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## County considers jail camera options

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
Senior Writer & Editor

In an effort to make sure the expanded Coryell County Jail has the best security measures in place, the Coryell County Commissioners Court approved a guaranteed maximum price of \$312,005.77 — plus a fee to Southwest Architects — for an overhaul of the jail’s old camera system as well as placement of new cameras on site.

Pat McCracken of Sustainable Security Solutions (S3) of San Antonio presented options to the court during a meeting on June 27 about camera packages for the jail expansion and the existing jail. When work on the jail is complete in 2024, there will be an increase from 92 beds to 147 beds at the facility.

One of the major changes will be a significant increase in the data storage for the jail camera system.

“It is our understanding that the current system is only getting seven to 10 days of recording, and by the time they find out about an incident you may not even have the recording anymore,” McCracken said. “That’s a big concern. There’s also an issue with the age of the equipment.”

The new system will provide a minimum of 90 days of video storage, with the capability to increase that to 180 days or more if county leaders decide that is needed.

“There are 109 current cameras (at the jail) and we would replace all those

with a current style of camera,” McCracken said. “The current jail has no microphones, to our understanding. With the new cameras, you would have synchronized audio and video.”

McCracken said many companies will sell jail cameras that offer a cheaper upfront price but then require annual subscriptions for several years, which costs counties more money in the long run.

“Our system is based on the county owning the system, the software — everything,” McCracken said. “There are no quarterly fees that you would pay. Not all our competitors do that, but we don’t like that way of doing business. Unlike some systems, our system is a closed network that is not open for anybody on the network to hack into.”

McCracken said S3 would meet with the sheriff and members of his department to talk about changes and additions and get feedback on what the department requires.

“The sheriff has input all the way, so you’ll get the system you want,” he said. “We have a factory test in San Antonio that you’re invited to so you can see your equipment in action before it is installed.”

Jeff Heffelfinger of Southwest Architects, which is working closely with the county on construction projects, said it is advantageous

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## Celebrating America



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Fireworks light up the sky over McKamie Stadium in Gatesville as area residents celebrate the Fourth of July - and 247 years since America declared its independence.

## GISD slated to join fuel cooperative

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
Senior Writer & Editor

Although the Gatesville Independent School District lost money for the 2022-23 budget year by participating in a cooperative fuel pool when gas prices didn’t rise as high as anticipated, the volatility of fuel prices led the GISD Board of Trustees to opt to sign up for the pool again for 2023-24 — if it is available.

“The government is using strategic reserves to keep prices low, but you know prices are going to go up — they can’t stay low forever, and the strategic reserves are going to diminish,” said Darrell Frazier, chief financial officer for the district.

“We lost \$42,000 (in fuel costs) by paying contract prices compared to if we had paid market prices.”

The current contract, which expires in December, requires the district to pay \$3.77 per gallon for diesel fuel and \$3.37 per gallon for gasoline.

The new contract will reduce those prices to \$3.37 per gallon for diesel and \$2.85 per gallon for gasoline.

“We are projecting fuel costs of around \$150,000 for the next fiscal year, and we budgeted \$200,000,” Frazier said. “It’s going to improve.”

GISD Superintendent Barrett Pollard said the unpredictability of fuel prices means participation in the fuel co-op can help protect the district from dramatic increases.

“As volatile as gas prices are, I’d rather know what the (financial) hits are going to be,” Pollard said.

Based on GISD staff’s recommendation, the GISD school board approved a commitment to purchase 24,000 of diesel fuel and 6,000 gallons of gasoline through the cooperative.



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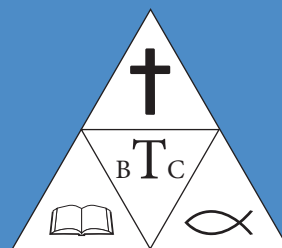
A celebration at Grace Bible Church included a colonial era flag and drum-line.



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# Walks are always an adventure for Jeff & Lu

It's been a while since you've heard from us, so I guess we owe y'all an update on how things are going.

While I can't promise that this will continue to be as frequent during the warm summer months, Lu and I have been enjoying some long walks and enjoying the local countryside.

In the past, our walks were mostly to Raby or Faunt Le Roy parks or the track in between them. And that route may have to be the one we take more often during the hottest parts of the year. Those are routes we can take even after dark, as long as we have a trusty flashlight with us.

We will miss those longer walks but we enjoyed them as long as we could. They have taken us to the old 1904 Bridge at the end of East Leon Street and beyond to the other side. One of our favorite walks has been down West Leon Street past Levita Road as far as Old Pidcoke Road.

It's a mostly serene walk with little traffic, although there is a loose

dog or two at the end of the route that object to our passing through. So far, the dogs have been all bark and no bite, but nevertheless it is a bit worrisome. There are also plenty of dogs behind fences and sometimes even in houses that object to our passing by. I love and welcome the attention of friendly dogs. Unfriendly ones ... not so much.

Last summer, on a walk in July we were just a street away from our home when two dogs came running out and threatened us. They actually seemed even more aggressive toward Tallulah than they did toward me. I yelled "No! No!" loudly as the dogs barked and snarled and fortunately, they backed off. It made me consider getting a stout walking stick and perhaps some pepper spray for the worst case scenario, which we have fortunately been able to avoid so far.

We have also encountered some other interesting animals along the way, those of the wildlife variety. It is common to see deer

## Jeff's Reflections & Lu's Views

By Jeff Osborne & Tallulah

Jeff Osborne is senior staff writer and editor for the Gatesville Messenger and Tallulah is his trusted border collie-Jack Russell terrier mix.



along the way at any time of day or night. One day, we actually saw a peacock walking down a road. It was a pretty sight, and it made a loud noise that startled Tallulah, and also my mother, whom I was talking via cellphone at the time. On Memorial Day, we had our

first encounter with a snake. I don't know what kind it was, but it was gray and looked like it tried to strike Lu. Fortunately, she was faster than the snake and very elusive. So elusive, in fact, that she jerked out of her collar and away from the leash and trotted a few feet down the road. I calmed her down and told her the snake didn't want to encounter us anymore than we wanted to see it, and she warily came back so we could resume our walk.

I may try to explore some other routes, but some can only be taken in the day, so that limits us as the weather starts to get hotter. We could go earlier, but then we risk getting dogs barking at 6 a.m. when their owner leaves them outside. I hate to limit our exercise, though. So far, it's been very good for both my health and Tallulah's.

Lu, do you have anything to say?

Lu: Well, I like our long walks, but not that snake! And I wish dogs along our way would just let us walk in peace. We aren't both-

ering them by walking by their house.

I also appreciate it when we take a nice break and you give me a drink of water. I wish it wouldn't get any hotter - at least until you humans manage to invent outside air conditioning.

We may have to do more walking at night because we don't want to get too hot. I like walking anytime, but it's more fun to see what you're walking past.

I look forward to Sam (Jeff's son) and maybe even his dogs visiting us this summer. It's almost like a little parade when we have more than one person and dog walking. Hey, maybe we could start a walking club. That would be fun!

Jeff: That would be fun, but because of my work schedule I sometimes have to walk at times that wouldn't work for everyone. But it might be an option on some Saturdays. Walking is great exercise, and it's fun to enjoy the great outdoors, even for a little while. Until next time, Lu and I wish you the best — and happy trails!

## Upcoming Events

\* 9 a.m. Tuesday, July 11: Coryell County Commissioners Court in the County Annex Building at 800 E. Main St., across from the Gatesville Post Office.

\* 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 11: North Fort Cavazos (formerly known as Fort Hood) Community Council meeting at the Junction on 36 restaurant, 1216 N. Highway 36 Bypass.

\* 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 11: Gatesville City Council meeting in the Gatesville Council Chamber, 110 N. Eighth St., across from

the Gatesville Public Library.

\* Noon Wednesday, July 12: Gatesville Lions Club meeting at the Junction on Route 36 restaurant, 1216 N. Highway 36 Bypass.

\* 7 a.m. Thursday, July 13: Gatesville Exchange Club meeting at the Junction on Route 36 restaurant, 1216 N. Highway 36 Bypass.

\* 5:30 p.m. July 24: Gatesville Independent School District Board of Trustees meeting in the Gatesville ISD Administration Building, 311 S. Lovers Lane.

# Air conditioning details considered for county jail

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
Senior Writer & Editor

While jail expansion is in progress, Coryell County leaders are seeking ways to maximize long-term savings and increase performance of systems. One area they recently focused on was the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) system that will be in place.

Commissioner Scott Weddle said that while it would have been better to address the issue even earlier, he thinks it is best to make a decision sooner rather than later.

"This is another one of those layers, and I'll express my disappointment that we didn't handle this in the initial discussions of continuing maintenance concerns (at the jail)," Weddle said during the June 27 meeting of the Coryell County Commissioners Court. "To replace two air handlers would come out of our contingency. So far the Butler-Cohen group (a contractor for the county overseeing county construction projects) has been outstanding (in responding to changes)."

Commissioner Ryan Basham said there are seven other air handlers at the jail.

"My concern is do we bring somebody else in to do those or do we address this now," he said. "What is the best-case scenario? Do we want to take care of this now or budget them (for later)? We're constantly addressing something in a system that's more than 30 years old."

Weddle said there would be a natural cost savings in replacing the inefficient air han-

dlers during the jail construction and expansion process.

"We can put (the air handlers) in during construction when you have to put a hole in the existing building anyway," he said

Architect Jeff Heffelfinger with Southwest Architects said it's important to balance complementary systems at the jail.

"We have to make sure we balance the (air conditioner) with the smoke evacuation system so we put enough air in to meet the regulations of the (Texas) jail commission," he said.

"My question is if we replace all nine of these air handlers, can the system be re-evaluated so we can see if there's a reduction in the number we need," said County Judge Roger Miller.

Heffelfinger said the engineer overseeing the project could do that.

"I think the two units we're talking about now are critical ones," Heffelfinger said. He added that they were installed in 1991 and those types of units are no longer available.

"I would like to hear from the contractors what the options are," Miller said.

"By the July 11 (commissioners court) meeting could we probably have a proposal on the revamped system?" Weddle asked.

"Yes sir," Heffelfinger said.

The commissioners court authorized contractors to evaluate the HVAC system options for air handlers at the jail, with the hope that any answer will be available for consideration by the court on July 11.

# Army horse cavalry rides on

BY ALEX ROMEY  
U.S. Army sergeant

FORT CAVAZOS - "First Team" troopers have been preserving the traditions of the U.S. Cavalry, performing drills and ceremonies at events here, locally, or overseas in our partner nations for over 50 years.

In 1972 the 1st Cavalry Division Horse Cavalry Detachment was activated. Since then, it has demonstrated its proficiency from the local change of commands to being a part of the Army-Airforce Football game. Capt. Michael Gates, an experienced rider who previously commanded the 11th ACR Horse Detachment, assumed command of the detachment.

"They're putting me through the same training program that all the new Troopers go through," Michael said. "I want to see how everything works out here because learning how things are done at the 1st Cavalry Division is very important to me."

When not performing in parades across the pond in the U.K. or exhibiting in local rodeos, the detachment hosts a weekly demonstration every Thursday. Mounted drills from the U.S. Army's 1883 Manual of Cavalry Tactics are presented to newly arrived Troopers, their families, and others from the local Texas community.

"We came out to see Fort Cavazos and the 1st Cavalry Divisions demonstration," said Angel Callan, the site director for the Florence Independent School District's ACE program. "Many of these students don't get to experience anything like this; we're trying to expose them to different colleges and careers."

Detachment Troopers perform other historical duties besides mounted drills, such as creating riding saddles in their leather shop, building and maintaining their Model 1878 supply wagon, and training and caring for their horses and mules.

"I had no prior knowledge of horsemanship or how to do any leather work," said Spc. Isaac Hernandez, a detachment trooper, drives the supply wagon and helps make the unit's leather items. "As soon as the opportunity to join, I jumped on it. This is a great experience to teach me how to ride horses and get me in tune with a different side of the Army."

The Horse Cavalry Detachment staff duty remains open 24/7, ready to give a tour so families can visit and see the animals. Troopers are always invited to visit the detachment and try out for a position with the "First Teams" Horse Cavalry.

"Come give it a shot; you don't know you'll love it until you're out here," Gates said. "I had zero experience before I joined the Black-horse team; I fell in love with it head over heels. I just bought my horse, and I will get involved with the cavalry and horsemanship in my free time."

## CORYELL HEALTH WELCOMES

Timothy Dannemiller, MD  
Family Medicine Physician

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

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

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# Folks around town



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Michael Porter

## Say hello to our neighbor, Michael Porter!

Michael is a Bank Teller at First Convenience Bank in Gatesville, and has been with the bank for over two years. The best part of his job is being able to help customers each day. He enjoys how our community is small and close-knit. Michael feels that The Gatesville Messenger is highly regarded amongst the locals.

