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Congratulations to Chuck Ansis for submitting the photo that won the grand prize in The Gatesville Messenger's Bonnets in Bloom Bluebonnet photo contest. Chuck will receive a one-year subscription to The Messenger, a Bonnets in Bloom T-shirt, and the grand prize of \$100. The winning photo, taken in Mansfield, captures a spiritual connection between man and nature. The Gatesville Messenger would like to thank everyone for their interest and participation in the contest and we look forward to doing it all again next year! Special thanks to our sponsor, Barrett Haines of Re/Max Roya.

Sheriff's office seeks new car, body cams

BY JEFF OSBORNE
Senior Writer & Editor

The Coryell County Commissioners Court is scheduled to discuss ways to fund a nearly \$370,000 request from the Coryell County Sheriff's Office to purchase body cameras and in-car video systems to replace ones which have become obsolete.

Representatives of the sheriff's department talked to the commissioners court on April 25.

"We are having severe technical difficulties," Patrol Lt. Conrad Scott with the sheriff's department said. "The company (that sold the equipment to the county years ago) is no longer supporting us on the technical side. We're in a bind at this point. About half the in-car cameras and body cameras are down."

He said the sheriff's office "received a quote from a company which has been in business for about 35 years (to help resolve the problem). We are required by law to have the cameras."

Sgt. Chad Summers with the sheriff's department said "we can't get parts (for the current outdated cameras) and we need to get something. Thirty in-car video systems will help us a lot more. They are (internet) cloud-based which will make it easier to share with the

district attorney and county attorney.

"We have reached out to a lot of companies; we're just not getting anything back. We've tried five or six different companies and we're not having any luck with people wanting to come down and talk to us."

County Judge Roger Miller said, "A couple things come to the forefront of my mind. I believe we have to go through a formal bid process. It also looks like this (cost) does not include installation."

Summers said the company that sells the cameras to the sheriff's office will train him how to install the cameras.

"Also, there is an annual subscription charge," Miller said.

"When you go to cloud-based it does require an annual subscription," Summer said.

"We will need a little time to get a grasp on the funding side of this - it's a pretty good chunk of money, and \$49,310 per year for cloud-based," Miller said.

Sheriff Scott Williams reminded county leaders of the urgency of the situation.

"This isn't a might do it - we have to do it," he said. "It's the law, just to let the court know the urgency. It's a mandate, not a suggestion."

City receives audit

BY JEFF OSBORNE
Senior Writer & Editor

The city of Gatesville received a positive review in its annual fiscal audit and has a net position of \$22.6 million for the most recent fiscal year - an increase of more than \$2 million from the previous year.

That was among the good news shared by auditor Susan

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Faith is a key to helping Vintage Royalty thrive

BY ALEX MEELBUSCH
Staff Writer

Businesswoman Karen George wakes up each morning and tells herself "Do you and let God take care of the rest." George has been the owner of Vintage Royalty for over 17 years. Vintage Royalty is known for its Aztec blankets, goat milk soaps and lotions, western clothes, and children's clothing.

Her journey in retail began after she retired from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice with 25 years of service and started her own gift shop called Diamond K Gifts in her husband Kevin's store.

Later, she had the inkling to travel with her husband, so they purchased a travel trailer. In 2008 she sadly realized traveling wasn't in the cards anymore when she shattered her ankle, and for four and a half years she was in and out of a cast.

Several years later, her nephew decided to start building on the land where she grew up. The building was used for the boutique and

the name was changed from Diamond Kay Gifts to The Ranch.

"We felt like the name was more fitting for where we moved to," George said. "We started out like a big western and feed store, had boutique items, and just a little bit of everything."

Later down the road her husband had an idea to construct a new building for their drug store. When it was finished, she moved The Ranch over and changed the name to Vintage Royalty.

She said that without a shadow of a doubt, she wouldn't be where she is today if it wasn't for her faith in God.

"That's what has kept me going for the past 17 years, because without God in my life and my business, and everything else, it's just not going to work," George said.

She also shared that in every corner of her building she has Bible

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Karen George has owned Vintage Royalty in Gatesville for more than 17 years, focusing on quality and variety.



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Director gives update on Gatesville Boys & Girls Club

BY JEFF OSBORNE
Senior Writer & Editor

The Gatesville Boys and Girls Club is about to receive a kitchen upgrade and is still eagerly awaiting the arrival of new vans to help transport youths.

That news and more was recently shared by Julie Hudson, branch director of the club, during an April 26 presentation to the Gatesville Lions Club.

"We're updating our kitchen and putting a big donation that we got last year to good use," Hudson said. "At the start (in the current location) we had to cut back some, and that was one area. We are now able to improve that. We served

4,400 meals in March, so this is definitely needed.

"We are doing a lot of cooking, and we'll have a double convection oven that will be able to cook a lot more at the same time. All the meals have to be served at once, and this will be amazing for that use."

The club is also planning to switch to real plates instead of the Styrofoam and paper plates in order to reduce waste and also reduce costs, Hudson said.

The transformation of the kitchen will take place during the summer.

"We're not serving meals in

the summer, because the school serves meals, so that's a great time to get our kitchen work done," Hudson said.

One recent change was work on the club's playground. The club replaced a gravel surface with a rubber one "and it's so nice," she said.

"We are still waiting for our big vans to come in. It's taking a long time, and we're making do the best we can with what we have."

The club is partnering with the Coryell County Museum on a creative project that will focus on writing, poetry and playwriting. This will give an opportunity for children attending the club to present their own production to the public.

"It's July 8 - I hope you can come and support the kids," Hudson said. "Tickets will cost \$25, which will include a meal. It will give a chance to shine, and \$25 for dinner, a show and a chance to see the museum is a good deal."

The club will also teach kitchen etiquette classes, helping to revive what may be becoming a lost art.

"Kids don't eat at the table anymore, so this will give them an opportunity to learn proper etiquette. We also have STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) programs scheduled throughout the summer. We will also have cooking classes, and a traveling wiffle ball team of fifth- and sixth-graders that will compete here and in Lampasas."

During the school year, the club has partnered with Sylvan Learning Center to offer tutoring to students whenever a tutor is available to help.

"We are looking for a retired teacher to assist with two groups



JEFF OSBORNE | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER
Brent Hudson played two songs during the April 26 Gatesville Lions Club meeting.

of eight kids," Hudson said. "We're really hoping to get that up and going again - it's so needed. A lot of parents can't afford to take time off and travel to Waco or Temple to get their kids tutoring."

The Boys & Girls Club Resale Shop at 1706 E. Main continues to be a significant revenue source for the club.

"It's doing great," Hudson said. "We were able to pay off the building and it's been really good for

the club. It enables us to do things we wouldn't otherwise be able to do. We want to be able to offer the kids a variety of different experiences.

"I'm really lucky to have a great team working with me. Creating programs and being able to run a good program for kids is not easy. It's nice to be able to hire someone to help - I'm super excited about that."



JEFF OSBORNE | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER
Julie Hudson talked about changes at the Gatesville Boys & Girls Club.

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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City approves \$1.53 million bid for Lovers Lane utility work

BY JEFF OSBORNE
Senior Writer & Editor

Gatesville city leaders recently approved a project that will cost just over \$1.53 million to replace water and wastewater lines on Lovers Lane, which will also impact traffic to Gatesville Independent School District buildings.

The hope is that much of the work can be done during the summer months to limit the amount of disruption to GISD.

The project will replace existing 6-inch cast iron water lines with a 10-inch line that will become the eastern trunk line of the city's water system. A memo to the Gatesville City Council noted the work will also replace the clay tile sewer mains and reconstruct the Lovers Lane Street surface from Business Highway 36 to Lowery Drive. The work will also give GISD a chance to add an

additional fire hydrant on the southwest corner of the high school property if the district chooses to do so, the memo stated.

This project is fully funded by American Recovery Pal Act funds which were made available as a result of the COVID-19 crisis of 2020.

Walker Partners of Waco, acting as the city's engineering firm, prepared plans for the work and provided a probable cost estimate of just over \$1.5 million. The city received two bids on the project, from B-Corp Utilities and TTG Utilities. After a review of the bids, Walker Partner recommended choosing the B-Corp bid OF \$1,539,627.05. The council unanimously approved the recommendation.

"It was about \$300,000 less and they have done work for the city before," Interim City Manager Bill Parry said.

City responds to TNMP rate request

BY JEFF OSBORNE
Senior Writer & Editor

The Gatesville City Council voted to deny a distribution cost recovery factor rate request by Texas-New Mexico Power Company, and authorized Herrera Law Firm & Associates to represent the city's interests in this manner before the Public Utilities Commission.

The action was taken during the April 25 meeting of the Council.

"They are attempting to recover some of their capital investment costs of about \$14.8 million," Interim City Manager Bill Parry said. "What we don't know is how it

will impact electric bills in the city of Gatesville. This will go before the Texas Utilities Commission.

"Why this is important for you is if Texas-New Mexico power passes the cost along, other providers will pass the cost along and electric bills will go up."

City action on the matter was required by June 4.

"This would essentially suspend their request for a 90-day period to have Herrera & Associates represent the city before the Utilities Commission," Parry said.

The Council unanimously approved the measure.

AUDIT

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LaFollett, who conducted the audit for Vail & Park, a certified professional accounting firm based in Richardson. The report was presented to the Gatesville City Council during its April 25 meeting.

The auditor's opinion was unmodified, meaning the city earned high marks for its financial standards and received a clean bill of health in the report.

"There was one significant deficiency based on the closing process, but it was an upgrade from the previous

year," LaFollett said. "It's going to take two or three years to resolve, but the city has made an improvement."

The city has an unassigned fund balance of \$2.4 million, which is up from \$2.1 million the previous year and represents a reserve of 4.3 months, LaFollett said, adding, "that's very positive. We like to see at least three to six months."

She noted that there were 18 audit adjustments, which were done from more than 30 the previous year.

Among recommended improvements are: Refining the capital assets and depreciation schedule, making adjustments to accounts

payable and using purchase orders for large projects.

"Also, in fleet management you have a large number (of vehicles) handled as leases," LaFollett said. "We recommend you keep a close handle on that. Also, the firemen's fund, which is small - make sure it's properly accounted for."

Mayor Gary Chumley asked if the city's software is adequate.

"It's a good tool," LaFollett said. "Very little was in place when Mike (Halsema, the city's finance director) got here. He's working to get these policies and procedures in place."



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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

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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 an 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."

County considers project funding options

BY JEFF OSBORNE
Senior Writer & Editor

With Coryell County potentially in line to receive significant grant funding of up to tens of millions of dollars for road improvements and to address low-water crossings, county leaders discussed ways to make sure money is efficiently being paid to contractors during the process.

Three funding options were talked about during the April 25 meeting of the Coryell County Commissioners Court.

"There are three basic funding options we have available to us," County Judge Roger Miller said. "It all starts with notification of the award (of grant funding) and acceptance of the award. Overall borrowed funds would be deposited into the grant fund and parceled out to vendors."

While grants will cover most if not all the work, there may be a delay in

the county receiving the funds, which would require the county to borrow money until the grant funding arrives.

"Financing option 1 is for \$5 million or less and would be a line of credit through the county's depository bank," Miller said. "They would have 30 days to fund it, and the interest rate would be the prime rate times .57 adjusted annually."

Commissioner Ryan Basham said it thought it would be the prime rate times .56, and Miller said he would verify the amount.

"Option 2 is up to \$25 million and would also be a line of credit through our depository bank," Miller said. "The time to fund it would be approximately 60 days and interest would follow what is already outlined."

"Option 3 is for greater than \$20 million, and I realize there is some overlap with option 2. It would

involve the issuance of a tax note through Specialized Public Finance. The time to fund would be 45 days to 60 days. The interest rate market would be based on offers received."

Steve Manning with Natural Resources Solutions, which has been working with the county on grant applications and other projects, said he believes option 3 might not be needed for the county to fund work.

"On these financing options, we believe we may be able to get a draw schedule set up to keep it under \$25 million (in borrowed funds)," Manning said. "That way you wouldn't have to get into a tax note situation. We have had informal meetings with a number of contractors. We think we've got a rate to build a mile and a quarter to a mile and a half (of roads) per month. We've got folks crunching numbers right now."

Loan to museum ends donation dilemma

BY JEFF OSBORNE
Senior Writer & Editor

After a discussion about how to properly make a donation of county property, the Coryell County Commissioners Court approved the donation of an old file cabinet and two chairs from the old jail to the Coryell County Museum and Historical Center at a recent meeting.

Commissioner Ryan Basham, who has taken a lead role in helping make sure the old jail is cleared for demolition, had given the items to the museum when working to clear the building.

However, County Judge Roger Miller placed the donation on the agenda to make sure that it was done in accordance with county statutes.

"Local government code in a nutshell outlines how we can dispose of personal property," Miller said. "It does say you can donate it to a civic or charitable organization in the county. I do believe we can do this but just don't believe we can just give (items without a formal process)."

Commissioner Kyle Matthews asked what the difference was between Basham's donation, and one recently announced in which Miller said the cornerstone of the old Co-

ryell Memorial Hospital would be donated to the museum. The announcement accompanied a photograph which was published in The Gatesville Messenger.

Miller said there is no difference, and that the cornerstone hasn't been given to the museum yet.

"It is still in possession of Coryell County," he said. I went back and reread my statutes. What I do not want to have happen is a situation like what I saw on Facebook that someone was selling seats from the 52nd District courtroom."

Commissioner Keith Taylor suggested a way to break the impasse and resolve the concern.

"Can we loan it to them?" he asked.

"I believe that's an option," Miller said.

"It's two chairs and a filing cabinet and we're making a big deal out of something we don't need to fight over," Taylor said. "This is taking a lot of time. Let's loan it to the museum, and if they decide later they don't want it, we'll go pick it up."

Following Taylor's suggestion, the county commissioners court unanimously approved loaning the items to the museum, with no ending timeframe set.

Gateville City Council approves street department equipment

BY JEFF OSBORNE
Senior Writer & Editor

The city of Gatesville will soon have a new piece of equipment to help with road improvements after the Gatesville City Council approved the purchase of a sheepfoot roller.

