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## Shivaree '23 celebrated



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Children enjoy a small roller-coaster during the Gatesville Shivaree, which took place June 1-3. It was the 49th year for the event.



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Adults and children alike had several attractions to enjoy during the annual Shivaree, held near the historic Depot and at Texas Station.

## City manager has big goals for Gatesville

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
Senior Writer & Editor

Enhancing Gatesville's potential both as a destination for visitors and attracting new businesses and developers are among the goals that new City Manager Scott Albert has for the city, who has experience in helping guide similar efforts in other communities.

Among Albert's recommendations to the Gatesville City Council are to solicit proposals from design firms, such as MESA Design Group or TBG, to develop a vision and business strategy to showcase the Leon River, the downtown area and the city auditorium so those areas can increase the city's potential as a tourist destination.



Scott Albert

"We have the Leon River and excellent parks nearby, a wonderful historic downtown area and the city auditorium," Albert said. "If we combine those three assets and promote them as a tourist destination, it would be a great economic engine for the city."

Albert pointed to the communities of Lampasas and Blanco that have capitalized on similar assets, saying his vision is for Gatesville to become a premier tourist attraction.

"I've seen similar efforts in places such as Fairview, Plan and McKinney, and I know they can be successful here, as well," he said.

In a memorandum to the Council, Albert wrote, "The river, downtown and city auditorium are resources routinely seen by locals and visitors as great assets for the city with untapped potential. We need to develop a unified vision tying all three of these community assets into a business strategy that ultimately leads to a district that becomes an economic engine for the community."

"Through the proposal process, the city will identify a firm that works well with the community but also a firm with a variety of development services that will help the city optimize the value of the real estate assets we have at our disposal."

Albert also wrote that attracting new businesses is another top priority.

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Mayor Pro Tem Meredith Rainer asked Albert how much he thought those priorities would cost the city.

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## Retired doctor talks about impact of vision loss

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
Senior Writer & Editor

Adjusting to a loss of vision is a tremendous life-changing experience, and finding resources to help can be a challenge in itself.

That was the message shared by Dr. Jolene Bean of Gatesville, who shared her experiences recently with the Gatesville Lions Club and encouraged the club and community residents to rally together in support of the vision impaired.

Before vision impairment led to her retirement, Bean worked as a pediatric anesthesiologist at Scott & White Hospital (later McLane Children's Center) for 32 years.

Macular degeneration in her left eye began to affect her several years before she experienced the same condition in her dominant right eye. She said the deterioration in her left eye spread over several years, but when her right eye was affected, the condition occurred far more rapidly.

"I am now an advocate for vision-related care," Bean said. "You don't really think

about that or prepare for it - I certainly didn't. She began seeking help from a low vision clinic and "had much more trouble reading. When I drove, I had a hard time reading the signs. I got another pair of glasses, but they didn't really help. I went from 20/40 vision, which is barely OK to drive, to 20/400. I didn't realize how bad it was when I was at work, because usually everything was already prepared for you."

Bean was building a house west of Gatesville at the time of her retirement.

"I didn't know what to do," she said. "I'm surprised I didn't ask for help from my optometrist. I asked for help from others, and they weren't really sure what to do."

More than 7 million people in the United States have severe low vision, and 1.08 million have a prevalence of blindness, Bean said. She added that there are many types of impaired vision that affect people in different ways.

She said of conditions which concerned people the most, including strokes, heart disease, speech loss and cancer, only can-

cer ranked as a higher concern to people polled than vision loss.

"When you have vision loss, you have a loss of independence," Bean said. "All of a sudden you can't drive. You're a prisoner in your own home. I can't go anywhere unless somebody drives me."

"You also lose your ability to read. You can't search the internet and you can't see the TV very well."

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Jolene Bean talked about how vision loss has affected her life, and about support programs during a May 31 meeting of the Gatesville Lions Club.

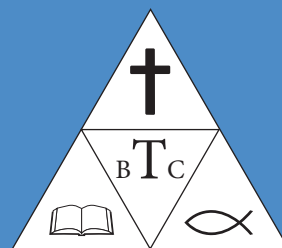


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# Ministry aims to build godly men worldwide

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
Senior Writer & Editor

While men in America often have opportunities to become involved in church ministries and fellowship groups, that same opportunity is often lacking in other countries.

Brad Smith, the founder and executive minister of Men of Valor International, recently visited Gatesville and talked about the importance of ministering to men outside America, and the positive impact it can make on families and societies. Smith spoke to a men's Bible study on May 18 and then at the Gatesville Lions Club on May 24 to share his thoughts and vision.

A resident of Virginia and member of Centerville Baptist Church, Smith's ministry focuses on encouraging involvement by men in the church internationally.

"Generally, in the United States there is something going on at church for men," he said. "Often there are very few church activities for men outside the country."

He spoke of Christian churches in India in which programs were devoted almost exclusively to women because they were the ones attending church. But Smith reasoned that if more programs were devoted to men, they too would be much more likely to become involved in church.

"There are things we can teach them about God and about the importance of being a godly father and husband," he said. "At the 15-year point in my ministry I learned there is very little going on in men's ministry outside the country. It was in overseas missions that I learned, grew and had rubber meets the road Christianity."

Men of Valor is devoted to topics such as "what is a good father and what is a godly husband and why men need the Lord in their lives," Smith said. "It's important that men know their identity in Christ and their strength in Christ."

"There are 900 churches in the northeast corner of India, and they are populated predominantly by women." He said he asked

church leaders there why they didn't have programs for men.

"They said, it's not that we don't know the Bible, it's that we don't know how to teach it specifically to men," Smith said. Bridging that gap and providing lesson plans and a foundation for men's ministries is a primary focus of Men of Valor.

"We try to reach and build men," Smith said. He added that lessons are recorded and provided to church leaders.

"As of today, we're on five continents and 25 countries and have had 55 conferences," he said. "This is a huge issue. The fun of this is we're only jumpstarting men's discipleship conferences and it's making a big difference. Men are starting more and more to follow the word of God as they should be. It's making a difference in families and in communities. We give them a Bible in their language and a Bible study program."

"Men who have gone to our conferences are now elders, pastors and church planters. We're really excited about this, and it's all about the Lord doing this."

The ministry is dedicated toward leading people to salvation, Smith said.

In Malawi, we had 1,500 men come to Christ," he said. "We teach Biblical manhood where it hasn't been taught before, encouraging men to provide servant leadership in their homes and communities and applying Biblical principles."

"It is leading men to become more involved and more engaged with their families. We teach them, 'You can be a Mighty Man of Valor, too.'"

One man told Smith that he used to act harshly and be authoritarian toward his wife, and that God has softened his heart so that he is a friend, helper and encourager to her.

Smith said programs have ministered to men in Kenya, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Nicaragua, Mexico, Indonesia and elsewhere. There are plans to visit Peru this month and minister to men in prison, and other mis-



JEFF OSBORNE | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Brad Smith visited Gatesville to talk about Men of Valor International.

sions planned to Haiti and Montenegro.

"In 2023, we're a very active ministry, and there's a number of opportunities we are discussing in different countries."

He encouraged more American churches to support men's ministries outside the U.S.

"There are four ways to partner with us," Smith said. "People can come along,

speak, pray and give. The bottom line is we are changing families and communities by changing men. We also recently put out a book, 'Living as a Man of Valor.'"

For more information about the ministry, visit [menofvalor.org](http://menofvalor.org) or call 1-844-MEN-VALR.

## Gatesville High School choirs set sights of California in 2025

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
Senior Writer & Editor

California, here they come.

The Gatesville High School choir program's plan for a visit to the Grand Canyon and Southern California in the summer of 2025 was approved by the Gatesville Independent School District Board of Trustees on May 15.

Cherith Wells, director of the GISD choral program, said the trip, with the theme, California Dreamin', was previously proposed in 2019 before COVID-19 disrupted the plans.

Participating choir members and sponsors will travel by bus to the Los Angeles and Anaheim area, with a visit to the Grand Canyon and Hoover Dam along the way. There's also a potential college visit, to Northern Arizona University, as well.

The trip will feature two days at Disneyland and Disney's California Adventure with a visit to the Santa Monica Pier and beach "for a real ocean experience," Wells said.

She added that to unify the theme with upcoming performances, the Show-

stoppers music theme for that school year would focus on a Disney element.

The trip will also include a visit to Hollywood and a tour of the Warner Brothers Studio.

"The cost is approximately \$1,500 per person, which is the same as what it would have been in 2019," Wells said. "The travel agent is the same one used by the band to plan their trip to Disney World. The agent said he is more focused on the experience for the students and not making a lot of money. We priced the cost with another travel agent, and for the same trip it was \$2,400."

Wells said the cost includes transportation, lodging, meals and all admission fees.

"We would take the trip in 2025, which gives students and parents two full years to fund raise," Wells said. "We would have the traditional sales such as trash bags, chocolate and show tickets. We also plan to restart the booster club. There would be low monthly payments of \$75 to \$100 even without fundraising."

Wells said if the district or

boosters are able to pay the \$19,000 cost of bus transportation, the cost for students would be even lower. She also noted that online fundraising is also an option.

The GHS band has a trip to Disney World planned for this summer, but Wells said the band is also interested in the possibility of joining the choir on its trip to California in 2025.

"They asked how I'd feel about the band going too, and I said, 'Sure, the more the merrier,'" Wells said.

One bus seats 56, and there are currently 135 students in choir in grades 7-10, which would potentially take the trip in 2025. She said if there is more interest, an additional bus could be added.

"Talking to kids and parents, there's a huge amount of excitement," she said. "But when it comes to signing the paper and writing the check, it's a huge (commitment)."

The board unanimously approved the request.

"Enjoy your trip," said school board President Charles Ament.

## Brave Rifles welcomes new command team

BY SGT. ELLIOT ALAGUEUZIAN  
1st Cavalry Public Affairs

FORT CAVAZOS, Texas – Col. Kevin Bradley, 3rd Cavalry Regiment commander, relinquished command to Col. Jeffrey Barta during a change of command ceremony. At the same time the Brave Rifles team held a change of responsibility ceremony for Command Sgt. Maj. Jason Dein, 3rd Cavalry Regiment command sergeant major as he relinquished the responsibilities to Command Sgt. Maj. Mikael McInroy.

Maj. Gen. John B. Richardson IV, 1st Cavalry Division commanding general, was the

reviewing officer for the ceremony. Richardson spoke extensively about Bradley's tenure as the commander of the regiment.

"Col. Bradley is as good as they come," said Richardson. "All regiment commanders leave a legacy when they depart and Col. Bradley will always be remembered as a trainer who built a cohesive winning team, masters of the fundamentals, fit, disciplined and well trained. In fact, in my 32 years of service, I have never seen any leader plan, prepare and execute better training than Kevin Bradley."

