022], we were back up to 14 trials with twelve guilty, one not-guilty, and one mistrial."

Boyd emphasized the importance of a DA's office.

"What I tell my staff all the time is that the true measurement of a DA's office isn't whether you win jury trials or not, that's less than one percent of what we do every day," Boyd said.



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Gatesville Exchange Club president, Helen Munday, greets their guest speaker Coryell County District Attorney, Dusty Boyd.

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Looking back at events in 1969 - including a new H-E-B store

BY JANN DWORSKY

212th article Coryell County News January 10 and 14, 1969

One article in the newspaper stated below:

"Groundwork begins for H.E.B. grocery store. H.E.B. Construction Company moved in heavy equipment this week to begin groundwork for a new Food Center in Gatesville. Construction Superintendent J.H. McDaniels estimated construction would be completed on the new store in about four months."

Now I had an older friend that after the store was built would say to my aunt, "Callie Mae, I was going to the H.E. Butts store, and I wonder if you need anything." She did this on purpose, every time, because she knew my aunt would laugh. I did, too. Before you complain to me about my bad language, I need to tell you this is really the full name of all H.E.B. stores.

Another headline stated, "Stork Derby contest winner to be announced Monday." In the paper this was the headline.

"James Kevin Morgan is 'Mr. 1969 of Coryell County.' The proud parents of this bouncing baby boy are Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Morgan of 111 North 27th Street, Gatesville, Texas. Mr. Morgan is employed by Black's Grocery in Gatesville and Mrs. Morgan has been a bookkeeper for White Auto Store in Gatesville, but for the time being will just be a mother and housewife."

Kevin makes us newspaper grandparents to 33, and we at the news wish him all the blessings and a rich full life. If one of Kevin's parents, or a representative, will come by the



News office, they can pick up a letter of introduction and a list of people who welcome Kevin with a gift.

There is nothing exclusive in the "Baby's Club" and all merchants are invited to join in to welcome the first baby of each year. We run a small ad twice for each merchant and

they give the first baby of the year a present. Of course, in case of multiple births, the gifts would be matched, even quadruplets, or quintuplets. Who knows, it might happen. So far, our winners have all been one Mr. or Miss since the contest was begun in 1937."

Another article stated the following:

"Mitchell Spurs are Exhibited at the Optimist Meeting. Mr. Lloyd Mitchell exhibited his famous spur collection at the Monday evening meeting of the Optimist Club at the Chateau Ville Restaurant. He exhibited only a small portion of his immense collection, which is rated by many as the largest spur collection in the world."

Coryell Museum has been grateful to receive this fine collection of spurs from his family. Come to the museum and see part of this amazing collection. We have two rooms packed with spurs and a total of 24,400 square feet of other exhibit space showing Coryell County from 1854 forward. Lloyd Mitchell coached many kids in Gatesville and taught many of us American history. Come in and tell us your memories of him.

Coryell Museum and Historical Center is open Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. We have a Gift Shop of items unique to Coryell, especially dozens of books by Coryell County writers including Cotton Davidson, and a "Coryell County Scrapbook" by Mildred Mears.

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Whatever happened to ...

TWENTY YEARS AGO (2003)

— A smaller-sized sculpture of "Old Yeller" was presented to the Gatesville Public Library by the artist, Garland Weeks. He had been commissioned to create a life-sized monument of the dog to honor the classic book's author, Fred Gibson. Weeks had family members who were from Coryell County.

— The Gatesville Exchange Club honored two high school seniors, Kolten Byrom and Amanda Hopson, as the March "Students of the Month" for the 2002-03 school year. The two were also to be recognized at the annual Golden Deeds banquet to be held the following month.

— Bonnie A. Wood of Gatesville was awarded the Registered Health Information Administrator (RHIA) certification by the American Health Information Management Association. At that time, Wood was serving as a health information supervisor for a Burnet hospital.

— Navy Seaman Apprentice Michael J. Blackwell had completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command in Great Lake, Illinois. Blackwell was a 2002 graduate of Gatesville High School.

— Coryell County Sheriff Roger Faught and other members of the Sheriff's Office conducted tours of their offices for third grade students from Gatesville Elementary School. The students also visited other locations in the downtown area.

— Gatesville High School baseball pitcher Darwin Lucero was described as "Bringin'

the heat" as he pitched in his opening-round outing against Bangs at the Hamilton tournament. The freshman pitched six-and-a-third innings, striking out seven batters.

THIRTY YEARS AGO (1993)

— Governor Ann Richards announced the appointment of Terri Schnorrenberg to the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles along with seven other appointees. Schnorrenberg's six-year term will end Feb. 1, 1999.

— District Judge Phillip Zeigler appointed Ben Roberts to replace retiring county auditor Minnie Perryman. While Perryman was still acting in her position as auditor, Roberts was to serve temporarily under her as interim auditor.

— Webelos Scout Jake Boswell of Pack 277, Gatesville, was presented a check for being the top popcorn salesman in the Leon Valley District. Jake planned to purchase a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond with his prize. He was also awarded \$25 worth of Scout equipment for his sales accomplishment.

— Steve Brase of Leon Junction was presented the Driver of the Year Award from McLane Foodservice Division. He was also cited for four years of safe driving with the company. Steve and his wife were presented with an all-expense paid week-long vacation to the Grand Cayman Islands.

— Lazy Dollar Ranch and Cimarron Cattle Company of Gatesville received recognition at the San Antonio Livestock Exposition Brangus Show. The ranch pair combined to show their reserve grand champion bull.

— Bobby Barina was named the new Assistant District Attorney by Sandy Gately. Barina was scheduled to assist both District Attorney Gately and County Attorney Edwin Powell in prosecuting criminal cases on the county and district level.

FORTY YEARS AGO (1983)

— Red Glaze of Gatesville had his work cut out for him as he and his work crew set foundations in the 100 block of North 30th for four new \$34,000 residences. Permits totaling \$136,000 for the houses had been issued to Developer Ronnie Dixon.

— Beverly Floyd, a Baylor sophomore from Gatesville, was the only member of the BU women's track team to score at the prestigious Border Olympics held in Laredo. The former Hornet star was listed as the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. William Floyd.

— Winning Division I (superior) ratings in a UIL regional solo contest at Killeen were five members of the Gatesville High School choir. Those students were Janet Farr, soprano; Monty Hudspeth, bass; Heidi Pentti, soprano; Ingrid Berg, soprano; and Rudy Rios, baritone.

— Gatesville High School students Bobby Shults, Shirley Franks, and Danny Curtis emerged as winners in the Area IX Vocational Industrial Clubs of America Skills Olympics contests held in Waco. They competed against students from a wide area of Texas.

— Sam Tessen, former director of the Mental Health-Mental Retardation Center in Gatesville, had opened his office for family

counseling services. He was set to offer diagnostic evaluations and psychological testing.

— Mr. and Mrs. Raymond C. Gohlke of Coryell City were in Kansas City attending a meeting celebrating the 50th anniversary of Production Credit Associations. Gohlke was one the board of directors of the Waco Production Credit Association.

FIFTY YEARS AGO (1973)

— Formal grand opening of the just-completed Gatesville Funeral Home was taking place. The newest local enterprise, located on West Main Street, was owned by Scott Marwitz, Joe Broadway, Richard Box and Rex Tilly.

— Minnie Perryman was appointed by Judge Byron McClellan to be the county auditor. She had previously been working as the deputy auditor. She succeeded Newlon Sanford, who did not ask for re-appointment.

