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Preparing for a banner year at GISD



Gatesville ISD Superintendent Barrett Pollard is looking forward to the 2023-24 school year.

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Superintendent talks about highlights & challenges

BY JEFF OSBORNE
Senior Writer & Editor

Gatesville Independent School District had plenty to celebrate during the 2022-23 school year with academic, athletic, musical and career and technical education successes, and Superintendent Barrett Pollard is looking to build on those accomplishments for 2023-24.

"We will continue to focus on the big three priorities - school safety, academics and attendance/enrollment," Pollard said. "With safety, we cannot become complacent. Making sure we take care of safety first enables us to then focus on the priority of education."

The end of school enrollment for the previous school year was 2,642, and Pollard said expectations are for about the same number heading into the new school year.

Future growth in the area would have a positive impact on the district.

"I spoke with Scott Albert (Gatesville's new city manager) about the importance of having new businesses and oppor-

tunities - things to attract more people to Gatesville," Pollard said.

One of the uncertainties the district faces is what the Texas Legislature will do with school funding. While property tax cuts have been a priority for the state, Texas leaders have also indicated that schools will not lose funding as a result.

"Gov. Abbott has announced a third special session (of the Legislature) for October on school choice, and we've heard they are going to try to tie it in with teacher pay raises," Pollard said.

The district has already taken some steps to increase employee salaries.

"Locally, we gave pay raises for staff and substitutes," Pollard said, referring to across the board increases which the GISD Board of Trustees approved in June.

With the departure of Shane Webb, who served as

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City targets retail growth opportunities

BY JEFF OSBORNE
Senior Writer & Editor

In an effort to attract new retail stores and restaurants and help strengthen the viability of current local businesses, the Gatesville City Council approved a contract with The Retail Coach, a national consulting, marketing and recruitment company to help identify opportunities to boost the area's economy.

The Texas-based firm will help the city identify developers and retailers with a goal of recruiting them to locate in the area within 12 to 24 months. The contract will cost the city \$35,000, with \$1,000 of those expenses being refundable.

"It's important to look at potential development opportunities," said City Manager Scott Albert. "The cost will be \$10,000 this fiscal year and \$25,000 next fiscal year."

Aaron Farmer, president of The Retail Coach, gave a presentation to the council which included the firm's success stories in other areas.

"We help communities identify their retail opportunities and we actually go out and recruit retail businesses to your community, which includes stores, restaurants, entertainment and hospitality. We also help coach communities on long-term success.

"I have been with The Retail Coach for 16 years. We work all over the United States, but Texas is our home base. About 70% of our projects are in Texas, and Texas is what we know best. We have a 90% client repeat rate," Farmer said.

The company has helped attract retail to communities like Harker Heights, McKinney, Brownwood, San Saba, and Bastrop.

"With retail it's very important to be aggressive and to understand the Texas market," Farmer said. "We have helped attract several retail businesses to communities and those are big wins for the communities.

"There is an eight-step process, and the first phase is understanding the market and where customers are coming from. You have to have a healthy mix of local, regional and national retail. We want to bolster each of those. We also work with the local businesses that are already here," he added.

What happens in Waco, Temple and Lampasas also impacts Gatesville, Farmer said.

"We study cell phone data to better

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Two charged in area death

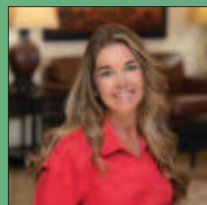
From the Gatesville Police Department

Through the combined investigative efforts of the Gatesville Police Department and Texas Rangers, among others, two of the three suspects involved in the March 2023 murder case of Martin William Davis have been identified. Both suspects have been charged with murder and subsequently arrested.

The first suspect has been identified as Shawn Michael Smith-Brearey, a 21-year-old resident of Temple. Following his indictment by a Coryell County Grand Jury in June, a warrant for the charge of murder was issued for Smith-Brearey. Working in collaboration with the U.S. Marshals Fugitive Task Force, Texas Rangers, and the Temple Police Department, Smith-Brearey was apprehended without incident at a residence in Temple on July 20.

The second suspect has been identified as Trevor Lovell Ford, a 32-year-old Gatesville

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Say hello to our neighbor, Melanie Webb!

Melanie is the Founder and Executive Director of Righteous Roots and is a teacher at Gatesville High School. Seeing people overcome their obstacles and thrive in difficult circumstances is what she cherishes most about her profession. She loves that Gatesville is her hometown where she is familiar with everyone. She strives to make a difference in the lives of the people that we do life with every day. Melanie reads The Gatesville Messenger to stay up to date with all the latest local news.

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

FROM MY FRONT PORCH

Dealing with big pharma and their drug prices can make anyone sick



BY SAM HOUSTON

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

I have suffered with asthma since I was a child. Attacks were usually a major incident in the spring, and a second attack in the fall. For the balance of the year, I was pretty much asthma-free.

As I have aged, the attacks are not nearly as severe, but they are considerably more regular and necessitate I take a medication called Symbicort. Since my doctor prescribed this medicine, I rarely have any sort of flare ups and the quality of my life is much improved.

This past week my prescription needed to be refilled so I went to my local pharmacy and reordered. Symbicort is not expensive, and the last time I went to the pharmacy it cost \$240 for a two-month supply. This time when I reordered, I was advised by the pharmacy tech the cost would be \$360. My mouth dropped and I said, "no, that cannot be right, I paid \$240 two months ago." She assured me there had been a price change and the drug now cost \$360.

I grabbed my phone, used an app which compares pricing at local pharmacies and provides coupons for some medications. I found I could get my prescription filled at another pharmacy for \$210 for the exact same drug. This meant I would pay \$30 less than the last time I had bought the drug and avoid the \$120 increase I was going to be charged this time. I told the clerk to cancel the order, and then went to the second pharmacy and completed the transaction.

Strangely, the app provided a price comparison of the costs of the same drug at 10 different pharmacies. The prices ranged from \$210 to \$379! How could that be? A person can understand there being a little price fluctuation between different entities, but this was a 44.5% difference be-

tween the high and the low.

I then did a little research. Did you realize since 1998 big Pharma has spent 4.8 billion on lobbying members of Congress so pharmaceutical costs do not go down for the consumer? In the year 2020 there were 1,502 registered pharmaceutical lobbyists in Washington DC. This equates to nearly three lobbyists for every elected member of Congress! Polls show 80% of the American public want Medicare to negotiate drug charges with the big drug companies, but Congress will not pass legislation allowing them to do so. Pharmacy prices go up at an alarming rate, and the American consumer is left holding the bag.

How can that be? If 80% of the public wants lower drug prices, why are our elected officials failing to get pricing that exists in Mexico, Canada and in Europe? Why do Americans pay more for the exact same drug? The answer is simple, Big Pharma writes checks to politicians and legislation

stops dead in its tracks. At the same time, it is reported that 3 in 10 Americans are not taking at least one of the medications they have been prescribed, because they cannot afford them.

If there is anything the right, the left, the center, and everyone else in America should grasp, Big Pharma is making billions on the back of the American public when they charge considerably more than what they charge the rest of the world. It needs to stop, and it needs to stop now. I would hope that members of both parties would jump on this bandwagon and move to protect the people they represent. Enough is enough. It makes me want to take an aspirin or two...while I can afford it.

Thought for the day: When morality comes up against profit, it is seldom that profit loses. Shirley Chisholm.

Until next time...I will keep ridin' the storm out.
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City ends contract with Sunbright Paper Recycling

BY JEFF OSBORNE

Senior Writer & Editor

After voting to provide curbside recycling to Gatesville residents earlier this year, the Gatesville City Council decided on July 25 to end a contract with Sunbright Paper Recycling effective the end of this month.

The contract with Sunbright, which began in July 2020, placed a compactor at the Gatesville Public Works Service

Center near the fire station. That option will no longer be available for area residents effective Aug. 1.

"The bottom line - this was a 36-month contract, and it ends at the end of July," City Manager Scott Albert said. "We have reached out to the county (to see if Coryell County wanted to take over the contract) but there was no response.

"It would cost the city about \$11,000 to continue the service, which has cost the city \$26,234 since you started the

program."

Gary Chumley noted the facility is still being used by county residents outside Gatesville.

"The only pushback we'll get is from the people in the county using it," he said. "I'll tell them to contact their county commissioner."

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understand the market," he said. "If you have a cell phone and go to H-E-B or Wal-Mart, we know you are there. We are able to identify where customers are coming from and how long they stay in your community. Using cell phone data is incredibly powerful (in understanding the retail market)."

In addition to identifying retail needs and opportunities, Farmer said The Retail Coach can also help predict "what demand will look like in five years. You are showing growth and demand is going up."

He pointed to areas around Wal-Mart that are vacant, as well as sites along Highway 84/Main Street where new businesses could potentially locate.

"Gatesville is underserved," Farmer said. "There's opportunity in this area. If we can provide the sites to these retailers, it speeds up the recruitment process. We identify retailers that should be there that aren't there, and we show them they can't afford not to be in Gatesville."

"It's important to have all the economic development information in the right place, quick and easy to access. We do the recruitment, phone calls, emails and text messages and we go to trade shows, and we keep track of all of our efforts. One of the most important things in retail is trade shows. We represent you at the trade shows and work with the retailers there."

Farmer, who lives in Dripping Springs, in the Austin area, said he is familiar with Gatesville.

"I know your community well - I have family not far from there," he said. "I think there's opportunity whether it's on Highway 36 by Wal-Mart, or redeveloping areas along Highway 84 and Main Street."

Both Councilwoman Barbara Burrow and Mayor Pro Tem Meredith Rainer expressed concerns about protecting local businesses already established in Gatesville and also the community's smalltown atmosphere.

"When you say you plan to work with the current businesses we have in town, what does that look like?" Rainer asked.

"We have a town hall meeting and share all the information and how to use it from a marketing standpoint," Farmer said. "I can

run reports on individual businesses using cell phone analysis."

Rainer noted that "some of the sites near Wal-Mart people have looked into. We have infrastructure issues - waterline issues."

"I'm somewhat up to speed on the infrastructure issues," Farmer said. "If we can convince a developer to do a large project (addressing the infrastructure needs) makes sense, cost-wise."

Councilman Greg Casey asked about incentives for businesses that would locate in Gatesville and pay for infrastructure upgrades and asked about The Retail Coach's role in that discussion.

"We'll probably do that ourselves," City Manager Albert said.

"We actually have the ability to run an incentive analysis," Farmer said. "We can see what a project will bring in as far as sales tax and can project it for five years."

Burrow emphasized the importance of protecting the businesses that are already in Gatesville.

"With new businesses introduced, that is going to exacerbate the movement away from small businesses," she said. "It was the same thing with Wal-Mart when they came in. It sucked the life out of our local businesses. How do we limit that collateral damage?"

Farmer said Burrow presented a great question, and added, "What Wal-Mart has done has expanded your trade area. We look at how to bring that to other businesses. We just want to add to your retail mix and keep people from leaving your community as often. We call that retail leakage."

Rainer said she was "proud of our small businesses. I don't want to lose that small town feel. If you bring in Target, it's going to feel like Waco and not like Gatesville."

"I can tell you 100% that Target is not coming to Gatesville," Farmer said. With regard to protecting small businesses, Farmer said "we had the same concern in Dripping Springs. The reality is we have \$400 million in retail leakage on a regular basis. It's important to find that healthy mix. We want to work with your local businesses and help them expand their business."

Councilman Claude Williams said he had a different perspective than Burrow and Rainer, stating that sometimes businesses did not offer the best value for customers be-

cause of a lack of competition, leading many people to leave Gatesville to visit other communities to dine and shop.

"I feel the opposite," Williams said. "Prices can get so high when you are paying \$15 for six pieces of chicken that I'd rather go out of town to a restaurant (for better value)."

Councilman Joe Patterson noted that San Saba, a small agricultural community with a population of about 2,600 people, was among The Retail Coach's clients, and asked for details on how efforts helped that community.

"Do you have anything to share about successes or struggles in attracting businesses to a place like San Saba?" he asked. "Some worry about too much change. I look at some of those retailers and think they may not have much interest in Gatesville" (because it is a smaller community).

"San Saba is close to my heart - it's a great small town," Farmer said. "I take my kids to the park there. We were successful in attracting some fast-food establishments to San Saba. We also helped the local grocery store. They had expired items on the shelves and people were leaving to shop in places like Brownwood. We worked with the store to have them carry items that people would actually buy and keep them from leaving town so often."

"There are a number of success stories for them but mostly at a local and regional level. They don't have as much ability to attract national retailers like Gatesville does."

Councilman John Westbrook noted that Harker Heights "is the money side of Killeen, Brownwood has a university and is a major crossroads, and Marble Falls is close to Austin - I'm having a hard time seeing where Gatesville fits in" (to attracting new retail).