## CORYELL HEALTH WELCOMES

Timothy Dannemiller, MD  
Family Medicine Physician



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

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

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# Folks around town



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Jann Dworsky

## Say hello to our neighbor, Jann Dworsky!

Jann is a volunteer at the Coryell County Museum and Historical Center. She sets up the tours, writes articles, and is a schoolteacher as well. She loves her hometown community and has been involved with the museum for over 12 years. Her favorite part of her job is when she guides the second graders through a tour of the museum. Jann likes to read The Gatesville Messenger to receive all the personal "Gatesville" news.

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

## FROM MY FRONT PORCH

# Past actions of parents can be shocking



BY SAM HOUSTON

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

**A**s a high school student, I was very focused on playing basketball. Between practices and games, there was little free time during the season; certainly not time to hold down a part time job. When the season ended, I was pretty much dead broke and immediately sought out a part time job where I could earn some spending money.

The PTA of my high school had set up a volunteer staffed employment service where local businesses or individuals could call in with a job listing and mothers who volunteered would attempt to find a suitable student to apply for the job. My girlfriend's mother was one of the volunteer staff, so when a job opportunity came in to work as an office boy in a prominent law office, she gave me the information. As soon as school was over that day, I headed to the address

and applied.

I was excited for the opportunity because while minimum wage was \$1.60 an hour, this job was paying the princely sum of \$2.50 an hour. For that huge amount of salary, I did not know if I would have to kill people or drive a getaway car, but the money certainly piqued my interest. The job entailed running errands, delivering legal papers to other lawyers, taking deeds to be recorded, as well as keeping the law library picked up and updated. The office where I would work was on the 22nd floor of a new high rise. No one was more shocked than myself when I was told I had gotten the job. All my friends were mowing yards, or raking leaves, and there I was working in a swanky law office. It was cool.

On my third day of work, I was summoned to the top partner's office as he had an errand for me to run. I had not yet met Mr. Susman, but I understood he was very young to be the named partner on the letterhead. Hearing the reverence of others as they mentioned his name made it clear to me, he was the "big boss."

I was a little nervous when I walked to his office and knocked on the door. He told me to come in and introduced himself as Lou Susman and then asked my name. When I responded, he asked me, "you related to Don Houston, the teacher?" I smiled and proudly replied, "Yes, he is my dad." I was proud of my dad, and it was pretty neat that Mr. Susman knew his name. Upon hearing my re-

ply, Mr. Susman responded, "Yah, he threw me down a flight of stairs when I was a freshman. I was a smart aleck and he let me know I was out of line. Looking back, I'm sure I deserved it."

Upon hearing the shocking words Mr. Susman uttered, I did not know how to respond. I felt like I wanted to say I was sorry for my dad's actions, but the words would not come out. I was shocked, stunned, and bewildered all at one time. I had a confused look on my face as I retreated, then went about doing the errand I had been assigned. My dad had never laid a hand on me. Would my dad do such a thing as throwing a kid down a flight of stairs?

I could not wait to get home that night. The family was gathered around the dining table and mom was placing the last of the food on the table when I slid into my usual seat. Before any side gibberish could begin, I looked straight at my father and asked him, "Guess who I met today dad?" My father glanced up from filling his plate with mashed potatoes and fried chicken long enough to utter, "Who?" I nearly shouted out, "Lou Susman, and he said when he was a freshman in school you threw him down a flight of stairs because he was a cocky, smart-mouthed kid." My dad did not really respond, he just nodded his head and went back to eating. I waited for a second, trying to be respectful but at the same time dying to get to the bottom of the story. Then I said, "Well is that true Dad? Did you throw him down a flight of stairs?" This time Dad looked up, almost sheepishly, and stated, "I don't really recall that."

What? You don't recall throwing a student down a flight of stairs? I know the late 50s was a lot different than today, but I would have thought an incident such as throwing a student down the

stairs would have stuck out in my dad's mind! He simply went back to eating his dinner and then asked one of my sisters how their day had gone at school, seemingly impervious to the shocking question I had asked.

It wasn't until quite a few years later that I revisited the subject of Mr. Susman and the stairs with my dad. I was now much older and in my dad's mind I was now able to understand what had happened. He acknowledged that he had in fact given a "brief educational encounter" with the spoiled, cocky, loudmouth kid. He was also quick to add his actions had a very positive result because Mr. Susman never caused another problem in school. He never defended his actions but said teachers were given much more authority to discipline kids back in the 50s and early 60s than what was accepted currently. In Dad's mind, he gave the student what he needed, and it worked. End of story.

I am not suggesting my dad's action were appropriate, but it is interesting to note Mr. Susman ended up having quite a prominent legal career, as well as significant political accomplishments including becoming the United State Ambassador to England in 2009. Was Dad responsible for Mr. Susman's success? I would like to think maybe a little bit. I know Mr. Susman always treated me like a prince and he never failed to ask me how dad was doing. I could sense that despite the incident, he respected my dad.

Teachers have a big impact on their students. And sometimes children do not know their parents as well as they thought they did. Maybe both are good things.

Thought for the day: Nothing can surprise you more than people you thought you knew.

Until next time...I will keep ridin' the storm out.  
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## City sets sights on additional goals

BY JEFF OSBORNE

Senior Writer &amp; Editor

While Gatesville City Manager Scott Albert has identified an emphasis on tourism and attracting new businesses as keys to the city's economic growth, with a focus on the community's unique characteristics, six other city goals are also listed as priorities heading into the 2024 fiscal year.

These goals are outlined in a memorandum presented to the Gatesville City Council and identified during the May 23 Council meeting. They include:

- \* Maintaining the city's current service levels with a balanced budget and to maintain the current property tax rate
- \* Beginning construction of the Stillhouse Wastewater Treatment Plant expansion. This month, Walker Partners staff, acting as the Gatesville city engineer, will open bid documents, review and evaluate contractors. This is expected to take four to six weeks to complete. The city will consider bids for the project in August. Work is expected to start in late fall and is anticipated to take about 18 months to finish. Estimated project costs are \$9,784,000.

Depending on which bid is accepted, a loan from the Texas Water Development Board should pay for the majority of the costs. The city plans to use Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CLFRF) from the federal government to pay for the remainder of the costs.

\* Reaching a professional service agreement with Walker Partners to prepare a master water plan for the city that is expected to take about two and a half years to complete. The estimated cost for this plan is \$250,000 to \$300,000 and would be split over two or more fiscal years.

\* Identifying and implementing other infrastructure work using other CLFRF funds following the award bid for the Stillhouse project.

\* Preparing a concept plan for a new police department and determining the construction costs.

\* Replacing the force main (pipelines that carry wastewater) near the Holiday Inn which "routinely needs to be serviced or repaired" and "hampers future growth in this area of Gatesville" according to a Council memorandum.

## VISION

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cancer ranked as a higher concern to people polled than vision loss.

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"Actually, the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) provides for you to go to an area store and get a shopping assistant, but you have to schedule it in advance and can't choose the assistant," she said.

Not being able to see also raises concerns about her appearance, she said.

"I put on my makeup by feel, and if you're a man you have to learn to shave by feel," Bean said. "I also worry about having a spot on my shirt that I can't see.

"Housekeeping and cleaning have been

difficult. I moved by Band-Aids to the kitchen because I cut myself so often before I went to low vision class. I also use silicone mitts, so I don't burn myself, and those have really helped."

The inability to read what she wants has also had a negative impact.

"I have access to a lot of different magazines and some newspapers, but I am unable to read the Gatesville Messenger or the Temple (Daily Telegram)," Bean said.

She has a special device, ScripTalk, that reads the label of her prescription bottles, and encourages others with vision impairment to get the service as well.

Bean said while many people with vision impairment may insist they don't need help and try to maintain their independence, she said getting help can improve their quality of life.

Overcoming the ability to participate in some activities is one of the challenges of vision loss, she said.

"You lose out on a lot of enjoyable things, and you feel isolated," Bean said. A loss of the ability to shop for oneself and fewer entertainment options are among the issues a person experiences with vision loss.

The Texas Workforce Commission Offers specialized help for those with vision impairment or blindness, but because of limited resources, there can sometimes be an

extended wait for assistance, she said.

Nevertheless, she encouraged people with vision loss to seek help from the workforce commission by calling 512-936-3388. "Anyone with vision issues needs to get enrolled in the Texas Workforce Commission - she said. "It's an important resource."

Seeking help has made a big difference in her life, Bean said.

"I have learned living skills such as how to pour a glass of juice and not get it all over the counter, and to be safe in the kitchen. There are a lot of things you have to manage to do."

One issue is that all currency, whether a \$1, \$5 or \$50 bill, feels the same, Bean said, adding there is a device available that can help with that.

Programs are available to help keep older adults in their homes even with vision impairment, Bean said. And for adults who aren't ready to retire but who have vision concerns, there are vocational rehab programs that can help people stay employed.

Hadley.edu online is another resource that has a school for the blind and free online classes to help the vision impaired.

"Their goal is to give people the skills they need to adjust to a loss of vision," Bean said. "It's not easy. You have a lot to learn. But they offer videos and clips about how to do things. It's quite incredible."

"It will help grow the area into what it should be - an economic engine for the community. It's not going to happen overnight - it's a long-term commitment."

Albert said the city of Fairview brought in a professor and graduate students from the University of Texas at Arlington to come up with ideas. He said doing something similar for Gatesville could be an important step before bringing in a professional design firm.

"A lot of people realize that downtown (the courthouse square and surrounding area) has potential," Albert said. "If you marry the river with the downtown and auditorium, there's so much potential. I don't think people realize just how much this could potentially be another Fredericksburg."

Councilman Claude Williams expressed his support for Albert's suggestions.

"I like your vision," he said. "I think it's wonderful. I think the growth potential and marketing it is a win-win."

"The best money you can bring in is tourism," Albert said. "Then you can hire the director of public works and an (information technology) director."

Rainer asked Albert about plans to fill the convention and visitors bureau position recently vacated by Cheri Shepherd, who retired.

"I'm going to advertise for a civic manager," Albert said. "Right now, the main focus will be the civic center and the auditorium."

## GOALS

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Mayor Pro Tem Meredith Rainer asked Albert how much he thought those priorities would cost the city.

He estimated it would cost \$150,000 to \$175,000 for a design firm to help develop the city's strategy for promoting the river, downtown and city auditorium; and about \$40,000 to \$50,000 for the retail coach initiative.

"It's a long-term strategy and commitment," Albert said.

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# CASA receives record-breaking donation to help children

## Special to The Messenger

For the third year running, the owners of Temple's Wings, Pizza & Things - Mike and Sara Dent, and their family - hosted a hugely successful golf tournament at Sammons Golf Course to benefit CASA of Bell & Coryell Counties.

A total of 172 golfers participated in this year's sold-out tournament in May to support CASA, which stands for Court Appointed Special Advocates. The pro-

gram provides volunteer advocates to help support children in Bell and Coryell County who are part of the foster care system.

