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Scott Albert, who has served as Gatesville's city manager for a little over two months, keeps a busy schedule.

Albert enjoys an adventurous career

BY JEFF OSBORNE
Senior Writer & Editor

Gatesville City Manager Scott Albert recently celebrated his two-month anniversary on the job, and on July 12 he talked to the Gatesville Lions Club about the life experiences that have led him to this point.

"It's been a very busy two months," Albert said. "It feels like it's been a year already."

Albert has kept a full schedule from the start, and said the city is looking at about \$21 million in capital improvements that will not require the raising of taxes.

"During my entire career I have not raised taxes, and I don't plan to raise taxes here, either," he said.

Albert's interest in public service began when he was a student at the University of Texas at Dallas, when he took a class and was inspired by Plano City Manager Tom Muehlenbeck.

"It was a light bulb moment," Albert said. "I thought, 'What an interesting career. Where else could you go and serve to make a difference in communities and lives at that level?'"

Albert changed his major from economics and fi-

nance to public administration, saying Muehlenbeck inspired him.

"I learned that I really am a servant at heart," Albert said. "That's what led me to a career in public service."

After serving as an intern in the city of Plano's budget department, Albert had an opportunity to enroll in the city's management training program, where he was given a chance to work in several different departments and see how a city's day-to-day operations were carried out.

"It was probably one of the best experiences of my life as far as education," he said. The day he graduated with a master's degree in public affairs, the mayor of Springtown called and offered Albert an opportunity to serve as the city administrator.

"It was one of the best experiences of my life," Albert said. "I really loved Springtown. I was there a year and a half or two years, and then a friend called and encouraged me to apply for a job opening in Fairview,

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\$25 million budget proposed for city

BY JEFF OSBORNE
Senior Writer & Editor

While final approval awaits, Gatesville City Manager Scott Albert has submitted a budget preview to the Gatesville City Council that requests a budget of \$21,934,977 for the 2024 fiscal year - a 25% increase from the city's \$16,412,014 budget for 2023.

"If I were sitting in your shoes I'd say, 'OK, how are we going to pay for this?'" Albert told the council. He then presented a detailed list of areas in which the city is expecting additional revenues. This includes:

- * \$3,679,967 in grants and American Recovery Plan funds
- * \$309,568 in sale tax
- * \$261,373 in property tax
- * \$170,522 in interfund transfers
- * \$335,947 in water sales
- * \$319,414 in sewer charges
- * \$342,281 for sanitation
- * \$31,366 for municipal franchise fees, which reflects a 6% change in rates.

The total anticipated additional revenues are \$5,450,438.

Grants are expected to help cover the cost of the Lovers Lane project currently underway, work on water plant lagoons, the drainage master plan and two water plant clarifiers. These grants total \$3,679,967.

In a presentation to the council, Albert said sales tax revenues budgeted for the 2024 fiscal year were increased by 12% compared to the previous year, which amounts to \$2.9 million (\$2.6 million was budgeted for the 2023 fiscal year).

"This adjustment was made since current year collections have exceeded the estimated budget numbers by 13.8%," Albert said.

From October 2022 through June 2023, sales tax revenues have risen from 5% to 19% each month compared to the previous fiscal year.

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County updates work progress

BY JEFF OSBORNE
Senior Writer & Editor

Demolition of the old county jail and the nearby building that previously housed the Texas Department of Public Safety is complete - and under budget.

"Sierra Demolition has finished with all the sites, and they've come \$24,000 under budget," said Commissioner Ryan Basham. "I'm very pleased with how they handled it. They did a very good job."

Commissioner Scott Weddle also voiced his endorsement of work done.

"They've been an outstanding vendor," he said. "We have a lot of movement going on."

Weddle said \$3 of San Antonio was scheduled to do a walk-through of the jail to assess camera needs.

One of the biggest costs related to the camera system is viewing stations, and County Judge Roger Miller asked what makes them "so special" as to warrant those costs.

"I'm going to guess it's just like anything - it's a closed

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Gatesville's Shea Harp's love for library began at an early age

BY DAVID SCOTT
Staff Writer

At the age of 8, Shea Harp began volunteering at the library and, in her words, "I was just trying to get out of the pre-school story time."

Even at that young age, Harp had already begun her love of reading.

"I loved books as a little girl. I would look at the picture books and come up with my own story just by looking at the pictures. I could read Junie B. Jones (a book series) all by myself by first grade," Harp said.

When librarian Faye Nichols retired after 28 years, Harp was named interim librarian. She became the official librarian on April 20.

Harp was home-schooled from sixth grade until her graduation. When she was 14 years

old, Faye Nichols allowed her to start officially volunteering at the library. In 2015, she became one of two volunteers to be hired, and she's been there ever since.

After receiving her high school diploma in 2016, she began attending classes at Central Texas College. Eventually, she transferred to Texas A&M Central Texas where she received a bachelor's degree in social work.

"I did all of this while working at the library in part-time and full-time capacities," she said.

When asked if she always wanted to be a librarian, Harp replied "I did not. I remember being told as a child that I needed to be a librarian one day and I decided that was not

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Shea Harp's connection to the Gatesville Public Library began at an early age.



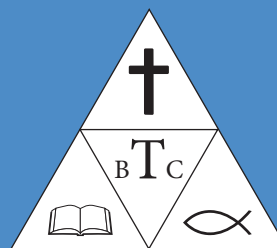
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Riding Club hosts summer playday



The Gatesville Riding Club hosted a Playday Saddle Series on Saturday, July 15. Riders of the ages 9 through 18 competed in pole exhibitions.

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Folks around town



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Brennen Mata

Say hello to our neighbor, Brennen Mata!

Brennen is the Social Media Marketer at On Point Realty and fulfills other responsibilities throughout the community. He started his journey at On Point Realty six months ago and loves interacting with new people each day. He has lived in Gatesville all his life and enjoys being part of such a close community. Brennen reads The Gatesville Messenger and likes to see what upcoming events are happening around town.

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

Upcoming Events

* Saturday, July 22: The 125th anniversary celebration of the Coryell County Courthouse from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the courthouse.

* Saturday, July 22: GISD Choir bake sale, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Vintage Royalty, 2401 Business Highway 36, Suite 100.

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

* Tuesday, July 25: Coryell County Commissioners Court, 9 a.m. in the County Annex Building, 800 E. Main St. across from the Gatesville Post Office.

* Tuesday, July 25: Gatesville City Council, 5:30 p.m. July 25 in the Gatesville Council Chamber, 110 Eighth St., across from the Gatesville Public Library.

* Wednesday, July 26: Gatesville Lions Club meeting at the Junction on Route 36 restaurant, 1216 N. Highway 36 Bypass.

* Thursday, July 27: Gatesville Exchange Club meeting at 7 a.m. at the Junction on Route 36 restaurant, 1216 N. Highway 36 Bypass.

FROM MY FRONT PORCH

You've got to be kidding me...a horse stuck in a tree?



BY SAM HOUSTON

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

There is something unique about the relationship between a human being and a horse. Like all emotionally satisfying connections, the relationship between man and horse is based on trust, communication, and acceptance. Over time the horse learns to speak "human" and the man learns to speak "horse."

Almost 30 years ago, I was in the horse business and owned a significant number of equines. There were several stallions as well as broodmares and performance show horses. I loved it when the mares would foal out and I could witness the innocence of their babies. Watching them stand for the first time or learning to walk and run was so interesting and amusing.

Once foals were placed out in the pasture to graze and exercise, I was reminded of watching human children going to kindergarten. The foals would run, play, annoy and aggravate the other foals and their mothers. They would learn from the other animals as they experienced their new surroundings. It was always interesting to watch a foal ease over and try to nurse off a mare other than their mother and see the mare turn and gently bite or "cow kick" the intruder to teach it to stay with its own mom. A lesson learned.

It was spring, the grass had just turned green, and I had let three, two-year-old fillies out into a small pasture of about 10 acres. The field had a board fence around the perimeter so there was no fear of the young horses

getting caught up in a wire fence or barbed wire. There was a pond for the horses to drink from, and the grass had to be tantalizing to the youngsters who had been eating nothing but hay or grain all winter. The pasture even had a little stand of tightly bunched trees which would provide some shade if the spring sun became too warm.

I led the horses from the barn, through the pasture gate, removed their halters and turned them loose. Immediately they took off running as a group, kicking up their heels, bucking, nickering, and in general, celebrating life. It was spring and it was obvious they felt good about being out in the sunshine with plenty of grass to eat. It only took a short time before all three horses had their heads down, content with their surroundings and the fresh grass they were consuming.

I went about my chores, only occasionally glancing at the three. After completing a few additional tasks, I went to the house to grab a morning cup of coffee, only to be interrupted by one of the farmhands. All he could say was, "You are not going to believe this!"

As I quickly followed the

farmhand towards the pasture, my mind raced. Had one of the horses stepped in a hole and broken a leg? Did a dog or a coyote run them through the fence? My heart was pounding!

As I got closer, I could see two of the horses facing and staring at the third. She was also standing in the middle of the little clump of trees. From a distance the situation looked innocent enough. What was the farm hand talking about?

As I got to the trees, it was clear what had happened. Years ago, two of the trees had sprouted only a few feet apart. Over time they had grown to nearly 20 feet high, but their trunks at the base were only 30- or so inches apart. The young animal had been grazing and thus had its head down as it walked along and ate. It grazed between the two trees and kept grazing and moving forward. The problem was that once the horse moved forward, the trunk of the two trees touched the horse's sides. A horse's natural reaction when startled is to run. When this mare felt something touch its sides, it became startled and ran forward. Unfortunately, the space between the two trees was so small the horse could not pass. This made matters worse, because when the horse felt like it was stuck, instinct told it to run forward to get free, and it became even more stuck. Now the horse was wedged so tightly between the two trees that it could not move at all!

I will never be able to replicate the glance my young horse gave me when I arrived. Her look was a mixture of embarrassment,

fear, and being ashamed for having gotten themselves in such a position. While I was concerned for my mare's health and welfare, it was also hard not to laugh at the predicament. A horse stuck in a tree?

After assessing the situation, I tried to push the horse back through the opening to no avail. The mare was simply wedged too tightly. I tried dishwashing soap, but even its slippery nature was not enough to free the imprisoned equine. It finally came down to either cutting down one of the trees or getting the tractor and placing a rope around the horse to pull the horse backwards towards freedom.

Turns out the tractor did a pretty good job of freeing the animal. The horse had a few scrapes on its side but was otherwise uninjured. For me, I learned that horses can somehow find a way to get themselves in trouble seemingly no matter what precautions you take. They are just as curious as us humans and just as apt to get in trouble.

From that time on the young mare and I had a bond. It is like she understood I had rescued her and perhaps she was hoping I would not tell the other horses of her embarrassing situation. I never told this story to an outsider until the horse had passed. Friends don't tell on their friends... do they?

Thought for the day: Do something good and no one sees it. Do something embarrassing and it feels like it is going to be on the national news.

Until next time...I will keep ridin' the storm out. sam@hcnews.com

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A sign outside the Gatesville Independent School District Administration Building showing the temperature shows the intense summer heat of 109 degrees.

HARP

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going to happen. However, while working on my social work degree, I realized how much I could help my community through the library. After I graduated, I decided I wanted to work towards my library degree and one day be the head librarian."

While working under Faye Nichols, Harp admits that she learned a great deal from her - especially patience and determination.

"Most of what I know about the operation of a library, I learned from watching her through the years," she said. "I will follow what I have learned from her, and the classes I will be taking in the future."

As librarian, Harp said that her main goal is to have the library meet the needs of the community through books, technology, and education.

"One of the programs we are starting this fall is resume classes. I am excited to use this program as an opportunity to give our community a hand up when it comes to finding employment. Another project I have in the works is providing more free tax services next year," Harp said.

People may wonder exactly what kind of books a librarian might read during their off time.

"I read everything and anything I can get my hands on, no matter the genre or format. When it comes to non-fiction books, I like to read the quirky ones that no one thinks about reading. My fiction books are usually picked out by my current mood," she said.

"If I can make a person's day by giving them a smile or doing my best to see their task/project completed, then it is a good day."

SHEA HARP

Growing up, Harp confesses that her favorite children's books included "There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly" and "Hank the Cowdog" series.

When asked what her favorite books of all time are, Harp narrowed it down to the series books "Elsie Dinsmore," the novel "The Book Thief," a classic "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," non-fiction "The Body Keeps Score," and, of course, her Bible.

"All five of these books are my comfort reads. I read these several times a year and own several editions," she added.

While continuing her job as librarian at the Gatesville Public Library, Harp plans to attend Texas Women's University where she will pursue her master's degree in library science.

About being librarian, Harp explains, "I love working with patrons. I have many patrons who come in weekly, bi-weekly, and even once a year, but when they come in, it is like no time has passed. If I can make a person's day by giving them a smile or doing my best to see their task/project completed, then it is a good day."

COUNTY

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system," Weddle said. "It's in order for S3 to program the system. They are \$5,000."

"That's why I asked the question," Miller said. "That seems high - not crazy."