"That's why you need us," Farmer said. "Your trade area is growing and is five times Gatesville's population. You are pulling people from other areas to stop and eat. You've got a hospital that is a pretty large draw, a pretty decent-sized school district. Wal-Mart and H-E-B are there, and that shows your ability to draw for a larger retail area."

Rainer said one issue Gatesville has with its Census data is that the prison population is included for the community.

"I've known that, and we've got demographers that will come in from day one and be able to identify strengths and needs,"

Farmer said. "We also look at your daytime population. Prison staff are coming in from outside the city limits. We will work with demographers to identify that true population."

Albert said The Retail Coach will work with local businesses too, adding "that's worth the money in itself."

He added that "even if we retain only 5 to 10 percent of that \$400 million (in retail leakage), that's a significant amount of money. You can see the deterioration of buildings and infrastructure. We've got to start bringing in additional money."

Rainer said her concern was the impact on local businesses.

"That is the nature of a capitalistic society," Patterson said. "People are going to vote with their dollars."

Mayor Gary Chumley said he lived in Hamilton for two years and had to shop in Gatesville. He said when people come here to shop, it's important to provide them with variety and places of interest.

"You draw traffic in from people coming to shop and they see more business, they'll start spending a little more time here," he said. "That equals money."

"This is not the total answer but it's one more tool in our toolbox to be able to pay for this infrastructure."

"Our goal is to bring in a couple additional businesses and restaurants and to help existing businesses grow and expand," Farmer said.

"The only competition I hear about is people going out of town to shop and eat at restaurants," Williams said. "Why can't we keep more of that money here? I think it also brings jobs."

Farmer said The Retail Coach looks at "80 different sectors to be able to tell the story to attract retail."

Rainer asked about a timeline for bringing in new businesses.

"It's quickest to get retailers and restaurants into existing space," Farmer said. "We'll know within a few months. If we can get them the site and the information they need, you'll see some things happen pretty quickly."

"There are some areas of downtown that need some redevelopment, and we'd be able to strategize."

BURN BAN INFORMATION: The Coryell County Commissioners Court enacted a burn ban on July 25 for 90 days due to hot, dry conditions after receiving input from the Gatesville and Copperas Cove fire chiefs. The ban can be rescinded if weather conditions change.

County leaders take action on Straws Mill Road safety issue

BY JEFF OSBORNE

Senior Writer & Editor

Following up on safety concerns at the low water crossing on Straws Mill Road, the Coryell County Commissioners Court voted to authorize county Road and Bridge Director Justin Latham to negotiate with a property owner for land on which to build a berm to help protect travelers from a drop-off toward the Leon River caused by erosion.

The berm is considered to be a temporary solution as the county considers long-term options to address the low water crossing.

"The bank there sloughs three feet for 50 or 60 feet," Latham said. "My question to the court - is it the intent to eventually replace it? If so, we will look for a way to patch until we devise a long-term solution."

Latham said the traffic counts in the area were higher than he expected - "125 was the lowest per day."

County Judge Roger Miller said the highest daily usage recorded on the road was 222 vehicles.

"That slough was my concern, too," Miller said.

Commissioner Ryan Basham suggested the possibility of putting railing in the area to prevent people from driving off the road.

"There's one or two options there," Latham said. "It's really not a good solution to do a good rock and fill (because of erosion). We could get a temporary easement of 30 to 40 feet, and we could make the length of the curve longer. There is a fiber optic line there that runs to Fort Hood cell towers."

Commissioner Scott Weddle said the "first action is to see if we could get a temporary easement and move that curve to the left. We're buying some time."

Basham noted resolving the issue permanently will take some time.

"This is not a quick fix," he said. "It will take some time to get right of way."

Latham said the area previously had a berm but that "rains we had about 90 days ago sloughed some of it. Putting a berm there would allow us some time."

He anticipated that fixing the area permanently would likely be at least a three-year project.



COURTESY PHOTO BY RYAN BASHAM

Hazardous conditions at the Leon River crossing at Straws Mill Road will require both a temporary fix and a long-term solution.

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assistant superintendent for academics and is now the superintendent for the Oglesby school district, GISD is shuffling some administrative responsibilities.

"Scott Harper (who was assistant superintendent of administrative services) will be over academics, curriculum and instruction," Pollard said. "Yancey Sanderson (executive director of testing and federal programs) will retain most of his current duties and take on what had been Scott's (human resources) role."

Darrell Frazier, the district's director of finance, has announced plans to retire in August 2024, Pollard said. LeighAnn Goodwin, executive director of special services, who oversees special education for the district, will spend the next year working closely with Frazier so she can step into the finance director role upon his departure.

"That job is so unique and hard to fill," Pollard said. "LeighAnn, who has a background in finance and engineering, will be learning all of the things about the finance director position."

Looking ahead to the school

year, there are some special events planned for the district and community.

"We will have the second annual homecoming festival on September 7, along with the bonfire," Pollard said. "The theme is 'Hornets Through the Decades,' so we'll have some nostalgic-type games like a hula hoop contest and different games. At the homecoming game, alumni band members can sign up to play with our current students."

The district's fall dance will be Oct. 28.

Next spring, as a total eclipse shadows the community on April 8, 2024, GISD will give students and staff the day off and participate in the festivities.

"We are working with Cheri Shepherd (the city's eclipse coordinator) and will sell tickets to the stadium as a fundraiser," Pollard said. "We will have concessions, restrooms open and lots of parking. We could have a lot of visitors to the community for the eclipses. We'll have our police officers on duty to make sure everything is safe and secure."

Looking ahead to the future, Pollard said renovations of the junior high campus and the athletic fieldhouse are long-term priorities.

"We are looking at renovating and adding on to the junior high (in the future) like we did to the high school. The junior high will be 60 years old in 2026, so we're looking at making improvements there in the next three years."

BARRETT POLLARD

"We are looking at renovating and adding on to the junior high like we did to the high school," he said. "The junior high will be 60 years old in 2026, so we're looking at making improvements there in the next three years."

"It's like an old battleship - the skeleton is great, but we need to get rid of portable buildings and make some changes to the main building. We also need to add sixth grade back to the junior high. We will also add a classroom for band, choir and ag and enhance security."

"We'll also ask voters about renovating the fieldhouse - it really is in poor shape and needs updates. That work is still two, three or more years away."

The district is welcoming 25 new professional staff members for the upcoming school year.

"It's a pretty modest number - we did quite well on our hiring," Pollard said.

Some of the district's changes include:

- Van Collins replaced Mashara Streater (who retired) as the Primary principal.

- Bridget Register had to replace both of her assistant principals (Casey Melton went to Oglesby) and Van Collins.

- Alicia Meharg was promoted from instructional coach to assistant principal at Intermediate

- Gatesville native Angie Shoaf Pearson was an assistant principal in Temple ISD and will be coming to the intermediate as an assistant principal.

- Liz Shoaf took over for outgoing high school principal Marie Barrows.

- Brian Bays is moving over from DAEP (disciplinary alternative education program) to fill Shoaf's spot.

- Pam Williams, who was in charge of community outreach and the district's WINGS program (which helps at-risk students earn their diploma) will add DAEP to her duties.

- Coach Shawna Martin is taking on the girls' coordinator position at the junior high.

- Coach Phillip Martin will direct the track and cross-country programs.

- Nikki Masters went from reading interventionist at Primary to GT (gifted and talented) coordinator.

- Brandi Smith was promoted to cafeteria manager.

- Mandy Dudik will become a STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) teacher at the elementary school.

- Three former GISD teachers are returning: Samantha Lyday (fifth grade), Kari Patterson (first grade), and Kassie Withrow (high school special ed).

- Claude Williams is the new high school art teacher.

- Whitney Carothers is moving from Primary counselor to high school academic adviser.

Evant-area property owners seeks subdivision changes

BY JEFF OSBORNE

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A request for property owners to replat portions of the Kingston Estates subdivision, located in the Evant area, which would include the possibility of one lot potentially being rezoned from single family to multi-family residential, led to discussion by the Coryell County Commissioners Court during their July 25 meeting.

Justin Mannix with the county's road and bridge department said the replating request included "making two lots bigger, one lot smaller, and lot 2 they want to use for multi-family housing. It would be 4.2 acres, up from 3.3 acres. Personally, I feel they have to get a signature from everybody in

that subdivision."

Roads providing access to the subdivision include Old Osage Road and Barton Lane.

"If you bought a single family (lot) and they put a multi-family in right next to it ..." Began Commissioner Keith Taylor.

"They might not be too happy about it," Mannix said.

County Judge Roger Miller asked if lots from the original play had been sold, and Mannix said they have.

"It sounds like all the lots are owned," Mannix said. "Some are wanting to increase the size, one wants to decrease, and one wants to make it multi-family."

Commissioner Scott Weddle said he had concerns about the request.

"My question is - I've tried to read all our subdivision rules but I'm certainly not an expert. On the surface I'm not in favor of switching from single family to multi-family. Can we just say no to the petition?"

County Attorney Brandon Belt said the owners "have a right to apply to you for a replat. You can make a decision at that time."

Because the replat could have an impact on local areas of public interest, including streets, the request will have to be advertised in the paper and residents of the subdivision notified of the pending request.

"I'll go back to the first decision - does this affect public interest?" Miller said. "I believe we are having a fundamental effect on Old Osage Road with the applicant desiring to

have multi-family and potentially increasing traffic."

"If it does affect a public interest - and this does - they would have to comply with the rules (including notifying area residents of the request)," Belt said.

Mannix asked Belt if the county would still require signatures from the subdivision's property owners.

"We're going to give each of them notice, but they don't have to sign off on the plat," Belt said.

The issue will be considered again at an upcoming meeting of the commissioners court.

TPWD seeks proposals on ecosystem services projects

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) will soon begin seeking proposals from public or private entities to construct nature-based carbon sequestration infrastructure or other projects that will harness other similar ecosystem services on TPWD properties.

House Bill (HB) 4018, passed in the 88th Texas Legislative Session and effective Sept. 1, allows TPWD to enter into agreements through an innovative conservation model

providing both wetland protection and carbon credit-based revenue to the agency.

The legislation authorizes development of nature-based structures on land primarily used for game or fish conservation, protection or management. Additionally, projects may be constructed on TPWD land primarily used for parks, recreation or historic sites.

TPWD will be looking for partners willing to fund all construction costs for nature-based structures and establish a revenue-sharing model for carbon credits.

Private money may fund construction adjacent to select public lands, and TPWD will deposit any funds received for that purpose to benefit either state parks or game and fish management, depending on the project's location.

SUSPECTS

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resident. While already in custody at the Coryell County Jail on unrelated charges, Ford was served with a murder charge warrant based on the indictment by a Coryell County Grand Jury in June.

As of now, the third suspect remains unidentified. The

Gatesville Police Department urges anyone with information about this incident to contact them at 254-865-2226 or reach out to Centex Crime Stoppers at 254-865-8477. Crime Stoppers callers may remain anonymous, and any information leading to the arrest of the third suspect, in this case, may result in a cash award.

"I am proud of the work done by our investigators involved in this case and extend my gratitude to Texas Ranger Jake Burson, the U.S. Marshal's Fugitive Task Force, the

Temple Police Department, and our partners at the Coryell County District Attorney's Office," said Gatesville Police Chief Brad Hunt.

Hunt said he hopes this recent development brings some closure to Davis' family and the community. Hunt emphasized that at least one more individual was involved in the crime, and the case will remain open until all responsible parties are identified and charged accordingly.



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Gatesville ISD announces school board election information

Staff Reports

The Gatesville Independent School District School Board has recently provided

election information.

The first day to file for the election began on Monday, July 24, and the last day to file will be on Monday, Au-

gust 21.

The date of the election will be Tuesday, November 7. The seats that are up for re-election are Charles

Ament, Jimmie Ferguson, and Calvin Ford.

Candidates are able to pick up a candidate packet at the Gatesville ISD Ad-

ministration Office or visit www.gatesvilleisd.org to obtain your packet.

The Gatesville Independent School District Admin-

istration Office is located at 401-561 S. Lovers Lane.



Judge Miller issued burn ban July 19

Staff Reports

Roger Miller, Coryell County Judge issued a burn ban that was effective at sunset on Wednesday, July 19.

The ban will remain in effect for 10 days after sunset on July 19, unless it is terminated earlier based on a determination

made by the Commissioners Court, or County Judge that a public safety hazard no longer exists.

This does not prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

STORY TIME AT GATESVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY



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Ashley Pivowar, a representative of Pro-Dental in Gatesville, recently attended story time at the Gatesville Public Library. She read to the children from the book by Mercer Mayer titled "Just Going to the Dentist." In the book, Mayer's 'Little Critter' is having a checkup at the dentist office. Whether a child is having an X-ray taken, getting teeth cleaned, or locating a cavity, this book helps to take away any fears of going to the dentist.

PEARL NEWS

Where does the time gone?



