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## County leaders focus on area road safety

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
Senior Writer & Editor

After partnering with the Central Texas Council of Governments (CTCOG) on the federal Safe Streets for All (SS4A) grant, Coryell County leaders are waiting to see how much their portion of grant funding will be and also talked about an action plan for the future.

"This covers all seven counties in the COG (Coryell, Bell, Milam, Mills, Lampasas, Hamilton and San Saba)," said County Attorney Brandon Belt, who is developing a request for proposals for the county plan. "The goal is to make streets safer and to have zero deaths (on local roadways).

Commissioner Kyle Matthews said there will be an emphasis on county roads with fatalities.

The majority of the areas in which fatal automobile acci-

dents occur in Coryell County are either on federal or state highways or adjacent to them, said County Judge Roger Miller, adding "there are not nearly as many on other roads."

Some of the smaller counties with less traffic, such as Mills County, may choose to opt out of the program because of the cost sharing required by each participating county, Miller said.

"I ask that we do have an independent RFP (request for proposals) that is not dependent on the COG's but is complementary," he added. "We need some road classification criteria and data to support that."

Belt said the SS4A program is part of a broader emphasis on improving safety countywide.

"This is part of the comprehensive safety action plan for the county," Belt said. "We wanted to identify areas that are

safety concerns for the county and develop a plan to address those issues. The list can also include notifying the state of areas of concern that they have control of, and they can use that information to ask for funding to fix problems."

Commissioner Matthews said even federal or state roads can be included in the county's list if there have been fatalities on them.

Miller said he agreed "it is in our best interest to include federal and state highways which are safety concerns. There are multiple examples where local roads intersect with state and federal roads, creating hazards. I believe there are pots of money available to address those concerns."

Commissioner Scott Weddle noted that when first

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## A threshing we will go



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An old-fashioned threshing was recently held on the property of Van Massirer, right, who lives in the Osage community. For more pictures from the event, see Page A12.

## Old-fashioned threshing held in Osage community

BY DAVID SCOTT  
Staff Writer

Following in the footsteps of his immigrant forefathers, Van Massirer, of the Osage community, recently held an old-fashioned threshing using the same type of farm equipment used by his father and grandfather.

A large number of nostalgic observers were on hand to watch the binding and threshing of oats using period farming equipment.

Massirer is a descendant of Austrian immigrants who purchased the family land in 1896, just four years after their arrival in Texas. The first three Massirer generations were farmers with only minimal interest in livestock. Eventually, a conversion began from cropland to grass for livestock grazing and hay production.

Van Massirer has always possessed a desire to share what farming was like when he was a boy and has arranged

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**VAN MASSIRER**  
Osage farmer

a few threshing demonstrations in the past to share the procedures that farm families had to follow before the invention of more modern farming equipment. In past demonstrations, to be more authentic, mules were used to pull the wagons to the thresher, but for this event, antique tractors were used instead.

For the binding demonstration, Massirer, helped by a crew of neighbors

and volunteers, used an antique McCormick-Deering binder to harvest the oats. From five acres of land, Massirer harvested the oats into bundles which were placed into approximately 260 shocks (stacks). The shocks were then left in the field for a week before the threshing process began.

The bundles were pitched into wagons and hauled to the threshing machine where workers used pitchforks to load the bundles into an antique thresher which dates to the early 1940s.

"Owning a thresher was somewhat of a status symbol and I recall being pretty proud when my father got his first one," Massirer said.

Massirer remembers early day threshings which generally had a crew of 14 workers.

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## Multi-millions in local projects in spotlight

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
Senior Writer & Editor

Thanks to anticipated grant funding expected to potentially eclipse \$100 million for local road and bridge repairs, county leaders are looking ahead to major improvements in addressing concerns such as low-water crossings to enhance public safety.

The funding is administered by the Texas General Land Office (GLO), and the stipulation is that the work must be completed in an 18-month time frame that would conclude in the spring of 2025.

National Resources Solutions President Steve Manning said he has also talked to representatives of Copperas Cove and Gatesville who are also interested in partnering with the county on improvements.

"Cove has 13 projects totaling \$6.8 million, and Gatesville has four or five projects that I'm going to say are in the ballpark of \$3 million to \$4 million," Manning said. "We're looking at \$121 million total (countywide). The money will come to us over about a two-year period, so we've got time to do those projects."

One of the main priorities for the county is a project across the Leon River on Straws Mill Road, and the city has identified another area of concern on the northern end of that road.

"The GLO mentioned that particular project would be good and a lot of (Texas Department of Transportation) money should be available for that," said Coryell County Commissioner Scott Weddle. "It's a big project."

County Judge Roger Miller said that the area at Straws Mill has been an ongoing concern.

"When we call that a major project, I think that's an understatement," Miller said. "Dealing with snags and the Leon River watershed, there's going to have to be a pretty significant environmental study. It has created a logjam in that area for decades. The environmental impact will create a whole new level of involvement we won't see on smaller projects."

Hannah Jordan, a project manager for NRS, said planning will hopefully help to minimize disruptions to the community once work begins.

"We're looking at how to prioritize projects being completed and how it will affect residents, traffic and traffic flow," Jordan said. "We also want to consider how services might be interrupted (by construction) to make it as clean and smooth as possible."

Handling the logistics will be important because the scope of work is far beyond what the county generally handles in a condensed time frame, Manning said.

"Right now, we're looking at up to 21 projects and we'll work with (Coryell County) Road and Bridge on which are first and which

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# Joyce Talbott named Gatesville Lion of the Year

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
Senior Writer & Editor

Although she has only been a member of the Gatesville Lions Club since April 2022, Joyce Talbott's level of involvement and willingness to help with whatever was needed - including washing pots during the club's annual chili supper - earned her recognition as the club's Lion of the Year for 2022.

"Since joining she has participated in almost every event - the golf tournament, chili supper, Salvation Army, working as a Care Center volunteer, et cetera," said Tom Creek, who announced the award during the June 7 Gatesville Lions Club banquet. "She is always willing to help out, and sends out get well and sympathy cards, plus baking rolls."

When asked about her response to the recognition, Talbott, who is wife of 2022-23 Lions Club President Charles Talbott, said it is a team effort that makes the local Lions Club successful.

"I feel like it's the whole group that made this possible," she said. "Everyone is so active. I appreciate it, but you can give the award to the whole club."

Talbott spent 27 years as a public school teacher, including several at Gatesville Elementary, and also taught at a private preschool for five years. She earned a bachelor of science at Texas Tech University, majoring in math and science. She also earned an elementary teaching certificate from the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor.

Talbott is an avid gardener, and in the past was a bike rider in several races and participated in numerous fun runs. She is active in the Global Methodist Church, and she and her husband attend First Methodist Church of Gatesville. She and Charles have a daughter, Valerie, son Clint and grandchildren.

Charles Talbott said he didn't know until the announcement was made that his wife would be selected Lion of the Year, but that given her level of dedication, he wasn't surprised.

"I wasn't shocked - I had kind of a feeling she might be chosen," he said. "She is hard working, dedicated and absolutely willing to do what she can to help anyone."



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Joyce Talbott, the Lion of the Year for 2023, is pictured with her husband, Charles Talbott, the club president, and Darie McCleaves, the district governor.

## City purchases bypass pumps

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
Senior Writer & Editor

After discovering that buying was more economical than renting, the Gatesville City Council approved the purchase of two bypass pumps for wastewater treatment operations for \$146,151 during their June 13 meeting.

The expansion of the Stillhouse Wastewater Treatment Plant requires the contractor to use a bypass pumping process to redirect water flows around specific areas of work, according to a memorandum given to the Council.

Walker Partners, acting as the city's engineer, identified six areas where bypass pumping will be needed during construc-

tion. Each setup is expected to remain in place for 4-6 weeks.

The memo issued by City Manager Scott Albert listed two benefits to purchasing the bypass pumps.

"The cost of purchasing a bypass pump would be equivalent to the rental cost if we relied on the Stillhouse contractor to provide one," Albert wrote.

"The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) would view the city's decision to purchase the two bypass pumps favorably, especially considering their capability to be relocated to lift stations during power outages."

## Lions Club Officers 2023-24



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Gatesville Lions Club officers for 2023-24 stand with incoming District Governor Randi Wilde (center, with green jacket). Gatesville officers, from left, are, Lion Tamer Carroll Hamilton, Treasurer Richard Shook, Executive Secretary Rhonda Mohler, Secretary Shawnee Miller, Director Dora Jean Dyson, First Vice President Eric Moffett, President Jeremy Stills, Director Linda Klontz, Director Alan Mathis, and Tail Twister Britt Clay. The officers were inducted on June 7.

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## Gatesville Police offers dispatch services to GISD police force

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
Senior Writer & Editor

Following an appeal by Gatesville Police Chief Brad Hunt and a vote by the Gatesville City Council, the Gatesville Police Department will begin providing dispatching services for the Gatesville Independent School District police department.

After GISD decided in 2022 to form its own police force, the city of Gatesville, which previously provided school resource officers through its police department, opted not to provide dispatching services for the school district. Instead, those services were provided through the Coryell County Sheriff's Office.

"The former chief and former city manager recommended we not dispatch for GISD and to have the county do that," Hunt said. "I cannot see any monetary cost we would incur to provide that service, just time, and I believe we have the time to do this."

Hunt said there was an incident in which an unauthorized person was pulling on door handles trying to gain entrance to a GISD building during school hours, and the Gatesville Police Department did not learn of the incident until afterward.

"The school district police were able to take care of it, and the person was caught, but if we had known about it, we would have helped them," Hunt said.

"We are willing to dispatch for the school district and I have talked to Barrett Pollard (the GISD superintendent) and Chief (Gary) Stiles (the GISD police chief) and they were pretty excited. They would be in support of this."

Councilman Greg Casey thanked Hunt for working to strengthen relations between the city and the school district.

"I appreciate you trying to do better integrating cooperation with the school district," he said.

Pollard said he appreciates the support GISD has received from both the county and the city.

"Our local law enforcement agencies have really assisted our newly formed GISD Police Department," he said. "First, the Coryell County Sheriff's Office provided us with free 9-1-1 services last year. Now, the Gatesville Police Department is offering it as well. Chief Hunt, (City Manager) Scott Albert and the City Council are very gracious to do that and we will certainly accept their offer."

## THRASHING

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"Breakfast was served from a cookshack before sunrise, and when the sun would rise in the east, work began," he said.

Massirer recalled that sunset signaled the end of the day and if 2,000 bushels of oats had been threshed, it was considered a good day.

He remembered that workers, called "work hands," were paid \$5 per day and guys with a tractor pulling two bundle wagons (trailers) received \$10 and free gas for their tractors, two guys with pickups to haul the threshed grain to the bin got \$10 and free gas and the

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VAN MASSIRER

thresher man, who was responsible for looking after the thresher, got \$10.

In addition, two cooks would be at the threshings - usually a husband and wife team who would make \$10. They would spend the night in the cookshack.

Massirer said that, as a boy, "my pay was free food, free clothing, free shelter, and free bedding."



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# Folks around town



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Becky Moore

## Say hello to our neighbor, Becky Moore!

Becky is the Coryell County District Clerk and has served the county for over 25 years. She started her journey in the County Clerk's Office working for Barbara Simpson in January 1998. Later, she ran for District Clerk and took office in 2019. The most rewarding part of her job is helping and serving the citizens of Coryell County. She loves how our hometown always comes together in times of need to look out for one another. "I have enjoyed working for the county and I am blessed to have my job," Moore said. She reads The Gatesville Messenger to see all the accomplishments of our youth.

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

## FROM MY FRONT PORCH

# Doing What is Right Should Not be Determined by Political Party



BY SAM HOUSTON

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

**T**he Chinese have an expression of hope, "May you live in interesting times!" I would think with the impeachment of the Texas Attorney General and a criminal indictment being filed against the former President of the United States this past few weeks, we may have accomplished the goal of existing in interesting times. Importantly, interesting does not necessarily mean good.

I long for the days when most voters had a moral compass and did what was "right" irrespective of candidate or party. If a politician lied, they were ostracized. If they cheated on their taxes, or their wife, they were immediately discarded from consideration as a candidate. If they broke the law, they were voted out, removed from office, prosecuted, and they suffered the shame of being held up to public ridicule. I am old enough to remember when Spiro Agnew was vice president. When it came to light, he had acted illegally, there was little if any discussion of party politics. The public called for his removal and the plea came from across the political landscape.

What he did was wrong, and the American people were not going to tolerate a law breaker to be in the nation's second highest office.

