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EARTH DAY

April 22



Live sustainably this Earth Day and beyond

BY KAYLEE DUSANG
Staff Writer

While many might recognize the terms “go green” or “eco-friendly,” Earth Day provides an important reminder that there are opportunities to put those phrases into action.

Every year, Earth Day is observed on April 22. The purpose of the event is to raise awareness about environmental concerns and encourage people to take part in more sustainable practices.

Although the first Earth Day did not take place until the 1970s, the seeds of the environmental movement started in the 1960s following the publication of Rachel Carson's bestselling book “Silent Spring,” which highlighted the link between pollution and public health.

When former Wisconsin senator Gaylord Nelson launched the first Earth Day alongside activist Denis Hayes, the founder of the official Earth Day. Org, on April 22, 1970, around 20 million people from across the nation stepped out in support of more environmental regulations. This led to the establishment of the Environmental

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Coryell County Courthouse

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County seeks Master Plan for courthouse

BY DAVID SCOTT
Staff Writer

The Coryell County Commissioners recently approved a notice of request for qualifications for Professional Preservation Architectural Firms for services in connection with the development of a courthouse Master Plan. Coryell County Attor-

ney Brandon Belt recently described the purpose of having such a document. “A Master Plan is required to apply for grant funds to work on the courthouse. The purpose of a Master Plan is to evaluate the current state of the courthouse and set priorities for rehabilitating and maintaining the building. A

Professional Preservation Architect is hired to assist in developing the plan to preserve and maintain the courthouse.”

According to Belt, the Texas State Historical Commission states, “A good master plan includes a history of the building,

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“LET ‘ER RIP!”

The story of paid assassin “Deacon Jim”

BY DAVID SCOTT
Staff Writer

In 1909, a former Coryell County resident, Jim Miller, was hanged by an angry mob in Ada, Oklahoma. It appears that his complicated life of crime began at an early age and started just on the outskirts of the murder of Gatesville with the murder of his brother-in-law.

James “Jim” Brown Miller was born in 1861 in Van Buren, Arkansas. When he was about a year old, his parents, Jacob and Cynthia Miller, migrated to Franklin, Texas with their family. Jacob Miller was a stonemason by trade and helped build the first capitol building in Austin. A few short years after their arrival in Texas, Jacob Miller died. It was then that Cynthia Miller moved with her children to Evant, Texas to be near family members.

It has been written that, in 1869, when Miller was a mere eight years old, he killed his grandparents in Evant. However, this story cannot be verified or documented and is probably more of a fabricated version of his childhood

holding no truth.

It is known that by 1880, Miller was recorded in the census record as being 19 years of age and living in Coryell County with his widowed mother and his siblings. His younger sister, Georgia, had married a local man named John Thomas Coop, whom Miller detested. The couple invited Miller to move to their farm located on Plum Creek, just northwest of Gatesville. The relationship between Miller and his brother-in-law was turbulent, and the two often argued.

On a hot summer night in July of 1884, John Coop was killed by a shotgun blast while sleeping on his porch. It was a known fact that Miller did not like his brother-in-law, and he became the most apparent suspect in the shooting. The 23-year-old was soon arrested for the murder. It was reported that Miller was tried, convicted, and sentenced to life in prison, but that later his attorneys took the case to the Texas Court of Appeals

and his conviction was reversed on a technicality. This would be the first documented murder committed by Jim Miller.

Upon leaving the Coop farm, Miller left Coryell County and later became a hired hand on the ranch of Emanuel Clements, who was a cousin of outlaw John Wesley Hardin. While working at the ranch, a city marshal was ambushed by an assailant wielding a shotgun, which later became known as Miller's firearm of choice. Miller was again suspected in the shooting but never charged.

At this point in his life, Miller associated with a gang involved with the robbing of stagecoaches and trains. It was during this time that he also began a career as a “paid assassin,” stating that he would murder anyone for money. It was reported that he charged anywhere from \$150 to \$2,000 to kill someone. He would later earn a reputation for his

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MILLER

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efficiency at completing these assignments.

His reputation of being a professional killer preceded him and he was often referred to as “Deacon Jim” because he was known for attending the Methodist Church on a regular basis and did not smoke, drink, or swear, and, instead, read his Bible daily. Miller was also noted for his fine attire – wearing a white shirt with a celluloid collar, a stick pin on his lapel, a diamond ring, a hat, and would always wear a long frock coat despite the hot weather.

The reason for the long, black frock coat was later revealed during several shoot-outs. Underneath the coat, Miller wore a large steel plate similar to an early-day bulletproof vest, which saved his life on many occasions.

Over the course of the years, Miller resided in southeastern New Mexico and west Texas. The list of the murders he committed was numerous, but when a case went to trial, he was generally acquitted, or the case was dismissed. Miller literally “got away with murder.” Often, before Miller could be tried for any of the murders, witnesses were soon killed, and the cases were often dismissed for lack of evidence.

Local columnist, Uncle Bob Saunders, wrote of his brief encounter with Miller in a 1951 article which appeared in The Gatesville Messenger. “Pete Arp of McGregor, who was scheduled to be a witness against Miller in another case, was found killed on the Waco Road between Gatesville and McGregor.”

Saunders went on to describe his boyhood recollection of seeing Miller once in a saloon on the courthouse square. “I noticed that he was a nice-looking man dressed in a Prince Albert coat and white shirt and black string tie and wearing a broad-brim

black Stetson hat. The way he was dressed I couldn’t tell whether he was a preacher, a lawyer, or a gambler – he could pass for either of the three professions.”

In 1909, Miller was employed by ranchers Jesse West and Joe Allen through a middleman Berry Burrell. The men were wanting to hire Miller to murder Allen “Gus” Bobbitt of Ada, Oklahoma, who was a cattle rancher and former Deputy U.S. Marshal. The reason for the murder was thought to be because West, Allen, and Burrell wanted to acquire his land. Miller charged \$1,700 and carried out the ambush on Bobbitt on Feb. 27, 1909. Upon shooting Bobbitt, Miller fled to Fort Worth so that he could have an alibi. Later, Miller was arrested in Texas and extradited to Oklahoma to stand trial with West, Allen, and Burrell.

Residents of Ada realized that the evidence against the four men was not as solid as it could be and decided to take matters into their own hands. A lynch mob, reported

the jail where the men were bound with baling wire.

West, Allen, and Burrell were hung first. The lynch mob encouraged Miller to admit to his crimes, and it was reported that he said, “Let the record show that I’ve killed 51 men.” Legend has it that Miller made two final requests: One, that his diamond ring be given to his wife, and the other was that he would be permitted to wear his black hat while being hung. Both of his requests were granted.

Miller also requested to have his long, black frock coat draped around his shoulders, that request was denied. At that point, it was reported that Miller shouted, “Let ‘er rip!” and stepped off his box voluntarily to hang – going out on his own terms. He was 47 years of age. Following the hanging, it was said that the four men were left hanging in the livery stable for several hours until a photographer could be found to record the moment. The photos were then sold as postcards to tourists in Ada for many years after the hangings. Following his death, his body was returned to Texas where he was interred at the Oakwood Cemetery in Fort Worth.

While during his lifetime, Miller was often referred to as Deacon Jim, following his death, he was often labeled as “Killin’ Jim,” “Killer Miller,” and “Shotgun Miller.”

In 1974, Welborn Hope wrote a book about the hangings titled “Four Men Hanging: The End of the Old West.” Today, Hope’s book is considered to be a collector’s item.

In 1997, the city of Ada placed a marker near the spot where the hangings occurred in 1909. The marker tells the story of the



PHOTO COURTESY OF RTPR, LLC

Deacon Jim Miller wearing his familiar frock coat under which he used to conceal a steel plate to shield himself from bullets.

“Let the record show that I’ve killed 51 men... Let ‘er rip!”

– JIM “DEACON” MILLER

to be 200 in number, was formed and they broke into the jail in the early morning hours on April 19 and drug the four prisoners to an abandoned livery stable behind

lynching and reads at the bottom, “As a memorial to the end of the Old West and the struggle for law and order.”

With what was to be Miller’s first murder of his brother-in-law in Coryell County, little was it dreamed that 50 more hired killings would follow.

With what was to be Miller’s

PLAN

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historic photos and drawings, a thorough evaluation of existing conditions and a plan

for the future, with an estimated budget for all the proposed work. The master plan must be submitted to the THC for review and may either be accepted, with suggested changes made and resubmitted, or rejected. Proposed work must comply with

the Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties. The document is a general plan of action and does not include detailed construction plans and specifications.”

Firms wanting to make bids for this project must have their Intention to Respond

forms submitted to the county by May 7. Intention to Respond forms need to include name, address, phone number, and email and should be emailed to brandon.belt@coryellcountytexas.gov no later than May 7, 2024, at 10 a.m.



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FROM MY FRONT PORCH

Traditions at the Masters are a good thing



BY SAM HOUSTON

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

This past weekend the Masters golf tournament was held at the Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Georgia. The Masters is one of the four men's major championships in professional golf, and the only major played each year at the same course.

The club was founded by one of the greatest golfers in the history of the sport, Bobby Jones, and his friend, Clifford Roberts. The course was opened for play in 1934 and is considered

one of the greatest venues for golf in the world. To many it is a golf cathedral, and the very name "Masters" or "Augusta National" conjures images of the purest form of the sport.

Bobby Jones was the most successful amateur golfer to ever compete at a national and international level. During his peak, he dominated the competition and competed successfully against the world's best professionals. Remarkably, he retired from competitive golf at the age of 28 to raise his family and practice law. His simple love of the game and his search for golfing perfection was unique and notable. These characteristics are the basis that led to the founding of Augusta National and of the Masters tournament. What is compelling in these traditions still exist.

One of the trademarks of Augusta National is the caddies are compelled to wear white overalls. At Augusta there is no room for individual expression which might detract from

the purity of the match. Caddies are merely an implement, a tool for the golfers, and should never stand out or become part of the storyline.

This policy even flows to the audience. Considered one of the hardest tickets in sports to procure, attendees are prohibited from wearing anything denim, athletic shorts, or tank tops. There can be no running from hole to hole. Fans can carry no signs or take any other action which is considered distracting from the match, and if they do, they are removed from the grounds and prosecuted if possible.

Remarkably, cell phones, beepers, and other electronic devices are prohibited. One cannot even bring a "selfie" stick onto the grounds! Can you imagine in today's world, thousands of people being at an event

and voluntarily surrendering their cell phone? I know of no other event in the world where such dictates would be so graciously accepted by its audience.

Here is something refreshing: While no spectators may bring a cooler or any other device which could carry beverages onto the course, refreshments are modestly priced. A sandwich is priced from \$1 to \$3, and a Coke is only \$2!

There are no cheerleaders or light shows at Augusta. There is no music or other forms of entertainment to enhance the experience for the attendees. There is no need to. The purity of what some describe as the "perfect game" embraces the audience and seizes their full attention. The only star is the course and the very nature of the game itself.

