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Celebrating seniors of 2023



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Members of the Gatesville High School Class of 2023 throw their caps into the air in celebration on May 26.

Area leaders gather to discuss future wildfire grant plans

BY JEFF OSBORNE
Senior Writer & Editor

After Coryell County - along with every other Texas applicant - was shut out from funding from the U.S. Forest Service for a Community Wildfire Defense Grant - representatives of the Texas A&M Forest Service, local fire departments, county leaders, Fort Cavazos personnel and Natural Resources Solutions employees gathered on May 24 at the County Annex to discuss strategies for a successful future application for funds.

For 2023, applicants along the east and west coasts, particularly in Washington, California and North Carolina, received the U.S. Forest Service grants. Based on past wildfire impacts and future concerns, Coryell County is likely to again seek this grant. Alex Bregenzer, mitigation prevention department program coordinator with the Texas A&M Forest Service, said there will be four more opportunities for communities to apply for this specific grant.

"From the county's standpoint, we made a decision to be better informed if we're competing to apply for a grant in the future," said Coryell County Judge Roger Miller. "Last year - as much as at any point in my life - highlighted the impact of wildfires in our area. There is a tremendous economic impact."

Lillian Reed with NRS said the county's Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) was

approved by the Texas Department of Emergency Management, which submitted the plan to the Federal Emergency Management Agency on May 3. One component of that plan addresses wildfire concerns. The Resilient Community Program (RCP) through the Texas General Land Office also ties into the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP).

"The goal is to get the county, firefighters, Fort Cavazos and all local entities to work together to implement that plan," Reed said.

Steve Manning with NRS has helped the county with development of the HMP and also in applying for the wildfire protection grant.

"The county has taken an aggressive stance to get planning done, and those three (the HMP, RCP and CWPP) all support each other," he said. "The RCP is about land use, subdivision regulations and building use codes. The HMP opens the door for additional FEMA funds. And the CWPP, which was not awarded (to Coryell County) opens the door for additional U.S. Forest Service funds."

Using data from 2005-2015, Reed noted that there were 28,434 acres burned at Fort Cavazos (formerly known as Fort Hood) and 27,449 acres burned elsewhere in the county.

She noted that the military installation makes up about

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Gatesville graduates, led by valedictorian Slone Early and salutatorian Ty Warren, line up for graduation ceremonies on May 26.

Council concentrates on 3 substandard houses

BY JEFF OSBORNE
Senior Writer & Editor

The Gatesville City Council took action related to three substandard houses during its May 23 meeting - one at 506 and a half S. Sixth St., one at 506 Lutterloh St. and a third at 2006 Bridge St.

While the houses on Lutterloh and Sixth streets are relatively new items to come before the Council, the house at Bridge Street has been on recurring agendas since November 2021.

In March 2023, the houses on Sixth and Lutterloh streets were identified by Gatesville Building Inspector Robert Featherston as being substandard structures violating multiple building codes.

At 506 and a half Sixth St., "10% of the exterior wall is burned and decaying, the metal roof is not fastened to the structure, the backroom/porch is collapsing, there is exposed electrical wiring throughout the dwelling, the bathroom floor is rotten, in one of the bedrooms there is no flooring and the sheetrock has been removed from the walls and the plumbing is substandard," according to a report from the building inspector.

The house at 506 Lutterloh's "back wall has a large hole allowing for further deterioration/decaying of the structure, (there is an) unsuitable foundation, exposed electrical wiring, broken windows, substandard plumbing, floor is decaying and the roof is deteriorating," the building inspector's report stated.

The owners of both the Sixth Street and Lutterloh Street houses have expressed a desire to make the necessary repairs to repair those houses and get them up to code.

Tom Haury of Salado, managing partner of the company that owns the Sixth Street house, said there are three houses in Gatesville which his company plans to repair and sell. The other houses are on Fifth Street and on Spindletop Street.

"We closed (on the Sixth Street house) on May 8 and we've already removed two Dumpster loads of trash," Haury told the Council. "We've taken the property down to the studs and will have a new (heating, ventilation and air conditioning system) plumbing - everything. The only thing

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County focuses on pending multi-million roadwork grant

BY JEFF OSBORNE
Senior Writer & Editor

Coryell County leaders and consultants Natural Resources Solutions have big plans for significant roadwork funding and are awaiting the next step from the Texas General Land Office that could result in a substantial amount of money being funneled toward local street improvements.

"The agency could open up the portal any day - our folks are working with road and bridge to make sure you're good to go," said Steve Manning with NRS. "We have identified \$108 million worth of projects and 167 miles of country road along with 64 crossings and elevated structures."

Part of the federal government's criteria on fund use is to improve access to areas where there is a high low-to-moderate income population and that it meets environmental justice re-

quirements. Manning said NRS was able to expand the areas which qualify because school buses must be able to access certain locations.

"Out of the total, that is now sliced out and packaged into 18 different projects?" asked Coryell County Judge Roger Miller.

"That is correct, judge," Manning said. "We're making some minor modifications. If push came to shove, we could be in business tomorrow. There's a limit by statute, and none of the projects can be more than \$10 million in size. The land office asked us to add some smaller projects."

The 18 projects include both roads and elevated structures throughout the county. They range from three miles to 17.6 miles, said Casey Childers with NRS.

Manning said every culvert along 167 miles of road has

been inventoried.

Additional elevated structures with little to no roadwork required were added to the project list at the GLO's request, Manning said. The estimated cost of those projects ranges from \$750,000 to about \$1.5 million.

"We're sitting at about \$108 million and change (for the total project list) and believe a good target is about \$120 million," Manning said. He added that to comply with grant requirements, about 50% of the work has to impact low-to-moderate income areas.

"In this county, we are limited in (low-to-moderate income, or LMI) to areas inside Gatesville and Copperas Cove," Manning said. "I would like to have some conversations with Gatesville and Cove, with y'all's permission, about areas that

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The house at 506.5 Sixth St. has been ruled to be substandard.



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The house at 506 Lutterloh has been determined to be substandard.

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remaining will be the original structure." Mayor Gary Chumley asked Haury about his timeframe to complete repairs.

"Six months," Haury said. "You think by December 4th?" asked Mayor Pro Tem Meredith Rainer.

"Yes," Haury said. Our goal is to get them done and get them sold."

The Council voted to give the owners of the Sixth Street and Lutterloh Street houses until Dec. 4 to complete repairs. Haury was also asked to update the Council on progress at the Sept. 26 meeting.

The house at 2006 Bridge Street was de-

termined to be substandard on Nov. 8, 2021. After multiple extensions were granted, owner Josiah Wilson of Buda appeared before the Council on Nov. 15, 2022, and was given until Feb. 23, 2023 to complete repairs.

A citation was issued for noncompliance with the city's order.

Delays have resulted in the Council giving additional time to complete repairs. City staff recommended giving him until Sept. 1 to complete repairs, and to consider demolition if work isn't finished by that time.

The building inspector Featherston said the house had recently failed electrical and plumbing inspections.

"I think September is too long," Rainer

"There's a whole host of problems."

ROBERT FEATHERSTON

said. "The question is what to require by a certain date."

Police Chief Brad Hunt said another letter can be sent notifying Wilson that that would be his final notice of citation before Council orders demolition.

"There's a lot of progress on the outside but we've got to get it to where it's habitable," Featherston said.

Councilman Joe Patterson asked, "Do you

think June 13 is a reasonable time?"

"They ought to have it done by June 1," Featherston said. "There's a whole host of problems. I'm just trying to think of a simple but effective way to get things done."

Mayor Chumley said he believed the electrical work and plumbing should be completed by the next Council meeting.

"Electrical, plumbing and HVAC all ought to be done," Featherston said.

He added that there are other concerns regarding documentation that he is also investigating.

The Council voted to give Wilson until June 13 to have electrical, HVAC and plumbing done and in compliance with codes or to face daily citations.

CORYELL HEALTH WELCOMES

Timothy Dannemiller, MD
Family Medicine Physician

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

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

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link to county roads."

He said the cities would be responsible for costs within their jurisdiction. He noted two projects in Gatesville that were on the city borderline or slightly inside the city limits. One of these, Straws Mill Road, is partially outside the city limits and has been a priority for the

county to fix.

"If we get a lot of rain, (school) buses won't travel there," Manning said. "The county is proposing to spend a lot of money to rebuild Straws Mill on the north end and the south end. The portion inside Gatesville would close during heavy rains. I think it would be a good project."

Judge Miller agreed that including Gatesville and

Copperas Cove projects could be beneficial.

"It could be very advantageous to Copperas Cove and the city of Gatesville," he said.

"I would not propose these if the county would be out anything with these projects," Manning said. "If Gatesville is interested in doing this, we would figure out their cost and that would come back to the county."

Medical professionals present work

BY RODNEY JACKSON
Army Medical Public Affairs

Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center Graduate Medical Education program residents, physicians and physician assistant residents, dental residents and other medical professionals staff members recently presented research results of various topics.

Research day originally began with mostly family and emergency medicine residents presenting and has now grown to include anesthesia nursing, psychiatry, physician assistant, and dental residents and other hospital staff.

"I think that research is definitely impor-

tant," said Cpt. Rachel Rodriguez, emergency medical physician's assistant, CRDAMC.

Rodriguez's presentation was on the accuracy of Army combat medics needle site selection practices and offered that research in general will help make medics more confident and perform their jobs better.

Researchers not only present at CRDAMC but have presented nationally at military medical conferences.

"Our residents traditionally have gone over and above what they need to graduate," said, Dr. Vernon Wheeler, family medicine faculty, CRDAMC.

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Folks around town



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Amber Shalchi

Say hello to our neighbor, Amber Shalchi!

Amber is a Banker at Extraco Banks. She began working at the bank when she first moved to Gatesville six years ago. She likes how the community is supportive of one another in times of need. She enjoys interacting with new customers each day. Amber reads The Gatesville Messenger to stay informed on upcoming events and the latest news.

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

MY FRONT PORCH

Summer has “officially” begun but somehow, it is different!



BY SAM HOUSTON

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

With the school year ending and the passing of Memorial Day, summer has officially started. I appreciate the first official day of summer is not until June 21, but in my book after Memorial Day and the kids are out of school, the world quickly passes from spring to the heat and activity of summer vacation.

Thoughts of summers gone by rekindle memories, which are deeply embedded in my mind. The world has changed in the many years since the summers of my youth. Those summers were spent in endeavors significantly different than how children now spend their time.

