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## Hopson celebrates 40 years of writing for Messenger

BY DAVID SCOTT AND ALEXANDRA MEELBUSCH  
Staff Writers

In 1983, when she was just 23 years old, Barbara Hopson was asked to become a weekly correspondent for the Gatesville Messenger.

Little did she know at the time that she would be writing the same column 40 years later.

In years past, a great majority of small communities in Coryell County had correspondents who submitted articles to the paper each week with news from their community. At one time,

there were as many as six correspondents working for the paper from rural communities such as Turnersville, Izoro, Coryell City, Levita, Purmela, as well as several others. One such community was Mound and that's where Barbara Hopson steps into the picture. John Frank Post was the

publisher of the Gatesville Messenger when Barbara was recruited to write a column. In February of 1983, Barbara began writing her weekly column "Mound News."

"I was at the post office when they asked me to start writing the column," Hopson said.

Hopson talks to people in the community, finds out what is happening with neighboring families, and incorporates the latest news into her article.

"I call everybody to get my news - the residents of Mound. They don't call me, I

call them," Hopson said.

"I enjoy writing news for the Messenger so that way I can visit with folks, and put in what news they want to share," she said.

Over the years, the small-town correspondents have dwindled away. Today, only two remain, Mound News by Barbara Hopson and Pearl News by Betsy Clark.

"I have no plans of retiring. I know everybody loves it and Janice Velasquez (at the Gatesville Messenger) keeps me going," Hopson

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Barbara Hopson gets pinned with a corsage by her sister, Margaret.



DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Construction of the jail addition is underway with workers building a wall on the western side of the site.

## Construction of jail addition underway

BY DAVID SCOTT  
Staff Writer

The Coryell County Commissioner's Court recently received an update about the current addition being constructed at the Coryell County Sheriff's Office.

County Commissioners Scott Weddle and Ryan Basham offered updates on the on-going construction.

"This is the first new construction that we've done on the jail since 1991," Basham said. "We have a meeting every week on Wednesday to go over where we are, what's going on with the day-to-day operations."

Weddle reported that the masonry on the new facility had begun on the southwest side of the of the current jail facility.

"The testing agency has been on site, and they've tested all of the concrete pour and all of the tests

have come back satisfactory and they're also doing grout testing on all the layers of the masonry and finding acceptable levels," Weddle said. "The plans are still being cross-checked by engineering and are 90 to 95% which is very good."

Commissioner Basham reported that the construction of the 47-bed addition to the department is scheduled to be completed in December by Butler-Cohen Designing and Building firm.

"In reality, it might be a little longer than that," he said.

Coryell County Judge Roger Miller commented during the meeting saying, "If we're going to have a jail facility that is sustainable for many years to come, it needs to be addressed and I'm not going to say that this is a no-brainer, but it is a wise step."

## Local resident inducted into the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame

BY DAVID SCOTT  
Staff Writer

Coryell County resident John Aycock was recently inducted into the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame who recognized and honored his commendable service over the years.

The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame inducts and commemorates Rangers whose service has been uniquely commendable amongst their peers. According to the Hall of Fame, to date, only 31 Rangers, out of thousands who have served over the past 200 years, have been inducted.

During the 42nd Annual Texas Ranger Reunion, which recognized the Texas Ranger Bicentennial

year, Aycock joined the ranks of those extraordinary Rangers who had been honored in the past.

Aycock's induction was kept a secret from him.

"They were having a reunion in Waco, and I generally go to the fish fry, but not always. So, I was invited to come, but didn't know

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COURTESY PHOTO

John Aycock

## TxDOT releases traffic announcement

Submitted item

The Texas Department of Transportation's Waco District closed the eastbound left-turn lane of Courtney Lane at FM 116 on Tuesday, Aug. 15 and through the rest of the FM 116/SH 9 project. Traffic seeking to go northbound on FM 116 from Courtney Lane will be directed to turn right and U-turn at the temporary traffic signal at FM 116 and SH 9.

The new driving condition will improve traffic flow through the work zone and

enhance safety for all motorists. The new traffic configuration is part of TxDOT's ongoing project to construct two overpasses on FM 116 and reconstruct the FM 116/SH 9 intersection, which is scheduled to be completed next year.

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# BARBARA

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said. A surprise reception with family and friends was recently held at the Gatesville Messenger to honor Hopson's 40 years of commitment to the newspaper. Having no idea that she was being honored, Hopson said, "They really pulled a good one on me today."

Pictured in the left photo are Gatesville Messenger operations manager Janice Velasquez sitting with Mound News Correspondent Barbara Hopson. In the photo to the right, Gatesville Messenger publisher Sam Houston presents a gift card to Barbara as her family looks on.



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# RANGER

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why," he said. "I kind of got bribed and I went." At the fish fry, Aycock was listening to the speakers and finally realized they were talking about him. Aycock was "totally shocked" when he found out he was being inducted into the Hall of Fame.

"I didn't have a clue on this earth, not any. I think that was the best kept secret they had in the DPS," he said. Sgt. Aycock was joined by Sgt. John Martin in the induction ceremony - both being the only two living inductees. Following his service in Vietnam, Aycock joined the Texas Department of Public Safety as a highway patrol-

man in 1968. A few years later, in 1973, he transferred to the DPS Narcotics Squad and was later promoted to Narcotics Squad Supervisor in 1979. When the Ranger job became available, Aycock applied for it. "There were three of us on the list and all three of us made it," he said. "When I made Ranger, my station was Bell and Coryell coun-

ties." Aycock received a Medal of Valor in 1987 in recognition of the "gallant and courageous manner in which he effected the rescue of a kidnapped child." In 1995, Aycock received another Medal of Valor for "valorous performance and extraordinary skill" he exhibited during a hostage situation. Aycock retired in 2001 after a 33-year career with the

TX DPS including 18 years as a Texas Ranger. "I'm proud of all of it. I'm really proud of the people I was able to work with," he said. "If you've got people to work with and cases to work on, you don't really need anything else but God, but you've got to have Him. If I hadn't had Him, there were a lot of times I wouldn't have come home. Lots of times." Concerning his retirement,

Aycock said, "I've gone back to farming and ranching (in Coryell County) just like I did when I was a boy." Aycock was recently honored at the 86th annual Gatesville Riding Club Rodeo. He was brought into the arena in a horse drawn buggy to the sound of cheering crowds and applause.

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# Folks around town



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**Chuck Dare**

## Say hello to our neighbor, Chuck Dare!

Chuck is retired as well as a co-founder of the American Legion Riders. He has been a part of the community since August 1995 and loves everything about Gatesville. The best part of his job is being able to be involved with the legion. Chuck reads *The Gatesville Messenger* and enjoys viewing the front-page news each week!

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

## Gatesville, surrounding communities continue Stage 2 in Drought Contingency Plan, water restrictions

BY ALEXANDRA MEELBUSCH  
Staff Writer

The City of Gatesville implemented a Stage 2 Drought Contingency plan as well as water restrictions Aug. 4 with a goal to achieve a 10% reduction in use of water.

Additional measures are to be implemented directly by the City of Gatesville to manage limited water supplies and to reduce water demand including the discontinued flushing of water mains and significantly reduced or discontinued irrigation of public landscaped areas.

Other water supply corporations including Coryell City, Fort Gates, Flat, and The Grove are following the same plan and restrictions as the City of Gatesville.

The following water use restrictions for demand reduction apply to all persons:

- Irrigation of landscaped areas with hose-end sprinklers or automatic irrigation systems shall be limited to Sundays and Thursdays for customers with a street address ending in an even number including zero, two, four, six, or eight. Saturdays and Wednesdays are for water customers with a street address ending in an odd number such as one, three, five, seven, or nine. The irrigation of landscaped areas is further limited to the hours of 12 a.m. through 10 a.m. and between 8 p.m. and 12 a.m. on designated watering days. However, irrigation of landscaped areas is permitted at any time if it is by means of a hand-held hose, a faucet filled bucket or watering can of five gallons or less, or drip irrigation system.

- Use of water to wash any motor vehicle, motorbike, boat, trailer, airplane, or other vehicle is prohibited except on designated watering days between the hours of 12 a.m. and 10 a.m. and between 8 p.m. and 12 a.m. Such washing, when allowed, shall be done with a hand-held bucket or a hand-held hose equipped with a positive shutoff nozzle. Vehicle washing may be done at any time on the immediate premises of a commercial car wash or commercial service station. Further, such washing may be exempted from these regulations if the health, safety, and welfare of the public is contingent upon frequent vehicle cleansing, such as vehicles used to transport food and perishables.

- Use of water to fill, refill, or add to any indoor or outdoor swimming pools, wading pools, spas, or hot tubs is prohibited except on designated watering days between the hours of 12 a.m. and 10 a.m. and between 8 p.m. and 12 a.m.

- Operation of any ornamental fountain or pond for aesthetic or scenic purposes is prohibited except where necessary to support aquatic life or where such fountains or ponds are equipped with a recirculation system.

- Use of water from hydrants shall be limited to fire-fighting, related activities, or other activities necessary to maintain public health, safety, and welfare, except that use of water from designated fire hydrants for construction purposes may be allowed only under written permission from the City of Gatesville.

- Use of water for the irrigation of golf course greens, tees, and fairways is prohibited except on designated watering days between the hours 12 a.m. and 10 a.m. and between 8 p.m. and 12 a.m. However, if the golf course utilizes a water source other than that provided by the City of Gatesville, the facility shall not be subject to these regulations.

All restaurants are discouraged from serving water to patrons except upon request of the patron.

The following uses of water are defined as non-essential and are prohibited:

- Wash down of any sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking lots, tennis courts, or other hard-surfaced areas.
- Use of water to wash down buildings or structures for purposes other than immediate fire protection.
- Use of water for dust control.
- Flushing gutters or permitting water to run or accumulate in any gutter or street.
- Failure to repair a controllable leak within a reasonable period after having been given notice directing the repair of such leak.

## FROM MY FRONT PORCH

# What do you remember about being in school?



BY SAM HOUSTON

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

The school year began this week for most Texas students. Parents have purchased “school clothes,” school supplies, and adjusted the family’s lifestyle and routine to get back on a “school schedule.” It is a time of considerable change for most families.

Bedtimes will once again be enforced, and time allocated for homework. Traffic will be congested as school buses begin running their routes for the first time in several months. The lazy days of summer are long gone, and the hectic, sometimes chaotic schedule of school takes its place.

For high school seniors, it is their last “hurrah” and for younger students, it is a time to continue to grow, learn and explore.

My granddaughter starts kindergarten this year. Admittedly, it is hard for me to imagine she is old enough to start school. I have little doubt when she graduates in 13 years, the time will have flown by like a comet. My prayer is that I am there to see her graduate and to witness her evolution.

My 50th high school reunion is next year. I have recently received information about the get together, along with interesting bios on some of my fellow classmates regarding what they have accomplished since

leaving high school.

Not long after graduation I left the community where I attended high school and lost touch with many of my classmates, yet I still have very clear memories of my experiences with them. As I have been receiving updates from the class reunion committee, many memories have been rekindled. Funny the things you keep logged in the dark recesses of your mind that come springing forward when slightly coaxed.

I have recalled specific experiences with teachers. How Mrs. Granger told me I would someday need the information she was presenting, and how there have been times in my life I have looked skyward and said, “You were right.” I remember lessons drilled into me by coaches who taught me the value of hard work, commitment, self-sacrifice and playing on a team. There is the recollection of the passing of my grade school principal due to cancer and learning the finality of death

sometimes comes unexpectedly.

Special have been the memories of my classmates. How my friend Guy was given the nickname “Snakebite” because he was bitten by a copperhead snake. How after graduation my friend Rob went off to college with me and was the best friend I could have ever hoped to have. The memories of my high school sweetheart, my first kiss, dancing at proms, and going for Cokes.

My high school car, “old blue,” which was by any measure a miserable piece of machinery. It took me two summers of work to save enough money to purchase that hunk of junk. It wasn’t much but got me to and from school and out of the house on Friday and Saturday night. Most importantly, I had earned the money for the car and it taught me to appreciate the value of work.

These are all important pages in my book of life, and now with age, I understand how each one of these interactions shaped me into who I am today.

To my granddaughter Harper Rae and to all the other students who are starting back to school, please listen to this piece of advice. Not once have I ever thought of my school friends and remembered what shoes they wore. Never have I recalled

whether they were dressed in designer clothes. Cell phones did not exist when I was in school, but I am confident that if they had, I would not remember what kind of phones or technological gadgets my friends were using. What will be remembered will be the experiences you share with your classmates. You will learn to appreciate your differences, celebrate your mutual accomplishments, cry over your disappointments, and relish your growth as human beings. Those are the memories that will matter to you 50 years later; not how big your friend’s house was, where they went on vacation, or what they could afford.

Relish the time you have together with your classmates because it will pass in the blink of an eye. May you all someday look back and smile over the human experiences you shared and how those experiences shaped your life. There is a lot to look forward to and the road forward starts now. Good luck to each one of you!

God bless our teachers!

Thought for the day: The first day of grade school is like trying to hold 30 corks underwater at the same time. - Mark Twain

Until next time...I will keep ridin’ the storm out!  
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# Rotunda demolition finally begins

BY DAVID SCOTT  
Staff Writer

Demolition of the former nursing home, the Rotunda, began last week after the area was secured by fencing. According to Gatesville City Manager Scott Albert, there have been six or seven attempts to secure grant funding to complete the demolition of the Rotunda before the city was finally awarded an EPA grant.

Diana Cross, the contractor with RNDI Companies, said that every effort is

being made to secure the safety of nearby residents during the demolition and cleanup.