— Mrs. Clarence Barton, who had been described as a "very deserving and devoted nurse," had been selected for special recognition at Coryell Memorial Hospital. She began working at the hospital in 1960 as a student nurse in the LVN program.

— Christy Edwards, a Baylor University co-ed from Gatesville, was pledging Phi Delta - an organization created in 1937 as a women's music club. Edwards, a 1972 honor graduate of Gatesville High School, was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Edwards.

Remembering Uncle Bob

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 March 11, 1949, edition of The Gatesville Messenger concerning early day mail delivery and the first county judge Orville Thomas Tyler, and his home known as the Tyler Mansion.

In speaking of the Tyler Mansion: "What a wonderful place it must have been when the old Judge and his family lived there and enter-

tained everyone that come to their doorsteps! You were more than welcome if you lived outside of Coryell County, for the news that you brought to this good family was highly appreciated."

"When our county was organized, it was several years before we had any local newspapers published, and in that day and time, government didn't have too much of a postal system. In an early day, the mail was carried on horseback between Waco, Belton, and Gatesville and then on to Comanche."

"One of the early-day post offices was in the Tyler Mansion. It would seem from the records that O.T.

Tyler took a mail contract from the U.S. government to carry the mail from Belton to Gatesville via his home, so that he and his neighbors could have mail facilities with the outside world. For that reason, a post office was maintained at the Mansion, and even during the Civil War, the Confederate government carried on this post office. It would seem from the records that the United States government owed O.T. Tyler a balance of \$121.10 on this mail contract, and it was paid to his heirs some 57 years after the contract was first awarded him."

Historical Marker Spotlight



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JOHN RANEY BERTRAND

Marker Text: John Raney Bertrand was born in Brazoria County, the son of French immigrants who came to Texas before the Texas Revolution. He was a partner in a mercantile business in Washington County for several years before leaving to join the Confederate Army in the Civil War. In 1869 he married Mary Frances Cayce, and moved to Coryell County in 1875, settling on 312 acres. He built a log cabin for his family of eight children, raised livestock and farmed the land.

Location: Smith Cemetery near Permelia.

Marker erected 1996

1st Cav leaders help save area truck driver

BY LT. COL JENNIFER BOCANEGRA
1st Cavalry Public Affairs

Two members of the 1st Cavalry Division took part in rescue efforts to save a civilian truck driver from a burning truck after the vehicle overturned on Feb. 23 at around 8 a.m. near Fort Hood.

Sgt. Maj. Charlene Crisp, senior enlisted advisor to the staff judge advocate, ICD, and Maj. Adam Blocker, plans officer and intelligence analyst, ICD, along with two other noncommissioned officers assigned to Fort Hood took immediate action when they observed a dump truck make a sharp right turn and tip over in the vicinity of the Golden Chick parking lot along Fort Hood Street.

I was driving to work and saw a lady acting frantically on the side of Fort Hood Street," said Crisp. "As I got closer, I saw the dump truck on its side and it was on fire. I pulled into a restaurant parking lot, right behind Maj. Blocker and we ran over to the truck."

Blocker, who noticed the fire brewing under the vehicle while driving to the scene, said he immediately called 911 to notify emergency services and request a fire truck and ambulance.

Crisp, originally from Grand Rapids, Michigan, also added once she

arrived at the site, she noticed the flames were getting higher, and the driver was stuck inside the truck.

"I attempted to kick out the driver's side windshield and then realized it might be easier for the driver to climb up," said Blocker, a native of Pinehurst, North Carolina.

Two unknown noncommissioned officers on the scene, a master sergeant and a staff sergeant arrived at the scene and assisted by jumping on top of the vehicle to help pull the driver out through the door, which was sideways and pointing towards the sky, while Blocker, still on the ground, attempted to communicate with the driver to go up to the top of the doorway.

Crisp said a few civilians were also on the scene assisting with the rescue efforts. She instructed one to go into the restaurant and grab a fire extinguisher, which he quickly used on the fire to reduce the flames.

According to Crisp, the staff sergeant on the scene kicked the windshield to break the glass and a couple of civilian men cleared the shattered glass, which enabled the truck driver to kick his legs through. The recovery group then moved in and pulled the truck driver feet-first through the windshield cavity to safety.

"We then carried him away from

the truck and once we were a safe distance away, we laid him down and waited for emergency services to arrive," added Blocker.

While waiting for EMS, both Crisp and Blocker provided first aid by checking the driver's cognitive abilities, ensuring he kept his neck straight to prevent a head injury, and keeping him calm.

"What we did was what anybody would have done in the same situation; I just saw someone in trouble and wanted to help," said Crisp.

Blocker also ensured both military and civilians who were part of the rescue were safe and thanked everyone for their quick reactions.

In reflection of the event and the heroic efforts of the NCOs assigned to Fort Hood, as well as the unknown civilians who assisted with the rescue efforts, Blocker said, "I was surrounded by helpful NCOs and civilians, all of whom acted in complete harmony, as if they trained for this day."

"If you are looking out for your fellow soldier or civilian and helping them in little ways now, then you will no doubt be able to help someone when it really matters," Blocker said. "After all, it is the people on Fort Hood who are always looking out for each other that make it "The Great Place."

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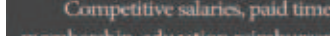
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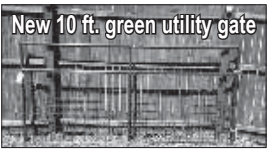
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PUBLIC NOTICES

Cause Number 22-10746
In the County Court at Law, Coryell, County, Texas

Notice to Creditors, Notice is hereby given that Original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Evila, Guajardo, Deceased were issued on December 29, 2022 in Cause No. 22-10746 in the County Court at Law of Coryell, County, Texas, to: Jose M. Guajardo, Independent Executor.

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.

Dated the 13 day of March, 2023.

APPROVED AS TO FORM: Harris Law Office, 425 North Eight Street Killeen, Texas 76541 Phone (254) 526-7141 Lane Heginbotham State Bar No.: 24000323 lane@centexlawyers.net, 00029978

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PUBLIC NOTICES

CITATION BY PUBLICATION-TRC109 & 114
THE STATE OF TEXAS:
GARY LEE JACKSON
-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; VIOLA GILCHRIST; RUBY GILCHRIST; CORDELIA GILCHRIST; 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."

