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\$800,000 settlement reached with Coryell County jail death case

BY KAYLEE DUSANG
Staff Writer

Six years ago, 46-year-old Coryell County Jail inmate Kelli Page died while in custody after two jailers attempted to restrain her.

Page died at the Coryell County Jail on Oct. 8, 2017. Video footage from the jail shows a struggle between Page and the two jailers after they entered her cell. It shows Page trying to

communicate with the jailers, and then shows them pepper spray and restrain her on the floor, where she died.

An autopsy report by the medical examiner revealed that Page died of mechanical asphyxia in association with physical restraint. It also claims she had several illnesses at the time of her death, including obesity,

hypertensive cardiovascular disease, and cirrhosis.

Two years later, constitutional rights lawyer Dean Malone filed a lawsuit on behalf of the family in federal court in Waco on Jan. 30, 2019.

According to a news release distributed by Malone's office on Sept. 1, the jail was aware of her illnesses. The release also

states that Coryell County's written policies require a team of at least five jailers when attempting to extract someone from their jail cell.

"In my opinion, Coryell County knew the day the lawsuit was filed, that it should settle claims arising out of Kelli's death," Malone said in the news release.

"Nevertheless, Kelli's family was forced to wait years,

through an initial loss without a trial in the district court, and the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals reversing that loss, and then having to begin preparing for a trial before Coryell County finally tried to resolve the case."

The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans set aside the judgment on July 14, 2022, and

then the case was returned to trial court. Before the trial was set to begin, an \$800,000 settlement was reached between Coryell County and Page's family representative.

"I am relieved to see this situation resolved after nearly six years," The Coryell County Sheriff's office

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Look forward to new entertainment and familiar favorites at the 22nd annual Spurfest

BY KAYLEE DUSANG
Staff Writer

Every year, the community gathers to celebrate the heritage of Coryell County at Spurfest. For its 22nd anniversary, the annual festival returns with a variety of games, music, and performances for families.

Hosted by The Coryell County Museum and Historical Center, Spurfest not only provides a day full of entertainment, but also gives locals and out-of-towners the opportunity to connect with Coryell County history and pay homage to the museum's

renowned spur collection.

"It's not just for the kids, it's for the adults too. It's important to know the history, what role Coryell County played in the development of Texas, and celebrating that and being able to see it," said Ervin Adams, Board President of the Co-

ryell County Museum.

Games and activities for children can be found in rooms throughout the museum, including pin the tail on the horse, a cactus throw, pictures by the old jail, and a guess-the-number-of-beans contest. However, visitors of all

ages can enjoy listening to live dulcimer music, attend a cowboy talk at the chuckwagon, and try samples at a butter churning demonstration. Waco's Karem Cowboys will return to Spurfest with skits and reenactments inspired by the Wild West.

This year's event also brings new performances and artists. Additions include martial arts and medieval sword work on the square as well as a Waxahachie-based poet who

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Franks named new Liaison at Chamber

BY DAVID SCOTT
Staff Writer

Recently named as the new Chamber of Commerce Liaison is Gatesville native, Latana Franks, who succeeds Tiffany Hoops-Turner as the director/liaison of the organization.

Gatesville Chamber of Commerce President Mason Matthews said, "Please

help us in welcoming Latana. She has excitedly accepted this position and

is ready to serve as a voice for her community. She feels blessed to be a part of such a tight-knit, loving society. Throughout the years she has watched this small town come together through difficult times."

"Her knowledge of the City of Gatesville, not just through being a member of our community, but also through volunteering in numerous organizations and her servitude as an

ambassador, makes her the perfect candidate for the position. We feel she will be a great asset as the new chamber of commerce liaison, growing business and building community," Matthews said.

Assuming her new role, Franks said, "I am excited to bring ideas to the chamber. One of my biggest missions is to provide more events

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Latana Franks

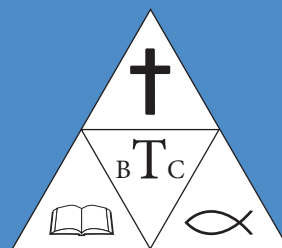
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Texas A&M Forest Service served a donated meal

BY ALEXANDRA MEELBUSCH
Staff Writer

As a result of a massive wildfire covering over 138 acres total in Coryell County, the Texas A&M Forest Service along with five other departments were called onto the scene and have been working anywhere from 14 to 21 days (about 3 weeks) on this assignment.

Tana Snoddy, owner of Feed Mill, a restaurant located in Gatesville, decided to feed over 65 forest service members with a free meal provided by donations from within the community.

The funds were donated by an estimated 40 local businesses and individuals in Gatesville on Thursday, Aug. 24.

Plans for the donation meal were made on the same day it happened.

"We found out that morning that it was happening and got donations by the afternoon," Snoddy said.

Snoddy raised enough in donations for each forest service member who attended to receive a free meal to honor them for their service.

"They helped us, and this community helps each other," Snoddy said.

The Texas A&M Forest Ser-

vice and five departments were present for the meal, including the Cherokee Hotshots from TN, the Maine department, the West Virginia department, the Colorado department, the Wisconsin department, and a handful from local state agencies.

The Texas A&M Forest Service handles extensive work after a wildfire, which consists of repairing containment lines and knocking down berms, repairing roadways and trails, as well as any staging areas, safety zones or drop points built and utilized by fire crews during response.

The Texas A&M Forest Service and the local departments have continued working to stabilize the area and return it to as close to its natural state as possible.

The remainder of the money that wasn't used for the meal will be split equally and donated to each volunteer fire department across Coryell County.

When asked why providing a donation meal was important to Snoddy, she explained, "It just makes me feel good to help people."

The Feed Mill is located at 108 N. 6th St. in Gatesville.

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Members of the Texas A&M Forest Service enjoy a meal provided by The Feed Mill and other local businesses.

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said in an email. "Ms. Page's death was unfortunate, but it is important to remember that our jailers did nothing wrong and used appropriate force during the encounter, a fact

confirmed by the Texas Rangers during their investigation, and no criminal charges were ever filed."

The Coryell County Sheriff's office added that the jailers were removed from the civil case on Aug. 22 at the request of the plaintiffs.

"Families whose loved ones die in Texas jails

should not have to wait years for justice," Malone said. "The law and procedure regarding jail neglect and abuse cases needs to change. Years of delay leaves families wondering whether justice will ever come."

SPURFEST

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calls himself the "Cowboy Lariat."

The Spurfest raffle returns with drawings for a quilt adorned with a spur motif and two framed art prints of the Coryell County Courthouse by local artist Jon Brown. Raffle tickets can be purchased for \$20 at

the museum.

"It's one of the big events in Gatesville that draws people from out of town," said Catherine Fulton, board member of the Coryell County Museum.

Visitors can also check out the museum's latest exhibits: a room filled with antique toys and a photo wall of pro football players from Coryell County.

Along with Spurfest,

festival goers can attend the 37th annual Cruzin Cruzers Car Show on the courthouse square and the Old Time Fiddlers Contest in the City Auditorium.

Spurfest will take place on Sept. 16, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Coryell County Museum and in downtown Gatesville. Admission to the museum is free.

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and activities for our members and our community."

"One of those ideas is actually a shared idea between myself and Morgan Smart with the City of Gatesville for a first annual December Market Day on Dec. 9. The event will follow our parade with extended hours from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. at the Gatesville Civic Center," she said.

Franks continued, "The chamber is constantly learning and growing. We are developing a stronger social media platform along with a more informative and interactive website. We are setting policy and procedures in place to provide education and networking to our members and information and knowledge to our community. The executive board and I are adamant

and passionate to educate ourselves on what the chamber of commerce on a national, state, and local level needs to do to be successful for our members."

Franks said that the chamber plans to reach out to surrounding communities in order to build more opportunities in our own community and provide them with information about Gatesville and events it will be hosting.

"This is not only beneficial, in my opinion, but also crucial for positive economic growth," she said.

Latana Franks is a lifelong Gatesville resident who cherishes the enriched history of her hometown.

She attended school in Gatesville and was a member of the GHS Class of 2005.

Franks would later return to Gatesville Independent School District where she was hired as a substitute teacher when

the schools opened again after the pandemic.

Franks said that her roots are deep in her faith, and that she has been a member of Grace Assembly Christian Church for over 20 years. She has served in many ministries over the years including children's ministry, praise and worship, assistant administrator, and on the media team.

Her love for people led her into real estate in order to help families find the community they want to grow roots in. One of her greatest passions is serving on the F.I.R.E. board, which stands for Faith in Real Estate. The ministry was created through the planning and hard work of several believers, including Franks, to bring faith-minded people in the real estate business together to show that they can have faith in their business.

She and her husband of almost 10 years, Travis Franks, also have a drone photography business that they operate together. She is the proud mother of four children and loves to volunteer, coach, and support the crowds during their events. She considers her children to be her pride and joy and stated that they will forever be her greatest blessings.

Upon assuming her new position at the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce, she said, "We are a town based strongly on moral fiber, kindness, and genuine love for each other. I love my hometown and will forever be proud to call Gatesville home."

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Folks around town



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Scott Albert

Say hello to our neighbor, Scott Albert!

Scott has been the City Manager for the City of Gatesville since early May and says that the most rewarding aspect of his job is having the opportunity to enhance the current quality of life for residents and businesses, while also focusing on the future of Gatesville. He has been residing in Coryell County for nearly four months and enjoys the small-town charm and values, as well as the potential for the community to become a prominent tourist destination. Scott regularly reads The Gatesville Messenger to stay informed about events and activities that have been scheduled to occur within the community. "While I make an effort to stay updated on local happenings, the newspaper offers an additional avenue for me to remain informed about other organizations and individuals in Gatesville," Albert said.

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

FROM MY FRONT PORCH

It has to be five o'clock somewhere!



BY SAM HOUSTON

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

Over the past weekend a music icon left this world. There is little doubt he is wearing angel wings, but I picture he is also donning a Hawaiian shirt and flip flops as he passes through the gates of heaven.

Jimmy Buffet was more than a musician or an entertainer. He was a lifestyle.

He is being lauded by the press as an extraordinary businessman who from very humble beginnings created hotels, restaurants, and a musical entertainment empire. His net worth at the time of his death exceeds \$600 million; a far cry from the first time he went to Key West. Traveling with Texas music legend Jerry Jeff Walker, the friends spent the better part of two weeks fixing up Jerry Jeff's 47 Packard so they could make the trip from Miami. It was the very start of Jimmy Buffet's life journey to Margaritaville and what a wild ride it was.

Presidents, captains of

industry, and everyday folks from all walks of life stopped when they learned of his death. They took a moment to pause and relive the memories of his music and the experiences they associated with hearing his songs.

Elton John, Willie Nelson, and no less than Sir Paul McCartney took the time to post a special tribute to the man they called a close, personal friend and a musical genius.

Jimmy Buffet was more than an entertainer. He was an escape artist. No, not another Houdini who could free himself from being handcuffed and locked in a straight jacket. Rather, Buffet was a transformer who,

through his music, would allow people to escape from the stress and burdens of everyday existence. His melodies could unlock the heavy chains of life and allow people to smile and rejoice. In the Church of Margaritaville, Reverend Buffet preached that having harmless fun was ok. He showed people it was all right to stop and take a breath, enjoy their friends and the world around them, and relish the beauty and pleasures which life provides us.

Fans who went to his concerts, became known as "Parrotheads," and though his most successful music was created nearly 50 years ago, it is hard to find someone who does not know the words to at least some of his songs.

When Buffet and Alan Jackson created, "It's Five O'clock Somewhere," a tribute to having a drink to relax and enjoy the day, it became a mantra for a wide segment of the population. It allowed them to demon-

strate that while they did not mind working hard, they wanted to step back for just a second, relax, and have peace of mind.

Yes, I was a fan. While I enjoyed the music, I think what I enjoyed most was seeing the reaction of others to the songs and the aura. Jimmy Buffet made "fun" cool. He made casualness acceptable; He impacted people through his music like few the world has ever seen.

It will be a lesser world without him, but he will rest in peace knowing that somewhere in the world, someone will be having a drink and toasting him and giving thanks for his amazing gifts. After all, it is 5 o'clock somewhere, isn't it? It does not get better than that.

