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## Jail expansion maximum price listed at \$4.788 million

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
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The Coryell County Commissioners Court approved a guaranteed maximum price (GMP) of nearly \$4.8 million for a 47-bed jail expansion at 510 Leon St. that had been presented by the contractor Butler-Cohen.

The action was taken during a special meeting of the commissioners court on April 17.

"We probably have all crunched a few numbers and added them a little differently," said County Judge Roger Miller. "I went off tax estimates we were given in January. ... I hope we don't split hairs."

The total GMP is \$4.788 million. One issue that delayed approval was disagreement over whether three alternates to the contract could be included in the GMP.

Those alternates included a new heating, ventilation and air conditioning system, a new fire alarm system and pos-

sible replacement of metal panels on the jail's front facade. Miller and Commissioner Scott Weddle said they believed the agenda item's wording permitted the three alternate items to be voted on, while Kyle Matthews said he was not comfortable with the wording of the agenda item and that he preferred to get feedback from County Attorney Brandon Belt before he voted.

As a result, voting was delayed in order to seek Belt's input. Belt later said that the court did have the authority to include the alternates as part of the agenda item.

Regarding the three alternates, Matthews said he was in favor of the air conditioning option.

"I think it's important," he said.

Miller and Weddle voiced their agreement.

"I hope we can decide on the three alternates today, and I think the HVAC truly does need to be included," Miller said.

The second item, replacing the existing fire alarm system "is pretty pricey," Miller said. "Do you view this as a three-to-five-year project and then this jail is phased out or do you see a continuing use beyond five years?"

Weddle said if the system is not upgraded, there is no guarantee the expanded jail would pass inspection, adding that the current system "is antiquated."

Commissioner Keith Taylor said not upgrading the system could open the county to future difficulties.

"I believe it would cost more if it fails," he said.

Matthews said he believes the current system is original to the jail.

"It was put in in 1990 or 1991," Commissioner Ryan Basham added.

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## Standing the test of time



A home on College Avenue in Oglesby can be traced back to a catalog "home-kit" that was ordered and assembled on the spot.

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## Mail order house in Oglesby is reminder of another era

BY DAVID SCOTT  
Staff Writer

Those of a "certain age" can still recall the days when consumers could order merchandise from mail order catalogs from such retail businesses as Sears and Roebuck and Montgomery Wards among many others.

A little over a hundred years ago, long before the age of computers, cell phones, and the Amazon app, people were turning the pages of catalogs and making out their "wish lists." In the early days, Montgomery Ward and Sears and Roebuck were both headquartered in Chicago and became the leaders of the mail order industry. Both businesses became well-known for their cata-

log sales long before they opened actual retail stores. The first Montgomery Ward catalog was distributed as early as 1872. The catalogs, which were often about 4 pounds in weight, sometimes contained over 1,000 items that could be ordered and delivered right to your front door.

In addition to selling household items, general merchandise, and clothing, some of the mail-order catalogs such as Sears and Roebuck began in fact selling "home kits." The catalog offered several different floor plans and styles to choose from.

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## County seeks relief on tax break for vets

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
Senior Writer & Editor

Coryell County Judge Roger Miller was called to Austin to testify before the state House of Representatives Ways & Means Committee on April 6 about ways that tax exemptions related to veterans - which is a state program - is impacting the county.

"The state has never had a mechanism to fully reimburse us (for the veterans' tax exemptions)," Miller said. "Last year we had \$1.2 million in disabled veterans tax values that we did not receive funding for. The state only reimbursed us for 47.4%. We are subsidizing the state's program by over \$600,000. There is a big push on this. For example, Lampasas County lost out of about a million dollars (in tax revenue) because of the program. There are a noteworthy number of areas that lost out on tax revenue."

Miller said the push to have the state take over the financial responsibility for the program "is a cooperative effort regionally and across the state. I believe there's support for this bill (House Bill 1613). The number one issue is how do they

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## Eclipse expected to draw thousands of visitors to Gatesville in April '24

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
Senior Writer & Editor

Gatesville Police Chief Brad Hunt recently talked to the Gatesville City Council about the way that an influx of visitors associated with an eclipse projected on April 8, 2024 will impact the community.

"I met with many of the department heads of our city for an initial discussion," Hunt said. "We have to have a plan in place."

He said there will be an anticipated 23.49 seconds of total darkness in the area because of the eclipse, and because of Gatesville's location, it is considered a prime spot to experience the event.

"We can expect not if people will show up to our town, but how many," Hunt said. He added that Cheri Shepherd, director of the Gatesville Convention & Visitors Bureau, "estimated 16,000 to 20,000 (visitors) and that could be a low estimate."

Hunt said he has a friend in leadership in Waco, and that community is anticipating an additional 100,000 could visit there to experience the eclipse.

"Right down the road (from Waco) is McGregor and then us," Hunt said. "Copperas Cove has hired a planner (to help coordinate the city's preparation for and response to the eclipse). Whether we plan to do something or not, we need

to plan for doubling or tripling our population for three to five days. We will look at how we plan for police coverage for that many people for three to five days."

Several major Texas cities, including Houston, are not on the primary path for the eclipse, Hunt said, adding that people who live there could travel to Gatesville to experience the event.

"All campgrounds are booked, everything within a 75-mile radius of Waco is sold out already," he said. "We need to look at the 2017 eclipse (which impacted a different part

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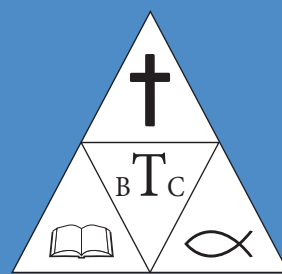
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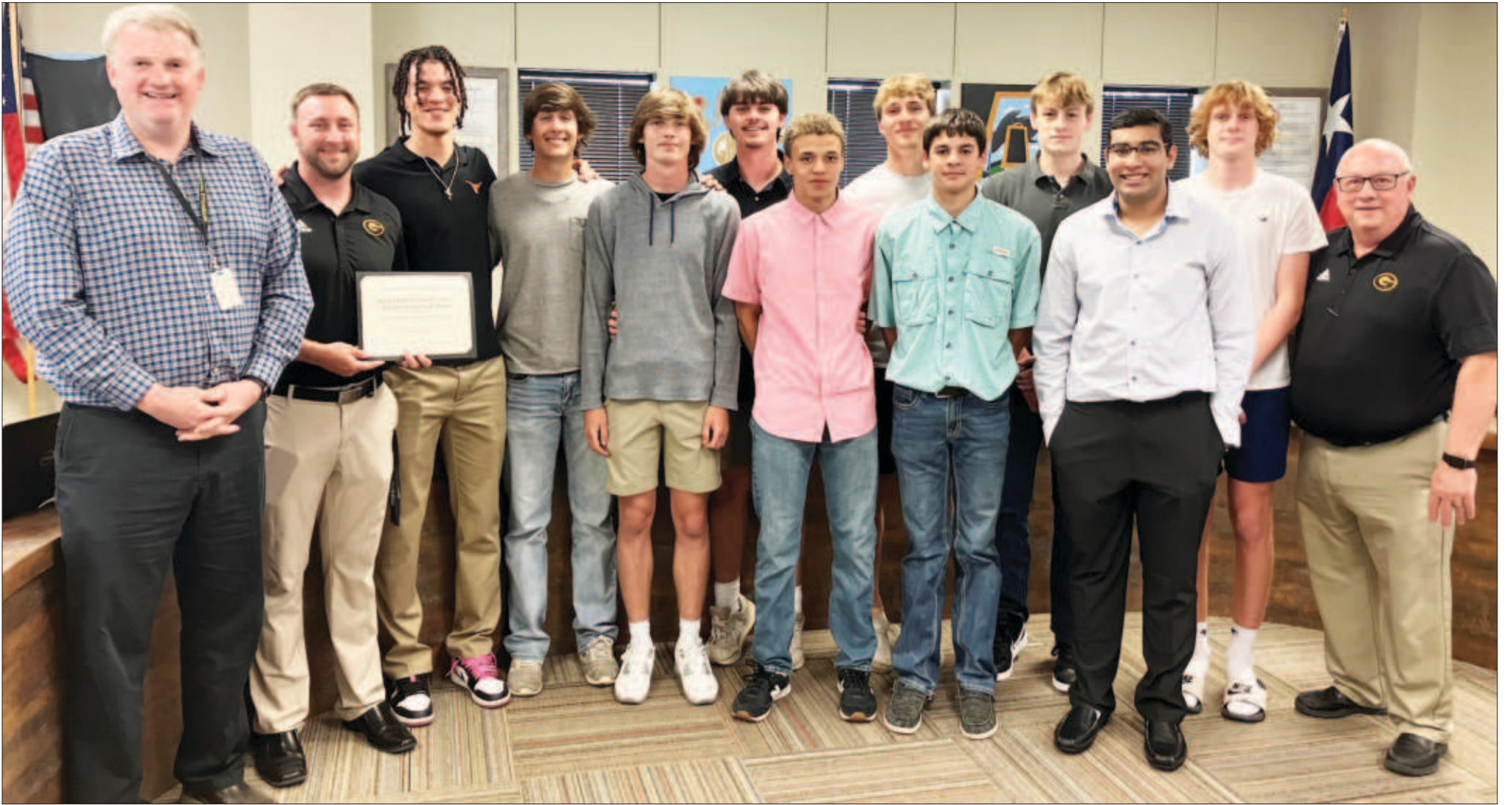


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# Spotlight shines on GHS basketball team



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Gatesville ISD Superintendent Barrett Pollard stands with GHS boys basketball coach Brit Campbell, the 2022-23 boys basketball team and assistant coach Ken Campbell during the April 17 school board meeting. The team was among the best in school history, finishing 28-8 overall, tying for the most wins in school history and advanced to the area round of the playoffs for the first time since 2013.

# Spotlight shines on GHS theater arts program



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Gatesville ISD Superintendent Barrett Pollard stands with Gatesville High School theater arts teacher (from left) Amanda Cummings and students Abigail Boose, Alex Johnson and Lucy Pritchett. The theater arts program had an excellent year under the direction of Cummings and Claude Williams. They earned a fourth place finish in UIL One-Act play competition, the first plaque GHS has earned in the competition in 11 years.

## ECLIPSE

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of the country). People plan to have tents, campers and even cardboard boxes (to stay in).

"It could cost the city up to \$100,000 for traffic control, for the city to manage the situation and the impact on wastewater. I've advised officers that there will be no vacation that week. Traffic control will be an issue. As soon as the eclipse passes at 3:05 (p.m.), everyone will be leaving."

Hunt has identified 17 key traffic points where officers will be directing traffic.

"If the Council and new city manager would like to host an event to offset some of the costs, it's important we're all on the same page on that," he said. "We need to talk about what we need in the budget to handle this."

Hunt said city representatives will notify businesses of opportunities and notify Gatesville residents about the need to follow correct procedures.

"We can't just have campers putting sewage down the line, it's not (National Lampoon's) Christmas Vacation," he said. "It didn't work then and it won't work here."

Although more than 11 months remain before the big event, Hunt said it's im-

portant to plan early.

"We know it's a big deal," he said. "We're starting to understand the scope of it. Waco has helped us to understand it and will continue to help us."

"We know it's a cooperative effort. Other agencies will be involved, CTCOG (Central Texas Council of Governments), the prison, the hospital, churches, the DPS (Texas Department of Public Safety), the Lions and Exchange clubs. Eventually we'll talk to the media about our plan. The only news today is we plan to have a plan."

Hunt said he has "been told verbally" that the Gatesville Independent School District will not have its students on campus that day, which is a Monday.

"I wonder if you can utilize some of the resources at Fort Hood," Councilman Greg Casey asked.

Hunt said they will be busy with traffic issues surrounding the post.

"Recognize that you will not be able to allow campers on ball fields - you don't need to tear up the town to accommodate it," said Acting City Manager Bill Parry. "The other important point is that Highway 84 is a federal highway. DPS will have to be involved there and also on (state Highway) 36."

"My biggest concern is traffic control - getting everyone in and out safely and successfully."

## JAIL

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"I would put it in as an alternate - it's \$166,000," Matthews said. "I think the jail (expansion) itself is for five years and we're going to have to move and go larger. People will have to vote on it for the third time."

Weddle said he did not know what the market would be for the current jail when a new facility is built.

"The jail commission had some pretty good ideas (about future uses)," Taylor said.

Alternate three involves replacing some of the metal panels in front of the jail.

"We just replaced them four years ago - I think it was 2019 when some mold remediation was done," Miller said. "I hate to see us spend \$11,500 to replace panels that are only three or four years old."

Weddle said "it's very low on my priority list."

"If it's functional, it's functional," Matthews said. SSummarizing comments, Miller said, "We're very interested in including alternate one and two and not in alternate three."

He again expressed his surprise that the guaranteed maximum price given to the commissioners court was \$476,098 more than expected.

