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Police investigating fatal shooting

STAFF REPORT

The Gatesville Police Department is investigating a homicide that took place on March 26 in the 1600 block of Waco Street.

Police responded to a call of a reported shooting victim at about 9:36 p.m. They found Martin William Davis, 61, with gunshot wounds, lying on the ground outside the front door of a residence. EMS personnel arrived a short time later and were unable to revive the victim.

Davis had arrived home from H-E-B and was unloading his groceries from his vehicle when the incident took place, according to the police.

Officers spoke to several witnesses in the area while investigators with the Gatesville Police and Texas Rangers arrived to process the scene for evidence. Coryell County Sheriff's deputies and Gatesville Fire Department personnel assisted with the scene as well.

The victim was standing near his open front door when

three people approached him from the street. Within moments, one of the people fired a handgun at the victim, striking him at least once. The three people then fled on foot back toward Waco Street, and possibly across an open field to the south toward Saunders Street.

"We have some good leads, but nothing we can reveal at this time," said Gatesville Police Chief Brad Hunt. He said the crime does not seem to have been a random incident.

Video surveillance from the home is under review, and investigators are releasing still frames in hopes they can assist in identifying the suspects.

The pictures show three people approaching the residence while wearing clothing that covers their faces and arms. A few seconds later, at least one suspect fired the fatal shot and then all three fled to the south from the residence.

Anyone with information about the incident should call the Gatesville Police Department at 254-865-2226.



COURTESY PHOTO Security camera footage shows suspects at the crime scene.

Bluebonnets in Bloom



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A sea of bluebonnets adds color to an area off Highway 84 near Levita Road in Gatesville. In addition to enjoying the beauty of wildflowers, local residents have an opportunity to enter a contest to win prizes - including the chance of \$100 - through the Gatesville Messenger. For more information, see Page B8.

James Fisher tapped for city manager

BY JEFF OSBORNE Senior Writer & Editor



James Fisher

James Fisher has been selected as Gatesville's new city manager and will have more than 30 years of experience in city administration to draw upon as he embarks on the new role.

Fisher rose to the top of the list of more than 30 candidates - and four finalists - during a special meeting of the Gatesville City Council on March 23 in which each of the four finalists was interviewed.

Although he had not yet officially accepted the position, Fisher was in town March 29 to meet with a real estate agent to look at housing options in Gatesville.

Fisher is currently serving as interim city manager of Silverton, Texas, a small Texas Panhandle community of about 630 residents located about 79 miles southeast of Amarillo and about 86 miles northeast of Lubbock.

During a meet and greet session for the city manager finalists on March 23 in the City Council Chamber, Fisher said Gatesville's central location is one of the things that attracted him to the job opportunity, adding that he has children and grandchildren in the Dallas area.

He said he is looking forward to getting to know the community and the city staff, and that he knows that the city has a comprehensive plan

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Coryell County looks toward millions in funding for roadwork

BY JEFF OSBORNE Senior Writer & Editor

The Coryell County Commissioners Court discussed a dilemma in which it will have to walk a fine line - and likely get outside help - in managing contracts for road improvements that must be completed within the next two years in order to qualify for state administered federal funding.

While it's a good problem to have, and the county stands to potentially gain tens of millions in federal grants administered by the Texas General Land Office (GLO) - it will also require close monitoring of all the projects to ensure everything is complete by the expected timeline of April 5, 2025

Hours of the March 28 meeting of the commissioners court were devoted to discussion of the grants and what the GLO has described as "shovel-ready projects."

"We've had a lot of conversations about what is a shovel-ready project," said Lillian Beerman, a project specialist with Natural Resources Solutions (NRS). That consulting firm is working closely with the county and the GLO to determine which projects will qualify for funding - and how much money will be available.

Beerman pointed to a project in Brazoria County (southwest of Houston) as an example, saying it was similar to

work planned in Coryell County. Brazoria County was unable to spend all the allotted money, and sent \$6 million back to the state.

Justin Latham, director of the county road and bridge department, said he was curious why Brazoria County couldn't spend all the money granted to it.

"A lot of coastal counties had money (from federal grants)

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Rural water systems helped secure access to vital resource

BY JEFF OSBORNE
Senior Writer & Editor

Being able to access a reliable and secure water source is vital to any community, and Vance Stephens, of Gatesville, helped lead the way for Coryell County's rural water systems to begin offering service more than 50 years ago.

During a March 22 meeting of the Gatesville Lions Club, Stephens talked about what was involved in helping make sure that rural residents had access to water. Stephens worked for the Farm Home Administration, a federal agency that operated from 1946 to 2006.

"We were on the ground floor of getting the rural water systems up and running," Stephens said. "The USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) provided the financing to get things started. Congressman Bob Poage (of Waco, who served in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1937-1978) was instrumental in getting the rural water systems started. He helped with the law that authorized the USDA to fund them."

Stephens moved to Coryell County in 1965 and recalls that a small water system in Turnersville had pipes made of asbestos cement.

"That was approved for potable water in the 1960s and has since been taken off the market," he said.

In 1966, plastic PVC pipes came on the market and that helped with the affordability.

"You can't live without water," Stephens said. "In my opinion, getting these water systems was one of the best things that happened to rural Texas."

He recalled that in the early days of the systems, the minimum bill was \$6 a month "and people thought that was too much."

"After Turnersville, the second system was put in at Fort Gates," Stephens said. "With the use of PVC pipes it was a pretty good system. Then there was a system for Jonesboro. There had to be at least three people per mile for an

area to be served. My goal when I moved here was putting water lines down every county road in Coryell County."

Stephens said the communities of Flat, Grove and Topsey then got systems, and the State School Water Supply system also provided service until the city of Gatesville took over infrastructure in that area.

"Finally we worked on one for Mountain, and believe me, that was an experience," he said. "You go down about six inches and it's solid rock. The rules required going down 18 inches with good soil. Digging a pipeline in solid rock is expensive."

While some rural residents had water service, others did not and had to rely only on their own wells.

Stephens said he worked hard to help everyone have better access to water service.

"The big story, the thing I was most proud of, was working to help all the people scattered between the rural water systems. They wanted water as much as the communities did."

In order to do that, Stephens led a push to consolidate some of those rural water systems so they could begin to reach unserved areas. Stephens said a community leader in Coryell City worked to help get water to more areas.

"With the mergers we were able to pick up people located between those systems," he said.

But just as things seemed to be going well, federal funding suddenly dried up.

"President Nixon withdrew funding," Stephens said. "We put the paperwork in a file cabinet because there were no funds for rural water. Then about two years later we got a call from the state saying to get the files down and the state would fund it. We worked diligently for two weeks to get that done."

With a new lifeline, services began to expand for rural residents wanting water service. But one man refused to cooperate and sign



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Vance Stephens talks about the beginning of local water systems during a meeting of the Gatesville Lions Club.

the necessary paperwork.

"That was fixing to kill a multi-million-dollar project and would keep about 400 people from getting water," Stephens said. "One Sunday I stopped at his parents' farm and explained the situation. His mother told me her son would be in my office at 8 a.m. Monday morning. The next day, his mother brought him to my office at 8 a.m., so we got it funded."

Even with state funding, the costs of installing those water lines could be a challenge. Stephens recalled that some contractors went bankrupt because of the costs.

One of the last rural communities to join the rural water systems was Mound.

"Mound was a community that I wasn't able to get interested in a rural water system," Stephens

said. "I talked to their county committeeman and he said the people of the community weren't interested."

Because of Mound's sandy soil, it was easy to drill for a well and find water. But Stephens said the purity of that water was a concern that they were not initially aware of. He said the septic systems in the area contaminated the water.

Finally, when a representative of the state health department was able to prove that to the citizens by putting red dye in septic systems that showed up in their drinking water, they became convinced that a rural water system was the safer, healthier option, Stephens said.

While many of the county's residents had service, Stephens said it was a more difficult task to expand service to some western

parts of the county.

"West of the Leon River it's hard to find a source for good drinking water for people living in Pearl, Purmela and King. We were finally able to do that with the Multicounty system."

Stephens said the city of Hamilton wanted to run a line from Lake Proctor to their community. Stephens told them his agency would help get that done under one condition — that they would agree to sell water to serve the Multicounty system.

He said he is proud of his role of helping make sure county residents have access to the water.

"Wells started failing in the 1980s, and that's when Gatesville started getting water from the lake (Lake Belton)," he said. "Water is a precious thing."

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adopted by the Council to help guide its future decisions.

Fisher said he is not only looking forward to working with city leaders, but also reaching out to Coryell County and Gatesville Independent School District representatives.

His first priority, he said, will be to listen to people and gather information to work in partnership for the community's best interests.

"I am excited for this opportunity," he said.

Gatesville Mayor Gary Chumley said most of the details of the contract had been ironed out prior to a meeting with Fisher on March 29, to finalize an agreement.

Strategic Government Resources, which also helped with the selection of Gatesville Police Chief Brad Hunt earlier this year, helped lead the selection process with Mike Halsema, the city's finance and human resources director.

Before working in Silverton, Fisher had served in city management in Brenham, Forney, Murphy, Bee Cave, Muleshoe, Castroville and Port Aransas.

He has a master's degree in public affairs from the University of Texas at Dallas and a bachelor's of business ad-

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JAMES FISHER

ministration-management from West Texas A&M University. He earned designation as a Texas Certified Public Manager from Texas State University.

Fisher posted the following on his Linked In account:

"With 30-plus years dedicated to municipal leadership, including the Texas cities of Bee Cave, Murphy, Forney, and Brenham, Texas I believe that public service is a privilege and that the trust given to me should never be taken for granted. Throughout my career I have built a reputation of collaboration among community leaders for my ability to seek out and ask the hard questions, listen to understand, then make the most effective decisions for the success of the community and the stability of the city moving forward. "My expertise in managing expenses and expectations has

been of immense value during this time of COVID-19, to inspire every leader working with a budget built on certain expectations, but now dissolved into unknowns without any certainties. Hard decisions, affecting the expected outcome of services and how they are delivered, required a calmness to ensure employees I was doing everything conceivable to save their jobs, while also taking care of our community.

"With major strengths in strategic planning and visioning, leading by empowerment, decisive management, team building, and servant leadership I have supported my employees in reaching beyond their potential to achieve results they doubted they ever could. This encompassed professional promotions, college degrees, and strengthening of their work-place and personal relationships.

"A past recipient of the Texas City Management Association (TCMA) Administrator of the Year Award, my career achievement is complemented with a Master of Public Affairs (MPA), a Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA), and graduation as a Certified Public Manager and ICMA Senior Executive. Outside the workplace, I enjoy discovering Texas with my wife, visiting our daughter in Dallas, traveling to see our son who is a U.S. Marine, and serving my church and community."

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but were unable to spend all of it," said Steve Manning, president of NRS. "They were hit with several disasters and got multiple grants. They received \$17 million and were only able to spend \$7 million of it."

Beerman said the GLO has an 80-20 cost share - state or federal grants pay for 80% of the cost when grants are awarded for these roadwork projects, and the county must fund the other 20%. "That can be cash or in-kind contributions," she said.

Coryell County plans to have a significant amount of its cost come from in-kind contributions. Latham said the county has ramped up its production of crushed rock in anticipation of using the material on the numerous projects anticipated.

"We need to look at this the way the GLO is looking at it and where the money can be spent quickly and efficiently," Manning said. That's because the federal government has an expiration date on the grant funds, and it must be spent by the spring of 2025.

Two requirements to be considered in the grant process are serving those who live in low to moderate income areas (LMI) and adhering to the federal government's criteria for "environmental justice." The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency defines environmental justice as "the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or

income, with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies."

The county had already submitted a list of projects to the GLO before the extra LMI and environmental justice (EJ) requirements were added, and then modified the list of projects submitted.

"Basically we were confined to the grant (requirements)," Latham said. "We had to pick projects in those two areas."

Manning said the county was able to add projects that include bus routes to local school districts, which also meet the LMI and environmental justice criteria.

"We'll be doing 30% of the work ourselves," Latham said. "That's our in-kind. We'll be hitting it pretty hard and heavy over the next 18 months."

Manning said 53 miles of roadwork will be within the LMI and EJ areas, with another 85 miles located within the footprint of local school districts. We need another three or four projects that fit within the school district footprint," he said.

County Judge Roger Miller said he is excited about the projects that will be done through the grant funding. "I'm encouraged," he said.

County Attorney Brandon Belt said some of the projects will take place "in what I consider high density (traffic and development) areas" and added that may impact driveway culverts.

"I'd estimate we'll touch 90% of them

(driveway culverts in project areas)," Latham said. "We will need to look at those and bring them up to grade."

About 117 miles of county roads have been designated as failed or failing roads based on road quality standards, Manning said. He said because of the savings and the shared costs, the county will be able to do work in some other areas which do not meet LMI or EJ criteria.

"There's going to be some additional funds, and if vendors know you'll be doing 40 miles of road instead of 20, that helps you," Manning said. "Let's talk about money a little bit. If 16 miles of work are done the county will receive \$320,000 per mile for roads built by the county."

Latham said having materials such as crushed rock on hand will be a huge benefit to the county.

"I've been talking to contractors, and road base is borderline in a shortage," he said. "Having it on hand will help us meet the 18-month time line."

Manning estimated that the GLO plans to announce its grants within 90 days of applications being submitted, and said the county should be ready to submit those applications by June 5 or earlier.

"The feds will want any unspent money back by April 5, 2025," he said. "That's a hard and fast date - there's no wiggle room." Latham said a lot needs to be done in a short time.

"We'll need to get quotes on all these proj-

ects from three different vendors - that's a lot of stuff to do in four weeks," he said. "We have 55 miles mapped out but we're trying to get outside that and figure out another 40, 50 or 80."

Manning said the county can expect a significant amount of funding to be available. As of late March, three Texas counties were in the running for more than \$120 million in grant funding - including Coryell County.

"We originally submitted \$14-\$15 million in projects and the GLO told us, 'That's not enough, what else have you got.' I came back and said we may submit \$40-\$50 million, and the GLO said, 'We'd like to help you with that.' It's a race and we're in front, and we want to stay in front."

Manning said one concern is a cash flow issue, because funds will be received after work is done.

"At the heart of it is how we do short-term finance of millions of dollars in projects that we've never dealt with," Judge Miller said. "We have two options - a tax note and local 12-month financing."

Members of the commissioners court, including Commissioner Kyle Matthews, said they prefer local financing.