Thought for the day: "I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination." Jimmy Buffet

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DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Construction on new jail walls began the week of Sept. 4.

County Commissioners say jail expansion is on schedule

BY KAYLEE DUSANG
Staff Writer

The expansion of the Coryell County jail that will add 47 new beds to the facility continues to make progress.

Coryell County Commissioners Ryan Basham and Scott Weddle met with the architect and building firm

on Wednesday to discuss development on the jail. Basham said they are making progress on the walls, inmate cells, and roof.

"As of right now, they are on schedule," Basham said.

As of Wednesday, he said the walls are going up, and plumbing and electricity for the cells are being installed

this week.

Construction on the roof will begin over the next few weeks. The steel work for the roof will start at the end of September, and the roof will go up after Oct. 1.

"There is no deadline for when it will be up, but they will be starting it at that time," Basham said.

Commissioner Weddle said they have been working with a contractor to secure long-lead items that could have delivery times of up to 20 weeks, such as furniture, beds, and security functions like locks and doors.

"Our contractor is doing a great job getting it all in order," he said. "We are stor-

ing some of the stuff, but it's better than to wait."

Weddle said that plans for the parking lot should be finalized by the end of this month.

Current construction will not affect traffic or cause road closures in the area. Weddle adds that current construction does not im-

pact inmates in the existing jail.

The new jail is scheduled to be completed by March 2024.

"We do not see any current delays on our schedule," Weddle said.

23rd annual Exchange and Lions Club golf scramble

Staff Reports

The Gatesville Exchange Club and Lions Club will host its 23rd annual golf scramble on Saturday, Sept. 9 at the Gatesville Country Club. Registration will begin

at 7:30 a.m., and there will be a shotgun start at 9 a.m.

Players will be able to form their own teams of four, or there will be a sign-up area with a team list to choose from. It will cost

\$200 per team, which is \$50 per team member. The cost includes the cart, food, and green fees.

There will be various other contests such as door prizes, the longest drive, and

closest to the pin. A \$5,000 Hole-in-One contest will be held as well as three other Hole-in-One prizes that are sponsored by First National Bank.

The team prizes will in-

clude first place for \$500, fourth place for \$400, and eighth place for \$200.

To sign up for the golf scramble, contact Alan Mathis at 254-289-1651 or Linda Klontz at 937-206-

6218, or by visiting the Gatesville Country Club, which is located at 1212 Golf Course Rd. The Gatesville Country Club can be reached at 254-865-6917.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS FOR THE NOVEMBER 7, 2023 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION

**Proposition Number 1
(HJR 126)**

HJR 126 proposes a constitutional amendment to protect a person's right to engage in generally accepted farm, ranch, timber production, horticulture, or wildlife management practices on real property that the person owns or leases. The proposed amendment would not affect the authority of the legislature to authorize the regulation of these practices by: (1) a state agency or political subdivision as necessary to protect the public health and safety from imminent danger; (2) a state agency to prevent a danger to animal health or crop production; or (3) a state agency or political subdivision to preserve or conserve the natural resources of the state under the Texas Constitution. Additionally, the proposed amendment would not affect the legislature's authority to authorize the use or acquisition of property for a public use, including the development of natural resources under the Texas Constitution.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment protecting the right to engage in farming, ranching, timber production, horticulture, and wildlife management."**

**Proposition Number 2
(SJR 64)**

SJR 64 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the governing body of a county or municipality to exempt from property taxation all or part of the appraised value of real property used to operate a child-care facility. The proposed amendment would authorize the governing body to adopt the exemption as a percentage of the appraised value of the property, but that percentage could not be less than 50% of the appraised value of the property. The proposed amendment also would allow the legislature to define the term "child-care facility" and to establish additional eligibility requirements to receive the property tax exemption.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment authorizing a local option exemption from ad valorem taxation by a county or municipality of all or part of the appraised value of real property used to operate a child-care facility."**

**Proposition Number 3
(HJR 132)**

HJR 132 proposes a constitutional amendment to prohibit the legislature from imposing a tax based on the wealth or net worth of an individual or family. The proposed amendment also would prohibit the legislature from imposing a tax based on the difference between the assets and liabilities of an individual or family.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment prohibiting the imposition of an individual wealth or net worth tax, including a tax on the difference between the assets and liabilities of an individual or family."**

**Proposition Number 4
(HJR 2- Second Special Session)**

HJR 2 proposes a constitutional amendment to modify certain provisions of the Texas Constitution related to property taxes. The proposed amendment would authorize the legislature to temporarily limit the maximum appraised value of real property for property tax purposes in a tax year. The proposed amendment also would increase the mandatory homestead exemption for school district property taxation from \$40,000 to \$100,000. The proposed amendment would require the legislature to provide for a reduction in the amount of the limitation on school district property taxes imposed on the residence homestead of the elderly or disabled. Additionally, the amendment would exempt appropriations not dedicated by the Texas Constitution and used for property tax relief from being considered as appropriations when determining whether the rate of growth of appropriations in a biennium has exceeded the constitutional tax spending limit. The proposed amendment would further authorize the legislature to provide that members serving on an appraisal board in a county with a population of at least 75,000 serve terms not to exceed four years.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to establish a temporary limit on the maximum appraised value of real property other than a residence homestead for ad valorem tax purposes; to increase the amount of the exemption**

from ad valorem taxation by a school district applicable to residence homesteads from \$40,000 to \$100,000; to adjust the amount of the limitation on school district ad valorem taxes imposed on the residence homesteads of the elderly or disabled to reflect increases in certain exemption amounts; to except certain appropriations to pay for ad valorem tax relief from the constitutional limitation on the rate of growth of appropriations; and to authorize the legislature to provide for a four-year term of office for a member of the board of directors of certain appraisal districts."

**Proposition Number 5
(HJR 3)**

HJR 3 proposes a constitutional amendment to redesignate the national research university fund as the Texas University Fund (TUF), and to appropriate funds from the economic stabilization fund to the TUF. The proposed amendment would appropriate to the TUF an amount equal to the interest income, dividends, and investment earnings attributable to the economic stabilization fund for the preceding state fiscal year. The appropriation amount could not exceed \$100 million for the state fiscal year beginning September 1, 2023, or an amount adjusted for the increase in the general price index, not to exceed two percent, in subsequent state fiscal years. The proposed amendment also would prohibit any state university that is entitled to participate in dedicated funding provided by Article VII, Section 18 of the Texas Constitution from receiving money from the TUF.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment relating to the Texas University Fund, which provides funding to certain institutions of higher education to achieve national prominence as major research universities and drive the state economy."**

**Proposition Number 6
(SJR 75)**

SJR 75 proposes a constitutional amendment to create the Texas water fund. The Texas water fund would be a special fund in the state treasury outside the general revenue fund, administered by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) or its successor to assist in financing water projects in the state. The proposed amendment would direct the Texas water fund administrator to use the fund only to transfer money to other TWDB funds or accounts. The proposed amendment would authorize the legislature to appropriate money for deposit to the water fund to be available for permitted transfers. No further legislative appropriation would be required for the water fund administrator to transfer money from or restore money to the fund, including the transfer of money to or the restoration of money from certain designated TWDB funds and accounts. The water fund would consist of: (1) money transferred or deposited to the fund by general law; (2) other revenue that the legislature by statute dedicates for deposit to the fund; (3) investment earnings and interest earned on amounts credited to the fund; (4) money from gifts, grants, and donations to the fund; and (5) money returned from any authorized transfer. The proposed amendment would require the legislature, by general law, to provide for the manner in which money from the Texas water fund may be used. The proposed amendment also would require that at least 25% of the money initially appropriated to the Texas water fund be transferred to the New Water Supply for Texas Fund.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment creating the Texas water fund to assist in financing water projects in this state."**

**Proposition Number 7
(SJR 93)**

SJR 93 proposes a constitutional amendment to establish the Texas energy fund. The Texas energy fund would be a special fund in the state treasury outside the general revenue fund, administered by the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) or its successor. Money in the Texas energy fund could be used, without further appropriation, only by PUC or its successor to provide loans and grants to finance or incentivize the construction, maintenance, modernization, and operation of electric generating facilities necessary to ensure the reliability or adequacy of an electric power grid in the state. The proposed amendment

would require PUC to allocate money from the fund for loans and grants to eligible projects for electric generating facilities that serve as backup power sources and in each region of the state that is part of an electric power grid in proportion to that region's load share. The Texas energy fund would consist of: (1) money credited, appropriated, or transferred to the fund by or as authorized by the legislature; (2) revenue that the legislature dedicates for deposit to the fund; (3) the returns received from the investment of the money in the fund; and (4) gifts, grants, and donations contributed to the fund.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the Texas energy fund to support the construction, maintenance, modernization, and operation of electric generating facilities."**

**Proposition Number 8
(HJR 125)**

HJR 125 proposes a constitutional amendment to create the broadband infrastructure fund. The broadband infrastructure fund would be a special fund in the state treasury outside the general revenue fund, administered by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (Comptroller). Money from the fund could be used, without further appropriation, only for the expansion of access to and adoption of broadband and telecommunications services. The broadband infrastructure fund would consist of: (1) money transferred or deposited to the fund by the Texas Constitution, general law, or the General Appropriations Act; (2) revenue that the legislature by general law dedicates for deposit to the fund; (3) investment earnings and interest earned on money in the fund; and (4) gifts, grants, and donations to the fund. The proposed amendment would authorize the Comptroller to transfer money from the broadband infrastructure fund to another fund as provided by general law, and the state agency that administers the fund to which any money is transferred could use the money without further appropriation only for the expansion of access to and adoption of broadband and telecommunications services. The broadband infrastructure fund would expire on September 1, 2035, unless extended by adoption of a joint resolution of the legislature. Immediately before the expiration of the fund, the Comptroller would be required to transfer any unexpended and unobligated balance remaining in the broadband infrastructure fund to the general revenue fund.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment creating the broadband infrastructure fund to expand high-speed broadband access and assist in the financing of connectivity projects."**

**Proposition Number 9
(HJR 2)**

HJR 2 proposes a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to provide a cost-of-living adjustment to eligible annuitants of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS). The proposed amendment also would authorize the legislature to appropriate money from the general revenue fund to the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts to pay the cost-of-living adjustment.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment authorizing the 88th Legislature to provide a cost-of-living adjustment to certain annuitants of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas."**

**Proposition Number 10
(SJR 87)**

SJR 87 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to exempt from property taxation tangible personal property held by a medical or biomedical manufacturer as a finished good or used in the manufacturing or processing of medical or biomedical products.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation equipment or inventory held by a manufacturer of medical or biomedical products to protect the Texas healthcare network and strengthen our medical supply chain."**

**Proposition Number 11
(SJR 32)**

SJR 32 proposes a constitutional amendment to expand the authority of the

legislature with regard to conservation and reclamation districts in El Paso County. The Texas Constitution permits conservation and reclamation districts in certain counties across the state to issue bonds to fund the development and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities but does not currently provide this authority to El Paso County. The proposed amendment would add conservation and reclamation districts in El Paso County to those districts currently allowed, if authorized by general law, to issue bonds supported by property taxes to fund the development and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities. The proposed amendment would not limit the powers of the legislature or of a conservation and reclamation district with respect to parks and recreational facilities as those powers currently exist.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit conservation and reclamation districts in El Paso County to issue bonds supported by ad valorem taxes to fund the development and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities."**

**Proposition Number 12
(HJR 134)**

HJR 134 proposes a constitutional amendment to abolish the office of County Treasurer in Galveston County. The amendment would authorize the Galveston County Commissioners Court to employ or contract with a qualified person or designate another county officer to perform any functions that would have been performed by the County Treasurer. The proposed amendment would take effect only if a majority of the voters of Galveston County voting on the proposition favor the amendment.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment providing for the abolition of the office of county treasurer in Galveston County."**

**Proposition Number 13
(HJR 107)**

HJR 107 proposes a constitutional amendment to increase the mandatory retirement age for state justices and judges. Currently, the Texas Constitution establishes that justices and judges of the appellate courts, district courts, and criminal district courts must retire on the expiration of the term during which they reach the age of 75 years or an earlier age, not less than 70 years, as the legislature may prescribe. The proposed amendment would change the mandatory retirement age for justices and judges of the appellate courts, district courts, and criminal district courts to 79 years or an earlier age, not less than 75 years, as the legislature may prescribe. The proposed amendment also would remove the provision stating that justices and judges may only serve until December 31 of their fourth year in office if they reach the age of 75 years in the first four years of a six-year term.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment to increase the mandatory age of retirement for state justices and judges."**

**Proposition Number 14
(SJR 74)**

SJR 74 proposes a constitutional amendment to establish the centennial parks conservation fund as a trust fund outside the state treasury. The fund could be used, in accordance with general law, only for the creation and improvement of state parks. The centennial parks conservation fund would consist of: (1) money appropriated, credited, or transferred to the fund by the legislature; (2) gifts, grants, and donations received by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) or its successor for a purpose for which money in the fund may be used; and (3) investment earnings and interest earned on amounts credited to the fund. The proposed amendment would authorize the legislature to appropriate money from the centennial parks conservation fund to TPWD or its successor for the creation and improvement of state parks.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the centennial parks conservation fund to be used for the creation and improvement of state parks."**

Old Time Fiddlers Contest to be held September 16

Staff Reports

The Texas Old Time Fiddlers Association will have its annual Gatesville Old Time Fiddlers Contest on Saturday, Sept. 16 at the Gatesville City Auditorium during Spurfest.