"I was really not prepared for that," Miller said. "I thought the contingent amount they built in would have covered that."

"My recommendation to the court is that the amount we give Mr. (Jeff) Heffelfinger reduces the scope of the expansion. I think we can adjust some furnishings and come close to that amount in cost savings."

# Sinyard resigns from Council

Staff report

Billy Sinyard, who was re-elected to the Gatesville City Council in November 2022, resigned his position at the April 11 Council meeting.

Sinyard said he is moving outside the city limits. Sinyard was the Ward 2, Place 4 representative.

"Thank you for the opportunity," Sinyard said. "It was interesting. I learned a lot."

The Council will appoint someone to fill Sinyard's position.

## TAXES

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fund it long-term."

"Our state representative (Shelby Slawson) is supportive, and we reached out to her and to state Senator (Pete) Flores to express your support," Miller told the Coryell County Commissioners Court.

"There is funding. The pushback will be the state can't fund this. But we're having to operate 110% of our government out of 90% of our tax revenue, so how can they not fund it?"



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# Folks around town



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Jamie Key

## Say hello to our neighbor, Jamie Key!

Jamie has been the manager of the Shoe Dept. for over a year and loves to help customers find their perfect pair of shoes. She was recently new to Gatesville and expressed how welcoming and friendly the community was during her arrival. Her favorite part of her job is assisting customers and being around people. Jamie likes to read The Gatesville Messenger to stay informed on the latest events in our community.

If you happen to see Jamie around town, say hello! She is one of us!

### FROM MY FRONT PORCH

# Why have some past norms in our society become no longer normal?



BY SAM HOUSTON

Sam Houston is a syndicated columnist and newspaper executive. He is also an author, playwright, actor and entertainment producer/promoter.

**S**ocial norms are an intricate part of any culture. The world needs standards. Those standards provide people with a platform as to what is expected from them.

At some level, each resident who conforms to those standards makes a small concession of their “personal freedom,” but for most of us, conforming is simply the right thing to do. It is what makes our society a pleasant and happier place to live.

Wait a minute! I know we are in Texas, and I do not want anyone to think I am advocating the state take away personal rights or constitutional freedoms. I am referring to the little things people do to conform in order to create a polite and functional society. Little things like males opening the door for a lady or giving up your seat so a lady may sit down. Respecting your teachers, showing kindness to old people, and not cutting in line at a crowded theater or restaurant. There are thousands of examples from extending your hand to shake when meeting a stranger to maintaining good personal hygiene. All those ritualistic sorts of things we do to be good to our neighbor, and for the world we live in to be a kinder and more orderly place.

Over the past 10 years I have noticed more and more societal norms falling apart. Where once tattoos were frowned upon, they are now common, and not just among the young. At one time, to wear tattered jeans out in public would have been an embarrassment, and now they are manufactured that way. Once upon a time when a relationship came to an end, there

was the dreaded “breakup meeting,” where one party would inform the other and give their reasons why the relationship was ending. I understand that today, many of those meetings are held by text! I am not making a judgment on these societal changes, simply noting change is always occurring.

I had a long talk with myself and asked if I was simply “old” and thinking the world was going to hell simply because it was evolving. While sitting on my deck staring out at the water, I determined my thoughts were not the paranoia of some old guy fearing change. I would like to think I welcome societal change that improves our world, and appreciate each successive generation must find its own way. No, the change that concerns me is a change that goes to the very heart of each one of us — and I see it slowly and surely, slipping away. Whatever happened in our world to make it less kind and more confrontational?

The more I reflected, the more disturbed I became. What I came to conclude was so much of this deterioration comes from our leadership. Politics has always been a hostile and dirty business but somewhere along the line, civility went out the window. No longer can two people have different views on an issue and remain friends. Instead, one casts the other as the “enemy.” How does that make sense and how is that healthy for our society? What happened to

listening to the other side and trying to understand? When you only know one side of an issue you are only half smart. Wouldn't it be better to find out what we can agree on and move from there?

Our political leaders have a strategy. They make outrageous statements in order to get a response from voters via donations to their favorite fundraising vehicle. The truth is, many politicians plan their outrageous and inflammatory statements around their fundraising, knowing the more dramatic the statement, the more enraged their audience will be and the more money they will receive. This is not leadership; it is a grift. Let me be clear, this happens on both sides of the aisle. The politicians put their own self-interest above those they serve, and they motivate their followers in order to best serve their interests and not the country. This filters down from the national level all the way to local politics.

For many, many years our national motto was “E. Pluribus Unum” — “out of many one.” We celebrated our differences and how we as a country contained many different cultures, different backgrounds, and different views of how the world should be. We talked with each other and worked to understand each other, and most importantly, found ways to compromise. Our founding fathers set up our system of government based on the idea compromise was essential to good government, and probably brought about the best course of action for society. They knew extreme ideas were seldom best whether they came from the left or the right. I am afraid this divide is

worse than simply seeing politics differently. Our people have divided into polarized groups who not only advocate their position is the “only position,” but are unwilling to talk, negotiate, or come off their position. When people in their own party disagree, they are outcast and vilified as some sort of traitor to the cause. Where does it end?

Our country has many serious issues to face. The problems need to be addressed by all of us working together, looking for a solution rather than seeking political gain or political blame. It seems to me it makes little difference how we got to where we are. We could spend the rest of eternity arguing about that, and what would we gain? What we need are solutions, and those solutions need to be in the form of action that best serves the entirety of our country. It should start with the end of name calling and blame shifting. Let's start with kindness and a willingness to try and understand the other side.

If we don't act soon, our new norm will be utter turmoil and our own destruction. Do your part to try kindness first and work to solve problems, not try and make the most noise and further divide us. Lets make that the new norm!

Thought for the day; One of the toughest things for leaders to master is kindness. Kindness shares credit and offers enthusiastic praise for other's work. It is a balancing act between being genuinely kind and not looking weak. Travis Bradberry

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

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## HOUSE

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Consumers could place an order for a kit home, and everything needed for construction would be delivered to them in cartons by rail loaded in box cars including such items as pre-cut lumber, nails, screws, paint, windows, doors, shingles, and plumbing. When the kits arrived, buyers would often hire workers who could assemble the homes using detailed instructions that arrived with the kit. Sears often advertised that some of their homes could be built within ninety days after arrival.

During the period from 1908 until 1942, Sears “home kits” sold approximately 75,000 homes. The kits were shipped across the United States even as far away as Alaska. Sears helped to build American neighborhoods as they are known today, although few of the homes are still in existence.

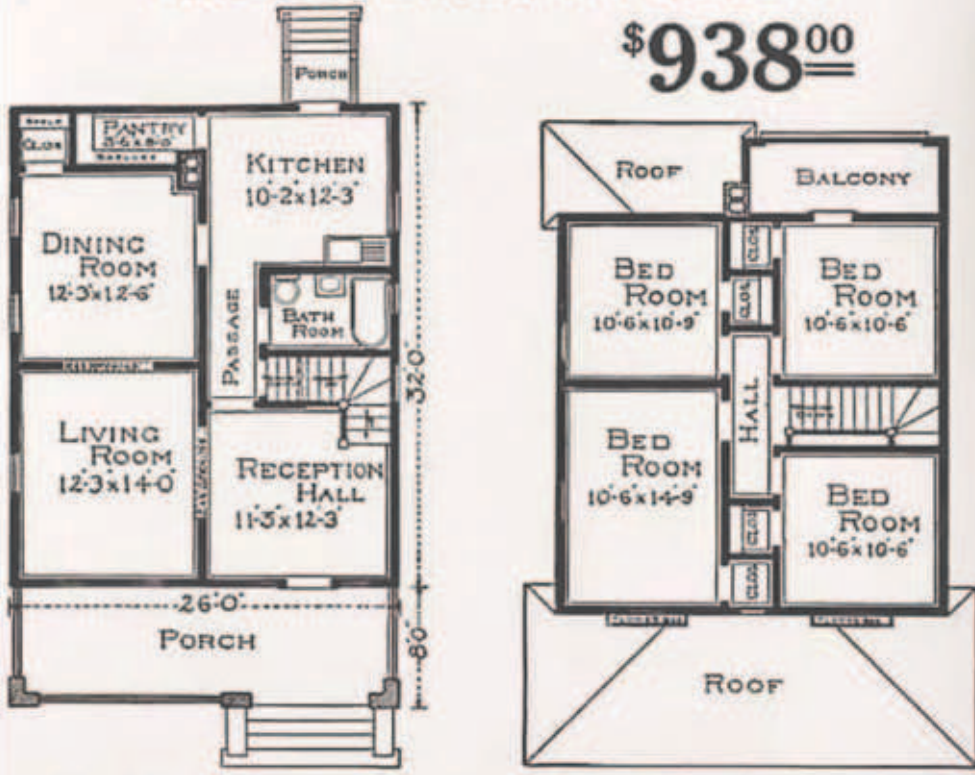
A few months ago, on their Facebook page, the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce posted an advertisement from many years ago, which showed a drawing and floor plan for a Sears home kit. The post was replied to by an individual who stated that one of the Sears mail order homes was still standing, in great condition and located on College Avenue in Oglesby. The home in question is owned by Elisa Hirt who purchased the home about nine years ago. “I was told it was a Sears and Roebuck house,” Hirt said.

Although she is unsure of the exact date when the house was constructed, she did say that on one of the walls in her home was written a date from the 1920s. Hirt, who loves history, is in the process of restoring her Sears home and preserving some of the local history.



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## County clerk to oversee audio recordings

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
Senior Writer & Editor

The Coryell County Commissioners Court recently voted to make the county clerk's office the official custodian for all audio recordings of the commissioners court.

The commissioners court voted on the issue following a motion by Pct. 1 Commissioner Kyle Matthews during the April 11 meeting of the commissioner court.

“We can't have court without the clerk, and I think her office should maintain all records,” Matthews said.

Commissioner Scott Weddle said during the COVID-19 disruptions, he recalled the meetings being posted online.

“At one point these meetings were recorded and posted on our website,” Weddle said. “I have received requests that be done again. I think we all agree transparency is important. It should be public record — we are recording it.”

County Judge Roger Miller said there are two factors to consider.

“Number 1, the county clerk is responsible for the minutes (detailed notes taken during meetings),” Miller said. “The audio recordings are mandated for counties of a certain size and we have not met that (threshold).”

“I think that threshold has to do with whether the meetings have to be streamed live,” Matthews said.

Miller said another factor is making sure the county funds the clerk's department to make sure she has the tools required to maintain the records.

“If the court chose to do that we would need to fund a mechanism for that,” Miller said.

Matthews then asked County Clerk Jennifer Newton for her thoughts.

“Would you object to being the custodian of recordings of the commissioners court?” he asked.

“No — it's within my job responsibilities,” Newton said.

Weddle said he would like quicker access to the recordings.

“Also, why do we not continue to post that

*“The county clerk is responsible for the minutes. The audio recordings are mandated for counties of a certain size and we have not met that (threshold).”*

**ROGER MILLER**  
Coryell County Judge

on our website?” he asked. “We were doing that and it just stopped.”

“I don't ever recall us posting the audio recordings,” Miller said. “I do know there had been an effort to get audio recordings posted, but I don't know that we ever did that.”

Matthews said his “true concern about the custodian or keeper of the records” is that it continues to meet legal requirements, and that he believed that should be the role of the county clerk's office — the entire department — rather than one single person.

“There is a conversion process that goes on post meeting,” Miller said. “That can take hours but it is available to any member of the court or the public within 48 hours.”

Weddle seconded Matthews' motion to make the county clerk's office the keeper of audio recordings.

“Y'all need to set the parameters — we do a lot of FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) requests, I'm going to assume the county judge is doing that for now,” Newton said. She added that if her department takes over those requests, “it's a whole different ball game. The complaints we get are that y'all don't have microphones — y'all are very hard to hear. They probably should be clear.”

“The deciding factor is we need to have funding (for the recording mechanism and microphones) and we would need to put them on the website just like the minutes.”



# City Council considers continuing work at 2006 Bridge Street

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
Senior Writer & Editor

Although requested to appear before the Gatesville City Council providing an update every two weeks until work is complete, Josiah Wilson, owner of a house at 2006 Bridge St. that has been declared substandard by the city, did not appear at the April 11 Council meeting.

Wilson did appear before the Council once in March, and the Council opted not to levy any additional fines against him at that time.

"Josiah Wilson sent an email to the mayor (Gary Chumley) and I," said Acting City Man-

ager Bill Parry. "He said he has not met with the new contractor and said he should have the work concluded in 45 days. As you can tell, not a lot has gone on in the last two weeks."

Councilman Greg Casey said he had seen "a couple of trucks at the house."

"It appears the new contractor has a sign in the yard," Chumley said. "I think we revisit it again in two weeks and look at the report."

Mayor Pro Tem asked, "What if this continues?"