It seems like nowadays there are two standards for political conduct, the one a person holds their party to, and alternatively, the standard they have for everybody else. If a politician does something which is clearly wrong, illegal, or immoral, it is still OK if the politician belongs to the party a person supports. On the other hand, no matter what the infraction is, if a politician in the opposing party makes the slightest transgression, they should be hauled before the bench and immediately guillotined. I see this type of conduct from both

sides of the aisle and if we do not stop such behavior, I fear for the future of our nation. Without the rule of law, we have nothing more than a banana republic.

Maybe I am old fashioned. Maybe I was raised with some good old Texas horse sense, but "wrong" is not determined by party affiliation, it is determined by the actions and the rule of law. Do not prejudge those charged with wrongdoing until the evidence is presented. Alternatively, those whose defense is centered on unsubstantiated allegations of unfairness uttered without a scintilla of evidence, should be discounted as nothing more than political hacks trying to hide from the facts and confuse the issue.

It should not matter if the wrong doer is a democrat or a republican. It should not matter if they are a man or a woman, black or white, young or old. Politicians who commit crimes should be prosecuted and if found guilty, eliminated from being in office. The American people deserve integrity in our leaders. We deserve statesmen to hold our pub-

lic offices. We deserve honor in our leaders and our institutions.

The statue of Lady Justice has her eyes covered, because justice is intended to be blind to the identity of the defendant. It should not matter if they are an office holder or whether they are disenfranchised. Our country is best when the rule of law applies to all: Equally and fairly, and without prejudice or passion.

For me, I will wait for the evidence to be presented. I will not make up my mind until I see and hear the evidence. To do otherwise is to not follow the constitution and runs contrary to the values which Americans have fought and died for. We must be fair, but we must not be blind to facts just because we might not like the political consequences of those findings. We must also hold everyone to the same standard of behavior.

Thought for the day: Justice is the handmaiden of truth and when truth dies, justice is buried with it.

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# Construction update given on upcoming, ongoing county projects

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
Senior Writer & Editor

Work on the Coryell County Jail Expansion continues, and an update on efforts was given during the June 13 meeting of the Coryell County Commissioners Court.

"Dirt work started Monday (June 12) and the sanitary service connection permit was submitted to the city (of Gatesville) for approval," said commissioner Scott Weddle. He said there is also a traffic control plan because work will be done down the middle of Leon Street.

Butler-Cohen, the contractor on the project and the Leon Street Annex, which will be located nearby, will put its headquarters during construction on the site of the old Texas Department of Public Safety location once that building is demolished. The DPS will be temporarily located on Gatesville Independent School District property while work is underway.

A contract with Langerman Foster Engineering for construction materials in the amount of \$17,992 was approved. Weddle said the amount budgeted was \$25,000, "so we get \$7,000 back."

Kyle Matthews said while new construction is underway or planned, there are some concerns with existing facilities.



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A building recently used by the Texas Department of Public Safety is scheduled for demolition.

"We've got a few issues we're looking at with air conditioning at the courthouse," he said. "Almost all the furnac-

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## COMMISSIONER KYLE MATTHEWS

es on top of the building are kaput. I am working with the maintenance department on the chiller. There are different systems that can be put in. One is a split-type system that would be more efficient. Costs range from \$100,000 to \$186,000."

Matthews said the company that put in the current air conditioning system at the courthouse has gone out of business, and that parts are not available.

"There's a concern with the failure of the courthouse AC system," he said.

Weddle said once a new system is in place, "hopefully a more efficient system can cool it better."

Matthews said a change in the flooring materials used in the Leon Street Annex could be beneficial.

"I visited with the architect and there is some value on savings with changing the flooring," he said. "It's a dramatic savings in my opinion."

# 'A few problems' continue at 2006 Bridge Street house

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
Senior Writer & Editor

The saga of efforts to bring the house at 2006 Bridge Street up to code continues, and Robert Featherston, the city's building inspector, gave an update on progress during the June 13 meeting of the Gatesville City Council.

The house was listed as substandard on Nov. 8, 2021. After multiple extensions were granted, owner Josiah Wilson of Buda appeared before the Council on Nov. 15, 2022, and was given until Feb. 23, 2023, to com-

plete repairs.

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

Delays have resulted in the council giving additional time to complete repairs.

"We've had a few problems," Featherston said. "I went by and inspected this house on June 7 and it failed plumbing (inspection). It was leaking under the building. At the time we did the inspection, the electrical work was not complete. The electrical has been repaired, and plumbing has been repaired

except for the leak. HVAC (the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system) was not up to code and failed inspection again.

"We want to get it resolved and we want it done safely so we have a good home on the market."

Wilson has been issued a fine for not complying with the city's orders and has requested a jury trial. The council had discussed the possibility of making the fine daily for the time the property has been out of compliance, but no action has been taken

in that regard.

"Where are we on the fines?" asked councilwoman Barbara Burrow.

"We said if he didn't have it all done, we would fine him daily," said mayor Gary Chumley. "He has gotten it all done except the plumbing."

City manager Scott Albert noted that the June 13 agenda item on property was intended as an informational update for the council. No further action was taken that evening regarding the property.

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responders are called to the scene of accidents on state and federal highways, that is an example of local resources being used in response to safety issues.

"The CTCOG representative said there would be an opportunity for the county to work with (the Texas Department of Transportation) in the future to address those areas of safety concern," he said.

As to whether school districts might have road safety concerns, Belt said there is a crosswalk leading from schools to

the Gatesville Boys & Girls Club "that has a drainage ditch bigger than most small children, so that's at least one thing."

Because the funding will be limited, Miller said if costs are significantly more than expected, the county can reach out to cities and school districts to determine their participation.

## PROJECTS

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are last. We may be looking at doing eight to 10 years of work in 18 months. It's going to impact people."

Weddle said if the focus is all on low to moderate income areas first, it could cluster the work and aggravate traffic problems in those areas. He said spreading out the work is a better common sense approach.

One area that NRS considered is in Mother Neff State Park - Old River Road.

"It is definitely a little more difficult but

definitely a priority because it is a safety concern," Jordan said. "The structure (bridge) is barely meeting requirements and it's a big safety issue."

Manning said the bridge, built in the 1930s, is failing. He noted that Coryell County Road 314 goes to Mother Neff State Park.

County leaders, however, say the state has responsibility for the bridge.

"The state owns the right of way to it and they want it maintained as a historic treasure, so they should fund it," said County Attorney Brandon Belt.

Judge Miller said the bridge itself is not part of a county road, and that it is a nationally protected historic road.

"It's a big issue and involves the desire of some local residents versus our legal obligations," Miller said. "It's a convoluted mess. TxDOT (the Texas Department of Transportation) and Historic Society don't want to work together, and Texas Parks doesn't want to work with anybody ..."

"We're stuck in the middle," said County Road And Bridge Director Justin Latham.

"There are a lot of issues with a very small structure," Manning said.

Latham said because of the historic nature of the bridge, it would better fall within the purview of the state.

"My personal feeling is if we try to address that, we'd spend a disproportionate amount of time trying to get that shovel ready," Miller said. "There is supposed to be an influx of money for TxDOT to address bridges."

Commissioners Kyle Matthews and Keith Taylor both agreed with Miller that the bridge at Mother Neff should be left off the list of county projects, and that the matter should be referred to the state.



# The DISPATCH

## DAVID STEPHEN HODGES

Dec. 7, 1950 - June 4, 2023



Our Lord and Savior called David Stephen Hodges of Lexington, Texas home on June 4, 2023. David had 52 love filled years with his wife Ann and raised two children in the Texas Hill Country. Though he had a "small" family, he had many friends that he considered family, so that made him rich in life. He is famous among his family and friends for his "Breakfast Sandwiches." You would be lucky if he brought

you one to work. After graduating from Johnston High School in Austin, he was drafted by the United States Army where he served two years in Germany during the Vietnam War. He continued his service in the Texas Army National Guard for an additional eight years. David was a second-generation Lineman (the real kind that kept the lights on). He retired from Austin Energy after 27 years in June 1999. To his grandkids he was Papaw, always finding mischief to get into when Grandma wasn't watching. When he retired, he had his cows and the land to keep him busy. To his friends and family, he was the "Greatest Storyteller of All Time." He could spin a tale that would have everyone laughing. The stories always seemed to get more outlandish from time to time or perhaps just "that good." Always a practical joker with everyone, he gave as good as he got, which was the only way he wanted it. He's in heaven sitting in a green pasture watching

cows graze and watching over all of us now; smiling at all the love that filled his life.

David is preceded in death by his parents, Kirby Hodges and Ruth Grady, siblings, Judy, Jackie, Jodi, and John Hodges, and his father-in-law, Earl Perry.

David is survived by his wife of 52 years, Ann Perry Hodges; children, David Wayne Hodges (Cindy Sanchez Hodges) and Jennifer Hodges Zavala; grandchildren, Clayton Trey Hodges, and Alexandria Ann Hodges; adopted mother, Lucille Hodges Copeland; and sister, Karla "Jan" Hodges. He is also survived by his mother-in-law, Norma Perry; brothers-in-law, Rick (Robin) Perry and James (Sharon) Perry; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins on both the Hodges and Perry side.

A memorial service will be held at Providence-Jones Family Funeral Home in Elgin on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at 10:30 a.m.

## WANDA MASSINGILL

Dec. 8, 1926 - June 9, 2023



Wanda Massingill, age 96, of Gatesville, passed away on Friday, June 9, 2023.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at Scott's Funeral Home, with Minister Deral

McWhorter officiating. Interment followed at Turnersville Cemetery.

Wanda Lee Massingill was born on December 8, 1926, in Tuxedo, Texas to the late Dennis and Ellie Necessary Featherston. She grew up and went to school in Arnett and Gatesville. She married Meredith Ray Massingill on June 2, 1954, and they resided in the Turnersville community. She was an L.V.N. and worked at Goodall-Witcher Hospital in Clifton for over 20 years. She was a member of Cedar Ridge Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Ray Massingill; sister, Reva Rasco; brothers, Willis Featherston, Rayburn Featherston, Moya Featherston, J.D. Featherston; sons-in-law, Nelson Starr and Greg Woodson and a grandson-in-

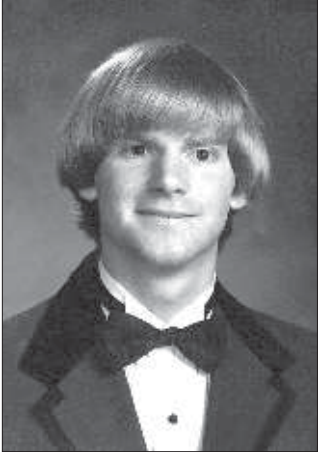
law, Chuck Haferkamp.

Wanda is survived by her children, Wynona Talbert of Clifton, Donna Starr of Royce City, Gary Massingill and wife, Karen, of Turnersville, Lynn Erwin and husband, Randy, of Gatesville, Kay Woodson of Temple; sisters, Reda Massingill of Farmers Branch, Mary Beth Truett of Mesquite; thirteen grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Turnersville Cemetery, 8100 FM 182, Gatesville, TX 76528, Hemmeline Cemetery Assn., 1050 FM 1783, Gatesville, TX 76528 or Cedar Ridge Church of Christ, 104 Cedar Ridge Road, Gatesville, TX 76528.

## SANDY GRAHAM

April 29, 1966 - June 4, 2023



Sandy Graham, age 57, of Gatesville, passed away on Sunday, June 4, 2023.

Private inurnment will be at Pearl Cemetery.

Sandy Wayne Graham was born on April 29, 1966, in Gatesville, to the late Harold Edwin and Dorothy Mae Ayers Graham. He grew up in Gatesville and graduated from Gatesville High School in 1984. He worked at Walmart for many years and for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, until his medical retirement.

Sandy is survived by his sister, Deborah Sue Parker and husband, Carl; nieces, Alicia Woehl, Sherry Gast; and a nephew, Jason Parker; and several great-nieces and nephews.

# June 2023 set for National Men's Health Month

## Staff Reports

Since 1992, National Men's Health Month has been recognized annually in June.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention states that the leading cause of death in men of the United States is heart disease. As of 2017, there were over 470 deaths from heart disease alone.

Men usually have a higher risk of developing heart disease, especially with age. As you get older, there is a higher chance of gaining weakened heart muscles and damaged arteries.

The CDC has provided various ways to reduce the risk of heart disease in men:

- Know your blood pres-

sure. Having uncontrolled blood pressure can result in heart disease. High blood pressure has no symptoms so it's important to have your blood pressure checked regularly.

- Talk to your health care provider about whether you should be tested for diabetes. Having diabetes raises your risk of heart disease.

- Quit smoking. If you don't smoke, don't start.

- Discuss checking your cholesterol and triglyceride levels with your health care provider.