Weddle said during a July 13 walk-through the jail's air handlers were assessed so the vendor could determine the best way to install them. The county is committed to purchasing two new handlers for certain, with the possibility of others to be considered.

During work on the jail expansion project, Weddle said "they hit water at 12 feet while drilling and

were able to pump it out."

So far, the Leon Street Annex is \$24,500 under budget, Weddle said, adding that the engineering firm working on the project has determined there is no need for a detention pond.

"Southwest Architects can put a preliminary plan out," he said.

"The biggest topic - there is a lot of talk about a server room," Weddle said. "The court had decided not to make that our server site. I had a meeting to talk about a server room. We can eliminate office space and turn it into a future server room."

He said Southwest Architects will give a preliminary cost estimate for locating a server room at the Leon Street Annex.

"The Halon (fire suppression system) will probably be the biggest cost," Weddle said.

"We have determined there is ample space and room for future expansion. We would have room if we decide to move the server from the rental spot in Waco into the county."

County Attorney Brandon Belt talked about the server in relation to the Coryell County Sheriff's Office.

"We have a plan - it may be a loose plan," he said. "The sheriff's office really needs to be hardwired in. They have a lot of systems going. Long-term, we've got to get that hard-wired in. Then it's not far from the courthouse. Then if we get the courthouse wired in,

"It would be my hope - how do we get more modernized?"

ROGER MILLER

we're way down the road to getting where we want to be."

"I'm 99% sure that's already in the plans," Weddle said. "As we progress through this, we have opportunities."

Belt said having a local server "is our best solution. It's going to be there for a long time. I don't think we have a choice."

County Judge Roger Miller said resolving server concerns will ben-

efit the county.

"It would be my hope - how do we get more modernized?" Miller said. "This would be the first time the county invests in a server room. We're already investing a considerable amount of money into this new building."

"I would think it would be a good idea to heed the advice of the technical experts and have a server room. The costs are truly minimal because the distances are so short. Do we want to bore to install fiber or pay pole fees?"

"I hope to tie buildings in with fiber and it becomes a closed system which reduces the amount of data we're putting on the internet. We become much more efficient and much more secure."

ALBERT

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Texas. "I was hesitant because my wife and I enjoyed living in Springtown. But I saw Fairview was a growing area, and it would be a good step in my career. I learned a lot about development there and spent about five years there."

Albert then took a city leadership job in Celina and worked there for more than four years.

"Celina covers 99 square miles and will be the largest city in Collin County when it builds out." (Plano, with more than 285,000 people, currently holds that distinction).

While working in Celina, Albert discovered he had kidney cancer.

"It really changed my life and changed my focus," he said. "This was in 2005, and I went back to work with a different mindset. I backed off my career and took a job with The Economist, which did utility rate and impact fee studies in Texas and also Arizona."

Albert said he received another call from a friend who asked him "what I thought about going overseas and embedding with Marines in Fallujah (in Iraq)."

Although he had never served in the military, Albert said he was intrigued by the idea.

"After 9/11, I thought I needed to make my contribution to my country," Albert said. "I went to Fallujah in September or October 2005 and embedded with the Marines at Camp Baharia, which had replaced Camp Fallujah."

When Albert first arrived in Iraq, he flew into the airbase in Baghdad and spent two or three days there before he went to Camp Baharia.

"I got sicker than a dog with all the fecal matter in the air, my body had to adjust," he said.

A Chinook helicopter picked him up to take him to his next destination.

"I was the lone civilian," Albert said. "There were pilots and gunners on board, and it was about 2 or 3 a.m. We landed at the Fallujah base, and a Marine carried my bag and told me to wait there for somebody to pick me up. They took off, and I was alone in the middle of the night in Fallujah. I didn't see anyone around."

Finally, a Marine arrived and took him to Camp Baharia.

"I was originally going to do this for about 6-9 months," Albert said. "The time I spent with the Marines and what we accomplished was incredible. There were a lot of good stories that you didn't hear about."

One of the major projects Albert was involved in was helping to oversee construction of the Fallujah wastewater treatment plant.

"It was an over \$100 million project and the largest wastewater treatment plant in Iraq," Albert said.

U.S. Ambassador Ryan Crocker asked Albert to be his "eyes and ears" when it came to the Fallujah plant.

"It was 80% complete and seven civilians had lost their lives (during construction)," Albert said. He was asked whether the work on the project should continue, and Albert recommended that it be completed.

At another area, Lt. Col. Matthew Lopez told Albert he wanted him to help oversee projects to decrease the violence in the area.

"I met with the mayor and the elders, and



Scott Albert

"Here I am in Gatesville, Texas, and I couldn't be happier. It's a beautiful area and the potential is outstanding. ... There's so much opportunity."

SCOTT ALBERT

28 water projects were identified which were desperately needed," Albert said. "The purpose was to improve the quality of life in Iraq and also to put money back into the district."

When U.S. forces took over reconstruction efforts in Iraq, all members of the Baathist Party were dismissed and sent home, Albert said.

"The problem was all the professionals were Baathist, because Saddam (Hussein, the former leader) was a Baathist, and if you wanted a job, you were also a Baathist."

Some of the unemployed men became involved in setting up explosive traps and shooting at Americans and Allied troops.

By once again allowing the men to work in constructive ways, "it calmed the community and you could see a decrease in violence," Albert said.

He found the work challenging and rewarding and stayed overseas working on various construction projects much longer than he anticipated - both in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"I basically stayed involved for about five years between Iraq and Afghanistan," Albert said. "I joined USAID (the U.S. Agency for International Development) and went between Iraq and Afghanistan working on different projects."

"At the end of that time I was ready to come home, and my family was ready for me to come home - I was tired. The entire time I was overseas I worked seven days a week. I said all I wanted to do was go home, sit at Starbucks and have a tea and just watch people."

Although spending so much time overseas was a sacrifice for Albert and his family, he said, "they realized this was something really important to me. I enjoy making a difference in people's lives. That's why I'm a public servant."

When Albert returned to Texas, he worked for the Riverbend Water Resources District in East Texas, which he said was about to be shut down by the state's Sunset Advisory Committee.

"East Texas is an area where we have abundant surface water, so it's very important to the Dallas-Fort Worth area," Albert said. He was able to help put the district on the right path and the state opted to keep the district operational.

Albert then worked for three years as city manager in Hondo, Texas before coming to Gatesville.

"Here I am in Gatesville, Texas and I couldn't be happier," Albert said. He has relatives in both the San Antonio area and in North Texas, so Gatesville is a central location for his family.

"It's a beautiful area and the potential is outstanding," he said. "We have a great downtown area, auditorium and access to the (Leon) river, and there's so much opportunity."

Albert pointed to the growth of the Granbury area as an example of what Gatesville has the potential to become, and also recalled when McKinney was much smaller.

"I think the same potential is here in Gatesville, as well," he said.

"I'm here to hopefully make a difference in Gatesville and to serve the community and every one of you as well."

Local man organizing jail ministry

BY JEFF OSBORNE
Senior Writer & Editor

Don Strieber considers himself a newcomer to Coryell County, having lived in the area since about 2006, but he's a man on a mission when it comes to reaching people with the gospel.

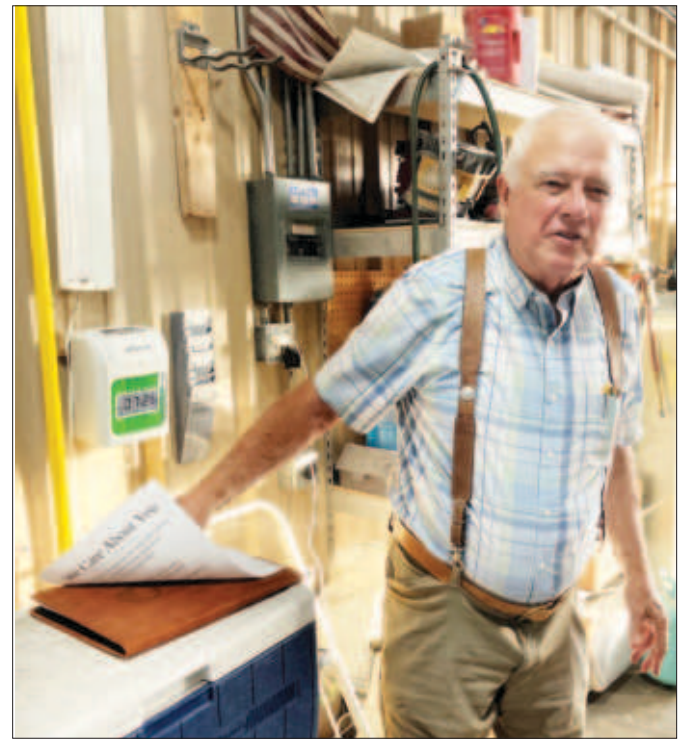
Strieber, who has a background with previous prison and jail ministries, is looking to start a ministry to reach Coryell County Jail inmates and offer them partial advice for improving their lives, as well as the life-changing hope he says comes through the love of Christ.

"I had an epiphany from Christ on many levels to do things in my old age," Strieber said. "David Green, the CEO of Hobby Lobby (and an outspoken Christian) and the Bible have set me on fire. I want to work with men, and I want to work in unity and community. I'm not a one-man show."

He said the county jail previously had an active jail ministry that stopped when COVID-19 concerns arose in early 2020, and he is hoping to revive it.

"I met with Sheriff (Scott) Williams and learned the jail has some space issues, but there is an expansion planned and they'll be getting 48 new beds," Strieber said. "Right now he doesn't have a common area, so we'd have to go in and meet with guys one-on-one in a small area. That can change once there's a common area, but it's what we're going to have to do to see inmates."

Strieber said he previously volunteered at the Texas Department of Corrections Hughes Unit for about 15 years, "so I have a background of working with inmates. Many have had a really tough life. One was put on the streets at the age of 5 or 6, when a step-dad pushed him out and said he didn't want him around anymore."



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Don Strieber hopes to enlist local volunteers to help with a new jail ministry.

So, at that age, he was on his own."

Strieber said he plans to have men ministering to male inmates and women volunteers working with female inmates.

"The message is 'We Care About You,'" he said. "One thing for them to know is this is valuable to them right now. They will have an opportunity to choose to participate."

"There are three things. We deal in truth, and we will advise them how to get the best from the time they spend on this unit. We will give advice about their time in the world. When you send people from jail or prison to the streets, sometimes they go back to their old ways. We need to love them like Jesus loves them and point them to programs that can help them."

"We will offer them advice about their eternity. This is where we can step up and be courageous and talk to them about their eternity. Let's

face it guys, there's one of two places we go when we die."

Strieber said there is not a local homeless shelter, and he hopes that will change. But beyond being just a homeless shelter, he hopes the community will offer a one stop shop to help meet "people's needs in life and in Christianity."

Volunteer times are flexible but will likely be during the day Monday through Friday. He said the meetings with inmates will likely be 20-30 minutes and will allow volunteers to get to know inmates before reading them chapters of the Bible.

"I want to let the inmates know that we are people who believe in Jesus and if they choose to meet with us, they will receive grand benefits both now and in their eternity," Strieber said.

If you are interested in working with Strieber as a volunteer, call 254-865-8565.

BUDGET

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The latest certified property appraisal roll for the city shows property values of \$532,448,691, which is a 13% increase for the previous year. A memo to the council states that "the new taxable value from property and improvements added to the city's tax roll is \$7,945,140. The city anticipates receiving \$261,373 more in property tax proceeds."

Interfund transfers will involve moving money from the water and sewer funds to the city's general fund.

"These transfers are made with the purpose of covering 50% of operating expenses related to administration, fleet services, as

well as salaries of the civic center manager and eclipse coordinator."

Cheri Shepherd, who previously served as the director of the city's Convention and Visitors Bureau before she retired earlier this year, has been hired as the city's eclipse coordinator. Gatesville has been identified as a prime viewing location for the April 8, 2024, eclipse, which is expected to bring a substantial number of tourists into the community. Shepherd will help to oversee the city's plans regarding the eclipse.

Morgan Smart was hired as the civic center manager and was expected to start July 20.

Albert noted that in the preliminary budget plan, expenses exceed revenues by \$111,123, but told the council, "We'll have that worked out by the time we bring a budget to you on the 25th (of July)."

City waives fees to attract more sports tournaments

BY JEFF OSBORNE
Senior Writer & Editor

In an effort to attract more amateur sporting events to Gatesville, the Gatesville City Council has approved a recommendation for city Parks & Recreation Director Seth Phillips to waive the collection of gate fees for baseball and softball tournaments.

The city will instead charge a smaller field use fee of \$125 per field.

City Manager Scott Albert explained this is a two-year pilot project to determine response to the gate fee waiver.

A memo to the Council noted that several other cities, including Taylor, Harker Heights, Stephenville, Killeen, and Waco, already use this incentive.

"We've got some exciting interest in our city - people are looking to host tournaments here," Phillips said. "We want to host them because it stimulates tourism and is good for the economy."

Phillips explained the waiver of gate fees will decrease city revenues by about \$5,345.