"We fine him," Chumley said.

"I say every two weeks there should be a sign of progress," said Councilwoman Barbara Burrow.

Parry said he would notify Wilson that the council wants him to appear before them and provide an update at the April 25 meeting.

"Do we know what happened to the last fine?" Rainer asked.

Parry said Wilson has requested a jury trial on the issue, and that the city judge will be the one who imposes the fine, which can

be for up to \$500.

"I can let him know if there's not significant progress made in another two weeks (from April 11), another fine could be imposed," Parry said.

Rainer expressed concerns that Wilson might not be devoting enough time to getting things resolved.

"I don't know if he takes us very seriously, that's all," she said. "I hope we don't allow it to go on for another year and a half."

# GISD approves food contract, new kitchen equipment

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
Senior Writer & Editor

Gatesville Independent School District's Board of Trustees approved continuing a food service contract with Southwest Foodservice Excellence (SFE) during the April 17 school board meeting, and also approved \$173,000 to upgrade kitchen equipment on GISD campuses.

The contract has also been submitted to the Texas Education Agency, said Darrell Frazier, chief financial officer for GISD.

"The new contract starts on July 1, 2023 and it is a 12-month contract," Frazier said. "It represents an 8.2% increase, which is in line with the 7.65% increase the board approved for the current fiscal year. We are requesting a contract of about \$800,000 for the next fiscal year."

School Board President Charles Ament noted that Frazier

has been complimentary of SFE, saying, "You've expressed your high recommendation of this company."

"Yes, they've done a great job," Frazier said. "The manager on site, Megan Hendricks, is doing an excellent job. We have never been in better shape with our food service."

The district's food service is managed so well that GISD has a balance of more than \$1 million, Frazier said, adding "we've never seen that before."

Having the surplus in the food service fund is allowing the district to purchase new kitchen equipment to replace some of the older items on campuses, including some which have been in place since the 1980s.

"We are proposing to spend \$173,000 out of the balance fund," Frazier said. "Some of the items require TEA (Texas Education Agency) approval.

Items being purchased include air fryers, ovens, a dishwasher and floor cleaner.

"We will replace older equipment and there are also several new items," Frazier said. The large (expense) items will be submitted to TEA - a total of \$152,000.

"The kitchen staff have done an excellent job with the equipment they have."

GISD has kitchens at five campuses - the primary school, elementary, intermediate, junior high and high school.

"It's stuff that needed to be replaced," said GISD Superintendent Barrett Pollard.

"Some of the items (in the kitchens) were put in in the 1980s," Hendricks said.

# \$488,099 in Medicaid reimbursements coming to GISD

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
Senior Writer & Editor

The Gatesville Independent School District will receive a payment of \$488,099 for Medicaid reimbursements for students in early 2024, Darrell Frazier, chief financial officer for the district, told the GISD Board of Trustees at an April 17 meeting.

"It takes a while to get reimbursed from

the government," Frazier said. This is one payment in a recurring series of payments, he noted. "We budget around \$700,000 and will reduce it to the \$650,000 range. They have made changes that make it more difficult to qualify for reimbursement."

While the number of students being served in GISD's special education programs is ris-

ing, "the Medicaid reimbursement numbers are not going up quite as fast," Frazier said. The Medicaid funds help to offset additional costs the district incurs in working with special education students.

"The special education department works very hard documenting all these services," he said. "It's a big deal, and it takes a lot of

work on the part of our staff."

GISD's Medicaid reimbursement has risen steadily over the years.

"When it first started during the 2013-2014 school year, the district received \$165,000 (in reimbursements)," Frazier said.

# GISD approves purchase of protective film for outer windows

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
Senior Writer & Editor

The Gatesville Independent School District approved the purchase of resistant film for windows to enhance school security during a meeting on April 17.

Yancey Sanderson, executive director of testing and federal programs, said there are "10 or 11 different require-

ments" to qualify for a grant for the protective film, and that "windows are modified so the glass cannot be so easily broken. The film goes inside the window. It makes it like a car windshield — the glass will break but not fall out, and it's harder to climb through."

The estimated cost for the film for school windows, which

will be completely covered by the grant, is about \$125,000.

"This film will be in place so that if a bad guy is trying to break in, he'll have a difficult time getting through," said GISD Superintendent Barrett Pollard.

The district chose the better of two bids before approving the purchase.

## Lions Club Supports CASA



JEFF OSBORNE | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Charles Talbott, president of the Gatesville Lions Club, presented a check for \$200 to Kevin Kyle, executive director of CASA of Bell & Coryell Counties, during the April 19 meeting of the club. CASA, which is Court Appointed Special Advocates, trains volunteers to help represent local children during court hearings. More information about CASA is available at [www.casabellcoryell.org](http://www.casabellcoryell.org) or by calling 254-774-1881.

## Righteous Roots starts weekly women's support group

Staff Reports

Righteous Roots will hold a weekly women's support group every Thursday, which started April 20. The group will meet at 6 p.m. at the Righteous Roots building.

This support group is for women who need healing from past wounds, past or present addictions, and life-gripping situations. It is intended to be a safe space for those who have been suffering physically, mentally, or

emotionally.

Righteous Roots serves individuals who find themselves in life crisis because of current or past abuse. It is their desire to see men and women release the life-controlling, emotional baggage that ties them down through healing in Jesus Christ.

Righteous Roots is located at 904 E. Leon St. in Gatesville.

For more information on the women's support group contact Righteous Roots at 254-651-3600.

## Righteous Roots to host Spelling Bee April 29

Staff Reports

A spelling bee will be hosted by Righteous Roots for the community's youth on Saturday, April 29. The event will begin at 1 p.m. at the Gatesville High School auditorium and is open to second grade through eighth grade. The times during the event are to be determined based on the number of participants.

General admission is \$10 per person. There is no cost for the participants to sign up. The link to the registration can be found on the Righteous Roots Facebook

page. There will be a list of spelling words and rules sent to the email address attached to the registration form.

At the end of the spelling bee when there are only two spellers left, if one speller misspells that word, the other speller must spell that word correctly, plus one more word to be declared the winner.

For more information contact Candi Garvin by email at [cgarvin@gatesvilleisd.org](mailto:cgarvin@gatesvilleisd.org).

Gatesville High School is located at 205 South Lovers Lane.

## Don't Mess with Texas presents annual trash-off

Staff Reports

On Saturday, April 1 Don't Mess with Texas began the annual trash-off for the entire month of April. Every year families, social clubs, Adopt-a-Highway groups, neighborhoods, and Keep Texas Beautiful come together all over the state join

forces to pick up litter and beautify their communities.

For the month of April, an individual or a group can participate in the clean-up of any area around the Gatesville community. Take a before and after photo and tag Keep Gatesville Beautiful on Instagram or Facebook and your work will be

shared.

Recommended clean-up areas include Business 36 from Lovers Lane to 36 (mostly the west side of the road), West Main Street along the long bridge area, South Levita Road near the drainage ditch, the empty wooded lot next to Cefco located at 116 and West Main

Street, the area behind El Rodeo (between El Rodeo and Verizon), South Lovers Lane, and Old Waco Road.

For more information on the monthly litter pick-up, contact Keep Gatesville Beautiful by email at [keep-gatesvillebeautiful@gmail.com](mailto:keep-gatesvillebeautiful@gmail.com).



# National Day of Prayer set for May 4

## Staff Reports

First Methodist Church of Gatesville, 2600 E. Main St., will host the National Day of Prayer from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, May 4 in the church sanctuary.

The focus will be on prayer in general, as well as seven specific areas: The church, family and marriages, education, business, government, media, and arts and entertainment.

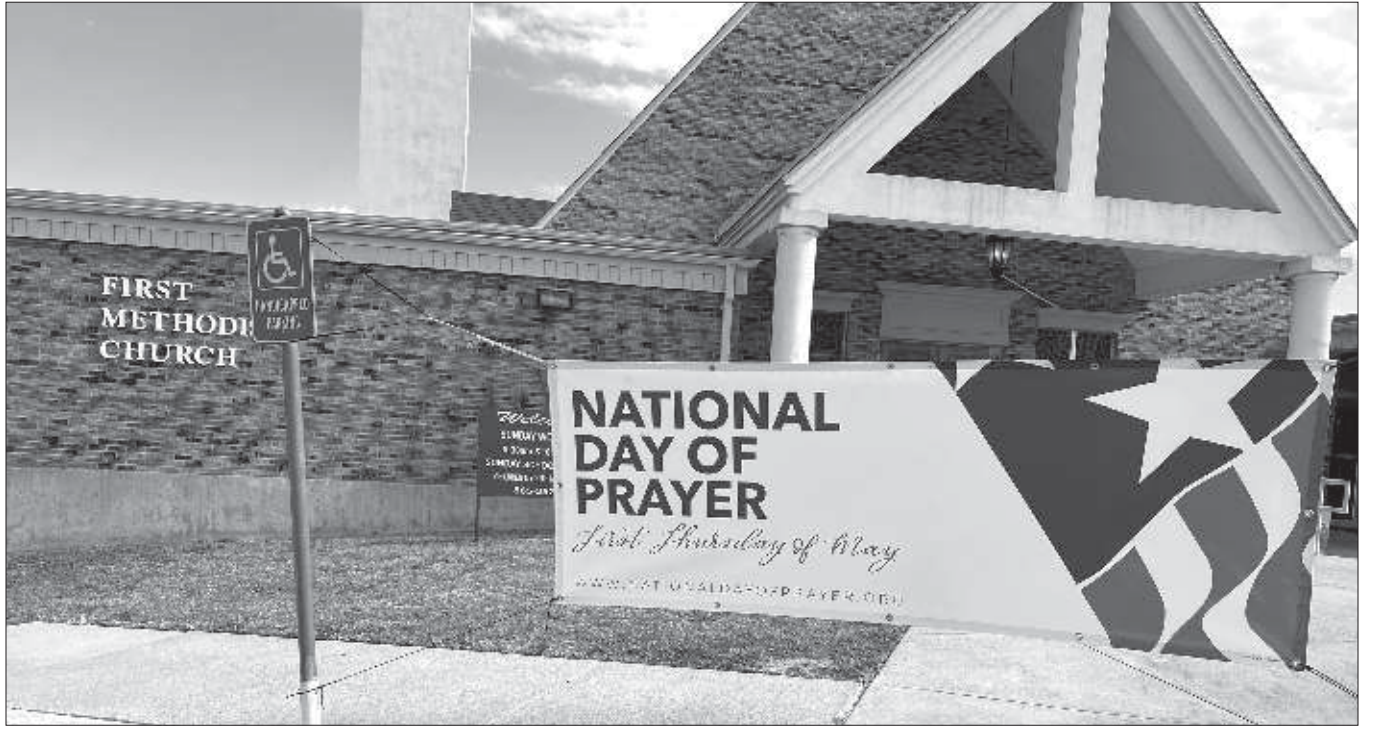
The theme for the 2023 events is Pray Fervently in Righteousness, with the accompanying words from

James 5:16 "The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective."

The National Day of Prayer is an annual day of observance held on the first Thursday of May, designated by the United States Congress, when people are asked "to turn to God in prayer and meditation".

The modern law formalizing its annual observance was enacted in 1952.

For more information on the event nationally, visit [www.nationaldayofprayer.org/](http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org/)



National Day of Prayer will be held at First Methodist Church of Gatesville on May 4.

COURTESY PHOTO

# Almond Blossom Ministries presents New Mercies Conference

## Staff Reports

Almond Blossom Ministries will hold a New Mercies Conference on Saturday, May 13 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The conference will be held at the Gatesville Civic Center, hosted by Cheyenne

Kizer, Founder of Almond Blossom Ministries.

Pre-registration is online at [www.almondblossomministries.com](http://www.almondblossomministries.com). Registration will cost \$45 with lunch included and \$35 without lunch. If you decide to have lunch, be sure to choose

from the listed food choices online while registering. Lunch will be provided by various local food trucks.

The keynote speaker will be Tammy Trent. Trent has been ministering to audiences around the world through her music and

speaking since singing her first record deal in 1995. In early 2023 she became the new co-host on LIFE Today TV. The conference will also feature Shelli Zan, with the Impact over Influence podcast. Impact over Influence is a non-profit organization

designed to bring relevant, authentic, and relational bible study that can be used across the world to bring people closer to the kingdom of God.

There will be activities including door prizes, goodie bags, free coffee, snacks,

and fellowship. Music will be provided by Born to Worship. Almond Blossom Ministries can be contacted by email at [almondblossomministries@gmail.com](mailto:almondblossomministries@gmail.com). The Gatesville Civic Center is located at 301 Veterans Memorial Loop.

# Cornerstone church celebrating Heritage Sunday

## Submitted article

Cornerstone is celebrating Heritage Sunday this weekend, April 21-23. The event begins on Friday at 7 p.m. with former professional golfer Kermit Zarley as guest speaker.