"This piece of equipment is something we've wanted for a very long time," Interim City Manager Bill Parry said. "It is specifically designed to compact clay soil, and we think it's a very durable piece of equipment."

The cost of the machine is not to exceed \$131,750, and the item, a Case SV 207E, has a 66-inch drum, which is wider than the other models considered. The item will be purchased from ASCO Equipment in Belton.

Also considered was a Caterpillar model for \$141,125, but it is not expected to be available until the 2024 fiscal year. A memo to the

"This piece of equipment is something we've wanted for a very long time."

BILL PARRY
Interim city manager

Council also noted there are "struggles with the blade on the front of the roller."

A smaller Volvo model was a cheaper option at \$99,376, however, the drum is 12 inches smaller and 6,000 pounds lighter, and a blade will not be available until sometime next year.

Parry said the city staff has determined the best value is the Case model. The Council unanimously approved the purchase.

City seeking manager for civic center

BY JEFF OSBORNE
Senior Writer & Editor

The retirement of Cheri Shepherd, director of Gatesville's Convention and Visitors Bureau, has created a void in management of the Gatesville Civic Center which Interim City Manager Bill Parry is attempting to resolve.

"Cheri Shepherd retired at the end of February but agreed to stay on to manage the civic center until a new city manager takes office," Parry told the Gatesville City Council on April 25. However, the time-consuming nature of that role resulted in Shepherd needing to step down from that role.

The civic center, as of late April, had events booked every weekend in May and June and already two weekends in July. Also, the 440th and 52nd State District Courts have booked eight weeks at the facility to accommodate jury selection.

Parry said the city has not recruited a new convention and visitor's bureau director at this time, deferring that decision to new City Manager Scott Albert, who is scheduled to take office on May 10.

"We looked at four different options," Parry said. "One was to cancel all events currently booked in the civic

center and not to take any additional reservations; a second was to assign responsibility for managing the civic center to the parks and recreation department; a third was to contract with the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce to manage the civic center as a city-owned facility for a reasonable fee; and fourth was to negotiate a temporary management contract with a non-city party to manage the civic center."

Parry recommended the fourth option, and is working to "find someone to agree to a temporary contract to manage the civic center. I am leaning to something less than six months."

OBITUARIES

CAROLYN BEADLE

Nov. 2, 1942 - Apr. 24, 2023



Carolyn Ann Fuchs Beadle, age 80, of Gatesville, went to be with the Lord on Monday, April 24, 2023.

Carolyn was born on November 2, 1942, in Kingsville to Henry and Gertrude Fuchs. Growing up in the farm fields of Bishop, she developed a love of the outdoors and plants and singing in the church choir. After graduation from high school, she attended Texas Lutheran College.

While studying at Houston Baptist Hospital in Houston, Texas, she was introduced to the love of her life, Norman Lynn Beadle by his sister, Normel Beadle. Carolyn and Lynn were married on November 23, 1963, at Ft. Hood and started making memories together while Lynn was in the military. They took full advantage of every place they were stationed and loved to travel together. While stationed overseas in Germany, they traveled and camped extensively throughout Europe collecting memorabilia and artifacts that they enjoyed talking about throughout their lifetime together.

She retired after many years of service as the Cam-

pus Director for Central Texas College in Gatesville. Lynn and Carolyn recently relocated to Corpus Christi to be closer to their family and enjoyed their frequent visits.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Gertrude Fuchs, her two brothers, David and Calvin Fuchs, sister-in-law Normel Beadle France, and brothers-in-law Robert Breaux and Delbert Meier, as well as her mother-in-law and father-in-law Norman William and Elsie Simar Beadle.

She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Norman Lynn Beadle; two sons, Duane (Rhonda) and John (Tracy) Beadle; eight grandchildren, Jessica Burkman, Jordyn, Kourtney and Karley Beadle, Travis (Shelby), Justin, Stephen, and John Christopher Beadle; and three great-grandchildren, Levi Burkman and Cooper and Hallie Beadle. Carolyn is also survived by her sister, Janice Fuchs Meier, sister-in-law, Maryle Breaux and brother-in-law, Camille France.

Carolyn was a devout Catholic and prayed the rosary daily. She felt the Lord's presence in the Eucharist and shared that love with those around her. She loved to attend mass and was often found playing the organ in the church choir or singing the hymns beside her husband in the pews.

A celebration of her life will take place at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 15, 2023, at the Corpus Christi Cathedral and, at a later date, at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Gatesville. Donations can be made to the Diocese of Corpus Catholic Seminaries Fund.

DONALD SEVERN BRENHOLTZ

Mar. 8, 1931 - Apr. 30, 2023



Donald Severn Brenholtz, age 92, of Abilene passed away on April 30, 2023.

A graveside service with military honors was held on Friday, May 5, at 1 p.m. in his hometown at the Turnersville Cemetery in Turnersville, Texas with his friend, Larry Taylor officiating.

Donald, who went by a couple of nicknames, "Ramlin' Rockhound" or "Donald Duck," was born on March 8, 1931, in Turnersville to the late Thomas "Severn" Brenholtz and Ollie Irene (Faris) Brenholtz. He moved to Abilene in the early 1950s. He joined the United States Army 1952 and served until 1954. He was a radar and radio operator and drove heavy equipment. He was stationed stateside and abroad. He

was a City Pickup and delivery driver for Merchants Motor Line for 22 years. His love for the great outdoors and nature led him to purchase land in Ovalo that he named the Mockingbird Hill Ranch. He was a member of the Central Texas Gem and Mineral Club. He loved traveling collecting rocks, gems, and creating beautiful jewelry. He was a Christian and enjoyed being a part of the Bluff Creek Cowboy Church at Drasco until his health no longer permitted him to attend. He will be remembered as a "Character." He loved people and enjoyed getting a good laugh out of those around him. He never married or had children and was fiercely independent.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas "Severn" Brenholtz and Ollie Irene (Faris) Brenholtz; brother, Arthur Brenholtz and his wife, Betty; and numerous cousins.

He is survived by his niece Betty Briscoe and her husband, Ron, and their son, Joshua; and cousins from the Faris and Brenholtz families.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his name to the West Texas Rehab Center and the Ben Richey Boys Ranch, both of Abilene.

To leave condolences or memories please visit, www.elliott-hamil.com.

JEWEL ANNIS ALLEN

Apr. 25, 1929 - Apr. 30, 2023



Jewel Annis Allen, age 94, a longtime resident of Lampasas, passed away on Sunday, April 30, 2023.

Graveside services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, May 6, at Pidcoke Cemetery with Bill Bales officiating. Jewel was born in Sweetwater on April 25, 1929, to Lee and Beulah (Doyle) Love. She grew up in Gatesville, and married

her childhood sweetheart, Ray Allen, Sr., on April 11, 1946. They settled in Lampasas in 1950. Jewel was a homemaker who poured her heart into serving and loving her family, creating an inviting home, cooking great southern food, and passionately tending to her plants. She was a skilled crafter and loved a good bargain. Jewel never met a stranger and made everyone feel like family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ray Allen, Sr.; her daughter, Judy (Allen) Albert, and her sisters, Minnie Love, Louise Bonora, Maxine Wright, Ruthie McCorkle, and brother, Lee Roy Love.

Survivors include her three sons, Ray Allen Jr. and wife Twila of Belton, Kyle L. Allen of Richland Hills, and Chris Allen of Austin; seven grandchildren, and thirteen great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Pidcoke Cemetery Association in care of Shirley Barlett (Treasurer), 105 River Ridge Dr., Gatesville, TX, 76528.

Mother Neff presents Mother's Day program on May 13

Staff Reports

Join Mother Neff State Park for a special Mother's Day program on Saturday, May 13. The legacy of Isabella Neff, Mother Neff will be honored, and Mother Neff State Park will share the park's history over the past 100 years, while guests enjoy coffee, cake, and company. The program will give people the opportunity to come and go between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 p.m.

The parks history starts with one mother's ability to bring the community together and Mother Neff State Park wishes to accomplish the same by offering a cabin open house to hear stories of the park's his-

tory, the legacy of the CCC company 817, and how it is now a Legacy Park.

Be sure to stop at the park's headquarters to obtain a permit for the park entry. The cost will include park admissions only, for two dollars per person and children 12 and younger are free. Limited parking will be provided at the cabin for those unable to hike a short distance to get to the location.

The program is sponsored by the Mother Neff State Park Association.

Mother Neff State Park is located at 1921 Park Road 14 in Moody.

Greenbriar Cemetery Association to meet today

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.

Davidson Cemetery Association to hold meeting today

Staff Reports

The Davidson Cemetery Association will meet today, May 6 at 10 a.m. at the cemetery. Davidson Cemetery is located on FM 1829 between Hwy. 84 and FM 107.

The cemetery, originally known as Blackfoot Cemetery, was established on land owned by James Madison (Matt) Davidson. The earliest marked grave in the cemetery is that of S.R. Bailey in 1862. Many burials, including several for small

children, took place before the graveyard location was described in a land survey in the 1890s.

Among the more than 600 graves are those of veterans of wars from the Civil War through the Vietnam War.

The Davidson Cemetery Association was established in 1985 to maintain the grounds. Two acres of land donated in 1988 by a Davidson descendant were added to the original six-acre graveyard.

Whatever happened to.....

20 YEARS AGO (2003)

Gatesville Police Officer Dewey Jones and Sgt. Sharyn Cary were busy fingerprinting children at the Gatesville Exchange Club's Day of the Child program as a part of the Child Find program.

Janet Ayres won a drawing for a riding lawnmower at Eastwood Baptist Church. Pastor Charles Grossman presented the keys to Mrs. Ayres and her husband,

Loney Ayres.

Bennie and Mildred Schraeder were preparing to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Bennie Schraeder and the former Mildred Helm were married May 9, 1953, at Coryell City.

The Buckhorn Barber Shop, owned by Bil Miller, opened on N. Hwy. 36. Miller had four years of barbering experience and previously operated a barber shop in

Evant.

The Gatesville Masonic Lodge presented the Lamar Award to Tanner Bates and Amy Patterson. The Lamar Award is named in honor of Maribeau Lamar, a Mason who served as the second president of the Republic of Texas.

30 YEARS AGO (1993)

Thelma Massey defeated two opponents to win a seat

on the Gatesville City Council previously held by Cronje Swindall. Massey received 169 votes.

Fay Fulford, representing the Elmo Powell V.F.W. Post, attended the Volunteer Recognition Ceremony in Waco where she was recognized for serving over 100 hours of service.

Event students, Ranessa Crawford and Phillip Martin, each earned a spot in the

Class 1A state track meet - qualifying at the 1A, Region IV meet held at Blinn College in Brenham.

Preston Jund, a 1991 graduate of Gatesville High School, was recognized during the annual McMurry College athletic banquet where he was named "Best Offensive Lineman" for the 1992 season.

Brandon Smith and Julie Dixon were selected Mr. and Miss Gatesville High School during the annual pageant. Dixon and Smith, both juniors, were representing the Gifted and Talented program.

40 YEARS AGO (1983)

B.R. Smith and Curtis Gohlke were recognized for sixty years combined federal service with MATES. B.R. Smith had 35 years of service while Gohlke had 25 years of service.

The new 52nd District Court Judge Bob Cummings took the oath of office from his predecessor, retired District Judge Byron L. McClellan. More than 300 well-wishers were on hand to witness the event.

Coryell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary installed new officers including Ann Bates, Clara Comar, Pauline Sutton, Jean Courtney, Dessia Lee Carson, Nina Kendrick, Joyce Talbott, and Eva Bates.

Gloria Snoddy was named H.E.B. "Checker of the Year" in Gatesville. At that time, Snoddy had been an H.E.B. employee for nearly fifteen

years.

Harold Cohagen was presented with a plaque and pin to recognize his twenty years of federal service. The awards were presented by Maj. Cliff Barkley, superintendent at Gatesville's MATES.

50 YEARS AGO (1973)

Gatesville High School senior, Billy Cole, had been named the recipient of a freshman journalism scholarship to Temple Junior College. He was listed as the son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Cole.

Charles A. Reeve, superintendent of academic school at Gatesville State School for Boys, had been selected to serve as a member of the Northeast Texas Division Council of the American Red Cross.

Delvin Marwitz was presented with a superior accomplishment award certificate, and a check for \$200 by the Evant postmaster in honor of his many years of being a mail carrier.

Mrs. Frank Harris was awarded a master's degree in education in guidance and counseling at Commencement exercises held at Prairie View A&M College. Celia Ann Powell, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Erle Powell, was among some 40 Army and Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps cadets who received commendations at Texas Christian University.



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Rock the Runway show to be held today

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, Rock the Runway event will be

held at the Texas Station Event Center located 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.

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

Gatesville Riding Club to host a Playday today

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.

VOLUNTEERS WORK TO KEEP GATESVILLE BEAUTIFUL



COURTESY PHOTO

Don't Mess with Texas hosted their annual trash-off during the month of April. Every year families, social clubs, Adopt-a-Highway groups, neighborhoods, and Keep Texas Beautiful come together all over the state to join forces by picking up litter to beautify local communities. Keep Gatesville Beautiful encouraged volunteers to join together to help clean up our community. Volunteers Marie Dominguez, Barbara Barrow, Elena Spatzier, and Kim Mansell recently picked up litter along West Leon and South Rd. Keep Gatesville Beautiful can be reached by email at keepgatesvillebeautiful@gmail.com.

New Mercies Conference May 13

Staff Reports

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

Pre-registration is online at www.almondblossomministries.com. Registration will cost \$45 with lunch included and \$35 without lunch. If you decide to have lunch, be sure to choose from the listed food choices online while registering. Lunch will be provided by various local food trucks.

The keynote speaker will be Tammy Trent. Trent has been ministering to audiences around the world through her music and speaking since signing her first record deal in 1995. In early 2023 she became the new co-host on LIFE Today TV. The conference will also feature Shelli Zan, with the Impact over Influence podcast. Impact over Influence is a non-profit organization designed to bring relevant, authentic, and relational bible study that can be used across the world to bring people closer to the kingdom of God.

