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## Boyd reaches new heights for GHS



Barrett Boyd, second front left, has had a record-setting junior year in both the hurdles and pole vaulting.

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## Junior standout breaks decades-old records

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
Senior Writer & Editor

Pursuit of excellence has already propelled Gatesville High School junior Barrett Boyd to some outstanding achievements - including school records in the pole vault and the 110-meter hurdles - but even bigger accomplishments could be on the horizon.

With regional track and field competition taking place this weekend, and another year of high school to continue to work and excel, Boyd still has plenty of opportunities to add to her legacy at GHS.

Boyd said an early start in which she was coached by her father, Dusty Boyd, has played a strong role in her success.

"I first started hurdles in fifth grade with my dad coaching me during the summer track season," she said. "I was part of a club team in Temple, and we would travel to events in San Antonio."

That experience helped set the stage for Boyd's future achievements, as she qualified for national competition and traveled to places such as Iowa, Virginia, Michigan, North Carolina, and Houston to compete against some of the nation's top young athletes.

"We traveled a lot and used it as a family vacation," she said.

In seventh grade, Boyd started competing in the pole vault at school and also with Texas Elite in Killeen, with Jack Chapman as her coach. She said she was initially intimidated by the idea of pole vaulting.

"I was afraid of heights, but Dad encouraged me, and he's the reason I did it," she said. "Now, the pole vault is definitely my favorite event. Honestly, it's both the event itself and the people you meet. Pole vaulters are like a family, everybody is encouraging you. I also like

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Barrett Boyd said pole vaulting is her favorite event.

## Hazard plan approval is a big step forward

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
Senior Writer & Editor

Coryell County is one step closer to qualifying for additional state and federal grant money thanks to the recent approval of the Coryell County Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) by the Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM).

County Judge Roger Miller announced that TDEM has accepted the plan with only minor revisions and forwarded the document to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for approval.

"It's a major hurdle," said Bob Harrell, the TDEM liaison for Coryell County. "It was a very comprehensive document; 305 or 306 pages and it has already been sent to FEMA. The jurisdictions still have to approve it (the county, local cities and school districts) and then they can qualify for additional federal grant money."

"This also allows them to participate in grants for disasters which have already occurred, to help us better withstand future disaster events. These additional grants would allow local entities to go back and mitigate against any future disasters. It's an attempt to prevent repetitive loss."

Steve Manning, president of Natural Resources Solutions, which has worked with the county on the HMP said strong community interest has helped shepherd the county HMP.

"The approval came in record time - it usually doesn't happen like that," he said. "It's my understanding that the county can start applying for additional funds. There are a lot of grant programs that the county didn't qualify for without an HMP. It's a new game for the county and should open up a lot more opportunities to the county."

## Byrom earns merit award

BY JOHN HENDERSON  
Special to The Messenger

We were honored to recognize someone very special to our organization with the presentation of the TORCH Gordon Russell Merit Award - David Byrom.

This award honors a rural hospital CEO for a career of outstanding achievement - as is evident by the man whose name it bears. Besides his accomplishments as an administrator, Gordon's character, integrity, and persistence are a source of pride for us, and for all who know him. I checked on Gordon recently - he had a few hospitalizations but is back in Hale Center and doing ok.

There aren't many people who have approached Gordon's impact on rural Texas health - but this year's winner is on that short list.

This year's recipient has quite literally devoted his entire career and adult life to his hometown of Gatesville. After graduating with

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## DPS to temporarily relocate to Gatesville Primary School

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
Senior Writer & Editor

The approval of an interlocal agreement between Gatesville Independent School District, Coryell County and the Texas Department of Public Safety will allow the DPS to temporarily base seven troopers and a business manager at the Gatesville Primary School.

A building that DPS currently occupies on Leon Street in Gatesville is scheduled to be demolished as part of the plan to increase the capacity of the Coryell County Jail and to also build the Leon Street Annex nearby, which will include new space for courts and Coryell County justices of the peace.

GISD Superintendent Barrett Pollard said the district welcomes the presence of DPS troopers.

"We felt like this is the perfect setup," he said. "A lot of (the DPS troopers) live here and have kids in schools here."

The DPS move is expected to take place over the summer, and Pollard said the DPS presence at the Primary School is expected to last "about a year and a half to two years while their new offices are being built."

GISD school board Vice President Charles Alderson asked, "Do we have the space available for them?"

"Yes," Pollard said. He said the presence of the troopers at the campus will enhance security and dissuade anyone from illegal actions at GISD.

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# Judge Farrell talks about caseloads, adaptability

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
Senior Writer & Editor

Since 2009 Trent Farrell has served as judge of the 52nd State District Court, helping hand out justice in Central Texas.

During a Gatesville Lions Club meeting on April 19, Farrell gave an update on how busy the court system has been over the past 14 years.

"From 2009 until April 19, 2023, we have had a little less than 20,000 civil cases," he said. "With criminal cases, we've had a little less than 9,000. I was a little surprised by the sheer volume."

Farrell said his court recently had the opportunity to resolve a capital murder death penalty case on which Dusty Boyd served as prosecutor.

"Growing up here, the litigation we see is not the kind you'd expect in a small town," he said.

During that time period he said there have been 35 murder and capital murder cases.

"That's a large number, but we're talking about a 15-year period and a lot of growth in the county," Farrell said. "We have a lot of litigation out of the Killeen and Copperas Cove area."

Farrell said the state legislature keeps an eye on caseloads and works to make sure communities across Texas have access to justice.

"We were very fortunate when I first took the bench," he said. "The legislature looks at the state district courts' caseload and the population of an area. In 2017, there was a new legislative court bill and a new district court was added, the 440th. Judge Grant Kinsey has done a great job, and has served since he was appointed by Governor (Greg) Abbott in 2018."

While COVID-19 complications threw a monkey wrench into many parts of society, including the justice system, Farrell said officials and state leaders worked together to make the best out of a difficult situation.

"In 2020 the county had to figure out real quick how to continue to hear cases," he said. "The government enacted an emer-

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## JUDGE TRENT FARRELL

gency order and immediately told us to stop having in-person hearings and trials. Zoom (a remote communication platform via the internet) was set up for each court and also a YouTube channel for each court.

"The state of Texas did a great job. On March 12, 2020, we were on Zoom and YouTube hearing cases. In 2021, it transitioned back to in-person (hearings and trials). The cooperative effort enabled us to hear cases on Zoom. We would have dockets of 30, 50 or 60 cases. To have that many was a challenge but it was done. Cases were heard and all the criminal cases except for jury trials. That is one of the things I'm most proud of."

In late 2020, there were "two different thoughts about getting cases moving with trials," Farrell said. "Some courts, including city court in Austin, tried remote juries. They gave a laptop to each juror to participate at home, and there was some success."

"The other direction was the way we went. We put together a plan and had the (Gatesville) Civic Center available to us. We had folks come and spread out like the local health authority advised. We heard cases and worked to make that a priority."

Farrell said District Attorney Dusty Boyd closely monitors the work of his office and other offices to keep tabs on efficiency.

"He tracks everything he does — he tracks himself and other courts on how cases are moving," Farrell said. "We moved 13% of the cases in Texas in 2020, out of 254 counties. You can also thank District Clerk Becky Moore and her staff, the city, the sheriff's office and the county for working together."



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Judge Trent Farrell of the 52nd State District Court recently spoke to the Gatesville Lions Club.

That's what allowed us to do that.

"There's an advantage to being small and getting everybody together to do the same thing."

While COVID-19 caused major disruptions, it also helped the court system adapt to challenges.

"We learned a lot during COVID, and we gained some things," Farrell said. "Zoom was one. The court wouldn't have been able to function as well otherwise and the state helped."

He said this has allowed some of the court proceedings to be done remotely, which eliminates or reduces travel time.

"We do as much as we can remotely with inmate criminal cases," Farrell said. "We

are still using the civic center thanks to the county and the city's relationship. Using that has helped a lot, with the space available, the parking spots and the restrooms."

Commissioners have approved housing some of the county's justice departments in the Leon Street Annex, which Farrell said will also upgrade the county's ability to serve the people.

An important milestone is approaching, Farrell noted.

"The Coryell County Courthouse turns 125 this year, and there will be a celebration in June," he said. "Restoration is needed, and I believe the county is talking about it. This will be a long-term project that will help the county, and I hope y'all support that."

## BYROM

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honors and an accounting degree from Texas A&M and gathering four years of experience as a CPA with a national firm that audited hospitals, David Byrom returned to his hometown in 1982 as a partner at Byrom, Haile and Haggerty and has never left. In 1990, David became the CFO at Coryell Memorial Hospital, and in 1996 he stepped into the CEO role and began a journey that has seen them truly become an integrated system - Coryell Health - that includes multispecialty clinics and independent living and long-term care facilities.

Along the way, David has always been a team guy who serves on multiple boards including TORCH. He has also served his community as mayor for 12 years, and still serves as a deacon of the First Presbyterian Church in Gatesville.

"We received multiple nomination letters that commended David's ability to lead and innovate, to



COURTESY PHOTO

David Byrom receives the TORCH Gordon Russell Merit Award.

ask tough questions and confront difficult circumstances. His willingness to help neighbors overcome their challenges, his affable nature and all-in personality. It is abundantly clear that David is a leader among leaders...a guy who prefers to be underestimated but can execute a strategy as well as anyone in the state... and outperform most any-

one over time," Henderson said.

When he gets a little free time, David enjoys the outdoors and the Texas Aggies, and is most proud of his wife Brenda, three kids (Kendra, Krista, and Kolten), and grandkids...many of whom are here with us today.

Please help us in honoring the 2023 Gordon Russell Recipient - Mr. David Byrom.

## CORYELL HEALTH WELCOMES

Timothy Dannemiller, MD  
Family Medicine Physician

Coryell Health is pleased to announce Dr. Timothy Dannemiller, board certified family medicine physician, has joined our primary care physician practice and is accepting new patients at Coryell Health Medical Clinic- Gatesville. Dr. Dannemiller brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in the area of men's health. He believes preventing a health problem is better than having to overcome one. Dr. Dannemiller attended The Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine on a four-year US Navy scholarship and completed his residency in Family Medicine at the Naval Hospital in Pensacola. He served as Senior Medical officer for the Naval Branch Medical Clinic Naval Air Station in Meridian, MS as well as a US Naval Flight Surgeon for VT-23/Training Wing One.

*For his outstanding and innovative practice of medicine, Dr. Dannemiller has earned a Navy Achievement medal and three Naval and Marine Corps Commendation medals.*

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# Folks around town



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Raymond Jones

## Say hello to our neighbor, Raymond Jones!

Raymond is an associate at Aaron's Furniture store. He has been helping the community with furniture for a little over a year. He says the best part of his job is meeting someone new every day. He enjoys visiting the Golf Course, and expressing how beautiful it is. Raymond likes to read the Diversions Section of The Gatesville Messenger to stay up to date with the latest sports news.

If you happen to see Raymond around town, say hello! He is one of us!

## FROM MY FRONT PORCH

# Why do some people hate their job?



BY SAM HOUSTON

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

Occasionally folks like to recite the adage that "work" is a four-letter word. Seems like some people hate their job and spend hours upon hours finding something wrong with every task they undertake.

They are dissatisfied with the pay, or the work conditions, their boss, or their coworkers. They find a thousand reasons why their job is unfulfilling or dissatisfying.

In my nearly 50 years in the workforce there have been a wide variety of occupations I have experienced, from being a ranch hand to a fry cook. I have driven trucks, hauled hay, cleaned horse stalls, mopped floors, waited tables, stocked inventory, operated equipment, been part of an assembly line, and cleaned toilets. Admittedly there were some of those jobs I enjoyed more than others, but I do not ever recall "hating" any of them. No matter how I was employed, it was an opportunity for me to learn and experience life, and to prove to myself and my employer I would do my part and earn my pay.