The Texas Old Time Fiddlers Association contest will begin at noon, drawing top fiddlers from across the state to compete for prizes. Contestants will compete by age in categories ranging from under 10 years to 60-plus.

Admission is free, and spectators are welcome to come and go throughout the day. The Old Time Fiddlers Contest is one of three free events in downtown Gatesville on Saturday, September 16.

Residents and visitors are encouraged to view the custom and classic cars that will line the courthouse square during the Cruzin Cruzers Car Show, visit the Coryell Museum and Historical Center for Spurfest activities, and drop in to hear some good old time fiddle music

at the city auditorium.

The Master of the Ceremony will be Wes Westmoreland, President of Texas Old Time Fiddle Association is a four-time world champion fiddler.

Those interested in sponsorship opportunities or those who would like to be a supporter with a donation, contact Sherry Hopson at 254-223-3939. Hopson can also be contacted for details about entering the contest.

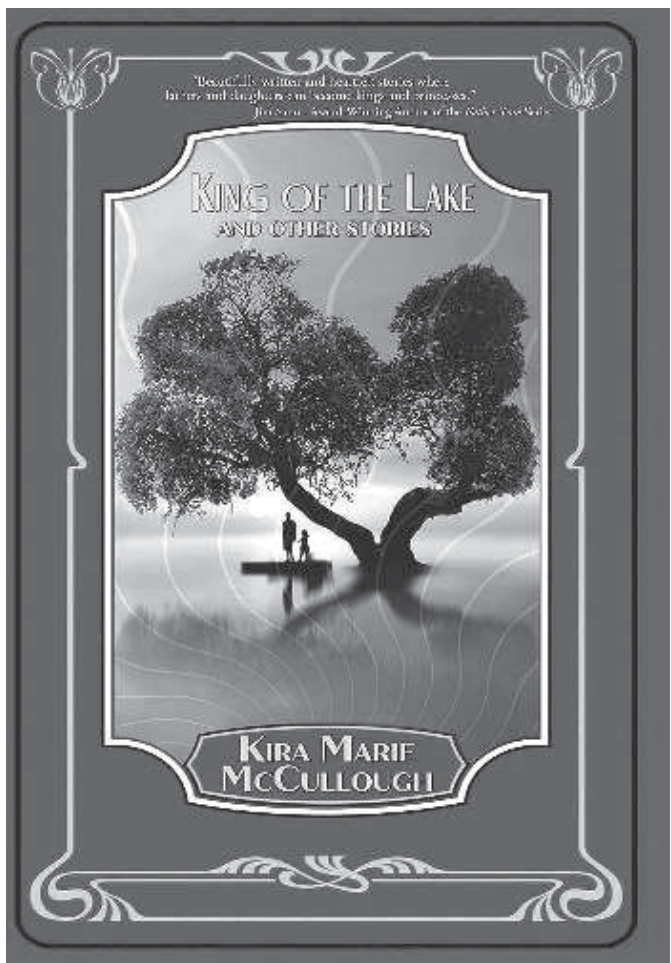
The Gatesville City Auditorium is located at 110 N. 8th Street.



Wes Westmoreland plays the fiddle to entertain an audience.

COURTESY PHOTO

The Old Time Fiddlers Contest is one of three free events in downtown Gatesville on Saturday, September 16. Other events include the Cruzin Cruzers Car Show on the courthouse square and the Spurfest at the Coryell Museum and Historical Center.



COURTESY PHOTO

"King of the Lake and Other Stories" written by Temple author Kira Marie McCullough.

Realizing a dream



BY TUMBLEWEED SMITH

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

Dude Ham was a retired King Ranch cowboy who opened a diner in Bliss, Texas. Dinner music was provided by a tuba player who performed all kinds of music, even Italian love songs.

The above is from a fictional story in a book of short stories titled "King of the Lake and Other Stories," written by Temple author Kira Marie McCullough.

"From the time I was eight years old, I always wanted to be a published author. I guess it all started when I was in the third grade, and the teacher showed a film of an author during an interview talking about a

book that he had written for a third grader. I was so impressed listening to this author and what it was like to be a writer and make books. I thought to myself, 'That's what I want to be someday. I want to write a book and be interviewed by somebody.'"

One of the first things she wrote, as a third grader, was a letter to President Nixon, asking him to end the Vietnam War.

"In it, I said, 'We need more peas in the world.' I didn't know how to spell peace. I spelled it peas."

Kira did some writing in middle school and high school, then got married, had three children, and led a peaceful life as a wife and mother.

"About ten years ago, I decided it was time to take my dream off the shelf. So, I went back to school, got a degree in English, and started writing short stories. Some of them got published while I was working in public relations and broadcast news. One of my good friends, who was a publisher at WordCraft Press, said 'Let's put these stories in a book.' So, we did. And that became "King of the Lake and Other Stories," which came out last year. It got a five-star review on Amazon and Good Reads, and people are getting in touch with me and telling me they love the book."

Kira is a good listener and always carries a notepad

and pencil with her all the time to write down things she might hear in a restaurant or some other public place.

"There's nothing better in a fictional story or novel than having reflections of real life. Then it becomes authentic. And the reader thinks, 'Yeah, I know somebody who talks like that or thinks like that.' So, when I hear something, I write it down and use it in my writing. I have a plastic tub of notes."

Kira is working on a novel that takes place in the 1820s. She spent six months researching the time period. The book is due out next year.

Back to the tuba player at Dude's Diner in Bliss, Texas. "Every time I sat down to work on this story, I laughed. I laughed my way through it, and I hope that readers will enjoy it as much as I did."

World Alzheimer's Month held annually in September

BY ALEXANDRA MEELBUSCH
Staff Writer

Each year in September the world raises awareness for Alzheimer's Disease with World Alzheimer's Month. Alzheimer's is a prominent health issue across the United States and has been for years. Dementia is a degenerative brain condition that affects over 50 million people internationally.

With over 100 different forms of Dementia, 60% of the time it is most commonly Alzheimer's Disease.

According to Alzheimer's Disease International (ADI), "The aim of the month is to raise awareness and challenge stigma surrounding Alzheimer's and Dementia."

World Alzheimer's Month was put into effect in 2012 by ADI, and World Alzheimer's Day is on Thursday, Sept. 21. The day is meant

to better understand people who live with the disease, to generate more funds for research, to raise awareness, and to find ways to prevent and cure the disease.

While there is currently no cure for Alzheimer's Disease, doctors and researchers have found ways to prevent the disease with activities in your daily lifestyle.

PREVENTIONS INCLUDE:

- Avoid excessive alcohol intake, this leads to memory loss.
- Manage and prevent high blood pressure, according to Johns Hopkins University, researchers found that this increases Alzheimer's by 75%
- Get enough sleep each night, this could be anywhere from six to eight

hours.

- Correct or prevent hearing loss.
- Participating in brain exercises which could be a puzzle, a memory game, or even solving mental math problems.

It can be overwhelming to make all the changes at once. Do so in moderation and take your time. Start off with a simple annual physical exam, take a 15-minute walk, or get an extra 30 minutes of sleep each night.

Receiving the news that you have been diagnosed with Alzheimer's is a scary thought, which is why it is important to stay aware of

the warning signs of early Dementia.

THE ADI HAS PROVIDED 10 OF THE MOST COMMON SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE:

- Memory loss.
- Difficulty performing familiar tasks.
- Problems with language.
- Disorientation to time and place.
- Poor or decreased judgement.
- Problems keeping track of things.
- Misplacing things.
- Changes in mood

and behavior.

- Challenges understanding visual and spatial information.
- Withdrawal from work or social activities.

If you have experienced these symptoms and if they are affecting your daily life, talk to your doctor and seek out more information.

Gatesville's local hospital, Coryell Health, hosts a

support group for anyone struggling with Alzheimer's and Dementia. The support group is held every second Wednesday of each month from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Coryell Health is located at 1507 West Main Street and can be reached at (254) 865-8251.

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An aerial view of the downtown square area during a past Cruzin Cruzers car show.

Cruzin Cruzers to hold annual car show Sept. 16

Staff Reports

The annual Cruzin Cruzers car show will be held on Saturday, Sept. 16, downtown on the square in Gatesville. Vendors can check in at 6:30 a.m., and the event will begin shortly after.

The car show will be free to spectators. There will be various vendors, activities, over 200 cars to look at, and a lunch sold by the Cruzin

Cruzers Car Club.

The Cruzin Cruzers Car Club, formerly known as Coryell County Pickups Unlimited, held its first show on the Coryell County Train Depot parking lot with only 22 entries. This year the club will have more than 65 award plaques.

For more information visit www.cruzincruzers.com.



American Legion golf tournament fundraiser set for Sept. 23

Staff Reports

The American Legion Post 42, located in Gatesville, will hold a Four-Person Golf Scramble on Saturday, Sept. 23 at the Gatesville Country

Club. The tournament is to raise funds for the many local programs the American Legion supports.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m., and tee time will

commence shortly after at 9 a.m. The entry fee cost is \$200-per-team, and the deadline to enter is Friday, Sept. 22.

The tournament will in-

clude a raffle for a 12-gauge shotgun, many door prizes, and a luncheon. Contests will include closest to the Pin Par 3's and the Longest Drive with cash prizes.

For more information or to enter, contact the American Legion Post 42 in Gatesville at 254-865-4134 or The Gatesville Country Club at 254-865-6917.

The Gatesville Country Club is located at 1308 Golf Course Road.

Let it Rain!

Community prayer event to wrap up Sept. 9

Staff Reports

The community of Gatesville is invited to experience the Let it Rain prayer event to be held on Saturday, Sept. 9, at 9 a.m., on the east side of the Coryell County Courthouse.

The event will cover 9 different areas of concern that will be lifted in prayer. The community was invited to join in prayer starting Sept. 1 as a different area was specifically addressed each day.

The remaining prayer dates are:

FRIDAY, SEPT. 8- Water and Energy Conservation,

Rivers, and Lakes: Give us the wisdom to use our resources and blessings wisely.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 9- Please join the community in Prayer for Rain: God, help us with more rain as we need it desperately for our parched fields and land. As we return, protect and nurture us under the umbrella of your care.

O Lord, our God, look down upon our dry lands and parched earth, and come quickly to save us. Send your clouds of living water to rain down upon us as your righteousness and love rains down upon our hearts. Amen.

Mission Gatesville continues to serve brown bag meals on Waco Street



Demolition site of where Mission Gatesville's building once stood on Lutterloh.

Staff Reports

Mission Gatesville recently demolished its building on Wednesday, Aug. 23. The organization will serve brown bags from a trailer located on Waco Street each

Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon.