If you happen to see Michael around town, say hello! He is one of us!

## FROM MY FRONT PORCH

# Why do we let the little tasks in life wear us down?



BY SAM HOUSTON

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

Every single day of our lives we have tasks to fulfill. Some are as simple as brushing our teeth or making our bed. There are times when we have slightly more difficult tasks to complete like replacing the kitchen disposal or painting a bedroom. Then there are the major undertakings like painting the house or replacing the deck. Completing any task takes planning, organization, and effort.

It is in our human nature to categorize tasks. Brushing our teeth is simple. It takes little effort, the supplies of toothpaste and water are easily obtained, and we feel better when the task is complete because our mouth is fresh and clean. My wager is few adults look at the task of brushing teeth as a huge undertaking. It is a routine effort we perform almost without thinking, and then go about our day.

On the other hand, some tasks like mowing the yard on a very hot summer day can seem very daunting. Why is that? The lawnmower is in

the garage and only needs to have a little gasoline added to the tank to be able to operate. Pushing the mower is not all that difficult and let's face it, mowing in straight lines and not missing any small portions of grass does not take a rocket scientist. It is not complicated nor mentally stressing. So why do some routine tasks like mowing seem to dig into our very heart and soul and create the stress which turns the simple job into a Herculean task? Is it because we dislike putting forth physical effort? Does the heat and sun create such an ominous

aura that it creates anxiety at the very thought of confronting it? Is it just plain laziness? Why do we look out the window for the 8th time and observe a "field of hay" where the front yard once existed, and mutter to ourselves, "man, I need to get that grass mowed before the neighbors complain." Why don't we just get up out of our chair, and get the job done. These are the questions that try men's souls.

Every Sunday night the trash from our house must be placed out on the curb at the entrance of our street. The destination is about 200 feet from our garage. We have a huge rolling garbage can so all it takes is for a person to grab the handle and push the cart. The following morning, once the trash has been picked up, it needs to be returned to its rightful storage spot in the garage. I am not sure how many times I spend Sunday afternoon telling myself to take the trash out, and then quietly responding, "I will as soon as there is a com-

mercial." Some would call it procrastination. I think it is being human.

Dad always said getting a job done is overcoming obstacles. He declared if one has the materials, staff, and machinery required, a lot of work can be done in a short period of time. He cautioned that rare is the time when all the manpower is there, where a piece of equipment does not breakdown or fail, or a job is completed without running out of materials. It is the running back and forth to Home Depot for something which really makes a job take a long time.

This weekend the weeds in the flower bed at my house need to be pulled. They have needed attention for quite a while. If it is not too hot, I may see about getting that done. Then again, maybe not.

Thought for the day: "Successful people do whatever it takes to get the job done, whether or not they feel like it."

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

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to the county to consider adding the camera system to the jail expansion project.

"The system is expandable in the future," he said. "Also, there is about a \$50,000 savings in these systems (for the new jail area and the current facility) if you combine them. Right now is the best time to consider this. Like any good planning, you want to get it right from the start.

"It's easier to review things with an integrated system and offers the ability for operators to be more efficient when you go from 92 beds to 147. It will help simplify things for staff, and efficiency is pretty im-

portant."

He said the closed network setup will also be more secure for the county: "If Washington, D.C. and Dallas County (which had open systems) can get hacked, you can get hacked (without a closed system). Other companies may offer a smaller upfront cost, but you have to remember they're going to get you for the next 20 years."

Commissioner Ryan Basham noted the current jail system was installed in 1991 "when I was a junior in high school," adding "it was time to overhaul the system."

Commissioner Scott Weddle said he talked to the sheriff, the district attorney and the county attorney, and "all agreed that 90 days (video storage) was sufficient. They

didn't see any need to go to 180 days right now.

"I've thought about this a lot. It's almost like watching HGTV when they tear up an old house and find things are not up to standard. We have to consider how long we're going to have this facility, and what potential problems we could avoid in the future by upgrading the system."

County Judge Roger Miller said it would have been better to consider the new system from the start of planning but added it's better to consider it now than to put it off.

"This is my feeling, I'll be very blunt and honest," he said. "I wish we'd considered this at the beginning of the project, but we didn't. If this facility is intended to be a

three- (to) five-year Band-Aid, the cost isn't worth it. I believe that's not what we want. I believe we should approve this change order.

"We have the responsibility to make some decisions and it's costs we're going to have to absorb. I believe it needs to be done."

"We're looking at this not as an albatross but as an investment," Weddle said. "We will have a good, solid structure that could potentially last another 30 years."

Matthews added his agreement.

"We've got to keep the building up and security up," he said. "To me it's a no-brainer ... it's the security aspect."



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Judge Dallas Sims recently welcomed 11 new CASA advocates to serve children in Bell and Coryell counties.

## 11 new volunteers welcomed for CASA of Bell and Coryell Counties

Eleven new volunteers took an oath to be a voice for children in the child welfare system as Court Appointed Special Advocates on Monday, June 26.

The ceremony was presided by the Honorable Judge Dallas Sims at the Bell County Courthouse in Belton, and was the second-largest group of advocates to join in the history of CASA of Bell and Coryell Counties. In their oath, the new advocates swore to carry out their duties as a CASA with their paramount concern being the best interests of the children to whom they're assigned.

The swearing-in ceremony followed 33 hours of training over the course of 5 weeks, which included in-classroom training, online modules and courtroom observations.

Judge Dallas Sims expressed her joy at the addition of more advocates to speak for children in the courtroom as a reporter for our judges, stating, "I was honored to swear in such an awesome group of advocates. We are so grateful for such a strong CASA team supporting the youth of Bell and Coryell Counties."

New advocates taking the oath included Denia Woods, Steve Wood, Tiffani Gregg, Miesha Elliott, Selene Sullivan, Michaela Denazen, Amber Peipert, Cheryl Lewis, Shirley Flowers, Martha Vazquez, and Luther Harris.

Speaking about why she wanted to take the leap and become a CASA, new advocate Miesha Elliott stated, "Having a voice is such a key part of your identity, but what

*"As a mom, I know what it feels like to want to protect a child and not get help. As a CASA advocate, I get to be on the other side - I am able to take action, provide resources, support and empowerment for children and their families."*

### MICHAELA DENAZEN

happens when you don't have a voice or someone to advocate for you? You get lost in the shuffle. Being a part of CASA allows me to advocate/be the voice of a child within the community. They WILL be heard."

Another new advocate, Michaela Denazen, spoke about what mo-

tivated her to join, saying "As a mom, I know what it feels like to want to protect a child and not get help. As a CASA advocate, I get to be on the other side - I am able to take action, provide resources, support and empowerment for children and their families. I am proud and honored to be a part of

an organization dedicated to help families."

For some, the desire to be a part of CASA is closer to home. Cheryl Lewis' daughter is a foster mother in Kentucky, so she's excited to learn more about how the foster care system works. "Children are the most vulnerable in our society. CASA provides a great opportunity to show love and kindness to those who are the most deserving in their time of need," said Cheryl.

The next training class begins on Tuesday, July 25 at 5:30 pm. If you are interested in learning more about becoming a CASA advocate, please go online at [www.casabellcoryell.org/volunteer](http://www.casabellcoryell.org/volunteer) for more information or call the CASA office at (254) 774-1881.

# Gatesville Riding Club Rodeo to be held July 27-29

## Staff Reports

The 86th annual Gatesville Riding Club Rodeo will be held Thursday, July 27 through Saturday, July 29. The rodeo starts at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$12 for adults and \$7 for kids ages 6-12. Kids ages 5 and under get in free.

Each night of the rodeo Mutton Bustin' will be in-

cluded, which will start at 7 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, and at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday. It will be limited to 20 riders per night and there will be a \$30 entry fee. There will also be a Calf Scramble, which does not require pre-registration.

To register for Junior Barrels, call 254-493-8954 on Monday, July 25 between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Once again, the rodeo will have its "Bubble Balls and Bulls" event for the spectators to enjoy.

Thursday will be "Military Appreciation Night" with admission fees of \$10 per adults and \$5 for kids ages 6-12. Military ID is required for discount admission.

Friday will have a "Back the Blue" theme, and those attending are encouraged

to wear blue to support law enforcement officers. On Saturday, the rodeo will feature an appearance by the Fort Hood 1st Cavalry Horse Platoon.

Gates to the rodeo will open at 6 p.m. The arena is located on Veteran's Memorial Drive in Gatesville.



## EXCHANGE CLUB SERVED BREAKFAST TO VETERANS AND ACTIVE-DUTY SERVICE



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The Gatesville Exchange Club along with Gatesville Independent School District hosted a breakfast for veterans and those in active-duty service on Tuesday, July 4. The breakfast was held in the Gatesville High School Culinary Arts dining room from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. Members of the Exchange Club were on hand to cook, serve, and to show their appreciation to veterans and those currently on active duty in the service of their country.

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## The DISPATCH

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of June 27 - July 4. While there were many calls to the dispatcher, this is a partial list of more significant activity. Persons 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 27

5:51 a.m., a disturbance was reported in the 1900 block of St. Louis Street.

8:24 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 1200 block of E. Main Street.

9:56 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of Elm Street.

#### June 28

3:04 p.m., harassment was reported in the 100 block of Elm Street.

6:40 p.m., a burglary was reported in the 100 block of Old Pidcoke Road.

9:11 p.m., a fight was reported in the 1700 block of Waco Street.

#### June 29

12:11 p.m., a vehicle fire was reported in the 11000 block of N. State Hwy. 36.

3:47 p.m., a gas leak was reported in the 500 block of E. Leon Street.

5:11 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1200 block of E. Main Street.

#### June 30

8:02 a.m., an accident was reported in the 800 block of E. Main Street.

10:16 a.m., a disturbance was reported in the 100 block of S. State Hwy. 36.

9:50 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2000 block of Waco Street.

#### July 1

3:38 a.m., a disturbance was reported in the 1500 block of W. Main Street.

5:28 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 900 block of Straws Mill Road.

7:19 p.m., a theft was reported in the 2500 block of E. Main Street.

8:26 p.m., a threat was reported in the 2000 block of Waco Street.

#### July 2

11:21 a.m., a threat was reported in the 1300 block of Pidcoke Street.

4:59 p.m., a disturbance

was reported in the 100 block of Elm Street.

5:15 p.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 600 block of State School Road.

11:16 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 300 block of Regal Lane.

#### July 3

8:24 a.m., an assault was reported in the 2500 block of Osage Road.

2:34 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2400 block of E. Main Street.

9:21 p.m., a noise disturbance was reported in the 1300 block of Mills Street.

#### July 4

9:39 a.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 600 block of Andrews Street.

11:55 a.m., a theft was reported in the 2800 block of S. State Hwy. 36.

7:40 p.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 400 block of Apache Drive.

9:17 p.m., a noise disturbance was reported in the 300 block of Valley View Drive.

### CORYELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

**June 27**  
8:50 a.m., a stolen vehicle was recovered in the 800 block of Industrial Drive.

2:54 p.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 4200 block of FM 1113.

8:40 p.m., a missing child was reported in the 700 block of Flint Rock.

#### June 28

7:45 a.m., a stolen vehicle was recovered in the 3900 block of James Avenue.

2:21 p.m., a theft was reported in the 2600 block of Snow Road.

6:29 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 500 block of CR 131.

9:54 p.m., a major accident was reported in the 1200 block of E. Main Street.

#### June 29

9:59 a.m., a suspicious vehicle was reported in the 300 block of FM 107.

12:13 p.m., a threat was reported in the 1400 block of CR 238.

10:24 p.m., a civil matter was reported in the 6300 block of E. Hwy. 84.

#### June 30

11:52 a.m., a grass fire was reported in the 200 block of Harrell Drive.

12:04 p.m., a structure fire was reported in the 1600 block of E. Hwy. 84.

8:26 p.m., an out-of-control child was reported in the 200 block of Jack Butler Road.

#### July 1

1:47 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported on FM 116 south of the airport.

9:05 a.m., trespassing was reported in the 700 block of Cactus Lane.

2:29 p.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 1600 block of Oak Springs Road.

#### July 2

4:31 p.m., a dog bite was reported in the 500 block of Summers Road.

6:23 p.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 700 block of Cactus Lane.

10:23 p.m., underage drinking was reported in the 1400 block of Woodville Drive.

#### July 3

3:26 p.m., a threat was reported in the 100 block of Old Waco Road.

3:41 p.m., a dog bite was reported in the 500 block of Summers Road.