BY BETSY CLARK

Pearl News Correspondent

I can hardly believe that it's the end of July of 2023! Where does the time go? That's not just a saying for me; it's a reality! The older I get, the faster time travels!

Anyway, here are some important dates to remember as we approach fall: the next Pearl Bluegrass and Pearl Cottage Bookstore day will be August 5; the Pearl Church of Christ Atchley Fish Fry and Silent Auction for His Kids will be the 3rd of September with items set up to view by August 21; the next Pearl Cemetery workday will be October 14 with a reschedule date if necessary due to inclement weather of October 21; and the Pearl Church of Christ 128th Reunion will be October 15. Mark your calendars, and please know that everyone is cordially invited to attend any and all of these events!

Notes from The Pleasure and Profit Club dated August 31, 1933: "The Club met with Mrs. Bonnie Brown. We quilted one quilt and finished about one half of another, and almost finished piecing one more. Next came the business meeting. All members answered the roll call except four. Our new Constitution was ready to be discussed and criticized. Our

next meeting is to be with Mrs. Mildred Manning, which would be September 14. Immediately after adjournment came the surprise of a stork shower for Mrs. Lettie Oney. Refreshments of cake and grape punch were served to all members and several visitors. Signed by Vera Whitt." To read more of The Pleasure and Profit Club minutes, you can purchase the book from the Pearl Cottage Bookstore for \$150.00. Be sure and visit this treasured bookstore on August 5! You never know what (or who) you might find there!

This week's Bible verse comes from Matthew 19:14—Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these." NIV

Pray for rain and our country!!

Be sure and like the Pearl Community Center, Texas Facebook page and the Pearl Cottage Bookstore and Resale Shop Facebook page! Please submit any Pearl news to betsyclark47@yahoo.com.

2023 Coryell Senior Expo to be held Aug. 24

Staff Reports

The 2023 Coryell Senior Expo will be held at the Gatesville Civic Center on Thursday, August 24. The event will be from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and the vendor area will open at 9 a.m.

There will be door prizes as well.

This will be a chance for local seniors to get free screenings and information on cholesterol, blood pressure, diabetes, assisted living, independent living, long-term care, home

health, hospice, and fall prevention.

Hourly Information sessions will include:

- Estate Planning at 8 a.m.
- Advanced Directives at 9 a.m.
- Medicare at 10 a.m.
- Medicaid at 11 a.m.

The Gatesville Civic Center is located at 301 Veterans Memorial Loop. For more information contact 254-248-6380 or by email at becky.terrell@coryell-health.org.

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 1930s rock church, establishing a Wesleyan congregation, providing concerts performed by gospel groups, and adding a community building with rest-

rooms, showers, a kitchen, a loft, and Wi-Fi.

The vision of Coryell Valley 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.

Gatesville ISD presents vaccination clinic Aug. 4

Staff Reports

Gatesville Independent School District will hold a vaccination clinic on Friday, August 4 for students across all campuses. The

vaccination clinic will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Gatesville High School DAEP building located at 2538 E. Main Street.

Whether you are uninsured or underinsured

Gatesville ISD will provide vaccinations to you at no cost.

Vaccinations will include Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Polio, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Hepatitis

B, Hepatitis A, Varicella, and Meningococcal.

For more information or to schedule an appointment call 254-865-7264.

Turnersville Baptist Church presents VBS

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, contact Turnersville Baptist Church at 254-421-3974.

Cody's Friends Team Roping set for Aug. 4

Staff Reports

In honor of Cody Milam, there will be a Cody's Friends Team Roping practice on Friday, August 4 from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The practice will be held at 5 Hills Cowboy Church located at 380 FM 2808 in Kempner.

There will be a jackpot to participate in as well as the main practice.

All donations received from this event will benefit Cody's Friends Riding Club.

For more information contact Katie at 254-630-984.

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1854 Vendor Spotlight

At 1854 Mercantile, we believe shopping at small businesses makes a BIG impact on our community. Our vendor spotlight this month is Chelsea Shults, owner and operator of Prickly Diamond Designs! Chelsea is known as "the glitter bar lady." She is 31 years old, born and raised here in Gatesville. Chelsea is married to Logan Shults and they have a 6-year-old red-headed son, Rinley! She started her business in the middle of the pandemic, while working full time for the State of Texas as a Sociologist. Her small business quickly became her new fulltime job and she was able to leave her job with the state. She's been going strong since 2021 and has loved every bit of her small business' journey! She loves to make things sparkle and shine, and offers a wide variety of handmade glitter office supplies! A girl couldn't ask for a more fun way to make a living than to be playing in glitter! Being a vendor inside 1854 Mercantile since the first opening has given her to opportunity to spread her small business throughout the town and she couldn't be more grateful! Thank you, Gatesville, for supporting small and shopping local! Remember to leave your sparkling trail of kindness wherever you go, you never know who might just pick it up.

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Coryell County Historical Marker SPOTLIGHT



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Weaver Chapel Cemetery

Weaver Chapel Cemetery

Marker Text: Weaver Chapel Cemetery has served the widely scattered rural communities located in the Leon River Valley and the Coryell Creek corridor for more than 130 years. The site is on land donated by rev. John Wilson in 1879 to the trustees of the methodist episcopal church, and remains in its original geographic context, unchanged since the arrival of the earliest settlers. Although many families included in the burial records are related, it is not considered a family cemetery. Burials are open to all individuals with ties to the area who choose to make their final resting place among the dozens of early pioneering families buried here, three of the most predominant being the Wilsons, Weavers and Pruitts.

There are 55 identified graves dating from 1879 through 1899 and over 225 identified graves included in the burial records. The oldest identified grave (Feb. 6, 1879) is that of Robert Weaver, infant grandson of Rev. Frederick Weaver, founder of the chapel. A massive

grave slab protects the graves of the family of Charles Peter Liljebblad, a swede who established the Liljebblad ranch in 1874, while a marble obelisk marks the grave of August Wilhelm, an immigrant from Germany. The grave of Byrom Coward, a veteran who participated in the invasion of Japan, is one of many WWII veterans' graves. Additionally, there are civil war and WWI veterans buried here. A few fieldstone remnants marking unidentified graves remain.

In 1967, Mrs. Ethel Coward Wilhelm began a project to preserve and improve the cemetery. The weaver chapel cemetery association, reactivated that year, operates today, and maintains the property. The cemetery tells the story of a brave generation of displaced citizens, determined to rebuild their lives in an uncertain land. (2011)

Location: From U.S. Highway 84 and BUS 36 go 10.3 miles north on Highway 36. Turn left on CR 108 and go south two miles, turn right on CR 108 in Gatesville.

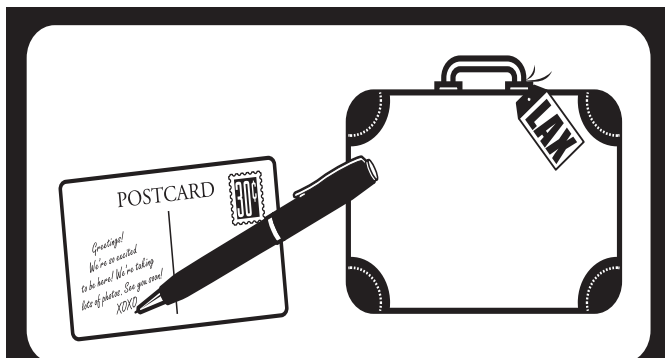


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OBITUARIES

Bill Adcock

June 8, 1945 - July 25, 2023

Bill Adcock, age 78, of Gatesville, passed away on Tuesday, July 25, 2023, at his home, surrounded by his family.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 29, at Scott's Funeral Home with Pastor Kurt Fuessel officiating. Interment will follow at Restland Cemetery. The family will receive visitors from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, July 28, at the funeral home.

Billy Lawrence Adcock was born on June 8, 1945, to the late Tilmon and Lucille Williams Adcock in Hamilton. He grew up and attended school in Evant, graduating in 1963. He married Frances McDonald Bird in August 1973, and the two made their home in Gatesville for most of their married life. Together they raised six wonderful children. Bill retired from Sprint Telephone Company in 2003 after almost 40 years of service. He enjoyed working on cars and being with family. He especially enjoyed whatever his grandchildren were participating in. Bill was a member of Mountain Baptist Church.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Jerry Adcock; sister-in-



law, Wanda Adcock; and brothers-in-law, Bill Ross and Roger Medart.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Frances; daughters, Stacey Lowery and husband, Chip, Tracey Karasek and husband, Rodney, and Jennifer Higginbotham; sons, Steve Adcock and wife, Candi, Mike Bird, and Mark Bird; sister, Martha Ross; sister-in-law, Deanna Medart; brother-in-law, Mackie McDonald; thirteen grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Mountain Baptist Church, 6319 E. Hwy 84, Gatesville, Texas 76528, or to Evant ISD Heritage Foundation, 4970 County Road 2965, Evant, Texas 76525.

Benjie Johnson

December 7, 1967 - July 19, 2023

Benjie Johnson, age 55, of Gatesville, passed away on Wednesday, July 19, 2023.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Monday, July 24, at Scott's Funeral Home Chapel in Gatesville. Graveside services followed at 2 p.m. at Sunnyside Cemetery in Calvert.

Benjamin Lee Johnson was born on December 7, 1967, in Bryan. He grew up and went to school in Calvert and Bremond. He married Marsha Wiley on December 9, 1989. They moved to Louisiana and opened "Boss Hog's" BBQ. He later worked for Crane Plumbing and Coastal Transport, until moving to Gatesville in 1996, where they opened J & M's Hill Country Bar-B-Q. Benjie enjoyed playing poker, telling stories, and loved fishing and hunting.



He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Mable Johnson; stepfather, William (Ju-Ju) Bielamowicz; and a niece, Terri Lynn Greensage.

Benjie is survived by his wife, Marsha Johnson; father, Robert McCarver; mother, Karlan Bielamowicz; daughter, Heather Gribble and husband, Jed; son, Frank Johnson; grandchildren, Cutter Gribble, Breeann Gribble; siblings, Robert McCarver, Jr., Don McCarver, Bobbie Gonzales, Judy Pruitt, Julie Danko, Lisa Hopcus; and many cousins, nieces, nephews, and special friends.



Linda Graham

November 4, 1941 - July 24, 2023

Linda Graham, age 81, of Gatesville, passed away on Monday, July 24, 2023 at her home.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Friday, July 28, at Scott's Funeral Home Chapel, with Jimmy Ferguson officiating. Interment followed at Hemmeline Cemetery.

Linda Faye Graham was born on November 4, 1941, in Gatesville to the late Cecil and Catherine Stovall Dorsey. She grew up in Gatesville and graduated from Gatesville High School in 1960. She graduated from the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor with a bachelor's degree in education. She married Charles Graham on August 24, 1962. She began her teaching career in 1967 for the Gatesville State School for Boys, until joining the Gatesville Independent School District in 1971. She taught at the elementary and junior high school until her retirement in 1999 with a total of 28 years with the district. Linda loved teaching and was a mentor to many of her students, as well as a tutor to those who needed instruction. She established the Dorsey - Graham Memorial Scholarship and enjoyed awarding scholarships to help students further their education. Linda and her husband contributed to the founding of the Gatesville I.S.D. Education Foundation. She also enjoyed supporting the Coryell County Youth Fair. She was a member of Ft. Gates Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her parents and



two brothers, Don Dorsey and Cecil Dorsey, Jr.

Linda is survived by her husband, Charles Graham; son, Jay Graham and wife, Janet; daughter, Lisbeth Appelman and husband, Todd; sister, Dorothy Hunt; brother, Harold Dorsey and wife, Pamela; nine grandchildren, Damon Graham, Jared Graham, Jackson Graham, Ava Graham, Alex Appelman, Jessica Gowen, Jake Appelman, Joshua Appelman and Lucas Appelman; twelve great-grandchildren, Tyler, Asher, Gauge, Creedence, Pierce, Emma, Parker, Aaron, Ethan, Ashley, Sean and Damon, Jr.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family request that memorials be made to the Ft. Gates Church of Christ, c/o Don Russell, 1201 Gorman Rd., Gatesville, TX 76528, Hemmeline Cemetery Assn., 1050 FM 1783, Gatesville, TX 76528 or Gatesville I.S.D. Education Foundation, 311 S. Lovers Lane, Gatesville, TX 76528.

HP Brookshire

November 8, 1931 - July 18, 2023

HP Brookshire, age 91, of Gatesville, passed away on Tuesday, July 18, 2023, surrounded by his family.

Celebration of Life services will be held by the family at a later date.

HP Brookshire was born on November 8, 1931, to the late Hulon and Iona Keener Brookshire of the Brown's Creek Community, now part of Fort Hood. He grew up and attended school in the Brown's Creek Community, and Pidcoke, and later graduated from Gatesville High School. In 1951, HP married Sandra Sue Adams, his high school sweetheart, and the two made their home in Gatesville. He farmed and ranched all of his life, but also worked for the Texas National Guard. HP later retired from civil service at Fort Hood after many dedicated years of service. He was an avid reader of Western novels and was a collector of many things and is considered to be a "Brookshire Hoarder" by his family.