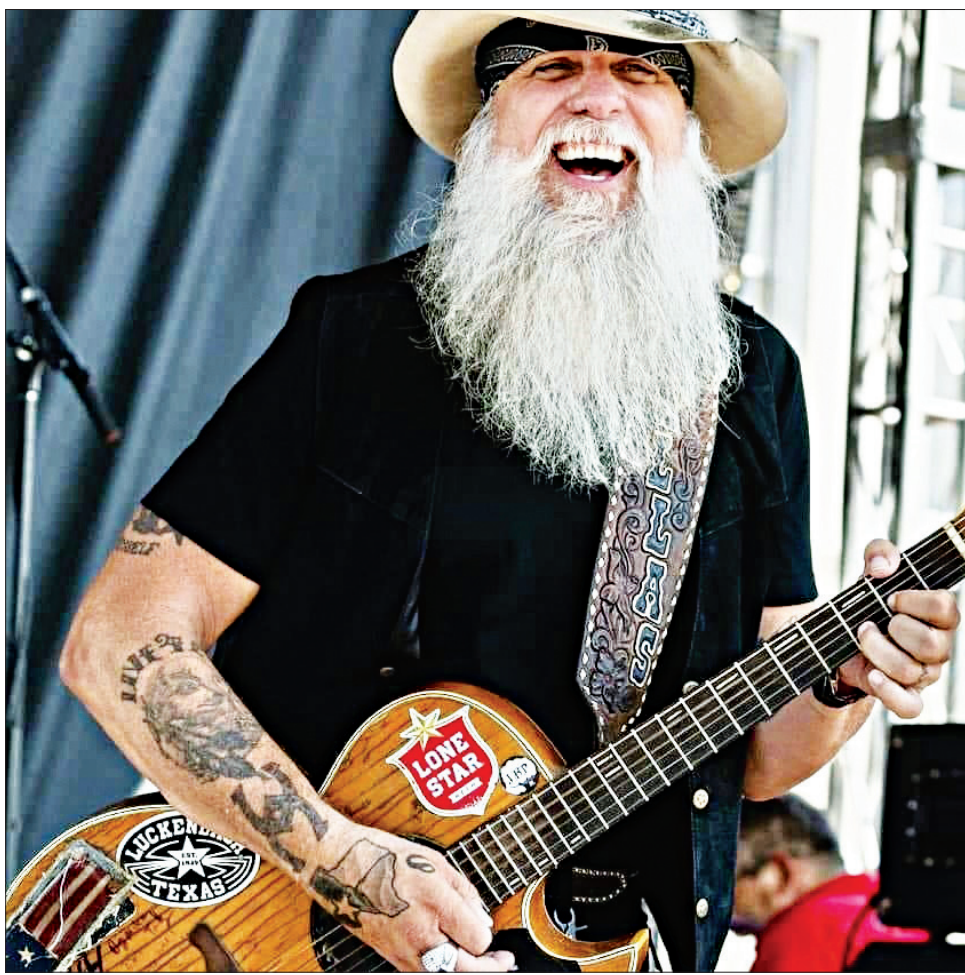
The players are mere devices which show the grace and skill of the game. They are to be revered, but never placed above the game, its rules, or its traditions.

Heaven forbid that anything ever causes the Masters or Augusta National to redirect itself to a more modern sports/business approach. After all, who needs a cell phone at Augusta when it is a time to bask in the glory of spring-time in Georgia and a game which is perfection? The best things should never change.

Thought for the day: Tradition is not the worship of ashes, rather it is the preservation of fire.

Until next time...I will keep ridin' the storm out.
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Dallas Moore to perform at Barebones BBQ



COURTESY PHOTO

Award winning artist Dallas Moore on stage during a concert.

Staff Reports

Award winning country music troubadour Dallas Moore will be performing at Bare Bones BBQ located at 4305 TX-36, on Saturday, April 20.

Moore has over 25 years in the music business, 17 albums, 300 performance dates a year, 600 thousand Spotify listeners, and over six million streamers.

He has been crisscrossing the United States and plays music off his current acclaimed album called No God in Juarez and is getting ready for the release of his new forthcoming album called Gems and Jams.

He has been featured on television during the Great Day San Antonio Show and on CBS Austin.

"Dallas Moore is a true music journeyman who continues to be canonized by the new generation of musicians," Brandy Reed with RPR Media said.

For further information regarding Dallas Moore, visit <https://www.dallasmoore.com>.

Folks around town



COURTESY PHOTO

Rickey Phillips

Say hello to our neighbor, Rickey Phillips!

Rickey is serving in his fifth year as the Athletic Director for Gatesville Independent School District. Prior to being selected as the athletic director, he was the head volleyball coach from 2001 to 2019. He admitted that the best part about his job is being able to be around Gatesville ISD's fabulous students, while watching them put in hard work to succeed.

"I try to get to as many Hornets athletic events as possible, and sometimes that is three to five nights a week," Phillips said. "I love watching our teams compete and represent our school district."

He has lived in Gatesville all his life and has many relatives that live in the area. "I love how Gatesville and the people in surrounding areas are like family," he said. "Whenever there is a tragedy or need, Gatesville folks always respond in a big way."

Rickey reads The Gatesville Messenger and said, "Having worked at The Messenger many years ago, I still like its coverage of everything in our community and how the newspaper keeps its readers informed of pertinent news and events."

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

Coryell County shares road concerns, future projects at safety action plan meeting

BY KAYLEE DUSANG
Staff Writer

Coryell County held a public meeting on Thursday, April 4 to discuss the development of its plan to help improve roads to reduce fatalities and serious injuries.

After collecting a list of road concerns from a safety analysis and input from the public, the county was able to share the various projects that will be included in the final safety action plan.

For the safety analysis, Hannah Jordan with Natural Resources Solutions, a consulting firm in Austin helping the county develop the plan, said they reviewed several historical crashes to determine what is causing the majority of serious injuries or fatalities in the county.

After reviewing 3,656 traffic incidents between January 2018 to December 2021, Jordan said the top causes of fatal crashes were caused by driver inattention and driving under the influence.

"Because the serious injuries and fatal crashes are being caused by things like driver inattention and driving under the influence, that's not something that's location specific where we can say 'if we put this here, it will solve this problem,'" Jordan said. "But it is something that we can solve through educational campaigns, outreach, and just making sure people are aware of these dangers."

Results from a public survey launched in January also identified residents' top safety concerns regarding roads and other areas of transportation. The survey also included a map of Coryell County where citizens can place points on streets and highways that they deem unsafe.

According to the survey, the top safety concerns include poor road conditions, lack of sidewalks, and dangerous intersections. Although road conditions were a top concern, Jordan said the grant might not cover projects to repair

roads unless it's a major safety concern.

The survey, which closed on Feb. 29, received a total of 318 responses and 160 points on the map.

Jordan shared several projects that will be included in the safety action plan, such as a crosswalk and sidewalk audit that will improve existing crosswalks and sidewalks as well as determine where additional ones are needed.

Other projects include:

- Bike lane study in Copperas Cove and Gatesville to see where bike lanes can be added
- Speed limit study to set appropriate speeds
- Adding signs to dangerous water crossings
- Public education to increase awareness of the dangers of distracted driving, driving under the influence, etc.
- Road striping
- Speed radars in known issue areas
- Warning signs to reduce speeds when entering towns

• Caution lights at dangerous intersections

The safety action plan is a part of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program that provides grants to local, regional, and Tribal communities for implementation, planning, and demonstration of these action plans. The county is currently working toward the implementation grant where they can execute the projects and strategies identified in the safety action plan.

"We have to have an approved safety action plan to submit to the federal government and then we apply for grant funding to accomplish the objectives and the projects that are identified in that safety action plan," Coryell County Judge Miller said.

For more information about the safety action plan, visit coryell-county-sap.com.



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Deadline to sign up for Junk & Disorderly is Monday

Staff Reports

The City of Gatesville's annual Junk & Disorderly city-wide garage sale and vendor market is back this year and will be held on Saturday, May 4, at the Gatesville Civic Center. Many unique antiques, collectibles, handmade crafts, and interesting items will be available at the Vendor Market. Admission to the market

is free. As for the city-wide garage sale, individual garage sales will be located all over town. When it gets closer to time, a map of the garage sales will be posted.

Spaces available include:
Indoor at the Gatesville Civic Center - \$40
Barn area at the Gatesville Civic Center - \$35
Trunk sale in the Gatesville Civic Center parking

lot - \$35
Food truck in the Gatesville Civic Center parking lot - \$30

Space Specifications include:
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Barn spaces: 12 x 12 ft under a covered area on dirt floor. No tables will be provided. You may bring your own display furnishings.
Trunk sale spaces: 10 x 20 ft in the Gatesville Civic Center parking lot, next to the barn, to sell out of your trunk. No furniture will be provided. You may bring your own display furnish-

ings.
Food truck spaces: 20 ft x 20 ft in the Gatesville Civic Center parking lot, next to the barn.
Be sure to register your garage sale by Monday, April 22.
Your listing will be posted so all garage sale goers know where the best deals are! Please register your garage sale by Monday, April 22, so a map can be made.

There is no charge to register a garage sale. To register for the vendor market or the city-wide garage sale, visit <https://www.visitgatesvilletx.com/junk-disorderly>. For more information, contact Morgan Smart with the Gatesville Civic Center at 254-499-0102 or by email at msmart@gatesvilletx.com.

HIGGINS RECEIVES A.C.E. AWARD



COURTESY PHOTO

This past week at Coryell Health, Jerome Higgins received an A.C.E. award after being nominated by a patient's family for doing an excellent job drawing blood quickly on a patient that was hard to stick. They had also described him as being supportive and kind. Higgins is a member of the laboratory team.

Righteous Roots to hold community events

Staff Reports

Righteous Roots Crisis and Resource Center has announced a few new events and classes that will take place during the month of April. The groups are designed to grow and support the community in various aspects of life. All classes and seminars will be free and confidential. On Wednesday, April 24, from 2-3 p.m., CPA Annette Cole will hold a Money Management 101 class for those needing advice on finances. Classes will continue to be held every second and fourth

Wednesday during the same time. A Community Education Lifetime Wellness and Patient Parenting seminar will be held on Tuesday, April 30, from 12-1 p.m. The seminar will be presented by Angela Manning. Be sure to pre-register by contacting Righteous Roots at 254-651-3600. A lunch will be provided as well. For further details, contact Righteous Roots at 254-651-3600. Righteous Roots is located at 904 East Leon Street in Gatesville.

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Protection Agency (EPA) as well as the passing of several pieces of legislation to protect the environment, including the Clean Air Act and Clean Water Act.

Now, the worldwide movement aims to inspire others to not only become more environmentally conscious, but also act on issues such as climate change, plastic pollution, extinction of species, among others.

This year's Earth Day theme, Planet vs. Plastics, highlights the organization's goal to reach a 60% reduction in the production of all plastics by 2024.

Plastics are not only harmful to plants and wildlife but have also been linked to health problems in humans. According to recent studies listed on EarthDay.Org, commonly used plastic products are known to carry toxic chemicals that can lead to serious health issues if ingested or inhaled, including cancer and birth defects.

"Plastic is not just an environmental issue, it is also a human health issue," said Aidan Charron, director of EarthDay.Org's End Plastic Initiatives. "It's important to recognize it now. We don't want it to end up becoming the next lead, or the next tobacco, and the next smoking of our generation. We want to stop production from ramping up and we want to protect people's wellbeing as best as we can."