Cross said the emphasis is on removing the danger to the public that the building presents. The scope of work for RNDI does not include the removal of the concrete slab.

According to Cross, the crew first began with the removal of overgrown vegetation from around the building before demolition began due to the extreme number

of bees, creatures, and all types of rodents hiding in the overgrown vegetation.

During a June town hall meeting, one resident in the area was concerned about the dust that would be created during the demolition. Cross explained that would be handled with water - constant misting that would help deter the dust from drifting.

“There will be dust - we can’t do anything about that,” Cross said. “Whenever anything comes down there

is dust. We have to control it with water, so it won’t go very far.”

At the June meeting, Albert was quoted as saying, “I’m excited. I know a lot of people want to see this building taken down and it’s going to be down.”

Once the site has been cleared, it would be considered as a possible location for a new Gatesville Police Department building.



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After years of attempts to have the former Rotunda Nursing Home demolished, action is finally being taken to remove the hazardous structure.



# Monday is last day to file for City of Gatesville council

**Staff Reports**

The City of Gatesville has recently provided information regarding the upcoming election.

The first day to file for the election began on Monday, July 24, and the last day to file will be on Monday, Aug. 21. The date of the election will be Tuesday, Nov. 7.

The Councilmember seats up for election includes:

- North side of town: Ward 1 Place 1, the applicant must live on the north side of town to run in this

place. The incumbent is Claude Williams. Ward 1 Place 3, the applicant must live on the north side of town to run in this place. The incumbent is Meredith Rainer.

- South side of town: Ward 2 Place 5, the applicant must live on the south side of town to run in this place. The incumbent is Greg Casey.

If anyone is interested in picking up an application, visit city hall located at 803 E. Main Street, anytime Monday through Friday, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

# Benefit fundraiser to be held August 26 for Lyndsie Bergman

**Staff Reports**

There will be a benefit fundraiser on Saturday, Aug. 26 for Lyndsie Bergman to help the family with medical expenses.

The fundraiser will take place at Vintage Royalty Boutique and will begin at 8 a.m. and will continue until everything is sold out.

The fundraiser will include various baked goods including pies,

cookies, and cupcakes. There will be raffle tickets along with auction items and more.

For more information or to donate to the cause contact Karen at 254-223-0608, Kaylie at 254-2233101, or Candice at 254-223-2801.

Vintage Royalty Boutique is located at 2401 TX-36 suite 100 in Gatesville.



Lyndsie Latham Bergman

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Form 50-879

*Statements required in notice if the proposed tax rate does not exceed the no-new-revenue tax rate but exceeds the voter-approval tax rate but does not exceed the de minimis rate, as prescribed by Tax Code §§26.06(b-3) and 26.063(c).*

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE

*This notice only applies to a taxing unit other than a special taxing unit or municipality with a population of less than 30,000, regardless of whether it is a special taxing unit.*

A tax rate of \$ 0.560000 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of City of Gatesville

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$ <u>0.560000</u>	per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$ <u>0.674138</u>	per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$ <u>0.535976</u>	per \$100
DE MINIMIS RATE	\$ <u>0.611162</u>	per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2023 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for CITY OF GATESVILLE from the same properties in both the 2022 tax year and the 2023 tax year.

The voter-approval tax rate is the highest tax rate that CITY OF GATESVILLE may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate, unless the de minimis rate for CITY OF GATESVILLE exceeds the voter-approval tax rate for CITY OF GATESVILLE.

The de minimis rate is the rate equal to the sum of the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate for CITY OF GATESVILLE the rate that will raise \$500,000, and the current debt rate for CITY OF GATESVILLE.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that CITY OF GATESVILLE is not proposing to increase property taxes for the 2023 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON 09-12-2023 5:30 PM at CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 110 N. 8TH ST. GATESVILLE TX

The proposed tax rate is greater than the voter-approval tax rate but not greater than the de minimis rate. However, the proposed tax rate exceeds the rate that allows voters to petition for an election under Section 26.075, Tax Code. If CITY OF GATESVILLE adopts the proposed tax rate, the qualified voters of the CITY OF GATESVILLE may petition the CITY OF GATESVILLE to require an election to be held to determine whether to reduce the proposed tax rate. If a majority of the voters reject the proposed tax rate, the tax rate of the CITY OF GATESVILLE will be the voter-approval tax rate of the CITY OF GATESVILLE.

**YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE TAX RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:**

Property tax amount = ( tax rate ) x ( taxable value of your property ) / 100

*(List names of all members of the governing body below, showing how each voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase or, if one or more were absent, indicating absences.)*

FOR the proposal: MEREDITH RAINER, JOE PATTERSON, JOHN WESTBROOK, BARBARA BURROW, GREG CASEY

AGAINST the proposal: \_\_\_\_\_

PRESENT and not voting: GARY CHUMLEY

ABSENT: CLAUDE WILLIAMS

Visit [Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes](https://www.texas.gov/PropertyTaxes) to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by CITY OF GATESVILLE last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by CITY OF GATESVILLE this year.

	2022	2023	Change
<b>Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)</b>	\$0.560000	\$0.560000	0% increase
<b>Average homestead taxable value</b>	\$144,191	\$160,269	11.15% increase
<b>Tax on average homestead</b>	\$807	\$897	11.15% increase
<b>Total tax levy on all properties</b>	\$2,674,166	\$3,055,654	14.26% increase

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the Tax Assessor for the City of Gatesville at 254-248-3152 or [tac@coryelltax.com](mailto:tac@coryelltax.com), or visit [www.coryellcountytax.com](http://www.coryellcountytax.com)

# 2023 Coryell Senior Expo to be held August 24

**Staff Reports**

The 2023 Coryell Senior Expo will be held at the Gatesville Civic Center on Thursday, Aug. 24. The event will be from 8 a.m. to noon 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@coryellhealth.org](mailto:becky.terrell@coryellhealth.org).

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- BATHROOM**
- Avoid flushing the toilet unnecessarily. Dispose of tissues, insects, and other similar waste in the trash rather than the toilet.
  - Take short showers instead of baths. Turn on the water only to get wet and lather and then again to rinse off.
  - Avoid letting the water run while brushing your teeth, washing your face, or shaving.
- LAUNDRY**
- Operate clothes washers only when they are fully loaded or set the water level for the size of your load.
- KITCHEN**
- Operate automatic dishwashers only when they are fully loaded. Use the "light wash" feature to use less water.
  - Hand wash dishes by filling two containers—one with soapy water and the other with rinse water containing a small amount of chlorine bleach.
  - Clean vegetables in a pan filled with water rather than running water from the tap.
  - Avoid wasting water waiting for it to get hot. Capture it for other uses such as plant watering or heat it on the stove or in a microwave.
  - Don't rinse dishes before placing them in the dishwasher, just remove large particles of food.
  - Avoid using running water to thaw meat or other frozen foods. Defrost food overnight in the refrigerator or use the defrost setting on your microwave.



# Righteous Roots to hold Women's Life Recovery Class

**Staff Reports**

Righteous Roots is beginning its Women's Life Recovery Class on Monday, Aug. 28, which will begin at 6:30 p.m., with weekly meetings to follow every Monday. The class will dive into "A

Biblical Guide Through the 12 Steps" as the group embarks on a journey of healing and transformation.

Righteous Roots is a non-profit faith-based ministry that is dedicated to strengthening and empow-

ering individuals, families, and communities by providing accessible resources, education, and advocacy to those experiencing past or present abuse or anyone impacted by crime.

For more information

on weekly classes contact Righteous Roots at 254-651-3600. Righteous Roots is located at 904 East Leon Street in Gatesville.



**PEARL NEWS**

## Lots of events coming soon in Pearl



**BY BETSY CLARK**

*Pearl News Correspondent*

The next Pearl Bluegrass and Pearl Cottage Bookstore day will be Sept. 9 (it's always the second Saturday in September due to a long-standing first Saturday family reunion);

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 Aug. 21; the next Pearl Cemetery workday will be Oct. 14 with a reschedule date if necessary due to inclement weather of Oct. 21; and the Pearl Church of Christ 128th Reunion will be Oct. 15.

Mark your calendars, and please know that everyone is cordially invited to attend any and all of these events!

Kay and I got to talk this

week which is always a blessing. She reported that it's hot in Gatesville, and I reported that it's hot in Nagodoches. We both decided that we would not complain about cold weather, if it ever gets to either place, unless it's "Snowmageddon" cold weather! We'll see how that actually goes if winter ever arrives.

I was reading through the minutes in The Pleasure and Profit Club, (\$15.00 at the Pearl Cottage Bookstore) and a memory of Perry Brothers in Gatesville was evoked. I loved

that store, and my grandmother Hancock made me many dresses, pajamas, shirts, etc. from material she purchased at Perry's. I also remember the paper dolls my dad bought me on our Saturday trips to town which included stopping by Perry's and Davis Variety Store. Yes, those really were the good old days! Here's the Feb. 17, 1965 entry:

"The club met with Lillie Ballard. Fourteen members and two visitors were present. Each brought their food for lunch. The work for the day was quilting two quilts for the hostess. The president called the house to order for the business meeting. The secretary called the roll and read the minutes of the previous meeting. Minutes were approved as read. Motion was made, seconded, and carried by majority vote that the club buy some cups for the Community Center. Eunice Bates stated that Perrys had cups for 10 cents each. She was asked to get us as many as she could, up to two dozen. There was no further business, so the club adjourned to meet with Eunice Bates March 3.

Dues paid \$1.20. Paid for cups \$1.63. Balance in treasury \$125.02."

This week's Bible verse comes from Ephesians 2:10—For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." NIV

Please pray for rain and cooler weather, our country, our schools, and for those parents whose child is going off to higher education, joining the workforce, or joining the military!! (James 5:16b-The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.) Be sure and check out the Pearl Church of Christ Facebook page, too. There are a number of new urgent prayer needs that you can add to your prayer list.

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 betsycklark47@yahoo.com.

## T-ville Cemetery Assn. meeting September 5


**Staff Reports**

The Turnersville Cemetery Association will conduct its third quarterly meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 5. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. and will be held at the Turnersville Community Center.

The Turnersville Community Center serves residents of the rural community

of Turnersville (originally Buchanan Springs). Those interred at the cemetery include many past residents, with ranchers, farmers, merchants, physicians, teachers, ministers, and military veterans among them.

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



*The children, grandchildren, great and great-great grandchildren wish to express their heartfelt gratitude to all who sent cards, food, and well wishes to our family in memory of our Daddy, "Papa," "Pop Pop,"*

**H.P. Brookshire.**  
*His love, humor and life guidance will be missed.*  
*A special thank you to all of his friends at Hillside Medical Lodge.*

## Whatever happened to....

**20 YEARS AGO (2003)**

Vanessa Mangum, 8-year-old daughter of Brad and Melissa Mangum of Gatesville, donated more than 11 inches of her hair to the Locks of Love program.

Laerdal announced the promotion of Sami Langley to global product manager, training and education.

Elizabeth Dominguez-Shoaf, a Gatesville High School graduate, was scheduled to graduate Magna Cum Laude from St. Edward's University in Austin.

Paula Faust, a kindergarten teacher at Gatesville Primary School, was busy preparing her classroom for the new school year.

Jonesboro running back Judd Anderson was one of the many quick ball carriers returning to the Eagles in the 2003 football season.

**30 YEARS AGO (1993)**

Farmers around Coryell County were busy harvesting their corn crops.

Building permits in the City of Gatesville were less than \$500,000 through the first seven months of 1993.

Robert Wallace, Jr. was hired by the board of directors of Mountain Water Supply as the licensed operator for the system.

Pecan Grove Baptist Church was beginning their summer revival with Dr. Paul Stripling preaching.

Itasca Neel Hampton was celebrating her 100th birthday at Canterbury Villa in Gatesville.

**40 YEARS AGO (1983)**

Athalee Williams, a ward clerk at Coryell Memorial Hospital, was honored by hospital administrator Tom McCall.

First Baptist Church and Cold Springs Baptist

Church were planning joint revival services.

Edith Brumbalow of Jonesboro received an associate degree in applied science at McLennan Community College.

GHS senior Paul Smith was getting rave notices from Hornet coaches for his aggressive play at defense end during drills.

April Monique Bromser received a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education from Tarleton State University in Stephenville.

**50 YEARS AGO (1973)**

A new 300,000-gallon water tower (spheroid) was being constructed in the Westview Addition in Gatesville at a cost of \$138,400.

Student enrollment in Gatesville's public school for the 1973-74 school year

numbered 1,924. The total enrollment was 34 below the previous year's figure.

Bailey McCallister and Lynn Haferkamp were participating in the pony-express relay races at the Sheriff's Posse rodeo.

John R. Ward and Lawrence Smith, members of the Coryell County chapter of the American Red Cross, were attending National Aquatic School in Tyler.

Janis Kay Johnson of Gatesville graduated cum laude from Texas A&M University where she earned her undergraduate degree in education curriculum and instruction.

**Thank each one of you for the love shown to us in our time of sorrow. We are so blessed to have such wonderful friends. Thank you for the prayers, visits, calls, cards, and food. You will forever be in our hearts. We pray that God will bestow upon you His richest blessings. God bless each one of you.**

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# Candlelight vigil to be held at Raby Park

## Staff Reports

The Lioness Justice Impacted Women's Alliance will host a candlelight vigil on Saturday, Aug. 19. The candlelight vigil will begin at 8 p.m. and will be held at Raby Park located at 400 S. 8th Street in Gatesville.