There will be activities including door prizes, goodie bags, free coffee, snacks, and fellowship. Music will be provided by Born to Worship. Almond Blossom Ministries can be contacted by email at almondblossomministries@gmail.com. The Gatesville Civic Center is located at 301 Veterans Memorial Loop.

Coryell County Farm Service Agency Bulletin

Disaster Assistance for 2023 Livestock Forage Losses

Producers in Coryell County are eligible to apply for 2023 Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) benefits on short and long season small grains, native pasture, improved pasture, and annual ryegrass.

LFP provides compensation if you suffer grazing losses for covered livestock due to drought on privately owned or cash leased land or fire on federally managed land.

County committees can only accept LFP applications after notification is received by the National Office of qualifying drought or if a federal agency prohibits producers from grazing normal permitted livestock on federally managed lands due to qualifying fire. You must complete a CCC-853 and the required supporting documentation no later than January 31, 2024, for 2023 losses.

For additional information about LFP, including eligible livestock and fire criteria, contact your Coryell County USDA Service Center at 254-865-7012 option 2 or visit fsa.usda.gov.

FSA Offers Drought Assistance for Livestock Producers Through Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees and Farm-raised Fish Program (ELAP) If you've suffered above normal expenses for hauling feed or water to livestock or hauling livestock to forage/grazing acres due to the impacts of drought, you may be eligible for financial assistance through the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP).

For eligible producers in qualifying counties, ELAP provides financial assistance for:

- the transportation of water to livestock;
- the above normal cost of mileage for transporting feed to livestock,
- the above normal cost of transporting livestock to forage/grazing acres.*

*Hauling livestock one-way, one haul per animal reimbursement and no payment for "empty miles."

Eligible livestock include cattle, buffalo, goats and sheep, among others, that are maintained for commercial use and located in a county where the qualifying drought conditions occur. A county must have had D2 severe drought intensity on the U.S. Drought Monitor for eight consecutive weeks during the normal grazing period, or D3 or D4 drought intensity at any time during the normal grazing period. Producers must have risk in both eligible livestock and eligible grazing land in an eligible county to qualify for ELAP assistance.

WATER TRANSPORTATION

For ELAP water transportation assistance, a producer must be transporting water to eligible livestock on eligible grazing land where the producer had adequate livestock watering systems or facilities in place before the drought occurred and where they do not normally require the transportation of water. Payments are for costs associated with personal labor, equipment, hired labor, equipment, and/or contracted water transportation fees. Cost of the water itself is not covered. The ELAP payment formula uses a national average price per gallon.

ABOVE NORMAL COSTS OF TRANSPORTING FEED

ELAP provides financial assistance to livestock producers who incur above normal expenses for transporting feed to livestock during drought. The payment formula excludes the first 25 miles and any mileage over 1,000 miles. The reimbursement rate is 60% of the costs above what would normally have been incurred during the same time period in a normal (non-drought) year.

ABOVE NORMAL COSTS OF TRANSPORTING LIVESTOCK TO FORAGE/GRAZING ACRES

ELAP provides financial assistance to livestock producers who are hauling livestock to a new location for feed resources due to insufficient feed and/or grazing in drought-impacted areas. Assistance for Livestock transportation is retroactive to 2021 and available for 2022 and subsequent years. Please contact your county FSA office for additional details.

For calendar year 2022 forward, producers must submit a notice of loss to your local FSA office within 30 calendar days of when the loss is apparent; producers should contact their county FSA office as soon as the loss of water resources or feed resources are known. For ELAP eligibility, documentation of expenses is critical. Producers should maintain records and receipts associated with the costs of transporting water to eligible livestock, the costs of transporting feed to eligible livestock, and the costs of transporting eligible livestock to forage/grazing acres.

ELAP also offers assistance to producers impacted by wildfire. Contact your county FSA office for more information on ELAP resources for wildfire losses. In addition, beekeepers also can benefit from ELAP provisions and should contact their county FSA office within 15 calendar days of when a loss occurs or from when the loss is apparent. For more information regarding ELAP, contact your Coryell County USDA Service Center at 254-865-7012 ext 2 or visit fsa.usda.gov/disaster.

USDA Microloans Help Farmers Purchase Farmland and Improve Property

Farmers can use USDA farm ownership microloans to buy and improve property. These microloans are especially helpful to beginning or underserved farmers, U.S. veterans looking for a career in farming, and those who have small and mid-sized farming operations.

Microloans have helped farmers and ranchers with operating costs, such as feed, fertilizer, tools, fencing, equipment, and living expenses since 2013. Microloans can also help with farmland and building purchases and soil and water conservation improvements. FSA designed the expanded program to simplify the application process, expand eligibility requirements and expedite smaller real estate loans to help farmers strengthen their operations. Microloans provide up to \$50,000 to qualified producers and can be issued to the applicant directly from the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA).

To learn more about the FSA microloan program, contact your Coryell County USDA Service Center at 254-865-7012 ext 2 or visit fsa.usda.gov/microloans.

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The DISPATCH

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of April 26 – May 2. While there were many calls to the dispatcher, this is a partial list of more significant activity. 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 26
3:22 a.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 2200 block of E. Main Street.
5:25 p.m., a burglary was reported in the 2300 block of Bridge Street.
5:27 p.m., an assault was reported in the 2600 block of Jackson Drive.
7:59 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 300 block of Mulberry Avenue.
April 27
7:02 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2400 block of E. Main Street.
9:01 a.m., a theft was reported in the 2200 block of Waco Street.
1:09 p.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 600 block of E. Leon Street.
9:48 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 1300 block of Baldrige Drive.
April 28
1:21 p.m., a theft was reported in the 2000 block of E. Main Street.

3:51 p.m., an accident was reported in the 200 block of S. Lovers Lane.
6:07 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 3000 block of N. State Hwy. 36.
10:04 p.m., public intoxication was reported in the 1600 block of Waco Street.
April 29
11:54 a.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 1500 block of W. Main Street.
1:40 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2100 block of E. Main Street.
8:28 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 1500 block of FM 184.
9:56 p.m., a fight was reported in the 2300 block of E. Main Street.
April 30
5:56 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1600 block of W. Main Street.
12:24 p.m., a theft was reported in the 100 block of Sandy Lane.
1:57 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the

1600 block of W. Main Street.
2:48 p.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 2200 block of Waco Street.
May 1
4:08 a.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 300 block of State School Road.
2:07 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 1000 block of FM 182.
6:19 p.m., a theft was reported in the 2500 block of Powell Drive.
10:14 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 100 block of Chicktown Road.
May 2
8:27 a.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 100 block of S. 23rd Street.
12:54 p.m., a theft was reported in the 100 block of FM 107.
8:20 p.m., harassment was reported in the 1300 block of Green's Private Drive.
10:03 p.m., a prowler was reported in the 100 block of Elm Street.

CORYELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

April 26
9:50 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported on Hwy. 281 and Langford Cove Road.
12:55 p.m., a neighbor dispute was reported in the 7900 block of CR 137.
1:51 p.m., an out-of-control burn was reported in the 2300 block of CR 145.
5:20 p.m., an assault was reported in the 700 block of Flintrock Road.
April 27
11:02 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 300 block of Cedar Mountain Road.
11:21 a.m., a stolen vehicle was reported in the 2300 block of FM 185.
2:15 p.m., a civil matter was reported in the 2500 block of CR 315.
4:04 p.m., a theft was reported in the 4400 block of FM 1783.
April 28
11:10 a.m., an explosion was reported in the 7800

block of FM 182.
3:49 p.m., tornado damage was reported in the 700 block of CR 147.
6:53 p.m., a vehicle fire was reported in the 600 block of CR 113.
9:31 p.m., a missing person was reported in the 1000 block of Star Lane.
April 29
7:35 a.m., a structure fire was reported in the 2200 block of Osage Road.
11:22 a.m., a burglary was reported in the 7700 block of E. Hwy. 84.
2:46 p.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 2600 block of Snow Road.
5:20 p.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 1600 block of Oak Springs Road.
April 30
11:27 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported on E. Hwy. 84 at the first roadside park.
2:17 p.m., illegal dumping was reported in the 500 block of Mountain Road.
6:34 p.m., an animal com-

plaint was reported on Kenney Drive.
6:39 p.m., a minor accident was reported on FM 1113.
May 1
7:29 a.m., a rabid animal was reported in the 100 block of Sims Circle.
1:39 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 1700 block of Fort Panic Road.
2:32 p.m., a civil matter was reported in the 200 block of Pruett Lane.
5:31 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 6500 block of E. Hwy. 84.
May 2
5:20 a.m., a suspicious vehicle was reported in the 500 block of Nathan Drive.
8:06 a.m., a theft was reported in the 500 block of Langford Cove Road.
4:59 p.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 1500 block of Quail Meadows.
6:48 p.m., a minor accident was reported on FM 116.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HOLDS A RIBBON CUTTING EVENT



COURTESY PHOTO

Members of the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce recently held a ribbon cutting ceremony for Barnard Cattle Company owned by Blayr Barnard. Members of the chamber joined Barnard and other employees at the ribbon cutting event.

Morris Federation to meet May 13

Submitted Item

Members of The Morris Federation will hold their next meeting at Prima Pasta Italian Restaurant on Saturday, May 13, at 11:30 a.m. The luncheon will be Dutch treat, and guests are welcome.
There will be a short business meeting. The program will be presented by Mary Anne Leib. Her program topic is titled "Sum-Sum-Summertime."
The next Morris Federation meeting will be Saturday, Sept. 9, at 10:15 a.m., probably in the James Cory-

ell Room at the Coryell Museum and Historical Center. More information about the specific location will be given at a later date.
Note to Members: Please check your current Morris Federation Yearbook and see if your personal information is correct. Send any changes in spelling, addresses, email addresses, phone numbers, birth dates, etc. to Marsha Lee. Also, let her know if you have any ideas for programs for next year, or if you would like to meet with those who are planning the programs.

RECIPE

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

Pecan Crusted Pork

BY MARCIA STRIEBER

- ½ c. pecan halves toasted
- ¼ tsp. ground red pepper (optional)
- ½ c. fine dry breadcrumbs
- 6 (4 oz.) lean boneless pork loin chops
- ¼ tsp. salt
- ¼ c. flour
- ½ tsp. paprika
- ½ c. buttermilk
- ¼ tsp. dried oregano

Process pecans, breadcrumbs, salt, paprika, oregano, and red pepper in food processor, or in a bowl with finely chopped pecans. Dredge pork chops in flour, dip in buttermilk, then dredge in pecan mixture. Chill for 1 hour. Arrange pork on a rack coated with cooking spray (PAM). Place rack in a 13 X 9 pan. Coat pork chops evenly with cooking spray. Bake at 425 for 15 minutes. Turn pork, and coat evenly with cooking spray. Bake 5 more minutes or until done. This is really good on pork chops, catfish fillets, or other meaty white fish or pork loin roast.



COURTESY PHOTO

Pecan crusted pork loin chop

Cartel Cook-Off to be held May 27 in Evant

Submitted Item

The Eldon Perkins third

annual Cartel Cook-Off will be held on Saturday, May 27, at the Evant Municipal Park.
Non-sanctioned entry fees include \$100 for 3 meats (brisket, ribs, and chicken), \$10 for appetizers, \$10 for beans. Turn in times will be at noon for appetizers, 1 p.m. for beans, 2 p.m. for chicken, 3 p.m. for ribs, and 4 p.m.

for brisket.
The grand champion will win \$400. Only one winner will be awarded in each category, with a trophy and cash.
The rules include that cooking may be done with wood, charcoal, gas, wood pellets, solar or nuclear power. No electricity or water will be at the site. Additional rules include that

all entries must be cooked on site and no store-bought entries will be allowed. Entries can be cooked with barbecue sauce, but not served with at turn-in.
Those interested in cooking or judging may contact Kyle Arnold at 254-865-3819 or Melinda Acosta at 254-865-3335.

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500-600 lb.	185-215
600-700 lb.	165-190
700-800 lb.	150-175
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MARSHA LEE

Contributing writer

M. J. Wofford grew up in Graham, Texas, earned her BA at Baylor University and her MA at the University of Texas, specializing in secondary education with majors in English and history. The

English Department at Baylor was formerly located in the basement of the beautiful Armstrong Browning Library, which houses the largest collection of Robert and Elizabeth Barrett Browning manuscripts and memorabilia in the world. Majoring in Eng-

lish, along with taking "The Browning Course" under Dr. Jack Herring, no doubt placed M. J. Wofford in that building many times, leaving a profound influence and attraction to the love story of these two Victorian poets. She recently shared their story with members of Coryell Retired School Personnel.

Part I of a 2-part series: Elizabeth Barrett - Tomboy, Scholar, Poet, Invalid

Elizabeth Barrett was born on March 6, 1806, in County Durham, England, to Edward Barrett Moulton-Barrett and Mary Graham Clarke Moulton-Barrett. They were financially comfortable by inheritance, with Edward owning sugar plantations in Jamaica and Mary owning land in the British West Indies, both supported with slave labor. Elizabeth was the eldest of twelve children (4 girls and 8 boys). Elizabeth was educated at home and tutored by Daniel McSwiney along with her oldest brother. However, Elizabeth was a precocious child and had a burning passion for learning. At age 4, she began to write poems; at age 6, she was reading novels; by age 8, she was studying translations of Homer; at age 10, she was learning Greek; and by age 11, she had read several Shakespearian plays, Milton's Paradise Lost, Dante's Inferno, and plunged into histories of England, Greece, and Rome. At age 11, she wrote her own Homeric epic, "The Battle of Marathon: A Poem." Her mother had carefully compiled all the child's poetry into collections of Poems by Elizabeth Barrett, one of the largest collections of juvenilia of any English writer. Her father had her Homeric epic privately printed and encouraged her writing. He referred to her as "the Poet Laureate of Hope End." (Hope End, north of Lon-

don, was where the Barretts moved in 1809). She also enjoyed reading about social issues in the works of Paine, Voltaire, Rousseau, and Wollstonecraft.