While there are several ways to reduce environmental impacts, Charron offers a few practices individuals can start using to limit the use of plastics and live more sustainably:

Phase out single-use plastics

Charron recommends starting with a plastic audit of your home to see what kind of plastic you use on a daily basis. Phasing out plastics can start small, such as swapping to reusable water bottles, glass or stainless-steel food containers, or using reusable bags at the grocery store.

"Those tiny things do add up and they do help, and they also push the

market in a certain direction," Charron said.

Avoid fast fashion

According to the EPA, the fashion industry is one of the leading causes of carbon emissions - it is estimated that 14.5 million tons of textiles, mostly clothing, were landfilled in 2018. Clothes created from synthetic materials like polyester can also cause shedding of microplastics into the environment.

Charron explains that synthetic materials might not only contain dangerous chemicals, but they also tend to break down easier, leading to the need to purchase more clothing. Choose more sustainable fashion options, such as thrifting or purchasing clothes made of natural fabric, such as cotton, wool, and hemp fibers.

Reduce, reuse, and recycle

One of the best ways to limit waste and save money is by repurposing or reusing items such as clothing, furniture, or appliances. The EPA also recommends borrowing or sharing items like party decorations or tools or

donating any unused food to food banks.

Push for local legislation

Local legislation that encourages bans on plastics will not only encourage a cleaner environment but can also save the community money due to keeping local streets and parks clean. According to new research published in the Journal of the Endocrine Society, endocrine-disrupting chemicals (EDCs) in plastics pose a serious threat to public health and cost the U.S. an estimated \$250 billion in increased health care costs in 2018.

"Reducing plastic overall, and calling for plastic bans where you can, is going to save everybody in the nation money and everybody in the community money," Charron said.

Attend a local clean up

Volunteering to pick up trash or attending a local clean up in your community is one of the best ways to contribute to a cleaner and healthier community. Find a local clean up in your area by visiting www.earthday.org/earth-day-2024/

SUDOKU

Puzzle answers from the April 13, 2024 issue.

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Puzzle by websudoku.com

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Puzzle by websudoku.com

Whatever happened to ...

20 YEARS AGO (2004)

The Gatesville Little League season got underway with five additional teams due to the increase in the number of children playing baseball or softball.

The 29th Annual Mr. and Miss Gatesville High School Pageant was to be held in the Gatesville High School auditorium.

Lt. Gary Medford was presented with the Edward M. Toatley Administrator's Award for Investigative

Excellence by the Drug Enforcement Administration.

The annual Texas A&M Aggie Muster was to be held at the First Presbyterian Church in Gatesville.

Evant High School was to host a performance of its one-act play "Pinocchio Commedia."

30 YEARS AGO (1994)

Coryell Memorial Hospital added 24-hour physicians for ER use.

Coryell County Judge

John Hull proclaimed April as "Shots Across Texas Month" in Coryell County, formally kicking off what Texas Department of Health officials called the largest immunization campaign in Texas history.

The Gatesville High School drill teams held their annual spring show.

The annual Wildcat Antique and Collector's Show was to be held at the Coryell Activities Complex. "Son-In-Law," starring

Pauly Shore, was for rent at Circle K Stores.

40 YEARS AGO (1984)

Practices began for teams enrolled in the girls and boys Little League summer program.

The Coryell County Child Welfare board sponsored the first annual George "Spanky" McFarland Friends of Children Golf Classic.

White's Auto offered wallet size color photos for 99 cents.

Gatesville High's Hometown golfers played the second round of the Region 2-AAA tournament.

Swift's Used Furniture held a going out of business sale.

50 YEARS AGO (1974)

A small hackberry tree was growing on a sandstone ledge over the south entrance to the Coryell County Courthouse.

The House of Al, a local beauty salon, opened for

business on Main Street across from White Auto.

The congregation of the First Presbyterian Church dedicated the church's Blair House in memory of Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Blair.

A new 52-bed addition was completed at the Rotunda Retirement and Convalescent Facility on Osage Road.

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PEARL NEWS

A puppy wearing a bowtie attended church services



BY BETSY CLARK

Pearl News Correspondent

The next Pearl Bluegrass event and Pearl Cottage Bookstore Day will be May 4. The bluegrass event usually has jammers the evening before. The bookstore opens at 9 a.m. on that Saturday and closes at 3 p.m. Everyone is always invited, so mark your calendars.

The Pearl Church of Christ will hold its annual VBS May 27 through May 31, 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. each day. The theme this year is "Jesus loves You!" Be sure and mark your calendars, and please tell all your friends and family. The Pearl CofC VBS is epic, and you don't want to miss it. Upcoming speaker at the Pearl Church of Christ: Dr. Charles Patterson, retired Superintendent of the Killeen ISD and currently ministering and living in Corsicana, will speak on April 21. Dr. Patterson is a native of Hamilton. Linda Ray reported that the cutest little puppy attended church with the Coles last Sunday. The little Shih Tzu even wore a little bowtie in honor of the occasion. Linda told Ron McDonald that if a puppy can wear a bowtie, then certainly he can don that attire each Sunday morning. Don't you just know that Ron would look adorable, and Marilyn would be so proud to sit by her cute husband in that tie. (But alas, Ron, you'll never look as cute as Marilyn always does no matter what you wear, sigh).

I was so blessed this past weekend to have all four of my grands and both of my sons with me. We had the best time. The girls are 10, 9, and 7, and my grandson is 4. We attempted to go to the zoo in Lufkin, but the wait time to get in was over an hour. We should have guessed that everyone and their grandma would be at the zoo on that Saturday as the weather was absolutely gorgeous. Since the zoo was out of the question, we went to a natural history museum, and the kiddos loved it. We then went to a Cajun restaurant where I watched my grands and their dads eat things like crawfish, boudin, and other such "delicacies," while I ate plain old catfish. This Grammie is not an adventurous eater. We rounded up the Saturday outing by the pool where the kids swam like fish in the freezing cold water for several hours. How they stood it, I don't have a clue; however, they slept very soundly that night...and so did I. They all decided that they'd all bring their golf clubs for the next get together. Sounds like a wonderful plan to me. Aren't grands the best? God is so, so good!

This week's Bible verse comes from John 15:4,5—"Remain in Me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches. If you remain in Me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing." NIV Be sure and like the Pearl Community Center, Texas Facebook page, and the Pearl Cottage Bookstore and Resale Shop Facebook page. Please submit any Pearl news to betsyclark47@yahoo.com

Ted Nugent announces exclusive performance at The Grain

Press Release

The Motor City Madman, Ted Nugent, is coming to The Grain in Hamilton, Saturday, April 20. While Nugent has retired from touring nationally, this special performance is one of several exclusive "SpeakEzy Rockout" gigs in his home zone of Texas.

Nugent and his band are known worldwide for performing with sheer outrage and a ferocious soundtrack of freedom, attitude, and spirit—and some ultimate love songs, too.

"Performing my killer songs with this killer band for my fellow Texans is an indescribable, joyous musical celebration beyond words," states Nugent. "Every song has a life of its own, and the spirit and energy of each night is off the charts stimulating on all human levels and beyond."

You can also catch Ted at the Lone Star Music 40th Anniversary Jam at The Backyard in Waco, Friday, May 3.

The Grain is located at 110 S. Bell Street, Hamilton, Texas.

Ted Nugent has carved a permanent place in rock & roll history, selling more than 40 million albums



The Motor City Madman, Ted Nugent.

Brown Photography

COURTESY PHOTO

and performing more than 6,900 high-octane concerts. Cranking out hits like "Cat Scratch Fever," "Great White Buffalo,"

"Free for All," "Fred Bear" and the iconic "Stranglehold," he's garnered international acclaim. Nugent was named Detroit's

Greatest Guitar Player of All Time by readers of MLive. For more information, and all things Nuge, visit www.tednugent.com

ANIMAL RESCUE RECEIVES BUSINESS OF THE MONTH



ALEXANDRA MEELBUSCH | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Local mother daughter duo, Candice Vazquez and Charlie Sommerfeld, opened Charlie's Wags & Whiskers, a rescue and adoption center for cats and dogs, in August of 2023. It encompasses an adoption and animal rescue center, a doggy daycare, offers boarding, a dog park, and a boutique for the animals named the Paw Bar Boutique. As a fulltime high school student and business owner, Sommerfeld was presented with the Business of the Month award for April to honor her for her hard work and dedication. Charlie's Wags & Whiskers is located at 111 West Main Street in Gatesville.

Car Show set for May 11 to benefit Disabled American Veterans

A car show will be held on Saturday, May 11, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Bare Bones BBQ. Proceeds from

the car show will benefit the DAV (Disabled American Veterans). All years and models are welcome.

Registration fee will be \$20 at the gate. The trophy classes will include: Most Original, Most Unique, Best

in Show, Best Truck, Best Motorcycle, Best Hot Rod, Best Rat Rod, Veteran's Choice, Most Patriotic, and

Jeep. For more information, contact Kaz at 903-714-4150 or email ka-

zman5660@yahoo.com Bare Bones is located at 4305 S. Hwy. 36 in Gatesville.

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TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Panhandle Yellow Dirt Poetry



BY TUMBLEWEED SMITH

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

After graduating from the University of Texas with a degree in journalism, Wes Reeves of Amarillo got a job at a newspaper and wrote about Panhandle people. Ten years ago, he started writing free verse poetry.

"I have a lot of inspiration," he says. "The people here and their stories are all still inside me, and it all came gushing out as a kind of midlife crisis, I guess."

He grew up at Wellington in the southeastern part of the Panhandle and wrote about some close neighbors. He recites a poem: "Alvin Horton was a Banty rooster of a man with sandpaper hands and a singing grin.

Sick people looked for him because he showed up. Poor people trusted him because he treated them like Jesus.

Little kids loved him for the Juicy Fruit gum in his pocket.

Alvin Horton loved Red Man tobacco. He misused English but never forgot the sick, the poor and the least.

Trudy Horton loathed tobacco and bad grammar. But she hid Hershey kisses in a Quaker Oats can in the third drawer down.

Kids knew what was there because she let them in on it with flashing, secret, whispering eyes.

She made stewed turnips and chocolate pudding for Alvin to take to the sick or just plain hungry.

Trudy Horton would spread a feast for no good reason and wrap napkins around sweaty Dr. Pepper bottles and call it love."

Wes posted some of his writings on social media and got good response.

Someone suggested he write a book.

"I did last year. I call it YELLOW DIRT since Amarillo in Spanish is yellow. I started it with this one poem. It's really about us, the people who live here now and the ones who came before us. I call it TUMBLES.

Yes, our years are

tumbled up, mingled with those of the great bison, the men who chased them and the women who sanctified them.

We are the hours of bumbling; cussing ox carts, the boy-faced farmers with their pious brides softly weeping,

The microseconds of finger jerking lariat throws, mule kicks to the head. We are the sons and daughters of ancient soils aching under a mocking sky drying and dying and rising again on the breeze."