The memo to the Council stated, "If we waive the option for the city to collect

the gate fees, the USSSA (United States Specialty Sports Association) Baseball has verbally agreed to host seven tournaments during the fall and spring seasons, and we believe Small Town Select Tournaments will continue to host seven or eight tournaments."

The memo stated that city staff are also planning to pursue the idea of hosting Texas Teen-Age district and state tournaments."

Phillips pointed to a study done for Greensburg, Indiana, which has a population of 11,000 and the impact of hosting youth baseball tournaments.

If 50 teams participate with an average of 13 players, and family travels with the team, there is a significant boost to the local economy in terms of potential lodging, dining, shopping and fuel purchases.

Phillips said on a recent Saturday, 3,007 people entered the Gatesville Sports Complex during a tournament.

He said USSSA hosts both statewide and national tournaments.

"I believe people will come from further away to visit our city," Phillips said.

"Right now, we host about eight Small Town Select tournaments, and we want to host 6-8 USSSA tournaments. This will benefit hotels, restaurants and stores and we should see an increase in sales taxes and hotel/motel taxes that will offset the loss of gate fees."

Councilman Greg Casey asked if hosting additional tournaments would interfere with local youth leagues.

"We have limited fields, so it will impact practice times and it will be an extra burden on my department," Phillips said. "It takes a lot of time to host events, plus clean-up. We may need some money for overtime. With increased revenue, it will more than offset those costs."

Mayor Pro Tem Meredith Rainer asked if the tournaments bring in more money for the city, whether those funds can be put back into supporting the parks and recreation system.

"Absolutely," City Manager Albert said. "We can use HOT (hotel occupancy tax) funds to finance lights (at fields) as well."

The Council approved the recommendation for a two-year trial run.

Passing the Torch



COURTESY PHOTO BY U.S. ARMY SPC. CHEYNE HANOSKI

Maj. Gen. John B. Richardson IV, outgoing division commander, hands the division colors to Lt. Gen. Sean C. Bernabe, III Armored Corps commanding general signifying his relinquishment of command of the 1st Cavalry Division on July 14 at Cooper Field, Fort Cavazos, Texas. The change of command ceremony is a tradition where the outgoing commander symbolically relinquishes command and authority by passing the division's colors to the presiding officer, who will hand the colors to the incoming commander, thus beginning a new era of leadership for the incoming commander and the division.



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Governor's Small Business Summit set for July 27

Staff Reports

The Governor's Small Business Summit - Stephenville aims to help Texas small business owners and aspiring entrepreneurs reach new heights by connecting them with the resources and information needed to start, strengthen, and grow a business.

This event offers a variety of sessions bringing together local, state and federal resource partners to provide key insights on critical business topics. It's also an opportunity to network with other business owners and meet experts who will share timely, relevant, and actionable advice on a multitude of small business subjects.

- Access to Finance and Funding
- Cybersecurity: Protecting Your Company in a Digital Economy
- Employee Recruitment and Retention
- Marketing & E-Commerce Essentials

The summit is scheduled for July 27, 2023, from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Tarleton State University - Barry B. Thompson Student Center Ballroom located at 1333 W. Washington, Stephenville, TX 76402. Registration is \$20 and includes access to all sessions, lunch and complimentary headshots.

To register, go to <https://web.cvent.com/event/bc74f4cc-99a6-4e00-b258-753c8c659f7c/summary>

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 included, 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 from 7

p.m. to 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.



Cone with a cop to be held August 2

Staff Reports

The Gatesville Police Department is partnering with Studebakers Pizza on Wednesday, August 2 for a free ice cream event. The event will be held from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Studebakers Pizza.

The event will be open for the public to enjoy. All children will

receive free ice cream, a kiddo identification card, and a chance to talk with our local police officers.

Studebakers Pizza is located at 2701 E. Main Street in Gatesville. For more information on the event contact the Gatesville Police Department at 254-865-2226.

FROM MY FRONT PORCH

Congratulations to Miss Aubree Ann and Olivia Lois Long



BY BARBARA HOPSON

Mound News Correspondent

Little Miss Emma Beth Hopson was honored for her very first birthday Sunday afternoon with a party with the theme (Let's Flamin-gle) at the home of her grandparents, David and Pam Hopson. Those attending were family and friends.

Samuel Belt, Kinsey Gardner, and Costin Allison travelled to The Royal Highland Show in Edinburg, Scotland where they competed in the livestock judging contest. Only a select few teams from the United States qualified to travel and join the Young Farmers Association in Scotland to compete at their county fair. The Coryell County team visited Scotland, Ireland, and London over a

two-week period and were taken on many tourist attractions and farm visits where they could see how farming in the UK compared to the United States.

Frank and Susie Hopson have returned home from a trip with cooler weather. They spent time in Vancouver, B.C. and then took a cruise up the coastline of Alaska aboard The Sea Whisper.

Kelsey Sage spent the

week in Gulf Shores, AL. She enjoyed time relaxing on the beach with her parents, Randy and Tracy Sage. Brother Cal Sage and niece Davie Sage also joined in the fun.

Bobby and Nelda Carothers are settling into their vacation house on Lake LBJ, in Marble Falls.

Mound Cowboy Church and White Mound Baptist Church children's group with Jennifer Mann took twenty-eight kids to Kidz Kamp at Latham Springs Camp & Retreat Center in Aquilla for a week. There were six decisions for Christ. This year's theme was BOLD FOR CHRIST.

The Mound community would like to say congratulations to Miss Aubree Ann and Olivia Lois Long. They are the children of Zach and Amanda Long.

Aubree Ann Long had her final run in the Gatesville Riding Club saddle series with her new saddle and Olivia Lois Long won a buckle

in the Gatesville Play Day event Saturday.

Mr. Felton Romane Thompson died Wednesday July 12. Graveside services were held Monday morning at Restland Cemetery in Gatesville. Mr. Thompson went to school in the Mound community and graduated from Gatesville High School. Felton was the cousin of the late Lois (Cole) Hopson.

Summer McClellan and Ashley Danielle Hartman of Fort Worth visited over the weekend with Frank and Susie Hopson.

McKenzie Jagger and Jonsey Newman of Gatesville visited one day during the week with Don and Sue Jones.

Several people of Mound attended the 77th annual Hampton Family Reunion at the Historic Pearl Community Center (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday) July 14 to 16.

Barbara's Notes: Happy Birthday to Miss Anna Grace McPherson

Central Texas Roots to meet

Staff Reports

Central Texas Roots will hold its monthly meeting on Saturday, August 12 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. The meeting will be held at Junction on Route 36 located at 1216 TX-36 N. in Gatesville. There will be plant swaps, seed swaps, light refreshments, and a door prize.

The meeting will consist of a two-minute tutorial regarding easy plant identifi-

cation, a local educational speaker with hands on experience, a drawing for a door prize, and a preorder sign up for t-shirts.

Central Texas Roots meets on the second Saturday of each month. Meetings have included educational speakers, Dutch treat meals, sharing of seeds and plant ideas, door prizes, refreshments, and conversation.

Each meeting is free for

the public to attend, and everyone is encouraged to bring family and friends who have a passion for gardening.

Be sure to join the Central Texas Roots Facebook page for updates and information on future meetings and events.

For more information contact Celia Schultz-Sellers at 254-206-6355.

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Marvin, a 10-week-old Miniature Dachshund, visited children at the Gatesville Public Library's story time while Brooke Coffman with CoDa Canine Obedience School read a book titled "Being a Dog, A Tail of Mindfulness."

CoDa Canine visits story time at Gatesville Public Library

Staff Reports

Brooke Coffman of CoDa Canine Obedience School recently participated in the story time at the Gatesville Public Library.

Coffman read to the children

from the book titled "Being a Dog, A Tail of Mindfulness." She brought along with her "Marvin" - a 10-week-old Miniature Dachshund who is part of their puppy program. The children at story time were

excited about Marvin's visit and enjoyed playing with him.

CoDa Canine Obedience is owned by Brooke Coffman and Madison Davis in Gatesville. The business is located on seven acres of land and serves the greater Waco, Woodway, Hewitt, Temple, and Fort Cavazos areas.

The owners tell those interested in using their services that the best time to train a dog is when it is about seven to eight months old, but that training can be effective at other ages as well.

Turnersville Baptist Church presents Vacation Bible School

Staff Reports

Turnersville Baptist Church will hold their Vacation Bible School on Saturday, July 29 for one day only. The VBS will commence at 9 a.m. and will

continue through 3 p.m.

The theme for this year will be Twists and Turns, and children ages four through fifth grade are welcome to attend.

There will be lots of music, crafts, Bible time,

snacks, fun, missions, and recreation.

For more information on VBS contact Turnersville Baptist Church at 254-421-3974.

Dan collects cars and buildings



BY TUMBLEWEED SMITH

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

Dan Markman worked on his high school newspaper in Meridian. "We're the Yellow Jackets here in Meridian," says Dan. "And I was on the Jacket Jabber staff."

His father had a feed store in Meridian. The family car was a 1951 Kaiser.

"That was my first car in high school, a hand me down family '51 Kaiser."

Years later he bought a 1951 Kaiser.

"After I started my family, I remarked that if I ever had the chance to buy a '51 Kaiser, I'd buy it. One day my 13-year-old son told me he found one in the newspaper and not only was it a Kaiser, but it was a '51 Kaiser. We immediately went out and bought it and we still have that car. We've had it 35 years."

Dan has other cars.

"We have eighteen or nineteen cars. Our preference is what are called orphans. The manufacturer shut down and the models are non-existent. So, we like Kaisers, we like Packards, we like Studebakers, we like Hudsons. So, we've got four Kaisers, a Fraser, a couple of Packards, a Studebaker. Right now, I'm looking for an AMC Pacer and a Gremlin and Hudson Hornet. They're basically post-war vehicles."

His cars are in two barns on his sheep farm in Meridian.

"I see us as preserving

a bit of automotive history because we like the orphans."

One of his cars is truly collectible.

"It's a 1954 Kaiser Darrin. It's a sports car. They only made 287 of them. At auction it's bringing upwards of two hundred thousand dollars. That's our piece de resistance."

Dan's farm is a popular place for car lovers.

"In the last year we've had the state Rolls Royce Club meet here for lunch. We had 77 cars here. We have 2 Rolls Royces, a '57 and a '76. The Bentley Club from the Gulf Coast also came here. We own a 2019 Bentley. Last week we had the Ford Club out of the Dallas-Fort Worth area. We really enjoy hosting the owners of these beautiful vehicles and they enjoy getting out and driving around the countryside."

Dan moved to Houston and got into the insurance business, but he returns to his hometown every month.

"I kind of have a new project. About four years ago I started buying buildings around the courthouse. I own nine of them. I'm trying to rejuvenate downtown Meridian."

United Women in Faith held July meeting

Submitted Item

United Women in Faith (UWF) met on July 11 in the Banquet Room of the Methodist Church in Gatesville beginning at 5:30 p.m. Fourteen members and one visitor were present. Hostesses were Linda Klontz and Mary Beth Rivers.

President Patsy Smart called the meeting to order by leading the Blessing. During refreshment time, Klontz led the group in an activity picking new prayer partners. Smart welcomed everyone including their visitor and thanked the hostesses. She then read The Purpose. Rivers read from the Daily Prayer Guide, and Velva Riddle read from Response Magazine.

Shirleen Chandler pre-

sented the program, a lesson from their study book

"Who Can We Be Together." The lesson was titled "Parable of the Barren Fig Tree" from Luke 13:6-9. Chandler presented the group with figs at each table and led in singing "Great is Thy Faithfulness." As the scripture was read, members were asked to help themselves to a fig, realizing that after all these years we still have fig trees.

In this parable, Jesus wants the Jews to think about their mission. The vineyard owner could be compared to God, who created the earth. The fig trees could be God's people and the gardener could be Jesus the Good Shepherd, trying to convince God to give the people a little longer to start pro-

ducing fruit.

President Smart called the business meeting to order. She urged members to make a pledge and pay their pledges soon. She reminded members that Giving Wednesday for the Methodist Home was July 12. New business included planning their Salad Supper on August 8; members volunteered to bring different types of salad.

It will be their meeting to invite guests and will begin at 6 p.m., with members bringing their salads about 5 p.m. to set up the meal. Mary Kafer and friends will bring a musical program. Chandler gave an update on health issues of some of their members.

Meeting adjourned with the Benediction.

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Coryell Valley Church presents Summer Singing

Staff Reports

Coryell Valley Church will hold its Summer Singing on Saturday, July 29. Summer Singing will begin at 5 p.m.

Many projects have occurred at Coryell Valley Church over the years.

Projects include restoring the 1930's rock church, establishing a Wesleyan congregation, providing concerts performed by gospel groups, and adding a community building with restrooms, showers, a kitchen, a loft, and Wi-Fi. The vision of Coryell Val-

ley Church is to make an impact for God by helping people understand the enriching messages of eternal hope given by Jesus Christ through His words and deeds.

Coryell Valley Church is located at 4995 FM 929 in Gatesville.

Mission Gatesville provides donation list for brown bags

Staff Reports

Mission Gatesville has provided a list of items needed to fill brown bags for the community. Mission Gatesville has experienced an increase in the need for brown bags over the past few weeks, from passing out 15 bags a week to now over 40 brown bags a week.