10:44 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on FM 2412 at Plum Creek.

#### July 4

8:50 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 100 block of CR 344.

9:18 a.m., a theft was reported in the 2700 block of Mulberry Drive.

# Ethan Sandell Memorial Tennis Tournament July 8-9

## Staff Reports

The second annual Ethan Sandell Memorial Tennis 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 divisions for men's 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 to: Gvesmtournament@gmail.com, and make sure to include your UTR, universal tennis rating; NTRP, national tennis rating program; or a general assessment of your tennis skill levels. The deadline to enter is Wednesday, July 5.

# Gatesville locals on SHSU's spring 2023 Dean's List

## Staff Reports

Gatesville residents Madison Schultz and Ciera Billingsley were recently named to Sam Houston State University's Spring 2023 Dean's List.

The students listed on the Dean's List of Aca-

demic Honors at SHSU are undergraduates who have achieved a grade-point average of at least 3.5 out of a perfect 4.0 in all work attempted while enrolled in not less than 12 semester hours.

SHSU is a public research university in Huntsville

that was founded in 1879, making it the third oldest university in Texas. For more than 140 years, SHSU has served over 311 facilities with approximately 21,612 students at each campus.

# Billingsley named to SHSU spring 2023 President's List

## Staff Reports

Sam Houston State University, located in Huntsville, has recently announced the Spring 2023 President's List.

Among the students selected, Ciera Billingsley of

Gatesville was listed on the President's Honor Roll. To be eligible, you must be an undergraduate student who has achieved a perfect 4.0 grade-point average in all work attempted, while enrolled in at least 12 semester hours.

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# Burkes Outlet in Gatesville renamed Bealls

## Press Release

Bealls, Inc., which owns Burkes Outlet, has announced that the Burkes Outlet store on 2401 S State Hwy. 36 is being renamed Bealls. The company is retiring the Burkes name and dropping the word "Outlet" at all 83 of its Texas stores to support its continued growth nationally. There

are no planned changes to staffing at the Gatesville location which opened in May 2022.

"We're making this change so it's easier to find us everywhere and because some people think the word "outlet" implies seconds or excess merchandise," said District Manager Mary Williams "Our stores

are stocked with first quality brand name apparel, home and beauty products for the family."

Burkes Outlet gift cards, credit cards and rewards points will be honored at Bealls locations.

For more information, contact the store at (254) 216-7255.

# ROCKWELL IS STILL GROWING



COURTESY PHOTO

The Gatesville Senior Center has started a project for the entire community to participate in, called Rockwell the Rock Snake. To join in on the activity, find a rock or stone, then paint it, and add it to Rockwell, which is located along the sidewalk of the Senior Center. The goal of Rockwell is to make him longer each week to encourage the seniors to participate in their early morning exercise. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, individuals over the age of 65 are recommended to participate in at least 150 minutes of exercise per week, such as brisk walking. For more information on Rockwell the Rock Snake contact the Gatesville Senior Center at 254-865-8234. The Gatesville Senior Center is located at 208 N. Lutterloh Ave.

# Chamber seeking donations, welcomes businesses at Gatesville ISD Welcome event

## Staff Reports

Gatesville I.S.D. will be hosting its annual employee Welcome Back to School event on Wednesday, August 2.

The event allows Gatesville Chamber of Commerce members to set up tables/booths and pass out food and promotional items to returning educa-

tors and support staff of Gatesville ISD for the 2023-2024 School Year.

If your business would like to participate but doesn't want to set up a booth, promotional items may be taken to the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce office by July 26th. Those items will be included in goodie bags.

The estimated number of

GISD staff is 400, so please provide enough of whatever items you choose to bring.

The Chamber of Commerce is located in the visitors' depot at 2307 S State Hwy 36.

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# Pearl Church of Christ to hold revival July 8 & 9

## Staff Reports

Pearl Church of Christ will hold their annual Revival on Saturday, July 8 and Sunday, July 9. Saturday evening at 7 p.m. a service will be held, followed by homemade ice cream and treats. Sunday morning service will be at 10:30 a.m., followed by dinner on the grounds. The speakers will

be Chris Halpayne and Will Jackson. Everyone is invited to attend. Be sure to bring photos of Pearl if you have any or mail those photos to, Pearl Church of Christ, 6790 FM 183, Gatesville, Texas 76528.

The Pearl Church of Christ was established in 1895 and Summer Revivals have always been a part of their ministry. Many descendants

of the church moved to Pearl during the Ft. Hood Displacement in the 1940s. Most came from Eliga and Stampede including Graham, Gartman, Thomas, White, and Wilkinson families. Most attended the Eliga Church of Christ since they held their summer revivals under a tent between the church and Cowhouse Creek. Early revivals at the

Pearl Church of Christ were held under Cedar Arbors. In 1904, the Pearl Church of Christ Tabernacle was built and became the permanent home of their Summer Revivals.

The tabernacle served as an outdoor church during the recent Covid period and has been around since 1991. Early preachers, Elmore and Dulos Johnson came from

Abilene Church of Christ to preach a one-week revival with services morning and evening. The traveling preachers spent their week with the Boon Wilkinson family. Baptisms were held at the Cow House Creek between Pearl and Purmela. In the early days families brought their stoves, food, bedding, and supplies to camp out on the church

grounds during the week-long revival. Some of the pews under the tabernacle came from The Eliga Church of Christ.

For any further information about the Revival contact 254-865-9282. Pearl Church of Christ is located at 6790 FM 183 in Gatesville.

## Memories of Pearl Church of Christ revivals

### Submitted Item

In the early years the Pearl Church of Christ would have a 10-day revival in the summer after the grain was harvested and the cotton and corn crops were "laid by."

People from all over the community would attend; some of them camping on the grounds for the duration.

The men would build brush arbors to hold services to block the summer sun. Many families would pack their beds, food, clothes, and kids for the two-week revival.

There would be campfires and beds in the wagons all over the grounds. They would do their laundry on a rub board, and they fed their teams of mules on the grounds.

Sam Elam would not only load his family but would load their cook stove to have an oven for everyone to do their baking while

camping out. Pete Elam was the official mule skinner and driver of the large water wagon of the team powered a tractor for the grain thrasher in Pearl. He would bring a tank of water on a wagon and park it on the grounds so everyone would have water during the revival.

Four services a day was somewhat drab for most of the large mulberry tree behind the church and berry-stained faces and clothes were a dead giveaway where they had been. Sometimes the berries had tiny insects which didn't change the berry's natural flavor therefore no inspection was bothered with generally, the four churches in the community would have their revivals at different dates, but on one occasion two of the churches had their services at the same times.

The story was told that during their song service, one church was singing, "Lord Do I Have a Star in

My Crown," and at the same time the other church was singing, "No Not One."

There was a sunrise service, an 11 a.m. service, a 4 p.m. service, and an evening service. Around sundown the men, women, and children would separate into three under three different groves of trees.

The men in one group, the women in another, and the youngsters sang and prayed in their group. These meetings, therefore, got the name of "Grove Services" and "Grove Arbors."

In 1904, the present tabernacle of the Church of Christ was constructed to hold the two-week summer revivals.

The long table that still sits under the tabernacle was also used in G.P. Oney's General Store to cut bolts of material in the early 1900s. Coal oil lanterns or lamps were the only source of light for night services and the fam-



COURTESY PHOTO

**REMEMBERING REVIVALS:** Religious gatherings are a longstanding tradition in Pearl. In the early days, the Church of Christ would have a 10-day event.

ily camps. The little one by two boards that held the lanterns under the tabernacle are still there

today. Early revival preachers were Elmore and Delos Johnson and Jack Hutton.

## PEARL NEWS

# Homemade ice cream supper to follow Pearl revival service



BY BETSY CLARK

Pearl News Correspondent

The annual Pearl Church of Christ Revival begins this evening, July 8 and continues tomorrow, the 9. The Saturday evening service begins at 7 p.m. with Wil Jackson preaching. A homemade ice cream supper follows the service. Sunday morning's service begins at 10:30 a.m. with Chris Halpayne speaking.

In September, the annual Athley Fish Fry and Labor Day Auction benefiting His Kids takes place on September 3. Just a little teaser as to one of the items in the auction — a Grandfather Clock! Everyone is always invited to all these events, and everyone is always invited to this wonderful church! Their service time is 10:30 a.m. each Sunday morning.

The Pearl Cottage Bookstore reports a very busy, wonderful day last week. They even had visitors from as far away as Philadelphia, Pennsylvania! Of course, regular friends that come by such as Ruth Ann John-

son and David Scott aka Mr. Scott are always a delight to see as well! However, it was reported that Mr. Scott stayed as far away from the belligerent, but bodacious bikini as possible. Could it be that he is still traumatized from the last encounter with the atrocious attire? Honestly, I thought he'd want to take that framed formation home with him as a souvenir, but alas.

Linda Ray reports that the intrepid buzzard-stalkers have once again reared their ugly heads! Lenny and Squiggly are on the move again. The Pearl Mascot, Oliver, the adorable amazon of

a dog, has his work cut out for him. It is a well-known fact that if Linda even sits down on the Pearl Church of Christ grounds for even a second, Lenny and Squiggly begin to circle up and keep a vigilant watch—just in case they hit the jackpot! Thank goodness, Oliver is a true and loyal friend, and he will definitely keep Linda all in one piece with the buzzards at bay!! (By the way, speaking of Linda, she did confess to me that she did not have time to be a "pill" last week as there was way too much to do!! I actually don't think the buzzard duo would have anything to do with her—expired or

not—if she acted like a pill. Just my opinion, though.)

This week's Bible verse comes from Colossians 3:23,24—Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. 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 betsy-clark47@yahoo.com.

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## Whatever happened to ...

### 20 YEARS AGO (2003)

Gatesville native Angie Dean was appointed to become the assistant warden at the Gatesville Unit replacing Jesse Ferguson who transferred to the Huntsville area.

Gatesville High School junior Rachel Cooper was invited to attend the National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, D.C. She was the 16-year-old daughter of Paula and David Cooper.

National Bank recognized their employee Pat Fry who had worked for over twelve years as a teller at the bank. Pat said she enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren.

Eddie and Eva Lou Apel were celebrating their golden wedding anniversary. They were married June 6, 1953, at Bethel Heights Baptist Church near Gatesville.

A family reunion was taking place for the descendants of George Lee and Mack Victoria Spence Cole. The family was gathering at the City of Gatesville Housing Authority.

### 30 YEARS AGO (1993)

County commissioners accepted the recommendation made by Margaret Hale to hire Mrs. Arla G. Felts as Coryell's new Home Economics Extension Agent.

Paulette A. Clover of Gatesville was among students receiving certificates during graduation ceremonies at Temple Junior College. Clover received a certificate in vocational nursing.

At the Cinema, Jurassic Park was featured starring Sam Neill and Laura Dern. All seats were priced at \$2.50.

David Barnard, president and CEO of the National Bank, announced the promotion of Jim Schmitz to the position of Assistant Vice President and loan officer at their branch in Copperas Cove.

Live Oak Baptist Church was presenting the showing of the film, "Eye of the Storm," starring Jeff Conaway and Connie Sellecca. The film addressed vital and timely issues faced in society.

### 40 YEARS AGO (1983)

Mrs. Dean Bond of Gatesville, one of thousands registering for Wal-Mart Discount Store's Grand Opening, was presented with a 19-inch color RCA television set valued at \$344.

Two's Company, a hair care center in Gatesville, was holding their grand opening. The salon was managed by Debbie Beasley and Gertie Griffin.

The Kinsey-Coskrey families held their 49th reunion. The event was held at the Gatesville Housing Authority Center with sixty-nine in attendance.

Water rationing was implemented by the Gatesville City Council. City Manager Bob Stevens said Coryell Memorial Hospital and the western part of the city were almost out of water.

"Staying Alive" starring John Travolta was showing at the Cinema. Tickets were advertised as being \$1.50 from 2 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.

### 50 YEARS AGO (1973)

Gatesville was getting ready for its first "all-girl rodeo" which was set for a two-night run. It was reported that there was a big field of contestants and entries from as far away as Oklahoma.

The Gatesville School Board announced the employment of three new teachers for the 1973-74 school year. The new teachers were Linda Maxwell, Mary (Lindy) Peterson, and Talou Edwards.

Coryell County Clerk Rebel (Bubba) Henson was presented with a certificate of appreciation for his service as the 1972-73 chairman of the legislative committee.

Bruce Neeley, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Price Neeley of Gatesville, was employed by the Igloo Corporation based in Grand Prairie.

Ronnie Miller of the Jonesboro High School Future Farmer chapter was scheduled to receive his state farmer degree at a FFA state convention in Fort Worth.

