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**GARAGE SALE**

**Business Closing Sale**  
Fri.-Sun., April 5-7  
250 FM 116, Gatesville  
Opens at 8 a.m. Friday  
Opens at Noon Sat. & Sun.

**GALLERY CLOSEOUT**  
Lots of:  
Art • Jewelry • Antiques  
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Displays • Tools • More

Huge Multi-Family Garage Sale! 300 River Place West-Gatesville, Fri., 3/29&Sat., 3/30, @8a.m.! Lots of new&used items, household, clothing, saddle, furniture, Tupperware-dealer inventory-All Needs To Go! 00030696

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**PUBLIC NOTICES**

THE STATE OF TEXAS CITATION BY PUBLICATION - Parent and child CAUSE NUMBER 319465-0 To: Jessica Michelle Moore Greetings: You are hereby commanded to appear before the 426th District Court, Bell County, Texas to be held at the Bell County District Courts Building in Belton, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock AM of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days of publication of which this citation, then and there to answer the original petition for adoption of a child IN RE:, Petitioner filed in said court on August 24, 2020, against Jessica Michelle Moore, respondent, and said suit being number 319465-0, on the docket of said court, and entitled in the interest of a child, David Brice Terrell, DOB: May 24, 2014. The nature of which suit is a request to adoption not under CPS. The court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship, the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's children's adoption. This was issued at the request of attorney: William David Scales, 204 North Penelope Street, Ste. F-1, Belton, Texas 76513. Notice to Jessica Michelle Moore: You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 AM on the Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after you were serviced this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you. Witness, Joanna Staton, District Clerk of Bell County, Texas. Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at office in Belton, Texas on October 29, 2020. Joanna Staton, District Clerk, P.O. Box 909, 1201 West Huey Road, Belton, Texas 76513. For more information, contact Velva Johnson, Court Coordinator, 254-933-5246, velva.johnson@bellcounty.texas.gov. By: C. Estrada, Deputy. 00030695

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LEGAL NOTICE: Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Mixed Beverage License and a Food and Beverage License by Okapi's Bar and Grill, LLC, to be located at 712 E. Main Street, Gatesville, Coryell County, Texas. Owner of said LLC is Montgomery T. Roach TRUST U/D/T dated December 23, 1998, Member. 00030688

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: Notice is given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Benton Surrell Boyd were issued on March 20, 2024 in Cause No. 24-10960 pending in the County Court at Law of Coryell County, Texas, to Patricia Abshire. All persons having claims against the estate, which is presently being administered, are required to submit them, within the time and manner prescribed by law, and before the estate is closed, addressed as follows:  
c/o Allen D. Place, Jr.  
Attorney at Law  
109 S. 7th Street  
Gatesville, Texas 76528  
Dated the 20th day of March, 2024.  
Allen D. Place, Jr.  
Attorney for Patricia Abshire  
State Bar No.: 16058500  
109 S. 7th Street  
Gatesville, Texas 76528  
Telephone: (254) 865-8475  
Facsimile: (254) 865-5274  
Email: allenplacejr@aol.com  
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS: Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Lonnie Ben Putnam were issued on March 20, 2024 in Cause No. 24-10968 pending in the County Court at Law of Coryell County, Texas, to David Mayhew. All persons having claims against this estate, which is presently being administered, are required to submit them, within the time and manner prescribed by law, and before the estate is closed, addressed as follows:  
c/o: Allen D. Place, Jr.  
Attorney at Law  
109 S. 7th Street  
Gatesville, Texas 76528  
Dated the 20th day of March, 2024.  
Allen D. Place, Jr.  
Attorney for David Mayhew  
State Bar No.: 16058500  
109 S. 7th Street  
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Telephone: (254) 865-8475  
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Email: allenplacejr@aol.com  
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NOTICE OF SALE: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY HORNET STORAGE II OF GATESVILLE TX TO THE FOLLOWING PERSONS LISA BROWN.