Tournament sponsors, CASA board members, and many other supporters, along with the Honorable Judge Cheryll Mabray, attended the dinner afterwards, where the Dent Family and the hard-working Wings, Pizza & Things team were recognized and shown appreciation for their sup-

port of CASA's important mission of providing advocates to be a voice for local children in the foster care system. Judge Mabray spoke personally about her reliance on the recommendations from CASA advocates to rule in the best interest of children during the child protection court cases over which she presides in multiple Texas counties.

The 2023 CASA Classic Golf Tournament raised \$50,000, far surpassing the

amount of money raised in previous years. This demonstrates clearly that the tournament is growing at rapid speed thanks to the dedication of the Dent family. A check was presented to CASA of Bell & Coryell Counties' Executive Director Kevin Kyle and Board of Directors President Lee Ann Deal by Mike and Sara Dent during a ceremony attended by local media outlets at Wings, Pizza & Things on May 31.

"I got into the restaurant business to change peoples' lives," said Mike Dent during an interview where he detailed his passion for supporting CASA, a cause he feels is personal because of the time in his youth that he spent in foster care himself. Dent explains the importance of raising funds to expand CASA of Bell & Coryell Counties' ability to serve more children in our local area who have experienced abuse and neglect, and as

a result have been removed from their homes due to circumstances beyond their control.

CASA has an ongoing need for monetary donations in order to continue serving children. If you or your company would like to support CASA of Bell and Coryell Counties, email casa@casabellcoryell.org or call the office at 254-774-1881.

## OBITUARIES

### MIKE GASTON

Nov. 22, 1950 - June 1, 2023



Mike Gaston, age 72, of Gatesville, passed away on Thursday, June 1, 2023, at his home.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 7, at Scott's Funeral Home. Interment followed at Osage

Cemetery.

Michael Eddie Gaston was born on November 22, 1950, in Gatesville, to the late Ollie and Thelma Sims Gaston. He attended school in Gatesville and was in the Class of '69. In school, he was very athletic, playing baseball and football. Growing up, he attended Calvary Baptist Church, where he was baptized at the age of twelve. During the summers he worked with his father for the Coca-Cola Bottling Company in Gatesville. He married Jackie Talley on March 26, 1969. They resided in Waco and Gatesville, until moving to Brownwood. He worked for Coca-Cola, Darr Equipment and Prater Equipment until his retirement. They moved back to Gatesville in 2011. His hob-

bies included drag racing, working on race cars and participating in car shows with his antique car collection. Mike was full of energy and was always busy doing something. He always had a smile on his face and never met a stranger. He was an animal lover and after his retirement, his three yorkie puppies were his fond companions.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Joan Gilliland; brothers, Don Gaston and Jerry Gaston.

Mike is survived by his wife, Jackie Gaston; daughters, Michelle Williams and boyfriend, Mark Williams, Christi Allen and husband, Doug; grandchildren, Koty Griffith and Bailee Williams; and numerous nieces and nephews.

### ANN SELLERS

July 21, 1936 - May 25, 2023



Ann Sellers, age 86, of Gatesville, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Thursday, May 25, 2023, with her daughter holding her tight.

She was laid to rest on Saturday, June 3, 2023, at a private family graveside service, with Pastor Jon Crosby officiating.

Anna Vera Sellers was born on July 21, 1936, in the Antelope community, now part of Fort Hood to Maudie Inez and Raymond Clovis Callan. The family later moved to Evant where she attended school and was raised in a farm and ranch lifestyle, which in-

cluded picking cotton, pulling broomcorn, and killing a lot of rattle snakes and copperheads! Ann met the love of her life, Billy Sellers, on a blind date and they were together for almost 47 years, until his death on January 17, 2001. Ann was a dedicated wife, who ALWAYS followed her husband's dreams. They did custom farming for the public and owned the John Deere Implement Company for 10 years. Ann could sprig, bale hay, plow, combine and do ALL farming chores as good or better than most men. They lived in Giddings and Flatonia for six years, while Billy worked for Gulf Coast Oil Company, with Ann working right alongside him climbing the tanks and checking their readings. They moved to Mansfield around 1986, because her husband took a job with Central Freight Lines driving an 18-wheeler for ten years, and yes... she drove an 18-wheeler for a few years alongside Billy.

Ann was a dedicated wife, mother, and friend in every sense of the word. She was loving, caring, hardworking, kind, sweet and 100 percent selfless, always putting others before herself. She was a fabulous cook and loved

cooking all her family their favorite meals and desserts. Your tea glass was never empty in her presence.

Ann loved spending time with her kids, grandkids, and great grands more than anything on earth. She was the very BEST "MeMe" and they each have many memories spent with her. She loved a good competitive game of HIGH 5 or 42 dominoes and those were some of her best memories spent with family and brothers and sisters.

She is survived by her son, Bob Sellers and wife, Suzanne, of Gatesville; daughter, Deb Sellers of Gatesville, grandkids, Kami Williams and husband, Curtis, Zeb Veazey and wife, Monica, Matt Sellers and wife, Jessica, and Jessica Sellers; great-grandchildren, Owen Sibley, Chett Sibley, Bralen Veazey, Jackie Blue Langston, and Jake Sauro.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that memorials be made to the charity of their choice. The Boys and Girls Club and St. Jude were among her favorites, Boys and Girls Club, 2533 E. Main Street, Gatesville, TX 76528 and www.stjude.org/donate/.

## Smith Cemetery Association held meeting May 27

### Submitted Item

Smith Cemetery Association held its annual meeting Saturday, May 27th, after the Purmela Homecoming. The meeting took place with a nearly doubling of usual attendance. Having more people there really helped with brainstorming ideas for better maintenance of the property.

Those present were Betty Bates, Steven Bertrand, Joyce Comer Bundrant, Glenda Chastain, Glenda Manning Reid, T.R. Thomas, Deanna Vittrup and Bernice Wright. Also in attendance was a special guest, Sara Jo Poynter, a representative from Scott's Funeral Home.

One topic of discussion was the best in years show-

ing of wildflowers there. The group also noted that the initial response to the spring fundraising newsletter was off to a good start. There may, however, be others with ties to Smith Cemetery interested in receiving a newsletter. The association has been fortunate to receive enough funds to at least cover the basic concern of keeping the acres mowed but not enough to allow fence repair or fixing damaged headstones.

Some headstones that have been compromised by falling trees or simply the earth shifting for one reason or another. The group has in mind the lofty goal of being able to repair those, many of which

contact with relatives have been lost. They include E.M. Clark, Eddelman, Joseph Harris, M.E. Medart and A.B. Stewart and wife.

Smith Cemetery Association officers include Steven Bertrand president, Glenda Chastain vice-president, Glenda Manning Reid secretary/treasurer and Betty Bates newsletter chairperson.

If you would like to make a donation, the mailing address is: Smith Cemetery, 11135 FM 116, Gatesville, TX 76528. To receive a newsletter or for more information, contact Glenda Manning Reid at 254/247-6558 or 254/865-2884. Please leave a message if there is no answer.

### HENRY ONEY

Oct. 18, 1933 - May 21, 2023



Henry Oney, age 89, of Evant, passed away Wednesday, May 31, 2023, at his home.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 17, 2023, at Pearl Cemetery

with J.C. Graham officiating.

Henry Vaden Oney was born on October 18, 1933, to the late Omie and Lottie Walker Oney in Pearl. He attended school in Evant, graduating in 1952. After graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in Virginia Beach, VA until 1954. He later began his career with the City of Evant and served as the City's Water Department Superintendent for 27 years before retiring. Henry also served as the manager of the Duroc Ranch, located near Evant. On July 12, 1961, he married Phyllis Adams, and the couple made their home in Evant.

Henry's passions included collecting arrowheads, which was evident by his extensive collection and his work at the Duroc Ranch.

He was preceded in death

by his parents, and wife, Phyllis.

Henry is survived by his children, Connie Manning and partner, Larry Creacy, of Evant, Robbie Oney of Gatesville, Bonnie Hayes and husband, Michael, of Enterprise, AL; brother, Vance Oney of Gatesville; sister, Sue Wilhite, of Gatesville; grandchildren, Aaron Parker and wife, Amanda, of Humble, Nikki Allen and husband, Eric, of Hamilton, Chelsea Goulart of Enterprise, AL, Braden Goulart of Enterprise, AL, Tara Bertrand and husband, Michael, of Evant; great-grandchildren, Clayton Gill and wife, Kayla, Elyssa Parker, Cami Parker, Jordan Parker, Corbin Holder, Kyle Goulart, Jake Bertrand, Maybre Bertrand; and great-great-grandchildren, Hadlee and Daleney Gill.

### WILLIAM WILKINS

April 28, 1942 - June 3, 2023



William Wilkins, age 81, of Temple, passed away on Saturday, June 3, 2023, in Temple.

Graveside services were held on Friday, June 9, at Smith-King Cemetery, near Mound.

William David Wilkins

was born on April 28, 1942, in Coryell County, to the late Euna C. and Genia B. Seward Wilkins. He grew up in the Flat community and Gatesville, graduating in 1960 from Flat High School.

Immediately after high school, he joined the U.S. Air Force, serving in North Carolina and Europe as an aviation technician. After his discharge, he returned to the Gatesville area. He later moved to Houston and married Nancy Eliason in 1970. He worked as an aircraft mechanic at Ellington Field and for Shell Refinery as a machinist for 30 years. After his retirement, they moved to Temple, where they currently resided. He was a skilled knife maker and he enjoyed fishing and motorcycle riding and trips throughout the hill country.

William was loyal and meticulous in maintaining the Smith King Cemetery and cemeteries on Ft. Hood.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Patsy Baker, Mary Wilkins and JoAnn Mitchell.

William is survived by his wife of 53 years, Nancy Wilkins; oldest daughter, Yllisia Allen and husband, Jeff, and their son, Mason Colt Allen, youngest daughter, Carrie Elaine Wilkins; brothers, Robert Wilkins, Steve Wilkins; and sisters, Lillie Bright, Betty Mayhew and Jenny Lindley. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews that were dear to him.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to the charity of your choice.

## CTC theater to host 'Exoplanets: Worlds of Wonder'

The Mayborn Science Theater on the campus of Central Texas College in Killeen will host "Exoplanets: Worlds of Wonder," at 2:30 p.m. June 13.

The program will allow viewers to join mankind's first space probe as it journeys outside our solar system to the many new worlds astronomers are discovering beyond.

The audience will see gas planets caught in a deadly dance with their host stars, frozen rogue planets hurtling through space, and molten rocky worlds.

Viewers will also learn new insights into the Earth, moon, sun and the remarkable solar system that we inhabit. The show is 26 minutes long.

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## 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.



COURTESY PHOTO

Classic car show set for local DAV chapter

## 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 finisher's 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 Da-

mian'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 approximately 8 a.m. All rid-

ers 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 to-

wards local scholarships for Gatesville Independent School District seniors and many other community service projects.

For any additional information visit [https://gatesclubexpress.com/content.aspx?page\\_id=22&club\\_id=744960&module\\_id=96763](https://gatesclubexpress.com/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=744960&module_id=96763).

