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GHS valedictorian, salutatorian recognized

Early ranked first among Class of '23

Staff Reports

Slone Early, son of Sam and Se'Vette Early, has been named valedictorian of the 2023 graduating class at Gatesville High School.

He traveled to Texas Tech during his sophomore year to compete in the Regional Tennis Tournament and brought home a bronze medal. At the tournament he became known as the bracket buster for being an unseeded player. He was recognized as a KWTX Classroom Champion for his leadership on the tennis court and for his outstanding academic achievements in the classroom.

His four years of district achievements include Newcomer of the Year, four-time Academic All-District,



Slone Early

three-time District MVP, three-time boys singles champion, three-time regional qualifier, state qualifier, and two-time hornet radio player of the week. He finished his Gatesville High School tennis career as the third-place boys' singles

medalist in the 4A State Tournament in San Antonio. As a freshman, he won the pre-AP geography outstanding student award. As a sophomore, he won the graphic design outstanding

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Warren rated second in Class of '23

Staff Reports

Ty Carden Warren, son of Steve and Codie Warren, will be graduating as the salutatorian of the Gatesville High School class of 2023.

Ty has been a member of the National Honor Society during his junior and senior years.

Notable awards include the Most Outstanding Student selected by the GHS staff, Outstanding Student Awards for the High School Math Department, OnRamps Chemistry, AP Calculus, OnRamps Pre-cal, Algebra II, Pre-AP Chemistry, Geometry, Pre-AP Biology, Robotics, and Engineering. Ty will have completed 37 college hours by the time he graduates.

While maintaining his



Ty Warren

GPA, Ty has had a successful career on the tennis court. Ty has been a part of the varsity tennis team that has earned the fall team tennis district title the past three seasons. During spring tennis Ty and his partner advanced to the 4A regional

tennis tournament in mixed doubles in both his sophomore and junior year.

To complete his senior spring season, he and his boys doubles partner won the 4A regional tennis

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Shivaree to shine on 49th anniversary

BY DAVID SCOTT
Staff Writer

This year will mark the 49th anniversary of the Gatesville Shivaree. The first Shivaree took place on August 3, 1974, and next year Gatesville will celebrate the 50th anniversary of this special event.

The very first Shivaree was sponsored by the Greater Gatesville Chamber of Commerce, embellishing on the old fiddler's festival which had been taking place mid-summer each year. The idea of having a Shivaree became a multi-faceted event in hopes to incorporate and include the entire community on the downtown courthouse square which would become the focal point of the festivities. At the time of its inception, the event was described as an "old-fashioned" Shivaree.

Why the term "Shivaree" was decided upon is unknown. Traditionally, a Shivaree was a folk custom designed for the wedding night of a bride and groom and consisted of loud noises and merrymaking that would keep the newlyweds awake. Generally, everyone in the community would take part in the event.

In later years, the word took on a new meaning and was described as a custom of good cheer where the community would unite in a time of celebration. In 1974, chamber members decided to incorporate this term with the old fiddler's festival which became a yearly tradition that carries on to this day.

In addition to the 1974 fiddling festival, plans were made for a concert by the Kitchen Band, a square dance with Ray Stewart as the caller, followed by a street dance. Other activities that took place at the original event included a sidewalk sale and white elephant sale; an exhibit of antique cars, spurs, barbed wire, dolls, and old-time



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Visitors enjoy the Ferris wheel at the 2022 Shivaree celebration.

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Phone scams target multiple local people

BY JEFF OSBORNE
Senior Writer & Editor

Local residents — along with people throughout the state and nation — should beware of scams in which people receive phone calls and are threatened with arrest or seizure of property by callers falsely claiming to represent law enforcement and saying that the targeted individuals have unpaid fines or fees.

"One person was told they need to meet (a deputy) and bring \$1,200 in cash, and the caller identified himself as Sgt. Franklin Smith with the Coryell County Sheriff's Office," said Coryell County Sheriff Scott Williams. "There is no such animal. We do not have anyone by that name working for us."

There are reports of scammers contacting people in the Waco area and actually using the names of law enforcement officers, but agencies in Waco have said they are not responsible for those calls, and that the caller was falsely identifying himself.

"If the sheriff's office has a warrant for your arrest, we are not going to contact you by phone," Williams said.

In one instance, a local resident was told by a man claiming to be law enforcement that to avoid arrest for an unpaid fine, he needed to get a money order from Western Union and meet the caller at the sheriff's office. Then the caller later said the person did not need to go to the sheriff's office but could meet them in a local parking lot.

"If we're catching four or five scam attempts before it happens, there's no telling how many people are getting burned. I hate to see folks get beat up and taken advantage of by this. It's a pretty significant chunk of money."

Williams said some of the calls are being routed through Jamaica, but the scammers are able to spoof and change numbers frequently in order to avoid law enforcement shutting them down.

District Clerk Becky Moore said she has also received multiple calls from people who have been targeted by the scams.

"It started (in late April)," Moore said. "Somebody called and indicated that they had been contacted (about money owed to the county). I told them to call the sheriff's office, but an older man wanted to talk to me to confirm he didn't owe anything. He was really scared. The guy on the phone asked him if he owned a gun and felt like the caller may have been stalking him. I assured him that he didn't have a fine."

Moore said none of the people she talked to about the scam attempt had paid money to the caller, who used several different numbers. In some instances, the caller identified himself as Brandon Steele or Franklin Smith.

"One call was to the wife's number, but the caller said he wanted to talk to the man," Moore said. "The caller told the man to bring him \$1,012 and not to bring his wife when he went to the bank. He said if the man didn't meet him,

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The Gatesville High School Varsity Choir, under the direction of Cherith Wells and Timothy Klingler, performed an a cappella song on May 15 for the Gatesville ISD Board of Trustees. The GHS choirs earned double sweepstakes in the Region 8 UIL Concert & Sightreading contest, with all superior ratings.

WARREN

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tournament and finished as a quarter-finalist in the 4A state tennis tournament. Throughout tennis, Ty has earned Boys Singles and Doubles 1st Team All-District three years, Academic All-District four years, and 1st Team Academic All-State his senior year. Twice

Hornet Radio presented Ty with their Player of the Week patch.

In addition, Ty participated in PALS, Peer Assistance Leadership and Service, junior and senior years, in which he was awarded the All-Star PAL. This fall, Ty will be attending Texas A&M University where he has been accepted into the College of Engineering.

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student award. As a junior, he was awarded the On-Ramps U.S. history outstanding student award and was a member of the PALS program. He is a member of the National Honor Society and was voted most scholarly by his peers. He was instrumental in

establishing an annual summer tennis tournament for the Gatesville tennis team and has hosted summer camps for his service project for the National Honor Society. He is a member of the national Honor Society and was voted most scholarly by his peers. He was accepted into the engineering department at

Texas A&M University and plans to study computer science to become a software developer. In his free time, he enjoys playing video games, competing in tennis tournaments, and computer programming. Slone received the following awards:
* Superintendent's Scholar Award-Medal

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* Outstanding Senior Science Students Awards of 4 Years
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SCAMS

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he'd take his car. Others who were called were told they would be arrested. "I talked to a detective in Killeen who was called (by a scammer), but (the scammer) didn't get very far." Anyone who receives a call from someone claiming to be with law enforcement or a local official should contact the number of the law enforcement agency or county office to confirm. Both Sheriff Williams and Moore said their office did not make the types of calls that the scammer is making. "My concern is if the caller contacts 100 people this week and 10 fall for it, that's a lot of money lost," Moore said. "I don't want people to fall for it. I don't want people to think they have to pay money over the phone or because of a call on the phone. They are not going to get a call like that from us. These (scammers) especially like to take advantage of the elderly. "Anyone with a concern about this is wel-

"It bothers me because they get people on the phone and scare them. This is a terrible way to try to take advantage of people."

BECKY MOORE
District Clerk

come to call me anytime. The people should get as much information as they can and report this. Don't be embarrassed. There are scams and people can get scared sometimes." Moore can be reached at (254) 865-5911, ext. 100. The sheriff's office can be reached at (254) 865-7201. "It bothers me because they get people on the phone and scare them," Moore said. "This is a terrible way to try to take advantage of people."

SHIVAREE

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farm equipment; a quilting bee; and an auction of antiques, furniture, and top-rated merchandise with proceeds to benefit the Coryell Memorial Hospital with their \$500,000 fundraising campaign. At the time, Chamber of Commerce president, David Barnard, was quoted as saying "We're hoping to raise a lot of money (for the hospital)." Other activities at the first Shivaree included such games as Mumblety-peg, washer pitching, horseshoe pitching tournaments, and a domino contest; a starving artist sale and unique craft sale; and a concessions alley featuring such treats as corn-on-the-cob, cold cider, popcorn balls, and watermelon. In a 1974 edition of The Gatesville Messenger, the first Shivaree was advertised as being "a show sure to please, no matter what your fancy." Since the first celebration, over the years the Shivaree has grown in an enormous way. Today, instead of a single day event, the Shivaree now encompasses three days. This year, the Shivaree will



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Shivaree has been a Gatesville tradition since 1974.

have three days of activities for the community to enjoy from Thursday, June 1, until Saturday, June 3. On Thursday, June 1, there will be a carnival operating from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. on the grounds of the historic Cotton Belt Depot. In addition to the carnival, on Friday, June 2, Shivaree vendors will be displaying their wares at Market Day Booths from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. at the Texas Station Events Center. Vendors will feature baked goods, cooking supplies, jellies and jams, jerky and spices, handiwork and crafts, and cooking supplies. Friday and Saturday will also include a BBQ Cook-Off. A Shivaree Stand Up Comedy Show will take place on June 2 featuring Chris Crawford. The family-friendly show will begin at 7 p.m. at the Texas Station Event Center with adult comedy beginning at 9 p.m. Food and beverage trucks will be on site to provide refreshments for those attending. The final day of the Shivaree will include a Color Run starting at 8 a.m. at the Cotton Belt Depot. Live music will take place at Texas Station that evening from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. followed by a performance by the band Ricochet with special guest Landon Heights. Also performing will be Not So Jazz Band - Jazz Band, and local musicians Mike and Bailey Shea Dickie. From its humble beginnings 49 years ago, Gatesville's Shivaree has turned into a three-day event that provides fun and entertainment for both adults and children.



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Folks around town



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Julie Biggs

Say hello to our neighbor, Julie Biggs!

Julie is a licensed Bail Bondsman at A Freedom Bail Bonds and has worked there since 2009. Her father was born and raised in Gatesville, and she has been a local since 1992. She enjoys helping numerous families navigate the process of the courts and justice system. She loves how Gatesville has a hometown family feeling, as everybody takes care of one another. Julie reads The Gatesville Messenger to see the support of the local youth. If you happen to see Julie around town, say hello! She is one of us!

FROM MY FRONT PORCH

Our changes have brought a positive response



BY SAM HOUSTON

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

Just a few weeks ago, the Gatesville Messenger shifted from a twice-a-week newspaper to a once-a-week publication. I will admit there were some on the Messenger staff who were anxious to see how people would react to the change.

There were concerns our efforts might make our readership upset — and upset with the Messenger is something we like to avoid.

We are now some weeks into the transformation, and the response from the public has been wonderful. Readers have commented they love the bigger, fuller, more complete newspaper. They adore the photos of our school children, high school athletics, and the community at large. They appreciate hearing insightful reporting from Jeff Osborne about our County Commissioners Court and the Gatesville City Council. They like the layout of the paper, the use of

color, and the informational “briefs” that tell our readers what is going on in our community. If you are not reading the new Messenger, you are missing out!

I become slightly amused when I hear someone say the newspaper business is a dying industry. I will acknowledge some newspapers are mired in the past and have suffered financially because of it, but the Gatesville Messenger does not fall into that category. We understand the world changes and newspapers must evolve to stay relevant and profitable. It is our goal to be one of the best community newspapers in Texas. Successful papers are

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the very cutting edge of 21st Century community newspapering. I hope this makes you proud of us, because after all, we are YOUR COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER. I urge you to send us suggestions of material you would like to read about or send us photos of news you find interesting. We may well include it in the newspaper.

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Gatesville Lions, Salvation Army partner to help local residents

BY JEFF OSBORNE

Senior Writer & Editor

The Salvation Army Red Kettle campaign made a big comeback in Gatesville in 2022. That was only the beginning, as the Gatesville Lions Club steps up to the plate to help provide volunteers and lead the effort to collect funds — 100% of which will be used to benefit local residents during times of need.

During a recent Lions Club meeting, members of the Lions Club who are helping to lead the efforts spoke about efforts to raise funds through the Salvation Army Gatesville Service Unit to help local residents when they have financial struggles.

The Red Kettle campaign, which begins in late November and continues until just before Christmas each year, raises money that is used entirely for the benefit of local charity. None of the money collected from the campaign is sent to national headquarters. In fact, actions taken by the national organization and local Salvation Army volunteers are entirely separate.

“Some people said they didn't want to donate (to the Red Kettle campaign) last year because the Salvation Army gave money to the prisons,” Creek said. “That's the national group. Our local funds go to benefit people like single mothers who have a financial crisis or older people who may have a hard time paying a bill, and it stays in Gatesville and other areas or Coryell County except for Copperas Cove. Cove has its own (Salvation Army unit).

“These funds are also used for emergency assistance such as when people are displaced by a fire. We help people on an as-needed basis.”

Creek manages the local funds and said rather than give cash to people in need, vouchers are given for people to take to H-E-B or checks are written to utility companies to pay bills.

“One of the stipulations is we can only help you one time per year, and the cap is \$300,” he said. “We don't want to run out of funds, and we want to help as many people as possible.”

Those who need financial help can visit

the Salvation Army Emergency Assistance Office, located in the Gatesville Senior Center, 208 N. Lutterloh Drive, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday or Wednesday.

Creek said fundraising efforts are making an impact locally, and he expects things to get even better.

“I think we're going to be very effective in the future,” he said. “We're going to raise more money than ever before.”

Annette Cole, the assistance secretary for the Gatesville Salvation Army Unit, said additional volunteers are needed to help those seeking financial help.

“Right now we have a group of ladies on the first Wednesday of every month, but we need more help,” she said. “What volunteers do is take basic information from applicants and financial information from people who come in. We need help making copies, and if someone comes in with a bill that's \$325, we try to help them get the extra \$25 to cover it.”

“We will gladly welcome volunteer help, and people can split a shift and work 8 to 11 or 11 to 1.”

Jeremy Stills, chairman of the Red Kettle Campaign, said 2022 was a learning process. It was the first year the Gatesville Lions Club helped lead the collection efforts.

“I learned quickly that there's a lot more involved than setting up a kettle and getting a lot of volunteers,” he said. “The plan is to double what we brought in last year. Joyce Talbott (a Lions Club member) really helped us a lot and made things so much better and easier.”

“This is a great effort to help our community, and I'm excited and happy to be a part of it. The Red Kettle is right now our only way of raising money (for the Gatesville Salvation Army Service Unit) to distribute in our community, so it's very important. One hundred percent of the money stays local — none of these funds collected go outside our area.”

This year's Red Kettle Campaign is scheduled to begin Nov. 24 and continue through Dec. 23. Volunteers are needed to ring bells next to the kettle in two-hour shifts from



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Tom Creek talks about the partnership between the Gatesville Lions Club and the Salvation Army, which includes the Christmas season Red Kettle Campaign. All the funds raised through this effort remain in Coryell County.

noon to 2 p.m., 2-4 p.m. or 4-6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. No collections are taken on Sundays.

The campaign raised \$8,000 in 2022.

Because this is a communitywide outreach, people do not have to be Lions Club members to volunteer. Churches and civic groups can get involved in the Red Kettle

Campaign as well.

Stills said a Facebook page is being set up for the Gatesville Salvation Army Service Unit, which will have a link for people interested in volunteering. People can also mail checks to benefit the Gatesville Salvation Army Service Unit to P.O. Box 213, Gatesville, Texas, 76528.

GISD leaders discuss impact of dress code flexibility

BY JEFF OSBORNE

Senior Writer & Editor

School board members discussed the impact of changes to the dress code made last year to allow more flexibility on nose studs and boys' facial hair during a meeting of the Gatesville Independent School District Board of Trustees on May 15.

The review of the policy items was made following what had been described as a “year-long trial run” allowing principals to evaluate the changes and offer their input to the board. High school and junior high administrators said the policy changes had been positive and that students were responsive to rules. While nose studs are allowed, nose rings are not, and students can remove them. For those who refuse, In School Suspension is an option. Administrators say there has not been any problem with facial hair violations.

“Making the adjustments has made kids more willing to comply (with the rules),” said Gatesville Junior High School Principal Suzy Penrod. “There used to be more of an argument — a standoff. Now, there really hasn't been a problem.”

Board member Charles Alderson said he appreciated the efforts of staff in dealing with dress code issues.

“Thank you for everything y'all have done,” he said. “To

me, the dress code isn't what I thought I was voting for originally,” he said. “To me, the issue is neatly trimmed (facial hair). One thing that stands out to me is the goatee. To have it scraggly is not neat to me. As far as I'm concerned, I'd like them to be clean-shaven. But I'm one of seven (board members).”

Calvin Ford said he had heard from one teacher about a student who did not take a nose ring out, and was told that if a teacher referred the student to the office, then In School Suspension was an option.

“I'm with Charles (Alderson),” said board member Jimmie Ferguson. “If we want neat and trimmed, do we have a definition or take a picture?”

“We didn't get that specific,” Alderson said.

Board President Charles Ament said he had heard that principals were spending excessive time dealing with dress code issues before the changes were made.

“I heard from administrators that they were spending an inordinate amount of time measuring and figuring things out,” Ament said. “This was a way to give them discretion.” He said he heard mixed reports from parents about their views on the policy changes. “We've hired good administrators to take care of it.”

“We have to consider what the community wants, too,” Alderson said.

Ford said the students have larger issues to focus on.

“I think the kids have too much to worry about, and they are going to express themselves,” he said. “Are the kids coming to school and doing their work? Some things we're going to like and some things we're not going to like.”

Ferguson said his biggest concern about the policy was “consistency. I don't know how you reach that. One teacher may say it looks great and another wants to send a student to the office.”

Board member Cheyenne Kizer agreed with Ford that there are more important issues to prioritize.

“There are bigger issues than a beard,” she said. “Some are talking inappropriately and what they do. In the big picture for me, it's not a life or death situation. It comes down to is a nose stud or facial hair distracting from learning? No.”

Superintendent Barrett Pollard said flexibility on these issues has benefitted administrators.

“We don't want it to be so taxing on the principals,” he said. “That defeats the point.”

“The only thing I ask is that they keep (facial hair) neat and trim,” Alderson said.

Graduation ceremonies held at Gatesville Primary

Ten kindergarten classes at Gatesville Primary School recently participated in graduation ceremonies held in the school's cafeteria. The students will be moving forward to Gatesville

Elementary School, where they will begin 1st grade. The ceremonies included two songs performed by the students and a slide show of their achievements during the year.



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The kindergarten classes of Lacey Jenkins, Kendra Pruitt, Amber Colson, and Jessica Hill.



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The kindergarten classes of Tami Hoover and Jackie Donaldson.



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The kindergarten classes of Dakota Young and Kimberly Smith.



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The kindergarten classes of Lisa Ayres and Kristen Floyd.