UNIT #28 THAT ON THE 5TH DAY OF APRIL AT 9AM AT 322 FM 107 GATESVILLE, TX. THE GOODS IN YOUR UNIT WILL BE SOLD IN ORDER TO SATISFY YOUR STORAGE LIEN AS SET FORTH BY TEXAS LAW. THIS IS THE 3/22/2024.  
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NOTICE OF SALE: Pursuant to Chapter 59 of the Texas Property Code, Ideal Self Storage-Gatesville, located at 425 SH-36 Bypass N, Gatesville TX 76528, is having an online auction. The property is being sold to satisfy a landlord's lien. The sale will be held at storageauctions.com beginning Monday, April 8, 2024 at 11 A.M. Seller reserves the right to withdraw any property from the sale upon payment in full. Bidding sale will end on Monday, April 15, 2024 at 11 A.M. Units to be sold: Denise Kleshick, Heather August. Inventory: Household goods, clothing, tools, and misc. Patty Vick  
Area Manager  
254-315-7501 00030674

CLAIMS may be presented to: "Executor of the Estate of Raymond T. Hudson, Clifford J. Nettles, Jr., at 4906 Lake Arrowhead Dr., Waco, Texas 76710.  
Dated March 15, 2024.  
/s/ Cullan R. Britain  
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CITATION BY PUBLICATION - TRC109&114 THE STATE OF TEXAS: U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS SUCCESSOR IN THE INTEREST TO BANK OF AMERICA NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR C-BASS MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-SP2, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS  
-vs-  
MARILYN J MAZE; KENNETH MAZE JR; GARLAND MCGIRR AKA GARLAND MAZE; RANDY L WRIGHT; LISA REANN MCGIRR AKA LISA DICKSON  
Cause No: DC-23-54728  
IN THE  
52ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS  
TO: MARILYN J MAZE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF MARILYN J. MAZE  
503 MARY ST  
COPPERAS COVE, TX 76522  
Defendant - GREETING  
NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 A.M. on the Monday next following the expiration of 42 days after the date you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you. in addition to filing a written answer with the clerk, you may be required to make initial disclosures generally must be made no later than 30 days after you file your answer with the clerk. Find out more at TexasLawHelp.org." You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before 10:00 o'clock AM on the Monday next after the expiration after 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation before the Honorable 52ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT of Coryell County, at the Courthouse in said County in Gatesville, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on the 05/23/2023 in the above entitled causes. A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: PLAINTIFF U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS SUCCESSOR IN THE INTEREST TO BANK OF AMERICA NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR C-BASS MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-SP2., B AND THROUGH ITS ATTORNEY OF RECORD, DANYA F. GLADNEY OF CODILIS & MOODY, P.C., 20405 STATE HIGHWAY 249, SUITE 170, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77070, BROUGHT SUIT UNDER CAUSE # DC-23-54728 IN THE 52ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS FOR ENFORCEMENT AND FORECLOSURE OF DEED OF TRUST LIEN ON THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY OF WHICH DEFENDANTS, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF MARILYN J. MAZE, ARE POTENTIAL PARTIES IN THE INTEREST: LOT FOUR(4) BLOCK FIVE(5) OF MEGGS SUBDIVISION, COPPERAS COVE, CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS, AS SHOWN OF RECORD IN VOLUME 190, PAGE 327, DEED RECORDS OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS COMMONLY KNOWN AS 503 MARY ST. COPPERAS COVE, TEXAS 76522 in as more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit. Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Gatesville, Texas, this 10th day of January, 2024.  
Attorney for Plaintiff or Petitioner  
DANYA F. GLADNEY  
400 N. SAM HOUSTON PKWY E, SUITE 900A  
HOUSTON, TX 77060  
Clerk of the Court:  
Becky Moore, District Clerk  
P.O. Box 4  
Gatesville, Texas 76528  
Coryell County, Texas  
By: LONNA GOSSETT, DEPUTY 00030662