Just this past week I went to the dermatologist for them to examine a mole on my back. My wife had advised me the mole was slightly irregularly shaped and darkened, and she thought I should have it checked. When the

doctor asked me if I used sunscreen, I advised that I do now, but when in grade school my shirt came off the last day of school and other than church, it pretty much did not go back on until the first day of school in the fall. I am not sure sunscreen had even been invented yet! Most all my summer days were spent either playing baseball, running in a garden sprinkler, or playing with the water hose, while the sun baked down. Many times, there were not enough boys to play a regular full scale baseball game, so we played stick ball or what we called

Indian ball which required life, the sheer joy and happiness of playing, being with my friends, and doing what we did.

I look at the summer activities of young people today and they are so vastly different. Children go to gymnastics, dance, and swimming lessons, sports camps as well as a host of other activities. Time is spent playing with a tablet, phone, or playing video games. Other than swimming, little time is spent outside or creating ways to spend their time, everything is preplanned and pre-programmed.

Who am I to judge whether the way children spend their summer is well spent or not. I am guessing young people will not look back on their youthful summers with the same joy as I do. Such a pity.

Thought for the day: A vacation is what you take when you can no longer take what you've been taking.

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

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No cost summer meals for kids through July

Staff Reports

Gatesville Independent School District will provide summer meals at no cost for children ages 18 or younger, and enrolled students who are up to 21 years of age with disabilities. The program began serving meals on Thursday, May 30 and will continue to do so until Friday, July 28.

The following are locations where breakfast and lunch will be served:

* Gatesville Elementary School, located at 2537 E. Main Street will provide meals Monday through Friday. Breakfast will be served from 8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., lunch will be served from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and the sit-down meals will be served in the cafeteria. Cost for adults will be \$2.50 for breakfast and \$4.25 for lunch.

* Trinity Day Care Center, located at 1506 W. Main Street in Gatesville will provide meals Tuesday through Thursday. Breakfast will be served from 8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and lunch will be from 11 a.m. to



11:30 p.m.

* The Gatesville City Pool, located at 300 S. Eighth Street will provide meals Tuesday through Thursday. Lunch will be served from 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m.

* Gatesville High School will provide meals Monday through Thursday at the High School football field concession stand. Breakfast will be served from 8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and lunch will be served from 10:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Cost for adults will be \$2.50 for breakfast and \$4.50 for lunch.

To find a meal location near you text “FOOD” to 304-304 or visit SummerFood.org.

Monument work underway locally

BY JEFF OSBORNE
Senior Writer & Editor

Construction has begun on a monument being built by the Texas Department of Transportation at the intersection of State Highway 36 and Business 36 that will feature a 229-foot limestone wall about 4.5 feet tall surrounded by landscaping that will consist of trees and perennial plants.

The monument is the result of Gatesville being recognized through the Governor's Community Achievement Awards in 2021 for multiple efforts made by Keep Gatesville Beautiful to enhance the community. Those initiatives included the city's recycling program, partnerships with Fort Hood soldiers on cleanup and beautification projects and other programs.

The monument is being built with state funds, and two plaques can be placed there at a later date with the city designating the subject matter and also being responsible for lighting.

Gatesville City Manager Scott Albert said the city and a transportation department representative are talking about whether the city or the state will be responsible for maintenance of the monument area.

Emergency training slated

Tri-Service graduating emergency and family medicine residents and medical personnel from Army, Navy and Air Force medical teams including Active Duty, National Guard, and Reserves will join for the Joint Emergency Medicine Exercise hosted by Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center at Fort Cavazos, formerly known as Fort Hood, June 5-9.

The purpose of the exercise is to train emergency medicine medical personnel in realistic combat casualty care in order to increase unit and individual combat readiness and joint interoperability.

Over 2,000 services members from 71 units representing over 60 medical specialties and multi-national medical personnel will participate in JEMX this year.

The medical center recently held a mental health awareness fair in May.

“We want the families to know that we are here for them and that we have services available here at the hospital for children, adolescents and families,” said Michelle Aguayo, outreach coordinator child and family behavioral health, CRDAMC.

Kicker with Gatesville ties signs with LA Rams

From Staff Reports

Tanner Brown, the son of Brian Brown, a 1981 Gatesville High School graduate and Veronica Brown, formerly of Waco, and the grandson of Barbara Hernon of Gatesville, recently signed a contract with the Los Angeles Rams.

Brown, a placekicker, was undrafted in the 2023 NFL draft but reached an agreement with the Rams in May. A 2018 graduate of Saugus High School in Santa Clarita,

Calif., Brown played college for College of the Canyons, the University of Nevada and Oklahoma State University.

In an article which appeared in the Santa Clarita Valley Signal, Saugus football coach Jason Bornn said, “We are very proud of Tanner. He was a tremendous asset for us as a kicker and an outstanding human being. He worked very hard to get to this point in his life and career, and now that he

gets to play for our home team, the Rams, we couldn't be happier for him.”

Brown earned honorable mention All Big 12 recognition in 2021 and was second team All Big 12 in 2022, as well as a team captain at Oklahoma State.

He was also a semifinalist for the Lou Groza Award which recognizes the top collegiate football placekicker.



Tanner Brown

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22% of county land but accounts for more than 50% of the local acres burned.

“I don't want (the statistics) to be misread,” said Judge Miller, who himself is a U.S. Army veteran with 23 years of service and is familiar with artillery operations. “Some military installations have a policy to let certain areas burn which is different from how things might be handled elsewhere. Conditions are different outside the installations.”

Greta Buccellato, deputy to the Fort Cavazos garrison commander, and Fort Cavazos firefighters were among those attending the meeting. She said the post has made significant efforts to reduce fire fuel loads and asked if those efforts were taken into consider-

ation when the county applied for the grant. She added that including that information might help with future applications.

“Our purpose is to train soldiers to win wars, and you have to fire weapons, and that causes fires,” she said. “First and foremost, we concentrate on reducing (fire) fuels, placing firebreaks and then on response capability and education.”

One of the Fort Cavazos firefighters said when the 36th Engineers return, the plan is to implement even more fire prevention efforts on post.

“We also have strike teams that hit the fires fast and hard so they won't get away from us,” he said. He added that he checks weather conditions daily to monitor fire dangers and the post has different levels based on those conditions that can limit what is done during

training exercises.

One area in which Coryell County was hampered in its application was in the low-income criteria, but different data sets were used by different applicants. The future plan is to use U.S. Census data rather than county figures in hopes that the metrics used in that area will be more fair.

Texas A&M Forest Service representatives said a lack of specific details for how fire prevention plans would be implemented and continued was also an area that was cited on the county's application, along with details on how the projects will be sustained and cost figures in relation to accomplishments.

Reducing fire fuel loads “is one of the big things to look at,” Manning said, adding he will need to talk to area fire departments about strategies to reduce those.”

Judge Miller asked where Coryell County ranks as a priority for the state in receiving wildfire defense grant funds.

“Y'all want this, so that's a high priority for us,” Bregenzer said. “The Crittenberg Complex Fire (of 2022) was a large fire in the county. We are trying to hit the counties that have (higher risks) and are interested.” He added that specific information has to be submitted to the U.S. Forest Service to be competitive for the wildfire defense grants. The next round of applications could be opened as early as this month or in July.

“The big deal is what do we do in our county to prevent wildfires,” said Copperas Cove Fire Chief Gary Young. “We have to educate people on how to protect their property and prevent it from becoming part of the problem.” He referred to the FEMA community

wildfire protection plan as an example “of what we can do to prevent problems.”

Young credited the efforts at Fort Cavazos as being a significant way to help protect the county from fires.

Judge Miller said input from all of the county's fire departments is crucial in determining the county's next steps in future applications for wildfire defense grants.

“From the county's standpoint, if there's not a commitment and dedication from the fire departments, there's not a reason for us to push this through,” he said. He added that meetings between county leaders and fire department members will be vital to get information to ensure the county turns in the best grant application that it can.

OBITUARIES

CAROLYNN TOMME

Oct. 23, 1956 - May 27, 2023



Carolynn Tomme, age 66, of Gatesville, passed

away on Saturday, May 27, 2023, with her family at her side.

Carolynn Rogers Tomme was born on October 23, 1956, to the late Eldred LeRoy Rogers and Barbara Elsinia Robinson Rogers in Kansas City, Missouri. She grew up and attended school in Hurst, Texas. In 1986, she met Leslie Tomme, and the two were married the following year in Brownwood, Texas. Carolynn attended the Brownwood School of Cosmetology and worked as a hairdresser after moving to Gatesville in 1988. She later worked in the food service industry as a manager for Subway. Carolynn enjoyed camping, fishing, and gardening, and always had a love for animals. She also

enjoyed spending time with her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brother Charles (Chuck) LeRoy Rogers.

Carolynn is survived by her husband, Leslie; stepdaughter, Ashlie Salinas, and husband, Daylon of Granbury; sisters, Laura Carr of May, and Joanne Jones of Gatesville; brother, Gary Rogers of Brownwood; and granddaughter, Sierra Salinas.

RANDY THOMAS

Dec. 28, 1954 - May 28, 2023



Randy Thomas, age 68, of Gatesville, passed away on Sunday, May 28, 2023. Memorial services were held at 4 p.m. Friday, June 2, 2023, at Scott's Funeral Home Chapel, with Dr. David Crosby officiating. Visitation with the family will be one hour prior to services at the funeral home.

Randy Owen Thomas was born on December 28, 1954, to the late Dalton and Mary Ann Slaughter Thomas in Kennett, Missouri. He grew up and attended school in Kennett, graduating from Kennett High School in 1972. He then attended college at Southeast Missouri State University, located in Cape Girardeau, graduating with a bachelor's degree in general studies. After graduation, he worked as a surveyor for the City of Austin, and later met his wife, Elizabeth Westmoreland, while attending classes at

Austin Community College. Randy and Elizabeth married in September 1983. They moved to Georgia in 1988 and Randy then began his career with the National Park Service. Between 1988 and 1992, he worked as a seasonal park ranger for Fort Pulaski National Monument, located in Savannah, Georgia, Fort Frederica National Monument, located in St. Simons Island, Georgia, Fort Sumter National Monument, located in Sullivan's Island, South Carolina, and Chiricahua National Monument, located in Wilcox, Arizona. He and Elizabeth moved to Gatesville in 1991. During that time, Randy worked as a surveyor for both Turley Engineering and Surveying, and H and B Contractors, before going to work at Gatesville Ace Hardware. In 2008, Randy's love for the outdoors took him back to the National Park Service, where he again served as a park ranger for both Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve, located in Alaska, as well as the Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park, located in Stonewall, Texas. Randy ultimately retired in 2017.