Gatesville ISD increases substitute teacher pay for 2023-24

BY JEFF OSBORNE
Senior Writer & Editor

Gatesville substitute teachers will make more money in the 2023-24 school year after the Gatesville Independent School District Board of Trustees approved the request from Superintendent Barrett Pollard on May 15.

In a memorandum to the board, Pollard wrote, "With staggering inflation, it is important that we evaluate our substitute rates of pay. Our substitute teachers do a

phenomenal job and help keep the district functioning."

Pollard said he worked with other administrators and human resources office employees to evaluate GISD's substitute pay rates and also compare them to other school districts.

"With the increases tonight, our substitute pay rates should be competitive with other local public school districts," Pollard said.

The daily rate for non-certified substitutes

(those who have a high school diploma, general equivalency diploma or associate's degree) increased from \$70 to \$80.

The daily rate for certified and degreed substitutes (those who have any teaching certification, a bachelor's degree, master's degree or doctorate) increased from \$80 to \$100.

The 10-day same assignment rate for non-certified substitutes rose from \$90 to \$100, and the 10-day rate for certified and

degreed substitutes rose from \$95 to \$110.

The 30-day same assignment rate rose from \$105 to \$120 for non-certified employees and from \$110 to \$125 for certified and degreed substitutes.

"We're trying to help out our substitutes and stay competitive with other districts," Pollard said.

Board President Charles Ament asked, "Is it still hard to find subs?"

Multiple principals answered, "Yes."

GISD school board approves several financial items

BY JEFF OSBORNE
Senior Writer & Editor

The Gatesville Independent School District Board of Trustees approved several financial items during its May 15 meeting, including approval of a bid for new kitchen equipment, selection of an audit firm, renewal of a bank depository agreement, approval of a bid for entry-resistant film on windows, and setting the dates for upcoming budget workshops and public meetings.

Darrell Frazier said four bids were received for kitchen equipment on GISD campuses, from companies in Texas, New York, West Virginia and Colorado. The bid from Texas

received bonus points, but the winning bid was from Douglas Equipment of West Virginia. That bid was for \$156,234.

The kitchen equipment purchase will now go to the Texas Education Agency for approval.

The board also approved Lott, Vernon & Company of Temple to audit the district for the current fiscal year.

"They've done a great job, and it takes a while for an auditing firm to learn their clients," Frazier said. "The audit is very detailed and extremely complex, and it is getting more complicated every year (because of added state requirements)."

Because of the increasing complexity, the cost of this

year's audit has gone up \$5,000, Frazier said.

The board set a tax rate and budget workshop for the month of August on Aug. 15, with a board meeting the following week and a public meeting to discuss and adopt the tax rate planned for Aug. 29.

The board also approved a bid from Sun Safe LLC for entry resistant film to help protect windows of GISD buildings from unauthorized entry. The bid was for \$165,792, and was the lowest of three bids by at least \$22,000.

Gatesville ISD receives preliminary property values

BY JEFF OSBORNE
Senior Writer & Editor

The preliminary property values within the Gatesville Independent School District received from Coryell and Bell counties indicate a 14.3% increase, which amounts to

\$167.683 million.

This amount will likely be adjusted over the coming months, and the certified property values will be presented to the district in July.

"How this will impact the tax levy depends on what the state legislature does in June," said Darrell Frazier, chief financial officer for GISD. "There is talk about increasing homestead exemptions, we'll just have to

see. There are a lot of important meetings going on (at the state level)."

Frazier said one of the things the legislature has discussed is limiting property value increases.

Thank you

The family of Raymond Jones would like to thank you very much for the food, cards, flowers and kind expressions of sympathy shown during this time of sadness. Your support at this difficult time was very much appreciated and of great comfort to all of the family, and will always be remembered.

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Offices set to close Monday, May 29 for Memorial Day

Staff Reports

Memorial Day commemorates the men and women who have died while serving in the military for the United States of America. Formally known as Decoration Day, it's a federal holiday observed yearly on the last Monday of May.

The history of Memorial Day dates to the American Civil War. It started as an event to honor soldiers who

had died during the war. It is said to be inspired by the way people in the southern states honored the dead. The original national celebration of Decoration Day took place on May 30, 1868.

Businesses and governmental offices across Coryell County will join the rest of the nation on Monday, May 29, in celebrating Memorial Day.

Closings in the immediate area include:



GOVERNMENT

The City of Gatesville, City of Oglesby, City of Evant, Farm Service Agency, and Coryell County Courthouse will be closed on Monday.

SCHOOLS

All local schools have finished the school year. The Boys and Girls Club will be closed.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Extraco Bank, Candence, Educator's Credit Union, First National Bank of Gatesville, First National Bank of Evant, and the First National Bank of Oglesby will all be closed on Monday.

POST OFFICES

All local post offices will be closed on Monday in observance of Memorial Day.

LIBRARY

The Gatesville Public Library will be closed on Monday.

SENIOR CENTER

The Gatesville Multi-Ser-vice Center will be closed on Monday.

MUSEUM

The Coryell County Museum and Historical Center will be closed on Monday.

NEWSPAPER

The Gatesville Messenger will be closed on Monday in observance of Memorial Day and will re-open on Tuesday, May 30.

Coryell City, Osage Volunteer Fire Department presents BBQ luncheon

Staff Reports

The Coryell City, Osage Volunteer Fire Department will hold a barbecue lun-

cheon on Saturday, May 27 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The luncheon will be held at the Coryell City, Osage Volunteer Fire Department locat-

ed at 301 CR 255 in Coryell City.

The combo plate will include brisket, sausage, dessert, sides, and a drink for

\$15. Takeout orders will begin at 10 a.m. To order a plate call either 254-248-1177 or 254-230-8758.

There will be a drawing

for a pellet grill. Tickets will cost \$5 each or \$20 for five tickets.

For more information, the Coryell City, Osage Volun-

teer Fire Department can be reached by calling 254-248-1177.

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, and both will offer unique challenges for runners of all ages. The top three finish-

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

Tickets can be purchased

at runsignup.com/Race/TX/Gatesville/CrimeStoppersDonutDash online. Race day registration and packet pick-up will be on the morning of the race from 7-7:30 a.m. at the race site. That 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.

Dutch Oven Gang to host fundraiser for historic Coryell County Church

BY DAVID SCOTT

Staff Writer

The locally known "Leon River Dutch Oven Gang" will be providing some down-home cooking to benefit the ongoing restoration process of the historic Eagle Springs Baptist Church located in southeastern Coryell County.

The event will take place on Saturday, May 20. The gang will begin serving lunch around noon, and provided on the menu will be pulled pork, potatoes, baked beans, peach cobbler, and dump cake - all cooked

on-location in genuine old-time Dutch ovens. The meal can be paid for by simply making a love donation to the church restoration.

Charlotte Weiss, a member of the Leon River Dutch Oven Gang said, "we love helping out as well as teaching about Dutch oven cooking."

Dr. Eric Moffett of Coryell Community Church in Gatesville will address those assembled with a short message at 11 a.m. followed by lunch served at noon. Gospel music will also be on the

agenda.

The Eagle Springs Baptist Church, an offspring of the Onion Creek Baptist Church, was built in 1878 in the community of Eagle Springs. The church was constructed primarily from cypress wood, which was hauled to the location by oxen-drawn wagons from Galveston. The small, one-room church is considered to be a rare type of architecture due to the two front doors - one for the men to enter through and one for the women. Very few of these historic churches

are still in existence in Texas today. The inside of the church remains much the same as it did when Governor Pat Neff attended there as a child. The church pews, pulpit and pulpit chairs are all original to the building.

About 17 years ago, the Historic Eagle Springs Baptist Church Association was formed in order to raise funding to have the church repaired and restored. Repair work remains continuous on the soon to be 145-year-old structure. Although funds were recently

raised to have the floor of the church professionally leveled, the building continues to slant to the east. The siding, windowsills, and parts of the eaves of the church need to be replaced, and the building needs to be painted.

Association member Martha Deeringer said, "The Leon River Dutch Oven Gang is a group of amazing folks who can cook up culinary magic in Dutch ovens."

Deeringer said the church will be open to visitors who can see how their ancestors

worshiped nearly 150 years ago.

The public is strongly encouraged to attend this worthwhile fundraising event.

"Don't miss your chance to taste some delightful cooking, have a great lunch, and help out a historic Coryell County church at the same time," Deeringer said.

The historic Eagle Springs Baptist Church is located at 14225 FM 107, a few miles from Mother Neff State Park.

The DISPATCH

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of May 10 - 16. 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

May 10

6:19 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of N. 27th Street.

8:52 a.m., a burglary was reported in the 1600 block of E. Main Street.

10:38 a.m., a gas drive-off was reported in the 3300 block of E. Main Street.

4:50 p.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 3000 block of S. State Hwy. 36.

May 11

1:58 a.m., a disturbance was reported in the 2300 block of Business Hwy. 36.

1:44 p.m., an accident was reported in the 2900 block of S. State Hwy. 36.

2:10 p.m., harassment was reported in the 500 block of Bridge Street.

7:54 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2800 block of S. State Hwy. 36.

May 12

6:32 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 600 block of E. Main Street.

11:37 a.m., a disturbance was reported in the 3100 block of W. Hwy. 84.

5:00 p.m., an accident was reported in the 200 block of N. State Hwy. 36 Bypass.

11:51 p.m., a burglary was reported in the 2500 block of Jackson Drive.

May 13

11:37 a.m., a theft was reported in the 3400 block of Royal Drive.

5:38 p.m. suspicious activity was reported in the 2200 block of Wendt Road.

7:05 p.m., a theft was reported in the 100 block of Hillcrest Drive.

7:09 p.m., an assault was reported in the 100 block of N. 27th Street.

May 14

9:32 a.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 1700 block of McKamie Road.

7:41 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 2400 block of Business Hwy. 36.

8:24 p.m., an assault was reported in the 3400 block of Crown Drive.

9:33 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 1200 block of Pleasant Street.

May 15

8:32 a.m., animal cruelty was reported in the 600 block of Park Street.

10:13 a.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 1600 block of E. Main Street.

12:23 p.m., harassment was reported in the 200 block of N. 8th Street.

8:29 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2800 block of S. State Hwy. 36.

May 16

9:49 a.m., an accident was reported in the 100 block of N. Levita Road.

11:03 a.m., a theft was reported in the 100 block of Surrey Lane.

2:11 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of FM 116.

4:28 p.m., reckless conduct was reported in the 13000 block of E. Range

Road.

CORYELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

May 10

8:12 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 5500 block of FM 2412.

11:38 a.m., a civil matter was reported in the 700 block of Cactus Lane.

7:29 p.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 4700 block of S. Hwy. 36.

8:35 p.m., a reckless driver was reported northbound on Hwy. 36.

May 11

9:55 a.m., harassment was reported in the 100 block of Vista Road.

11:10 a.m., a threat was reported at Coryell City.

5:39 p.m., a theft was reported in the 400 block of Liberty Street.

7:14 p.m., an out-of-control child was reported in the 200 block of Thackston Road.

May 12

9:18 a.m., an assault was reported at Gatesville ISD.

11:22 a.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 100 block of Pate Drive.

12:01 p.m., missing livestock were reported in the 200 block of CR 113.

10:50 p.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 2000 block of FM 215.

May 13

3:55 a.m., trespassing was reported in the 1100 block of Indian Creek Road.

1:32 p.m., the theft of a firearm was reported in the 700 block of Bluestem Drive.

3:03 p.m., shots being fired was reported in the 2800 block of FM 1113.

6:45 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on N. Hwy. 36 near CR 110.

May 14

10:02 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 8900 block of FM 929.

11:42 a.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 100 block of Dora's Lane.

2:44 p.m., a minor accident was reported in the 100 block of Main Street in Oglesby.

4:46 p.m., a major accident was reported on FM 116 and FM 1783.

May 15

12:37 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on Rock Creek Road.

2:18 p.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 100 block of Reno Road.

5:16 p.m., a minor accident was reported on FM 116 at CR 150.

5:56 p.m., a fatality was reported on Hwy. 36 at CR 196.

May 16

11:00 a.m., a minor accident was reported on Hwy. 84 and Hwy. 281.

11:40 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 600 block of Rock Creek Road.

2:29 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 400 block of Liberty Street.

6:20 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 200 block of Harrell Drive.

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OBITUARIES

WANDA MANNING

March 6, 1935 - May 6, 2023



Wanda Manning left this life on Saturday, May 6, 2023, to join her Savior, Jesus Christ, in Heaven.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 9, at Scott's Funeral Home, with burial following at Pearl Cemetery. Visitation and refreshments were served immediately after graveside services, at the Pearl Community Center.

Wanda Cecile Manning was born at home in Coryell County, near Turnersville on March 6, 1935, to Louis Allen Wendeborn and Edna Mae Tow Wendeborn. She was the youngest of six siblings in the Wendeborn family, earning her the nickname "Baby" for the rest of her days. Wanda graduated from Turnersville High School in 1952. She enjoyed spending time with her school friends playing basketball, cheerleading, and attending sleepovers. She grew up working on the family farm until she moved to Gatesville to take a job as a telegraph operator for the Western Union Telegraph Company. Later she held positions as a telephone operator for the Gulf States Telephone Company, a teller at the Guaranty Bank and Assistant US

Postmaster in Pearl. She loved to tell fun stories of her co-workers and all their adventures. Wanda and RC (Bobbie) Manning went on a blind date in 1955 and were married on July 13, 1961. They spent almost 39 years as husband and wife, before his passing in July of 2000. Wanda was a 61 plus year resident of Pearl. She always said the only other place she might consider living would be Mayberry. She loved Pearl and all the people that welcomed her to the community in 1961. Wanda accepted Jesus Christ as her savior in 1977 and was a member of the Pearl Church of Christ for the remainder of her life. Wanda was well-rounded to say the least. She was known for her ability to cook an amazing meal with very little notice, as Bobbie loved to have company come by, eat, and spend the night unexpectedly. They enjoyed many years of dinner parties and impromptu get-togethers with family and dear friends. She was also a skilled homemaker, gardener, hunter, marksman and ranch hand; often the only one who could coax the wild livestock or the uncatchable horse into the pen while her family hid out of sight. She was very devoted to her children's childhood interests. She was their cheerleader from the grandstands, or the window of the concession stand whether at countless athletic events or endless rodeos! She was also a dedicated caregiver to her in-laws, her mother, her siblings, and her husband when they needed her. You always got a logical and blunt answer if you ask her a question. She was a woman whose theory was "You are not lost as long as you have a full tank of gas!" She wasn't scared of much. In fact, other than mice, she would take it on, eyes wide

open. (She had her beloved dog, Gus, for the mice control). Her constant reminders for her children as they headed out her front door never altered, even into adulthood: "Watch for snakes!" "Watch for deer!" "And wear your toboggan!" You might not have seen her every day, but you knew she was a friend who was just a phone call away. She will be missed by all that knew her and were blessed enough to have her in their life.

Wanda was preceded in death by her parents, Louis A. Wendeborn and Edna Mae Wendeborn, her husband, RC (Bobbie) Manning, her brother, Clinton (Son) Wendeborn, her sisters and brother-in-laws: Myrtle (Sister) Winfield and husband, Edwin, Edna Mae (Pudy) Smith and husband, Arlice, Jewel (Shang) Dominik and husband, Johnny, and Louise (Toat) Blunski and husband, Will and a daughter-in-law, Paula Manning. Wanda was also preceded in death by her beloved dog and hunting buddy, Gus.

Wanda is survived by her son, Craig Manning of Pearl, daughter, Rhonda Dickey, and husband, Garrett Dickey of Pearl, grandchildren: Zane, Cooper, Cole, and Blake, and great-grandchildren: Zaden, Bennett, Jackson and Claire, beloved nieces, nephews and cousins and a lifetime of dear friends.

Wanda's family requests that in lieu of flowers, remembrances can be made to any of the following, as Wanda loved her community: the Pearl Church of Christ (6790 FM 183 E, Gatesville, TX 76528), Pearl Cemetery Association (Debra Holloway), 5840 FM 183, Evant, TX 76525) or the Pearl Community Center (Bettie Blakley) 2082 FM 1690, Gatesville, TX 76528).

and their clothing, quilting, reading books, as well as being an avid fan of Texas Rangers baseball.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Glen McDaniel; son, Wayne McDaniel; sisters, Helen Ruth Johnson; Bobbie Daniels; grandson, Ty Williams; and two infant sons, Johnny and Bruce.

Sue is survived by daughters, Linda Herring and husband, Bob; Connie Haferkamp and husband, James; Teresa Lantz and husband, Ray; Lisa Allen and husband, Richard; sons, Jim McDaniel and wife, Lorri; Bill McDaniel and wife, Caron; and daughter-in-law, Andra Powell; twenty-four grandchildren; thirty great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to Ater Cemetery Association.

SUE MCDANIEL

Aug. 24, 1934 - May 14, 2023



Sue McDaniel, age 88, of Eddy, passed away on Sunday, May 14, 2023, with her family by her side.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 17, at Scott's Funeral Home Chapel. Interment followed at Ater Cemetery.

Margaret Sue McDaniel was born on August 24,

1934, to the late Richard Morris and Helen Newton Morris of Morgan, Texas. She grew up and attended school in Morgan. After graduating from high school, she met the love of her life, J.G. (Glenn) McDaniel, and the two were married on February 3, 1953, in Meridian. She and her husband traveled for several years before making their home in Jonesboro. Sue devoted her life to her Christian faith, her husband, and her family. She was the proud mother of seven children. She was a homemaker and enjoyed sewing, cooking, and caring for her family, including making all her children's clothing and caring for her family's needs. She never missed an opportunity to send encouraging words, cards, and letters, for any and all occasions. Her hobbies included making dolls

caid Stringer of Galway, Ireland and Margo Marie Cummings of Richardson; three granddaughters, Randi Rene Hampton of Greenville, Parrish Janessa Hampton of Richardson, and Arden Stringer of Galway, Ireland; three grandsons, Obie Stringer and Kincaid Stringer of Galway, Ireland and Michael Hampton of Richardson; two great-granddaughters, Eva Spoon and Kambri Babbitt; two sisters, Ann Gilkey of Waco and Elaine Parrish Clark of Dallas; one brother, Robert Parrish of Hamilton; and 70 nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Roland Edgar Parrish and Montie Octava Parrish, her brother, Edgar Brooks Parrish, sister, Lilly Octava Parrish and her son, Parrish Tyrone Cummings.

Celebration of life will be at Evergreen Baptist Church in Hamilton on June 24, 2023.

MAURY EDWARD STIVER

June 2, 1944 - May 4, 2023



Maury Edward Stiver passed away Thursday, May 4, 2023, surrounded by his family at The Delaney at Lake Waco. A memorial service was held in Houston at St. Luke's United Methodist Church on Wednesday, May 17, with The Reverend Tom Pace officiating. Maury bravely battled Parkinson's Disease for several years.

Maury was born June 2, 1944, in Clifton, to Jewell and Edward Stiver. In 1952, the family moved to Waco. After graduating from Waco High School, Maury attended Austin College, where he played football for one year. He then transferred to Baylor University, where he enjoyed activities and the friendship of fellow members of Circle K International, a service organization. After meeting the love of his life, Sharon Rose Glass, he joined her at The University of Texas in Austin. There he earned a Bachelor of Science in civil engineering along with a Master of Science in environmental health engineering, with honors.