"I've already made some inquiries," Miller said, "so having a line of credit (via local banks) has been discussed. We could have a line of credit established within 30 days. We talked generally in the \$25 million range."



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Folks around town



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Susie Meelbusch

Say hello to our neighbor, Susie Meelbusch!

Susie is the director of public relations at Hillside Medical Lodge and Rehabilitation Center. She has lived in Gatesville most of her life and has worked at Hillside Medical Lodge for the past 11 years. She is thankful for the relationships she has made with her residents and community. She loves that the locals of Gatesville come together when someone is in need. When reading her Gatesville Messenger, she enjoys seeing the accomplishments of her hometown. If you happen to see Susie around town, say hello! She is one of us!

FROM MY FRONT PORCH

From one fan's perspective: Just play the game, let the referees officiate



BY SAM HOUSTON

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

This past week, I watched a little bit of the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament. One of the most popular sporting events in America, tens of millions of people tune in for the games because of the excitement, the upsets and the competition. It is one of the biggest wagering events of the year, and emotions run high among the viewers and the teams.

Me watching the tournament sort of brought me back to my roots. As a young man, I was a huge college basketball fan. Back then, few games were televised except once a week, NBC broadcast a national game with Dick Enberg and, I think, Billy Packer. We did get the Big 8 games (now Big 12), not aired live but rather the day following the game being played. Eventually, the Big 8 got it together and managed to get sponsorship so the games could be telecast live. I was a die-hard fan of anything college basketball, and lots of my Saturday and Sunday afternoons were spent with my black-and-white TV watching college basketball.

Years later when I moved to the Dallas area, I got attached to the Mavericks. I loved Dirk Nowitzki and the style with which he played. The future Hall of Famer also impressed me with the way he handled himself on and off the court. Dirk was clearly dedicated to the team and winning, and those characteristics made him very appealing to the fan base. I became a diehard fan and had

season tickets until I moved from proximity to the arena.

I still watch the Mavs, though I have lost a lot of my "fandom." Dirk has retired. The team currently has a great player named Luka Doncic who can score, rebound, pass, and has a feel for the game that few players have ever matched. His statistics are remarkable and historic, but I seem to like the game less and less every time I watch. I wondered why I had lost my zest for Mavs basketball, and when I tuned in the NCAA Tournament, I figured it out.

In the old days when I played, the game was very structured and disciplined. As a player, when you committed a foul, you had to raise your hand so the scoring clerk could identify who the foul had been called on. If a player threw his hand down in a display of disgust with the referee's call, shook his head dramatically, or heaven forbid spoke out to the ref, it would draw a technical for poor sportsmanship.

My coach drilled in me that when a foul was called

against you, keep a poker face and raise your arm respectfully and look straight at the referee. He advised that in such situations, the call had been made and would not be reversed, so there was no reason to argue with the referee or give him a word or look which could affect the next call. Was I ever the victim of bad calls? Once in college, I got three personal fouls in three minutes, and I didn't think that was possible unless you intentionally tried to foul! Yet, I still raised my hand and kept my mouth shut.

Watching the college game this week was like night and day from watching the pros. In the NBA, it seems like almost every player, on just about every call, must put on a big display and go and lobby with the referee as to why the ref made a mistake. Sometimes calls are so obvious that a blind man would know the call was correct, but still, players and coaches go to the ref begging to plead their case.

Why has the NBA let this get so out of control? I go to games to watch basketball, not to watch a debate between players and the referees! It makes the game slower, and frankly, I believe it is a little symbolic of our nation as a whole. People seem to want to complain and protest every time authority asserts itself. There seems to be a real breakdown in taking personal responsibility for their actions when authority exerts itself, no matter how warranted

that authority might be.

Authority is in place to keep the game orderly and insure fair adherence to the rules. It is the same reason the legal system is in place, the police, and our other units of governmental authority. Makes me wonder about the kids who watch the NBA regularly. Do they think they can debate with their parents and teachers like the NBA players do with the referees?

In this instance, NBA players are not very good examples, and one of the worst must be Luka Doncic of the Mavs. He has one of the highest totals of technical calls levied against him, even to the point of being forced to sit out a game as a suspension. I think Luka would find something to complain about if the game was called to absolute perfection. His behavior is a distraction and limits the fans' enjoyment of the game.

Thank goodness I got to watch a little college basketball this week, where the entertainment was in watching basketball skills instead of debating skills. Now if we could just get the coaches to sit down and coach instead of playing to the crowd and lobbying with the referee!

Thought for the day: A referee is a majority of one, and the sooner players and fans realize the completeness of his authority, the cleaner the game will be.

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

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One Gatesville house rehabbed, work at another continues

BY JEFF OSBORNE
Senior Writer & Editor

Required work on one Gatesville house previously ruled as being substandard has been completed and continues on another property as three other houses are added to the list.

The Gatesville City Council received an update on the houses during the March 28 Council meeting.

"The house at 308 Fennimore passed an electrical inspection and all work required by the city is complete," said acting City Manager Bill Parry.

The Council also learned that despite some delays, work is underway to bring the house at 2006 Bridge St. into compliance. The Council had originally issued a demolition order for the structure on Jan. 25, 2022.

Parry said a plumber from Temple has admitted that "he was the holdup — he couldn't find a part that was needed."

Smart Electric of Copperas Cove has been doing electrical work, but "neither the plumber nor the electrician has requested inspection," Parry said.

The house at 2006 Bridge St. is owned by Josiah Wilson of Buda, Texas, who appeared before the Council on March 28 to give an update.

"I'm committed to getting the project done," Wilson said. "We are progressing. In my opinion it doesn't look as substandard as it once used to. We are committed to it and we are moving forward. We'll get it done."

Mayor Gary Chumley noted that many of the deadlines given for work on the house to be finished are ones that Wilson himself gave to the Council, adding "in some cases we gave him even more time."

Wilson said he has been calling other plumbers to get bids, saying that the plumber he had been working with "is holding us up. At the end of the day it's still my property so we're going to own (responsibility). Within the next two weeks we'll get someone there."

The Council had previously voted to fine Wilson for not meeting deadlines to get work done, but Chumley recommended that based on Wilson's efforts, no additional fines be levied.

"You are getting it done, just not in the timely manner we had hoped," he told Wilson.

Mayor Pro Tem Meredith Rainer told Wilson she recommends "you look at local plumbers. We do have some good plumbers and they are willing to get it done."

The Council agreed not to fine Wilson any more, and will review progress at their April 11 meeting.

Three additional properties were listed in the Council's information packets as substandard structures for the city's Building Standards Commission to consider — houses at 1705 Saunders St., 506-1/2 S. Sixth St. and 506 N. Lutterloh St. No action was taken on those properties during the March 28 meeting.

First Texas case of highly pathogenic avian flu seen

The National Veterinary Services Laboratories (NVSL) confirmed the presence of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in a striped skunk recovered from Carson County, in the state's Panhandle. This is the first confirmed case of HPAI in mammals from Texas.

HPAI is a highly contagious virus that transmits

among wild and domestic birds. It can spread between animals and through environmental contamination. The transmission risk from birds to people remains low, but the public should take basic protective measures (wearing gloves, face masks and handwashing) if contact with wild animals cannot be avoided.

Fort Hood set to become Fort Cavazos May 9

Fort Hood will officially be redesignated Fort Cavazos May 9 in honor of a Texas-born hero of the Korean and Vietnam wars, Gen. Richard Edward Cavazos. The ceremony will be held at the III Armored Corps Headquarters here.

The post is one of nine U.S. Army installations being redesignated based on the Naming Commission's recommendations to remove the names, symbols, displays, monuments and paraphernalia that honor or commemorate the Confederate States of America.

"We are proud to be renaming Fort Hood as Fort Cavazos in recognition of an outstanding American hero, a veteran of the Korea and Vietnam wars and the first Hispanic to reach the rank of four-star general in our Army. General Cavazos' combat proven leadership, his moral character and his loyalty to his Soldiers and their families made him the fearless yet respected and influential leader that he was during the time he served, and beyond," said Lt. Gen. Sean Bernabe, III Armored Corps Commanding General. "We are ready and excited to be part of such a momentous part of history, while we honor a leader who we all admire."

The ceremony will be open to invited guests and news media. It is not open to the general public due to space constraints, although there will be video



General Richard E. Cavazos

from the ceremony livestreamed on our social media sites. The 1st Cavalry Division Band will provide ceremonial music during the event.

Cavazos was born on Jan. 31, 1929, in Kingsville, Texas, to Mexican American parents, Lauro and Thomasa Quintanilla Cavazos. His father was a World War I veteran who later became a ranch foreman of the King Ranch's Santa Gertrudis division.

In 1951, Cavazos was commissioned into the Army and completed basic officer training at Fort Benning, Georgia. He began his military career deployed to Korea where he was the platoon leader of E Company, 2nd Battalion, 65th Infantry Regiment. The unit was

known as the Borinqueneers and was primarily made up of Soldiers from Puerto Rico, many of whom only spoke Spanish. As a result of his service and actions in Korea, Cavazos was awarded the Silver Star and a Distinguished Service Cross.

In 1953, Cavazos rotated back to the United States and was assigned to Fort Hood. Reaching the rank of lieutenant colonel, Cavazos deployed to Vietnam in 1967 where he commanded the 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment. It was as a result of his service and leadership during his time in Vietnam that he was awarded his second Distinguished Service Cross.

In 1976, Cavazos became the first Hispanic to reach the rank of brigadier general in the U.S. Army. In 1980, now a lieutenant general, Cavazos served as the III Corps Commanding General.

In 1982, Cavazos was promoted to become the first Hispanic four-star general and succeeded Gen. Robert Shoemaker as commanding general of U.S. Army Forces Command.

Cavazos retired from the Army in 1984 after 33 years of service.

During his 33 years of retirement, Cavazos lived in San Antonio, Texas, and was credited with mentoring many Army commanders. He died Oct. 29, 2017, and is buried at San Antonio's Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

Wood Cemetery workday scheduled for April 15

Staff Reports

A work day is scheduled for Saturday, April 15 from 9 a.m. to noon at Wood Cemetery. A meeting will commence following lunch at noon.

Be sure to bring gloves, hoes, shovels, lawnmowers, weed eaters, chain saws, and wheel barrows to help with the cleanup.

If you are unable to do any work, stopping by with water would be enough. If you are not able to attend, consider donating to help upkeep the cemetery. Mail all donations to

Wood Cemetery Association, attention Melinda Burke, 430 Old Georgetown Rd., Gatesville, TX 76528.

For more information contact Melinda Burke, secretary and treasurer, at 254-865-2085 or 254-223-3546.

Wood Cemetery, believed to have been named for noted pioneer educator D.R. Wood, was established with the 1858 burial of Sarah E. Shipman, wife of prominent local rancher John K. Shipman. More than 20 additional burials were recorded before John Shipman deeded 11.5 acres for a cemetery, church, and school in 1877.

Turnersville Community Center meeting set April 3

Staff Reports

The Turnersville Community Center will have its quarterly meeting on Monday, April 3 at 6 p.m. at the Community Center. The meeting is scheduled to take place at the community center and will be open to the public to attend.

The community center is a family-friendly gathering place for recreation, education, and the arts.

For more information contact Dorothy Wagoner at 254-679-9259. The Turnersville Community Center is located at 8115 FM 182 in Turnersville.

To place your ad in The Messenger, call 254-865-5212

Coryell Health introduces new electronic health record system

Submitted by Coryell Health

Coryell Health has begun its rollout of the OracleCerner electronic health record (EHR) to drive efficiencies across the healthcare system. Integrating a new EHR will streamline access for healthcare providers and provide the community with a better patient care experience.

"This new technology will help solve ongoing challenges in healthcare by utilizing more reliable, intuitive, and useful tools to reduce complexity and help improve the

caregiver and patient experience. This state-of-the-art technology will allow us to continue to offer the community a higher quality of care," CEO David Byrom said.

"After more than nine months of planning and training, Coryell Health will launch the first phase of the OracleCerner EHR implementation in the hospital, clinics, and outpatient departments on March 28. The second phase of implementation will include our senior living programs on June 27," said Meca Starkey, Coryell Health Information Administrator

and Cerner Implementation Project Manager. "Instead of two separate systems, we will have one integrated EHR platform, providing seamless care of patients and residents within one clinical and financial record. The OracleCerner EHR will improve efficiencies with clinical documentation, medical information, registration, scheduling, and billing.

Here's a breakdown of just a few of the highlights:

* It will improve patient safety by having an integrated system - all patient information in one place.

* Medication reconciliation will be achieved in one system as patients move through service areas.

* Surveillance tools are in place for high-risk protocols, such as sepsis.

* One source for clinical and hospital financial data

My Coryell Patient Portal - a new patient-friendly portal - will be available soon. My Coryell portal will allow patients to securely message providers, request appointments, view and settle financial balances, and access their health history.

"Once the implementation

of Oracle Cerner EHR is complete, all of our service lines, including our senior living, will utilize the integrated system," said Heather Rambeau, Chief Nursing Officer for Coryell Health. "This upgrade will allow for an enhanced continuity of care while improving the patient experience through simpler coordination of treatment, more easily accessible medical records, and a streamlined patient billing process."

Once the new electronic health record system goes live, clinic and hospital staff will provide registration in-

formation to patients for the new My Coryell Patient Portal so they can access pertinent health information. If medical records are needed during this transition, don't hesitate to get in touch with Coryell Health Information Management at (254) 248-6274.

"Please be patient as we transition to our new OracleCerner EHR," Starkey added. "Our goal is to always provide exceptional customer service, and we believe the patient experience at Coryell will improve with the new EHR."

LETTER

Proud of our local teachers

Glory be! What a great article about the wonderful educators - our women of Gatesville ISD, Texas. I hope our Moms and Dads and citizens here know how fortunate we are to have these dedicated women in our schools to help our kids succeed in life.

I am a retired teacher and I know these ladies, even though I did not get to teach with each one. I do keep up with our schools, as I have family who are teachers, and teacher cousins, also.

So now I will brag on one teacher I know quite well because I had the pleasure of being her teacher, plus I taught with her mom, and her uncle, Dennis Taylor, who was my principal at the time. She won't brag on herself,

but I sure can! Mrs. Keegan Webb won the UIL contest in poetry against all the schools we participated with at that time. She received a standing ovation at the conclusion of her poem "Ear Rings." I will never forget how great she was. I knew she would go far in whatever she chose to do. She just had the personality of success. Keegan, I am so proud of you - and here you are - a principal! Great! Thank you for being here in our school.