Hidden Gem sets out to help local homeless population

BY ALEXANDRA MEELBUSCH
Staff Writer

The Hidden Gem Family Center has begun a campaign to collect backpacks for the homeless within the local area.

The center has been working with several of the homeless in our community for a while now to figure out what the best way to help would be, and that is when they came up with backpacks for the homeless.

"We want to meet them where they are and offer that extra support, and, maybe in the future, they will see us as someone who they can trust to help them find a more permanent place," Founder of Hidden Gem Jenny Featherston said.

Hidden Gem's plan is to keep this as an ongoing program.

"If they need to come see us to refill their backpack, then that is a very small way we can show them we care," Featherston said.

Featherston expressed that in Galatians 6:2 the Bible says to bear one another's burdens, so that is what she has set out to do.

"If there is one thing about our community, it is that they love to help those in need," Featherston said.

Items needed for the backpacks include large, used backpacks, sample size soaps, hand sanitizer, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, small bag for hygiene items, a toothbrush,

bottles of water, single-serve cups of soup, canned spaghetti, canned ravioli, canned beef stew, granola bars, small flashlights with batteries, towels, wash cloths, socks, a lightweight blanket, a comb, and a brush.

"It is but a small thing to be able to help someone in their time of need, but it could mean the world to them," Featherston said.

Items can be dropped off at the Hidden Gem Family Center, which is located at 115 South 7th Street.

The center asks you to call before arrival to make sure that someone is available. Hidden Gem Family Center can be reached at 254-216-1813.



ALEXANDRA MEELBUSCH | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Extraco Banks in Gatesville is one of the participating branches that will be sending eclipse glasses to Latin America for their total eclipse on Oct. 2.

Extraco Bank collecting eclipse glasses through April 30

BY ALEXANDRA MEELBUSCH
Staff Writer

Since experiencing the total eclipse on April 8, many people might still be holding onto left-over eclipse glasses. Now that the eclipse has come and gone, it is time to recycle used eclipse glasses.

From now through Tuesday, April 30, the community is encouraged to take eclipse glasses to the local Extraco Bank, so they can be sent to Latin America for an eclipse.

Certain areas in Latin America will have the chance to experience an annular solar eclipse on Oct. 2.

The ring of fire will be visible only within a path of annularity that passes across the Pacific Ocean, southern Chile, and southern Argentina.

Annularity occurs during

the maximum phase of an annular eclipse when the Moon's entire disk is seen silhouetted against the Sun. This is a period between second and third contact during an annular eclipse, which can last from a fraction of a second to a maximum of 12 minutes 29 seconds.

According to space.com, "Areas will include the volcanic island of Rapa Nui/Easter Island, an iconic travel destination that's famous for the mysterious stone statues called moai, some of which reach 40 feet tall and weigh 75 tons."

Places that people will gather for the annular solar eclipse:

Rapa Nui/Easter Island, Chile will last for five minutes, 38 seconds to six minutes.

Cochrane, Chile will last for five minutes, 40 seconds.

Perito Moreno National Park, Argentina will last for six minutes, 17 seconds.

Puerto Deseado, Argentina will last for three minutes, 22 seconds.

Puerto San Julian, Argentina will last for five minutes, 12 seconds.

This will be a longer lasting eclipse, meaning that the ring of fire will last up to seven minutes, 25 seconds, which is much longer than past eclipses.

The Oct. 2 annular solar eclipse is special for many different reasons, including the fact that it follows the Great North American Eclipse of April 8.

Extraco Bank is located at 2501 TX-36 BUS in Gatesville.



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Lifeguards needed at city pool

Staff Reports

The City of Gatesville is actively seeking responsible individuals to join the aquatics team at the city pool as summer lifeguards for 2024.

The certification class will be held from Monday, May 6 to Sunday, May 12.

Key responsibilities include:

Ensure the safety of pool visitors through vigilant supervision.

Respond promptly to emergencies and enforce pool rules.

Maintain a clean and organized pool area.

Provide excellent

customer service to pool guests.

All interested inquiries must be of the age of 15 years or older. Individuals looking to be a lifeguard must possess a valid lifeguard certification, have strong swimming skills and physical fitness, as well as excellent communication and interpersonal skills.

Other available positions include the assistant manager and a front desk associate.

Benefits will include competitive hourly pay, flexible schedules, and valuable experience in

water safety and customer service.

To apply, visit <https://www.gatesvilletx.com/parksrec/page/aquatics>, then navigate to the section labeled job opportunities. Be sure to fill out and submit a City of Gatesville job application, which is located at the bottom of the page. Then click apply now to complete the online form.

For inquiries, contact Gatesville Parks and Recreation Athletics and Aquatics Supervisor Marte Bailey at 254-499-1015.

MOUND NEWS

Thomas Belt wins high point honors



BY BARBARA HOPSON

Mound News Correspondent

The Coryell County 4-H Livestock Judging Team placed fourth in the junior division at the Leon County contest on Friday. Thomas Belt won high point individual honors.

Barbara Eakin, of Portland, Oregon and Carol Jordan, of Dallas, spent several nights with Don and Sue Jones. Jake Hooker and The Outsiders were at Mound Cowboy Church Sunday.

Nancy Wright, Debbie Maxwell, and Sue Jones went to Waco Monday for lunch and shopping.

Maria Aggen, and Hal and Martha Hopson, of Cedar Park, visited Saturday afternoon with Margaret, Frank, Barbara, Loyd, Kari and Katie Hopson, and Dani Jo Wood.

Several juniors and seniors of Mound attended their 2024 Gatesville High School Jr./Sr. Prom Saturday evening in Gatesville at the Texas Station Event Center. The King and Queen were William Tippit and Alondra Anas, and the junior prince and princess were Alex Johnson and Callie Smith.

Greenbriar Cemetery Association to meet

Submitted item

The Greenbriar Cemetery Association will hold their annual meeting at 9 a.m., Saturday, May 4, at Greenbriar Cemetery.

All members are urged to attend the business meeting. Officers will be elected, and there will be an update on the designation as a Historic Texas Cemetery by the state and the progress made toward acquiring the historical marker.

If you cannot attend, please mail your contribution to Greenbriar Cemetery Association; c/o Ponice Hartman, P.O. Box 85, Jonesboro, TX, 76538. All donations will be used for maintenance of the grounds and mailings.



Greenbriar Cemetery

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Mountain Baptist Church to hold revival April 28

Staff Reports

Mountain Baptist Church will hold a revival from Sunday, April 28, to Wednesday, May 1.

Services will begin on Sunday, April 28, at 11

a.m., which will be followed by a barbeque meal at noon and services again that evening at 6:30 p.m.

Revival services will continue through Monday, April 29, to Wednesday, May 1, during the evenings,

beginning at 6:30 p.m. each night. There will be a light fellowship meal before each service at 5:30 p.m.

The Cherry family will present the love of Christ through music and through the preaching of God's

word.

For further details, contact 254-383-2634.

Mountain Baptist Church is located at 6319 East US Hwy. 84 in Gatesville.

OBITUARIES

Edward "Paul" Comer

Jan. 4, 1946 - March 22, 2024

Edward Paul Comer "Paul", 78, passed away peacefully at his home in Glen Rose on March 22, 2024. Born on Jan. 4, 1946, in Gatesville, he was the son of Edward and Beulah Morgan Comer.

Paul was raised on the family farm in Purmela. He attended Purmela school through eighth grade and went on to graduate from Evant ISD in 1964. He was active in a multitude of sports and school activities. Following high school, Paul attended Brantley-Draughon Business College and Texas Wesleyan College in Fort Worth. He earned his Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting from Texas Wesleyan and embarked on his long-standing career in banking.

Paul began his career working as a bank examiner for the Federal Reserve Bank in Dallas. In 1972, he moved to Evant, and joined the First National Bank of Evant serving as Vice-President and director. He was ultimately elevated to President and CEO, making him one of the youngest bank presidents in the area. During his thirty plus years of banking, he also served as a Chairman of District 4 of the Texas Bankers Association. He became a true community leader who was known for his dedication to his clients and support of the local community. His legacy of community banking lived on

through his son Charles, who credits his father for being the inspiration to his own banking career.

Beyond his professional achievements, Paul was deeply committed to his family and community. Marrying Linda Kay Elam in 1965, he became a father to his sons, Charles Edward Comer, in 1970, and Chris Elam Comer in 1974. He was a proud father who was actively involved in his sons' school activities and was the announcer at the Evant High School football games.

Life for Paul was filled with a variety of hobbies that kept him moving and in the outdoors. He and his sons received their PADI open water certification in 1984 with Paul ultimately obtaining an advanced open water certification.

Scuba diving and water skiing were enjoyed as a family. Paul earned his private pilot license as well as instrument ratings in his beloved Cessna, N736EC. He enjoyed the comradery of the Hamilton Airport and served on the board of the Hamilton Pilots Association. Paul often flew his family to ski trips and shared his love for aviation with his sons. In addition to flying, Paul took pleasure in farming, ranching, fishing, and hunting. Hunting for many years with the Evant Hunting Club, Paul created many fond, comical memories from their annual mule deer hunts in South Texas

and gathered quite the collection of deer mounts. Paul played the game of golf through most of his adult life and into retirement and can proudly say he has made a Hole in One!

After marrying his current wife, Wanda Comer, they settled down in Glen Rose. Up on the hill of their home, you would often find a multitude of dogs, cats, and even some critters that were all taken care of and became extensions of their family. If they were not fishing or sitting on their porch, you could find him at Squaw Valley Golf course.

He took on the proud name and role of "Bunch" when his first grandchild, Charles Edward Comer Jr. "Charlie," was born in 1998 to Charles and Krissy Comer. Trips to Glen Rose to visit Bunch were a fun and cherished time for all his grandchildren: Charlie, Caroline, and Cort, who all remember their Bunch in his recliner chair sipping sweet iced tea out of a large, 64-ounce cup and guiding them on the trails out behind his house in Glen Rose. His love for adventure and the outdoors are lived on through his grandchildren.

Paul is survived in death by his loving wife of fourteen years, Wanda; stepson Brandon Bishop and wife Traci; son Charles Comer and wife Krissy; grandchildren Charlie, Caroline, Cortland Comer, Trevor Kenton and Hunter



Aldridge; sisters Joyce Bundrant and Patsy Garza; and former spouse Linda Kay Comer. He is reunited with his parents, his sister Jo Ann, and his dear son, Chris.

In lieu of flowers and a service, the family requests that contributions be made to the Chris Elam Comer Memorial Scholarship; a scholarship created by Linda Kay and Paul Comer to honor their beloved son Chris, who preceded them both in death.

Paul will be deeply missed by all those who had the pleasure of meeting him. Paul will be remembered for his influential career in banking, quiet wisdom, his sharp, subtle jokes, his love for the great outdoors, the sky, and the water, and his lasting impact as a friend, husband, brother, father, and grandfather.

Regina DeLord Blakley

May 7, 1965 - April 14, 2024

Regina DeLord Blakley passed away April 14, 2024, in Gatesville.

Memorial services were held at 11 a.m. on Friday, April 19, at Eastwood Baptist Church in Gatesville with Dr. Lynn Parks.