Elizabeth enjoyed a privileged childhood and, although frail, was somewhat of a tomboy. She loved riding her pony around the grounds, visiting neighborhood families, and arranging theatrical productions with her 10 siblings (one had died at age three). But at about age fifteen, she suffered a strain while saddling her horse, rode a short distance in severe pain, and suffered a bad fall when she tried to dismount. Afterwards, she experienced intense headaches and spinal pain with some loss of mobility. Sometime later, she and her sisters all suffered short illnesses followed by measles; however, all but Elizabeth recovered completely. Doctors did not whether either of these events caused Elizabeth to become an invalid for the rest of her life. They could not determine an exact cause for her breakdown in health, nor did they know how to treat it, other than by prescribing laudanum (a form of opium) for pain. She became an invalid and was addicted to laudanum and later morphine for life. (Doctors now think perhaps she suffered from hypokalemic periodic paralysis, a genetic muscle disorder, which is worsened by many of the "triggers" Elizabeth wrote about in her diary. One of her uncles was found who had a similar disorder. There is no cure for the disorder, but today, it can be treated.)

Elizabeth's mother died in 1828. By 1835, the Barrett family moved to London, and finally to their best-known residence, 50 Wimpole Street, London, in 1837. That year, Elizabeth burst a blood vessel which affected her lungs.

Although her health had continued to deteriorate, this was the first serious illness in a long period of invalidism. Doctors told her father that he desperately needed to either move his family or send Elizabeth away from London to an environment that was drier and warmer; otherwise, her health would continue to decline rapidly. Mr. Barrett refused to consider either possibility, and he told his daughter that she would probably just die right there in London in her room.

In 1838, she published *The Seraphim and Other Poems*, which was very favorably received, sold well, and marked the start of her successful literary career. Though limited by her illness, she corresponded with a number of other prominent writers, including Wordsworth, Coleridge, Tennyson, Carlyle, and Edgar Allan Poe. In 1838, she moved to Torquay, on the seaside, to join her favorite brother, Edward, who became her primary helper. (Edward's nickname was "Bro." All the Barrett children had nicknames. Elizabeth's was "Ba.") About this time, an uncle also died and left her a legacy to secure her financially. Her father hated both the move and the legacy.

Her health started improving in Torquay, but two years later, disaster struck. First, her brother, Samuel, died of a fever in Jamaica, and then, "Bro" drowned in a sailing accident in the summer of 1840. She felt enormous grief for the loss of both brothers, but when she had to return to the house on Wimpole Street, she was even more grieved to find that her father blamed her for Edward's death! For the next six years, she spent most of her time in her room upstairs, seeing few people other than family, one of whom was a cousin, John Kenyon. She received comfort from a spaniel named Flush,



COURTESY PHOTO

M. J. Wofford

given to her by a friend, Mary Mitford. Elizabeth wrote a poem entitled "To Flush: My Dog" for the occasion. (Almost a century later, Virginia Woolf fictionalized the life of the dog, making him the protagonist of her 1933 novel *Flush: A Biography*.)

Kenyon introduced his cousin to literary friends with whom she corresponded. In the period 1841-1844, Elizabeth was a prolific writer of poetry, prose, and translations. She also wrote materials in favor of abolition of slavery and in favor of child labor laws. She wrote critical prose pieces, such as a laudatory essay on Thomas Carlyle, with whom she corresponded. In 1844, she published two volumes of *Poems*. Her success brought her acclaim in Britain as well as America, and she, in fact, became a rival to Tennyson for Poet Laureate after Wordsworth died in 1850. She was the first woman to be nominated as poet laureate. It was these two volumes of *Poems* published in 1844 that secured a place for her as a major writer and poet. It was also these books of poems that caught the attention of another poet: Robert Browning.



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The former Ft. Hood military base

Remembering Uncle Bob

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

According to John Frank Post, editor of the *Gatesville Messenger* from 1946-1978, "Mr. Saunders composed his *Down Memory Lane* columns from his West Main Street home in the shadow of the county courthouse dome. Deadline time would find him hunched square-shouldered over his small desk pecking away at his typewriter." Post continued, "disdaining the rules of grammar and political correctness, he wrote like he talked - straight and plain-speaking. He was spared any tedious research, as his gifted memory supplied him with facts that he could weave into his own inimitable embroidery, using colorful anecdotes, local history, and happenings. Yes, Uncle Bob knew how to juice up a story."

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

The following is an excerpt of Uncle Bob's *Down Memory Lane* column that appeared in the December 7, 1951, edition of *The Gatesville Messenger*:

Fort Hood isn't Coryell's First Army Installation - Remember Camp Martin?

Throughout the years Coryell County has always done her part when it come to furnishing manpower for the army in the wars that our fair southland has been interested in. The first draft for manpower was in 1861, when our Coryell County boys, John T. Grant, Crockett King, and others - joined up and marched away to fight for the Southern Confederacy. Then again in 1898 quite a number of our Coryell County boys volunteered to help Uncle Sam whip the Spaniards in what was known as the Spanish - American War.

But at no time in the history of Coryell County did we have any army camps in the county, with the exception of Camp Martin, which was located down at Pecan Grove, when Captain Henry Sadler was training his company of soldiers in World War I. That company of home boys were in camp such a short time before they moved to Camp Bowie in Fort Worth that most of us have forgotten that we ever had soldiers in camp that close to the town of Gatesville. Of course, Uncle Sam didn't have to lease or buy any land down at Pecan Grove, as Uncle Frank Martin was only too glad to have our local soldier boys pitch camp under the big pecan trees on his land. Weren't those boys on their way to help whip Kaiser Bill of Germany and make the world safe for Democrats?

Everybody in the town of Gatesville who had transportation would drive down to Pecan Grove and visit Captain Sadler and his lieutenants, Chess Sadler, and Loraine Burt, and all the others. This was back in 1917, and most of our boys who were shipped to Europe finally came back home in good shape and took up their vocations as if they had done no army service, but of course, that was to be expected, for that's the kind of manpower raised in Coryell County.

In 1940, [prior to World War II], all our National Guard companies were sworn into Federal service, and the government leased a large body of land on the outskirts of Brownwood and hurriedly built barracks for any army camp. That is where our own Texas 36th Division trained under my old friend and school chum, General Claud V. Birkhead. General Birkhead shipped his division in good shape, and you all saw his division on the road as he brought them through Gatesville on the way to maneuvers in Louisiana. This was the largest body of soldiers and equipment that we natives had ever seen.

When our Congress declared war [World War II], there was a big job ahead for the Federal government. They met it by drafting our manpower and, of course, they had to have camps to train all these draftees. We of Coryell County knew that we would be called upon to furnish our prorata part of the manpower, for well did the Federal government win the war, but we didn't expect to be called on to surrender 138,000 acres of Coryell land.

Our people had to grin and bear it, for the government first condemned all this land for army purposes, put as they thought a reasonable price on it, and told our folks in the southern part of the county to take it or leave it, which in plain language meant get your stuff together and move so we can build a camp to train soldiers. That's how come vast Camp Hood, named after our own Texas brigadier general John B. Hood, came to exist.

Property Tax Appraisal Protest and Appeal Procedures

The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures. If you have a concern about:

- the market or appraised value of your property
- the unequal appraisal of your property
- the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- any exemptions that may apply to you
- the qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal
- the local governments which should be taxing your property
- the ownership of property
- the change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- any action taken by the chief appraiser, appraisal district or appraisal review board that applies to and adversely affects you.

Informal Review

You may contact the Coryell CAD to discuss the any issue concerning your property valuation. Please call (254) 865-6593 to speak with a representative of the Gatesville office or (254) 542-6960 to speak with a representative of the Copperas Cove Office.

Review by the Appraisal Review Board

If you can't resolve your problem informally with the Central Appraisal District (CAD) staff, you may have your case heard by the appraisal review board (ARB)

The ARB is an independent board of citizens appointed by the local district administrative judge that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You'll receive written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening, Saturday or Sunday. Prior to your hearing, you may ask to review the evidence the CAD will use to uphold their determination. The CAD may ask you for a copy of the evidence you plan to present. The hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in person to present evidence or you may send notarized evidence for the ARB to review at your

hearing. The CAD representative will present evidence about your case. You may cross examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. The CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by preponderance of the evidence presented. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office at 705 East Main Street, Gatesville, TX 76528 or 202 East Robertson Ave, Copperas Cove, TX 76522 or on the website at www.coryellcad.org

ARB hearings begin May 15, 2023. After the ARB completes its hearings and approves final property tax appraisal roll, taxing units will use these appraisals to set 2023 property tax rates.

Note: you should not try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying they have not talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

Review by the District Court or an Arbitrator

After the ARB decides your case, they must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you are not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 60 days of the date you receive the ARB's order. In certain cases, as an alternative to filing an appeal in district court, you may file, not later than the 45th day after you receive notice of the ARB order, a request for binding arbitration with the Coryell Central Appraisal District. Appeals to District Court or Binding Arbitration require payment of certain fees or deposits.

Tax Payment on Late Protests

You must pay either the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute, or the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken.

More Information

You can get more information by contacting the Coryell Central Appraisal District. You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest form from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division at PO Box 13528, Austin, TX 78711-3528.

Deadline for Filing Protest with ARB*

Usual Deadline

On or before May 15 (or 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have good cause. Late protests are due the day before the ARB approves records for the year. Contact your appraisal district for more information. You may file online at protest.coryellcad.org

Special Deadlines

For change of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of

your land), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of determination was mailed to you.

For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change didn't result from a protest you filed) the deadline to file is before the 30th day after the notice of determination was mailed to you.

If you believe the appraisal district or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually February 1). The ARB decides whether it will hear your case on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

*The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or holiday.

MOUND NEWS

Ruby Pullen and her horse, Bizzy, has successful day on race track



BY BARBARA HOPSON
Mound News Correspondent

Hopson Quarter Horses had a jockey representing them in Oklahoma this past weekend at the Ruby Buckle.

Ruby Pullen, on her horse, Bizzy, ran a 17.2 on a standard pattern Sunday placing them fourth in the round for the Youth Open, fourth in the Youth Average, and 12th in the round for the 2D Open. They will compete next weekend at the Vegas Tuffest Qualifier in Childress. Ruby Caroline Pullen of Rockwall is the niece of Barbara Hopson.

Keron Jackson of Dallas stayed with Don and Sue Jones this past weekend

while he was doing a revival at Mound Cowboy Church and White Mound Baptist Church.

Sunday guests of Don and Sue Jones were Keron Jackson, Bruce and Suzy Cox, Scott, Kelby and Sterlin Shults, and Case and Kristen Jones.

Martha Ann Lawhorn attended the funeral service for Inez Arnold on April 24, at the First Methodist Church in Gatesville. Burial followed at Pilgrims Rest Cemetery near Evant.

Barbara Herndon and Doris Hoff of Gatesville visited Sunday afternoon with Martha Lawhorn.

Delecia Reynolds was honored on her 75th birthday Friday with a luncheon at the home of Barbara Hopson. Those attending were Margaret Hopson, Sue Jones, and John Stephens.

Alan McCorkle of Buda and Brian McCorkle visited during the weekend with their mother, Elizabeth McCorkle.

Several sixth graders of

Mound attended the annual Father/Daughter Dance at the Gatesville Civic Center Saturday evening.

Kathi Taylor visited Sunday afternoon in Gatesville with her mother, Sue Magee.

Emma Blakley of College Station was home for the weekend to visit with her relatives and friends.

Robert and Carolyn Blakley attended a retirement party for Eugene Worthington Saturday in Waco.

Barbara's Notes: Happy birthday to Cindy Long.

PEARL NEWS

Massive collection of Robert Redford memorabilia at Pearl Book Cottage



BY BETSY CLARK
Pearl News Correspondent

The Pearl Cottage Bookstore has an exceptional, rare collection of Robert Redford memorabilia from a massive, private collection. Many of the pictures and items are autographed.

It includes "The Red Book", which is the official Robert Redford Fan Club Book dating from 1979 to 2012. There are black and white and color autographed pictures, pressbooks, theater posters, photo albums, magazines, newspaper clips, books, buttons, post cards, etc. There are just too many pieces to name as there is a five-page inventory of items. Please contact Linda Ray at 254-865-9282 for more information. Linda said that she will work with individuals or auction companies on the price. Everything is in excellent, like new condition.

Upcoming dates of the

Pearl Bluegrass event and the Pearl Cottage Bookstore days for the remainder of 2023 are as follows: June 3, July 1, August 5, (second Saturday in September) September 9, October 7, November 4, and December 2. Mark these dates on your calendar and come see us in Pearl!

The Pearl Cottage Bookstore has a lot of new items! The store is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the above-listed dates. Most items are "take what you want, pay what you want," and all proceeds go to local charities. There are over 6,000 books in the store as well as various and sundry other items.

You never know what you might find at the bookstore! Go see Kay, Linda, and Corlisa! You'll come as curious customers and leave as favored friends! This is Pearl Book Cottage's 14th year!!

The Pearl Cemetery Pavilion is impressive! John Hunt was foreman of the project that was funded by donations from all the country. A plaque with the names of those supporting the project will be placed inside the pavilion soon. Thank you to 38 families, The Pearl Church of Christ, The Pearl Community Fellowship Church, The Pearl Baptist Church, and the Pearl Cottage Bookstore for making this happen. To

donate to the Pearl Cemetery Pavilion Project, contact Linda Ray at 254-865-9282, 1771 CR 152, Purlmela, Texas 76566. For more information about the Pearl Cemetery, contact Chris Ray at 254-394-0985.

This week's Bible verse comes from Ephesians 4:32—Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. (NIV)

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

A lucky-charmed life: Art degree translates into creating slot machine art



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

After graduating from college with a degree in art, Mandy Napper got a job creating advertising art for Lucky Charms. Then she got a job with a firm that makes slot machines.

"A mathematician comes up with a game and then we come up with the visual art to support that just to keep people in their seats and putting their quarters in. That's what I do for a living, helping people gamble their money away."

Mandy creates the symbols and artwork on the devices.

"You've got your bells and your cherries and your lemons and all that stuff. If it's a Chinese game, what kind of symbols could we use? They need to be something different. What about three firecrackers? Usually, you would have 10 different symbols, the art surrounding it, the background, the

animation, the top screen, the advertisement, everything. So, they all come together to make a game. Buffalo games are popular now, so we have all kinds of western ranch scenes."