"The church has a long history in Coryell County," pastor Greg Demmitt said. "Church of God preachers began teaching our perspective of the Kingdom of God

on this renewed earth in the late 1800s.

"The church met in a community building for 20 years before building a church near the Ater Cemetery. The congregation built a new building in Gatesville in 1951 and the current sanctuary was built on the same site in 2011."

On Saturday, Zarley will present two sessions on prophecy. Other classes will focus on Jesus' life of obe-

dience to God and his sacrificial death on behalf of those who believe in him. At 4 p.m., Seth Ross, executive director of the Church of God General Conference, and Mark Cain of the Unitarian Christian Alliance will speak about their work and discuss having further conferences throughout the state of Texas.

"We held our first Heritage Sunday back in 2018, then another in 2020 just

before the pandemic impacted almost everything we do," Demmitt said. "We're pleased to get this event started again and expect a good turnout, both from our community and from folks throughout the state of Texas."

Zarley, who played golf for the University of Houston and co-founded the PGA Tour Bible Study, will present "Proofs of the Resurrection" in the Sunday morning

service at 11 a.m. The conference will conclude with a carry-in dinner at noon.

"We'll also provide lunch and dinner on Saturday," Demmitt said. "We won't have an adult Sunday School class this weekend but will use that time for sharing of faith stories and discussing the classes from the conference."

Zarley will have several of his recent books available for purchase at the

conference, including a new paperback version of The Restitution: Biblical Proof that Jesus Christ is not God. In that book, Zarley argues that Jesus is the Messiah of Israel and the only begotten Son of God.

Cornerstone church is located at 338 State School Road. The public is invited to attend.

# Revival set at Mound Cowboy Church starting April 30

## Submitted article

Mound Cowboy Church will hold a Family Revival on Sunday, April 30 at 9 a.m. and again Monday, May 1 at

6 p.m. Special musical guest will be Keron Jackson, described as an acclaimed powerhouse bass singer with an extraor-

dinary voice and an even more incredible story.

The revival will be held inside the church at 3075 FM 931.

# May 6 meeting set for Greenbriar Cemetery Association

## Staff Reports

The Greenbriar Cemetery Association will meet on Saturday, May 6 at 9 a.m. at Greenbriar Cemetery. The association members would

like everyone who is interested to attend. If you are unable to attend, please consider making a donation for the upkeep of the cemetery. Remit to "Greenbriar Cem-

etry Sherrie Barton, 2470 Greenbriar Road, Gatesville, Texas 76528."

For more information contact Sherrie Barton at 254-865-3341.

# Turnersville Community Center emergency meeting set

## Submitted article

The Turnersville Community Center has scheduled an emergency meeting at the center on Monday, April 24, scheduled to start at 6 p.m.

New board members need to be elected to fill vacancies due to resignations. The center needs an intact team of board members to ensure its proper management. This meeting is open to the

public. The Turnersville Com-

munity Center is located at 8115 Farm to Market Rd 182.



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# Emergency preparation tips offered for spring and summer

BY JEFF OSBORNE

Senior Writer & Editor

With spring weather sometimes being unpredictable and approaching summer weather elevating wildfire risks, Bob Harrell, the Texas Division of Emergency Management liaison for Coryell County, offered tips that can help people enhance their safety.

"I encourage citizens to look at their ability to maintain themselves for three to

five days - especially during power outages," Harrell said. "They need to make sure they have an ample supply of water, food, and an adequate supply of batteries and medication.

"They should also register for CodeRED (a regional emergency alert system) and keep an eye on weather conditions during storm season. I encourage everyone to look at National Weather Service updates and to have

a weather radio if possible."

CodeRED registration can be done through the Central Texas Council of Governments website at <https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-US/BFF2144C1EE5>.

"In addition to food and water, people should have a flashlight, games for kids, emergency phone numbers and the ability to charge cell phones, if need be," Harrell said. "You should also find the safest location in your

home, an inner part of the house which can be a bathroom, closet or pantry, and seek shelter in case of a tornado. You should practice drills and set a location for everybody to meet."

Ahead of fire season Harrell said preventive measures can be taken to protect people, animals, and property. That includes having a professional cut limbs away from powerlines and clearing any brush away

from your house.

"Make sure smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors are working properly and keep a first aid kit. You should always have plenty of fuel in case you need to evacuate," Harrell said. "Also make sure you have emergency contact information. For insurance, you should take pictures of your property and store it on a flash drive you keep with you, or on your cell

phone."

Knowing how to treat injuries in an emergency is also recommended, he said.

"Take a first aid class," Harrell said. "You can check with the local hospital or the American Red Cross to see when they are offered. Basic first aid goes a long way. You can also take an AED (automated external defibrillator) class, and a CPR class. Be a lifesaver."

## YOUTH SHOOTS 265-POUND WILD BOAR



COURTESY PHOTO

Jase Jones, age 10, recently shot a wild boar weighing 265 pounds near Purmela. Jones, a student at Gatesville Intermediate School, is a son of Matthew and Ashley Jones. They reside in Purmela.

## Gatesville Riding Club to host Playday Saddle Series May 6

Staff Reports

The Gatesville Riding Club is planning to host a Playday Saddle Series on Saturday, May 6. Books will open at 9 a.m.

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

Events will include poles,

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

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

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

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

For more information contact Ladonna Faber at 1 (254) 493-8954. The Gatesville Riding Club Arena is located at 301 Veterans Memorial Dr. in Gatesville.

## Oglesby community-wide garage sale set for April 29

Staff Reports

The town of Oglesby will hold a community-wide garage sale on Saturday, April 29. Sales will begin at 8 a.m., unless announced otherwise

at the Oglesby Community Center, located at 118 Main Street in Oglesby, and individual houses around the center.

The deadline to be in-

cluded in the advertising for garage sales was Thursday, April 21.

For more information, text 254-424-4067.

## Pearl Community Center to hold quarterly meeting April 24

Submitted Item

Pearl Community Center's

quarterly meeting will be Monday, April 24 at 6:30 p.m. Anyone with business

to bring before the board may contact Connie at 254-223-0621.

## Whatever happened to...

20 YEARS AGO (2003)

Several Jonesboro High School students held a bake sale to raise money for their junior-senior prom. Erin Lord and Karri Miller visited downtown merchants in Gatesville to peddle their baked goods.

Coryell County Judge John Hull signed a proclamation designating the week of April 27 to May 4 as Soil and Water Stewardship Week in the county.

Emily Bates, daughter of Bob and Ann Bates of Gatesville, was among the fall graduates of Baylor University. She received a bachelor of arts degree in communications with a minor in the-

ater.

Jamie Barron, a junior at Jonesboro High School, had been selected to attend the 2003 Congressional Student Leadership Conference in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Lute Sullins, a freshman, and Cindy House, a senior, were presented the Tiger Award at the Oglesby Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) awards ceremony.

30 YEARS AGO (1993)

Linda Moten was a candidate for the GISD school board. She was a nine-year resident of Gatesville and had been employed as senior warden at the Hilltop Unit.

Judge Larry McDonald of

Gatesville had been certified at a 20-hour Justice of the Peace seminar held in Dallas. McDonald served as JP for Precinct 3 in Coryell County.

The Alpha Eta Chi sorority was distributing fans at the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce and Agribusiness' annual Shivarree. Jamie Whitt, a student at GHS, drew the winning logo for the fans.

Floyd and Mary Woodall celebrated their 50th anniversary. Floyd Woodall and the former Mary Sydow were married May 1, 1943, in Brownwood.

Nancy Dowdy, one of three local golfers, claimed honors as the overall winner in

the ladies' golf tournament held at the Gatesville Country Club. She was the overall high-point performer.

40 YEARS AGO (1983)

Melanie Jones was named as the valedictorian and Lisa Davis as the salutatorian for Gatesville High School's Class of 1983. High honor boy among the seniors was Larry Bartlett.

Jimmy Dale Gartman and Kim McCoy won the royal title of Mr. and Miss GHS for 1983 at the ninth annual Crescent-sponsored school pageant held in the high school auditorium.

Gatesville twirling students of Mrs. Liz Quicksall captured a galaxy of honors

in a non-sanctioned twirling contest at China Spring High School.

Don Glass, acting president, was elected president of the newly formed Gatesville Exchange Club. Glass and other officers were inducted by Dean Allison.

Smoky Moore, noted rattlesnake handler from Gatesville, was to be in charge of rattlesnake shows at Laredo's third annual Frontier Days.

50 YEARS AGO (1973)

Gatesville's school board divided the old public school campus on College Hill containing 4.6 acres into four tracts for sale purposes. Bids could be made in Supt.

Charles Zeigler's office.

Rev. Jerry Raines was named the new pastor at Live Oak Baptist Church. Rev. Raines, his wife Sue, and their son Jayson moved to Fort Gates from Lometa where he pastored the First Baptist Church.

The county purchased a new 1973 model sedan for Sheriff Winfred Cummings' department with a bid of \$3,596 from Miller Motor Company.

Jonesboro High School's Future Farmer pasture and range judging team placed fourth in the state contest held at Tarleton State University, advancing them to the national competition.

## Bible Conference

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**Saturday, April 22**  
9 am Kermit Zarley, The Late Great Plastic Empire, Pt. 1

<p>Conference Schedule continued</p> <p><b>Saturday, April 22</b></p> <p>10 am Kevin George, Can a Human Jesus Save Us?</p> <p>11 am Albert Valdez, faith story</p> <p>Noon Lunch</p> <p>1 pm Kegan Chandler, 'Filial Piety' as the Essence of Christianity</p> <p>2 pm Kermit Zarley, The Late Great Plastic Empire, Pt. 2</p> <p>3 pm David Ash, Dennis Smith, others, faith stories</p>	<p>4 pm Mark Cain, UCA, Seth Ross, COG</p> <p>5:30 pm Spaghetti dinner</p> <p><b>Sunday, April 23</b></p> <p>10 am Sunday School</p> <p>11 am Kermit Zarley, Proofs of the Resurrection</p>
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Meals provided: Sandwich lunch and spaghetti dinner on Saturday; Carry-in dinner on Sunday.

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## "The Touch of the Master's Hand"

MARSHA LEE

Contributing writer

On April 8, members of The Morris Federation enjoyed a program presented by Bronwen Kirby of Waco. Bronwen said she remembers being attracted to the violin (or violin music) from the time she was a year old. Her first complete sentence, uttered before she was two, was not as you might imagine her saying, "I love you, mommy (or daddy)," but rather it was, "I want to play violin." As a child, she remembers making her own violins out of cardboard, using rubber bands for the strings. By age five, she was beginning to play the violin. Amazingly, at twelve, under the instruction of Timothy Johnson, she was learning how to make real violins. She graduated from Central Texas Strings Academy last year. She also plays piano and organ, but the violin is her favorite instrument. She has been home schooled and will graduate this spring. Then she plans to enroll at Baylor University, where her father is a math professor.

She entertained the Morris Federation audience with a variety of violin pieces, played on a violin she made for herself. Her first number was a classical arrangement by Johannes Sebastian Bach. It was representative of the

1700s, a combination of classical and church music.

Another selection was entitled "Si Bheag, Si Mhor," a beautiful 17th century Irish air, usually played simply and leisurely, somewhat like a waltz. It is attributed to Turbough O'Carolan, a blind harpist and singer, considered by many to be one of Ireland's greatest composers. The title means "So Big, So Small," and seems to have some relationship to legends about the hills that were home to mythical fairies. Having spent three months in England at age eleven, Bronwen was inspired by folk tunes from English, Irish, Scottish, Welsh, and Celtic origins.

Bronwen added what she called a "fun selection" (a dance) from Spanish origin. It was lively, and she said she often played it at parties or when friends get together.

"The Orange Blossom Special" was her next piece, a classic American tune. The Orange Blossom Special was a deluxe passenger train on Seaboard Air Lines Railways. It ran from New York City to Miami, Florida, but only during the winter months. It was a standard bluegrass song, written in 1935 by Ervin Rouse. It was first recorded by Chubby Wise,

then by Bill Monroe in 1942 and Johnny Cash in 1965. It was often referred to as "the fiddle player's national anthem." Bronwen's version took some elements from each of these versions and then added some of her own elements.

The final number Bronwen played was "Love's Sorrow," written by Austrian American composer, Fritz Kreisler. Entitled Liebesleid, it is a set of three short pieces: "Love's Joy," "Love's Sorrow," and "Lovely Rosemary." "Love's Sorrow" is an emotional and remorseful piece in the waltz genre.

The title of Bronwen's program came from a poem by Myra Brooks Welch. The poem tells of a battered, dusty old violin that is about to be sold as the last item at an auction for a pittance, until a violinist steps out of the audience and plays the instrument, demonstrating its beauty and true value. The violin then sells for \$3,000 instead of a mere \$3. What made the difference was the touch of the master's hand. (The poem goes on to compare the violin to the life of a sinner that is touched by the hand of God). In this case, it is indeed Bronwen's hand that makes the violin come alive.