Maury and Sharon married in 1966. Maury started his career in Austin with Engineering-Science, Inc. While living in Austin, he served in the U.S. Army Reserve and trained in military intelligence. With his work, Maury was transferred to Washington, D.C., where his office was in The Watergate. Those were three exciting and wonderful years, meeting and working with people from all over the nation. Family and friends visited, and they spent time traveling and exploring the historical sites along the East Coast. Their daughter Leslie was born while they lived in

D.C.

Maury and Sharon missed their Texas family and knew it was time to go home. They settled in Houston and their son John was born there. Together Maury and Sharon founded Stiver Engineering, Inc. in 1980. Maury served multiple terms on the Board of the Houston Contractors Association and was a Fellow of the American Society of Civil Engineers. He also taught engineering at The University of Houston. At the end of his long career, Maury was recognized as one of the most knowledgeable and leading civil engineers in the State of Texas. Many of his clients and colleagues became lifelong friends who enjoyed traveling and spending time together. It gave him great joy to see those relationships continue to the next generation when his son joined Stiver Engineering after college. John is now carrying on Maury's work and dedication to the field of engineering.

Maury enjoyed the outdoors and spending time with his family. Long days at the office were usually followed by weekends spent at Lake Winona or King Mountain Ranch in Coryell County. He had a passion for work, whether it was rebuilding a pier, pushing cedar on his dozer, clearing brush with a chainsaw, planting the native pastures on his tractor, repairing fences, or working the cattle and goat herds. A highlight of his year was family Thanksgiving celebrations, first at the lake, and later in the barn at the ranch.

Maury and Sharon traveled the world, but their favorite trips were with family to Rosemary Beach and skiing the mountains of Colorado. They also loved visiting National Parks and attending art auctions across the western United States with Judy and Louis Collins.

His faith and his community were important to Maury. He was a member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church and the Good Will Class. He served on the Board of the Briarcroft Property Owners Association and Lake Winona Board of Homeowners. He served for a number of years on the

State Bar of Texas Grievance Committee. He also served on the Board of Directors of the Flint Creek Cemetery and the Flat Water Supply Company.

In a recent conversation about wisdom and advice, Maury said, "always tell the truth." He led a life filled with truth and love. He instilled confidence, spoke in a quiet manner and was extremely patient. He was a man who had much but needed little. Maury considered his children and grandchildren to be his greatest accomplishments. He was the best Dad and Papa.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jewell Stiver and Edward Noble Stiver; in-laws, Ora Alice Hamilton Glass and Henry Wesley Glass; and aunts and uncles, Sue and S.L. Witcher, Mildred and Dennis Dail, and John Maury Witcher and Frances Stiver.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Sharon Glass Stiver; daughter, Leslie and husband, James Culwell Rice; son, John Maury Stiver and wife, Elizabeth Munger Stiver; grandchildren, Megan Kathleen Rice, Hudson Hamilton Rice, Caroline Culwell Rice, John Henry Stiver, and Charles Witcher Stiver; brother, David Witcher Stiver and wife, Ola Mae Baker Stiver; sister, Margaret Stiver Pate; sisters-in-law, Judy Glass Collins and Anne Glass Davis; brother-in-law, Bill Glass and wife, Penny Groom Glass; along with many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Honorary pallbearers were James Rice, David Stiver, Scott Woodard, Brian Pate, Michael MacGibbon, Derek Munger, John Freeman, Frank Dillard, Pete Peltier, Mark Boyer, Michael Ramirez, and David Davila.

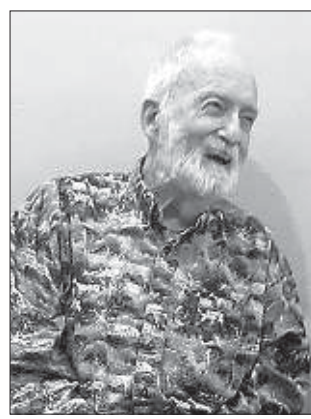
The family is grateful for the compassionate care Maury received during his short time at The Delaney at Lake Waco and by Interim Hospice.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Luke's United Methodist Church, Houston Area Parkinson Society, or the charity of your choice.

The family invites you to leave a message or memory on our "Tribute Wall" at www.WBH-family.com.

JACK ROACH

June 2, 1937 - May 7, 2023



Jack Roach, age 85, of Turnersville, passed away on Sunday, May 7, 2023.

Private memorial services will be held at a future date.

Bobby Jack Roach was born on June 2, 1937, to James Bedford and Ruby Smith Roach in Mount Pleasant. He grew up at Boles Children's Home in Quinlan, Texas, where his mother worked as a house mother. He graduated from high school there in 1955. During high school he traveled across the United States, singing with the Bell Canto Chorus of Boles Children's Home. He then moved to Dallas and attended Strong's Business School.

On January 21, 1956, he married his high school sweetheart, Betty Lou Craft in Pleasant Grove, in Dallas. Betty also grew up in Boles Children's Home, and the two have known each other since the 5th grade.

Jack held several business-related jobs throughout his life, but most notably, he was employed as a postal carrier for the United States Postal Service for 30 years and retired in 1992. Even after retirement, he worked as an insurance specialist for Brooke Transportation and worked at Christian Care Center.

Jack enjoyed being active in Church Leadership, as a deacon, song leader, and doing visitations at Broadway Church of Christ in Garland. His hobbies included taking his children fishing when they were younger, family vacations, vegetable gardening, writing poems, coin collecting, reading, singing, memorizing Holy Scriptures and telling papa jokes. He was also known by friends during his younger days as "Wimpy" because of his love for eating hamburgers.

In October 2022, Jack and his wife Betty moved to Turnersville to live with their daughter Sharon and

son-in-law Earl Abbott. He LOVED country living, enjoyed scenic drives, sitting on the porch, bird and squirrel watching, and family visits. He was a devoted Christian and family man.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his sisters, Mary Blanche Cain, Noma Bailey, and Ruth McCauley; his brothers, Kenneth Roach, and Carl Roach; and great-granddaughter, Chesa Grace Abbott.

He is survived by his wife, Betty; daughter, Sharon Abbott and husband, Earl; son, Jeffery Roach and wife, Janis; grandchildren, Brandon Abbott and wife Ara; Heather McCullough and husband, Josh; Brandi Shobe and husband, Chris; Amanda Mock and husband, Nathan; Ashley Schuldt and husband, Bradley; great-grandchildren, Kayla, Seth, Sophia, Declan, Audrey, Kaidence, Mckynlee, Elsa, Harper, Henry, and Baby Ray; sister-in-laws, Anita Roach, Kathy Craft, and Ruth Craft.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to Boles Children's Home, at armsofhopeco.org/donate, or to World Bible School, at www.worldbibleschool.net/give.

BETTY JANE PARRISH

Sept. 16, 1942 - May 12, 2023




Betty Jane Parrish, age 80, of Dallas, died on Friday, May 12, 2023, in Hamilton.

Betty was born in Hamilton on September 16, 1942, to Roland Edgar Parrish and Montie Octava Hampton Parrish. The family of eight moved from Hamilton to Jonesboro, then to Mound and ultimately to Gatesville where Betty became known for her artistic talent and her voice. She was frequently asked to sing for school plays and Church groups. Though only 4'11"

tall, she played on the basketball team and could compete gymnastically with the best. She graduated from Gatesville High School and Durham Business College in Waco before marrying Marvin Cummings of Gatesville. Betty and Marvin moved to San Clemente, California, where he was stationed in the Marine Corps. In the early 1970's, they returned to Texas with their two children, Parrish and Margo.

Though Betty held administrative and management positions at a variety of companies, including AT&T, Hancock Fabrics and Professional Medical Services, her passion was home and family. She was an extraordinary seamstress, creative homemaker, and an entertainer of children. Having been raised in the Southern Baptist Church, Betty lived her life in accord with her strong Christian beliefs. She also served her community as a member and an officer with the Kiwanis Club.

Betty is survived by her daughters, Shannon Kin-



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PEARL NEWS

My friend, Kay is near and dear to my heart



BY BETSY CLARK

Pearl News Correspondent

It was so good to talk to Kay earlier this week. She reported that she still enjoys walking in Raby Park with Pearl, her faithful dog, when the weather is good and going to the Pearl Cottage Bookstore each first Saturday.

Kay is one of the founders of that wonderful little charity house, and it is near and dear to her heart. She also enjoys attending both the Pearl Community Fellowship Church and the Pearl Church

of Christ each Sunday. No matter where she lives, Kay remains a vital part of the Pearl Community! If only we could keep her away from that darn bikini...or is it the other way around?!

The Purlmela Reunion will be held on May 27. Everyone is invited, and you are encouraged to bring pictures to share. Visiting begins at 10 a.m. followed by a potluck lunch. Feel free to bring your favorite dish to share. After lunch, there will be a business meeting followed by a Purlmela Smith Cemetery and Bundrant Cemetery meeting.

Debbie, Roy, and Marley Harris visited Pearl Church of Christ and Pearl Cottage Bookstore last week. Linda reports that Marley has grown both in stature and cuteness (though I don't know how that sweet boy could get any cuter!) Please keep the Harris family in your prayers as they continue to deal with health issues. You just can't find a fam-

ily more devoted to serving God than the Harris's!

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, Aug. 5, (second Saturday in September) Sept. 9, Oct. 7, Nov. 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 dates listed above. Most items are "take what you want, pay what you want," and all proceeds go to local charities. There are more than 6,000 books in the store as well as various 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!

Pearl Church of Christ Vacation Bible School is almost upon us May 29 through June 2, 9 a.m. to noon. Please share this information with all your friends and family. Everyone is welcome!

Please keep my oldest granddaughter in your prayers. She broke her arm and wrist in two places this week in a Segway accident. Rodeos will be postponed until fully healed, and this little roper is not a happy camper! (Now I know why they won't let me ride it!)

This week's Bible verse comes from Matthew 5:14-16 — "You are the light of the world. A town built on a

hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in Heaven." (NIV) We pray that our graduates let their lights shine for Jesus! In this way, you will make a difference! Congratulations to all!

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

MOUND NEWS

Mother's Day weekend was a busy weekend in Mound



BY BARBARA HOPSON

Mound News Correspondent

Little Miss Emma Beth Hopson was dedicated to the Lord by her family, Paul, Rachel, Noah, and Benjamin Hopson on Sunday, May 14, 2023, at Coryell Community Church.

Martha Ann Ares, Ryan Phillips and Zoie Rhoades were Mother's Day lunch guests with Elizabeth Phillips.

Bobby and Nelda Carothers, along with Mendy Williams and Betty Wills, travelled to Kinder, Louisiana, to attend the wedding of a friend, Kristy Dodd and Jared Provost. While there, they saw Martina McBride perform Friday evening and Tanya Tucker Saturday evening. The wedding was

beautiful. Both singers still have a great voice.

Scott, Kelby and Sterlin Shults, Case, Kristen, and Don Jones took Sue Jones to lunch Sunday for Mother's Day.

Holly and Sue Jones visited in Dallas a couple of days with Ron and Blayn Smith, Mitchell Hannah and Zach Jackson. Blayn took Holly and Sue to the Dallas Arboretum.

Kathi Taylor was a Mother's Day lunch guest with

her mother, Sue Magee, and other relatives. They all attended Kathi's niece's one year old birthday party.

Jerry and Paula Bomar had all their children and grandchildren over the Mother's Day weekend.

Margaret Hopson and Danijo Wood attended Emily Rose Cupps' kindergarten graduation in Temple. Emily is the granddaughter of Margaret Hopson.

Several from The Hopson family attended Noah Tru-

ett Hopson's kindergarten graduation in Gatesville. Noah is the grandson of DeElva Grubb, and David and Pam Hopson.

Robbie Thompson of Abilene spent a few days in Mound with his mother, Mrs. Pat Pruett Thompson, during the Mother's Day weekend.

Borderline: A story of courage



BY TUMBLEWEED SMITH

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

Jayson Woodward was postmaster in Terlingua at a time when people didn't bother locking their doors because everybody knew everybody in the small community.

She lived next door to the post office. One afternoon when she returned home from a shopping trip an intruder was in her house.

He captured her, took her outside, tied her hands and blindfolded her and held her captive for 14 hours.

She was tortured and

criminally assaulted.

Even though she said it was a very horrible experience, she was incredibly calm during the episode. Toward the end of the ordeal the man told her he had to be in Mexico by sunrise, just a few hours away, and had no transportation.

"When I realized that, I told him that was no problem, that I had a truck and could take him. The main thing was to get out of the desert, get back to my house, then get in my truck. Those were the steps for my escape."

They got in the truck. Jayson was driving and looked down to see the man holding a knife by his side. She

headed the pickup north toward a store owned by a friend of hers who lived in a trailer behind the building. She was not going toward Mexico.

"When he realized we were going in the wrong direction, he started screaming and yelling 'this is not right, turn around, turn around now.' I did turn around in the parking lot of the store where there were some gas tanks. I hit the accelerator, aimed for the gas tanks and jumped out of my truck. The last thing I saw was him lunging for the steering wheel of the truck. I ran to the trailer behind the store, banged on the door and practically ripped it off get-

ting inside. My screaming and yelling "get your gun," "get your gun" woke him up. It was about four o'clock in the morning by now. He saw that I was hysterical and took me to the deputy sheriff's house."

The man missed the gas tanks and drove to Ojinaga across the border. Law enforcement had been alerted and he was found and jailed in Ojinaga. Efforts to get the man back to this country for trial were futile because Mexico was reluctant to release him. The news media picked up the story and it was on international radio, television and newspapers.

"Three men from Texas broke into the Ojinaga jail,

kidnapped the man and brought him back to Texas. That made a bigger story and Mexico stepped up efforts to get him back. But our sheriff, George Jones, said 'we don't know how he got here and we don't care. He's here and he's going to trial.'

"We had a trial in San Angelo in 1986. He was found guilty and given 75 years in prison. He's still in prison today."

Jayson lives in Alpine today and has written about the experience in a book titled Borderline. She also has a six-episode podcast.

United Women in Faith hold meeting on May 9

Submitted Item

United Women in Faith met on Tuesday, May 9 in the banquet room of the Methodist Church in Gatesville, beginning at 5:30 p.m. with 12 members present. Hostesses were Doris Nichols and Debbie Martin.

Due to the absence of President Patsy Smart, Vice President Velva Riddle began by leading the blessing. Following refreshments, Riddle thanked the hostesses and read The Purpose. She announced that cards were being signed for the high school seniors and for a couple of our members who

are sick. Mary Beth Rivers read from the Daily Prayer Guide, and Riddle read from the Response Magazine. She also read Psalm 137, one fit for times considering all the deaths of the week.

Shirleen Chandler led in singing "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty." Carol Dildine presented the program from our book "Who Can We Be Together?" This lesson came from Luke 13:20-21, where Jesus compared the kingdom of God to a woman baking bread with yeast. Carol poured a packet of yeast into some water and stirred it up. The

group watched it grow as Carol presented the lesson. Yeast is bacteria that needs light, warmth, and food to grow, perhaps a bit like us. She asked members to pair off and be in community with each other, growing in understanding of each other's needs.

Vice President Riddle called the business meeting to order. In unfinished business, toiletry items were

collected to be given to our mission project with the foster children. Plans were discussed for Senior Sunday, which will be on May 21 during the 10:30 a.m. service. Chandler volunteered to do the speaking, and Kathleen Blankemeyer will make the presentations of the gifts to our three graduating seniors.

The meeting adjourned with the benediction.

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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: Taler Dane Brown
 Estate of Roxane Schuler
 1501 Dryden Avenue
 Copperas Cove, Texas 76522
 DATED the 11 day of May, 2023.

Dori Ray Mistic
 Attorney for Applicant
 State Bar No.: 04091800
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The City Council of the City of Gatesville will conduct 2 Public Hearings on the 23rd day of May, 2023, at 5:30 P.M. at the City Council Chamber, 110 N. 8th Street. Purpose of the hearings is to receive comments regarding the evidence and related code or ordinance violations concerning the condition of the structures located at 506 1/2 N. Lutterloh and 506 South 6th Street, Gatesville, Texas. All interested citizens are invited to attend.

Wendy Cole, City Secretary
 00030125

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Gloria Salabay DeBangco, Deceased, were issued on 4-17-23, in Cause No. 23-10810, pending in the County Court-at-Law of Coryell County, Texas, to: Trisha Leialoha Rask.

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: Trisha Leialoha Rask
 Estate of Gloria S. DeBangco
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Dori Ray Mistic
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INVITATION TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS: City of Gatesville (Owner) is requesting Competitive Sealed Proposals for Stillhouse Branch Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) Improvements from qualified contractors to be received until 3:00 p.m. on June 20, 2023, in its offices located at City of Gatesville City Hall, 803 E. Main Street, Gatesville, TX 76528. Sealed competitive proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud shortly thereafter at same location. Proposals are invited for furnishing all labor, equipment, and materials necessary for construction of the following:

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Stillhouse Branch WWTF consists of Upgrade of Stillhouse Branch WWTF to 2.7 MGDAA and improvements to influent pumping, aeration, RAS pumping, chlorine contact basins and effluent pumping. Project will be awarded to proposal providing best value to Owner based on a number of factors including cost, experience of contract, and prior work performance.

A pre-submittal conference will be held at 10:00 a.m. local time on May 22, 2023 at City of Gatesville Stillhouse Water Treatment Facility, 402 Stillhouse Road, Gatesville, TX 76528. Representatives of Owner and Engineer will be present to discuss the Project. Offerers are encouraged to attend and participate in the conference.

Any contract or contracts awarded under this Invitation for Bid (IFB), Request for Proposals (RFP), or Request for Qualifications (RFQ) are expected to be funded in part by financial assistance from the TWDB. Neither the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) or the State of Texas, nor any of its departments, agencies, or employees, are or will be a party to this IFB, RFP, RFQ, or any resulting contract.

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This contract is subject to the federal requirements of Subpart C of 2 CFR Part 180 and Part 1532 regarding Debarment and Suspension. The Contractor will comply with the assurances provided with the bid that leads to a contract.

Proposals must be submitted on forms provided in Proposal Documents and accompanied by a Proposal Security in the penal sum of not less than five percent (5%) of base proposal amount, payable without recourse to Owner. Proposal Security may be in either form of a cashier's check or Offerer's Bond from a security company approved to conduct business in State of Texas as a guarantee that offerer will enter into a contract and execute a 100% payment bond within fifteen (15) days after issuance of a notice of award to that Offerer. Proposals not accompanied by such Security or received after designated proposal time will not be considered. Refer to other proposal requirements described in Document 00 21 13 - Instructions to Offerers.

Copies of Proposal Documents (Project Manual and Drawings) are on file and may be examined at office of Engineer. Copies of the Proposal Documents can be obtained electronically online from CivCast (www.civcastusa.com). All questions must be submitted electronically through CivCast's Question and Answer feature. For more information, contact Amy Jo Moreno at (254) 714-1402 or amoreno@walkerpartners.com. Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals and to waive informalities and irregularities.