I was raised and surrounded by hard-working men who showed me by their actions and words, work was to be respected and there was a duty to make the company

successful so they could continue to afford to pay me. In my youth, unemployment rates were very high and getting a job was difficult. You had to be committed to doing your best because if you quit a job, there was not another one to go to; they were few and far between. I have heard too many stories from my grandfather of working six days a week, 10 hours a day, for low wages. But during the Depression, when jobs were so scarce, if a man complained or whined about what the job required, there were 10 men in line to take your place.

Some resumes I receive from applicants show people have been through six jobs in 18 months, "looking for something which fits them." I am all for people finding their "niche" but sometimes I wonder if it is more of a case of trying to find a job that pays the most, with the least demand to perform. I feel sorry for people who never know the feeling of being part of a work team and feel-

ing gratified about what they accomplish in their work.

People sometimes comment that the young people of today "do not know how to work" like the previous generation. Not sure I agree with that blanket statement. We have some young people who work at the paper who have a stellar attitude about their job and bust their behinds trying to improve the products we create and the jobs they do. Not sure age is the problem.

I think a key is being given direction from parents or mentors to take pride in whatever task you undertake and to earn an honest day's pay for the work you perform. Evidently that message did not get delivered to everyone.

On the other side of the coin, employers need to treat staff with respect, be fair and evenhanded. If the CEO is making 1,000 times an hour what the average staff member is making, there is little reason for staff to feel like they are part of a team and will share in the progress a company makes. Why should employees be loyal if they are not rewarded when they excel?

I love the story of Milton Hershey, the candy bar maker from Pennsylvania who at the turn of the 19th century

built the town of Hershey, Pennsylvania as a place for his employees to work, live and thrive. The story is told that when the town was being built Mr. Hershey came upon a construction site where a steam shovel was digging sewer line trenches. The foreman proudly announced to his boss, "This hoe does the work of 10 men." Mr. Hershey, knowing the desperate plight of many unemployed, told the foreman to get rid of the equipment and hire the 10 men. Hershey Chocolate became a lasting figure in American business and a lot of the success can be attributed to the relationship of Mr. Hershey and his employees and his commitment to their well-being.

Work is surely a two-way street, where employers and employees need to be respected, appreciated and served. The more mutual respect and caring, the better the relationship. The better the end product. The better the business.

Thought for the day: Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work." — Thomas Edison

Until next time...I will keep ridin' the storm out!  
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## County seeks savings on Leon Street Annex

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
Senior Writer & Editor

County leaders are seeking ways to reduce the budget of the proposed Leon Street Annex, which is scheduled to house some of the county's justice of the peace offices as well as the 440th district court.

County Judge Roger Miller said he would like to address specific ways to cut costs, while Commissioner Kyle Matthews said he thought it was too early to do that.

"I have visited with Mr. (Jeff) Heffelfinger (the architect on the project) and I think we're premature on telling the architect to scale back without going through the entire plan short of cutting and entire department," he said. "I think that would be very difficult."

Basham said the old justices of the peace facility has already been slated for demolition, adding, "I agree, we need to see the whole view of it."

Miller said he understood those views, but added, "from my standpoint, I'm not in the construction world. I would like to glean from Mr. Heffelfinger what would be some cost reduction measures. What would be some of the most probable ways to do that."

"We don't have the money

right now. I'm not saying we modify the design at this point. We're dealing with an unknown before we get the GMP (guaranteed maximum price). If y'all want to wait, I'm not here to force it. I'm looking for (Heffelfinger) to give us some guidance."

Matthews said "it's very difficult to cut (without a finished plan in place). In theory it's great - we do need to have the discussion. I'll reach out to him and see where we can save some money again."

Miller said he believes it is important to look at those options.

"I'd like to see it," he said. "I think it has to be factored in. With the jail I thought we had some pretty accurate numbers, and that number (the guaranteed maximum price) didn't come near as close."

Matthews said pinning down exact figures early in the process can be difficult.

"The construction world changes daily, unfortunately," he said.

County Attorney Brandon Belt said he sent an email to Heffelfinger asking him to show the commissioners court "any opportunity to save money on the Leon Street Annex."

## Shooting under investigation

Staff report

Deputies and investigators with the Coryell County Sheriff's Office are investigating a shooting that happened on April 25 east of Gatesville.

Shortly before 9:30 a.m. deputies responded to a residence inside Gatesville city limits to assist Gatesville Police Department with a reported shooting.

Once on-scene, deputies were made aware the shooting occurred at a separate location in the county.

A male subject with a gunshot wound was taken to a local hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

The investigation is ongoing.

## Bridge Street house work continues

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
Senior Writer & Editor

Members of the Gatesville City Council received an update on continuing work at 2006 Bridge St., which has been ruled as a substandard structure and first appeared on the Council agenda in January 2022.

Although owner Josiah Wilson did not appear before the Council, a new contractor, Layton Willis, attended

the April 25 Council meeting to give an update.

"We are a week in and ready for a rough plumbing inspection," Willis said, adding that the plan is to focus on electrical work next week.

He estimated it will take between 45 and 60 days to complete work at the house.

"I've seen you guys working pretty steadily," said Councilman John Westbrook. "I appreciate that."

## BOYD

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it because it's different. You just have to trust in yourself to do your best and also trust in the coaches."

Asked about how it feels to participate in the pole vault, Boyd said, "it's a cool feeling being in the air. It takes a lot of technical work, and when you reach your goal, it is very fulfilling."

Boyd said competing in hurdles is an entirely different experience, as rivalries with other participants are more intense, while pole vaulting is more of a friendly competition.

"The atmosphere is definitely much more like a family," she said. "I've seen a couple of the girls at four different meets and we've become friends."

Not only has her junior year been one of record-breaking accomplishments, it has been more enjoyable, Boyd said.

"This year I've just enjoyed it more," she said. "It's my mindset. I've had a lot more fun than in the past when I compared myself more with others. This year I've had fun with everything I do."

As for her upcoming pursuits, Boyd said, "My goal is trying to get to 13 (feet in the pole vault) by the end of the season or my high school career. I am also working to run a sub 15 (seconds) in the hurdles, to be in the 14s. My best run in the hurdles was 15.01 - I was so close."

Her personal best in the pole vault heading into regional competition was a 12-foot, seven inch performance.

"I am trying to go into that (Regional) meet with confidence, trusting myself and being happy with how I do," Boyd said. "I'm not worrying about how everybody else does. My biggest goal is to go to state."

Boyd said two of her biggest inspirations are her parents, Jennifer and Dusty Boyd.

"My dad is definitely the person in track who has always pushed and encouraged me," she said. "I hated it back in the summers and wanted to throw up, but he always helped keep me going. My mom has also been such a great encouragement. Both my parents have told me repeatedly to do the extra work it takes to be my best."

"Also, my coach for pole vault, Jack Chapman, has sacrificed a lot for me. He's done his best for us."

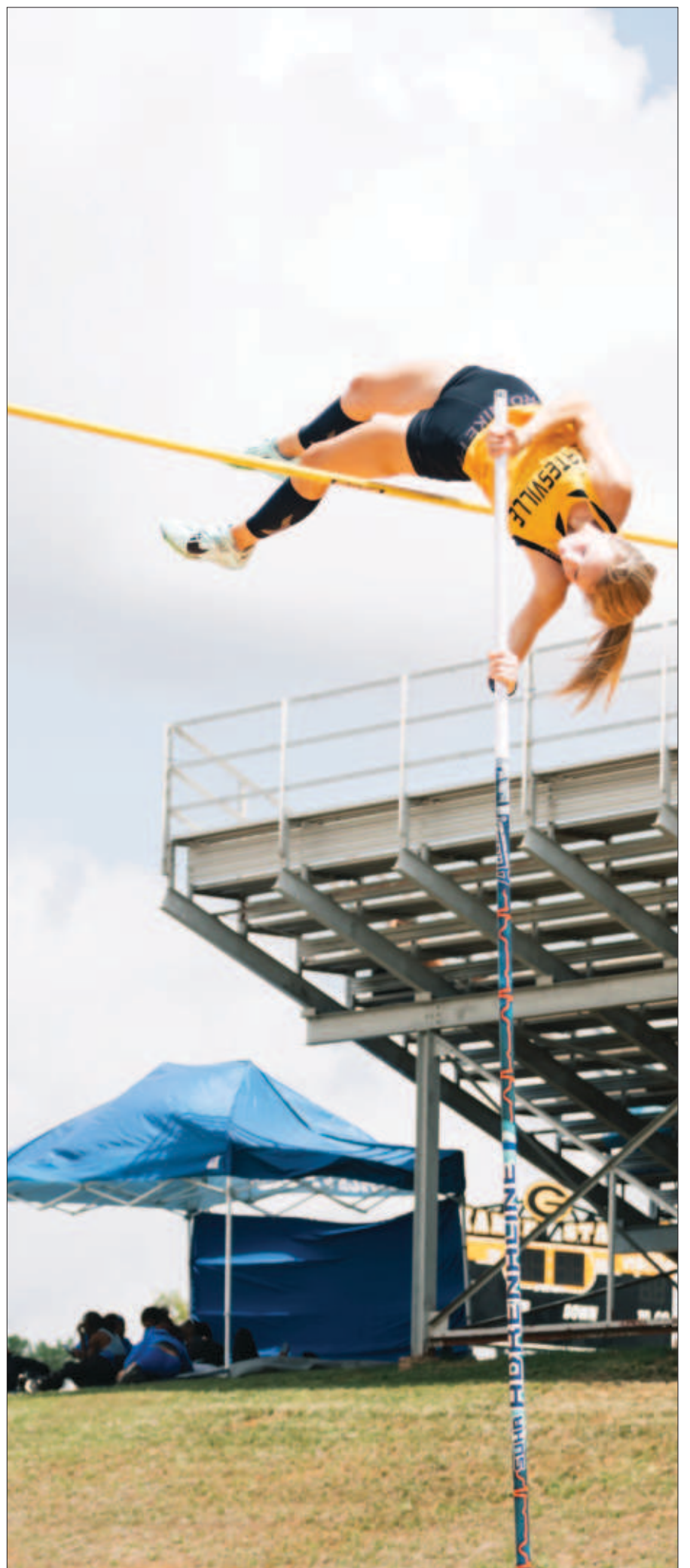
Boyd said she hopes to continue competing athletically at the college level. She is also a talented volleyball player who will be among the team leaders her senior season.

"Continuing at the college level - that's the goal," she said.

As for her favorite subject? "My On Ramps chemistry class through (the University of Texas at Austin) - I can get college credit," Boyd said. "I'm better at math and science than my other classes."

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Barrett Boyd set a school record of 12 feet, 7 inches in the pole vault.



# GISD board joins opposition to school vouchers

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
Senior Writer & Editor

The Gatesville Independent School District joined the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) in opposition to proposed state legislation which could allow money to be funneled from public education toward private school options.

GISD Superintendent Barrett Pollard said the proposed bill, Senate Bill 8, would have an expected statewide financial impact of \$500 million to \$1 billion per year over the next four years. It would provide "certain eligible students with an \$8,000 voucher."

Numerous other costs would be associated with carrying out the program. In a summary distributed to school board members and the media, it was noted there would be "a need to add 20 more staff to the state comptroller's office to help administer the program, including six attorneys to manage the litigation process, develop program eligibility, oversee approval/denial of tuition, and support antifraud provisions."

Pollard said, "these types of voucher plans have been tried and failed in numerous other states," and said "TASB outlines several very important reasons why the voucher system is a bad idea not only for students but also families here in Texas. Public education is the great American experiment that our country was founded upon. Encourage others to contact your representatives to vote against vouchers."

Pollard said a big concern is that students could be approved for an \$8,000 voucher and then later choose to enroll in public school.

"That could funnel a lot of money away from the public school system," he said. "If their \$8,000 is spent elsewhere and the student returns, we don't get the money. Private Christian schools are also leery of it" because of the opportunity for the government to get involved with their curriculum since they would be helping to fund education at those schools.