Randy's passion was to show the world the wonders of nature and the history of our nation. He was a citizen of the world and was often complimented for his ability to speak to people of all nationalities, as he was well-spoken and easily understood. He had that southern gentleman charm, a strong work ethic, and his

relaxed, cheerful demeanor always put people at ease. He was well-loved by family and friends and was often described as a man with a dry sense of humor, but a person willing to help anyone in need. His hobbies included rock hunting, collecting arrowheads, reading, and working with model airplanes. However, more than anything, Randy was extremely proud of his son, Chief Roy Thomas, and his daughter Savannah Halteman, and their careers in the United States Coast Guard.

Randy was preceded in death by his parents, and brother, David Thomas.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Thomas of Gatesville; daughter, Savannah Halteman and husband, Shawn of Haines, Alaska; son, Roy Dalton Thomas and wife, Brooke of Middletown, Rhode Island; sister, Lisa Muse and husband, Bill of Marmaduke, Arkansas; brothers, Tim Thomas and wife, Kathy of Gideon, Missouri, Bill Thomas of Yorktown, Virginia, and Tommy Emerson of Memphis, Tennessee; and grandsons, Hunter Halteman, Jack Thomas, and Griffin Thomas.

Randy's family extends their deepest gratitude and gives special thanks to the staff at Rehab Living at the Meadows, and to Baylor Scott and White Hospice, for the attentive and affectionate care that they provided to Randy.

RUTH OGDEN

March 31, 1928 - May 29, 2023



Ruth Ogden, age 95, of Gatesville, passed away peacefully on Monday, May 29, 2023.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, June 1, at Restland Cemetery, with Dr. Lynn Parks officiating.

Johnnie Ruth Ogden was born on March 31, 1928, in

Emory, Texas, to the late Charles Alexander Bryant and Neva Lee Davis Bryant. She eventually moved to Lamesa, where she met William Sevoy Ogden at a church social in Midway and they later married on November 19, 1948. They resided in El Paso, moving to Gatesville in 1951, where they purchased a ranch. Due to drought conditions in Coryell County, they returned to El Paso in 1954 and resided there until moving back to their ranch in 1962. She worked in Gatesville at the Coryell County Tax Assessor Collector Office, A.S.C.S. office and retired from the Farm and Ranch Supply Co-Op as their business manager. Ruth enjoyed fishing, boating, camping, working outdoors and her Eastwood Baptist Church family, where she was a devout member for over 60 years. Later in life, she and Willie enjoyed traveling with

their friends extensively throughout the United States in their travel trailer.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 69 years, Sevoy (Willie) Ogden; infant daughter, Janice Lynn Ogden; only grandchild, Lee Tyler (Ty) Williams and sister, Imogene Riddle.

Ruth is survived by her children, Mike Ogden of Gatesville; daughter, Marsha Williams Creek and husband, Tom of Gatesville; son Mark Ogden and wife, Jeanette of West. She is also survived by her family's friend and caregiver, Carmen Gribble.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested memorials be made to Eastwood Baptist Church, 2518 Main Street, Gatesville, TX 76528, or St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105, www.stjude.org/donate.

SUZANNE KINDRICK

September 9, 1940 - May 30, 2023



Suzanne Kindrick, age 82, of Gatesville, passed away on Tuesday, May 30, 2023, surrounded by her family.

Graveside services were held at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 1, 2023, at Lamb Cemetery, near Mound, with Pastor Matt Dossey officiating.

Linda Suzanne Kindrick

was born to the late Otha and Sarah Jane Bone Johnson on September 9, 1940, in Gatesville. She grew up and attended school in Gatesville. During her high school years, she met Joe Walker Manning, and the two were married on December 31, 1957. After obtaining her GED, she attended nursing school, graduating in 1981 with her L.V.N. certification. She began her nursing career at Coryell Memorial Hospital, helping deliver several of her grandchildren. After several years, she accepted a position with the University of Texas Medical Branch and later retired in 2006. From there, she continued to follow her passion for being a nurse and worked with special needs children until 2015.

She was very proud of her four children, but even more proud of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She loved sports of all kinds and was a huge fan of the Dallas Cowboys and Gatesville Hornet football and baseball. She also had a soft spot in her heart

for animals, as she loved them all.

Suzanne is survived by her children, Douglas Manning and wife, Talitha, Craig Manning and wife, Sharon, Kenneth Manning and wife, Debra, and Denise Mooney and husband, David; eleven grandchildren; and 29 great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, Suzanne's family request memorials be made to Coryell County Pet Rescue, 2217 E. Main Street, Gatesville, Texas 76528.

A special heartfelt thank-you is also extended to Rehab Living at the Meadows and to Bluebonnet Hospice for the excellent level of care that was provided to Suzanne and her family.

"One day, you are going to hug your last hug, kiss your last kiss and hear someone's voice for the last time. But you never know when the last time will be, so live every day as if it were the last time you will be with the person you love."

The Bragging Grandmother - aka "Nana"

BY SANDRA TATUM
Contributing Writer

I will admit I am a very happy grandmom with the announcement that Slone Early was to be the big "V" of the class of 2023 at GHS! I'm not stopping here though. I am the luckiest grandmom I know as Slone is my second grandson to

be awarded this honor. In 2021, Shy Tatum, son of Justin and Marla Tatum, was number one in his class!

Call me a big braggard if you wish, but I believe I now have this bragging time for my two grandsons from our little town of Flat, Texas

Slone is the son of my

daughter, Se'Vette Early and her husband Sam Early and grandson of Sam's mom Haroldeen Early of Troy, Texas.

Shy Tatum, Stormy Tatum, and Slone Early will all attend A&M this fall. God has truly blessed me and my family.

The Rattlesnake Scare

BY SANDRA TATUM
Contributing Writer

Now that spring has finally arrived except for a few cooler days now and then, everyday life seems much more tolerable — even though the Easter snap did in my apricot and peach trees, I think. One day they were in bloom and the next day not.

I think back to the February 2021 freeze - we all remember, I'm sure. Some had no electricity and no heat. I was lucky as I did have this out here in my country house that lies on land with trees, grass, weeds, etc. that one gets used to. My house is on pier and beams for

the most part and yes, the water pipes split and burst. When it was reasonably dry, my son, Justin Tatum, crawled under to see what was needed to repair the situation. It was more of a belly crawl, as there isn't much room as you know when dealing with a pier and beam situation.

Then I heard "Oh no, there is a rattlesnake with me!" Then, much to my relief and his, he says "Hey, it isn't moving three feet from me. It is frozen solid." This conversation is going on while he is belly crawling backward, of course. To end my country living story, I now have the new blue pipe invention that

expands and doesn't burst in freezing weather under a house. Thank goodness my oldest son owns his plumbing company in Belton, and this was a welcome mother/son gift! I could put in a plug for him, but it wouldn't be a paid ad, so I won't. I also have a new door to get under the house, but a snake and a rat or mouse go where they want evidently.

My thought for us all: even though it is spring, please be careful where you are all the time as there are unwanted creatures under every rock and cranny! Hopefully not under my house though.

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Exchange Club presents 27th annual Fire Ant Tour

Staff Reports

The Gatesville Exchange Club will hold their annual Fire Ant Tour on Saturday, June 10, at the Gatesville Civic Center located at 301 Veterans Memorial Loop. On-site registration and packet pickup will take place from 6:30 a.m. to 8 a.m. on the morning of the race at the Gatesville Civic Center.

There will be two race options, the Fire Ant 100K Bicycle Tour will cost \$40 and the Fire Ant 100K Bicycle Virtual Tour will cost \$45. Both races will take place from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A virtual ride option has been added for people who live far away who want to support the cause. Virtual

riders will be sent their shirts and finishers medal in the mail one week after the event.

Photographers will be stationed all around the grounds of the event to take pictures. All photos will be free without purchase.

The Coffee Saloon will be at the event from 6:30 a.m. to 10 a.m., and Taco Dami-an's will serve breakfast tacos for \$2 dollars per taco and breakfast burritos for \$6 per burrito. Free food will be offered at the end of the ride as well as a swag bag, which will include a free pass to the local fitness center or pool to gain access to a hot shower.

The ride will begin at ap-

proximately 8 a.m. All riders will be required to wear helmets and safety gear. E-bikes are welcome. SAG stations will be placed at each 10-mile interval, and at the start and finish areas. Porta-potties will be available at each SAG station, and SAG wagons will drive on each route throughout the ride to assist riders if necessary.

All proceeds will go towards local scholarships for Gatesville Independent School District seniors and many other community service projects.

For any additional information visit https://gatesvilleclubexpress.com/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=744960&module_id=96763.

Gatesville Riding Club presents Ranch Rodeo June 24

Staff Reports

The Gatesville Riding Club will hold its Ranch Rodeo on Saturday, June 24 at 6 p.m. The rodeo will take place at the Gatesville Riding Club

Arena, located at 301 Veteran's Memorial Loop. A meeting to discuss the rules of the rodeo will be held at 5:30 p.m., and you must be present to participate.

Tickets will be sold at the gate at the cost of \$10 per person, and children under 12 years of age will enter free.

There will be four events,

a \$1,000 team sorting, trailer loading, branding, and stray gathering. There is a 20-team limit, with five people per team.

To register for the event

call Barry Clower at 940-452-1948. Registration money will be due by Saturday, June 10.

For any questions contact Joby Mooney at 254-

216-2611. The Gatesville Riding Club can be reached by email at grc2021.info@gmail.com.

Gatesville Fiber Arts to celebrate Worldwide Knit in Public Day

Staff Reports

The Gatesville Fiber Arts group is to celebrate Worldwide Knit in Public Day on Saturday, June 10. The event

will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Junction on Route 36 in the meeting room, located at 1216 TX-36 N in Gatesville.

All knitters and croch-

eters are welcome to stop by for a little while or to stay for all three hours. There will be brunch, snacks, and conversation to celebrate this worldwide event. Bring

a current fiber project to work on with the group.

Worldwide Knit in Public Day was first brought to light in 2005 by Danielle Landes. It began as a way for

knitters to come together and enjoy each other's company. In 2015, this worldwide event switched from being a weeklong to a one-day celebration.