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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 05/29/2023 @ 11am ending 06/07/2023 @ 11am. Seller reserves the right to withdraw any property from the sale upon payment in full. Units to be sold are: Paul Griffin, Elizie Braddy, Maccayla Gribble, Kelli Jennings, Christopher Allen, Ashley Kingley, Cheryl Waller, and Mackenzie White. Inventory: furniture, clothing, electronics, household items, misc boxes/totes.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO ADOPT DESIRED FUTURE CONDITIONS MIDDLE TRINITY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA 8

June 1st, 2023 at 1:00 PM

930 N. Wolfe Nursery Road, Stephenville, Texas 76041
 In accordance with Texas Water Code § 36.108(d-4), the Board of Directors of the Middle Trinity Groundwater Conservation District ("MTGCD") will hold a public meeting to adopt the Desired Future Conditions ("DFCs") for the groundwater resources located within MTGCD in Groundwater Management Area ("GMA") 8. MTGCD's DFCs for the current 50-year regional planning period are as follows:

TRINITY AQUIFER:

The DFC for each geologic layer of the Trinity Aquifer is described in terms of total average drawdown.

In the Antlers Layer, total net drawdown not to exceed an average of 12 feet in 2080 compared with 2010 aquifer levels.

In the Paluxy Layer, total net drawdown not to exceed an average of 5 feet in 2080 compared with 2010 aquifer levels.

In the Glen Rose Layer, total net drawdown not to exceed an average of 29 feet in 2080 compared with 2010 aquifer levels.

In the Hensell Layer, total net drawdown not to exceed an average of 77 feet in 2080 compared with 2010 aquifer levels.

In the Hosston Layer, total net drawdown not to exceed an average of 124 feet in 2080 compared with 2010 aquifer levels.

In the Travis Peak Layer, total net drawdown not to exceed an average of 98 feet in 2080 compared with 2010 aquifer levels.

In the Twin Mountain Layer, total net drawdown not to exceed an average of 8 feet in 2080 compared with 2010 aquifer levels.

The districts located wholly or partially within GMA 8, which include MTGCD, Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District, Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District, North Texas Groundwater Conservation District, Northern Trinity Groundwater Conservation District, Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District, Prairielands Groundwater Conservation District, Red River Groundwater Conservation District, Saratoga Underground Water Conservation District, Southern Trinity Groundwater Conservation District, and Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District, approved a resolution to adopt these DFCs on July 26, 2022. The DFCs explanatory report and other materials required by Texas Water Code § 36.108 were subsequently submitted to the Texas Water Development Board ("TWDB"), and TWDB declared GMA 8's DFCs administratively complete on September 23, 2022.

Public comments may be submitted orally or in writing during the public meeting on June 1st, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. at 930 N. Wolfe Nursery Road, Stephenville, Texas.

A copy of the DFCs and supporting documents may be requested by email at wells@middletrinitygcd.org, downloaded at www.middletrinitygcd.org, or obtained in person at the District office. All questions or requests for additional information may be submitted to MTGCD General Manager Patrick Wagner by telephone at (254) 965-6705 or by visiting the MTGCD office.

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- ▶ 10.01 acres north of Evant, TX. Lot 85 Phase 4 Rio Escondido, Rolling Terrain, good tree cover, good views. \$129,500
- ▶ 10.01 acres, Lot 20 Phase 4 Rio Escondido north of Evant, TX. Good tree cover, great views. \$150,000
- ▶ 10.01 acres, Lot 28 Phase 4 Rio Escondido north of Evant, TX. Good tree cover, great views. \$200,000
- ▶ 10.01 acres, Evant, TX, Buffalo Creek Ranch Subdivision, Lot No. 53. Langford Branch, Nice home site, scattered tree cover, native pasture. \$225,000
- ▶ 11 +/- acres at Arnett, TX in Coryell County. Good tree cover, nice home site, the property will need to be fenced on the east boundary. You will need to drill a water well for water. \$179,500
- ▶ 11 +/- acres, 3/2.5 barndominium, 1197 CR 404, Hamilton, TX. 1 water well, metal building, nice porch, good tree cover, rolling terrain, good fences. \$549,000
- ▶ 11.64 acres 3/2 home south of Evant, TX in Coryell County. Nice porch, large master bedroom/bath, barn, workshop, seasonal creek, Hwy 281 frontage. \$850,000
- ▶ 20 acres, 3 Br 2 Ba home, 8 ft porches, 390 CR 4147, Cranfills Gap, TX, Bosque County. Storage building, equipment shed, rolling terrain, good tree cover. \$525,000
- ▶ 20.02 acres, Evant, TX, CR 421, Hamilton County. Lot No. 21, Mulberry Creek, rolling terrain, good tree cover. \$250,000
- ▶ 20.02 acres, Evant, TX, PR 42107, Hamilton County. Lot 43 Phase 6 Rio Escondido, rolling terrain, good tree cover, season creek. \$265,000.
- ▶ 25.06 acres, Pottsville, TX, Hamilton County, Paloma Vista Subdivision Lot 31, rolling terrain, scattered tree cover, great views. \$275,000
- ▶ 33.43 acres near Coryell City, Coryell County, FM 929 & CR 260 frontage. Rolling terrain, good views. \$295,000
- ▶ 36 +/- acres west of Evant, TX, Hamilton County. Scattered tree cover & rolling terrain, Fiber Optic Internet Service, you will need to drill a water well. \$387,000
- ▶ 38 +/- acres, south of Pearl, TX, Coryell County. FM 183 frontage, rolling terrain and scattered tree cover, nice views and would make a great home site, centrally located about 20 minutes from Evant & Gatesville and about 45 minutes from Copperas Cove-Killeen, Waco & Temple. \$372,400
- ▶ 47.332 ac. south of Ireland, TX. Good tree cover, rolling terrain, good fencing on 3 sides, southside will need to be fenced. \$395,000
- ▶ 50.24 acres, 3/2.5 home, 2171 CR 419, Evant, TX. Rolling terrain, 40% being good tree cover, the remaining balance being open pasture, great views. \$675,000
- ▶ 52.73 Acres, 3/2.5 barndominium, 1197 CR 404, Hamilton, TX. 1 water well, metal building, nice porch, good tree cover, rolling terrain, 2 tanks, good fences. \$875,000
- ▶ 55.88 Acres, south of Evant, 2000 CR 3900, Lampasas County, cabin with bathroom, water well, electricity, rolling terrain with good tree cover, small seasonal branch. \$488,950.
- ▶ 60.23 acres, CR 238 near Turnersville, TX. 1 stock tank, good fences, scattered tree cover, rolling terrain. \$421,610
- ▶ 68.9 acres, 3/2.5 rock home, 101 Mac Dr., Gatesville, Tx. Approx. 2900 ft of Leon River frontage, ceramic tile floors, carpet in the bedrooms, vaulted ceiling, rock fireplace, granite countertops, breakfast bar, garden tub, metal building approx. 45 ft x 24 ft, older barn approx. 50 ft. x 30 ft., cattle pens, 1 stock tank, approx. 48 acres of coastal. \$1,275,000
- ▶ 82.43 acres west of Evant, TX, Mills County. Open pasture, scattered mesquite tree cover, native grasses, 1 stock tank, fenced on 3 sides with approx. 1910 ft that needs to be fenced on the south side of the property. \$560,524
- ▶ 88.007 acres, 36 ft. Travel Trailer, 25 ft. x 30 ft. metal barn, electricity, 1 tank, seasonal branch, water well, scattered tree cover, good hunting. \$720,000
- ▶ 105 acres south of Pearl, TX on Self Rd. Good tree cover, rolling terrain, small branch, barn, rain harvest system. \$743,775.
- ▶ 179.562 acres, 1.6 miles south of Gatesville, TX. FM 116 frontage, great views, stock tank, rolling terrain & scattered tree cover. \$1,230,000

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NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN A BENEFICIAL LAND USE PERMIT RENEWAL

PERMIT NO. WQ0004960000

APPLICATION. City of Gatesville, 110 North 8th Street, Gatesville, Texas 76528, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to renew beneficial land use Permit No. WQ0004960000 to authorize the land application of wastewater treatment plant Class B biosolids and water treatment plant residuals for beneficial use on approximately 328.52 acres. The beneficial land use site is located at 700 County Road 128, Gatesville, in Coryell County, Texas 76528. TCEQ received this application on March 28, 2023. The permit application will be available for viewing and copying at Gatesville City Hall, 110 North 8th Street, Gatesville, Texas prior to the date this notice is published in the newspaper. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For the exact location, refer to the application.
<https://gisweb.tceq.texas.gov/LocationMapper/?marker=-97.894166,31.437777&level=18>

ADDITIONAL NOTICE. TCEQ's Executive Director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. After technical review of the application is complete, the Executive Director may prepare a draft permit and will issue a preliminary decision on the application. **Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the county-wide mailing list and to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the deadline for submitting public comments.**

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting on this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. **Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments, and the Executive Director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision and for requesting a contested case hearing. A person who may be affected by the application may request a hearing.** A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court.

TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name, address, phone number; applicant's name and proposed permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the proposed facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period and, the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify by name and physical address an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are germane to the group's purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material water quality concerns submitted during the comment period. TCEQ may act on an application to renew a permit without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.**

MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE. For details about the status of the application, visit the Commissioners' Integrated Database at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid. Search the database using the permit number for this application, which is provided at the top of this notice.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. All public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at <http://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/>, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Please be aware that any contact information you provide, including your name, phone number, email address and physical address will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040 or visit their website at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/pep. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from City of Gatesville at the address stated above or by calling Ms. Susan Hilton, P.E., MRB Group, at 254-771-2054.

Issuance Date: April 26, 2023

Whatever happened to...

20 YEARS AGO (2003)

John E. Roberts had been chosen to head the Gatesville High School band program. Roberts was replacing Tom English, who had been the band director at GHS for six years.

More than 500 people attended the centennial anniversary at Live Oak Baptist Church. Some travelled from as far away as Alaska, California, and Florida.

Navy Petty Officer Mark Davis presented a certificate to Coryell County officials for their support during his three years as a recruiter in the Gatesville Area.

JoAnn Sugg was named the Teacher of the Year by the Gatesville Walmart store. Sugg was a family and consumer science teacher at Gatesville High School.

The Friends of the Gatesville Public Library had received a \$500 grant from the Farms Insurance Group's Community Sponsorship Fund.

30 YEARS AGO (1993)

Judge John Hull and Mayor Wyllis Ament signed joint proclamations declaring Saturday, May 22, Dawson Cooper Day in Gatesville and Coryell County.

Regina Tanksley of Gatesville was one of eight new members selected for the nationally recognized McLennan Community College Dance Company.

Jason Pratt, a senior at Jonesboro High School, enlisted in the United States Navy for guaranteed training. He was to report to the Recruit Training Center in San Diego following his graduation.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Welch of Oglesby were being honored on the event of their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married on May 25, 1943, at the First United Methodist parsonage in McGregor.

Jennifer Beil, Terry Henson, Dewayne Smith, and Buck Stovall were Gatesville athletes who had qualified for the Summer Games of Texas Special Olympics.

40 YEARS AGO (1983)

Morris Lambert, age 47,

was named the new principal at Gatesville Junior High School. Lambert was succeeding Glenn Whittenberg who was retiring after 18 years as principal.

Graduating with top honors from Evant High School was Michael Jones, the valedictorian of the Class of 1983 with a four-year grade-point average of 93.5.

Jim Buth of Gatesville had been appointed representative for L.M. Equities Inc., a subsidiary of Lutheran Mutual Life Insurance Company.

Dale Mohler, described as "a man with a lean frame and a smooth swing," shot the golf game of his life to claim the 1983 club championship at the Gatesville Country Club.

Dana Walker and Lisa Davis, Gatesville High School seniors, were honored with a cookout at Faunt Le Roy Park. Parents of the honorees were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Luke Walker and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Kafer.

50 YEARS AGO (1973)

Marvin Stevens of Mound, instructor in general technology at the James Connelly campus of Texas State Technical Institute in Waco, was among the recipients of five years awards made to faculty.

Mike Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Miller of Gatesville, graduated from Southwest Texas State University at San Marcos where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration.

Kathy Lynn Kilpatrick of Jonesboro was named the Coryell County pecan queen for 1973. She was chosen from a field of 24 poised teenage charmers.

Berrimon E. Taylor was selected as band director of the Gatesville public schools for 1973-74. It was announced by GISD superintendent Charles Zeigler.

Keith Price, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Price, received a Bachelor of Science degree in criminology and corrections from Sam Houston State University in Huntsville.

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



Sour Cream Chicken Enchilada Casserole

BY ELIZABETH BROWN

- 1 (14-oz.) c. chicken broth
- 10 corn tortillas, torn into quarters
- 1 (14-oz.) c. cream of chicken soup
- 2 ½ c. chopped cooked chicken
- 1 lg. onion chopped
- 1 (8-oz.) pkg. shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 (4-oz.) c. diced green chilies
- 1 (8-oz.) carton sour cream

In large saucepan, stir together chicken broth, cream of chicken soup, onion, and green chilies. Bring to boil, reduce heat, cover and simmer for 30 minutes. Stir in sour cream. Alternate layers of tortillas, chopped chicken, soup mixture and cheese in a 12x7x2-inch baking dish. Bake uncovered at 325 for 30 minutes. Serves 6 to 8.

Gatesville ISD students will advance to state in June

Staff Reports

Three Gatesville Independent School District students won district titles with their fire prevention posters. The posters were recently taken to the district meeting of the

Central Texas Firefighters' and Fire Marshals' Association, which was held in Cameron.

The students who won district titles include: Noah Hopson, first place in the kindergarten division; Logan Bates, won first place in the primary division; and Zade Davis, sec-

ond place in the primary division.

The posters will advance to the 2023 State Fire Fighters and Fire Marshals Association Annual Conference, which will be held this June in McAllen.



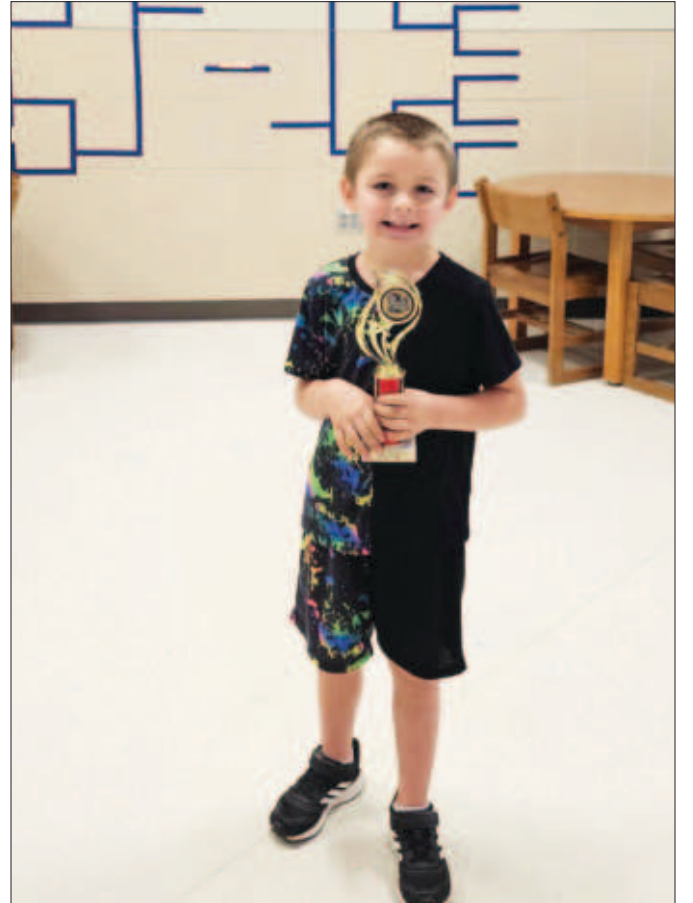
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Noah Hopson, first place winner in the kindergarten division



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Logan Bates, first place winner in the primary division



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Zade Davis, second place winner in the primary division



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Coryell County to celebrate 125th anniversary of its Courthouse

BY DAVID SCOTT
Staff Writer

The Coryell County Historical Commission, in conjunction with Coryell County Judge Roger Miller and the Coryell County Commissioners, are making plans for the 125th anniversary of the courthouse.

Festivities are planned to be held on the courthouse lawn on Saturday, July 22. Tours of the courthouse will be conducted as well as many outside activities which will include speakers, live music, games, and the presentation of the colors.

There will also be a rededication ceremony of the Texas State Historical Marker that once stood on the north side of the building but is currently being restored and will be placed on the south side of the building which was originally planned to be the front entrance of the building. Food trucks will also be on site to provide food and refreshments for those attending.

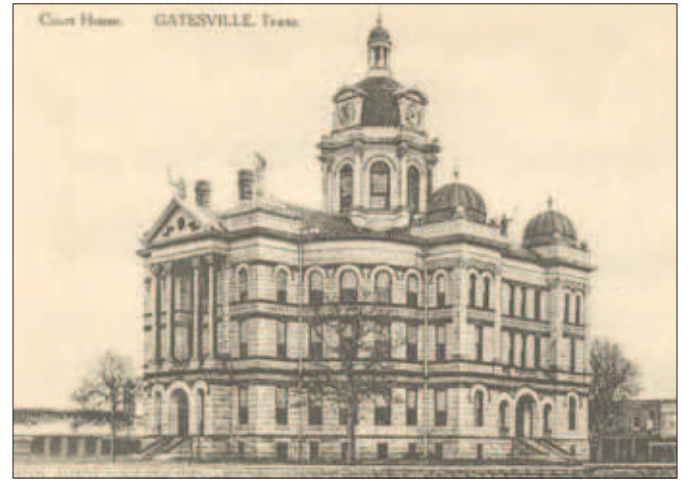
The courthouse, built in 1897-98, is the county's third courthouse; Architect Wesley Clark Dodson, a designer of many civil build-

ings in Texas, designed the Beaux Arts building. In his design, Dodson modified the traditional cross-axial plan to allow for the erection of a central tower. By moving the district courtroom to a position alongside the tower rather than centered underneath it, he was able to extend the masonry support walls to the ground and support the tower.

An important feature of the courthouse is the massive classical porticos, differing somewhat in scale and treatment, which define the north and south

entries. The south portico has paired corner columns, while the north has single columns. The porticos rise from a one-story base of rusticated stone with arched entries in the lower level. The openings flanking the central arch are smaller on the north façade. Red sandstone Corinthian columns support white sandstone pediments, with the five-pointed star of Texas inset in contrasting carved stone.

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



COURTESY PHOTO

Coryell County Courthouse

TDCJ holds Memorial Service for fallen officers on May 11

Staff Reports

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice held a memorial service on Thursday, May 11 for the Region VI Director's Office to recog-

nize the ultimate sacrifice that correctional employees make across the nation. The memorial service offered a special time of reflection and honored the memory of

each fallen employee.

The memorial service consisted of the placing of a memorial wreath and the lighting of a memorial candle. Music was provided by

Jason Studdard. Unit Captains Hinson, Sullivan, Silva, and Pena oversaw the Roll Call and took turns reading the names of the TDCJ employees who died in the line

of duty.

The benediction was given by Chaplain Kynard, followed by the Retirement of the Colors by the Honor Guard.

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Remembering Uncle Bob

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

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

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

The following is an excerpt of Uncle Bob's *Down Memory Lane* column that appeared in the September 24, 1948, edition of *The Gatesville Messenger*:

Town's First School Stood All Alone on a Windy Hill

Even we natives who have been born and reared here in old Gatesville can hardly realize the wonderful changes that have taken place in the old town in the last 50 or 60 years. Especially does

this apply to our schools and churches and public buildings. We have seen the old wooden buildings replaced with modern structures of rock and brick and our streets that used to be knee-deep in sand are now all hard surfaced.