So, girls, let this be a stepping stone for you. Get your education, and maybe you will choose to be a teacher also. We always need teachers and we have come a long way to have a rewarding career. Our salary isn't what it needs to be, but that aspect has come a long way too. The first year I taught, in 1966, I

made \$255 a month, but I loved teaching and I stuck it out - and I really enjoyed it - seeing improvement daily with my students. Kids are fun and they want to learn, and I must admit I learned a lot also - each child is different, but each have something to give.

Now boys - how about you consider being men teachers? We need you badly - what a reward you can make in a boy's life.

In closing, congratulations to you women principals and teachers. I am so proud of you. I still miss teaching, but after 32 years I had to leave for various reasons. Time to let the younger ladies take over! Thank you, Gatesville community.

Sandra Tatum
Flat, Texas

It's time to do something

Another school shooting. Fact: over 300 children ages 3-12 have been killed by guns since January of THIS YEAR.

FACT: We are the ONLY country in the world that has this problem.

We know that many mass shooters do in fact have mental and/or emotional issues, and are angry, wounded, resentful, revengeful, isolated, etc. This has been used tirelessly as the reason for our national problem of mass murders. And yes, we definitely need to focus on this very real problem and provide more resources for

those in need of them.

But for heaven's sake, why do we need AR style military rifles, designed to obliterate as many bodies as possible in the shortest time possible, for sale and owned by ordinary citizens? We are very slow in catching on that this is the difference in our country and others who do not experience these mass murders. In schools, in grocery stores, in movie theaters, at concerts, in churches ... there is no place that is safe anymore. Actually, most of us, about 80% according to polls, do get this, but unfortunately there is such huge pressure exerted on our legislators, most notably from the NRA, to continue to allow these killing machines in our

society, and to resist common sense gun laws, which, again, polls say even the vast majority of gun owners support.

I call upon everyone who is heartsick and tired of these weekly, daily, even, murders to exert your own pressure upon our legislators to, once and for all, stand up for the children, and all other victims of gun violence. We should not think that this could not happen in our town, and to our own children and grandchildren.

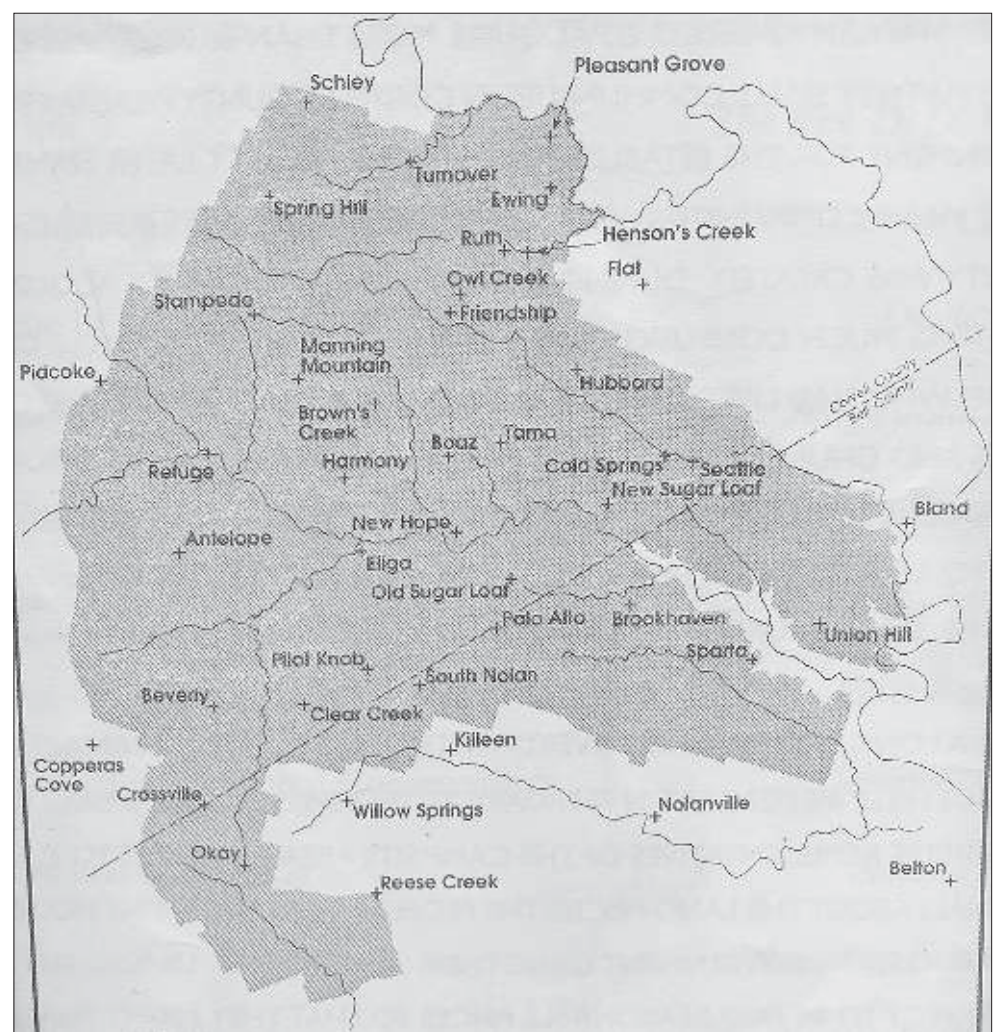
It's time to DO SOMETHING!

Rosemary Whittle
Gatesville

SPOTLIGHT

CORYELL COUNTY HISTORICAL MARKER "SPOTLIGHT"

Fort Hood Communities



COURTESY PHOTO

Map of Camp Hood, later known as Fort Hood.

MARKER TEXT:

On January 15, 1942, the U.S. Army established a tank destroyer tactical and firing center near Killeen covering more than 100 square miles. Camp Hood (later Fort Hood) would be used to train fifty battalions of about 1,000 men each for World War II combat. Because of the size of the facility, the Army needed to acquire more than 88,000 acres of land. About twenty small communities in Coryell County were taken by the government for the establishment of the facility, later named Fort Hood. Many communities were established in the early 1850s before the county was created. During the time of the proper-

ty acquisitions there was much confusion among the citizens of Coryell County. Families who had lived on the same land for generations watched as homes and churches were lost and beloved dead were reburied in other cemeteries. Financial difficulties arose because of the chaos that followed. The changes happened in a matter of days and weeks because of the urgent need for military training and response.

It was a long and hard recovery for those uprooted. In an article in the Gatesville Messenger on February 27, 1942, the author speaks about committee representatives of the camp site area appealing to elected officials about the land prices. The

people affected by Fort Hood did not oppose the government using their land for its purpose, but they did expect to be paid reasonable prices so that they might purchase similar homes in other places. Because of the common hardships, community members banded together and became a closer group. Today, even though they are more scattered geographically, these families and their descendants maintain connections through communication, reunions, and the traditions of generations past.

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Benefit set April 1 for McClure

Staff Reports

A medical benefit to help Johnny McClure, Sr. and his family with medical expenses will be held on Saturday, April 1, at the Oglesby Community Center.

Earlier this year, McClure was hospitalized and underwent surgery to remove one of his toes due to diabetes. Shortly after the surgery, he ended up with two different bacterial infections in his bloodstream. He was then

put on continuous antibiotics to fight the infections but had severe reactions to the medications. That resulted in a lack of function in his kidneys, and he had to have dialysis three times a week until his kidneys started to function better.

The fundraiser will be an all-day bake sale and a \$10 barbecue meal will be sold from 10 a.m. until gone.

Several items will be raffled including a Taurus 9mm pistol, two sets of family

day passes for four people to North Texas Jellystone's Pirates Cove in Burleson, gift cards to Edible Arrangements in Waco, and various other items. It will cost \$6 for one ticket and \$10 for two tickets.

A community dance will begin at 7 p.m. with music by Sharpshooter. It will cost \$10 to enter.

The Oglesby Community Center is located at 118 Main Street in Oglesby.

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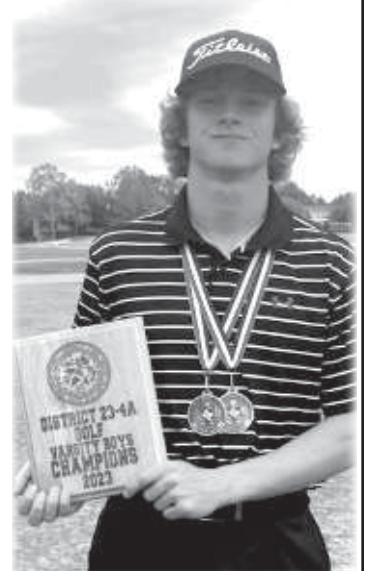
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EASTER

Worship & Celebrations

Cross Walk set for Good Friday

On Friday, April 7, a Cross Walk is scheduled to take place beginning in the First Methodist Church parking lot at 8:30 a.m. The walk will continue for three miles to the crosses at Coryell Com-

munity Church, where there will be a worship rally.

The public is invited to unite and lay denominations and religion aside to honor the Lord by carrying the cross and praying through

Gatesville. Those wishing to participate are reminded to bring lawn chairs and water.

For more information about the Cross Walk, contact Carlos Webb at 254-223-2444.

Hay Valley Baptist Easter schedule

Staff Reports

Hay Valley Baptist Church will hold its Easter Sunday egg hunt between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. Church members and visitors will be able

to watch the children hunt Easter eggs. There will be no adult Sunday school.

An outdoor church service will begin at 11 a.m. Chairs will be provided, but those

attending are welcome to bring lawn chairs.

Hay Valley Baptist Church is located at 3110 Hay Valley Road in Gatesville.

First Methodist Easter events

Staff Reports

The First Methodist Church of Gatesville is planning events leading up to Easter.

The choir, originally scheduled to present the musical cantata "Ransomed & Re-

deemed" on Sunday, April 2, announced that the cantata will have to be rescheduled at a later date.

Maundy Thursday will be celebrated at the church on April 6 at 6:30 p.m. Good Friday will be celebrated on

April 7 at 6:30 p.m.

The church will also host a community-wide Easter egg hunt from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 8.

Mountain Baptist Easter schedule

Staff Reports

Mountain Baptist Church will hold its Easter Sunday "SON RISE" service at 7:30 a.m., followed by a fellowship breakfast at 8 a.m. Afterwards, a bible study will take place at 10 a.m., and at 11 a.m. there will be a Resurrection Celebration. There

will be no evening service.

Easter Sunday, April 9, celebrates the day that Jesus rose from the tomb. In the year 325 the Council of Nicaea decreed that Easter should be observed on the first Sunday following the first full moon after the spring equinox.

Revival Services will be held from Sunday, April 30, through Wednesday, May 3. The services will be every Sunday at 11 a.m. and each evening at 6:30 p.m.

Mountain Baptist Church can be reached by calling 254-865-7528. It is located at 6319 US-84 in Gatesville.

Live Oak Baptist Church to host Palm Sunday picnic and Easter egg hunt

Staff Reports

Live Oak Baptist Church is scheduled to host a family picnic and kite day on Sunday, April 2. This will begin immediately after Sunday morning worship, starting at approximately noon. Those

planning to attend are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch and a kite, if possible.

Palm Sunday took place one week before the resurrection of Christ. It marks the triumphant arrival of Jesus entering Jerusalem and being greeted by the people

waving palm branches.

The following Sunday, April 9, Live Oak Baptist Church will have an Easter egg hunt for children starting at 9:45 a.m.

Live Oak Baptist Church is located at 113 FM 107 in Gatesville.

Trinity Baptist to hold Easter services

Staff Reports

Trinity Baptist Church announced its Easter Sunday schedule for Sunday, April 9. Doors will open at 9:30 a.m., and at 10 a.m. an easter egg hunt will begin for the children. Refreshments will be provided. The Easter Sunday

service will commence at 10:50 a.m.

After-Easter celebrations will be held on the following dates: Sunday, April 9 at 6:30 p.m., Monday, April 10 at 6:30 p.m., and Tuesday, April 11 at 6:30 p.m.

For more information visit tbcgatesville.com online.

Trinity Baptist Church is located at 1506 W. Main St. in Gatesville.

Gatesville Mad Matters to present plarn party on April 6

Staff Reports

Gatesville Mad Matters will hold an evening "plarn party" on Thursday, April 6. The party will take place at the Gatesville Public Library from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Activities will include

sorting, folding, cutting, and joining strips together to crochet plastic sleeping mats.

Gatesville Mad Matters is a group in Central Texas that makes crochet sleeping mats for the homeless population in the area. The mats are made using

plastic grocery bags. No crochet skills are needed. Gatesville Mad Matters meets weekly at the Gatesville library.

The Gatesville Public Library is located at 111 N. 8 St. in Gatesville.

Prospects baseball team to host bake sale April 7

Staff Reports

The Gatesville Prospects 8-Under baseball team will hold a bake sale on Friday, April 7 at Vintage Royalty

Boutique. The bake sale will begin at 10 a.m. and will continue until everything is sold.

The fundraiser will include the sale of cakes,

cookies, and many other sweet treats to choose from.

Vintage Royalty Boutique is located at 2401 S. TX-36 Ste. 100 in Gatesville.

Exchange Club of Gatesville to host Golden Deeds Awards

Submitted Article

The Exchange Club of Gatesville is requesting nominations for its Golden Deeds Banquet to be held on Monday, April 24. The Exchange Club honors community volunteers, and various awards and nominations are needed for:

1. Care Award: For an individual who has contributed to the care and enrichment of services to children in the community.
2. Senior Citizen: A senior citizen who has

performed outstanding service to the community.

3. Health Professional: a healthcare professional from any field who has performed their job with exceptional dedication and compassion.

4. Proudly WE Hail: A person who has consistently and regularly flown the American flag properly at their home or business during the last year(s).

5. Book of Golden Deeds: This most prestigious award recognizes dedicated volunteers who, over several years, have

given endless hours of their time and talents to make our community a better place to live.

Other awards will also be presented to include: Educator of the Year, Youths of the Year ACE Scholarship winners, Fire-fighter of the Year, and Peace Officer of the Year.

Nominations are due on March 29. Forms are available at The Gatesville Messenger, from Exchange Club members, or by email: josugg@embarq-mail.com.



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LETTER

CHRISTINE PATTERSON

Dec. 6, 1944 - Mar. 27, 2023



Christine Patterson, age 78, of Gatesville, passed away on Monday, March 27, 2023, in Gatesville.