HP was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Sandra Adams; sister, Jean Anderson; and daughter, Patti Smith.

He is survived by daugh-



ters, Joy Brookshire, and Gay Comer and husband, Monte; son, Joe Brookshire and wife, Culli; brother, Billy Brookshire, and wife, Debbie; nephews, Weldon and Leslie Anderson; grandchildren, Jeff Smith and wife, Machaela, Misty Smith and husband, Patrick, Alan Comer and wife, Amy, Amanda Leigh Brookshire, TC Brookshire and wife, Ashlee; twelve great-grandchildren; and 1 great-great-grandchild.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Big Sting, 3417 Imperial Dr., Gatesville, TX 76528; Preceptor Delta XI Patti Smith Scholarship Fund, 118 Gates Drive, Gatesville, TX 76528; or to a charity of your choosing.

David Swader

February 26, 1947 - July 23, 2023

David Swader, age 76, of Gatesville, passed away on Sunday, July 23, 2023.

Memorial services will be held at Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery at a later date.

David Lloyd Swader was born on February 26, 1947, to the late Alvin and Pearl Needham Swader in Mesa, AZ. He grew up and attended school in Gilbert, AZ. After high school, he enlisted in the United States Navy and was stationed in San Diego, CA. He served two tours in Vietnam and later retired after serving for nearly 12 years. He met the love of his life, Elizabeth McManigal, in 1975, and the two were married in August of the following year. He and Elizabeth made their home in Freemont, CA, where he owned his own business, Dave's Tire Service for over 22 years. After his second retirement, he and Elizabeth moved to Gatesville to be closer to family.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Mar-



tha, Virgie, and Linda; and brothers, Henry and Edgar.

David is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Swader; sister, Nancy Rainwater, brothers, Wesley and Johnny Swader; children, Deanna Swader, and Linda Swader; numerous grandchildren including Libby and Lauren, and of course his fur babies, Reo and Max.

In lieu of flowers, David's family requests that memorials be made to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs at <https://heartoftexas.va.gov/>.



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Evant Water Department announces water conservation notice

Staff Reports

The Evant Water Department has announced a Water Conservation notice. The notice went into effect on Monday, July 24 as stage one of water conservation. Which means, alternate day usage of water for outdoor purposes such as lawns, gardens, car washing, etc.

This will occur on odd days only including each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. This is subject to change at any given moment.

The allowed timing is between 8 p.m. and 12 a.m. and will be in effect for 45 days.

For further information contact 254-471-3135.

SUDOKU

Solution for the puzzle that ran July 22.

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Puzzle by websudoku.com

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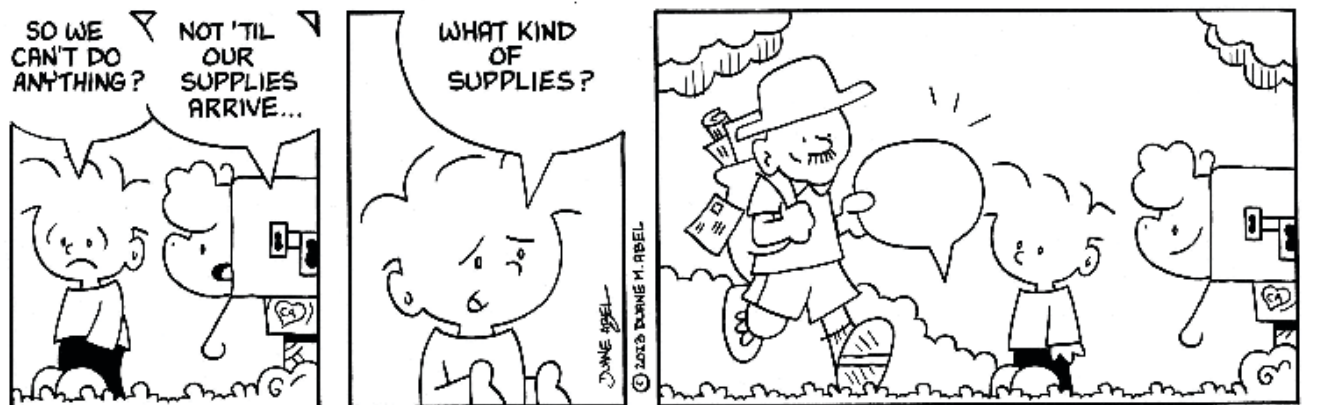
"POCKET CHANGE" PERFORMS AT CITY AUDITORIUM



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The Gatesville Country Music Hall of Fame recently welcomed the regional Bluegrass band "Pocket Change" to the stage at the Gatesville City Auditorium. The band continues its long tradition of touring Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Missouri providing good, traditional down-home music to appreciative audiences. In addition to Bluegrass music, the band plays Southern gospel and old-time country. The Gatesville Country Music Hall of Fame continues its series of free concerts on the third Friday of each month. Show times are from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m.

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CORYELL MUSEUM AND HISTORICAL CENTER

Dean Meeks and Drew Meeks Paige, part 2



BY JANN DWORSKY

Coryell Museum Volunteer/
Contributing Writer

Dean Meeks lived on Levita Road in Gatesville, Texas and he was a husband, father, dairyman, cattle rancher, football player, paratrooper, pilot, storyteller, writer, and sailor. He took a small sailboat from England to Africa and journaled his trip.

Drew Meeks Paige, his daughter, published a book in 2018 taken from her father's journal about his trip to England to buy a sailboat. I recently read it and I couldn't put it down. The title is Odyssey of a Texas Sailor by Drew Meeks Paige with John H. Clark. It is for sale in the Coryell Museum Gift Shop.

Dean Meeks was an excellent storyteller and kept a

journal in Big Chief tablets and spiral notebooks during his sailboat voyage. He managed to return with his journal, even after many harrowing adventures on his sailboat.

Dean Meeks was an adventurous person and below is one story from his sailboat the "Swan" near England. He sailed alone.

"When the weather is fair as it is today, the cliffs along

the southeastern coast of England are startlingly beautiful. Dark water, bright sky, gleaming white cliffs capped with a carpet of emerald, green grass gives a feeling of freshness, as though the world was newly created, and you were breathing air never before inhaled by living beings. Here beneath the white cliffs of Folkstone and Dover, I began to learn about anchors and anchorages. On our small lake back home (likely Lake Belton), you simply drop anchor over the side anywhere you please, with very little regard for conditions on the bottom. Here I had anchored in a small niche whose bottom was strewn with large slabs of shale rock and boulders. The anchor held firmly during the long restless night and just as firmly when I tried to bring it back aboard the next morning.

I gave my best effort to get the anchor up using my back and leg muscles, but it was several days before I could straighten up without the feeling that some-

one was probing around my backbone with an ice pick. I was forced to use my head and soon came up with the means of dislodging my reluctant anchor from its rocky hold.

Catching the bow at its lowest point between swells, I threw a couple of half-hitches of anchor chain around a cleat and made it fast. I felt sure that the weight of the boat rising with the next swell would furnish the pull and jerk needed to set us free to continue the voyage.

Disappointment and foreboding began to set in, as swell after swell failed to yield any results. While muttering to myself and groping about in my almost empty bag of tricks, I noticed a very large swell moving toward the Swan from the east. I jumped atop the cabin and held on to the mast as the bow and foredeck were pulled beneath the green flood. With a grinding wrench and shutter, the Swan broke free and bobbed to the surface, sloughing

water off her decks, and gasping for air, free at last."

Dean Meeks was brave and a good thinker under pressure and this next story also proves this.

Drew Meeks Paige tells the story of an airplane trip. Drew's sister Andrea flew with her dad from Gatesville out to Terlingua in the airplane for some excitement. They ran into a storm and had to land, and they also filled up with gas. When they took off Andrea told her father that something was pouring out of the wing. She was a grown woman so without landing he told her to open her door and put her finger in the hole that was leaking gas. They landed and Dean got out, took a stick and a rag and plugged the hole and they took off again!

Drew also tells that when they were kids, they took trips to the Royal Gorge in New Mexico and her father would take their huge station wagon down dirt roads, winding tracks, and across bridges that cars should not

be on. He would go down hairpin turns down rocky dirt roads in the gorge and the front of the car would hang over the edges at each turn to get to the bottom of the gorge. He would take a different way down the canyon on a good road to get out. He did not seem to have any fear, yet they did not get killed.

Coryell Museum and Historical Center is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday thru Saturday. We have an unusual gift shop with books by Coryell citizens, such as Drew Meeks Paige, on many different subjects.

Come by and visit with us, tour the museum, reserve the historic Gilbreath Room or Coryell Room for your special occasion. To reserve one of our rooms or schedule a guided tour call 865-5007.

We recently had the entire 2nd Grade class come see the museum, two classes at a time. We enjoyed them and they seemed delightfully interested in the 50 exhibits we had to show them.

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COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL

Cone with a cop to be held Aug. 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 Studebak-

ers 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 converse 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.

Central Texas Roots to meet Aug. 12

Staff Reports

Central Texas Roots will hold its monthly meeting on Saturday, August 12 from 11 a.m. to noon. 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 signup 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.

DANCE FUNDRAISER



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Members of the Dynamic Dance Company were recently on the square to raise money for future dance competitions. The girls were selling cookies, treats, lemonade, and homemade arts and crafts to those passing by their stand. Pictured left to right is Kenley Phipps, Tiffany Phipps, and Kyndall Phipps.

MOUND NEWS

Mound children spoke about summer camp



BY BARBARA HOPSON

Mound News Correspondent

Miss Allie McPherson attended the 4H Youth Ag Tour along with 16 other 4H members. The tour included stops in Coryell, McLennan, and Bosque counties.

The group learned about agriculture practices at Hopson Farms, CB Feedlot, M.J. Hanna Ranch, and Coryell Feed in our county. This will become an annual event for our 4H members each summer.

Reed, Katelyn, and Riley Griffith of Montgomery along with Robert and Carolyn Blakley had lunch in Gatesville Friday.

Brenda Helms and Carolyn Blakley went shopping in Waco Saturday.

Gaylene Smith, Ellen Ann Gummelt, and Sue Jones went Friday to see Dewayne and Freddie Gail Williams in Mansfield.

Avelia Flores Hernandez, Amelia Flores of McAllen and Johnny Flores and family of Mission visited Monday with Sue Jones.

Weekend visitors of Frank and Susie Hopson were Summer, Lillian, and Max McClellan of Fort Worth and

McKenzie David of Roanoke also visited a few days last week.

The children of Mound Cowboy Church and White Mound Baptist Church spoke about their camp and what they learned from the guest speaker who spoke to the children at Kidz Kamp at Latham Springs in Aquilla. This happened during the worship service at White Mound Baptist Church on Sunday, July 23.

Sue Jones, Debbie Maxwell, and Nancy Wright took Barbara Hopson to Weight Watchers Thursday morning in Georgetown, and they met her new Weight Watchers coach and leader, Julie Faircloth. While there they went to lunch and shopped.

Mrs. Eric (Liz) McCorkle and Kelli Casey have returned home after a week's trip to Bradenton, FL. to visit Lara McCorkle. While there they went to several

beaches and went riding in a kayaking boat.

Margaret Hopson and her granddaughter, Danijo Wood, have returned home after a week-long trip to Orlando, FL. to visit with Lizzi and Graham Howell. They all enjoyed going to beaches and shopping.

Doris Hoff of Gatesville visited with Martha Lawhorn one day during the week.

Delecia Reynolds visited Tuesday afternoon with Barbara Hopson.

Several people from Mound attended the 125th anniversary of the Coryell County Courthouse in Gatesville and all the festivities on the south lawn of the courthouse Saturday afternoon. The festivities included speakers, live music, and old-fashioned games for adults and children.

Those who have birthdays this month include Annalee Terrell, Debbie Mettlach, Trey Kleshick, Kathy Reese, Clancy Jones, Kyanne Jones, Sonia Davidson, Brenda Heiner, Summer McClellan, Debbie Piller, Cindy Gowen, Anna Jaworski, Brandon Belt, Jennifer Doss, Bobby Carothers, Becky Moore, Anna McPherson, Brittani Shepherd, Cory Evetts, Jeb Dixon, Hal Davidson, Gwen Watson, Josh Evetts and Blayne Crum.

Barbara's Notes: Happy Birthday to Gwen Watson.

Glen Rose has a replica of Noah's Ark



BY TUMBLEWEED SMITH

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

I've been interested in Noah's ark for a long time. Years ago, I did a report for NBC Radio on Fernan Navarre of France, who launched one of the first serious research excursions to search for the ark. I once directed a speech choir presentation on Noah, the flood, the animals, the ark, and the rainbow.