What I really started out to write about was the changes over the on College Hill from the time I first remember it down to 1948. I am given to understand that the first little schoolhouse over there was just a one-story affair with a hall down through the center and maybe two rooms on either side. The kids hung their hats and wraps out in the hallway. This was back in the late 1870s after the town of Gatesville was incorporated. It was possibly a private school and you had to pay tuition.

The town was incorporated in 1870, just five years after the close of the Civil War. During the war everything was at a standstill, but after the '70s, lots of new people come into the town of Gatesville, and by the middle '80s things were sorter looking up and folks were beginning to think about and want better schools for their kids. To Professor Frank Crow goes the honor of opening the first college in Gatesville on March 17, 1884. It wouldn't be considered a college in this day and time; I believe we just call it the high school now. But the *Gatesville Sun*, our newspaper of that time called it a college and I am just quoting Dr. Mudd, the *Sun's* editor when he stated that the college building will soon be ready and Professor Crow had secured the services of Miss Fannie Robinson of Melrose, Nacogdoches County, an experienced and successful teacher. He speaks of the building then nearing completion as an excellent building and says that Gatesville would have a well-conducted institution of learning, which she had long been in need of.

So, I guess we still had a privately-owned school in 1884, and Prof. Crow possibly owned and operated it until 1889. In that year, according to the *Gatesville Star*, the school over on the hill was called the Central Texas Institute, with a school board headed by president T.B. Saunders and secretary J.C. Chrisman. The fall term opened in September of 1889.

Back in the '80s and '90s we thought that old two-story frame school building was just about the finest building in the whole country, and, of course, it was at that time. It stood out like a sore thumb on that old gravel hill. It was tall enough for a three-story building, with large rooms and high ceilings and a little narrow stairway leading up to the second floor. It would reel and rock in high wind, but never did blow over. Each room had plenty of windows in it - it was cool in summer but cold as the devil in wintertime. It stood in lonely grandeur, our college building, with plenty of room on that old gravel hill for a playground. In fact, we had more playground than anything else. There was only a few homes to the north of the building and none on the east until you get over to where Uncle Tobe Hearn lived. To the south of the building was an old rough road going down the hill by old man Reese Chaney's home behind where Barney Wollard now lives, and there was no other houses over there. There was nothing to the west until you went under the bluff and crossed the gulch to where Col. H.N. Atkinson lived. Out in front of the college building to the north lived W.L. Ayres in a large two-story home, and next to him lived W.M. Colgin.

Carlo captures gold & silver medals at state



GLADYS WHITENBURG | THE GATESVILLE MESSANGER

Gatesville High School senior Carlo Martinez won the gold medal in the 3200 meter run for Class 4A at the UIL state track and field championships in Austin on May 11.

Martinez wins 1st in 3200, 2nd in 1600



GLADYS WHITENBURG | THE GATESVILLE MESSANGER

Family, friends and fans of Carlo Martinez pose for a photo with the senior Gatesville standout (third from left on first row) in Austin on May 11.

Gatesville captures 3rd area title in baseball program history

BY CHRIS ALLMAN
Sports Correspondent

In the midst of a playoff run, most coaches are prone to large amounts of “coach speak”.

They tend to avoid color and candor, will offer generic compliments about their opponent, bland platitudes about the game, and keep the emotion to a minimum.

Chase Smith is not most coaches.

After his Hornets had swept Giddings two games to none, after the Area Championship trophy had been presented, and after all the family photos had been taken, Smith stood alone in the home dug-out and packed up his bag with tears in his eyes.

“I’m just super proud. I was thinking about my time as a player, all the ups and downs the past three seasons, and just how proud I was of these guys. It kind of came to head and was an emotional moment for me,” Smith said.

In three seasons as head coach, Smith has turned the Hornet program from afterthought to area champs.

In the two seasons before Smith became head coach the Hornets were a combined 11-27. In 2019, they went 5-20 then 6-7 in the COVID shortened season of 2020.

Smith took over the head job in 2021 and led the Hornets to the playoffs with a 16-14 record. In 2022, he guided a team decimated by loss to within one game of the postseason.

His 2023 team has seen its share of injuries, inconsistency, slumps, and near-misses. Now they will see the Regional Quarterfinals for just the third time in school history.

“I have been telling the guys how special it was and how much I wanted them to get to experience what I was able to experience as a player,” said Smith, a player on Gatesville’s first regional quarterfinalist in 2006. “It’s a special feeling they will remember forever getting to see all the kids look up to them and all the people of Gatesville get behind them.”

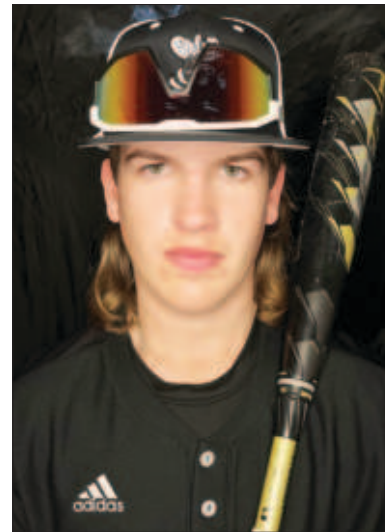
After technically pulling off an upset over 24-4A champion Marble Falls in the bi-district round, there was no doubt that the Hornets were the superior team in



Bralen Veazey



Ben Mabry



Brady James



Banner Allman

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CHASE SMITH
GHS baseball coach

the area round. The Hornet hitters – particularly the left-handed bats – battered the Buffaloes 11-0 in game one. They took game two by a 4-2 score thanks to a dazzling performance from pitcher Grant Erwin.

Erwin threw a complete game four-hitter to get the win, striking out nine and walking just one batter. Two of the hits and the lone walk all came in the bottom of the first inning when Giddings jumped out to 2-0 lead. After that, Erwin was nearly untouchable.

Following an RBI double from Giddings’ Peyton Tomas in the first inning, Erwin retired 15 straight batters until allowing a single in the bottom of the sixth.

“He was really good on the mound and has been solid when



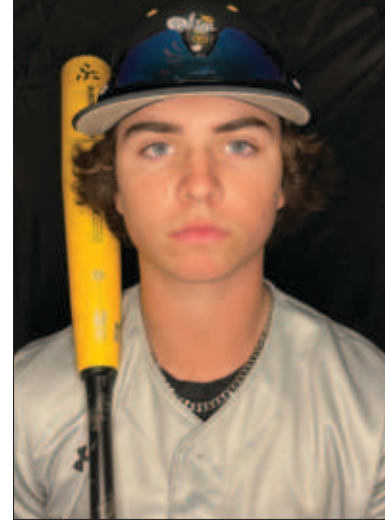
Kason Herbelin

he has been healthy all year,” Smith said. “He was able to keep them off balance and going back and watching the game his breaking ball was really moving which made it tough on them.”

Thanks to a Gatesville scoring a run and numerous conferences between the Giddings coaches and the umpiring crew the top of seventh inning was a prolonged affair and might have afforded Smith the opportunity to give the ball to one of his many relievers.

“I usually talk to our pitchers briefly about simple adjustments and how they are feeling in between innings, and he said he was good to go for the seventh, so it was all his from there,” he said.

Erwin gave up one more single



Grant Erwin

in the seventh but got his ninth strikeout of the night to end the game and the series.

The Hornets led 3-2 heading into the top of the seventh inning but tacked on an additional run thanks to an RBI single from pinch-hitter Jacob Ybarra. After Bralen Veazey laced a double to right field and Ben Mabry singled, Ybarra flared to an RBI single he saw into right field to score pinch runner Sean Agui-ar and make it 4-2.

“I can’t say enough good things about Jacob Ybarra. He is the ultimate teammate, captain and has set the example and tone for this team. He is just selfless and the kind of kid you wish you had more of on your team as a coach,” Smith said. “He will leave a legacy on this



Jacob Ybarra

program that will last for years.”

After falling behind 2-0, Gatesville came back and scored three times in the top of the second inning to take a 3-2 lead. Veazey and Mabry singled to start the inning then a walk from Justin Johnson loaded the bases for leadoff hitter Lawson Mooney.

Mooney dropped a singled into left to score Veazey and Mabry and Banner Allman followed with a single to score Johnson.

Allman – hitting .417 since the start of district – had three hits in game two after a rather unique stat line in game one. The senior shortstop went 0-0 in the opener but scored two runs and had two

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32 GHS athletes earn All-State academic honors



GISD honors scholar athletes

BY JEFF OSBORNE
Senior Writer & Editor

A total of 32 Gatesville High School scholar-athletes were recently recognized for earning All State Academic honors during the May meeting of the Gatesville Independent School District Board of Trustees.

GISD Athletic Director Rickey Phillips said factors considered in the selection include class rank, grade-point average and performance on SAT and ACT college tests. He said 13 different athletic teams at GHS are represented, and that the 32 students filled 50 spots on the All State Academic teams.

Those honored include:
* Thiele Alvarado in football
* Payton Armstrong in soccer
* Cody Attaway in football
* Charlee Barron in volleyball and soccer

- * Lola Barron in volleyball and soccer
- * Brookelyn Bird in cross country and track
- * Lena Clawson in powerlifting
- * Joshua Colaston in tennis
- * Kylie Cox in basketball
- * William Crozier in baseball
- * Lindsey Cummings in powerlifting and track
- * Slone Early in tennis
- * Preslea Edmond in tennis
- * Grant Erwin in football and baseball
- * Lucas Garcia in football and tennis
- * Rachel Garrett in volleyball
- * Vielka Gonzalez in powerlifting
- * Cameron Harley in track
- * Kason Herbelin in football, baseball and track
- * Ben Mabry in tennis and baseball
- * Carlo Martinez in cross country, tennis and track



JEFF OSBORNE | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Gatesville High School athletes who earned academic All-State honors were recognized by the GISD Board of Trustees on May 15.

- * Khloe Mathews in volleyball and track
- * Mason Mooney in football and baseball
- * Ethan Nichols in basketball
- * Aydan Necessary in football and baseball
- * Grace Penrod in cross country and soccer
- * Trent Ray in track

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RBI. He was hit by a pitch twice, walked, and recorded a sacrifice fly.

“(Banner) is swinging the bat with confidence and slinging it across the diamond with confidence and that is good for us as a team because he is really important to our team’s success,” Smith said. “He had a stretch early where he was trying to find the feel and confidence both defensively and offensively but really since district started and, in the playoffs, he has played really well.”

The Hornets had 11 hits in game two with five coming from the combination Veazey, Mabry, and freshman Bradey James – three lefties who occupy consecutive spots in the heart of the Hornets lineup.

“It does go against what most college and major league teams try to do and that’s split up lefties, but my thought process is, one, they can all hit and, two, the guys ahead of them are probably going to get on,” Smith said. “It’s a little science but most comes down to them just being able to really hit and I like the guys at the bottom of the line-

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CHASE SMITH

- Talking about why he has three consecutive lefthanders in the batting lineup up giving us some speed to turn the lineup over.”

Veazey, the designated hitter on days he isn’t pitching, is a remarkable 7 for 10 in the Hornets last three playoff games while Mabry is 6 for 9 and James has three hits over the same stretch.

“Ben seems to just not be fazed by any type of pressure situation. He gets in there and competes and has been huge for us the past two playoff series. I have a ton of confidence in his ability to get it done at the plate as well as in the field. He has been really good for us down the stretch,” Smith said.

In game one, the Hornets had only seven hits but benefitted from seven Giddings er-

rors to score their 11 runs. They also had Veazey on the mound and the junior ace held Giddings to three hits and no runs while collecting three hits and two RBI of his own. Mabry had two hits in the opener and James singled and scored two runs.

Veazey struck out five hitters in game one and his seventh inning strikeout of Cole Patschke was his 125th of the season – a new program record. The previous record of 124 was set by Johnny Clark in 1988. Clark’s grandson Collyn Coleman is currently a freshman catcher for the Hornets.

Kason Herbelin also continued his stellar postseason with two hits in game one and another in game two. The senior has hit

safely in four of five postseason games from the number nine spot in the lineup.

“Pitchers tend to throw more fastballs over the plate and Herbelin hunts those pitches and has a ton of success down there,” said Smith. “Nine-hole in my mind is second leadoff and a guy that can turn your lineup over and he does both of those things for us.”

As a reward for advancing to the Regional Quarterfinals the Hornets faced district rival and reigning 23-4A champion China Spring in a one-game playoff Thursday at 7 p.m. at Lake Belton High School.

The Cougars were state semifinalists a year ago, currently sit at 30-3-1, and were ranked No. 5 in the state in the final regular season poll. They beat Gatesville 10-0 in China Spring on April 3 and 7-3 in Gatesville on April 10.

On May 11-12, the Cougars defeated the La Grange Leopards by scores of 7-2 and 11-1 to win the area championship and set up the meeting with Gatesville.

In the opening round of the playoffs, China Spring topped the Gateway College Preparatory School Gators by a score of 13-0.

Area Fishing Report

Lake Belton

GOOD. Water lightly stained; 76 degrees; 13.49 feet below pool. A strong threadfin shad spawn continues most mornings with gamefish of all kinds blitzing the threadfin shad for a roughly 30-minute window concluding around 6:50 A.M. As the skies brighten and the bait moves downward in the water column and out to deeper water, white bass and hybrid striper are intercepting them in about 20-24 feet of water. Looking for boils and/or bird activity over top of these fish are significant aids in locating them. Once located, counting down MAL Heavy Lures with chartreuse tails to match spawning shad is producing catches consistently. White bass in open water have just begun to feed on the newest young of the year shad. This is occurring with increasing frequency each day, although location is quite sporadic as these fish orient on the bait, and not on the bottom features. Under tough conditions, downrigging with #13 Pet Spoons is a consistent producer. Report by Bob Maindelle, Holding the Line Guide Service. Blue catfish are good, slowly trolling shallow flats for catches up to ten pounds. Larger

blues and flatheads are good in 2-5 feet of water using fresh gizzard shad or perch. Channel catfish are good on prepared baits in shallow muddy water. Report by Brian Worley, B&S Catfishing.

Lake Waco

GREAT. Water stained; 74 degrees; 9.76 feet below pool. Crappie are good on brush piles in 10-18 feet of water. The lakes are slowly coming up while it has not affected the bite, you will need to use dark water colors in the muddy water. If that does not put them in the boat, throw minnow. A favorite Snacky Lures color is snacky flash for everyday use, or black/chartreuse with the muddy water in the size FS200 on a Eye-Hole jig head in 1/16th ounce. Report by Robert Stover, Workingman Crappie Guide.

Stillhouse Hollow

GOOD. Water lightly stained; 77 degrees; 12.55 feet below pool. The upper third of the reservoir is muddy upstream of the long bridge and off-color from the long bridge to Union Grove. Fishing for largemouth bass in the lower two-thirds of the reservoir continues to be excellent.

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Barrett Boyd finishes 5th in state pole vaulting



GLADYS WHITENBURG | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER
 Gatesville High School junior Barrett Boyd earned a fifth place finishing in Class 4A pole vaulting at the state track and field championships May 11 in Austin.

Jonesboro ISD presents High School Awards Night May 23

Staff Reports

Jonesboro Independent School District will present their annual High School awards night on Tuesday, May 23. The awards will be held at the Jonesboro Community Center, located at 11625 TX-35, and will commence at 6 p.m.

Meals will be provided at the cost of \$15 a plate. The Class of 2025 will provide a gift basket fundraiser at the event as well. For any further information contact Jonesboro ISD at 254-463-2111.

Oglesby ISD schedules field day for May 26

Staff Reports

Oglesby Independent School District will hold a field day on the last day of school on Friday, May 26. The field day will be held at the Oglesby football and practice fields. It will begin at 8:30 a.m. and will conclude around 10:30 a.m. Parents, guardians, and guests are welcome to attend. Oglesby ISD is located at 125 College Ave. in Oglesby.

Jonesboro cheer team to hold bake sale May 20

Staff Reports

Jonesboro Independent School District will hold a bake sale in support of its cheer teams today, May 20. The sale will be held at Pruitt's from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., or until all the baked goods are sold. The bake sale will provide plenty of sweet treats for the community to purchase. Donations are accepted. Pruitt's is located at 1316 TX-36 in Gatesville.

Oglesby Little Tiger Cheer Camp to be held July 29

Staff Reports

Oglesby Independent School District will hold a Little Tiger Cheer Camp for pre-K through fifth grade on Saturday, July 29 in the Oglesby High School gym. The camp is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. and will continue until 12:30 p.m. There will be a check-in for students at 8:45 a.m. before the camp starts. The cost per camper will be \$45. Sign up before Friday, May 26 to receive a T-shirt. There will be snacks and drinks provided for the students. For any additional information on the camp contact Cassie Meyers by email at cassie.meyers@oglesbyisd.net. Oglesby ISD is located at 125 College Ave. in Oglesby.

Purmela 2023 Homecoming scheduled for May 27

Submitted Item

The annual Purmela homecoming will take place on Saturday, May 27 at 10 a.m., held at the Purmela Baptist Church located at 875 FM 932 in Purmela. A pot-luck lunch will be served at noon. Paper products and drinks will be provided. The Evergreen-Bundrant and Smith Cemetery Association meetings will follow.

Gatesville Independent School District has scheduled several sports camps this summer which are coached by Gatesville High School and Junior High coaches, with assistance from GHS varsity athletes.

The camps will focus on fundamental skills and technique and participants will learn Hornet schemes and terminology.

Cost for the camps is \$40 each, except for soccer, which is to be determined. Camps include:
 * Football (grades 1st-6th), May 30-June 1.
 * Girls Basketball (grades 1st-9th), May 30-June 1.

GISD Sports Camps

- * Baseball (grades 1st-9th), June 5-7.
 - * Tennis (grades 1st-9th), June 5-7.
 - * Softball (grades 1st-9th), June 5-7.
 - * Boys Basketball (grades 1st-9th), June 19-21.
 - * Volleyball (grades 1st-9th), July 10-12.
 - * Wrestling (grades 1st-12th), July 10-14.
 - * Football (grades 7th-9th), July 24-26.
 - * Soccer: Will have open field sessions scheduled later in the fall (TBA).
- Signup is available online at: gatesvilleisd.revtrak.net/athletic-camps#/list

Oglesby ceremony slated

Staff Reports

The Oglesby Lions Club will hold a Memorial Day ceremony on Monday, May 29. The ceremony will be held at the Oglesby Community Center and will commence at 9 a.m.

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, began during the American Civil War when citizens placed flowers on the graves of those who had been killed in battle. After World War I, it came to be observed in honor of those who passed away in all U.S. wars, and its name changed to Memorial Day.

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

Fort Cavazos hosts visits on Memorial Day

Memorial Day weekend visits for families who have relatives buried in cemeteries within the Fort Cavazos live-fire training areas are between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. May 28.

Families may visit the cemeteries between these hours without area access clearance.

No vehicle pass is required for the cemetery visits unless accessing the installation through vehicle control points (gates). Non-DOD identification card holders must obtain a pass from the visitors center located on T.J. Mills Blvd. prior to coming on post.