It's a 9 to 5 job, in what she said is a very stable industry.

"It's not contract work, which is very rare for an artist and graphic designer. A lot of them have contracts and once the contract is up, they have to go find something else. But this is a salaried position."

In college she took courses on how to find a job. She sent resumes to all kinds of firms in the largest cities in the U.S. She prepared a

portfolio and did lots of interviewing. She would fly to different cities and tell the prospective employer she was in town if they wanted to visit. She knew nothing about slot machines.

"I got a call from this firm that said they needed a junior artist. During the interview I asked about the pay. I was barely out of college and didn't know much about the going wages for junior artists. The man interviewing me said 'it's not really that great. We'll pay you about \$22 an hour.' I said yes! You know, being 24 and getting something like that right off the bat was just absolutely incredible."

She has had that job 15

years.

"I do my art, but I have my own spin on it. There are certain rules you have to follow, but I can work within them and do my thing. It's just the best job. And I go home and work on my own things. I garden, raise my chickens, and have a great life."

About the industry, she said that no matter if there's a war going on, a pandemic, or if the stock market takes a dive, whatever the world economic situation is, the slot machines just keep right on ringing those bells and making those sounds.

Mandy grew up in San Antonio and now lives in Atlanta, Georgia.

Marriage license applications filed at Coryell County Courthouse in April

Marriage license applications that were filed during the month of April at the Coryell County Clerk's office include:

Rodney Taylor Brown and Christa Livega Ad-

kins; Nicholas DeWayne Cisneroz and Kassandra Marie Pisciotta; Russel Colin Cochran and Alexandra Lee Hollingsworth; Steve Rudolph Dossman and Patricia Grubb Toombs; Dan-

iel James Fuchs and Sherri Lynn Leach; Luis F. Gamez Juarez and Marlene Arellanos; Robert Lee Gilliam and James Orville Solt; Robert Paul Griffith and Sandra A. Bickel; Nathan Wayne Gunn

and Elizabeth Ann McDonald; Neal Dullely Hinson and Catherine Kirkland; Benjamin Tyler Holt and Ashley Chantel Rose Blackett; James Alan Holtman and Chantel Marie Greer; Lance

Rhett Keith and Misty Marie Keith; Shamar Anthony Mignott and Kiersten Serenity Crenshaw; Lucas Eldon Paro and Amanda Anna Frederick; Noah Ashton Rebik and Olivia Rene Turner; Jose Al-

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032 MISCELLANEOUS

HEAD START
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 Gatesville Head Start is now accepting applications for the 2023-2024 school year. Head Start is a pre-school offering excellent educational opportunities along with medical, dental, developmental, and nutritional benefits at no cost. The Head Start approach of individualized care and guidance is well suited to helping children with disabilities. Children between the ages of 3 and 5 may be eligible. There is no charge for participation in Head Start. Pick up your application now at the Head Start Center at 1105 Saunders Street. For more information, call your local center at 254-865-5423, or Hill Country Community Action Association at 325/372-5167.

HEAD START
 ESTA ACEPTANDO APLICACIONES!!! (Ningun Transporte Proporcionado)
 Gatesville Head Start esta aceptando aplicaciones para el año 2023-2024. Head Start es una escuela para niños de edad 3-5 años que califican. Head Start ofrece oportunidades excelentes para educación y también beneficios de médico, dental, desarrollo, y de alimento. Head Start ofrece mucha ayuda para niños y familias. No cuesta nada para que su niño atienda el programa de Head Start. Puede usted recoger ahora una aplicación para solicitar un puesto en Head Start. Para más información llame a la Head Start, 1105 Saunders Street, o del teléfono: 254-865-5423, o Hill Country Community Action at 325/372-5167.

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EVERYTHING must go! 116 Austin St., Fri., 3 P.M.-6 P.M. & Sat., 7:30 A.M.-1 P.M. Collections: dogs, Indian artifacts, John Wayne collections, and miscellaneous. 00030089

Gatesville Pickers Estate Sale: May 4-6, 9a.m.-4p.m., 999 W. Boynton, Hamilton. Lots of household items, bedroom sets, riding lawn mower, plenty of cheap Christmas decor, piano, lawn tools. 00030092

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099 PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice of Public Sale
 Pursuant to Chapter 59 of the Texas Property Code, Ideal Self Storage 1611 E. Main St., Gatesville, Texas 76528 will have an online auction. The property is being sold to satisfy the landlord's lien. The sale will be at www.storageauctions.com beginning 05/08/2023 @ 11am ending 05/17/2023 @ 11am. Seller reserves the right to withdraw any property from the sale upon payment in full. Units to be sold are: Paul Griffin, Elize Braddy, Maccayla Gribble, Kelli Jennings, Christopher Allen, Ashley Kingley, Cheryl Waller, and Mackenzie White. Inventory: furniture, clothing, electronics, household items, misc boxes/totes. 00030057

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4) By downloading the RFP file off the GISD website: www.gatesvilleisd.org click on "Departments", "Bids/Proposals"

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of John Calvin Pomeroy, Deceased, were issued on May 1, 2023, in Cause No. 23-10830, pending in the County Court-at-Law of Coryell County, Texas, to: Brian Pomeroy.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
c/o: Allen D. Place, Jr.
Attorney at Law
109 S. 7th Street
Gatesville, Texas 76528

DATED the 2nd day of May, 2023

Allen D. Place, Jr.
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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 15TH DAY OF APRIL, 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 28th day of April, 2023.

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CORYELL COUNTY CLERK
CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS

BY: M. WALLACE
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Loretta Ann Moore, Deceased, were issued on December 16, 2022, in Cause No. 22-10753, pending in the County Court-at-Law of Coryell County, Texas, to: Roger Hammack. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
c/o: Allen D. Place, Jr.
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DATED the 3 day of May 2, 2023.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Richard Eugene Mullins, Deceased, were issued on 4-19-23, in Cause No. 23-10809, pending in the County Court-at-Law of Coryell County, Texas, to: LeeAnn Mullins.
All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
c/o: LeeAnn Mullins
Estate of Richard Eugene Mullins
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DATED the 1 day of May, 2023.

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- ▶ 11.64 acres 3/2 home south of Evant, TX in Coryell County. Nice porch, large master bedroom/bath, barn, workshop, seasonal creek, Hwy 281 frontage. \$850,000
- ▶ 20 acres, 3 Br 2 Ba home, 8 ft porches, 390 CR 4147, Cranfills Gap, TX, Bosque County. Storage building, equipment shed, rolling terrain, good tree cover. \$525,000
- ▶ 20.02 acres, Evant, TX, CR 421, Hamilton County. Lot No. 21, Mulberry Creek, rolling terrain, good tree cover. \$250,000
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verses listed for spiritual warfare. She has had the help of various people throughout her shop in addition to her employees; Miranda Allison, Candice Vazquez, and Dee Ann Howard. "I've got the three best employees that I think I could ever ask for," George said. As times change, her employees help her stay up to date with all the latest fads. George also researches constantly, travels to the Dallas Market, and reads magazines. She

stated that when she worked under Peggy Vaden in high school at a retail store, Vaden taught her everything she now knows. She makes a point to give back to the community in many ways, including by lending her parking lot and store for fundraisers to be held, making several donations throughout the community, and traveling to the 4-H auction each year to help the kids. For the past two years she has attempted to get boutiques around the area to come together so surrounding communities can see what Gatesville has to offer. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 6, George will put on a fashion show called Rock the Runway. The



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Whether its t-shirts, specialty soaps and lotions or a selection of children's clothing, Vintage Royalty has a variety of items personally selected by store owner Karen George for display and sale.



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Aztec blankets to fit twin, full, queen and king mattresses are among the specialty items which can be purchased at Vintage Royalty.

show aims to support all local businesses and restaurants. Giving back to Gatesville is what she does. One way of giving back is by keeping low prices for her customers. She holds sales throughout each week, including her three T-shirts for \$30 that are up in the store daily. "I want anybody to be able to walk in through the door and walk out with something that they like," she said. One special thing that makes Vintage Royalty separate from the rest, is that she has never had any vendors, except for a select few. The entire store selection has been chosen product by product, by George alone.

She changes the store often, so her customers have something new to look at when they walk in. Her brother, Terry Blanchard has helped make her dreams come true by building cabinets, shelves, and anything that is needed in the boutique. The most rewarding part of her career with Vintage Royalty is looking back through the past on all she has overcome. "Through the years of watching the store grow and knowing how far it has come from where it's started is a reward in itself," George said. Vintage Royalty is located at 2401 South Highway 36, Suite 100 in Gatesville. The store website is vintageroyalty.net.

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Exchange Club celebrates Golden Deeds

Outstanding students, as well as a firefighter, peace officer, healthcare professional, educator and community members were honored during the Gatesville Exchange Club's Golden Deeds Banquet held on Monday, April 24, at First Methodist Church in Gatesville.

Georg Cleverley started the banquet by introducing Pastor Bill Trotter, who gave the invocation, followed by Mike Meier who led the pledges to the American flag and the Texas flag.

Alan Mathis announced the "Proudly We Hail" award winner to the managers of Hidden Valley RV Getaway, Anishia Bayer and Michael Bayer, for their display of the American flag. This was followed by Chief Nursing Officer at Coryell Health, Heather Rambeau, who presented the "Health Professional" award to Coryell Health Chief Medical Officer Dr. Jeffery Bates.

Sgt. Chadrik Summers introduced and presented the "Peace Officer" award to Sgt. Blake Riley, whose wife, Amber, received the award on his behalf.

Gatesville Fire Chief Billy Vaden, along with Evant Fire Chief Chuck Weeks, presented the "Fire Fighter" award to Evant firefighter Bill Wheelless.

Gatesville Elementary School Principal Keegan Webb presented the "Educator Award" to first-grade teacher Jean Grimsley.

Camilla Edge, of the Gatesville Senior Center, introduced and presented the "Senior Citizen" award to long-time center volunteer Rebel Brown. Director of Parks and Recreation Seth Phillips presented the "Care Award" to Timothy Muegge.

JoAnn Sugg then introduced the 12 students of the month

- Hadleigh Ament, Thiele Alvarado, Korbin Brown, Brady Carothers, Lindsey Cummings, Slone Early, Ariel Finley, Lucas Garcia, Ben Mabry, Laura Mitchell, Kallyn Moreland, and Ty Warren. Out of the 12, the two winners of the "Student of the Year" award were Lindsey Cummings and Kallyn Moreland.

Suggs also introduced and presented the "Accepting the Challenge of Excellence" (A.C.E.) awards to Maria Olvera Rodriguez, Emma Hurlburt, and Nathaniel Johnson.

Georg Cleverley then introduced and presented the "Exchangite of the Year" award to Monty Van Horn.

GISD's Scott Harper introduced and presented the "Book of Golden Deeds" award to the founder of Righteous Roots, Melanie Webb.



COURTESY PHOTO
Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services Scott Harper presented the Exchange Club's "Book of Golden Deeds" award to Melanie Webb, the founder of Righteous Roots.



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Georg Cleverley presented the "Exchangite of the Year" to Exchange Club member Monty Van Horn.



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JoAnn Sugg presented the "Student of the Year" awards to Kallyn Moreland (left) and Lindsey Cummings.



Above left photo: JoAnn Sugg also presented the "Accepting the Challenge of Excellence" (A.C.E.) awards to, from left, Maria Olvera Rodriguez, Emma Hurlburt, and Nathaniel Johnson.
Above middle photo: Alan Mathis, right, presented the "Proudly We Hail" award to the managers of the Hidden Valley RV Getaway to Anishia Bayer and Michael Bayer.
Above right photo: Chief Nursing Officer at Coryell Health, Heather Rambeau, presented the "Health Professional" award to Chief Medical Officer at Coryell Health, Dr. Jeffery Bates.



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Sgt. Chadrik Summers presented the "Peace Officer" award to Sgt. Blake Riley. Receiving the award on his behalf was his wife, Amber.



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At right is Gatesville Fire Chief Billy Vaden, who along with Evant Fire Chief Chuck Weeks (center) presented the "Fire Fighter" award to Evant firefighter Bill Wheelless.



COURTESY PHOTO
Gatesville Elementary School Principal Keegan Webb (right) presented the "Educator Award" to first-grade teacher Jean Grimsley.



COURTESY PHOTO
Camilla Edge of the Gatesville Senior Center presented the "Senior Citizen" award to long-time center volunteer Rebel Brown.



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Director of Parks and Recreation Seth Phillips (right) presented the "Care Award" to Timothy Muegge.