Once the demolition site has been cleared, the organization will set up the trailer over on the property where the building once stood.

Mission Gatesville was founded in March 2023 due to various individuals feeling the call to further help those in need of food in Gatesville. The organization's goal is to feed people at least once a week and to

continue expanding those offerings once a proper building is established.

For more information, contact Mission Gatesville at 254-206-6021.

M.A.T.E.S. and National Guard retiree gathering slated for Sept. 16

Submitted item

The seventh annual M.A.T.E.S. and National Guard retirees' gathering will be held Saturday, Sept. 16. The gathering will start at 10 a.m. and will continue to 4 p.m. at the Mountain Community Center in Gatesville located at the end of Barton Lane.

Everyone attending is asked to bring a potluck meal and everyone will eat at noon. All spouses are invited to attend. Paper goods, cups, and plasticware will be provided.

For more information, contact Gene Martin at 254-865-7163 or Ronald Kirkpatrick at 254-624-4442.

Annual Community-wide yard sale set for Sept. 16 at Pidcoke Methodist

Submitted Item

Pidcoke Methodist

Church of Gatesville is having its annual community-wide yard sale on Saturday,

Sept. 16, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The sale covers an acre of church grounds with various appliances, furniture, electronics, clothing, housewares, and much more.

A church spokesperson said that the church has been holding this yard sale for over ten years. It is the major fundraiser for community outreach programs. The church supports food banks in Gatesville and two other surrounding towns.

Pidcoke Methodist Church also supports the Methodist Children's Home and other projects that target community and individual needs.

Vendors are always welcome, and there is no charge for setup. Anyone with questions can contact Pidcoke Methodist Church by email at pidcokeadmin@gmail.com.

Pidcoke Methodist Church is located at 11230 FM 116.

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The DISPATCH

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of Aug. 30 - Sept. 5. 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. 30
3:39 a.m., a structure fire was reported in the 7500 block of FM 116.
12:22 p.m., a hit & run was reported in the 2500 block of E. Main Street.
12:32 p.m., a gas leak/fire was reported in the 100 block of N. 29th Street.
4 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1200 block of E. Main Street.

Aug. 31
4:50 a.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 100 block of FM 116.
5:21 a.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 100 block of Bluestem Circle.
3 p.m., a burglary was reported in the 100 block of Doras Lane.
11:47 a.m., a criminal trespass was reported in the 2000 block of Business Highway 36.

Sept. 1
2:26 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1700 block of E. Main Street.
11:45 a.m., a gas leak/fire was reported in the 100 block of Sandy Lane.
1:56 p.m., a hit & run was reported in the 2400 block of Business Highway 36.
6:01 p.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 10000 block of FM 116.
Sept. 2
7:28 a.m., a noise disturbance was reported in the 300 block of Regal Lane.
2:46 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 6000 block of E. Highway 84.
7:48 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1500 block of W. Main Street.
11:05 p.m., an accident was reported in the 400 block of Stoneridge Drive.

Sept. 3
12:24 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2400 block of Business Highway 36.
7:32 a.m., a noise disturbance was reported in the 300 block of Veteran's Memorial Loop.
9:07 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 100 block of N. State Highway 36 Bypass.
9:17 p.m., a theft was reported in the 2000 block of Waco Street.

Sept. 4
9:30 a.m., a theft was reported in the 600 block of Park Street.
12:43 p.m., a theft was reported in the 2900 block of S. State Highway 36.
4:59 p.m., an accident was reported in the 4000 block of FM 929.
10:33 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 200 block of E. Leon Street.

Sept. 5
2:03 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of E. Leon Street.
8:47 a.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 2200 block of E. Main Street.
5:03 p.m., a theft was reported in the 100 block of N. Lutterloh Avenue.
5:38 p.m., a structure fire was reported in the 1400 block of Straws Mill Road.

CORYELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Aug. 30
2:31 a.m., an abandoned vehicle was reported on FM 1829 near County Road 337.
3:02 a.m., a disturbance was reported at Mound Cemetery on County Road 317.
10:50 a.m., a burglary of a habitation was reported in the 2000 block of FM 107.
6:56 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 15000 block of Highway 36.

Aug. 31
1:34 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 300 block of FM 107.
3:39 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on FM 1113.
4:49 p.m., a reckless driver was reported on E. Highway 84.
5:27 p.m., a reckless driver was reported on N. Highway 36 South Bound.

Sept. 1
7:32 a.m., a suspicious vehicle was reported on County Road 320.
7:56 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 4000 block of E. Highway 84.
6:10 p.m., suspicious persons were reported in the 10800 block of S. Highway 36.
8:06 p.m., a minor accident was reported in the 100 block of Julia Drive.

Sept. 2
10:33 a.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 2400 block of Bridge Street.
2:22 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported at Perryman Creek.
3:35 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of Liberty Street.
7:21 p.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 5400 block of FM 116.

Sept. 3
6:50 p.m., trees in the roadway reported at County Road 219 and FM 182.
7:40 p.m., a neighbor dispute was reported in the 100 block of Boone Avenue.
7:41 p.m., a major accident was reported in the 11000 block of E. Highway 84.
8:18 p.m., a reckless driver was reported on E. Highway 84.

Sept. 4
2:33 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 6500 block of U.S. Highway 84.
3:45 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 2000 block of County Road 155.
5:01 p.m., a minor accident was reported in the 4600 block of FM 929.
6:08 p.m., a major accident was reported in the 9000 block of Highway 84.

Sept. 5
2:54 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported near Cowhouse Creek.
4:19 p.m., a dog bite was reported in the 500 block of Hood Drive.
5:31 p.m., a reckless driver was reported on E. Highway 84 headed toward South Mountain.
7:43 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 200 block of Cammie Drive.



COURTESY PHOTO

Community members lined up to fill their plates at last week's annual Atchley Fish Fry and Silent Auction fundraiser held at Pearl Church of Christ.

FROM MY FRONT PORCH

Over \$9,000 raised to benefit 'His Kids' and for local scholarships



BY BETSY CLARK

Pearl News Correspondent

The annual Atchley Fish Fry and Silent Auction at the Pearl Church of Christ last Sunday was a huge success! As of this writing, \$9,198 has been raised to benefit 'His Kids' and local scholarships!

The church wishes to heartily thank everyone involved in this endeavor. It truly takes a village! There were 135 people in attendance, which ties the record! If you look up Pearl Church of Christ on Facebook, you can view all of the wonderful pictures of the day's events. The leftover items will be out in

the church dining room for another week if you would like to drop by and browse. All those items are "take what you want, pay what you want," and you can leave your money in the collection tray on the Communion Table. You may find that certain "thing" you've been wishing for and bless a very worthy cause at the

same time. As wonderful as the auction was, it was an even greater blessing that two of the number were baptized immediately following the church service! God certainly showered Pearl with tremendous blessings on September 3....

...and, speaking of showers, it rained that Sunday afternoon. So far, at this writing, it's just enough to settle the dust, but we're all thankful for what we can get. Keep those prayers going up.

Today is Bluegrass and Bookstore Day in Pearl. You have so many reasons to go to Pearl today: great music in the Pearl Community Center, lots of shopping and visiting in the Pearl Cottage Bookstore, and "Buy What You Want, Pay What You Want" items in the Pearl Church of Christ dining room. You know you want to, so hitch up the team and head 'em out.

There's no place like Pearl! The Pearl Church of Christ will have their 128th Homecoming and Reunion on October 15th. Remember, church begins at 10:30 a.m., and dinner on the ground will follow. Everyone is invited to all of these Pearl events!

This week's Bible verse comes from Isaiah 48:1. "This is what the Lord says—your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: 'I am the Lord your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go.'" NIV

Please pray for rain and cooler weather, our country, and our schools.

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 betsyclarck47@yahoo.com.

Pearl Main Street Festival slated for Sept. 16

Staff Reports

The Pearl Country Church will host its annual Pearl Main Street Festival on Saturday, September 19, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the

Pearl Country Church. Jimmy McPherrin and Kyle Arnold are going to be at it again, cooking up some award-winning fried catfish and fried ribs to raise money for the tornado victims

of Matador and Perryton in northwest Texas.

Not only are McPherrin and Arnold cooking, but there will also be a bounce house for the kids, live music, a silent auction, and a

cake walk.

The Pearl Country Church is located at 6795 FM 183 in Gatesville.

Color Run Kickoff Sept. 9 for Coryell 4-H

Staff Reports

The community is invited to learn more about 4-H at the Coryell County 4-H Color Run annual kickoff event to be held Saturday, Sept. 9. The event will take place at the Gatesville Civic Center located at 301 Veteran's Memorial Loop. Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m., and booths will open at 9 a.m. This year the Ambassador team is hosting its second annual color run

for families to participate in together. This free event will feature the color run at 8 a.m. followed by 4-H club informational booths. Each club in the county will set up tables for families to browse through and inquire about 4-H opportunities in the club and county. The Ambassador Team will offer a short presentation about common 4-H projects and answer questions from their 4-H experiences. The event will conclude

with a free hotdog meal. Bryson's Sno-Dizzle will be set up on site. The first 50 people to register will receive a free, small snow cone.

For more information and to register for the event, visit the Coryell County AgriLife website at <https://coryell.agrilife.org>.

The registration link is found under the Upcoming Events and Registration tab.

For further questions, contact Becky Coward, Coryell County 4-H Agent at 254-865-2414.

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OBITUARIES

Jack Widup

July 27, 1936 - August 15, 2023

Jack Richard Widup, age 87, of Copperas Cove passed away on August 15, 2023, peacefully with his family by his side.

Jack was born on July 27, 1936, to Richard and Garnet Widup in Kokomo, Indiana. After graduating from New Paris High School in 1954, he helped on the family farm until joining the Army in February 1955. After retirement from military service, he attained his bachelor's degree, then subsequently his master's degree in business administration from Texas A&M Central Texas University, Killeen.

He retired honorably from the U.S. Army as a Chief Warrant Officer 4 in September 1979, and the 24 years of military service shaped him and built his character as a loving husband, dedicated father, and outstanding member of the communities in which he lived. Jack served two tours of duty in Vietnam, was stationed in Germany twice (*See a key point to this assignment below!), and had tours of duty at Fort Shafter, Hawaii; Fort Benning (Fort Moore), Georgia; Fort Rucker (Fort Novosel) Alabama; and spent most of his Army career at Fort Hood (Fort Cavazos), Texas.

He was decorated with numerous medals in the U.S. Army, including: the Bronze Star w/three Oak Leaf Clusters; the Good Conduct Medal w/clasp and Bronze four loops; the Meritorious Service Medal w/one Oak Leaf Cluster; the National Defense Service Medal; the Air Medal; the Army Commendation Medal w/three Oak Leaf Clusters; the Army of Occupation Medal - Germany; the Republic of Vietnam Service Medal w/four Bronze Service Stars; the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry; and the Cold War Medal.

*In the summer of 1956, during his overseas tour in Germany, he happened to be in the "Leiter Lion" bar in Bamberg, Germany, where met Elfriede (Freda) Helene Lohse. They fell in love and were married on June 1, 1957. Jack and Freda went on to have two boys, Kim Richard Widup and Ronald Allen Widup. After almost 60 years of marriage, Freda passed away in March 2017.

After retiring from the Army, Jack was the Director of Payroll for Central Texas College in Killeen; became licensed as a real estate broker; and attained his auctioneer's license from the State of Texas. After he retired from CTC, for several years he owned and operated an auction house in Copperas Cove, Texas, until retiring again. But not one to stand around, he became the part-time foreman for CoDylan Ranch in Gatesville, Texas, where he returned to his farming and ranching roots, doing chores such as bulldozer clearing, tractor activities,



and operating other machinery at the ranch. Jack was actively involved in Copperas Cove community groups to include being the longest-serving volunteer member of the Copperas Cove Planning & Zoning Commission. Jack enjoyed rebuilding lawn mowers and motorcycles, fishing, and scouring garage sales all over Central Texas to find the "couldn't pass it up treasures."