COURTESY PHOTO

Bronwen Kirby, playing a violin she made herself, entertains members of the Morris Federation.

### PEARL NEWS

## It's Pearl Community Center Flea Market weekend



BY BETSY CLARK

Pearl News Correspondent

Don't Forget that April 21 and 22 are the dates 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 include a quilt rack with quilt tops, quilts, two dining room tables, coffee tables, end tables, boxes of Amish

Christian books, and a lot of exceptional glassware and jewelry. Also, two trailers of furniture and other household items — take what you

want, pay what you want. The trailers will be parked in front of the cabin.

Additionally, the following items will be available inside the bookstore:

\*8 pair of women's crop pants, white, size 28W;

\*9 pair of men's Columbia shorts, size 40W;

\*2 men's sweaters, 1 gray, 1 blue, from Nordstrom's;

\*1 Men's dress suit, Hart, Schaffner, and Marx from Dillard's, blue, size 44 short;

\*1 Tan men's dress suit, Hart, Schaffner, and Marx from Dillard's, size 44 short;

\*1 Dark blue men's dress suit, Hart, Schaffner, and Marx from Nordstrom's, size 44 short;

\*1 Men's brown tweed

sports jacket, American International Sports, Dillard's, size 44;

\*2 sacks of very nice men's and women's socks;

\*A Singer sewing machine in a wooden case;

\*A very old Singer sewing machine in a black case, in pristine condition;

\*2 full-size beds with mattresses (both have headboards);

\*A mixer;

\*A waffle maker

Of course, the usual bookstore items and more than 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.

Just two weeks after the flea market, the next Pearl Cottage Bookstore Day happens on May 6. That's twice in two weeks that you can go to the book cottage to stock up on summer reading material. And, you can visit with the cheerful bookstore ladies who not only love to see you, but they also cherish your visits. Remember, you never know what you might find at the Pearl Book Cottage. All proceeds go to support the Bookstore's local charities.

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

This week's Bible verse comes from Ephesians 4:15-16: Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love. (NIV)

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

## United Women in Faith held monthly meeting April 11

Submitted by Shirleen Chandler

United Women in Faith met on Tuesday, April 11 in the banquet room of the Methodist Church in Gatesville. Sixteen members were present, including one new member, Cindy Martin. Hostesses were Melinda Ivy and Linda Maxwell.

Patsy Smart, president, began the meeting by leading in the blessing. During refreshments, Linda Klontz led members in choosing

a new prayer partner. Following refreshments, Smart thanked the hostesses and read The Purpose. Mary Beth Rivers read from the daily prayer guide and Velva Riddle read from the response magazine.

Doris Nichols presented the program from our book "Who Can We Be Together?" The session comes from Luke 13:18-19, where Jesus compared the kingdom of God to a grain of mustard seed, which when planted grew to be a great tree with

lots of room for bird nests. Nichols gave each member some mustard seeds, pointing out how tiny they are. The seeds can blow over to the neighborhoods with new trees springing up. Members were asked to think about all the people in our community who we can influence with the gospel of Jesus. Shirleen Chandler led the group in singing "Have Thine Own Way, Lord."

President Smart called the business meeting to order and read a thank-you note

from a recipient of our recent gifts. In unfinished business, Carol Dildine reported that they have three graduating seniors: Siera Haney, William Herrington Farrell, and Kaydee Palady.

Sunday, May 21, was chosen to honor the seniors, during the 10:30 a.m. service. Members discussed

gifts that would be given to each graduate. In new business, Chandler reminded members that the group is a mission organization and suggested donating to a couple of mission projects with some of the funds. Members approved of the

projects. The meeting adjourned with the benediction.

## RECIPE

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

## Granny's Lemon Pound Cake

BY JOYCE PRUITT

Cake

1 stick of butter  
1 c. Crisco  
2 2/3 c. sugar  
1 c. sweet milk  
1 tsp. baking powder  
3 c. flour  
5 eggs  
1 1/2 T. lemon extract  
1/2 T. almond extract  
1/2 T. nutmeg

Cream sugar, Crisco, and butter. Add eggs one at a time. Add flour with baking powder and alternate flour with milk. Add lemon, almond extract and nutmeg. Pour into greased and floured bundt pan. Cook 1 hour at 300 or until toothpick comes out clean. Turn onto cake plate and then drizzle with glaze.

Glaze

1/2 c. sugar  
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Dissolve sugar in lemon and orange juice. Drizzle over hot cake.

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# Remembering Uncle Bob

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

According to John Frank Post, editor of the *Gatesville Messenger* from 1946-1978, "Mr. Saunders composed his Down Memory Lane columns from his West Main Street home in the shadow of the county courthouse dome. Deadline time would find him hunched square-shouldered over his small desk pecking away at his typewriter." Post continued, "disdaining the rules of grammar and political correctness, he wrote like he talked - straight and plain-speaking. He was

spared any tedious research, as his gifted memory supplied him with facts that he could weave into his own inimitable embroidery, using colorful anecdotes, local history, and happenings. Yes, Uncle Bob knew how to juice up a story."

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

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The following is an excerpt of Uncle Bob's Down Memory Lane column that appeared in the July 23, 1948, edition of *The Gatesville Messenger*:

**Recalls Camp meetings**  
I remember them camp meetings I used to go to when I was a kid - sometimes over to Straw's Mill on

the river but most times to Farmer Springs on Hinson Creek. I remember them old brush arbors with clean oat straw on the ground so that when the kids got sleepy, they could take a nap in all the comfort. The sermons was kinder dry and the prayers purty long, but when them folks got to singing and shouting, it made up for that long sermon, for they shore would git happy.

**Down on Old Coryell Creek (July 30, 1948)**

There was a feller telling me the other day about some old feller that is going around talking about the folks that settled on Coryell Creek in an early day. According to this old feller, the Hard Shell Baptists (Primitive) country down on the creek away from the Indians, put them good little farms in cultivation, and raised several good crops. Then they sorter neglected their crops when it came time to

have the social on and foot-washings, lost several crops and when others moved into the country and took over, they run Uncle Henry Franks and Uncle Jasper Chambers and the rest of the brethren back into the hills. The Hard Shell Brothers have been in the mountains ever since, and of course the descendants of J.M. Davidson and Frank Martin sitting in the saddle on Coryell Creek.

Now I ain't talked to this old feller, and don't know who he is. He could be right; it was before my time, for I don't remember when the Hard Shell Brethren were on the creek. Uncle Henry Franks has been living on the mountain to the east of Gatesville for many years, and Uncle Jasper Chambers has been living in the mountains to the west of Gatesville long before the cedar brakes caught on fire. All I know for certain is that when that old feller was a-

talking about the Hard Shell Baptist folks, he was talking about the best bunch of folks we ever had in the country.

They were the Salt of the Earth, for they paid all their obligations in full, both to their fellow man and to their Lord. If that old feller is right about them losing a crop or

two on account of Socia-tion, you can bet your bot-tom dollar they weren't no-body hurt, for if they didn't pay their store account the same year it was made, they would pay it the next year. In my business experience, I never heard of a bank or merchant losing any money on a Hard Shell Baptist.

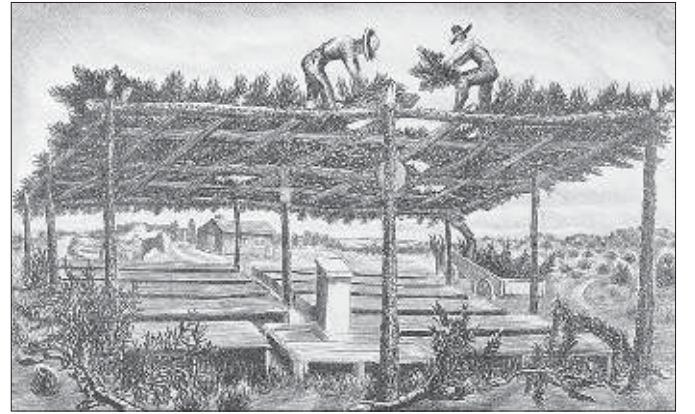


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In the early days, before formal country church buildings were established, brush arbors were built for worshippers to gather in for services and camp meetings.

# The DISPATCH

The following is a partial breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of April 12 - 18. People 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**

**April 12**

12:39 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of Chicktown Road.

1:48 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2400 block of E. Main Street.

4:43 p.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 4300 block of S. State Hwy. 36.

**April 13**

8:30 a.m., a theft was reported in the 1600 block of Oak Park Circle.

9:27 a.m., a threat was reported in the 1400 block of W. Main Street.

2:53 p.m., a burglary was reported in the 400 block of Valley View Drive.

**April 14**

10:32 a.m., a disturbance was reported in the 2600 block of Mears Drive.

1:45 p.m., a missing person was reported in the 100 block of N. 30th Street.

3:39 p.m., an accident was reported in the 1700 block of W. Main Street.

**April 15**

9:24 a.m., illegal dumping was reported in the 1700 block of E. Main Street.

10:15 a.m., a burglary was reported in the 1700 block of Bridge Street.

5:44 p.m., harassment was reported in the 300 block of Andrews Street.

**April 16**

9:51 a.m., a threat was reported in the 200 block of

Old Osage Road.

2:41 p.m., animal cruelty was reported in the 2800 block of S. State Hwy. 36.

10:04 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 100 block of Golf Course Road.

**April 17**

6:07 a.m., animal cruelty was reported in the 100 block of Avenue E.

3:56 p.m., a hit and run accident was reported in the 800 block of E. Main Street.

4:15 p.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of S. 6th Street.

**April 18**

5:40 a.m., animal cruelty was reported in the 100 block of Avenue E.

6:31 a.m. criminal trespass was reported in the

100 block of Dora's Lane.

10:02 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 500 block of Bridge Street.

**CORYELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

**April 12**

7:25 a.m., a minor accident was reported in the 300 block of CR 137.

8:31 a.m., stolen property was reported in the 3300 block of CR 265.

5:51 p.m., a theft was reported in the 2900 block of Popular Drive.

**April 13**

7:46 a.m., a minor accident was reported in the 100 block of College Avenue.

3:52 p.m., criminal tres-

pass was reported in the 200 block of Julia Drive.

6:52 p.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 100 block of Liberty Street.

**April 14**

8:00 a.m., criminal trespass was reported on the Gatesville ISD campuses.

1:46 p.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 200 block of Harrel Drive.

3:42 p.m., a major accident was reported on FM 116 and W. Main Street.

**April 15**

9:32 a.m., a major accident was reported in the 10000 block of FM 107.

9:52 a.m., mailbox damage was reported in the 700 block of Thomas Street.

3:52 p.m., an out-of-con-

trol child was reported in the 300 block of FM 107.

**April 16**

8:23 a.m., a civil matter was reported in the 200 block of Old Osage Road.

6:25 p.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 500 block of FM 1602.

10:50 p.m., an assault was reported in the 1700 block of CR 269.

**April 17**

9:33 a.m., trespassing was reported in the 2700 block of Bradford Drive.

2:07 p.m., a neighbor dispute was reported in the 2700 block of Tanglewood Drive.

6:05 p.m., harassment was reported in the 600 block of Thomas Street.

# Henderson's historic landmark



**BY TUMBLEWEED SMITH**

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

Logan and Dave Howard were early carpenters in Henderson who designed and built a beautiful six-room brick house on the city's main thoroughfare in 1858.

"Logan never married," said Joan Smith, Rusk County historian. "He lived in the house until he died in 1905. Dave and his wife raised nine children in the house."

The Howard brothers manufactured bricks behind the house and the kiln was sort of a tourist attraction. People from all over the county went to see it in op-

eration.

"A well near the outdoor kitchen was lined with Howard bricks," Smith said. "There are still several buildings standing in Henderson that were built with Howard bricks. The courthouse that was built in 1870 was built with Howard bricks."

The Howard house had several fireplaces. It was the first one in Henderson to have plastered walls. Smith said that the plaster was made of some unusual ingredients: egg whites, honey, and flour.

"It was unique in many ways," Smith noted. "It was the first house in Henderson

built of bricks and was one of the first houses in Henderson with indoor plumbing."

There was an aerial footbridge that went from the Howard house across the busy street below to the house across the street.

"One of the frequent visitors here was Sam Houston. Martha Howard was a cousin. A trunk in the house belonged to Sam Houston," Smith said.

The Howard family lived in the house for 50 years. Then the Dickinson family bought it and lived in it for 50 years. They built an addition that was used as a

boarding house for workers in the East Texas oil field. After the Dickinsons moved out in the 1950s the house stood vacant for years. A businessman, Homer Bryce, bought it and sold it to the county historical group for \$1, with the stipulation it be restored. Fundraising started, grant money came in, and the house opened to the public for tours in 1967.