Range operations will have guides available to assist families and monitor cemetery visits to ensure that all visitors are clear of the live-fire training areas by 7 p.m.

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK GHS BASEBALL TEAM!



GHS' faced 23-4A champion China Spring on Thursday in the

REGIONAL QUARTERFINALS.

As of presstime, the one-game, winner-take-all playoff game was scheduled at Lake Belton High School

It is the third time in school history for the Hornets to reach the third round of the postseason.

Way to go, Hornet Baseball!

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Gatesville varsity tennis banquet set for May 22

Staff Reports

The Gatesville High School varsity tennis team

will hold their awards and recognition banquet on Monday, May 22. The banquet will begin at

6 p.m. and will be held at Rancher's Steakhouse and Grill. Awards will be presented

and recognition will be given to seniors as well as their upcoming teammates.

Last week's puzzle solution

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

First National Bank to celebrate last day of school by offering free snow cones on May 25

Staff Reports

To celebrate the last day of school, The First National Bank of Gatesville will provide free snow cones for

the community to enjoy on Thursday, May 25. Snow cones will be provided by Bryson's Sno-Dizzle in the First National Bank parking lot located at 3411

E. Main Street in Gatesville from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The First National Bank of Gatesville has served the community and surrounding areas since 1912.

For more information on the event contact The First National Bank of Gatesville at 254-865-2783.

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Puzzle by websudoku.com



Last day of annual plant sale to be held at GHS greenhouse on May 24

Staff Reports

Buzz's Floral Shop will be presenting its annual plant, vegetable, and flower sale at

the Gatesville High School Greenhouse. The plant sale started May 16 and was held again on May 19. The last day of the sale will be

Wednesday, May 24 from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. For more information, contact Morgan Smart at msmart@gatesvilleisd.org.

NATIONAL ENDANGERED SPECIES DAY

May 19, 2023

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Six champions crowned, one school record set

Tarleton Sports Information

NACOGDOCHES — Six Tarleton State University Texans can now call themselves a WAC champion after the third and final day of the WAC Outdoor Track and Field Championships last weekend.

The first individual to earn a crown was Alan Palmer in the men's high jump. Palmer came into the meet with the 11th best jump of the season. However, Palmer decided to give his final meet his best performance. Palmer jumped a personal best of 2.10 meters to become the champion.

Then, teammate Justin Raines became the WAC Outdoor Champion in the 200m with a time of 20.62 seconds. The time became Raines personal best for the event. Raines also took fifth in the 100m event that took place just an hour prior to the 200m final.

Finally, it came down to the final event of the championship to crown TSU's final champions of the meet, in the 4x400-meter women's relay. The Texans qualified fifth for the event with their season best time coming in at 3:45.15. However, the Texans wanted to finish the

meet with a historic run. The team was comprised of Jordan Anglin, Macie Evans, Alessa King, and Taylor McFarland. The team completed a time of 3:41.39 to create a school record and to become the 2023 WAC Outdoor women's 4x400m relay champions.

OTHER TOP HIGHLIGHTS

TSU's Gabriele Tosti took second place in men's triple jump. Tosti jumped a personal best of 15.79 meters on his last jump to take the silver medal.

Caterrin Cox, Cornelius Coleman, and Konnor Hoerman placed in the top six in the men's 110-meter hurdles. Cox took fourth with a time of 14.12 seconds, while Coleman finished fifth in 14.33 seconds and Hoerman placed sixth in 14.36 seconds.

Kevin Baez took eighth in the men's 1500-meter run with a time of 3:50.93.

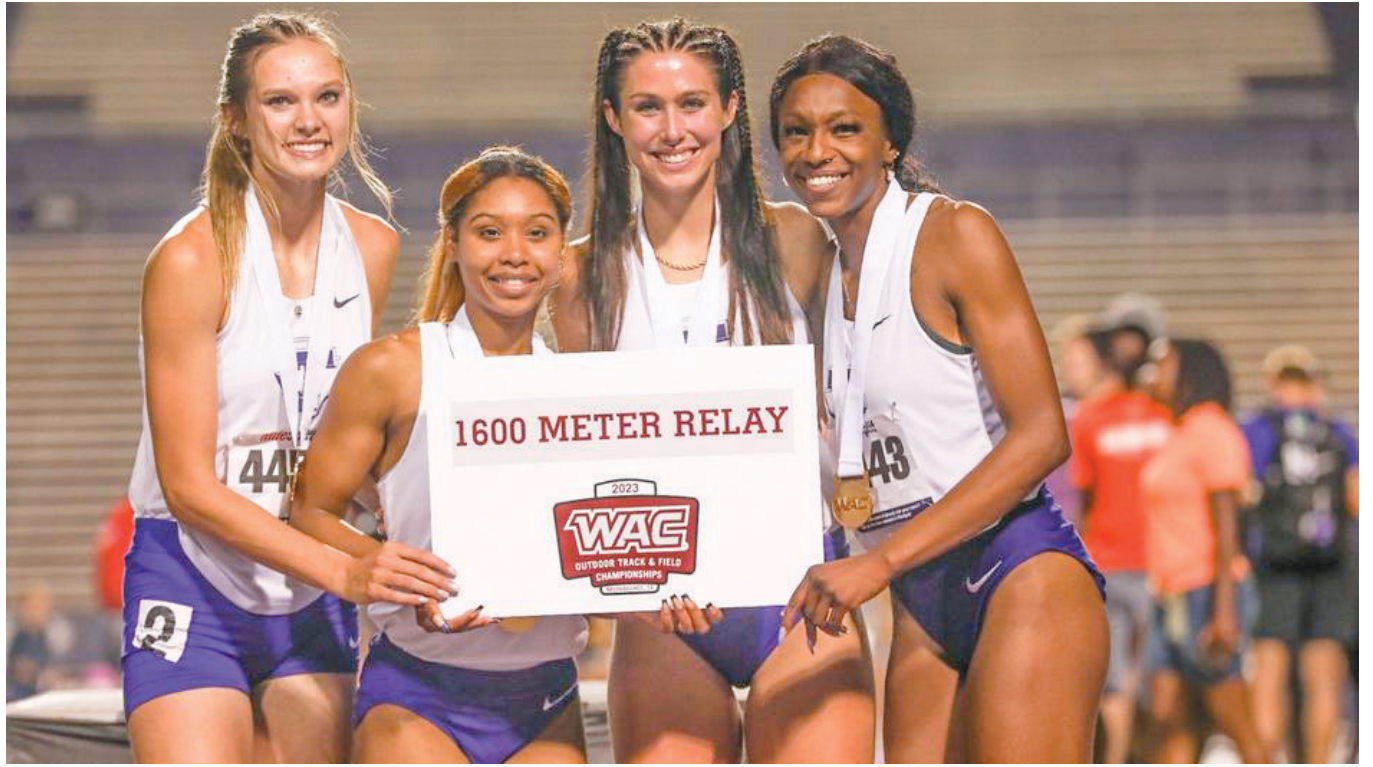


PHOTO COURTESY OF TARLETON SPORTS INFORMATION

Tarleton State University's 1,600-meter women's relay team posted a time of 3:41.39 to create a school record while also winning the Western Athletic Conference title in the event on the final day of the meet. That relay team was comprised of, from left, Jordan Anglin, Macie Evans, Alessa King, and Taylor McFarland.

Along with Raines, Reid Vincent also competed in the men's 100-meter final. Vincent finished eighth with a time of 10.51 seconds.

Elise Smith took sixth in the women's javelin with a throw of 43.63 meters.

Jordan Rae and Rylee Hennig both placed in the women's high jump with Rae finishing in a tie for sixth place and Hennig placing eighth.

Ethan Bratton placed fifth in the men's discus throw

with a distance of 50.24 meters.

Kailey Sykora placed eighth in the women's 800-meter final with a time of 2:16.83.

TEAM SCORES

TSU's men's team took seventh place with a total of 77 points. The women finished in 11th place with a total of 27.50 points.

Texans drop baseball series to ACU with 12-1 loss in finale

TSU Sports Information

ABILENE — Tarleton State University lost its baseball series finale to Abilene Christian by a score of 12-1 on Sunday afternoon at Crutcher Scott Field.

Tarleton (24-24, 8-17 WAC) mustered just four hits over the course of the game while ACU managed 12 runs on 12 hits.

On Friday afternoon, a two-run home run in the ninth inning from Cris Enriquez with the game tied at five and two outs helped Tarleton secure the series opener, 7-5, over Abilene Christian. The Wildcats took an 8-3 win on Saturday to tie the series at a game apiece.

The Texans used six differ-

ent pitchers in the series finale Sunday, with starter Devon Patel (L, 2-3) getting the loss after throwing 0.2 innings allowing two runs on four hits.

Freshman Reece Elston had the best day on the mound for Tarleton, throwing 2.2 scoreless innings after he entered in the bottom of the second. Elston tied a career-high with five strikeouts. He allowed just one hit and walked two.

ACU jumped out to a quick lead with two runs in the first inning and five in the second, making it 7-1.

Tarleton plated a run in the top of the first as Cris Enriquez hit a sacrifice fly to left field, scoring Mason Hammonds who led the game off with a single to left field.

The Texans scored first in all three games of the series.

Dylan Kurahashi-Choy Foo totaled half of the Texas hits with two of his own. Hammonds and Jaime Perez added the other two.

A five run fifth inning from the Abilene Christian Wildcats proved too much to come back from for Tarleton as they dropped the middle game of the series, 8-4, at Crutcher Scott Field on Saturday afternoon.

PHOTO COURTESY OF TARLETON SPORTS INFORMATION

Tarleton State University's Texans fell in the final game of their best-of-three series at Abilene Christian University last weekend, two games to one.



SANDERS SIGNS FOR 2023-2023 SEASON

Tarleton State University announced recently that one of the top point guards from the national junior college ranks has been signed to play starting with the 2023-2024 season. Nykesha Sanders earned all-conference and all-region honors playing for Paris Junior College at the NJCAA Division I level last season.

PHOTO COURTESY OF TARLETON SPORTS INFORMATION



Tarleton qualifies for softball playoffs second year in a row

TSU Sports Information

Tarleton State University's softball team is headed to the national postseason for the second straight season after being chosen to compete in the 2023 National Invitational Softball Championship (NISC) Sunday night.

Tarleton was one of eight teams selected to compete for an NISC championship in Fort Collins, Colorado. The tournament is scheduled Thursday-Sunday, May 18-21 and will be played across two fields at Triple Crown Sports — Red Rocks Field and Horsetooth Field. Since making its debut in 2017, the NISC has grown into the largest college postseason tournament outside of the NCAA Championships.

The tournament format features two four-team pods that will play a double-elimination slate, with winners of the two winner's brackets and loser's brackets advanc-

ing to a single-elimination championship bracket. There will be live stats and live video for every game of the tournament.

The semifinals are set for 9 a.m. MT / 10 a.m. CT and 12 p.m. MT / 1 p.m. CT on May 20, with the championship game scheduled for 3 p.m. MT / 4 p.m. CT - all those games are on Red Rocks Field. Maryland (36-17) earned the top seed in the tournament while the other teams competing are as follows (in alphabetical order):

- BYU (32-16)
- CSUN (28-22)
- Iowa (31-27)
- San José State (26-28)
- South Dakota State (37-17)
- Tarleton State (30-27)
- UC Davis (29-20)

"We're excited for the opportunity to represent Tarleton State University on the softball field one more time this spring," said Mark Cumpian. "The NISC is a great event and it provides great postseason experience

for our team, especially our younger players. We look forward to a great week of action in Colorado."

Here's the schedule for the first two rounds:

- Thursday, May 18 (all times Mountain):
 - Maryland vs. CSUN, 10 a.m. (Red Rocks Field)
 - Iowa vs. UC Davis, 10 a.m. (Horsetooth Field)
 - San José State vs. BYU, 1 p.m. (RR)

- Tarleton State vs. South Dakota State, 1 p.m. (HT)
 - Friday, May 19
 - Loser's bracket, both fields, 9 a.m.
 - Winner's bracket, both fields, noon
 - Loser's bracket, both fields, 3 p.m.

The 2017 NISC was won by Liberty; the 2018 crown went to Loyola Marymount, and the 2019 title went to UT-Arlington. The event was suspended for two years because of the COVID-19 pandemic, with Baylor winning the 2022 championship.

Gatesville Junior High Auditorium named for Clay Reeves

BY DAVID SCOTT
Staff Writer

The auditorium at the Gatesville Junior High was recently named after long-time educator, Clay Reeves. With a career spanning 55 years in Gatesville, Reeves first taught Pre-Algebra and Algebra at the junior high. At the dedication ceremony,

Reeves related a humorous story of how he came to be employed at the school. "For a long time, this auditorium [at the junior high] was the only one that was air-conditioned. That's why I came here. I taught out at the State School for the Boys where there was no

air conditioning and after eight years, I can remember thinking I wish I could get a job with air conditioning and then I heard about an opening for a math teacher here, so I came here to apply. The man that was principal then, he didn't like my hair, real long hair down to

my shoulders, he said to me 'Mr. Reeves I've been talking to some folks at the Lions Club and they said you're a pretty qualified teacher, but we're going to have to do something about that hair.'" Reeves agreed.

In addition to teaching math, Reeves made a huge

contribution to the students of Gatesville ISD through his theatrical productions. He began teaching a speech and drama elective class at GJH which began with simple sketches, but quickly evolved into more elaborate theatrical productions - eventually becoming highly anticipated social events of the year.

In 1976, to commemorate the Bicentennial, Reeves wrote his first production entitled "American Hysteria." It was important to note that every 7th grade student participated in some fashion with the production of that play.

Reeves went on to write many more plays which he occasionally performed in, often singing, or acting alongside his students. "His

big contribution besides all the math he taught was the theater. The plays he did really became part of the culture here," GISD Superintendent Barrett Pollard said. "I've teased Clay for years that we're either going to name a restroom or broom closet after him, but the day has come and we picked the auditorium because of his impact on the theater arts here," Pollard said.

Upon having the auditorium named after him, Reeves said "It's a blessing, a bit of a surprise, and something of a shock, but it is a blessing. When Barrett called me and asked if I wanted to do this, I was just overjoyed. It brought back memories of what we did in here at the auditorium."

EVANT ISD INDUCTS 2022-23 NHS MEMBERS



PHOTO COURTESY OF BETH GANDY

Evant ISD recently inducted new 2022-2023 National Honor Society members. The ceremony was conducted by Mrs. Lora Slaughter, Counselor/NHS Sponsor. Each member of NHS must demonstrate personal scholarship, service, leadership and character for consideration and membership. Front row, from left: new members: Tanner Manville, Cam McGilvray, Jacob Turner, Luwi Rodriguez, Molly Waldrum, Harley Weeks, Izzy Gandy and Bree Ramirez. Row 2 (Middle): Ayden Andrade, Cason Ingram, Julia Andrade, Jana Wall, Hunter White. Back row: Damien Honea, Jamie Graham, Rebeca Martinez, Aubrey Kelley, Caystin Forrest.



DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER
Retired educator and honoree Clay Reeves.

Gatesville Intermediate School hosts Career Day

BY DAVID SCOTT
Staff Writer

In order to explain to sixth grade students about all the different professions there are, Gatesville Intermediate invited several people from the community to speak to

each of the classes. Those invited to speak included Andrew Wallace, a Space X Engineer; Colt Gaulden, a game warden; Becky Coward, a county extension agent; Will Davidson, an

attorney; Roger Miller, Coryell County Judge; Rachel Hopson, a nurse practitioner; Gary Chumley, Mayor of Gatesville; John Whaley, aviation maintenance at L3 in Waco; First Sergeant

Counter, a senior enlisted advisor to Company Commander stationed at Fort Hood; Dylan Callaway, a state park police officer; and Tyler Powell, a COO of TTG Electric.



DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Photo caption: Local attorney, Will Davidson, speaks to a sixth-grade class about his law practice. Davidson explained to the students about the different aspects of the law and how court cases are handled.


GJH CHEERLEADERS HOLD BAKE SALE



COURTESY PHOTO

The Gatesville Junior High cheerleaders recently held a bake sale in front of Vintage Royalty. The sale included a variety of baked items, cookies, and something for everyone with a sweet tooth. The cheerleaders are attempting to raise funds for the UCA Cheer Camp that will be held June 26-30.

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Family Medicine Physician

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Gatesville Elementary celebrates Field Day



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Soldiers from Fort Cavazos, formerly known as Fort Hood, visited Gatesville to participate in the Gatesville Elementary School Field Day.