Memorial services will be scheduled by the family at a later date.

Christine Ellen Patterson was born on December 6, 1944, to the late John and Minnie Bullard Snoddy in Levita. She grew up in Levita and attended school in both Levita and Jonesboro. After finishing school, Christine went to work for Walls Manufacturing and remained there until its closure. She was then hired as a Correctional Officer at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and retired after 10 years. She was also a regular volunteer at the Coryell Museum and Historical Center for several years after her retirement.

Christine was a member of Harmony Baptist Church. She enjoyed gardening, flowers, painting, watching RFDTV, and spending quality time with her family, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death

by her husband, Ralph Patterson; son, David Paul Patterson; brothers, Rodger Snoddy, and John Snoddy Jr.; and a grandson, Bucky Nichols.

Christine is survived by her daughters, Lonna Gossett and husband, Gary Ruff; Donna Watts and husband, Wayne; sister, Mary Meeks; brothers, Sam Snoddy and Roy Snoddy; grandchildren, Cole Patterson and wife, Nikki; Harley Patterson and wife, April; Justin Cooper and wife, Krystina; Lance Nichols; Preston Watts; Evan Watts; Cassie Vasquez and husband, Jason; Gary Ruff Jr.; Ginny Rhynes; Courtnee Godfrey; and numerous great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to Meals on Wheels, c/o Gatesville Senior Center, 208 N. Lutterloh, Gatesville, TX 76528.

LINDA WALTER

Mar. 7, 1949 - Mar. 27, 2023



Linda Walter, age 74, of Oglesby, passed away on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, at her home.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, March 27, at First Baptist Church in Oglesby, with Rev. Jerry Walters and Rev. Jeremy Sanders officiating. Interment followed at Comanche Springs Cemetery in McGregor.

Linda Kay Riddle Walter was born on March 7, 1949, in Gatesville, to the late Edwin and Frances King Riddle. She grew up in Coryell County and graduated from Oglesby High

School in 1966. The summer after her graduation she married the love of her life, Charles Walter, at First Baptist Church of Oglesby, by Rev. Jerry Walters, where she was a lifetime member. Soon after, they settled down and began building a family of their own. Together they raised three children, Michael, Lisa, and Laura. Linda enjoyed being able to stay home while her children were young. Throughout her life, she had many jobs of service, including Cox's Department Store, Goldstein Miguel, Texas Highway Department, Hillcrest Baptist Hospital, Gatesville Clinic, McGregor I.S.D., Oglesby I.S.D. and the Housing Authorities of both Oglesby and Moody. She loved children and each Sunday taught a children's class at her church and was often involved with Vacation Bible School and Wednesday night activities. She took great pride in caring for others and placing everyone before herself. Linda enjoyed spending time with her family and attending their sporting events. Her grandchildren were her pride and joy, and she ensured that each one of them felt special and loved. She

and Charles enjoyed traveling to Hawaii periodically. They also enjoyed many trips with their children and grandchildren, including Navarre Beach, Florida, the Oregon coast, Colorado, Mt. Rushmore, Boston, New York City, and many places in Texas.

She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Charles Walter, of Oglesby; children, Mike Walter and wife, Julie, of Oglesby; Lisa San Miguel and husband, Shawn, of Northlake; Laura Preciado and husband, Andrew, of Gatesville; brother, Thomas Riddle, of Oglesby; grandchildren, Hunter Walter, Jordan Collins and husband, Logan; Megan San Miguel and friend, Ryan Zimmer; Logan San Miguel; Preston Preciado and friend, Darcy Carothers; Kennedy Preciado; and a great-grandson, Beckham Collins.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to First Baptist Church of Oglesby, c/o of Shane Caraway, 410 FM 1996, Oglesby, TX 76561 or Comanche Springs Cemetery, c/o Tommie Sulgrove, 300 David Davis Dr., McGregor, TX 76657.

MOUND NEWS

Kids from Mound enter Spring Fest pageant



BY BARBARA HOPSON

Mound News Correspondent

Mrs. Patricia Cliver Pruett is asking for our community to keep her in your prayers. Pat had open heart surgery on Wednesday, March 29. Then Pat will have to go in to have her aortic valve replaced.

Miss Olivia Lois Long, daughter of Zach and Amanda Long, of Mound, entered the Miss Spring Fest Pageant at the Texas Station Event

Center in Gatesville on Saturday. Olivia was a competitor in the category for those between 3 and 5 years old. Destini Leyva was crowned

"Tiny Miss."

Miss Lillie Mann participated in the Spring Fest Pageant at Texas Station and won "Junior Miss."

Matti and Lillie Mann participated in the Austin Livestock Judging contest last Friday.

Mrs. Bettie Blakley of Pearl spent the day Tuesday and Wednesday with Robert, Carolyn, and Emma Blakley.

Emma Blakley of College Station was home last week for her spring break.

Kathi Taylor had Sunday lunch with her mother, Mrs. Sue Magee in Gatesville.

PEARL NEWS

No fooling! Come out to Pearl today for lots of fun.



BY BETSY CLARK

Pearl News Correspondent

The next Pearl Bluegrass event and The Pearl Cottage Bookstore Day will be April 1. No fooling! While you're in the bookstore, you can purchase any of the following books:

The Gazaway Cabin - \$5.
The Little Girl from Pearl (Doris Queener) - \$5.
The Boys from Pearl - \$10.
The 1955 Pearl Annual - \$10.
The Pearl Cemetery - \$10.
100 Years Ago in Pearl

\$10 (the story of the Oney Store in downtown Pearl Day Book 1895).

The Houses of Pearl - \$15.
The Pleasure and Profit Club - \$15.

The Early Pioneers of Pearl by Bobby Manning - \$15.

The Picture of Pearl - \$10 (copies of pictures located in the Community Center).

Mark your calendars for April 21 and 22 for the Pearl Community Center Flea Market. Also, the Pearl Cottage Bookstore and Resale Shop will have a big indoor/outdoor sale! Items we will have are a quilt rack with quilt tops, quilts, two dining room tables, coffee tables, end tables, a motorized cart, a washer and dryer, a dresser with lots of boxes of Amish Christian books, and a lot of exceptional glassware and jewelry. Of course, the usual bookstore items and over 6,000 books will be available at those times as well. For more information, please contact Linda Ray at 254-865-9282 or Kay Pruett at 254-865-5864.

In other news, Ron Ray has reported several missing cows - oh, and a wife. Mr. Ray stated that you will be able to identify his wife easily by the itsy-bitsy, teeny-weeny, turquoise-greeny, stringy bikini she is probably wearing, as the outrageous outfit seemed to go missing from the book cottage at the same time as the cows and the wife. He further added that you can contact him ... if you find the cows!

This week's Bible verse comes from I Corinthians 1:3b, 4, ... that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day, according to the Scriptures. (NIV)

Be sure and like the Pearl Community Center, Texas, Facebook page and the Pearl Cottage Bookstore and Resale Shop Facebook page! Please send any Pearl news to betsyclark47@yahoo.com.

Bell County Master Gardeners release April events schedule

The Bell County Master Gardeners Association has released their events schedule for the month of April.

April 20

The Bell County Master

Gardeners Association will host "Drip Irrigation" presented by Certified Master Gardener Dave Slaughter, Thursday, April 20, at 6 p.m. at the BCMGA Learning Cen-

ter, 1605 N. Main St., in Belton. The seminar is free but limited to the first 50 people to sign up. Donations will be accepted to support continuing education opportunities

in Bell County.

Register at bcmgaspeakers@gmail.com

April 22

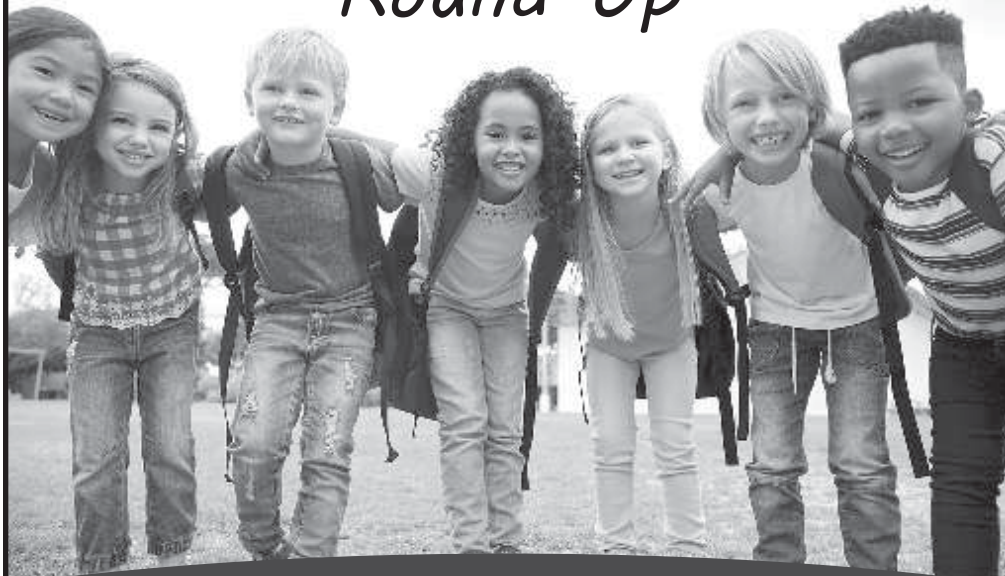
The Bell County Master Gardeners Association will conduct a hands-on workshop "Herb Compound Butter and Cream Cheese Spreads" presented by Certified Master Gardeners Jeanne Richard and Charlotte Nunnery on Saturday, April 22, 10 a.m. to noon in the Texas Agrilife Extension Office, 1605 N. Main St., Belton. Class Limit 20. The fee for the workshop is \$16. Register at bcmgaspeakers@gmail.com online no later

than April 15 or until the class is full.

April 27

The Bell County Master Gardeners Association will host "Groundwater in Texas" presented by Dirk Aaron, General Manager, Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District, at 6 p.m. on April 27 at the BCMGA Learning Center, 1605 N. Main St., in Belton. The seminar is free but limited to the first 50 people to sign up. Donations will be accepted to support continuing education opportunities in Bell County. Register at bcmgaspeakers@gmail.com online.

Pre-K & Kindergarten Round Up



April 11 - Pre-K
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CENTEX CRIME STOPPERS - CRIME OF THE WEEK

Robbery committed at Walmart in Gatesville on March 27

Centex Crime Stoppers can use your help in solving a case of robbery. On March 27, 2023, at approximately 2:30 p.m., unknown people committed an act of robbery at Walmart (2805 S. SH-36) in Gatesville. Suspects are described as two African-American females and one African-American male. The suspects were in the process of committing an act of theft when approached by security. The male suspect then

threatened the employee stating he had a firearm. If you know the identity of the suspects, please contact Crime Stoppers, and do not approach them as they are considered armed and dangerous.

If you have any information about any case or any local crime, call Centex Crime Stoppers 24 hours a day at 1-254-865-8477 (TIPS) or visit the website at www.Centexcrimestoppers.org or by

downloading the "P3" mobile app available on both the Apple App Store and Google Play Store. You never have to give your name, and if your information leads to an arrest, you may be eligible for a cash reward.

Crime Stoppers, citizens, police, and the news media working together can make our community a safer place to live. Together we can make a difference.

COURTESY PHOTOS



The DISPATCH

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of March 22 - 28. While there were many calls to the dispatcher, this is a partial list of more significant activity. Persons are reminded that only emergency calls should be made to 9-1-1, while all other calls to the police department should be made to 865-2226 or to the Sheriff's office at 865-7201.

CITY OF GATESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

March 22
9:37 a.m., an assault was reported in the 200 block of CR 223.
6:10 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 2500 block of Osage Road.
9:59 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2800 block of S. State Hwy. 36.
11:50 p.m., harassment was reported in the 100 block of Avenue C.
March 23
6:49 a.m., an accident was reported in the 2800 block of Jackson Drive.
3:17 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 200 block of N. 8th Street.
6:31 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2300 block of Business Hwy. 36.
7:41 p.m., an assault was reported in the 200 block of S. Lovers Lane.
March 24
9:24 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 400 block of Bluestem Drive.
12:37 p.m., a threat was reported in the 1400 block of Westview Drive.
4:33 p.m., a theft was re-

ported in the 2200 block of E. Main Street.
9:12 p.m., harassment was reported in the 100 block of Avenue C.
March 25
1:10 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of N. 24th Street.
4:15 a.m., a threat was reported in the 2200 block of Bridge Street.
8:52 a.m., a threat was reported in the 2600 block of Jackson Drive.
3:11 p.m., a theft was reported in the 200 block of N. 8th Street.
March 26
1:30 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 200 block of Mesa Drive.
2:00 p.m., a burglary was reported in the 400 block of E. Main Street.
2:15 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 2800 block of S. State Hwy. 36.
4:33 p.m., a theft was reported in the 100 block of Hollis Lane.
March 27
7:32 a.m., a burglary was reported in the 2500 block of Business Hwy. 36.

2:27 p.m., an armed suspect was reported in the 2800 block of S. State Hwy. 36.
7:35 p.m., a fight was reported in the 1500 block of W. Main Street.
7:52 p.m., an assault was reported in the 200 block of Valley View Drive.
March 28
4:13 p.m., a theft was reported in the 2800 block of S. State Hwy. 36.
4:56 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2100 block of Waco Street.
6:15 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 2300 block of Bridge Street.
9:22 p.m., a threat was reported in the 600 block of Golf Course Road.

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March 22
6:38 a.m., a structure fire was reported in the 100 block of FM 1996.
9:37 a.m., an assault was reported in the 200 block of CR 349.

3:59 p.m., a theft was reported in the 400 block of The Grove Road.
10:15 p.m., a threat was reported in the 2700 block of CR 303.
March 23
8:35 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 2100 block of CR 155.
10:03 a.m., a civil matter was reported in the 100 block of CR 328.
5:23 p.m., a theft was reported in the 5200 block of FM 1829.
8:52 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on W. Hwy. 84 before CR 90.
March 24
9:48 a.m., a civil matter was reported in the 100 block of Airport Road.
9:50 a.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 12000 block of FM 116.
12:21 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 1100 block of Indian Creek Road.