As one enters the later years of their life, companionship is an important aspect to health and happiness, and Jack sparked a connection with a long-time friend, Gertraud "Trudy" Stevens. He had known Trudy for many years, and both were widowers that found a common bond and newfound love for each other. Jack and Trudy were married on May 8, 2020 in Copperas Cove.

Jack was preceded in death by his first wife of nearly 60 years, Elfriede "Freda" Widup (née Lohse); his parents, Garnet and Richard Widup; his brother, Stephen 'Jan' Widup; and his sister, Karen Miller (née Widup).

Jack is survived by his wife, Gertraud 'Trudy' Stevens-Widup (née Bauer); his two sons, Kim Widup (wife Lynell Odenbach) of Arlington, Texas; Ron Widup (wife Tammy Widup) of Arlington, Texas; grandchildren, Chris Widup (wife Rachel Agee) of Downers Grove, Illinois, Katherine Widup (husband Nick Mirabile) of Austin, Texas, Dylan Widup, and Cody Widup; great-grandchildren Smith Widup and Madilyn Mirabile; sister, Judy West (née Widup) of Milford, Indiana; nephews, Scott Hartter of Milford, Indiana, Ian Brumbaugh of New York City and Zavian Brumbaugh of Milford, Indiana; and niece, Christa Brumbaugh of Milford, Indiana.

Celebration of life memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, September 23 at Crawford Bowers Funeral Home, 211 West Avenue B in Copperas Cove.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, <https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/> as Jack always desired others to join him in staying connected to the military and organizations which support our military and its veterans.

Marcelina (Mary) Deason

April 26, 1929 - Aug.26, 2023

Marcelina (Mary) Deason peacefully passed away at home on Saturday, August 26, 2023, at the age of 94.

Mary was preceded in death by her loving husband, Jesse. She was born to Pantalion and Angelita Manriquez on April 26, 1929, in Crawford, Texas. She grew up in Gatesville and graduated from Gatesville High School. She was also preceded in death by her parents, four brothers (Phillip, Ted, Cleto, John Frank), and four sisters (Ramona, Leonides, Rosa, Natalia). She is survived by two sisters (Juanita and Andrea).

She is also survived by her daughter, Mary, and her son, George. She was very proud of her grandsons: Jason Dove and wife, Stacy, along with granddaughters McKayla and McKenzie; Daniel Hewett and girlfriend, Brianne, along with granddaughter Zaja; Dalton Brunner and wife Kelly, along with grandchildren, Paisley and Colt; and Kyle Brunner and wife, Jennifer, along with granddaughters,



Joizie and Jazmine. Mary was active her whole life and bowled in a league well into her seventies. She loved to travel, taking numerous cruises and trips. Her favorite vacation spot was Oahu, Hawaii, where she spent many happy hours with her beloved family.

A Memorial will be held at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 2204 Sunny Lane, Killeen, Texas, on Saturday, Sept. 9, at 3:00 P.M. Crawford Bowers in Killeen is in charge of arrangements.



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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 week 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.

CCGS to hold program on pioneer website

Staff Reports

The Coryell County Genealogical Society will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 12, at 6 p.m., at the Gatesville Public Library. The public is welcome to attend the meeting.

A program on the pioneer genealogy website created by Cyndi Ingle will be presented by Caroline Windham.

Long before there were subscription genealogical websites, such as Ancestry.com, the genealogical presence on the internet was dominated by free websites. Cyndi's List was one of the first; and it was a forerunner of all internet search engines.

The unique concept of

listing all genealogy research sites at a single, convenient internet site was a popular introduction to using the World Wide Web for genealogical research 25 years ago. Today, the website has links to nearly 320,000 research possibilities, and it is still free.

Genealogists have traveled from courthouse to courthouse in search of their ancestors for centuries. Using internet technology changed genealogical research dramatically.

Now, we let our fingers do the walking and driving, thanks to pioneer websites like Cyndi's List. We hope many will attend this informative trip into internet history.

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Thursday, September 14, 2023
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GAME ON

Timberborn

This game keeps you busy ... as a beaver



BY JENNIFER HARRISON

My opinions on computer gaming and some of my favorite games. Playing games on the home computer since the days of the trash 80. I love indie, open-world, unique, puzzle and resource games. The cake is a lie.

If you're a fan of resource games and city-builder games, you'll love Timberborn. Sentient beavers are trying to survive in a post-apocalyptic world. It's a mostly peaceful existence, but there are droughts that can last several days, so it's important for the beavers to have plenty of water to drink and food to eat while the drought continues.

Of course, they're building dams, that's what beavers do, but they're also chopping down trees, harvesting food, and farming. They're building water pumps, farms, lodges, and more. Wood makes their world go round, so they need plenty of it.

The first goal is to provide the beavers with water and then start harvesting available foods. They'll need lumberjack stands to chop down wood and gatherer huts to gather berries. They need a farmer to grow food and a forester to plant more trees. They don't need an axe, but they will need a grinding wheel in case a tooth gets broken.

The hardest part for me in any resource city-builder game is not to build too quickly, and Timberborn is no exception. You can easily forget about making sure your beavers have plenty of water and food when you're trying to get them to build a printing press.

Beavers need about two units of water and from two to three units of food per day. Make sure you have plenty of stored water and food for every beaver to make it through the droughts. Build plenty of lodges for those beavers, and they'll get busy and make more beavers for you to feed and water.

Once you have your beavers stabilized and producing plenty of food, you can begin exploring other things the beavers can make. The maps are dotted with ruins of ancient cities, which provide metal as a resource. Metal gives you more things you can build, like a printing press, or a windmill to get power from the wind. There are crops that require cooking (and make the beavers much happier, because they're probably sick of carrots) like potatoes and wheat.

That's just the beginning of the game. I've looked at what other players have done, and they're damming rivers to make giant lakes that can last through a seven-day drought or building aqueducts to get water to various communities. If you like planning water systems and hydraulics, this is a great

game for that.

You can also create your own maps for your beavers and download maps made by other players. The map creator is easy to use and pretty intuitive.

Even though the rest of the game uses nicely rendered 3-D objects, the land itself is composed of cubes. I thought this was odd at first, but after thinking about it, it makes sense. What the cubes represent is a unit. Each cube is a piece of land that is either touching water, in shallow water, in deep water, or completely dry. Just like the beavers, the cube has the amount of water it

requires to keep the plants alive. If there's too much water, only aquatic plants will grow. Essentially, this is how the game computes the drought/hydration cycle.

This game is in early development, and they're still getting input from gamers to make it better. This is a great example of why you should release games in early development. Essentially, players are play testers, testing the game to its limits.

"Beaver city-builders aren't exactly an established genre, and your voice helps us decide what works and what doesn't. Thanks to that feedback, the core of the game is here, it's fun to play, and we want to make it available for everyone."

Timberborn (2021 from Mechanistry) is available on the SteamOS platform for Windows and Macintosh.

Bell County Master Gardeners has full schedule of September events

Submitted Item

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

September 9

The Bell County Master Gardener Association presents a hands-on workshop, "I Dig Red Wigglers," on Saturday, Sept. 9, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Texas Agrilife Extension Office, BCMGA Learning Center, 1605 N. Main St., Belton. Please plan to join Certified Master Gardener Teri Marceau, as she will teach you how Vermicomposting with Red Wiggler Worms will help to break down food scraps to create an enriching source of nutrients that are beneficial additives to your garden. She will teach you how to build a worm tower for your garden to take home, plus Red Wigglers, and a small bag of food to get you started.

Class Limit: 20

Class Fee: \$20

Register at bcmgaspeakers@gmail.com.

Payment instructions will be provided upon registering for the workshop. Registration closes Wednesday, September 6

September 16

Please plan to join us for the Bell County Master Gardener Association Hands-On Workshop "Herbs: From Garden to Kitchen" on Saturday, Sept. 16, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., at the Texas Agrilife Extension Office, BCMGA Learning Center. Certified Master Gardener's Betty Nejtek and Terrie Hahn will con-

duct an educational class on tips on growing herbs successfully in Central Texas. Information will be provided on how to use herbs from your garden followed by tasting.

Class Limit: 20

Class Fee: \$8

Register at bcmgaspeakers@gmail.com.

Registration closes on Wednesday, Sept. 13

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BCMGA Learning Center (Located on north end of Parking Lot)

1605 N. Main St. Belton

September 21

Please plan to join us for the Bell County Master Gardener Association Free Monthly Seminar "Migrating Monarchs" on Thursday, Sept. 21, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Texas Agrilife Extension Office, BCMGA Learning Center, 1605 N. Main St., Belton. Certified Master Gardener Dave Slaughter will discuss the migration patterns of the monarchs as they fly to their summer breeding grounds in southwestern Mexico, as well as what each of us needs to do to protect the monarch butterfly habitat in North America. He will also discuss milk weed varieties, as well as when to plant, maintain, propagate, and prune in the late fall.

Class Limit: 50

Please register at bcmgaspeakers@gmail.com.

September 28

BCMGA & Harker Heights Activities Center Presents "Drought Tolerant Native Plants" on Thursday, Sept. 28, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Harker Heights Activities Center, 400 In-

dian Trail, Harker Heights. Certified Master Gardener Barbara Ishikawa will present an assortment of native plants that are drought-tolerant for your landscape, enabling you to conserve water.

Please register at <https://bit.ly/43wOElc>.

Registration opens on Sept. 11 at 8 a.m.

Class limit: 50

Please email Kailie Gomez at kgomez@harkerheights.gov or call 254-953-5465 if you have any questions.

September 30

The Bell County Master Gardener Association presents a hands-on workshop, "Herb Vinegars, Salts, and Dressings, Oh My," on Saturday, Sept. 30, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Texas Agrilife Extension Office, 1605 N. Main St., Belton. Please plan to join Certified Master Gardeners, Jeanne Richard, Nancy Novakoski, and Pat Johnson as they teach you about using fresh and/or dried herbs in the kitchen to create tasty vinegars, salts, and dressings like a professional chef. You'll discover how herbs are a cook's best friend and much better than store bought! Class participants will create their own herbal vinegar, herb salt and herb dressings to take home, as well as demonstrations, tastings, and recipes that will make you look like a gourmet chef.

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DATED the 7 day of September, 2023. Kirby Crow Stermer, Attorney for Ronald Henderson
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- 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.
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- 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.
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099 PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF UNIT AUCTION: Notice is hereby given by Gatesville Storage of the sale of contents, by public auction, of the following units, pursuant to the assertion of a manager's possessory lien against them, in order to collect the amounts due on them:

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Smith, Katelynne	A10
Springer, Stormy	D04
Turner, Shane	D16
Vasseur, Robert	J13

The auction will be held at 9:00 a.m., Saturday, September 16, 2023 (weather permitting), at Gatesville Storage, 2215 E. Main St., Gatesville, Texas.
Terms: Cash
00030357

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Heather Watson, Deceased, were issued on August 28, 2023, Cause No. 23-10800, pending in the County Court-at-Law of Coryell County, Texas, to: Ronald Henderson. 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: Ronald Henderson, 35 Tanforan Ave., San Bruno, California 94066

DATED the 7 day of September, 2023. Kirby Crow Stermer, Attorney for Ronald Henderson
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- 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.
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National Grandparents Day to be celebrated September 10

Staff Reports

Grandparents are cherished year-round but there is one specific day out of each year that our grandparents are to be celebrated. National Grandparents Day will be nationally celebrated on Sunday, September 10.

National Grandparents Day is rooted in the work of Marian McQuade, founder of National Grandparents Day.

In 1970, McQuade began a campaign to establish a day of recognition for grandparents around the nation. Diligently, she contacted civic, business, faith, and political leaders to begin a state-wide campaign for National Grandparents Day.

In 1973, in McQuade's home state of West Virginia, the first National Grandparents Day was proclaimed by Governor Arch Moore.

As McQuade's work came to its climax in 1978, the United States Congress passed legislation proclaiming the first Sunday after each Labor Day as National Grand-

parents Day. President Jimmy Carter signed a presidential proclamation to begin the observance of this special holiday.

To celebrate the national holiday, there are various ways to make your grandparents feel grand, such as:

- Send a card with a handwritten letter, it holds sentimental value.