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 00029947

CITATION BY PUBLICATION-TRC109 & 114

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- 10.01 Acres, Lot 20 Phase 4 Rio Escondido north of Evant, TX. good tree cover, great views. \$150,000
- 10.01 Acres, Lot 28 Phase 4 Rio Escondido north of Evant, TX. good tree cover, great views. \$200,000
- 10.01 acres Evant, TX, Buffalo Creek Ranch Subdivision Lot No. 53. Langford Branch, Nice Home Site, scattered tree cover, native pasture \$225,000
- 11 +/- acres at Arnett, TX in Coryell County, good tree cover, nice home site, the property will need to be fenced on the east boundary. You will need to drill a water well for water. \$179,500
- 11.64 acres 3/2 home south of Evant, TX in Coryell County, nice porch, large master bedroom and bath, barn, workshop, seasonal creek, Hwy 281 Frontage. \$850,000
- 20.02 acres, Evant, TX, CR 421, Hamilton County, Lot No. 21 Mulberry Creek, rolling terrain, good tree cover. \$250,000
- 20.02 acres, Evant, TX PR 42107, Hamilton County, Lot 43 Phase 6 Rio Escondido, rolling terrain, good tree cover, season creek. \$265,000.
- 25.06 acres Pottsville, TX Hamilton County, Paloma Vista Subdivision Lot 31, rolling terrain, scattered tree cover, great views. \$275,000
- 33.43 acres, near Coryell City, Coryell County, FM 929 & CR 260 frontage, rolling terrain, good views. \$295,000
- 36 +/- acres west of Evant, TX, Hamilton County. scattered tree cover & rolling terrain, Fiber Optic Internet Service, you will need to drill a water well, \$387,000
- 38 +/- acres, south of Pearl, TX, Coryell County, FM 183 frontage, rolling terrain and scattered tree cover, nice views and would make a great home site, Centrally located, about 20 minutes from Evant & Gatesville and about 45 minutes from Copperas Cove-Killeen, Waco & Temple. \$372,400
- 47.332 ac. south of Ireland, TX, good tree cover, rolling terrain, good fencing on 3 sides, southside will need to be fenced. \$395,000
- 50.24 Acres 3/2.5 home, 2171 CR 419 Evant, TX, rolling terrain, 40% being good tree cover, the remaining balance being open pasture, great views. \$675,000
- 52.73 Acres, 3/2.5 barn/condominium, 1197 CR 404 Hamilton, TX. 1 water well, metal building, nice porch, good tree cover, rolling terrain, 2 tanks, good fences, \$875,000
- 68.9 Acres, 3/2.5 rock home 101 Mac Dr. Gatesville, Tx., approx. 2900 ft of Leon River frontage, ceramic tile floors, carpet in the bedrooms, vaulted ceiling, rock fireplace, granite countertops, breakfast bar, garden tub, metal building approx. 45 ft x 24 ft, older barn approx. 50 ft. x 30 ft., cattle pens, 1 stock tank, approx. 48 acres of coastal. \$1,275,000
- 82.43 acres west of Evant, TX, Mills County. Open pasture, scattered mesquite tree cover, native grasses, 1 stock tank & is fenced on 3 sides with approx. 1910 ft that needs to be fenced on the south side of the property. \$560,524
- 88.007 acres, 36 ft. Travel Trailer, 25 ft. x 30 ft. metal barn, Electricity, 1 tank, seasonal branch, water well, scattered tree cover, good hunting. \$720,000
- 105 acres south of Pearl, TX on Self Rd. good tree cover, rolling terrain, small branch, barn, rain harvest system, \$743,775
- 179.562 acres 1.6 miles south of Gatesville, TX FM 116 frontage, great views, stock tank, rolling terrain & scattered tree cover. \$1,230,000
- 252.87 Acres, 3 Br 2 Ba home, open floor plan, wood burning fireplace, breakfast bar, ceramic tile in kitchen, breakfast area & bathrooms. Laminite wood flooring in living room & carpet in 2 bedrooms, inground pool with slab that was pour for a future outdoor kitchen, 3 car attached carport with 12 ft. x 13 ft. storage building, a 60 ft. x 66 ft. metal building with 24 ft. x 60 ft. lean-to, there is also approx. 900 sq. ft. that has been framed out for living quarters inside the main part of the building, good exterior & interior fencing, set of cattle pens near the center of the property, rolling terrain with scattered tree cover and great views. \$2,150,000

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Cause Number 22-10745
Estate of Leonel Guajardo-Deceased
In the County Court at Law, Coryell, County, Texas

Notice to Creditors, Notice is hereby given that Original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Leonel Guajardo, Deceased were issued on December 29, 2022 in Cause No. 22-10745 in the County Court at Law of Coryell, County, Texas, to: Jose M. Guajardo, Independent Executor.

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.

Dated the 13 day of March, 2023.

APPROVED AS TO FROM: Harris Law Office, 425 North Eight Street Killeen, Texas 76541 Phone (254) 526-0106 Fax (254) 526-7141 Lane Heginbotham State Bar No.: 24000323 lane@centexlawyers.net, 00029979

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of Ira Ernest Chaffee, Jr., Deceased were issued on March 3, 2023, in Cause No. 22-10677, pending in the County Court at Law of Coryell County, Texas, to Gerald Chaffee.

All persons having claims against this Estate, which is presently being administered, are required to submit them, within the time and manner prescribed by law, and before the estate is closed, addressed as follows:

c/o: Gerald Chaffee
Administrator
592 N. Washington St.
Tiffin, OH 44883-1073

DATED the 13th day of March 2023.

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Golden Trowel awarded to Greg Casey

Staff Reports

The Gatesville Masonic Lodge 197 was recently honored to present the Golden Trowel Award to Brother Greg Casey, whose service to his community and lodge exemplifies the Masonic principles that the award presents.

Casey, a fifth-generation Gatesville Mason, has served as a Master Mason since 2011. He was master of the lodge from 2015-16. He currently serves as the lodge treasurer.

His community service has included being a member of the Gatesville City Council, president of the Cotton Belt Depot Foundation, and a member of the Board of Directors for the Big Sting,

which serves cancer victims and their families. Casey is also active in his local church, where he continues to serve in many different capacities.

The Golden Trowel is the highest award a local lodge may bestow upon a member from the Grand Lodge of Texas. It is given for devoted service to the lodge.

On April 7, 1856, a petition was presented to the Grand Lodge of Texas for a Masonic Lodge in the town of Gatesville and was to be named "Coryell Lodge." At the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Texas held on Jan. 23, 1857, a charter was granted to Gatesville Lodge No. 197 AF & AM.

COURTESY PHOTO

Greg Casey, center, receives the Golden Trowel award from, at left, Worshipful Master Jim Bob Kleshick and District Deputy Grand Master Ray Young.



Central Texas Travel Club to meet March 21

Staff Reports

The next meeting of the Central Texas Travel Club will be held on Tuesday, March 21, at Johnny's Steaks and Bar-Be-Que in Salado, beginning at 11 a.m.

The meeting is open to anyone interested in travel, with no dues or membership requirements. The club will discuss upcoming trips including France, Hawaii, Sante Fe, and day trips including Corsicana and Christoval.

Johnny's Steaks and Bar-Be-Que is located at 301 Thomas Arnold Road in Salado. For more information, contact the Central Texas Travel Club by email at centraltexastravelclub@outlook.com.



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Gatesville residents enjoy pickleball competition

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The Gatesville Parks & Recreation Department hosted the March Madness Indoor Pickleball Tournament March 13-15, featuring 18 teams in two divisions. Results will appear in the March 25 newspaper.







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GHS boys excel in regional powerlifting; L.J. Hall, Zach Bryant qualify for state



SE'VETTE EARLY | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

L.J. Hall earned second place in the 165 weight class and will represent Gatesville High School in the state powerlifting meet on March 24 in Abilene.



COURTESY PHOTO

Zach Bryant earned second place in the 308 weight class and will compete at the state powerlifting meet on March 24.

Hornets finish 7th out of 27 overall

BY JEFF OSBORNE
Senior Writer & Editor

Gatesville High School's boys powerlifting team hosted the regional meet on March 10 in Gatesville, and two GHS athletes — Zach Bryant and L.J. Hall — qualified for the state meet on March 24 in Abilene.

"We finished seventh in the team standings out of 27 teams competing," said GHS coach Jason Moffett. "The guys did a great job and two of them - L.J. Hall and Zach Bryant — earned a trip to the state meet."

"The meet came off flawlessly, thanks to the help of a lot of GISD student athletes, employees and community members. We had 27 different schools represented at the meet today, and lots of visitors from other towns. I heard a lot of compliments from people about the way our workers did their job. It was a really good experience and all those who helped (make) our school and community proud."

* Zach Bryant finished second in the 308-plus weight class with a squat of 635, bench of 365, deadlift of 520 and total weight of 1520.