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# Local attorneys gathered for a reading of the Declaration of Independence

**Staff Reports**

To honor America and the freedoms we all enjoy, and to celebrate the significance of Independence Day, members of the Coryell County

Defense Bar and the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association participated in the formal reading of the United States Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights.

The annual ceremony is part of a statewide effort by local defense lawyer groups affiliated with the TCDLA.



**READING OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE:** Local attorneys pictured in front of the Coryell County Courthouse reading the Declaration of Independence include, from left to right, Steve Striegler, Greg Simmons, Paul Harrell, Marcus Beaudin, and Byron Barnhill.

DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

## MASONS INSTALL NEW OFFICERS



Gatesville Masonic Lodge 197 recently installed new officers for the coming year. They are, front row, left to right, Larry C. McDonald, installing officer and chaplain; Bill Rader, Tiler; Jim Bob Kleshick, senior steward; Don Mason, junior steward; Sam Shurtleff, marshal; Robert Shurtleff, junior deacon. Middle row, left to right, Jim Athearn, senior deacon; David Kellerman, master of ceremonies; Jim Woodul, installing marshal; Barry Kellerman, secretary. Top row, left to right, Raymond Young, senior warden; Larry Crouch, worshipful master; and Eric Cummings, junior warden.

COURTESY PHOTO

# OBITUARIES

## Phyllis Barnes April 13, 1953 - June 29, 2023

Phyllis Barnes, age 70, of Kempner, passed away on Thursday, June 29, 2023, in Temple.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 8, 2023, at Pearl Country Church, with Rev. David Nurse officiating. Interment will follow at Pearl Cemetery. The family will receive visitors from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, July 7 at Scott's Funeral Home.

Phyllis Elaine Barnes was born on April 13, 1953, in Austin, to the late Lloyd and Alice Maurine Landis Adams. She grew up in the

Pearl community of Coryell County and graduated from Evant High School. She married Monty Barnes in Copperas Cove on July 5, 1983, and he preceded her in death in 2011. She was a civil service employee at Ft. Hood, retiring in 2008.

Phyllis is survived by her son, Bill Reneau and wife, Crystal, of Killeen; sister, Stacy Perez and husband, Ron of Salado; grandchildren, Allyson Reneau, Austin Reneau, Sean Reneau, Christine Kingsley, Alberto Rodriguez, Yalisse Echevarria and Zaezion Echevarria; and one great-granddaughter, Emelia Maristal Kingsley.



## Terry Balzen September 6, 1955 - July 1, 2023

Terry Balzen, age 67, of Gatesville, passed away on Saturday, July 1, 2023, in Gatesville.

Graveside services were held at 11 a.m. on Friday, July 7, 2023, at Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Killeen.

Terry Lynn Balzen was born on September 6, 1955, in Goldthwaite, to the late Eddie and Pat Holland Balzen. He attended school in Gatesville and was in the Class of 1975. He entered the United States Army in 1975, serving for three years until being honorably discharged. He then entered the Texas Army National Guard in 1979 and was called back to active duty, serving one tour in Iraq. He worked at M.A.T.E.S. as a mechanic, until his re-

tirement in 2008. He also worked in construction for Odell Geer in Temple. He married Michele Gould on May 5, 1989. Terry enjoyed watching the Dallas Cowboys, wrestling, and playing 42 Dominoes. He loved his dog "Izzy" and playing with his grandchildren. He was a loving husband, dad, brother, and Papaw.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Marilyn Holdren; father-in-law, Marty Gould; brother-in-law, Floyd Davis; and two nephews, Brandon Holdren and Cody Gould.

Terry is survived by his wife of 34 years, Mickey Balzen; children, Shane, Jacob and Amanda Balzen, Amanda Lowell and husband, Jeremy; sister, Sandy Easley and husband, Randy; grandchildren, Ali-



yha Balzen, Izaak Durbin, Emma Lowell; mother-in-law, Sara Gould; sister-in-law, Sharon Gould Davis; brothers-in-law, Mike Gould and wife, Monica, and Matt Gould and wife, Carolyn; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles and friends.

## Dine at the King's Table with Grace Assembly Christian Church July 8

**Submitted Item**

Grace Assembly Christian Church invites the community to dine at the King's Table on Saturday, July 8. The meal will begin at 1 p.m. and will continue through 3 p.m. There will be fellowship, fun, song, and plenty of food.

The King's cooks will

prepare a barbecue meal with all the fixings. Appreciation bags will be given out for the King's guests.

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# Max Sherman: my freshman neighbor



BY TUMBLEWEED SMITH

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

**M**ax Sherman was my next-door neighbor in Kokernot Hall when we were freshmen at Baylor. I must say he has done well for himself.

He served as a Texas State Senator representing the panhandle area and later was President of West Texas A & M University-Canyon, formerly known as

West Texas State University. Max has met the queen of England and written a few books.

"I was in the Texas Senate from 1971 until 1977, then

I was asked to be president of West Texas State, the University in Canyon, Texas," says Max. "I was either going to be a politician or a father. My wife and I thought about it, and I accepted the position in West Texas, leaving three and a half years on the table at the senate. I was a Democrat elected in a very Republican area, but I was not elected as a Democrat or a Republican. I was elected as the boy from Phillips. I played football and basketball in high school in Phillips, Texas. We traveled to schools all over the place, so I was just a local kid that got elected."

Max doesn't like titles. When people call him senator, he tells them to just call him Max. "You know titles are nice but they're not who

you are."

One of the books Max wrote is about congresswoman Barbara Jordan. The title is Barbara Jordan: Speaking the Truth with Eloquent Thunder.

"When it was originally done, it had a DVD in the back so you could hear her giving the speeches that she was famous for delivering. Houston Press just brought it out this year, but it doesn't have the DVD because people don't do DVDs anymore."

Max wrote about the artist Georgia O'Keefe.

"Most people don't know that she came to Amarillo when it had about twelve thousand people. She came to teach in the public schools and later taught in West Texas. She came to Texas from

the east because her older sister was here. Her sister had married Robert Young, president of New York Central Railroad. Where's Robert Young from? Canadian, Texas. Georgia came across New Mexico "while on a trip and stayed there the rest of her life."

A novel Max wrote is now with a New York publisher. The book he wrote that should be made into a movie is titled Releasing the Butterfly. It's a love story about Max and his wife Jean Alice. Max wrote it as therapy as he watched his wife suffer through Alzheimer's.

"I self-published it but it has taken on a life of its own. I've made talks all over the country and the book is now in the hands of a playwright. It is the only book

the International Journal of the Alzheimer's association chose to review," he said.

Although Jean Alice is in a constant care facility, she and Max meet often at Max's apartment in Austin.

"We meet here every weekday morning and afternoon. When the weather is good, we sit out on the balcony and watch the birds. She loves hearing my raspy voice. We hug, of course. Then I hold her foot and tell her I love her she'll raise her big toe up. That's her way of telling me that she loves me, too. In a new world, a new time, a new place, love does not end. She is very much still with us."



DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Descendant of Lloyd and Madge Mitchell gather at the Coryell Museum for a reunion.

## Mitchell family roundup held

BY DAVID SCOTT  
Staff Writer

The descendants of Lloyd and Madge Mitchell, including their five children, numerous grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, recently gathered at the Coryell Museum and Historical Center for a family reunion. It seemed to be the most fitting place for the family to meet since the museum is home to the Mitchell Spur

Collection. Lloyd and Madge Mitchell amassed more than 6,000 pairs of spurs over many years of collecting. Upon their deaths, family members donated the spurs, along with western and sports memorabilia to the museum.

The "Mitchell Roundup" reunion gave family members another chance to tour the museum and the vast collection of spurs - which

made Gatesville the Spur Capitol. The Texas Legislature designated Gatesville the Spur Capitol of Texas, and Gov. Rick Perry signed the bill in 2001.

Approximately 43 descendants of Lloyd and Madge Mitchell were on hand for the reunion - some coming from as far away as New York and Oregon to visit their family roots in Gatesville.

## Mother Neff Park receives honor

Submitted by Mother Neff State Park

**A** bronze plaque designating Mother Neff State Park as a Lone Star Legacy Park was recently installed inside the park's visitors center. The honor was bestowed on the park by the Texas Recreation and Parks Society.

Mother Neff State Park was the only state park to receive the award from seven parks nominated this year.

A Lone Star Legacy Park is classified as a park that holds special prominence in the local community and the state. To qualify for consideration, the park must have endured the test of time and become iconic to those who have visited, played, and rested on its grounds. Nominated parks must be a minimum of 50 years old and meet at least one of the following criteria: the property represents distinctive design and/or construction; the park is associated with historic events or sites; the park is associated with events specific to the local community/state or the park is home to unique natural features.

Nestled along a scenic stretch of the Leon River southwest of Waco, Mother Neff is one of Texas' earliest state parks. Isabella E. Neff - affectionately known as "Mother Neff" - envisioned her acre-



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A plaque was recently installed in the visitor's center at Mother Neff Park which designates the park as being a Lone Star Legacy Park.

age near the Leon River as a place for the public to gather, rest and recreate. In her will, she left the Neff Picnic Grounds ... "to the public for religious, educational, fraternal and political purposes."

Neff was the mother of Pat M. Neff, Governor of Texas from 1921 to 1925. In 1923, Pat Neff established the Texas State Parks Board and charged them with creating a statewide parks system. This effort coincided with a national movement to create regional park systems. Between 1934 and 1938, Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Company #817 constructed buildings, struc-

tures, recreational facilities, roads, and trails for the park. Pat Neff liked to say that Mother Neff was the "mother of state parks."

Today, the park offers Texans a place to recreate outdoors with glimpses of the past all around. It still serves as a community and family gathering spot. The natural environments of the river and floodplain corridor, along with upland prairie and forest settings, provide outdoor classrooms for natural science studies for area schools and universities.

## 77th Hampton Reunion July 14-16

Submitted Item

The descendants of Eli Michael "Yack" and Sarah Roberta "Bertie" Purvis Hampton will hold their 77th reunion at the historic Pearl Community Center on July 14th-16th.

The Hampton Reunion began when youngest sibling, Steve "Sonny" W Hampton returned from World War II, and the Hamptons have maintained the tradition since. The Hamptons lost Sonny this last year and will pay homage to him at this

reunion.

For more information, please visit the family's web page, [www.hamptonsofpearl.com](http://www.hamptonsofpearl.com). All friends and family are welcome to attend.

## Senior Center presents smartphone question and answer forum July 13

Staff Reports

The Senior Center will hold a smartphone question-and-answer for senior citizens on Thursday, July 13 at 2 p.m.

Members of the Boys and Girls Club of Gatesville will be in attendance to demonstrate how to use a smartphone properly. The question-and-answer event is open for the community

to attend.

The Senior Center is located at 208 N. Lutterloh Ave. in Gatesville. For more information contact 254-865-8234.

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**CHRISTMAS IN JULY TODAY ONLY!** 9 AM - 3 PM 00030218

**ESTATE SALE:** 308 S. 7th Street. July 7 & 8, from 7 a.m -12 p.m. Furniture, holiday decor, miscellaneous, kitchenware, and more! 00030223

**Estate Sale:** July 13-14-15/ Thursday-Friday-Saturday. 1305 Baldrige Drive, 9a.m.-5p.m. Household items, tools, lots of western shirts & belts! Everything priced to go. Also Plants & Succulents! 00030230

**RAIN OR SHINE:** 9-Family garage sale! 1-day-sale, most items 1/2 price! Also, new items added. Thursday, July 13 only, 8:30a.m.-6p.m., 5275 TX 236 Hwy., Moody. 00030233

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Pursuant to Chapter 59 of the Texas Property Code, Ideal Self Storage, located at 425 SH-36 Bypass North, Gatesville TX, 76528, is having an online auction. The property is being sold to satisfy a landlord's lien. The sale will be held at storageauctions.com beginning Wednesday, July 19, 2023 at 11 A.M. Seller reserves the right to withdraw any property from the sale upon payment in full. Bidding sale will end on Wednesday, July 26, 2023 at 11 A.M. Units to be sold: AMANDA FREEMAN. Inventory: Household misc. 00030212

Request for Proposal (RFP) Development of Coryell County SS4A Action Plan June 27, 2023

Re: Coryell County 2023 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Action Plan RFP

Project Overview: Coryell County is seeking qualified firms or individuals to Create a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan for Coryell County. The County has applied for funding from the United States Department of Transportation to complete a plan as indicated in the Scope of Work set out in the RFP.

Service providers should submit proposals for the completion of all the activities listed in the Scope of Work. The County will, in its sole discretion, determine the contract awarded, and may decide not to award any contract.