- Give your grandparents a homemade gift or drawing.

- Visit your grandparents in person, because even a few hours mean a lot.

- Write a poem which can be silly or sentimental, this can be kept forever.

- Hold a luncheon or dinner in honor of your grandparents.

- Cook a family recipe for your grandparents to reminisce on special memories.

To find out more information on National Grandparents Day and how to celebrate, visit <https://grandparents-day.org/grandparents-week/about/>.

KEEP GATESVILLE BEAUTIFUL'S YARD OF THE MONTH



COURTESY PHOTO

Keep Gatesville Beautiful chose the yard of Mr. and Mrs. Sarathbuth of 401 Gateway in Fort Gates as September Yard of the Month. The couple moved into the house in 2010 and both enjoy gardening. He takes care of plants and flowers, and she oversees the edible plants. They are both from Cambodia and they grow plants and herbs that they use for their dishes. They have many plants in pots like hibiscuses, bougainvilleas, periwinkles, plumerias, Asian jasmine, bird of paradise, crown of thorns, and a lot of exotic herbs used in Asian cooking. The unusual fixtures in the backyard are two above ground swimming pools that they converted to become ponds for the lotus plants, and they collect rainwater from the roof gutters. It began with water lilies, but the lotus plants took over. There is no mosquito problem because they have small fish in the pool that eat the mosquito larvae.



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Mitchell Spur Collection to be featured during Spurfest

BY DAVID SCOTT
Staff Writer

Often labeled as the nation's largest collection of spurs, and possibly the world's largest, Gatesville is known as the home of the vast collection.

The Gatesville Spurfest began several decades ago, following the donation of over 6,000 spurs to the Coryell Museum and Historical Center.

In 1995, the Lloyd and Madge Mitchell Spur Collection was donated to the Coryell Museum and became a focal point in the museum.

In his teens, Lloyd Mitchell began collecting spurs, which escalated as time progressed. As his collection grew, Mitchell housed the spurs in buildings on his property for years, which entertained spur and western history buffs from locations far and near.

His interest in spurs became a well-known fact across the United States and points beyond across the world. Often, friends and former students would send Mitchell spurs they had located during their travels thus helping to increase his diverse collection.

One of the oldest spurs presented to Mitchell came from Morocco - known as a prick spur that dates to the 13th century. This particular prick spur was in use throughout Europe and Africa until the 1300s, even-

tually being replaced by the rowel spur. The prick spur is described as having a single straight and pointed tine extending 3-4 inches beyond the heel.

It has been reported that spurs have been in use since mankind first started riding horses. It has been written that the earliest pair of spurs ever located date back to the second century B.C. and were used by the Etruscans.

The Romans were reported as designing a spur to steer their mounts so that their hands could be freed to fight on horseback.

A centerpiece on the first floor of the museum includes spurs that belonged to a few more notable and recognizable individuals, such as the English riding spurs once worn by former First Lady of the United States, Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy - later known as Jackie Onassis. She wore the riding spurs when she was a young lady.

Another pair of spurs in the Mitchell Collection belonged to Mexican revolutionary Pancho Villa along with a display of period clothing that depicts what



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A small portion of spurs in the Mitchell Collection are on display on the second floor of the museum in the Spur Workroom where spurs and other artifacts are cleaned, labeled, numbered, and prepared for exhibit by museum volunteers.

he would have worn during his early days during the formation of Texas.

A favorite and most memorable exhibit at the museum is a set of ladies' "dancing spurs," which were created with a small ball rowel to keep the hem of a woman's long dress from catching on the heel of her boots while she was dancing

backward.

The vast collection of spurs amassed by Mitchell was officially recognized in the state capitol in Austin in 2001.

House District 59 Representative, Sid Miller, submitted a resolution to the Texas Legislature that designated Gatesville, Texas, as the Spur Capital of Texas. The

resolution was passed in May 2001, and five months later, on Oct. 6, Representative Miller read the proclamation during "Spurfest" in downtown Gatesville. After the reading, he presented to the Coryell Museum and Historical Center his own boots and spurs.

The Spurfest celebration, held each year at the Coryell

Museum, can trace its roots back to an avid collector of spurs, Lloyd Mitchell, who was also locally known as a teacher and coach at Gatesville High School.

Spurfest will be held at the Coryell Museum on Saturday, Sept. 16. The public is welcome to attend and to view the spurs housed at the museum.

Coryell County Republican Party to hold fish fry Sept. 16

Staff Reports

The Coryell County Republican Party will hold a community fish fry on Saturday, Sept. 16, at 6:30 p.m. at the Gatesville Civic Cen-

ter.

The fish fry will feature guest speaker, Steve Munisteri. Munisteri was formerly elected three times as the Republic Party of Texas State Chairman, a former senior

advisor to Senators Paul and Cornyn, and the Republican National Committee Chair Priebus, a deputy assistant to President Trump, who is currently the senior advisor to Governor Abbott.

This is a night of celebration, food, and fellowship, as the CCRP prepares for the upcoming election season. There will be elected officials speaking on current topics concerning the

district.

Tickets are to be purchased by visiting Coryell-GOP.org.

The mission of the CCRP is to advance conservative principles in public policy

and to elect Republican public officials at the local, state, and federal levels.

The Gatesville Civic Center is located at 301 Veterans Memorial Loop.

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Lady Hornets even record with sweep Brownwood

BY CHRIS ALLMAN
Contributing Writer

Gatesville volleyball bounced back from a loss at Lake Belton on Sept. 1 to beat Brownwood in straight sets on Sept. 5 and get back to .500 on the season.

The win against Brownwood (25-22, 25-19, 25-14) wasn't just a bounce back on the schedule. They also rebounded from a slow start in the first two sets thanks to seniors Laura Trejo and Barrett Boyd.

After a back-and-forth start had the first set tied at 7-7, the Lady Lions ran off nine straight points to take a 16-7 lead. An unforced error by Brownwood made it 16-8 and put the ball in the hands of Trejo. By the time she was done serving, the Lady Hornets led 18-16.

The 10-0 run benefitted from four unforced errors from the Lady Lions but showed glimpses of how good this young team can

be. A block from Anna McPherson and Addison Taylor made it 16-9 before back-to-back errors made it 16-11. An ace from Trejo cut the Brownwood lead to 16-12. Then an excellent dig from Taylor Sanderson set up Barrett Boyd for a kill to make it 16-13.

Another ace from Trejo made it 16-14, and the Hornets took the lead 17-16 moments later on another ace

from Trejo.

In the second set, the Lady Hornets faced another quick hole but battled back. They trailed 3-0 but reeled off 12 straight points behind the serve of Boyd and the presence of sophomore Emma Pollard.

Boyd had four aces during the 12-0 run, while Pollard had three kills and a block for a point. McGregor would get as close as 23-18 in the second set, but a block from

Taylor made it 24-18. A final kill from Pollard sealed the 25-18 win.

In the third set, Boyd, Trejo, and Pollard wreaked havoc again in helping turn a 3-3 tie into a 12-5 advantage. McPherson closed the set and the match with a block.

Gatesville was scheduled to take on Georgetown Gateway on Sept. 8 in a rematch of last season's bi-district playoff, but Gateway inad-

vertently double-booked the date and cancelled the game against the Lady Hornets. As of press time, Gatesville had tentatively scheduled a replacement game against Waco Meyer on Sept. 8.

They host Lampasas on Sept. 12, then travel to Burnet on Sept. 15. The non-district schedule wraps up against Marble Falls on Sept. 19.



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Laura Trejo

Hornets drop heart-breaker to Glen Rose 21-20

BY CHRIS ALLMAN
Contributing Writer

Gatesville battled back from a deficit to take a late lead for the second straight game, but a final minute touchdown pass allowed No. 8 Glen Rose to sneak past the Hornets 21-20 on Sept. 1.

The loss to the Tigers - who had beaten Gatesville by an average of 30 points in their last four meetings - overshadowed a career night from senior running back LJ Hall.

Hall carried 22 times for 133 yards and averaged six yards per carry - aided by a 46-yard run in the first half. He leads the team in rushing through two games with 218 yards and is almost certain to top his rushing total from 2022 when he ran for 292 yards.

"LJ had a very good off season and worked really hard in the weight room. It definitely showed Friday night," said head coach Aaron Hunter.

Gatesville trailed 14-0 in the first quarter before getting on the board via Jacob Newkirk's third touchdown pass of the season. On fourth-and-8, Newkirk hit sophomore Amos Phillips with a 19-yard touchdown pass

to cut the lead to 14-7.

Phillips, who starts at middle linebacker in addition to playing full-back, started as the up-man behind Newkirk before motioning out wide on the right side of the field. From there, he ran past his defender and under a beautifully thrown ball from Newkirk for his first varsity touchdown.

"Amos is an amazing athlete that we feel can play anywhere," Hunter said. "We always have to remind ourselves he is only a sophomore. It was awesome to see him get himself a TD and play as well as he did on defense."

The Hornets defense as a whole showed marked improvement between weeks one and two. In their season-opening win over Taylor, the Hornets allowed 355 yards of offense, including 163 on the ground. Glen Rose gained 263 yards total with just 40 yards coming via the run.

Following the Taylor win, defensive coordinator Jose Aguirre talked about his new linebacking corp needing to gel in a hurry and they responded against the Tigers - particularly senior Tommy Aaron.

Aaron had nine tackles on the night - four were tackles for a loss and three were sacks. Phillips also had a sack as did defensive lineman Corey Burns and Dutch Nielsen.

"Defensively, as a whole, I feel like we played much better. Communication was great, and everyone did better at just doing their job and not trying to do too much," said Hunter. "Tommy has been playing amazing. His effort and energy he plays with is contagious and he has had a great two weeks."

Gatesville tied the game at 14-14 when Rayshon Smith punched in a two-yard touchdown run. On the following possession, Adrian Smith stepped in front of a Canyon Evans pass into the end zone to thwart a potential Tigers score.

After a scoreless third quarter, the Hornets took a 20-14 lead on a two-yard sneak from Newkirk, but the PAT failed. After forcing the Tigers to turn the ball over on downs on their next possession, the Hornets failed to convert on a fourth-and-3 from the Glen Rose 30-yard line and gave the ball back.

From there, the Tigers went 70 yards in 14 plays for the winning

score. The drive was capped when Evans found Camden Raymond for a 14-yard touchdown.

Newkirk finished the game 4 for 9 passing for 74 yards. He threw for one score and ran for another. Phillips had two catches for 30 yards, while Theron Stone had a 2-yard reception, and Gage Ford had one catch for 17 yards.

Defensively, Lawson Mooney led the Hornets with 15 tackles and broke up a pair of passes. Colton Taylor was second on the team with 12 tackles and also a broken up pass.

The Hornets welcomed McGregor to McKamie Stadium on Sept. 8 for their annual Homecoming Game. Aaron Hunter said that while the loss to Glen Rose was certainly a gut-punch, his team bounced back quickly.

"Practices were good last week. We have to learn from the loss and make sure we grow from it," he said.

Last season, Gatesville beat McGregor 27-20 in McGregor. Hall and Rayshon Smith combined to run for 155 yards and score three touchdowns in the win.

MESSENGER FOOTBALL CONTEST RESULTS

Week 2, Sept. 1-2

1. Gatesville vs. Glen Rose
 2. Oglesby vs. Walnut Springs
 3. Evant vs. Gorman
 4. Copperas Cove vs. East View
 5. Baylor vs. Texas State University
 6. UMHB vs. University of Wisconsin-River Falls
- Tie Breaker: #1, 41 points

First place for the second week was tied between David White and Rancher Jeffcoat. Both contestants correctly predicted four of the six games. The tiebreaker of 41 total points determined White as the winner, who predicted 31-10 for an exact total of 41 points, while Jeffcoat predicted a tiebreaker score of 15-13 for a total of 28 points. Paul Pollard correctly guessed the winners of three of the six games, guaranteeing him a third place winning of \$5, Jeffcoat second place for \$10, and White first place for \$20.