"We are fearful of the financial outcome," Pollard said, adding that with additional budget concerns and constraints, adding the voucher system would create "a perfect storm" of challenges against public schools. In GISD's resolution opposing school vouchers, the following was stated:

\* Article 7, Section 1 of the Texas Constitution requires that the Texas Legislature "establish and make suitable provision for the support and maintenance of an efficient system of free public schools"

\* Texas public school districts accept every student

\* Education savings accounts and other voucher schemes give private schools, not parents, the right to choose

\* Texas public schools adhere to state-mandated academic and financial accountability standards

\* Private schools are not required to meet the same academic standards as public schools, and they do not report test results,

graduation rates, and other performance measures to the public

\* School choice already exists in Texas via public school districts, charter schools, intra-district transfers, home schools, virtual schools, and private schools

\* Education savings accounts and similar voucher schemes eliminate public accountability of schools and tax dollars

\* Using tax dollars to pay for tuition at private and religious schools would grow into a costly entitlement program

\* A taxpayer-funded voucher program would reduce the amount of state funds available to schools, harming many rural Texas communities where families have few, if any, private school options

\* Texas parents who accept a voucher would lose out on a long list of important parental rights outlined in Texas state education code and in federal law, especially protections for students receiving special education services.

## Commissioners Court approves phase 2 of Oglesby subdivision

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
Senior Writer & Editor

The Coryell County Commissioners Court approved a plat on April 25 for phase two of Twin Caverns Ranch, a subdivision in the Oglesby area.

"It is a continuation of the same subdivision (previously approved) with no new entrance," said county road and bridge department employee Justin Mannix. "It will utilize the same entrance as phase one. We met with the developer and pointed out seep areas (regarding drainage).

"They presented a survey of 627.75 acres in this phase, adding 109 lots. There will be 247 lots total for the subdivision."

He added that there are 25.59 acres of roads within the subdivision, which he said will not access state roads.

"The total cost estimate is \$2,928,253 for the second phase," Mannix said. "They have provided us with a construction schedule showing a project completion date of May 30, 2024. They anticipate this project will take 14 months."

The subdivision will use wells for drinking water, and on-site sewage facilities (septic tanks) for sewage.

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JUSTIN MANNIX

"Have they indicated whether phases three, four or five are coming?" asked Coryell County Judge Roger Miller.

"They have not at this time," Mannix said. A representative of the developer attending the meeting said, "this will complete the project."

Commissioner Scott Weddle made the motion to accept plans for the subdivision.

"This is in my precinct," he said. "I drove out and everything looks good. I make a motion that we approve."

His motion was seconded by Commissioner Kyle Matthews, and the item was unanimously approved.

## Gravel road raises citizen's concerns

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
Senior Writer & Editor

Frustrations with changes to a county road led a local resident to appear during the public forum of the April 25 meeting of the Coryell County Commissioners Court to voice his concerns.

James Calvery, who lives at a house off of County Road 174, said he has talked with Justin Latham, director of the county road and bridge department, and to Commissioner Kyle Matthews "about the situation on the road," adding his house "is set up about 120 feet from the road."

Calvery said his wife has undergone a liver transplant, and he is concerned that what had been a paved road is now a gravel road.

"I was told by Mr. Latham it's not in the budget to put (the road) back the way it was," he said. "My wife's health is at risk and also our quality of life. Why is it not in the budget to put a road back when it's been torn up?"

County Judge Roger Miller expressed sympathy to Calvery but said response from officials during the public forum is limited by the rules set up for the commissioners court.

"I feel for you and your wife," Miller said. "We are limited in how we can respond. Why is it not in the budget? That is not the way we set the budget up. We would need another forum to go into more details."

Calvery said he was told by Latham "we've had roads in this condition for 20 years." He noted that his property appraisal was up \$312,000, and that it "doesn't make sense for the appraisal to go up like that when we can't get our roads fixed."

"I beg you - it is affecting citizens."

Matthews said he "would be happy to visit with you afterwards" and that during the meeting he was "unable to talk at length. The last message I got from Mr. Latham was when you started screaming and hollering at him - he's nobody's whipping boy."

Calvery said he just wanted action taken to resolve his concerns.

"We need something done," he said. "Why would you do something like that?"

Matthews met privately with Calvery after the commissioners court meeting to discuss the matter.

## GISD approves application for bullet-resistant shields grant

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
Senior Writer & Editor

The Gatesville Independent School District Board of Trustees has approved an application for a grant for bullet-resistant shields for the GISD Police Department.

The action was taken at the April 17 meeting of the school board.

"We are applying for a grant to get our police department the shields, and it must include a resolution for the board and an agreement about the use of funds," said Yancey Sanderson, executive director of

testing and federal programs for GISD.

Board member Mary Anne Leib said, "I don't know anything about bullet-proof stuff, but I know there are different types of bullets (with the ability to penetrate items)."

Sanderson said the grant, for \$27,000, would allow the purchase of what is referred to as a 3-plus shield.

"This is similar to what the (Coryell County) Sheriff's Department just got," he said. "It is what Chief (Gary) Stiles selected."



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### Donut Dash 5K/10K

- This chip timed race will start and finish at the Gatesville City Pool, 300 S. 8th St. in Gatesville, Texas. Runners will have the option of running a 5K or 10K race, both offering unique challenges for runners of all ages. All proceeds will benefit Centex Crime Stoppers.

- For both the 5K and the 10K races, we will be awarding top 3 finishers in the following age groups: 19&U, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70+

- Race-day registration and packet pick-up will be race morning 7-7:30am at the race site.

- Packet pick-up will also be available Friday, May 19 at Gatesville Fitness Center.

- Race-day registration is \$40 (Cash/Check)

- Will offer a Kids K this year! All participants will receive a ribbon!



## Saturday, May 20, 2023

register@  
runsignup.com/Race/TX/Gatesville/CrimeStoppersDonutDash



COURTESY PHOTO

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

## National Day of Prayer set for May 4

Staff report

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 Ferently 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/)



# Cen-Tex Crime Stoppers presents their annual Donut Dash

## Staff Reports

Cen-Tex Crime Stoppers will hold its annual Donut Dash on Saturday, May 20. This will be a chip timed race; it will start and finish at the Gatesville City Pool located at 300 S. 8th Street in Gatesville.

Cen-Tex Crime Stoppers is a local organization that encompasses the City of Gatesville, City of Clifton, Coryell County, and Bosque County. The organization pays cash rewards for information leading to arrests of suspects who commit crimes in the area. Callers can report tips 24 hours a day, and the identity will stay anonymous.

Runners will have the option to run a 5K or 10K race. Both will offer unique challenges for runners of all ages. The top three finishers in each age group

will be awarded. The age groups will include 19 and up, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, and 70 and up. There will be a Kids K Fun Run this year and all participants will receive a ribbon.

Tickets can be purchased at [runsignup.com/Race/TX/Gatesville/CrimeStoppersDonutDash](https://runsignup.com/Race/TX/Gatesville/CrimeStoppersDonutDash). Race day registration and packet pick-up will be on the morning of the race from 7 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. at the race site. This will cost \$40, with cash or check only. Packet pick-up will be available on Friday, May 19 at the Gatesville Fitness Center as well.

Cen-Tex Crime Stoppers is actively seeking sponsorships for the 2023 Donut Dash. The \$100 sponsorship includes a name on the back of the race shirt, a name listed in the thank you ad, and name listed on the race banner. The \$250

sponsorship will include a logo on the back of the race shirt, a name on the mile marker sign, a logo in the thank you ad, and a logo on the race banner. The \$500 sponsorship will include a logo on the mile marker sign and the water station, a logo in the thank you ad, a logo on the race banner, and two race shirts. The \$1,000 sponsorship will include four race shirts, an announcement of a name during the race awards, and everything that is included with the other sponsorships will be included with this one. Be sure to email the logo to [pgilbert@gatesvilletx.com](mailto:pgilbert@gatesvilletx.com) by Monday, May 1.

All proceeds will benefit the Cen-Tex Crime Stoppers.

# GHS DAZZLERS HOLD DAZZLING BAKE SALE



DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

The Gatesville High School Dazzlers Team recently held a bake sale to raise funds to send officers to camp. This year, the Dazzlers had seven returning to the program and seven new members joining the team. The Dazzlers perform at all varsity football games in the fall. In the spring the team performs at select basketball games, travels to area competition, and holds a Spring Showcase production for the community to attend.

# Rock the Runway fashion show scheduled for May 6

## Staff Reports

An event that has been two years in the making, Rock the Runway means for

boutiques around the area to come together in an event that will allow surrounding communities to see what

Gatesville has to offer.

On Saturday, May 6, the event will be held at the Texas Station Event Center lo-

cated at 305 Old Fort Gates Rd. in Gatesville. Admission will be \$5 per person. The event is hosted by Vintage

Royalty and will feature local boutiques in the show as well. Local residents will help model products.

There will be food trucks, goody bags, and plenty of shopping.

# Hidden Gem Family Center to hold taco fundraiser May 5

## Staff Reports

Hidden Gem Family Center will hold a taco dinner fundraiser for the commu-

nity to attend on Friday, May 5 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The dinner will include three tacos, a drink, and a dessert for the cost of \$10.

Hidden Gem Family Center is a local organization that focuses on families, victims of crime, and those who are in dire need of as-

sistance. The center strives to provide programs and services that will strengthen families and share the love of Jesus.

For more information or to make a donation to the organization, contact 254-206-3003.

The Hidden Gem Family

Center is located at 115 S. 7th Street on the square.

# Oglesby community-wide garage sale set for today

## Staff Reports

The town of Oglesby will hold a community-wide garage sale today, Saturday,

April 29. The 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.

For more information text 254-424-4067.

# Family Revival set at Mound Cowboy Church

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 extraordinary voice

and an even more incredible story.

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

# Last chance to participate in Don't Mess with Texas trash-off event

## Staff Reports

There are only two days left to participate in the Don't Mess with Texas annual trash-off during the month of April.

Every year families, so-

cial clubs, Adopt-a-Highway groups, neighborhoods, and Keep Texas Beautiful come together all over the state join forces to pick up litter and beautify local 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 event, contact Keep Gatesville Beautiful by email at [keepgatesvillebeautiful@gmail.com](mailto:keepgatesvillebeautiful@gmail.com).

# Gatesville Riding Club will host a Playday Saddle Series on May 6

## Submitted item

The Gatesville Riding Club will be hosting 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 cost five dollars, 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.

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**1854 Vendor Spotlight**

At 1854 Mercantile, we believe that shopping with small businesses has a BIG impact on the community. Our vendor spotlight this month is Lisa Barnard. Lawson's General Store opened as a "pop up" vendor at local markets in June of 2021. It is owned and operated by Ron & Lisa Barnard and family. When their first grandchild was born in October of 2020, Lisa decided to retire to keep him. In order to create extra income (to spend on him) Lawson's was created and, of course, named after him! We offer boutique-style clothing, shoes, accessories, hand-crafted one-of-a-kind hats, children's clothing and home decor. We strive to be a unique business because we specialize in the customer experience. We realize that our customer has many choices as to where they spend their money. But if they can have a positive experience when purchasing their unique items at Lawson's General Store located in 1854 Mercantile, they will return again and again.

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# Almond Blossom Ministries presents New Mercies Conference

**Submitted Item**

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



Cheyenne Kizer

at the Gatesville Civic Center located at 301 Veterans Memorial Loop.

The conference will be hosted by Cheyenne Kizer, a wife to her high school sweetheart and mother of two beautiful children. She is also the founder of Almond Blossom Ministries. Cheyenne has a passion to see women know Jesus and grasp His love for them. She loves to laugh, meet new people, and talk about Jesus! It's her desire for the guests of the conference to leave inspired, refreshed, honored, and feeling loved!

The keynote speaker will be Tammy Trent. Tammy is a gifted communicator who draws her audience close

with her contagious humor and fun, energetic personality and yet, the sincerity of her heart and wisdom of life experience is woven through the very words she speaks and sings. She has been min-



Tammy Trent

istering to audiences around the world through her music and speaking since signing her first record deal in 1995. And in early 2023 she became the new co-host on LIFE Today TV alongside co-host Randy Robison. She says, "One of my greatest privileges on this journey of hope is to be able to remind others that we can never interpret our numbness as God's absence in our lives."