- Make healthy food. Being overweight or obese raises your risk of heart disease.

- Limit alcohol intake to one drink a day.

- Lower your stress level

and find healthy ways to cope with stress.

Heart disease symptoms are not always clear and that is why it is important to stay aware of the signs. The Mayo Clinic listed symptoms to watch out for including shortness of breath, chest pain (angina), an irregular or fast heartbeat, cold sweats, nausea, vomiting, light-headedness, and any pressure or squeezing sensations from the shoulders, neck, jaw, back, throat, or arms.

Starting at the age of 20 years old, heart health check-up appointments should be made once every two to four years based on your medical history and health needs.

# June is National PTSD Awareness Month

## Staff Reports

National PTSD Awareness Month is observed in June, and ushers in an array of awareness campaigns run for the benefit of PTSD survivors.

PTSD stands for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, which can be developed at any age, including combat veterans and people who have experienced or witnessed a physical or sexual assault, abuse, an accident, a disaster, a terror attack, or other serious events. Symptoms include depression, anxiety, nightmares, paranoia, insomnia, distressing thoughts, flashbacks, and more.

Not everyone with PTSD has been through a dangerous event. Sometimes, learning that a loved one experienced trauma can cause PTSD as well.

Many people recover from PTSD after a few days, weeks, or months. Yet, for others, the recovery road might mean one year or more. This mental disorder is treatable, but due to the lack of knowledge around it as well as the stigma attached

to seeking mental help, many choose to ignore the problem and suffer through it.

According to the National Institute of Mental Health, the main treatments for PTSD include psychotherapy, medications, or a combination of psychotherapy and medications.

A study from the National Comorbidity Survey, a national representative sample, showed that PTSD alone was significantly associated with suicidal ideation or attempts. A later study by the Canadian Community Health Survey data also found that respondents with PTSD were at a higher risk for suicide attempts. Among people who have had a diagnosis of PTSD at some point in their lifetime, approximately 27 percent have also attempted suicide. Another large-scale survey found that 24 percent of military personnel diagnosed with PTSD had experienced suicidal thoughts within the past year.

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, 1-800-273-TALK (8225), is a free

resource, available 24 hours a day for anyone who is in suicidal crisis or emotional distress. The crisis text line is a free 24/7 text line that provides trained crisis counselors support individuals in crisis.

The Jason Foundation is another available resource. Text the word Jason to 741741 to speak with a trained crisis counselor for free confidential support. The Jason Foundation offers the First Responders Training Module: Addressing Suicide in Youth in the Community and Within the Profession. The goal of this training is to provide first responders with the knowledge, skills, and resources to enable them to be better able to recognize the signs of concern and elevated risk factors for suicidal ideation in youth within their community, as well as in co-workers and fellow first responders. The training is free of charge and can be found online at [www.jasonfoundation.com](http://www.jasonfoundation.com) under the How To Get Involved tab.



# Cover 2 Cover Ministries to hold auction

## Staff Reports

Cover 2 Cover Ministries will host a church wide auction and fundraiser on Saturday, June 24, at 11 a.m.

There will be live music along with BBQ plates that will include brisket, sausage, potato salad, beans, and dessert for \$15. There will also be door prizes and games for the children to

play, a \$300 Walmart gift card, \$10 raffle tickets. Several items will be going up for auction.

The auction will be held at 405 SHW 36, Suite 5, in Gatesville.

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# Coryell County Courthouse to celebrate 125th anniversary

BY DAVID SCOTT  
Staff Writer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



COURTESY PHOTO

Postcard featuring Coryell County Courthouse

# Coryell Health to hold Walk-a-Thon on 'The Longest Day'

Staff Reports

This year, Coryell Health will host a Walk-a-Thon for The Longest Day on Wednesday, June 21 to walk

against Alzheimer's. The Walk-a-Thon will be held at the Gatesville Independent School District stadium track from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Coryell Health will be

walking aside family and friends while remembering those who battle the relentless disease. To raise money for the event, someone will sponsor you for every mile

you walk.

The Longest Day is one day out of the entire year with 16 hours of daylight, also known as, the summer solstice. Annually, on this

day around the world organizations, families, and groups walk to raise funds and awareness for care, support, and research.

For more information visit

<http://act.alz.org/goto/CoryellTeam>

# Central Texas Travel Club to meet June 20

Staff Reports

The June meeting of the Central Texas Travel Club

will be held on Tuesday, June 20, at Johnny's Steaks and Barbecue in Salado, beginning at 11 a.m.

The meeting is open to anyone interested in travel, with no membership dues or requirements. The club

will discuss upcoming trips including Santa Fe, Colorado Springs, and the painted churches.

For more information, please visit their Facebook page or contact them at [centraltexasclub@out-](mailto:centraltexasclub@outlook.com)

[look.com.](mailto:centraltexasclub@outlook.com)

# 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.

# Southern Plainsmen to perform at PBC 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., fol-

lowed by an ice cream social for surrounding communities to attend.

The quartet was organized in May 1978 in west central Louisiana. The min-

istry, supported by the contributions of its Christian friends, appears in Christian churches, regardless of denominational affiliation, on an expense plus love-offer-

ing basis. They are not entertainers 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 October 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.

# First Methodist Church invites children to Stellar VBS

Submitted Item

A summer kids' event called Stellar VBS: Shine Jesus' Light will be hosted at First Methodist Church June 19 through 22. The vacation Bible school will start at 8:30 a.m. daily and con-

clude at noon with a "Cosmic Closing" that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned. Family and friends are encouraged to join in at noon.

At Stellar, kids discover how they can shine Jesus' love and hope in every-

day life. Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, have snacks, experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures, craft and do science experiments.

Kids will learn to look for

evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Those involved with Stellar VBS

will also join a missions-effort to provide Bibles for families all over the world.

Stellar VBS is for kids from

Pre-K to entering 5th grade. For more information, call 254-630-3772.

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## CORYELL MUSEUM RECEIVES DONATION



DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

The Coryell Museum and Historical Center recently received a donation of \$1,000 from the American Legion Post 42 in Gatesville. Pictured left is Ervin Adams, president of the museum's board of directors, receiving the donation from 1st Vice Commander of the American Legion, Joe Considine.



DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Boys and Girls Club of Gatesville director Julie Hudson holds a ticket to Night at the Museum.

## The DISPATCH

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of June 2 - 13. 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

**June 5**  
7:26 a.m., an assault was reported in the 2000 block of Bridge Street.

8:39 a.m., a burglary was reported in the 400 block of N. State Hwy. 36 Bypass.

5:19 p.m., a theft was reported in the 2200 block of Bridge Street.

**June 6**  
9:35 a.m., a theft was reported in the 3400 block of E. Main Street.

11:17 a.m., harassment was reported in the 100 block of Airport Road.

8:39 p.m., a threat was reported in the 2300 block of Business Hwy. 36.

**June 7**  
6:23 a.m., a burglary was reported in the 2500 block of Business Hwy. 36.

9:07 a.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 400 block of Riatta Drive.

1:49 p.m., a theft was reported in the 2400 block of Business Hwy. 36.

**June 8**  
8:49 a.m., a fight was reported in the 2300 block of Business Hwy. 36.

10:30 a.m., animal cruelty was reported in the 200 block of N. 19th Street.

3:34 p.m., a theft was reported in the 2800 block of S. State Hwy. 36.

**June 9**  
1:04 p.m., a theft was reported in the 200 block of N. 19th Street.

3:54 p.m., harassment was reported in the 300 block of Elm Lane.

4:19 p.m., animal cruelty was reported in the 2800 block of S. State Hwy. 36.

**June 10**  
7:38 a.m., a theft was reported in the 2800 block of S. State Hwy. 36.

1:45 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of Elm Street.

9:09 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 2300 block of Business Hwy. 36.

**June 11**

7:57 p.m., harassment was reported in the 200 block of N. 8th Street.

8:21 p.m., animal cruelty was reported in the 300 block of S. 5th Street.

10:02 p.m., a burglary was reported in the 600 block of Live Oak Street.

**June 12**  
2:18 a.m., a burglary was reported in the 1900 block of Bridge Street.

6:49 a.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 2200 block of Bridge Street.

12:50 p.m., a threat was reported in the 300 block of Clayton Drive.

**June 13**  
1:38 a.m., a disturbance was reported in the 2300 block of Business Hwy. 36.

4:55 a.m., an accident was reported in the 2400 block of E. Main Street.

9:41 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 200 block of E. Main Street.

**CORYELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

**June 5**  
10:09 a.m., a theft was reported in the 1400 block of CR 146.

1:22 p.m., a rabid animal was reported in the 600 block of Whispering Oaks.

3:38 p.m., livestock was reported missing in the 8600 block of CR 142.

**June 6**  
11:18 a.m., a man with a gun was reported in the 100 block of Airport Road.

11:23 a.m., stolen property was reported in the 2700 block of Willow Loop.

3:34 p.m., the theft of a firearm was reported in the 900 block of CR 323.

**June 7**  
5:09 a.m., electric wires were reported down in the 100 block of CR 344.

1:03 p.m., a suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1600 block of E. FM 931.

2:18 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 600 block of CR 323.

**June 8**

10:31 a.m., a minor accident was reported in the 4200 block of FM 1113.

12:00 p.m., terroristic threats were reported in the 52nd District Court.

3:56 p.m., a civil matter was reported in the 8500 block of FM 182.

**June 9**  
4:36 a.m., a prowler was reported in the 2700 block of Mulberry Drive.

12:00 p.m., shots being fired were reported in the 2700 block of Sikes.

1:41 p.m., a civil matter was reported in the 2300 block of Whitney Drive.

**June 10**  
11:53 a.m., an animal bite was reported in the 1500 block of W. Main Street.

1:15 p.m., animal neglect was reported in the 200 block of Putnam Street.

4:24 p.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 100 block of Los Indios.

**June 11**  
11:23 a.m., a neighbor dispute was reported in the 100 block of Linda's Lane.

11:48 a.m., an out-of-control child was reported in the 300 block of FM 107.

3:21 p.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 3600 block of CR 315.

**June 12**  
6:31 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported on CR 348.

11:44 a.m., a theft was reported in the 9600 block of Hwy. 36.

3:08 p.m., a civil matter was reported on Old Pidcoke Road.

**June 13**  
11:52 a.m., a civil matter was reported in the 200 block of CR 154.

2:08 p.m., stalking was reported in the 300 block of Elm Street.

6:54 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 300 block of Hidden Valley.

10:50 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 1800 block of FM 107.

## Night at the Museum comes to Gatesville in July

### Staff Reports

The Boys and Girls Club of Gatesville and the Coryell County Museum and Historical Center have collaborated to present the community with a "Night at the Museum." Included will be a tour of the museum, dinner, and a performance put on by Gatesville's youth.

Guests are to arrive by 6 p.m. Upon entry, guests will take a tour of the museum

and members of the Boys and Girls Club will put on live action skits throughout the museum while portraying historical figures of Coryell County. A dinner will follow including Marry Me Smothered Chicken, garlic mashed potatoes, and green beans. Following the dinner, a performance with entertainment will be held in the Gilbreath Room.

Only 75 tickets will be

sold, as there is limited space available for the event. Be sure to stop by the Boys and Girls Club, located at 2533 E. Main Street in Gatesville to reserve your ticket, or by contacting 254-865-8347.

The Coryell County Museum and Historical Center is located at 718 E. Main Street in Gatesville.

## Vacation Bible School to be held June 25

### Submitted Item

Mound Cowboy Church and White Mound Baptist Church will hold their annual Vacation Bible School on Sunday, June 25 through Wednesday, June 28. Each day, VBS will take place from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Registration will also take place on the first day of VBS

at 4:30 p.m.

This year's theme will be Twist and Turns, meaning there will be an extravaganza of games of all kinds as kids play their way through high energy rallies, silly games, amazing crafts, and Bible stories.

A family night will be held on Thursday, June 29 at 6

p.m. All families are welcome to attend.

For more information contact 254-865-5908.

The Mound Cowboy Church is located at 3035 E. FM 931 in Mound and The White Mound Baptist Church 642 CR 320 in Mound.

## Father's Day is Sunday

### Staff Reports

On July 5, 1908, a West Virginia church held the nation's first event in honor of fathers around the world. A sermon in memory of the men who had died in a previous explosion at a coal mine in Monongah was held. It was a one-time commemoration and not an annual holiday.

In 1909, Sonora Smart Dodd, a Spokane, Washington woman, tried to establish an official equivalent to Mother's Day for male par-

ents. According to the History Channel, she went to local churches, the YMCA, shopkeepers, and government officials to drum up support for her idea, and she was successful in her plans. Within the next year, the state of Washington celebrated the nation's first statewide Father's Day on June 19, 1910.