* L.J. Hall finished second in the 165 weight class with a squat of 435, bench of 325, deadlift of 500 and total weight of 1260.

* Caden Brister was third in the 132 weight class with a squat of 375, bench of 200, deadlift of 360 and total weight of 935.

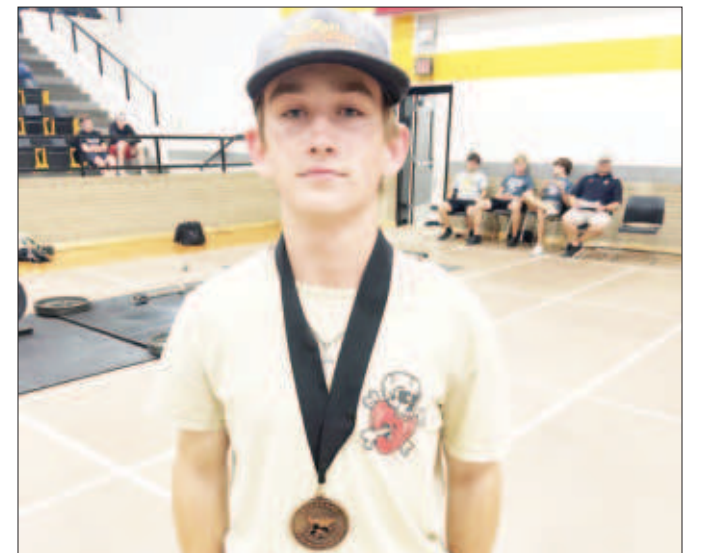
* David Sims was ninth in the 181 weight class with a squat of 435, bench of 305, deadlift of 425 and total weight of 1,165.

* Ray Jones was 10th in the 275 weight class with a squat of 470, bench of 345, deadlift of 455 and total weight of 1,270.



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Caden Brister finished third in the 132 weight class, earning a bronze medal.



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Lady Hornets beat Brownwood, district play underway

BY CHRIS ALLMAN
Sports Correspondent

Gatesville softball beat former district foe Brownwood 6-3 on Mar. 14, continuing to build some much-needed momentum as they head into league play.

The Lady Hornets (14-9) opened 23-4A play on Friday at home against Robinson and will travel to China Spring for a matchup with the Cougars on Mar. 21. According to head coach Andrew Holbrook, the district schedule allows for no nights off.

"Our district is tough. Robinson, Salado, Connally and China Spring were all in the playoffs last year and return most of their staff. La Vega missed the playoffs last year but they have also improved by strengthening their squad," she said. "Every game is going to be a big this season."

With six runs scored against Brownwood, Gatesville has scored 47 runs in their last four games - all victories. They'll look for similar production as they fight for a playoff spot.

"We have a young group with a small senior class but our offense and pitching will keep us in games with the competition. There isn't a clear-cut favorite yet and I definitely look forward to being thrown into the mix," Holbrook said.

In the win against Brownwood, Kallie Featherston took care of the pitching while Raylee Glover, Kagen Hunt, and Kinlee Gardner took care of the offense.

Featherston threw six innings and allows just two earned runs - both coming in the bottom of the top of the seventh. She scattered six hits, struck out nine, and did not walk a batter.

Glover had three of Gatesville's 12 hits - including a pair of doubles - while Hunt and Gardner had two hits apiece. Six different Lady Hornets drove in runs on the day.

Gatesville trailed 1-0 until the bottom of the third inning when they took a 2-1 lead thanks to RBI base hits from Gardner and Ibet Carmona.

In the bottom of the fourth inning they added two more

runs. A double from Glover scored Featherston to make it 3-1 then Miranda Hester followed with a single that scored Glover and push the lead to 4-1.

Hunt, Ford, and Featherston would also be responsible for two more runs in the bottom of the fifth. Hunt smoked a one-out double to centerfield the scored on a Ford double to center. One out later, Featherston singled to score Ford and make it 6-1.

After Brownwood scored twice in the top of the seventh inning to make it 6-3, Hester relieved Featherston and induced a fly ball to centerfield to secure the win.

Carmona lead the team with a .521 average in non-district play while Glover hit .500. As a team, the Lady Hornets hit 13 home runs in non-district led by four from Kaitlin Stuard and three each from Gardner and Ford. Featherston (8) and Hester (6) have been in the circle for all of the Lady Hornets 14 wins.

Tough schedule is prepping Hornet baseball for district competition

BY CHRIS ALLMAN
Sports Correspondent

Gatesville baseball is prepping for brutal district slate with an equally difficult stretch of games before league play begins.

The Hornets will open district play on March 28 against Robinson and by the time that game arrives the Hornets will have faced six teams that have been state-ranked this season. They will face two more - China Spring and Salado - during district play.

"Putting together the schedule I knew it would be tough and that we would see good teams and we have. We have played some of the best teams in every tournament we have played," said head coach Chase Smith.

In the recently completed Franklin Tournament, the Hornets (7-8) lost four straight with two coming against state-ranked teams. They lost their tournament opener 10-0 to 3A No. 8 Lorena and then fell to 3A No. 2 Franklin 4-2.

In the Rogers Tournament the Hornets took down 3A No. 23 Rogers 10-2 but lost 6-3 to 2A No. 2 Bosqueville and in the Salado tournament they fell 8-3 to 4A No. 18 Gateway Prep.

Outside of tournament play they have faced 3A No. 12 Troy and will take on 4A No. 15 Taylor on March 17 and rematch with Bosqueville on March 21.

Despite a frustrating weekend in Franklin, head coach Chase Smith thought his team reaped the benefits of playing a tough draw.

"The positives from the Franklin tournament are that we got to see some really good pitching. Seeing that kind of pitching and being in a position late in a couple of those games to win were big for us. We are going to see good pitching nearly every district game and I think it will prepare us for that," he said.

In addition to seeing good pitching, the Hornets also got good pitching from Bralen Veazey, Gehrig Keeton, Brady James, and John Ibarra.

Veazey took the loss against Franklin despite striking out six and scattering eight hits over 4 2/3 innings. Keeton - just a freshman - was also dealt a loss in an 8-1 setback to Smithville but allowed just four earned runs over six innings. James and Ibarra combined to allow six hits, two earned runs and strikeout three in a 4-3 loss to Palestine.

The Hornets offense will also look to find some of its earlier season productivity after scoring just six runs over their

last four games. The Hornets hit just .235 in Franklin - well below their season average of .316 heading into the tournament.

"We have a bunch of really solid guys in our lineup and they haven't all clicked at the same time yet and those guys are too good to hold down too long. I think we have some guys that are about to get going because they are putting the work in and playing hard. So it's going to be tough when we all get rolling together at the same time," said Smith.

The Hornets got back in the win column with a 5-2 victory over La Grange on March 15. The offense struggled early - they did not have a hit until Justin Johnson singled to left to start the bottom of the fifth inning - but took advantage of La Grange errors and applied pressure on the base paths to pick up the win.

Trailing 2-0 in the bottom of the sixth, Brady James reached on an error, then Veazey and Mason Mooney drew consecutive walks to load the bases. A passed ball scored James to make it 2-1 then Ben Mabry laced a single to left that scored courtesy runner William Crozier and tied the game at 2-2.

Gatesville's added two more runs without a hit during John Ibarra's at-bat. First, a balk scored Mason Mooney then a passed ball scored Mabry and made it 4-2. They tacked on a final run when Lawson Mooney's sacrifice fly scored Kason Herbelin.

Veazey struck out 10 and walked two while scattering seven hits. Allman got the win after getting the final three outs of the game.