For more information contact Linda Bramhall at 682-262-6505.

Disabled American Veterans set to present car show

Staff Reports

Local Disabled American Veterans Chapter 74 will hold its first-ever car show

on Saturday, June 17. The car show will be held at the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce, located at 2507

South TX-36 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Pre-registration ended on Friday, May 26. The entry

fee will be due on the day of the car show and will be \$20 per vehicle.

There will be a raffle at the

event. Food and drinks will be available for purchase.

The Disabled American Veterans was founded in

1920 by Robert S. Marx, a former Cincinnati, Ohio judge.

Live Oak Baptist set to hold vacation Bible school

Staff Reports

Live Oak Baptist Church, located at 113 FM 107, will

hold a vacation Bible school from Sunday, June 11 to Wednesday, June 14. Vac-

ation Bible school will begin each day at 5:30 p.m. and will end around 7:30 p.m.

Children in fourth through sixth grade may attend.

This year's theme is

G.L.O.W. for God. The acronym stands for grow, learn, obey, and witness.

For more information, the church can be contacted at 254-865-5681.

First Baptist Church to hold 2023 vacation Bible school

Staff Reports

The First Baptist Church of Gatesville will hold its annual Vacation Bible School

on Sunday, June 4 to Thursday, June 8. The school will be deep sea-themed and is open to pre-K through sixth grade.

Vacation Bible School will begin each of those days at 5:30 p.m. and will continue through 8 p.m. There will be a family program on Thurs-

day, June 8 at 6 p.m. for all families to attend.

Bus services will be available for pick-up and drop-off.

The First Baptist Church of Gatesville is located at 912 East Main Street.

For more information, call the First Baptist Church of

Gatesville at 254-865-2014.

Gatesville Church of Christ presents VBS June 4

Staff Reports

Gatesville Church of Christ located at 2417 E. Main Street, is scheduled to hold its Vacation Bible School from Sunday, June 4 to Wednesday, June 7 from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Pre-K through fifth grade

is welcome to attend the VBS. On each day of the VBS, registration and a light dinner will begin at 5 p.m.

This year's theme will be "Stellar, Shine Jesus' Light." For more information, call 254-865-2438.

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Keith and Ann Shepard on their wedding day, June 8, 1963.

COURTESY PHOTO



Keith and Ann Shepard on Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023.

COURTESY PHOTO

Keith and Ann Shepard to celebrate their 60th anniversary

Submitted Item

Keith Shepard and Ann Hammond Shepard of Gatesville will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Wednesday, June 8, 2023.

Keith retired as an engineer from Hydro Services in Durham, North Carolina in 2007. Ann retired as a registered nurse from Duke Hospital in 2006. They are members of the Presbyterian Church of Gatesville and community volunteers.

They were united in marriage on June 8, 1963, in Ransom, Michigan at the Congregational Church officiated by Charlie Wright.

The couple have four children, Marie and her husband Jerry, of Ireland, Texas, and their three sons, Evan, Colin, and Ryan; Brian and his wife Kristin, of Asheville, North Carolina, and their son, Charlie; Lea who also lives in Asheville; and Marla and her husband Doyle, of Franklin, North Carolina, and their four children, Phoenix, Finley, Phineas, and Fifer.

Their 60th anniversary will be celebrated at a joyous family gathering in Ireland.

Whatever happened to....

20 YEARS AGO (2003)

The Gatesville Lions Club honored Jack Maxwell as their "Teacher of the Month." Maxwell, the junior high athletic coordinator was retired after 36 years as a teacher and coach.

Laramie Kettler, Caleb McKamie, and Jennifer Jackson scored the highest in the Accelerated Reading Program at Gatesville Intermediate School.

The Gatesville Riding Club sweethearts were named as being Kim Miles and Randi Saunders. Kim was listed as the daughter of Keith and Lisa White. Randi was listed as the daughter of Shauna and David Saunders.

Nancy McAnally and Rose Ella Place of the Coryell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary were planning to attend the Annual Texas Association of Hospital Auxiliaries Convention to be held in Austin.

The American Legion Post 42 presented a Prisoner of War/Missing in Action flag to the Coryell County Sheriff's Department and Sheriff Roger Faught.

30 YEARS AGO (1993)

Baylor University Regent Charles D. Wise was chosen to serve on Baylor's Sesquicentennial Council to assist in developing a long-range plan for the world's largest Baptist university.

Jan Gardner of Jonesboro was selected the 1993 recipient of the Extension Homemaker \$500 college scholarship. She was listed as the daughter of Robert and Vanda Gardner.

Mr. and Mrs. Wes Scott were to be honored on their 50th anniversary. Wes Scott and the former Bertha Whatley were married June 10, 1943, by the minister of the 10th and Saunders Street Church of Christ.

Gatesville's Cody Lee, Coby Jones, and Steve Buckner had qualified for the Texas High School Rodeo Finals to be held in Abilene.

Mikel G. Jones was named to the roll of Distinguished

Students at Blinn College with a 3.38 grade point average.

40 YEARS AGO (1983)

Shawn Watts, the 12-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Watts, had been named the Gatesville Riding Club's Sweetheart.

Joe Kopec, son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Kopec of Gatesville, was a candidate for a Doctor of Philosophy degree at Texas A&M University.

Theon Thetford was among former TSU athletes who had been selected for induction into the Tarleton Athletic Hall of Fame.

Vicki Hollingsworth Casey graduated cum laude from

the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor in Belton. She is listed as the wife of Jerry Casey and as having two sons, Gregory and Patrick.

County Judge Doug Smith was to be one of the featured speakers at the Regional Jail Administration Conference presented by Sam Houston State University.

50 YEARS AGO (1973)

In a business transaction, Gatesville attorneys Bill Hix and Don Cantrell purchased 50 percent of the stock in Brown Abstract Company from the owner T.V. Foote.

John F. Post, editor of the Gatesville Messenger, was presented a certificate of

appreciation from The National Guard Association of Texas.

Jack Barton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dossey Barton, graduated from Texas Tech University where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in secondary education.

Bob Arnold, Jr. announced the purchase of the Burl Watts Car Wash and Conoco Service Station located at the southeast corner of Main St. and Lovers Lane.

Ronnie Sullins, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Sullins, received a Bachelor of Science degree in animal science at Tarleton State College in Stephenville.

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RECIPE

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Nacho Casserole

BY BRIANA MARTIN

- 2 lbs. lean ground beef
- 1 (11-oz.) can nacho cheese soup, undiluted
- ¾ c. chopped onion, divided
- ½ c. milk
- 1 pkg. taco seasoning
- ¼ c. chopped green pepper
- ¾ c. water
- ¼ tsp. sugar
- paprika
- 1 (8-oz.) can tomato sauce
- 1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 1 (4-oz.) can chopped green chilies, drained
- 1 (16-oz.) can red kidney beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 (24-oz.) pkg. frozen O'Brien potatoes, thawed

Brown ground beef and ½ cup onion in skillet; drain excess fat. Stir in taco seasoning, water, and tomato sauce. Bring to a boil and simmer for 1 minute. Spread meat mixture into a greased 13 x 9 baking pan. Top with green chilies, beans, and potatoes. In mixing bowl, combine soup, milk, ¼ cup onion, green pepper, sugar, and Worcestershire sauce; pour over potatoes. Cover with foil and bake at 350 for 1 hour. Remove foil and bake another 15 minutes or until lightly browned. Allow to stand for 10 minutes before cutting into squares. Yields: 8 servings.

CORYELL 4-H GUN CLUB OFFICERS



COURTESY PHOTO

The Coryell 4-H Gun Club recently held their last meeting of the school year. At the meeting the officers for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year were announced. Pictured above, from left to right, are the officers including Lily Nielsen, President; Wyatt Dunbar, Vice President; Dutch Nielsen, Secretary; and Ellie Knobloch, Treasurer. The club's goal is to educate the youth in the field of firearm safety and shooting sports.

The DISPATCH

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of May 24 - 29. 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 24
7:07 a.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 2200 block of E. Main Street.
11:42 a.m., harassment was reported in the 2500 block of Jackson Drive.
5:04 p.m., a missing person was reported in the 200 block of S. Lovers Lane.
9:52 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 3400 block of E. Main Street.
May 25
9:00 a.m., animal cruelty was reported in the 100 block of N. 14th Street.
12:06 p.m., a theft was reported in the 2800 block of S. State Hwy. 36.
3:08 p.m., reckless conduct was reported in the 3400 block of E. Main Street.
8:10 p.m., a theft was reported in the 600 block of Live Oak Street.
May 26

6:47 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 600 block of CR 308.
11:52 a.m., reckless conduct was reported in the 500 block of Straws Mill Road.
4:02 p.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 300 block of S. 34th Street.
9:46 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 700 block of S. 7th Street.
May 27
4:16 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 1000 block of Scenic Drive.
8:50 p.m., reckless conduct was reported in the 13000 block of S. State Hwy. 36.
10:55 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 2500 block of E. Main Street.
11:52 p.m., an assault was reported in the 2400 block of E. Main Street.
May 28
2:25 a.m., animal cruelty was reported in the 2900 block of S. State Hwy. 36.

3:15 p.m., an accident was reported in the 2800 block of S. State Hwy. 36.
6:22 p.m., a theft was reported in the 2400 block of E. Main Street.
6:50 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 200 block of E. Main Street.
May 29
3:37 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of Mulberry Avenue.
11:25 a.m., a disturbance was reported in the 200 block of Old Osage Road.
4:51 p.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of S. 34th Street.
8:17 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1500 block of Golf Course Road.

CORYELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

May 24

8:20 a.m., a civil matter was reported in the 4600 block of Harmon Road.
9:47 a.m., fraud was reported in the 2900 block of S. FM 116.
11:23 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 11000 block of N. Hwy. 36.
3:17 p.m., the burglary of a habitation was reported in the 300 block of CR 339.
May 25
10:16 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 8300 block of FM 215.
2:05 p.m., a neighbor dispute was reported in the 100 block of Spotted Fawn.
6:53 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 100 block of College Avenue.
9:05 p.m., a neighbor dispute was reported in the 300 block of FM 107.
May 26
12:43 p.m., missing livestock was reported in the 2800 block of CR 137.