In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson honored the day by using telegraph signals to unfurl a flag in Spokane, Washington, while pressing a button in

Washington, D.C. In 1924, President Calvin Coolidge urged state governments to observe Father's Day.

Today the official day to honor fathers is celebrated in the United States on the third Sunday of June each year.

According to Time Magazine, other nations that will be in observance for Father's Day include Brazil, Russia, France, Thailand, Australia, Mexico, Germany, and Canada.

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Gene and Rosemary Whittle

## Whittles celebrate 50th wedding anniversary

Gene and Rosemary Whittle celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 16, 2023. They were married on June 16, 1973, at Clear Lake Methodist Church in Clear Lake, Texas.

To celebrate the occasion, their children, Becca Whittle Wilhite and husband, James, of Plainview, and Laura Whittle of Austin, hosted a beach vaca-

tion with grandchildren and extended family in Surfside, Texas, including an anniversary dinner at Gaido's Seafood Restaurant in Galveston.



COURTESY PHOTO

Curtis and Beverly Logan

## Curtis and Beverly Logan to celebrate 65th anniversary

Curtis and Beverly Logan of Gatesville will soon celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary. Curtis Logan and the former Beverly Washburn were married on

June 21, 1958, at the First Methodist Church in Gatesville with Rev. Tony Campbell officiating.

They are the parents of Natalie Clawson of Gates-

ville and they have four grandchildren.

Curtis is a C.P.A. and Beverly is a retired teacher.

### CORYELL MUSEUM

## Gatesville's 2nd Grade Classes tour Coryell Museum

BY JANN DWORSKY  
Contributing Writer

Two 2nd grade classes came per day to see the museum. They had been studying community and there is no better place to study the history of community and the people of Coryell County than at our museum. The students were very impressed with our huge rooms and large collections. Our four tour guides had 10 students each so we could answer questions and tell them a little bit about each exhibit.

When they went into the Dollhouse Exhibit I told mine they could talk. They started showing their friends the amazing things in the exhibit. There is a General Store, complete with saddles, apples and oranges, sewing machines and a clerk in the back. There is a gas station with pumps on the front, cars and motorcycles, and on the back side you can see where the fam-

ily lived above the station like they did in the 1930s and 1940s. There is an elegant bathroom in one of the two-story mansions, and it did not take them long to see the child just out of the bathtub and wrapped only in a towel!

The Coryell Courtyard Garden had hundreds of red poppies in bloom when the children visited. I wish you could have seen their faces when they walked into a sea of beautiful red flowers. We have an outhouse in the garden and some of the kids who have been camping knew what it was for and how to use it.

We came out of the garden and they came into the school room. They sat down in the desks and seemed so thrilled to pretend they were back in the one-room schoolhouse days.

They were delighted to see our two Model T's on display and notice how different they are from cars today.

The 1854 Coryell County Log Jail fascinated them and they were shocked to notice on the small model that the prisoners could not stand up, but had to sit down.

We want to thank the second-grade teachers for bringing their students to see the museum and for having such well-behaved classes.

We allow anyone to come to the museum, even if you are not as cute as a second grader!

Coryell Museum is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. We have a delightful Gift Shop with books from many Coryell County authors. Come anytime we are open or schedule a group tour during or after hours. Call 254-865-5007 to schedule a tour or reserve our historic Gilbreath Room or Coryell Room for your special occasion.



PHOTO COURTESY OF JANN DWORSKY

Second graders visit Coryell Museum to learn about our community.

## Whatever happened to....

### 20 YEARS AGO (2003)

Senior Warden Dawn Grounds assumed the duties of senior warden at the Hilltop Unit replacing Nancy Botkin who was transferred to senior warden at the Murray Unit.

Frank and Phyllis Powell of Gatesville were celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary. The couple were treated to a night out in Austin by their children.

Justin Estill was offered a partial scholarship to run track for Texas A&M University. Estill had made a name for himself in his senior year at GHS by advancing to the state track meet.

Caitlin Phillips of Gatesville, along with Team Van of the Waco Junior Volleyball Club, was competing in the USA Junior Olympic Girl's Invitational Champi-

onships in Arizona.

Penny Massingill was a guest speaker at the Sweet Home Missionary Baptist Church Women's Ministry where she presented a program on cosmetics.

### 30 YEARS AGO (1993)

A retirement celebration and roast were held honoring retiring principal Don Edwards. He had a career in education since 1952 and had been principal at the primary school since 1971.

A long-running contract between Coryell County and the federal government to house prisoners in the local jail had brought two Branch Davidians from Waco to Gatesville to be jailed.

Mandy Hale, Sandra Evans, and Sonya Parrott were the top three salespersons in the area who sold a combined total of 426 cases of

Girl Scout cookies.

Lossie Humes Bushnell was being honored on her 90th birthday. At the Turnersville Community Center. The reception was hosted by her nieces.

Trent Farrell of Gatesville was among 1,407 students to receive degrees at Baylor University. Farrell, son of Bob and Linda Farrell, received his Bachelor of Arts degree.

**40 YEARS AGO (1983)**  
Coryell County Sheriff Winfred (Windy) Cummings was being honored at the American Legion State Convention as Law Officer of the Year for 1982-83.

Karen Derrick won a medal in the state UIL high school contest and was awarded a trophy and ten medals for her performance at the National Baton 1983 Texas

State Championships.

Jack Russell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Russell of Levita, had completed work toward his doctorate at North Texas State University in Denton and was prepared to receive his Ph.D. degree.

A reception was held honoring veteran Gatesville physician, Kermit Jones, where his oil portrait was unveiled by his daughter, Margaret Ann Pierson of Tyler.

Audra Schuman, a Jonesboro High School junior, was preparing to leave for a five-week stay as an exchange student in Fjardhundra, Sweden.

**50 YEARS AGO (1973)**  
Leonard Pruden who was winding up nine years as superintendent of Evant ISD, was named the principal at the school in Nolan near Sweetwater.

The historic Coryell Baptist Church was preparing to celebrate their 118th year since the founding. The church building was consid-

ered a landmark in the community.

Mrs. Ralph Etchison served as the hostess for a salad

supper during the social meeting of the Homemakers Class of the First Baptist Church Sunday School.

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# Murder Mystery Book Club to meet July 3

## Submitted item

The Murder Mystery Book Club will have their next meeting on Monday, July 3, at 6 p.m. at the Gatesville Public Library. The club will have a Zoom meeting with

authors J. & D. Burges, a husband and wife writing team, about their books entitled Coyote Alibi and Bear Witness.

The writing duo has lived in Arizona for many years on the edge of the Nava-

jo Nation, and write with cheerful authority about open spaces, big lakes, and the unique mix of cultures which is captured in their stories.

Their new mystery series, set on the edge of the Na-

vajo Nation, features quirky characters, small-town snark, and wicked humor.

In regards to their writing, J. & D. Burges can't resist tinkering with each other's work, and it's often hard for them to remember which

story idea originated where and whose words made it into the final draft. Each of them claims that the best lines belong to the other.

The public is invited to attend this special Zoom meeting with the authors.

The Gatesville Public Library is located at 111 N. 8th Street.

## MOUND NEWS

# Lots of celebrations going on in Mound last week



BY BARBARA HOPSON

Mound News Correspondent

**K**insley McPherson was one of 30 youth who represented Coryell County 4H at Texas 4H Roundup June 5-9 in College Station.

Kinsley competed in Horse Quiz Bowl, Horse Judging, and Hippology. Kinsley and her Hippology team, consisting of Rena Murphy, Luwi Rodriguez, and Trinity Aluabaugh placed 10th.

Jonathan Stephens and Rebekah Stephens of Flower Mound spent last week with their grandparents, Ray and John Stephens.

Devan, Staci, Elli, Jenson, and Molli Kinnear attended the McGregor Community Bike Ride Sunday June 11, 2023. The ride was sponsored by the Rhett Revolution.

Don and Sue Jones went to a graduation party Saturday for Kylie Cox at Russ and Christi Cox's. They also attended a graduation party for Costin Allison and Kason Herbelin given by Steve and Kay Branham.

Don and Sue Jones hosted a graduation party for their great-niece Hannah Jackson of Dallas and great-nephew, Brendan Barnard of Belton who graduated from high school, and for their great nieces and nephew Bailey Liles, Braydie Barnard and Zane Beatty of Waco who graduated from college.

Neal, Amanda, and Brodie Fisher went to Tarleton University for the freshmen orientation for their son, Brodie Fisher.

Mr. Joseph Piller celebrated his 88th birthday and grandson, Slayton Fisher will turn 10 on Wednesday June 14.

Emma Blakley of College Station came home Thursday and spent the weekend with her family.

Neil Helms of Red Oak spent the weekend with his parents, Jerry and Brenda Helms. While here he visited with his other relatives.

Several people from Mound attended the 27th Annual Fire Ant Tour in Gatesville on Saturday afternoon.

Several people of Mound attended a fish fry fundraiser last Saturday evening at First Baptist Church of Flat for support of their youth summer camp.

Several people of Mound attended the Live Oak Baptist Church Pool Party Wednesday evening at the Gatesville City Pool.

## PEARL NEWS

# Pearl community mourns loss, prepares for upcoming events



BY BETSY CLARK

Pearl News Correspondent

**T**he Pearl Community sends its prayers and condolences to the families of Henry Oney and Sandy Graham. Mr. Oney was born in Pearl to Omie and Lottie Walker Oney and attended school in Evant.

After his graduation, he served in the Army and later worked for the Duroc Ranch as manager and the City of Evant Water Department.

Mr. Graham was the son of Harold Edwin and Dorothy Mae Ayers Graham and grew up in Gatesville. He worked for Walmart and TDCJ before retirement. Mr. Graham's private service will be at the Pearl Cemetery at a later date.

Mark your calendars to be sure and not miss the days to come to Pearl for a great experience in entertainment and shopping! Here are the remaining dates for 2023:

July 1, August 5, (2nd Saturday in September) September 9, October 7, November 4, and December 2.

Last Friday, I was fortunate to be able to go to one of the several beautiful parks in Nacogdoches, Texas to listen to some great Bluegrass music! I was accompanied by my son, daughter-in-law, and granddaughter as we experienced the sounds of the Gent Mountain Grass-burs, The Blake Brothers Bluegrass Band, The Purple Hulls, and The Little Roy and Lizzy Show. They were all fabulous, and I can highly recommend seeing any of

these performers if you get the chance! The next day, we went to the Blueberry Festival in historic downtown Nacogdoches. That's another event I recommend as the booths and food trucks offered an eclectic selection of all sorts of goodies! The only drawback was that it was exceptionally hot and humid during the Saturday morning activities, and we soon knew what was up—we had a series of thunderstorms roll through the area Saturday afternoon that lasted into the night! I am hoping Pearl got some rain, too, as I hear that drought

conditions still exist around there. I'll try and send some rain your way... via prayer!!

This week's Bible verse comes from John 15:7—If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 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](mailto:betsyclark47@yahoo.com).

# Hanging out with Buddy



BY TUMBLEWEED SMITH

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

**“T**here's a Memphis on the Mississippi and a Memphis on the Nile. But the Memphis on the Red beats 'em all by a mile.”

That's John Ballew's favorite phrase. Although he now lives in the Metroplex to be near his grandkids, he still calls Memphis home. He grew up there. It's a town

on the southeastern edge of the Texas Panhandle with a population of 1,900. His family members were plumbers and John became a master plumber. He later

became a history teacher and retired from teaching.

He has a website titled MEMPHIS ON THE RED and it is the chronicle and encyclopedia of the town. It has historical vignettes and photos about his hometown. He went to the Southwest Collection in Lubbock and looked at thousands of past issues of the Memphis newspaper, which started publishing in 1909. John has 20,000 photos of Memphis history and posts them with captions three or four times a day.

People in Memphis and those who have moved away appreciate what John is doing as evidenced by the 200 comments daily he gets on his website. The comments

now number more than a million. Readers are always asking or telling him about historical things in Memphis.

He is known as Buddy in his hometown. I interviewed him years ago about his grandfather Raymond Ballew — a former bootlegger (arrested 128 times and served a term in prison) who was later elected sheriff, defeating the man who sent him to jail.

I asked Buddy if he could guide me to some interesting folks in Memphis to interview. He said he could. So, on a Tuesday I went to Memphis, arriving there at lunchtime. He showed me the hunting lodge where I would stay. Memphis is the

county seat of Hall County, which attracts deer, hog and bird hunters.