"We try to have it open on the second and fourth Saturday of each month," Smith said. "Or if you call, we can arrange a tour. We're also on Facebook."

Joan chairs the Rusk County Historical Com-

mission. She noted that the house has period furniture, some of it original. It also has an organ that one of the Howard daughters played.

"The house is really famous, and it photographs really well," Smith said. "It has some rare architectural features for the day like a second story balcony that has no supports under it."

Two people died in the house — one by accident, one by suicide. Some people say the house is haunted and that some of the former residents still live there.

"In the fall, around Halloween we offer haunted hayrides," Smith added.

# Coryell County 4-H announces Educational Presentation results

**Staff Reports**

Coryell County 4-H recently announced the results from the educational presentation that was held on Monday, April 10 at the Hay Valley Baptist Church. An educational presen-

tation is a way to increase public speaking skills. It provides 4-H members with the opportunity to get up in front of other 4-H members and adults and showcase their knowledge.

The results for the Clover Kid and Junior age divisions

include Mackinlee Martin in the horse category who won the blue award, in the animal science category Mary Mitchell won first place, Thomas Brookshire won first place in an open category, Pete Wallace won second place in an open category, and Eve Fulton won first place in an open category.

For the Intermediate age division, in the animal science category Lillie Mann won first place and Makaylie Williams won second place,

in the beef category Lilly Kinsey won first place, In the health and wellness category Anna Mcpherson won first place and Jozie Wolff won second place, in the horse category Allie Mcpherson won first place, Clancy Archie won first place in an open category, Chelsea Johnson won second place in an open category, Bailey Wolff won third place in an open category, and in the safety and injury prevention category Kace Laster won

first place.

Senior age division results include Clayton Gregory in the agriculture tech and farm safety category who won first place, in the animal science category Zak Huckabee won first place, in the beef category Jeret Burks won first place and Lane Kinsey won second place, in the horse category Kinsley Mcpherson won first place, Chase Janke won first place in an open category, in the agriculture category Ca-

leb Mannix won first place and Lane Brookshire won second place, in the safety and injury prevention category Cayleigh Coursey won first place and Kinlee Gardner won second place, and in the health and wellness category Zoe Gribble won first place, Hadleigh Ament won second place, and Matti Mann won third place.

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Intermediate, Elementary, Primary, DAEP, SCGC, Technology building, and the Central Administration Building) until 10:00 AM on Monday, May 8, 2023.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting and onsite inspection of the project is scheduled for 9:00 AM on April 24, 2023. Bidders will meet at the GISD Central Administration Building at 311 S. Lovers Lane, Gatesville, Texas.

Proposals can be mailed to Gatesville ISD, attention Yancey Sanderson, 311 S. Lovers Lane, Gatesville, Texas 76528. Please mark your sealed bid "Entry Resistant Film." Proposals will be opened and read aloud at 10:00 AM on Monday, May 8, 2023. Tabulations of the proposals will be made and presented to the School Board for action at 5:30 PM on May 15, 2023.

Specifications and the Required Bid Forms packets are available on the Gatesville ISD website after April 17, 2023. Questions regarding this project should be directed to Toby Williams at 254-865-8922. Gatesville ISD reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals or price quotes and waive any formality in bidding.

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TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF ROXANE SCHULER, DECEASED. CAUSE NO 23-10806, COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS. TALER DANE BROWN FILED IN THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS ON THE 16TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2023, APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP SAID ROXANE SCHULER, DECEASED.

SAID APPLICATION SHALL BE HEARD AND ACTED ON BY SAID COURT ON OR AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY NEXT AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF TEN DAYS FROM DATE OF POSTING THIS CITATION, THE SAME BEING THE 24TH DAY OF APRIL 2023, AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN GATESVILLE, TEXAS.

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JENNIFER NEWTON  
CORYELL COUNTY CLERK  
CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS

BY: M. WALLACE  
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Francis M. Davidson, Deceased, were issued on April 3, 2023, in Cause No. 23-10813, pending in the County Court-at-Law of Coryell County, Texas, to: Ronnie Sullins.

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

c/o: Allen D. Place, Jr.  
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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Don Weldon Dyson, Deceased, were issued on April 3, 2023, in Cause No. 23-10816, pending in the County Court-at-Law of Coryell County, Texas, to: Ramona Young.

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

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TO: DECEDENT'S UNKNOWN HEIRS  
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COUNTY OF CORYELL

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## FIVE GENERATIONS



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This photo captures five generations of JoAnn Paul. On the top row from left to right is Jo Marrs, great-grandmother and JoAnn Paul, great-great-grandmother. On the bottom row is Amanda, grandmother, and her daughter Corina holding her baby Lakyn.



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This shrine at Sagalassos is a prime example of the excellent archaeological sites which can be seen at different locations throughout Turkey.

## McKamie finds delight in Turkish travels

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
Senior Writer & Editor

Charles McKamie, the pastor of King Baptist Church and a former history teacher with the Gatesville Independent School District, has a love for travel - especially when he can combine it with other interests.

McKamie spoke about his travels to Turkey during an April 12 meeting of the Gatesville Lions Club.

"Three things I'm passionate about are the Bible, history and travel," McKamie said. "I'm going back to Turkey in May - it's a fascinating country. Imagine a country that is in both Europe and Asia. It is joined to Bulgaria and Greece in Europe, and on the Asian side to Armenia, Azerbaijan, Iraq, Georgia and Syria. It is also the ancestral home of the Kurds who are not to be messed with.

"This is a wild, wild place, and they've managed to keep their country relatively safe. On the other side of the Black Sea you have Ukraine, Russia, Romania and Moldova. It's almost miraculous this country has managed to stay intact."

The current land which is Greece has been occupied by different groups over centuries, and was captured by the Ottoman Turks from what had been the Western Roman - or Byzantine - Empire. For hundreds of years, Turkey was part of the Ottoman Empire, until the end of World War I.

"It's basically a new country, it's only existed for about 100 years," McKamie said. "It became a country in October 1923. They had made the mistake of backing Germany (in World War I). The Allies (including Great Britain, France and the United States) were going to give half of the country to Greece and half to Armenia, but the Turks rose up and put a stop to that."

On his first trip to Turkey, McKamie said he arrived in Istanbul, the cultural centerpiece of the country and what for centuries was known as Constantinople.

"It's an interesting place," he



JEFF OSBORNE | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER  
Charles McKamie of Gatesville recently spoke to the Gatesville Lions Club about his travels in Turkey.

*"I've been to many places, and this is the most entertaining, startling and sometimes shocking - there is something around every corner. The Abrahamic hospitality is still there."*

### CHARLES MCKAMIE

said. "The city has been around for at least 2,500 years. It commands the (Bosporus) strait between the Black Sea and the Aegean Sea and controls ship traffic. Russia is very interested in that - Russian tankers have to go through there. That's Russia's only way out to the Mediterranean (Sea) by ship.

"People have profited by running a chain the mile across the water - it's the oldest tollway in history."

As for Istanbul, McKamie said, "it's a city of 5 million or so people with beautiful mosques, many of which used to be churches. The Hagia Sophia (a huge Christian



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The Hagia Sophia, located in Istanbul, is one of the most visited and treasured historical sites in Turkey.

basilica which was then turned into a mosque and a museum) is there. It was built in 325 and the current model is about 1,500 years old. It's a gorgeous thing, and unbelievably huge. When Turkey conquered the city and converted it to a Mosque, they did a pretty good job taking care of it."

There are still carvings on a balcony made by Viking bodyguards who were hired to help protect the structure centuries ago.

McKamie said he was challenged by vast differences when he arrived in Turkey.

"I was 5,000 miles from home in a country where I don't speak the language," he said. "The buses there are a great way to get around but I underestimated the size of the bus station. The buses are clean and cheap, and one of the few places in Turkey where nobody smokes. Smoking is the national sport - you can see five guys standing around smoking under a no smoking sign."

After a lengthy bus ride to a place several hours away, to the city of Isparta, McKamie rented a

car and set out to see the countryside.

"You will see people getting around with the same transportation their ancestors used 500 years ago," he said. "Those who have cars drive them very fast, so you have to be careful. You'll see people sitting on the side of the road selling cherries during cherry season, and they are as big as golf balls."

McKamie was impressed with the sights and the people of Isparta.

"Isparta has some of the most spectacular things you'll ever see, and many are not on a map or in a guidebook," he said. "Agriculture is done the same way it was done in Biblical times. Hay is cut by hand, and you can almost see Ruth and Boaz (from the Biblical book of Ruth) if you look. It's like stepping back in time - a very long time."

The people are very friendly and welcoming to visitors, McKamie said. "The men sit out on the street playing games and will offer you whatever they're eating,

and they wish they could talk to you (in the same language).

"The stores they have are like they were in America 100 years ago - small craftsmen, blacksmiths, harness makers - and they make their tools. There's no Wal-Mart. It's a step back in time, and I thoroughly enjoyed it."

McKamie said he saw some incredible ancient ruins in Sagalassos, and that "you can also see the effect of earthquakes on every site. There's an ancient fountain and it's absolutely remarkable. I saw a Belgian archaeologist who told me about the site. An arch was erected there over 2,000 years ago when Alexander the Great came in. The people submitted to him and put the arch up in honor of his visit to the city."

McKamie said water still flows through the ancient aqueducts "just like thousands of years ago. The country is honeycombed with springs and the water is as clean, as cold and as pure as it can possibly be. You can get a drink and fill up your water bottle."

He saw Colossae (where the Colossians that the Apostle Paul wrote to lived centuries ago), but it has not yet been excavated.

McKamie said he would see "herds of goats, sheep or cattle and there is a shepherd who stays with them all day long."

The Silk Road which merchants traveled centuries ago went through Turkey, and McKamie said there are still buildings where caravans could find shelter overnight along the old pathway.

McKamie also visited the ancient city of Aphrodisias, which has been dedicated to the Greek god Aphrodite.

"There are some amazing archaeological sites and there basically aren't any people around," he said. The heat keeps the tourists away.

"These are some of the best-preserved historical sites in the world at Aphrodisias," McKamie said. "You can see where the Romans converted (the open theater area) into a place where they had gladiatorial contests."

McKamie said in all of his travels, Turkey is a place that stands out to him.

"I have been to many places, and this is the most entertaining, startling and sometimes shocking - there is something around every corner. The sites are amazing and so are the people. The Abrahamic hospitality is still there."



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Aphrodisias is another of the archaeological sites that Charles McKamie visited on his trip to Turkey. He said there are few visitors to the location, and that Turkey had better preserved ancient ruins than he had seen in other countries.



## GHS athletes on track for excellence



SE'VETTE EARLY | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER  
Barrett Boyd won the area pole vault contest with a jump of 12 feet, 7 inches - topping her earlier jump of 12 feet 3 inches.



ALEX MEELBUSCH | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER  
Barrett Boyd won the silver medal in the 110 and 300 hurdles, and advances to regional competition in both events.



SE'VETTE EARLY | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER  
Carlo Martinez won gold medals in the 3200 and 1600 meter races and silver in the 800 meters.

### Six Hornets qualify for regionals

#### Staff report

Gatesville High School is sending six athletes to regional competition April 28-29 in Bullard thanks to a strong showing at the area meet on April 19 in Gatesville.

On the girls side, Barrett Boyd earned a gold medal with a school record jump of 12 feet, seven inches in the pole vault. That broke her previous record of 12 feet, three inches. Boyd also finished second in the 110 meter hurdles and 300 meter hurdles, and will represent GHS in each event.

For the boys, Carlo Martinez won gold medals in the 3200 and 1600 meter races and was second in the 800 meter run.

Ashtyn Culley, Brayden Minton, Lawson Mooney and Rayshon Smith will join Martinez in representing the Hornets at the regional meet.

Smith was third in the long jump, Culley was fourth in the high jump, Minton finished fourth in the discus throw and Mooney was fourth in the 200 meter run.

For more on the meet, see Page B2.



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Rayshon Smith's third place finish in the long jump in area competition qualified him to advance to the regional meet.

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# Lady Hornets in playoffs despite loss to La Vega

BY CHRIS ALLMAN  
Sports Correspondent

Despite a loss to Waco La Vega to end the regular season, the Gatesville Hornets softball team is back in the playoffs for the second straight year.

The Lady Hornets will have a playoff warmup against West on Monday night, then take on District 24-4A champion Burnet in the bi-district round. Tentatively the games will be at Burnet April 27, at Gatesville April 28 and at a neutral site April 29 if needed.

Gatesville led La Vega 2-1 heading into the sixth inning but the Lady Pirates scored twice in the top of the inning and once more in the top of the seventh inning. In the sixth,

they scored their two runs despite just one hit as a pair of errors contributed to both runs scoring.

In the seventh inning, three straight singles upped the La Vega lead to 4-2.