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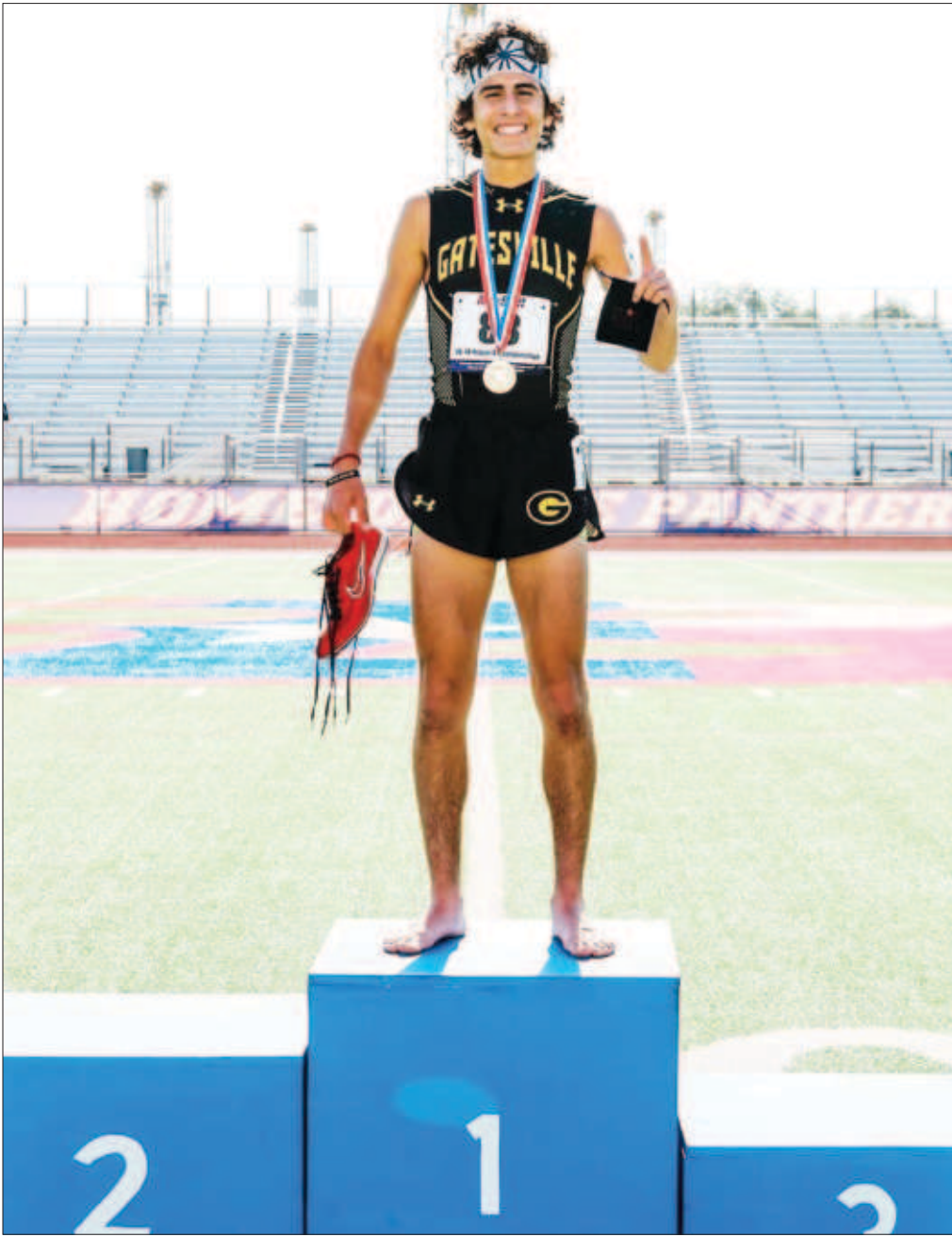
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Martinez, Boyd advance to state



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Senior Carlos Martinez stands atop the winner's podium after winning another distance run.



GLADYS WHITENBURG | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Junior Barrett Boyd has excelled in both pole vaulting and the hurdles this season.

Senior runner, junior hurdler/pole vaulter are among Texas' best

From staff reports

Two Gatesville High School track and field standouts who keep breaking school records and excelling at whatever level of competition they participate in - senior Carlo Martinez and junior Barrett Boyd, are both scheduled to represent GHS in state competition on Thursday, May 11 at Mike A. Meyers Stadium.

Although the stadium is the home venue of the University of Texas Longhorns, Martinez and Boyd are hoping to turn it Hornet black and gold next week.

Boyd will represent GHS in the girls pole vault at 9 a.m., and Martinez is set to run in the 3200 meter run at the same time. Later on Thursday, Martinez is scheduled to run in the 1600-meter run.

Boyd won the University Interscholastic League (UIL) Class 4A Region III pole vault competition with a jump of 11 feet, six inches.

Martinez won the 3200 meter run with a time of 9:15.33 and was second in the 1600 meter run with a time of 4:24.30.

Gatesville closes out 2023 softball season in bi-district playoffs



JEFF OSBORNE | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Members of the Gatesville High School softball team run off the field after an 11-1 playoff loss to the Burnett Lady Bulldogs on April 29. GHS has earned a playoff spot for two consecutive years and 11 of the past 16 years. For more on the team, see Page B2.

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Gatesville falls to Burnet in playoffs to end season

BY CHRIS ALLMAN
Sports Correspondent

Another playoff season for the Gatesville Lady Hornets has come to a close after their bi-district playoff loss to Burnet. The Lady Hornets dropped the series opener 1-0 then fell 11-1 in game two.

In the opener, the Lady Hornets committed three errors and had just one hit but rode the arms of Madison Hester and Kallie Featherston to a scoreless tie until Burnet

broke through with an unearned run in the bottom of the sixth inning.

Hester faced 18 batters over her five innings of work and allowed just two hits – one of which was a bunt single. She struck out three, walked two, and did not allow a baserunner past second base until the fourth inning.

In the sixth, Featherston took over and was just as effective. Burnet's leadoff hitter Journey Den-

ton reached on an error to start the inning then advanced to third by virtue of a pair of groundouts. She scored what turned out to be the winning run on Gatesville's second error of the inning.

Down to their final out in the top of the 7th, Kinlee Gardner laced a double to center but the inning game ended on the base paths two pitches later.

Burnet's sophomore star Presley Crawford struck out 14 and al-

lowed on the double to Gardner. She did not walk a batter.

In game two, Hester and Grace Carothers tallied Gatesville's two hits and Madison Hester scored their only run. Crawford was in the circle again for Burnet and pitched four innings of two-hit, one-run ball.

The Lady Hornets were making their second straight postseason appearance and 11th in the last 16 seasons. In 2022, they lost to Lam-

pasas in the bi-district round.

Gatesville loses stellar seniors Kaitlin Stuard, Lauren Stuard, and Kagen Hunt but will bring back both Hester and Featherston in the circle. Hester also hit .356 and had 15 RBI on the season. The bulk of the offense also returns as leading hitters Gardner (.390, four home runs), Raylee Glover (.388 16 doubles), and Ibet Carmona (.377) will be back in 2024.



JEFF OSBORNE | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER
Raylee Glover was a steady hand at catcher for Gatesville.



JEFF OSBORNE | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER
Madison Hester was Gatesville's ace on the mound, and also was a powerful threat for the Hornets' offense.

Hornets hammer Pirates, set sights on baseball playoffs

BY CHRIS ALLMAN
Sports Correspondent

After a rout of Waco La Vega to end the regular season, Gatesville High School's baseball team has turned its attention to picking up the third playoff series win in program history.

The Hornets (14-14) faced District 24-4A champion Marble Falls in the bi-district round with game one taking place on Thursday at Ryan Powell Memorial Field. The series shifted to Marble Falls for game two and a third game, if necessary, was to be determined via a coin flip prior to game one.

The Mustangs entered the postseason with a record



William Crozier

of 20-6 and went 12-2 en route to their district title. They are 17-3 in their last



Aydan Necessary

20 games and average 10.1 runs per game. In their last

nine wins they have scored an average of 12.8 runs per game.

The Hornets will counter with a pitching staff and defense allowing just 4.1 runs per game. Gatesville ace Bralen Veazey was the likely starter in game one and the Hornets will use their pitching depth to slow the Mustang offense in any subsequent games. Grant Erwin and Gehrig Keeton have been interchangeable in the number two spot for Gatesville while John Ibarra, Kason Herbelin, Banner Allman, Justin Johnson, Brady James, Aydan Necessary, and Clayton Gregory have

all seen time on the mound this season.

Marble Falls shares a district with Jarrell and Georgetown Gateway – two teams that Gatesville has also faced this season. Marble Falls swept all four of its games against the Cougars and Gators while Gatesville was 1-2.

A series win would propel Gatesville into the area round for the first time since 2010. Both the 2010 and 2006 teams advanced to the regional quarterfinals. The 2010 squad lost to Burnet in the regional quarters, and the 2006 team lost to Cameron Yoe in the quarter-

final round.

Gatesville's last playoff appearance was in 2021 when the Hornets fell to Graham in two games in the bi-district playoffs.

Their final regular-season win – 19-0 over La Vega – was highlighted by 3-for-3 nights at the plate from Necessary and Erwin and a 3-for-4 performance by senior William Crozier. Necessary had five RBI and picked up the win striking out eight and allowing just two hits in three innings. Erwin, Crozier, and Mason Mooney each scored three times and Ben Mabry had four RBI.

GISD Sports Roundup

May 8: GHS Athletics' Year-end Shout-out (6:00-8:00 p.m., GHS Sidney L. Pruitt Gym). All high school sports teams will be recognized.

June 1: GHS' Banner Allman, Tyler Shea and Carter Williams play in the FCA Victory Bowl All-Star boys basketball game (Fairfield High School).

June 2: GHS' Lauren Stuard plays in the FCA Victory Bowl All-Star softball game (UMHB, Belton).

June 3: GHS' Lola Barron plays in the FCA Victory Bowl All-Star volleyball game (Waco University High School).

June 3: GHS' Stephen Bomar and Mason Mooney play in the FCA Victory Bowl All-Star football game (Waco ISD Stadium).

Area Fishing Report

Lake Belton

GOOD. Water lightly stained; 64 degrees; 14.38 feet below pool. White bass fishing is excellent and will continue to improve as weather warms and stabilizes. The low-light morning feed in shallow water on spawning threadfin shad continues to produce, albeit for a short window of time before the sun begins to shine brightly. After this shallow bite ends, fishing both vertically and horizontally for fish found on open water topographic features has also been consistent in 26-34 feet. Gulls using the lake as a stopover are helpful in locating fish. Otherwise, well-tuned side imaging will help find schools of fish. Mornings are fishing better than the afternoons. 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. Fresh gizzard shad or carp has worked best. Channel catfish have been good on prepared baits in shallow muddy water. Report by Brian Worley, B&S Catfishing. Crappie fishing is good in 10-19 feet of water on timber and on brush piles.

Lake Waco

GREAT. Water stained; 66 degrees; 11.02 feet below pool. Crappie catches can be had in open water in the basin creek channels, but fish are transitioning to brush piles in 10-20 feet of water. Snacky lures are the go to bait with very few caught on minnows. Report by Robert Stover, Workingman Crappie Guide. Crappie are great with fish starting to return to the main lake brush piles in 12-15 feet of water biting one-eighth ounce slabs. Report by Zach Minnix, JigN-Jerk Guide Service.

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Boyd reaches new heights for GHS

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 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



GLADYS WHITENBURG | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Barrett Boyd has set new school records in multiple events for Gatesville High School.

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."

Editor's note: Because of a printing error, a portion of this story did not appear in the April 29 paper. It is now printed in full.

Youth summer track begins May 16

Submitted Item

Gatesville has a youth track team starting in the summer and is a registered affiliate under the TAAF Region 5.

All TAAF coaches are required to pass a national criminal background check. The coaches will include Don Ford, Kent Ford, Elliot Kelley, Phillip Martin, and Chance Taylor. The intent is to enjoy the sport while increasing speed, strength, and power useful for all sports.

A meet and greet will be held the first day of practice, May 16, at the high school track starting at 6:30 p.m. All parents and guardians are invited to attend.

The Gatesville team will practice twice a week. There will be Saturday track meets

starting June 3. All registered athletes will be able to compete in the all-Region 5 circuit meets this summer.

Age divisions will include six and under, eight and under, 10 and under, 12 and under, 14 and under, 16 and under, and 18 and under.

The cost per individual will be \$60, and payments are accepted through cash or check only. Make checks payable to Gatesville Summer Track.

All other information will be communicated through SPORTSYOU. Download the app SPORTSYOU and join with the code M8ZM82TU.

The Gatesville High School track is located at 205 S. Lovers Lane.

Little Hornets Cheer Camp slated

The Gatesville High School cheer team will host a Little Hornets 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 kindergarten through sixth grade. To receive a camp shirt, reg-

istration 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 Lane.

GHS athletics hosts Shout-Out May 8

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Tickled Pink Dance recital set for May 20

Tickled Pink Dance Studios will present their annual Spring Recital on Saturday, May 20 at the Gatesville City Auditorium located at 110 N. 8th Street. Performances will begin at 2 p.m.

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For more information contact tickledpinkdancestudio.com.

Dine at Kings Table at Grace Assembly Church

Staff Reports

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Turnersville Homecoming to celebrate 66 years

Submitted item

The Turnersville Homecoming will take place on Sunday, May 28, at the Turnersville Tabernacle. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. with fellowship, coffee, and donuts. The program begins at 11 a.m. with Kenneth Riddle as the guest speaker. This will be followed by the traditional lunch in the Com-

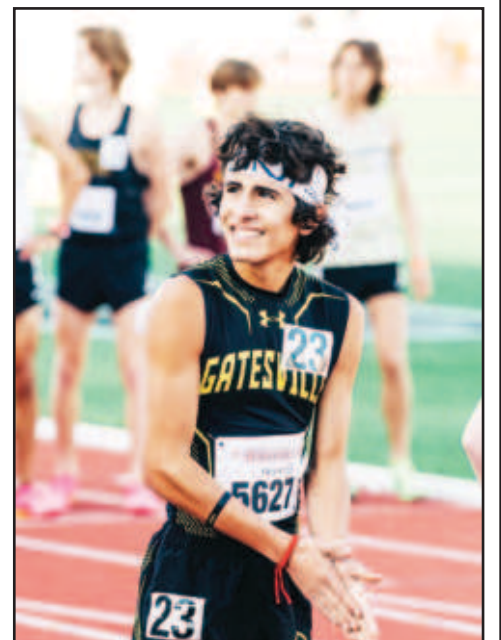
munity Center. Flatware, bread, coffee, and tea will be provided. Those attending are asked to bring their favorite dish.