Regina was born on May 7, 1965 to Johnny Darrell and Ann Nell Hampton DeLord in Gatesville. She attended school in Gatesville and graduated with the class of 1985. Regina worked at Graves Florist for many years creating beautiful flower arrangements. Working with flowers was one of her favorite things to do. For the majority of her career, Regina worked at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice as a correctional officer at multiple units.

Everyone knew Regina for her laugh, her boisterous spirit, and her free opinions. Regina never met a stranger or a great deal she could refuse. The favorite name she is known by is Nina to her four grandchildren and many others who love her. Regina considered her father her hero for the Godly life that he lives in front of his



kids. She considered her daughter, Kally, her greatest accomplishment.

Regina was preceded in death by her beloved fiancé, Charles Kenneth Oliver, her grandparents and many aunts and uncles.

Regina is survived by her parents, Johnny and Ann Nell DeLord; daughter, Kally Blakley; grandchildren, Jason, Adilyn, Ashur, Nahla Ann; brothers, Darrell and wife, Lisa, Blake, and wife, Kellie, Paul and wife, Lynne; multiple nieces and nephews; great nieces and nephews; great-great nieces and nephews; Chelsea and Austin Youngblood who she considered her adopted kids, and many friends she considered family.

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Chamber to host Spring Swing Golf Classic April 27

Staff Reports

The Gatesville Chamber of Commerce has announced that their annual spring golf tournament will be held on Saturday, April 27, at the Gatesville Golf Course.

The tournament will benefit the chamber's Junior Ambassadors Scholarship Fund.

The tournament will be a four-person scramble and will cost \$100 a player or \$360 for a team of four.

Tee time will commence at 10 a.m., and there will be a longest drive contest, cash tournament prizes, a closest to the pin competition, and a hole-in-one prize winner.

There will be a catered lunch, as well as a 50/50 raffle and a silent auction. Private carts are welcome, and rentals will be available.

Sponsorships for the event are available as well, which includes the Titleist Sponsor for \$1,000 (one

person limit), the Club House Sponsor for \$750, the Mid-Iron Sponsor for \$500, the Chip-In Sponsor for \$250, the Cart Girl Sponsor for \$250, and the Par Putt Sponsor for \$100.

To obtain sponsorship or to register for the tournament, contact the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce at 254-865-2617.

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

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

GRANNY'S POUND CAKE

BY CINDY MARTIN

- 2 ¼ c. sugar
- 1 ¼ c. butter
- 5 eggs
- 1 c. milk
- 3 c. flour
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 tsp. lemon juice



Cream butter and sugar together. Then add eggs one at a time. Sift flour with baking powder and add alternately with milk. Add vanilla and lemon juice. Place in a floured and greased bundt pan and bake at 300 for one hour and ten minutes.

Jonesboro VFD to hold BBQ luncheon April 28

Staff Reports

The Jonesboro Volunteer Fire Department will host a BBQ luncheon fundraiser on Sunday, April 28. The luncheon will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Jonesboro Community Center.

Barbeque plates will include chopped beef, sausage, potato salad, beans, and all the fixings, as well as iced tea or water, and homemade desserts.

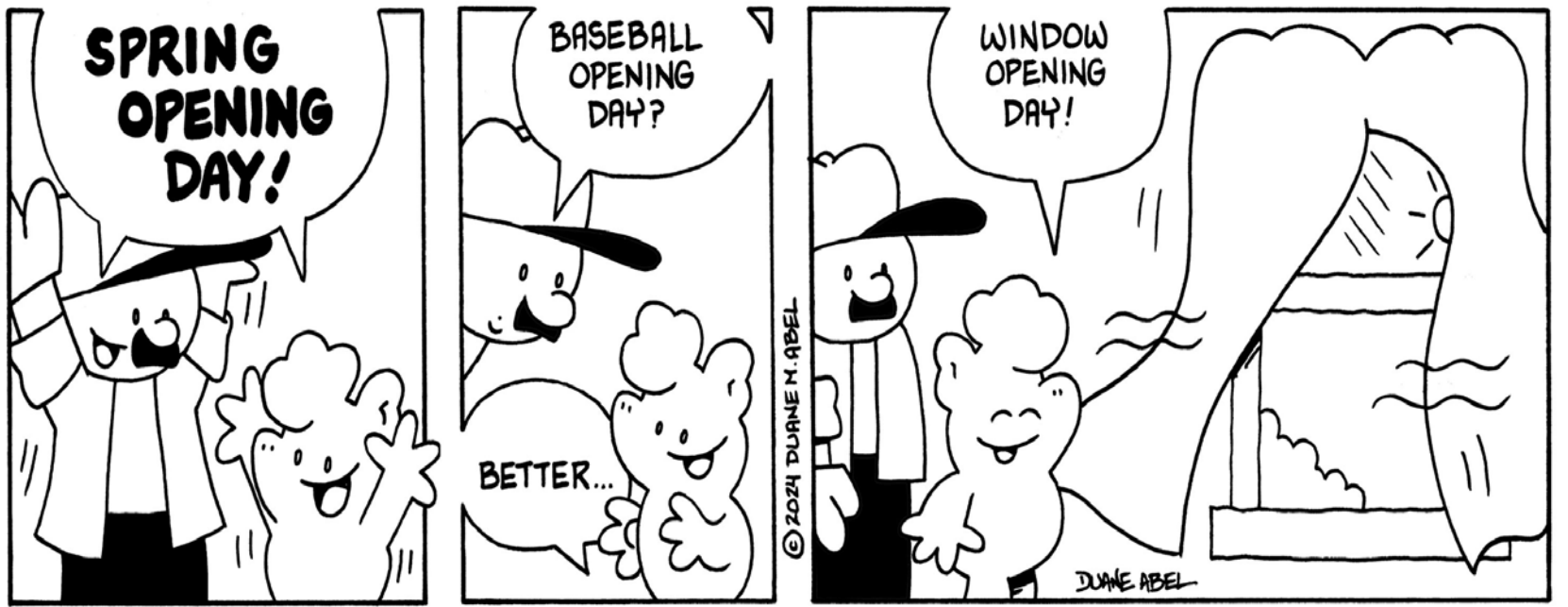
Adults will cost \$12 per plate, and children will cost \$8 dollars per plate.

Dine-in or carry-out is available.

Donations are to be mailed to Jonesboro Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 6, Jonesboro, TX 76538.

The Jonesboro Community Center is located at 11625 TX-36 in Jonesboro.

ZED by Duane M. Abel



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The DISPATCH

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of April 10 - April 16. While there were many calls to the dispatcher, this is a partial list of more significant activity. People are reminded that only emergency calls should be made to 9-1-1, while all other calls to the police department should be made to 865-2226 or to the Sheriff's office at 865-7201.

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April 10
10:11 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2400 block of S. Business Highway 36.

1:39 p.m., a theft was reported in the 100 block of N. 29th Street.

8:19 p.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 300 block of N. Lutterloh Avenue.

11 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 300 block of S. State Highway 36 Bypass.

April 11
6:06 a.m., harassment was reported in the 200 block of Brim Street.

8:43 a.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of Mulberry Avenue.

12:10 p.m., a burglary was reported in the 1400 block of Mills Street.

2:39 p.m., a theft was reported in the 100 block of River Ridge Drive.

April 12
2:08 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1300 block of Green's Private Drive.

5:14 p.m., reckless conduct was reported in the 100 block of Golf Course Road.

7:20 p.m., criminal tres-

pass was reported in the 2200 block of Bridge Street.

10:16 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of Mulberry Avenue.

April 13
2:58 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 300 block of S. State Highway 36 Bypass.

6:26 p.m., animal cruelty was reported in the 2800 block of S. State Highway 36.

7:31 p.m., a theft was reported in the 2300 block of E. Main Street.

10:09 p.m., a noise disturbance was reported in the 100 block of Sunny Lane.

April 14
12:07 a.m., an intoxicated driver was reported in the 3600 block of E. Main Street.

12:35 a.m., a noise disturbance was reported in the 2500 block of Powell Drive.

6:01 p.m., an assault was reported in the 2000 block of E. Main Street.

8:01 p.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 400 block of N. 16th Street.

April 15
6:20 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1400 block of E. Leon Street.

10:28 a.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 3700 block of E. Main

Street.
3:23 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2300 block of Business Highway 36.

4:05 p.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 2000 block of E. Main Street.

April 16
8:53 a.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 100 block of S. 34th Street.

12:08 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 200 block of Old Osage Road.

12:35 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 2200 block of Bridge Street.

3:53 p.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of Hillcrest Drive.

CORYELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

April 10
2:52 a.m., trees in the roadway reported on FM 1113 by Dove Lane.

7:50 a.m., a neighbor dispute was reported in the 100 block of Harrell Drive.

10:40 a.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 100 block of Knowles Road.

11:21 a.m., a reckless driver was reported on Highway 190 and Clear Creek Road.

April 11
8:23 a.m., shots fired were

reported in the 2500 block of County Road 337.

9:25 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 400 block of FM 1829.

12:35 p.m., illegal dumping was reported on FM 116 and Old Pidcoke Road.

5:04 p.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 9000 block of S. Highway 36.

April 12
8:20 a.m., a stolen vehicle was reported in the 4000 block of FM 929.

2:12 p.m., suspicious activity was reported on Greens Private Drive.

4:39 p.m., shots fired were reported in the 1400 block of W. Leon Street.

5:50 p.m., suspicious activity was reported on Moccasin Bend and Dodd Branch.

April 13
5:16 p.m., shots fired were reported in the 100 block of Herb Road.

5:59 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 3400 block of County Road 108.

8:17 p.m., a major accident was reported in the 3400 block of County Road 318.

8:37 p.m., a suspicious vehicle was reported in the 9400 block of W. Highway 84.

April 14
7:55 a.m., a reckless

driver was reported on S. Highway 36 North Bound.

8:21 a.m., a safety hazard was reported on N. Highway 36 passing FM 182.

6:47 p.m., found property was reported in the 500 block of E. Leon Street.

7:43 p.m., suspicious activity was reported on County Road 174.

April 15
10:06 a.m., burglary of a habitation was reported in the 1000 block of County Road 160.

1:02 p.m., a neighbor dispute was reported in the 1000 block of Lutheran Church Road.

1:40 p.m., burglary of a habitation was reported in the 200 block of Greenbriar Road.

6:47 p.m., a suspicious vehicle was reported on E. Highway 84 at the rest stop.

April 16
5:30 a.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 200 block of County Road 320.

1:43 p.m., bigamy was reported in the 1600 block of N. Main Street.

2:23 p.m., a scam was reported in the 3400 block of FM 1113.

5:50 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2200 block of County Road 174.

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PURPOSE: To receive comments for or against a request by River Land Holdings, LLC for cancellation of the Plat of West Moody Farms, Lots 17-21.

SITE LOCATION: The subject is located at FM 107, Moody, TX

SITE LEGAL DESCRIPTION: BEING 121.01-Acres, more or less, part of the R. T. DAVIDSON SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 274, in Coryell County, Texas and being a portion of that certain called 379.50-Acre tract of land described, in a deed to River Land Holdings, LLC, recorded in Inst. No. 327198, Deed Records of Coryell County, Texas, and being Lots 17-21 of that subdivision called West Moody Farms as recorded in Slide C-1002 of the Plat Records of Coryell County, Texas.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Additional information is available upon request for review. You may contact Justin Mannix at the Coryell County Road and Bridge Department for additional information at 254-865-5021.