11:03 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 2200 block of W. Hwy. 84.
March 25
1:05 p.m., a civil matter was reported in the 100 block of CR 193.
2:08 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 1500 block of Coryell City Road.
4:52 p.m., criminal mischief was reported on FM 932 and CR 188.
8:35 p.m., suspicious persons were reported in the 2000 block of Hay Valley Road.
March 26
10:32 a.m., a theft was reported in the 1200 block of CR 238.
4:49 p.m., a minor accident was reported on FM 107 and FM 1996.
5:52 p.m., an assault was reported in the 2900 block of Popular Drive.
8:12 p.m., a civil matter was reported in the 1700

block of Fort Panic Road.
March 27
7:54 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 5300 block of FM 929.
2:00 p.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of Julia Drive.
4:45 p.m., a stolen vehicle was reported in the 2800 block of Willow Loop.
7:03 p.m., a structure fire was reported in the 3800 block of CR 269.
March 28
10:32 a.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 100 block of Liberty Street.
2:31 p.m., a stolen vehicle was reported in the 500 block of Summers Road.
6:19 p.m., a civil matter was reported in the 2100 block of Saunders.
7:02 p.m., suspicious persons were reported in the 700 block of Old Pidcoke Road.

Cen-Tex Crime Stoppers seeking sponsorships for Donut Dash

Cen-Tex Crime Stoppers is seeking sponsorships for the 2023 Donut Dash to be held on May 20. This event raises funds for the administration of rewards to people submitting tips that re-

sult in the arrest or recovery of stolen property. Sponsorship costs range from \$100-\$1,000. For more information about sponsorship opportunities, please call JoAnn Sugg at 254-493-

7938, or email josugg@embarqmail.com. To register for the race, go to: runsignup.com/Race/TX/Gatesville/CrimeStoppersDonutDash.

Day of the Child event scheduled

The Exchange Club of Gatesville will host its "Day of the Child" child abuse prevention project on Saturday, April 15, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. in front of Gatesville's Freedom Park on Hwy. 84.

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

A free hotdog sack lunch will be provided for children ages 12 and under. Lunches will be available for those older than 12 for a nominal fee.

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THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Whatever happened to ...

TWENTY YEARS AGO (2003)
 — David Lovelace was helping with the annual Methodist Men's Pancake Supper held at the First United Methodist Church Family Life Center. Lovelace was busy pouring batter onto the griddle to help feed hungry eaters.
 — New Image Salon in Gatesville announced the addition of a new hair stylist, Tenille Pilgram. She attended cosmetology school at McLennan Community College in Waco. She joined the owner of New Image Salon, Glenda Floyd, as a stylist.
 — Deral McWhorter, director of the Gatesville Care Center, received a sizeable donation from long-time supporter and contributor H-E-B, represented by Store Director Linda Sherer. The store had donated baby juices and formula.
 — Lacey Braucci, a member of the Gatesville High School varsity choir, entertained an audience during the choral department's Pre-UIL Concert, held in conjunction with "Texas Education in the Arts Month."
 — Gatesville tennis player Travis Mitchell participated in the action at a Robinson tournament, but had a first-round loss. Gatesville took third place in the team standings.
 — Gatesville Spurs softballer Chelsea Summers participated in a Gatesville fast-pitch tournament. Summers and the Spurs were scheduled to host a four-team tournament. Gatesville played a doubleheader with Robinson, falling in both games.
THIRTY YEARS AGO (1993)
 — La Vonda Popp and Kim Busby helped prepare more than 300 paper flowers to be

used at the Chamber of Commerce and Agribusiness's annual banquet. Their decorations helped with the theme of the banquet, a casual, garden party type atmosphere.
 — Shane O. Mills, D.O., of Gatesville volunteered to serve as Physician of the Day for the Texas Legislature. As Physician of the Day, Dr. Mills was available to treat emergencies in the Capitol building and on the grounds.
 — The Gatesville Lions Club was conducting an all-out drive to sell quality blind-made merchandise to residents and local businesses. All of the items were manufactured by blind and visually-impaired workers in the Lighthouse for the Blind.
 — 4-H members from throughout Central Texas competed in the district 4-H Fashion Show. Coryell County blue ribbon winners were Keegan Chumley, Carrie Hall, Lauren Fincher, Courtney Warren, John D. Flippen, Angela Hall, Dove Vega, Terron Fisk, Chad Horton, and Christie Horton.
 — Mr. and Mrs. Roy F. Wittie were honored with a reception on the occasion of their 50th anniversary at the Turnersville Community Center. Roy F. Wittie and the former Dorothy Faye Rose were married in Gatesville on April 3, 1943 with E.L. Craig officiating.
 — Amber Adair of Gatesville had been selected as a candidate in the 1993 Miss Texas National Pre-Teen pageant to be held in Waco. Adair was being sponsored in the pageant by several local businesses.

FORTY YEARS AGO (1983)
 — Josie Cummings and her husband,

Coryell County Sheriff Winfred (Windy Cummings), were congratulated by 52nd District Court Judge Byron L. McClellan when he presented them jointly with the Citizen of the Year award at the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce banquet.
 — Loretta Elledge, a registered nurse who was an assistant in the pharmacy department at Coryell Memorial Hospital, had been designated as the hospital's Employee of the Month for April. Elledge had been employed by the hospital for 10 years.
 — Robert Elmer Ray of Route 2, Jonesboro, had received a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from the University of Texas in Austin at the close of the previous fall semester.
 — Gatesville Primary School had entered three pupils in the district UIL Storytelling Contest and all three placed. Rick Turner placed second, Regina Vaden was fourth, and Lindsey Simmons placed sixth in the contest.
 — The demolition of the old First Baptist Church in Flat had been completed and the foundation for the new building was in the process of being laid. Construction was scheduled to begin on April 18 with the arrival of a group of Texas Baptist Men retirees.
 — Judge Byron L. McClellan of the 52nd District Court passed sentence on himself with his announcement of his retirement at the end of the month. McClellan marked a close to more than a dozen years on the bench.
FIFTY YEARS AGO (1973)
 — The Texas Youth Council had selected

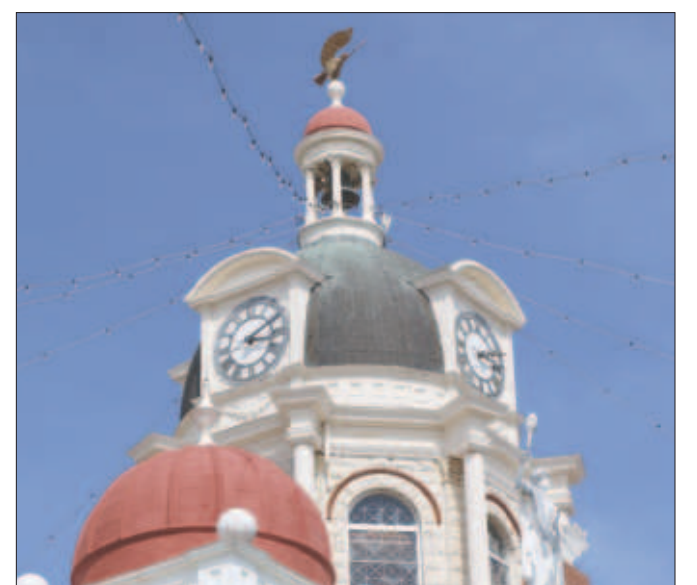
Dwain Place, age 42, to become the new general superintendent of the Gatesville State Schools for Boys. He was succeeding M.B. Kindrick, who had been on sick leave.
 — Kenneth Rhoads had received the Gatesville Jaycees' Distinguished Service Award, and Charles Allen received a plaque as Jaycee of the Year. The awards were presented to the men at the Jaycees' annual banquet.
 — As memorials to Alex Campbell and Robert Pruitt, members of their families had two stained glass windows installed in the sanctuary of the Jonesboro United Methodist Church. Other memorials in and around the church showed the abiding love for the people who had gone on.
 — Members of the Coryell County Farm Bureau's building committee signed a \$19,160 contract for the erection of a new 56- by 25-foot brick veneer building at the corner of North Eighth Street and Saunders Street. The structure was to house Farm Bureau's offices.
 — Wayne Shirley, a senior music education major from Gatesville, was to perform the role of Zuniga, captain of dragoons, in the Baylor University School of Music's production of "Carmen." Shirley was a 1969 graduate of Gatesville High School.
 — Grady Keeton and Arlie Gartman had won the championship trophy in the 1973 invitational domino tournament held at Pearl. The Keeton-Gartman duo emerged victorious after a playoff with the team of Evon Self and Conrad Upton, and the team of Bill Wright and Ted Wright.

Remembering Uncle Bob: The chiming of the courthouse clock

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 January 27, 1950, edition of The Gatesville Messenger:

Town-Clock Purchasers Accused of Buying Four Clocks Instead of One
 In this good year of Our Lord 1950, we have what we call the poor man's clock that tolls the hours for us throughout the day and night. What a comfort the town clock in the tower of the courthouse is. We who are privileged to live in this day when we can wake at night and hear the old town clock strike on the hour can hardly realize that there was a time in the dim past when we had no town clock to ring out the hours, but had to depend altogether on the crowing of that old Shanghi rooster or the braying of Uncle Johnny Grant's jack to get us up in the morning.
 You can bet that the old red roosters and the old jack never failed to sound off at the first break of day. They knowed better than any human when it was time to get up in the

morning. You could look out the window and see the old red roosters and their flock of hens flying down out of the trees; not too many folks had fine chicken houses in that day and time. Down in the West end under the bluff where the writer grewed up, that old brindle jack down to Uncle Johnny Grant's old home on the Leon River would wake up in that old pole stall that Uncle John kept him in and bray until Uncle Johnny Grant would come down to the lot to give him his breakfast of sheaf oats and good yellow dent corn. That old jack brayed at the same time every morning just as regular as an alarm clock; in fact, he was an alarm clock for everybody living under the bluff in the West end of old Gatesville.
 But to get back to my subject about the town clock - I remember just before the turn of the century how the Populist Party in Coryell County protested the extravagance of the Democrats who built our new courthouse and put our present town clock in the tower. I heard two of them talking after they had a few drinks, saying that the d—n Democrats wasn't satisfied with one clock, they had to put in four - one on each side of the tower. Them soaptails was so ignorant that they couldn't figger that one clock could have four faces. Them old mossbacks figgered that we had been getting along without a clock for over 40 years and why couldn't we save the taxpayers the money that fine clock cost? So today we can thank our county judge, T.C. Taylor (the Blue Stud) and his commissioners, not only for our fine courthouse but the town clock that tolls out the hours throughout the night and day.
 I remember mighty well the first time the janitor wound it up, and Frank Parsons could have been that janitor, and it tolled out the hour and we folks that wasn't rich had the time of day for free. I heard the malcontents say that it shore never would keep correct time, but it has and even we Old Timers still listen to the tolling of the bell in the court-



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City of Gatesville Notice of Request for Bids

The City of Gatesville is seeking proposals from qualified vendors for Abatement by Wet Demolition and waste transport to TCEQ-permitted landfill. The City seeks a contractor to demolish and remove the former Rotunda Nursing Home, located at 2525 Osage, Gatesville, TX 76528. Bids will be received until April 20, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. Major components of the work are as follows: Abatement by Wet Demolition of the remaining structures. Transportation of waste to TCEQ-permitted landfill. Electronic bid documents, including specifications and location map are available on the City website (www.gatesvilletx.com)

The City of Gatesville reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding. Bids may be held by the City of Gatesville for a period not to exceed 30 days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the bidder's qualifications prior to the contract award. 00030021

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Eunice Snoddy, Deceased, were issued on 3-2-23, in Cause No.22-10777, pending in the County Court-at-Law of Coryell County, Texas, to: Patricia Ann Smith. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. c/o: Patricia Ann Smith Estate of Eunice Smith Snoddy 8208 Millway Drive, Austin, Texas 78757 DATED the 2 day of March, 2023. Dori Ray Mistic, Attorney for Patricia Ann Smith State Bar No.: 04091800 P.O. Box 246, Copperas Cove, Texas 76522 Telephone: (254) 547-6000 or 6800; Facsimile: (254) 547-4157; E-mail: doriraymistic@hotmail.com 00030022

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John Burgan
Katherina Seward
Mike Summers

The auction will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, April 15, 2023 (weather permitting) at 116 Storage, 2445 S. Hwy. 116, Gatesville, TX.

Terms: Cash
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- Registered Nurse - PRN

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- LVN or CMA - FT
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CITATION BY PUBLICATION-TRC109 & 114
THE STATE OF TEXAS:
ROBERT JAMES COUNTS; GINGER LEE COUNTS

-vs-

W M SIMPSON; LAURA SIMPSON; ROSA LEE SIMPSON CHUPP; ALICE SIMPSON; TOM JOHN SIMPSON; EFFIE SIMPSON MCINTOSH; RUBY MCINTOSH WILCOX; OPAL MCINTOSH LAYFIELD; LAURA MAY SIMPSON; W F SIMPSON; MONTA SIMPSON; EDWARD SIMPSON; AKIN SIMPSON; HAROLD SIMPSON; JOHN MCMILLIAN (MAC) CHUPP; OTIS MONTRAVILLE CHUPP; KITTIE REBA HEATH CHUPP; ANNIE PEARL CHUPP; ROY LEON COWAN; JESSE MORRIS CHUPP; MARVIN CHUPP; PAULINE MAY CHUPP; LILLIE ADELL CHUPP; GRADY MCMILLIAN CHUPP; LILLIE ADELL CHUPP; RUBY T CHUPP; MAMMIE ADDIE CHUPP GILCHRIST; MARLIN GILCHRIST; VERNON GILCHRIST; 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 00029945

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By: ASHLEY LAMB, DEPUTY 00029947

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Guardianship for the Estate of DALTON LEE DILLON, An Incapacitated Person, were issued on March 20th 2023, in Cause No. 22-390, pending in the County Court at Law of Coryell County, Texas, to: SUZANNE MARIE DILLON and MARSHALL LEE DILLON. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. c/o: Mary Wiley, Attorney at Law, 100 W. Central Texas Expressway, Suite 302, Harker Heights, Texas 76548. DATED the 22 day of March, 2023. MARY WILEY, Attorney for SUZANNE MARIE DILLON & MARSHALL LEE DILLON. State Bar No.: 24032669. 100 W. Central Texas Expressway, Suite 302, Harker Heights, Texas 76548. Telephone: (254) 634-6969; Facsimile: (254) 634-6587; E-mail: mary@lindleylawoffices.com 00030024