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BARRETT BOYD



CARLO MARTINEZ

GHS' Barrett Boyd and Carlo Martinez will compete in the UIL CLASS 4A STATE MEET

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 Ezequiel Casas, pastor; 9775 TX-36, Gatesville; Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday worship 11 a.m.; Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6 p.m.
TRINITY
 Bro. Sam Crosby, Pastor; 1506 W. Main, Gatesville; Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday worship 8:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Wednesday – activities for adults, youth, & children 6:30 p.m.; 254-865-8495 or Pre-school: 254-248-0041.
TURNERSVILLE
 Jon Crosby, Pastor; 8120 FM 182, Gatesville; Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday worship 11 a.m., Wednesday night Bible study, 6 p.m.
WESTVIEW
 Interim Pastor: Eddie Taylor; 1102 W. Main St., Gatesville; Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday worship 11 a.m.
WHITE HALL
 Mike Barron, pastor; 2040 CR 238, Gatesville; Sunday school 10 a.m.; Sunday worship 11 a.m.; 254-679-3200.
WHITE MOUND
 Bruce Cox, pastor; Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday worship 11 a.m.; 642 CR 320; mailing address: P.O. Box 103, Mound, TX 76558.
MOUND COWBOY CHURCH
 Bruce Cox, pastor; Sunday worship 9 a.m., Sunday school 9:30 a.m. Men's breakfast every third Saturday at 8 a.m. Inside: 3075 FM 931, outside: 2000 CR 321. Mailing address: P.O. Box 103, Mound, TX 76558. For more info. & location, call 254-865-5908.
CATHOLIC
OUR LADY OF LOURDES
 Rev. Jayaraju Polishetty; 1108 W. Main, Gatesville; Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m. (English) & 12 p.m. (Spanish Mass), Tuesdays at 12:15 p.m. & Wednesday-Friday at 7 p.m.
CHURCH OF CHRIST CEDAR RIDGE
 Deral McWhorter, minister; 104 Cedar Ridge, Gatesville; Sunday worship 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.
EVANT
 Will Vann, Preacher; 310 W. Brooks Dr., Evant; Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m., Sunday worship 10:20 a.m. & 12:30 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
FORT GATES
 4605 St. Hwy. 36 S.,

Gatesville; Sunday worship 10:30 a.m.
GATESVILLE
 Justin Hall, minister; 2417 E. Main, Gatesville; Sunday Bible class 9:30 a.m., Sunday service 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday Bible classes 6:30 p.m.
LA IGLESIA DE CRISTO
 2413 E. Main, Gatesville; clases y servicios en Español, 10-11:30 a.m., Solamente en domingos.
MIDWAY
 1955 CR 3640, Copperas Cove; Sundays – worship 9:30 a.m. Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays – Bible Study 5:30 p.m.; Royce 512-734-5390 or Steve 254-865-3559.
PEARL
 6790 FM 183; Sunday worship 10:30 a.m.
CHURCH OF GOD CORNERSTONE
 Greg Demmitt, pastor; 338 State School Rd., Gatesville; Sunday worship 11 a.m.
LUTHERAN IMMANUEL
 David Reedy, International Interim Pastor; 922 Lutheran Church Rd., Copperas Cove; Sunday Bible Study 9:15 a.m.; Sunday worship 10:30 a.m.
ST. JOHN
 Rev. Christopher Richman, PhD; 10801 FM 929, Coryell City; Sunday worship 9 a.m., Sunday School 10:15 a.m.
ST. PAUL
 Rev. John Heckmann, pastor; Hwy. 36 & FM 1114, The Grove; Sunday School 9 a.m., Sunday worship 10:15 a.m.
METHODIST BETHEL UNITED
 2 miles north of Irel & on FM 932; 11 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays.
EVANT
 235 US-281, Evant; Dennis Dutton, Pastor; Sunday worship 10 a.m.
FIRST METHODIST GATESVILLE
 2600 E. Main St.; Stephen Schmidt, pastor; Sunday worship 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m., Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. WEDNESDAY WORD: Meal at 5:30 p.m. \$3; youth, Children & Adult Bible Studies at 6 p.m. AA meets Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 6:30 p.m.
OGLESBY UNITED
 Kent Berry, pastor; 109 College St.; Sunday worship 9 a.m.
PIDCOKE
 Bill Jones, Pastor; Hwy. 116 N., Pidcoke; Sunday worship service 10 a.m.; 254-677-6242.
MORMON CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST LATTER-DAY SAINTS
 206 S. 26th St., Gatesville; Sacrament services Sundays 10 a.m., Sunday School 10 a.m.
NON-DENOMINATIONAL CHRISTIAN LIFE
 Frank Rosenstern, pastor; Hwy. 84 W.; Sunday services 10:30 a.m.; Thursday services, 7 p.m.
CORYELL COMMUNITY
 Eric Moffett, Pastor; 115 N. Levita Rd., Gatesville, 248-0849. Sunday worship 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Wednesday services 6 p.m.; Adult Bible Study, Children's Ministry & C3 Student Ministry.
CORYELL FELLOWSHIP
 Doran Belknap III, Pastor; Sunday service 11 a.m., 8205 FM 182, Turnersville; 254-218-5901.
COVER2COVER MINISTRIES
 Pastor: Rev. Brandy Spiker, Sunday service 10 a.m. & 6 p.m., Wednesdays 6 p.m. 407 SH-36, Ste. 4 & 5, Gatesville.
GATESVILLE REVIVAL

Gatesville; Sunday worship 10:30 a.m.
WES COVEY, Pastor; Sunday school 10 a.m., Sunday services 11 a.m. & 6 p.m., Thursdays 7 p.m.; 2518 Bridge St.; 254-392-9472.
GRACE ASSEMBLY CHRISTIAN
 Wray Nunn, pastor; Sunday worship 10:30 a.m., Wednesday worship 6:30 p.m.; Gateway Learning Center, 2315 Osage Rd., Gatesville.
GRACE BIBLE
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday services 10:45 a.m.; 4012 US Hwy. 84, Gatesville.
HARVESTING SOULS INTERNATIONAL
 Mike & Martha Johnson pastors, 503 N. 11th St., Gatesville; 865-6222. Sunday worship 11 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study Ministries (Men, Women, children) 6 p.m. "Overcomers" a TDC & state approved 12-step recovery program meets Tuesday 6 p.m.
JOHNNY WATKIN'S MEN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS
 Sundays, 8:30-9 a.m. aqui se reune La Iglesia de Cristo, in the 2400 Block of E. Main St., Gatesville.
LEVITA BIBLE FELLOWSHIP
 Peter M. Mafwal, Pastor; 4460 FM 930, Levita; Sunday Bible Study 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship 10:45 a.m.
MOTHER NEFF FAITH TABERNACLE
 William Bertelsen, Pastor; 1415 Texas Hwy. 236; Sunday worship 10:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
PEARL COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP
 6735 FM 183, Pearl; Sunday Services 9 a.m.
THE HOUSE THAT GOD BUILT
 Bill Trotter, pastor; 3412 E. Main St., Gatesville; Sunday service 11 a.m., Wednesday service 7 p.m.
PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE OF PRAISE
 Rev. Jimmy Skiles, pastor; 202 E. Main, Gatesville; Sundays 10 a.m.; Wednesdays 7 p.m.; 254-206-1826.
MOUNT CALVARY CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
 Rev. Lee O. Ford, pastor; 514 N. 13th St., Gatesville; Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Sunday worship 11 a.m., Wednesdays Bible Study 6:30-7:30 p.m., Wednesday service, 7:30 p.m.
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 Rev. Dr. Buddy Wheat, pastor; 1110 E. Main, Gatesville; Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Sunday worship 11 a.m.
SPANISH BIENVENIDOS AL HOGAR DE DIOS
 Domingos a partir de las 2:00 p.m. Te esperamos! 6226 E. Hwy. 84, Gatesville.
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The Elk Call

BY DR. JENNIFER INGRAM
Evant ISD Superintendent



Greetings! As we prepare to close out another school year in just a few short weeks, things are starting to get very busy!

Here in Evant ISD, we have had a great year and I could not be more thankful to be able to serve the community, students, and staff each and every day. As I reflect over the last year, I am very excited about the direction in which EISD is headed! However, with growth and improvement, we must never forget our roots as well. I know that without many amazing teachers and leaders who have come before me, Evant ISD would not be where it is today. Thus, I am thankful for the vision and the path of the leadership of many teachers, principals, and superintendents before me here at EISD. As I look toward the future, I am filled with hope and eagerness to embark on an even greater journey that will impact the lives and futures of our Elks as they leave our school and make their mark on our world.

With that being said, it is important to know where we are as a school district in the present. While there have been some challenges in the last few years, we have met those challenges head-on and are moving full steam ahead to prepare for the future. Over the last 3 years, there has been a significant push to rebuild fund balance in order to ensure the fiscal soundness of the district. In the first two years alone, we have been able to put more than \$450,000 back into fund balance. While there is still more work to be done, through conservative spending and intentional budgeting, our goal is clearly within reach.

Along these lines, as many of you know, Evant ISD entered into a partnership with a virtual school network three years ago. At this time, that partnership has been completely dissolved and Evant ISD will continue operation solely as a brick and mortar school serving the children

of Evant and surrounding areas. In addition, special education programs will be returning to Central Texas Shared Services beginning July 1, 2023, to ensure that our students receive the highest quality services as they so well deserve.

This year, Evant ISD adopted a 4-day week and will continue that next school year as well. The students are off on Mondays under this calendar. While extracurricular practices are often held on Mondays, the day gives parents and students the opportunity to schedule appointments, etc. so that the students are not missing class to take care of personal needs. Teachers are involved in professional development once a month or so on Mondays throughout the Fall, and then in the Spring, we use the day off to run an intensive intervention and tutorial program. There has been marked academic improvement for students participating in tutorials. In addition, teacher retention rates are on the rise as well. Over the last two summers, turnover reached 65-75% both years, whereas for this year, we are down to less than 15% turnover. Furthermore, other than posting on our local website, there has been no need to advertise jobs as we have highly qualified instructional staff reaching out to us wanting to be a part of the Elk family. This has enabled the administration to spend less time recruiting staff and more time planning and supporting teachers in the classroom!

It is an exciting time for EISD as we are developing partnerships for extended college and career options. We have agreements currently with TSTC in Waco for dual credit welding and with CTC in Killeen for academic dual credit as well as programs in business to include real estate licensure,

entrepreneurship certification, accounting certification, and others. We are currently building a Certified Medical Assistant program in coordination with CTC as well. In addition to these partnerships, we have also signed on with OnRamps to offer dual enrollment programs for high school academic courses. There are many moving parts, but we are committed to preparing our students for their future, whether they choose to stay local or move away after graduation.

Not only are we working to expand college and career opportunities for our students, we also value extracurricular involvement. We have multiple student groups for our students to become involved with to include National Honor Society, FFA, Student Council, academic UIL, and of course, athletics. Evant Elks play 6-man football, basketball, volleyball, cross country, and track. In addition, we are adding other team events for the 2023-24 school year to include: One Act Play, BBQ cook-off, fishing, swimming, golf, and tennis. These programs will provide an opportunity to ensure that every student at EISD is able to find their place in our school.

As you can tell, there is a lot happening at Evant ISD as we look to the future to grow and expand opportunities to benefit our students while at the same time maintaining the small school environment that we so greatly value. I am excited about our direction, and I am so thankful to have a great group of dedicated educators serving alongside me that are always willing to seek out new experiences and support the students of Evant ISD. Together, we are invested in the future of our students and in the future of our school district. #ELKsInvest

Cen-Tex Crime Stoppers presents 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 partic-

ipants will receive a ribbon. Tickets can be purchased at 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.

All proceeds will benefit the Cen-Tex Crime Stoppers.



COURTESY PHOTO

Evant FFA students visit Tarleton State campus

Evant FFA recently competed at Tarleton State CDE contest

Staff Reports

The Evant Future Farmers of America Range Team recently competed in Tarleton State University's State Career Development Event contest and finished in the top 30 of the state of Texas.

The team included Tanner Manville, Ludwika Rodriguez, Isabel Gandy, and Jacob Turner.

The contest builds on what was learned in agricultural classes and is meant to encourage members to put their knowledge into practice. The events are

designed to help a member prepare for a career in agriculture by testing and challenging the students' technical, leadership, interpersonal, and teamwork skills as well as knowledge of the subject matter.

Evant ISD can be contacted at 254-471-3160.

Last week's puzzle solution

5	3	4	6	9	2	1	7	8
1	6	9	7	8	3	4	2	5
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Puzzle by websudoku.com

SUDOKU

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Oglesby ISD releases honor roll

The Oglesby Independent School District recently released the A and A/B Honor Roll for the 3rd nine weeks. Students qualifying for the honor roll include:

A HONOR ROLL

- 1st Grade**
Brennen Hill, Saylor McGovern, Karen O'Campo-Mendoza, Jaylynn Taylor
- 2nd Grade**
Kinzlee Gray, Braxton Herby, Oakley Niswonger, Kimberly Uribe
- 3rd Grade**
Bentley Goff, Alexandria Thompson
- 4th Grade**
Brook Hamilton
- 5th Grade**
Alianna Chrisner, Jacob DeLaTorre, Abigail Insall, Hunter Insall
- 7th Grade**
Holdyn Goff
- 8th Grade**
Caitlyn Battreal, Presley Robinson
- 9th Grade**
Andrea Licea, Taetym Sanders
- 10th Grade**

- Drake LeBlanc
- 11th Grade**
Matti Dixon, Charolette Ritchie
- 12th Grade**
Aiden Gomez, Lacie Luckie, Hailey Meyers

A/B HONOR ROLL

- 1st Grade**
Xander Goff, Ranger Jelfcoat, Chad Kasting, Lucas Licea, Max Martinez, Crystal Mejia, Christian Tamayo, Jason Vandiver
- 2nd Grade**
Maddie Chapman, Ariel Crell, Seattle Donaldson, Caymbri Fisher, Madilynn Hopkins, Briley Martinez, Thomas Riley
- 3rd Grade**
Harleigh Alambar, Dylan Chrisner, Abram Gomez, Caden Henderson, Grayson Hopkins, Jayden Howard, Brayden Roedler, Hudson Seymour, Judd Wulfkuhle
- 4th Grade**
Slayton Fisher, Joe Hamilton, Jayden Hopkins, Judson Marquez, McKayla Regan, Gracie Thompson, Fernando Uribe

- 5th Grade**
Liam Ammerman, Perla Coco, Skyler Dickson, Chayson Leverett, Avery Libertore, Adilynn Margoitta, Brody Martinez, Keelyn Riley
- 6th Grade**
Scarlet Aaron, Paisley Sanders, Anthony Silva-Ramirez, Alisyn Smith
- 7th Grade**
Jayce Aaron, Logan Ewing, Blayze Fisher, Couper Wulfkuhle
- 8th Grade**
Sydney Felan, Jaxon Markum, Hannah McFadden, Autumn Meyers, Kelsey Ritchie, Allisson Uribe, Zarah Wisehart
- 9th Grade**
Hadley Glass, Gracie Reed
- 10th Grade**
Alexah Battreal, Victoria Cardenas, Kyler Fossett, Marlee Henderson, Blissany Ramos
- 11th Grade**
Addison Hamilton, Cash Lee, Hunter Walter
- 12th Grade**
Payden Bagley, Alyssa Castillo, Addyson McKown, Kyleigh Shaw

TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY™

TEXANS TOP BAYLOR, 6-2 *Tarleton received first-ever baseball victory over Power 5 team*

Tarleton Sports Information

WACO - Tarleton State University led from start to finish in a commanding 6-2 win over the Baylor Bears at Baylor Ballpark on April 25.