## 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 crocheters 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.

## 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,

including 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](mailto:grc2021.info@gmail.com).

## 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. Vacation 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, call 254-865-5681.

## Gatesville ISD bids farewell to Streater

BY DAVID SCOTT  
Staff Writer

After serving twenty-three years as an educator, Gatesville Primary School principal, Mashara Streater, has retired. She served her last day at the helm of the primary school on June 8. Streater has been employed with the Gatesville Independent School District since 2009 and has devoted 14 years of her expertise in education to the district.

Streater, a 1985 graduate of Gatesville High School, received her undergraduate degree at Texas A&M University. She would later receive a master's degree in educational administration from Tarleton State University. Her teaching career began in 1999 at College Station ISD in special education where she taught students with autism in a small, self-contained classroom at Oakwood Intermediate.

"It was nothing like what I expected, and it was a challenging year as a new teacher. However, I learned so much that year, and it was such a rewarding experience. It reaffirmed that teaching was my true calling," Streater said.

She moved to Woodway in 2000 to be near family. For the



Mashara Streater

following eight years, she continued to work with students with special needs at Waco ISD and then at Midway ISD's Life Skills and Resource classes. In 2009 she had the opportunity to return to Gatesville where she taught fourth grade at Gatesville Intermediate School. She would spend nine years at the Intermediate school as a teacher and later as an assistant principal. In 2019, she was named the principal at Gatesville Primary School where she remained until her retirement.

GISD Superintendent Barrett Pollard reflected on Streater and offered the following thoughts.

"Mashara Jacobs Streater is a wonderful educator and person. I would like to comment on Mashara's character in particular. Mashara's friendship with fellow 1985 graduate Cindy Ament Venable was really special to observe as they both led GISD campuses as head principals. I know Cindy really appreciated Mashara's friendship as she battled end-stage cancer. That time was a true testament to Cindy's fighting spirit and also Mashara's dedication to her lifelong friend."

Thinking about her retirement, Streater said "Throughout my career in education, I have wanted to make a difference in the lives of children. I have always wanted my students to feel loved, wanted, and successful. I will definitely miss my students, friends and staff at Gatesville ISD, but I am looking forward to retirement, spending more time with family and friends, and traveling."

## Gatesville offers recreation opportunities

The Gatesville City Pool, located at 300 S. Eighth St., is open from noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Friday and Saturday and 1-6 p.m. Sunday. The pool is closed on Monday.

A daily pass costs \$3 for ages 4 and older and is free to children 3 and younger. Season passes are also available for \$40 for an individual, \$70 for a family of four and \$10 per each additional family member. Punch card passes are also available for \$25 for 10 visits.

For rentals for private events and information on swim lessons, call 254-865-401 or visit the gatesvil-

letx.com website's aquatics page.

The city fitness center, 203 N. 34th St., features an indoor pool, hot tub, exercise and weight lifting equipment, and various exercise classes. It is open from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Prices vary, starting at \$5 for a day pass.

**May 30 - July 28**

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**\*Gatesville City Pool:** Tuesday through Thursday  
 \*Lunch 12:30 to 1:00  
 \*300 S. 8th Street

**\*Gatesville High School:** Monday through Thursday  
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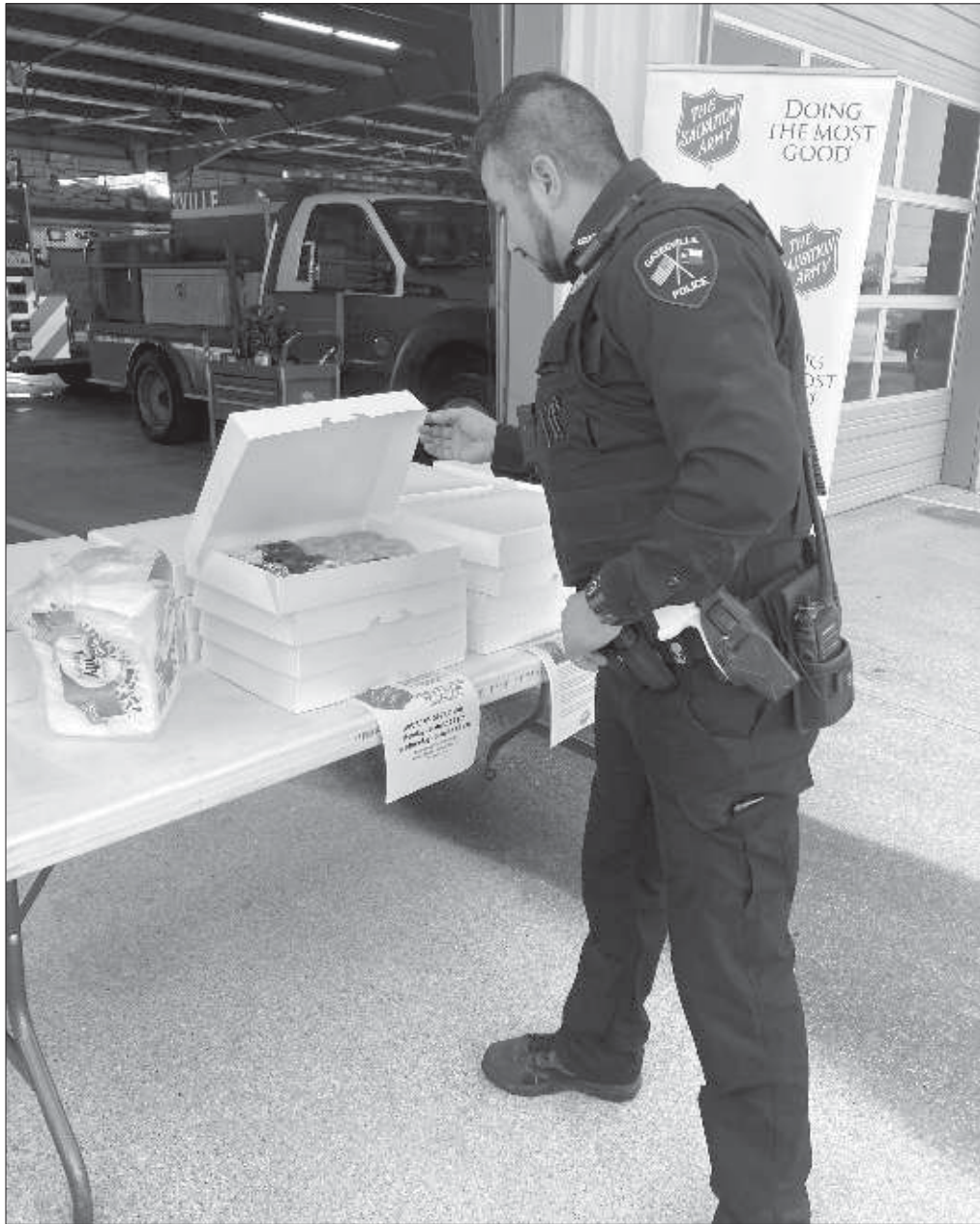
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# FIRST RESPONDERS HONORED



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Salvation Army representatives recently distributed donuts to area-wide first responders in honor of their dedication and service to the community. Gatesville Lions Club and the Donut Hole were responsible for the contributions so that first responders could drop by the Gatesville Fire Department on National Donut Day for a few sweet treats.

# Whatever happened to....

## 20 YEARS AGO (2003)

Winners of the Cub Scout Pinewood Derby were announced. John David Hoover received first place, Justin Hoover second place, and Joseph Blanchard came in third.

Glenda Murray and Dolly Underwood were busy making Care Bears to be distributed to healthcare facilities in Gatesville and the surrounding area.

Sons of the American Legion installed new officers including Roger Heim, Doug Walker, Mark Staton, Randy Heimback, Jacob Staton, and Brad Staton.

Matthew Crosby earned a Master of Music degree with distinction from the Westminster Choir College in Princeton, New Jersey.

Daniel Kozora of Gatesville was named to the honor roll for the spring semester at the University of Oklahoma.

## 30 YEARS AGO (1993)

Fredrick Jennings Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Smith, was selected as one of the country's most outstanding campus leaders by Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.

June 5th was proclaimed to be "Johnny Gimble Day" in honor of the performer who had spent many years entertaining crowds at the Gatesville Shivarree.

Wayne Starkey, son of

Ben and Debbie Starkey, was recognized as an outstanding student due to his academic excellence and achievements.

Courtney Brown, Josh Fuchs, and Jason Reeves, 1993 seniors of Gatesville High School, were honored with a hamburger cook-out at the Jin Traylot home.

Gay Fry, an employee at Medical Plastics Laboratory was present an appreciative plaque by her co-workers. She had worked in the mailing department for nine months.

## 40 YEARS AGO (1983)

Elwood Hill, a native of Jonesboro, was overseeing the construction of a new restaurant he was building next to the Jonesboro Post Office.

Bill Herridge held the new rank of captain. He was a 15-year veteran of active and reserve service. He was pinned by Col. Al Jones, commanding officer.

Recently elected cheerleaders at Jonesboro High School included Donna Bunger, Shari King, Carol Ann Young, Becca Rhudy, and Lisa Cagle.

Mr. and Mrs. Olan Dollins of Turnersville were celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. Olan Dollins and the former Lurlene Fullwood were married in Turnersville on June 18, 1933.

Sixth grader Jeff Herridge

earned a place on the Gatesville Junio High honor roll by making all A grades during the 1982-83 academic year.

## 50 YEARS AGO (1973)

Mrs. Richard Springstun was the director of the Cultural Activities Committee's 1973 production of the Broadway musical, "Oklahoma."

Marsha Ogden, a Gatesville High School sophomore, was presented with a bouquet of roses after being selected as queen of the 35th annual Jaycee Rodeo.

District Judge Byron McClellan announced the appointment of Mrs. Linda Survant as Coryell County's new assistant auditor.

Donna Bohne, salutatorian of the 1973 graduating class of Gatesville High School, was named the recipient of a \$100 scholarship by the Beta Sigma Phi sorority.

J.B. Wilson was honored on his 56th birthday with a fish fry and barbeque at Faunt Le Roy Park. Helping him celebrate were his wife and daughters.

# Public Library presents Summer Reading and events schedule

## Staff Reports

The Gatesville Public Library presents their Summer Reading program for 2023. The program began on Thursday, June 1 and will continue through Monday, July 31.

## Library Activities

The Summer Reading program schedule will begin every Monday at 10 a.m. There

will be ABC Yoga for children ages two and up. Each Tuesday in June, Lego time will begin at 11 a.m. for ages five and up. Each Tuesday in July, Pinterest Camp will be held at 11 a.m. for ages five and up. Wednesdays will be story time at 11 a.m. each week. Each Thursday, there will be a movie playing at 1:30 p.m. Every Friday,

Cooks and Books will begin at 11 a.m. for ages six and up. At 2 p.m. a computer skills class will be offered for ages eight and up.