2:28 p.m., a reckless driver was reported eastbound on W. Hwy. 84.
2:55 p.m., an explosion was reported in the 100 block of Western Ridge Road.
10:03 p.m., a suspicious vehicle was reported on CR 107 near the Levita Fire Department.
May 27
8:53 a.m., a civil matter was reported in the 2300 block of Elsberry.
1:45 p.m., the burglary of a habitation was reported in the 500 block of Ranier Road.
6:01 p.m., shots being fired was reported in the 400 block of Thackson Drive.
8:16 p.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 1000 block of Lutheran Church Road.
May 28
12:04 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on

CR 257 and CR 258.
2:07 p.m., an out-of-control child was reported in the 100 block of E. Walker Avenue.
9:38 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 800 block of Lutheran Church Road.
10:08 p.m., animal cruelty was reported in the 2200 block of Straws Mill Road.
May 29
8:06 a.m., a minor accident was reported on S. Hwy. 36 and CR 334.
10:01 a.m., identity theft was reported in the 400 block of Royals Oak Drive.
7:15 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 10000 block of FM 215.
8:01 p.m., damaged property was reported in the 300 block of Martin Drive.

LETTER

Time to explain it to them.

It is time the people of America explain to senators, congressmen and the president who is the boss. We choose them to make our nation well for our country and people. We do not mean that just because we vote for them they can do as they want. They do what the majority of people want done. Do they seriously think that if they cause the government to collapse and not pay our people who are on Social Se-

curity, retired military, etc, if so they better start thinking another thing. If this mess does not get solved right now we will stop paying all senators, congressmen and the president. We will not pay any they lost in the future, they will just lose that money. Those who voted to collapse our nation had better start looking for a job because they are not going to work for us in our government.

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PEARL NEWS

Drive on out to Pearl for great music, fellowship, food, and shopping



BY BETSY CLARK
Pearl News Correspondent

Pearl Bluegrass and Pearl Cottage Bookstore are going on today, so drive on out to Pearl and enjoy some great music, fellowship, food, and shopping!

Remaining dates for these events for 2023 are: July 1, August 5, (Second Saturday in September) September 9, October 7, November 4, and December 2. Mark these dates on your calendar and come see us in Pearl!

Next week, I will have a report on the annual Pearl Church of Christ week-long Vacation Bible School which took place May 29 through June 2. If you were in or near Pearl this past week, you probably heard a lot of joyful noises unto the Lord!

Children are always a blessing, and Pearl was abundantly blessed during the week!

A little snippet of history from the Pleasure and Profit Club book (which you can purchase at The Pearl Cottage Bookstore): The date was June 1, 1933 (90 years ago). "The club met with Mrs. Kelly Whitt. During the working period, one quilt was quilted. The house was called to order and minutes were read and approved. Twelve members answered the roll call, and eight visi-

tors were present. Two new members were added to the roll. Twenty cents were paid for fines which makes \$3.60 in the treasury. We adjourned to meet with Mrs. Charles Elam on June 8 because she wanted the club before it disbanded for summer. They were served candy and popcorn." Can't you just imagine the fun these ladies had and the difference they made in the community! Oh, these changing times....

This week's Bible verse comes from Ephesians

6:18—Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. NIV

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 betsyclarck47@yahoo.com.

Germany is full of good surprises



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

Everywhere we went in Germany people apologized for what the Nazis did. It started with the cruise director on the ship as we cruised along the Rhine last March. He praised the American forces for the victory in World War II. It continued with every tour guide we encountered. They emphasized the fact that the holocaust was being taught in schools to help prevent it from happening again.

The war left a strong imprint on Germany. So many towns we visited had been nearly 90 percent destroyed during the conflict. Germans talk about the war like it was more recent than 80 years ago.

It's difficult to think of Germany as a modern country. People in tourism there still push castles and cathedrals as the main things to see.

Our weeklong cruise started in Amsterdam. Soon after we got settled on the ship, we were offered a walking tour of the city. My heart picked up a beat as we walked around because I love the city so much. It was my fifth visit there. We walked along the canals, down narrow dark streets,

watching out for bicycles, the main type of transportation in the city. It's flat so bicycle riders seldom have to stand up and pedal. They glide along as a group and it's like a flowing river to watch the coordination the riders have. I saw a woman riding a bicycle with her two children in a carriage in front of her. People haul giant packages on bicycles. It's just the way they do things in Holland.

We toured a windmill where a miller lived with his family and saw a statue of the story, "The Cat and the Cradle," (a Dutch fairytale).

We heard about dikes and life in an area that's below sea level. In Cologne we saw the third-largest cathedral

in the world and the place where the famous German perfume, 4711, is manufactured. We visited Koblenz, Rudesheim, Speyer, Strasbourg, France, Breisach and disembarked in Basel, Switzerland.

One of the most relaxing afternoons I have ever spent was when we cruised the middle Rhine where there's a castle about every five minutes. The weather was perfect, and we went to different decks to get the best views. On the upper deck we played shuffleboard for about three minutes.

In Speyer we were fortunate to be there during one of the city's largest festivals. It's called Burning the Snowman to signal the end of winter. Thousands of

people were in a park and a parade featuring a giant snowman made of wood, paper and cloth went through the town. When it got to the park, firemen put the flames to it.

On our way to the Black Forest, we passed beautiful scenery including dark trees, homes in pastoral settings and water cascading down mountains. It was a fun trip. We met some fabulous people. One woman sat at the car each night painting pictures of the things she had seen during the day. A man from Seattle found out I was from Texas and when he saw me on one of the tours he asked me, "Where's your horse?"

MOUND NEWS

Mound folks have been visiting



BY BARBARA HOPSON
Mound News Correspondent

Kinsley Elizabeth McPherson spent a week in Rock Wall with Kyle, Holly, Ruby, Truett and Jacklyn Pullen.

Emma Blakley has been here for a week. Emma will be going back to College Station to start her summer classes.

Mrs. Bettie Blakley of Pearl visited on Sunday afternoon with Robert and Carolyn Blakley.

Katie Sue Hopson is work-

ing at the Gatesville City Pool as a lifeguard for the summer months.

Several people from Mound attended the Gatesville High School Commencement program Friday evening at McKamie Stadium.

Remembering Uncle Bob



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Cattle vs. Sheep

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."

The following is an excerpt of Uncle Bob's Down Memory Lane column that appeared in the November 30, 1951, edition of The Gatesville Messenger:

Sheep Owners Who Bucked Cowmen Had Lots of Nerve but Showed Poor Judgement

Down in a bend of Cowhouse Creek in a grove of big timber, they cut logs and built a double-log house with a hallway in between the two big rooms and a gallery on the south side and a shed room on the north. It was a very large house for that day and time, as the old folks had a large family of boys and girls. I knew five of the boys and one of the girls. They possibly moved into the Cowhouse country in the 1870's, as so many folks did. For certain reasons I am not going to mention their real names; I will call them Jim and Hat-tie Bledsoe. They were just good, plain pioneer folks who had come to this country to make their home.

I remember the first time I ever visited that old home was some 30 years or more ago, when a grandson was still living there. In the 70s, land was cheap and all of it unfenced. The Cowhouse country was stock country and cattle and horses grazed where the grass was best, as there were no fences to confine them. Nearly all the old homes were built on the creeks and rivers so that the folks would have wood and water. Old Man Jim Bledsoe put in a small farm when he settled on the creek, but like most of the

Old Timers of that day, he was a rancher and made his living from the sale of cattle and horses.

Too Cheap to Steal

In a few years, Jim Bledsoe's longhorn cattle grazed all up and down Cowhouse Creek from the Cravey Crossing on the north down to H.B. Pid-coke's ranch on the south. Although the stock roamed at will, branded or unbranded, nobody bothered to steal them. Some of the old timers said they were too cheap to steal. It didn't cost Bledsoe anything to raise his cattle, and he had a lot full of saddle ponies and he had five raised cowboys to ride them.

Jim Bledsoe and his family were really sitting on top of the world with a downhill pull. Both Jim and his brother, who lived on the creek just a few miles from Old Man Cravey's place, were well thought of, both being good citizens. The older brother and his two sons were more or less religiously inclined, and they farmed more than they ranched. Both Jim and his brood were cowmen from who laid the chunks. They believed in cattle and horses and nothing else and hated the smell of sheep.

The cattlemen claimed that sheep ate the grass down to the roots and fouled up the water holes where cattle went to drink. So, you can understand how Bledsoe felt when the boys rode in home and told him that the new man, Doctor Sims, and his two sons

were sheepmen and had moved in a big band of sheep on their range with a herder. The sheep ranged on the prairie north of the Cowhouse, but they had to have water at the creek and the cowmen felt this would foul up the water for their stock.

Herdsman Snuffed Out

Course all the cattlemen were up in arms, and all peevd up, but there weren't too much they could do about it, as the doctor had a perfect right to graze his range. But the first thing you knowed, Doctor Sims' sheep herder had been killed, and the grapevine said that one of Sims' cattle-owning neighbors was responsible.

This angered Dr. Sims and he hollered for the law and order to take its course and protect him and his sons against the cowmen. He said they weren't afraid, but that they were law abiding men and thought they had just as much right to run sheep in Coryell County as did the cowmen to run cattle. The argument wasn't long in flaring into open warfare.

It turned out that the Sims bunch had plenty of cold nerve but very poor judgment, for the cowmen had them outnumbered and were also better armed. History says that when the showdown came and both sides gathered on the courthouse yard, the fight was one-sided. Spectators who grouped themselves on the east side of the square reported that the cowmen were all armed with Colt .45 six-shooters and knew how to use them.

And use them they did to good advantage, for when the smoke of the battle cleared away there were three dead sheepmen lying on the courthouse yard and only one slightly wounded cowman. After this decisive victory for the cowmen, no one had the nerve to run sheep in Coryell County for years and years.

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COUNTY OF CORYELL

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF MARIA ELENA VALDESPINO DECEASED. CAUSE NO 23-10853, COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS. SARA MARIA EVERETT FILED IN THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS ON THE 24TH DAY OF MAY 2023, APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP WITHIN ADMINISTRATION SAID MARIA ELENA VALDESPINO DECEASED.

SAID APPLICATION SHALL BE HEARD AND ACTED ON BY SAID COURT ON OR AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY NEXT AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF TEN DAYS FROM DATE OF POSTING THIS CITATION, THE SAME BEING THE 5TH DAY OF JUNE 2023, AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN GATESVILLE, TEXAS.