At THE CREATIVE EVIDENCE MUSEUM in Glen Rose, I held a piece of wood that could have come from Noah's ark.

"We cannot say for sure that it came from Noah's ark," says Dr. Carl Baugh, museum director. "However, it is saturated within and without with a residue pitch just like the biblical records state."

Dr. Baugh has been to Mount Ararat in Turkey, believed to be the place where remains of Noah's ark have been found.

"I've climbed Mount Ararat several times. In 1990 we performed eleven separate helicopter expeditions around Mount Ararat. As we flew over the mountain,

I personally saw a huge beam of laminated wood sticking diagonally out of the ice and snow."

The museum has giant photos of the expeditions. The Bible says God instructed Noah to build the ark of gopher wood.

"In Hebrew the word gopher means to house in. It's an engineering technique. So, I was able to get a patent on building a marine vessel using Noah's ark as the example."

The museum has a replica of Noah's ark. It is beautiful and looks like a large piece of art. Tiny animals and birds, insects and reptiles of several species are in different compartments along with feed and water

for them.

"It took 40 years of research to be able to design this twenty-five-foot replica of Noah's ark. It's one-twentieth scale. Now I'm not good with my hands. So, I hired three master craftsmen. I oversaw the project, and we built it together. If we have the dimensions correctly interpreted the ark was 510 feet long, 86 feet wide, 52 feet high. It took roughly a century to build. The flood was 4,500 years ago, 2500 B.C."

The museum has all kinds of things to see, including dinosaur tracks and human footprints, both made at the same time period, says Dr. Baugh. Glen Rose has long been famous for dinosaur tracks found in the Paluxy riverbed. Dinosaur Valley State Park is nearby.

The museum has the 9-foot clay model of Tom Landry, created by artist Robert Summers, who lives in Glen Rose. Visitors also get to see the actual dinosaur model used in the second Jurassic World movie. International colleges send their freshmen classes to the museum to do research. People from all over the world visit the museum.

"There's a lot to see here," says Dr. Baugh.

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Drip irrigation on agenda for Bell County Gardeners meeting

The BCMGA and Teinert Memorial Public Library Presents "Drip Irrigation". The seminar will be on Saturday, July 29, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Teinert Memorial Public Library located at 337 N. Dalton St., Bartlett. Certified Master Gardener, Dave Slaughter will discuss the history of drip irrigation and explain how it provides a more uniform and efficient application of water distribution. He will address the components of the system, advantages, and disadvantages, as well as the comparison of drip irrigation vs sprinkler.

Class Limit: 20

No registration required
The group has partnered with Carter Blood Care to host a Blood Drive August 12, from 8 a.m. to noon at the Texas AgriLife Extension Office in Belton.

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032 MISCELLANEOUS

HEAD START
TAKING APPLICATIONS!!! (No Transportation Provided)
Gatesville Head Start is now accepting applications for the 2023-2024 school year. Head Start is a pre-school offering excellent educational opportunities along with medical, dental, developmental, and nutritional benefits at no cost. The Head Start approach of individualized care and guidance is well suited to helping children with disabilities. Children between the ages of 3 and 5 may be eligible. There is *no charge* for participation in Head Start. Pick up your application now at the Head Start Center at 1105 Saunders Street. For more information, call your local center at 254/865-5423, or Hill Country Community Action Association at 325/372-5167.

HEAD START
ESTA ACEPTANDO APLICACIONES!!! (Ningun Transporte Proporcionado)
Gatesville Head Start esta aceptando aplicaciones para el año 2023-2024. Head Start es una escuela para niños de edad 3-5 años que califican. Head Start ofrece oportunidades excelentes para educación y tambien beneficios de medico, dental, desarrollo, y de alimento. Head Start ofrece mucha ayuda para niños y familias. *No cuesta nada* para que su niño atienda el programa de Head Start. Puede usted recoger ahora una aplicacion para solicitar un puesto en Head Start. Para mas informacion llame a la Head Start, 1105 Saunders Street, # del telefono: 254/865-5423, or Hill Country Community Action at 325/372-5167.

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072 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

099 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.

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CLEAN OUT SALE! 411 Valley View Drive from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sat., 07/29. Military items, assorted sports equipment, and lots of miscellaneous! 00030276

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. 00030251

Application has been made with The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a **Mixed Beverage Permit & Food and Beverage Certificate** by **Antonio Mendez dba La Hacienda Mexican Grill & Cantina #3** to be located at **2320 South Hwy 36, Gatesville, Coryell Co., Texas.** 00030266

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Request for Proposal (RFP) for Administration Professional Services - Cover Letter

July 25, 2023

Re: Texas General Land Office ("GLO") Regional Mitigation Program Council of Governments Method of Distribution (COG-MOD)

Dear Service Providers:

Attached is a copy of Coryell County's Request for Proposals ("RFP") for professional administration services. These services are being solicited to assist the County in its application(s) for and implementation of one or more contracts, if awarded, from the GLO's COG-MOD program(s). The County is applying for such funding for hazard mitigation planning, construction, engineering, and grant administrative activities as indicated in the attached Scope of Work.

Service providers may submit proposals for any or all activities listed in the attached Scope of Work. Multiple contracts may be awarded as a result of his solicitation. The County will, in its sole discretion, determine the number of contracts awarded, and may decide not to award any contracts.

The submission requirements for his proposal are included in the attached RFP. Please submit a proposal of services and statement of qualifications to:

Coryell County Purchaser
Anne Mayberry
800 E. Main St., Suite A
Gatesville, Texas 76528
county.purchaser@coryell-countytx.gov

The RFP document, RFP updates, and additional RFP information or amendments will be posted on the Coryell County website and may be retrieved by clicking on 'Coryell County COG-MOD GA Services' at <https://www.coryellcounty.org/page/coryell>. Bids.RFQ. If you are having trouble obtaining this RFP, please request a copy via email from Anne Mayberry at county.purchaser@coryell-countytx.gov.

The deadline for submission of proposals is August 14, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. It is the responsibility of the submitting entity to ensure that the proposal is received in a timely manner. Proposals received after the deadline will not be considered for award, regardless of whether or not the delay was outside the control of the submitting provider. Coryell County reserves the right to negotiate with any and all service providers submitting timely proposals.

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

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 Purmela 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.

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099 PUBLIC NOTICES

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:
Jonesboro Independent School District
Attn: Mr. Matt Dossey
Superintendent of Schools
P.O. Box 125
Mailing: 14909 E. State Hwy. 36
Jonesboro, Texas 76538-0125
Phone: 254-463-2111
FAX: 254-463-2275
00030252

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

EVANT WATER DEPARTMENT WATER CONSERVATION NOTICE
STAGE 1 — MANDATORY Starting Monday, July 24, 2023 Stage 1 of water conservation will go into effect. Which means, alternate day usage of water for outdoor purposes such as lawns, gardens, car washing, etc. Odd days only (Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays). This is subject to change at any given moment. Allowed timing is between 8:00pm-12:00am. This will be in effect for 45 days. Thank you for your cooperation.
EVANT WATER DEPARTMENT 00030268

099 PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF LINDA KAY WALTER, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Linda Kay Walter, Deceased, were issued on July 18, 2023, in Cause No. 23-10852, pending in the Country Court of Coryell County, Texas, to: CHARLES WALTER

Claims may be presented in care of the Independent Executor for the Estate addressed as follows:

Estate of Linda K. Walter, Deceased
c/o Pakis, Giotes, Burleson, & Deaconson, P.C.
Post Office Box 58
Waco, Texas 76703-0058

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

DATED the 18th day of July, 2023.

PAKIS, GIOTES, BURLESON, & DEACONSON, P.C.
Post Office Box 58
Waco, Texas 76703-0058
(254) 297-7300
(254) 297-7301 (FAX)

By: C. SCOTT OMO
Attorneys for the Executor
00030274

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF BOBBY A. GOODWIN, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Testamentary for the Estate of BOBBY A. GOODWIN, DECEASED, were issued on July 17, 2023, in Cause No. 23-10847 pending in the County Court of Coryell County, Texas, to:

TIMOTHY A. GOODWIN
Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate addressed as follows:
c/o Robert D. Cox
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 307
Temple, Texas 76503

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

Dated this 24th day of July, 2023

ROBERT D. COX
ATTORNEY FOR THE ESTATE
State Bar Card No. 04956050
P.O. Box 307
Temple, Texas 76503
(254) 778-6761
(254) 778-6194 Fax
00030269

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Dianne Lois Chitwood, Deceased, were issued on July 21, 2023, in Cause No. 23-10832, pending in the County Court-at-Law of Coryell County, Texas, to: Pamela Hays.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
c/o: Allen D. Place, Jr., Attorney at Law
109 S. 7th Street, Gatesville, Texas 76528
DATED the 25th day of July, 2023.

Allen D. Place, Jr., Attorney for Pamela Hays
State Bar No.: 16058500
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099 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.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary of the Estate of Michael George Stevens, deceased, were issued on July 21, 2023, in Cause No. 23-10808, pending in the County Court-at-Law of Coryell County, Texas, to: Johnna Najera. 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: Johnna Najera
119 Peruna Drive
Marble falls, Texas 78654
DATED the 25th day of July, 2023.
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- ▶ 4 Br, 3Ba Home, 201 Elm Ln., Gatesville. JUST REMODELED, open floor plan, fireplace in 3 rooms, nice backyard with swimming pool, Storage building. \$465,000
- ▶ 10.01 acres east of Evant, TX. Lot 8 Phase 5 Rio Escondido Subdivision, good tree cover, rolling terrain, great views to build a home, gated Subdivision. \$119,900
- ▶ 10.01 acres north of Evant, TX. Lot 85 Phase 4 Rio Escondido, Rolling Terrain, Good tree cover, good views, \$115,000
- ▶ 10.01 acres, Lot 20 Phase 4 Rio Escondido north of Evant, TX. Good tree cover, great views. \$150,000
- ▶ 10.01 acres east of Evant, TX in Coryell County on CR 160. Lot 39, Buffalo Creek Ranch Subdivision. Rolling terrain, good tree cover. \$150,000
- ▶ 10.01 acres, Lot 48 in Phase 6 Rio Escondido Subdivision Evant, TX., Dry Branch along back of the property, nice home site overlooking the branch. \$185,000
- ▶ 10.01 acres, Lot 28 Phase 4 Rio Escondido north of Evant, TX. Good tree cover, great views. \$200,000
- ▶ 11 +/- acres. Arnett, TX in Coryell County. Good tree cover, nice home site, will need to be fenced on the east boundary. MCWSC may be available. \$179,500
- ▶ 11.64 acres, 3/2 home south of Evant, TX in Coryell County. Nice porch, large master bedroom and bath, barn, workshop, seasonal creek, Hwy 281 Frontage. \$850,000
- ▶ 17.85 acres, 296 Cross Timbers Lane, Gatesville. 2 homes, main home 3 Br, 2 Ba brick home, open floor plan, second home 2 Br, 2 Ba single wide mobile home, 2 covered parking spaces, good tree cover, rolling terrain, storage building, excellent fences, 1 stock pond. \$749,500
- ▶ 20.02 acres, Evant, TX, CR 421, Hamilton County. Lot No. 21 Mulberry Creek, rolling terrain, good tree cover. \$250,000
- ▶ 20.02 acres, Evant, TX, PR 42107, Hamilton County, Lot 43 Phase 6 Rio Escondido, rolling terrain, good tree cover, season creek. \$265,000.
- ▶ 25.06 acres, Pottsville, TX, Hamilton County. Paloma Vista Subdivision Lot 31, rolling terrain, scattered tree cover, great views. \$275,000
- ▶ 33.43 acres, near Coryell City, Coryell County, FM 929 & CR 260 frontage, rolling terrain, good views. \$295,000
- ▶ 38 +/- acres, south of Pearl, TX, Coryell County, FM 183 frontage, rolling terrain, scattered tree cover, nice views, great home site. \$372,400
- ▶ 41.0457 acres, Hamilton, TX, CR 404 in Hamilton County. Rolling terrain, scattered tree cover, approx. 25 acres farmland, 2 stock tanks, & good fences. \$449,000
- ▶ 47.332 ac. south of Ireland, TX. Good tree cover, rolling terrain, good fencing on 3 sides, southside will need to be fenced. \$395,000
- ▶ 50.24 acres, 3/2.5 home, 2171 CR 419, Evant, TX. Rolling terrain, 40% being good tree cover, the remaining balance being open pasture, great views. \$675,000.
- ▶ 58.51 acres, 3 Br, 2 Ba frame home, 6630 FM 183, Evant, TX, water well, several outbuildings, rolling terrain, scattered tree cover & 2 stock tanks. \$585,000
- ▶ 60.23 acres, CR 238 near Turnersville, TX. 1 stock tank, good fences, scattered tree cover, rolling terrain. \$421,610
- ▶ 68.9 acres, 3/2.5 rock home, 101 Mac Dr., Gatesville, TX. Approx. 2900 ft of Leon River frontage, ceramic tile floors, carpet in the bedrooms, vaulted ceiling, rock fireplace, granite countertops, breakfast bar, garden tub, metal building approx. 45 ft x 24 ft, older barn approx. 50 ft. x 30 ft., cattle pens, 1 stock tank, approx. 48 acres of coastal. \$1,249,500
- ▶ 82.43 acres west of Evant, TX, Mills County. Open pasture, scattered mesquite tree cover, native grasses, 1 stock tank, fenced on 3 sides. \$560,524
- ▶ 88.007 acres, 36 ft. Travel Trailer, 25 ft. x 30 ft. metal barn, Electricity, 1 tank, seasonal branch, water well, scattered tree cover, good hunting. \$720,000
- ▶ 105 acres south of Pearl, TX on Self Rd. Good tree cover, rolling terrain, small branch, barn, rain harvest system. \$743,775
- ▶ 106 +/- acres, CR 180, Purmela, TX, Coryell & Hamilton County. Good tree cover, rolling terrain, 1 tank, paved road frontage, electricity is across the road. \$832,100
- ▶ 179.562 acres, 1.6 miles south of Gatesville, TX. FM 116 frontage, great views, stock tank, rolling terrain & scattered tree cover. \$1,230,000
- ▶ 199.86 acres, 4 BR, 2 Ba Manufactures Home, 1856 sq. ft., 1805 CR 180, Purmela, TX in Coryell County. Front porch, fully furnished, 2 stock tanks, 8 ft. x 40 ft storage container, storage building with water storage tank, barn, cattle pens, water well 560 ft deep, rolling terrain, good tree cover and paved road frontage. \$1,568,901