The conference will also feature Shelli Zan, creator and voice of 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. Shelli is a wife and mother of two beautiful children, an inspirational speaker, and salon owner. She is energetic, fun and brings the Word of God with passion because of all He has done in her life!

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.

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).



Shelli Zan

## GLOVER WINS BEST OF BREED IN RABBIT SHOW



COURTESY PHOTO

Rhylee Glover from Coryell City 4-H recently won Best of Breed at the Thumping in the Pines Rabbit Show held on April 8. Glover, who is currently a fifth-grade student, raises Holland Lop rabbits. Holland Lops are one of the most popular rabbit breeds in the United States and the United Kingdom. Holland Lops are miniature rabbits that only weigh from about 2 to 4 pounds.

## THE PAFFORDS CELEBRATE 50 YEAR ANNIVERSARY



COURTESY PHOTO

April 27 marked 50 years of marriage for Richard and LaRue Pafford. On April 23, the couple were given a 50th wedding anniversary celebration by their five children. The celebration was held at the Turnersville Baptist Church. Richard and LaRue Pafford were married by Reverend Joe Broadway on April 27, 1973.

## Cover2Cover Ministries presents women's conference

**Staff Reports**

A women's conference is schedule to be held at Cover2Cover Ministries on Friday, May 5 and Saturday, May 6. The guest speaker is Dr. Thresa Lawson.

On May 5 the conference will begin with dinner at 5:45 p.m.

and sessions will follow. On May 6 the conference will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and lunch will be provided. The admission fee will be \$20 per person. Payment will be through Cashapp at \$Cover2Cover2017.

Cover2Cover Ministries is a local church in Gatesville. The pas-

tor is Brandy Spiker.

The conference will be located at 405 SH 36, Suite 5 in Gatesville. For more information contact Cover2Cover Ministries at 254-392-9472.

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# OBITUARIES

## BOB RHUDY

Oct. 30, 1932 - Apr. 19, 2023



Bob Rhudy, age 90, of the Levita community, passed away on Wednesday, April 19, 2023, in Waco.

Graveside services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 22, at Restland Cemetery, with Rev. Matt Dossey officiating.

Bobby Wayne Rhudy was born on October 30, 1932, in Kosse, Texas to the late Johnny and Gladys Hill Rhudy. He grew up in Kosse

and graduated from Kosse High School in 1950. He joined the U.S. Navy as a reservist before enlisting, then traveling the world before being honorably discharged. He met the love of his life, Patsy Jean Hall, and they were married on January 4, 1952, in Dallas. He was a city carrier for United States Postal Service in downtown Dallas before transferring to Johnson County living in Cleburne to raise his children. They then moved to Meridian, where Bob was the game warden for seven years, serving Bosque and Hamilton Counties. With his family, he went back to work for the USPS delivering mail with a rural route serving Lake Waco and the airport. The Rhudys moved to Levita, when he then transferred to Coryell County working out of the Purmela, Turnerville, Jonesboro, and Gatesville offices until his retirement. He founded Rhudy Insurance Agency and was a Germania Insurance Agent

representative for 35 years. Bob was also elected as a Coryell County Constable, where he served one term. As a born again Christian, he was a member of Levita Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon, Adult II Sunday School teacher and music director.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Patsy Jean Rhudy, in 2015; grandson, Christopher Rhudy, in 2022; and brothers, Douglass Blane Rhudy and J.C. Rhudy.

Bob is survived by his daughters, Gena Sexton and husband, Duane; Rebecca Hunter and husband, Tim; son, David Rhudy and wife, Barbara; grandchildren, KayDee Sexton, Ryan Hunter, Aaron Hunter, Jacob Hunter; and six great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to Levita Bible Fellowship, 4460 FM 930, Gatesville, TX 76528.

## INEZ ARNOLD

Jan. 2, 1934 - Apr. 20, 2023



Inez Arnold, age 89 of Gatesville, passed away on Thursday, April 20, 2023.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Monday, April 24, at the First Methodist Church in Gatesville, with Rev. Bobby Weathers and Rev. Stephen Schmidt officiating. Interment followed at Pilgrims Rest Cemetery, near Evant.

Edith Inez Arnold was born on January 2, 1934,

in the Pearl community of Coryell County, to the late Charley and Edith Walker Freeman. She graduated from Pearl High School in 1951 and married Aubrey K. (Shorty) Arnold in the summer of 1951. Over the span of thirty-plus years, they owned and operated several nursing homes in the surrounding area. She joined the Methodist church at a young age and was a member of First Methodist Church in Gatesville. Her husband preceded her on January 1, 2014. Inez enjoyed traveling with her friends, playing Bridge, dancing, summers in Ruidoso, New Mexico and hunting with her sons at a younger age. She was known for entertaining and hosting annual Super Bowl parties at her home.

She was also preceded in death by a one-year-old daughter, Angela Arnold and brother, John L. Freeman.

Inez is survived by two

sons, Ashley Arnold and Johnny Arnold; sister, Dolious Williamson; nieces and nephews, Ricky Williamson, Sheila McFarlin, Kim Holden and husband, Billy and Steve Freeman.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the First Methodist Church, 2600 E. Main Street, Gatesville, TX 76528 or the Chris Elam Comer Scholarship Trust, P. O. Box 306, Evant, TX 76525.



## Coryell County Genealogical Society meeting to feature program by Marshall Brown

### Submitted Item

Marshall Brown, an accomplished Texas historian and 7th generation Coryell County, Texan, will present the May 9, 2023, program for the Coryell County Genealogical Society. Mr. Brown's presentation is entitled "So

You Think You Are from Texas? Prove It."

There are several hereditary and lineage organizations that allow us to show pride in our families dating back to Jamestown, the May Flower, the American Revolution, and the War of 1812;

but Texans have our own special organizations only for a select group of early Texas families. If your family lived in Texas between March 2, 1836, and February 19, 1846, you are eligible for membership in The Sons of The Republic of Texas or

The Daughters of The Republic of Texas. However, there is one important condition- you must have documentation to prove it.

The journey through early Texas history to find proof of your family's residency in The Republic of Texas is

a fascinating trip through land grants, military muster rolls, and Republic of Texas records. Texas has a most colorful history, and documenting your families' contributions to establishing our great state and republic is a way to honor them and

keep their memories alive. The meeting will be held at the Gatesville Public Library at 6 p.m., and the public is welcome to attend. Come and learn more about the paper trail left by your Texas ancestors.

## Greenbriar Cemetery Association to hold meeting in May

### Staff Reports

The Greenbriar Cemetery Association will meet on Saturday, May 6, at 9 a.m. at Greenbriar Cemetery. The association would like everyone that is interested to attend. If you are unable to attend, please consider

making a donation for the upkeep of the cemetery. Remit to "Greenbriar Cemetery Sherrie Barton, 2470 Greenbriar Road, Gatesville, Texas 76528."

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

## May 20 meeting set for Hillsdale Cemetery Association

### Staff Reports

The annual meeting of the Hillsdale Cemetery Association will be held on Saturday, May 20, at 9:30 a.m. at the cemetery located off Slater Road northeast of Izoro.

The GPS address for the cemetery is 278 Hillsdale Road in Coryell County.

People with relatives buried in the cemetery or who have an interest are welcome to attend.

Donations may be sent to Hillsdale Cemetery Association, c/o Laresa Fowler Yick, 7701 FM 1690, Copperas Cove, TX 76522.

For more information, call 512-768-3864.

## SWARM SOFTBALL 10-U RAISES FUNDS



DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER  
The SWARM Softball 10-U Platinum Team recently held a bake sale and car wash to raise money for the Women's World Series, which will be held this year in Oklahoma City. Teammates worked hard scrubbing vehicles and selling an assortment of baked items to raise money for the cause.

## Mound Cemetery Association to meet today

### Submitted Item

The Mound Cemetery Association will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, April 29. The meeting will be held at the cemetery at 11:30 a.m. Attendees are encouraged to bring a lawn chair. Donations for mowing and upkeep of the cemetery may be mailed to Mound Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 177, Mound, TX 76558.

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# Mound has a busy week with prom, UIL, 4-H and birthday celebrations



BY BARBARA HOPSON

Mound News Correspondent

**T**im and Cyndee McCarthy, Matt and Asa Dalbeck and children Wyatt, Mattie, Shelly Rose McCarthy, and Michael and Sue Pavone of Boston, MA, spent several days last week in Mound with Martha Ann Ares.

Delecia Reynolds visited Thursday afternoon with Barbara Hopson.

Several Mound seniors and juniors attended the junior/senior prom in Gatesville at the Texas Station Event Center. This year's King and Queen were Thiele Alvarado and Kallyn Moreland.

Ray and John Stephens had their Ukrainian friends from Fort Worth as lunch guests on Wednesday. They were Olga and her son Volodymyr and daughter-in-law Olya.

Holly Bryant and John Stephens went to lunch in Belton on Monday.

Patrick Hopson and Hannah Martin were married in

O'Fallon, MO, on Saturday, April 15. Family attending were his parents and sister, Billy, Carol and Allison Hopson, his grandmother, Sherry Hopson, his aunt, Lanelle Hopson Lemons, and cousin, Kyanne Petty Jones.

Katie Sue Hopson received top honors as she was named female vocalist of the year. Katie also was awarded UIL sweepstakes Superior Solo, UIL Superior Ensemble TMEA Texas Music Scholar.

Katie Hopson is so talented. Her numerous awards include the prestigious Texas Music Scholar Award from the Texas Educators Music Association.

Emma Blakley of College Station was home for the weekend to see her family.

Carolyn Blakley was honored on her birthday with a dinner Friday evening at the home of Jerry and Brenda Helms.

Kay Branham and Sue Jones visited Thursday in Bryan with Jean Rose and visited with Mitchell Jackson.

Zach Finch of San Diego, CA and a friend, Katie, of Rock Wall and Jimmy Williamson of Waco visited Saturday with Don and Sue Jones.

Matti and Lillie Mann competed in District livestock judging at College Station

this past weekend. Matti received 28th place. Yesterday, Lillie showed her cross pig in Clifton at the Buckles on the Brazos and won Junior Showmanship and Reserved Champion Cross.

Those who had birthdays in the month of April were Jackie Penny, Alison Moffatt, Sandra Varner, Barbara Wolff, Ryan Bay, Kennedie Hyde, Russell McHargue, Laura Lam, Bridgette Ferguson, Jo Keeton, Amber Carothers, Ruby Pullen, Carolyn Blakley, Abigail Cupps, Linda O'Brein, Jeanette Hollis, Aubree Long, Darr Kuykendall, Delecia Reynolds, Pedro Quintero, and Holly Pullen.

# Mark your calendars for the next Pearl Bluegrass event is set for May 6



BY BETSY CLARK

Pearl News Correspondent

**T**he Pearl Cottage Bookstore reports two good days during the Pearl Flea Market event last weekend.

The ladies surely enjoyed visiting with Ruth Ann Johnson and her son and Ruth McGaugh and her daughter! Linda, Kay and Corlissa greatly appreciate the patronage and support of all

the Bookstore visitors! Go in as customers and leave as friends! Remember, all purchases and donations support the store's local charities. Therefore, you're not only getting something new

and different for yourself but you're also helping others as well! The next Bookstore and Pearl Bluegrass event is scheduled for May 6. Mark your calendars!

Pearl has enjoyed wonderful spring showers lately! Everyone reports that the bluebonnets are still beautiful, so be sure to take a leisurely drive to the Pearl area to enjoy the flora and fauna!

We wish to extend our sympathy to the family of Tech Newton, who passed away on April 14. Mr. Newton's services were held on Monday, April 17, at the Eastview (Newton Family) Cemetery. Mr. Newton's sister was Mrs. Oleta Hahn, who was a Pearl resident for many years. Tech still has many relatives in the Pearl

area.