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND HEARING TO CONSIDER TO REPLAT OF TWIN CAVERNS RANCH, PHASE II  
LOCATION/DATE:  
The Coryell County Commissioners Court will hold a public hearing at 9:00 a.m. on April 23, 2024, at the Coryell County Commissioners' Courtroom, 800 E. Main Street, Gatesville TX 76528.  
PURPOSE: To receive comments for or against a request by KG Texas Ranch, LLC for a revision of Twin Caverns Ranch, Phase 2 Replat No. 1.  
SITE LOCATION:  
The subject site is located at County Road 272, Oglesby, TX.  
SITE LEGAL DESCRIPTION: The subject site is a 144.08-acre tract being in Twin Caverns Ranch, Phase 2, Replat No. 1, Lot Numbers 157, 159, 160, 166-168, 170, 172-178, 181, 185, 200, 206, 217-219, 223, 224, 226, 227, and 242 as recorded in Slide 1130-1139 of the Coryell County Clerk Records.  
FOR MORE INFORMATION:  
Additional information and a map of the subject site are available upon request for review. You may contact Justin Mannix at the Coryell County Road and Bridge Department for additional information.  
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**NOW HIRING**

- RN – FT & PRN; all Shifts for Charge Nurse and Nursing
- LVN – FT & PRN; all Shifts for Charge Nurse and Nursing
- Occupational Therapist – FT

**\*\*FULL TIME SIGN ON BONUS MAY BE AVAILABLE WITH ONE YEAR COMMITMENT FOR SPECIFIC AREA'S LVNS, CMAS, CNAS**

**BENEFITS OFFERED:**  
Competitive compensation • Paid Vacation • Sick time accrual • Matching 457B investments  
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**APPLY IN PERSON OR DOWNLOAD AN APPLICATION FROM WEBSITE:**

110 Chicktown Rd. off: (254) 404-2500  
Gatesville, TX 76528 fax: (254) 248-6288  
humanresources@coryellhealth.org



- Physical Therapist Asst – PRN
- CNA/NA – FT, all Shifts
- CMA/CNA – FT, all Shifts

Job summaries at  
[www.CoryellHealth.org](http://www.CoryellHealth.org)

**NOW HIRING**



**HOME HEALTH:**  
• RN – FT (4 day weekends every other week)  
• PCA – PRN for Gatesville, Copperas Cove & Hamilton

**ASSISTED/INDEPENDENT LIVING:**  
• CNA-FT & PRN – all Shifts  
• CMA – PRN

**MEDICAL CLINIC:**  
• CMA/LVN – FT  
• CCMA  
• LVN – PRN

**CULINARY:**  
• Patient Dining Associate  
• Retail Café Server  
• Cook  
• Kitchen Manager  
• Cashier  
• Dishwasher

**DIALYSIS:**  
• LVN – PT; RN Charge  
• Nurse – FT

**EMPLOYEE HEALTH:**  
• Employee Health RN

**EMS:**  
• Paramedic – FT & PRN

**EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT:**  
• RN – FT Nightshift  
• PRN – all shifts

**HOUSEKEEPING:**  
• Housekeepers – FT

**ICU:**  
• RN – FT all shifts

**INFECTION PREVENTION:**  
• BSN-RN – FT  
Preferable Certified Infection Control & Epidemiology

**LAB:**  
• Medical Laboratory Technician – FT and PT or PRN  
• Point of Care Assistant – FT

**MED/ SURG:**  
• RN or LVN – FT and PRN

**MILLS COUNTY MEDICAL CLINIC:**  
• LVN

**RADIOLOGY:**  
• CT/X-Ray Tech – PRN  
TDH MRT & ARRT W/1 yr. exp. in CT/X-Ray

**SURGERY:**  
• Certified Scrub Technician  
• Cath Lab RN  
• Pre-Op/PACU RN

**SOME POSITIONS MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR SIGN ON BONUS. ASK FOR DETAILS.**

**BENEFITS OFFERED:**  
• Matching 457B investments  
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• Health, Dental, Life and supplemental Insurances  
• Tuition Reimbursement  
• EOE.