**NOTICE OF CALL FOR BIDS
LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY**

The objective in issuing this Notice of Call for Bids is to solicit bids for the lease of up to 5 (five) acres of land out of the 33.37 acres owned by Coryell County located at 1300 Coryell City Rd., Gatesville, Texas, from qualified companies or individuals that have the need for the property for an approved use, as fully described in the Notice of Call for Bids. BID START DATE: March 27, 2023 & BID CLOSING DATE: April 18, 2023, BID SELECTION: April 25, 2023, at Commissioners' Court Session All qualified companies or individuals interested in providing bids for lease of real property detailed herein, should respond with a written proposal to the County. Final selection will be made in accordance with the policies and administrative directive of the County and other statutory provisions. Responses must be received by 11:00 a.m. on April 18, 2023, to Coryell County, Office of the County Attorney, 210 S. 7th St., Gatesville, TX 76528, after which time and date they will no longer be accepted. Late responses will be returned and will not be considered. Responses may be mailed or delivered in person. The complete bid documents are available on the Coryell County website at: www.coryellcounty.org or in the Office of the County Attorney. Telephone number is (254) 865-5911, ext. 340. 00029996

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids addressed to City of Gatesville will be received at City of Gatesville City Hall, 803 E. Main Street, Gatesville, TX until 3:00 PM on April 12, 2023, for the Lovers Lane Water & Wastewater Improvements. Bids will be opened publicly and read aloud shortly thereafter on the same date in the same place. Copies of the bidding documents can be obtained electronically via CivCast (www.civcastusa.com). For more information, contact Amy Jo Moreno at 254-714-1402. 00029997

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Robert Clair Bigford, Deceased, were issued on 3-2-23, in Cause No. 22-10778, pending in the County Court-at-Law of Coryell County, Texas, to: Stewart Albert Bigford. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. c/o: Stewart Albert Bigford, Estate of Robert Clair Bigford 701 Dianne Drive, Copperas Cove, Texas 76522. DATED the 2 day of March, 2023. Dori Ray Mystic, Attorney for Stewart Albert Bigford, State Bar No.: 04091800, P.O. Box 246, Copperas Cove, Texas 76522. Telephone: (254) 547-6000/6800; Facsimile: (254) 547-4157; E-mail: doriraymistic@hotmail.com 00030023

NOTICE OF UNIT AUCTION

Notice is hereby given by Gatesville Storage of the sale of contents, by public auction, of the following units, pursuant to the assertion of a manager's possessory lien against them, in order to collect the amounts due on them:

TENANT	UNIT	McDonald, Yvonne	F13
Cavanaugh, Karen	C14	McDonald, Yvonne	B34
Diaz, Thomas	K11	McDonald, Yvonne	E04
Hernandez, Ramon	D11	Risley, Johanna	D02
Malcom, Carole	J07	Smith, Katelynne	A10
McDonald, Yvonne	B46	Vogt, Christy	H16

The auction will be held at 9:00 am., Saturday, April 15, 2023, (weather permitting), at Gatesville Storage, 2215 E. Main St., Gatesville, Texas. Terms: Cash 00030031

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- ▶ 2/1 brick home, 560 W. Hwy. 84, Evant, TX. Recently painted, updated shower, garage/workshop, fenced in backyard, utility shed-boat shed. \$169,500
- ▶ 10.01 acres east of Evant, TX. Lot 8 Phase 5 Rio Escondido Subdivision, good tree cover, rolling terrain, great views to build a home, gated subdivision. \$119,900
- ▶ 10.01 acres north of Evant, TX. Lot 85 Phase 4 Rio Escondido, Rolling Terrain, good tree cover, good views. \$129,500
- ▶ 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 +/- acres, 3/2.5 barndominium, 1197 CR 404, Hamilton, TX. 1 water well, metal building, nice porch, good tree cover, rolling terrain, good fences. \$549,000
- ▶ 11.64 acres 3/2 home south of Evant, TX in Coryell County. Nice porch, large master bedroom/bath, barn, workshop, seasonal creek, Hwy 281 frontage. \$850,000
- ▶ 20 acres, 3 Br 2 Ba home. 8 ft porches, 390 CR 4147, Cranfills Gap, TX, Bosque County. Storage building, equipment shed, rolling terrain, good tree cover. \$525,000
- ▶ 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 Coppertown. Cove-Killens, 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 barndominium, 1197 CR 404, Hamilton, TX. 1 water well, metal building, nice porch, good tree cover, rolling terrain, 2 tanks, good fences. \$875,000
- ▶ 55.88 Acres, south of Evant, 2000 CR 3900, Lampasas County, cabin with bathroom, water well, electricity, rolling terrain with good tree cover, small seasonal branch. \$488,950.
- ▶ 60.23 acres, CR 238 near Turnersville, TX. 1 stock tank, good fences, scattered tree cover, rolling terrain. \$421,610
- ▶ 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, 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

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR AN AIR QUALITY STANDARD PERMIT FOR PERMANENT ROCK AND CONCRETE CRUSHERS

PROPOSED AIR QUALITY REGISTRATION NUMBER 171928

APPLICATION. BC Materials LLC, P.O. Box 249, Hewitt, Texas 76643-0249 has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an Air Quality Standard Permit, Registration Number 171928, which would authorize construction of a permanent rock crusher. The facility is proposed to be located at 5015 Farm-to-Market Road 116, Gatesville, Coryell County, Texas 76528. This application is being processed in an expedited manner, as allowed by the commission's rules in 30 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 101, Subchapter J. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application. <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=31.3582&lng=-97.835&zoom=13&type=r>. This application was submitted to the TCEQ on February 27, 2023. The executive director has determined the application was technically complete on March 15, 2023.

PUBLIC COMMENT. Written public comments about this application may be submitted at any time during the public comment period. You may submit public comments either in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, or electronically at www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/. Please be aware that any contact information you provide, including your name, phone number, email address and physical address will become part of the agency's public record. The deadline to submit public comments is 30 days after newspaper notice is published.

RESPONSE TO COMMENTS. A written response to all relevant comments will be prepared by the executive director after the comment period closes. The response, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and requested to be added to the mailing list. The response to comments will be posted in the permit file for viewing.

The executive director shall approve or deny the application not later than 30 days after the end of the public comment period, considering all comments received within the comment period, and base this decision on whether the application meets the requirements of the standard permit.

CENTRAL/REGIONAL OFFICE. The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ Central Office and the TCEQ Waco Regional Office, located at 6801 Sanger Avenue Suite 2500, Waco, Texas 76710-7826, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, beginning the first day of publication of this notice.

INFORMATION. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from BC Materials LLC, P.O. Box 249, Hewitt, Texas 76643-0249, or by calling Mrs. Melissa Fitts, Vice President, Westward Environmental, Inc. at (830) 249-8284.

Notice Issuance Date: March 24, 2023

SPRING FEST ROYALTY



Winners of the 2023 Miss Spring Fest Pageant held at Texas Station pictured left to right, Laura Trejo – Queen, Lilli Mann – Junior Miss, Chloe Sheets – Little Miss, Destini Leyva – Tiny Miss and Kynlee Montgomery – Baby Miss. COURTESY PHOTO

Fundraisers set to help students with dance competitions

Staff Reports

Tickled Pink Dance Studio will hold two fundraisers for its future dance competition. All donations are to cover the expenses of the dance gear, hotels, food, gas, and fees.

Tickled Pink is partnered with Little House Cakes to bake custom cookies for the Easter Bunny to deliver to your home. Each child will receive six custom cookies with their name on them and a photo of the Easter Bunny hiding them for \$20. Cookies will be delivered on the night of Friday, April 7.

For more information

contact Tasha McGehee at 254-206-1912.

On Saturday, April 9, Tickled Pink Dance Studio will host an Easter bake sale at 10 a.m. in front of Vintage Royalty Boutique. There will be a selection of sweet treats, and the Easter Bunny will be there to take photos. Bryson's Sno Dizzle will be in attendance as well to provide snow cones for the community.

For more information contact Tickled Pink Dance Studio at 830-279-9851. Vintage Royalty Boutique is located at 2401 S. TX-36 Ste. 100 in Gatesville.



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The Gatesville Chamber of Commerce recently held a ribbon-cutting ceremony in conjunction with the grand opening of Main Street Tobacco located at 2213 E. Main Street in Gatesville. Members of the Chamber of Commerce joined the owners of the business, Samantha Craycraft and Carter Benjamin, for the ribbon-cutting event. Main Street Tobacco can be reached by calling 254-248-1301.

BOOK REVIEW

“Who We Are Now” explores how we are doing after trauma of COVID-19 pandemic

BY TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER
Check in.

Let everybody know you're OK, so they don't worry. Make a phone call, send an email or a text, just let them know you're upright and taking nourishment and you hope they're the same. Don't make them wonder; go ahead and reach out. As in the new book “Who We Are Now” by Michelle Fishburne, it's important today more than ever.

In many ways, 2020 was a massive year of change. It

sure was for Michelle Fishburne.

Late in the summer of that year, she “found myself without a house, a spouse, a job, or a kid to take care of....” She was in her late 50s, and “everything was upside down,” so she moved into an elderly motor home with her dog and waited to see what was next.

And one day, it hit her: we all went through a certain amount of trauma during the COVID-19 pandemic. How are we all doing now?

To find out, Fishburne turned her home around and headed across America to ask.

In Washington, a response researcher pointed out that most of us figured a “global pandemic was likely to come in our lifetime,” assuming that time would be far away. A mayor in small-town Arkansas watched as the citizens in his town pulled together tightly; others reported fierce support for local small businesses. People checked on their neighbors and “did a lot of talking about masks.”

Many Americans, though warned, were “stunned” at the speed at which things were shut down, canceled or indefinitely postponed, and how weird it all seemed. Some people caught COVID-19 and survived. Others didn't. Some escaped it - they still wonder how - and some thrived during that time, with better opportunities, more business, new lives, stronger ties.

We were uneasy, if not downright afraid. We were watchful. And we changed.

Said a senior living exec in Georgia, “You can't go through something like that and not be changed.”

For three years now, we've divided our lives as B.C. (before COVID) and A.D. (after disease). You're ready to go back to the way life was, you're ready to move on. But just wait: first, let “Who We Are Now” show you a different side of the pandemic.

Absent are high-level explanations and technical terms here. Gone is the shouting, mistrust and arguing. Instead, author Michelle Fishburne lets people just talk in her book. She allows stories to be told, recorded and heard, accounts filled with relief, heartbreakers, gratitude and happy tales that are shared with what seems to be a bit of sheepishness. Reading them - seeing such a wide collection in one browsable place - is like swanning through a new-normal-style social gathering, catching fragments of conversation from people just like you, eavesdropping on the most interesting before moving on to the next story.

Readers who believe they'll never forget the last three years may find “Who We Are Now” comforting in its ordinariness and everyday-people feel, and its lack of divisiveness. This is a book about you and everyone you know. Check it out.



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Michelle Fishburne

Morris Federation to meet April 8

Members of the Morris Federation will meet on Saturday, April 8, 2023, at 10:15 a.m. in the James Coryell Room at the Coryell Museum and Historical Center.

The program, which is titled “The Touch of the Master's Hand,” will be presented by Bronwen Kirby. Bronwen has lived in Texas 16 years, with more than 10 of them spent in Waco.

She became interested in classical music at age five and began playing violin at

age six. She graduated from the Central Texas String Academy last year. She has been making violins since age 12, under the instruction of Timothy Johnson.

Bronwen also plays piano and organ, but her program on April 8 will feature her playing several violin pieces on a violin that she made herself. She has been home schooled, will graduate this spring, and plans to enroll at Baylor University this fall.

GED GRADUATE



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Kacey Pafford, a student of Cassie Graham who is the instructor for Central Texas College's Adult Education program, recently took and passed her four-part GED test. The GED Prep Classes are offered on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-9 p.m. at the Gatesville Primary School. For more information about Central Texas College's Adult Education program classes call 254-526-1120.

Gatesville Junior High to host Summer Music Camp

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

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

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

The camp will include multiple rehearsals daily, creating props during craft time, recreation time dur-

ing the camp chat, and a camp T-shirt.

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

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

Space is limited. For more information contact Cherith Wells at gisdchoir.gatesvilleisd.org or Tim Klinger at 254-865-8281 extension 5233.



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GHS' Bryant, Hall compete in state powerlifting



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L.J. Hall had a total lift of 1,265 pounds at the state powerlifting meet in Abilene on March 24, giving him an 18th place finish statewide in his weight class.



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Zach Bryant had a total lift of 1,540 pounds at the state powerlifting meet in Abilene on March 28, which earned him seventh place in his weight class.

Bryant takes 7th place, Hall finishes 18th statewide

STAFF REPORT

Two Gatesville High School standouts participated in the Texas High School Powerlifting Association's State Powerlifting Championships in Abilene on Friday, May 24. L.J. Hall and Zach Bryant, who are both juniors, qualified to lift at the state meet by finishing in the top two places in their weight classes at the regional meet in Gatesville HS on March 11.

L.J. Hall lifted in the 165-pound weight class. He set personal records at the state meet in both the squat (450 pounds) and bench press (340 pounds) and added a deadlift of 475 pounds on his way to an 18th-place finish with a total of 1,265 pounds. L.J. is a three-sport

athlete at GHS (football, powerlifting and track) and is looking forward to an even better finish during his senior year.

Zach Bryant represented GHS at the state meet in the 308-plus weight class. Zach also set new personal records in both squat (655 pounds) and bench (385 pounds) and rounded out his day with a 500-pound deadlift for a 1,540-pound total, which earned him a 7th place finish overall. Zach also participates in football and track for the Hornets and will return for his senior year with high hopes of earning a medal at the state meet.