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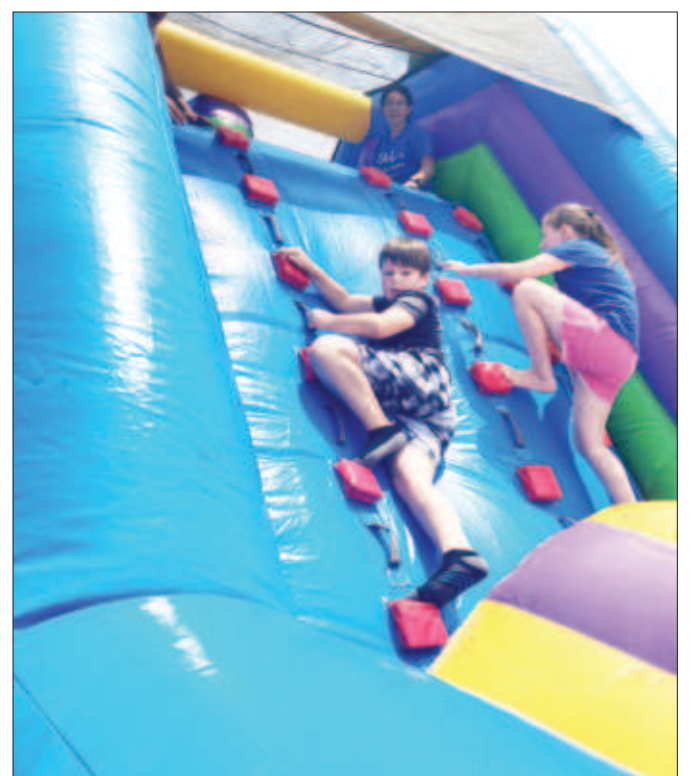
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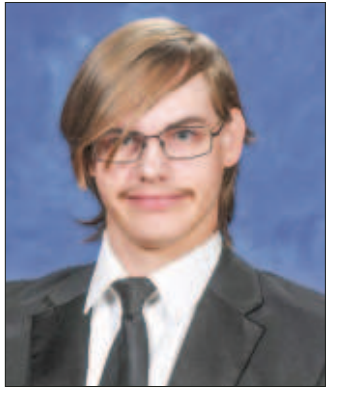
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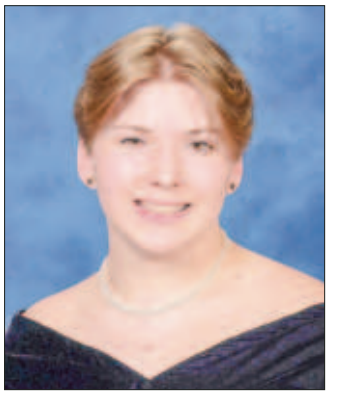
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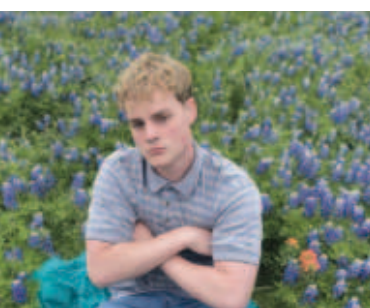
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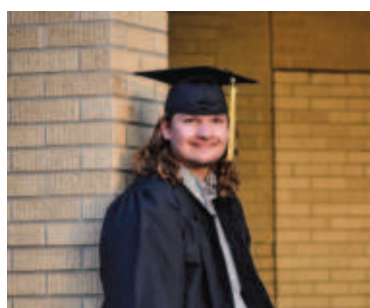
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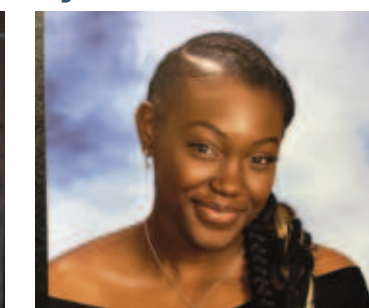
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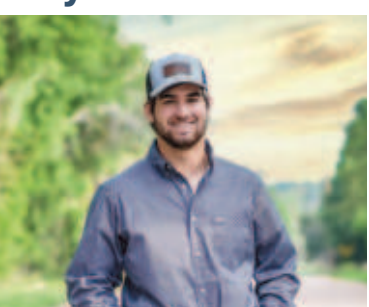
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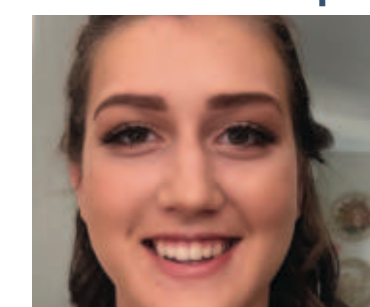
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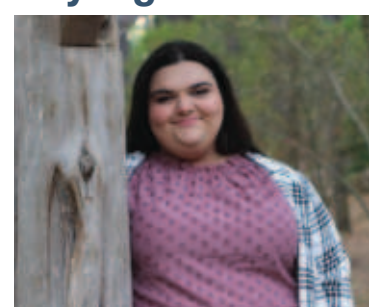
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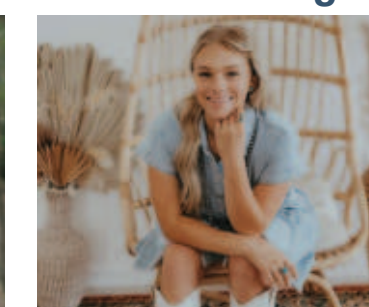
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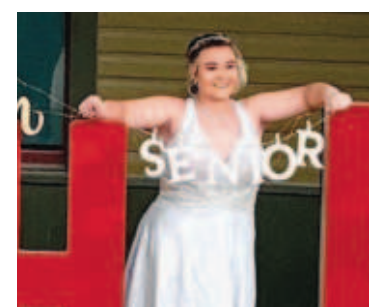
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Thiele Alvarado
Parents: David & Bridgette Alvarado
School: Gatesville High School
Clubs & organizations: National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), voted Senior Class Most Likely to be Famous, voted Senior Class Best Personality, voted Class Favorite as a Freshman, Sophomore, Junior & Senior, Elected Junior Prom Prince, 4-H: ten-year member of Coryell County 4-H, Coryell County 4-H Ambassador for 6 years, 2021-2023 District 8 4-H council vice chairman, 2019-2021 mentor for Mission Possible camp for special needs youth, 4-H Gold Star, National Danforth "I Dare You", and Outstanding Community Service award recipient, 2020 Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador, served as president, vice president, 1st vice president and secretary of the Cattle Drive 4-H club throughout my high school years, Advanced to state in the 4-H talent, solo-band contest, FFA: 2022 talent finalist at the Texas FFA State Convention and

had the opportunity to play and sing in front of close to 15,000 people, 2020-2022 competed at both district & area FFA talent competitions.
Sports: Three-year varsity football captain, football camp leader for 1st - 6th grades, 2022 THSCA academic all-state 2nd team and 2nd team all-district
Favorite teacher: Megan Lynch
Favorite subject: Math
Plans after graduation: I will be attending Texas Tech University in the fall where I will major in animal science to pursue my dream of being an animal and human chiropractor. I hope to one day come back to Gatesville to start my business where I can still be a part of the agricultural industry by working on all animals, ensuring that they are in peak physical condition, while still giving back and helping those in our community.

Jacy Archie
Parents: Jessica & Ross Smart
School: Gatesville High School
Clubs & organizations: 4-H, broadcasting club, wool judging,

livestock skilathon
Sports: Varsity track, MVP field events three times
Favorite teacher: Summer Erwin and Ken Campbell
Favorite subject: Math
Plans after graduation: Attend Blinn College then transfer to Texas A&M to apply to nursing to obtain a degree of bachelor's of science and become an RN, then work in acute care setting ICU for 1 year then return back to graduate school to obtain a nurse practitioner degree and attend CRNA school and become a CRNA

Payton Armstrong
Parents: Wendy & Jeff Armstrong
School: Gatesville High School
Clubs & organizations: Earned an AS degree from Temple Biosciences Institute through Temple College, active in PALS for 2 years.
Sports: Varsity soccer for 4 years honors including all-district and most valuable offense player
Favorite teacher: Brittany Star Hamilton
Favorite subject: Science

Plans after graduation: Attend Texas State to study medicine and nursing

Mya Ayers
Parents: Kristi and Bo Ayers
School: Gatesville High School
Clubs & organizations: Cheer and FFA
Favorite teacher: Mrs. Collins
Favorite subject: English
Plans after graduation: Attend Tarleton State University and major in marketing

Conner Ayres
Parents: Alicia Ayres
School: Gatesville High School
Clubs & organizations: 10 ASE tests passed
Favorite teacher: Mr. Blanchard
Favorite subject: Math
Plans after graduation: TSTC

Steven Bomar
Parents: Casey & Penny Bomar
School: Gatesville High School
Clubs & organizations: 4-H, 1st team all-district right guard, 1st team all-academic, offensive lineman of the year, super Centex honorable mention, FCA

Victory Bowl player
Sports: Football 9-12, powerlifting 10-11, lineman challenge 10-11
Favorite teacher: Coach Kenneth Campbell and Coach Aaron Hunter
Favorite subject: Ag
Plans after graduation: Attend TSTC for HVAC program

Charlie Breitingner
Parents: Gina Breitingner
School: Gatesville High School
Clubs & organizations: Band
Favorite teacher: Mrs. Bruton
Favorite subject: History
Plans after graduation: Become a flight attendant

Brady Carothers
Parents: Justin & Whitney Carothers
School: Gatesville High School
Clubs & organizations: Senior class historian, student council member, broadcasting club member, yearbook editor, National Honor Society
Sports: Track and field
Favorite teacher: Cassie Graham, Bonnie Latham, Jennifer Penny,

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Lindsey Cummings



Kaitlyn Darby



Russell Davis



Rosalee Dilly

and Summer Erwin
Favorite subject: English and history
Plans after graduation: I plan on attending Texas State University. I will major in accounting and minor in marketing. During college, I will work at H-E-B in San Marcos. I currently work at the H-E-B in Gatesville.

Elena Contreras
Parents: Natalie Medina
School: Gatesville High School
Clubs & organizations: Student council, yearbook, broadcasting Club
Sports: Volleyball, softball
Favorite teacher: Summer Erwin
Favorite subject: Math
Plans after graduation: Go to Temple College and then transfer to Texas State

Lindsey Cummings
Parents: Tori & Eric Cummings
School: Gatesville High School
Clubs & organizations: Vice president of the class of 23 (9th), president of the class of 23 (10th, 11th, 12th), student council secretary (12th), Junior Ambassador communication officer (11th), Junior Ambassador vice president

(12th), FCA Leader (9th, 10th, 11th), student council member (9th, 10th, 11th, 12th), FCA member (9th, 10th, 11th, 12th), NHS (11th, 12th), broadcasting club (11th, 12th), competitive dance (9th, 10th, 11th, 12th), Student 2 Student (9th), Junior Ambassador Member (10th, 11th, 12th)
Sports: Track and Field (9th, 10th, 11th, 12th), powerlifting (9th, 10th, 11th, 12th)(regional qualifier all four years), mascot (9th, 10th)
Favorite teacher: Mary Bruton
Favorite subject: Math
Plans after graduation: Attend Texas A&M University to major in business.

Kaitlyn Darby
Parents: William & Tonya Darby
School: Gatesville High School
Clubs & organizations: CNA, band- state marching twice and state solo and ensemble
Favorite teacher: Tori Cummings
Favorite subject: CNA
Plans after graduation: Attend CTC for my RN degree then transfer to achieve my BSN

Slone Early
Parents: Se'Vette Early
School: Gatesville High School
Clubs & organizations: National Honor Society, PALS
Sports: Tennis, 3x district 18-4A Most Valuable Player, 2x Hornet Radio player of the week, district 18-4A newcomer of the Year, 18-4A academic all-district, 3rd place at state
Favorite teacher: Mrs. Early
Favorite subject: History
Plans after graduation: Computer science at Texas A&M

Preslea Edmond
Parents: Jon Edmond & Lori High
School: Gatesville High School
Clubs & organizations: Choir
Sports: Tennis
Favorite teacher: Mrs. Duncan
Favorite subject: Anatomy & Physiology
Plans after graduation: Go to Texas Tech and major in pre-nursing

Tiara Elledge
Parents: Rebekah Campbell & Aramis Ward
School: Gatesville High School
Clubs & organizations: President of the Gatesville 4-H club
Favorite teacher: Mrs. Duncan,

Mrs. Young, and Mrs. Weber
Favorite subject: Anatomy & Physiology
Plans after graduation: Attend MCC to study nursing

James Grant Erwin
Parents: Summer Erwin
School: Gatesville High School
Clubs & organizations: National Honor Society
Sports: Football & baseball
Favorite teacher: Mrs. Shoaf
Favorite subject: Math
Plans after graduation: Attend Texas A&M University and major in business administration

William Farrell
Parents: Trent Farrell
School: Gatesville High School
Clubs & organizations: Pharmacology, culinary
Sports: Tennis, golf, powerlifting
Favorite teacher: Miss Imbody
Favorite subject: History
Plans after graduation: Go to the University of Arkansas system business

Jeremy Featherston
Parents: Jimmy & Janet Featherston
School: Gatesville High School
Clubs & organizations: Took

part in the Skills USA for construction and went to state earning superior ratings at state 2 years. Construction wise was selected as teachers' aide in class and allowed to help teach both on and off campus on various projects.
Favorite teacher: Charles Lisenbe
Favorite subject: History
Plans after graduation: After graduation I plan on going into a construction or mechanic related field of work.

Lucas Garcia
Parents: Yvonne Garcia
School: Gatesville High School
Sports: Football first-team all-district, 3rd-team all-state academic, varsity captain. Tennis 3rd team all-state academic
Favorite teacher: Mrs. Fast
Favorite subject: Anything but math
Plans after graduation: Go to Tarleton

Cody Graham
Parents: David & Heather Ashley, Jeff Graham
School: Gatesville High School
Sports: Varsity soccer 9-12, cross country 10

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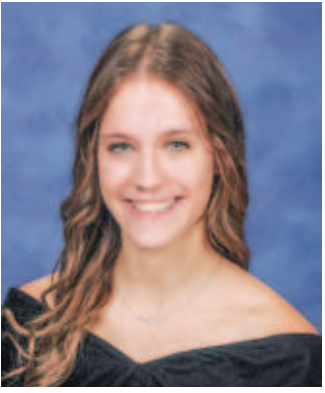
Chesnea Ford



Camden Galindo



Rachel Garrett



Cheyenne Gerber



Brenden Gohlke



Noah Gonzales



Vielka Gonzalez



Lucas Gracia



Cody Graham

Favorite teacher: Mr. Lovejoy
Favorite subject: Engineering
Plans after graduation: Attend CTC for two years then transfer to Texas A&M to study mechanical engineering

Isabell Hamilton
Parents: Robert & Susan Hamilton
School: Gatesville High School
Clubs & organizations: PALS
Favorite teacher: Mrs. Farley
Favorite subject: Science
Plans after graduation: Business major at MCC then transfer to a four-year college

Kaleigh Haywood
Parents: Melissa Edwards
School: Gatesville High School
Clubs & organizations: Sports: Volleyball first team all-district-2021-2022, academic all-district-2022, honorable mention-2020
Favorite teacher: Coach Cormier
Favorite subject: English
Plans after graduation: I plan to attend Sam Houston State University for nursing

Kason Herbelin
Parents: Jenna & Eric Herbelin
School: Gatesville High School
Clubs & organizations: PALS - Most Outstanding PAL (Jr.)
PALS Excellence Scholarship Recipient (Sr.)

NHS - Jr. & Sr. Year
Sports: Football - Soph. - academic all-district, Jr. - academic all-district, Sr. - 1st team academic all-state, 1st team all-district DB, captain, Waco Tribune defensive player of the week, Helmet Award recipient, baseball - Soph. - academic all-district, Jr. - academic all-district, track - Soph. - academic all-district, Jr. - academic all-district, area qualifier in 4x200 and 400, regional qualifier in 4x400, Sr. - area qualifier in 400 and 4x400
Favorite teacher: Mrs. Hamilton
Favorite subject: Algebra
Plans after graduation: I will attend Texas A&M University to major in business and pursue law school after achieving my Bachelor's.

Sara Hernandez
Parents: Cristina & Javier Hernandez
School: Gatesville High School
Clubs & organizations: CNA Program
Favorite teacher: Mrs. Farley
Favorite subject: Math
Plans after graduation: Going to college for cosmetology

Shay Heuer
Parents: Liinda & David Heuer
School: Gatesville High School
Sports: Cheer for 1.5 years
Favorite teacher: Coach Cormier

Favorite subject: Math
Plans after graduation: Going to McLennan community college to complete my basics and complete the radiologist technology, Associate of Applied Science

Kamryn Higginbotham
Parents: Jennifer Higginbotham
School: Gatesville High School
Clubs & organizations: On ramps classes and dual credit classes
Sports: Gatesville woman's varsity basketball program for 4 years and the woman's varsity soccer team for 2 years
Favorite teacher: Summer Erwin
Favorite subject: Science
Plans after graduation: Get a degree in business and finance at Texas state

Kagen Hunt
Parents: Kay & Jared Hunt
School: Gatesville High School
Clubs & organizations: All-district academic, 2nd team all-district, honorable mention
Sports: Softball & basketball
Favorite teacher: Mrs. Erwin & Coach K. Campbell
Favorite subject: Math
Plans after graduation: Major in marketing at Texas State University

Emma Hurlburt
Parents: Melissa & Darrel Hurlburt
School: Gatesville High School
Clubs & organizations: FFA & 4-H
Favorite teacher: Morgan Smart
Favorite subject: Horticulture
Plans after graduation: Study herbal medicine and get into making my own to sell

Shelby James
Parents: Tommy & Cynthia James, Nicole Woodard
School: Gatesville High School
Clubs & organizations: CNA Program
Favorite teacher: Mrs. Fast, Mrs. Young, and Coach Cormier
Plans after graduation: Going into the nursing program and working the be a RN in labor and delivery

Ella Johnson
Parents: Velda & Chance Watson
School: Gatesville High School
Sports: Basketball for 2 years
Favorite teacher: Mrs. Bonnie Latham
Favorite subject: History
Plans after graduation: Go to Blinn college as a history major then transfer to Texas A&M for their archeology program

Mason Lanham
Parents: Mindy Firebaugh &

Chris Lanham
School: Gatesville High School
Clubs & organizations: Construction Technology, Skills USA State Superior
Favorite teacher: Mr. Lisenbe
Favorite subject: History
Plans after graduation: Go to college at Texas State University

Gaven Lee
Parents: Jesse & Melissa Lee
School: Gatesville High School
Sports: Wrestling
Favorite teacher: Coach Cormier
Favorite subject: Math
Plans after graduation: Attending TSTC for diesel mechanic

Ben Mabry
Parents: Doug & Jenny Mabry
School: Gatesville High School
Clubs & organizations: Peer Assisted Leadership (PALS), earned the All-Star PAL Award, Jr. Ambassadors student council, earned the Promoting Citizenship Award, class officer (vice president Sophomore year and treasurer Junior and Senior year), UIL competitions, awarded a UIL spelling competition certificate National Honor Society (NHS)
Sports: Baseball-academic all-district 2022 award, tennis-academic all-district 2023 award, football

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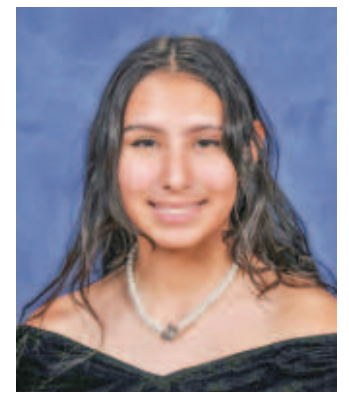
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Ella Johnson

Favorite teacher: Mrs. Mabry
Favorite subject: Science
Plans after graduation: Will be attending Texas A&M University and majoring in business

Khloe Mathews
Parents: Amberly Mathews
School: Gatesville High School
Clubs & organizations: NHS, PALS
Sports: Volleyball, softball, track
Favorite teacher: Mrs. Collins
Favorite subject: History
Plans after graduation: Go to Tarleton

Liliana McDaniel
Parents: Sara Sims
School: Gatesville High School
Clubs & organizations: Varsity mixed choir, varsity treble choir, and yearbook
Favorite teacher: Mrs. Wells & Dr. Klinger
Favorite subject: Math
Plans after graduation: Taking a year off going to a community college and then going to school to major psychology

Aiden McMillian
Parents: Tera McMillian
School: Gatesville High School
Clubs & organizations: Magic the Gathering Club
Favorite teacher: Mrs. Stephens
Favorite subject: Graphic design

Plans after graduation: Get a job or college

Raul Alejandro Medina Jr.
Parents: Erica and Raul Medina
School: Gatesville High School
Clubs & organizations: Band
Sports: Football 9, wrestling 9-12
Favorite teacher: Mrs. Hamilton & Coach Cormier
Favorite subject: Law
Plans after graduation: Join fire department

John Meharg
Parents: Alicia & Scott Meharg
School: Gatesville High School
Sports: Pole vault 9-11
Favorite teacher: Mrs. Fast
Favorite subject: Science
Plans after graduation: Go to Tarleton State University for agricultural business

Kallyn Moreland
Parents: Krista & Colby Moreland
School: Gatesville High School
Clubs & organizations: Vice president of the class of 2023 and student council, yearbook staff member, 4-H member, student to student, FFA, Texas Junior Brahman Association, National Honors Society, Junior Ambassadors, awarded the academic all-district award all four years, voted "Most Outstanding", awarded "Student

of the Year" by the Gatesville Exchange Club
Sports: Captain of the 2022-2023 varsity cheer squad, awarded all-American cheerleader nominee all four years and the "Individual Leadership Award" by the National Cheerleaders Association staff
Favorite teacher: Mrs. Graham
Favorite subject: English
Plans after graduation: Will be attending Texas A&M University in College Station majoring in allied health with the ultimate goal of becoming a neurological sonographer

Aydan Necessary
Parents: Greg & Misti Necessary
School: Gatesville High School
Clubs & organizations: National Honor Society
Sports: Football academic all-district 3 years, football-first team academic all-state- Senior year, football- team captain, football-3 year varsity letterman, basketball-1 year varsity letterman, baseball-2 year varsity letterman, baseball academic all-district
Favorite teacher: Coach Aaron Hunter
Favorite subject: Math
Plans after graduation: Will attend the College of Engineering at Texas A&M in College Station.