The list includes:

- Vienna Sausage
- Tuna packets
- Ravioli cans
- Canned corn or green beans
- Small single served cereal boxes
- Mac and Cheese boxes
- One pound of rice packages
- Peanut Butter jars
- Peanut Butter crackers
- Snack sized chips
- Orange fruit cups
- Pop-Tarts, the generic brand is accepted
- Single oatmeal packs
- Squeezable Apple Sauce
- H-E-B brand bear cookie packs
- Ramen Noodles, not the cups
- Cereal or granola snack bars
- Chewable fruit snacks
- Capri-Sun cases
- Water bottles

Mission Gatesville needs 200 per item each month to stuff the brown bags. Items can be dropped off at Mission Gatesville located at 301 N. Lutterloh Ave. in Gatesville. For more information contact 254-206-6021.



COURTESY PHOTO
Pictured left to right, Gatesville ISD superintendent Dr. Barrett Pollard, Coryell County District Attorney Dusty Boyd, assistant district attorney Katrina Roach, and Gatesville Police Chief Brad Hunt.

Town hall meeting held at Mt. Calvary Church of God in Christ

Submitted Item

On Friday, July 14, a neighborhood town hall meeting was held at Mount Calvary Church of God in Christ. Lee Otis Ford opened the meeting with a prayer followed by a welcome and opening comments made by Claude Williams. Calvin Ford then introduced the panelist.

Each panelist gave updates on their respective areas of supervision.

Dr. Barrett Pollard spoke about current and upcoming issues at Gatesville Independent School District which included teacher pay raises, homecoming, and a future need to renovate the junior high and field house.

District Attorney Dusty Boyd, along with his new

assistant DA, Katrina Roach, gave an overview of the Maps program followed by Gatesville Police Chief Brad Hunt who gave updates on the police department as well as several city initiatives.

Following the addresses, there was a period of questions and answers followed by a closing prayer by Wray Nunn.

CHAMBER NAMES JULY MEMBER OF THE MONTH



COURTESY PHOTO

The Gatesville Chamber of Commerce recently selected Gatesville Sporting Adventures as their July Member of the Month. Representatives of the chamber were on hand to present the award. Each month, the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce recognizes a chamber member, and those winners will also be in the running for Chamber Member of the Year, an honor awarded each year at the annual chamber banquet. Gatesville Sporting Adventures, owned by Tina Zimmerman, is located at 2514 S. Texas 36 in Gatesville. They can be reached by calling 254-865-7009.

LETTER

Medicare scams are rampant!

This letter is to warn anyone on Medicare. Medicare scams are rampant! I was scammed on Friday, July 7, 2023. He said my card expired on Monday and Medicare would send me a plastic card. He had my Medicare number except the last four numbers. I was sick and fell for it.

He asked for my weight, height, and my primary care physician. The thing that made my hair stand up was when he asked for my favorite color. I asked what my favorite color had to do with Medicare. He said the shipping department would call me and they would need my favorite color. I called Medicare. They confirmed that it was a scam. They said that Medicare would never send you a plastic card.

On Monday, I got a call

about Medicare Insurance. I hung up. On Tuesday, I got a call about sending me a new plastic card again. I kept asking him questions about things that he just told me. He wanted to know if I had Dementia, so I hung up.

On Friday, I got a call from Medicare saying he was from the shipping department. I hung up. After the call on Tuesday, I called Medicare. Again, she said Medicare will never call you, and she said we won't get plastic cards.

I keep getting calls that say I'm due a new glucometer from CVS. I haven't dealt with them in 20 years. Someone keeps asking me about pain in my back and knee. I've been hanging up. I'm debating asking him which knee because I'm an amputee.

Susan Curtis
Gatesville, Texas

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OBITUARIES

Betty Shults

March 28, 1930 - July 15, 2023

Betty Shults, age 93, of Abilene, formerly of Gatesville, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Saturday, July 15, 2023.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 18, 2023, at Scotts Funeral Home Chapel in Gatesville, with Brother Floyd Brown and Brother A. C. Painter officiating. Interment followed at Turnersville Cemetery.

Betty Lou Tickner Shults was born March 28, 1930, in Pratt, Kansas, to the late Wesley Caradine and Thelma Curry Tickner. Betty liked to brag that she came to her senses at the age of nine days old and moved to Texas. She graduated from Odessa High School in Odessa where she met the love of her life, Doug Shults. They were married on September 8, 1947, and spent the next 58 years together until he was called to Heaven. To this marriage were born two daughters, Libby and Anne, and the special blessing of her son, Pete. Betty lived in Gatesville until 2021 when she moved to Abilene. Above all, Betty loved the Lord and shared her faith with each person she met. After the Lord, she cherished her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren. She was a blessing to all who knew her.

After moving to Abilene, she was lovingly cared for by all the staff at Mesa Springs Health Care Center, especially Chase Blake, Angelica Wilburn, Madison Bunch and Sharon Hilton.

She was preceded in death



by her husband, Doug, son, Pete, her parents, W. C. and Thelma Tickner; and sisters, LaVerne Mauldin and Allie Spurgeon.

Betty is survived by two daughters, Libby Connally and husband, Eddie, and Anne Wamba; three grandsons, Chuck Connally and wife, Amy, Jason Wamba and wife, Shelly, and Chris Connally; five great-grandchildren, Kent Lauren and husband, Sean, Tamara Wohlers and husband, Taylor, Hunter Wamba and wife, Hannah, Cassidy Wamba, B. J. Anderson; and five great-great grandchildren. She is also survived by her pastor and wife, A. C. and Pat Painter; a host of friends, and her special four-legged child, "Trixie."

Pallbearers will be Chuck Connally, Jason Wamba, Larry Warren, Shane Sutton, Roy Necessary and Steven Nichols. Honorary Pallbearers will be Louis Herry, Delvin King, Paul Regino and Rodney Bond.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Betty's honor to Harmony Baptist Church, 4921 E. Highway 84, Gatesville, TX 76528.

FROM MY FRONT PORCH

Congratulations to our Pearl boys



BY BETSY CLARK

Pearl News Correspondent

The Ray Family trekked to Waco for the Regional TAAF last week where Trent got first in Discus and second in Shotput in the 18-year-old division, and Riley got eighth in Discus.

Congratulations to these Pearl boys for such an awesome showing! The next event will be The Games of

Texas in Brownsville on July 27 and 28!

The next Pearl Bluegrass and Pearl Cottage Book-

store event will be held August 5. Everyone is invited to attend, and you don't have to worry about the heat as the rooms in the Pearl Community Center and the Pearl Cottage Bookstore are air conditioned! So, beat the heat, and come on out to Pearl to enjoy some wonderful live music, fun shopping, good food, and friendly folks! Bring friends!

The annual Atchley Fish Fry and Labor Day Auction benefiting His Kids takes place on September 3rd at the Pearl Church of Christ. Just a little teaser as to one of the items in the auction—a Grandfather Clock! Everyone is always invited to this event, and everyone is always invited to this

wonderful church! Their service time is 10:30 a.m. each Sunday morning.

This week's Bible verse comes from Romans 12:10—Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. NIV Please continue to pray for much needed rain, praise God for the showers that we do get, and pray for those who serve us in the heat, rain, cold, and ice!

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 betsyclarke47@yahoo.com.

Felton Thompson

October 10, 1934 - July 12, 2023

Felton Thompson, age 88, of Gatesville, passed away on Wednesday, July 12, 2023.

Graveside services were held at 10 a.m. Monday, July 17, at Restland Cemetery, with Minister Deral McWhorter officiating.

Felton Romane Thompson was born on October 10, 1934, in Coryell County, to the late Jewel Rape and Almeda Cole Rape. At an early age, his father passed away and his mother married Odie Thompson, who became a father to him, and he legally took his name. He went to school in the Mound community and graduated from Gatesville High School. He married Melda Jean Ross on March 6, 1961, in Oklahoma. They resided in Oklahoma for many years, where he was a contractor as an oil pipeline welder. They moved back to Gatesville in 1998. His wife preceded him in death on November 19, 2010. He was a member of Cedar Ridge Church of Christ.

He was also preceded in death by his biological father, Jewel Rape; parents, Almeda and Odie Thomp-



son; daughter, Debbie Thompson and a son, Barry Thompson.

Felton is survived by his son, Gary Thompson and wife, Judy; grandchildren, Charlie Thompson, James Thompson, Steven Thompson, and Jesse Diller; five great-grandchildren, Brandi Thompson, Christian Thompson, Trinity Thompson, Heather Thompson and Max Thompson; and two great-great grandchildren, Avery Stocks and Logan Stocks.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to Cedar Ridge Church of Christ, 104 Cedar Ridge Road, Gatesville, TX 76528.



DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Leslie Reagan displays a few of his knives from his massive collection for Exchange Club members to examine.

Reagan shows his knife collection to Exchange Club members

BY DAVID SCOTT
Staff Writer

Leslie Reagan, of Gatesville, recently spoke to the Gatesville Exchange Club about his vast collection of knives - some of which are very rare.

"I began collecting pocketknives when I was 25 and I'm almost 70 now, so it's been quite a while," Reagan said.

The main type of knives Reagan collects is the folding Hunter pattern. Most of the knives in his collection

were made in the 1940s and 1950s. "The bigger the knife, the more expensive they are," he said.

Over the years of collecting, Reagan now has over 2,000 pocket knives in his collection.

The DISPATCH

The following is a partial breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of July 12 - July 18. 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

July 12
10:40 a.m., a disturbance was reported in the 2000 block of Waco Street.

7:48 p.m., animal cruelty was reported in the 2800 block of s. State Hwy. 36.

11:52 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 700 block of Bridge Street.

July 13
10:02 a.m., an armed suspect was reported in the 100 block of Avenue C.

7:31 p.m., a noise disturbance was reported in the 1800 block of E. Leon Street.

10:00 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2400 block of Business Hwy. 36.

July 14
1:31 p.m., a threat was reported in the 200 block of Old Osage Road.

3:53 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 100 block of Hillcrest Drive.

5:27 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the

100 block of Pueblo Lane.

July 15
8:18 a.m., a theft was reported in the 2400 block of Business Hwy. 36.

10:17 a.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 2200 block of E. Main Street.

1:34 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2200 block of E. Main Street.

July 16
10:19 a.m., a gas leak was reported in the 1200 block of E. Main Street.

1:53 p.m., a theft was reported in the 2800 block of S. State Hwy. 36.

11:10 p.m., an accident was reported in the 1400 block of State School Road.

July 17
11:30 a.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 8700 block of W. Hwy. 84.

12:27 p.m., a threat was reported in the 1000 block of State School Road.

10:03 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 200 block of 3rd Street.

CORYELL COUNTY

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

July 12
8:20 a.m., a major accident was reported in the 2400 block of W. Hwy. 84.

9:16 a.m., a stolen vehicle was reported in the 1200 block of CR 238.

8:49 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 3600 block of CR 267.

July 13
1:55 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported on FM 2412 at Plum Creek.

8:15 a.m., found property was reported in the 7100 block of CR 142.

1:36 p.m., a scam was reported in the 3600 block of CR 102.

4:35 p.m., a theft was reported in the 2200 block of Hay Valley Road.

July 14
4:30 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 800 block of Bluestem Drive.

8:46 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on S. FM 183 near Evant.

10:17 p.m., a reckless driver was reported on E.

Hwy. 84 at CR 268.

July 15
8:11 a.m., a welfare concern was reported on FM 116.

1:27 p.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 4200 block of FM 1113.

7:40 p.m., suspicious activity was reported on S. Hwy. 36 near CR 356.

July 16
8:53 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 200 block of Bob Cat Lane.

5:36 p.m., a grass fire was reported in the 1400 block of CR 305.

8:06 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on FM 116 at Pidcoke.

July 17
7:44 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 1900 block of FM 1996.

8:14 a.m., a scam was reported in the 1000 block of Lansberry Court.

4:50 p.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 300 block of FM 107.

6:59 p.m., a civil matter was reported on Pate Drive.

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GARAGE SALE

25 CENT SALE Tues., 07/25 - Sat., 07/29. The Boys & Girls Club Resale Shop, 1706 E. Main. Tuesday-Friday, 8a.m.-5p.m. & Saturday, 9a.m.-3p.m. 00030220

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HOUSES FOR SALE

HOUSE FOR SALE: 205 West James St. Hamilton, TX. 2BD/1BA: New roof & paint inside & out, new kitchen cabinets. Call or text: 254-223-2177. 00030244

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Wine and Malt Beverage Retail Dealer's Off-Premise Permit by 864 Beverage, Inc. dba Murphy USA #7883, 2712 E. Hwy. 190, Copperas Cove, Coryell County, Texas. Robert Clyde, President/CEO; John Moore, Sr. VP/GC/Secretary; Malynda West, Exec VP/Treasurer; Joseph Gruninger, VP. 00030242

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Alton Lee Garrett, Jr., Deceased, were issued on 6-6-23, in Cause No. 23-10837, pending in the County Court-at-Law of Coryell County, Texas, to: Joyce Ann Garrett. 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: Joyce Ann Garrett Estate of Alton Lee Garrett, Jr. 971 Wedgewood Drive Copperas Cove, Texas 76522 DATED the 12 day of July, 2023. Dori Ray Mystic, Attorney for Joyce Ann Garrett State Bar No.: 04091800 P.O. Box 246, Copperas Cove, Texas 76522 Telephone: (254) 547-6000 or 6800, Facsimile: (254) 547-4157 E-mail: doriraymistic@hotmail.com 00030246

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO DISTRICT RULES
The Middle Trinity Groundwater Conservation District ("MTGCD") Board of Directors will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, August 10th, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. at 930 N Wolfe Nursery Rd., Stephenville, TX 76401. All interested parties are invited to attend.