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The DISPATCH

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of July 19 - July 25. While there were many calls to the dispatcher, this is a partial list of more significant activity. People are reminded that only emergency calls should be made to 9-1-1, while all other calls to the police department should be made to 865-2226 or to the Sheriff's office at 865-7201.

CITY OF GATESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

July 21
1:17 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 1600 block of Waco Street.
1:41 p.m., a threat was reported in the 1700 block of Mary Street.
8:55 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 1200 block of Waco Street.
July 22
7:52 a.m., an assault was reported in the 400 block of S. 8th Street.
8: 20 p.m., a fight was reported in the 4200 block of S. State Hwy. 36.
10:39 p.m., reckless conduct was reported in the 200 block of S. Lovers Lane.
July 23
12:00 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 200 block of Old Osage Road.
1:00 p.m., a theft was reported in the 1600 block of Waco Street.
11:14 p.m., a hazmat spill was reported in the 2300 block of Business Hwy. 36.

July 24
7:47 a.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 100 block of Pueblo Lane.
8:24 a.m., a burglary was reported in the 3400 block of Empress Drive.
12:41 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1200 block of Baldrige Drive.
July 25
4:36 a.m., a theft was reported in the 4600 block of S. State Hwy. 36.
9:46 a.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 2200 block of Waco Street.
10:54 p.m., a burglary was reported in the 2300 block of Business Hwy. 36.

CORYELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

July 21
3:27 a.m., a suspicious vehicle was reported on FM 1829 at the Leon River Bridge.
5:45 p.m., a welfare concern was reported on CR 324.
7:22 p.m., a reckless driver was reported on S. State Hwy. 36 near FM 931.
July 22
1:50 a.m., a prowler was reported in the 400 block of CR 339.
11:22 a.m., a theft was reported in the 1000 block of Bluestem Drive.
5:57 p.m., a missing child was reported in the 2800 block of FM 107.
July 23
9:04 a.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 10000 block of S. Hwy. 36.
12:50 p.m., a minor accident was reported in the 3500 block of FM 217.
11:43 p.m., a stolen vehicle was reported in the 700 block of Golf Course Road.
July 24
4:08 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported on FM 2412 at Plum Creek.
7:50 a.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 100 block of Pueblo.
7:54 a.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 400 block of CR 127.
July 25
8:28 a.m., a stolen gun was recovered in the 200 block of S. 3rd Street.
12:27 p.m., a theft was reported 2700 block of Mulberry Drive.
1:24 p.m., a stolen vehicle was recovered in the 100 block of Cleveland Street.
6:55 p.m., a runaway was reported in the 300 block of FM 116.

Coryell County Courthouse 125 Year Celebration

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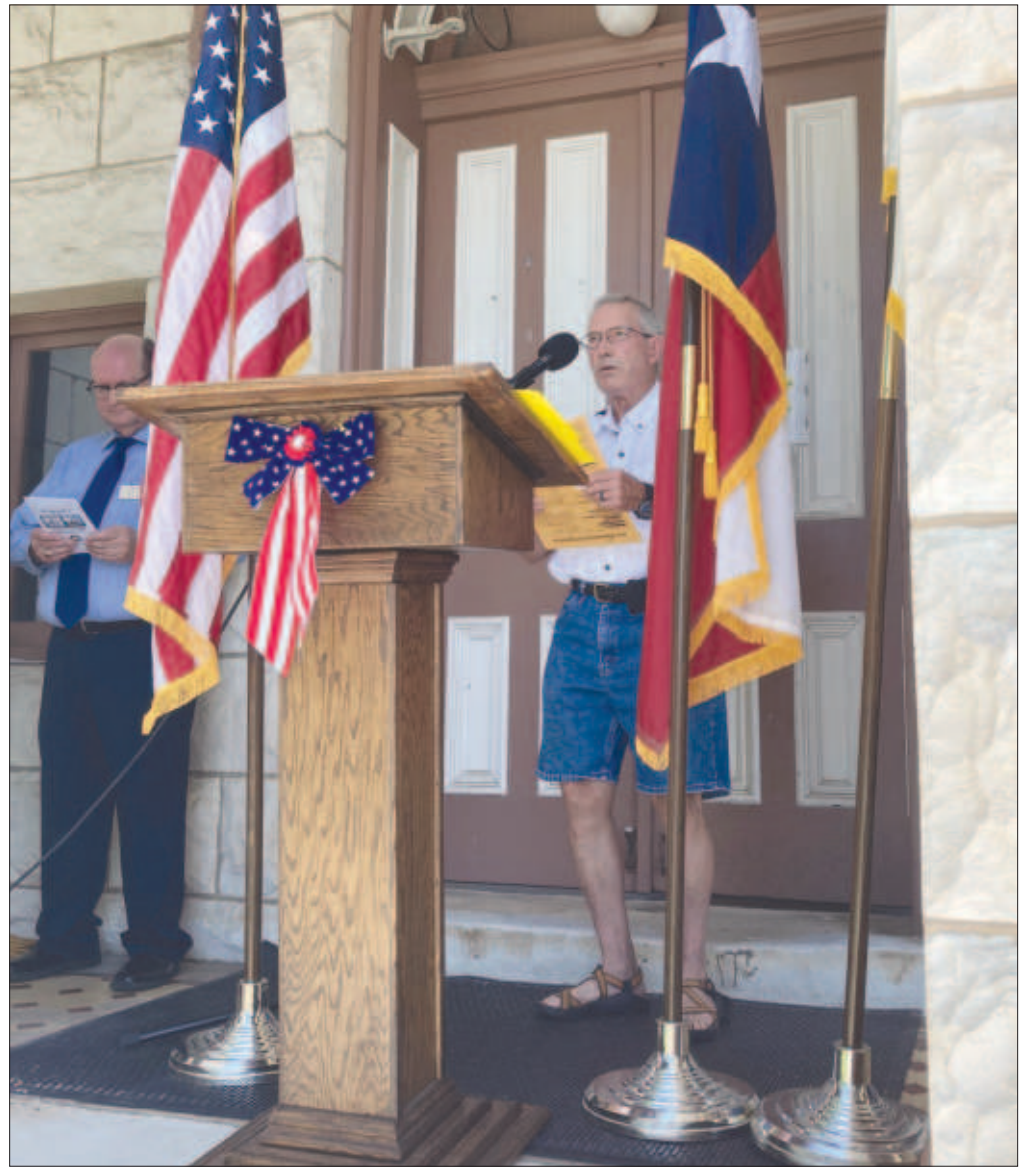
Those attending the courthouse anniversary celebration were treated to a cake decorated with photos of the courthouse.



The color guard presented the U.S. flag and the Texas flag during the opening of the ceremony.



Felicia Inman gave the opening prayer.



Dr. Steve Norris (right) led those attending in singing Texas Our Texas. Coryell County Historical Commission chairman Danny Corbett is pictured standing on the left.



Bailey Dickie and her father, Mike Dickie, entertained the crowds with their music.



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Coryell County Courthouse 125 Year Celebration



Tours of the restored district courtroom were given to those visiting inside the courthouse.



Coryell County Judge Roger Miller, dressed in 1890's attire, and the chairman of the Coryell County Historical Commission, Danny Corbett, posed with the recently installed courthouse historical markers.



In honor of the Scottish stone masons who helped construct the building, a bagpiper marched around the courthouse square playing Scottish tunes.



Homemade cookies and other treats were served to the guests on the east lawn of the courthouse.



Children and adults, like Jana Dixon-Carpenter, enjoyed playing a game of hopscotch while at the anniversary celebration.



A number of those attending found refuge from the heat under some of the giant shade trees on the courthouse lawn.



Members of the Coryell County Historical Commission gathered for a photo at the original historical marker and the two new markers that were recently installed.



Children at the event enjoyed a game of bowling on the west side of the courthouse grounds.

Young Hornets prepare for upcoming season



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The Gatesville Independent School District athletic department hosted a football camp July 24-26 for students entering grades 7-9. The event gave youth an opportunity to participate in a variety of drills.



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GHS cross country to feature new coach, returning talent

BY ALEXANDRA MEELBUSCH
Staff Writer

Gatesville Independent School District has announced Phillip Martin as the new Junior High School and High School cross country coach for the 2023-2024 school year.

"Coryell County has always been home for me, and Gatesville has been the school I have always wanted to work for," Martin said.

He admires the great community support each program has at Gatesville ISD.

Martin has been in the coaching profession for the past 16 years. Through that time, he has served many coaching duties as a football, basketball, track, and cross-country coach. As well as coaching for one semester at Tarleton State University.

Throughout Martin's life, athletics was always something he enjoyed, and he admitted how he had great coaches that were instrumental in his life. Entering the coaching profession allows him to give back to the students in the same way his previous coaches did for him.

"I have gotten to know several of my athletes this summer, they have really come to work hard, and I believe these athletes will accomplish great things," Martin said.

Dedication and commitment are the two values Martin not only hopes to demonstrate as a coach but are also two qualities he looks for in his athletes.

The first official practice will begin on Monday, July 31, and a roster will be completed soon after.

Martin declared that the first month of training and first couple of meets will be the toughest time for the runners as they get back into the routine after a summer break. This is a time to lean on team camaraderie and team building activities.

As of right now, Martin has the team currently averaging about five miles a day to prepare for the season. His expectation throughout the school year includes runners to maintain a decent conditioning level, to increase core strength, and to maintain good nutrition.



Vania Martinez was one of Gatesville High School's top runners in 2022-23, and will look to accomplish even more in 2023-24.



Top photo: Justin Muegge is one of GHS' returning standouts. Bottom photo: Coach Phillip Martin with his wife, Coach Shawna Martin

"I teach my athletes to dream big and work hard. As a coach, I must do the same."

PHILLIP MARTIN
GHS cross country coach

Martin's goals for both teams will be to win district and advance to the state cross country meet with medalists on the stand.

The students at Gatesville ISD work hard and dedicate themselves to the process of becoming champions. "If we dedicate ourselves to a process wholeheartedly and commit to seeing the process through the end, success will be achieved," Martin said.

Cross country is a sport where you can not only see long-term health benefits, but also a sport that has direct competitive results from your effort.

"The harder you work, the better you do, I teach my athletes to dream big and work hard. As a coach, I must do the same," Martin said.



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Gatesville ISD back in session for 2023-2024 school year

BY ALEX MEELBUSCH
Staff Writer

Gatesville Independent School District is ready to begin another school year under the leadership of Dr. Barrett Pollard, Superintendent.

"Last year was filled with many student successes in academics, fine arts, and athletics, so I'm very excited to see what our students accomplish this year," Pollard said. "We also have really talented new employees joining our staff, who will make the district even better."

CAMPUS

To get started in the enrollment process at Gatesville ISD, first report to the following campus that your student will attend and the registrar will assist you:

- Gatesville Primary School is pre-kindergarten and kindergarten, located at 308 Hornet Way.

- Gatesville Elementary School is first through third grade, located at 2537 East Main Street.

- Gatesville Intermediate School is fourth through sixth grade, located at 311 Hornet Way.

- Gatesville Junior High School is seventh and eighth grade, located at 307 South Lovers Lane.