The candlelight vigil is to raise awareness about the lack of air conditioning in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Units in Gatesville, and how that has negatively impacted not only the incarcerated, but the many employees, volunteers, and visiting families. The Lioness Justice impacted Women's Alliance is a non-

profit organization led by current and former incarcerated girls and women in Texas. Its purpose is to end the incarceration and systematic devaluing of the girls and women within the criminal legal system.

For more information email lionessjiwa@gmail.com or mluna@texascje.org.



**Central Texas Roots director, Celia Schultz-Sellers, (pictured left), is shown with Fallon Redding of Cen-Tex Reptile and Wildlife Services who is holding a King snake.**

## Central Texas Roots welcomed Cen-Tex Reptile and Wildlife Services to meeting

Submitted by Celia Schultz-Sellers

Central Texas Roots Garden Club held their monthly meeting on Saturday, Aug. 12, at Junction 36. This month's educational topic was led by Fallon Redding of Cen-Tex Reptile and Wildlife Services. Fallon gave an interactive educational experience to the members by sharing basic reptile identification techniques, non-toxic ways to deter reptiles in gardens, the important role reptiles play in our ecosystem, and shared her team's contact information for free-of-charge capture and relocation assistance.

The group thoroughly enjoyed the interaction with the many non-venomous reptiles present including a rat snake, a diamondback water snake, and other native reptiles. The presentation was followed by a fascinating Q and A session in which members were able to have their questions and concerns addressed.

The club meetings are free to attend, and the next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 9 at the Junction 36 at 11 a.m. There are generally seeds, plants and starters for free swap. Door prizes and light refreshments are provided. A full menu is available for

those who choose to purchase a meal.

Next month's guest speaker will be Reed Baize from Coryell City, Master Gardener-bachelor's in animal science and Master of Science in plant pathology.

Future educational topics include composting, heirloom seeds, urban farming, propagation, water conservation, medicinal herb farming and plant identification.

Central Texas Roots meets on the second Saturday of each month.

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

# The DISPATCH

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of August 9 - 16. While there were many calls to the dispatcher, this is a partial list of more significant activity. Persons are reminded that only emergency calls should be made to 9-1-1, while all other calls to the police department should be made to 865-2226 or to the Sheriff's office at 865-7201.

### CITY OF GATESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

**Aug. 9**  
12:38 p.m., harassment was reported in the 1600 block of St. Louis Street.  
2:59 p.m., a threat was reported in the 200 block of N. 14th Street.  
7:37 p.m., a vehicle fire was reported in the 4200 block of S. State Hwy. 36.  
11:33 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of FM 116.  
**Aug. 10**  
12:26 a.m., harassment was reported in the 200 block of N. 8th Street.  
10:19 a.m., a theft was reported in the 1400 block of Baldrige Drive.  
5:36 p.m., a hit and run accident was reported in the 300 block of S. Lovers Lane.  
11:17 p.m., a theft was reported in the 2300 block of E. Main Street.  
**Aug. 11**  
8:51 a.m., a vehicle fire was reported in the 100 block of Old Pidcoke Road.  
12:26 p.m., an accident was reported in the 1500 block of W. Main Street.  
7:33 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the

2200 block of E. Main Street.  
9:18 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 300 block of Veteran's Memorial Loop.  
**Aug. 12**  
3:30 p.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 2400 block of Bridge Street.  
6:31 p.m., a theft was reported in the 1400 block of Saunders Street.  
7:43 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 1400 block of St. Louis Street.  
8:20 p.m., a burglary was reported in the 3400 block of Empress Drive.  
**Aug. 13**  
10:47 a.m., a hit & run was reported in the 1000 block of W. Main Street.  
11:52 a.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 2000 block of S. State Hwy 36.  
12:46 p.m., harassment was reported in the 500 block of N. 11th Street.  
2:20 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 200 block of N. 29th Street.  
**Aug. 14**  
12:37 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 8600 block of W Hwy 84.  
6:11 p.m., suspicious ac-

tivity was reported in the 3000 block of S. State Hwy 36.  
6:57 p.m., a threat was reported in the 100 block of Dora's Lane.  
9:20 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 200 block of S. 6th Street.  
**Aug. 15**  
6:09 a.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 200 block of FM 116.  
6:05 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 1400 block of CR 101.  
6:22 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 400 block of 14th Street.  
7:22 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2000 block of E. Main Street.  
**Aug. 16**  
7:37 a.m., criminal trespass was reported on a private drive.  
8:02 a.m., an accident was reported in the 1100 block of E. Main Street.  
8:57 a.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 600 block of Mountain Road.  
5:10 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 400 block of N. 16th Street.  
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**Aug. 9**  
5:30 a.m., the burglary of a habitation was reported in the 300 block of Tom Sawyer.  
12:06 p.m., a civil matter was reported in the 9600 block of S. Hwy. 36.  
2:20 p.m., a major accident was reported on Hwy. 36 and TX 236.  
4:32 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 1100 block of Mountain Road.  
**Aug. 10**  
12:36 p.m., a scam was reported in the 2300 block of Bridge Street.  
1:34 p.m., a neighbor dispute was reported in the 200 block of Julia Drive.  
6:29 p.m., a reckless driver was reported North bound on Hwy. 36.  
7:57 p.m., harassment was reported in the 100 block of Coleton Drive.  
**Aug. 11**  
11:23 a.m., harassment was reported in the 600 block of Gaylon Drive.  
2:24 p.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 4500 block of E. Hwy. 84.  
6:20 p.m., a grass fire was

reported on CR 268 and Hwy. 84.  
11:14 p.m., underage drinking was reported in the 500 block of CR 131.  
**Aug. 12**  
11:30 a.m., animal cruelty was reported on Hwy. 36 at Jonesboro.  
12:36 p.m., a fatality was reported on FM 116 at Whisping Oaks Avenue.  
2:26 p.m., a civil matter was reported in the 100 block of Dora's Lane.  
11:52 p.m., a fight was reported in the 900 block of CR 339.  
**Aug. 13**  
6:47 a.m., a minor accident was reported in the 4000 block of Oglesby/Neff Park Road.  
12:51 p.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 2000 block of Snow Road.  
6:55 p.m., road rage was reported in the 1900 block of Black Oak Springs Road.  
7:56 p.m., Terroristic threats were reported in the 700 block of Kenney.  
**Aug. 14**  
8:42 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the

500 block of E. Leon Street.  
10:30 a.m., illegal dumping was reported in the 100 block of CR 330.  
12:40 p.m., a grass fire was reported on Hwy 84.  
5:00 p.m., deadly conduct was reported in the 7000 block of FM 1783.  
**Aug. 15**  
10:12 a.m., a welfare concern was reported on a private road.  
4:11 p.m., a neighbor dispute was reported in the 2000 block of Pine Circle.  
5:20 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on FM 116.  
5:55 p.m., a minor accident was reported on FM 116 and FM 580.  
**Aug. 16**  
7:20 a.m., a vehicle was reported stolen in the 2000 block of CR 342.  
11 a.m., a theft of a firearm was reported in the 10,000 block of FM 116.  
6:15 p.m., a structure fire was reported in the 2000 block of E. FM 217.  
11:36 p.m., a reckless driver was reported on FM 116.

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Sunday worship 11 a.m.

**BETHEHEM PRIMITIVE**  
Elder Hugh Montgomery,  
pastor; 4555 FM 1690,  
Gatesville; Worship 4th  
Sunday of each month at  
10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

**CALVARY**  
Steven L. Bogan, pastor;  
Hwy. 84 & FM 116; Sunday  
Bible study 10 a.m., Sunday  
worship 11 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

**CANAAN**  
Jim Keever, senior pastor;  
177 Coryell City Road,  
Crawford; Sunday School  
9:30 a.m., Sunday worship  
10:30 a.m., Wednesday  
Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

**COLD SPRINGS**  
Bob Phillips, pastor;  
Sundays - Sunday School  
10 a.m., worship 11 a.m. &  
5:30 p.m.

**EASTWOOD**  
Lynn Parks, pastor; 2518  
East Main, Gatesville;  
Sundays - Sunday School  
9:45 a.m., worship 10:50  
a.m. & 6 p.m.

**FIRST BAPTIST EVANT**  
Dane Barron, pastor; 200  
Live Oak Street, Evant;  
Sundays - Sunday School  
9:45 a.m., worship 11 a.m.,  
adult Bible study 6 p.m.;  
Wednesday services - kids'  
& youth Bible study 6 p.m.

**FIRST BAPTIST FLAT**  
9775 TX-36, Gatesville;  
Sunday School 9 a.m.;  
Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.;  
Wednesdays - Prayer &  
Bible Study 7 p.m.; Youth  
Group & Kid Knights 7 p.m.;  
Supper first Wednesday of  
each month at 6 p.m.; Men's  
Breakfast second Saturday  
of each month at 7:30 a.m.

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

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

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

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

**HARMONY**  
A.C. Painter, pastor; 1750  
FM 215, Gatesville; Sunday  
School 10 a.m., Sunday  
worship 11 a.m. & 6:30  
p.m.; Wednesday evening  
worship 6:30 p.m.

**HAY VALLEY**  
3110 Hay Valley Road;  
Sunday School 10 a.m.,  
Sunday worship 11 a.m.  
AWANA children's ministry  
Sundays 5-7 p.m. Bible  
Study for men & women on  
Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

**JONESBORO**  
Matt Dossey, pastor; 11420  
N. State Hwy. S; Sunday  
School 10 a.m., Sunday  
worship 10:50 a.m.

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

**LIBERTY**  
Royce T. Cockrell, DMin.,  
Pastor; Corner of FM 107 &  
HWY 36, Gatesville; Sunday  
School 10:00 a.m., Sunday  
Service 11 a.m. & 1 p.m.,  
Family Bible Study Wednes-  
days 6:30 p.m.

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

**MOUNTAIN**  
Rev. Kurt Fuessel, pastor;

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

**OSAGE**  
Chris Thomas, pastor; 7505  
FM 185, Gatesville; Sunday  
School 10 a.m., Sunday  
worship 11 a.m.

**PEARL COUNTRY CHURCH**  
2082 FM 1690, Gatesville;  
Sunday worship 10 a.m.

**PECAN GROVE**  
6545 FM 107, Gatesville;  
Sunday School 10 a.m.,  
Sunday worship 11 a.m.

**PIDCOKE**  
Donald McConaughay,  
pastor; 11125 FM 116,  
Gatesville; Sunday School  
10 a.m., Sunday service  
11 a.m.

**PLEASANT VALLEY**  
Chris Post, Pastor; CR 301,  
Jonesboro; Sunday school  
10 a.m., Sunday worship  
11 a.m.

**PRIMERO IGLESIA EMANUEL**  
One mile north of Evant,  
Hwy. 281; Sunday School  
10 a.m., Sunday worship  
11 a.m.

**Bible Study 7 p.m.**  
**FORT GATES**  
4605 St. Hwy. 36 S.,  
Gatesville; Sunday worship  
10:30 a.m.

**GATESVILLE**  
Justin Hall, minister; 2417  
E. Main, Gatesville; Sunday  
Bible class 9:30 a.m.,  
Sunday service 10:30 a.m.;  
Wednesday Bible classes  
6:30 p.m.

**LA IGLESIA DE CRISTO**  
2413 E. Main, Gatesville;  
clases y servicios en  
Español, 10-11:30 a.m.,  
Solamente en domingos.

**MIDWAY**  
1955 CR 3640, Copperas  
Cove; Sundays - worship  
9:30 a.m. Bible Study 10:30  
a.m. Wednesdays - Bible  
Study 5:30 p.m.; Royce  
512-734-5390 or Steve  
254-865-3559.

**PEARL**  
6790 FM 183; Sunday  
worship 10:30 a.m.

**CHURCH OF GOD CORNERSTONE**  
Greg Demmitt, pastor;  
338 State School Rd.,  
Gatesville; Sunday worship  
11 a.m.

**LUTHERAN IMMANUEL**  
David Reedy, International  
Interim Pastor; 922 Lutheran  
Church Rd., Copperas  
Cove; Sunday Bible Study  
9:15 a.m.; Sunday worship  
10:30 a.m.

**ST. JOHN**  
Rev. Christopher Richman,  
PhD; 10801 FM 929, Coryell  
City; Sunday worship 9  
a.m., Sunday School 10:15  
a.m.

**ST. PAUL**  
Rev. John Heckmann,  
pastor; Hwy. 36 & FM 1114,  
The Grove; Sunday School  
9 a.m., Sunday worship  
10:15 a.m.

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Sundays.

**EVANT**  
235 US-281, Evant; Dennis  
Dutton, Pastor; Sunday  
worship 10 a.m.

**FIRST METHODIST GATESVILLE**  
2600 E. Main St.; Stephen  
Schmidt, pastor; Sunday  
worship 8:30 a.m. & 10:30  
a.m., Sunday School at  
9:30 a.m. WEDNESDAY  
WORD: Meal at 5:30 p.m.  
\$3; youth, Children & Adult  
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& Friday at 6:30 p.m.

**OGLESBY UNITED**  
Kent Berry, pastor; 109  
College St.; Sunday worship  
9 a.m.

**PIDCOKE**  
Bill Jones, Pastor; Hwy.  
116 N., Pidcoke; Sunday  
worship service 10 a.m.;  
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School 10 a.m.

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Frank Rosenstern, pastor;  
Hwy. 84 W.; Sunday  
services 10:30 a.m.;  
Thursday services, 7 p.m.

**CORYELL COMMUNITY**  
Eric Moffett, Pastor; 115  
N. Levita Rd., Gatesville,  
248-0849. Sunday worship  
9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday services 6  
p.m.; Adult Bible Study,  
Children's Ministry & C3  
Student Ministry.