The win was a notable one for the Texans (22-16) as it was the program's first ever win over a Power 5 team. The purple and white have now won five straight and eight out of their last nine.

Tarleton outthit the Bears (15-26) 12-6 and held Baylor to just two runs that both came in the fifth inning. The Texans scored one run each in the first three innings, staking an early 3-0 lead that they would never give up. Baylor used seven and Tarleton used four.

The early momentum on the offensive side was coupled by a stellar performance from Piercen McElyea (W, 2-1) on the mound. The junior right-handed pitcher tossed 5.0 innings, striking out a season-high 10 and walking none. He allowed just two runs and threw a first pitch strike to 18 of 23 batters he faced. The 10 strikeouts are tied with Will Stevens (10 vs. PVAMU on 3/3) for the most strikeouts in a game from a Texan pitcher this season.

Tarleton struck out 16 Baylor batters, a season-high for the Bears. Three pitchers came out of the pen in Matt Haley, Zach Poe and Zane

Badmaev with each having scoreless outings.

Haley tossed 2 innings in the sixth and seventh, striking out two and allowing just one hit. Poe threw the eighth in setup for Badmaev and worked around two Bear baserunners with a two out strikeout. Badmaev threw the ninth, striking out two and inducing a foul out.

Offensively, Trace Morrison of Stephenville led the Texans, going 3-5 with two RBI. Mason Hammonds was 2-5 with two runs scored and an RBI. Jordan Andrade finished with a hit and two RBI while Dylan Kurahashi-Choy Foo had two hits and a run scored. Cris Enriquez walked twice and scored a run.

The scoring started early for the Texans as they loaded the bases in the first inning with Hammonds eventually scoring from third on a passed ball to give Tarleton a 1-0 lead.

In the second, Morrison singled to right center field to score Hammonds and make it 2-0.

The third inning saw Andrade single to center field to bring home Choy Foo and give the Texans a 3-0



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Piercen McElyea, a junior right-hander from Edmond, Oklahoma, earned the pitching victory for Tarleton State University in a 6-2 decision over Baylor University. In five innings, McElyea struck out a season-high 10 batters and did not give up a walk, improving to 2-1 on the season.

lead. Both teams brought runs home in the fifth inning. Andrade hit a sacrifice fly to right field to score Enriquez, putting the Texans up 4-0. In

the bottom half, Baylor designated hitter Walker Polk launched a two-run home run to left center field to cut the Texan lead in half.

Tarleton held the Bears to

no runs on three hits over the final four innings to complete the win. The Texans used two insurance runs in the eighth to stretch the lead to 6-2. Hammonds ground-

ed out to the second baseman for an RBI groundout and Morrison singled down the right field line to score Kooper Shook, making it 6-2.

Four-time all-state player signs to play basketball with Texans

Tarleton Sports Information

STEPHENVILLE - The Tarleton women's basketball program has announced its first player signing under new head coach Bill Brock, as the Texans have added the widely celebrated Winnsboro High School post player Faith Acker.

The 6-foot, 2-inch tall Acker was an All-State player all four varsity years among numerous accolades suiting up for the Lady Raiders. The Winnsboro native scored more than 2,500 points in her prep career, consistently proving to be the best player on the court with routine 20-point, 10-rebound performances.

Acker took the Lady Raiders to three state playoff tournament appearances, snapping the program's decade-long drought, including two trips to the semifinals and a title-game run. Last season, Acker recorded a game-high 22

points and 16 rebounds in Winnsboro's state semifinal game, capping off her UIL Girls Basketball State Championships Class 3A All-Tournament Team recognition.

She is the first announced signing under Brock's tutelage at Tarleton. The Texans plan to announce several more signings over the coming days.

Her junior year, Acker took the Lady Raiders to the state championship game, and tallied a game-high 24 points and 19 rebounds. She again made the state's 3A All-Tournament Team.

Along with her four All-State honors and her two All-Tournament honors in the playoffs, Acker was also a four-time First Team All-Region player, the District 13-3A All-District Basketball Team MVP twice, Newcomer of the Year, All-East Texas Newcomer of the Year, and the East Texas Player of the Year.

This past month alone Acker participated in the WHO'S NXT? All-American Game and the Hoops for Autism All-Star Game. In May, she'll play in the TABC All-Star Game.

In January, Acker was the Tyler Morning Telegraph Girls Basketball Player of the Week after averaging 25.5 points, 15.5 rebounds, 3.5 assists and 4.0 blocks per game in wins over Palestine and Mineola.

Acker's Lady Raiders had a combined 123-27 (.820) record across her four-year prep career.

Acker, who also competed on the track team four years at Winnsboro, originally committed to Louisiana-Monroe before switching to the Texans.

In the classroom, Acker was named to the Academic All-District team all four years. She plans to pursue a degree in kinesiology upon arrival at Tarleton.



COURTESY PHOTO

Faith Acker, a four-time all-state basketball player coming out of Winnsboro High School, is the first player to sign to play with Tarleton State University under new head coach Bill Brock.

ASUN-WAC football partnership rebrands as United Athletic Conference

Tarleton Sports Information

The ASUN Conference and Western Athletic Conference (WAC) football partnership is now officially known as the United Athletic Conference, as announced jointly on April 17 by the football-sponsoring members of both conferences.

Entering its third year as a formal football partnership but first as a single entity, the United Athletic Conference now fully operates like a single-sport conference with an independent budget, policies and governing documents. The group

will recognize its own league champion and at-large FCS playoffs automatic qualifier under a singular conference banner beginning with the 2023 football season.

The newly christened United Athletic Conference currently has nine participating institutions, including Tarleton State University; Abilene Christian University, Austin Peay State University, University of Central Arkansas, Eastern Kentucky University, University of North Alabama, Southern Utah University, Stephen F. Austin State University, and



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Utah Tech University. The conference will officially add the University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV) in

the fall of 2025 when it begins sponsorship of football. As previously announced on Jan. 5, the governance

structure of the United Athletic Conference features co-chairs of the Council of Presidents, Dr. James Hurley from Tarleton State University and Dr. David McFaddin from Eastern Kentucky University. Also included in the leadership is Executive Director Oliver Luck, WAC Commissioner Brian Thornton and outgoing ASUN Commissioner Ted Gumbart, with incoming ASUN Commissioner Jeff Bacon officially joining on Gumbart's retirement at the conclusion of the 2022-23 academic year.

The 2023 United Athletic Conference schedule will be limited to six conference games among its nine members. The 2024 schedule will feature a full eight-game single round robin. The team with the best conference record (and owns any applicable tiebreakers in the case of matching league records) will be declared the United Athletic Conference champion and FCS playoffs AQ.

A full conference rollout including official marks, an official website and more information will be released in the coming months.



COURTESY PHOTO

Award recipients are pictured above with their choir directors. From left Director Tim Klingler, Memphis Wells, Katie Hopson, Paisley Wells, Anna Phillips, and Director Cherith Wells.

GHS choir students receive TMEA awards

Gatesville High School Choir is proud to announce four recipients of the TMEA Texas Music Scholar Award, which was bestowed at the Choir Banquet on Saturday, April 22.

The recipients are sopho-

more soprano Katie Hopson, sophomore bass Memphis Wells, junior alto Anna Phillips, and freshman alto Paisley Wells.

The students were nominated by their Directors Cherith Wells and Tim Klin-

gler, and the award was given by the Texas Music Educators Association.

This award is given to students who exhibit outstanding qualities in scholastic merit, musicianship, and citizenship, by com-

peting in the TMEA All-State process and UIL Solo & Ensemble, participating in numerous choral activities, as well as maintaining an overall A average for the school year.



COURTESY PHOTO

Lucy the poodle at her Sweet 16 birthday party.

Sweet sixteen pawty

Nell Blanchard celebrated her 88th birthday on March 18th. Her only gift request was that her beloved poodle, Lucy be thrown a fabulous Sweet 16th birthday party!

On March 25, Lucy was given the best Pawty ever! Lucy was treated with two dog-friendly birthday cakes,

bright pink decorations, balloons, a beautiful birthday outfit and new toys. Pawty guests included: Bentley Bartlett, Duke Bartlett, Nike Haines and Azarelda Blanchard. Lucy treated her guests with cake and McDonald's hamburgers. A fun time was had by all!

Gatesville ISD to offer Summer Music Camp

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

Over the course of four days the children will be taught an entire musical. Each day will consist of

lessons on singing, acting, choreography, music fundamentals, costumes, props, and staging. This year's show will be "It's Saturday!" a musical celebrating a day off in the life of a kid. That is, until his mom wakes up with the "to-do list."

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



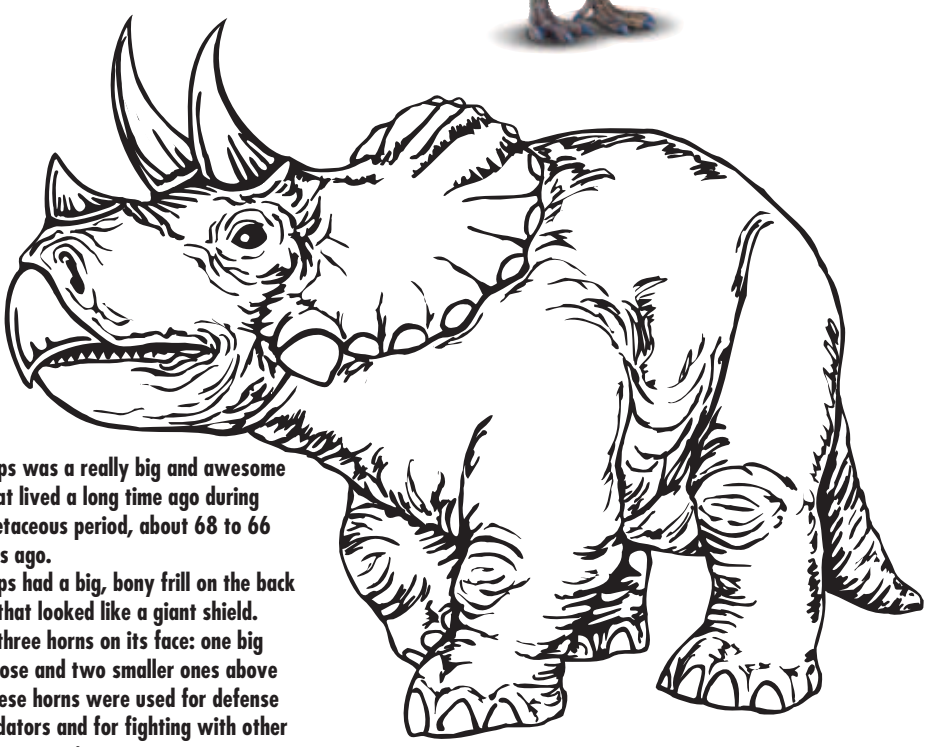
The camp will include multiple rehearsals daily, creating props during craft time, recreation time during the camp chat, and a camp T-shirt.

The camp will begin promptly at 12:30 p.m. Dismissal will be at 4:30 p.m.

Campers can eat lunch on campus at noon if needed.

Space is limited, and on a first-come, first-served basis. Send in registration form and payment to Gatesville High School as soon as possible to ensure enrollment. Make checks payable

to "GHS Choir." Registration will be non-refundable. Registration is also available online at the GISD School Store. For more information contact Cherith Wells by email at gisdchoir.gatesvilleisd.org or Tim Klingler at 254-865-8281 ext. 5233.

Triceratops was a really big and awesome dinosaur that lived a long time ago during the Late Cretaceous period, about 68 to 66 million years ago.

Triceratops had a big, bony frill on the back of its head that looked like a giant shield. It also had three horns on its face: one big one on its nose and two smaller ones above its eyes. These horns were used for defense against predators and for fighting with other Triceratops over territory or mates.

Dinosaurs


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

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

Lizard
Dinosaur
Tail
Teeth

Fossil
Dig
History
Extinct

Jurassic
Bones




Dinosaur Valley State Park,
Glen Rose, Texas

Dinosaur Valley State Park is a really cool place where you can go back in time to when dinosaurs roamed the Earth! The park is located in Glen Rose, Texas and has over 1,500 acres of land for you to explore. One of the most exciting things about the park is that you can see real dinosaur footprints! Millions of years ago, when dinosaurs were walking around, some of them left their footprints in the mud. Over time, the mud hardened and turned into rock, and today you can see those footprints in the park.

You can also go hiking, swimming, or camping at the park. There are lots of beautiful trees and plants to see, and you might even see some wildlife like deer or armadillos.

If you want to learn more about the dinosaurs that used to live in the area, there is a museum at the park that has lots of interesting information and exhibits. You can see fossils and learn about what the world was like when dinosaurs were around.


Overall, Dinosaur Valley State Park is a really fun and exciting place to visit, and it's a great way to learn about the incredible creatures that used to call our planet home.



PALEONTOLOGY

Paleontology is the study of dinosaurs and other prehistoric animals that lived a long, long time ago, before humans were around.

Paleontologists are scientists who study fossils, which are the remains of these ancient animals that have been preserved in rocks over millions of years. By studying these fossils, paleontologists can learn about what the world was like when these animals were alive, what they looked like, what they ate, and how they lived.



The word "dinosaur" comes from two Greek words: "deinos," meaning "terrible" or "fearfully great," and "sauros," meaning "lizard" or "reptile."

So, the word "dinosaur" literally means "terrible lizard" or "fearfully great reptile."



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Field Day fun at Gatesville Primary

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The Best Day Ever was the theme of the annual Gatesville Primary School field day held May 1. Children had an opportunity to participate in a variety of activities and enjoy fun in the sun.



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