Last week, I let you know that the first week in May is Teacher's Appreciation Week. Well, I just realized that it is also Nurse's Appreciation Week, too! (It was a "well, duh" moment when Linda reminded me of that, and I greatly apologize for the oversight!) What would we do without all of these wonderful people? I think nurses love chocolate as much as teachers (wink, wink, hint, hint)! Plus, along with that, May 4 is the National Day of Prayer, and I am sure nurses and teachers would love to be included in your prayer time even more than getting chocolate!

Pearl Church of Christ has announced its annual Vacation Bible School dates: May

29 through June 2, from 9 a.m. to noon. Please share this information with your friends and family. Everyone is welcome!

It was reported that many visitors to the bookstore have been asking about the it'sy bitsy, teeny weeny, turquoise greeny, stringy bikini. I am here to tell you that the bad news bikini is in its resting place at the bookstore and doing well — for the time being.

I would not hold my breath as to how long the trepidatious trappings will be content to behave themselves on the bookstore wall, right above the Christian reading section. It seems that its last venture with Kay to Raby Park in Gatesville simply exhausted the petulant para-

phernalia. It remains to be seen what this piece of flip-pant frippery will do next. Oh, and who it will do it to!! Summer is approaching, so watch out, dear readers! Stringy bikinis can be awful meanies!!

This week's Bible verse comes from Romans 1:20 — "For since the creation of the world, God's invisible qualities — His eternal power and divine nature — have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse. (NIV)

Be sure and like the Pearl Community Center, Texas Facebook page and the Pearl Cottage Bookstore and Resale Shop Facebook page.

# The man behind those posters



BY TUMBLEWEED SMITH

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

**Y**ou see posters of wildflowers in stores, homes, and offices. Rick Vanderpool of Lubbock did them.

"You only see the big flowers at 70 miles an hour," he said. "If you get out of your vehicle you find the little jewels in the bar ditch. And you can find as many as 25 different flowers you would never see driving by."

Rick has traveled Texas taking photos of different things for his posters.

"Cactus blooms, hamburgers, coffee, barbecue

joins, spurs, all kinds of stuff."

He has made dozens of posters with his photos. The first one contained images of the word Texas.

"I photographed the word Texas made with rattlesnake rattles, barbed wire, horns, bottle caps, tattoos: you name it I've photographed it. That was a very popular poster."

He said that he lived in his pickup while taking photos.

"I'd usually drive some place where I knew there would be a nice sunset or

sunrise. I wanted to sleep among my subjects, so I slept with the cactus, the windmills, the old signs that said Texas, ranch gates or whatever else I was looking for. I slept in the cab and sometimes during the night I'd turn on the light to put on paper a line for a poem or words for a song."

Vanderpool has written books, songs, poetry, was a newspaper publisher in Commerce and a judge at the Miss Texas competition. He has made speeches before large audiences. I first met him years ago in Commerce where he had arranged the Bois d'Arc Festival. His home had layouts of different posters he was making. He sold them at Canton and other places around the state. Some of his posters were used to make bolts of material.

He is one creative individual with plenty of energy and a curious mind. When he sees a courthouse clock that doesn't work, he wants to find out why it stopped. In one South Texas County, he found out.

"They hanged a man and before he died, he pointed at the clock and said the clock would never tell the right time from this point forward. And it broke when he died."

He spent six months photographing crosses in the United States. On the 500th anniversary of Columbus finding America he photographed every city in the country named Columbus. He did it on his own, with no sponsors. He just wanted to do it. He did a few showings of his photos to different groups.

"I've done a lot of things," Vanderpool said. "I saw this phrase written somewhere: a thousand words are worth a picture."

# The DISPATCH

The following is a partial breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of April 21-25. 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 21**  
4:19 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2300 block of Business Hwy. 36.

7:02 p.m., a theft was reported in the 2400 block of Oak Drive.

9:56 p.m., a theft was reported in the 1500 block of Bridge Street.

**April 22**  
1:08 a.m., an assault was reported in the 300 block of Baize Drive.

1:25 p.m., a theft was reported in the 15000 block of S. State Hwy. 36.

4:06 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1600 block of Waco Street.

**April 23**  
1:10 a.m., an intoxicated driver was reported in the 1600 block of Main Street.

4:21 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2600 block of Jackson Drive.

5:14 p.m., criminal mischief was reported in the

2200 block of E. Main Street.

**April 24**  
8:06 a.m., an accident was reported in the 2400 block of Business Hwy. 36.

4:08 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 3400 block of Empress Drive.

6:05 p.m., a vehicle fire was reported in the 800 block of Moccasin Bend Road.

**April 25**  
9:19 a.m., an armed suspect was reported in the 500 block of Mountain Road.

2:58 p.m., a burglary was reported in the 3400 block of Royal Drive.

8:29 p.m., animal cruelty was reported in the 200 block of S. 34th Street.

## CORYELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

**April 21**  
8:12 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 6200 block of FM 107.

3:39 p.m., a civil matter was reported in the 2500 block of FM 1783.

**April 22**  
11:20 a.m., a neighbor dispute was reported in the 3300 block of CR 197.

1:25 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 3900 block of FM 1113.

7:23 p.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 400 block of E. Brooks drive.

**April 23**  
4:38 a.m., a minor accident was reported 500 block of FM 116.

11:50 a.m., an accidental shooting was reported on CR 16.

3:53 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 1400 block of Old Osage Road.

**April 24**  
9:53 a.m., a theft was reported in the 500 block of River Oaks.

2:33 p.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 2700 block of CR 303.

6:45 p.m., a neighbor dispute was reported in the 2500 block of Osage Road.

**April 25**  
9:22 a.m., a shooting was reported in the 100 block of FM 116.

3:04 p.m., an animal complaint was reported on FM 1690 and CR 3698.

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MICHAEL GEORGE STEVENS, DECEASED. CAUSE NO 23-10808, COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS.

JOHNNA NAJERA FILED IN THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS ON THE 17TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2023, APPLICATION FOR INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION AND LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 401.003 OF THE TEXAS ESTATES CODE SAID MICHAEL GEORGE STEVENS, 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 1ST DAY OF MAY 2023, AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN GATESVILLE, TEXAS. ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID ESTATE ARE HEREBY CITED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY AT THE SAME ABOVE MENTIONED TIME AND PLACE BY FILING A WRITTEN ANSWER CONTESTING SUCH APPLICATION SHOULD THEY DESIRE TO DO SO.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY IN GATESVILLE, TEXAS THE 19th day of April, 2023.

JENNIFER NEWTON  
CORYELL COUNTY CLERK

CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS

BY: M. WALLACE  
00030062

Evant I.S.D. is currently accepting bids for the mowing of all school owned property to include the main campus, football complex (excluding the actual football field), and track complex. All services to complete the work will be provided by the contractor. Please contact Director of Operations Steve Adcock for specifications before submitting a bid. To submit a bid, please send it to Evant ISD at 339 Memory Lane, Evant, TX 76525 or hand-deliver to the Evant ISD superintendent's office at 339 Memory Lane, Evant, TX. Be sure to include a copy of the business liability insurance with the bid. The deadline to turn in a bid is 10:00 a.m. on May 8, 2023. Proposals will be reviewed at the May school board meeting at 339 Memory Lane, Evant. The trustees of the school reserve the right to reject any and all proposals and to accept any proposals deemed most advantageous to Evant I.S.D., as well as negotiate with successful bidders as deemed advisable. 00030056

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CEDRIC ANTONIO DUPINS SR., DECEASED. CAUSE NO 23-10802, COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS. LISA DANIELLE VILLALONGO-DUPINS FILED IN THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS ON THE 9TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2023, APPLICATION FOR INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION AND LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 401.003 OF THE TEXAS ESTATES CODE AND APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP SAID CEDRIC ANTONIO DUPINS SR., 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 8TH DAY OF MAY 2023, AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN GATESVILLE, TEXAS.

ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID ESTATE ARE HEREBY CITED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY AT THE SAME ABOVE MENTIONED TIME AND PLACE BY FILING A WRITTEN ANSWER CONTESTING SUCH APPLICATION SHOULD THEY DESIRE TO DO SO.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY IN GATESVILLE, TEXAS THE 25th day of April, 2023.

JENNIFER NEWTON  
CORYELL COUNTY CLERK

CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS

BY: M. WALLACE  
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No. 23-10805

IN THE ESTATE OF

LORRAINE ELLEN LEVERONE A/K/A LORRAINE LEVERONE, DECEASED

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Lorraine Ellen Leverone a/k/a Lorraine Leverone, Deceased, were issued on March 22, 2023, in Cause No. 23-10805, pending in the County Court of Coryell County, Texas, to: William Clyde Teague.

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

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

DATED the 25th day of April, 2023.

BAIRD, CREWS, SCHILLER, & WHITAKER, P.C.  
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CITATION BY PUBLICATION-TRC109 & 114

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IN THE MATTER OF MARRIAGE OF  
RICKY TURNER AND TRACY LYNN HOWARD

TO: TRACY LYNN HOWARD Defendant-GREETING:

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

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before 10:00 o'clock AM on the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days after the due date of issuance of this citation before the Honorable TRENT D. FARRELL, 52ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT of Coryell County, at the Courthouse in said County in Gatesville, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on the 04/04/2023 in the above entitled cause.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Gatesville, Texas, this 25th day of April, 2023.

Attorney for Plaintiff or Petitioner, PLACE, JR., ALLEN D.  
109 S. 7TH ST., GATESVILLE, TEXAS 76528

Clerk of the Court: Becky Moore, District Clerk  
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By: ASHLEY LAMB, DEPUTY  
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47.332 ac. south of Ireland, TX. Good tree cover, rolling terrain, good fencing on 3 sides, southside will need to be fenced. \$395,000

50.24 acres, 3/2.5 home, 2171 CR 419, Evant, TX. Rolling terrain, 40% being good tree cover, the remaining balance being open pasture, great views. \$675,000

52.73 Acres, 3/2.5 barn/condominium, 1197 CR 404, Hamilton, TX. 1 water well, metal building, nice porch, good tree cover, rolling terrain, 2 tanks, good fences. \$875,000

55.88 Acres, south of Evant, 2000 CR 3900, Lampasas County, cabin with bathroom, water well, electricity, rolling terrain with good tree cover, small seasonal branch. \$488,950.

60.23 acres, CR 238 near Turnersville, TX. 1 stock tank, good fences, scattered tree cover, rolling terrain. \$421,610

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## YARD OF THE MONTH



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Keep Gatesville Beautiful's April Yard of the Month goes to First National Bank, located at 3411 East Main St. The bank always looks great with its well-designed and well-kept landscape that includes a wide variety of trees, bushes and plants that do well in Central Texas, many of which are natives. The bank's CEO Ronnie Sullins, and Vice President Debbie Evans are featured in the photo. They gave credit to John Capella with Central Texas Landscape and Maintenance for taking such good care of their grounds. Thank you, First National Bank, for helping to keep Gatesville Beautiful! For those who are interested, the trees in their landscape are live oak, chinkapin oak, crepe myrtle, red buds, bur oak and Shumard red oak. All, with exception of crepe myrtle, are native to Texas. Also included in their landscape are knock out roses, dwarf yaupon holly, ornamental grasses, lavender cotton, Indian hawthorn, privet, Chinese fringe flower and esperanzas.

## GATESVILLE INTERMEDIATE REACHES GOAL



COURTESY PHOTO

In honor of Earth Day, H-E-B partnered with local schools in the area to collect plastic bags and Gatesville Intermediate School participated. The collection started on March 6 and ended on April 13. The Gatesville ISD Gifted and Talented program had the responsibility to keep count throughout the month and came up with the final number of 3,467 plastic bags collected. For participating, the Intermediate campus will receive a \$150 H-E-B gift card. Earth Day is celebrated annually to honor the achievements of the environmental movement and to raise awareness of the need to protect Earth's natural resources for future generations. The national holiday is on April 22 each year in the United States. In the 1960s Gaylord Nelson, a Wisconsin senator, was inspired by activist groups to create a national celebration uniting the environmental movement. From then on, the United States has come together each year to honor the special day. Gatesville Intermediate is located at 311 Hornet Way.