The Children's Story Hour will be held every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. This will be for children ages two through elementary school.

## Field Trips

Children's field trips will be held on various Wednesdays throughout the summer. Sign-up will be required to attend. Parents and guardians must attend each field trip if the child is in elementary school or younger.

The current field trip schedule:

On Wednesday,

June 28, immediately after story time, there will be a field trip to the Police Department.

On Friday, June 30, at 10 a.m., a field trip will take place to the Coryell County Courthouse.

On Wednesday, July 5, at 1 p.m., there will be a field trip to the Gatesville Fire Department.

Field trips are still being scheduled for July at this time, the Gatesville Public Library will release the schedule at a later date.

The Gatesville Public Library is located at 111 N. 8th Street and can be reached at 254-865-5367.

# The DISPATCH

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of May 30 - June 1. 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 30

11:35 a.m., a theft was reported in the 100 block of Trails Private Drive.

12:33 p.m., a structure fire was reported in the 100 block of Surrey Lane.

4:54 p.m., harassment was reported in the 100 block of N. Lovers Lane.

8:15 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 2200 block of E. Main Street.

### May 31

8:49 a.m., a theft was reported in the 2200 block of E. Main Street.

5:02 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 300 block of Baize Drive.

8:22 p.m., an accident was reported in the 2400 block of Business Hwy. 36.

9:42 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of Elm Street.

### June 1

2:37 p.m., an assault was reported in the 1200 block of E. Main Street.

4:42 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 2300 block of E. Main Street.

6:05 p.m., an assault was reported in the 200 block of Elm Lane.

9:30 p.m., a threat was reported in the 300 block of Veteran's Memorial Loop.

## Coryell County Sheriff's Office

### May 30

8:14 a.m., identity theft was reported in the 4800 block of FM 1241.

9:21 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 200 block of Vista Road.

2:24 p.m., an animal bite was reported at Topsy Ranch.

2:47 p.m., an out-of-control child was reported in the 200 block of Thackston Road.

### May 31

10:17 a.m., a scam was reported in the 500 block of E. Leon. Street.

2:55 p.m., a stolen vehicle was reported in the 1200 block of Oak Springs Road.

5:14 p.m., a reckless driver was reported on N. Hwy. 36 near Flat.

9:06 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 100 block of CR 193.

### June 1

9:37 a.m., lost property was reported on S. Hwy. 36

at Fort Gates.

1:00 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 100 block of US Hwy. 281.

5:41 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on E. Hwy. 84 at South Mountain.

8:58 p.m., trespassing was reported in the 300 block of FM 107.

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under 300 lb.	210-310
300-400 lb.	210-265
400-500 lb.	205-245
500-600 lb.	185-225
600-700 lb.	175-210
700-800 lb.	160-190

<b>Slaughter Cows</b>	
High Yielding	96-117
Low Yielding	75-85
Fats	85-95
Thin & Shelly	45-65

<b>Packer Bulls (1250-2075 lb.)</b>	
Yield Grade 1&2	100-130

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# Remembering Uncle Bob

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

According to John Frank Post, editor of the Gatesville Messenger from 1946-1978, the "Down Memory Lane" column was a hit with the readers of the newspaper from the beginning. Post said that Uncle Bob's close friends felt he viewed his writing as a "gift to his generation and a legacy to generations to come."

The following is an excerpt of Uncle Bob's Down Memory Lane column that appeared in the March 24, 1950, edition of The Gates-

ville Messenger:

## Coryell's Streams Once Yielded Large Catches for Its Hordes of Fishermen

Back yonder in the 1880's and 90's it must have rained a whole lot more than it does now, for the Leon River and the Cowhouse and Coryell creeks were always running full of water and were full of nice fish. There were plenty of catfish in the Leon River, and if you like sun perch you could go out on Dodd's creek or down on Coryell and catch yourself a string as long as your arm. You didn't have to have any fancy tackle - just a cane pole and cotton line and perch hooks and a can of earthworms. Them red worms were the best, but you could only get them in April and May in a kinder sandy soil.

Them blackland worms, while they was way yonder bigger, wasn't so good for perch but they made good

bait for the night lines that you set out in the Leon for catfish. And I am here to tell you that a three-pound catfish is the best eating fish of them all. It ain't everybody that knows how to fry fish.

If you just wanted to fish for perch, you would find no better place than that deep round hole down on Coryell Creek, just above the crossing that went into Ellis Morgan's farm. Another good place was up on John Taylor's place about the bridge that spanned the creek on the Coryell City Road.

When you just wanted to fish with a cane pole in the daytime, the place to go was out to the Cowhouse about 14 miles west of Gatesville. If you went to Rodgers Mill and fished below the dam, you could catch big sun perch, small channel cats and lots of time you could catch a string of bass. We called them trout. Another good place to fish on the Cowhouse was at Mosely's

Crossing, at that time owned by Uncle Joe Culp and now owned by Joe Hanna. We always camped on the west bank of the creek in a beautiful grove of trees, where we could always kill a mess of squirrels.

Most any place on the Cowhouse that you went - King, Pidcoke, and Bone Crossing - you could catch all the fish you wanted, but that was back in the hoss and buggy days. My fishing days are numbered, and I guess I should worry, but I had my fun when we had good fishing in Coryell County.



PHOTO COURTESY OF PINTEREST  
Coryell's streams once yielded large catches for its hordes of fishermen.

# RECIPE

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

## Cornbread Chicken Casserole

BY JOHNNIE PEEVEY

- 1 lg. fryer (seasoned, cooked, de-boned)
- 1 ½ stick oleo
- ½ c. chopped onions
- 1 c. chopped celery
- 1 c. chicken broth (maybe more)

- 1 c. chicken rice soup
- 1 c. cream of chicken soup
- 2 pkgs. cornbread mix
- poultry season to taste



Cook cornbread to instructions and crumble. Melt oleo and sauté onions and celery. Heat the broth and soups and pour over cornbread. Mix well. Then add onions and celery mixture. The mixture should be moist. Add more broth if needed. Grease 9 x 13 casserole dish, then add layers of dressing and then chicken. Start and end with the dressing. Bake at 350 for 45 minutes.

## Turnersville Community Center to hold quarterly meeting Monday

### Submitted Item

The Turnersville Community Center will have its quarterly meeting on Monday, June 12th, at 6 p.m. The meeting will be held

at the Community Center and is open to the public. Immediately following the Center meeting there will be a Buffalo Stampede meeting.

The Turnersville Com-

munity Center is a family friendly gathering place for recreation, education, and the arts. It is located at 8115 FM 182 in Turnersville.

## CORYELL COUNTY HISTORICAL MARKER

# "SPOTLIGHT"

TEXT ON THE MARKER IS AS FOLLOWS:

## St. John Lutheran Church

The area around Coryell City was settled in the 1880s by a number of German immigrant families. Desiring to worship in their native language, a group of settlers began meeting together in homes.

The Rev. Johannes Barthel of the Lutheran Church occasionally conducted services for the settlers. He was succeeded by the Rev. R. Seils, who officially organized St. John Lutheran Church on December 7, 1889, in the home of Fritz Wiede.

The congregation purchased two acres of land and built their first sanctuary in 1890. It was replaced by a larger structure in 1908, which served the congregation until it was destroyed by fire in 1921. A new sanctuary built that year was replaced by a red brick structure in 1959.

Worship services were periodically conducted in the German language until 1952, despite some ill feelings the practice caused during the years of World War I.

Adjacent to the church is the St. John Lutheran Cemetery, dating to the 1890s, it is the final resting place of many church and community members, including veterans of World War I, World War II, and Vietnam.

Marker erected in 1989.



St. John Lutheran Church

DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

## Southern Plainsmen to perform at Pidcoke Baptist Church June 18

### Staff Reports

The Southern Plainsmen Quartet is set to perform at Pidcoke Baptist Church on Sunday, June 18. The concert will begin at 6 p.m. Following there will be an ice cream social for surrounding communities to attend.

The quartet was organized in May 1978 in west central Louisiana. The ministry, supported by the contributions of its Christian friends, appears in Christian churches, regardless of denominational affiliation, on an expense plus love-offering basis. They are not en-

tainers in the true sense of the word. Their primary goal is to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ through the

medium of gospel music and Christian witness.

The quartet has 20 albums to their credit. In Oc-

tober 2011, the group was inducted into the North Louisiana Southern Gospel Hall of Fame.

Pidcoke Baptist Church is located at 11125 FM 116 and can be contacted at 254-833-0590.

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# Kenneth Phillips: A Remarkable Man



BY TUMBLEWEED SMITH

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

When Kenneth Phillips was in his mid-40s he lost all of his fingers and toes due to frostbite. This was not in the arctic or some other frigid place. It was in San Angelo, Texas. He faced years of hospitalization and depression then one day decided he was tired of inactivity and feeling sad.

He applied for several jobs but when they saw his hands, they didn't hire him (even though a sign in the window read hiring now). He finally got a job at Dollar General and later worked as a cashier at McDonalds for six years. Last year he started a company doing mowing and edging. He named his company ALL THUMBS LAWN CARE. He told me how he got into this situation.

"About 8 years ago I was living in San Angelo feeling depressed because I was in so much back pain from an oil field accident. One winter night I went out to the lake and started listening to gospel music. After about an hour I got to feeling better so I started home. It was about midnight. I made a wrong turn and ended up in the water. It was about

three feet deep, fairly close to shore. I got out of the car and went about 30 yards on dry land and passed out from the cold. They didn't find me until around noon or 1 o'clock the next day. I woke up a week later in a Lubbock hospital. My fingers and toes were black and some of them were gone. I was in the hospital several months and when I left, I had no fingers or toes. Then I went to rehab for 6 months."

One of the reasons he was depressed was the death of his mother while he was in rehab. He was on some heavy medication and finally when he decided to try to improve his life, he went through withdrawal by himself for 3 months and moved to Big Spring to be with his daughter and son-in-law and their 4 children. "I couldn't

do anything without them. My grandkids are my best friends. My 9-month job at Dollar General showed me I could work, and I gained some confidence. I realized that God gave me thumbs so I could do something. I discovered I could do nearly everything other people can do. It may take longer because I have to figure things out. I don't like people telling me I can't do something."

He doesn't wear shoes with laces or shirts with buttons. He wears casual pants without buttons or zippers but with an elastic waistband so he can just pull them on.

"Doctors said I was the worst frostbite victim in Texas. They had never seen anything like this. I think it has made me a better father and grandfather. I can write

and like doing carpenter work. My grandkids help me a lot. They're my fingers."

Kenneth does beautiful lawn care. When we agreed on a price for him to mow and edge our lawn, I gave him a little extra. He left, then came back and told me I had given him too much money. I asked Kenneth if he could stain our deck and an exterior wall of our house. He said he could. Then I asked him if he could remove a large dead bush with branches the size of my arm. He took care of that, too. His grandkids helped pick up the pieces and load them in Kenneth's pickup because he has trouble gripping things. "I don't think you should ever be afraid to ask for help."