Smith hopes the late inning rally will be a catalyst for his team heading into the final stretch before district.

"I'm excited about our last few non-district games and I expect our guys are going to be ready to go come district time in a couple weeks," said Smith.

GHS Sports Roundup

Girls Track: Varsity amassed 189.5 points to win the meet title at the Troy Trojan Relays, the second-straight team trophy for GHS. Barrett Boyd doubled with gold in the high jump (5'0") and pole vault (12'0"), while Vania Martinez doubled in the 3200 (12:41) and 1600 (5:41) meter races. Other gold-medal winners: Hannah Aguilar in shot put (35'11") and Lauren Stuard in 100 meters (13.08). The Hornet JV came in second with 123.5 points. The team is off until the Burnet Bulldog Relays on March 23.

Boys Track: Varsity totaled 148 points to claim the meet championship of the Troy Trojan Relays, the squad's third-straight meet title. GHS won five gold medals, including two from distance specialist Carlo Martinez. The senior set a new GHS record in the 3200 meters, with his winning time of 9:24.16 eclipsing his old mark of 9:42 set in 2022. Carlo was also first in the 1600 meters with a time of 4:32. Other gold-medal winners: Trent Ray (139'11" in discus), Brayden Minton (45'0.5" in shot put), and Cameron Harley (15.84 in 110 hurdles). The Hornet JV accumulated 199.5 points on its way to the meet title as well. The next appearance for the Hornet tracksters will be March 23 at Burnet.

GHS soccer: The varsity boys recently fell to Brownwood 3-1 and the varsity girls lost to Brownwood 2-1. The Hornet boys were defeated by Salado, 8-0, on March 14 while the Hornet girls fell to Salado, 6-0. According to the MaxPreps high school sports website, the girls team is 8-8 overall and 4-7 in district, which puts them in fifth place in the district standings. Meanwhile, MaxPreps lists the boys team at 7-6-2 overall and 4-6 in district play, which puts them in fourth place in district competition.

GHS girls powerlifting: Emma Davidson and Casey Fitzer were scheduled to represent Gatesville High School in the Texas High School Women's Powerlift Association state powerlifting meet on March 17 at the Comerica Center in Frisco.

Davidson earned second place in regional competition in the 220 weight class with a total weight of 760 while Fitzer finished third in regional competition in the 114 weight class with a total weight of 520.

GHS JV baseball: The Hornets were scheduled to play in the China Spring tournament today (March 18).

Area Fishing Report

Lake Belton

GOOD. Water lightly stained; 62 degrees; 14.04 feet below pool. Having finally eclipsed that magic 60 degree mark late last week, the white bass fishing is improving with every passing day. Although some fish can still be found in large schools in water as deep as 40 feet, more and more action is moving shallower each day with whites chasing shad all the way up to the bank on windblown shorelines. Gulls and terns are the shortcut to finding this fast action. Deep fish are being caught on white, 5/8 ounce Bladed Hazy Eye Slabs. Shallow fish are taken on MAL Lures retrieved just fast enough to keep them from hitting bottom in the shallow water. Report by Bob Maindelle, Holding the Line Guide Service. Catfish have been fair. With frequent temperature changes catfish have been scattered in varying depths. Shallow water with muddy bottoms from 2-5 feet has been consistent with fresh shad and other cut baits. Flatheads are beginning to move around river channels and have been good on live perch. Report by Brian Worley, B&S Catfishing. Crappie are fair in the deeper waters, but they are starting to make a move shallow biting jigs with slick bait or an ATX lure company 2.25 wicked shad. Report by Zach Minnix, JigNJerK Guide Service. Bass are good in stickups and lay-downs in 3-10 feet of water in the backs of creeks and coves. Flip your favorite plastics in green pumpkin or multicolored flaked watermelon colors. Good catches shallow and medium crankbaits. There are a lot of white bass and some stripers in the shallows, so you can hammer these with shallow crankbaits. Report by Bryan Cotter, Texas Hawgs.

Lake Waco

GREAT. Water stained; 60 degrees; 5.87 feet below pool. Crappie are in 10-25 feet in open water suspended anywhere from 5-15 feet deep. Focus on main creek channels close to spawning areas fishing with Snacky lures FS200 with Eyehole jig heads in 1/16th ounce and we used the "bucks ultimate" rods from BNM Poles in 10 feet. Look for standing timber or brush in these areas as they usually hold a few fish in them as well. Report by Robert Stover, Workingman Crappie Guide. Crappie have moved shallow and the bite is aggressive. Fish in 5-15 feet of water using jigs with a slick bait or an ATX lure company 2.25 wicked shad. White and black bass are spawning. Report by Zach Minnix, JigNJerK Guide Service.

Stillhouse Hollow

GOOD. Water lightly stained; 63 degrees; 12.32 feet below pool. The near total lack of flow in this reservoir has made the traditional spring white bass run a great disappointment this year. With no flow in the Lampasas River, there is no current to draw the fish into the river, nor into the upper third of the reservoir in great numbers anglers have become accustomed to in years past. Bird activity has been helpful in leading the way to fish though. Look for the bird action to decline as they begin to migrate north. Report by Bob Maindelle, Holding the Line Guide Service.

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Pruitt earns \$10,000 Scholarship in Trap Shooting Competition

BY BECKY COWARD
Contributing Writer

Complete results from 4-H youth competing at the San Antonio Stock Show:

Local 4-H youth had the opportunity to participate in a variety of contests and shows at this year's San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo. The show concluded at the end of February with much success for our 4-H members. Brant Pruitt, a member of the Coryell 4-H Gun Club, claimed top honors in the Open Boys Junior

Shootout Trap competition. Pruitt's sharp-shooting skills netted him a \$10,000 scholarship. Other highlights from the show include Reserve Champion Landrace Gilt, shown by Canyon Smith, and 5th Overall Berkshire Gilt exhibited by Steven Bomar.

Placings for livestock and contests are as follows:

Livestock Show:

Junior Purebred Gilts- Steven Bomar- 1st place and 5th Overall Berkshire, Canyon Smith- 1st place and Reserve Champion Landrace, Paisley Wells- 4th place Berkshire,

Justin Johnson-6th place Berkshire, and Kinlee Gardner- 6th place Spot

Junior Crossbred Gilts- Kinlee Gardner- 8th place and Steven Bomar- 7th place Junior Breeding Heifers- Kallyn Moreland- 5th place Brahman, Charles Belt- 3rd place Brangus, Ivan Readett- 9th place Hereford, and Thomas Belt- 3rd place Red Brangus

Market Barrows- Steven Bomar- 3rd place Duroc, Ryli Bryson- 5th place Cross

Contests:

Junior Shootout- Brant

Pruitt- Champion Open Boys Trap

Consumer Decision Making- 3rd place Intermediate Team- Bailey Wolff, Makaylie Williams, Zoie Williams and Emily Wolff; Bailey Wolff was 2nd high individual.

The junior and senior horse and livestock judging teams also competed.

The spring 4-H event calendar has been posted for upcoming events. Check us out on Facebook! Don't forget to sign up for the county 4-H talent showcase on March 30th.



COURTESY PHOTO

Brant Pruitt - Trap Champion and \$10,000 scholarship winner at San Antonio Stock Show Junior Shootout

Holden, Wetzel named to Dean's Honor List

Submitted Item

Baylor University students Alison Holden, in the School of Music, and Chase Wetzel, in the Hankamer School of Business, were recently honored by having their names placed on the Dean's Academic Honor List.