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

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CORYELL COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY IN GATESVILLE, TEXAS THE 24th day of May, 2023.

JENNIFER NEWTON
CORYELL COUNTY CLERK
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- ▶ 10.01 acres east of Evant, TX. Lot 8 Phase 5 Rio Escondido Subdivision, good tree cover, rolling terrain, great views to build a home, gated Subdivision. \$119,900
- ▶ 10.01 acres north of Evant, TX. Lot 85 Phase 4 Rio Escondido, Rolling Terrain, Good tree cover, good views, \$115,000
- ▶ 10.01 acres, Lot 20 Phase 4 Rio Escondido north of Evant, TX. Good tree cover, great views. \$150,000
- ▶ 10.01 acres east of Evant, TX in Coryell County on CR 160. Lot 39, Buffalo Creek Ranch Subdivision. Rolling terrain, good tree cover. \$150,000
- ▶ 10.01 acres, Lot 48 in Phase 6 Rio Escondido Subdivision Evant, TX., Dry Branch along back of the property, nice home site overlooking the branch. \$185,000
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- ▶ 11 +/- acres, Arnett, TX in Coryell County. Good tree cover, nice home site, will need to be fenced on the east boundary. MCWSC may be available. \$179,500
- ▶ 11.64 acres, 3/2 home south of Evant, TX in Coryell County. Nice porch, large master bedroom and bath, barn, workshop, seasonal creek, Hwy 281 Frontage. \$850,000
- ▶ 17.85 acres, 296 Cross Timbers Lane, Gatesville. 2 homes, main home 3 Br, 2 Ba brick home, open floor plan, second home 2 Br, 2 Ba single wide mobile home, 2 covered parking spaces, good tree cover, rolling terrain, storage building, excellent fences, 1 stock pond. \$749,500
- ▶ 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
- ▶ 38 +/- acres, south of Pearl, TX, Coryell County, FM 183 frontage, rolling terrain, scattered tree cover, nice views, great home site. \$372,400
- ▶ 41.0457 acres, Hamilton, TX, CR 404 in Hamilton County. Rolling terrain, scattered tree cover, approx. 25 acres farmland, 2 stock tanks, & good fences. \$449,000
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ 58.51 acres, 3 Br, 2 Ba frame home, 6630 FM 183, Evant, TX, water well, several outbuildings, rolling terrain, scattered tree cover & 2 stock tanks. \$585,000
- ▶ 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. \$1,249,500
- ▶ 82.43 acres west of Evant, TX, Mills County. Open pasture, scattered mesquite tree cover, native grasses, 1 stock tank, fenced on 3 sides. \$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
- ▶ 106 +/- acres, CR 180, Purmela, TX, Coryell & Hamilton County. Good tree cover, rolling terrain, 1 tank, paved road frontage, electricity is across the road. \$832,100
- ▶ 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
- ▶ 199.86 acres, 4 BR, 2 Ba Manufactures Home, 1856 sq. ft., 1805 CR 180, Purmela, TX in Coryell County. Front porch, fully furnished, 2 stock tanks, 8 ft. x 40 ft storage container, storage building with water storage tank, barn, cattle pens, water well 560 ft deep, rolling terrain, good tree cover and paved road frontage. \$1,568,901

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Lightning strikes tree on May 24.

COURTESY OF TED MCCONVILLE

Lightning strikes tree in Gatesville

Submitted Item

Pictured is an oak tree located in the backyard of Ted and Lori McConville of Gatesville. In the early morning hours of May 24, McConville and his wife

were awakened by a lightning strike that sounded like it was very near. They later discovered that an oak tree in their backyard had been struck by lightning leaving a scar the length of the tree from the top, down

along the trunk and disappearing into the ground. McConville said that bark debris from the strike was found all throughout their yard.

Bell County Master Gardeners June events

Submitted Item

The Bell County Master Gardeners Association recently announced their events schedule for the month of June. For those interested in gardening, the events held during the month are:

June 10

The Bell County Master Gardener Association presents a Hands-on Workshop "Hush and Eat Your Flowers" on Saturday, June 10, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., Texas Agrilife Extension Service located at 1605 N. Main Street, Belton. Please join Certified Master Gardener Kim Pringle and Master Gardener and Professional Baker Rowena Fengel for an introduction to edible flowers. There will be tips, reminders, and handouts on how to easily incorporate fresh and dried edible flowers and herbs from your own

garden into drinks, salads, entrees, and desserts. Then it is your turn to decorate a cupcake with edible flowers and herbs. Bring your apron for an enjoyable morning of learning and creativity. Class Limit 20. The class Fee \$17 per person. Payment instructions will be provided upon registering for the workshop. Register at bcmgaspeakers@gmail.com

June 15

The BCMGA Presents a Free Monthly Seminar "Soil Science for the Home Gardener" on Thursday, June 15, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Texas Agrilife Extension Service, BCMGA Learning Center located at 1605 N. Main Street, Belton. Certified Master Gardener and Soil Scientist, Pat Mielnick will discuss why soil is important, the essentials for plant growth, and the need for submitting a soil test. Class Limit 50. Please register at bcmga-

speakers@gmail.com

June 17

Please plan to join the BCMGA for a tour of the Killeen Municipal Court Community Garden on Saturday, June 17 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The KMCCG is located directly behind the Killeen Convention & Visitors Bureau located at 3601 S. W.S. Young Drive, Killeen. Certified Master Gardener Dave Slaughter, Director of the KMCCG, as well as other Certified Master Gardeners, will be on site to provide tours of the garden and will answer questions on weeding as well as conducting demonstrations on harvesting. The tours are free and open to the public. No registration or sign-up required. Please call the Bell County Master Gardener Help Desk at 254-933-5304 or email https://tx.org/bell/ or bcmgaspeakers@gmail.com if you have any questions.



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GISD camp season commences



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Gatesville youth had an opportunity to work on a variety of skills during the Gatesville ISD football camp for first- through sixth-graders from May 30 through June 1.



ALEX MEELBUSCH | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

The Gatesville ISD girls basketball camp from May 30 through June 1 allowed students entering grades 1-9 to work on fundamentals.



ALEX MEELBUSCH | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Girls work on their skills during the recent basketball camp.



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Stretching exercises were underway at Tommy Davidson Field at McKamie Stadium.

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Coryell Retired School Personnel receives recognition at District XII workshop

BY MARSHA LEE
Contributing Writer

Texas Retired Teachers Association (TRTA) is divided into 20 districts which serve as conduits of information from the state organization to local chapters. TRTA members are encouraged to join a local chapter to enjoy the fellowship with TRS retirees and to participate in advocacy at the grassroots level. The District XII Area consists of 14 different counties/chapters: Bell County (Temple,) Bosque County, Copperas Cove Chapter, Coryell County (Gatesville,) Falls County, Freestone County, Hamilton County, Hill County, Bell County (Killeen,) Lampasas County, Limestone County, Mills County, Navarro County, and Waco (McLennan County.) In all, 58 members plus 3 guests attended this conference, giving representation to 12 of the 14 chapters/counties in District XII.

The chapter had five members attending the Spring Leadership Training on Tuesday, May 16, 2023,

at the Region XII Education Service Center in Waco. Representatives from the local chapter included JoAnn Sugg, Gayla Linton, Gerald Linton, Terri Phillips, and Kathy Smith. Prior to this year, the chapter has been privileged to have one of their members serving as a district officer. Yvonne Dutschmann served as District XII Secretary for several years. Then, last year, JoAnn Sugg from the chapter was elected District XII President for a 2-year term.

The theme of the conference was "The Joy of Success" and "The Magic of Membership." The primary focus of the morning meeting was a ZOOM Meeting with Tim Lee, TRTA Executive Director. He updated members on current pending legislation in the state House of Representatives and Senate concerning a COLA (Cost of Living Adjustment) for TRS retirees. Time was also spent discussing focusing on recruiting new members and having more

entertaining programs. Lastly, recognition and awards were handed out for exceptional work in the local units toward meeting our District XII goals. These included the following:

(1) Goal of increasing district membership:
Award presented to Bell County for adding the newest members (39.)
Award to Lampasas County for adding the highest percentage of new members. "The Interactive Magic of Membership" Award presented by Shirley Boyd, state TRTA membership committee.

(2) Goal of attaining 200,000 volunteer service hours from our district: The district attained 227,163 hours.
Coryell County was recognized for turning in 69,742 of those hours (almost 1/3 of the district's total.)

(3) Children's Book Project: 9,727 free books were given away in our district to children aged 12 and under. Coryell County was rec-



COURTESY PHOTO

JoAnn Sugg recently spoke at the Texas Retired Teachers Association conference held in Waco.

ognized for giving away the most books (2,320 books.)
(4) District goal: \$15,000 in scholarships
Coryell County was recognized for giving \$1,000 in scholarships for seniors pursuing a major in education.

JONESBORO CHEER HOLDS BAKE SALE



COURTESY PHOTO

The Jonesboro varsity cheer team held a bake sale on May 20 at Pruitt's. The sale included plenty of sweet treats including cupcakes, cheesecakes, muffins, and more. Members of the cheer team, pictured left to right, are Tenley Scott, Michella Martinez, Gracie Dick, Peyton Williamson, Addie Rueter, and Sierra Chapman.

Hall named to South Plains College Dean's List

Submitted Item

Jimmy Hall, a graduate of Gatesville High School, was among nearly 700 students named to the South Plains College Spring 2023 Dean's List. To qualify, students must earn a GPA of 3.25 or higher and complete a mini-

um of 12 credit hours.

South Plains College is a comprehensive, two-year community college that serves the greater South Plains area of Texas with innovative educational programs that span the arts and sciences, techni-

cal education, continuing education, and workforce development. Serving a thirteen-county area that comprises the southern portion of the Texas High Plains, the college's main campus is in Levelland.

Gatesville Youth Tackle Football sign-up set for June 6

Staff Reports

Gatesville Youth Tackle Football is scheduled to hold signups on Tuesday, June 6 at the Methodist Church parking lot located at 2600 East Main Street in Gatesville. The signups will begin at 6:30 p.m.

The registration fee will cost \$130 for tackle football and the cost for flag football will be \$60.

For flag football the age division will be 6U and for tackle football the age divisions will include 8U, 10U, and 12U.

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Early signups are available at www.gatesvilletacklefootball.com. For more information contact Kent Ford, league president, at 254-338-4534.