## PEARL NEWS

# Vacation Bible School is a big hit at Pearl Church of Christ



BY BETSY CLARK

Pearl News Correspondent

It was a powerful week in Pearl last week! At least 245 were attendance during the annual Pearl Church of Christ Vacation Bible School! This event has been a tradition from around the last of May into the first of June since 1991, and the overall attendance since that time is 3,472!

If you get a chance, go to the Pearl Church of Christ Facebook page to view the pictures of happy children and adults alike! We now have children of children who attended way back when!! The attendees got to make Dead Fish T-shirts with "real-live dead fish!!" They also received a camo T-shirt that says, "Character is Everything," which is dedicated to Brother Roy Harris.

Brother Harris actually got to attend one of the five days for which we are so grateful that he felt like doing so!! He surely does a powerful prayer!! The older kiddos watched scenes from "The Chosen," burned their fears, and got to place

flags on the graves of veterans in the Pearl Cemetery. Those are just a few of the activities that they enjoyed. Thanks to Dalton Paul, the praise music was spectacular!! Dalton plays guitar and sings like an angel!! The kids love him!! Thank you, Dalton, for sharing your time and talent with these precious kiddoes!!

There were two baptisms during the week, and we praise God for those new sisters in Christ!! The church wishes to thank everyone involved in VBS. The workers, parents, grandparents, visitors, the kitchen crew — everyone is so very appreciated and dearly loved!! On the last day, the kids requested

a one-day VBS before school starts. Our excited but exhausted adults will keep us posted because they said "YES!"

Trent Ray had a very successful day on Saturday, June 3rd, at the Reisel Track event. Trent is participating in the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation in discus and shot put. Trent won first place in discus and took second place in shot put!! Congratulations to Trent!!

It was also a great day to be in Pearl on June 3 during the monthly Bluegrass and Pearl Cottage Bookstore events. So that you can mark your calendars to be sure and not miss the days to come to Pearl, here are the

remaining dates for 2023: July 1, Aug. 5, (second Saturday in September) Sept. 9, Oct. 7, Nov. 4, and Dec. 2.

This week's Bible verse comes from I Peter 3:9: "Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing." — 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 betsyclark47@yahoo.com.

## MOUND NEWS

# Happenings and birthdays



BY BARBARA HOPSON

Mound News Correspondent

Karen Lee met her sister, John Stephens, in Gatesville for lunch Wednesday.

Several people of Mound attended the 49th Annual Shivaev in Gatesville.

Those who had birthdays this week were Tracey Carothers, Tammy Lawhorn, Ron Barnard, Deletta Washburn, Max McClellan, Lloyd Hopson, Dana Creacy, Jeremy Dossey, Emily Coward and Neva (Hopson) Groat.

I want to say to everyone in my community that I would like to have your news in my article. You all can text or call me at (254) 206-6059. Thank you!

# Turnersville Cemetery Association to meet

## Staff Reports

The Turnersville Cemetery Association will conduct its second quarterly meeting on Tuesday, June 13. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. and will be held at the Turnersville Community Center.

The Turnersville Community Center serves residents of the rural community of Turnersville (originally Buchanan Springs). Those interred at the cemetery include many past residents, with ranchers, farmers, merchants, physicians,

teachers, ministers, and military veterans among them.

A cemetery association was formed in 1900 but disbanded in the 1930s. The Turnersville Cemetery Association reorganized in 1953 and continues to care for the burial ground. Today, the cemetery is one of the few remaining vestiges of the Turnersville community.

The community center is located at 8115 FM 182 in Turnersville.

# Marriage licenses filed at Coryell County Courthouse in May

## Staff Reports

Marriage licenses filed during May of 2023 in the Co-

ryell County Clerk's Office included:

Shanna Lee Andrews and Michelle Lynn Cosper, Kyle

Logan Belmont and Evelia Chiara Mejia, Roger Gary Bohlen and Edith Viola Jean Brown, Richard Michael Brown and Hannah Elaine Torres, Clinton Scott EPPERSON and Hannah Grace Wilson, Adrian Edwin Johnson and Jessica Cutler, Joseph Ryan Johnson and Cursti

Gayle Turner-Cope, Ray Artis Jones, II and Olivia Denise Jimenez, Nicholas Scott Kimbrell and Alexa Marie Carter, John Wayne Loer and Heather M. Davis, Hector Manuel Martinez and Arianna Elizabeth Charles, Branden Andreas Mueller-Jefferson and Mariley Cristina Perdomo

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Independent Administration for the Estate of L. D. Craft, Jr., Deceased, were issued on February 15, 2023, in Cause No. 22-10770, pending in the County Court of Coryell County, Texas, to Debra Craft. Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the estate, addressed as follows: Debra Craft, Independent Administrator of the Estate of L. D. Craft, Jr. c/o Rebekah Steely Brooker Scheef & Stone, LLP 500 N. Akard, Suite 2700 Dallas, Texas 75201 [Rebekah.Brooker@solid-counsel.com](mailto:Rebekah.Brooker@solid-counsel.com)  
All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Dated the 1st day of June, 2023.  
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- ▶ 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
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- ▶ 199.86 acres, 4 BR, 2 Ba Manufactures Home, 1856 sq. ft., 1805 CR 180, Purnela, 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

# Shivaree 2023



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Families enjoyed rides on the ferris wheel during the annual Gatesville Shivaree.



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The super slide brought an adrenaline rush to those riding it.



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Music during Shivaree was performed at Texas Station, giving people an opportunity to dance.



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# It's shine time for Teams of Tomorrow students

**BY GLADYS WHITENBURG**  
*Messenger Contributor*

Teams of Tomorrow (TOT) students from Let's Grow Learning Center and Gateway Learning Center recently participated in the annual Shine Time Celebration at

the First Methodist Church Activity Center. The young leaders have been practicing all year to earn a TOT Superstar trophy.

The students are led by Kelsi Caraway and her team

of assistants. Caraway and her team teach beginner ball handling skills as well as shapes, numbers and how to count in three languages – English, Spanish and French. Early this year, students in

the program had the opportunity to perform during the halftime show of the men's and women's basketball games in Waco at McLennan Community College and Baylor University, along

with other Central Texas superstars. The young local superstars also showcased their skills during the Gatesville Hornets basketball halftime show earlier this spring.

If you are interested in having your student join the TOT program, registration opens back up in the fall for students attending Let's Grow and Gateway Learning Center.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF GLADYS WHITENBURG

Mason Whitenburg dribbles the ball at TOT practice as Blakey Ruiz focuses on her ball in the background.



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Claire Stewart practices TOT drills with teammates from Let's Grow Learning Center and Gateway Learning Center.

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# Looking back at Shivaree 2023



Carnival rides such as Bear Affair kept children entertained near the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce Depot during the annual Shivaree celebration.

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COURTESY PHOTO

A color run that started near Vintage Royalty on June 3 added plenty of festivity to Shivaree.



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Father-daughter duo Mike and Bailey Dickie were among the musical performers at Shivaree.



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A variety of attractions generated plenty of excitement and family fun during Shivaree.



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Vendors offered several different types of items for sale during Shivaree.

## GISD summer camps continue



Girls had an opportunity to work on a variety of softball skills during GISD softball camp June 5-7.

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More than 40 local youths in grades 1-9 took part in the GISD tennis camp June 5-7.

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The Gatesville softball camp, led by coach Andrea Holdbrook, focused on several softball fundamentals.



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Returning serves from high school tennis players kept tennis camp participants active.

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**Note: Photos from baseball camp are scheduled to appear in the June 17 edition of The Messenger.**



Gatesville's softball stars of tomorrow wait their chance to participate in drills during GISD softball camp.

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Thanks to a strong program under the direction of coach Wendell Jones, interest in Gatesville ISD tennis is high, and resulted in several youth participating in the GISD tennis camp.



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Girls had an opportunity to work on catching skills June 5-7.



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Tennis camp is helping to maintain interest in GISD athletics.

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## PENROD RECEIVES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SCHOLARSHIP



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Gatesville High School Senior Grace Penrod was awarded a scholarship for \$1,000 from the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce during their board meeting held on Tuesday, May 30. The scholarship is awarded to one senior each year. The goal is to have the most volunteer hours during senior year and the greatest number of hours over the four years of being a junior ambassador. Each applicant submits their application including their leadership roles, volunteer hours, and an essay on how being a junior ambassador impacted their life. The application and essay with the most votes were awarded the scholarship. Penrod, fourth from the left, is being presented the scholarship by Chamber president Scott Harper. Chamber directors and other junior ambassadors are also pictured.

## Jonesboro ISD to hold summer athletic camps

### Staff Reports

Jonesboro Independent School District will hold summer camps through the month of July for boys and girls.

The boys' and girls' bas-

ketball camp will be from Monday, June 12 through Tuesday, June 13. All incoming third through fifth grade students will be from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., and all incoming sixth through ninth grade students will be from

12:30p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Football camp will be from Monday, July 24 through Wednesday, July 26. All incoming third through ninth graders will be from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Volleyball camp will

be from Monday, July 24 through Wednesday, July 26. All incoming sixth through ninth graders will be from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Registration will be on-site, at the cost of \$40 per camper for each camp at-

tended.

Make checks payable to the Jonesboro Athletic Department. All proceeds will go back to the Jonesboro Athletic Department and help provide equipment for the student athletes.

Jonesboro ISD is located at 14909 Hwy. 35 in Jonesboro and can be reached at 254-463-2111.

## Evant ISD seeking monetary and school supply donations

### Staff Reports

Evant Independent School District is seeking monetary or school supplies dona-

tions to benefit the students for the 2023-2024 school year.

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sired amount and are to be dropped off at the Business Office of Evant ISD to Lisa LaComb, Secretary. The donations will be used to place

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tizing wipes, disinfecting spray, and facial tissues.

Evant ISD is located at 339 Memory Lane in Evant can be reached at 254-471-5536.

## Gatesville residents among ASU 2023 Spring graduates

### Staff Reports

Two area residents received degrees from Angelo State University during the

2023 Spring Commencement held on Friday, May 12 and Saturday, May 13 at the ASU Junell Center/Stephens Arena.

Jazmine McLeod of Gatesville graduated with a Master of Education in Student Development and Leadership and Sydney Mundkowsky of

Gatesville graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology.

ASU conferred 830 undergraduate and graduate

degrees on 825 during the 2023 Spring Commencement.

Angelo State University, founded in 1928, is a four-

year public school in San Angelo, Texas.

## ASU announced Cummings to 2023 Dean's List

### Staff Reports

Kenli Cummings of Gates-

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# GISD offers summer meals at no cost 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. Adults will cost \$2.50 for breakfast and \$4.50 for 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. Adults will cost \$2.50 for breakfast and \$4.50 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. 8 Street will provide meals Tuesday through Thursday. Lunch

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

# GHS Choir brings home Gold and Silver

## Submitted Item

Qualifying Gatesville High School choir students recently participated in the Texas State Solo & Ensemble Contest at the UIL State competition. Eight of the State Solo-

ists received medals - 5 gold (Superior) and 3 silver (Excellent). As a whole, the ensemble received an Excellent rating.