More than 5,100 Baylor University students have been named to the Fall 2022 Dean's Academic Honor List, which recognizes undergraduates for their outstanding academic work during each semester. Students honored on the Dean's List earned a

minimum semester grade-point average of 3.70 with no grade lower than a "C" while enrolled in at least 12 graded semester hours.

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Gatesville Silver Spurs tryouts today

Staff Reports

The Gatesville Silver Spurs Drill Team will hold their tryouts on Saturday, March 18, at 3:30 p.m. at the Gatesville Riding Arena.

Tryouts are only for the ages 12 and up.

The Silver Spurs Drill Team is an equestrian team that combines the skills of a horse and rider to perform choreographed maneuvers

to music. The team performs in rodeos, drill team competitions, parades, and benefits to entertain and showcase horsemanship, teamwork, and dedication. For further questions call

Jerry Segraves at 254-216-0916 or Kylie Rystad at 254-239-6550. The Gatesville Riding Club Arena is located at 301 Veterans Memorial Loop in Gatesville.



COURTESY PHOTO

Canyon Smith - Reserve Champion Landrace Gilt at San Antonio Stock Show

Davidson Scholarship Golf Tournament March 25

The Tommy Davidson Scholarship Foundation will hold its annual golf tournament at the Gatesville Country Club on Saturday, March 25 at 10 a.m. It will be a four-person scramble, with an entry fee of \$100 for each player. The deadline to enter is Friday, March 24.

Along with the tournament there will be a silent and live auction, a raffle, and a fajita dinner. Prizes and contests will include a cash prize, closest to the pin, par 3's, longest drive, and five-dollar card prizes. There will be bingo from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Dr. Tommy Davidson

served as an athletic coach, trainer, mentor, and doctor for more than 30 years. He improved the lives of athletes from Gatesville and Valley Mills to Baylor University. Friends and family have come together to commemorate his contributions to the community through the Tommy Davidson Schol-

arship Foundation. Each year, college-bound students from Gatesville and Valley Mills are awarded scholarships based on their excellence in the classroom. To enter call 254-865-6917 or Ray Feight at 254-366-2760. The Gatesville Country Club is located at 1308 Golf Course Road.

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Coryell County 4-H to host Talent Show March 30 at city auditorium

Staff Reports

Coryell County 4-H will host a talent show on Thursday, March 30, at the Gatesville City Auditorium. Performances will begin at 6 p.m. Admission is free to the

public. The talent show will provide an opportunity for 4-H youth to develop a spirit of cooperation through working together to develop self-confidence through public appearance.

Entries are due by Monday, March 20. Show participation is open to all Coryell County 4-H members within the grades of K-12. Age divisions will be kindergarten through second grade, third grade through fifth grade, sixth

grade through eighth grade, and ninth grade through twelfth grade. Awards will be given to first and second place of each age division and category. Categories will include a 4-H skit, choreographed

routines, a variety show, musical/instrumental, poetry/prose, a solo/band performance, and a vocal performance. To enter the talent show visit <http://coryell.agrilife.org> online. For more infor-

mation call 254-865-2414. The Gatesville City Auditorium is located at 110 N. 8 Street in Gatesville.

Coryell County 4-H set to present fashion show

Staff Reports

Coryell County 4-H will host its 2023 fashion show on Monday, March 27 at Hay Valley Baptist Church. The exact starting time of the show will be determined once all entries are completed.

Entries will be due online by Monday, March 20, open

to all Coryell County 4-H members in kindergarten through twelfth grade. Age divisions will be kindergarten through second grade, third grade through fifth grade, sixth grade through eighth grade, and ninth grade through twelfth grade. The purpose of the fashion show is to recognize 4-H

members who have excelled in fashion and interior design projects and exhibit skills in the application of knowledge of fibers and fabrics to wardrobe selection, clothing construction, or comparison shopping, fashion interpretation and understanding of style, good grooming, and poise in front

of others, and modeling and presentation of themselves and their garments. To enter, visit <http://coryell.agrilife.org> online. For more information call 254-865-2414. Hay Valley Baptist Church is located at 3110 Hay Valley Road in Gatesville.

George Hallmark's life in art



BY TUMBLEWEED SMITH

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

George Hallmark of Meridian is one of the most accomplished and awarded artists in America.

"As an artist, you first try to do something that you like and that you hope appeals to people," he said. "I think a painting should be something that stops you, something you'd like to step into. You just make every painting the best you can."

George grew up in Joshua, a small town near Cleburne. "We had no art in school. I was the class artist. Every class had one. There were only 50 of us that graduated together. For busy work, teachers let me draw. By the time I got into junior high, the teachers would give me their tests. One side of the paper had questions; the other side had drawings. I did

maps, parts of a flower or skeleton or whatever was going to be on the test. Well, I'm no fool. I looked at the questions, so I knew pretty well what the questions were going to be when the test was handed out the next day."

His first formal training as an artist was when he enrolled in Tarrant County College. He took design courses that led him to do some architectural work. Even though he was poorly prepared, he was asked by an architect if he could do some delineation.

"And of course, the delineation shows what a building will look like when it's finished," he said. "I asked the archi-

tect if I could take this home and work on it over the weekend. He said fine. So, I went straight to the TCU bookstore and bought two books on architectural delineation, worked on it all weekend, and taught myself how to do it. I took it to him, and he told me that was exactly what he was looking for.

George got a job with an architectural firm but did some art on the side. A collector saw some of George's work and took him to a gallery in Dallas. After about an hour looking at the samples George prepared, the owner said he would like to handle George's work. "I swallowed the hook. From then on that was what I wanted to be: a full-time artist."

"I asked around and found out who was the best oil painter and teacher. It was a man at a university in Utah. I spent three weeks watching him paint. When I asked him what was the cost, he told me just to do some good work. Later, he was a judge in some events where my work was in

competition with other artists. We remained friends a long time, and when he passed away, I got to say a few words at his funeral."

George has always had encouragement in his quest to be an artist. A cafe owner in Cleburne knew George was a struggling artist and told him to just sign the check for his meals. The cafe owner never asked George to settle up. He has some of George's paintings. So do several notable people.

George has spent a good amount of time in Mexico, and that is reflected in his paintings. He is considering moving there and perhaps opening a shop in a hotel to sell his prints. His latest work is a painting of chili queens in San Antonio in the late 1800s. He calls it The Queens Court, and it's on display in San Antonio's Briscoe Museum.

Last week's solution

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POINTS OF VIEW

Viewpoints

A balanced news report provides different points of view about the news.

There is a highway that starts in Alaska and ends at the southern tip of Argentina in South America. Or does it start in Argentina and end in Alaska? It depends on your point of view.

This silly news article is about Popcorn declaring itself the best movie snack. This is Popcorn's viewpoint. Clearly not everyone has the same opinion, so the reporter interviewed a couple of other snacks to get their point of view.

Standards Link: Understand point of view.

Which movie snack does Red Licorice think is the best?

Why?

Which movie snack does Chocolate Mints think is best?

Why?

If you were interviewed for this article, what would you say?

Standards Link: Answer questions based on evidence in text.

SNACK STARS DAILY

IS POPCORN REALLY THE BEST MOVIE SNACK?

By Reed Enwright
STAFF REPORTER

HOLLYWOOD — In an interview Tuesday, Popcorn declared itself the best movie snack in the world.

"Not to brag, but I'm the best-selling movie snack of all time. Obviously, people really love me!"

While signing autographs for fans, Popcorn added, "I'm crispy, buttery, salty and delicious. I've been a movie tradition for generations!"

Red Licorice was asked to comment on Popcorn's statement. "It's true that movies wouldn't be the same without Popcorn," Red Licorice said. "But with all that crunching, Popcorn can be kind of noisy. I'm sweet, tasty and quiet, which is good in a movie theater."