Plainview School Reunion set for Saturday, June 10

Submitted Item

All former students are invited to attend the 47th annual reunion of the Plainview School. The reunion will take place on Saturday, June 10 at noon at Ranchers Steakhouse and Grill located at 107 Highway 36 Bypass N. The restaurant menu will be provided for

ordering meals. All former teachers and family members are encouraged to attend.

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

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

Wes Covey, Pastor; Sunday school 10 a.m., Sunday services 11 a.m. & 6 p.m., Thursdays 7 p.m.; 2518 Bridge St.; 254-392-9472.
GRACE ASSEMBLY CHRISTIAN
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PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE OF PRAISE
Rev. Jimmy Skiles, pastor; 202 E. Main, Gatesville; Sundays 10 a.m.; Wednesdays 7 p.m.; 254-206-1826.
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WESLEYAN CORYELL VALLEY
4995 FM 929; Saturdays 5 p.m., Bible study Sundays 5 p.m.
INTER-DENOMINATIONAL BOOTS-N-SADDLE COWBOY CHURCH
Max Gunn, pastor; 254-216-1537; 10 miles west of Gatesville on HWY 84; Sundays 10:30 a.m.; Wednesdays 7 p.m.; Youth Sunday Service 9:45 a.m.
HIGHWAY 2 HEAVEN BIKER CHURCH
Monty & Tammy VanHorn, pastors; 1608 W. Main St., Gatesville; Sunday Praise & Worship 11 am, Wednesday Bible Study Rally-6 p.m.; 254-865-4076.

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Wesleyan Church, 2518 Bridge St., 2

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BY DAVID SCOTT
Staff Writer

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Anonymous: Aydan Necessary, \$5,000
Anonymous: Trent Ray, \$500

GISD Anonymous: Slone Early, Ty Warren, \$1,000 each; Vielka Gonzalez, Banner Allman, \$500 each

Ancient Free & Accepted Masons/Gatesville Lodge #197: Lindsey Cummings, Slone Early, \$1,500 each

The Presbyterian Church: Lindsey Cummings, \$1,000
Bob & Ann Miller Scholarship: Ben Mabry, \$5,000

Cadence Bank-Jack Straw Memorial: Mason Mooney, \$1,500

Cadence Bank-Andrew Kendrick Memorial: Kallyn Moreland, \$1,500

Cadence Bank-Cam McGilvary Memorial: Kagen Hunt, \$1,500

Cadence Bank-Dawson Cooper Memorial: Addi Wolff, \$1,500

CCYF David Treadway Memorial: Hadleigh Ament, \$1,500, Jacy Archie, \$1,250

CCYF Freddie Wolff Memorial: Steven Bomar, \$1,500, Kagen Hunt, \$750

CCYF Terry King Memorial: Thiele Alvarado, \$1,500, Brayden Minton, \$1,000

Central Texas College Chancellor's Scholarship: Mina Stevens, 12 Semester Hour Tuition

Charlie Frances Straw Memorial: Marlee Saunders, Mya Ayers, Breanna Pospisil, and Kennedy Preciado, \$1,000 each

Clancy Lawhorn Memorial: Maria Olvera Rodriguez, \$750, Steven Bomar, \$500

Class of 1964-Sid Pruitt: Hadleigh Ament, Aydan Necessary, \$500 each

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Coryell Memorial Healthcare Volunteers: Kylie Cox, Charlee Barron, \$500 each

Coryell Retired School Personnel: Grace Penrod, Alexander Scott, \$500 each

Cruzin' Cruzers: Conner Ayres, \$2,000

Dr. Bill & Neta Floyd Scholarship Fund: Alexander Scott, \$4,000

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Gatesville Lions Club: Emily Moffett, Lena Clawson, \$2,000 each

Gatesville Lions Club -L.C. McKamie: Joshua Coalston, \$2,000

Gatesville Lions Club-Jerry & Dora Dyson Scholarship: Thiele Alvarado, \$2,000

Gatesville PTO: Slone Early, \$1,000

Gatesville Youth Sports-Basketball: Carter Williams, Tyler Shea, \$1,000 each

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Kagen Hunt, \$1,000
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Landon Sommerfeld Memorial: Maria Olvera Rodriguez, \$1,500

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M.J. Lambert Memorial: Brenden Gohlke, \$500

Marshall L. & Esther Lee Donaldson: Lena Clawson, \$5,000

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SUDOKU

Solution for the puzzle that ran May 27.

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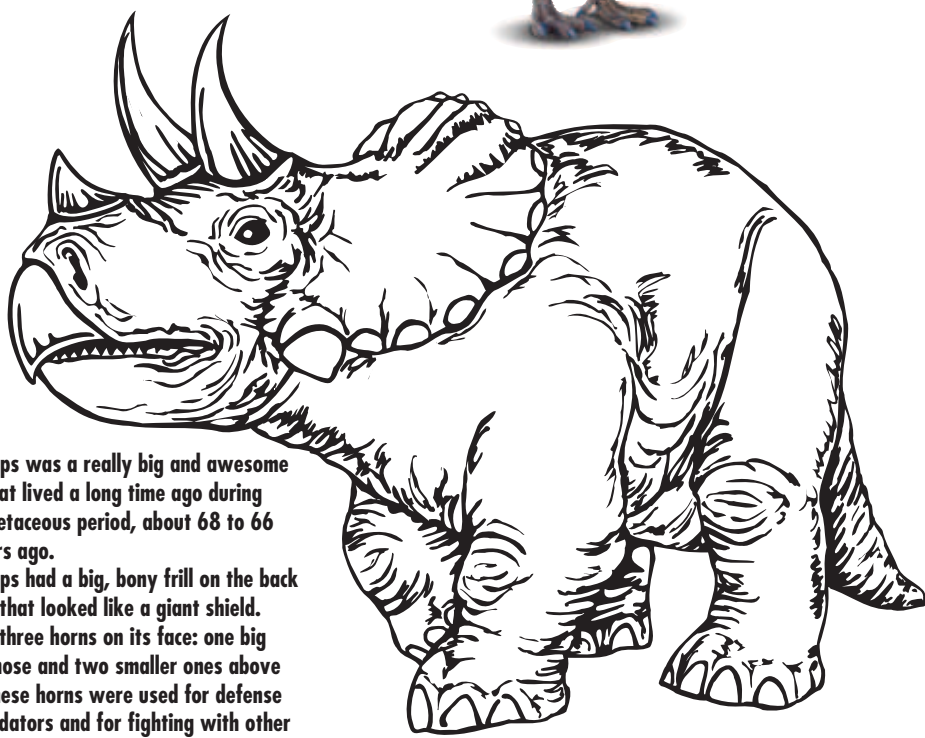
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CORYELL KIDS

National DINOSAUR Day June 1



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

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

Dinosaurs

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

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Lizard
Dinosaur
Tail
Teeth

Fossil
Dig
History
Extinct

Jurassic
Bones



Dinosaur Valley State Park,
Glen Rose, Texas

Dinosaur Valley State Park is a really cool place where you can go back in time to when dinosaurs roamed the Earth!

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

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

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

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



PALEONTOLOGY

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

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



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

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



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Free fishing day in Texas slated for June 3

From Texas Parks & Wildlife

Each year on the first Saturday in June, anglers across the state pack their tackle boxes and get their fishing poles ready for the Texas tradition of Free Fishing Day. This year, Free Fishing Day lands on June 3 and Texans can fish on any public waterbody in the state without a fishing license.

"Free Fishing Day is a wonderful opportunity for anglers to share their knowledge, skills, equipment, and love for fishing with a new participant, yet it's also more than that," said Craig Bonds, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) Inland Fisheries Director. "We hope those trying fishing on this special day will also learn that purchasing a license is an act of conservation. A fishing license purchase is one of the simplest and most effective way people can support fisheries science and management."

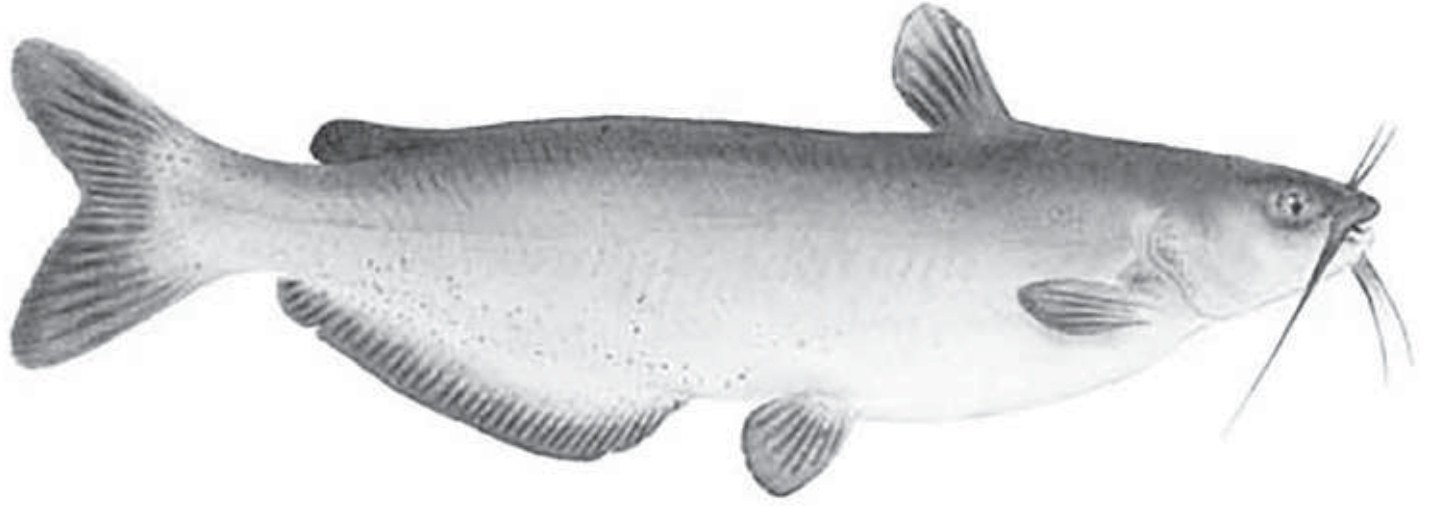
Anglers help the conservation effort with their license purchase with 100 percent of fishing license fees going to TPWD. The fees fund on-the-ground conservation efforts such as fish stocking that help make Texas one of the best places in the country to fish. For more information on licensing, visit the TPWD license page.