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c/o: Frances Lorena Smith
4760 Slater Road
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DATED the 10th day of April, 2024.

Chuck P. Stermer
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Regarding:

CTCOG FY25-26 TxCDBG Program Regional Priorities

Public Meeting

In-Person Meeting with Live Virtual Option
Thursday, April 25, 2024
12:00-2:00 P.M.

Central Texas Council of Governments

2180 N. Main St.

Belton, TX 76513

For virtual access info visit:
www.ctcog.org

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NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS PROFESSIONAL PRESERVATION ARCHITECTURAL FIRMS FOR SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COURTHOUSE MASTER PLAN

This RFQ is intended to solicit interest and submission of firm qualifications regarding architectural services in connection with the development of a master plan for the Coryell County Courthouse located in Gatesville, Texas. Submissions shall be from qualified architectural firms who are capable of complying with the requirements of the Texas Historical Commission rules and regulations regarding the requirements of a qualified Courthouse Master Plan.

The Coryell County Commissioners' Court (County) seeks to develop a Courthouse Master Plan for the Coryell County Courthouse located at 620 E. Main Street, Gatesville, Texas. The County intends to seek funding from the Texas Historic Commission for Texas historic Courthouse Preservation Program funds, and a master plan is a prerequisite to application.

Request for Qualifications posted: April 9, 2024
Intention to Respond forms due: May 7, 2024

Deadline for Inquiries/Questions: May 14, 2024

Response to RFQ due: May 21, 2024

Selected Firm Notified: June 11, 2024

Negotiation & Award with Selected Firm:

subsequent to June 11, 2024
Commence Services: Immediately upon award

All qualified firms interested in providing qualifications should respond with a written proposal to the County. Final selection will be made in accordance with the policies and administrative directive of the County and other statutory provisions. Responses must be received by May 21, 2024, at 3:00 p.m., to Coryell County, Office of the County Attorney, 210 S. 7th Street, Gatesville, TX 76528, after which time and date they will no longer be accepted. Late responses will be returned and will not be considered. Responses may be mailed or delivered. Submit your "Intent to Respond" by email to brandon.belt@coryellcountytexas.gov before 10:00 a.m., May 7, 2024, stating your intent to respond to the RFQ. The complete bid documents are available on the Coryell County website at: www.coryellcounty.org or in the Office of the County Attorney. Telephone number is (254) 248-3180. 00030742

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE:

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

This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis.

To complain of discrimination call HUD toll-free at 1-800-669-9777. The toll-free telephone number for the hearing impaired is 1-800-927-9275.



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JENNIFER NEWTON
CLERK OF THE COUNTY COURT
P.O. BOX 237
GATESVILLE, TEXAS
76528

ATTORNEY OR PERSON FILING CAUSE
BENJAMIN BONNEY
750 N. SAINT PAIL ST. STE 700

TO: DECEDENT'S UNKNOWN HEIRS
UNKNOWN ADDRESS
UNKNOWN STATE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF CORYELL

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF MARY FRANCES HERRINGTON, DECEASED. CAUSE NO 24-10995, COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS. ANGELA HELTON FILED IN THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS ON THE 10TH DAY OF APRIL 2024, FIRST AMENDED APPLICATION TO PROBATE WILL AND FOR ISSUANCE OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION SAID MARY FRANCES HERRINGTON, 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 22ND DAY OF APRIL 2024, AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN GATESVILLE, TEXAS. ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID ESTATE ARE HEREBY CITED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY AT THE SAME ABOVE-MENTIONED TIME AND PLACE BY FILING A WRITTEN ANSWER CONTESTING SUCH APPLICATION SHOULD THEY DESIRE TO DO SO. GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS THE 12TH DAY OF APRIL, 2024. JENNIFER NEWTON, CORYELL COUNTY CLERK, CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS.

BY: K. PALLEY 00030743

The City of Gatesville, Texas will be conducting an online auction of surplus sports field lighting fixtures and accessories. The auction will open for bidding on April 19, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. and will end at 5 p.m. CST on May 3, 2024. You can view and bid on these items online at: <https://www.govdeals.com/gatesville> 00030746

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of ELIZABETH JEANETTE LONG, Deceased, were issued on Feb. 21, 2024, in Cause No. 23-10905, pending in the County Court-at-Law: CORYELL County, Texas, to: MARY ANNE LONG-MCWATERS. 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: JAY R. BEATTY
Attorney at Law
3106 South W.S. Young Drive, Building D, Suite 401
KILLEEN, TX 76542
DATED the 11th day of April, 2024.

JAY R. BEATTY
State Bar No.: 01992450
3106 South W.S. Young Drive, Building D, Suite 401
KILLEEN, TX 76542
Telephone: (254) 526-3024
Facsimile: (254) 526-2545
E-mail: jbeatty@mbaattorneys.com
Attorney for MARY ANNE LONG-MCWATERS 00030748

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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 AS SIGNS

-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

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NOTICE OF BID FOR CONCRETE SLAB

The Board of Trustees of the Jonesboro Independent School District ("JISD") hereby serves notice that it will accept sealed bids TO CONSTRUCT A CONCRETE SLAB with the following specifications:

30' x 30' with Brick Ledge:

Interior and Exterior Beams - 24" Deep x 12" Wide with 4 - 5/8" Rebar
Slab will be 4" Thick with 3/8" Rebar on 16" Center
Plastic Vapor Barrier

Structure to be completed by and in use by August 1, 2024.

Bids will be accepted until 12:00 PM on April 29, 2024.

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

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

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NOTICE OF SALE OF USED BUSES AND VEHICLES

The Board of Trustees of the Jonesboro Independent School District ("JISD") hereby serves notice that it will accept sealed bids for the following:

BLUE BIRD SCHOOL BUS, Mileage 68,015 (not guaranteed), VIN# 1HVBBABM91H372961, Handicap Bus
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL BUS, Mileage 237,506 (not guaranteed), VIN# 4DRBRAAN63A9566818, SP1
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL BUS, Mileage 201,841 (not guaranteed), VIN# 4DRBRAAN33A956825, SP3
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL BUS, Mileage 130,579 (not guaranteed), VIN # 4DRBUAFL96A258326, 98
BLUE BIRD SCHOOL BUS, Mileage 154,252 (not guaranteed), VIN# 1HVBBABK84H617302, 33
2009 CHEVROLET AVEO CAR, Mileage unknown, VIN# KL1TD5DE8AB087423
VANTAGE UTILITY TRUCK, Mileage Unknown, VIN# LF-WA2F1546JH00044
Location: 15095 HWY 36 E. Jonesboro, TX 76538

Interested parties may contact Mr. Matt Dossey, Superintendent of Schools, at the address below to receive Bid Package, which provides information concerning inspections, disclosures, and other important information. The Property will be conveyed subject to the exceptions and reservations contained in the Bid Package, including the reservation and exception that this is a conveyance of the surface only. JISD reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in bids received. Bids received after the deadline or faxed bids will not be considered.

Sealed bids will be received until: April 29, 2024 at 12:00 P.M.

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

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NOTICE OF SALE OF MANUFACTURED HOME

The Board of Trustees of the Jonesboro Independent School District ("JISD") hereby serves notice that it will accept sealed bids for the following:

Model: 01-XSG-X304 Date of Manufacture: 11/30/2012
Total Square Feet: 2,176 Wind Zone: 1
Manufacturer Name: Champion Home Builder, Inc. 501 Burleson Blvd, Burleson, TX 76028
Section 1: PFS1109099 (LABEL SERIAL #) 125000HA001613A (Complete Serial #)
Section 2: PFS1109100 (Label Serial #) 12000HA001613B (Complete Serial #)
Manufactured Home is located on:
Property ID: 11412 Geographical ID: 00000000831001489
Legal Description: 201 J Daughtery 1019243000 Acres: 1.00
Location: 15095 HWY 36 E. Jonesboro, TX 76538

Interested parties may contact Mr. Matt Dossey, Superintendent of Schools, at the address below to receive Bid package, which details the improvements and provides information concerning inspections, disclosures, and other important information. The Property will be conveyed subject to the exceptions and reservations contained in the Bid Package, including the reservation and exception that this is a conveyance of the surface only. JISD reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in bids received. Bids received after the deadline of faxed bids will not be considered.

Sealed bids will be received until: April 29, 2024 at 12:00 P.M.

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

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037 HELP WANTED

Coryell Co. Commission Company: Help wanted starting Wednesday, May 8th. Please call Jody Thomas: 254-223-2958 cell; 254-865-9121 office

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Johnson Roofing is currently hiring Experienced Commercial Roofers, Experienced Metal Framers Immediately. \$500 Hiring Bonus after 1st week of employment! Top Pay and Benefits! Email resumé HR@JRoof.com

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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

MEDI 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:

- Competitive compensation
- Matching 457B investments
- Health, Dental, Life and supplemental Insurances
- Paid Vacation & Sick Leave
- Tuition Reimbursement
- EOE.

APPLY IN PERSON OR DOWNLOAD AN APPLICATION FROM WEBSITE:

1507 W. Main St. off: (254) 248-6386
Gatesville, TX 76528 fax: (254) 248-6288
humanresources@coryellhealth.org

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Johnny Burks (254) 223-0833

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

****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
Tuition Reimbursement • Health, Dental, Life and Supplemental Insurances. EOE.

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

Job summaries at
www.CoryellHealth.org

Building permits issued during March

The City of Gatesville recently released the building permits that were applied for during the month of March 2024. The permits are as follows.