The submission requirements for this proposal are included in the published RFP, which can be accessed on the Coryell County Website at: <https://www.coryellcounty.org/page/coryell.bids.rfq> The deadline for submission of proposals is July 24, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. It is the responsibility of the submitting entity to ensure that the proposal is received in a timely manner. Proposals received after the deadline will not be considered for award, regardless of whether or not the delay was outside the control of the submitting provider. Coryell County reserves the right to negotiate with any and all service providers submitting timely proposals.

Coryell County is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Section 3 Residents, Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises, Women Business Enterprises, and Labor Surplus Area firms are encouraged to submit proposals.

Sincerely,  
 Roger A. Miller  
 Coryell County Judge  
 00030224

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Linda Williams a/k/a Linda Sue Williams, Deceased, were issued on 6-6-23, in Cause No. 23-10838, pending in the County Court-at-Law of Coryell County, Texas, to: Raiford Williams.

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: Raiford Williams  
 Estate of Linda Sue Williams  
 3011 Grimes Crossing Road  
 Copperas Cove, Texas 76522

DATED the 28 day of June, 2023.

Dori Ray Mistic  
 Attorney for Raiford Williams  
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 00030235

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Erika Martin, Deceased, were issued on July 5, 2023, in Cause No. 23-10862, pending in the County Court-at-Law of Coryell County, Texas, to: Billie Martin.

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

c/o: Allen D. Place, Jr.  
 Attorney at Law  
 109 S. 7th Street  
 Gatesville, Texas 76528

DATED the 7th day of July, 2023.

Allen D. Place, Jr.  
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Telephone: (254) 865-8475  
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 00030236

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Debra M. Aiken, Deceased, were issued on July 5, 2023, pending in the County Court-at-Law of Coryell County, Texas, to: Joanna Wasson.

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

c/o: Allen D. Place, Jr.  
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DATED the 5th day of July, 2023.

Allen D. Place, Jr.  
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## CORYELL COMMUNITY CHURCH TEAMS UP WITH KEEP GATESVILLE BEAUTIFUL TO HELP CLEAN UP RABY PARK



COURTESY PHOTO

Recently, the Coryell Community Church partnered with Keep Gatesville Beautiful to clean up the litter around Raby Park. The volunteers spent their time scraping picnic tables and picking up litter, while the children painted rocks. Bryson's Sno-Dizzle was set up to serve the volunteers with a free snow cone as well. Keep Gatesville Beautiful is a community non-profit organization that works to improve the community's environmental awareness. From improvement projects to educational presentations, Keep Gatesville Beautiful is entirely volunteer based.

## Bell County Master Gardeners release July events schedule

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

### JULY 19

The BCMGA and Harker Heights Activities Center Presents "Texas Superstar Trees, Shrubs and Specialty Plants" on Wednesday, July 19, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Harker Heights Activities Center, 400 Indian Trail Ave., Harker Heights. Certified Master Gardener, Melissa Johnson will discuss and provide you with a list of "Texas Superstar" shrubs and trees as well as specialty plants that you can use in your landscape. Registration for the seminar opens on July 10 at 8 a.m. Class limit 50. Register at <http://bit.ly/42GVGKN>

Please email Kailie Gomez at [kgomez@harkerheights.gov](mailto:kgomez@harkerheights.gov) or call 254-953-5465 if you have any questions.

### JULY 20

The BCMGA Presents a Free Monthly Seminar "My Backyard" on Thursday, July 20, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Texas AgriLife Extension Service, BCMGA Learning Center, 1605 N. Main Street, Belton. Certi-

fied Master Gardener, Juan Anaya will discuss how to attract hummingbirds, pollinators, and other wildlife to your backyard. Class Limit 50. Please register at [bcmgaspeakers@gmail.com](mailto:bcmgaspeakers@gmail.com)

### JULY 22

The Bell County Master Gardener Association presents a Hands-on Workshop "Making Hypertufa Containers" on Saturday, July 22, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Texas AgriLife Extension Office, BCMGA Learning Center, 1605 N. Main Street, Belton. Please join Certified Master Gardener, Teri Marceau as she teaches you how to make light weight cement hypertufa containers that allow for air flow and water retention for your plants. She will teach you how to mix and mold the hypertufa pots into various shapes and sizes. She will have both containers and steppingstone molds available. The class is limited to the first 20 paid registrants. The fee is \$16 per person. Payment instructions will be provided upon registering for the workshop. Registration closes Wednesday, July 19 at 5 p.m. unless class fills prior to close date.

Register at [bcmgaspeakers@gmail.com](mailto:bcmgaspeakers@gmail.com)

## Marriage license applications filed at the Coryell County Courthouse in June

### Staff Reports

Marriage license applications that were filed during the month of June 2023 at the Coryell County Clerk's office include:

Michael James Altman and Elizabeth Diaz Lewis, Juwan Franklin Biggers and Nicole Tanise Comer-Cureton, June Bamburg Burrow and Rose Ann Moutz, Sophy Chhay and Chanthol Chhin, Robert Scott Coker and Karen Renae Long, Brandon Thaine

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

## RECIPE

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

## Pork Tenderloin

BY ANN MILLER

2 T. chopped fresh thyme  
 Pinch of salt  
 1 tsp. freshly ground pepper  
 ¼ tsp. allspice or cloves  
 3 cloves garlic minced  
 2 T. vegetable oil  
 1 - 1 ½ lbs. pork tenderloin

½ c. orange marmalade  
 1 T. ginger  
 1/3 c. Dijon mustard  
 1 T. Worcestershire sauce  
 ¼ tsp. salt  
 ¼ tsp. freshly ground pepper



Mix thyme, salt, pepper, allspice, and garlic in a small bowl. Rub tenderloin in oil then coat evenly with thyme mixture. Cover and marinate at least one hour in the refrigerator. Combine marmalade, mustard, ginger, Worcestershire, salt and pepper in a small bowl. Rub over meat. Bake for 60-75 minutes or 1 ½ hours in oven at 350. Pork is done when meat thermometer registers 160.

## Texas named best business climate in the nation

### Staff Reports

Texas has been named the state with the Best Business Climate by Business Facilities magazine in their 19th Annual Rankings Report, Texas Governor Greg Abbott said.

In 2022, Texas attracted more than 1,000 projects, more than double the second-highest state, representing an expected \$44.75 billion in capital investment and the creation of more than 35,000 jobs. Foreign direct investment accounts for \$16.3 billion and about half of new jobs recorded for that year. Advanced manufacturing in the state has seen robust growth, with significant investment from semiconductor, electric vehicle, and aerospace/aviation firms. Major companies are choosing the Lone Star

State for corporate headquarters with 55 Fortune 500 firms calling the state home.

"The Texas legend is fueled by leaders, innovators, and trailblazers inspired by the unique freedom and opportunity that only exists in our great state," Abbott said. "With no state income tax, a reasonable regulatory environment, a growing, diverse, and highly skilled workforce, and economic development tools that help support investments, Texas continues to offer something for everyone to thrive. When businesses succeed, so do Texans—and our business climate ensures that Texas continues to offer world-class educational opportunities, good-paying careers to support families, and endless possibilities to

prosper. I look forward to continue to work alongside businesses, economic development teams, and leaders across our state as we keep Texas the best place for business."

Focused on over 60 factors pertinent to site selection teams during a corporate relocation or expansion project, Business Facilities' Annual Rankings Report has been a resource for corporate site selectors and site selection consultants for nearly two decades.

"The strength and sustained momentum of the Texas economy made the state a clear choice for Best Business Climate in this year's rankings," said Business Facilities Editorial Director Anne Cosgrove. "Taking the top spot this year is based, not only on the im-

pressive capital investment and job creation numbers, but also for diversity of industries, robust infrastructure, and a business-friendly regulatory and tax climate." Following Texas in the top five for Best Business Climate are: North Carolina, Virginia, Utah, and Tennessee, respectively, followed by Colorado, Washington, Nevada, Georgia, and Florida.

Business Facilities has revealed the top states chosen for a select number of categories from its 19th Annual Rankings Report. The full report — including annual State Rankings and Metro and Global Rankings — will be published in the July/August 2023 issue of Business Facilities.

# Weiss restores courthouse marker



COURTESY PHOTO

Larry Weiss restores the Coryell County Courthouse historical marker using the guidelines provided by the Texas State Historical Society in Austin.

BY DAVID SCOTT  
Staff Writer

In preparation for the 125th anniversary of the courthouse, restoration of the building's historical marker has been completed.

The historical marker, which was first dedicated in 1969 on the north side of the courthouse, will now be reinstalled on the south side of the structure which was originally intended to be the main entrance.

The marker, showing years of weather and age, was removed from the courthouse lawn in recent months and delivered to Larry Weiss for restoration

by Coryell County Commissioner Ryan Basham.

Weiss, who has had previous experience in restoring and refinishing Texas State Historical Markers, has now brought the faded marker back to its original condition using methods provided by the Texas State Historical Commission in Austin.

In recent years, Weiss was called upon to restore the historical marker located at Mother Neff State Park which was badly in need of refinishing after being submerged numerous times during the flooding of the park since it was originally installed in 1968.

The historical marker for the Coryell County Courthouse will be re-dedicated during the anniversary celebration on Saturday, July 22.



COURTESY PHOTO

Larry Weiss stands next to the Coryell County Courthouse historical marker that he recently restored and refinished in preparation for the 125th anniversary of the construction of the building.



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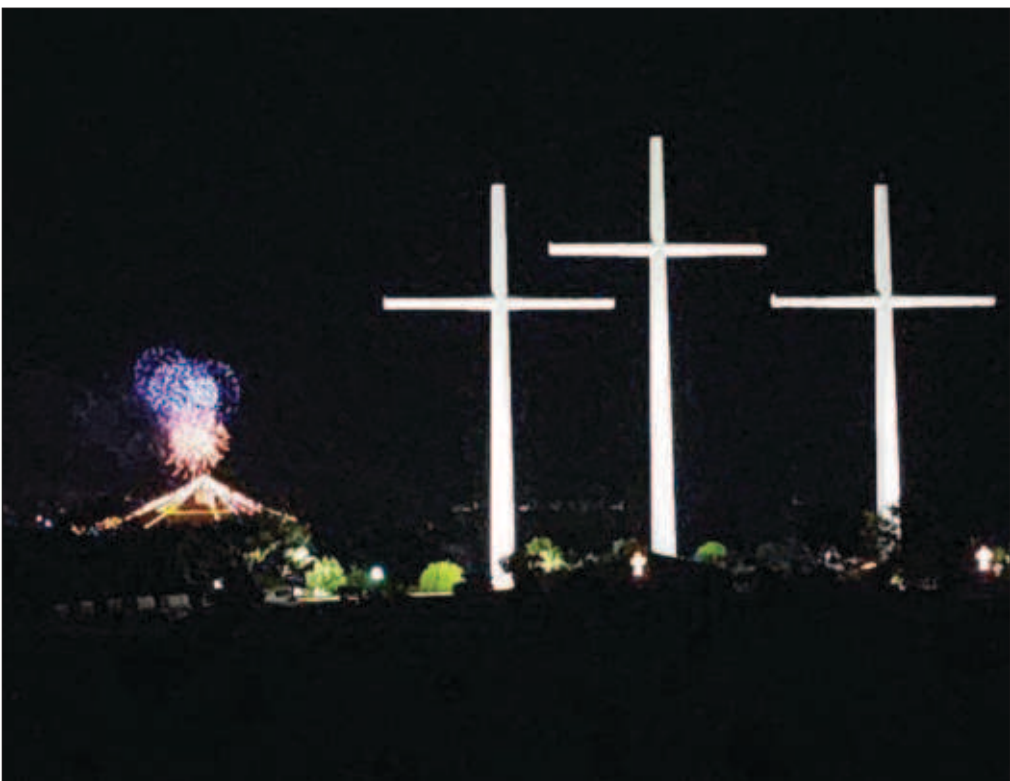
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# Star-Spangled Family Fun

Gatesville residents were treated to many free, family-friendly activities to celebrate Independence Day including a fireworks show, picnic at Grace Bible Church and celebration at Gateway Baptist Church. Activities included games, water slides, face painting, refreshments and more. Photos by David Scott and Alex Meelbusch.



COURTESY PHOTO BY DEBRA SMITH



## Making a splash in Gatesville



DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

One sure way to cool off during the sizzling summer months of June, July and early August is to enjoy a visit to the Gatesville City Pool. The pool is open from noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, from noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday and Friday and from 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday. Admission costs \$3 for those age 4 and older and is free to those 3 and younger. Season passes and punch cards for discounted visits are also available.