After lunch we went to Plaska, a once thriving community a few miles from Memphis. I met Oren Molloy who owns the old Plaska General Store building. It was falling down when he bought it for a dollar, but he and his dad spent nine months making it into a comfortable hunting lodge that attracts people from every state and a few foreign countries. Then we went to the public library and met Kay McCarty. She volunteers there. She told me about surviving a fall of 90 feet from a Ferris wheel at the state fair when she was 13. She suffered head and

hip injuries but fully recovered.

We visited Tony Pate, who raises bird dogs (American Brittany) and sells them all over the country. I met Mayor Joe Davis, who owns radio station KLSR (Lone Star Radio) a 100,000-watt station that covers a wide area. Joe runs it by himself. We then went to Kevin Huddleston's well-appointed office. He spent 30 years as a pickup man in rodeos and is now a cotton broker. In between interviews Buddy took me over the brick streets to see the golf course, the CCC structures, the courthouse and amphitheater. During the hours we rode around Buddy told me stories about Memphis.

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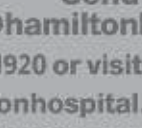
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- ▶ 4 Br, 3Ba Home, 201 Elm Ln., Gatesville. JUST REMODELED, open floor place, fireplace in 3 rooms, nice backyard with swimming pool. Storage building. \$465,000
- ▶ 10.01 acres east of Evant, TX. Lot 8 Phase 5 Rio Escondido Subdivision, good tree cover, rolling terrain, great views to build a home, gated Subdivision. \$119,900
- ▶ 10.01 acres north of Evant, TX. Lot 85 Phase 4 Rio Escondido, Rolling Terrain, Good tree cover, good views, \$115,000
- ▶ 10.01 acres, Lot 20 Phase 4 Rio Escondido north of Evant, TX. Good tree cover, great views. \$150,000
- ▶ 10.01 acres east of Evant, TX in Coryell County on CR 160. Lot 39, Buffalo Creek Ranch Subdivision. Rolling terrain, good tree cover. \$150,000
- ▶ 10.01 acres, Lot 48 in Phase 6 Rio Escondido Subdivision Evant, TX., Dry Branch along back of the property, nice home site overlooking the branch. \$185,000
- ▶ 10.01 acres, Lot 28 Phase 4 Rio Escondido north of Evant, TX. Good tree cover, great views. \$200,000
- ▶ 11 +/- acres, Amett, TX in Coryell County. Good tree cover, nice home site, will need to be fenced on the east boundary. MCWSC may be available. \$179,500
- ▶ 11.64 acres, 3/2 home south of Evant, TX in Coryell County. Nice porch, large master bedroom and bath, barn, workshop, seasonal creek, Hwy 281 Frontage. \$850,000
- ▶ 17.85 acres, 296 Cross Timbers Lane, Gatesville. 2 homes, main home 3 Br, 2 Ba brick home, open floor plan, second home 2 Br, 2 Ba single wide mobile home, 2 covered parking spaces, good tree cover, rolling terrain, storage building, excellent fences, 1 stock pond. \$749,500
- ▶ 20.02 acres, Evant, TX, CR 421, Hamilton County. Lot No. 21 Mulberry Creek, rolling terrain, good tree cover. \$250,000
- ▶ 20.02 acres, Evant, TX, PR 42107, Hamilton County, Lot 43 Phase 6 Rio Escondido, rolling terrain, good tree cover, season creek. \$265,000
- ▶ 25.06 acres, Pottsville, TX, Hamilton County. Paloma Vista Subdivision Lot 31, rolling terrain, scattered tree cover, great views. \$275,000
- ▶ 33.43 acres, near Coryell City, Coryell County, FM 929 & CR 260 frontage, rolling terrain, good views. \$295,000
- ▶ 38 +/- acres, south of Pearl, TX, Coryell County, FM 183 frontage, rolling terrain, scattered tree cover, nice views, great home site. \$372,400
- ▶ 41.0457 acres, Hamilton, TX, CR 404 in Hamilton County. Rolling terrain, scattered tree cover, approx. 25 acres farmland, 2 stock tanks, & good fences. \$449,000
- ▶ 47.332 ac. south of Ireland, TX. Good tree cover, rolling terrain, good fencing on 3 sides, southside will need to be fenced. \$395,000
- ▶ 50.24 acres, 3/2.5 home, 2171 CR 419, Evant, TX. Rolling terrain, 40% being good tree cover, the remaining balance being open pasture, great views. \$675,000.
- ▶ 58.51 acres, 3 Br, 2 Ba frame home, 6630 FM 183, Evant, TX, water well, several outbuildings, rolling terrain, scattered tree cover & 2 stock tanks. \$585,000
- ▶ 60.23 acres, CR 238 near Turnersville, TX. 1 stock tank, good fences, scattered tree cover, rolling terrain. \$421,610
- ▶ 68.9 acres, 3/2.5 rock home, 101 Mac Dr., Gatesville, TX. Approx. 2900 ft of Leon River frontage, ceramic tile floors, carpet in the bedrooms, vaulted ceiling, rock fireplace, granite countertops, breakfast bar, garden tub, metal building approx. 45 ft x 24 ft, older barn approx. 50 ft. x 30 ft., cattle pens, 1 stock tank, approx. 48 acres of coastal. \$1,249,500
- ▶ 82.43 acres west of Evant, TX, Mills County. Open pasture, scattered mesquite tree cover, native grasses, 1 stock tank, fenced on 3 sides. \$560,524
- ▶ 88.007 acres, 36 ft. Travel Trailer, 25 ft. x 30 ft. metal barn, Electricity, 1 tank, seasonal branch, water well, scattered tree cover, good hunting. \$720,000
- ▶ 105 acres south of Pearl, TX on Self Rd. Good tree cover, rolling terrain, small branch, barn, rain harvest system. \$743,775
- ▶ 106 +/- acres, CR 180, Purnela, TX, Coryell & Hamilton County. Good tree cover, rolling terrain, 1 tank, paved road frontage, electricity is across the road. \$832,100
- ▶ 179.562 acres, 1.6 miles south of Gatesville, TX. FM 116 frontage, great views, stock tank, rolling terrain & scattered tree cover. \$1,230,000
- ▶ 199.86 acres, 4 BR, 2 Ba Manufactures Home, 1856 sq. ft., 1805 CR 180, 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

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**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**  
The Housing Authority of Gatesville will hold a Public Meeting on August 1, 2023 at 3:00PM. Meeting will take place at the Housing Authority Office located at 213 N 14th Street, Gatesville, Texas. Purpose of the meeting is to receive comments on the 2023 Annual PHA Plan and the 2023 Capital Fund 5-Year Action Plan Budget/2023 Annual Statement. All Documents are on display at the Housing Authority office Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30AM to 12:30PM, for review. 00030183

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**LAND & LOTS**

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**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**MIDDLE TRINITY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON AMENDMENTS TO DISTRICT MANAGEMENT PLAN**

The Middle Trinity Groundwater Conservation District (MTGCD) will hold a public hearing on proposed amendments of the MTGCD's Groundwater Management Plan on Thursday, July 6th, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. at the District office located at 930 N. Wolfe Nursery Road, Stephenville, Texas 76401. All interested parties are invited to attend.

**PUBLIC HEARING AGENCY:**

1. Call to Order.
2. Summary presentation of the proposed amendments to the MTGCD Management Plan as required by Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code and Chapter 356 of the Texas Water Development Board's (TWDB) rules contained in Title 30 of the Texas Administrative Code.
3. Public Comment on the Groundwater Management Plan proposed for adoption.
4. Adjourn

At the conclusion of the hearing or any time or date thereafter, the proposed management plan may be adopted in the form presented or as amended based upon comments received from the public, the Texas Water Development Board, District staff, attorneys, geoscientists, or members of the Board of Directors without any additional notice.

Copies of the proposed MTGCD Management Plan will be available as of June 9th, 2023, at the MTGCD office located at 930 N. Wolfe Nursery Road, Stephenville, Texas or on the MTGCD's website at [www.middletrinitygcd.org](http://www.middletrinitygcd.org).

The MTGCD is committed to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Reasonable accommodations and equal opportunity for effective communications will be provided upon request. Please call 254-965-6705 at least 24 hours in advance if accommodation is needed.

**For more information about the public hearing or the MTGCD Contact: Patrick Wagner, General Manager at 254-965-6705**  
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**PUBLIC NOTICES**

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THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF CORYELL

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF LUIS ANTONIO TOSADO, DECEASED. CAUSE NO 23-10857, COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS. LUIS ANTONIO TOSADO II, FILED IN THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS ON THE 9TH DAY OF JUNE 2023, AN APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP OF SAID LUIS ANTONIO TOSADO, DECEASED.

SAID APPLICATION SHALL BE HEARD AND ACTED ON BY SAID COURT ON OR AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY NEXT AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF TEN DAYS FROM DATE OF POSTING THIS CITATION, THE SAME BEING THE 26TH DAY OF JUNE 2023, AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN GATESVILLE, TEXAS.

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

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY IN GATESVILLE, TEXAS the 13th day of June, 2023.

JENNIFER NEWTON CORYELL COUNTY CLERK CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS

BY: M. WALLACE  
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**PUBLIC NOTICES**

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE DEMOLITION OF THE ROTUNDA BUILDING THAT WAS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 8TH HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR JUNE 22, 2023

The City of Gatesville will hold a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on June 22, 2023, at the Gatesville City Council Chambers, 110 North 8th Street, Gatesville, TX, regarding the demolition process for the Rotunda nursing home located at 2525 Osage Road, Gatesville, TX.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide the citizens and business community with a general overview of the demolition process and allow the public to ask questions. The city encourages citizens' and business owners' participation.

Citizens unable to attend may submit comments to Scott L. Albert, City Manager, at 803 E. Main Street Gatesville, TX 76528 or [salbert@gatesvillex.com](mailto:salbert@gatesvillex.com). Persons with disabilities that wish to attend and require accommodations or interpretive services should contact the city secretary's office 24 hours before the meeting at 254-865-8951 or [wcole@gatesvillex.com](mailto:wcole@gatesvillex.com).

For further information, contact Scott L. Albert at 254-865-8951 ext. 111.  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of THOMAS PAUL HOWARD, Deceased, were issued on May 26, 2023, in Cause No. 23-10825, pending in the County Court of Coryell County, Texas, to: DEBORAH KAYE HOWARD.

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

c/o: DANIEL A. CORBIN Attorney at Law 603 North 8th Street Killeen, TX 76541

DATED the 9th day of 2023 . CORBIN, STAPLER & CLAPPER, PC 603 North 8th Street Killeen, TX 76541 Tel: (254) 526-4523 Fax: (254) 526-6711 By: Ashley Clapper DANIEL A. CORBIN State Bar No. 04814300 JAMES BERRY STAPLER State Bar No. 24013557 ASHLEY CLAPPER State Bar No. 24076317 REBECCA WHEELER State Bar No. 24008266 Legal@CorbinLegalTeam.com Attorney for DEBORAH KAYE HOWARD  
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Published Notice to Creditors

Notice is hereby given that letters of administration for the Estate of Scott J. Bates, Deceased, were issued on June 6, 2023, in Docket No. 21-10529, pending in the County Court at Law of Coryell County, Texas, to Mikel Bates, as independent administrator of the Estate of Scott J. Bates.

Mikel Bates elects that claims may be presented against the Estate of Scott J. Bates to him c/o his attorney, Benjamin D. Burnett, 15 North Main Street, Temple, Texas 76501.

All persons having claims against this estate are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

SIGNED on June 6, 2023, /s/ Benjamin D. Burnett

Benjamin D. Burnett Attorney for Independent Administrator State Bar No.: 24072012 [benjaminburnett@bcswlaw.com](mailto:benjaminburnett@bcswlaw.com) 15 North Main Street Tel: (254) 743-7324 Fax: (254) 774-9353  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of ELAINE POULSEN PETERSON, Deceased, were issued on May 22, 2023, in Cause No. 23-10787, pending in the County Court of Coryell County, Texas, to: DONALD PETERSON.

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


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## YARD OF THE MONTH – JUNE



COURTESY PHOTO

There were lots of good yards to choose from this month, but Keep Gatesville Beautiful chose the home of Larry Carroll and Brenda Shelton as our winner for June Yard of the Month. This home, located at 625 State School Road, stood out to us with its country charm, colorful flowers and neat as a pin yard and vegetable stand. They have a vegetable garden and fruit trees including a couple of apple trees that Larry started from the seeds of an apple. He says he grew up on a farm in the Holland area and has been farming/ gardening his whole life. In fact, farming goes back a few generations in his family. He gets up early in the mornings to water every other day. They not only work in their own place, but they pick up trash along State School Road near their home. A granddaughter, Kiera, is shown with them in the photo. Thank you, Brenda and Larry, for helping keep Gatesville Beautiful!