TSSEC is one of the only state level contests that happens after school is dismissed for the summer,

so these students don't get a state send off or come home to hallways of congratulations.

The Gold Soloists included Katie Hopson, Anna Phillips, Paisley Wells, Coral Bryant, and Memphis Wells. The Silver Soloists

included Aurelia Chavez, Preslea Edmond, and Vielka Gonzalez. The GHS Ensemble was comprised of Nevin Benning, Paisley Wells, Anna Phillips, Katie Hopson, Memphis Wells.



COURTESY PHOTO

Members of the GHS Choir Ensemble include, from left to right, Paisley Wells, Katie Hopson, Preslea Edmond, Vielka Gonzalez, Aurelia Chavez, Nevin Benning, Coral Bryant, Anna Phillips, and Memphis Wells.

## SUDOKU

Solution for the puzzle that ran June 3.

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The oceans hold a LOT of water! In fact, if you filled up a big bathtub with water over 320 million times, that's how much water would be in the oceans! Can you imagine filling up your bathtub that many times? It would take you a very, very long time! And that's not all! The oceans are so big that if you could take all the water out of the oceans and spread it out over the whole world, it would be like putting a blanket of water over everything, even the tallest mountains! So you see, the oceans are really, really big, and they hold a lot of water. They're home to many amazing creatures, and they play a very important role in our planet's ecosystem.

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# TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY™



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The five seniors on this year's Tarleton State University baseball team were honored following the Texans' May 20 season finale against Sam Houston State University. The senior players are (in numbered jerseys) Alec Williams, Isiah Campa, Carter Dobrinski, Peyton Hutson, and Dylan Kurahashi-Choy Foo.

## Texans Triumph 6-4 on senior day Crushes Bearkats' hopes for WAC baseball championship

TSU Sports Information

STEPHENVILLE — It was a senior day for the ages as the Texans won the rubber game against Sam Houston 6-4 on May 20 to win the baseball series and dash the Bearkats' hopes for a Western Athletic Conference championship.

The Bearkats entered that weekend with a 1.5 game lead over Grand Canyon University in the WAC standings, but Tarleton would not be denied its first .500 season as a Division I program. The Texans won their 26th game of the season to finish the season

at .500. Both are program bests since moving to Division I and the WAC in the spring of 2021. While GCU completed a sweep of California Baptist University in Phoenix, Tarleton ripped the league title from the Bearkats' grasp in favor of the Lopes.

This series win marked the first victory and the first series win for Tarleton ever over Sam Houston, and capped a season that saw the Texans improve their win total by nine games from 2022. The 26 wins are the most for Tarleton in a season since 2018 when the Texans won 35 games and were LSC Champions.

Starting pitcher, Piercen McElyea, (W, 3-1) went six strong innings for the Texans against Sam Houston, with just two unearned runs scoring on his watch. He struck out five and walked two, exiting the game with a 5-2 lead.

Zach Poe and Zane Badmaev (S, 4) each held the Bearkats off the board late, with the senior Badmaev picking up his fourth save of the season in his final collegiate outing.

Mason Hammonds and Trace Morrison each contributed three hits and an RBI apiece. Jordan Andrade added two hits, an RBI and a walk while Alec Williams scored two runs.

Tarleton plated a run in the first inning, as Jack Wagner hit a sacrifice fly to left field that scored Hammonds.

SHSU plated two runs in the second off a Texan error

to go up 2-1.

Tarleton used a run in the third to tie the game at two as Trace Morrison drove in a run with a single to right field. The Texans went ahead with two runs in the fourth and never looked back.

The Bearkats pulled within a run in the seventh as Justin Wishkoski hit a two-run double to left-center field, making it 5-4 in favor of Tarleton. The Texans added a run back in the eighth as Kooper Shook scored on a wild pitch, making it 6-4.

Along the way in 2023, Tarleton also won its first

game against a Power Five conference opponent when they defeated Baylor on April 25. Tarleton played four games against Power Five opponents this year — Baylor (2), Texas A&M, and TCU — and the Texans matched those opponents in total runs 21-21, losing two games by one run and the other by two runs, and defeating Baylor by four.

The Texans won six of their multi-game series this season, including three against WAC opponents Sam Houston, California Baptist, and New Mexico State.

## Former Indiana high school basketball standout transfers to Tarleton

TSU Sports Information

STEPHENVILLE — Teresa Maggio, a former Indiana prep star with four years of collegiate eligibility remaining has transferred to Tarleton State University, the Texans announced recently.

Maggio, a guard who stands 5 feet, 6 inches, signed with Tarleton after redshirting last season at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) in Indianapolis, Indiana.

She had excelled on and off the court for McCutcheon High School in Lafayette, Indiana. Maggio played four varsity years for the Mavericks, enjoying breakout seasons her junior and senior campaigns, garnering her team's Most Valuable Player award each year. Also in each season, Maggio was the Journal & Courier (J&C) Big School All-Area Player of the Year, J&C Big School All-Area First Team, Indiana Coaches of Girls Sports Association (ICGSA) All-State Central Team and North-Central Conference (NCC) All-

Conference First Team.

Across her career at McCutcheon High School, Maggio scored 1,161 career points in 62 games (18.7 PPG). She set school career records for field goal percentage (.500), three-point percentage (.340) and free throw percentage (.890).

Her best season was her senior year, when Maggio averaged 23.4 points, 5.5 assists, 4.5 rebounds and 4.7 steals. She was nominated for the McDonald's All-America Team, plus earned spots on the Hoosier Basketball Magazine First Team All-State and Indiana Basketball Coaches Association (IBCA) Supreme 15. She was also invited to the Hoosier Reunion All-Star Classic and an IBCA Top-60 workout. She added IBCA Underclass Large School All-State accolades and an Indy Star Player of the Week award as a junior, a season in which she helped the Mavericks win the sectionals championship.

Academically, Maggio was a McCutcheon High School valedictorian with an unweighted 4.0 GPA. She was named IBCA Academic All-



PHOTO COURTESY OF TARLETON SPORTS INFORMATION

**Teresa Maggio, a former high school standout from Indiana, has transferred to play for Tarleton State University.**

State First Team her senior year. She intends to pursue a degree in communicative disorders at Tarleton State University.

Maggio is the 11th announced signing by head coach Bill Brock, joining post player Faith Acker from Winnsboro High School, guard Miannah Little from McLennan CC, stretch-four Andjela Bigovic from Cochise College, forward Lexi Bull from Wyoming, post Vitória Carvalho from South Plains College, guard Gosia Byczkowska from Howard College, guard Jakoriah Long from Blinn College, long player Dyanon Griggs from Midwestern State, guard Karyn Sanford from UAlbany, and guard Nykesha Sanders from Paris Junior College.

## Tarleton announces list of summer basketball camps

Tarleton Sports Information

STEPHENVILLE — Wisdom Gym will be active this summer. Tarleton State University's men's basketball program announced its 2023 summer camp schedule, with eight camps slated from June through July.

There are four different types of camps offered by the Texans. The first two camps are for unsigned high school graduates to showcase their potential. The second set of camps are for high schoolers to demonstrate their ability in front of college evaluators.

Then, on the last week of July, Tarleton will host four camps, three of which are purely instructional camps for children in grades 1-12. In between those three will be Tarleton's "Gym Rat Camp," an overnighter for children in grades 1-12.

The first camp is scheduled for June 2, and the last will end on July 31. Camps will be held at Wisdom Gym. For full information regarding any of the eight camps, and to register, visit [www.texasbasketballcamp.com](http://www.texasbasketballcamp.com) online. Key details can be found below:

### LAST CHANCE CAMP #1

Date: June 2  
Ages: Unsigned High School Graduates  
Time: 1-5 p.m. (check-in starts at 12:15 p.m.)  
Cost: \$100 (includes camp insurance)

### LAST CHANCE CAMP #2

Date: June 7  
Ages: Unsigned High School Graduates  
Time: 1-5 p.m. (check-in starts at 12:15 p.m.)  
Cost: \$100 (includes camp insurance)

### RISING STARS CAMP #1

Date: June 14  
Ages: 9th-12th Grade  
Time: 1-5 p.m. (check-in starts at 12:15 p.m.)  
Cost: \$100 (includes camp insurance)

### RISING STARS CAMP #2

Date: June 15  
Ages: 9th-12th Grade  
Time: 1-5 p.m. (check-in starts at 12:15 p.m.)  
Cost: \$100 (includes camp insurance)

### DAY CAMP #1

Dates: June 20-22  
Ages: 1st-12th Grade

Time: 9 a.m. to noon daily for Grades 1-6 (registration starts at 8:15 a.m.)  
2-5 p.m. daily for Grades 7-12 (registration starts at 1:15 p.m.)  
Cost: \$200 (includes camp insurance)

### DAY CAMP #2

Dates: July 25-27  
Ages: 1st-7th Grade  
Time: 9 a.m. to noon daily (registration starts at 8:15 a.m.)  
Cost: \$200 (includes camp insurance)

### GYM RAT CAMP

Dates: July 28-29  
Ages: 1st-12th Grade  
Time: 6 p.m. July 28 through 5 p.m. July 29 (an overnight camp)  
Cost: \$200 (includes camp insurance, plus breakfast and lunch on July 29)

### DAY CAMP #3

Dates: July 30-31  
Ages: 8th-12th Grade  
Time: 2-6 p.m. on July 30 (registration starts at 1:15 p.m.)  
9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on July 31  
Cost: \$200 (includes camp insurance)

# Over a decade of UIL One-Act Play dominance from GHS theatre, alumni

## Article Submitted

In the past 13 years, Gatesville High School Theatre and Alumni have had 11 UIL State One-Act Play appearances.

It all began with Carla Donaldson building a theatre program at Gatesville High School, garnering many Regional Final appearances, including a State Finalist appearance in 2011. In 2011, Gatesville High School took 1st Runner-up at the UIL One-Act Play State Contest with their production of "The Servant of Two Masters." The award-winning production also took home the coveted awards of Best Actor and Samuel French award, given to the Best Performer out of the Best Actress and Best Actor Award recipients. Shortly thereafter, Carla pursued her masters and doctorate degree and served as a district administrator for Waco Independent School District, all while mentoring and staying connected to former students. Now, Dr. Carla Donaldson is a campus administrator in Midland ISD. Carla Donaldson has many former students that have gone on to work in the arts industry at the local, professional, and national levels through acting, directing, casting, performing, filmmaking, and other various arts forms. But, as we approach the UIL Academic State meet, we are looking back at the students that have gone on to be successful directors in the UIL One-Act Play Contest.