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# A Great Catch



SHANNON CHAMBERS PHOTO

Jace Shepherd, of Gatesville, the son of J.D. Shepherd, Ashley Wright and Ryan Shumake, holds a fish he caught at Lake Belton on May 28. Jace is the grandson of Jimmy Shepherd, Brenda Shepherd, Shannon Chambers and Michelle Robinson.

# GISD welcomes new coaches

## From GISD Reports

Gatesville ISD athletics has announced several additions to the coaching staff for 2023-2024.

"We have eight new full-time members joining our athletic staff," said GISD Athletic Director Rickey Phillips. "We have hired some coaches with great experience and also recruited some youth to our staff."

The new coaching hires include:

- Katie Burnside — High school and junior high soccer. She is a native of Lorena and played soccer collegiately at Howard Payne University.

- Madison Carpenter — Junior high girls volleyball, basketball, and track. She is a graduate of Gatesville High School, where she was a three-sport standout.

- Tommy Fadal — Former GHS girls basketball head coach from 1987-2004. He will serve as the girls basketball varsity assistant coach.

- Cambry Gilbert — High school football and boys track. He is a native of Post and played college football at Eastern New Mexico University.

- Whitney Holdbrook — High school girls basketball and junior high volleyball. She is a native of Lorena and played college basketball at Concordia University.

- Phillip Martin — High school head cross country and head girls track. He is a native of Evant and was a track All-America selection at Tarleton State University.

- Shawna Martin — Junior high girls coordinator. She is a native of Priddy and will coach cross country, basketball and track.

- Tobias Moore — High school boys basketball (joins staff full-time). He is a graduate of Gatesville High School and played basketball collegiately at Ranger College.

- Tatiana Navarro — GISD head athletic trainer. She is a graduate of Gatesville High School and will cover high school and junior high student-athletes.

"I feel like we swung for the fences with all of these guys ... and we hit home runs," Phillips added. "They will be great coaches, will be great in the academic setting, and will be great representatives of our athletic program."

# GISD Athletics to present volleyball and wrestling camps

## Staff Reports

The Gatesville Independent School District will host two athletic camps starting Monday, July 10 - for both volleyball and wrestling.

For the past 20 years Gatesville High School has held a Hornet Volleyball Camp for Gatesville Independent School District students. This year, first through ninth grade students will be able to participate.

The camp will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. from Monday, July 10 through Wednesday, July 12, at the high school's Sidney L. Pruitt Gymnasium.

The volleyball camp will be led by coach Janey Weber and the wrestling camp will be led by coach Robert Clater Jr.

Registration will begin at 7:45 a.m. on Monday, July 10, or you can register online by using the QR code located on the front of the camp flyer.

The wrestling camp will have two different sessions. The first session, for children entering grades 1-6, will be from 8:30 to 9 a.m. July 10-14. The second session, for those entering grades 7-12, will be from 10 to 11 a.m. July 10-14.

Gatesville High School is located at 205 South Lovers Lane.

# Football camp scheduled

Gatesville ISD will host a football camp for students entering grades 7-9 from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. Monday, July 24 through Wednesday, July 26.

The camp will allow students to focus

on fundamentals and a variety of skills.

The camp is led by Gatesville High School varsity head football coach Aaron Hunter.

Cost of the camp is \$40.

## Area Fishing Report

### Lake Belton

GOOD. Water lightly stained; 84 degrees; 13.33 feet below pool. The very stable, hot, dry, high pressure weather this week with nearly no cloud cover has the white bass and hybrid striped bass feeding early and consistently. A reliable topwater bite has been taking place this week from about 6:40-8:30 a.m. The fish have then been leaving the surface but continuing to feed until around 9:50 a.m. then the bite shuts off.

The MAL Mini, which imitates young shad, has been the best producer for those who can throw this light bait on long spinning rods with light line. The MAL Original or MAL Heavy with either white or chartreuse tail is a strong second option. Once fish leave the surface, side-imaging and Garmin LiveScope help reveal where the fish have gone. Either casting to them or downrigging through them is effective, with downrigging having a slight edge. Using #12 or #13 Pet Spoons on the downriggers

has been very effective. Report by Bob Maindelle, Holding the Line Guide Service. Lake Belton water temperature is 85 degrees on the surface and 73 degrees at 40 feet. Catfish are great. Large numbers of blue catfish under 10 pounds can be found in the mouths of creeks and along old river channels in 10-30 feet of water. Drifting with fresh cut shad has worked best. Channel catfish are fired up for the summer and have been excellent using punch bait around gravel beds and timber. Flatheads have been slow but can be found around large rock piles using live bait. Report by Brian Worley, B&S Catfishing. Crappie are fair when you drop minnows in front of them to get a reaction. Fish are in 14-22 feet of water loaded up on brushpiles, but very finicky. There are some scattered fish in the timber, but the ones you do find are reacting quick. Report by Zach Minnix, Jig N' Jerk Guide Service.

### Stillhouse Hollow

GOOD. Water lightly stained; 85 de-

grees; 13.84 feet below pool. The very stable, hot, dry, high pressure weather this week with nearly no cloud cover has the white bass feeding early and consistently. Morning fishing for white bass is more productive than afternoons or evenings.

Fish are in as much as 45 feet of water and relating to breaklines. Finding fish with sonar and then Spot-Locking atop them and working MAL Lures vertically from bottom, upwards through the fish is effective, and will continue to be all summer. Using downriggers to find concentrations of fish while at the same time steadily catching fish is also becoming effective. Sunfish are spawning now with their white, bowl-shaped nests quite apparent amidst the dark green hydrilla.

Worm fished beneath a float makes for fun, simple fishing, even from the shoreline. Quality largemouth bass fishing continues with dark, naturally colored soft plastics fished on the outside edge of the hydrilla now standing

in about 17-19 feet of water both early morning and just before/after sunset. Report by Bob Maindelle, Holding the Line Guide Service.

### Lake Waco

GREAT. Water stained; 85 degrees; 7.53 feet below pool. Crappie are awesome in 11-16 feet of water using 1/8 ounce jigs paired with a 2 inch baby shad. Report by Zach Minnix, Jig N' Jerk Guide Service.

### Lake Whitney

GREAT. Water lightly stained; 85 degrees; 4.75 feet below pool. Striped bass are good with live bait and down rigging jigs mid-lake to the dam. Report by Michael Acosta, Unfair Advantage Charters. Striped bass continue to be good throughout the reservoir on swimbaits, topwater lures, live shad, minnows and perch along the channel as well as Creek channel edges. Report provided by Kraig Sexton, Sexton's Guide Service LLC, Fishing Charter, Marine Electronics & Whitney.



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# Boys and Girls Club to present Night at the Museum July 8

## 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" on Saturday, July 8. Included will be a tour of the museum, dinner, and a performance put on by Gatesville's youth. The program is based on the movie "Night at the Museum" that appeared in theaters in 2006.

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.

Playwright Terri Schexnayder has been coaching the Boys and Girls Club kids to help them with their roles in the "Night at the Museum" segment of the evening. The students participating will be Jadan Moore who will be in the Spur Room playing the part of Mr. Lloyd Mitchell; Gavin Williams who is playing a military soldier; Rose Van

Calcar who will be in the schoolroom playing the part of an early day teacher; Caleb Blum will play the part of the night watchman; Brent Hudson will be stationed at the Model T car where he will portray a Justice of the Peace; Braxten Bell will be stationed in the Soda Shop/Drug Store and doctor's office where he will be portraying Dr. Lowrey; and Haven Wiley will be portraying the first and only female sheriff of Coryell County, Mrs. W.W. (Willie Birdie) Hollingsworth who served in 1934.

While touring the museum, do not be surprised to hear loud roaring from dinosaurs that might have come to life - and watch out for that night watchman.

When the tours of the museum are over, the attendants will lead the visitors and guests upstairs for dinner and entertainment. Creative writer and poet, Jena Kirkpatrick, will be assisting the kids performing onstage during the dinner hour. Jena has been working with Gatesville's youth for about seven years on poetry and creative writing workshops and has done amazing work with the youth and allows them space to put their feelings on paper.

The Boys and Girls Club staff that will be helping

with the evening will include Julie Hudson, Ramona Romero, Ruben Romero, Patricia Chisholm, and Gabi Robles. Heather Ashley and Hannah Ashley will be servers.

The docent and museum volunteers that will be on hand to help with the evening will be Cathy Taylor, Rebel Brown, Gavin Williams, Bethny Como, Nancy Garvin, Sherry Hopson, Rhonda Mohler, Jann

Dworsky, Mary Williams, and Erv Adams.

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.



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Coryell Museum and Historical Center

## SUDOKU

Solution for the puzzle that ran July 1.

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Puzzle by websudoku.com

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Puzzle by websudoku.com

# 4-H to hold summer awards party July 19

## Staff Reports

Coryell County 4-H will hold its summer awards party on Wednesday, July 19. All 4-H friends and family members will need to RSVP online at <http://coryellagrilife.org> by Wednesday, July 12.

The awards presentation will be held at Raby Park located on South 8th St. in Gatesville, and will begin at

7 p.m.

A swimming party will take place shortly after the awards presentation from 8-10 p.m. at the Gatesville City Pool located at 300 South 8th St. in Gatesville.

For more information contact Coryell County AgriLife Extension Office at 254-865-2414.

# American Legion Post 42 presents Tools for Schools July 22

## Staff Reports

American Legion Post 42 of Gatesville invites the community to participate in a Poker Run called Tools for Schools on Saturday, July 22. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. at the American Legion, and the Poker Run will begin shortly after. There will be a \$20 buy-in fee.

Tools for Schools is

a charity event to raise money for children to get backpacks for the upcoming school year.

Poker Run is like the original poker game, except with a creative twist. Instead of sitting down at a poker table, riders will ride motorcycles between checkpoints. Depending on the version of poker, there are usually between five to seven checkpoints.

Once riders arrive at the first checkpoint, everyone gets a card from a deck of playing cards. Then everyone rides to the next checkpoint. Once there, everyone gets a second playing card. Then the process repeats until riders have reached the final checkpoint. At that point, everyone shows their cards, and whoever has the best hand wins.

According to the Guinness Book of Records, the largest poker run happened in 2013 in Fort Collins, Colorado, where 1,494 participants raised \$13,000 for the Realities for Children fund.

American Legion Post 42 of Gatesville is located at 214 Watts Lane. For more information contact 254-865-4134.

# Evant ISD taking donations for upcoming golf, tennis teams

## Staff Reports

Evant Independent School District is currently taking donations for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year. The donations will aid the school in

providing supplies for the new upcoming golf and tennis teams.

The golf team will be taking donations of any kind to support its upcoming season, and donations can include equipment,

supplies, or funds. The tennis team needs spare rackets, balls, etc. for the upcoming season.

As of right now, Evant ISD is home to football, track and field, basketball, volleyball, and cheer

teams.

Evant ISD is located at 339 Memory Lane. For more information concerning donations contact 254-471-3160.

# Gatesville Library holds summer programs

## Staff Reports

Gatesville Public Library has recently announced their summer programs for the month of July. Most of the classes that require signing up are full, but other programs such as ABC Yoga, Storytime, movies, and Cooks & Books are still available to attend.

On Monday, July 10, ABC Yoga will be held at 10 a.m. at the Gatesville Public Library.

On Tuesday, July 11, Pinterest Camo will be held at 11 a.m., the Hour of Code will be held at 2 p.m., and a CCGS meeting will take place at 5:30 p.m. at the Gatesville Public Library.

On Wednesday, July 12, Storytime will be held

at 11 a.m. and Mad Matters meets at 1 p.m. at the Gatesville public Library.

On Thursday, July 13, a movie will begin at 1:30 p.m. at the Gatesville City Auditorium.

On Friday, July 14, Cooks & Books will begin at 11 a.m. and a Computer Skills Class will take place at 2 p.m. at the Gatesville Public Library.

On Tuesday, July 25, a Book Club will be held at 10 a.m. at the Gatesville Public Library. The book of choice will be "The Prayer Box" by Lisa Wingate.

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# Introducing ZED, by Duane M. Abel

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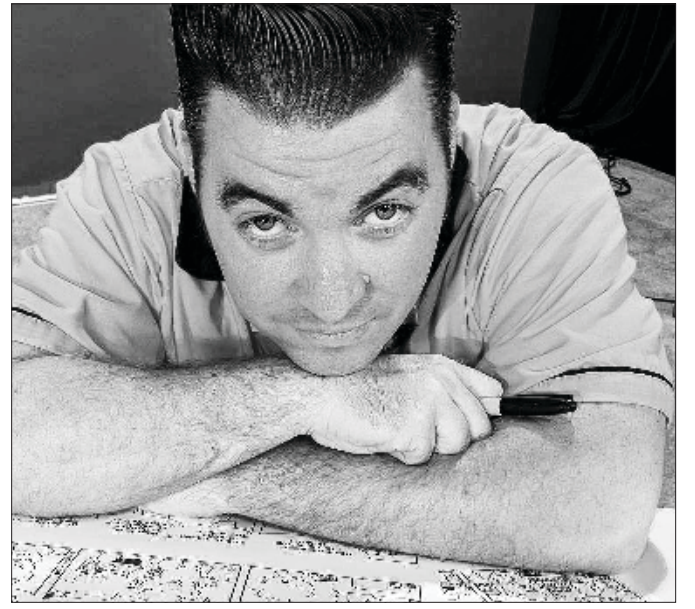


This week we are pleased to introduce our readers to the family friendly comic strip series ZED, written and drawn by cartoonist Duane Abel (who resides in a small Ohio community).