**CORYELL FELLOWSHIP**  
Doran Belknap III, Pastor;  
Sunday service 11 a.m.,  
8205 FM 182, Turnersville;  
254-218-5901.

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Sunday service 10 a.m.  
& 6 p.m., Wednesdays 6  
p.m. 407 SH-36, Ste. 4 & 5,  
Gatesville.

**GATESVILLE REVIVAL CENTER**  
Wes Covey, Pastor; Sunday  
school 10 a.m., Sunday  
services 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.,  
Thursdays 7 p.m.; 2518  
Bridge St.; 254-392-9472.

**GRACE ASSEMBLY CHRISTIAN**  
Wray Nunn, pastor; Sunday  
worship 10:30 a.m.,  
Wednesday worship 6:30  
p.m.; Gateway Learning  
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Peter M. Mafwal, Pastor;  
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Sunday Bible Study 9:45  
a.m.; Sunday worship  
10:45 am.

**MOTHER NEFF FAITH TABERNACLE**  
William Bertelsen, Pastor;  
1415 Texas Hwy. 236;  
Sunday worship 10:30 a.m.  
& 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday  
Bible Study 7 p.m.

**PEARL COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP**  
6735 FM 183, Pearl; Sun-  
day Services 9 a.m.

**THE HOUSE THAT GOD BUILT**  
Bill Trotter, pastor; 3412  
E. Main St., Gatesville;  
Sunday service 11 a.m.,  
Wednesday service 7 p.m.

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**032 MISCELLANEOUS**

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**TAKING APPLICATIONS!!! (No Transportation Provided)**  
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**099 PUBLIC NOTICES**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GATESVILLE WILL CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 29TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2023, AT 5:30 P.M. AT CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 110 N. 8TH STREET. PURPOSE OF THE HEARING IS TO HEAR COMMENTS ON A PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE 2024 FISCAL YEAR. ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

**099 PUBLIC NOTICES**

Request for Proposal (RFP) Development of Coryell County Land Use Plan

August 8, 2023

Re: Development of Land Use Plan  
 Project Overview:

Coryell County is requesting proposals to produce a Land Use Plan (LUP). The County has received approval for funds from the General Land Office to produce a LUP as indicated in the attached Scope of Work.

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Community-wide yard sale: VENDORS welcome-no charge set-up. Sept. 16th at Pidcock Methodist Church. Contact: Pidcockandadmin@gmail.com 00030302

**070 LAND & LOTS**

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If you'd like to comment on the branch closing, you may file comments with the Director for District Licensing at 500 North Akard Street, Suite 1600, Dallas, Texas, 75201. The public portion of the filing is available on request. All comments should be sent by November 10, 2023. You can call Extraco toll free at 1-866-EXTRACO (398-7226) if you have any questions about your account or future banking needs. 08-07-23

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THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF CORYELL  
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF BENJAMIN NAPOLEON CROCKETT, JR., DECEASED, CAUSE NO 23-10886, COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS. CAROLYN GIBBONS FILED IN THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS ON THE 10TH DAY OF AUGUST 2023, A APPLICATION FOR INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION AND LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 401.003 OF THE TEXAS ESTATES CODE AND APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP SAID BENJAMIN NAPOLEON CROCKETT, JR. DECEASED.  
SAID APPLICATION SHALL BE HEARD AND ACTED ON BY SAID COURT ON OR AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY NEXT AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF TEN DAYS FROM DATE OF POSTING THIS CITATION, THE SAME BEING THE 21ST DAY OF AUGUST 2023, AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN GATESVILLE, TEXAS. ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID ESTATE ARE HEREBY CITED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY AT THE SAME ABOVE MENTIONED TIME AND PLACE BY FILING A WRITTEN ANSWER CONTESTING SUCH APPLICATION SHOULD THEY DESIRE TO DO SO.  
GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE COUNTY COURT OF CORYELL COUNTY IN GATESVILLE, TEXAS THE 11th day of August 2023.  
JENNIFER NEWTON, CORYELL COUNTY CLERK  
CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS  
BY: Vicki Lee 00030303

Notice to Claimants: Notice is given pursuant to Texas Estates Code 308.051 that, on August 9, 2023, in the cause numbered 23-10876 and styled "Estate of Vernon Eugene Jones, Deceased", in the County Court of Coryell County, Texas, letters testamentary were issued to Donna Faye Dudark Jones as that estate's independent executrix. Any person having a claim against that estate must present that claim within the time prescribed by law. Claims should be addressed in care of "Representative, Estate of Vernon Eugene Jones, Deceased" and may be presented at 218 Barton Lane, Gatesville, Texas 76528. 00030304

Notice of Public Meeting

Coryell County is developing a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) which is a comprehensive plan that identifies and mitigates risks associated with wildfires. CWPP's are a collaborative effort between local citizens, local governments, and state and federal agencies to address the specific needs of the community. A public meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on August 23, 2023, at the Gatesville City Auditorium to discuss the development process of the CWPP and public concern regarding wildfires. The Gatesville City Auditorium is located at 110 N. 8th Street, Gatesville, TX 76528. 00030305

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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
CIRCUIT COURT FAMILY COURT BRANCH  
MILWAUKEE COUNTY

In RE the Paternity of: S.R.G.

State of Wisconsin,

Case No. 2019PA1183PJ

Case Code: 40502

Petitioner,  
-vs-  
Angelica E.

Garcia Respondent-Mother,

-and-

Eugene H. Guenzler,

Respondent-Father

NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION TO MODIFY CUSTODY

To: Angelica Garcia (n/k/a Reimer)  
53317 Drum Song Trail, Unit 1  
Fort Hood, Texas 76544

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the undersigned will bring the following motion on for hearing before the Family Court Commissioner or his or her designee at the Milwaukee County Courthouse, 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53202 or Via Zoom on 10/25/2023 at 8:15 a.m. or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard.

The Respondent-Father, Eugene H. Guenzler, by his Attorneys Halling & Cayo, S.C. by Sherre K. Chevalier, hereby moves the Court, pursuant to Wis. Stat. 767.451 for the following orders:

1. An order awarding the Respondent-Father sole custody as to school and education decisions.
2. For such other relief as the Court deems just and equitable under the facts and circumstances of this case.

The reasons for this motion are more fully set forth in the Affidavit of Eugene H. Guenzler, filed contemporaneously.

Date: June 8, 2023

SHERRE K. CHEVALIER  
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

6x10 Storage Unit Auction to satisfy landlord's lien. Sale will be held at 4604 S. Hwy. 36 in Gatesville, unit #91. Bidding will open September 7, 2023 at 10 a.m. Cleaning deposit required. Seller reserves the right to withdraw the property at anytime before the sale. Unit items sold as-is to highest bidder. Property includes contents of space of the following tenant : Rebecca Hokanson. Miscellaneous items, dog pen, holiday decor.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of THOMAS A. BOREN, Deceased, were issued on July 31, 2023, in Cause No. 23-10859, pending in the County Court-at-Law of Coryell County, Texas, to: LINDA L. BOREN.

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: LINDA L. BOREN  
2351 Oakmont Drive, Apt 134  
Round Rock, Texas 78665

DATED the 8th day of August 2023.

James Rainey  
Attorney for LINDA L. BOREN

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- ▶ 3 Br, 1 Ba Brick Home, 371 N. Hwy. 281, Evant, TX. Hardwood floors, large backyard, \$128,500.
- ▶ 1.469 acres, Lampasas River Place Subdivision, Lampasas River frontage, good tree cover, electricity along the north property line, Kempner water line runs along the front of the property, buyer will need to confirm the availability of water meter with Kempner Water Supply, \$125,000.
- ▶ 10.01 acres east of Evant, TX in Coryell County on CR 160. Lot 39, Buffalo Creek Ranch Subdivision. Rolling terrain, good tree cover, \$139,900.
- ▶ 10.01 acres, Lot 41 in Phase 6, Rio Escondido Subdivision, Evant, TX. Good Tree cover, Rolling Terrain, Fiber Optic Internet, \$149,500.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ 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 acres, Evant, TX, Rio Escondido Subdivision, Lot 23 Phase 1. Good tree cover, rolling terrain, gated subdivision, electric available, Fiber Optic Internet Service, \$215,000.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ 21.7 acres, Evant, TX, CR 419 in Hamilton County. The property is level with scattered tree cover, fenced on 3 sides, will need to drill a well for water, \$185,000.
- ▶ 25.06 acres, Pottsville, TX Hamilton County, Paloma Vista Subdivision Lot 31. Rolling terrain, scattered tree cover, great views, \$275,000.
- ▶ 28.54 acres, 3/2.5 home, 2171 CR 419, Evant, TX. Water meter, rolling terrain, 60% being good tree cover, the remaining balance being open pasture, great views, \$489,000.
- ▶ 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, \$699,500.
- ▶ 106 +/- acres, CR 180 Purlmela, TX, Coryell & Hamilton County, good tree cover, rolling terrain, 1 tank, paved road frontage, electricity is across the road, \$832,100.
- ▶ 179.562 acres, 1.6 miles south of Gatesville, TX FM 116 frontage. Great views, stock tank, rolling terrain & scattered tree cover, \$1,230,000.
- ▶ 199.86 acres, 4 BR 2 Ba Manufactured Home, 1856 sq. ft., 1805 CR 180 Purlmela, TX in Coryell County. Front porch, fully furnished, 2 stock tanks, 8 ft. x 40 ft storage container, storage building with water storage tank, barn, cattle pens, water well 560 ft deep, rolling terrain, good tree cover and paved road frontage, \$1,568,901.

## Elvis show August 25 at city auditorium

Staff reports

This month a trio of talented Elvis performers will be putting on a stage show at the Gatesville City Auditorium. Hound Dog Productions, a local entertainment company based in Temple, is bringing their production of From a Jack to a King. This live music Elvis experience will feature Hunter Cole, Travis Hudson, and John Cobb.

Hunter Cole is a 16-year-old advocate for autism. He was nonverbal for years, his love for music and Elvis have brought him out of his shell. He has performed for over 100 total private and public events over the past two years. He won third place in the national youth competition in Tupelo, MS at Elvis's birthplace. His goal is to show others that even if someone has autism, they can still achieve their

dreams. Travis Hudson is a crowd favorite from San Antonio that performs all decades of Elvis. He has won many awards over the last six years that he has been performing and was featured in Tex Appeal Magazine. He is extremely talented and puts his heart and soul into every performance. He is also the official Elvis for Hard Rock Café in San Antonio. John Cobb is a multi-

award-winning tribute artist from Chilton. He has performed at Graceland, competed in many contests across the United States, and was featured in the Wacoan Magazine. He specializes in the concert years of 1975 to 1977. Residents of Gatesville may recognize him since he delivered to Gatesville for UPS for over 12 years. He recently traded in his uniform for a jumpsuit. He loves bringing joy

to the lives of lifelong Elvis fans of all ages. This one night only event will be on Friday, August 25, at 7 p.m. at the Gatesville City Auditorium across from the Gatesville Public Library. There will be a party after the show for all ticket holders at Junction on Route 36, located at 1216 Hwy 36 in Gatesville. Tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased by calling 682-268-0269.



DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Pictured are Grace Dallimore and Jon Brown with items they donated for the Spurfest raffle at the Coryell Museum and Historical Center.

## Spurfest raffle to be held by Coryell Museum

Staff reports

With Spurfest just a few months away, the Coryell County Museum and Historical Center has begun selling raffle tickets for a Spur motif quilt and two courthouse prints. The spur motif quilt was created by Grace Dallimore and the matted and framed pointillism prints of the courthouse were created by local artist, Jon Brown. Tickets will be sold for \$20 (three chances to win) and can be purchased from museum board members or at the museum's gift shop.

The drawing for the quilt and courthouse prints will be held during Spurfest on Saturday, Sept. 16, at the museum. Volunteers interested in selling tickets can contact Catherine Fulton at 254-223-0014.



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# BUSINESS NEWS

## ALLSUP'S GRAND OPENING



COURTESY PHOTO

The Gatesville Chamber of Commerce has welcomed Allsup's to the community on Thursday, Aug. 10 with a ribbon cutting at their grand opening celebration.

## J&M'S NAMED BUSINESS OF THE MONTH



COURTESY PHOTO

The Gatesville Chamber of Commerce presented J&M's Hill Country Bar-B-Q with the August Business of the Month award in honor of Benjie Johnson, longtime owner and operator who recently passed away. J&M's continues to operate with their regular business hours.



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## HILLSIDE MEDICAL LODGE NAMED YARD OF THE MONTH



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Keep Gatesville Beautiful chose Hillside Medical Lodge at 300 South Hwy 36 Bypass as its August Yard of the Month. This facility and its grounds look great year-round and are amazing even in the summer heat and drought. Their landscape was planted and is maintained by RTS Landscaping out of Fate, Texas. It includes Texas natives and other heat-tolerant plants and trees including live oaks, red oaks, elms, crepe myrtles, Japanese boxwood bushes, hollies, yuccas, lantanas, Nock Out roses, and Bermuda grass. The residents and staff are very proud of their beautiful building and surroundings and use the outdoors to host events and festivals to bring the residents and the community together. The current facility opened its doors in 2016 after relocating from another location in Gatesville.

## Stuck in a bathtub four days



BY TUMBLEWEED SMITH

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

Dene Sheppard of Big Spring fell in her bathtub and was in it four days before being rescued. She got in the tub on a Friday afternoon.