**APPLY IN PERSON OR DOWNLOAD AN APPLICATION FROM WEBSITE:**

1507 W. Main St. off: (254) 248-6386  
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humanresources@coryellhealth.org

Job summaries at  
[www.CoryellHealth.org](http://www.CoryellHealth.org)

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**SERVICES**

**ASHLEY'S LANDSCAPING & SERVICES:** Tree Trimming, Leaf/Yard Cleanup, Mowing, Landscaping, French Drains, and Moving Services. John 3:16, Like us on Facebook! 254-239-8842 00030646

Central Texas Landscaping & Services, LLC: Mowing, Landscaping, Brush Clearing, Trash Clean Up, Pipe Fence Painting (Ospho), Road Installation. John Capella, 254-216-3684. Licensed & Insured. 00030649

TREE WORKS Tree Service: tree trimming, removal & stump grinding. Free estimates. Call Lloyd, (254)223-3287. 00030641

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R&M FENCING & DOZING: barbed wire, custom pipe, entryways, corrals, barns, fence row clearing, metal buildings, residential & game fencing, solar gate openers, dozer work. Free estimates. Larry Riddle, 254-248-2205; Joyce McAdams, 254-248-4318. 00030644

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**SERVICES**

**NOLTE'S CONSTRUCTION**



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**CELL 254-216-2938**

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Gatesville & Surrounding Areas  
Darrel Schuman – Owner  
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**Your ad should be here.....**

# CLASSIFIEDS

## 099 PUBLIC NOTICES

### NOTICE TO RAZE AND REMOVE BUILDING

TO: Donna Teel (deceased)  
1612 Robertson Ave  
Copperas Cove, TX 76522

NOTICE COPIES PROVIDED TO THE FOLLOWING HOLDERS OF ENCUMBRANCES OF RECORD PURSUANT TO WIS. STAT 66.0413(1)(d):

CITY OF WAUSAU  
407 Grant Street  
Wausau, WI 54403

MARATHON COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE  
500 Forest Street  
Wausau, WI 54403

MARATHON COUNTY  
c/o County Administrator  
500 Forest Street  
Wausau, WI 54403

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the building hereinafter described located on the hereinafter described property is in violation of Wausau Municipal Code Section 15.32.010 (Razing, removing or repairing). Consequently, this building is out of repair, dangerous for further use, unsafe, unfit for human habitation and unreasonable to repair. A Building Inspection Report is attached as Exhibit 1.

IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED that the cost to repair the building hereinafter described exceeds fifty (50) percent of the assessed value of the building divided by the ratio of the assessed value to the recommended value as last published by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue for the City of Wausau and that such repairs are therefore presumed unreasonable, as set forth on Exhibit 1. The 2023 value set by the City of Wausau Assessor's Office for the building was \$76,800 and the total miscellaneous value, including the detached garage, was \$5,200. Values for 2024 will not be public until May.

YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED pursuant to Section 15.32.010 of the Wausau Municipal Code and Section 66.0413(1)(b)1, of the Wisconsin Statutes to Raze and Remove said building within thirty (30) days after service of this order on you.

Property location address: 930 S. 5th Ave, Wausau, WI 54401  
Legal Description: J M SMITHS ADD LOT 8 BLK 9, in the City of Wausau, Marathon County, Wisconsin.  
Tax Parcel No.: 59-6915-009-008-00-00  
PIN: 291-2907-353-0028

Building: The building to be removed is an unattached garage.

YOU ARE FURTHER ORDERED to remove all personal property or fixtures from the building within thirty (30) days after service of this Order on you. If the personal property or fixtures are not removed within such time the City may store, sell, or if the personal property or fixtures have no appreciable value, destroy such property or fixtures. If the property is stored, the amount paid for storage shall be a lien against the property and the real estate and to the extent not reimbursed, shall be assessed and collected as a special tax against the real estate if owned by the owner of the personal property and fixtures.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that this notice is served upon you pursuant to the terms and provisions of Section 66.0413, Subsection (1) of the Wisconsin Statutes and in such case made and provided. If you shall fail or refuse to comply within the time prescribed in this notice, said building shall be razed and removed by the City of Wausau; and the cost of such razing and removal shall be charged against the property, shall be a lien thereon, and shall be assessed and collected as a special tax.