AGENDA

The following items of business will be discussed, considered, and potentially acted upon by the Board of Directors of the Middle Trinity Groundwater Conservation District:

1. Call hearing to order and establish a quorum.
2. Public hearing on Proposed Amendments to District Rules. The proposed amendments to the District Rules include changes and additions to:
 - a. definition of acre-foot
 - b. permit exclusions and exemptions
 - c. contested case hearings conducted by the State Office of Administrative Hearings
 - d. permit hearing - continuance
 - e. permit hearing - board action
 - f. permit hearing - request for rehearing and appeal
 - g. petition to change rules
 - h. groundwater transport fee
3. Receive public comments on Proposed Amendments to District Rules. Any person who desires to appear at the hearing and present comment or other information on the proposed Amendments to District Rules may do so in person, by counsel, or both. Comments may be presented verbally or in written form. Limits may be placed on the amount of time that each person is allowed to present verbal comments. The hearing posted in this notice may be receded from day to day or continued where appropriate.
4. Discuss, consider, and/or action on Proposed Amendments to District Rules. Changes may be made to the proposed District Rules based upon comments received or made at the hearing, and the rules may be adopted with or without such changes without further notice or hearing.
5. Adjourn, recess, or continue rulemaking hearing; written record may be left open for limited time.

A copy of the proposed Amendments to the District Rules may be requested by email at wells@middletrinitygcd.org, and is available at MTGCD's website www.middletrinitygcd.org, and may be reviewed or copied at 930 N Wolfe Nursery Rd., Stephenville, TX 76401. Any person who wishes to receive more detailed information on this notice of the proposed District Rules should contact the General Manager, at 254-965-6705. The MTGCD is committed to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Reasonable accommodations and equal opportunity for effective communication will be provided upon request. Please contact the President of the District at 254-965-6705 at least 24 hours in advance if accommodation is needed. 00030245

PUBLIC NOTICE: There will be a scheduled Public Hearing of the Board of Adjustments of Gatesville on August 3, 2023, in the City's Council Chambers at 5:30 p.m. The purpose of this Public Hearing is to consider the request for a Special Exception of property owner, Daren Moore to construct a crematorium located next to Scott's Funeral Home at 2429 East Main Street. This hearing is open to the public. BY: Liz Reinhardt 00030248

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• Cath Lab Tech – FT, exp. preferred
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• RN Charge Nurse – FT Mon, Wed & Fri, 4:45am-8:00pm
• Home Dialysis RN
Surgery:
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• Surgery Housekeeper – FT
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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Mona Joy Bates, Deceased, were issued on 6-6-23, in Cause No. 23-10846, pending in the County Court-at-Law of Coryell County, Texas, to: Bradley Scott Bates.

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: Bradley Scott Bates
Estate of Mona Joy Bates
101 Blackberry Court
Midland, Texas 79705

DATED the 21 day of June, 2023.

Dori Ray Mistic
Attorney for Bradley Scott Bates
State Bar No.: 04091800
P.O. Box 246, Copperas Cove, Texas 76522
Telephone: (254) 547-6000 or 6800
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Lee Afferback, Deceased, were issued on 6-6-23, in Cause No. 23-10839, pending in the County Court-at-Law of Coryell County, Texas, to: Alan Afferback.

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: Alan Afferback
Estate of Lee Afferback
1624 Lakeside Ranch Road
Georgetown, Texas 78633

DATED the 20 day of June, 2023.

Dori Ray Mistic
Attorney for Alan Afferback
State Bar No.: 04091800
P.O. Box 246, Copperas Cove, Texas 76522
Telephone: (254) 547-6000 or 6800
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Linda Lou Murphree, Deceased, were issued on to 6-6-23 in Cause No. 23-10840, pending in the County Court-at-Law of Coryell County, Texas, to: Dorrie Lynn Elmore.

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: Dorrie Lynn Elmore
Estate of Charles Edward Murphree
520 Allen Street
Copperas Cove, Texas 76522

DATED the 20 day of June, 2023.

Dori Ray Mistic
Attorney for Dorrie Lynn Elmore
State Bar No.: 04091800
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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF BID

Evant I.S.D. is currently accepting sealed bids for the tear down and replacement of the main entrance at the school, and the inclusion of an enclosed foyer off the existing front doors of the building.

All services to complete the work will be provided by the contractor.

Please contact Superintendent, Dr. Jennifer Ingram (254-471-5536 or jingram@evantisd.org) for an appointment before submitting a bid to review specifications.

To submit a bid, please send it to:

Evant ISD
339 Memory Lane
Evant, TX 76525
or hand-deliver it to the Evant ISD superintendent's office at 339 Memory Lane, Evant, TX.

For additional information, you may contact Dr. Ingram at 254-471-5536.

The deadline to turn in a bid is 10:00 a.m. on August 28, 2023. Proposals will be reviewed at the August 28 special school board meeting at 339 Memory Lane, Evant.

The trustees of the school reserve the right to reject any and all proposals and to accept any proposals deemed most advantageous to Evant I.S.D., as well as negotiate with successful bidders as deemed advisable.

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NOTICE OF BID FOR ERECTION OF METAL SECURITY FENCE

The Board of Trustees of the Jonesboro Independent School District ("JISD") hereby serves notice that it will accept sealed bids FOR ERECTION OF A METAL PRIVACY FENCE with the following specifications:

Distance: Approximately 5000 Linear Feet
Height: 6 Feet Tall

Specifics:
Black R Panel
2 3/8" pipe Every 10 Feet
- Driven or Set 3 Feet in the ground
Kicker Every 100 Feet
Three (3) - 4 Inch Pearlings
- Spaced Accordingly
Gold J Trim on Top and Bottom

This would include 4 gates (16 ft opening - 2 x 8 ft) that will be locked from inside.

Bids will be opened on August 15, 2023 at 7:00 PM in Board Meeting

Interested parties with questions concerning specifications of the building that may not be listed or need further explanation, may contact Mr. Matt Dossey, Superintendent of Schools, at the address below, by phone, or at matt.dossey@jonesboroisd.net. JISD reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in bids received. Bids received after the deadline or faxed and/or electronic bids will not be considered.

Sealed bids will be received until: August 15, 2023 at 12:00 PM.

Address:

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Jonesboro, Texas 76538-0125
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FAX: 254-463-2275

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby being given that the owner of Lot 17, West Moody Farms, a Subdivision in the Whitson Community, being on Farm to Market Road No. 107 approximately 1 mile East of Mother Neff Parkway, intends to sell an existing house on 1.47-Acres out of the original 25.97-Acre tract. This action requires a re-plat with Coryell County. Publication of this notice will be 3 times in the Gatesville Messenger, with a target Commissioners Court date of August 8, 2023. Respondents may reply to the Coryell County Road and Bridge Department, Mr. Justin Mannix with any comments. Comments also are allowed at the Commissioners Court. 00030253

Public Notice

Public notice is hereby given that the owner of Lot 47, Indian Creek Ranch, a subdivision approximately 5.4 miles west of South Purlmela on CR 159 intends to divide the 7.02 acre tract into one 2.07 lot and a 4.95 acre lot. This action requires a re-plat with Coryell County. Publication of this notice will be 3 times in the Gatesville Messenger, with a target Commissioners Court date of August 8, 2023. Respondents may reply to the Coryell County Road and Bridge Department, Mr. Justin Mannix with any comments. Comments also are allowed at the Commissioners Court. 00030254

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Coryell County Commissioners Court will hold a public hearing on August 8, 2023 at Commissioners Courtroom, 800 E. Main Street, Gatesville TX 76528 at 9:00 a.m. to receive comments for or against a request by Micah Pilkey (LFG Investors, LLC) for a revision of KINGSTON'S ESTATES, PHASE II, Lot Numbers 3 & 5 in Block 1.

The subject site is located at 725 and 805 Barton Lane, Gatesville, TX.

The subject site is an 8.02-acre tract being in KINGSTON'S ESTATES, PHASE II, Lot Numbers 3 & 5 in Block 1, as recorded in Slide 1104 of the Coryell County Clerk Records.

Additional information and a map of the subject site are available upon request for review. You may contact Justin Mannix At The Coryell County Road and Bridge Department. 00030255

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE:

All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Fair Housing Act which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, or an intention, to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination." Familial status includes children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians, pregnant women and people securing custody of children under 18.

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- ▶ 10.01 acres east of Evant, TX. Lot 8 Phase 5 Rio Escondido Subdivision, good tree cover, rolling terrain, great views to build a home, gated Subdivision. \$119,900
- ▶ 10.01 acres north of Evant, TX. Lot 85 Phase 4 Rio Escondido, Rolling Terrain, Good tree cover, good views, \$115,000
- ▶ 10.01 acres, Lot 20 Phase 4 Rio Escondido north of Evant, TX. Good tree cover, great views. \$150,000
- ▶ 10.01 acres east of Evant, TX in Coryell County on CR 160. Lot 39, Buffalo Creek Ranch Subdivision. Rolling terrain, good tree cover. \$150,000
- ▶ 10.01 acres, Lot 48 in Phase 6 Rio Escondido Subdivision Evant, TX., Dry Branch along back of the property, nice home site overlooking the branch. \$185,000
- ▶ 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, Purlmela, 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, Purlmela, 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 a recipe of your own for possible publication, please email it to: editor@gatesvillemessenger.com.

King Ranch Casserole

BEVERLY GARTMAN WARD

- Ingredients:**
- 4 chicken breasts, diced and cooked
 - 1 onion, chopped fine
 - 2 c. grated cheddar cheese
 - 1 can cream of chicken soup
 - 1 doz. Corn tortillas, chopped fine
 - 1 can cream of mushroom soup
 - 1 can chicken broth
 - 1 can Rotel tomatoes, diced

Instructions:
In a baking dish, place 1 layer of chicken, ½ of the sauce (combine last 4 ingredients for the sauce), ½ of the tortillas, ½ of the onion, and ½ of the cheese. Repeat for second layer with cheese on top.
Bake for 1 hour at 350. Serves 6-8. Serve with Spanish rice and beans.



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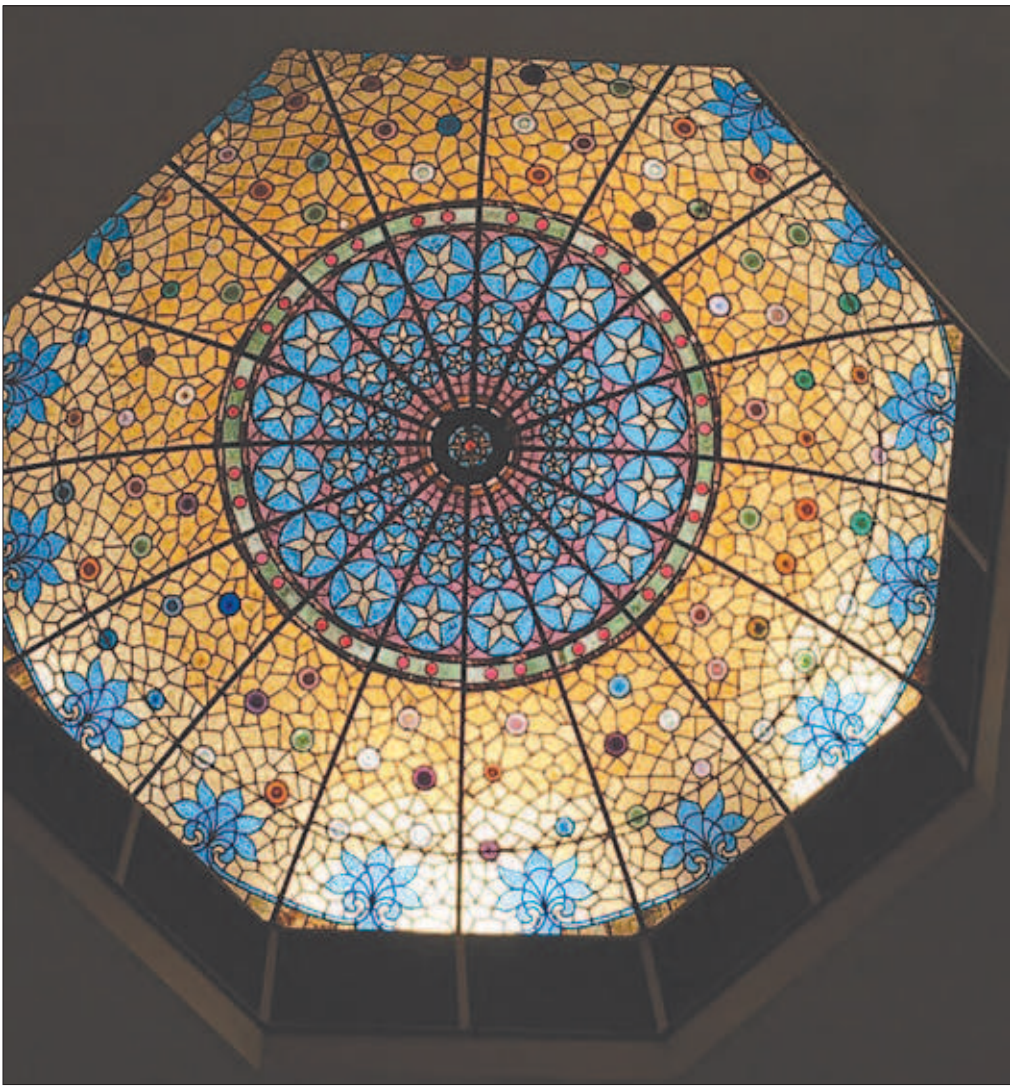


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The stained-glass dome, located in the atrium of the Coryell County Courthouse, has often been described as a "work of art to behold." The stained-glass dome, covered with stars, is lit from above by the windows located in the courthouse bell tower. Visitors to the courthouse can witness the splendor of the courthouse which was constructed in the Second Empire architectural style during what was considered to be the "Gilded Age" of Texas courthouse construction.