To help celebrate Free Fishing Day, TPWD offers multiple resources to provide fun, high-quality fishing opportunities to anglers of all skill levels and all ages.

* **Fishing 101** - Learn the basics of fishing with tips and a variety of videos. Find resources for how to get started, safety, supplies and gear, casting and baiting, cleaning and storing fish on the TPWD Learn to Fish webpage.

* **Visit Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center** - Grab your family for a day of free fishing from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center is offering free admission for everyone, and visitors will have a chance to catch a tagged catfish and win a prize during "Fish Tag Friendly." In addition, the Texas Fish Art Contest finalist and honorable mentions will be displayed from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Visitor Center. Hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks are on sale beginning at 11 a.m. and available while supplies last. Visitors can watch the dive show at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., followed by hatchery tram tours immediately after each show. Visitors may bring their own fishing tackle or borrow gear from the TFFC.

* **Visit Sea Center Texas** - Grab your fish-



COURTESY PHOTO

Channel Catfish, along with other varieties of fish, can be landed during Texas Parks & Wildlife Free Fishing Day.

ing poles, bait and lawn chairs for a free fishing event for youth ages 2-17. It takes place from 9 a.m.-11 a.m. June 3 at Sea Center Texas in Lake Jackson. Visitors can also explore aquaria and exhibits of Texas marine life, the largest redbird hatchery in the world, 36 one-acre fish culture ponds, an outdoor wetland exhibit and a 20-foot touch pool that allows visitors to gently touch marine animals such as blue crabs, hermit crabs, stone crabs, snails and even anemones.

* **Find a Place to Fish Close to Home** - Texas offers numerous lakes and rivers with access to fishing throughout the state. The Lake Finder page on the TPWD website can help anglers find lakes by region or alphabetically. Access to information and fishing tips on more than 150 lakes are available. Check out the River Fishing page to find out where to get access to Texas' flowing waters.

* **Saltwater Fishing from a Pier** - There are numerous wheelchair accessible fishing piers available for public use up and down the coast. Piers are a great place for the entire family to try saltwater fishing without the need for a boat. Public access sites can be found in every bay system.

* **Go Fishing in the City** - TPWD's Neighborhood Fishin' lakes provide urban angling access for the entire family across the state. In all, 18 Neighborhood Fishin' lakes pro-

vide a great opportunity to catch channel catfish including five in Dallas-Fort Worth, four in the Houston area, two each in the Austin and San Antonio areas, and one each in Amarillo, College Station, San Angelo, Waco and Wichita Falls. Information on lake locations and how-to fishing videos can be found on the Neighborhood Fishin' website.

* **Community Fishing Lakes** - Live Oak City (CFL), Waterloo Park Pond (CFL) and William Blair Jr. Park Pond East (CFL) are all hosting special events for Free Fishing Day. TPWD Inland Fisheries Dallas-Fort Worth District staff will be on hand at William Blair Jr. Park Pond for Representative Crockett's Fish N' Kids event from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. TPWD staff will provide casting education, supply loaner tackle and help the families fish. A display of local fish species that occur in local waters will be on site for attendees to view and learn about fish morphology and biology. Check out all the community fishing lakes in Texas which can be great options for Free Fishing Day and year-round.

* **Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge** - From 10 a.m. to noon, the Friends of Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge is hosting a special "Refuge Rocks" fishing event for children ages 4-16.

* **Go Kayak Fishing on a Texas Paddling Trail**: With more than 3,700 named streams, 15 major rivers and some 3,300 miles of

tidal shoreline along the Gulf Coast, Texas offers unlimited possibilities for paddling adventures and angling opportunities of all types. Enjoy improved and maintained fishing and paddling access to rivers, creeks, lakes, ponds, bayous and bays on any of the 78 official Texas Paddling Trails available throughout the state.

* **Fish in a State Park**: Lake Livingston, Lake Arrowhead, Galveston Island, Sea Rim, LBJ, Bonham, Eisenhower, Martin Creek and Ray Roberts are offering a variety of Free Fishing Day events. Check out the state parks event calendar for more information. Although June 3 is designated as Free Fishing Day in Texas, fishing is free year-round at every Texas State Park.

* **Buy a License**: The Year-from-Purchase All-Water Fishing Package for Texas residents offers a great value, allowing anglers to fish in fresh and salt water. It's valid from the date of purchase through the end of the purchase month of the next license year. (Example: License purchased on March 13, 2023 expires March 31, 2024)

Learn more about Free Fishing Day at TakeMeFishing.org.

If you plan on fishing in federal waters, keep in mind that a license is needed for the private recreational angler red snapper season opening June 1.

Area Fishing Report

Lake Belton

GOOD. Water lightly stained; 76 degrees; 12.59 feet below pool. The threadfin shad spawn is still underway and is fueling a 30-40 minute, low-light bite beginning around 6:30 a.m. My go-to bait for this is the MAL Heavy with chartreuse tail sight-cast to boiling fish or counted down to about a 4-count when fish are present but not visible on the surface. Once fish leave the shallows and continue to chase shad out toward deeper water and down lower in the water column, downrigging has produced very well for another 45-minutes or so using a weightless 3-armed umbrella rig with #13 Pet Spoons. Once mid-morning hits, fishing can go two ways, either "run and gun" for abundant schools of white bass and hybrid stripers chasing young-of-the-year shad up on the surface with tiny, shad imitating baits like hand-tied streamers on #10 and #12 hooks, or post up over top of open water schools of suspended white bass using a splashier and wait for them to consolidate under the boat, fishing the MAL Heavy vertically through them aided by sonar. Expect better results with wind and cloud cover; expect tough fishing with calm, clear, bright conditions. Report by Bob Maindelle, Holding the Line Guide Service. With the blue catfish spawn underway, fishing can be tough. Catfish are fair, drifting in 8-12 feet of water using smaller cuts of fresh shad has been the best. Anchoring around timber using punch bait is best for channel catfish. Flatheads have been good at night using live perch on shallow flats. Report by Brian Worley, B&S Catfishing. Crappie bite is on fire in timber and brush piles in 8-18 feet of water using jigs. Report by Zach Minnix, Jig N' Jerk Guide Service.

Lake Waco

GREAT. Water stained; 74 degrees; 7.19 feet below pool. Crappie bite is excellent to insane with limits coming out of brush piles in 8-20 feet of water near creek channels or pockets.

Lake Stillhouse Hollow

GOOD. Water lightly stained; 77 degrees; 12.67 feet below pool. Quality largemouth bass fishing continues with an unbroken streak of 8-9 pound fish coming out of the lake with most every bass tournament taking place there. Fish are found on the outside edge of the hydrilla growing in 12-16 feet of water and are being caught on dark, natural colored soft plastics. White bass fishing has bounced back slightly, with small groups of fish now consistently using the edges of the old Lampasas River channel in the middle third of the reservoir. Working MAL Heavy Lures vertically with a smoking retrieve or MAL Dense Lures horizontally with a sawtooth retrieve is producing. Report by Bob Maindelle, Holding the Line Guide Service.

Lake Whitney

GREAT. Water lightly stained; 75-79 degrees; 4.67 feet below pool. Striped bass limits are common on live bait from the Island to Cedar Creek. Report by Michael Acosta, Unfair Advantage Charters. Lake Whitney striped bass can be caught throughout the reservoir on live shad, minnows and perch along the channel as well as Creek channel edges. They can also be caught casting swim baits as well as top water. Look for schooling fish on the surface. Report provided by Kraig Sexton, Sexton's Guide Service LLC, Fishing Charter, Marine Electronics & Whitney.

Lake Buchanan

GREAT. Water lightly stained; 75 degrees; 16.60 feet below pool. Striped bass bite has picked back up the bite is good on bait or trolling. There are areas of lake with some oxygen depleted water, these areas will move throughout the day. If you see a bunch of clutter on your graph you are most likely in this bad water and need to make a move. White bass fishing has slowed and there are still schools on topwater lures early morning, but not as thick as they have been for the last few months. Mid and late day you will find

small schools on top chasing the fresh hatch shad most of these fish are 6-8 inches long, but if you can get under them there are some legal size fish in there. Reminder, the lake has come up about 1.5 feet and with that some of the trees that were visible are no longer, so navigate with cautions. Report by Travis Holland, TH Fishing.

Austin

GOOD. Water slightly stained; 75 degrees; 0.61 feet below pool. Bass are good in the morning along shaded rocky shorelines with a walking bait or small shallow crankbaits, throwing a topwater frog under deeper docks with heavy shade, or fishing soft plastics around any vegetation. Throughout the day fish in offshore brush piles or chunk rock in 15-25 feet of water with Texas rigged senkos, dropshots or a ned rig. Lady Bird Lake is 80 degrees. The lake is stained in some areas from recent rains. Bass are biting spinnerbaits shallow in the morning. Bass are chasing large bait balls in the main river channel in 10-20 feet of water during the day time, and occasionally schooling on the surface but most are small fish. Frogging around shaded topped out grass seems to be the most consistent for larger fish right now, but wacky worms fished around open pockets in the grass will also land catches. Bluegill are shallow spawning right now. As the summertime heat approaches the grass will continue to top out and become very thick. Punching heavy weighted jigs through the tops will be a key player as well as a big topwater around grass edges early in the mornings. Report by Carson Conklin, ATX Fishing.

Travis

GOOD. Water slight stain; 75 degrees; 41.64 feet below pool. Bass are migrating to the marinas for the summer pattern with shad imitation topwaters, jerkbaits, and chatterbaits. Fish are moving to deeper water as the weather heats up. Target shaded bluff walls or fish in 25 feet of water. Report by Captain Randal Frisbie, Central Texas Fishing Guide.



Send us your fishing pictures for the Gatesville Messenger

Whether it was taken locally or on a family vacation, we'd love to have pictures of you, family or friends fishing. Please send pictures to jeff@gatesvillemessenger.com or to editor@gatesvillemessenger.com. Please identify those in the picture, when and where it was taken, and include a phone number or email address in case we need more information.

HAPPY FISHING!

2023 Gatesville High School Senior Walk


Gatesville seniors take a final stroll through each of the school's campuses to greet their young admirers while dressed in their caps and gowns. The class of 2023 graduated May 26.

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The Gatesville ISD girls basketball camp allowed girls in grades 1-9 a chance to work on various fundamentals.



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Coaches worked with girls to improve their basketball abilities during the Gatesville ISD camp May 30 through June 1.



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