Dated at Wausau, Wisconsin, this 21st day of March, 2024.

CITY OF WAUSAU  
Evan Garski, Property Inspector for the City of Wausau  
STATE OF WISCONSIN  
COUNTY OF MARATHON

Personally came before me this 21st day of March, 2024, the above named Evan Garski, Property Inspector for the City of Wausau, to me known to be the person who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same. 00030691

JENNIFER NEWTON  
CLERK OF THE COUNTY COURT  
P.O. BOX 237  
GATESVILLE, TEXAS 76528  
ATTORNEY OR PERSON FILING CAUSE  
JACQUELINE BALTRUN  
512 E. FOURTH ST.  
LAMPASAS, TX 76550  
TO: DECEDENT'S UNKNOWN HEIRS  
UNKNOWN ADDRESS  
UNKNOWN STATE  
THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF CORYELL

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF JOSHUA ERNEST BAILEY, DECEASED CAUSE NO 23-10939, COUNTY COURT OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS. KIMBERLY SUE BAILEY FILED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS ON THE 28TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2023, APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP SAID JOSHUA ERNEST BAILEY, DECEASED.

SAID APPLICATION SHALL BE HEARD AND ACTED ON BY SAID COURT ON OR AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY NEXT AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF TEN DAYS FROM DATE OF POSTING THIS CITATION, THE SAME BEING THE 8TH DAY OF JANUARY 2024, AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN GATESVILLE, TEXAS.

ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID ESTATE ARE HEREBY CITED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE COUNTY COURT OF CORYELL COUNTY AT THE SAME ABOVE MENTIONED TIME AND PLACE BY FILING A WRITTEN ANSWER CONTESTING SUCH APPLICATION SHOULD THEY DESIRE TO DO SO.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE COUNTY COURT OF CORYELL COUNTY IN GATESVILLE, TEXAS THE 28TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2023.

JENNIFER NEWTON  
CORYELL COUNTY CLERK  
CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS  
BY: A. KORNEYGAY 00030692

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## 102 REAL ESTATE



# Burks

## REAL ESTATE

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Office: 254-471-5738

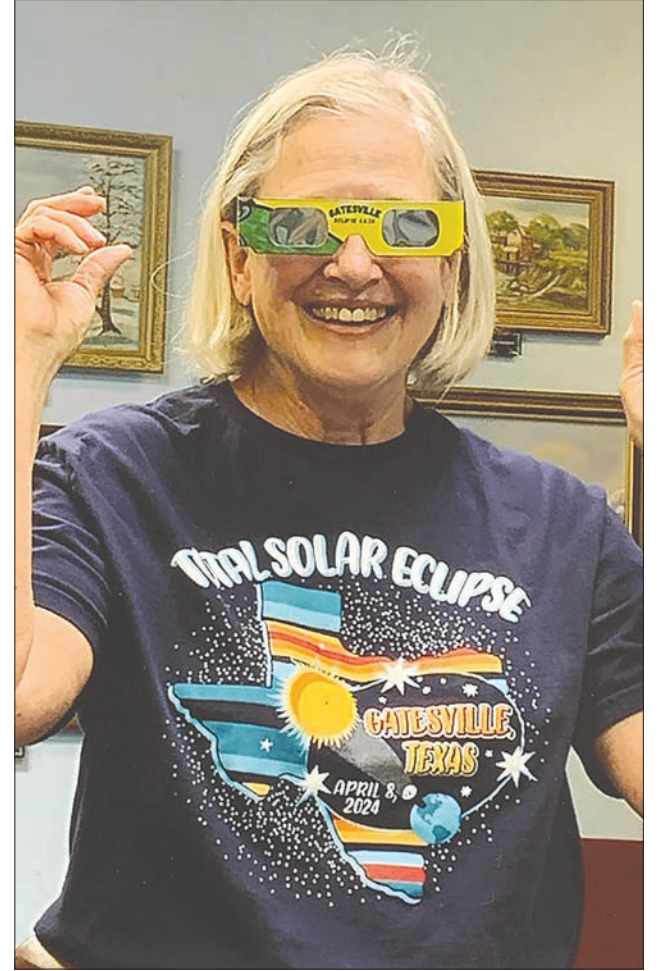
**Calvin Burks - Broker**  
(254) 865-3601