La Vega took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first and held it until the bottom of the third inning when senior Kagen Hunt launched a game-tying solo home run to left field. Hunt also doubled, and was the only Hornet with multiple hits.

In the bottom of the fourth, the Lady Hornets took a 2-1 lead after Brinlee Ford singled, advanced to third on an error, then scored on a passed ball.

Hunt was 2-for-3 while Ford, Grace Carothers, and Kin-

lee Gardner had one hit apiece. Madison Hester and Kallie Featherston combined to strike out eight and allowed just two earned runs in the circle.

In the bi-district round of the playoffs, Gatesville will face a Burnet team that has slowly ascended to a spot as one of the premier teams in Texas. In 2018, the Lady Bulldogs were 4-20 and were winless in district, but have steadily improved each season. They reached the playoffs in 2021 then were 18-10 in 2022. In 2023, they have made the leap finishing the regular season at 21-10 with a 9-1 record in 24-4A. Currently No. 20 in the TGCA state rankings, the Lady Bulldogs allowed just 12 runs in their 10 district games.

# Gatesville baseball inching closer to playoff berth

BY CHRIS ALLMAN  
Sports Correspondent

Gatesville baseball is heating up at just the right time.

The Hornets put together their most complete game of the district season to take down Salado 3-1 on Tuesday and have won three straight after dropping their first four league games.

In addition to another pitching gem from Bralen Veazey, the Hornets touched up the Eagles' terrific lefty Logan Flores for seven hits. Veazey struck out 12 and walked one while allowing just four hits and a single earned run.

For head coach Chase Smith, the number of hits weren't the primary indicator of a good offensive night. It was the location of the hits that pleased Smith

as six of the seven Hornet hits were either to center-field or to the opposite field.

"We weren't trying to do too much tonight, which has been an issue at times with guys trying to pull the ball. We had an up the middle or go with it away approach and were staying on pitches really well," Smith said.

The Hornets trailed 1-0 heading into the bottom of the third inning when Lawson Mooney reached on an error then came home on a double to right field by Banner Allman to tie the game at 1-1.

In the bottom of the fourth inning, John Ibarra tripled to right field, then came home on a single to right field from Clayton Gregory to give the Hornets a 2-1 lead. Gregory, a utility infielder

who started at third base for the injured Brady James, also walked and played an error-free game.

Gatesville pushed its lead to 3-1 in the bottom of the fifth inning with an old-fashioned manufactured run. Lawson Mooney singled to start the inning, then promptly stole second base. An error on the play allowed Mooney to take third and he scored on a sacrifice fly to right field from Allman.

"Lawson was flying around when he got on base tonight. It might as well of been a double anytime he was on base," said Smith. Banner had a really unselfish at-bat and did what he needed to do to score a run from third with less than two outs."

The insurance run from

Mooney turned out to be a bit of security that Veazey wouldn't need. After giving up three hits and a run in the top of the second inning, Veazey allowed just three more baserunners the rest of the game — with none advancing past first base. In his last two starts — both Hornet wins — Veazey has struck out 21 hitters, allowed five hits, and walked two.

"Veazey had great stuff (on Tuesday). His off-speed stuff was nasty and made it really tough for guys to dig in and get good swings. He looked like he felt confident and trusted his stuff and did a great job for us," Smith said.

The win moved Gatesville to 3-4 in 23-4A play. Another win over Salado on Friday

night would have put the Hornets in the driver's seat for the No. 3 seed playoff seed from the district.

On April 14, the Hornets rode the perfect pitching of Grant Erwin to a 19-1 win over Waco Connally. Erwin retired all 12 batters he faced and did not allow a ball out of the infield. He struck out six, got four groundouts and induced two pop outs.

Offensively, nine different Hornets combined for 16 hits in the win over Connally. Ibarra and Justin Johnson each had three hits while Veazey, Mooney, and Allman had two hits each. Gregory, James, Kason Herbelin, and Jacob Ybarra also had hits.

The three-game streak is the longest for the Hornets

since a four-game winning streak from Feb. 27 to March 4. Smith said he believes it can be just the start of a longer streak.

"I think if we play with the confidence and enthusiasm we had all night (against Salado) we can play with anybody and I think their confidence is growing. We have been preaching just keep getting better and let's play our best baseball when it really matters and it mattered (on Tuesday) and we played like I knew we have always been capable of," he said.

The Hornets faced the Eagles in a rematch on Friday night then are scheduled to wrap the regular season with two games against Waco La Vega.

# GHS finishes 6th in area track meet

Staff report

Gatesville High School finished sixth in area competition on both the girls and boys division at the 12-team District 23-4A/24-4A Area meet on April 19 in Gatesville.

While Barrett Boyd, Carlo Martinez, Ashtyn Culley, Brayden Minton, Lawson Mooney and Rayshon Smith qualified to advance to regional competition, several other Hornets also competed and earned points for GHS.

Boyd's showing in the 110

hurdles (15.01) broke a 40-year school record set by Dana Walker (15.09) in 1983.

Boyd also had a time of 47.99 in the 300 hurdles.

Other girls earning points for GHS at the area meet were Jacy Archie, who was fifth in the discus with a throw of 98 feet, nine inches; and Vania Martinez who was fifth in the 3200 meter run with a time of 11:58 and fifth in the 1600 meter run with a time of 5:51.

Martinez ran the 3200 meter run with a time of 9:30, won the 1600 meter run with a time of 4:28 and fin-

ished second in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:02.

Smith was third in the long jump with a 21 foot, seven inch leap, Culley was fourth in the high jump with a six foot, two inch showing, Minton was fourth is discus with a throw of 124 feet, seven inches and Mooney was fourth in the 200 meter run with a time of 22.41.

Other boys earning points for GHS were Justin Muegge with a fifth place finish in the 3200 meter run and Cameron Harley who was sixth in the 110 hurdles.



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Vania Martinez competed for GHS in the area track meet in Gatesville on April 19.



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Kason Herbelin was among those who competed for GHS in the area track meet in Gatesville on April 19.

## GISD Sports Roundup

**Athletics:** Gatesville ISD will offer free physicals on May 2. These are required for all incoming seventh, ninth and 11th grade student-athletes for 2023-2024.

**Girls Track, District:** Varsity scored 81 points to finish fifth at the District 23-4A meet. In doing so, GHS qualified for area in six more events: Vania Martinez, second in 800 (2:24) and second in 1600 (5:22); Barrett Boyd, second in 100 hurdles (15.80) and second in 300 hurdles (47.66); the team of Riley Aaron, Ryleigh Eaton, Lauren Stuard and Addi Wolff, fourth in the 4 x 100 relay with a time of 52.20; the team of Boyd, Eaton, Wolff and Paige Sentillas, fourth in the 4 x 200 relay with a time of 1:49. Other points: Stuard, fifth in 100 (13.24); the foursome of Lacy Campos, Lindsey Cummings, Kyla Hinojosa and Sentillas, sixth in the 4 x 400 relay with a time of 4:29. The Hornet JV totaled 73 points for a sixth-place finish overall.

**Boys Track, District:** Varsity accumulated 115 points to finish second overall at the District 23-4A meet. The Hornets qualified for area in eight more events as well: Carlo Martinez, first in 1600 (4:21) and second in 800 (1:58); Lawson Mooney, third in

200 (2:28); Cameron Harley, fourth in 110 hurdles (16.18) and fourth in 300 hurdles (42.82); Cory Burns, fourth in 200 (23.05); Kason Herbelin, fourth in 400 (51.93); Justin Muegge, fourth in 800 (2:02); the team of Burns, Daniel Gonzales, Ricardo Villagrana and Mooney, third in the 4 x 200 relay with a time of 1:31; the team of Mason Brizendine, Gonzales, Herbelin and Narvell Benning, fourth in the 4 x 400 relay with a time of 3:35. Other points: The foursome of Burns, Adrian Smith, Villagrana and Mooney, fifth in the 4 x 100 relay with a time of 44.09. The Hornet JV amassed 146.5 points to claim the team title in its division.

**Boys Golf:** GHS shot 379 on the first day of the 4A Region III tournament and sits in ninth place overall. Hornet scores: Kasen Bankhead 89, Max Healer 90, Gage Ford 98, Cooper Boyd 102, Garrett Sullivant 107. The top three teams and top three medalists (on non-qualifying teams) advance to state.

**Girls Golf:** Avery Streetman shot rounds of 101-101 (202) to tie for 26th out of 84 golfers at the 4A Region III tournament.

**Soccer:** GJHS scores vs. Waco United: Girls won 4-1, boys lost 2-1.



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# Gatesville I.S.D.'s Spring into Summer event to take place May 4

**Submitted Item**

The Gatesville Independent School District Community Outreach will host

"Spring into Summer" which will be held Thursday, May 4, from 4:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at the Gatesville Elementary School. There will

be information provided about educational, sports, theater, and music camps, local VBS and church events, area wide family friendly

activities, summer feeding programs, and much more. Door prizes and a silent auction will also be offered. There will also be a Bike

Rodeo for children ages 5 and up with free helmets provided. Food trucks will also be on hand during the event.

For more information, call 254-865-8281 or email mmartin@gatesvilleisd.org

# Vaccination Clinic to be held May 5 at Gatesville Primary School

**Staff Reports**

A Vaccination Clinic will be held on Friday, May 5

from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Gatesville Primary School. The clinic will be for

those who are uninsured or underinsured. Vaccinations will include Diphtheria, Tet-

anus, Pertussis, Polio, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Hepatitis B, Hepatitis A, Varicella,

and Meningococcal. To make an appointment for a vaccination, call 254-

865-7264.



Members of the Gatesville High School choir.



COURTESY PHOTOS

# GHS Choir brings home double varsity sweepstakes at competition

**Submitted Item**

While the choir program has claimed many sweeps over the years, this year

marked the first time in GISD history that two Varsity Choirs from Gatesville High School have performed

at UIL and both received all Superior ratings. April 12 was an incredible day for the choir students at Region

8 UIL Concert & Sightreading and they came home with double Varsity Sweepstakes. The Choral Direc-

tors were Cherith Wells and Tim Klingler, and the pianist was Nelda Milligan. Wells, who was overjoyed with the

choir's performance asked the public, "Please help us congratulate them."

# Diamond Divas softball team to hold crawfish fundraiser April 29

**Staff Reports**

The Diamond Divas 12u traveling softball team will

hold a crawfish boil fundraiser in the Micobe Feed parking lot on Saturday, April 29. The fundraiser will

begin at 11 a.m. and will continue until sold out. The crawfish will be \$20 for a 2-pound plate, and the

cost for extra crawfish will be \$8 per pound with the purchase of a plate. Pre-orders are available

until Tuesday, April 25. The Venmo for the team is at CTXDiamondDivas2k10. For more information con-

tact the team by email at ct.DiamondDivas2K10. Micobe Feed is located at 2409 Business 36 in Gatesville.

## GOOD LUCK TO THE GHS TRACK TEAM QUALIFIERS

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Competing are Barrett Boyd, Carlo Martinez, Lawson Mooney, Rayshon Smith, Ashtyn Culley & Brayden Minton  
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## GOOD LUCK TO THE GHS GIRLS SOFTBALL TEAM

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# The Gatesville Education Foundation presents Ties and Tiaras Daddy-Daughter Dance

**Staff Reports**

The Gatesville Education Foundation will stage its Ties and Tiaras Daddy-Daughter Dance on Saturday, April 22 at the Gatesville Civic Center. For some, fathers may be uncles, grandfathers, etc. Students who plan on attending the dance must be a

current Gatesville Independent School District student. There will be a live DJ, a photo booth, dancing, food, and more.

The Pre-K through first grade dance will take place from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The second grade through fourth grade dance will take

place from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The fifth grade and sixth grade dance will take place from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. If you have daughters in multiple time slots, choose the best time that works for the family.

Tickets will cost \$25 for a dad and daughter; it will be

an extra \$5 for each additional daughter.

The deadline to purchase tickets early online was April 11, but they can be bought the day of the dance at the door before entering (cash or check only).

All proceeds will go to the Gatesville ISD Education Foundation.

The Gatesville Civic Center is located at 301 Veterans Memorial Loop. For more information on the dance contact the Gatesville Education Foundation at 254-865-7251.

*Last week's puzzle solution*

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## GJHS Stingettes training camp April 29

**Staff Reports**

The Gatesville Junior High School Stingettes Dance Crew Training Camp is scheduled for Saturday, April 29 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the junior high school in the new gym. The training camp is open to all incoming seventh- and

eighth-grade students for the 2023-2024 school year.

There will be a question-and-answer meeting after the training camp.

The cost for the training camp will be \$50 per person and includes a T-shirt and the opportunity to perform at a junior high pep rally. Registration forms will be

available at Gatesville Junior High and Gatesville Intermediate School within the week.

Gatesville Junior High School is located at 307 South Lovers Lane.