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GHS tennis team shines in Bryan



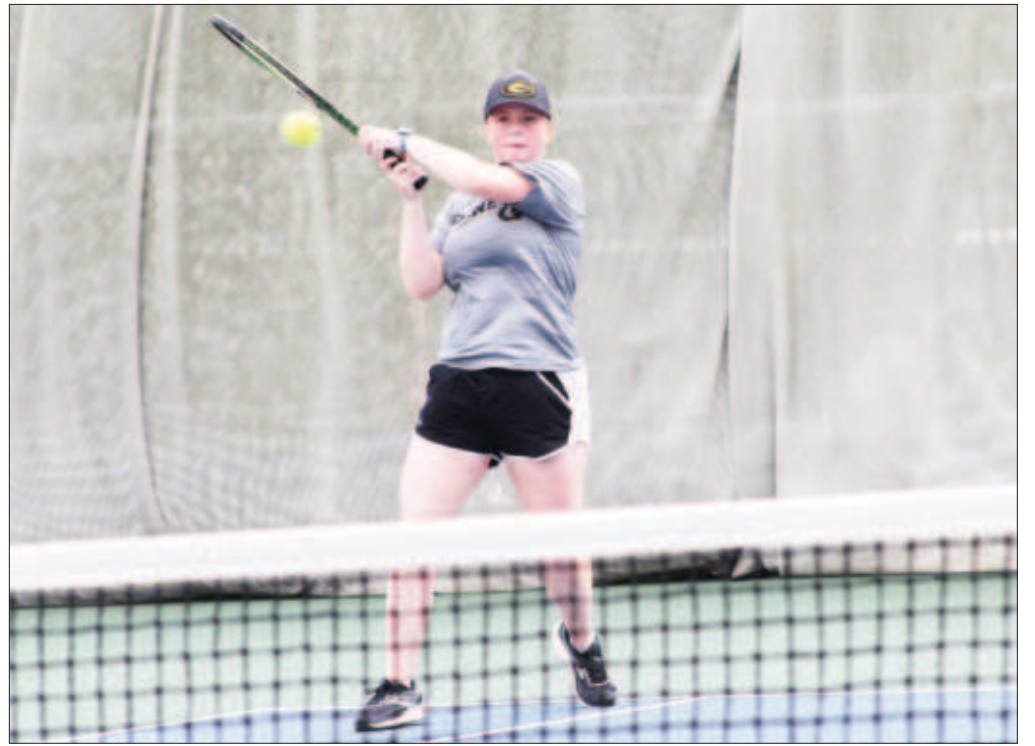
DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Members of the Gatesville High School tennis team competed in a tournament in Bryan on March 24, with several GHS athletes earning trophies at the event.



SE'VETTE EARLY | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

(Top left) Slone Early returns a volley during his match in Bryan. (Top right) Olivia Walker displays power during a match on March 24. (Bottom right) Preslea Edmonds shows finesse in her match.



GHS students demonstrate prowess on court in Bryan

The Gatesville High School varsity tennis team accumulated 12 pieces of hardware at the Bryan Rudder tournament on March 24. The results: Girls singles - Callie Smith 1st, Kasey Fitzer consolation champ; girls doubles - Preslea Edmond and Olivia Walker 1st, London Kizer and Finn Rogers consolation champs; boys singles - Slone Early 2nd, Car-

lo Martinez consolation champ; boys doubles - Alex Scott and Ty Warren 3rd; mixed doubles - Kaitlyn Sanchez and Ben Mabry 1st. GHS served as hosts of the District 23-4A tournament Thursday and Friday. The top two finishers in each bracket advance to regional.

GISD Sports Roundup

Boys Soccer: The Hornets lost to Waxahachie Life 5-0 in the Class 4A bi-district playoffs. The Hornets, who were making their eighth postseason appearance in the last nine years, finish the season 11-7-2 overall.

Track: GHS' Barrett Boyd (100 hurdles) and Carlo Martinez (3200 meters) qualified for the Texas Relays at the University of Texas at Austin.

Boys Basketball: GHS seniors Banner Allman and Tyler Shea were named to the Waco Tribune-Herald's Super Center 1st Team.

Baseball: JV lost to Robinson 14-2.

Track: GJHS results from Burnet Bulldog Relays - 8th girls 6th with 28 points, 7th girls 7th with 10 points, 8th boys 6th with 28 points, 7th boys 7th with 17.5 points.

Tennis: GHS hosts Day 1 of the District 23-4A tournament. JV matches begin at 8:00 AM, Varsity matches at 1:00 pm at the GHS Tennis Courts. The top two finishers in each varsity division will advance to regional competition.

Girls & Boys Track: GHS competed in the Lorena Leopard Relays on March 30. GHS will have only one remaining meet (April 5 at Lampasas) prior to the District 23-4A meet April 12-13 at Waco Connally.

Softball: JV defeated Crawford 13-2 and Troy 12-2 on the final day of the Crawford tournament.

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Luke 24:6

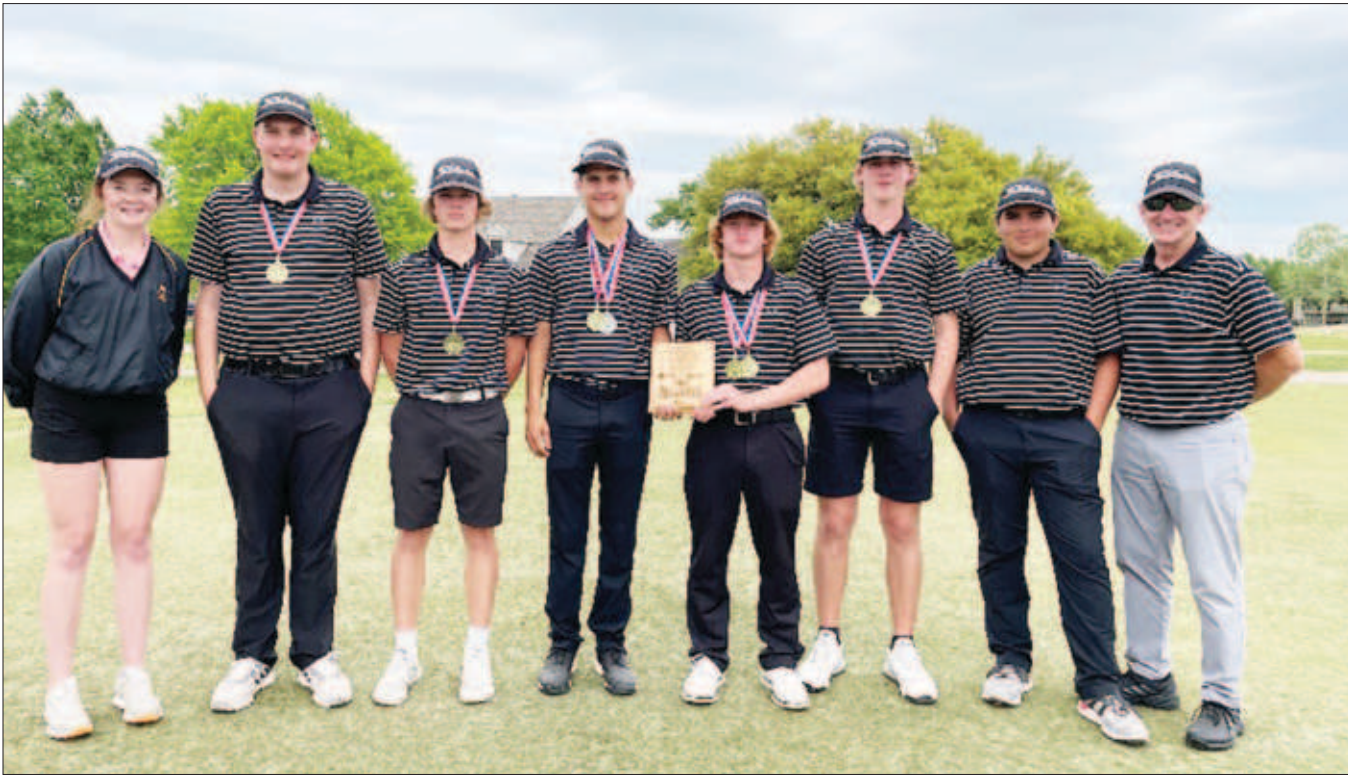
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GHS golfers win district championship



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Avery Streetman finished 10th in district girls golf competition, and the Gatesville High School boys golf team won the district championship in competition March 28-29. The Hornet golf squad beat runner-up Salado by 25 strokes to earn a spot in the regional golf tournament. Max Healer was the first place medalist overall, while Kasen Bankhead earned second place medalist honors. Gage Ford finished fourth and Cooper Boyd finished sixth. Hunter Key also competed for the Hornets.

Lightning disrupts Gatesville-Robinson baseball contest

BY CHRIS ALLMAN
Sports Correspondent

After a stormy first day, the Gatesville Hornets baseball team battled to a 6-4 loss against the Robinson Rockets on Wednesday.

A pitcher's duel between Gatesville's Bralen Veazey and Robinson's Derrick Nichols, Jr. meant an absence of offensive thunder on Tuesday but the lightning still made an appearance.

In a 0-0 tie in the sixth inning, lightning delayed - then ultimately postponed - the Hornets and Rockets 23-4A opener.

Through five innings Veazey struck out 11 Rockets and allowed just one hit - to Nichols, Jr. who himself struck out ten and allowed just two hits.

In the top of the sixth Veazey walked Brayden Pick and was in a 3-1 count to Brayden Gant when lightning caused the delay. After about an hour of delay, the decision was made to restart the game at 6 p.m. Wednesday and pick up in the top of the sixth.

For Gatesville head coach Chase Smith, there is good and bad to the postponement.

"Well the pros are that they hopefully lose a little momentum they had with a runner at first and no outs," Smith said. "The cons are Veazey won't be back to pitch and it's tough not seeing him get to finish that game because he was pitching a great game. He wasn't super sharp but he has such good stuff and he is tough."

Smith said Banner Allman would be on the hill for the Hornets when play resumes in what will essentially be a bullpen game.

"It's not a great spot for us to be in but our bats are bound to come through," Smith said.

Neither team's bats were all that alive prior to the postponement but the Hornets put runners in scoring position in the bottom of the first, second, and third innings.

Only Lawson Mooney advanced past second base. The junior catcher singled in the bottom of the third inning then sprinted from first to third on a Robinson error before being stranded.

Robinson got one runner to third base in the in the top of the second but were thwarted by a Veazey strikeout. The junior lefty's dominance peaked in the fourth and fifth innings when he struck out five of six hitters he faced.

After completing the game on March 29, the Hornets and Rockets locked up again on March 31 in Robinson. Gatesville will next face China Spring, the district favorite who will likely be 2-0 when the two teams face off.

Lady Hornets split games with Connally, Salado

BY CHRIS ALLMAN
Sports Correspondent

Gatesville softball earned a split in games against Waco Connally and Salado and have a 2-2 record with one game remaining in the first round of district play.

The Lady Hornets beat Connally 8-7 thanks to a seventh-inning rally on March 24 then dropped a 4-1 game that was delayed by lightning against league leader Salado on Tuesday.

Through four games, the Lady Hornets occupy third place in the district standings - one spot ahead of Waco La Vega. They traveled to Waco to take on the Lady Pirates on March 31.

Gatesville looked to be staring at a tough district loss against the Lady Cadets as they entered their final at-bat trailing 7-4 before rallying for four runs to win.

The Lady Hornets (16-11, 2-2) needed just six pitches in the seventh inning to cut the deficit to one run. Raylee Glover doubled, then scored on a Madison Hester single to make it 7-5. Hester came home to make it 7-6 when Kinlee Gardner tripled to right field. After a pop out, Kegan

Hunt reached on an error that scored Gardner to make it 7-7. Then, with two outs the Stuard sisters - first Lauren, then Kaitlin - came up with back-to-back singles to load the bases for Grace Carothers.

Carothers was hit on the second pitch to force home Hunt for the game-winning run and the 8-7 win.

The Lady Hornets battled back from multiple deficits against Connally. They trailed 3-0, 3-2, 4-2, 6-4, and 7-4.

Hester struck out 10 and allowed seven hits and three earned runs. Kallie Featherston picked up the win, striking out two and allowing one earned run in 1-2/3 innings of relief.

Against Salado, the Lady Hornets trailed 4-1 in the seventh and Salado had the bases loaded with one out when lightning delayed the game for close to 90 minutes. When play resumed, Featherston induced an inning-ending double play. In the bottom of the seventh, the Lady Hornets went down in order to close out the game.

Kinlee Gardner had both of the Lady Hornets' hits on the night against Salado's standout Brooke McLaurin. McLaurin struck out 15 hitters while pitching, and homered twice.

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ALMOND CREAM POUND CAKE

Reba Gartman

- 6 eggs
- 1 1/2 tsp. almond extract
- 1 c. vegetable oil
- 3 c. flour
- 3 c. sugar
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 c. buttermilk
- 1/4 tsp. soda

Separate 6 eggs, set aside yolks and whip whites until stiff; then set aside whites. Cream until grainy: vegetable oil and sugar. Add egg yolks one at a time, beating well. Add buttermilk, and almond extract, alternating with flour plus salt and soda 1/2 cup at a time. Mix until well blended and fluffy. Fold in

egg whites. Pour into greased and floured Bundt/tube pan. Bake at 350 for 1 1/2 hours. Remove from oven and set out for five minutes before turning cake out.



Jonesboro ISD releases district UIL results, advancements

Jonesboro ISD recently had 19 students who competed in the district academic UIL meet, and 11 of them advanced to the regional competition.

Luke Maxwell once again won number sense and the team advanced to the regional level. Truett Foote placed fifth and completing the team were DeMarcus Acoff and Chase Janke.

Leonella Rodriguez placed first in copy editing, advancing to regionals. Hunter Beaty also competed in the event and is an alternate.

The literary criticism team consisting of Pate Foote, Sierra Chapman, Peyton Williamson, and Truett Foote won the event to qualify for regionals. Pate Foote won first place, while Sierra Chapman placed third, Peyton Williamson placed fifth and Truett Foote placed seventh.

Emma Rodriguez advanced in poetry interpretation. Jaycee Redden won

the prose interpretation category.

Leonella Rodriguez advanced in ready writing, while Reanna Fincher and Peyton Williamson are alternates.

Leonella Rodriguez also won the social studies contest and the team consisting of Luke Stephenson, Michel-



la Martinez, and Jaycee Redden are alternates.

Reanna Fincher won the spelling contest and Layden Nichols is an alternate. The team also consisting of Hunter Beaty and Luke Stephenson are the alternates

to compete at regionals.

Luke Maxwell, Kyson Smith, Pate Foote, Truett Foote, Chase Janke and Maggie Gillis competed in the science competition. Pate is an alternate for the physics scores.

Jaycee Redden is an alternate for accounting the account team and is also an alternate for accounting. The team consisted of Jaycee Redden, DeMarcus Acoff, Emma Rodriguez and Brayden Ashby.

Sierra Chapman is an alternate for feature writing. Emma Rodriguez is an alternate for headline writing.

The mathematics team is an alternate to regionals. Luke Maxwell placed first and Chase Janke placed fourth. Completing the team were Truett and Pate Foote.

Brayden Ashby, Pate Foote, Truett Foote, and Hunter Beaty competed in calculator applications.