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# Army Reserve soldiers run 10 miles to celebrate 115th Birthday

An Army Reserve 115th Birthday 10-mile run was held April 22 at North Fort Hood. The Gatesville community supported the event with First Baptist Church providing shuttle rides to and from the parking area and start/finish line and Highway 2 Heaven Motorcycle Ministry and ChristianCycling.org providing water to runners at the 5-mile turnaround point.

PHOTOS COURTESY OF SGT. 1ST CLASS JUSTIN HARDIN



Capt. Alexandria Gutierrez, Commander, 411th Military Police Company, approaches the 10-mile finish line April 22. Gutierrez was the winner of the 10-mile race with a time of 1 hour, 11 minutes.



Active-duty, National Guard and Army Reserve Soldiers and Gatesville community members celebrated the U.S. Army Reserve's 115th birthday with a 10-mile run Saturday at North Fort Hood.



1SG Jonathan Petrich, 411th Military Police Company, takes a cup of water from a ChristianCycling.org volunteer at the 5-mile turnaround point on April 22 at Fort Hood. Petrich was the first male to finish the race with a time of 1 hour, 17 minutes.



Sergeant Maj. Ryan Hockenberry, an Operations Noncommissioned Officer, Mobilization Support Brigade, leaps across the finish line of the Army Reserve's 115th birthday run on April 22 at North Fort Hood.



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## Early, Scott & Warren finish spectacular season in tennis



DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Gatesville Elementary students greet Gatesville High School seniors Ty Warren, Alex Scott and Slone Early on Monday, April 24, before the trio left to compete in the UIL Class 4A State Tennis Tournament in San Antonio. Early won the bronze medal, finishing third in Texas, while Scott and Warren were both state quarterfinalists.

## GHS trio set records and made lasting mark on court

BY DAVID SCOTT  
Staff Writer

Three young men from the Gatesville varsity tennis team, Ty Warren, Slone Early, and Alex Scott, after competing and winning in the 4A Regional Tennis Tournament, qualified to advance to the UIL Class 4A State level of competition on April 25.

A few days ago, the trio travelled to San Antonio for the big event along with their head coach, Wendell Jones, and assistant coaches Brit Campbell and Kimberly Chaffin.

GISD Athletic Director, Rickey Phillips, who was in attendance to support the boys, later posted, "Heck of a showing today by the tribe wearing black and gold."

In his first match, Slone Early won in boys singles against Burkburnett 6-0, 6-3 and then advanced to the 4A semifinals. In his semifinal match against Anna, Early was defeated 3-6, 2-6, and earned a third place bronze medal in the state competition.

Ty Warren and Alex Scott played in the state 4A boys dou-

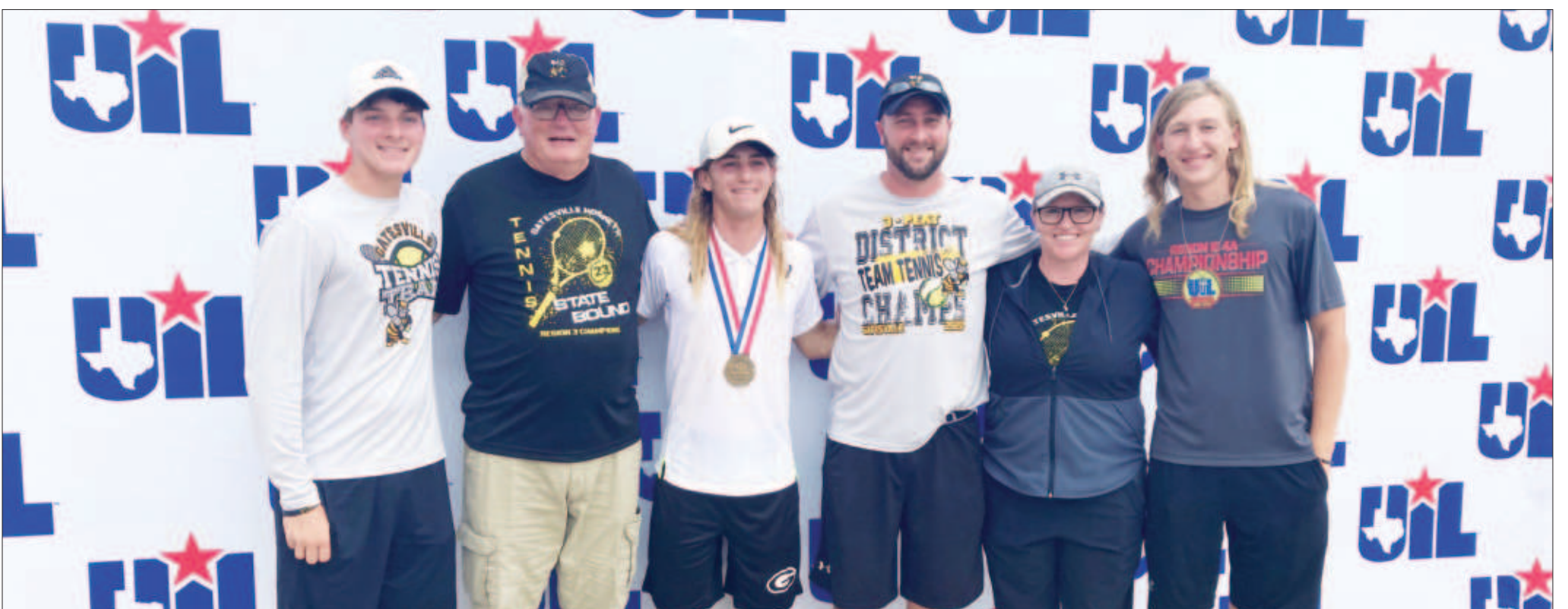
bles in the quarterfinals against Lindale, but were defeated in their first match 4-6, 6-2, 2-6 after battling to the end in a third additional set.

For the first time in the history of Gatesville High School tennis, Gatesville sent multiple divisions to the UIL State Tournament. About their experience at state, Coach Jones said, "We've had a very good day. Slone did what we really needed him to do. We knew his semi matches could be real rough, but he played them as well as could be expected. There was a slight disappointment with the boys' doubles. They played well though, we are proud of them. What a great opportunity to be here with entries into this state tournament and they're all just great kids playing very good tennis."

Assistant Coach Brit Campbell commented on the three boys and their journey to state. "I told these guys you can make it to state and you look back 10 years from now and people are going to ask you how you played tennis and you can say, 'I made it to state.' One of eight in this division

made it to state competition and the fact that those doubles competed in split sets, they did very well and I'm proud of those guys. All three of those boys put in a ton of work to get here and they're very deserving. All the coaches, including myself, are proud of what they did."

Assistant Coach Kimberly Chaffin voiced her admiration for the boys and the fact that so many people from the Gatesville community made the long trek to San Antonio to watch and encourage the boys compete. "To say that I'm proud of these guys is an understatement. I'm just so happy to be a part of this whole program and to get to watch the effort that they put in every day. To see them at the state tournament is pretty awesome and also to see the people of Gatesville gather around to watch and to know the community is here for the kids. They put on a great show today and gave everything they had and left their hearts out there on the courts - and that's all we can say - we're super proud of them and of their journey to state competition."



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STATE TENNIS 2023: From left, Gatesville High School senior Ty Warren, Coach Wendell Jones, senior Slone Early, assistant coach Brit Campbell, assistant coach Kimberly Chaffin and senior Alex Scott take time for a photo after their participation in the 2023 Class 4A UIL State Tennis Tournament.

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# Gatesville High School golf caps season at regional competition



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The Gatesville High School boys golf team recently competed in the Class 4A Region III tournament at Bearkat Country Club on a Professional Golfer's of America (PGA) course. Pictured from left are Coach Guy Dean, Kasen Bankhead, Garrett Sullivant, Cooper Boyd, Hunter Key, Gage Ford and Max Healer. Bankhead finished 17 overall out of 84 golfers. GHS made its 11th trip to regionals since 2010.

# Gatesville baseball earns playoff spot again

BY CHRIS ALLMAN  
Sports Correspondent

Thanks to a 17-0 route of La Vega the Gatesville Hornets baseball team is back in the postseason.

The Hornets were bi-district finalists in 2021 but missed the playoffs in 2022. They will face 24-4A champion Marble Falls in the first round with game one tentatively set for May 4.

The win over La Vega also saw junior Bralen Veazey hit the 100-strikeout mark for the season. Veazey came into the game needing eight strikeouts and finished the game with 13 punch outs. He allowed just two baserunners via a walk and a bloop single to right.

Offensively, seven of Gatesville's 13 hits came from the top three spots in their lineup. Leadoff man Lawson Mooney had two hits, three RBI and scored three times while Banner Allman went 3-4 with four RBI and scored three runs



Bralen Veazey

of his own. John Ibarra went 2-4 with two runs scored.

The rest of the Hornets lineup did their part to get on base drawing 11 walks between them. Clayton Gregory, Mason Mooney, and Kason Herbelin each walked twice and scored at least one run apiece. Mooney stole a pair of bases while Herbelin had two RBI and scored twice. Senior Carter



Banner Allman

Williams had a hit, drew a walk, scored once and drove in a run.

The Hornets scored twice in the first then five times in the third, six times in the fourth, and four times in the fifth. The final run of the game came when senior Antonio Osoro walked to score senior Cayden Brister.

After issuing a walk to start the game, Veazey

struck out 10 consecutive batters before allowing a single to La Vega's Cayden White in the bottom of the fourth inning. White was promptly picked off at first to end the inning and Veazey added three more strikeouts - on just ten pitches - in the final inning.

The Hornets and Pirates met again in the regular-season finale on Friday and a win would push the Hornets record to 14-14 on the season and 5-5 in district play. The Hornets were swept by China Spring, split with Salado, and swept by Robinson. The losses to Robinson were a pair of extra-inning games that ended in 6-4 and 4-3 defeats.

The Friday night game against La Vega was the final home game for 11 Hornet seniors: Williams, Osoro, Brister, William Crozier, Jacob Ibarra, Grant Erwin, Ayden Necessary, Allman, Mason Mooney, Ben Mabry, and Herbelin.



COURTESY PHOTO

Gatesville's Avery Streetman tied for 26th out of 84 golfers in girls Class 4A Region III competition in Huntsville.

# Managed lands deer program enrollment open for next season

Enrollment in the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Managed Lands Deer Program (MLDP) is now open for the 2023-24 hunting season. Open enrollment for the MLDP Conservation Option runs through June 15; the Harvest Option opens May 1 and ends Sept. 1.

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Fees are charged for each enrollment option. Enrollments and fee payments can all be made through the Land Management Assistance online system. Payments can be made by credit card only. The online system will require landowners hoping to enroll to create an account and draw a property boundary. An email address is required for the landowner and any designated agents the landowner may assign to the account.

For more information, visit [www.tpwd.texas.gov](http://www.tpwd.texas.gov) or call 512-389-8030.

## Area Fishing Report

### Lake Belton

GOOD. Water lightly stained; 63 degrees; 14.54 feet below pool. The white bass fishing is excellent and will continue to improve as weather warms and stabilizes. This week we continue to see post-spawn fish in large numbers focus on gorging on spawning threadfin shad. Fishing live shad on downlines with Carolina rigs terminated with Kahle or circle hooks is a solid bet. For those looking for more

engaging action, working MAL Heavy Lures with chartreuse tails vertically after finding large concentrations of fish on bottom is also a solid bet. Morning and evenings are both productive, with the morning being best from first light through about 10 A.M. being the best of the best. Blue catfish are fair drifting shallow flats for catches up to 10 pounds. Larger blues and flatheads have been good in 2-5 feet of water.