After hearing Red Licorice's comments, Chocolate Mints said, "I'm quiet, too. And I'm in a box that you can close and

take home if you don't finish during the movie. I'm delicious and convenient."

Dismissing concerns about noise, a confident Popcorn replied that "people with good manners know how to eat popcorn quietly in a movie theater."

"Besides," Popcorn added with a grin, "Chocolate Mints can melt in a warm car ride home. Popcorn never melts."

Reporting: It's all about BALANCE!

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This is not real news. It's just for fun!

Standards Link: Understand point of view using visual cues.

Graph It!

Ask some friends which movie snack they like the best and why. Then write a short article explaining which movie snack is the favorite among your friends. Make a graph to show your results.

POPCORN	RED LICORICE	CHOCOLATE MINTS

Standards Link: Display data in graphs.

Extra! Extra!

What's Outside the Picture?

Look at a photo in the newspaper. Cut it out and glue it in the center of a blank piece of paper. Think about what is outside the edges of the photo. Draw or list what you think is outside what you see in the photo.

Standards Link: Use visual cues to understand points of view.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Choose a Photo

The photos that go with a news article can give more information and create a feeling about a news event. Which photo would you choose for the above article? Cut it out and glue it into the box in the article above.

Standards Link: Understand point of view using visual cues.

Double Double Word Search

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

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

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Advertising Points of View

Look at three ads in today's newspaper. Write down the name of the company advertising, what they are selling and why they think people should spend money with them.

Standards Link: Compare and contrast points of view.

Write On!

I'm a Mosquito!

Write about a mosquito from a mosquito's point of view.

Kid Scoop Together

Fastest Snack

Who will reach the movie theater snack bar first? Race against a family member!

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Texans win first-ever D1 conference tourney game

TSU Sports Information

LAS VEGAS — Tarleton State University's men's basketball team has officially entered March Madness.

In the Texans' WAC Tournament opener on March 8, they held off multiple UTRGV rallies to win 74-70 at Michelob ULTRA Arena in Las Vegas. The victory will forever be etched as the first NCAA Division I conference tournament win in Tarleton Athletics history.

The 7-seed Texans advanced to the WAC Tournament quarterfinals, where they were scheduled to play the 2-seed Utah Valley Wolverines at Orleans Arena in Las Vegas.

The Texans (17-15)

got a true taste of what March Madness has to offer, a glowing nickname typically reserved for the NCAA Tournament, but it was a classic in the WAC Tournament versus UTRGV. Tarleton led over the 10-seed (15-17) for 37:33 of the 40 minutes, but like most conference postseason games, it was never truly over.

Clearly energized to be playing in their first D1 conference tournament, the Texans raced out to a 21-4 lead, using a 21-2 run after giving up the opening basket to lead by 17 just over nine minutes in. Several players were contributors early on, with Garry Clark scoring Tarleton's first D1 confer-

ence tournament points, Lue Williams adding on with a jumper, plus Shamir Bogues and Jakorie Smith foreshadowed what they would do the entire game, combining for 12 of Tarleton's first 21 points.

But, in a game of runs, UTRGV refused to end their WAC Tournament run in the first 10 minutes, and answered with a 9-0 burst to get back within eight. They chipped away the remainder of the first half to get within one-possession at the break, 31-28.

With their season on the line, the Vaqueros gave their all in a last-ditch effort to get back in it. First they went on a 7-0 run to get within

eight at the 3:11 mark. After Smith buried two free throws to make it a 10-point game, UTRGV went on another 7-0 run to make it a one-possession game with about 90 ticks left. With Tarleton up three but without the ball, the Texans forced a Will Johnston three-point miss with 52 seconds left, then after a timeout, Tiger Booker worked the lane and got an open layup to make it a two-possession game with 24 seconds remaining, 71-66. UTRGV's All-WAC First Team guard/forward Justin Johnson made a quick three on the other end to cut it to two.

With all of the pressure imaginable facing Smith at

the free throw line, he calmly canned them both to put the Texans back up two possessions, 73-69. It still wasn't over though, as UTRGV induced a Tarleton foul on a three-point attempt. Johnson made the first but missed the next two, and Tarleton's Williams corralled the rebound. He split his pair to put Tarleton back up four, 74-70, and one more defensive stop sealed the win for the Texans.

Smith stepped up in the biggest game of the season with career-highs in points and rebounds, recording 26 points (7-15 FG, 11-11 FT) and eight rebounds in 34 minutes off the bench, adding two steals. This was his

first 20-plus point game of his career, and it couldn't have come at a better time.

Hicks and Bogues did what they've done all season - produce. Hicks tallied 18 points (8-8 FT), eight rebounds and a steal in 39 minutes, while Bogues finished with 17 points on 7-of-9 shooting, five assists and two steals in 37 minutes. Shakur Daniel dished out four assists in 31 minutes, and Rushin secured seven rebounds in 18 minutes as a reserve.

Tarleton attempted just seven three-point shots, shooting 3-of-7 (.429), while UTRGV was forced to go for threes down most of the game, making 11-of-32 (.344) from long range.

Texans get third straight run-rule win

TSU Sports Information

STEPHENVILLE — Tarleton State University's baseball squad earned its eighth straight home victory and third consecutive run-rule victory in a 17-1 seven inning win over Randall University on March 8 at the Tarleton Baseball Complex.

Tarleton (10-3) plated 17 runs on 12 hits, scoring over 15 runs for the fourth time this season and more than 10 runs for the eighth time. The Texans held Randall (1-9) to four hits and a lone run scored.

TSU freshman Tyson Drake hit his second career home run, a grand slam, in the bottom of the third inning to break the gates open for the Tarleton offense making it an 8-0 lead. He led the Texans with four RBI.

Senior Carter Dobrinski finished with three hits, a season-high, and two RBI. Sophomore transfer Brandon

Howell notched his first two hits of the season as well as finishing with two RBI.

Three other Texans, Cole Mears, Payton Pennington, and Jake Escalon each contributed two RBI in the win. Senior Isiah Campa was the starting pitcher for Tarleton, making his first start dating back to March 19 in the 2022 season when his season ended due to injury. He pitched the first inning allowing just one hit and faced only three batters, forcing a double play.

The Texans employed a staff day on the mound, with seven pitchers throwing seven innings. Piercen McElyea (W, 1-0) earned the win pitching the second inning and striking out two. Jon Cordaway, Peyton Hutson, Devon Patel and Grant Garza each had two strikeouts.

Tarleton plated six runs in the third and five runs in the sixth, using those innings to eliminate any Randall threat.

Hicks, Bogues earn all-WAC basketball honors

TSU Sports Information

STEPHENVILLE — Texans Freddy Hicks and Shamir Bogues on March 5 were awarded with WAC postseason honors following standout regular seasons from both players. Both will lead Tarleton to new heights this week in the Texans' first WAC Championship Tournament appearance in Las Vegas.

Hicks earned All-WAC Second Team recognition while Bogues was one of just five players named to the All-WAC Defensive Team. Awards were voted on by conference head coaches.

Hicks began his season as a Preseason All-WAC Second Team last October and battled through injuries. He started in all 20 of the games he appeared during the regular season while leading the team with 15.7 points per game on a 44.8 shooting percentage from the field. He is currently on pace to set the best scoring average in Tarleton's D1 era.