Blayson Nichols
Parents: Rocky Nichols
Clubs & organizations: Welding team that went to the Skills USA state competition
School: Gatesville High School
Plans after graduation: Continue working and growing his electrical business.

Rylee Oliver
Parents: Stephanie Crandall, Randall Oliver
School: Gatesville High School
Sports: Cheer
Favorite teacher: Mrs. Stephens
Favorite subject: PALS
Plans after graduation: MCC cosmetology school

Maria Olvera Rodriguez
Parents: Heriberto Rodriguez
School: Gatesville High School
Clubs & organizations: FFA (sentinel- 11th)(president-12th), outstanding student award(9th), HFND award (9th), 2 outstanding student awards(10th), FFA lone star degree(11th), Star lone star FFA degree award(11th) A.C.E award exchange club (12th),
Favorite subject: Science
Plans after graduation: Attend college at MCC

Nickhil Patel
Parents: Sapna & Bhashkar Patel / Niles & Jayna Patel
School: Gatesville High School
Sports: Basketball manager
Favorite teacher: Coach Campbell
Favorite subject: Math
Plans after graduation: Attend Oklahoma State University to achieve a bachelors degree in sports management

James Pearson
Parents: Jonathan & Angie Pearson
School: Gatesville High School
Clubs & organizations: UIL current events
Sports: Football
Favorite teacher: Bonnie Latham
Favorite subject: History
Plans after graduation: Attend University of North Texas to major in construction engineering science

Grace Penrod
Parents: Eric & Suzy Penrod
School: Gatesville High School
Clubs & organizations: Student council - executive board; treasurer, class officer - secretary 3 years, treasurer, Junior Ambassadors - vice president, president, Junior Ambassador of the year 2023, PALS 1 & 2, FCA, S2S, broadcasting club, HFND



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Gaven Lee

award in Spanish 2
Sports: Cross country - 4-year varsity, newcomer of the year 2019, 3x regional qualifier, state qualifier, academic all-state, track - 2-year varsity, soccer - 4-year varsity, 2x honorable mention all-district, 2nd team all-district, academic all-state, team captain
Favorite teacher: Mrs. Lynch
Favorite subject: OnRamps Biology
Plans after graduation: Attend Texas Tech University and major in education

Synthia Perez
Parents: Gustavo & Maria Perez
School: Gatesville High School
Clubs & organizations: Former member of student council and a member of human services
Sports: Track and soccer
Favorite subject: History
Plans after graduation: Plan on owning her own Mexican restaurants and become her own boss

Quynh Pham
Parents: Kim Nguyen
School: Gatesville High School



Alianna Longoria

Clubs & organizations: Broadcasting club
Favorite teacher: Summer Erwin
Favorite subject: English with Coach Chaffin
Plans after graduation: Cosmetologist and a real estate agent

Trent Ray
Parents: Chris & Misti Ray
School: Gatesville High School
Clubs & organizations: Skills USA- automotive national qualifier
Sports: Track-shotput & discus
Favorite teacher: Jacob Hunter
Favorite subject: Science
Plans after graduation: Attend Angelo State University for wildlife management

Marlee Saunders
Parents: Crystal Saunders
School: Gatesville High School
Sports: Cheer
Favorite teacher: Summer Erwin
Favorite subject: Learning tech
Plans after graduation: Go to Tarleton and study agronomy

Elijah Saxon
Parents: Robert & Samantha



Benjamin Mabry

Saxon
School: Gatesville High School
Clubs & organizations: Student council & Junior Ambassadors
Sports: Tennis
Favorite teacher: Mrs. Tori Cummings
Favorite subject: History
Plans after graduation: Attend Tarleton State University majoring in digital media studies

Alexander Scott
Parents: David & Laura Scott
School: Gatesville High School
Clubs & organizations: PALs, working with the Gatesville Elementary School, the Gatesville Care Center, Righteous Roots, and Hillside Medical Lodge
Sports: Varsity tennis 9-12, quarterfinalist at the 2023 UIL state competition
Favorite teacher: Lee Marris & Sherry Stephens
Favorite subject: History & tennis
Plans after graduation: Attend Baylor University to major in education & sports management

Tyler Shea
Parents: Jamie Thorton



David Manear

School: Gatesville High School
Sports: GHS basketball: district 23-4A defensive MVP, 1st team all super Centex, FCA Victory Bowl all-star, GHS men's basketball MVP, GHS football: 2nd team all-district 23-4A
Favorite teacher: Mrs. Collins
Favorite subject: Government
Plans after graduation: attend Tarleton State for kinesiology

William J. Stephens
Parents: Meredith Stephens
School: Gatesville High School
Sports: Manager 10
Favorite teacher: Mr. Blanchard
Favorite subject: Auto tech
Plans after graduation: Attend TSTC / diesel tech

Kaitlin Stuard
Parents: Brian & Leah Stuard, Latricia & Simon Garcia
School: Gatesville High School
Clubs & organizations: Gatesville softball (2022 honorable mention). FFA. Gatesville Riding Club
Sports: Gatesville softball with honorable mention in 2022
Favorite teacher: Coach Chaffin
Favorite subject: Agriculture



Carlo Martinez Jaramillo

Plans after graduation: Playing college softball, get PHD in sports psychology

Lauren Stuard
Parents: Curtis & Amy Stuard
School: Gatesville High School
Sports: Track and field, softball, 2nd team all-district outfield, golden spikes, newcomer of the year, and MVP runner
Favorite teacher: Coach Kenneth Campbell
Favorite subject: English
Plans after graduation: I will be attending South Eastern Oklahoma State University to continue my track and field career as well as earn my degree in psychology

Bryce Vader
Parents: Dail & Nicole Vader
School: Gatesville High School
Clubs & organizations: STEM engineering and CAD, band, welding, construction, and computer basics
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Favorite subject: Math
Plans after graduation: Attend college at Texas A&M for mechanical engineering

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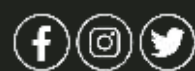
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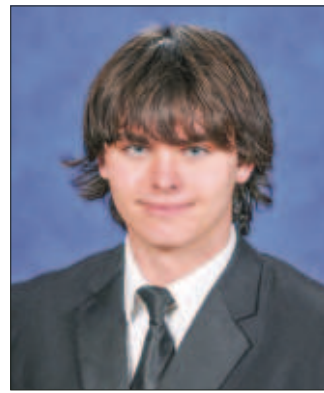
Bailey Nemelka



Tiffany Newman



Blayson Nichols



Ethan Nichols



Kaitlyn Noel

Ty Warren
Parents: Codie Warren
School: Gatesville High School
Clubs & organizations: PALS, National Honor Society, PALS program member 2021-2023, All-Star PAL of 2022-2023
Sports: GHS tennis team, academic all-district 2019-2020, academic all-district 2020-2021, academic all-district 2021-2022, academic all-district 2022-2023, 4A singles 1st team all-district 2020, 4A doubles 1st team all-district 2020, 4A district champs 2020, tennis area qualifier 2020, 4A singles 1st team all-district 2021, 4A doubles 1st team all-district 2021, mixed doubles regional qualifier 2021, mixed doubles regional qualifier 2022, 4A district champs 2021, 4A bi-district champs 2021, tennis area qualifier 2021, 4A singles 1st team all-district 2022, 4A doubles 1st team all-district 2022, boys doubles district champs 2023, boys doubles regional champs 2023, boys doubles state quarterfinalists 2023
Favorite teacher: Mrs. Truss
Favorite subject: Math
Plans after graduation: Study


engineering at Texas A&M
Joseph Wibbenmeyer
Parents: Joe & Abbie Wibbenmeyer
School: Gatesville High School
Clubs & organizations: Avid fisherman & hunter, several ASE certifications
Favorite teacher: Mrs. Davidson & Mrs. Blanchard
Favorite subject: Auto mechanics
Plans after graduation: Attend TSTC to earn a degree as a diesel mechanic
Carter Williams
Parents: Holli Williams
School: Gatesville High School
Sports: Football - 1 team all-district, outstanding special team award, academic all-district, honorable mention academic all-state, Basketball - 1 team

all-district, academic all-district, 2nd team academic all-state, FCA Victory Bowl, hornet heart award
Favorite teacher: Coach Ken Campbell
Favorite subject: Math


Plans after graduation: Blinn College

Jacob Ybarra
Parents: Juan & Anna Ibarra
School: Gatesville High School
Sports: Baseball 4 years, team captain and academic all-district
Favorite teacher:


Mrs. Smart
Favorite subject: History
Plans after graduation: Attend Sam Houston University and major in construction management



MASON MOONEY
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We are very proud of your accomplishments, there is nothing you can't do if you put your mind to it. Continue to be the loving, caring person you are.
 Love, Mimi & Pawpaw



My sweet little Matti B.

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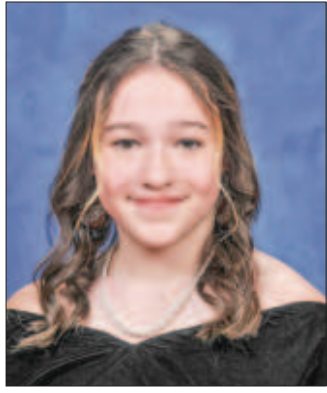
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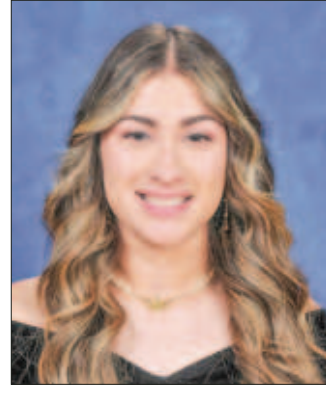
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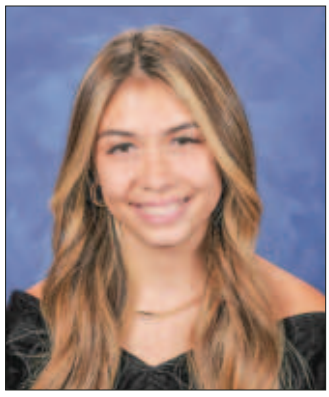
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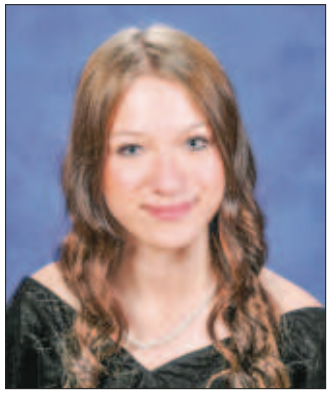
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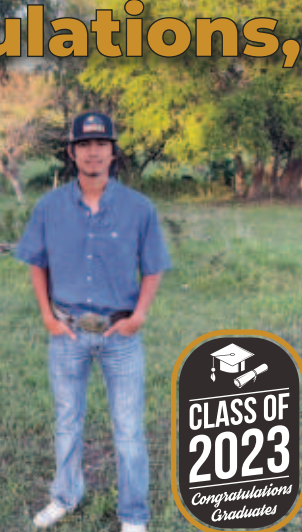

STEVEN

We're so proud of you today and always. Wishing you much success. Congratulations, you did it!
 Love, Dad, Mom & Shelbi

Congratulations, Jacob!!

We are extremely proud of you and can't wait to see where the next chapter takes you!


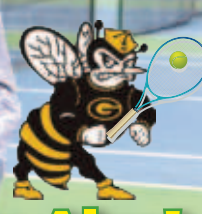
Love,
 Mom, Dad,
 Christopher and John

We are so very proud of everything you have accomplished in high school, and we look forward to watching you spread your wings and soar as you enter Baylor. You will be a success!

Congratulations Alex!

Remember your favorite verse in Philippians... "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."



Shelby,
 We are so proud of your hard work and determination. Can't believe this day is finally here. God has big plans for you! Follow your dreams, baby girl!
WE LOVE YOU!



BEN MABRY
 Class of 2023

From playing with trucks to driving one, I have loved every minute of watching you grow into an amazing young man. I am your biggest fan, and can't wait to cheer you on as you start this new chapter.

Love you bubs, Mama

Congratulations, Cheyenne!

We are proud of you and hope your future is full of love, happiness and success. Stay courageous, determined, humble and sweet.

Love always,
 Dad and Randi




JOHN RILEY,
 You are our greatest blessing and we cannot wait to see all you accomplish. Dream big and work hard!
 We love you BIG, Daddy & Mama





Addi,
 It's hard to believe you're all grown up and graduating. I'm so proud of you and can't wait to see what your future holds.

LOVE,
 MAMA LIN



Kason,
 We are so proud of you and all of your hard work and accomplishments! The best is yet to come!

Love,
 Mom and Dad





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- June 2 William Beckmann
- June 10 Mike Ryan w/Special Guest Eric Willis
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- July 8 Landon Heights Birthday Bash
- July 21 Tanner Ussery
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- September 8 Ned Ledoux (Son of Chris Ledoux)
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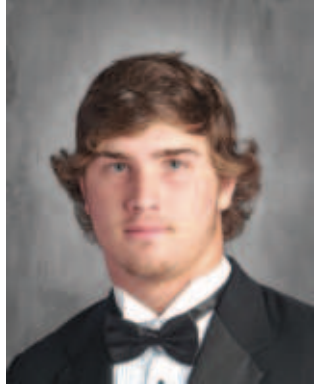
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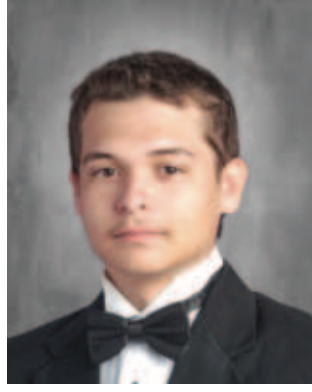
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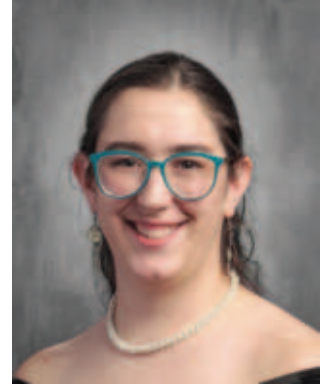
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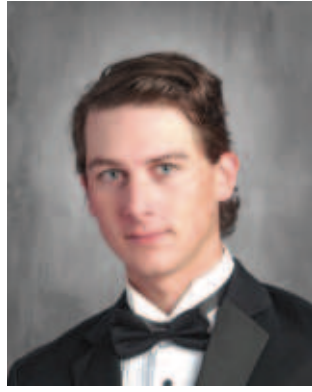
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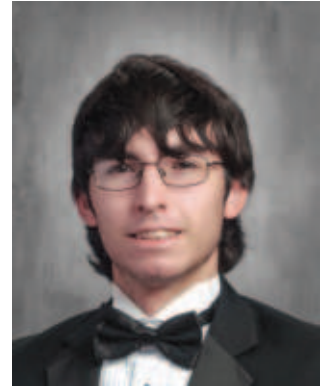
Paiton Green



Carter Janisch



Michael Kaibas



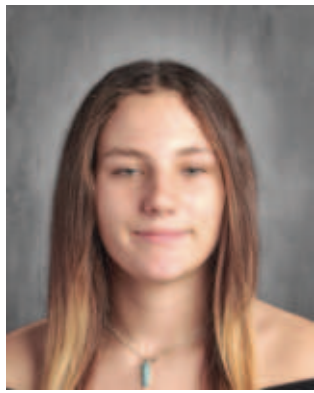
Nathaniel Pratt



Emma-Cookie Rodriguez



Alissa Shumate



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Kenneth Warrick



Tyler Wilson



Trysten,

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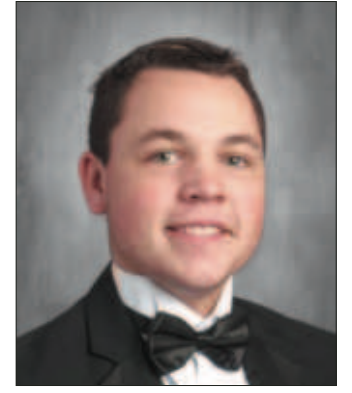
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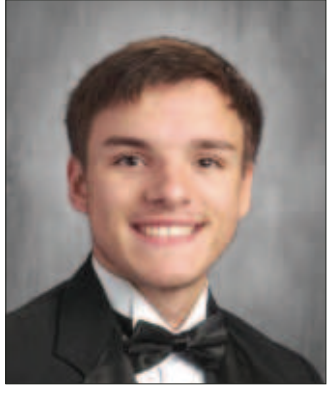
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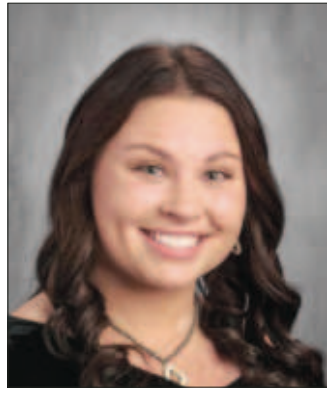
Bryan Morales Lopez



Arely Reyes



Michael Teubner



Jana Wall

Mario Adan Corona
 Parents: Mario & Gabriela Corona
 School: Evant High School
 Sports: Track and field
 Favorite teacher: Mrs. Gandy
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 Plans after graduation: Working and saving up some money before pursuing a higher education



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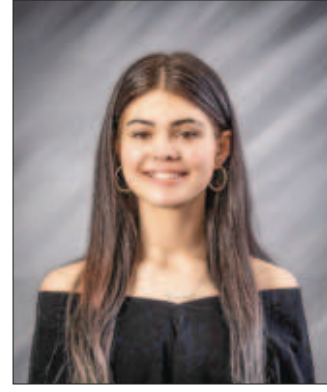
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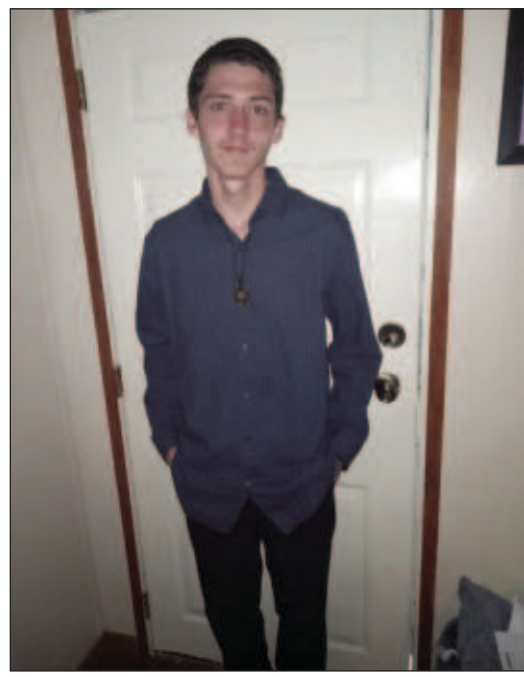
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