SUDOKU

Last week's puzzle solution

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

Puzzle by websudoku.com

	5	2			8		3	
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KIDS

BASEBALL

Baseball season starts in the spring. For the professional players, they get ready for the season in **SPRING TRAINING**.

Color the baseball player in your favorite team's colors.

HELLO SPRING

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Find words we think of during Spring.

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spring
sunshine
warmer
wind
leaves
rain
storm
flowers
thunder

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S	A	K	O	A	W	L	E	R	L
T	U	F	I	J	I	V	M	I	M
H	W	N	N	A	N	D	R	S	J
U	D	G	S	L	D	P	A	R	U
N	F	Y	N	H	A	B	W	E	S
D	J	L	G	I	I	D	R	W	T
E	F	A	I	Q	R	N	Y	O	O
R	O	R	D	G	Q	P	E	L	R
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Spring begins when the sun is lined up with the Earth's equator. This is called the **vernal equinox**.

Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

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Did You Know?

THE FIRST SPRING FLOWERS ARE LILACS, IRISES, LILIES, TULIPS, DAFFODILS, AND DANDELIONS.

How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Rain
SPANISH: Lluvia
ITALIAN: Pioggia
FRENCH: Pluie
GERMAN: Regen

Crossword Puzzle

1		2		3		4
5				6		
				7		
9						10

ACROSS

- All people
- Sink
- Dull pain
- Incline against
- Atmosphere seen from Earth
- Dedicated to a religious purpose
- 24 hours

DOWN

- Christian spring holiday
- Laid by a female animal
- Each year
- Unending time
- "Sun" in Spanish

Answers: Across 1. Everyone 5. Sag 6. Ache 7. Lean 8. Sky Down 1. Faster 2. Figs 3. Yearly 4. Firmity 8. Soil 9. Holy 10. Day

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HICKS HITS 30

TSU's season ends with 72-70 OT thriller in CBI

TSU Sports Information

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Freddy Hicks has played with virtually one hand for months, and he's still been one of the best players on the court night in and night out. On March 19 in Tarleton's first-round game in the College Basketball Invitational, Hicks couldn't be stopped and nearly powered the Texans to victory before the purple and white fell in overtime to Radford 72-70.

The Texans (17-17, 9-9 WAC) wrapped up their season at the Ocean Center, playing in their first-ever NCAA Division I postseason tournament, the second across all of Tarleton athletics. The Highlanders (20-14, 12-6 Big South) tied it with three seconds left in regulation to send the game to overtime, then hit a go-ahead jump shot with 36 seconds left in the extra period to advance to the CBI quarterfinals.

"That was a tough loss," TSU head coach Billy Gillispie said. "We had several chances to win and advance but we didn't get it done. It wasn't for a lack of trying though. These guys always gave themselves a chance no matter who we played."

Tarleton played like the better team for most of the game, staying ahead for 30:41 in regulation, and leading by as many as 12 in the second

half. Both teams battled back-and-forth late, with neither leading by more than a possession over the final 10:30 of the game.

The 2022-23 season saw the Texans set a new single-season D1 record with 17 wins, capped off by an opening win in the Texans' first ever WAC Tournament and a CBI invitation for their first national D1 postseason tournament.

"I am so proud of this team," Gillispie said. "I haven't been around too many who did the things they did. It was not the result we wanted today but I wouldn't trade this group for anyone. They have accomplished so much in a short time no matter what obstacles we faced. They play for each other and play for Tarleton and not every team can say that. It's a unique group of young men in the best of ways.

"The things we have done at the NCAA Division I level is quite amazing," Gillispie added. "The exposure they've brought to the school is astounding. Everyone in the basketball world knows this is a giant in the making. We will build off the successes and the mistakes we've made and we will cut down the nets in no time. Thank you to everyone who has helped us and supported us this year. We appreciate each and every single person."

Hicks powered the Texans with his first double-double of the season and second 30-point game, recording 30 points (2-2 3PT, 14-16 FT), 11 rebounds and four steals, while playing all 45 minutes. His 30 points tied a career-high (Nov. 21 this season), his 11 rebounds were a season-high, and his four steals tied his career-high.

"Freddy was fantastic, as good as a player could be today," Gillispie said. "What a season he has had. A broken foot to start the summer that cost him a few games at the start of the season and he didn't quit. He broke his hand in the middle of the season and he never let his head get down. He came back extremely strong, culminated by a championship performance. I've never seen anyone like him in my life. I applaud his



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Freddy Hicks, a 6-6 guard for Tarleton State University, is pictured in the Texans' 72-70 overtime loss to Radford on March 19 in the College Basketball Invitational. Hicks led TSU in scoring against the Highlanders, with 30 points.

toughness, determination, disposition and competitive spirit amongst many other things. What a player and what a great young man."

Hicks finished the season leading the team in scoring (16.2 points per game) and rebounding (6.0 rpg), the first Texan to average 15-plus points and 5-plus rebounds since Josh Hawley in 2018-19. Hicks now owns Tarleton's single-season scoring record at the D1 level, and he finished tied for ninth-most free throw attempts in a single-season in program history with 194, matching Michael Hardge (2014-15) and Brandon Burney (1999-2000).

Of course, Hicks wasn't alone on Sunday, as he was joined by solid outings

from Jakorie Smith and Lue Williams. Smith led the bench with 15 points on 7-of-14 shooting, six rebounds, four assists and a steal. Across all three of Tarleton's postseason games, Smith averaged 17.7 points, 5.7 rebounds and 1.7 steals. Williams notched 12 points (5-7 FG, 2-3 3PT), seven rebounds and two steals.

The Highlanders had the team shooting advantage, making 29-of-54 (.537) from the field to Tarleton's 24-of-54 (.444). The Texans were more efficient from deep (5-10, .500) and at the FT line (17-20, .850), plus had the advantages in rebounds (29-26) and turnovers (19-15). Radford outscored Tarleton in the paint 36-24.

Hicks made a pair of free throws to give Tarleton the lead 63-62 with 28 seconds left in the fourth quarter. Hie added a free throw with 12 ticks left to put Tarleton up 64-62, and Radford sent the game to OT with a dunk with three seconds left.

In overtime, Radford scored on the first possession, but more Hicks free throws quickly tied it. Shakur Daniel calmly sank a mid-range jumper to keep the Texans on the brink. Smith then gave the Texans the lead at 70-69 with 2:10 left, but it would be Tarleton's final points of the game. Radford split free throws at the 1:33 mark to tie the game, then made a jumper with 36 seconds to play to go up two.

Tarleton hires Tulane's Jake Stone as OLB coach

TSU Sports Information

STEPHENVILLE — Bowl experience has been a theme among Tarleton State University's recent additions to the football coaching staff, and that was prevalent once again with the Texans' latest signing.

The Texans announced on Thursday that they have hired Jake Stone as their new outside linebackers coach, a longtime Tulane Football member who helped the team reach four bowl games in his postgraduate career. Stone spent the last 11 years with the Green Wave and was part of Tulane's incredible turnaround season in which they went 12-2 in 2022. They won their first ever American Athletic Conference Football Championship and then capped it off with a Cotton Bowl victory against USC.

"Jake's a really sharp young coach who's been

well-trained," head football coach Todd Whitten said. "Jake comes highly recommended and has learned a great deal from (Tulane head coach) Willie Fritz, someone I've been friends with for many years. I think Jake is going to be a really good addition to our coaching staff."

The Cleveland native earned three degrees at Tulane; a Bachelor of Science in Management, a Master's of Liberal Arts and a Master's of Business Administration.

Stone spent the last three seasons as the Green Wave's defensive analyst, from 2020-22. He was a graduate assistant for four years prior, serving three seasons from 2017-19 as the defensive GA and 2016 as the recruiting GA. Before that, he was a student assistant with the team for four years during his undergraduate career.

"My wife Chelsea and I are both incredibly excited to be joining the Tarleton

family," Stone said. "Upon my arrival to Stephenville, I have found everything about the university and the surrounding community to be first class. I'd like to thank Dr. Hurley, Mr. Reisman, Coach Whitten and Coach Nix for giving me this unbelievable opportunity."

"It is clear to me that there is a high standard and level of expectation that comes with the privilege of wearing the Tarleton Texan logo," he continued.

Stone helped Tulane reach unprecedented heights this past season, as the Green Wave turned a 2-10 2021 campaign into a forever memorable 12-2 season in 2022. Defensively, Tulane had the 32nd best scoring defense at the NCAA Division I FBS level, allowing just 22.2 points per game. That was the second best mark in the AAC.

With the help of Stone, the Green Wave defense



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Tarleton State University announced on March 16 that the football program had hired Jake Stone as the Texans' new outside linebackers coach. Stone spent the last 11 years with the Tulane Green Wave and was part of that school's 2022 turnaround season when the team won 12 of 14 games.

has consistently been a top-five unit in the AAC. Since begin his postgraduate career on the coaching staff in 2016, Tulane made it to four bowl games, winning the Cotton Bowl over USC in 2022, falling to Nevada in the Famous

Idaho Potato Bowl in 2020, a win over Southern Miss in the Locked Martin Armed Forces Bowl in 2019, and a win over Louisiana-Lafayette in the AutoNation Cure Bowl in 2018.

38th Annual Bobby Fox Memorial Golf Tournament set for April 13

TSU Sports Information

STEPHENVILLE — Tarleton State University football will stage its 38th Annual Bobby Fox Memorial Golf Tournament on Thursday, April 13, at Canyon West Golf Course in Weatherford.

Registration is now open for the scramble tournament. Teams of four can participate for \$500, or individuals can sign up for \$125 and will be assigned to a team. The entry fee includes 18 holes of golf, cart rental, lunch, and beverages. Donations and hole sponsorships are also available, with all proceeds benefiting the Tarleton football program.

To sign up for the event online, visit www.tarletonsports.com/bobbyfox. Or you can download the registration form that can be submitted by email (jbeasley@tarleton.edu), fax (254-968-9178) or mail (P.O. Box T-0080 - Stephenville, TX 76401).

Walk-ups will be accepted. The registration table will open at 10:30 a.m., with lunch beginning at 11 a.m., and a shotgun start set for noon.

Bobby Fox was Tarleton's head football coach and athletic director in the 1980s. He led the Texans to the Aztec Bowl in 1984. Fox, a good friend, golfer, and football coach, passed away in 1986.

For more information about the tournament, call Jonathan Beasley at 254-968-9517.

Texans edge UTA in series finale for first WAC baseball win

TSU Sports Information

STEPHENVILLE — A wild pitch that escaped UT Arlington's catcher to the backstop brought Tarleton's Jack Wagner sliding safely home from third base as the Texans completed a comeback walking the Mavericks off 5-4 in the ninth inning on March 19 at the Tarleton Baseball Complex.

It win was the Texans' (11-5, 1-2 WAC) first Western Athletic Conference win of the season as they avoided a series sweep by the

Mavericks (7-8, 2-1 WAC). It was the Texans' first win over UTA at the Division I level as they were previously 0-5.

Trailing 4-1 heading into the bottom of the eighth, the Texans proceeded to scratch across three runs to tie the game at four. With two outs and two runners on, Kooper Shook hit an RBI single made it 4-2.

Grant Kerry and Cole Mears were then hit by pitches in consecutive at-bats as the Texans made it 4-3. The tying run came courtesy of a UTA wild

pitch as Shook jetted home from third base.

The game winning run in the ninth came the same way as the runs in the eighth inning did, with two outs. Jack Wagner singled to left field, the first baserunner of the inning after two Texan groundouts. Carter Dobrinski singled to right field in the next at-bat, pushing Wagner to third. Wagner then scored on a passed ball as Shook was batting.

Jake Burcham (W, 1-1) threw 3 innings, blanking the Mavericks in the eighth and ninth innings to help

fuel the Texan comeback and earn his first win of the season. He had two strikeouts and two walks, allowing just one run in the seventh inning on four hits.

The Texans' first run came courtesy of Cole Mears in the third inning, as he answered UTA's one spot in the top half with a solo home run to left field, his second home run of the season.

UTA plated two in the sixth for a 3-1 lead. Wilson Galvan led the Mavs with three hits, an RBI and run scored.

Hunter Day got the starting nod on the mound for Tarleton and threw 6 innings, allowing three runs on eight hits, striking out four. Connery Peters (L, 0-2) was given the loss as two runs (one earned) scored on his watch in the final 1-1/3 innings.

Mears led Tarleton with two hits and two RBI. Mason Hammonds also added two hits while Wagner had a hit, two walks and two runs scored.

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Staff Reports

The Gatesville Primary School recently held an assembly for an awards ceremony where students were recognized for their achievements and accomplishments during the last nine weeks of school.

Select pre-K and kindergarten students received "Respectful" awards in addition to perfect attendance certificates. The past nine weeks included a focus on teaching the students how to be respectful.



GISD Pre-k, kindergarten registration dates set

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 including 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)
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Congratulations to The Gatesville Messenger's Bonnets in Bloom week 1 Bluebonnet photo contest winner, Ryan McClinton. This photo, taken in Oglesby, truly represents the great state of Texas with the field of bluebonnets and a breathtaking sunset. Ryan will receive a free one-year subscription to The Gatesville Messenger and a Bluebonnet contest t-shirt. Thanks to our sponsor, Barrett Haines at Re/Max Roy. Visit www.gatesvillemessenger.com to submit your photo for a chance to win a subscription and t-shirt or the grand prize of \$100! You can also view the gallery of photo submissions under the Multimedia tab.

Jonesboro releases FFA results for the 2022-23 school year

Jonesboro Independent School District recently released the FFA results for the 2022-23 school year. The Stock Show season is officially finished for the 22-23 school year and the follow-

ing are the results and updates: Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo found Jonesboro FFA members Trey Harbour, Kenny Warrick and Campbell Gustin all showing in the

Southdown breed. They received 3rd place in his class qualifying him for the youth auction. Both Kenny and Campbell came up a couple of slots short of making the sale with their lambs. All

three did an outstanding job showing their animals. Austin Rodeo rounded out the spring show run. Again, Kenny Warrick exhibited a Fine Wool Cross lamb to be in the top 15 in his class. Trey Harbour exhibited a Southdown lamb, placing

2nd in his class and a market goat that placed first in his class. Brynlee Taylor and Michella Martinez made their first trip to a major stock show with their market barrows. Both girls did an extremely good job showing their bar-

rows and learned so much about being at a major. As JISD winds down the school year, they will have students participating in judging team contests, award applications, speaking contests, officer elections, and their FFA Banquet.



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