Submitted item

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| <p>2908 E. Main St.
Pavilion 41 X 28
#2024-24
Pt. Blk 3 Eastwood Annex
Business Commercial
\$100,000.00
First Nat'l Bank of Central TX
Rec.#431936
3/6/2024</p> <p>226 FM 116
New Warehouse
#2024-1
Block 15, Pt 16 Airport Annex
Industrial
6,500,000.00
Laerdal Medical
Rec.#431065
3/8/2024</p> <p>1210 Waco Street
Residential Addition
#2024-15
W. Pt. lot 7 Blk 78 Org. Town
Residential 2-4 Family
1,692 Sq. Ft.
Maria Hendericks
Rec. #114141
3/11/2024</p> <p>2307 E. Main St.
Window Replacement
#2024-25</p> | <p>0782 E. Norton
Business Commercial
\$800.00
Regency Inn
Rec. #431676
3/12/2024</p> <p>1103 E. Leon Street
Duplex Remodel
#2024-17
Lot 4 Blk 19 Org. Town
Residential 2-4 Family
924 Sq. Ft.
Welstand Properties
Res.#430142
3/12/2024</p> <p>167 Brim Street
Storage Building 10 X 12
#2024-28
Lot 18 River Place West
Residential Single Family
120 Sq. Ft.
Bruce Thacker
Rec. #431729
3/13/2024</p> <p>106 Wells Park
New Residence
#2024-8
Lot 3A Blk 62 Org. Town
Business
Commercial
1,610 Sq. Ft.
Buckner Homes
Rec. #114070
3/18/2024</p> | <p>108 Wells Park
New Residence
#Lot 3B Blk 62 Org. Town
Business Commercial
1,610 Sq. Ft.
Buckner Homes
Rec. #114066
3/18/2024</p> <p>2429 E. Main St.
Commercial Remodel
#2024-16
Lot 11 Blk 1 Coryell County
Business Commercial
\$150,000.00
Coryell Cremation Services
Rec. #432584
3/19/2024</p> <p>1604 Golf Course Road
RV Pole Barn
#2024-29
Lot 2 Block 25 SE Annex
Residential Single Family
960 Sq. Ft.
Bill Shoaf
Rec. #432805
3/25/2024</p> <p>4705-4707 State Hwy 36
Duplex Remodel
#2024-96
0008 A. Arocha Survey
Business Commercial
\$60,000.00</p> |
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- Lera Lam
Rec. #429790
3/25/2024
- 3421 Imperial Drive**
Storage Building 12 X 24
#2024-32
Lot 11 Block 1 Eastview
Residential Single Family
288 Sq. Ft.
Lionel Kattner
Rec.#432777
3/25/2024
- 2805 S. Hwy 36**
Diesel Generator
#2024-30
Lot 1A Block 1 Walmart Add.
Business Commercial
\$200,000
Wal-Mart Stores
Rec.#432787
3/26/2024



Marriage licenses filed at the Coryell County Courthouse during March

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| <p>Marriage licenses filed during March 2024 in the Coryell County Clerk's Office included:</p> <p>Ricky Wayne Ayers and Mandy Ladon Ward-Keller
Adam Kyle Baughman and Maelena Grayce Carpenter
Jaylon Joshua Blatcher and Francheisca Jayleene Navarro
Michael Henry Bogard and Mary Perdue Rivers
Luis Felipe Burgos Lopez and Alyssa Nicole Woods
John Peter Caparco and Heather Nicole Bennett
Jacob Allyn Clark and Lyndsi Jordan Taylor
Mark Tyler Clifton and McKenzie Jhordan Winkler
Chase Edward Cole and Makaylee Shaye Mueller
Jeffrey Scott Dach and Jamie Jean Ricks
Clinton Daniel Damron and Amanda Kay Fulton
Colin Robert Evans and Rebecca Fowler
Stetson Lane Franks and Justine Rhealee Adams</p> | <p>Caleb Alexander Frazer and Abigayle Marie Shukala
Donnie Maurice Frith and Tammy Jean Tucker
Matthew James Garlinghouse and Lauren Nicole Gizzi
Michael Frank Hoff and Desiree Lynn Jones
Luis Jesus Leyva Hernandez and Caridad Palacios Raul Martinez Jr. and Marissa Lizette Ramon
Matthew Allen Maynard and Lana Christa Hoffman
Mason Lee-Evan Merriovskey and Kimberlynn Grace Miller
James Randel Myers and Michaela Reid Starinsky
Richard Norman Palmer and Taina Lila Rodriguez
Kaylor Shane Schafer and Tana Lynn Conklin
Johnny Lavelle Schwetmann and Wanda Jean Wilson
Seth D. Suter and Karlie Cheyenne Ryal
Matthew Bruce Williams and Iris Bernasue Aubuchon Villarreal</p> |
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1st Place Winner – WEEK 3



The Bonnets in Bloom photo contest is sponsored by



1st Place Winner – WEEK 4



COURTESY PHOTO BY SYDNEY CUDD

The Gatesville Messenger's second annual Bonnets in Bloom bluebonnet photo contest, sponsored by The First National Bank of Central Texas, is in nearing an end. Sydney Cudd's photograph, taken on County Road 274 in Gatesville, was selected as the fourth weekly winner. The field of bluebonnets give a nice contrast to the girl's stark-white dress, and the lighting is everything! Cudd will receive a one-year subscription to The Gatesville Messenger, a Bonnets in Bloom t-shirt, and a chance at winning the \$200 grand prize. To enter your photos for a chance to win, visit www.gatesvillemessenger.com today. Hurry! Monday is the last day to enter.

COURTESY PHOTO BY CELIA SELLERS

Week three winner of The Gatesville Messenger's second annual Bonnets in Bloom bluebonnet photo contest, sponsored by The First National Bank of Central Texas, was Celia Sellers. Sellers' photograph was taken at South Mountain during the beginning of the total solar eclipse held April 8. Charles is pictured sporting his patriotic eclipse grasses. Sellers will receive another one-year subscription to The Gatesville Messenger, a Bonnets in Bloom t-shirt, and a chance at winning the \$200 grand prize. To enter your photos for a chance to win, visit www.gatesvillemessenger.com today. Hurry! Monday is the last day to enter.

Settle for nothing less than the *FIRST*.

fnbct.bank 254-216-6042

John and Kalinda Westbrook's home chosen for KGB's Yard of the Month for April



COURTESY PHOTO

John and Kalinda Westbrook pose with their Yard of the Month sign.

Submitted item

Keep Gatesville Beautiful recently chose the home and yard of John and Kalinda Westbrook at 1202 Bridge Street as their April Yard of the Month.

The Westbrooks, who have lived in this home for 22 years, recently had their yard landscaped by Green Life Nursery in Waco. Kalinda was the designer, and John, who Kalinda says has a green thumb, maintains it.

They purposely chose native plants for easy maintenance and survivability and deer proof plants, because so many deer frequent the neighborhood.

Their beautiful landscape includes various shade trees, including a Post Oak, Chinese Elm Tree, and lots of interesting plants - including Umbrella Sedge, Leopard plant, Carpet Sedum, Butterfly Guar, Abelia Shrub, Muley Grass, and a Wisteria Vine passed down from John's grandmother.

They also have a rain harvest barrel, a bench in the sun, and a swing in the shade making it a great place to relax. There is a delightful scene at each new turn with this yard.

Thank you, Kalinda and John, for helping keep Gatesville Beautiful!

HILLSIDE MEDICAL LODGE

Employee of the Month - March

JOANNA EDWARDS
LVN

Joanna is our Assistant Director of Nursing and has consistently displayed a positive attitude and is always there to support her colleagues in one way or another. She creates a warm and welcoming environment for both staff and residents. Her exceptional leadership skills have propelled her to lead two out of four of our resident halls and is able to effectively connect with resident families!

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Director of Public Relations:
Susie Meelbusch
254-383-2307

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McGregor Research Center

FIELD DAY

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1
773 AG FARM RD, MCGREGOR, TX

8:30 a.m. Registration begins
11:30 a.m. Lunch sponsored by
McGregor General Store
3:00 p.m. Adjourns

PLEASE PRE-REGISTER BY APRIL 22
(FOR MEAL COUNT)

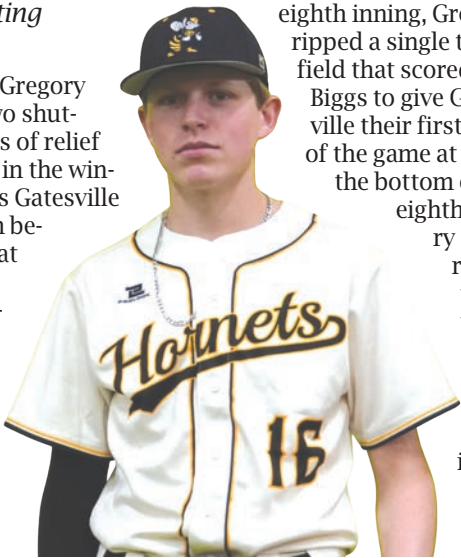
Register with Priscilla by phone at
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priscilla.dowell@ag.tamu.edu

Gregory shines late as Gatesville beats Salado, locks up playoff spot

BY CHRIS ALLMAN
Contributing
Writer

Clayton Gregory pitched two shut-out innings of relief and drove in the winning run as Gatesville came from behind to beat Salado 2-1 in eight innings on April 16.

With the game tied at 1-1 in the top of the



eighth inning, Gregory ripped a single to left field that scored Logan Biggs to give Gatesville their first lead of the game at 2-1. In the bottom of the eighth, Gregory quickly retired the first two Eagles hitters of the inning before finishing the

game with a swinging strike-out of Owen Curtis to end the thriller.

Veazey started for the Hornets and turned in a typical start allowing just five hits and zero earned runs in six innings of work. He struck out seven before giving way to Gregory in a 1-1 game to start the seventh.

Gregory walked Brody Naegele with one out, and his courtesy runner, Jeb Hercules, promptly stole second. Hercules moved to third after a groundout but Gregory fanned Kannon to strand

PLEASE SEE **PLAYOFF** | B2



MARY TREJO | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Gatesville Hornet Braylen Veazey slides into base during Tuesday night's game.



AVERY MEELBUSCH | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Megan Mehaffey races to tag out an opponent. She also had a big night on the pitcher's mound, reaching 103 strikeouts for the season during a recent game.



AVERY MEELBUSCH MEELBUSCH | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Lady Hornet Raylee Glover is pictured celebrating with her teammates during last Friday's softball game against Salado.

Lady Hornets softball takes on Connally High School

Staff Reports

This past week, on Thursday, April 11, the varsity softball team of Gatesville High School stepped up to the plate against Connally HS in a game that ended 8-7, favoring the Hornets.

The Lady Hornets built a

four-run lead in the fifth inning and held off Connally's charge for an 8-7 victory on Thursday.

Connally was the first to get on the board, scoring one run.

In the top of the third inning, the Lady Hornets jumped back into the lead

after Kinlee Gardner homered to center field, Megan Mehaffey singled, Brilee Ford singled, and Emma Raby doubled, each scoring one run.

The starting pitcher, Madison Hester, earned a win for the team after giving up four hits and three runs with one

earned over two innings, while striking out three and walking three.

Mehaffey pitched five innings in relief for the team. They gave up three hits and four runs with one earned, while striking out 10 and walking one.

The Lady Hornets accu-

mulated 13 hits during the game. Raby went three-for-three at the plate to lead the team in hits. Mehaffey, Hester, Madisyn Birmel, Raylee Glover, Gardner, Raby, and Ford each drove in one run for the varsity Lady Hornets.

Mehaffey played a special game by reaching over 100

strikeouts at 103 total for the season.

Gatesville High School will host Connally High School at home on Friday, April 19. More details are to come.

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

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Pictured are the members of Team Gatesville.

Team Gatesville competes in track and field competition

Staff Reports

Team Gatesville competed in an Area 12 Special Olympics track and field competition held at Joseph Searles III Stadium this past week, and many athletes were awarded medals.

The awards included: Caitlin Clough won a gold medal in the 25-meter wheel-

chair race and won gold in the 25-meter assisted walk.

Jon Hannold won a silver medal in the softball throw and won a fifth-place ribbon in the 50-meter run.

Hope Lacefield won a gold medal in the softball throw and a bronze medal in the 50-meter walk.

Tristen Tidrick won a bronze medal in the softball

throw and won a gold medal in the 50-meter walk.

Addison Van De Water won a silver medal in the softball throw and won a gold medal in the 25-meter run.