ZED is a lovable piece of fabric softener and dryer lint that found his way into the hearts of a loving family. ZED (who is about to celebrate his 28th year of publication) appears in over 50 weekly newspapers nationwide and has been collected into several books by Corkey Comics Publishing. GARFIELD creator Jim Davis has called ZED "a comic strip with a ton of heart".

Cartoonist Duane Abel is a proud member of the National Cartoonists

Society and even prouder dad to two boys. His first children's book "BOWLERS: The Cereal Mascot" was just released last year and he is on the list of noted Ohio cartoonists from OSU's Billy Ireland Art Museum and Cartoon Library. Duane's first feature film as a screenwriter is the romantic comedy feature film "THE GREEN OAK GUARDIAN" which is now available on Amazon and Tubi and where he also appears as Hollywood super agent Cy Glasbery. Duane plans to draw the comic strip ZED for at least 85 years, making him 100 years old when that feat is achieved! Duane calls this his "Thrive to 85!"



Duane M. Abel

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## ZED by Duane M. Abel



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## GISD provides meals at no cost for kids through July 28

### 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 will continue through Friday, July 28.

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

#### GATESVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Located at 2537 E. Main St. Elementary school will provide meals Monday through Friday. Breakfast will be served from 8-8:30 a.m., lunch will be from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., and the sit-down meals will be served in the cafeteria. Adults will pay \$2.50 for breakfast and \$4.25 for lunch.

#### TRINITY DAY CARE CENTER

Located at 1506 W. Main St. in Gatesville.

Meals will be provided at Trinity Day Care Center Tuesday through Thursday. Breakfast will be served from 8-8:30 a.m. and lunch will be from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

#### THE GATESVILLE CITY POOL

Located at 300 S. 8th St. Meals will be provided at the Gatesville City Pool Tuesday through Thursday. Lunch will be served from 12:30-1 p.m.

#### GATESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Located at 205 S Lovers Lane. Gatesville High School will provide meals Monday through Thursday at the high school football field concession stand. Breakfast will be served from 8-8:30 a.m. and lunch will be served from 10:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Adults will pay \$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 online.

# July 15 STEMfest aims to break barriers preventing students from pursuing careers in STEM

### Submitted item

To a student, the word 'STEM' can be an intimidating concept. A perceived wall of barriers stands between students and the fields of science, technology, engineering and math. According to a 2022 survey by USCellular, almost half of students believe pursuing an education in STEM is too costly or too difficult. With STEM careers projected to grow by almost 11% by 2031, over two times faster than all other occupations, Education Service Center Region 12 hopes to break perceived barriers and inspire more Region 12 students to pursue interests and careers in STEM.

STEMfest is a community event with interactive and engaging activities, demonstrations, and explorations from several community partners. Baylor University's Mayborn Museum will host its third annual event on Saturday, July 15 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the museum. The event will be free to all.

The unique event will feature 24 vendor booths with STEM activities for people of all ages to participate in.

"The emphasis for STEMfest is to not only expand awareness and education to students and the community about this quickly growing field, but to pique interests, help students make connections and see entry paths versus barriers," said Andi Parr, an education specialist at ESC Region 12.

A key factor of STEMfest is to change the meaning of STEM to make it less intimidating. Instead of only thinking it's science, technology, engineering and math, ESC Region 12 specialists came up with

'Solve, Think, Experience and Make' to represent the four letters of STEM and give it a meaning that is recognizable and relatable to students of all ages.

With activities involving technology, games, investigations and more, attendees will have hands-on experiences with problem-solving and STEM-related thinking.

"STEMfest has something for everyone," Parr said. "STEM is in English, in languages, in art and everything else that we do in life. We are always creating, solving problems and using essential skills that come from STEM."

STEMfest activities will put those skills to the test in a variety of ways.

The Baylor University Center for Reservoir and Aquatic Systems Research will take attendees on a

grand expedition to explore what lives in the Brazos River, right behind the Mayborn Museum. Participants will use magnifiers and microscopes to get an up-close look at the tiny organisms that call the river home. While some explore the creatures of the river, others will venture further to learn about the wonder of the ocean with OctoNation, an organization dedicated to inspiring awe of the ocean through octopuses.

Participants will learn about octopus adaptations, what they look like and even how to draw them. Along with learning all about other organisms, attendees will have a chance to learn more about how their own body systems work.

Attendees who stop by the Dr Pepper Museum

booth can put their nose to the test to learn how senses work together to create flavor. With these three booths, and all the other activities, there will be plenty of learning, sharing and fun for everyone, Parr said.

This year's theme is 'Inquiry and Sleuthing,' to coincide with the Mayborn Museum's special exhibit, 'Scooby-Doo!™ Mansion Mayhem.'

Registration is not required, and additional parking is available at the Baylor Law School and McLane Stadium, which will have a shuttle available. To view booths and activities, visit [www.esc12.net/stemfest](http://www.esc12.net/stemfest).

For more information, contact Jennifer Marshall-Higgins, Director of Customer & Marketing Services, at 254-709-5256 or [jhiggins@esc12.net](mailto:jhiggins@esc12.net).

# Gatesville ISD choir bake sale slated for July 22

### Staff Reports

The Gatesville Independent School District choir boosters have scheduled a

bake sale for Saturday, July 22 to support their travel funds for their trip to California.

The bake sale is set to

take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Vintage Royalty. There will be plenty of baked goods including cookies, cupcakes, brown-

ies, and cakes.

The Coffee Saloon will be in attendance as well and will be donating 15% of its proceeds back to the GISD

Choir Boosters.

For more information visit [gisdchoir@gatesvilleisd.org](mailto:gisdchoir@gatesvilleisd.org) online.

# Local students honored at annual SkillsUSA event

### Staff Reports

Local students have been recognized for their excellence at the 2023 SkillsUSA Championships, held in Atlanta, GA, from Wednesday, June 21 through Thursday, June 22. The following students received a Skill Point Certificate, which includes Laura Mitchell of Gates-

ville in Health Occupations Professional Portfolio, and Noah Smith of Gatesville in Nursing Assisting.

Students were invited to the event to demonstrate their technical skills, workplace skills, and personal skills in 110 hands-on competitions including robotics, automotive technology, criminal justice, aviation

maintenance, and public speaking. Industry leaders from 650 businesses, corporations, trade associations, and unions planned and evaluated the contestants against their standards for entry-level workers.

The SkillsUSA Championships event is held annually for students in middle

school, high school, or college programs as part of the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference.

All SkillsUSA Championship competitors were honored on the evening of Friday, June 23 at the SkillsUSA Awards Session at the State Farm Arena.

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## Students gain real-world experience with hands-on Tarleton sports internships

BY PHIL RIDDLE

TSU Marketing and Communications

Tarleton State University's jump into the NCAA Division I athletic arena made a splash. Suddenly games in most of the Texans' sports were available on ESPN. And that created the need for skilled technicians for the broadcasts — a need being filled by Tarleton students in a multitiered internship.

Nate Bural, Senior Associate Athletic Director for Communications, and Dr. Christopher Gearhart, Department of Communication Studies head, developed the internship — which in turn birthed a new area of study in the communication department.

The program blossomed in the summer of 2020, when college games were canceled due to COVID-19. The three envisioned significant benefits.

"We had had these conversations before, but when everything slowed down it really gave us an opportunity to think it through and talk about the logistics," Bural said.

From those conversations came the Tarleton Sports Internship Program, which gives students hands-on production experience broadcasting Division I sports.

"Because there were no sports that fall, there were a lot of classroom sessions," Bural said. "We basically did biweekly workshops focusing on camera basics, equipment basics and going through the production process."

"That was pivotal for us. It was slow enough for us to get one group started, but that group was able to teach

new kids, and so on."

The interns learn to produce events, run cameras, create graphics and perform numerous other aspects of broadcast production. All four tracks — production, creative, sports information and athletics marketing areas of focus — have three levels.

"What makes this unique is that interns have the opportunity to learn so much every semester, since every semester brings new sports," Bural said. "That's why we divided the internship into levels and why we want the kids involved as early as possible. The idea was to come in as a freshman and sophomore, get comfortable with the sports in level one, then allow them to take ownership of the program as they grow and learn."

"By the time they're seniors, we want them to essentially run everything. When they graduate and start looking for a job, they're already adept at what they're doing."

The department is using some of the interns' experiences to create curriculum for the new sports communication degree. "They're going to start game-day production classes to take what we're learning from ESPN



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Students like senior marketing major Haleigh Solano enhance the game-day experience with "fan cams."

and turn it into an area of study so the kids know this is what's expected."

Part of Dr. Gearhart's role on the academic side is attracting students to the internship. The sports communication major is an extension of the existing journalism program but with more emphasis on broadcast.

"I am really proud of this program," he said, "and happy for the students, the experiences they're getting and the job opportunities that are coming once they graduate."

Dr. Thomas Tallach, head of Tarleton's Department of Sport Science, is another faculty supporter of the program.

"What Nate has been able to do is really special," he

said. "Not only do students get an immersive experience, but it's also cleverly structured to facilitate student-to-student collaboration and a progressive increase in the scope of responsibilities for everyone."

The internship, only three years old, has already seen its share of success stories.

Adam Goodman, one of the first two interns, found his niche as a camera operator. He taught successive interns the ins and outs of camera work and never, in four years, missed a game.

He graduated last year and immediately signed on as a studio technician with the Fort Worth-based Cowboy Channel.

"It was a great experience," he said of the internship.

"It taught me to do a lot of things you don't ordinarily learn in the classroom. It gives you real world experience in how to problem solve on the move."

Brian Martin, Class of 2021, learned to run graphics, direct, and operate a camera. He works now as a camera operator for Tourbeau Sports — a job he traces to his participation in the internship program.

"I've worked a lot of soccer, softball, baseball. Any sport you can think of, I've worked on it," he said. "It's fun. Lots of travel. I've gone to a baseball tournament in Oklahoma, then to Kansas, Florida and California for soccer tournaments."

Brian's career goal is to be a film director and producer.

He sees work in live sports production as a great way to quickly learn camera techniques. "Sports is happening now, where working on films gives you the opportunity to take your time. It's kind of like running before you walk."

As the internship evolves, more students likely will be drawn to it. Bural tries to keep between 20 and 30 interns on the four tracks.

"We don't want to overburden them," he said. "We also want them to get as much experience as possible. I have 40 applications on my desk. The internship has exploded, and we're looking to expand it."

"It's not just an experience. They're getting an education."

## Tarleton track and field to host five summer camps

TSU Sports Information

STEPHENVILLE - Tarleton State University Track and Field is set to host five camps in Stephenville this summer.

The Texans will host all five camps at Oscar H. Frazier Memorial Track, beginning with a high jump

clinic on July 12.

The camps are for ages 12 and up, with a high jump clinic, long/triple jump clinic, distance camp, pole vault clinic and a speed camp. The speed camp is the last of the five and will run from July 20-21.

Details for the five camps can be found below:

### HIGH JUMP CLINIC

Date: July 12  
Ages: 12 and up  
Time: 5 p.m. through 8 p.m.  
Cost: \$75

### LONG/TRIPLE JUMP CLINIC

Date: July 13  
Ages: 12 and up

Time: 5 p.m. through 8 p.m.  
Cost: \$75

### DISTANCE CAMP

Dates: July 13-14  
Ages: 12 and up  
Time: 8 a.m. through 12 p.m. daily  
Cost: \$50

### POLE VAULT CLINIC

Date: July 14  
Ages: 12 and up  
Time: 5 p.m. through 8 p.m.  
Cost: \$75

### SPEED CAMP

Dates: July 20-21  
Ages: 12 and up

Time: 8 a.m. through 12 p.m.  
Cost: \$50

For full information regarding any of the five camps, and to register, visit [www.tarletontrackcamps.com](http://www.tarletontrackcamps.com).