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(254) 206-0643

**Johnny Burks**  
(254) 223-0833

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## 102 REAL ESTATE



COURTESY PHOTO

Joyce Talbott presented a program to members of the Morris Federation about the upcoming total solar eclipse.

## Morris Federation learns about upcoming eclipse and Gatesville's plans for it

Submitted by Marsha Lee

On Saturday, March 9, the Morris Federation held its monthly meeting in the James Coryell Room at the Coryell Museum and Historical Center.

The program was presented by Joyce Talbott, who majored in math and science and taught school for 27 years, some of those at Gatesville Elementary School. She joined the Lions Club in April of 2022, and her willingness to help with any and all Lions Club projects resulted in her being named "Lion of the Year" for 2022. She is also a member of CRSP and volunteers at the Gatesville Care Center. She is married to Charles Talbott, and they have two children, Clint and Valerie.

### A Total Solar Eclipse

Joyce has also been a vital part of planning and helping Gatesville prepare for a major upcoming event: the total solar eclipse, which will occur on April 8, 2024. A total solar eclipse happens when the moon passes between the Earth and the sun, and the three bodies are in perfect alignment with one another. When the moon is at its closest distance to Earth and appears to be the same size as the sun, it will completely block out the face of the sun. This type of solar eclipse is special because it is the only eclipse where viewers can momentarily remove their eclipse glasses as the moon completely covers the sun. Talbott warned, "Looking at the sun when it is not totally covered can damage the eyes."

### Other Types of Eclipses

There are three other types of solar eclipses: An annular solar eclipse happens when the moon passes between the Earth and sun. The bodies are aligned, but the moon is at or near its farthest point from the Earth. Its shadow on the sun will thus appear smaller than the sun, and the eclipse will resemble a small black disk on top of a larger, bright disk, and it leaves a bright ring of sun exposed around its shadow. The last annual eclipse in the U.S. was on Oct. 14, 2023. A partial solar eclipse happens when the Moon passes between the Earth and sun, but without being in a straight line, and thus only a part of the sun is blacked out. This

gives it a crescent shape, making it look like a bite has been taken out of the sun. It is probably the most common eclipse. The hybrid solar eclipse is the rarest eclipse. Because the Earth's surface is curved, an eclipse will sometimes shift between an annular and a total eclipse.

Gatesville will be in the path of a total eclipse of the sun on April 8, 2024. It will be visible in parts of 13 states: Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine. Observers here will be able to see the partial phase of the eclipse begin at 12:19 p.m. At 1:36 p.m., totality will occur when the moon's path will completely obscure the sun for a total of 4 minutes, 23.9 seconds. The last contact will occur at 2:59 p.m.

People located nearest the center of the width of the track left by the moon's shadow when it hits the Earth will experience the longest period of total coverage of the Sun. Gatesville's central location will allow this longer period of totality, whereas other sites may only experience a minute or a little less of totality. The sky will darken, as if it were dawn or dusk. Weather permitting, observers may view the sun's atmosphere, called the corona, which sometimes may put on a little display.