For any further information, email Helen Gonzales at hgonzale@gatesvilleisd.org.

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## Head Start accepting applications

**Staff Reports**

Head Start is now accepting applications for the 2023-2024 school year. Head Start provides quality childcare for children ages three to five years old, and other needed services qualifying families at no cost.

The services that are offered at Head Start are educational activities, child development, family engagement, language and literacy, health and nutrition services, services through community partnerships, and special services for chil-

dren with disabilities.

Visit your local Head Start center to pick up an application or visit the website [www.hccaa.com](http://www.hccaa.com). Head Start is located at 1105 Saunders Street in Gatesville. For more information contact 254-865-5423.

## Master Gardeners to hold groundwater seminar

The Bell County Master Gardener Association will hold a free special event seminar "Groundwater in Texas," on Thursday, April 27, from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Texas Agrilife Extension Office, BCMGA Learning Center (located on the North end of the parking lot), 1605 N. Main Street in Belton.




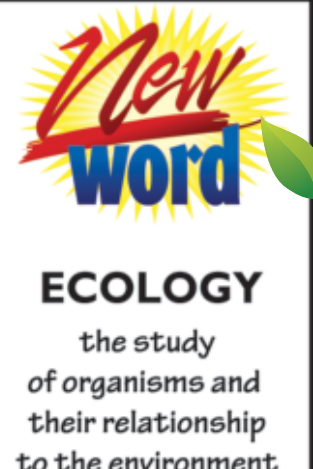
Dirk Aaron, general manager of the Clearwater Un-

derground Water Conservation District, will present a general overview of groundwater in Texas as well as "Conversation of Conservation in Texas."

He will address how one person's opinion on the role we all have in conserving water is confusing and emotional. Dirk will address the question of 'who purveys public water' and

'who governs public water.' He will provide a historical perspective on the need for innovation and an injection of new people in leadership roles who are willing to address our aging infrastructure. Class limit is set at 50. Register at [bcmgapeakers@gmail.com](mailto:bcmgapeakers@gmail.com) online.

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**Crossword Puzzle**

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**ACROSS**

1. Warm coverings

4. Provides shade

6. Surface of Earth

7. Upper layer of soil

8. Grass used as fodder

**DOWN**

2. Patches of grass

3. Weekend day

5. Trim

1. Lawns

3. Saturday

5. Cut

8. Hay

1. Blankets

4. Awning

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# TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY™



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Tarleton State University led Texas Christian by an 8-4 margin after six innings in their game on April 4 in Stephenville, but the Horned Frogs rallied for a 9-8 victory, scoring five unanswered runs.

## TCU rallies for 9-8 baseball win over Texans

### Tarleton Sports Information

**S**TEPHENVILLE — Tarleton held an 8-4 lead through the sixth inning vs. TCU on April 4 at the Tarleton Baseball Complex, but the Horned Frogs came roaring back with five unanswered runs to win, 9-8.

The Texans (14-12) outthit the Horned Frogs (18-11) 12-8 in the game but managed no runs over the final six frames while TCU used a four-run seventh inning to

pull ahead for good.

Tarleton scored four runs in the bottom of the fourth to break a 4-4 tie, taking an 8-4 lead. Jordan Andrade scored on a TCU error, Jack Wagner hit into an RBI

fielder's choice to score Alec Williams, Cris Enriquez got a pinch hit and came through with an RBI single to right field scoring Mason Hammonds, and Kooper Shook doubled to right-center field, plating Wagner.

However, the runs in the fourth were the last of the game for Tarleton.

Tarleton struck first in the game when Shook lifted the first pitch he saw over the left-field wall and onto West Washington Street for a solo

home run in the second inning, making it 1-0.

TCU immediately answered, scoring three runs in the top half of the third to make it 3-1 as Tre Richardson hit a base-clearing three-run double to right-center field.

Tarleton then countered with three of its own, taking a 4-3 lead in the third. Wagner hit his team-leading seventh home run of the season, a towering three-run home run that scored

Trace Morrison, a sophomore from Stephenville, and Hammonds.

Ryan Vanderhei (W, 3-2) earned the win as he was the pitcher of record when TCU plated its four runs in the seventh. He threw 1.0 innings allowing just one hit and striking out two. Garrett Wright (S, 2) picked up the save as he threw the final 1.1 innings, not allowing a hit and striking out three.

Jake Burcham (L, 2-2) allowed four runs on three

hits, walking two and striking out one for Tarleton.

The Texans were led offensively by Wagner as he finished with two hits, drove in four runs, and scored twice.

Shook added two hits and two RBI while Hammonds, Williams and Andrade each posted two hits.

Dylan Delvecchio was Tarleton's starting pitcher. He tossed 3.2 innings, giving up four runs on three hits. He struck out one and walked two.

## Vaudiau helps lift Texans to tennis victory over Grand Canyon

### Tarleton Sports Information

**S**TEPHENVILLE — Thursday, April 6 marked one of Celia Vaudiau's last home matches in her Tarleton career, and she came through for her team when they needed it the most.

The Texan senior stormed back from a 5-2 second set deficit in a winner-take-all singles match to win 7-5 7-5, lifting Tarleton to a 4-3 triumph over Grand Canyon in Stephenville.

The Lopes improved to 12-6 overall and 4-2 in WAC play this season with their second straight win over GCU, now 2-1 in the series history. This was the second-to-last home match for the Texans this season, where they're now 6-2 on the year. The Lopes dropped to 10-9 overall and 4-3 in conference matches with the loss.

"That was a special battle on the courts today,"

Tarleton head coach Elianne Douglas-Miron said. "For Celia to clinch a conference match on senior weekend is very special. GCU was very tough. We brought our 'A' game and fought until the very last point. I'm very happy with how we competed and battled on most courts. We have one more home match for the year and hopefully we bring the same energy on Saturday."

The doubles point proved pivotal on Thursday, which went the Texans' way even though they dropped the first match in the top flight. GCU's Natasha Puehse and Santa Strombacha defeated Martha Makantasi and Elsa Persson and Clara Sobius beat Dania Deaifi and Valentina Del Marco 6-4, then Tarleton's Vaudiau and Ximena Morales took down Madeline Lamoreaux and Hebe Toyos 6-4. For Persson



PHOTO COURTESY OF TSU

**Tarleton State University senior tennis player Celia Vaudiau pumps her fist during her come-from-behind singles victory on April 6 in Stephenville versus Grand Canyon University. The crucial 7-5, 7-5 triumph gave the TSU women the edge in the final team score, 4-3.**

and Sobius, that's back-to-back wins for the pair. For Vaudiau and Morales, it was their first time playing together this season.

In singles, Boisson cruised to make it 2-0 on the team leaderboard, rolling Deaifi in straight sets at the No. 3 position 6-3 6-1. The Texan junior is just a win shy of the best singles record on the team, now 12-4 this year, 9-3 on Court 3.

GCU then got consecutive singles victories to even the score at 2-2. Strombacha avenged her loss at the hands of Makantasi last year with a 6-0 6-3 win on Court 2 over the Texan junior this year. In the No. 4 match, Lamoreaux defeated Morales 6-3 6-3.

Sobius won on Court 5 to

put Tarleton one singles win away from the team win. She earned a straight-sets victory over Del Marco 6-4 6-2 to improve to 12-6 this season, 3-1 on Courts 4-5.

In the top flight, GCU's Puehse held off Persson in a second set tiebreaker, winning 6-3 7-6 (3).

With the team score even at 3-3, Vaudiau was down 2-5 in the second set after winning a narrow first set 7-5 against Toyos. With all eyes on Court 6, the Texan senior had one of her brightest career moments on senior weekend, rallying to win five straight games to win the match in straight sets 7-5 7-5. It was Vaudiau's first match played since March 11, improving to 5-4 on the year.

## Four TSU athletes win gold medals at Denton track meet

### Tarleton Sports Information

**D**ENTON — Tarleton State University's track teams left Denton on April 4 with several first-place finishers and podiums after competing in the North Texas Classic meet held at the Mean Green Track and Field Stadium.

TSU scored 111 points to place second in the overall men's team standings. Tarleton scored 101 points in the women's events, good for third place in the women's team standings.

### WOMEN

Jordan Rae won the high jump competition clearing the bar set at 1.73 meters. It was Rae's best jump in the outdoor season and just short of her second-place finish jump of 1.74 meters that she recorded at the WAC Indoor Championships in February.

Elise Smith won the javelin with a throw of 43.92 meters. That topped her season best effort by more than 2 meters.

Jenna Brazeal won the

800-meter run with a time of 2:15.

Kailey Sykora took fifth place in the 1,500 meter run with a time of 4:46.92.

### MEN

Angel Gomez won the 5,000 meters with a time of 14:55.92.

Jordan Flores and Jaden Hall both placed in the top-three of the triple jump event. Flores took second place with a jump of 14.41 meters, while Hall took third with a 14.27-meter jump.

Joshua Hutchings took second place in the pole vault with a jump of 4.90 meters.

Caterrin Cox and Cornelius Coleman took third and fourth place in the 110-meter hurdles. Cox ran a time of 14.85 seconds and Coleman ran it in 15 seconds.

Justin Raines took second in the 100 meter run with a time of 10.55 seconds.

Noah Newman ran 54.30 seconds to finish as the runner-up in the 400-meter hurdles.



# GATESVILLE'S DAY OF THE CHILD

The Exchange Club of Gatesville hosted a Day of the Child event April 15 at Freedom Park.

The event is held across the country by Exchange Clubs to promote child abuse prevention awareness

in their local communities. Locally, Exchange Club members joined forces with Gatesville Police Department,

Gatesville Volunteer Fire Department, emergency responders and Fort Hood as well as various organiza-

tions to create a safe, fun event for children while spreading public education to caregivers.

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## Bake sale today to benefit Gatesville High School Dazzlers

#### Staff Reports

The Gatesville High School Dazzlers dance team will hold a bake sale on Saturday, April 22 at Vintage Royalty. The sale will begin at 9 a.m. and will continue until all baked goods are sold out.

The Dazzlers perform at all varsity football games in the fall. In the spring, the team performs at select basketball games, travels to area competitions, and holds a Spring Showcase Production for the community to attend.

All proceeds will go toward the 2023-2024 team and season.

Vintage Royalty is located at 2401 S. TX-36, Suite 100 in Gatesville.

## WELLS COMPETES IN RODEO ROCKSTAR CONTEST



COURTESY PHOTO

Memphis Wells, a GHS sophomore, was able to compete at the Houston Livestock Show and rodeo in the "Rodeo Rockstar" contest. Wells advanced to the third round and eventually made it to the Top 5 after three rounds of competition. The competition started back in January when only the top 10 with the highest votes made the semi-finals. Those 10 performed in Houston for three music industry judges.



COURTESY PHOTO

Local CRSP members attending the "Day at The Capitol" are (back row) Gerald Linton, JoAnn Sugg, Gail Johnson; (center) Mary Bruton; and (front row) Gayla Linton and Cherry Braziel.

## School retirees to learn "What's New in 4-H?" and get updates on state legislation

#### MARSHA LEE Contributing Writer

Members of CRSP (Coryell Retired School Personnel) will hold their next meeting on Thursday, April 27, at Ranchers' Steakhouse, with social time at 9:30 a.m., and meeting to begin at 10 a.m.

The program titled "What's New in 4-H?" will be presented by Becky Coward and some of her 4-H students. They will be discussing robotics and will bring their robotic machines to the meeting.

Members are reminded that they need to pay dues for the coming year. Dues are \$45 (\$35 for the state organization and \$10 for our local chapter). Dues may be paid to treasurer, Anne Byrom.

There will also be an update from members who at-

tended "A Day at the Capitol" on Wednesday, April 12. Those attending were Gerald and Gayla Linton, Cherry Braziel, Gail Johnson, Mary Bruton, and Jo Ann Sugg. They met with representatives and members then went to the Senate Chamber. Mary Bruton went to the House Chamber. JoAnn met with District 24 Senator Pete Flores. She also met with State Representatives Hugh Shine and Shelby Slawson. Retirees then toured the Capitol, ate Amy's ice cream on the east lawn, and listened to a presentation by Tim Lee, TRTA Executive Director.

There were over 1,000 retired teachers in Austin, and the senators recognized and thanked them for their work. All 31 Senators voted

to pass Senate Bill 10 and sent it on to the House Committee. SB10 is a COLA bill (cost of living adjustment). It calls for a 2% raise for those who retired between 9/1/2013 and 1/1/2022, a 4% raise for those who retired before 9/1/2013, and a 13th check of \$7,500 for retired teachers over 75 years of age.

The COLA bill in the House of Representatives is HB600. It calls for a 2% COLA for those retired 3-10 years, a 4% COLA for those retired more than 10 years but less than 20 years, and a 6% COLA for those retired 20 or more years. It also provides for a \$5,000 payment for retirees over age 70. More information will be available at the meeting.