## ONE FISH, TWO FISH



PHOTO COURTESY OF ASHLEY QUIROGA

Elizabeth and Gabriel Quiroga caught these fish at Amsler Park in McGregor on May 14.



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# Threshing day in Osage 2023



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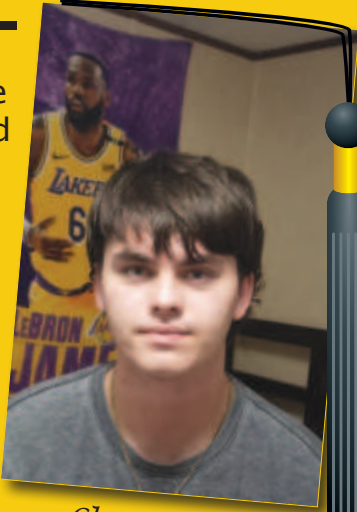
Acres of oats were recently threshed on the property of Van Massier in the Osage community, drawing several people who helped with the endeavor. (See story on Page A1)



**Ethan –**

Thank you for the love, laughter and happiness you've brought into our lives. We are so proud of you and it has been our honor to watch you grow up!

Love –  
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## Youth hit diamond for baseball camp



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Local youth were able to focus on a variety of baseball skills and drills during Gatesville ISD baseball camp June 5-7. There were sessions for students entering grades 1-2, 3-5 and 6-9.

## Hornet baseball honored with 11 all-district selections

BY CHRIS ALLMAN  
Sports Correspondent

Gatesville baseball placed 11 players on the recently released 23-4A All-District teams, highlighted by junior pitcher Bralen Veazey being named the district's Defensive Most Valuable Player.

Junior Lawson Mooney and senior Banner Allman were both first team selections while senior Grant Erwin, junior Justin Johnson, sophomore John Ibarra, and freshman Bradey James were named to the second team. Seniors Mason Mooney, Kason Herbelin, and Ben Mabry were honorable mention selections along with junior Clayton Gregory.

Mooney and Allman missed the entire 2022 season while Veazey was unable to pitch in 2022. Their returns, along with a strong group of underclassmen, helped propel the Hornets back to the playoffs and into the regional quarterfinals for just the third time in school history. They fell 6-3 to eventual state champion China Spring in the third round of the playoffs.

In 14 starts this season, Veazey went 8-1 and set a school-record with 125 strikeouts on the year. Opponents hit just .194 against him and his 2.069 ERA is the sixth-best single season mark in school history. Offensively, he hit .310 for the season with seven extra-base hits.

It's the second district superlative for Veazey in the last three years. In 2021, he was named the District 6-4A Newcomer of the Year and, despite missing his sophomore pitching season, he was an honorable mention selection at designated hitter in 6-4A in 2022.

The first team selection for Mooney is the second of his career. He was a first team all-district selection in District 6-4A as a freshman in 2021.

In 2023, Mooney hit .355 during district play and .303 for the season in returning to the leadoff spot. He led the team in hits (30), doubles (7), HBP (11) and walked 14 times compared to just ten strikeouts in 126 plate appearances.

He set a program record with 27 stolen bases on the year and currently sits second in program history with 48 steals in his career. He needs five steals in 2024 to assume the top spot all-time.

Allman hit .344 in district and led the team with 13 RBI during league play. He tied with Mooney for the team lead with 11 hits in district and hit .750 in the Hornets two-game sweep of Giddings in the area playoffs. On the season, Allman led the team with two home runs. He was a second-team selection in District 6-4A in 2021.

Mabry finished tied for the team lead in hitting with an average of .311. He hit .583 in the Hornets' six playoff games.

Mason Mooney scored 26 runs on the year and Herbelin reached base at a .400 clip while also driving in 16 runs. Erwin went 3-1 on the season including a complete game, series-clinching gem against Giddings in the area round of the playoffs.

The Hornets will return six all-district selections in 2024 including Veazey, Mooney, Ibarra (.412 district average), Johnson (.375 district average), Gregory (.273 district average, seven walks in 11 district at-bats), and James who led the team in hitting with a .311 average on the year. The freshman third baseman struck out only nine times in 100 plate appearances in 2023.

Salado pitcher Caden Strickland was named District MVP while China Spring shortstop Mason Kirk was named offensive MVP. Cougars pitcher Jayden Honey was named Pitcher of the Year and Salado's BJ Amann was named Newcomer of the Year. China Spring's Cory Beckham was named Coach Of The Year.

All-district selections are not released to the public until all four of the league's playoff teams have finished their seasons and China Spring's run to the Class 4A state championship delayed the announcement of the 23-4A team until June 9.

## Seven Gatesville softball players earn all-district recognition

BY CHRIS ALLMAN  
Sports Correspondent

After a second straight playoff berth, Gatesville softball placed seven players on the 23-4A All-District teams including First Team selections for Madison Hester and Kinlee Gardner.

Gardner was named Team MVP after hitting .390, slapping 36 hits and driving in 26 runs. Hester was the Lady Hornets anchor in the circle picking up eight wins while also

hitting .356 on the year.

Kallie Featherston and Raylee Glover were Second Team selections for the Lady Hornets. Featherston was the Hornets de facto "closer" and picked up nine wins in the role. Glover played third base, caught, and hit leadoff for Gatesville this season. She led the team in stolen bases, runs scored and extra-base hits.

Seniors Kagen Hunt and Lauren Stuard

and sophomore Grace Carothers were Honorable Mention selections. According to head coach Andrea Holbrook, Stuard was the team's outfield leader in the centerfield spot. Hunt wreaked havoc offensively as a home run hitter and a base stealer. Carothers was another terror on the basepaths who covered significant ground in left field.

Gardner, Hester, Featherston, Carothers, and Glover will all return in 2024 as the Lady

Hornets look to advance to the playoffs for the third straight season and into the second round for the first time since 2018.

That season, they took down Fairfield in the bi-district round before falling to Liberty Hill in the area round. In 2023 they lost to Burnet in the bi-district round and fell to Burkburnett in the first round in 2022.



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A strong turnout at the Gatesville ISD baseball camp will help to continue the program's future success. The camp was held June 5-7.





# Friends on Duty program explained to Gatesville Exchange Club members

BY DAVID SCOTT  
Staff Writer

Adam Fitzer, a Friends on Duty volunteer, and Gatesville Independent School District Officer, Damian White, recently spoke with the Gatesville Exchange Club about a program that has and will continue to benefit students, faculty, staff, and parents. The program is called "Friends on Duty."

GISD Superintendent, Dr. Barrett Pollard, has referred to the program as being a "fantastic success." Pollard described the origins of the program.

"In the wake of the Uvalde tragedy, GISD wanted to implement as many additional safety and security programs as possible. The Friends on Duty program was an opportunity for concerned community members to donate their time and effort to keep a watchful eye over our schools," he said. "Adam Fitzer was the first community member to reach out to me wanting to give back in some way after the horrible events in Uvalde. Since last summer, Adam has dedicated count-

less hours walking our hallways, checking perimeter doors, recruiting additional Friends on Duty, and overseeing our night watchmen program."

Fitzer said the program began with volunteers checking the doors and keeping an eye out on things.

"At first, they put me at the high school with Damian White, I was just going to check doors and supposed to tell the officers if anything happens. This is where it started to change. We started to get more and more people [volunteering] and now we're up to five and we need a lot more," Fitzer said.

Fitzer explained that this past year, four volunteers in the program were former veterans and a law enforcement veteran.

"We're slowly building things up. We're trying to make ourselves as useful as possible - watching after the kids and the staff in these schools," Fitzer said.

In speaking about the need for more volunteers and a goal of having the schools

covered five days a week, Fitzer said, "Between all of the kids, teachers, and staff, we have over 3,000 people and that's like half the real population of Gatesville - that's a lot of people."

He said their goal is to have at least one Friends on Duty volunteer at every school at all times.

In their search for volunteers, Fitzer said, "Does it have to be a full day, no. If you can put in a few hours here and there that's awesome and it helps us out a lot."

The students have reacted well to the Friends on Duty volunteers being on campus and knowing that they are there to help in a time of need.

"I've had kids, a couple of them who just graduated who came up to me and said that they're going to come back in the future and they're going to do what we're doing. I think when they watch what we're doing, they see it as a very positive thing," Fitzer said.



DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Damian White, pictured left, and Adam Fitzer address the Gatesville Exchange Club about the Friends on Duty program at GISD.

## The Elk Call

BY DR. JENNIFER INGRAM  
Evant ISD Superintendent

Greetings! We have officially wrapped up another successful school year and sent 15 amazing young people out into the world to begin their next chapter! As we turn to begin the planning for the 2023-24 school year, we must revisit the driving force behind why we do what we do each day.

Over the course of the last year, EISD embarked on the formation of a new mission and vision statement that truly spoke to the nature of the work happening within the school district. Through a combined effort, that statement was established and reads as follows: "At Evant ISD, every student will be empowered to pursue their passion through academic rigor, social and

emotional connections, and collective accountability because Evant ISD exists to foster a culture of inclusive learning and high expectations." With this in mind, EISD is committed to building pathways and courses of study that best prepares our students to pursue their own interests throughout their educational journey and creates pipelines for students to smoothly transition into college or career programs upon graduation from high school.

Along these lines, EISD has been able to expand secondary course offerings and opportunities for high school students for the Fall semester. First, EISD will begin offering a welding dual credit program in partnership with TSTC in Waco this Fall, which will be available to juniors and seniors.

This program will feature in-person learning at TSTC once each week throughout the Fall semester. Students will participate with TSTC instructors on the Waco campus and will be able to earn certification at the end of the two-year program. The program also includes virtual learning components each Spring in order to meet the requirements that TSTC has established for the certification program.

In addition to welding, EISD has now completed crosswalks with CTC in order to offer multiple certifications and programs in the business field. Beginning this Fall, students may now enroll in the coursework that will enable them to sit for the Texas Real Estate Agent license upon completion. In addition, students will be able to earn certification in accounting and could ultimately receive an Associate's Degree in Business while still in high school. All of these programs have

been finalized and we are excited to enroll students in August!

Evant ISD has also recently established a partnership with Tarleton State University effective in the Fall to offer dual credit courses in Ag Economics and Animal Science. Through the program known as Tarleton Today, these courses will be offered through a dual enrollment program and upon successful completion, students will receive automatic admission into the university upon high school graduation. This is a new program at Tarleton, so we are very excited to be able to partner with them in this way.

Lastly, I want to share a program that is coming to EISD in June. In collaboration with Workforce Solutions of Central Texas, EISD will host Wrenches to Wheels in our gym on June 20. This program will match current junior high students with community volunteers as they work together to



build a bicycle. At the end of the day, students will be able to take their brand-new bike home for the summer! We are very excited about this program and look forward to hosting a crowd that day! We are still looking for volunteers, so if you would like to come help a student put together a bike, please email me at [jingram@evantisd.org](mailto:jingram@evantisd.org) and I will get you the information. We are so thankful for this opportunity that is completely funded and facilitated by Workforce

Solutions.