She was having trouble with a shoulder muscle that made it difficult to maneuver. Her phone was in another room and her grown children were out of town.

She lived alone. Dene is a woman of deep faith.

"My back was where the faucet is," says Dene, who was in her late 70s at the time. "I couldn't believe

where I was, and it took a few minutes to figure out what was happening. The pain was so excruciating from my shoulder, and I couldn't use my right arm at all. I couldn't lift myself out of the bathtub. I tried every way possible. Even though I realized I needed to get out of here and get some help, I finally settled down and thought OK, I am Dene Sheppard. I'm a child of God. I'm a strong woman and will figure out a way to get out of this. I relaxed, prayed, sang hymns and thought good thoughts.

"In my bathroom I have a skylight. I went into the bathroom around one o'clock that afternoon and

didn't turn on a light because there was plenty of light in the room. But as night came, the room got very dark. Saturday morning came and some light started coming through the skylight, so I just sat there and talked to the angels. All during this episode I never thought about being hungry but over the next few days I felt myself getting weaker. I just refused to focus on it.

"I was able to turn on the water to get a drink or wash away the urine. When our kids were young and had to have a bowel movement in the tub, they would pile the stuff on a bench outside the tub. This is so gross, but this is what I did. When I got

### MOUND NEWS

## Mound mourns the loss of Betsy Bruton



BY BARBARA HOPSON

Mound News Correspondent

Mound lost one of its longtime residents, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth (Betsy) Bruton, died on Monday, Aug. 7.

Memorial services were held on Saturday at Scott's Funeral Home in Gatesville. Private family interment will be scheduled at a future date at the Mound Cemetery. Mrs. Bruton will truly be missed in our community.

Bridget and Little Miss Rori Shaylyn Wright visited Thursday afternoon with Barbara Hopson.

Samuel Truett Belt was home for the 2023 summer

break. He has returned back to Blinn College in Brenham on Saturday morning.

John Stephens and Donna Schultz visited last Wednesday afternoon in Bryan with Jean Rose.

Neil and Christy Helms for lunch on Sunday. Robert, Emma and Carolyn Blakley went to Pearl on Sunday to visit with Bettie Blakley.

Happy Birthday to Mrs. Rena Mitchell.

Tyler Shepard came in the house. I heard him open the back door and call out Na Na. I said Tyler I'm in here and I need help. And that's when I broke down and really cried."

Her grandson called 911 and she entered the hospital for a short stay. Doctors were amazed at her sound physical and mental states.

"They didn't know what a determined person I am. I knew this, too would pass."

Dene has made a fifty-minute recording of her ordeal in hopes that it might give someone ideas on how to survive an unexpected bad situation.

chilled, I was able to retrieve a bathmat and cover my upper body with it.

"All through this I could hear my cell phone and house phone ringing but of course there was no way I could answer either one. Saturday night came, then Sunday morning. That's when I really got serious about praying and singing hymns and thinking about all the good times we had traveling with the kids to Six Flags and other vacation spots. I must have dozed off a few times, but I can't recall sleeping for very long. Sunday night came, then Monday.

"About one o'clock Monday afternoon my grandson

## Mother Neff State Park to hold program August 19

### Staff Reports

Mother Neff State Park will hold a program on Saturday, Aug. 19 from 9 a.m. to noon inside the Visitor Center.

The program is free, but park entrance fees do apply

at the cost of \$2 per person for 13 years old and up and children 12 years old and under are free.

The program entails information about the men who built Mother Neff State Park, how they did it, and what

their everyday life was like.

For more information contact Mother Neff State Park at 254-853-2389. Mother Neff State Park is located at 1921 State Park Road 14 in Moody.

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# Free health screenings, information and door prizes will be given at the Coryell Senior Expo

### 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 noon 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 and caregivers to get free screenings and information on cholesterol,

blood pressure, diabetes, assisted living, independent living, long-term care, home health, hospice, and fall prevention.

RSVP (Retired & Senior Volunteer Program) will have lunch available for \$7.50 at 12 p.m.

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@coryellhealth.org.

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## How to make new friends after 50

The early years of midlife are a hectic time for many people. Around the time many people reach their late 30s and early 40s, they're balancing the responsibilities of a career and a family. But as people enter their 50s, some of those responsibilities tend to be less significant, leaving more time for recreational pursuits.

Hobbies and other pursuits outside of work are often more fun when enjoyed with friends. People over 50 undoubtedly recognize that it's not always so easy to make new friends, even though it's undeniably beneficial to have supportive relationships into your golden years. A 2017 study from researchers at Michigan State University found that valuing friendships was a stronger predictor of health and happiness among older adults than valuing family. Those results align with an earlier Australian study that found Australians age 70 or older tended to live significantly longer if they had more strong friendships.

Making friends after 50 might not be as simple as it was

during your school days, but these strategies can help men and women in midlife build new friendships.

- Identify your interests. Fifty-somethings who have spent the last couple of decades building a career and raising a family can give some serious thought to their interests outside of work or passions they hope to pursue now that they have more time to commit to such pursuits. The more interested you are in a given activity, the more likely you are to stick with it. And the longer you stick with something, the more likely you are to meet like-minded individuals (i.e., future friends) willing to make similar commitments.

- Utilize social media. In years past, men and women over 50 may not have had any readily available tools to reach out and connect with new people. Social media has made it much easier to build such connections. Even the most obscure passions likely have a social media group of locals devoted to them, and these groups can be great ways to meet new people. A local runner's club may have

its own social media accounts, and local governments and community groups often share information about sports leagues and other groups via social media.

- Sign up for group outings. Communities often sponsor group outings to museums, the theater, sporting events, and other day trips. Signing up for a bus trip to a local museum presents a great opportunity to meet people who share your interests, providing the potential to build lasting friendships built on a foundation of shared interests.

- Broaden your horizons. Just because you're in your 50s doesn't mean your friends have to be. Don't hesitate to invite younger or older acquaintances and colleagues over for dinner or on weekend excursions. Friends come in all shapes, sizes and ages, so you could be missing out if you're not willing to extend a hand in friendship to people of different ages and backgrounds.

Making friends after 50 can be challenging. However, various strategies can help men and women over 50 connect with new people.

## What to do about wellness after 50

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Reaching one's fiftieth birthday in optimal health is an accomplishment to be proud of. The hard work required to be healthy in midlife includes adhering to a nutritious diet and exercising regularly. Once individuals cross the threshold and enter their 50s, they can look to some additional strategies to maintain their physical and mental well-being for decades to come.

- Get a pet. Many people 50 and older qualify as "empty nesters," a term applied to adults whose children have grown up and moved out of their homes. Some empty nesters experience a phenomenon known as "empty nest syndrome," which the Mayo Clinic notes can be marked by feelings of sadness or loss. Pets can help people over 50 with no children at home overcome feelings linked to empty nest syndrome. In 2018, the University of Michigan National Poll on Healthy Aging found that 86 percent of pet owners felt their pets make

them feel loved while 73 percent said their pets provided a sense of purpose. Pets also can ensure individuals over 50 stay physically active and provide opportunities to connect with other people.

- Prioritize learning. Whether it's taking music lessons, going back to school or mastering a new hobby, learning has a profound effect on aging brains. For example, a 2013 study published in the journal Psychological Science found that memory function is improved by engagement in demanding everyday tasks.

That study reported that people who learned new skills experienced greater memory improvement than people who only socialized or participated in activities that were not as cognitively engaging.

- Make an effort to improve balance. Various factors contribute to a decline in balance as adults age. For example, a decline in muscle mass that begins when people are in their 30s is a normal part of aging. Over time, that natural decline affects strength and agility. Balance exercises can be a valuable component of a fitness regimen that help individuals reduce their risk for falling as they advance through their 50s and into their 60s and 70s. That's a significant benefit, as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that one out of every three adults age 65 and older experiences a fall each year, and as many as 30 percent of those falls lead to serious injury.

- Embrace your inner socialite. Socialization is important for people of all



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ages, including individuals 50 and over. A 2017 study from researchers at Michigan State found that valuing friendships was a strong predictor of health and happiness among older adults.

Opportunities to socialize with friends may increase as people navigate their 50s and children move out or become more independent. Individuals can take advantage of opportunities to so-

cialize whenever possible.

Various strategies can help people maintain mental and physical wellness as they make their way through their 50s and beyond.



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# The Freedom of Downsizing



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Downsizing can be beneficial, especially to aging adults.

Submitted Item

**A**re you tired of home upkeep? Not only can homeownership be a drain on your finances, but it takes hours of time and attention that you could be spending on the things you love with the people you love. If you're ready to focus on what matters, it may be time to consider downsizing.

## WHY DOWNSIZE?

### Lower Cost

You won't just be saving on rent or mortgage payments but on upkeep costs as well. Consider the price of home repairs, maintenance issues and insurance. Downsizing allows you to avoid the overhead costs of homeowner's insurance and removes the burden of home repairs. Plus, you won't be dealing with constant yard work.

These necessities alone add up quickly and that doesn't even take into consideration things like housekeeping, laundry, restaurants, entertainment, unexpected expenses and going on vacation. Even if staying at home sounds like it will be less expensive, it's worth your time to consider the actual cost.

"The cost to own and maintain the person's home—as well as the cost of potential 24/7 in-home care—may be a significant financial burden, making a senior residential community or nursing home

more affordable," Susie Keeney, Coryell Health Director of Assisted and Independent Living at The Oaks, explains. "Many of our residents found it to be more advantageous to move into one of our residential communities here at Coryell, where they receive around-the-clock care, engaging activities with friends and chef-prepared meals without the responsibilities of home maintenance."

### Convenience

You may want to move closer to family, and now's the perfect time to choose a smaller apartment. Choosing to relocate due to the convenience of proximity to family not only saves money but time, as you no longer need to spend hours in transit to see them. If you do have the travel bug, it's easier to travel more when you live in a smaller apartment. You won't be bound by upkeep that may keep you home.

If you're tired of constant cleaning, take heart! Apartments and studios are far more convenient to clean, and if you're paying money to have your current home cleaned, you'll save money here, too, as regular cleaning on your own is far more attainable in a studio or apartment.

### Coryell's Independent Living at the Oaks

What does Coryell's Independent Living at the Oaks have that's so great? First, our apartments and studios are easier to navigate. You can avoid going up and down stairs, safely traveling from room to room without fear, even as you continue to age. You'll live in close proximity to those who are also retired, around the same age and often have many



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RehabLiving residents and their families enjoy holiday festivities and activities throughout the year.

similar interests. Constant activities fill the calendar, so when you're not traveling or visiting family, you'll have plenty to do. Plus, our apartments share the same roof as our hospital, so immediate medical care is always available if necessary!

### Are You Ready to Downsize?

Ask yourself these questions to see if it may be time to relocate.

- Is home upkeep taking time from family and your hobbies?
- Is your yard getting difficult to maintain?
- Is it becoming costly to remain in your home?
- Do you have too many things in your home to manage?
- Do you have unused bedrooms?

If you answered yes to some or all of these questions, it might be time to look into downsizing. What's most important to you in your life?

"When we ask people what's important to them, they say their hobbies, family and safety," Susie Keeney said. "They never say 'my extra bedrooms.'"

### Make Downsizing Work For You

If you're avoiding downsizing because you have too many things to fit into a smaller home, you can get creative and make an apartment or studio work for you.

1. Spend time analyzing the things you have now. If you haven't used something in the last year, donate it.
2. Set things of sentimental value aside to give to loved ones.
3. Purchase furniture items that double as storage, like a coffee table that opens to store photo albums and blankets.
4. Purchase plastic drawer sets to go in closets or under the bed for even more storage options.

If you're ready for a life enjoying the things you love most, it's time to consider downsizing.

Independent Living at the Oaks has everything you need, from countless community events and activities to chef-prepared meals, so you can devote your time to what matters to you. Learn more about Independent Living at the Oaks on our website.

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## How to plan for a post-50 career change

Career changes can renew a person's passion for working, which can grow stale for individuals who have been doing the same job for years on end. Though there's not necessarily a bad time to change careers, there are times when making such a transition carries more risk. Such is the case for individuals over 50. Many individuals over 50 may not have the financial obligations they had when they were younger, as children may have grown up and moved out of the house. That can make changing careers after 50 more palatable. However, some individuals in their 50s may be hesitant to leave the security of an established career behind in favor of something new. Hesitance about job prospects after 50 also can make some less likely to take the plunge into a new career.

Though hesitancy about a career change after 50 is understandable, a recent survey from the American Institute for Economic Research found that 82 percent of workers who responded to the survey were able to successfully transition to a new career after age 45. In addition, projections from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics estimated that labor force participation among

individuals aged 65 and over would increase significantly by 2022, nearly doubling the rate of participation in 1990. Those figures suggest that a midlife career change is not necessarily the same thing as a late-career career change. That should give professionals the confidence they need to successfully transition to a new career.

Individuals mulling a career change after 50 also can take these steps to make such a transition less risky.

- Pay down as much debt as possible. Financial freedom can be an ally for individuals 50 and over who want to change careers. Career changes often require a pay cut, so individuals who can pay off their mortgages, consumer debts and/or auto loans prior to making a career change may find the transition to a lower income goes more smoothly than it might if they're still carrying such sizable financial commitments.
- Make plans to delay retirement. As BLS data indicates, individuals who want to delay retirement certainly won't be alone. Delaying retirement affords individuals more time to save, and a financial advisor can help adults over 50 come up with a new retire-

ment plan that reflects their willingness to work longer. Delaying retirement also means delaying withdrawals from retirement savings accounts, which can provide peace of mind against a loss of income resulting from a career change.