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# Junior High auditorium to be named in honor of Clay Reeves

**Staff Reports**

The Gatesville Independent School Board has recently voted to approve the dedication of the Junior High auditorium to long-time educator Clay Reeves. The dedication will be held at the Junior High auditorium on Friday, May 12, commencing at 4:15 p.m. The community is invited to attend. With a career spanning 55 years in Gatesville, Reeves taught Pre-Algebra and Algebra to generations of students. In addition to his math classes, Reeves began teaching a speech and drama elective at GJHS. As well as making a major contribution to the students of GISD through his theatrical productions. In 1976, to commemorate the Bicentennial, Reeves wrote

his first production, titled, American Hysteria. It is important to note that every seventh-grade student participated in some fashion with the production of that play. Reeves not only wrote the scripts, but he would help with the sound and lighting as well as designing props, scenery, and costumes. Some of his notable plays were: The Legend of Sherwood Forest, Earth Angel, Cat's Whiskers, Bamboozle, Prince's Bride, and Mississippi Smith. Reeves has occasionally performed in his own plays, often singing, or acting alongside his students. His final theatrical performance was 1992's Prances and Fools. Gatesville Junior High is located at 307 S. Lovers Ln.



COURTESY PHOTO  
A plaque on the wall at Gatesville Junior High honors longtime educator Clay Reeves.

# Little Hornets cheer camp to be held in June

**Staff Reports**

The Gatesville High School cheer team will host a little hornet's cheer camp from Monday, June 5 through Thursday, June 8. The camp will take place from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Gatesville High School new gym. Registration for the camp is open to students from kin-

dergarten through sixth grade. To receive a camp shirt, registration must be turned in by Sunday, May 7 and will cost \$45 per person. All late registrations will cost \$55, without a camp shirt included. For any further information contact Holly Redford at hredford@gatesvilleisd.org. Gatesville High School is located at 205 S. Lovers Ln.

# Lady Hornets battle Burnet in softball playoff series

**BY CHRIS ALLMAN**  
*Sports Correspondent*

After dropping a playoff warmup game against 3A power West, the Gatesville softball team rolled into the postseason for the second consecutive season - this time against District 24-4A champion Burnet. Gatesville fell 7-0 to the Lady Trojans on Monday. They fell behind 3-0 after the first then allowed four more runs in the third. Kinlee Gardner had a pair of hits while Kagen Hunt and Kaitlin Stuard had one hit apiece. Kallie Featherston threw 3.1 innings in relief and allowed only one hit and struck out two. The Lady Hornets (17-17) and Lady Bulldogs met on Thursday in Burnet in the opener then played game two on Friday night in Gatesville. In the event a third game is nec-

essary, it will be played on Saturday at noon at a site to be determined. The Lady Bulldogs captured their first outright district title for the first time since 2016 with a 9-1 mark. Their only district loss was a 4-3 setback to district runner-up Gateway Prep in Georgetown. In their nine district wins they averaged 11 runs per game while allowing less than one run per game. They scored 103 runs in district while allowing only 12. After winning a share of a district title in 2016, the Lady Bulldogs program endured a bit of a drought but have slowly ascended back to powerhouse status under head coach Hailey Wooten. After a seven-win season in 2021, the Lady Bulldogs won 18 games in 2022, and are 22-10 thus far in 2023.

The Lady Hornets have been led offensively by Raylee Glover who finished the regular season with a .413 average. Six other Lady Hornets (Kinlee Gardner, Ibet Carmona, Kagen Hunt, Madison Hester, Lauren Stuard, and Brinlee Ford) are all hitting over .300. Glover has 16 doubles and two home runs on the season while Gardner (4), Stuard (4), Ford (3), Stuard (2), and Hunt (1) have all contributed long balls. Gatesville will throw Hester and Kallie Featherston in some order in the bi-district round. The duo has thrown 168 of the Lady Hornets 173 innings played this season. Hester has struck out 106 batters while Featherston has fanned 74. The GHS-Burnet winner will advance to next week's area round to face Smithville or Houston ISD.

## GISD Sports Roundup

May 2: Gatesville ISD will offer free physicals on Tuesday, May 2, beginning at 4:30 p.m. at Coryell Health Medical Clinic. Updated physicals are required for next year's incoming seventh, ninth and 11th grade student-athletes. Boys Track: Jastin Muegge was added to the regional meet roster. He will replace

Carlo Martinez in the 800 meters. Martinez is still scheduled to compete in two longer distance events for GHS. Track: GHS will have seven athletes competing at the 4A Region III track meet Friday and Saturday at Bullard High School. The top 2 finishers in each event will advance to the state meet. The Hornet contingent will

include Barrett Boyd (pole vault, 100 hurdles, 300 hurdles) in the girl's division, and Carlo Martinez (3200, 800, 1600 meters), Rayshon Smith (long jump), Ashtyn Culley (high jump), Brayden Minton (discus), Lawson Mooney (200 meters) and Jastin Muegge (800) in the boy's division. May 8: GHS Athletics' Year-end Shout-out

(6-8 p.m., GHS Sidney L. Pruitt Gym). All high school sports teams will be recognized. May 10: GISD will partner with the Cody Stephens Foundation to offer free student-athlete heart screenings Wednesday, May 10. These services will be conducted in athletic class periods throughout the day.

## CONGRATULATIONS GHS BOYS GOLF TEAM AND AVERY STREETMAN!



COURTESY PHOTO  
Avery Streetman, Hunter Key, Gage Ford, Kasen Bankhead, Max Healer, Cooper Boyd, Garrett Sullivant and Coach Guy Dean

**4A Region III Golf Tournament**  
Gatesville's Avery Streetman placed 26th out of 84 golfers in girls competition. Gatesville High School boys golf team shot 379-361 for a total of 740 at the 4A Region III tournament. The team was 9th overall.

## CONGRATULATIONS ON A GREAT SEASON, GHS TENNIS!



**Texas UIL State Tennis Tournament**  
Gatesville's Alex Scott and Ty Warren lost in the quarterfinals at the UIL Class 4A State Tournament. Slone Early advanced to the semifinals and won 3rd place in state.

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The annual Texas A&M Aggie Muster was held at the Derrick Farm. Each year the Aggie Muster is held to honor all Aggies who died in the last year.

Gatesville Mayor Daren Moore signed a proclamation encouraging citizens to wear a blue ribbon during Child Abuse Prevention Month.

The College of State Bar of Texas honored 52nd Judicial District Judge Phillip Zeigler during an awards luncheon in Dallas.

Misti Maxwell Morra of Germania Insurance received her license after attending Dearborn-Leonard Property and Casualty School in Arlington.

## 30 YEARS AGO (1993)

The Coryell County Museum was sponsoring the "Honor Dawson Cooper Day" at the Coryell Activities Complex. Cooper was a long-time

business and civic friend of Gatesville.

Fred Rodriguez was named "Lion of the Year" at the Lions Club annual banquet. Rodriguez had been a member of the Gatesville Lions Club for twenty years.

Dora Jean Dyson was attending an IRS District Liaison Committee Meeting in El Paso, in which tax practitioner members met with key IRS officials.

Jamie Erwin announced his candidacy for Ward 1, Place 3 on the Gatesville City Council. He had just completed one two-year term and the city council.

John and Genoa Washburn of Gatesville were celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary. John Newton Washburn and the former Genoa Cook were married on April 2, 1933, in Gatesville.

## 40 YEARS AGO (1983)

Larry C. McDonald, outgoing president of the Gatesville Educators Association, presented a \$100 GEA scholarship to Gatesville teacher Tommy Preston.

Former Gatesville resident,

Dr. Walter L. Brown, was honored by the Arkansas Historical Association for a quarter of a century of service as editor of the Arkansas Historical Quarterly.

Hornette senior Suzy Mayhew was preparing for a trip to Austin to conclude the final touch on an illustrious three-year career as one of the state's premier school-girl discus throwers.

Larry Hurst was announced to be the new owner and manager of Sonic Drive-In in Gatesville. In his honor, the drive-in was advertising fifty cent hamburgers. To add cheese was an extra twenty cents.

The Gatesville Lions Club's annual mop and broom sale was underway on a vacant lot adjoining Poco Automotive. The products they were selling were made by blind workers with Lighthouse for the Blind.

## 50 YEARS AGO (1973)

The community of Ireland lost their post office which was closed as an economy measure. Paul Blanchard had been clerk in charge of the

office since it was made a rural branch in 1967.

Beverly Bankhead was named the Gatesville Riding Club sweetheart. She had won a total of 199 trophies competing in Centexas horse shows and play days.

Selected for honors as an outstanding nurse at Coryell Memorial Hospital, Ruby Snoddy honored for the work she had done at the hospital in the last five years.

Joby Tatum was offering a Barrell Racing School and All Horse Show Events. The school was held two days a week with two-hour sessions for \$30 a month.

First Lieut. Braxton T. Gilmore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Braxton B. Gilmore, had been awarded his silver wings at Moody Air Force Base in Georgia upon graduation from Air Force pilot training.

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Last week's puzzle solution

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# "Spring into Summer" event May 4

## Submitted Item

The Gatesville ISD Community Outreach will be presenting Gathering Gatesville "Spring into Summer" on Thursday, May 4, from 4:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at the Gatesville Elementary School. There will be free bike helmets, door prizes, a silent auction and food trucks.

There will be local educational, sports, theater, and

music camps information, local VBS and church events information, area wide family friendly activities, information about the summer feeding programs, and local services available for families. Over sixty vendors will be present to share information about different activities that can be enjoyed during the summer months and useful information for families.

There will also be a Bicycle

Rodeo which will start at 4:30 p.m. Children wanting to participate in the Bicycle Rodeo are asked to bring their bike and a parent with them. The rodeo is for children ages 5+ with a limit of 100 participants. The registration fee will be \$2. Permission slips for the rodeo must be turned in by May 2. Children will be able to learn safety and riding skills, rules of the road, and receive a free helmet.

# Vaccination Clinic at Gatesville Primary

## Submitted Item

Those who are uninsured or underinsured are invited to attend a Vaccination Clinic which will be held on Friday,

May 5, at the Gatesville Primary School. Vaccinations will be given for Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis, Polio, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Hepatitis B, Hepatitis A, Varicella, and Me-

ningococcal.

For an appointment to receive vaccinations, please call 254-865-7264. Gatesville Primary School is located at 308 Hornet Way.



## INTERNATIONAL Dance Day APRIL 29

Dance has been around for centuries in art, religion, and culture. Color this dancer with your favorite colors.



**HISTORY OF DANCE**

The first records of dance were found in cave paintings dating back as far as 8000 BCE. Dance is usually movement in rhythm with music but music is not always required. Some dancers perform to beats in their imagination.

### Dance like nobody is watching

Words can be found in any direction (including diagonals) and can overlap each other. Use the word bank below.

M	P	E	T	S	O	W	T	M	B
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L	O	D	P	H	P	W	Z	O	L
R	D	C	A	O	Q	T	T	R	L
I	F	D	H	N	S	P	L	L	E
W	E	P	L	I	C	Q	A	L	T
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G	S	Q	H	O	P	P	O	H	L
Z	J	A	Z	Z	K	V	N	F	N

Dance  
HipHop  
Ballet  
Jazz

Twostep  
Tap  
Waltz  
Ballroom

Twist  
Leap  
Twirl

**WORD SCRAMBLE**

Rearrange the letters to find the words.

N A D C E L A L H

Answer: DANCE HALL

*How they SAY that in...*

**ENGLISH:** Dance

**SPANISH:** Bailar

**ITALIAN:** Ballare

**FRENCH:** Danser

**GERMAN:** Tanzen



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# TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY™

## Last-second TD pass gives Purple Team victory in TSU Spring Game

Tarleton Sports Information

STEPHENVILLE - The result of Tarleton Football's Spring Game means almost nothing in the grand scheme of things surrounding the purpose of the event, but how the April 15 game at Memorial Stadium played out, fans couldn't help being encapsulated by what transpired in the final minutes.

After Tarleton's White Team, their defensive unit, dominated the Purple Team, the Texan offense, for three full quarters, it all changed in the fourth. The Purple Team used chunk play after chunk play and scored two late touchdowns, including a 36-yard TD from Brody Davis to Tate Abel with one second left on the clock that gave the Purple Team a one-point win, 57-56.