As we focus on creating more opportunities for students of all ages at Evant ISD, there are many other initiatives in process that will benefit our community through work-based learning and other volunteer experiences as well. It is an exciting time to be an Evant Elk as we work to build connections and create possibilities for each and every student. Together, we are better! #ELKSinvest

## Oglesby ISD releases final honor roll for school year

The Oglesby Independent School District recently released the A and A/B Honor Roll for the 4th nine weeks. Students qualifying for the honor roll include:

### A HONOR ROLL

**1st Grade**  
Lucas Licea  
**2nd Grade**  
Ariel Crell, Kinzlee Gray, Braxton Herry, Oakley Niswonger, Kimberly Uribe  
**3rd Grade**  
Bentley Goff, Alexandria Thompson  
**5th Grade**

Hunter Insall  
**6th Grade**  
Scarlet Aaron  
**7th Grade**  
Holdyn Goff  
**8th Grade**  
Caitlyn Battreal  
**9th Grade**  
Andrea Licea, Taetym Sanders  
**10th Grade**  
Victoria Cardenas, Marlee Henderson  
**11th Grade**  
Mattie Dixon, Addison Hamilton, Charollette Ritchie  
**12th Grade**

Aiden Gomez, Lacie Luckie  
**A/B HONOR ROLL**  
**1st Grade**  
Blayze Alambar, Xander Goff, Brennen Hill, Ranger Jeffcoat, Chad Kasting, Max Martinez, Crystal Mejia, Karen O'Campo-Mendoza, Brody Smith, Christian Tamayo, Jaylynn Taylor, Jason Vandiver  
**2nd Grade**  
Maddie Chapman, Seattle Donaldson, Caymbri Fisher, Briley Martinez, Thomas Riley

**3rd Grade**  
Harleigh Alambar, Dylan Chrisner, Abram Gomez, Caden Henderson, Grayson Hopkins, Jayden Howard, Brayden Roedler, Hudson Seymour, Judd Wulfkuhle  
**4th Grade**  
Brook Hamilton, Joe Hamilton, Jayden Hopkins, Rainie Owens, McKayla Regan, Gracie Thompson, Fernando Uribe  
**5th Grade**  
Liam Ammerman, Ali Chrisner, Perla Coca, Jacob DeLaTorre, Skyler Dickson,

Abigail Insall, Avery Libertore, Brody Martinez, Keelyn Riley  
**6th Grade**  
Rancher Jeffcoat, Anthony Silva-Ramirez, Alisyn Smith  
**7th Grade**  
Logan Ewing, Makenzie Wright, Couper Wulfkuhle  
**8th Grade**  
Alisa Contreras, Sydney Felan, Jaxon Markum, Hannah McFadden, Autumn Meyers, Kelsey Ritchie, Presley Robinson, Allisson Uribe, Zarah Wisehart  
**9th Grade**

Hadley Glass, Gracie Reed  
**10th Grade**  
Drake LeBlanc, Blissany Ramos, Landon Robinson  
**11th Grade**  
Johnny Gomez, Cash Lee, Hunter Walter  
**12th Grade**  
Ayden Anderson, Paydan Bagley, Alyssa Castillo, Hailey Meyers, Addyson McKeown, Kyleigh Shaw

## Second annual Ethan Sandell Memorial Tennis Tournament scheduled for July 8

### Staff Reports

The second annual Ethan Sandell Memorial Tournament will be held on Saturday, July 8 and Sunday, July 9. The tournament will begin

each day at approximately 8 a.m. and will take place at the Gatesville High School tennis courts, located at 272 N. 27th Street.

The tournament will include men and women's

singles, doubles, and mixed doubles. There will be medals awarded to first place, second place, third place, and a consolation prize.

A concession stand will be available for snacks and

beverages throughout the tournament.

The cost will be \$20 per event and each player on a doubles team will pay \$20 each individually. Be sure to pay with cash only on the

day of the event.

To enter email [Gvesmtournament@gmail.com](mailto:Gvesmtournament@gmail.com), and make sure to include your UTR, universal tennis rating; NTRP, national tennis rating program; or a general

assessment of tennis skill levels. The deadline to enter is Wednesday, July 5.



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# New leadership named at Gatesville Intermediate

## Staff Reports

Angie Pearson and Alicia Meharg were recently named assistant principals for Gatesville Intermediate School for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year.

A 1994 graduate of Gatesville High School, Pearson received her Bachelor of Science degree and teaching certificate from Tarleton-Central Texas, and her Master of Education in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies from University of Texas Arlington.

Pearson has spent 15 out of her 20 years in education as a classroom teacher and interventionist. For the past five years she has been

an assistant principal at Temple Independent School District.

"I believe in the statement that it takes a village, and I am committed to forging the relationships with students, staff, families, and community members to ensure that all students meet their full growth potential. Gatesville is a special place to me, and my family, and I am so excited to be returning home to serve the community that I love," Pearson said.

She and her husband, Jonathan, are the proud parents of their only son, John Riley Pearson, who graduated this year from Gatesville High School.

Meharg grew up in Ste-

phenville and graduated from West Texas A&M University with a degree in Elementary Education. She has earned a master's degree from Tarleton State University in Curriculum and Instruction as a Reading Specialist, and from Stephen F. Austin in Educational Leadership as well.

She has taught for 30 years across several districts including Itasca, Marble Falls, Iredell, Hillsboro, Gatesville, and Valley Mills. In her career she has taught and worked with students from kindergarten through seventh grade as a Reading Interventionist, Literacy Coordinator, and an Instructional Coach. She worked



Angie Pearson

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Alicia Meharg

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on our campus as the Instructional Coach this past school year.

She is married to Scott

Meharg, and is the mother of three, a stepmother of two, and grandmother of two grandsons. Her young-

est just graduated from Gatesville High School and is heading to Tarleton in the fall.

# Hanson, Walls, Rambeau named to Dean's Honor Roll at ACU

## Staff Reports

Three Coryell County students were recently named to the Dean's Honor Roll at Abilene Christian University for the Spring 2023 semes-

ter.

Two Gatesville students, Leah Hanson who is a senior majoring in Art and Jack Walls who is a junior majoring in Biochemistry

were among those added to the list. Tanner Rambeau, of Purmela, a junior majoring in Biology was also included on the list.

Students earn Dean's

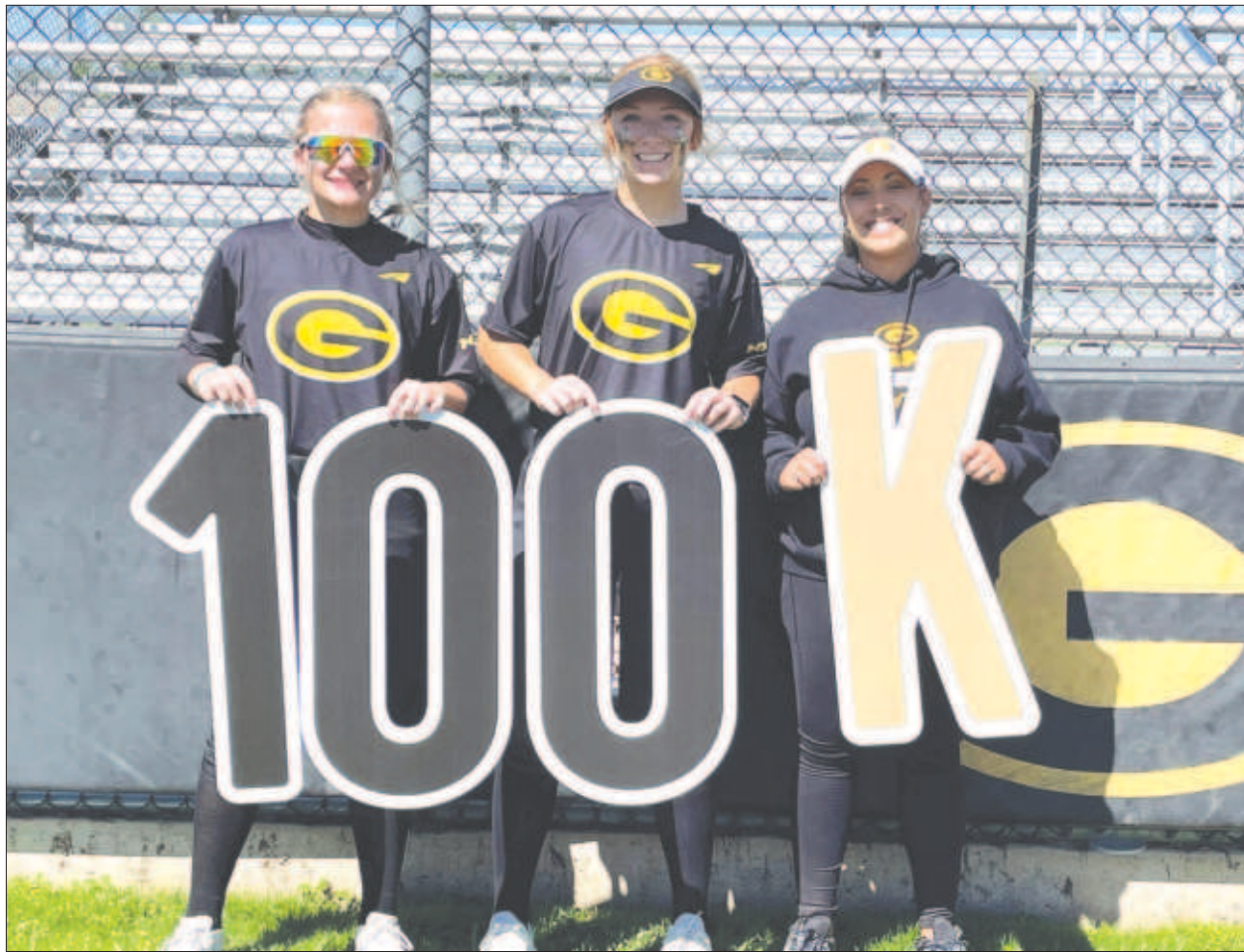
Honor Roll recognition by achieving a 3.6 or higher GPA while enrolled in at least 12 credit hours.

Founded in 1906, Abilene Christian University enrolls

more than 5,700 students in robust online and residential undergraduate and graduate programs. Students choose from 87 baccalaureate majors that in-

clude more than 171 areas of study, 71 areas of study in master's degree and specialist programs, and four doctoral programs.

# HESTER RECOGNIZED FOR PITCHING OVER 100 STRIKE-OUTS FOR HORNET SOFTBALL TEAM



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Madison Hester is a Junior at Gatesville High School and is a pitcher for the Hornet Softball team. Recently, she was recognized for her personal achievement for pitching over 100 plus strikeouts during her entire career with Hornet Softball and was named First Team, All District. Pictured left to right are Raylee Glover, Madison Hester and Coach Andrea Holdbrook.

## SUDOKU

Solution for the puzzle that ran June 10.

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# Evant ISD to hold school supply drive

## Staff Reports

Evant Independent School District is seeking monetary or school supply donations to benefit students for the

2023-2024 school year.

All money donations can be made at any desired 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 bulk orders at a discounted and tax-free rate on behalf

of the school to maximize the donations.

Donations of supplies may be dropped off in the box of the front foyer at Evant ISD

and will be distributed in the fall. All supplies donations should include sanitizing wipes, disinfecting spray, and facial tissues.

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

# No cost summer meals for kids through July

## Staff Reports

Gatesville Independent School District will provide summer meals at no cost for children ages 18 or younger, and enrolled students who are up to 21 years of age with disabilities. The program began serving meals

on Thursday, May 30 and will continue to do so until Friday, July 28.

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

Gatesville Elementary School, located at 2537 E. Main Street will provide meals Monday through Fri-

day. 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 \$4.25 for lunch.

Trinity Day Care Center,

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

The Gatesville City Pool, located at 300 S. 8 Street will provide meals Tuesday

through Thursday. Lunch will be served from 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m.

Gatesville High School will provide meals Monday through Thursday at the High School football field concession stand. Breakfast will be served from 8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and lunch will

be served from 10:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Adults will cost \$2.50 for breakfast and \$4.50 for lunch.

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

# Farrell named to UM Spring 2023 Chancellor's Honor Roll

## Staff Reports

The University of Mississippi recently announced its Spring 2023 Chancellor's Honor Roll.

Mary Farrell of Gatesville, majoring in Accountancy, was named to the Chancellor's Honor Roll, which is reserved for students who

earn a semester grade point average between 3.7 to 4.0.

To be eligible for honor roll designation, a student must have completed at

least 12 graded hours for the semester and may not be on academic probation during the semester.

The University of Missis-

sippi has over 16 academic divisions including a major medical school, nationally recognized schools of accountancy, law and phar-

macy, and an honors college acclaimed for a blend of academic rigor, experiential learning, and opportunities for community action.



# TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY™

## Three transfers sign to play for Tarleton's women's tennis program

### TSU Sports Information

Despite a roster full of underclassmen last year, Tarleton State University's women's tennis squad finished second in both the Western Athletic Conference regular season and WAC Tournament. Now the program adding some NCAA Division I veteran transfers to continue their rising status.

The Texans announced on Thursday they have signed transfers Noelia Lorca from Lamar University, Maretha Burger from Liberty University, and Adeliya Mukhutdinova from the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA).

"This year's recruiting class is very exciting, we are bringing in a lot of collegiate tennis experience to our already strong team," TSU head coach Elianne Douglas-Miron said. "Each of these players are going to play an important part in our success next year and I can't wait to start working in the fall with them."

Tarleton has posted a 35-11 record over the past two seasons, including a 17-3 mark in conference play. Since becoming an NCAA Division I program, the Texans have won the WAC Coach of the Year award, the WAC Player of the Year award, the WAC Freshman of the Year award, and 11 All-Conference honors (six Singles All-WAC First Team, one Doubles All-WAC First Team, three Singles All-WAC Second Team, one Doubles All-WAC Second Team).

Lorca played the last two years at former WAC member Lamar, going 18-17 overall in singles and 14-17 in doubles.



Three transfers have signed to play tennis with Tarleton State University. From left, they are Noelia Lorca from Lamar University, Maretha Burger from Liberty University, and Adeliya Mukhutdinova from the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA).