- Downsize your lifestyle. Even a post-50 career change that will require a significant drop in income can be doable for professionals who downsize their lifestyles. Empty nesters can consider moving into a smaller home, while travelers can cut back on the number of trips they take each year. Cutbacks won't necessarily be easy, but they can be worth it for individuals looking for new career challenges.
- Go back to school. Much like young people go to college before entering the professional arena, adults over 50 who want to change careers may need to go back to school to improve their career prospects. Remote learning and part-time schooling can make juggling a career and school more manageable.

A successful career change after 50 is entirely possible for individuals willing to make some sacrifices to be happier in their professional lives.



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# Did you know?

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**G**etting out and about is a vital component of many seniors' daily lives, but it's important that aging men and women recognize how much exercise is healthy for them.

The Department of Health & Human Services notes that adults need a mix of physical activity to stay healthy. That mix should be a combination of moderate-intensity aerobic activities, which can include golfing, swimming and even gardening, and muscle strengthening activities like weightlifting that make the muscles work harder than usual. The DHHS recommends adults combine 150 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic activity per week with at least two days of muscle-strengthening activities. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention notes that these guidelines are safe for individuals who are 65 and older, generally fit and have no limiting health conditions. Individuals who do not fit that criteria should consult with their physicians before beginning a new exercise regimen, as it's possible that they could be putting their health at considerable risk if they attempt to follow guidelines designed for people who are generally fit. It's also important that healthy seniors avoid overdoing it in regard to exercise. Though the DHHS suggestions are the minimum recommendations, going too far beyond those guidelines without first consulting a physician could increase seniors' risk for injury, illness or even death.



## Simple ways to lessen your financial load after 50

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**T**hough data from the U.S. Census Bureau indicates the number of people working into their 70s increased significantly during the first two decades of the twentieth century, the vast majority of professionals still call it a career sometime during their 60s.

Retirement may still be a long way off for people who are 50 or in their early 50s, but around this time thoughts of what retirement could be compel many people to seek ways to reduce their financial load in anticipation of the day when they will no longer be working. Cutting back needn't be complicated, and the following are some simple ways for individuals 50 and over to save money.

- Address unsecured debt.

Unsecured debt, which can include credit card balances and medical bills, tends to carry higher interest rates than debts that carry a collateral requirement. According to the Federal Reserve, roughly 12.5 percent of individuals over 50 still have student loan debt, which is another type of unsecured debt. If possible, people over 50 should pay off these debts immediately or make their best effort to pay extra each month so they are paid

off as soon as possible.

- Pay in "cash." It's not enough to simply pay off unsecured debt like consumer credit. It's also important to stop accruing additional debt. Individuals over 50 should resist the temptation to use their credit cards, instead paying with cash or debit cards. Credit card debt is often characterized as a problem for young consumers, but a 2021 report from ValuePenguin found that the median credit card debt among individuals between the ages of 55 and 64 was higher than it was for consumers aged 35 to 44. Paying in cash, whether it's with paper currency or a debit card, ensures you're not digging yourself into debt.

- Reexamine your housing situation. Adults 50 and over who purchased their home in their late 20s or

early 30s are likely nearing the maturity date on their mortgages. If so, paying a little extra toward the principal each month will help you pay off that mortgage a good deal earlier than if you keep paying the same amount you've been paying for years. Though paying extra money each month may not seem like reducing your financial load, it will do so considerably over time. For example, the finan-

cial experts at Wells Fargo note that individuals with a fixed-rate mortgage loan of \$200,000 at 4 percent can cut the term of that loan by more than 4.5 years by paying as little as \$100 extra each month toward their principal. Homeowners over 50 who have already paid off a significant percentage of their mortgage loans could reach maturity much sooner if they start paying more toward principal now.

Since housing costs are many people's greatest expense, removing a mortgage payment from your financial ledger by the time you reach 55 could create significant financial flexibility as you get closer to retirement. Individuals over 50 can utilize some simple yet effective strategies to reduce their financial obligations as retirement nears.



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### Gatesville Senior Center

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# How to make a bucket list a reality



*Tips on creating a bucket list - a plan for living life to its fullest*

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The idiom “kick the bucket” is a euphemism for passing away that does not paint such a rosy picture if you consider its origins.

However, the phrase “bucket list,” though undeniably related to “kick the bucket,” definitely sheds a brighter light on the topic of mortality.

A bucket list is a plan for living life to its fullest and prioritizing opportunities to engage in all sorts of activities. A bucket list can be made at any point in life and is not exclusive to individu-

als facing their own mortality. Here are some tips for putting bucket list plans into action.

- Stop and think about what you really want to experience in your lifetime. Leave factors like money or proximity out of it. No ideas are off-limits. This is your opportunity to brainstorm, and nothing is too crazy or silly.

- Write the bucket list in a comfortable or inspiring place, which may help ideas

flow more freely. The place might be a cozy nook at a bookstore or a quiet spot on the beach.

- Choose things that are meaningful to you as well as ideas that are frivolous and fun. Make your list a mix of each, and don't take yourself too seriously.

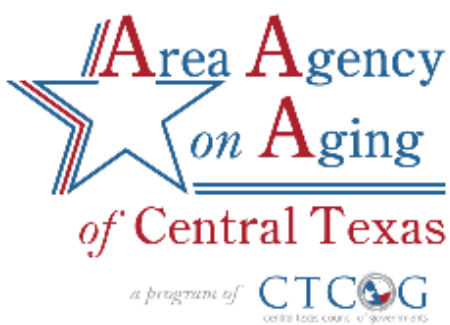
- Divide the bucket list by time. Are there items you can check off in a particular season, such as skiing the Alps? If your bucket list involves moving to a bustling

city, determine if you'd like to do that after your children have reached adulthood or if you want to expose them to city life as youngsters. Categorizing the list by periods of your life can make it easier to prioritize certain activities over others.

- Determine if each bucket list activity will be a solitary or joint pursuit. Various activities are more enjoyable when shared with others, but some you might be more inclined to do alone.

- Set aside a budget for funding bucket list activities. Bucket lists may include some costly activities, so start saving now so money does not stand in your way. Open a savings account specifically for funding bucket list excursions and set up automatic deposits.

Bucket lists can encourage people to live life to the fullest and it's never too early to get started on a list of your own.



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## Gatesville ISD Education Foundation receives whopping donation



Members of the Gatesville ISD Education Foundation were presented with a \$10,000 check by Will Coward, President of The First National Bank of Central Texas.

### Staff Reports

The First National Bank of Central Texas contributed to the Gatesville Independent School District Education Foundation with a \$10,000 donation on Friday, Aug. 11. With this donation, the Education Foundation will be able to fund teacher grants in the spring, as well as assist teachers with materials, equipment, and field trips throughout the school year. The Gatesville ISD Education Foundation was formed in 2012 to support innovative classroom teaching, to inspire learning in new directions, and to maximize academic opportunities for Gatesville ISD

students. The Gatesville ISD Education Foundation has goals to:

- Enhance and enrich educational opportunities for students.
- Support and recognize staff for innovative efforts and exemplary teaching.
- Build community awareness for Gatesville ISD Education Foundation.
- Involve the community in assuring a quality education for the leaders and workers of tomorrow.

The Gatesville ISD Education Foundation can be reached by email at [educationfoundation@gatesvilleisd.org](mailto:educationfoundation@gatesvilleisd.org).



## TDA recognizes Gatesville ISD as 2023 Prime Player

### Staff Reports

The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) has recently completed the first United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and has

recognized Gatesville Independent School District as a 2023 Prime Player. Gatesville ISD used more than 95% of its allocated entitlement to feed students nutritious meals using

USDA foods agricultural products. Many benefits can occur from effectively using USDA foods such as serving meals that include quality American grown products

at a discounted price, effectively managing child nutrition budgets, and giving an easier navigation of delayed processing timelines. Gatesville ISD will receive a letter from Commissioner

Sid Miller, a letter from the TDA Assistant Commissioner Lena Wilson, a certificate, and a PowerPoint with talking points to present at school board meetings. For further information

visit <https://squaremeals.org/Programs/National-School-Lunch-Program/USDA-Foods-Challenge>.

## Gatesville Elementary PTO meeting slated Aug. 22

### Staff Reports

The Gatesville Elementary Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) will hold a meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 22. The meeting will be from 4:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Gatesville Elementary School library. Through all the various

fundraisers, the Elementary PTO can support Gatesville Elementary School by hosting at least one appreciation event each month. It will be different each month, such as coffee, energy drinks, or a full meal. The Elementary PTO supports the attendance committee by donating money

to attendance award winners, as well as providing funds for the students for things such as balls to play with during recess. For further information contact Kristen Sullins by email at [ksullins@gatesvilleisd.org](mailto:ksullins@gatesvilleisd.org). Gatesville Elementary School is located at 2537 East Main Street.



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## GISD and Hornet Band Program presents Alumni Band Outreach

### Staff Reports

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

The first Alumni Band event will be on Friday, September 8 at the Homecoming game. The due date for registration is Friday, August 25. If you are a proud alum of the Gatesville High School Hornet Band Program and would like to give another hoorah in the stands on a Friday night be sure to fill out a form by the link provided at <https://forms.gle/hyFSKXwURuwmMdk16>.

The lead band director, principal, or superintendent have the right to limit the number of alumni participating in these events due to space constraints, safety issues, weather, or any other reason they deem necessary. For more information contact Gatesville High School at 254-865-8281.

## Gatesville ISD announces Free and Reduced meals

### Staff Reports

Gatesville Independent School District has announced that Free and Reduced meals will go into effect on Friday, Sept. 1 at all campuses. During the pandemic, schools were able to offer no-cost meals to all students due to temporary program flexibilities provided by the Federal Government. These flexibilities have expired, and the United States Congress did not provide funding in the 2023 to 2024 school year budget to allow schools to serve free meals to all students.

Students will need a new application on file to receive Free and Reduced meals. Applications are available in the front office of each campus. If assistance is needed contact 254-865-7251, extension five.

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## BACK TO SCHOOL



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School is back in session at Gatesville I.S.D. Students are seen exiting a school bus at the Gatesville Elementary School.

## GHS Class of '73 to hold reunion

### Submitted Item

The Gatesville High School Class of 1973 will be celebrating their 50-year graduation on Saturday, Sept. 9 from 5 p.m. until 10 p.m.

The celebration will be held at Windmill Hill, 1808 Bridge Street, in Gatesville. Donations are welcomed for a catered meal, etc. and can be sent to Donna Beeman Medford, 304 Grandview Dr, Gatesville.

The classes of '72 and '74 are also welcome to attend. RSVP to Paula Peevy Safarik at 512-940-1247 or Marla Jacobs Kelsey at 817-915-8691.

## JISD FCA to hold meeting Aug. 20

### Staff Reports

Jonesboro Independent School District will hold a Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) back to school prayer meeting and worship night for students on Sunday, Aug. 20. The meeting will be held in the Jonesboro ISD gym at 6:30 p.m.

Jonesboro ISD FCA has presented their 21 days of prayer which includes prayers for the school board, administration,

teachers, students, the school year, all athletics programs, coaches, the playground, support staff, cafeteria staff, physical safety, the school to fulfill the Lord's purpose, friends, Jonesboro, caring teachers, new teachers, the lunchroom, technology protection, gym fellowship, spiritual growth that leads to revival, and to give the school year to the Lord.

Since 1954, FCA has been challenging coaches and athletes on the profes-

sional, college, high school, junior high, and youth levels to use the powerful medium of athletics to impact the world for Jesus Christ.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes focuses on serving local communities by equipping, empowering, and encouraging people to make a difference for Christ.

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

## Ayala named to Dean's List

### Staff Reports

University of Maryland Global Campus has recently announced Alysia Ayala of Gatesville to the Dean's List for the spring semester.

To be eligible for the

honor, a student must complete at least six credits during the term, earn a grade point average of at least 3.5 for the term, and maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 at UMGC.

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land Global Campus was founded more than 75 years ago specifically to serve the higher education needs of working adults and military servicemembers.

For more information visit [umgc.edu](http://umgc.edu).

## Jonesboro school implements My School Bucks app for lunch accounts

### Staff Reports

As the first day of school approaches for Jonesboro Independent School District on Monday, Aug. 21, parents are reminded that the

website and mobile device app, My School Bucks, can be used to access your student's lunch account.

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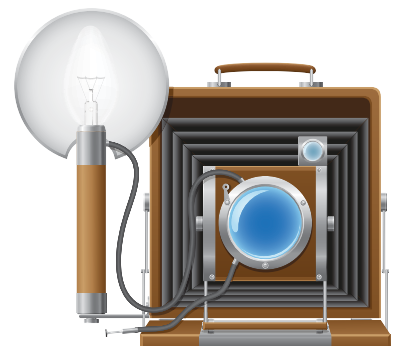
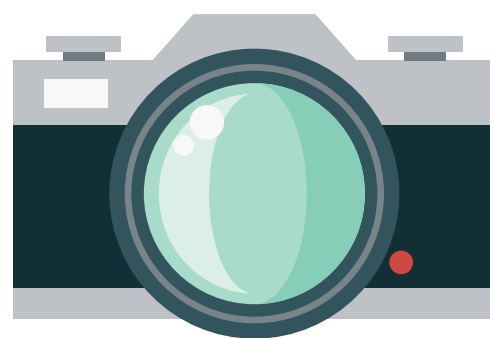
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### PICTURE ANSWERS

1. The seagull
2. The kids building the sandcastle.
3. The lady's pants have a different color stripe.
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# TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY™

## Tarleton announces cross country schedule

### Tarleton State University

STEPHENVILLE, Texas – The Texans are less than a month away from their 2023 campaign.