Coryell County Courthouse to celebrate 125th anniversary

By David Scott

The Coryell County Historical Commission, in conjunction with Coryell County Judge Roger Miller and the Coryell County Commissioners, are currently making plans for the 125th anniversary of the Coryell County Courthouse which was completed on July 18, 1898.

Festivities will be held on the south side lawn of the courthouse starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 22.

The schedule will include the posting of the colors by an area horseback color guard, the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance by Casey Curry, the National Anthem sung by Charles Ament, the Texas Pledge of Allegiance by Casey Curry, followed by the Texas anthem sung by Dr. Steve Norris. Felicia Inman will then offer an opening prayer.

A welcome will be offered by Coryell County Historical Commission president, Danny Corbett followed by Coryell County Judge Roger Miller who will share the history of the construction of the courthouse.

Festivities planned will include speakers, live



COURTESY PHOTO

A postcard depicts the early days of the Coryell County Courthouse.

music, and old-fashioned games for children and adults alike.

In addition, there will be a rededication ceremony of the Texas State Historical Marker that was originally installed on the north side of the structure but will be relocated to the south side of the building which was the original main entrance of the building.

Larry Weiss, of Harris Creek, recently restored the original marker and brought it back to its original condition just in time for the 125th anniversary celebration.

The Coryell County Courthouse was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1977.

During the 125th anniversary celebration, non-guided tours will be given of the historic structure which was restored in the late 1980's.

Those planning to attend the celebration are encouraged to bring lawn chairs for seating on the courthouse lawn. Several food trucks will be on hand to provide refreshments and a courthouse birthday cake will be provided by the Coryell County Historical Commission.



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Getting wrestlers ready to rumble



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Gatesville youths in grades 1-6 and 7-12 had an opportunity to work on their wrestling techniques during a Gatesville ISD wrestling camp July 10-14. The event was overseen by coach Robert Clater Jr., who is the Gatesville High School wrestling coach.



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Summer tennis honoring Sandell



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Gatesville ISD school board member Calvin Ford was one of the participants in the recent Ethan Sandell Memorial Tennis Tournament, honoring a former Gatesville High School tennis player.



DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Ben Mabry hits a shot in the Ethan Sandell Memorial Tennis Tournament, which attracted participants from throughout Central Texas.



DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Shy Tatum (left) awaits a shot from Jaegar Smith during recent tennis action at the Sue and Glenn Vernon Tennis Courts.



DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Colleen Fitzer and Olivia Walker participate in a match during the Ethan Sandell Memorial Tennis Tournament on July 8.

GISD season ticket sales start Aug. 7

All Gatesville advance athletic tickets and passes must be purchased in person from athletic secretary Velvet Jaynes at the GHS Henry Marris Field House from 7:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, starting Aug. 7. There will be no ticket/pass sales on Fridays during football season.

Children under the age of 5 will be admitted free to all GISD home athletic events. Gatesville ISD will not be doing online ticket sales for any home events this year.

VARSITY FOOTBALL TICKETS

The special option period for current season ticket holders only will be from Aug. 7-10 during the above listed hours of operation. The cost is \$60 per ticket for the six home football games during the 2023 season.

All remaining season tickets will go on sale to the general public from Aug. 21-24. After that date, any remaining reserved-seat tickets (\$10 each) will be sold on a game-by-game basis.

Cost for single-game general admission tickets will be \$6 and student tickets (ages 6 and above) will be \$4.

ALL-SPORTS PASSES

These passes are valid for all GISD home athletic events except varsity football. Any hosted

playoff/postseason events are not included as well.

The cost for the athletic season pass is \$50 for adults, \$30 for students and \$125 for a Family Pass (valid for immediate family members only).

The physical pass must be presented for free admission - no exceptions.

ADMISSION PRICES TO OTHER SPORTS

Admission will be \$3 for adults and \$2 for students. This will include the following sports: baseball, basketball, football (sub-varsity and junior high), soccer, softball, volleyball and wrestling.

The price for admission to a hosted full-day tournament or meet will be higher.

HONORARY HORNET PASSES

GISD Athletics will again offer these free passes to all Hornet fans ages 60 and over. This pass allows cardholders free admission into any GISD sporting event, including varsity football games (general admission seating only). It is not valid for any hosted playoff or postseason event.

If you already have a white Honorary Hornet Pass with Dr. Pollard's signature on it, you will not need to get a new card for 2023-2024.

Evant ISD seeks golf, tennis items

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.

Area Fishing Report

Lake Belton

GOOD. Water lightly stained; 85-87 degrees; 14.02 feet below pool. A reliable morning white bass topwater bite has been taking place from 6:30 a.m. to as late as 8:30 a.m. The more

cloud cover, the longer the bite. Catfish are excellent. Large numbers of blue catfish under 10-pounds can be found along old river channels in 15-30 feet of water. Drifting with fresh cut shad has worked best.

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EISD Meet the Teacher slated Aug. 3

Staff Reports

Evant Independent School District will hold Meet the Teacher for the 2023 to 2024 school year on Thursday, August 3 from 6 p.m. to

7:30 p.m.

Evant ISD's mission is for every student to be empowered to pursue their passion through academic rigor, social and emotional connections, and collective ac-

countability.

Evant ISD is located at 229 Memory Lane in Evant. For more information about Meet the Teacher contact 254-471-5536.

JISD presents Meet the Eagles Aug. 10

Staff Reports

Jonesboro Independent School District will hold their annual Meet the Eagles on Thursday, August 10. Meet the Eagles will be held

on Pruitt Field at 6 p.m.

Staff of Jonesboro ISD will recognize and introduce the volleyball, football, cheerleading, and cross-country teams for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year.

Pruitt Field is located at 14909 TX-36 in Jonesboro. For more information contact Jonesboro ISD at 254-463-2111.



COURTESY PHOTO

School days are right around the corner with some locals schools starting back in two weeks.

American Legion Post 42 presents Tools for Schools July 22

Staff Reports

The 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 Le-

gion; 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, you and some fellow riders will ride motorcycles between checkpoints. Depending on the version of poker there are usually between five to seven check-

points.

Regardless, once you arrive at the first checkpoint, everyone gets a card from a deck of playing cards. Then, everyone rides to the next checkpoint. Once you've all arrived at the second checkpoint, everyone gets a

second playing card. After that, the whole process repeats until you've 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 the American city of Fort Collins, where 1,494 participants raised \$13,000 for the Realities for Children fund.

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

Jonesboro ISD summer football camp scheduled for July 24-26

Staff Reports

Jonesboro Independent School District will present its summer football camp from Monday, July 24 through Wednesday, July 26. The camp will begin

each day at 9 a.m. at Pruitt Field.

The camp is for incoming third through ninth grade students. The cost will be \$40 per person.

Be sure to bring football cleats, water, sunscreen,

and a towel.

Pruitt Field is located at 14909 TX-36 in Jonesboro. For more information contact Jonesboro ISD at 254-463-2111.

Jonesboro ISD to hold Meet the Teacher August 16

Staff Reports

Jonesboro Independent School District will hold its Meet the Teacher on Wednesday, August 16. Meet the Teacher will begin at 6 p.m. and continue

through 8 p.m.

Meet the Teacher will be a time for students to meet their new teachers, gather schedules, set up lockers, and explore all the clubs and extracurricular activities that Jonesboro ISD has

to offer.

Jonesboro ISD is located at 14909 E. State Hwy. 36 in Jonesboro. For more information contact 254-463-2111.

Extraco Bank to collect school supplies

Staff Reports

Extraco is committed to building people, businesses, and communities and one of the ways it is doing so is by collecting school supplies during the summer months to support students starting school in

the fall.

School supplies will be collected at the Gatesville branch location, from Monday, July 3 to Friday, August 4. Extraco will have boxes inside their lobby to drop off any supplies.

The following school supplies are to be collect-

ed:

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- No. 2 Pencils
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- Highlighters
- Wide Rule Notebook

- Folder with Brads
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Extraco is located at 800 E. Main Street in Gatesville. For more information call 254-774-5500.

Gatesville Junior High presents care closet

Staff Reports

Gatesville Junior High School has recently announced the opening of a care closet for all junior high students. The junior high will open the care closet on Thursday, August 10 which will offer various items including clothing, personal, and hygiene products.

Donations for the care closet began on Monday, July 10 and will continue throughout the school year, as this will be a year-round service. Applications to donate can be found in the GJH front office.

Donations can be made in cash and will be applied towards purchasing

items or donations of new or gently used bags can be made and will be used to pack items. Donations of gently used clothing items such as shirts, sweatpants, joggers, underwear, socks, pajamas, or belts, and hygiene products including toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, body wash, skin care, Q-tips, pads, and

tampons can also be made. All clothing sizes must be for boys and girls of the ages 12 to 15 years old.

Be sure to drop off donations at GJH located at 307 S. Lovers Ln.

To register for the care closet contact GJHS at 254-865-8271.

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Solution for the puzzle that ran July 15.

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Puzzle by websudoku.com

GISD Choir bake sale to be held July 22

Staff Reports

The Gatesville Independent School District Choir boosters will hold a bake sale on Saturday, July 22 to support their travel funds

for their trip to California.

The bake sale will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. held at Vintage Royalty. There will be plenty of baked goods including

cookies, cupcakes, brownies, and cakes.

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

GISD Choir Boosters.

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FIRST BAPTIST GATESVILLE
912 E. Main St.; Sunday School 9:30 a.m., morning worship 10:45 a.m.

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Jeremy Sanders, Pastor; 120 College Ave.; Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday worship 11 a.m.; Wednesdays - supper at 5:40 p.m., Kids & Youth Group 6 p.m., Prayer meeting 6 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST PURMELA
875 FM 932, Purmela; Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday worship 11 a.m.

GATEWAY
Michael Bragdon, Pastor; 2819 S. Hwy. 36, Gatesville; Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday worship 11 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.; Wednesday Service 7 p.m.

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Charles W. McKamie, pastor; 6730 FM 1783, Gatesville; Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

LIBERTY
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LIVE OAK
David Crosby, Interim Pastor; 113 FM 107, Gatesville; Sunday School 9:15 a.m., Sunday worship 10:30 a.m., Wednesday evening Youth & Children's Bible Study 6 p.m.

MOUNTAIN
Rev. Kurt Fuessel, pastor; 6319 US-84, Gatesville; Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Prayer meeting 7 p.m. Wednesday.

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Turnersville Baptist Church presents VBS July 29

Staff Reports

Turnersville Baptist Church will hold their Vacation Bible School on Saturday, July 29 for one day only. The VBS will commence at 9 a.m. and will continue through 3 p.m.

The theme for this year will be Twists and Turns, and children ages four through fifth grade are welcome to attend.

There will be lots of music, crafts, Bible time, snacks, fun, recreation,

missions, and a pool party.

For more information on VBS contact Turnersville Baptist Church at 254-986-2471.

Evant ISD taking donations for golf, tennis teams

Staff Reports

Evant Independent School District is currently taking donations to aid the school in providing supplies for the new upcoming golf and tennis teams.

The golf team will be tak-

ing 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, contact 254-471-3160.

Texas Prepaid Tuition Plan Newborn Enrollment Deadline Approaches

Staff Reports

Texas families have through July 31 to enroll their newborns at 2022-23 prices in the Texas Tuition Promise Fund®, the state's prepaid college tuition plan. Newborns are children younger than 1 year of age at the time of enrollment. *

"I know what it's like to be the parent of newborns, and paying for college was

not always at the top of my mind," Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar said. "That's why we're reminding new parents to take advantage of the opportunity to lock in this year's rates and lay the foundation for their children's future educational opportunities."