## South Dakota transfer Kynlee Marquez to join Tarleton softball squad

TSU Sports Information

STEPHENVILLE — For the second straight offseason, Tarleton signed a transfer from the University of South Dakota, as the Texans announced the addition of Kynlee Marquez on June 24.

Marquez will be a utility player/pitcher for the Texans. She spent a pair of seasons and 79 innings in the circle for South Dakota from 2022-23.

In her two-year career as a Coyote, she notched six wins and one shutout in nine starts. As a freshman she held a 0.99 earned-run average through her first 28 innings. The two-

way threat hit .333 in her freshman season for South Dakota.

The Oxford, Nebraska, native, follows in the footsteps of Grace Garcia, who also transferred to the Texans from South Dakota. Garcia burst on the scene in Stephenville with a perfect game and led Tarleton pitchers in wins this past season, at 13-9.

In Marquez's prep career, she was a two-time all-state honoree, hitting just under .600 with 47 home runs. The two-way phenom also accumulated 49 victories in the circle and a 2.37 ERA. A three-sport athlete (golf, basketball), Marquez



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was also a member of the National Honor Society and was tabbed to the Academic All-State team.

Marquez intends to major in biology at Tarleton.

## Interim dean of College of Science and Mathematics named, pending approval

Tarleton State University

Dr. Phil Sudman has been named Interim Dean of Tarleton State University's College of Science and Mathematics, effective Aug. 1, pending approval by The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents.

A national search begins this summer.

Currently Associate Dean of the college, Dr. Sudman joined the Tarleton faculty in 1996, advancing to head of the Department of Biological Sciences 19 years later and serving as Executive Director of Tarleton's Fort Worth campus in 2016-2020. He is outgoing Director of the university's Timberlake Biological Field Station in Goldthwaite.

"Dr. Sudman's exceptional record of scholarship, teaching and research makes him the ideal choice to lead our science and mathematics



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programs," said Dr. Diane Stearns, Tarleton Provost and Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs. "I am pleased that we have someone of his caliber to serve in

this capacity and appreciate his willingness to do so."

Dr. Sudman earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in biology from Central College and Fort Hays State University, respectively, and his PhD in zoology from Texas A&M University. He did post-doctoral work at Louisiana State University and the Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

"I'm extremely grateful to be given the opportunity to serve in this new role and to work alongside so many talented and student-focused faculty each day," he said. "Together we will continue to promote quality teaching, grow research and scholarship activities, and establish strong partnerships within and outside Tarleton."

For more information on Tarleton's College of Science and Mathematics, visit [www.tarleton.edu/COSM](http://www.tarleton.edu/COSM) online.

# Gatesville Public Library kids go on field trip

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 second field trip began with Police Chief Brad

Hunt visiting story time at the library where he read the children's book titled "Police Officer on Patrol" to the children assembled. Following story time, Chief Hunt took the children and parents across the street

where he gave a guided tour of the Gatesville Police Department which included showing them the inside of a police vehicle.

The third field trip was to the historic Coryell County Courthouse where District

Clerk Becky Moore guided the group through the first and second floors of the building. In the courtroom, District Judge Trent Farrell spoke to the children and let them participate in a mock trial with the case being

cake versus ice cream. The jury came back in favor of ice cream.

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## CORYELL Kids

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# FORGIVE

Forgiveness is a powerful and beautiful gift that we can give to ourselves and others. It means letting go of anger, hurt, and resentment, and choosing to move forward with a loving and open heart. When we forgive, we free ourselves from the heavy burden of holding onto negative feelings.

Imagine carrying a heavy backpack filled with rocks everywhere you go. It would be exhausting, right? Holding onto anger and not forgiving is like carrying those rocks. It weighs us down and makes us unhappy. But when we choose to forgive, it's like taking off that heavy backpack. We feel lighter, happier, and at peace.

Forgiving someone doesn't mean forgetting what happened or pretending it didn't hurt. It's about acknowledging our feelings and finding the strength to let go. It's about choosing kindness and compassion instead of revenge or holding grudges.

Forgiveness also allows us to heal and grow. It gives us the chance to build stronger relationships and create a better world. When we forgive, we create space for love and understanding to flourish.

Remember, forgiveness is a journey, and it takes time. Sometimes, it might be hard to forgive, but it's worth it. So, let's choose forgiveness, let go of the rocks, and embrace a lighter and happier life.

### Friendship

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

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 D Q G Q F T I Z O T N E K W S  
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FORGIVE  
 TRUST  
 LOVE  
 UNDERSTAND

LISTEN  
 SORRY  
 TALK

APOLOGIZE  
 FEELING  
 FRIEND

### Definition: Forgiveness

when you decide to let go of anger and not stay mad at someone who has done something wrong. It's about giving them a second chance and choosing to be kind instead. Forgiveness helps you feel happier and makes your heart feel lighter



Forgiveness not only has emotional and psychological benefits but also has a positive impact on our physical health and friendships.



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# Summer 4-H Leadership Events during month of June

BY BECKY COWARD  
County Extension Agent  
4-H Youth Development

Summertime is the busy season for many 4-H members in Texas and especially in Coryell County. The month of June has been extremely full of members traveling all over the state and even overseas to Scotland to compete in the Royal Highland International Judging Contest!

This month started out with seven of our youth leaders traveling to the Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador state summit in College Station followed by thirty high school aged youth representing Coryell County and District 8 4-H by competing at Texas 4-H Roundup. The state-wide event hosts contests and workshops throughout the week for more than 2,000 Texas youth, extension

agents, and volunteer leaders. Several of the Coryell County youth were able to place in the top 3 in their respective categories and attained their goal of the coveted "walk across the stage" at the Roundup evening assembly. Caleb Mannix placed second individually in the Range Evaluation contest, while Jeret Burks placed third with his Beef Educational Presentation.

Other Texas 4-H Roundup

Results are as follows:



**Caleb Mannix, 2nd high indicial in Range Evaluation, with coach and agent Becky Coward.**

Team events:  
**RANGE EVALUATION:** 5th place Team and National Qualifiers: Caleb Mannix (2nd high individual), Jack Bussey, Lane Brookshire, and Eli Eaton.  
7th place Team: Leonela Rodriguez, Luwi Rodriguez, and Alyssa Whisenhunt

**RANGE & PASTURE GRASS IDENTIFICATION:**

7th place Team: Caleb Mannix (9th high individual), Chase Janke, and Lane Brookshire

9th place Team: Leonela Rodriguez, Alyssa Whisenhunt, and Eli Eaton

**LIVESTOCK QUIZ BOWL:** Jeret Burks, Cayleigh Coursey, and Lane Brookshire

**HORSE QUIZ BOWL:** Irena Murphy, Kinsley McPherson, Luwi Rodriguez, Trinity Aulabaugh, Cooper Aulabaugh, Presley Shelton, and Taylor Coward

**LIVESTOCK SKILLATHON:** Thiele Alvarado, Kendal Clarke, Brayden Minton, and Matti Mann

**HORSE JUDGING:** Irena Murphy and Kinsley McPherson

**CONSUMER DECISION MAKING:** Chase Janke

**WOOL JUDGING:** Hadleigh Ament, Thiele Alvarado, Jacy Archie, Zoe Gribble, and Brayden Minton



COURTESY PHOTOS

**4-H Dist. 8 Leadership lab: District 8 Leadership Lab attendees from Coryell County. Front row, left to right, Becky Coward – Agent, Kinlee Gardner, Matti Mann, Cayleigh Coursey, Makaylie Williams, Kinsley McPherson. Back row, left to right, Lane Brookshire, Chase Janke, Dutch Nielsen, Thiele Alvarado, Jeret Burks, and Anna McPherson.**

**HIPPOLOGY:** Irena Murphy, Kinsley McPherson, Luwi Rodriguez, Trinity Aulabaugh, and Cooper Aulabaugh

**PROMOTE 4-H SKIT:** Hunter Beaty, Michella Martinez, Peyton Williamson, Leonela Rodriguez

**TALENT SHOWCASE:** Thiele Alvarado-solo/band  
Cayleigh Coursey-5th place Poetry

**EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS:**  
Beef- 3rd place Jeret Burks  
Safety & Injury Prevention-5th place Kinlee Gardner  
Animal Science- Zak Huckabee



**Livestock judging team, from left, Costin Allison, Kinsey Gardner, and Samuel Belt livestock judging in Scotland.**



**Range Evaluation Team (National Qualifiers), front row, left to right, Leonela Rodriguez, Luwi Rodriguez, Alyssa Whisenhunt. Back row, left to right, Jack Bussey, Caleb Mannix, Eli Eaton, and Lane Brookshire.**



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**Jeret Burks (left) being recognized as 3rd place Beef Educational Presentation.**

**HEALTH & WELLNESS-** Matti Mann & Hadleigh Ament Open- Chase Janke

The next week in June brought the District 8 4-H Horse Show in Belton where Irena Murphy exhibited her halter horse. Ambassador interviews were held, and County 4-H record book judging took place. Congratulations to the following 4-H recordbook winners:

- Thomas Belt, Beef, Intermediate, 1st
- Lane Kinsey, Beef, Senior, 1st
- Anna McPherson, Citizenship, Civic Ed, & Com. Service, Intermediate, 1st
- Bailey Wolff, Consumer Education, Intermediate, 1st
- Chase Janke, Consumer Education, Senior, 1st
- Lillie Mann, Fashion & Interior Design, Intermediate, 1st
- Colt Brookshire, Gardening & Horticulture, Junior, 1st
- Jonathan Haag, Goat, 1st
- Lane Brookshire, Goat, Senior, 1st
- Kinlee Gardner, Health & Wellness, Senior, 1st
- Allie McPherson, Horse, Intermediate, 1st
- Pete Wallace, Horse, Junior, 1st
- Kinsley McPherson, Horse, Senior, 1st
- Caleb Mannix, Natural Resources, Senior, 1st
- Cayleigh Coursey, Photography, Senior, 1st
- Mary Mitchell, Poultry, Junior, 1st

- Chelsea Johnson, Rabbit, Intermediate, 1st
- Nicolas Haag, Rabbit, Junior, 1st
- Makaylie Williams, Sheep, Intermediate, 1st
- Noah Haag, Sheep, Junior, 1st
- Zak Huckabee, Sheep, Senior, 1st
- Dutch Nielsen, Shooting Sports, Senior, 1st
- Kace Martin, Swine, Intermediate, 1st
- Matti Mann, Swine, Senior, 1st
- Eve Fulton, Visual & Performance Arts, Junior, 1st
- Hunter Beaty, Visual & Performance Arts, Senior, 1st
- Lilly Kinsey, Beef, Intermediate, 2nd
- Jeret Burks, Beef, Senior, 2nd
- Jozie Wolff, Consumer Education, Intermediate, 2nd
- Zoe Gribble, Health & Wellness, Senior, 2nd
- Ava Hagen, Horse, Intermediate, 2nd
- Samantha Hadley, Horse, Junior, 2nd
- Hagen Milam, Horse, Junior, 2nd
- Eli Eaton, Natural Resources, Senior, 2nd
- Troy Ponder, Poultry, Junior, 2nd
- Clancy Archie, Beef, Intermediate, 3rd
- Charles Belt, Beef, Senior, 3rd
- Clayton Gregory, Beef, Senior, 4th

aged 4-H members. Exciting news emerged from camp as Cayleigh Coursey and Kinlee Gardner, overall outstanding youth, were elected to serve as officers on the District 8 4-H Council. Cayleigh, having been elected 1st Vice-Chairman will serve on the Texas 4-H State Council.

Other top young leaders in the county have been attending various state level project area weeklong workshops, honing their skills and increasing their knowledge in their respective project area areas. Caleb Mannix attended the Texas Youth Range Workshop and Tier 1 Texas 4-H Water Ambassador short course, while Chase Janke attended Tier 2 of the Water Ambassador Workshop. The leadership skills learned at these camps will allow our young 4-H leaders to teach other youth what they have learned thus continuing the cycle of learning.

The last week of June will bring Ambassador service projects and club charter deadlines as clubs prepare for new enrollment beginning in the fall.

July will also prove to be a busy month as we look forward to our youth leaders traveling to Ecuador and Europe for other state level 4-H Ambassador trips. The middle of July will bring county 4-H camp in Palestine, County 4-H awards, Swim Party Celebration, Commercial Steer workshop, Pinterest Camp, Club Officer training, and more service-learning project for the County Ambassador Team!

The third week of June our Livestock Judging Team members Kinsey Gardner, Samuel Belt, and Costin Allison competed in Scotland at the International contest. They secured the invitation to compete by being named the Reserve Champion Team in Louisville, Kentucky at the National contest last fall.

June 21-23rd brought us to District 8 Leadership Lab Surge Camp. This 3-day camp is designed to instill leadership skills in senior