Phillip Taylor, GHS Class of 2005, taught for six years before pursuing a masters, doctorate, and moving into administration. The same year that Gatesville HS competed for a state championship, so did Rogers HS Theatre, led by Phillip Taylor. His students advanced to the UIL One-Act Play State Finals in 2011, finishing in the top eight in the state with their production of "The Persecution and Assassination of Jean-Paul Marat as Performed by the Inmates of the Asylum of Charenton Under the Direction of the Marquis de Sade." In 2012, Phillip Taylor directed "The Caucasian Chalk Circle" for Rogers HS and won his first State Championship with the contest's first "perfect score" from a panel, receiving a first place ranking from all judges. They also won Best Actress and Best Actor in the state, along with the Samuel French Award. In 2013, Phillip Taylor wrote and adapted his own

play, "Kholstomer: The Story of a Horse," and won back-to-back state championships with another "perfect score." The troupe won Best Actor and Samuel French again. This same year, Phillip Taylor worked with dozens of schools' One-Act Plays across the state, namely Travis HS in Fort Bend ISD, who also won a State Championship that year with the third "perfect score." Taylor's final UIL One-Act Play was "Mother Courage and Her Children," and it advanced to the State Finals again in 2015, winning Best Actress in the State. Shortly thereafter, he was recruited into administration and began working as the Assistant Director of Fine Arts in Fort Bend ISD, overseeing fine arts programs for 80 plus campuses. He now serves as the Director of Fine Arts for Austin ISD, overseeing fine arts programs for 120 plus campuses.

Destyne Miller, GHS Class of 2004, is making her fifth appearance at the UIL One-Act Play State contest in May 2023. She began her educational theatre career as a middle school teacher in central Texas prior to doing the same in Fort Bend ISD. In 2017, her middle school show dominated the district contest, and she was quickly recruited to work at a high school (Bush HS) in Fort Bend ISD. Her show, "Ruined," placed as the 1st Runner-up at the state contest and received the Best Actress and the Samuel French Award. The following year, in 2018, her production of "Water by the Spoonful" placed as the 1st Runner-up in the State. In 2019, Bush HS's production of "In the Blood" placed 1st Runner-up in the state for the third consecutive year. In 2022, Destyne Miller won the UIL One-Act Play State Championship with their production of "We Are Proud to Present a Presentation About the Herero of Namibia, Formerly Known as South West Africa, From the German Southwestafrika, Between the Years 1884 - 1915." Destyne and Bush HS have advanced to the UIL State One-Act Play finals in May 2023. This time, they are producing a play written by Ms. Miller herself, "The Forgotten Prayer." This is the perfect ending to her career at Fort Bend: Bush HS, as she will be attending Yale University to pursue a Master of Fine Arts Degree later this year.

Glenn Price, GHS Class of 2005, is mak-

ing his second appearance at the UIL One-Act Play State contest in May 2023. He began his theatre teaching and directing career at Waco: University HS where he built a program from scratch and on his 11th and final year at University HS, they advanced to the UIL State One-Act Play contest with their production of "The Trestle at Pope Lick Creek," placing them in the top eight of the state. Glenn moved to the DFW two years ago and rebuilt the Anna HS theatre department quickly. In his second year, he and his theatre department have advanced to the UIL One-Act Play State Contest, scheduled for May 2023 with their production of Alabama Story.

In 2004, Carla Donaldson directed these three in "Romeo & Juliet," where Taylor and Miller won Best Actor and Best Actress. Less than 20 years later, countless trophies and awards later, the legacy of Carla Donaldson and GHS Theatre has impacted tens of thousands of students. BREAK A LEG to Destyne and Glenn as they compete for a UIL One-Act Play State Championship next week!

### Carla Donaldson

1. Gatesville HS - The Servant of Two Masters 2011 - 1st Runner Up at UIL OAP State Contest

### Phillip Taylor: Gatesville HS Class of 2005

1. Rogers HS - Marat/Sade 2011 - State Finalist at the UIL OAP State Contest
2. Rogers HS - The Caucasian Chalk Circle 2012 - State Champion
3. Rogers HS - Kholstomer: The Story of a Horse 2013 - State Champion
4. Rogers HS - Mother Courage and Her Children 2015 - State Finalist



COURTESY PHOTO

Destyne Miller and Phillip Taylor

### Destyne Miller: Gatesville HS Class of 2004

1. Fort Bend: Bush HS - Ruined 2017 - 1st Runner Up at State
2. Fort Bend: Bush HS - Water By the Spoonful 2018 - 1st Runner Up at State
3. Fort Bend: Bush HS - In the Blood 2019 - 1st Runner Up at State
4. Fort Bend: Bush HS - We Are Proud to Present 2022 - State Champion
5. Fort Bend: Bush HS - The Forgotten Prayer 2023 TBD

### Glenn Price: Gatesville HS Class of 2005

1. Waco: University HS - The Trestle at Pope Lick Creek 2021 - State Finalist
2. Anna HS - Alabama Story 2023 - TBD

# GHS students recently graduate from WINGS program

BY DAVID SCOTT  
Staff Writer

Gatesville High School recently hosted a special graduation ceremony for seniors who did not graduate but who decided to partici-

pate in a program in order to receive their diplomas. The program was designed to fill in gaps first created by the pandemic, remote learning, and barriers to accessing traditional school.

"With Intentional Navigation to Graduate Successfully" (WINGS) was designed so that students could recover credits and earn their high school diplomas to ensure more opportunities for fu-

ture learning and wage-earning potential.

During the ceremony, as-

stant superintendent Scott Harper addressed the graduates, which was followed

by special music provided by Anna Phillips.



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# Gatesville ISD honors employees at service awards ceremony

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Gatesville Independent School District recently held their 2022-2023 service awards ceremony at the high school auditorium. Educators and staff were recognized for their years employed at the school, those retiring, and those named employee and teacher of the year.

Those recognized for their years of employment with GISD include:

**5 Years**  
Hilda Aguilera Contreras, Devon Anderson, Candice Campbell, Mischa Campbell, Haile Clater, Charles Conley, Presley Davila, Vanessa Dubai, Amanda Dudik, Ray-

mond Evetts, Victor Garza, Michelle Hall, Angel Heath, Jacob Hunter, Angela Modisett, Tobias Moore, Courtney Myers, Madeline Necessary, Jennifer Sargent, Jackie Saunders, Melissa Steffey, Penny Stewart, Stephanie Streetman, Hope Teague, Johna Underwood, Janey Weber, Cherith Wells.

**10 Years**  
Chanelle Barron, Joyce Blanchard, Marsha Creek, Michele Fast, Kristen Floyd, Mark Henson, Velvet Jaynes, Debbie Piller, Anna Kate Stanley, Sherry Stephens, Beth Thompson, Cheryl Tyler.

**15 Years**  
Nina Adams, Whitney Carothers, Jon Crosby, Ma-

ria DeLaTorre, Laura Haines, Elliot Kelley, Bonnie Latham, Megan Lynch, Maura Martinez, Celia Rivera, Misty Smith, Donna Thebeau, Darla Wallace.

**20 Years**  
Vicki Berry, Lillis Cole, Sonia Davidson, Janet Featherston

**25 Years**  
Tammy Brown, Tammie Browning, Jane Doyle, Robbie Finley, Shelly Harper, Mary Polinard-Tipton, Jana Richardson, Loraine Watson.

**30 Years**  
Kay McCracken

**Retiring**  
Retirement plaques were also presented to 10 individuals who were recognized for the years they had

worked at GISD. Those retiring included:

Nina Adams, 15 years; Kenneth Campbell, 3 years with GISD and a total of 38 years of service; April Clark, 26 years; Betty Cooper, 26 years; Jean Grimsley, 6 years with GISD and a total of 22 years of service; Terry Hale, 33 years with GISD and a total of 39 years of service; Becky Phillips, 17 years with GISD and a total of 21 years of service; Debbie Piller, 10 years; Carl Roedler, 11 years with GISD and a total of 14 years of service; Mashara Streater, 14 years at GISD and a total of 23 years of service; and Donna Thebeau, 15 years at GISD and a total of 16 years of service.

Those recognized as employee and teacher of the year by campus include:

**Primary School**  
Employee of the Year - Taylor Pierce  
Teacher of the Year - Mindy Marshall  
**Elementary School**  
Employee of the Year - Sarah Rippen  
Teacher of the Year - Jennifer Sargent  
**Intermediate School**  
Employee of the Year - Mary McCartney  
Teacher of the Year - Candi Garvin  
**Junior High School**  
Employee of the Year - Staci Pruitt  
Teacher of the Year - Bill Bryant

**High School**  
Employee of the Year - Tony Fernandez  
Teacher of the Year - Sarah Blanchard  
Student Choice - GHS  
Teacher of the Year - Star Hamilton  
**Maintenance**  
Employee of the Year - Justin Fuller  
**Transportation**  
Employee of the Year - Mark Henson  
**Food Service**  
Employee of the Year - Brandi Smith  
**Exchange Club**  
Educator of the Year - Jean Grimsley



Five years award recipients



Ten years award recipients



15 years award recipients



20 years award recipients

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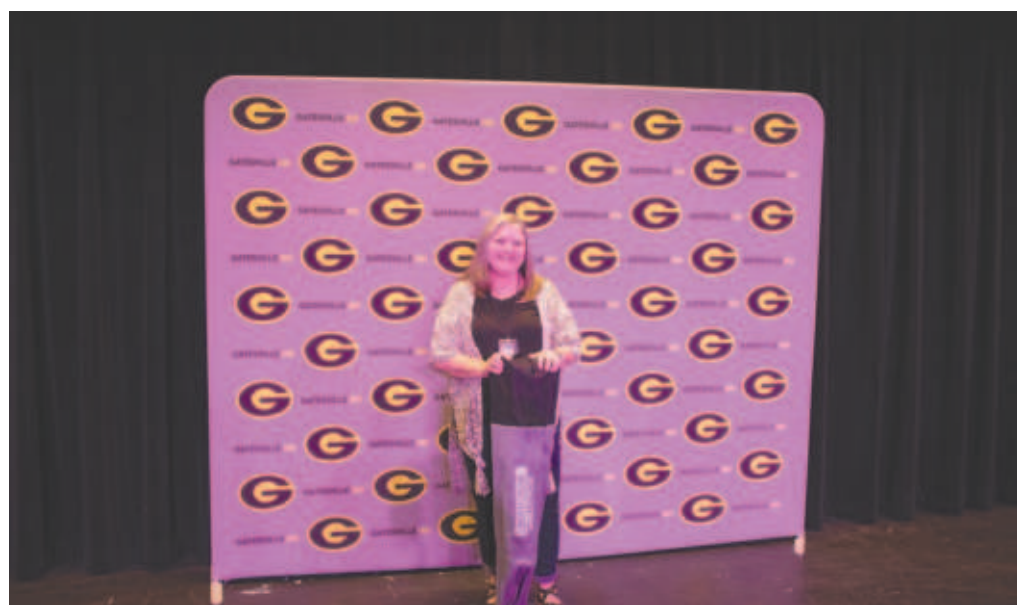
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