During totality, it is not unusual for this to confuse animals and insects. Nocturnal animals may stir about, whereas birds may stop chirping and settle down for the night or "roost," and cows in the pasture may walk back toward the barn. Most insects may quieten down, while others like crickets and cicada may become louder. Some people experience an eerie feeling, like the world is standing still. Mrs. Talbott shared, "This may seem a bit strange, but I would urge viewers to take time to listen to the eclipse and to feel the eclipse. This may be the only total solar eclipse you ever have a chance to view."

### 'Diamond Ring Effect'

Another thing Mrs. Talbott urged viewers to watch for was the 'diamond ring effect' in a total solar eclipse. She explained, "As the moon comes close to com-

pletely covering the sun, the eclipse will take on a diamond ring appearance. This occurs again as the moon begins to leave its full coverage of the sun; then the diamond ring effect appears on the other side of the eclipse."

So, why is this eclipse so special? And, how rare is a total solar eclipse? Mrs. Talbott explained, "Total solar eclipses may occur an average of once every 18 months and are visible from someplace on the Earth's surface. That's still only an average of twice every 3 years, and each time they appear, they can only be viewed from a small portion of our big planet. They occur in different places, like over other countries or continents or even in the middle of nowhere like over the South Pacific or Antarctica." She continued, "The last time a total solar eclipse crossed a portion of the United States was in 2017. Prior to that, it had been 38 years since the eclipse of 1979 crossed over the Pacific Northwest." Another will occur in 2026, touching fringes of Greenland, Iceland, and Spain. North America will not experience totality again until 2033, with only part of Alaska able to witness it. Then, in 2044, another total solar eclipse will occur over North America, but only parts of western Canada, Montana, and the Dakotas will be able to view it. The path of totality for a 2045 total solar eclipse will run coast to coast from California to Florida.

The total solar eclipse of 2017 provided a view of totality over parts of about 14 states, but there are some differences between that eclipse and the upcoming one:

- The sun will be more active than in 2017. Every 11 years, the sun's north and south magnetic fields flip. As the magnetic fields are reoriented, activity on the sun changes. Scientists say this solar cycle is expected to near its peak around the eclipse on April 8th, and the sun will look more interesting. The Sun will likely have more wisps and streams exiting its atmosphere.

- An unusual "horned devil comet" notable for a series of recent outbursts will be visible in the night sky, and astronomers expect it to make a rare appearance during the total eclipse on April 8. This

Halley-type comet makes a 71-year orbit around the sun. It is a dazzling comet, greenish in color.

- There will be a longer duration for totality, especially in Gatesville. Sky watchers will not only get a glimpse of total darkness, but also a longer period of duration as well. Gatesville totality will last 4 minutes, 23.9 seconds.

Gatesville city planners are anticipating a large crowd of visitors for this event. They have been busy making plans. Brad Hunt, Police Chief, has called in additional police officers, not anticipating more crime, but rather management of traffic, etc. Restaurants, grocery stores, businesses, and motels are making plans. RV and tent camping areas are being made ready. A wide variety of activities and special events are being arranged for April 5-8. These include a presentation by NASA Ambassador Liam Finn in the City Auditorium on April 6 entitled "Syzygy: Exploring the Science and Wonder of the Solar Eclipse" (free admission, but tickets required). The museum will be open, allowing 60 visitors maximum at one time. There will be a "BLOCK (out the Sun) Party on the Square April 6-7 with lots of activities for all ages, and the Texas Station Events Center will host activities on those nights. Look at articles in The Gatesville Messenger for more information about times and locations of events.

Lastly, Mrs. Talbott mentioned a few things that we can do ahead of eclipse weekend. These included things such as getting solar eclipse glasses in advance, stocking up on groceries (to avoid the crowds and help our grocery stores meet needs that weekend), filling vehicles up with gasoline (also to avoid crowds and to help alleviate the chance of a gas shortage over the weekend), and filling prescriptions early and getting some extra cash (to help avoid ATM's running out of cash). In conclusion, she suggested "take off eclipse day if possible and stay flexible, participate in activities, watch the eclipse from home, record your memories, have fun and enjoy the experience!"