Tarleton State University Cross Country announced its full schedule, a five-event season that begins Sept. 1 at TCU.

"I am extremely excited about moving into our second year with our cross-country program," head coach Clay Holland said. "Coach Chase Rathke made huge strides in his first year with the development of our distance athletes and expect the same going into year two. The schedule is set up for our athletes to be the most prepared when we walk on the course for the WAC Championships at the end of October."

The Texans will compete three times in September before closing out the regular season in October. After their final regular season race on Oct. 13, the Texans will travel a short way down I-20. They will compete for the fourth straight year in the WAC Cross Country Championships, this year hosted in Abilene.

"I am very anxious to get the team back on campus and start rolling again," assistant head coach Chase Rathke said. "We ended the year on a very high note on both the men's and women's side at the outdoor conference championships. On the women's side, we bring back a roster that made big strides this past year and have put in a lot of work this summer to get to where they are. On the men's side, we bring in a lot of new faces that can come in and make a difference right away, as well as some familiar faces that helped lead us to our first ever regional ranking last year. I have high expectations for both squads, and I believe they do as well."

The Texans kick off the season just down the road at Big 12 host TCU. They will compete in the TCU Horned Frog Invitational on Sept. 1.

After an off weekend the following week, the Texans will head to Bryan-College Station. The Texans will line up for the Texas A&M Invitational on Sept. 15, just as they did last year. After that meet up with the Aggies, the Texans will travel up to the Chile Pepper Festival hosted by Arkansas in Fayetteville, Arkansas, on Sept. 29.

The Texans will then travel down the interstate to WAC foe Abilene Christian. They will take part in the ACU Naimadu Classic on Oct. 13.

The Texans will then wrap up the season two weeks later back in Abilene. The WAC Championships this year will be hosted by Abilene Christian on Oct. 27.

In the 2022 season, the men's team saw their best outing at the Texas A&M Invitational, posting a second-place finish. On the women's side, their best outing was at the following meet hosted by Arkansas in Fayetteville.

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The Tarleton State University women's soccer team will kick off its second season with an exhibition match, its first match against a Power-Five conference school, the Baylor Bears.

## Tarleton gears up for second season with exhibition match against Baylor

### Tarleton State University

STEPHENVILLE, Texas — The Tarleton State University women's soccer team will kick off its second season with an exhibition match, its first match against a Power-Five conference school, the Baylor Bears.

Just 363 days after its first exhibition as a program against Texas A&M – Corpus Christi, Tarleton State is opening its second season with an exhibition match against the Baylor Bears. This will be the first of two Big 12 matches this season. The Texans will travel to Houston to battle the Cougars on Aug. 27. The Texans return 10 of

their 11 starters from their final match last season. Kiki Baurmann is the only non-returning starter who graduated in the spring. Tarleton in total is returning 17 student-athletes from its inaugural team and has added seven freshman for this year's slate.

Last season, Mila Bettinelli lead the team with eight goals and 17 points and subsequently was named to the WAC All-Freshman Team. Bettinelli became the first Texan to earn a postseason honor from the conference. In addition to Bettinelli, 12 individuals were selected to the WAC All-Academic team.

Head coach Pete Cuadrado and his staff are ready for their second competition season as a group. Cuadrado is in his 21st year of coaching and has totaled 174 total wins across his tenure.

Baylor opened its 2023 campaign with a 3-2 exhibition win against Oklahoma. Sophomore Tyler Isrig stole the show assisting on the first goal and punching in the last two goals.

Baylor finished the 2022 season with a 4-11-2 record in Michelle Lenard's first season in Waco. The Bears return Ashley Merrill and Reneta Vargas who combined for nine of Baylor's 15 goals last season. BU loses

its primary goalkeeper from last season in Lauren Traywick who played 14 games accruing over 1200 minutes between the posts. Madison Martin is the only returning goalie with Oklahoma transfer Makinzie Short joining the room alongside sophomore Ashlee Zirkle who did not see playing time last season.

Michelle Lenard is coaching her 16th season. Prior to Baylor, she spent 15 seasons at the helm of the Dallas Baptist program earning 201 wins at a .705 winning percentage. This is the first meeting between Baylor and Tarleton State in the two programs' history.

## Shakur Daniel signs professional contract with AD Feniks 2010 in Macedonia

### Tarleton State University

STEPHENVILLE, Texas — After spending the last three seasons playing for head coach Billy Gillispie at Tarleton State University, Shakur Daniel has signed his first professional contract with AD Feniks 2010 of the Macedonian Superleague.

In his three seasons in Stephenville, Daniel averaged 6.9 points and 3.2 rebounds per game. In 2022, Daniel started in all 33 games he played and averaged 7.8 points per contest. He posted at least 10 points in 14 games scoring a season-high 15 at UTRGV. The Toronto, Canada native, led the Texans and the WAC playing an average of 35.7 minutes per game. He ranked 10th in the league in steals and 15th in assists during his final

season as a Texan. He was named to the Academic All-WAC Team.

As a junior in the 2020-21 season, Daniel was named honorable mention All-WAC. He averaged 7.0 points, 3.2 rebounds, 2.7 assists and 1.6 steals per game. He ranked second on the team in minutes played, assists and steals. He posted double-digit scoring figures in six games. Daniel was known for his elite ball-handling notching 13 games with one or less turnovers.

Daniel started his collegiate career at Southern Miss before transferring to play his sophomore season at Ranger College under coach Gillispie. At Ranger, Daniel was named conference defensive player of the year and earned all-conference honors. AD Feniks 2010 competes in

the Macedonian Superleague. Denis Dervisevic is in his third season as the head coach of the squad. In the 2022-23 season, Feniks 2010 finished 12-13. The Feniks 2010 dropped in the league quarterfinals to Pelister in a best-of-three series. The 12-team league features a 22-game regular season schedule and then an eight-team playoff bracket. MZT Skopt won the league title last season finishing the regular season 20-2 and touting a perfect 7-0 record in the playoffs.

Daniel becomes the second Tarleton State Texan graduate to sign a professional basketball contract in the Division I area of the program. Montre Gipson signed in the G-League a year after graduating from Tarleton in 2021.



COURTESY PHOTO

Shakur Daniel has signed his first professional contract with AD Feniks 2010 of the Macedonian Superleague.

## Texans earn recognition on GCAA Outstanding Team Academic Award

### Tarleton State University

NORMAN, Okla. — Tarleton State University Men's Golf recently announced that three Texans earned some of the highest academic awards in the sport, and now the team overall has taken one of the highest honors as well.

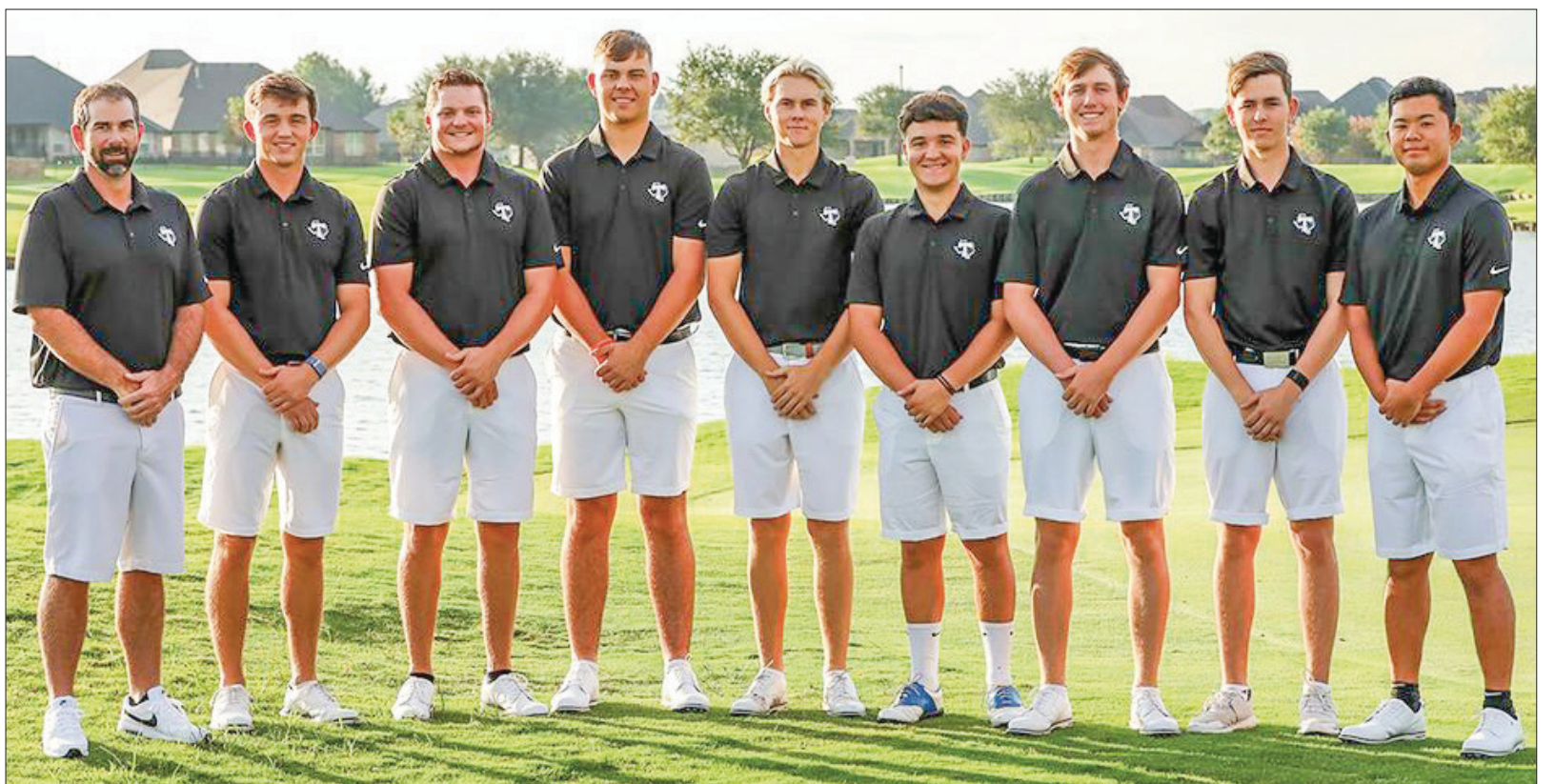
The Texans were placed on the Presidents Special Recognition list among the 2022-23 GCAA Outstanding Team Academic Award winners. In order to make the top recognition category, the team had to finish the 2022-23 season with a 3.5 GPA or higher.

The Texans are one of just 54 NCAA Division I programs on the Presidents Special Recognition list, and one of 266 schools across six divisions to earn a GCAA Outstanding Team Academic Award.

Last week, three Texans were named GCAA All-America Scholars – Jack Anderson, Alvaro Huidobro and Masen Ward. Those three were also awarded Academic All-WAC honors last month.

COURTESY PHOTO

Tarleton State University men's golf team.





# New year for 4-H begins September 1

Submitted by Becky Coward

The 2023-2024 4-H year officially kicks off Sept. 1, with enrollment beginning Aug. 15. Coryell County 4-H of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service is excited to welcome new and returning members to another year of 4-H programming and opportunity.

4-H is a club for youth ages eight to 18 in grades 3rd through 12th. All youth can join 4-H for \$25 each and will select one or many projects to participate in from the categories of agriculture and livestock, family and community health, leadership and citizenship, natural resources, and

STEM. Community service, leadership, and scholarship opportunities are also included in the offerings of this program that reaches more than 550,000 youth in Texas each year.

Starting this year, youth in kindergarten through 2nd grade may enroll in 4-H as "Clover Kids." There will be a \$10 enrollment fee for these youth. There are many projects for this age group as well. They may participate in all county level events and contests, including in the Pee Wee division of the Coryell County Youth Fair.

"The start of the new 4-H year is such an exciting time in our program," Texas 4-H Youth Development Pro-

gram Director Dr. Montza Williams said. "We hope to see members take advantage of every opportunity that 4-H has to offer this year, and we hope to see new members begin their journey in this life-changing program."

Not only do youth gain knowledge in the topic area of their choice, but life skills like communication, team-



work, citizenship, giving back, and working hard are obtained along every step of the way.

"According to past members, one of the most common 4-H benefits is friendship," Dr. Williams said. "Friendship in your county, your district, your state, and even your nation. 4-H is rich

in the opportunity to make friends who are interested in the same things you are."

The new 4-H year is not only exciting for members, but for 4-H volunteers as well. The Texas 4-H program thrives on adult volunteers, with more than 30,000 registered and background-check-approved volunteers, annually.

"The volunteers are what make this program accessible to all youth," Dr. Williams said. "We are incredibly thankful for the work our volunteers do across the state and encourage adults that have a skill to share to reach out to their County Extension Office about becoming a 4-H volunteer."

The Coryell County

AgriLife Extension Office, or Becky Coward, Coryell County 4-H Agent, can be located at 303 Veteran's Memorial Loop in Gatesville or via email at becky.coward@ag.tamu.edu or by phone at 254-865-2414. More information about 4-H enrollment or events can be found at coryell.agrilife.org and texas4-h.tamu.edu.

Coryell County 4-H will be having a Color Run kick-off event on Sept. 9 with registration starting at 7:30 a.m. at the Gatesville Civic Center. All families interested in 4-H are invited to join in for the fun. Each club will have an information booth highlighting club opportunities.