- Gatesville High School is ninth through twelfth grade, located at 205 South Lovers Lane.

To enroll for pre-kindergarten the student must be four years old by September 1, 2023. Students must also meet financial criteria through the Federal Nutrition program, language criteria, or from a military family. To enroll for kindergarten the student must be five years old by September

1, 2023.

Paperwork needed to enroll a student across all Gatesville ISD campuses includes proof of residency, the student's birth certificate, the student's social security card, a withdrawal form from previous school if moving from another district, and the student's immunization records.

VACCINATIONS

Gatesville ISD will provide the community with a vaccination clinic that will be held on Friday, August 4 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The clinic will be held at the Gatesville High School DAEP building located at 2538 E. Main Street. Vaccinations provided will include Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Polio, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Hepatitis B, Hepatitis A, Varicella, and Meningococcal. Be sure to call for an appointment at 254-865-7264.

All incoming seventh, ninth, and eleventh grade athletes must have an updated examination on file. To obtain a copy of the physical exam form visit www.gatesvilleathletics.com. Junior High students will click on the link under the right side of the page that says Documents, and High School students will click on News/Messages.

Fall sport athletes must have a physical prior to the start of workouts and all other athletes must have a physical before the first day of school on Thursday, August 10. A medical history form will need to be completed prior to the physical exam.

MEALS

Gatesville ISD has experienced a 10-cent increase in meal costs from last school

year. Free and reduced lunch applications will open on Tuesday, August 1. Applications will be available by paper or online. All free and reduced costs students will receive a free breakfast along with .40 cent lunches. If you are a paid student, breakfast will cost \$1.70, and adults will cost \$3.10 across all campuses. If you are a paid student at Gatesville Elementary School, lunch will cost \$2.60 and the cost of lunch for Gatesville Intermediate School, Gatesville Junior High School, and Gatesville High School will be \$2.85. All adult lunches will cost \$4.75.

BUS

To register for the school bus, go to the front office of the school that your student will be attending, fill out a form, and look through the binder with all the different routes to select the right one for your student.

MEET THE TEACHER

During the Meet the Teacher event across all campuses there will be an area at each location to sign up for the school bus.

Meet the Teacher will be held at each campus on the following dates:

- Gatesville Primary School will hold its Prekindergarten Meet the Teacher on Monday, August 7 from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., and Kindergarten Meet the Teacher will be held on Tuesday, August 8 from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

- Gatesville Elementary School will hold its Meet the Teacher on Tuesday, August 8 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

- Gatesville Intermediate School will hold its Meet the Teacher on Tuesday, August 8 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

- Gatesville Junior High School will hold its Meet the

Teacher on Tuesday, August 8 from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

- Gatesville High School will hold its Meet the Teacher on Tuesday, August 8 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Meet the Teacher will be a time for students to meet their teachers and classmates, tour their new school, look at clubs and activities, and get information on special programs.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

There are many special programs at Gatesville ISD which consists of English as a Second Language (ESL), Section 504, Special Education, Dyslexia, and Gifted and Talented (GT). The Executive Director of Special Programs can be reached at 254-865-7251.

ZERO TOLERANCE

Gatesville ISD holds zero tolerance for bullying in any matter and provides online resources to inform your student about what to do if they are being bullied. Resources include:

- <https://1.cdn.edl.io/2dWnWQo83kd3rgVNBkNPvdPKkgVFL8pl3TkkCIPnc7pRpz2o.pdf>

- <https://1.cdn.edl.io/qOShJffemqsPRgduYaonIWMJbdLkHSpZUDU0eM6bfMqWAK0m.pdf>

- <https://www.stopbullying.gov/>

- <https://txssc.txstate.edu/tools/courses/before-you-text/>

- <https://txssc.txstate.edu/topics/digital-safety/>

Bullying is when a person or group of people hurts, embarrasses, or frightens

another person on purpose repeatedly. They do this in many ways including pushing, tripping, kicking, hitting, name-calling, making inappropriate remarks, teasing, making threats, intimidating, pinching, spreading rumors, leaving someone out, stealing belongings, harassment, cruelly using social media, and sending mean emails or texts.

Gatesville ISD believes all children are capable of high achievement and that each student will be an independent thinker who possesses critical thinking, problem-solving, communication skills, and perseverance to reach extraordinary potential.



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Gatesville Independent School District Administration Building

Gatesville ISD announces school supply lists for 2023-2024 school year

Staff Reports

Gatesville Independent School District has announced the school supply lists for each campus.

Gatesville Primary School Kindergarten

- Twelve yellow Ticonderoga #2 pencils

- Two large pink erasers

- Four boxes of 24 count regular size, Crayola brand crayons

- Two eight count Crayola washable classic colors broad line markers

- Eight Expo lowodor black dry erase markers

- One pair metal blunt Fiskers scissors

- Twelve glue sticks

- One set of watercolors (Crayola or Prang)

- One plastic crayon/pencil storage boxsize 5"x8"

- Four folders with brads

- Three spiral notebooks (wide ruled, one subject)

- Two highlighters

- Three large boxes of Kleenex tissues

- One bottle GermX

- One container Clorox Wipes

- One container Baby Wipes

- Backpack, no rolling backpack

- One box of 20 Ziploc bags, boys get gallon sized and girls get quart sized

A change of clothing placed in a gallon sized bag and labeled with the child's name

No additional supplies should be brought to the school.

Gatesville Elementary School

- First Grade**

- One pair of scissors

- One pencil box

- Three packages of Crayola Crayons (24 count)

- Two packs of 24 Ticonderoga sharpened pencils

- Two boxes of tissues

- Three erasers

- Twelve glue sticks

- One bottle of glue

- Eight black thin Expo markers, girls only

- Eight black regular Expo markers, boys only

- Two highlighters

- One package of Crayola markers classic colors

- Three plastic poly folders with brads

- Three spiral notebooks

- One container of Clorox wipes, girls only

- One container of baby wipes, boys only

- One package of quart sized Ziploc bags, girls only

- One package of gallon sized Ziploc bags, boys only

- Second Grade**

- Two 16 count Crayola Crayons

- Two pink erasers

- One two count package of glue sticks

- One package of 24 count Ticonderoga pencils

- One pencil box, no locking boxes

- One eight count of thin line markers

- One four count of black dry erase markers

- One plastic blue folder with pockets and brads

- One spiral notebook with 70 pages

- Two composition notebooks

- One box of baby wipes or Clorox wipes

- Three boxes of Kleenexes

- Third Grade**

- Three packs of black four count Expo markers

- Four packages of 24 count boxes of Crayola Crayons

- One or two packages of glue sticks

- One pair of pointed scissors

- One package of two count pink erasers

- One package of eight count fine point Crayola washable markers

- Two packages of 24 count Ticonderoga number two pencils

- Two composition notebooks, not spiral bound

- Two plastic folders with brads

- Three boxes of tissues

- One clipboard

- One large mesh fabric pencil bag, no pencil boxes

- Two canisters of disinfectant wipes

- One roll of paper towels

- Gatesville Intermediate School

- Fourth Grade**

- Three packages of wide ruled notebook paper

- Six glue sticks

- Four boxes of Kleenex (160 count or higher)

- Four assorted colored

- highlighters

- One pair of junior or regular sized scissors

- Three plastic pocket folders with brads

- Three packages of 24 count number two pencils

- Three packages of 12 countcolored pencils

- One pair of wired earbuds or headphones for testing, no wireless or Bluetooth

- One pencil bag with binder holes, cloth is preferred

- One box of gallon sized Ziploc bags, girls only

- One box of quart sized Ziploc bags, boys only

- One bottle of hand sanitizer, girls only

- One container of disinfectant wipes, boys only

- Math**

- One and a half inch three ring binder

- One package of black fine point dry erase markers

- Science/Social Studies**

- One and a half inch three ring binder

- One 24 count box of Crayons

- Two black sharpies

- Two packages of dividers

- English Language Arts

- One spiral notebook

- One and a half inch three ring binder

- One package of plastic dividers

- Fifth Grade**

- One pencil bag

- Six glue sticks

- Three boxes of facial tissue

- One package of 24 count number two pencils

- One package of wide ruled notebook paper

- Five assorted pocket and brad folders

- Two four count packages of dry erase markers

- One four count package of highlighters

- Two wide ruled composition notebooks

- One wide ruled spiral notebook

- One pair of fiveinch sharp scissors

- One package of 12 count-colored pencils

- One pink eraser

- One pair of wired earbuds or headphones, no wireless or Bluetooth

- One container of Clorox wipes, boys only

- One bottle of hand sanitizer, girls only

- One box of gallon sized Ziploc bags, boys only

- One box of quart Ziploc bags, girls only

- Sixth Grade**

- A backpack, no rolling backpacks allowed

- Two 12 countcolored pencils

- Three glue sticks

- Four highlighters

- One pair of scissors

- Two packs of 24 count pencils

- Four pens, red and blue only

- Two pairs of earbuds or headphones'

- Two boxes of Kleenex

- One container of Clorox wipes

- One package of notebook paper

- One pencil bag or box

- One handheld pencil sharpener, not electric

- One plastic brad folder with pockets

- English Language Arts**

- One and a half inch three ring binder

- One 12 count of dividers

- Math**

- One twoinch three ring binder

- One 12 count of dividers

- One package of dry erase markers

- Science**

- One inch three ring binder

- One container of Clorox wipes

- Social Studies**

- One inch three ring binder

- Two five counts of dividers

- One composition notebook

- Band (if applicable**

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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.

Gatesville Elementary presents snow cones with principals



Staff Reports

Gatesville Elementary School will hold a snow cone social on Thursday, August 3 from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The social will be held at Gatesville Elementary School in the gymnasium.

This will be a come and go event for parents and students to have the chance to visit with Mrs. Webb and Mrs. Judd.

Gatesville Elementary School is located at 2537 E. Main Street. For more information contact 254-865-7262.

COURTESY PHOTO

Gatesville Elementary principal Mrs. Webb is pictured with a student at last year's Snow Cones with Principals event.

Evant ISD Meet the Teacher slated August 3

Staff Reports

Evant Independent School District will hold Meet the Teacher for the 2023 to 2024 school year on Thursday, Aug. 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

accountability.

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

Oglesby ISD presents Meet the Teacher August 14

Staff Reports

Oglesby Independent School District will hold its Meet the Teacher on Monday, August 14 at 6 p.m.

This is a time for students to meet their teach-

ers, visit with peers, gather information on classes, and to tour the school.

Following Meet the Teacher, a watermelon festival will begin at 7 p.m. held at the Oglesby Com-

munity Center located at 118 Main Street.

Oglesby ISD is located at 125 College Avenue. For more information contact 254-456-2271.

Jonesboro ISD presents Meet the Eagles on August 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.

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.

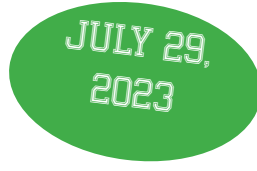
Meet the Teacher will be a time for students to meet their new teachers, gather schedules, set up lockers, and explore all the clubs and extracurricular activi-

ties 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.



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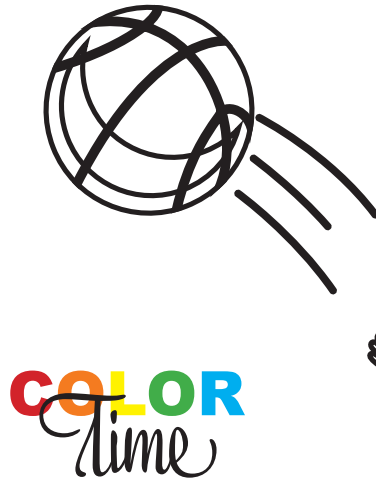


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WAC releases Tarleton State Men's Basketball 2023-24 conference schedule

Tarleton State University

ARLINGTON, Texas — The Western Athletic Conference announced the 20-game full round-robin schedule for the Tarleton State Texan men's basketball team for the 2023-24 season on Wednesday.

For the first time since Tarleton State joined the WAC in 2020-21, the league will feature a pair of conference games at the end of November and then resume with 18 conference games starting in January of 2024, for a total of 20, the most ever scheduled all-time in the WAC. The Nov. 29 tip will be the earliest start as well. Also for the first time, the league features a mash-up between the men's and women's schedules with the same two schools competing on the same night in opposite venues for the entirety of the season.

The Texans will travel about 10,600 miles in total just in conference play with traveling to all 10 teams for the first time. The schedule is designed featuring games primarily on Thursday (10 times) and Saturday (nine times) as well as a contest on a Wednesday.

Last season, Tarleton State finished their third consecutive season of at least .500 in WAC play at 9-9, earning a trip to the WAC Tournament in the first year they were

eligible.

In 2022-23, Tarleton State won their first five conference home games in part of a 10-0 start at Wisdom Gym and finished with a 7-2 overall conference home record.