With the Texas Tuition Promise Fund, participants can purchase tuition units and lock in the costs of un-

dergraduate resident tuition and schoolwide required fees at Texas public colleges and universities, excluding medical and dental institutions, based on today's prices.

For additional flexibility, the plan also can be used at Texas medical and dental institutions, Texas private colleges and universities, out-of-state colleges and universities, career schools

and registered apprenticeship programs, where tuition is not locked in, and the benefits and payouts would be based on the Transfer Value.**

Enrollment at 2022-23 prices closed on Feb. 28 for children 1 year of age and older. The next annual enrollment period begins on Sept. 1, with new contract prices based on Texas public college tuition and

schoolwide required fees costs for the 2023-24 school year.

Complete plan information, including the plan description and agreement, current sales prices, enrollment forms and more, is available at TuitionPromise.org or by calling 800-445-GRAD (4723), Option 5.

The plan's outreach team also offers free webinars that provide an overview of

the plan and discuss the different tuition unit types and payment options, as well as provide information about Texas Match the Promise Foundation matching scholarship opportunities.***

Go to the Texas Tuition Promise Fund website at <https://www.texas tuition-promisefund.com/events/> for information about how to register to attend upcoming webinars.



"Meet the Hornets" set for August 4

The annual "Meet the Hornets" program will be held Friday, August 4 at Tommy Davidson Field at McKamie Stadium.

During the program,

members of all GHS sports teams will be recognized and band, cheer and dance will perform. There will be an ice cream social and meet-and-greet with mem-

bers of the Gatesville ISD athletic staff.

Plans are still being finalized for a "Downtown Pep Rally" to be held one evening in the fall. The community-

wide pep rally will be held in the Gatesville's downtown area including the Coryell County Courthouse lawn. More details will be released at a later date.

Governor Abbott Announces Statewide Film Friendly Texas Workshop

Staff reports

Texas Governor Greg Abbott announced a statewide Film Friendly Texas Workshop to be held virtually on Thursday, August 10. The workshop, hosted by the Texas Film Commission, is open to community representatives from across the state interested in learning about the media production industries of Texas and how to become Film Friendly Texas certified to attract new jobs and investments.

"In promoting Texas as a premier moving image production destination, the Texas Film Commission has attracted \$1.95 billion in local spending and created more than 183,000

production jobs across the state from 2007 to 2022," Abbott said. "By completing the Film Friendly Texas training and certification process, certified communities are prepared to help match local businesses with production-related needs, stimulating the local economy by creating jobs for Texas-based crew members and local residents, as well as creating on-site spending at local businesses."

The statewide Film Friendly Texas Workshop is being held virtually and in partnership with the city of Marfa, a Film Friendly Texas certified community, along with Visit Big Bend.

Marfa and the Big Bend Region have long been featured

in films, including Giant in 1956, No Country for Old Men in 2007, and Abilene in 2022. As noted in a recent Variety feature about the burgeoning film industry in Texas, cooperation between Texas communities is one secret to the success and growth of the Film Friendly Texas program: "A production bolstering the local economy by filming in a particular town disseminates those spending dollars into the next, paying for lumber, food, and lodging in the surrounding areas. The economic boost links the communities together."

The target audience for this workshop is community representatives who will serve as the community's

point-of-contact for facilitating media production requests. Most communities choose a member of their city or county government, Convention and Visitors Bureau, Chamber of Commerce, or Economic Development Corporation.

This workshop includes presentations from Texas Film Commission staff and discussions with media industry professionals in the region addressing topics such as:

- Media production as an economic development opportunity for your community
- What to expect when working with different types of media productions

· How to create filming guidelines and permit systems for your community

· How to facilitate and expedite production requests

· How filming locations are chosen

· How to take and submit photos of potential filming locations in your community

· Understanding location agreements, production insurance, and other documents

· Film tourism opportunities for your community

The Statewide Film Friendly Texas Workshop Virtual, co-hosted by the city of Marfa and Visit Big Bend will take place on Thursday, August 10, 2023, 9:30 a.m. to

12:30 p.m.

For registration and admission information, please visit: gov.texas.gov/film/page/fftx_workshops

For more than 50 years, the Texas Film Commission has helped communities across Texas grow local jobs and economies by promoting the Lone Star State as the premier destination for film, television, commercial, animation, visual effects, video game, and extended reality (XR) production. For more information about the Film Friendly Texas program, visit: gov.texas.gov/film/page/fftx_overview

Apply for 2023 Rural Veterinarian Incentive Program Education Assistance

Staff reports

The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) is now accepting Rural Veterinarian Incentive Program (RVIP) applications for the 2023 cycle. Applications may be submitted through September 5, 2023.

The RVIP provides educational loan repayment assistance or payment of tuition and fees to eligible veterinarians and veterinary medicine students. In return for commitment to work in designated rural areas in Texas, up to a total of \$180,000 may assist qualifying recipients.

"The RVIP offers a great opportunity to receive up to \$45,000 for each year of full-time veterinary service in rural communities in need of a veterinarian," Dr. Andy Schwartz, TAHC Executive Director and State Veterinarian said. "We are pleased that this program seeks to provide assistance to veterinarians and veterinary medical students and the designated rural communities that will benefit from veterinary services in their areas."

To qualify for this program, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- be a currently enrolled student or graduate of a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program at Texas Tech University's School of Veteri-

nary Medicine or Texas A&M University's School of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences; o Graduates must have graduated within four years of the application date and be a licensed veterinarian. o Students currently enrolled in an out-of-state accredited college of veterinary medicine may apply if they graduated from a Texas high school or undergraduate institution.

· be a U.S. citizen or a Legal Permanent Resident;

· not be currently fulfilling another obligation to provide veterinary medical services as part of a scholarship agreement, an educational loan agreement, or another educational loan repayment agreement;

· have received an eligible education loan for at least 50 percent of the funds for tuition and fees for one or more academic years while

enrolled in an accredited school of veterinary medicine;

· agree to practice veterinary medicine full-time in an eligible rural county in Texas for at least one calendar year; and

· be otherwise eligible to receive payment from the funding source.

Applications are submitted to the RVIP Committee through a process facilitated by the TAHC. Applicants should submit the completed RVIP Application Form and all required attachments by email to rvip@tahc.texas.gov or by mail to Rural Veterinarian Incentive Program; Texas Animal Health Commission; P.O. Box 12966; Austin, Texas 78711.

For the 2023 application cycle, participants are only eligible to receive assistance for qualified educational loan debt incurred after

March 3, 2021, and can only receive assistance for service obligation periods that will be completed before December 31, 2024, due to the source of funding under Section 9901 of the Ameri-

can Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Subtitle M of the Title IX of Pub. L. 117-2).

Learn more about the RVIP, who qualifies, and how to apply: <https://www.tahc.texas.gov/vets/rvip.html>.

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Intercollegiate Tennis Association announced that Tarleton is an ITA All-Academic Team for the ninth time since 2012

STEPHENVILLE – For the fifth consecutive season, Tarleton Tennis has claimed one of the top academic honors as a team in their sport.

This week, the Intercollegiate Tennis

Association announced that Tarleton is an ITA

All-Academic Team for the ninth time since 2012, including all three years at the NCAA Division I level. The ITA All-Academic Team award is open to any ITA program that has a cumulative team grade point aver-

age of 3.20 or above (on a 4.00 scale). All varsity letterwinners are factored into the cumulative team GPA for the current academic year.

Five student-athletes were also named Women's Tennis

ITA Scholar-Athletes; Elsa Boisson, Martha Makantasi, Emma Persson, Audrey Pacheco, and Celia Vaudiau. This marks the third such awards for each of Boisson, Makantasi and Vaudiau, with Persson and Pacheco

earning their first.

The Texans' success on the court was no different, with the team posting a .778 winning percentage,

FW Inc. names Tarleton President Hurley to Top 400 Most Influential

STEPHENVILLE — by Fort Worth Inc. magazine. He is cited among the movers and shakers in the education category of the Summer 2023 issue.

"It is an honor to receive this prestigious mention along with others who are doing so much in the name of education in Fort Worth and North Texas," said Dr. Hurley. "I am humbled to join such an elite group of visionaries."

Tarleton State has become one of the country's fastest growing comprehensive public universities since Dr. Hurley's arrival in 2019.

Under his leadership, the university created and implemented Tarleton Forward 2030: Our Future-Focused Strategic Plan, a blueprint for becoming the premier comprehensive public university in the nation. During this time, Tarleton has elevated its academics, research, enrollment, retention rates, graduation rates, diversity, fundraising, athletics, and regional engagement.

Dr. Hurley's signature initiatives include the distinguished high school and community college partnership programs, the President's Excellence in Research Scholars (PERS), and membership into the prestigious Association of Public Land-Grant Universities (APLU).

He launched the largest-ever comprehensive capital campaign in Tarleton history. The university shattered the \$100 million goal in 2022, raising and eclipsing a new target of \$125 million two years ahead of schedule.

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COURTESY OF TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY

Tarleton State University President James Hurley has been honored as one of the 400 most influential North Texans.

Inc. staple since 2018, recognizing Tarrant County residents who wield significant influence in education, arts and leisure, banking and finance, economic development, government, healthcare and life sciences, industry, nonprofits and foundations, philanthropy, professional services, real estate, religion, sports and transportation. The honorees were guests at a June 18 reception at the Fort Worth Club.

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Cleburne ISD signs Tarleton State Dual Enrollment Pact

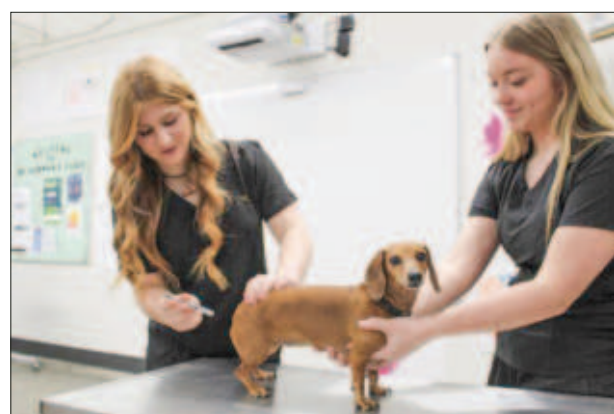
STEPHENVILLE — Beginning fall 2023, Cleburne High School students can earn university credit before they graduate, thanks to Tarleton State University's dual enrollment program, Tarleton Today.

Tarleton and Cleburne Independent School District leaders signed the agreement in April.

"This partnership strengthens our commitment to educational attainment for all Texans," said Tarleton President James Hurley. "Earning university credit while learning the expectations of higher education helps high school students bridge the transition to college while also saving them money."

Tarleton already works with more than 350 school districts statewide, including Cleburne, through its nationally acclaimed Distinguished High School Partners outreach. Launched in 2020, the program guarantees admission and provides annual scholarships to qualifying seniors.

Students participating in Tarleton Today take university courses over a traditional school year, receiving the high school portion of their instruction from their high



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Cleburne High School students enrolling in Advanced Animal Science starting in 2023 will achieve both high school and college credit through a partnership with the Tarleton State University Tarleton Today program. The dual-enrollment class will result in four hours of college credit.

school teacher and the university portion from a Tarleton professor. In addition to course content, Tarleton faculty empower students with university-ready skills and provide professional development for collaborating teachers.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for our students, especially those considering the study of veterinary medicine in college," said Dr. Mark McClure, Cleburne ISD Assistant Superintendent of Student Services.

"They will be receiving high school credit and four hours of college credit with successful

completion of the course. Students will challenge themselves academically, as the class will reflect the rigor of the college classroom, while also achieving college credit at a reasonable price. It's a real win-win for our students."

Agriculture science teacher Wacey Newman will attend three days of training at Tarleton as the high school's instructor of the dual-credit class.

"We are excited to add this to the list of dual-credit courses available at the high school and our career and technical education program," Dr. McClure said. "This is

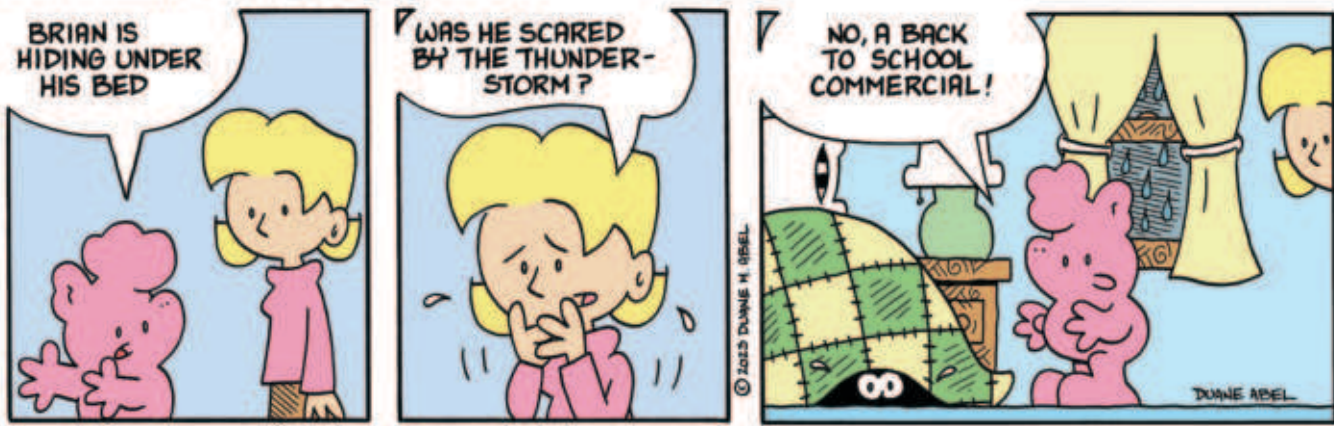
one more example of the partnership we have with Tarleton, and we are very appreciative of this college-level learning experience for our students."