## Giving multiplied with school supplies for children overseas

Submitted item

As the school year approaches, shoebox packers are making use of back-to-school prices to purchase gifts and essential items for children in need around the world. Residents in Gatesville are collecting school supplies, along with personal care items and fun toys, to pack in shoeboxes. Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's

Purse, will deliver these gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 100 countries.

For many children, access to these simple items is essential to an education. This was the case for Justin Thomas, a shoebox recipient in Southeast Asia whose parents could not afford the supplies needed for school. Thomas remembers the specific day he received a gift-filled shoebox from

Operation Christmas Child and found it filled with toys and most exciting to him—school supplies!

Growing up with hand-me-down clothes and used items, Thomas used to write with a pencil so short that he held it using a pen cap. Having an entire packet of new pencils and a pencil sharpener all his own was a treasure to him. This simple gift had a life-changing im-

act for Thomas because it opened the doors for him to receive an education.

For more information, visit [samaritanpurse.org/occ](http://samaritanpurse.org/occ). National Collection Week is Nov. 13-20. Participants can donate \$10 per shoebox gift online through "Follow Your Box" and receive a tracking label to discover its destination. Those who prefer the convenience of online shopping can browse [samaritanpurse.org/buildonline](http://samaritanpurse.org/buildonline)

to select gifts matched to a child's specific age and gender, then finish packing the virtual shoebox by adding a photo and personal note of encouragement.

Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, seeks to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world and, together with the lo-

cal church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 209 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 170 countries and territories. This year, Operation Christmas Child will celebrate its 30th year of ministry!

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(Limit one entry per person). Entries will be tabulated weekly and the results published in the next issue of The Gatesville Messenger. The first place winner each week will receive \$20, the second place winner \$10 and the third place winner \$5. The tie breaker will be used to determine placings. In case of a tie, the money will be divided equally. To pick the tie breaker, predict the total number of points in the selected game and enter in the appropriate space on the official entry form. All entries become the property of The Gatesville Messenger. Please write clearly and be sure to enter your pick in the correct blank.

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# Gatesville Country Club to host Dirty Birdies August 26 & 27

## Staff Reports

The Gatesville Country Club presents a Dirty Birdies three-person scramble and shamble on Saturday, Aug.

26 and Sunday, Aug. 27. The entry fee will cost \$180 per player and \$540 per team.

The three-person scramble will be on Saturday, Aug. 26 and the three-person

shamble will be on Sunday, Aug. 27. The tournament tee times will be 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. with a shotgun start both days.

Private golf carts are wel-

come, and golf carts will be available to rent for the tournaments.

Handicaps will be verified by their home course and home course number.

There will be a business meeting on Saturday, Aug. 26, that will start shortly after the afternoon round.

For more information contact the clubhouse at 254-

865-6917 or Ray Feight at 254-236-2760.

50-280 (Rev. 8-19-05)

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The **OGLESBY ISD** will hold a public meeting at **6:00 PM 08/31/2023** in **Oglesby ISD Board Room**  
 125 College Ave, Oglesby, TX

**The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

<b>Maintenance Tax</b>	\$ <u>0.78970</u> /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
<b>School Debt Service Tax</b>	
<b>Approved by Local Voters</b>	\$ <u>0.00000</u> /\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

### Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	14.67	% increase	or	0.00	% (decrease)
Debt service	0.00	% increase	or	0.00	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	14.67	% increase	or	0.00	% (decrease)

### Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Tax Code Section 26.04)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 179,293,054	\$ 200,813,681
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 3,796,410	\$ 3,904,320
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 132,938,390	\$ 129,210,702
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 3,342,155	\$ 3,380,935

\* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(8).  
 \*\* "New property" is defined by Tax Code Section 26.012(17).  
 \*\*\* "Taxable value" is defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(10).

### Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness\* \$ 0.00

\* Outstanding principal.

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### Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
<b>Last Year's Rate</b>	\$ 0.94290	\$ 0.00000*	\$ 0.94290	\$ 6.579	\$ 8.236
<b>Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance &amp; Operations Revenue &amp; Pay Debt Service</b>	\$ 0.66855	\$ 0.00000*	\$ 0.66855	\$ 4.768	\$ 9.878
<b>Proposed Rate</b>	\$ 0.78970	\$ 0.00000*	\$ 0.78970	\$ 5.611	\$ 9.589

\* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

### Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 191,539	\$ 354,085
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 123,462	\$ 78,517
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 0.94290	\$ 0.78970
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 1,164.12	\$ 620.05
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ (544.07)

**Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.**

**Notice of Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 0.78970. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of 0.78970.**

### Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 1,550,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0.00

A school district may not increase the district's maintenance and operations tax rate to create a surplus in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the purpose of paying the district's debt service.

## Keeping dogs cool

### Submitted item

Dr. Gabriela Rivas, a veterinary resident in emergency and critical care at the Texas A&M School of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, says dogs can easily experience heat strokes during warmer months because they do not have the same capacity to produce sweat like humans do.

Sweating is a natural and efficient way to decrease body temperature and cool the skin by using excess body heat to convert sweat into vapor; because dogs are covered in fur and do not have sweat glands on most of their body, sweat on the skin cannot evaporate into vapor to cool them.

As a result, if dogs are unable to cool down through other means, heat exhaustion can turn into a heat stroke, a condition that requires veterinary intervention and ongoing monitoring.

"Dogs rely heavily on panting and drooling to get rid of excess heat, and heat strokes occur when these cooling methods become less effective, especially in hot and humid environments or if a pet is left in an area with poor ventilation, such as inside a vehicle," Rivas said. "There are also several factors such as obesity; breed conformation, or a dog's overall structure and appearance; and underlying diseases, such as seizures, advanced age, cardiovascular disease, and airway disease - that put them at risk of heat strokes at any time of the year."

Dogs that experience heat exhaustion - a body temperature roughly between 103- and 106-degrees Fahrenheit - may pant heavily, avoid playing or exercising, and lie in the shade outside or on a cool surface inside such as tile or hardwood.

Yet signs of a heat stroke - a body temperature greater than 106 degrees Fahrenheit - are more extensive, including collapse or weakness; drooling; excessive panting; respiratory distress, meaning fluid fills the lungs instead of oxygen; disorientation; seizures; or a sudden onset of vomiting or diarrhea. These symptoms can worsen, according to Rivas, if they are not treated by a veterinarian.

"Heat stroke is a medical emergency because as the body temperature rises, different organ systems may become severely injured by the excess in heat," Rivas

said. "Organ injury can lead to life-threatening complications such as shock, abnormal heart rhythms, clotting disorders, severe dehydration, systemic infection, or seizures. In some instances, a pet can experience multiple organ dysfunction or death."

Dogs experiencing a heat stroke will require immediate intensive care and most likely require active cooling, fluid therapy, anti-nausea medications, and electrolyte supplementation to treat symptoms and possible organ injury. Because of this, Rivas emphasizes how important it is that dog owners recognize when their pet is mildly overheated or on the verge of a heat stroke in order to take appropriate action sooner rather than later.

"When a dog overheats, owners can start cooling methods by moving their pet to a cool and shaded area, wetting them with lukewarm water and using a fan," Rivas said. "But if at any point an owner is concerned about heat stroke in their pet, they should seek veterinary care immediately. In the meantime, owners can use their car's air conditioning while they transport their pet to a veterinary clinic."

"Ice water and water submersion should be avoided, as these methods can lead to extreme drops in body temperature, potentially trapping heat in areas that can damage organs further and make it harder for a dog to dissipate the heat," Rivas said. "Pets with heat stroke can also lose consciousness, which makes submerging them in water dangerous."

Since extreme heat can be damaging to both a cat's or dog's health, Rivas emphasizes that prevention is key by providing plenty of access to drinking water and shade when outdoors; avoiding walks and strenuous exercise during hot and humid weather; and never leaving a pet unattended in a vehicle.

With several months of hot weather still ahead and temperatures even reaching into the triple digits in some areas, pet owners should ensure their furry friend is safe from potential heat-related illness so that they can be happy and cool for the summer.

Pet Talk is a service of the School of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, Texas A&M University. Stories can be viewed on the web at [vetmed.tamu.edu/news/pet-talk](http://vetmed.tamu.edu/news/pet-talk).

## SUDOKU

Solution for the puzzle that ran August 12.

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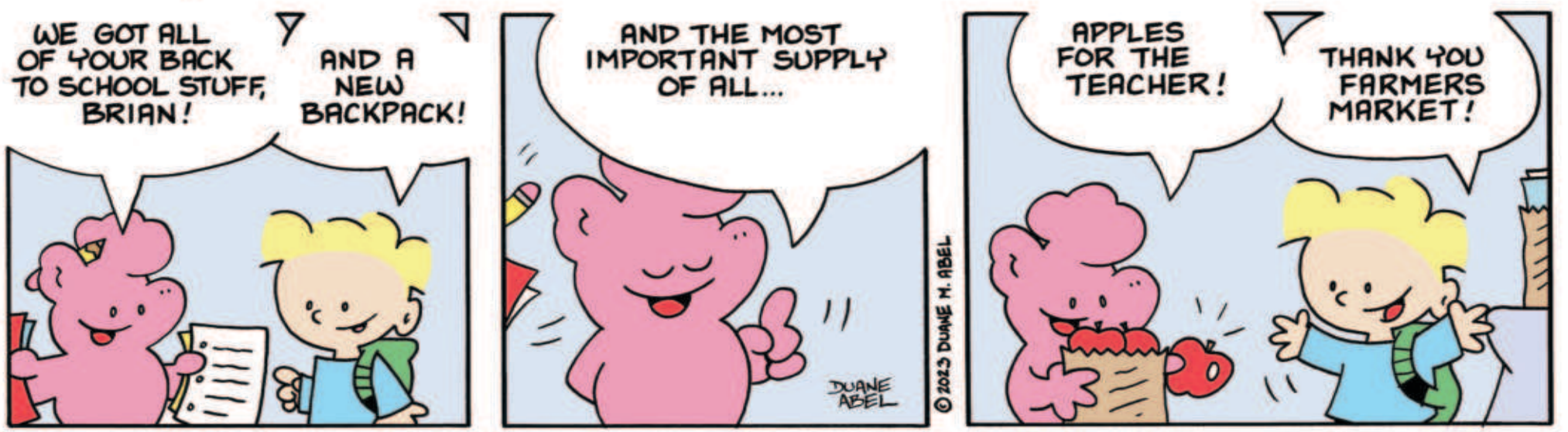
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## Baseball has the dog days of summer but high school volleyball has no such thing

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Less than two weeks into their season, the Gatesville Lady Hornets have played 11 games and are in the midst of their second tournament in as many weekends.

Gatesville opened their season with wins over University High and Temple High before turning in a 3-5 showing at the AISD Jason Landers Invitational in Austin.

The Hornets dropped their first three group stage

matches to Austin LASA (25-18, 25-19), Pflugerville Connally (25-16, 25-17), and Copperas Cove (25-10, 25-17) then beat Travis Early College HS (25-6, 25-14) and Manor New Tech (25-11, 25-11) in the division round.

They finished with a final

round of bracket play where they fell to Huntsville (30-29, 25-19) and Arlington Lamar (25-17, 25-11) before finishing with a win over Lopez Early College HS (22-25, 25-20, 25-21).

On Aug. 15, the Lady Hornets fell to Belton in three sets 25-21, 25-12, 25-14. All 11 games the Lady Hornets have played thus far have been against 5A or 6A schools.

"We go to the Austin Tournament to see some tough competition, which we did," said head coach Janey Weber. "Playing against bigger, competitive schools was

an eye opener for all of us. We want to play teams that are going to push us and prepare us for district. The teams we faced made us think, be scrappy, be vocal, and be quick."

Weber said that there were positives from the three-day, eight-game sprint in Austin but also plenty to work on back in Gatesville.

"Our energy was not where it needed to be throughout the tournament, which is something we want to get consistent the further we move along into our season. As a team we struggled at the beginning, but I felt

like by the end of the tournament we came out with great insight. This tournament showed us specific things we need to improve to reach the level we want to be at, along with helping the girls develop chemistry," she said.

Emma Pollard turned in 12 kills and seven blocks in Gatesville's win over Temple and Weber specifically cited the progress of senior Barrett Boyd and freshman Anna McPherson as they adjust to the setter position.

"Both of our setters are doing a good job of transitioning into that role - which

is a tough role to fill. They both saw a lot of reps this first tournament and have improved quite a bit," she said. "The girls are starting to play well together and connect."

The Lady Hornets hosted the Gatesville Invitational on Thursday with matches against Lampasas, Waco High, and McGregor. They will travel to Academy for a match on Aug. 22 then finish the tournament season at the Academy Tournament.



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Emma Pollard



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Barrett Boyd



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Anna McPherson

## Flag football & volleyball registration open through August 31

### Staff Reports

Gatesville Parks and Recreation has opened registration for youth flag football and volleyball. Registration for both leagues opened on Friday, July 21 and will close

on Thursday, Aug. 31 and will cost \$50 per participant.

To register visit [www.teamsside.com/GatesvilleTX](http://www.teamsside.com/GatesvilleTX).

Flag football divisions will include five years old and

kindergarten, first and second grade, third and fourth grade, and fifth and sixth grade. Skills day will be Saturday, Sept. 2, and the draft will be during the week of Wednesday, Sept. 6.

The flag football season will begin on Monday, Oct. 2 with a game each Monday or Tuesday.

Youth volleyball divisions will include third and fourth grade, along with fifth and

sixth grade. There will be a draft during the week of Wednesday, Sept. 6.

The volleyball season will commence on Saturday, Oct. 7 with a game each week on Saturday.

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