She played all 22 singles matches in the No. 2 position last season, going 10-11, including a 7-1 stretch in March-April that carried over into Southland Conference play. She also played between Courts 1-2 in doubles, earning a 9-8 mark (5-0 SLC), with eight wins in the No. 2 spot. Lorca earned First Team All-SLC at the No. 2 Doubles line for her efforts.

Her freshman campaign put her at 8-6 in singles, including a 5-4 mark on Court 3. Her top wins at Lamar included a Court 2 singles win vs. UTRGV, a Court 3 singles victory at Stephen F. Austin, a Court 4 singles win vs. Oral Roberts University, and a Court 1 doubles win at UTSA.

Lorca is from Murcia, Spain, where she attended IES Licenciado Francisco Cascales. In her junior career, she ranked as high as 122nd in the country, picking up nine wins against nationally ranked players, including six in the top-100. She won the 2015 Spanish Women's Regional Championship, and followed that with runner-up finishes at the 2019 Women's Regional, 2019 and 2020 Junior Nationals and the 2019 Absolute tournament. She also finished second in the Marbella Marca Junior Cup. Upon arrival at Tarleton, she'll pursue a degree in psychology.

"We had a chance to play against Noelia when she com-

peted in the WAC, and my assistant coach Sonia Carlson and I were very impressed," Douglas-Miron said. "We loved her energy, her grit and her competitiveness. Noelia has the same fire that all of our girls have. She will make an impact on the court immediately and we are very excited to see her wear the purple and white."

Burger played the last two seasons at Liberty, a program that advanced to at least the ASUN Tournament Semifinals in each of her years, going 36-17 overall, 12-5 in conference play. Burger was 7-11 overall in singles in dual match play, plus 14-15 on Tour. She also logged 23 doubles wins across dual match and

tour play over the past two seasons.

She is from Ashton, South Africa, and attended Hoërskool Stellenbosch in the Western Cape province. Burger reached the No. 1 ranking in U18 girls combined, U18 girls doubles and open mixed doubles in South Africa. She was ranked as high as No. 3 in the South Africa women's rankings and No. 312 in the International Tennis Federation (ITF) World Junior Tennis Tour Rankings. She compiled a 103-16 junior tournament record over the final two years of her junior tennis career.

Academically, Burger was honored as an ITA Scholar-Athlete and was named to the

ASUN Academic Honor Roll while at Liberty. At Tarleton, she will major in kinesiology exercise and sport studies while minoring in sport psychology.

"I've been following Maretha since her senior year in high school, and as soon as I had an opportunity to recruit her, I knew I wanted her on our team," Douglas-Miron said. "Maretha brings a mature understanding of the game of tennis. She is a doubles expert and will help push the level of our doubles next spring. Maretha is known for her leadership, outgoing personality and desire to win. She will fit in great with our culture."

Mukhutdinova played her freshman campaign at UTSA this past year, going 9-9 in doubles with two singles wins for the 14-10 Roadrunners. Against Tarleton in the Texans' 4-3 win in San Antonio,

She joined the Roadrunners from Spanish River High School in her hometown of Boca Raton, Florida, although she was born in Siberia, Russia. She rose as high as No. 3 in the Florida rankings, had a career-high ranking in Florida of No. 30, plus nationally she topped out at No. 2004 in the junior girls ITF ranking.

Academically, she earned a Conference USA Academic Medal while at UTSA. She'll study kinesiology at Tarleton.

"We competed against Adeliya last spring and she gave us a great fight," Douglas-Miron said. "Her aggressive game style will fit in well with our team."

## Texans' outfielder Alec Williams named to WAC All-Defensive Team

### TSU Sports Information

Tarleton baseball centerfielder Alec Williams was honored by the league's coaches for his defensive play during the 2023 season, the Western Athletic Conference announced.

Williams was one of 10 student-athletes from across the WAC to be named to the all-defensive team and one of three outfielders.

Williams, a senior from Huntsville, was stellar in center field, consistently using his speed to keep opponents off the base paths.

He made no errors during the season, posting a 1.000 fielding percentage to go with 85 putouts in his second season in Stephenville.

Williams was also impressive at the plate for Tarleton, leading the Texans in WAC play with a .372 batting average. In conference play alone he had a .479 on-base percentage, 29 hits, 11 RBI and 11 stolen bases — which was good for third in the conference.

The Tyler Junior College transfer added to his collection of defensive awards, hav-

ing been previously named the 2021 NJCAA Division III Defensive Player of the Year at TJC.

The award was the lone postseason honor Tarleton baseball picked up from the conference.

### 2023 WAC BASEBALL AWARDS (as voted by the 13 head coaches)

**WAC Player of the Year**  
Grayson Tatrow, Sr., OF, Abilene Christian

**WAC Pitcher of the Year**  
Liam Rocha, Jr., RHP, California Baptist

**WAC Freshman of the Year**  
Wehiwa Aloy, SS, Sacramento State

**WAC Defensive Player of the Year**  
Jacob Wilson, Jr., SS, Grand Canyon

**WAC Coach of the Year**  
Gregg Wallis, Grand Canyon

### All-WAC First Team

SP - Liam Rocha, Jr., RHP, California Baptist  
SP - Daniel Avitia, So., RHP, Grand Canyon  
SP - Casey Anderson, Jr., RHP, Utah Valley  
RP - Chandler David, Jr., RHP, Sam Houston  
C - Martin Vincelli-Simard, Sr., Sacramento State  
1B - Tyler Davis, Sr., Sam Houston  
1B - Brandon Pimentel, Grad, UTRGV  
2B - Daniel Dickinson, Fr., Utah Valley  
3B - Justin Wishkoski, Jr., Sam Houston  
SS - Jacob Wilson, Jr., Grand Canyon  
OF - Grayson Tatrow, Sr., Abilene Christian  
OF - Homer Bush Jr., Jr., Grand Canyon  
OF - Joe Redfield, Jr., Sam Houston  
DH - JP Smith, Fr., Sacramento State  
All-WAC Second Team  
SP - Zach Thornton, Jr., LHP, Grand Canyon  
SP - Coltin Atkinson, Jr., RHP, Sam Houston  
SP - Angelo Cabral, Jr., RHP, UTRGV

RP - Brodie Cooper-Vassalakis, Grad, RHP, Grand Canyon  
C - Michael Carpentier, So., California Baptist  
1B - Zach Yorke, Fr., Grand Canyon  
2B - Kevin Jimenez, Sr., NM State  
3B - Mitchel Simon, Jr., California Baptist  
3B - Christian Perez, Fr., NM State  
SS - Wehiwa Aloy, Fr., Sacramento State  
OF - Dusty Garcia, Sr., California Baptist  
OF - Keith Jones II, Jr., NM State  
OF - Matt Boissoneault, Sr., Seattle U  
DH - Ryan Black, Fr., UT Arlington  
WAC All-Defensive Team  
OF - Logan Britt, Jr., Abilene Christian  
IF - Garret Ostrander, Jr., California Baptist  
IF - Emilio Barreras, Fr., Grand Canyon  
OF - Cade Verduco, Jr., Grand Canyon  
SS - Jacob Wilson, Jr., Grand Canyon  
1B - Zach Yorke, Fr., Grand Canyon



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C - Nick Gore, Jr., NM State  
OF - Alec Williams, Jr., Tarleton  
2B - Isaac Lopez, So.,

UTRGV  
1B/OF - Brandon Pimentel, Grad, UTRGV

## First details of TSU's women's soccer schedule for next season released

### TSU Sports Information

STEPHENVILLE — Year No. 2 of Tarleton Texas soccer is just around the corner, starting this August.

The Texans have released their schedule for the 2023 season, which will be the second season of competition for the program.

Tarleton will play 11 regular-season matches at the Tarleton Soccer Complex with eight matches on the road. There are 10 non-conference matches and a nine-game Western Athletic Conference

slate that make up the 19-match season.

"We're excited to have the opportunity to take another step in our program as we play against quality opponents this fall," said head coach Pete Cuadrado. "There is nothing more exciting than playing in front of our fans at home as they always make it such a special environment."

The Texans are eligible to participate in the 2023 WAC Women's Soccer Tournament for the first time this coming season. The top six teams in

the conference standings will advance to the tournament, hosted by California Baptist in Riverside, California, beginning on Sunday, Oct. 29.

"The WAC slate is very challenging," said Cuadrado. "Every match is tough and in order to get results in this conference you must be ready to battle for 90 minutes. That's something we are looking forward to."

The Texans' first competition of the calendar year will be an exhibition match at home as the Baylor Bears

out of the Big 12 will travel to Stephenville on Aug. 10 for a 7 p.m. contest.

Following that, the first three matches of the season will be played within the friendly confines of the Tarleton Soccer Complex. They open the regular season with Louisiana Monroe (Aug. 17) followed by Texas A&M-Commerce (Aug. 20) and Nicholls (Aug. 25).

The first road match will take place as the Texans travel to play the Houston Cougars on Aug. 27.

New foes the Texans will see for the first time this season include Grambling State at home (Sept. 1), Oral Roberts in Tulsa (Sept. 14) and Prairie View A&M in Stephenville (Sept. 16) as well as previously mentioned Texas A&M-Commerce and Houston.

WAC play starts with three consecutive road matches. The Texans travel to SFA (Sept. 21), UTRGV (Sept. 24) and rival ACU (Oct. 1). That is followed by two straight at home with Utah Valley (Oct.

5) and Seattle U (Oct. 8) making the trip to Stephenville.

A Utah road trip marks the final road games of the regular season conference slate as the Texans take on Utah Tech (Oct. 12) and Southern Utah (Oct. 15).

California Baptist (Oct. 19) and Grand Canyon (Oct. 22) mark the last two games of the regular season, with both being played at the Tarleton Soccer Complex.

Broadcast and ticket details for each match will be announced at a later date.



# Local children enjoy a day at the museum through library

**Staff Reports**

As part of the summer reading program at the Gatesville Public Library, field trips are being offered with the theme being "community."

Their first field trip included a visit to the Coryell Museum and Historical Center where children, parents, and guardians were able to experience a little of what it was like in the early days of Coryell County. The group was able to tour the vast collection of spurs in the Mitchell Collection, visit

an old-fashioned soda fountain, doctor's office, the 1854 log jail, and see the display of antique cars housed in the museum.

The next community field trip will be a visit to the Gatesville Police Department on Wednesday, June 28.



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## CORYELL Kids

The design of the United States flag is credited to a few people, but the most popularly recognized designer is Betsy Ross. Betsy Ross was a seamstress who lived in Philadelphia during the American Revolutionary War. According to tradition, she was commissioned by George Washington, a leader of the Continental Army, to create a flag for the newly formed nation.

The flag that Betsy Ross designed had 13 alternating red and white stripes representing the 13 original colonies, and a blue field with 13 white stars arranged in a circle, representing the unity of the states. This design was officially adopted by the Continental Congress on June 14, 1777, which is now celebrated as Flag Day in the United States.



### Flag Day

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

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R	O	V	T	Z	Y	T	I	E	Q
T	R	S	T	A	R	S	T	C	I
N	P	E	G	I	D	I	E	R	A
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C	S	U	G	B	K	S	E	P	F

America  
Banner  
Betsy Ross  
Country

America  
Stripes  
Stars  
Red

White  
Blue

## Betsy Ross

Betsy Ross was a woman who lived a long time ago in the United States. She is famous for making the first American flag!

Betsy was born in 1752 in Philadelphia. When she was a young woman, she learned how to sew from her family. She even had her own sewing business, where she made clothes and other things for people.

During the Revolutionary War, Betsy made uniforms and other supplies for the soldiers fighting for the United States. One day, George Washington himself came to Betsy's shop and asked her to make a special flag for the country. Betsy was happy to help, and she designed a flag with stars and stripes on it.

Nowadays, we still use the American flag that Betsy Ross designed. Betsy is remembered as a patriotic and talented woman who helped create an important symbol of the United States!



## Did You Know?

- Flag Day is a special day we celebrate on June 14th to remember when the US flag was created way back in 1777.
- People started celebrating Flag Day officially in 1877, and in 1949, it became a national holiday.
- We don't get the day off from school or work, but we can still celebrate by doing fun things like having a flag-raising ceremony or going to a parade.
- It's important to remember to fly the US flag on Flag Day and other special holidays like Independence Day, Memorial Day, and Veterans Day.
- The US flag has changed over time, but the current design has 50 stars and 13 stripes. So on Flag Day, we remember the history and meaning of our flag, and we take pride in being Americans!



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# Gatesville youth compete in Riesel track meet

Gatesville Summer Track program recently competed at a track meet in Riesel.

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