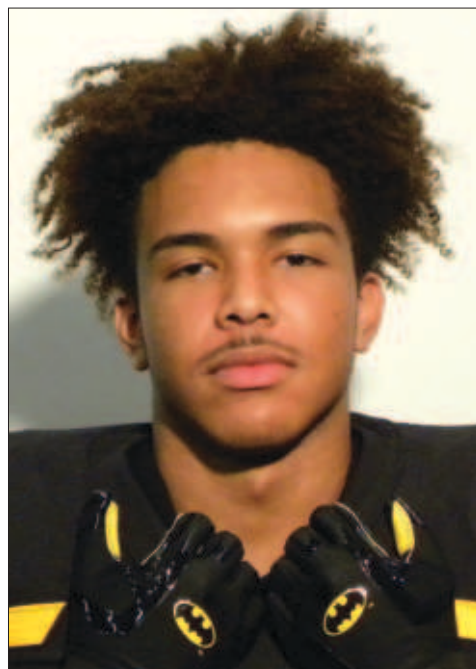
Current Standings:

- David White: second place week one, first place week two
- C.W. Vernon: first place week one
- Rancher Jeffcoat: second place week two
- Yvonne Dutschmann: third place week one
- Paul Pollard: third place week two



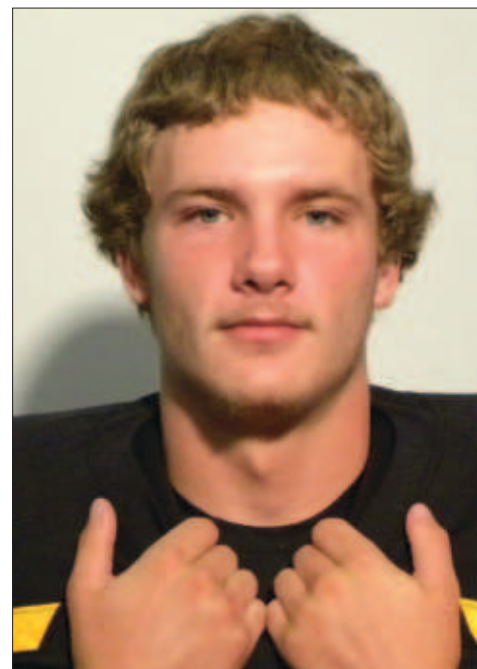
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Jonesboro ISD presents Homecoming Festival

Staff Reports

Jonesboro Independent School District will hold a Homecoming Festival on Wednesday, Sept. 20 at the Jonesboro ISD campus.

The festival will provide live music, games, beverages,

raffle prizes, and food such as the Nipa Truck.

There will be a pie bake-off, and all entries are to be submitted by 6 p.m. in the Jonesboro ISD cafeteria. The cost to enter is \$10, and the winner will be

announced at the Friday night homecoming football game.

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

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

 GATESVILLE HORNETS LJ Hall 22 carries for 133 yards including a 46-yard carry	 JONESBORO EAGLES Kyson Smith 17 receiving yards, 1 assist, 1 touchdown
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Lady Elks volleyball defeats Zephyr and Bluff Dale ISD

Staff Reports

The Evant Lady Elks volleyball team competed against Zephyr Independent School District on Saturday, September 2. The Evant Lady Elks defeated Zephyr ISD in three sets 25-22, 25-15, 25-19.

The stats include:
 - Harley Weeks - 20 assists, 1 kill, 5 digs.
 - Hailey Neri - 12 digs, 5 saves, 2 kills.
 - Molly Waldrum - 7 kills, 1 block, 3 aces.
 - Bree Ramirez - 3 assists, 3 kills, 3 aces, 5 digs.
 - Luwi Rodriguez - 1

assist, 8 kills, 10 digs, 1 ace.
 - Izzy Grandy - 7 kills, 2 aces, 6 digs.
 - Jolyce Acosta - 1 dig.
 The Evant Lady Elks also competed against Bluff Dale ISD on Tuesday, September 5. The Evant Lady Elks defeated Bluff Dale ISD in

three sets 25-5, 25-16, 25-21.
 The stats include:
 - Harley Weeks - 16 assists, 6 kills, 4 digs, 1 ace.
 - Hailey Neri - 4 digs, 1 ace.
 - Molly Waldrum - 5 kills, 2 blocks, 7 aces.
 - Bree Ramirez - 5

assists, 2 kills, 6 aces, 9 digs.
 - Luwi Rodriguez - 9 kills, 4 digs, 3 aces.
 - Izzy Grandy - 5 kills, 4 digs.
 - Jolyce Acosta - 6 digs.
 The Evant Lady Elks will compete in their next match against Oglesby ISD on Sat-

urday, September 9 at 10 a.m. Oglesby ISD is located at 125 College Ave. in Oglesby.

THSCA scholarship applications now open for submission

Staff Reports

The Texas High School Coaches Association (THSCA) scholarship has now opened and is due on Thursday, Feb. 15.

This scholarship is targeted towards coaches within the state of Texas who have children graduating in the class of 2024. The THSCA gives out 12 scholarships annually to graduating children of active THSCA members.

Applications can only be submitted online by visiting www.thsca.com through the member portal.



Jonesboro Booster Club to hold Color Run

Staff Reports

The Jonesboro Independent School District Booster Club will host a Color Run on Saturday, Sept. 30. The one-and-a-half-mile color run will begin at approximately 8 a.m. at Jonesboro ISD.

The entry fee will cost \$25 per person and an additional \$20 per extra person. If registration is completed by Friday, Sept. 15 you will be guaranteed a

free T-shirt.

The Jonesboro Athletic Booster Club is seeking business and personal sponsorships for the inaugural color run. Sponsors will be featured on a commemorative inaugural race day T-shirt, as well as promoted on the Jonesboro Athletic Booster Club Facebook page as contributing supporters of Jonesboro ISD athletes.

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11. Dallas Cowboys vs. New York Jets

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Texans score most points in a season opener in 21 years

This marks the first win by the Texans over McNeese in program history, snapping an 0-3 start to the series that began in 1949.

Tarleton State University

LAKE CHARLES, LA. — What a start to the 2023 Tarleton State Football campaign the Texans had on Saturday, Sept. 2. The Texans exploded for their most points in a season opener in 21 years, scoring 35 unanswered in the second half to roll McNeese on the road 52-34. Tarleton (1-0, 0-0 UAC) beat McNeese (0-1, 0-0 SLC) on their home field, Cowboy Stadium in Lake Charles, Louisiana, in front of 12,074 fans on Saturday night.

Although the game was tight through the first three quarters, Tarleton State dominated in nearly every area of the game. The Texans outgained McNeese 554-278 in total yardage, averaging 7.5 yards per play to the Cowboys' 3.6. Tarleton passed for 344 yards and rushed for 210, earning 30 first downs to McNeese's 18. The Texans scored seven touchdowns total, six on offense and a late Patrick Jones pick-six to seal the deal.

New Tarleton running back Kayvon Britten had a hat trick, scoring three touchdowns on the night, two on the ground (19 carries for 82 yards) and one receiving (two catches for 25 yards). Derrel Kelley III carried over his elite play from last season, rushing for 136 yards on 18 carries (7.6 yards per rush) and a touchdown.

New Tarleton quarterback Victor Gabalis completed 20-of-34 (.588) passes for 344 yards and three touchdowns, shaking off two interceptions and a lost fumble. He found three different receivers for scores; Britten, Dejuan Miller (two receptions, 81 yards) and Jaden Smith (two receptions, 37 yards). Darius Cooper led the receiving group with 96 yards on six catches, while

Benjamin Omayebu recorded six catches for 54 yards and Keylan Johnson netted a 36-yard reception.

Defensively, six different Texans recorded a sack; Kyle Taylor, Devin Sterling, Brandon Tolvert, O'tay Baker, Caimyn Layne, and Bryson Collins. Jones had a 71-yard interception return for a touchdown to go with a team-high seven tackles. Collins had six tackles with his sack, and Tolvert had two tackles for loss. Tarleton forced eight McNeese plays for a loss.

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Saturday's contest began with an hour-delay due to lightning in the area, prolonging kick off to 8 p.m. CT.

After three-and-outs by both teams to start, Kelley burst for a 40-yard run on the second drive to put the Texans in business early. Tarleton drove to the McNeese 9-yard line, but the Cowboys ended the threat with an interception to keep the game scoreless.

With about nine minutes to go in the opening frame, Jalen Carr returned a punt 35 yards to put Tarleton just outside of the red zone. It



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took just two plays for the Texans to score their first touchdown of the season from there, two rushes by Britten, capped off by his first touchdown for the Purple and White, a 9-yard scamper.

The Tarleton lead didn't last long though, as the Cowboys answered with a 91-yard kickoff return for a touchdown by Cam Thomas to tie the game 7-7.

The Texans answered right back, although methodically this time, using a 12-play, 73-yard drive to take the lead once again. Gabalis threw his first touchdown as a Texan, tossing a high ball to Smith from five yards out that the human highlight reel came down with. The Texans led 14-7 after the opening frame.

On the Cowboys' first drive of the second quarter, they put together a 10-play

scoring drive, punched in by D'Angelo Durham on a six-yard rush to tie the game 14-14. The teams traded field goals the rest of the half, with Tarleton's Adrian Guzman booting a 41-yarder as time expired to put the game 17-17 at the break.

McNeese opened the second half with their best drive of the night, a 12-play, 75-yard touchdown march, scored by quarterback Nate Glantz from a yard out to put the Cowboys ahead 21-14.

Midway through the third quarter, the game turned on its head and went fully Tarleton's way.

At their own 38-yard line with about seven minutes to go in the third, Gabalis found a streaking Miller for a 62-yard touchdown to tie the game at 24-24.

On Tarleton's next drive,

they marched 64 yards down the field to take the lead 31-24, as Kelley ran in from nine yards out for his first touchdown of the year.

On the Texans' first drive of the fourth quarter, they scored once again to make it 38-21, this time a Gabalis to Britten 16-yard connection.

The Texans forced a quick three-and-out, then achieved their fourth straight touchdown scoring drive, as Britten made it back-to-back and completed his hat trick with a three-yard TD to make it 45-21.

Adding insult to injury, the Texans made it 35 unanswered points on McNeese's next drive, with Jones cutting a Tre Simmons' pass for a 71-yard interception return for a touchdown to make it 52-24.

The Cowboys scored a touchdown late, recovered

an onside kick and added a field goal as time expired to make it a 52-34 final.

This makes back-to-back seasons for the Texans to start 1-0. Their 52 points mark their most in a season-opener since 2002, when they blanked Southwest Assemblies of God 62-0. Their 52 points are their most scored overall since Nov. 9, 2019, a 58-3 win at William Jewell.

Next up, the Texans will hold their home opener on Saturday, Sept. 9 against North Alabama at Memorial Stadium in Stephenville, Texas, at 6 p.m. It will be a Purple Out game, with the first 1,000 fans in the gates receiving a free Purple Out shirt, courtesy of Tarleton Athletics.

Tarleton State University defeats UTSA at Roadrunner Classic

Tarleton State University

SAN ANTONIO — On Saturday, Sept. 2 Tarleton State Volleyball came into day two of the Roadrunner Classic hungry for another win after a 3-0 victory over Lamar to end day one of the tournament. The Texans came out on top in the fifth set against the host, the Roadrunners of UTSA, to finish off the tournament in San Antonio.

TARLETON 3 UTSA 2

After finishing off the first day of tournament play with a win over the Cardinals, the Texans were set on adding another victory to their record for the season.

To kickstart the match, Tarleton State claimed the first point on the board after a kill from Allison Bryant. In what quickly became a back and forth set, the Roadrunners took the reins and turned up the heat, leading the Texans for the majority of the match. As UTSA put up their 24th point of the set, the Purple and White answered the Roadrunners with a kill from Grayson Schirpik immediately followed by a kill from Madison Frank. While the Roadrunners tried to regain their composure, two errors from UTSA and another kill from Bryant added the 24th point to the board for Tarleton State. UTSA was first to point 25 with a kill from Cansu Gunaydin. Emma Burke quickly returned the favor as she put



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down another kill for the Texans. Burke blocked two attack attempts to rack up the final points for Tarleton State, taking set one 27-25.