Tarleton is developing dual enrollment opportunities in agricultural and STEM areas with school districts throughout Texas. Districts will choose the courses they offer.

Dual enrollment classes use the same lesson materials and learning objectives as courses taught at a Tarleton campus. Students who continue their education at Tarleton automatically qualify for additional scholarships.

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Hay Valley Baptist VBS set for July 24-28

Staff Reports

Hay Valley Baptist Church will hold its Vacation Bible School on Monday, July 24 to Friday, July 28. Vacation Bible School will begin at 6 p.m. each day and will continue through 8:30 p.m.

This year's theme is Keepers of the Kingdom, where children will learn

about the Armor of God. Children in Kindergarten through sixth grade can attend. There will be a water slide for the youth to enjoy.

Hay Valley Baptist Church is located at 3110 Hay Valley Rd. in Gatesville. For more information contact 830-377-9846.

Gatesville Elementary School to host Back to School Bash

Staff Reports

Gatesville Elementary School will host its annual Back to School bash on Saturday, August 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The Back to School Bash will include free backpacks, school supplies, haircuts, along with hearing and vision screenings. There will be a chance to

visit with community partners including Acre Wood Dental, Community Counseling, Texas AgriLife 4-H, Freedom Reins Counseling, Baylor Scott & White Clinic, Coryell Health Clinic, Gatesville Fire Department, Gatesville Police Department, Gatesville Public Library, Gatesville Fitness Center, Walmart, H-E-B,

service clubs, local churches, county legal and social services, WIC, General Educational Development, Righteous Roots, and Hidden Gem Family Center.

Gatesville Elementary School is located at 2537 E. Main Street. For more information on the Back-to-School Bash contact 254-865-7262.

GISD and Hornet Band Program presents Alumni Band Outreach

Staff Reports

Gatesville Independent School District and the Hornet Band Program have announced their first Alumni Band Outreach program. This program will give Gatesville High School band alumni the chance to perform with current students at certain specified events throughout the upcoming football season.

The lead band director, principal, or superintendent have the right to limit the number of alumni participating in these events due to space constraints, safety issues, weather, or any other reason they deem necessary.

The first Alumni Band event will be on Friday, September 8 at the Homecoming game. The due date for registration is Fri-

day, August 25.

If you are a proud alum of the Gatesville High School Hornet Band Program and would like to give another hoorah in the stands on a Friday night be sure to fill out a form by the link provided at <https://forms.gle/hyFSKXwURuwmMdk16>.

For more information contact Gatesville High School at 254-865-8281.



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The youth of The Presbyterian Church worked to raise funds for a good cause.

Presbyterian youth raise funds for Isaiah 117 House

By David Scott


The youth of Gatesville's Presbyterian Church recently held a lemonade and treats fundraiser to benefit the Isaiah 117 House. Funds from the sale were scheduled to benefit the organization to help reduce the

trauma for those who are entering the foster care system.

Isaiah 117 House provides a comforting home where foster children can be brought to wait. It is a place that is safe with friendly and loving volunteers who provide clean clothes, smiles,

toys, and snuggly blankets.

The youth of Gatesville's Presbyterian Church wanted to provide funds for the organization to help the children while they wait for child welfare staff to do the necessary paperwork and identify good foster placement.



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Word Bank

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| 1. plane | 2. spirit | 3. fly | 4. navigate |
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Amelia Earhart was an amazing and courageous woman who became a famous pilot. She lived a long time ago, in the early 1900s, but her story still inspires people today. Amelia loved to explore and try new things. When she was a little girl, she built a homemade roller coaster in her backyard and even flew a homemade kite. But her real passion was airplanes. She dreamed of flying high in the sky like a bird. When she grew up, Amelia became the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean. That means she flew all by herself in a tiny plane from one side of the ocean to the other. She was very brave to take on such a big adventure! Amelia didn't stop there. She wanted to be the first woman to fly around the whole world. Sadly, during her attempt, her plane disappeared and she was never found. Even though she didn't finish her journey, Amelia's spirit and determination continue to inspire people around the world. Amelia Earhart showed us that with hard work and determination, we can achieve our dreams. She proved that girls can do anything they set their minds to, even if it seems impossible. So whenever you see an airplane flying in the sky, remember Amelia Earhart and let her story remind you to never give up on your dreams!



Scientists found pieces of plane wreckage on the coral island of Nikumaroro in 1991. They have used radiation to observe writing on the rusted metal and believe that the pieces belonged to Earhart's plane.



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Historical markers re-installed at Coryell County Courthouse after restoration

BY DAVID SCOTT
Staff Writer

Just a few days prior to the 125th anniversary celebration of the Coryell County Courthouse, historical markers were installed near the south entrance of the building.

A few months ago, the

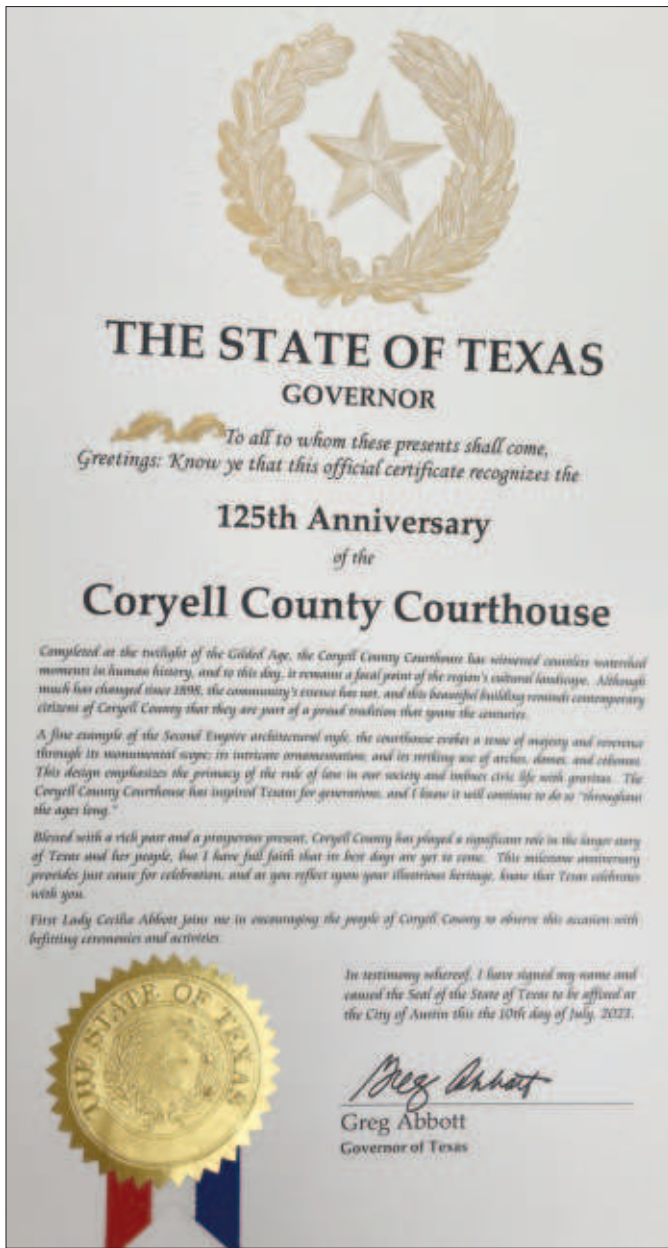
original historical marker, which was dedicated in 1969, was removed for restoration since it had weathered and faded since it was first installed 54 years ago. Larry Weiss, of Harris Creek, who has had experience restoring historical markers, restored the

marker and brought it back to its original condition.

Next to the original marker will be a new marker/medallion which declares the courthouse to be recorded as a Texas Historic Landmark. Another plaque, attached to the original marker declares that the

courthouse was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1977.

The dedication ceremony for the markers will take place during the anniversary celebration starting at 10 a.m., on Saturday, July 22.



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The official certificate of recognition from Texas Governor Greg Abbott, in honor of the 125th anniversary of the Coryell County Courthouse.

Governor Abbott recognizes Coryell County Courthouse importance

BY DAVID SCOTT
Staff Writer

The Coryell County Historical Commission recently received an official certificate of recognition from Texas Governor Greg Abbott, in honor of the 125th anniversary of the courthouse.

After receiving a formal invitation to attend the celebration, Governor Abbott quickly responded by sending his thoughts about the historic structure.

"It remains a focal point of the region's cultural landscape. Although much has changed since 1898, the community essence has not, and this beautiful building reminds contemporary citizens of Coryell County that they are part of a proud tradition that spans centuries,"

Abbott said.

In speaking about Coryell County, Abbott continued "Blessed with a rich past and prosperous present, Coryell County has played a significant role in the larger story of Texas and her people, but I have full faith that its best days are yet to come."

He continued, "This milestone anniversary provides just cause for celebration, and as you reflect upon your illustrious heritage, know that Texas celebrates with you."

Governor Abbott concluded by saying "First Lady Cecilia Abbott joins me in encouraging the people of Coryell County to observe this occasion with benefitting ceremonies and activities."



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Todd Pierce, the Senior Maintenance Technician at the courthouse recently re-installed the historical markers near the south entrance of the courthouse.

Whatever happened to....

20 YEARS AGO (2003)

Navy Seaman Apprentice Jamie L. Pendley, daughter of Sherry Braucci of Gatesville, had completed U.S. Navy Basic training at Recruit Training Command at Great Lakes, Ill.

The Pearl High School Class of 1943 was celebrating their 60-year reunion. Those attending were Lendal Bynum Lippert, Ervin Davis, Katherine Andrew Corbin, and Wayne Fleming. Shelbi Lam, the 12-year-old daughter of Jayson and Laura Lam, graduated from a modeling course held in San Antonio. She planned to audition for a prestigious expo held in Dallas.

John Dossey, the son of Eddie and David Bruton and Lonnie and Donna

Dossey of Gatesville, had completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Ill.

The Haase, Powell, and Bratton families enjoyed a picnic and paddle boating on Cowhouse Creek. Grace Bratton, age 89, enjoyed paddle boating as well.

30 YEARS AGO (1993)
Volunteer fire departments in Fort Gates, Oglesby, and Evant had acquired new fire trucks through the Rural Community Fire Protection program.

Ron West, county supervisor, was selected to serve as a member of the National Association of County Supervisors. West planned to travel to Washington, D.C. to address resolutions at the National Office.

Lieutenant Colonel Hugh J. Hall was promoted to Colonel in a ceremony held at MATES. His wife, Fran, pinned on his new rank with assistance from BG William Murphy.

Rev. Ernest and Mrs. Ophelia Dewald were being honored for 50 years in the Methodist Ministry. A reception was held for them at Pidecke United Method-

ist Church.

Teena Kennedy, a 1988 graduate of Gatesville High School, had accepted a teaching position with the Japanese English Teaching Program located in Komatsu, Japan.

40 YEARS AGO (1983)
Sections of the roof of the Pecan Grove Baptist Church tabernacle had collapsed when vandals removed and made off with some 2x4 supports.

Patsy Henson, an English teacher and assistant coach of girls sports at GHS resigned to accept a position in the Belton School System.

The GHS Stingettes attended Drill Team Camp in Georgetown. Those attending were Stephanie Gohlke, Suzanne Griffith, Alice Mueller, Roz Petty, and Phyllis Rucker.

The designation of certified insurance counselor had been conferred on Brad Harris, owner of Jackson & Harris Insurance Agency in Gatesville. Harris had been with the agency since 1980.

Deemed the town's newest doctor, 28-year-old Tim Maynard began his medical practice at the Gatesville

Medical Center. He was described as having a strong medical background and education.

50 YEARS AGO (1973)
The Rotunda Retirement Facility was in the process of being enlarged for the third time in its history. Work had already begun on the addition due to be completed in 1974.

Stop signs had been installed at the intersection corners of Leon-Lutterloh Streets creating a 4-way stop. Leon Street traffic formerly had the right-of-way.

Five Gatesville Scouts were leaving to attend a Scout Jamboree at Farragut Park, Idaho. The boys attending were Johnny Hendricks, Danny Williams, Shawn Hanson, David Godrich, and Charlie Yates.

Frances Conner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Conner, was one of 200 home economic students chosen to attend the national Future Homemakers of America meeting in Dallas.

Louise Gann was retiring as a schoolteacher after 24 years in the profession. She was honored with a luncheon hosted by her co-workers.

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