“We're excited about another season in the WAC. The league has consistently become tougher with several good teams making postseason play,” said head coach Billy Gillispie. “The 20-game double round robin is extremely tough to navigate. Whoever is good enough to win the most games over a 20-game balanced schedule will produce a deserving champion, one that will be very capable of doing damage in the postseason. Our players are excited to take the challenge against great competition.”

The Texans will kick off the conference slate with a road bout against Stephen F. Austin on Wednesday, Nov. 29. The squad has won its last two WAC openers. Since joining the WAC, Tarleton is 1-0 when they open the WAC slate on the road. Tarleton State will open the home por-



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tion of their schedule against UTRGV on Saturday, Dec. 2. Last season, Tarleton State knocked off the Vaqueros in the first round of the WAC Tournament in Las Vegas.

After a one-month break in which the Texans will continue their non-conference schedule, to be released at a later date, Tarleton will host UT Arlington on Thursday, Jan. 4. The Texans swept the Mavericks last season in their first year in the WAC.

The Texans will enjoy a seven-day break before playing four games in nine days, with three of them away from Stephenville. Tarleton State will open the stretch with a pair of road games at California Baptist and Grand Canyon on Jan. 11 and Jan. 13, respectively. Next, the Texans will head back home

for a bout against Abilene Christian on Jan. 18 before heading to Edinburg to face-off against UTRGV. Abilene Christian is the most common opponent the Texans have faced in the WAC, touting a 17-5 overall record against the Wildcats in the two programs' history.

Tarleton State will round out January with a pair of home games against Southern Utah on the 25 and Utah Tech on the 27. Last season, the Texans were 4-1 against WAC teams from the state of Utah, including a perfect 3-0 at home.

The Texans will start off February on the 1st at Abilene Christian which will mark the halfway point of conference play for Tarleton State. The squad will then head back to Stephenville for a Saturday

square-off against Stephen F. Austin. The Lumberjacks travel to Stephenville for just the second time with the Texans victorious in the first match-up, 77-72, on Jan. 8, 2022.

Tarleton will then embark on a three-game road trip originating at Utah Valley on Thursday, Feb. 8. On Saturday, Feb. 10, the Texans travel to the WAC's northernmost school, Seattle U. The Texans will cover nearly 4,000 miles on the trip, their longest travel distance of the conference slate. The three-game road trip will conclude at UT Arlington on the 15th.

Closing out February, Tarleton will host Grand Canyon on the 22nd and California Baptist on the 24th. The Texans knocked off the eventual WAC Tournament

champion Grand Canyon Antelopes, 84-66, at home last season. On the final day of the month, the Texans will travel to Utah Valley for just the program's fourth contest on Leap Day in which they have a 2-1 overall record.

Tarleton State will close the regular season with a trio of games in March. In its final conference road game, the Texans travel to Southern Utah on March 2. The final pair of games come at home on March 7 against Utah Valley and March 9 against Seattle U. Tarleton has not played Seattle U twice in the same season yet and are searching for their first win against the RedHawks.

Tarleton State's full schedule with non-conference games will be released at a later date.

TSU Baseball adds former McNeese associate head coach Nick Zaleski to coaching staff

Tarleton State University

STEPHENVILLE, Texas — Tarleton State welcomes Nick Zaleski as the newest addition to the Texan baseball coaching staff.

As head coach Fuller Smith continues to build his coaching staff, the former associate head coach and offensive coordinator from McNeese State will trade the blue and gold for purple and white. In his first season at Tarleton State, Zaleski will serve as the hitting coach and recruiting coordinator.

“Nick Zaleski has left an incredible impact on every program he has been a part of,” Smith said. “The experience and success that Nick can contribute to Tarleton Baseball was an opportunity we didn't want to miss out on.”

Within 13 years of college baseball, Zaleski has won eight championships as a coach and player. Zaleski began his collegiate coaching career in 2013 as a volunteer assistant coach at UTSA. After two years with the Roadrunners, he began his eight-year run at McNeese State in 2016 where the Cowboys have had tremendous success.

“My wife and I are excited to get back into the state of Texas and welcome our little girl as a Texan as well, and we are eager to see what the opportunities that we have been afforded are going to bring,” Zaleski said. “Looking at the direction of the baseball program is extremely encouraging. To be successful on the field you have to do everything successfully off the field too. I've been very



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fortunate to be around really good players and coaches and that's allowed me to be a part of successful championship teams as a player and coach. Success and failure both leave clues. I want to be around people who are driven by the goal of success.”

In 2016, Zaleski began his stint at McNeese as an assistant coach for four seasons then was promoted to associate head coach and offensive coordinator for his final four seasons. Throughout his eight years as a Cowboy, the baseball program has appeared in two NCAA Regionals, won two Southland Conference regular season championships and earned two league tournament titles.

Zaleski has also been a part of the two longest winning streaks in Southernland Conference tournaments, the first being during his time as a player at Sam Houston and the second time as a coach for

McNeese.

The former Cowboy stands alone as the only person to win three consecutive championships in the history of the Southland Conference as a player and a coach. During his eight seasons in Lake Charles, Louisiana, McNeese has led the Southland Conference in total hits, total doubles, total home runs, total bases, batting average and fielding percentage. The Cowboys ranked second in the conference in total runs, total triples, total RBI and total stolen bases.

Zaleski had a hand in the success found by the top two hitters within the history of Cowboy baseball, Payton Harden and Joe Provenzano as well as the leader in all-time steals for McNeese, Reid Bourque. During his time coaching in the Southland Conference, he has assisted in guiding players to receive awards such as; SLC Pitcher of the Year (2023), SLC Player

of the Year (2022), SLC Relief Pitcher of the Year/Louisiana Pitcher of the Year (2022 and 2021), Rawlings Gold Glove winner (2019), SLC Hitter of the Year (2017), and the National Stolen Bases Leader (2017).

Prior to his career at McNeese, Zaleski spent three seasons with the Roadrunners of UTSA working with the infielders and offense. During this time, his coaching efforts led to some of the top offensive numbers in the Western Athletic Conference as well as Conference-USA and one of the top-10 offenses within program history at UTSA.

In Zaleski's first year at UTSA in 2013, the Roadrunners had their most successful season since 2008 with an overall record of 35-25 and advanced to the Corvallis Regional hosted by Oregon State after taking the

Western Athletic Conference Tournament Championship title. The following year, the blue, white, and orange transitioned into Conference USA and finished the season seated in the top five in most major offensive statistical categories.

The Sugar Land native spent his collegiate playing career as a Sam Houston Bearkat from 2006-2009.

During his time in Huntsville, Zaleski played a large role in their three Southland Conference Tournament Championships and three NCAA Regional appearances, including the Oxford Regional Championship game in 2007. In 2009, Zaleski claimed the single season batting average record at Sam Houston after hitting .419 and still holds the title. During this time Zaleski received a Ping! Baseball honorable mention All-American and was named the Bearkats' Most Valuable Player

Zaleski played a year professionally in the Toronto Blue Jays organization in 2009-10.

Over the past 10 years, Zaleski has assisted in coaching or recruiting 28 players that were drafted and four players that signed Free Agent contracts. Out of the 31 athletes that went on to play at the next level, 15 are still actively playing and three made their way into the majors. Also in his resume of successful athletes are 52 All-Conference players, 33 Academic All-Conference players, 27 All-Tournament players, four Academic All-Americans, four Freshman All-Americans and three All-Americans

In 2009 Zaleski received his bachelor's degree in marketing from Sam Houston State and went on to earn a master's degree in human performance with an emphasis in sports management two years later from Alabama. Zaleski is married to the former Amy Brown, and they will welcome their first daughter in September of 2023

TEAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS (PLAYER/COACH)

McNeese - Associate Head Coach
2022 Southland Conference Champions
2021 Southland Conference Tournament Champion
2021 NCAA Fort Worth Regional Appearance
2019 Southland Conference Tournament Champion
2019 NCAA Nashville Regional Appearance
2017 Southland Conference Champions

UTSA — VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT COACH

2013 Western Athletic Conference Tournament Champion
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2007 NCAA Oxford Regional Appearance

Coach Jones reflects on the previous tennis season and looks forward to future competition

BY DAVID SCOTT
Staff Writer

During the 2022-2023 season, the Gatesville High School tennis team received many awards and recognition as they pushed their way towards state competition.

The varsity team accumulated twelve pieces of hardware at the Bryan Rudder tournament on March 24 at Bryan-College Station followed by the boys team winning District while the girls captured second place.

In Regionals, the GHS tennis team sent five qualifiers to Regional 4-A. This was followed by Slone Early, Ty Warren, and Alex Scott advancing to UIL Class 4-A State level of competition held in San Antonio on April 25.

Gatesville High School tennis coach, Wendell Jones said "This last year, as a team, we were as strong as we've ever been, but I can't discount the two years previous with Stormy Tatum in the mix. We've crossed into new eras - Stormy's been to state twice from GHS."

"This last year having two entries going to state was a tremendous experience. Just great kids - only the best kids come to tennis," he said with a smile.

Speaking of the upcoming tennis season, Jones said "The chemistry and personality this year, after losing

four seniors, is going to be a little different, but we still have good and talented players."

As for the goals for this coming year of tennis competition, Jones said "I haven't spoken with the students yet, but I'm going to. I want them to establish goals, we want to repeat as district champions again for team tennis. It's going to be a little tougher this year. Last year, we were pushed with Lampasas, but this year Lampasas is down a bit, but in my opinion, Lampasas and Brownwood are the two teams to beat."

"We're going to have to win on the girls side and I'm trying to put together a mixed doubles also. The girls are going to have to be the ones who carry it," he said.

According to Coach Jones, the varsity girls this year will include Callie Smith, Kasey Fitzer, Olivia Walker, London Kizer, Madeline Fast, Ally Nichols, and Carol Marie Szustak. The current top four boys will include Jack Armstrong, Abraham Almandariz, Jahaziel Martinez, and Zach Stevens.

Reflecting on the past tennis season, Jones said "I have had the best parent support - the nucleus is the parents - the parent support



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GHS Tennis Coach Wendell Jones proudly displays the trophy the team received after being named tennis champions during the District 23-4A Varsity Boys Tennis competition.



DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER
Tennis practice has already begun for the varsity players who are going through drills at the GHS tennis courts.

has been overwhelming."

This coming season, Jones will be joined by assistant coaches Brit Campbell and Kim Chaffin who worked with him last year during their trek to the state tournament.

"I'm glad we'll continue

to have some consistency there," Jones said.

Looking to the upcoming tennis season, Jones said "It's hard to say that we're growing, but we're maintaining - we're staying steady. We'll see what happens."



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Rebel with a cause: Rebel Brown honored

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Although he would never admit it himself, Rebel Brown has been a vital part of the everyday life at the Gatesville Senior Center as well as the entire Gatesville community.

Brown was recently honored with a reception for his years of service at the senior center.

"I knew they were planning something, but I was surprised by this," he said.

Brown began volunteering at the senior center in June of 2018, but when the Pandemic hit, life at the senior center stopped. That's when he began volunteering at the Coryell Museum. Eventually, the senior center re-opened, and he was back to his first love, although he continued

to volunteer at the museum as well.

Following his retirement, he has devoted a great deal of his time and energy to giving back to the Gatesville community. Gatesville Senior Center Manager, Pamela Rudolph, said "Over the years, Rebel has served his country, his community, and Coryell County very well. I'm just very flattered

that I was able to meet Rebel and get to know him. He's taught me a lot. He's just an all-around great guy."

Senior Center Food Service Manager, Camilla Edge said "When I first started working here, within the second week I knew I couldn't live without that bossy man. He's just awesome."

"It's been said that Rebel is the heart of the senior

center and that's very much the truth," Rudolph said.

Brown was presented with a signed certificate of service appreciation which stated, "These words on a piece of paper can never say enough to tell you how much we appreciate all the things you do for us. Whether it's in the kitchen in your little white cap, then serving our meals; going out to buy

BINGO prizes, then calling BINGO games; or changing the battery in a clock so we will know the correct time or any other chore that needs to be done, it's always 'ask Rebel, he'll take care of it' and he always does."

The Gatesville Senior Center declared that July 20, 2023, will be known as Rebel Brown Day.



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A cake was made especially for Brown which was decorated with BINGO letters and numbers since he has been in charge of calling for BINGO for several years.



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Camilla Edge, Food Service Manager at the center, presented Brown with a certificate of service appreciation.



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Ronald Lock, pictured right, presents Rebel Brown with a handmade token of appreciation.



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Eileen and Ed Stacy, pictured right, presented Brown with a proclamation naming July 20 as "Rebel Brown Day" at the Gatesville Senior Center.



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A gift box topped with helium balloons was presented to Brown which, when opened, raised a string of cash that congregant members had gathered for him.



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Rev. Lee O. Ford prayed over Brown and thanked God for Brown's service to the senior center and the Gatesville community.