In similar fashion to the first set, Bryant laid down another kill putting the Texans on the board first. The Roadrunners turned up the heat offensively leading the Texans 10 at one point during the match. Tarleton State closed the gap after several errors from UTSA and another kill from Burke, leaving the set final at 25-20 with the Roadrunners on

top. Set three began with two on the board for the Texans before UTSA found their way. With both teams taking turns controlling the court, the Roadrunners broke out and adding 10 consecutive points to the board to take the set 25-18.

The fourth set found the Purple and White looking for redemption. With two errors from the Roadrunners, the Texans took first two points of the set. Three consecutive kills from Tarleton State tallied the fifth point of the

set. As the Texans remained in the lead throughout the duration of the set, the Roadrunners fought to catch up but match the energy of the Purple and White. As UTSA put up their 19th point of the set with a kill from Faye Wilbricht, Tarleton State answered with three more kills to end the fourth set 25-19, forcing a set five.

For the first time throughout the match, UTSA found their way to the board first in set five after an error from the Texans. With a kill from Rajini Fitzmaurice fol-

lowed by a service ace from the Florida, native, Tarleton State added two points to the board. The Roadrunners got to work as they led the Texans by five at one point in the set. However, that didn't last for long. Tarleton State caught up quickly after a kill from Schirpik and another from Burke followed by three blocked attack attempts from Burke. A kill from Breanna McDonough kept the set alive as she tallied the 13th point for the Texans. Fitzmaurice claimed point 14 for the Texans

with a service ace. After a blocked attack attempt from McDonough, UTSA saw the 15th point of the set. Two consecutive kills from Bryant and a kill from McDonough saw the Texans seal the deal on an exhilarating fifth set ending 17-15.

The Texans leave the Roadrunner Classic 2-1 after a heartbreaking loss to Delaware in the fifth set, a 3-0 match against Lamar and a five-set match against UTSA that left everyone on the edge of their seat.

Fitzmaurice saw her best match of the season so far, leading the team with 15 kills for the match, her new season-high, also led the team with 17 digs, three service aces, three block assists and 19.5 points. Bryant and Schirpik tied for second in kills for the match with 14 each. Schirpik also totaled 14.0 points for the match. Alongside Bryant's 14 kills are eight digs, 16.0 points, two block assists and a service ace. McDonough tallied 12 kills for the match with 12.5 points.

Burke compiled eight kills, 12.5 points and led the team with five block assists and the only two solo blocks for the Texans. Hodges led the Texans in assists once again with 29, 12 digs, 3.0 points and two digs. Freshman Charlice Ching holds second place in assists for the Purple and White with 16 and 10 digs.

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Gatesville High School presents Fall Fling Dance

Staff Reports

Gatesville High School will host a semi-formal Fall Fling Dance on Saturday, Oct. 28, from 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., located in the Gatesville High School Cafeteria.

To enter the dance, go through door numbers 29 and 32, which are near the entrance of the Gatesville High School cafeteria and courtyard. There will be plenty of snacks and drinks provided.

This dance is open to all ninth through 12th-grade students. Tickets are \$20 each and will be sold during the lunch hours of Wednesday, Oct. 18 through Friday, Oct. 27. Tickets will be sold early for \$15 from Tuesday, Sept. 19 through Thursday, Sept. 21.

Students must be in good standing with grades, behavior, attendance, and cannot owe any fines or holds.

Fall Fling is a school event, and students are required to comply with the general GHS dress code, in addition to the requirements listed below.

If students feel their attire is questionable, they

are encouraged to discuss (or show) their evening wear to administration before the event.

Students who are non-compliant with the dress code guidelines will be given the opportunity to comply. If they refuse, they will not be permitted to attend the dance and will not receive a refund.

Female Dress Code: Ladies can wear semi-formal/formal gowns or pant suits.

- Strapless gowns and spaghetti straps will be allowed.

- All attire should be modestly cut, no plunging or low-cut necklines.

- No visible midriff or revealing side cutouts.

- All attire should be of modest length, not above the mid-thigh length.

- No slits more than five inches above the knee.

Male Dress Code: Men can wear semi-formal/formal attire, which includes a suit, slacks, or nice jeans.

For more information contact Gatesville High School at 254-865-8281. Gatesville High School is located at 205 South Lovers Lane.

PREPARING FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS



The above photos show Mrs. Erwin's Audio Video Productions class preparing the weekly announcements for Gatesville High School.

COURTESY PHOTOS

Gatesville High School 1968 class reunion set for this weekend

Staff Reports

The Gatesville High School class of 1968 will celebrate its 55th class reunion on Saturday, Sept. 9. The reunion will be held at First Methodist Church

from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

There will be an ice cream social for members to enjoy a free, sweet treat.

For more information, contact 254-216-1919.

Gatesville High School class of 1973 reunion

Submitted Item

The Gatesville High School class of 1973 will celebrate its 50-year graduation on Saturday, Sept. 9, from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. The celebration will be held at Windmill Hill located at 1808 Bridge Street in Gatesville.

Donations are welcomed for catered meals and can

be sent to Donna Beeman Medford located at 304 Grandview Drive in Gatesville.

The classes of 1972 and 1974 are welcome to attend.

RSVP to Paula Peevy Sarfarik at 512-940-1247 or Marla Jacobs Kelsey at 817-915-8691.

RECIPE

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

CHICKEN CAZUELA DOROTHY LOVELACE

Ingredients:

- 8 oz. linguini, broken in half and cooked in unsalted water and drained
- 1 can Durkee French fried onions (2.8)
- 2 c. cubed cooked chicken
- 1 (10 3/4 oz.) can condensed cream of mushroom soup
- 1/2 c. prepared chicken bouillon (2 cubes)
- 1 (4-oz.) can chopped green chilies, drained
- 1 c. shredded cheddar cheese
- 2 T. diced pimiento

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In greased 8 X 12 baking dish, layer hot linguini, 1/2 can French fried onions and the chicken. In a small bowl, combine soup, bouillon, chilies, and pimiento; pour over chicken. Top with cheese. Bake, covered at 350 for 30 minutes or until heated through. Top with remaining onions, bake, uncovered for 5 minutes or until onions are golden brown. Makes 6 to 8 servings. Can substitute cubed smoked turkey for chicken.

SUDOKU

Solution for the puzzle that ran Aug. 26.

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days 6:30 p.m.

LIVE OAK
David Crosby, Interim Pas-
tor; 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.

PURMELA BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor: Brenden Hough;
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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.,
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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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2 miles north of Irel & on
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Sundays.

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Dutton, Pastor; Sunday
worship 10 a.m.

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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. & Wednesday-Friday
at 7 a.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST CEDAR RIDGE
Deral McWhorter, minister;
104 Cedar Ridge,
Gatesville; Sunday worship
10 a.m. & 6 p.m.

EVANT
Will Vann, Preacher; 310 W.
Brooks Dr., Evant; Sunday
Bible Study 9:30 a.m.,
Sunday worship 10:20 a.m.
& 12:30 p.m., Wednesday

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Wes Covey, Pastor; Sunday
school 10 a.m., Sunday
services 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.,
Thursdays 7 p.m.; 2518
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GRACE ASSEMBLY CHRISTIAN
Wray Nunn, pastor; Sunday
worship 10:30 a.m.,
Wednesday worship 6:30
p.m.; Gateway Learning
Center, 2315 Osage Rd.,
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a.m.; Sunday worship
10:45 a.m.

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.,
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Gatesville High School hands out appreciation T-shirts



Emery Wood

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GHS Band Directors

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Thomas Dean

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BY SE'VETTE EARLY
Contributing Writer

Gatesville High School principal Mrs. Shoaf awards t-shirts once per week to nominated students and teachers. This activity supports students and teachers and shows appreciation to their dedication and hard work.

NOMINATION COMMENT:

Emery Wood has pushed very hard throughout the spring and summer to advocate for the Color Guard. Her positive energy and desire to achieve success for the group as a whole is helping new members to advance by leaps and bounds. She has been one of the best leaders I have had in years.

NOMINATION COMMENT:

Well, I can't single out just ONE band director over the others...they work as a team and hold each other up every single day. I am continuously amazed at all of the positive things I see from our band directors! They give a LOT of their personal time to guide their students to a successful marching

season! Mr. Sanchez has been a great mentor to me for the last 5 years, and I am forever grateful for his assistance & support of my Theatre program! Mrs. Reynolds is a great addition to the team; she always has a smile for her students, and I love seeing her make positive connections with her students. Mr. Hamilton shows us all how to remain calm and chill; he also has a great sense of humor! Finally, Mr. Meyers is just so kind and helpful no matter what. We are very blessed to have these directors here at Gatesville!

NOMINATION COMMENT:

Thomas Dean is a young man that comes into my class with a smile every day. But what impresses me is that he comes to my class early in the mornings to finish work he didn't finish the day before, and he does this on his own. I appreciate a student that takes care of his/her business without being reminded everyday of what they need to do. I wish I had more like him.

ELEMENTARY STUDENTS RAISE MONEY FOR GATESVILLE VFD



COURTESY PHOTO

Gatesville Elementary School has raised \$645 with its hat day on Friday, Sept. 1. The money will be donated to the Gatesville Volunteer Fire Department for supplies, funds, and more. Pictured above left to right: Kase Secrest, Grayson Hadley, Patrice Gilbert, Maddox Gilbert, and Presley Gilbert.



Teddy Bear Day

Sept. 9, 2023



The teddy bear's story is as sweet as honey! Back in 1902, there was a big event in the United States called a "bear hunt," led by President Theodore Roosevelt, often called

Teddy for short. But the President didn't want to hurt any bears, so when his friends finally found a bear cub, he refused to shoot it. A cartoonist named Clifford

Berryman drew a cute cartoon of this moment, and it caught people's hearts. A shopkeeper named Morris Michtom saw the cartoon and got a brilliant idea. He and his wife, Rose, sewed a soft bear-shaped toy and put it in their store's window. They called it "Teddy's Bear."

The bear became super popular! Other people, like a German toy maker named Richard Steiff, also started making stuffed bears. Soon, teddy bears were all the rage around the world. Kids and grown-ups fell in love with these cuddly creatures.

The teddy bear's history shows how one act of kindness could lead to something wonderful. These soft bears have been cherished by generations, becoming a symbol of comfort and love. And it all started with a little bear cub that President Teddy Roosevelt decided not to hunt.

Theodore Roosevelt, often called Teddy, was the 26th President of the United States from 1901 to 1909. He was known for his energetic and progressive leadership. Roosevelt worked to protect the environment by creating national parks and forests, and he also pushed for laws to regulate businesses and make sure they treated workers and customers fairly.

Roosevelt was a tough and adventurous person. He led the Rough Riders, a group of soldiers, during the Spanish-American War and even explored the Amazon rainforest. He was also famous for his big glasses and strong personality. His efforts helped shape modern America, leaving a legacy of conservation and social progress. The teddy bear is named after him because of a story where he refused to shoot a bear cub during a hunting trip, inspiring a popular toy.



Theodore Roosevelt



The world's smallest teddy bear, named "Micro Ted," was created by the artist Cheryl Moss. It measured only about 5 millimeters (0.2 inches) tall and was made with a lot of care and precision. Micro Ted holds the Guinness World Record for being the tiniest teddy bear ever made.

On the other end of the size spectrum, the largest teddy bear ever made is named "C.T. Dreams." It was created by Teddy Bears of Witney, a company in the United Kingdom. This massive bear stood at a towering 71 feet and 2 inches (21.64 meters) tall. It was as tall as a seven-story building! C.T. Dreams was created to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the teddy bear and was displayed in a shopping center.

Both of these teddy bears, one incredibly tiny and the other unbelievably large, showcase the creativity and imagination of people who love these cuddly toys. They remind us that teddy bears can come in all shapes and sizes, bringing joy to people of all ages.



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GISD Homecoming Week Shenanigans

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Campuses at Gatesville I.S.D. dressed up to celebrate Homecoming week. Gatesville's varsity football team was set to take on the McGregor Bulldogs during Friday night's game. Dress up themes included Greek vs Geek, Camo Day and Construction Day.