The Spring Game marked the second straight year the Texans have hosted such an event, and it was once again a success, with 4,557 fans on hand to take part in the fun.

Like last year, Tarleton utilized a unique scoring system in a "Purple vs. White," "Offense vs. Defense" game, this time with a running 15-minute clock each quarter that followed normal timing rules under two minutes in each frame.

Offense earned a point when achieving a first down, crossing the 50-yard line, producing a 15-yard run, completing a 25-yard pass, and successfully making extra-point attempts after touchdowns. The other traditional scores were still the same, with six points for a touchdown, three points for a field goal, two points for a two-point conversion.

There were 10 ways for the defense to score. A forced punt, tackle for loss, and pass breakup were each worth one point. A three-and-out forced punt, missed

field goal, fourth down stop, quarterback sack, and two-point conversion stop were each worth two points. Takeaways by interception or fumble recovery and blocked kicks were each worth four points.

Although several key players from last year's team didn't suit up for the game, several contributors-to-be gave a first look at what to expect next season.

Tarleton's defense was in full control for the first three quarters, having its way in the first half, especially. Linebacker D.J. Harris led with a team-high six tackles. Patrick Jones flew around the field as usual, although it was in a new role, now playing safety instead of outside linebacker. He finished with three tackles.

The Texans opened the scoring with a tackle for loss on the second play. The Purple Team immediately faced a fourth-down decision, and made the right one, going for it and earning a first down. It was back-and-forth the first part of the opening frame, before the defense took the momentum, leading 13-7 after the first quarter.

Throughout the game, Tarleton's rush defense was ironclad, forcing the Purple Team to get it done through the air. Tarleton played two quarterbacks in the first half, Victor Gabalis and Marco Siderman. Gabalis threw for 81 yards, rushing for 10.



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Tate Abel (81), a 6-1 redshirt freshman wide receiver from Crawford kneels in the end zone after scoring the winning touchdown for Purple Team during Tarleton State University's annual Spring Game on April 15 as teammate Evan Chisolm, a redshirt freshman receiver from El Paso, celebrates.

The Utah Tech transfer made his first Texan highlight on a great ball to Keylan Johnson for 37 yards.

It was all defense the rest of the half, putting the White Team ahead 30-10 at the break.

Greg Eggleston Jr. made his return from a season-ending injury with a hit-stick pass breakup.

The pressure also got to Tarleton's quarterbacks early and often, with Devin Sterling making his return from injury as well with a sack, aided by Robert Rios. Sterling finished with a sack and four tackles.

Tayvis Coleman provided the Texans' first takeaway of the game, picking off Siderman.

In the second half, Daniel Greek introduced himself to the Stephenville crowd with a thread-the-needle type of

pass to Dejuan Miller, who took it 70 yards to the one-yard line.

Greek finished the drive with Tarleton's first touchdown on a back-shoulder throw to new wide receiver Javian Bellamy, who tallied four receptions, 19 yards and a TD on the day. Greek ended up completing 8-of-10 passes for 115 yards and a touchdown, adding eight yards on a rush.

The defense was still well in front, leading 45-22 after three quarters.

Running back Kristian Dalton got the Purple Team's strong fourth quarter started with a five-yard touchdown run up the middle.

Tarleton defensive back Jaden Fisher responded with an interception off of Davis to seemingly put the Spring Game to bed, but Tarleton's QB-turned-TE-turned-QB had

something to say about it.

Davis quickly tossed a 51-yard bomb to Marsean Fisher, former Texan defender and now wide receiver. With three minutes left, the score was suddenly close, 51-45 in favor of the White Team.

On the final drive, it was back-to-back big-time throws and back-to-back big-time catches that gave the Purple Team the win. First, wide receiver Zion Dove sprawled out for an impressive 30-yard catch.

Down 56-48, Davis found Abel open, from 36 yards away in the middle of the field for the game-winning touchdown. It was an eight-point play, one point for a first down, one point for a 25-yard completion, and six points for the TD. Adrian Guzman came on and bootied the PAT through to make

it 57-56 and avoid back-to-back years of the Spring Game ending in a tie.

Davis finished at a 6-of-9 passing clip for 129 yards, two touchdowns, a two-point conversion, an interception, and a rush for 10 yards. Abel had two catches for 46 yards and the final score.

Defensively, Taren Farmer and Amadeu Vital were credited with sacks, and Tyrone Wilson posted four tackles.

The Spring Game was quite a kickoff to Tarleton's annual Founder's Week, which is a celebration of the university's founder, John Tarleton.

Next up for the Texans is fall camp to prepare for the 2023 season. Camp will likely begin in early August. Tarleton opens its 2023 campaign at McNeese State University on Sept. 2 in Lake Charles, Louisiana.

## Baez, Dudley set TSU track records at Stephen F. Austin meet

Tarleton Sports Information

NACOGDOCHES — Tarleton State University's all-time records in both the men's 5,000-meter run and the women's 400-meter event were broken as the Texans' competed in the Stephen F. Austin track and field meet that concluded on April 15 in Nacogdoches.

Kevin Baez broke the Texans' 5000-meter school record with a time of 14:29.42. The time beat the previous record holder of 14:34.17, set by Dylan Willett back in 2016. The time also topped Baez's personal record by over five seconds.

Hanna Dudley broke the women's 400-meter school record with a time of 55.03 seconds. The previous mark was 55.19 seconds, set in 2017 by Ashley Johnson.

### OTHER NOTABLE TSU FINISHES

Morgan Lamberson ran a personal best in the 3000m steeplechase

with a time of 10:55.27. Lamberson's time is the fourth-fastest time in the WAC. The freshman beat her previous best by more than 20 seconds. Rylee Hennig took third in the high jump with a jump of 1.70m, while Jordan Rae was fourth with a jump of 1.65m.

Three Texans took the three top spots in the men's 110m hurdles. Konnor Hoerman won with a time of 14.32 seconds, while Caterrin Cox was runner-up second with a time of 14.51 seconds. Cornelius Coleman finished in third in 14.72 seconds.

Aidan Matthews ran a personal best in the 200m with a time of 21.20 seconds. That is the seventh-fastest time ran in the WAC so far this season in that event.

TSU's combination of Canyon Staton, Brandon McKissick, Bailey Smotek, and Kevin Baez recorded a time of 3:11.95 in the men's 4x400m relay. That ranks as the second-best time ran in the WAC this season for that relay.

## Youth football camp dates set for this summer

Tarleton Sports Information

STEPHENVILLE — Tarleton State University will be back at it this summer with another round of football camps ahead of the 2023 season.

The Texans will host five camps this summer at Memorial Stadium beginning with a three-day Little Texans Camp, May 31-June 2.

There is a camp available for virtually all youth ages, from Pre-K through 12th grade. The last camp will be Tarleton's third annual Friday

Night Lights Camp on July 21.

Details for each of the five camps can be found below:

### LITTLE TEXANS CAMP

Dates: May 31-June 2. Ages: Pre-K through 7th Grade. Time: 8:30 a.m. through 4 p.m. daily (check-in starts at 8 a.m.). Cost: \$120 (includes camp insurance and meal)

### ONE-DAY CAMP NO. 1

Date: June 10. Ages: 10th-12th Grade. Time: 1-5 p.m. (registration starts at 11:30

a.m.). Cost: \$40

### HIGH SCHOOL ELITE CAMP

Dates: June 19-21. Ages: 8th-12th Grade. Time: Check-in is 4-5:30 p.m. on Day 1, check-out is 12 p.m. on Day 3. Cost: \$175 for commuter, \$300 for overnights (meals included)

### ONE-DAY CAMP NO. 2

Date: July 8. Ages: 10th-12th Grade. Time: 1-5 p.m. (registration starts at 11:30 a.m.). Cost: \$40

### FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

Date: July 21. Ages: 10th-12th Grade. Time: 6-9 p.m. (registration starts at 5 p.m.). Cost: \$40.

### INFORMATION

For full information regarding any of the five camps, and to register, visit [www.tarletonfootballcamps.com](http://www.tarletonfootballcamps.com) online.

## Texans fall in baseball finale versus California Baptist

Tarleton Sports Information

RIVERSIDE, California — Tarleton State University fell in its baseball series finale against California Baptist, 13-5, on April 15 at James W. Totman Stadium.

The Texans (17-16, 3-10 WAC) still returned home with their first WAC series win in tow despite losing the series finale to the Lancers (18-18, 10-8 WAC).

CBU scored nine runs in the fourth inning, building on a 3-0 lead they already held to

go ahead 12-0 to essentially ice the game.

Piercen McElyea (L, 1-1) was hit with the loss for Tarleton, throwing 2.1 innings allowing three runs on three hits. He gave up five walks and struck out two.

Tarleton used four pitchers with the only one not allowing any runs being freshman Reece Elston who tossed 2.0 scoreless innings on a lone hit, striking out three and walking one. CBU had five players finish with multiple hits and

four with multiple RBI. The Lancers' starting pitcher Spencer Bengard (W, 3-1) got the win, throwing 6.2 innings allowing three earned runs on seven hits. He struck out five and walked none. Seth Mattox pitched the final 2.1 innings, allowing no runs on one hit. Tarleton scored first in the sixth inning with two runs and followed that with three in the seventh to narrow the deficit to 13-5.

Jack Wagner hit his team-leading 10th home run of the season in the sixth, a two-

run shot to center field that scored Alec Williams.

The seventh inning saw Jordan Andrade have one of his team-high two hits, an RBI single up the middle, scoring Kooper Shook. Mason Hammonds later doubled to right field to score Andrade and Miers.

The Texans drew only one walk, and struck out eight times. CBU batters walked seven times and three batters reached base when they were hit by a pitch.

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# Ties and Tiaras

The Gatesville ISD Education Foundation recently hosted their annual "Ties and Tiaras" Daddy-Daughter Dance for Gatesville I.S.D. students in Pre-K through 6th grade. Girls and their chaperones enjoyed dancing to music provided by a live DJ, a photo booth and refreshments. Courtesy photos.





## BONNETS IN BLOOM BLUEBONNET PHOTO CONTEST WINNER – WEEK 5



COURTESY OF BETTY CLAIRE LATHAM

Congratulations to Betty Claire Latham for being selected as the week 5 winner of The Gatesville Messenger's Bonnets in Bloom Bluebonnet photo contest. Betty Claire will receive a one-year subscription to The Messenger as well as a Bonnets in Bloom t-shirt. Her breathtaking photo was captured at Billy and Leanna Bates' place in Coryell City. Special thanks to our contest sponsor, Barrett Haines of Re/Max Roy.

## Diamond Divas crawfish fundraiser today

### Staff Reports

The Diamond Divas 12u traveling softball team will hold a crawfish boil fundraiser in the Micobe Feed parking lot today, Saturday, April 29. The fundraiser will begin at 11 a.m. and will continue until sold out.

The crawfish will be \$20 for a two-pound plate, and the cost for extra crawfish will be \$8 per pound with the purchase of a plate.

The Venmo for the team is at CTXDiamondDivas2k10.

For more information contact the team by email at ctx.DiamondDivas2K10. Micobe Feed is located at 2409 TX-36 BUS in Gatesville.

## Head Start accepting applications for 2023-24 school year

### 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 to qualifying families at no cost to them.

Head Start also offers services such as educational activities, child development, family engagement, language and literacy, health and nutrition services, services through community partnerships, and special services for children 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 call 254-865-5423.

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## Righteous Roots to host Spelling Bee today

### Staff Reports

A spelling bee will be hosted by Righteous Roots for the community's youth today, Saturday, April 29 in the Gatesville High School auditorium. The event will begin at 1 p.m., 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).

## Stingettes Dance Crew Training Camp today

### Staff Reports

Gatesville Junior High School Stingettes Dance Crew Training Camp is scheduled to be held on Saturday, April 29 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the new gym at the school. 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. Participants will receive a T-shirt and have 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 more information, email Helen Gonzales at [hgonzale@gatesvilleisd.org](mailto:hgonzale@gatesvilleisd.org).