The sophomore from Searcy, Arkansas made his season debut with 26 points and a new single-game NCAA D1 record for free throw attempts with 28 against Belmont at the Paradise Jam. His 18 made free throws from the same game were the most by any WAC player this season. He continued his solid play in the U.S. Virgin Islands, scoring 21 points and six rebounds against Boston College, helping Tarleton secure their first ever win against a Power Five opponent. He then dropped a season-best 30 points and nine rebounds against Drake in the Championship Game,

earning a spot on the All-Tournament Team.

Bogues now has been named to the All-WAC Defensive Team in back-to-back seasons. He was top-three on the Texans in scoring, rebounds, assists, steals, and blocks in the regular season.

He led the Texans in rebounds (113) and is now tied for third for steals (63) in a single season at Tarleton. His 63 steals this season also has him at the top of the WAC leaders heading into the post-season. He is on pace for career-highs in rebounds per game (3.6) and steals per game (2.0).

Bogues recorded his first career double-double with 30 points and 11 steals in the Texans' regular season finale, securing Tarleton's all-time single-game steals and surpassing Chris Brown's (1994-95) 10 steals.

The Killeen native started in 30-of-31 games for Tarleton. He recorded 24 multi-rebound and 18 multi-steal showings, contributing heavily to Tarleton's No. 1 ranking in the WAC in steals and turnover margin.

All-WAC teams and individual honorees are below:

Player of the Year: Qua Grant, Sam Houston
 Defensive Player of the Year: Aziz Bandaogo, Utah Valley
 Sixth Man of the Year: Dee Barnes, Southern Utah
 Freshman of the Year: Chendall Weaver, UT Arlington
 Newcomer of the Year: Aziz Bandaogo, Utah Valley
 Coach of the Year: Mark Madsen, Utah Valley



Tarleton State University's Freddy Hicks gained All-WAC Second Team recognition in voting by the conference's head coaches.



Shamir Bogues of Tarleton State University was one of five players named to the All-WAC Defensive Team. The awards were voted on by the conference's head coaches.

Da Silva rewarded with WAC postseason basketball honors

TSU Sports Information

STEPHENVILLE — In Teresa Da Silva's first season in Stephenville, she quickly made her mark and built that into Tarleton State University's highest postseason award women's basketball honors in their NCAA Division I era.

Da Silva was named All-WAC Second Team and to the WAC's All-Newcomer Team on March 5, after a vote by the Western Athletic Conference head coaches. The TSU junior is the first player to make a First or Second Team postseason list in the program's D1 era.

She is the first player to earn postseason recognition since Marissa Escamilla and Iyana Dorsey were both Honorable Mention All-WAC honorees

in 2020-21.

Da Silva, a do-it-all guard who joined the Texans this season after spending the last two years at Arizona Western College, was top-two on the Texans in scoring, rebounding, assists, steals and blocks, along with three-point percentage.

She led the team with 14.5 points per game, eighth most in the WAC, and the best scoring average in Tarleton's D1 era. She also averaged 3.9 RPG, 2.4 APG, 1.4 SPG and 0.4 BPG, shooting 37.8 percent from distance.

Da Silva was lethal from distance all year, making 65-of-172 (.378) from downtown, finishing with the fourth most three-point makes in a single-season in program history. She surpassed Bailey Wipff's (2015-

16) and Helena Smith's (1991-92) 63 makes in their respective seasons.

Da Silva had eight 20-plus point games on the year, from her first game to her last game, the fifth most such games in the WAC. She scored a career-high 31 points (14-16 FT) with nine rebounds, a tied-career-high six assists and three steals in Tarleton's 86-69 win over Weber State on Dec. 6.

She started all 28 of Tarleton's 29 games she played this year, finishing with 20 double-digit scoring performances and 10 multi-steal outings, including a career-high five steals with 17 points and four assists in Tarleton's 67-46 win over Northwestern State on Dec. 14.

Other key WAC postseason

awards included:

Player of the Year: Starr Jacobs, UT Arlington
 Defensive Player of the Year: Lizzy Williamson, Southern Utah
 Sixth Woman of the Year: Tomekia Whitman, Southern Utah
 Freshman of the Year: Jordan Harrison, Stephen F. Austin
 Newcomer of the Year: Tomekia Whitman, Southern Utah
 Coach of the Year: Tracy Sanders, Southern Utah



Tarleton State University's Teresa Da Silva was named All-WAC Second Team and to the WAC's All-Newcomer Team on March 5.



Family fun night at Gatesville Elementary

The Fine Arts and STEM Family Night was recently held at the Gatesville Elementary School. Each grade level had a live performance while singing on stage in the

cafeteria. There were Art and STEM activities set up in the gym for students to participate with their families. A blooming lily experiment, funny

grass heads to plant and take home, and origami book-mark making were a few of the activities for students and their family members to enjoy. Students also created

a pan flute from straws and had the chance to paint on a canvas while learning about the artist, Claude Monet.

There was also a book fair in the library for anyone

who would like to visit, or to purchase books. A concession stand served popcorn and soft drinks. It was a fun evening for Gatesville Elementary students and their

families.

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Retired educators give back to community

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In 2022, more than 69,742 local unit volunteer hours have been contributed by the members of Coryell Retired School Personnel (CRSP). This number was up from the 37,644 hours logged in for 2021. Chairman of the Volunteer Service Committee, Debbie Grmela, explained that "47 of our 85 members participated in this project of serving our community by volunteering at schools, hospitals, nursing homes, churches, public libraries, the Care Center, the Boys' and Girls' Club Resale Shop, museums, theaters, civic events, and various other sites." The state vice pres-

ident, Ella Gautier, stated, "These volunteer hours are equivalent to roughly \$26.96 per hour in the private sector, which means that Coryell County community has been saved roughly \$1,880,244.32 because of the volunteer work of its retired school personnel."

Top local volunteers included Lois Bartels, 4320 hours; Debbie Martin, 4320; Linda O'Brien, 4320; Nancy Ashcraft, 3970; Gary Kafer, 2525; Mary Kafer, 2525; Jan Wynn, 2381; Marsha Lee, 2155; JoAnn Sugg, 1707; Joy Cummings, 1365; Nancy Morgan, 1229; and Judy McClesky, 1005.

"We are proud of our profession, and even though

we are retired, we still enjoy giving back to our community through volunteerism and by being an active part of our community, serving on committees, boards, and councils that make policies and furnish services to local people," said Gail Johnson, President of CRSP.

District 12 president, JoAnn Sugg, added, "The Texas Retired Teachers Association promotes the community volunteer services program implemented by local units (like CRSP) throughout Texas. Statewide totals for 2022 are not yet available, but total hours donated across the state in 2021 came to 4,337,602 hours, valued at around \$116,941,750."



COURTESY PHOTO

Retired educators Nancy Ashcraft (left) and Catherine Taylor volunteer at the Coryell Museum and Historical Center.

TICKLED PINK TO HELP



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Pictured left, Faylie Acree, age 3, and Scarlett Lewis, age 5, are shown helping with a popcorn fundraiser held on the courthouse square for the Tickled Pink Dance Studio. Other fundraisers are planned in the near future to promote the dance studio as they compete in the StarQuest National Dance Competitions to be held in Austin and Baytown as well as the World Finals, which will be in Galveston. Those wishing to contribute or purchase a sponsorship can call 830-279-9851.

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Retired educator Sue Vernon works as a volunteer at the Boys and Girls Club Resale Shop.



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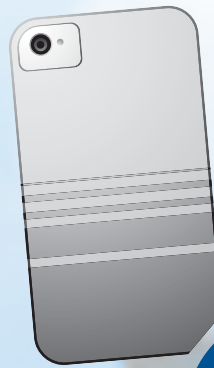
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