Team Gatesville will soon compete in San Antonio for their Summer State Games with more information to come.

Coryell Health to offer free physicals to athletes April 24

Staff Reports

On Wednesday, April 24, local hospital Coryell Health will offer free physicals to students at Gatesville Independent School District.

The physicals are for the upcoming 2024-25 school

year and are available to students currently in grades six through 11.

The physicals will be held at Coryell Health Clinic from 4-6 p.m.

Physical exams are required every two years for participation in UIL extracurricular activities, includ-

ing athletes, band, cheer, dance, and other school-sponsored activities.

For further details, contact Tatianna Navarro by email at tnavarro@gatesvilleisd.org.

Coryell Health Clinic is located at 1507 West Main Street in Gatesville.

GYS tackle football to begin in July

Staff Reports

The tackle football league of Gatesville Youth Sports will begin their season during the end of August and will begin practicing in the middle of July.

The age groups for youth tackle football will include

eight and under, 10 and under, and 12 and under. Flag football will be for ages six and under only.

Along with having five teams last year, Moody, Jarrell, Troy, and Hewitt have been added to the schedule as well.

Sign-up forms for the

program have been passed out to each campus and will be available for students.

The drop off location for the forms will be located at 3502 Churchill Dr. in Gatesville.

For further information, contact 254-338-4534.

Jonesboro varsity softball wins big against Meridian

BY ALEXANDRA MEELBUSCH Staff Writer

The Jonesboro Lady Eagles varsity softball team recently played against Meridian High School on Friday, April 12, and came home with a huge win,

which was 23-0 in three innings.

Pitcher Julie Henderson faced 10 batters, had 7 strikeouts, and only gave up one hit. Emily Turner also hit a three-run home-

run.

The Lady Eagles are now 7-1 in district play.

For further details, contact Jonesboro ISD at 254-463-2111.

Jonesboro ISD dodgeball tournament set for May 10

Staff Reports

The cheer program of Jonesboro High School will host a dodgeball tournament to benefit the team on Friday, May 10, at 5:30 p.m.

The tournament fee will be \$60 per team.

Be sure to register in the front office of the campus.

For further information, contact cheer director Hannah Apodaca by email at

hannah.apodaca@jonesboroisd.net.

Jonesboro ISD is located at 14909 East State Hwy. 36 in Jonesboro.

GISD Lil Hornets Cheer Camp set for May 29-31

Staff Reports

The cheer program of Gatesville Independent School District has recently announced that its annual Lil Hornets Cheer Camp will be held from Wednesday, May 29 to Saturday, May 31.

The camp will take place in the Gatesville High School new gym and will be

from 12-2 p.m. each day.

All students from kindergarten through sixth grade who are interested in becoming a Hornet cheerleader are welcome to attend.

The registration deadline will be on Friday, May 10, and will cost \$45 per student; shirts will be included. Late registration will be available from Friday, May 10 to Wednesday, May

29 and will cost \$55 per student; shirts will not be included.

For further details or to register, contact Gatesville ISD cheer director Amber Colson by email at acolson@gatesvilleisd.org.

Gatesville High School is located at 205 South Lovers Lane.

PLAYOFF

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Hercules at third. Gregory has made four relief appearances in district play and struck out 11 while allowing just two hits.

"Ol' Clayton came up in the clutch," said head coach Chase Smith. "He was going to finish that one for us. He would have had to come out and hit a bunch of guys or something silly for me to pull him."

Outside of a pair of hicups in losses to China Spring, the Hornets pitching staff has allowed four runs in their five district wins. Salado's only run on Tuesday was unearned dropping Veazey's ERA to 1.209 on the year.

Salado's Dylan Wigely kept the Hornets offense in check through the first six innings. Gatesville threatened to score in the top of the first after Miles Tull walked and Lawson Mooney singled but came up empty. Over the next four innings,

they would get no hits and have just one baserunner via a Justin Johnson walk in the top of the third.

Johnson broke the drought with a single to start the sixth inning, then stole second three pitches later. He scored the Hornets first run when Veazey laced a two-out RBI single to right field and tied the game 1-1.

Johnson has largely occupied the six and seven spots while hitting .293 on the season. Smith dropped the senior outfielder to the number nine spot for the Salado game, and Johnson rewarded his coach with a single, a walk, and a stolen base while essentially functioning as a second leadoff hitter.

"I like what Justin gives us when he can get on, and he is scrappy and finds different ways to get on really well. Sometimes, things work out like you plan, and, sometimes, they don't, and

it ended up working out for us tonight. That was a just a great game all the way around," said Smith.

In the top of the eighth, Veazey drew a two-out walk. Then Biggs - his courtesy runner - advanced to third when Bradey James singled to right setting up Gregory's game-winning single.

With the win the Hornets move into a tie for second-place in the district with the Eagles with 5-2 league marks. The two teams matched up again on April 19, and the Hornets would lock up the No. 2 spot in the postseason with a win and then a season-ending sweep of La Vega.

Should Gatesville lose to Salado on April 19, they would still finish second if Salado were to lose their final two games to China Spring and the Hornets take down the Pirates.



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TRACK AND FIELD RESULTS

Oglesby girls compete in district track meet

BY TOM NORRELL
Contributing Writer

The Oglesby Independent School District Junior High girls track team recently competed in a District 25-A meet this past week.

100-Meter Dash
Abigail Insall, third place, 14:56, 6 points.
Scarlet Aaron, fifth place, 24:66, 2 points.

200-Meter Dash
Abigail Insall, sixth place,

32:45, 1 point.

400-Meter Dash
Abigail Insall, first place, 1:12:49, 10 points.
Cierra Ingram, second place, 1:14:14, 8 points.

800-Meter Run
Vicky Mejia, second place, 3:00:83, 8 points.
1600-Meter Run
Vicky Mejia, second place, 6:29:51, 8 points.
Adelyn Gomez, fifth

place, 7:52:93, 2 points.

Long Jump
Scarlet Aaron, fifth place, 2 points.

Shot Put
Delany Marfa, sixth place, 25'7 1/2", 1 point.

Discus
Delany Marfa, fourth place, 59'0", 4 points.
For further details, contact Oglesby ISD at 254-456-2271.

GHS track advances to regional meet on April 19 & 20

Staff Reports

On Wednesday, April 10, the Gatesville Hornets traveled to Lago Vista High School to compete in their UIL Area 23/24 4-A area track meet.

Boys 100-Meter Dash
Lawson Mooney, 4th place, 11.35.

Boys 200-Meter Dash
Cory Burns, second place, 22.71.

Boys 400-Meter Dash
Daniel Gonzales, first place, 49.93.
Cameron Thompson, seventh place, 52.09.

Boys 800-Meter Run
Justin Muegge, sixth place, 2:04.49.
Cameron Thompson, eighth place, 2:08.52.

Boys 1600-Meter Run
Jack Armstrong, eighth place, 4:42.80.

Boys 4x100 Meter Relay

Gatesville won second place with a time of 43.90.

Boys 4x200 Meter Relay
Gatesville won seventh place with a time of 1:33.59.

Boys 4x400 Meter Relay
Gatesville won fourth place with a time of 3:31.92.

Boys Long Jump
Kase Cox, sixth place, 20-03.00.

Boys Pole Vault
Amos Phillips, fifth place, 13-00.00.
Holton Bolfing, seventh place, 11-06.00.

Boys Discus
Zach Bryant, fourth place, 121-11.00.

Boys Shot Put
Zach Bryant, fifth place, 44-01.50.
Girls 400-Meter Dash
Lana Tyson, eighth place, 1:04.89.

Girls 1600-Meter Run
Vania Martinez, fifth place, 5:42.19.

Girls 3200-Meter Run
Vania Martinez, fourth place, 12:01.89.
Riley Higginbotham, fifth place, 12:13.71.

Girls 100-Meter Hurdles
Barrett Boyd, second place, 15.43.
Girls 300-Meter Hurdles
Barrett Boyd, third place, 48.42.

Girls Pole Vault
Barrett Boyd, first place, 11-00.00.

Those who qualified for regionals will travel to Bullard High School to compete on Friday, April 19 and on Saturday, April 20.

For further details, contact Gatesville High School at 254-865-8281.

Bullard High School is located at 1426 South Houston Street in Houston.



COURTESY PHOTO

Elk Wyatt Hitt (left) and Lady Elk Brinlea Bates (right) are pictured at the recent area track meet.

Evant track teams compete at area meet recently

Staff Reports

The Evant Elks and Lady Elks of Evant Independent School District recently competed in an area track meet where many student athletes set various personal records.

The stats include:

Brinlea Bates: Triple Jump, 30' 7.5", 2nd (PR) - Regional Qualifier; 4 x 100 Relay, 58.15, (PR).

Daritza Escamilla:

100-meter Hurdles, 19.93, 3rd (PR) - Regional Qualifier; 300-meter Hurdles, 1:07.76.

Izzy Gandy: Shot Put, 25' 3.

Hailey Neri: 3200-meter run, 19.20, 3rd - Regional Qualifier; 800-meter run, 3:17.

Bree Ramirez: Shot Put, 24' 11.5"; Discus, 87' 11", 4th - Regional Qualifier.

Maya Reynolds: 4 x 100

Relay, 58.15, (PR).

Luwi Rodriguez: 4 x 100 Relay, 58.15, (PR); 300-meter Hurdles, 1:01.23, 5th (PR).

Harley Weeks: 4 x 100 Relay, 58.15, (PR).

Wyatt Hitt: Triple Jump, 37' 1", 6th; Long Jump, 18' 6.75", 4th - Regional Qualifier.

For further details, contact Evant ISD at 254-471-5536

Oglesby track advances to regional meet April 19

BY ALEXANDRA MEELBUSCH
Staff Writer

Both varsity girls and boys track teams of Oglesby High School recently competed in an area meet where they took home various medals and will now be advancing to the regional track meet.

The Oglesby Tigers won first place at the meet.

The regional qualifiers include:

Alex Castillo: 110-meter hurdles, 17.12, third place; 300-meter hurdles, 46.46, second place; triple jump, 35-8 3/4.

Kayson Campbell: 400-meter dash, 52.49, first place; 800-meter run, 2:13.83, third place.

Kyler Fossett: 100-meter dash, 11.23, first place; 200-meter dash, 23.21, second place; high jump, 6-0, second place; long jump, 20-1, third place.

Hunter Ewing: Shot put, 38-5 3/4, fourth place.
Johnny Gomez: Pole

Vault, 9-6, third place.

David Mejia: 1600-meter run, 5:31.15, second place; 3200-meter run, 11:49.77, third place.

As a team, EJ Aviles, Landon Williamson, Aiden Oxford, and Kyler Fossett won fourth place in the 4x100 relay and received a time of 44.77 seconds.

As a team, EJ Aviles, Aiden Oxford, Alex Castillo, and Landon Williamson won first place in the 4x200 relay and received a time of 1:36.18. The team also competed in the 4x400

relay and won second place with a time of 3:44.09.

Maddison Smith: 1600-meter run, 7:01.73, fourth place.

Zarah Wischart: Pole vault, 6-0, fourth place; 400-meter run, 1:11.15, sixth place.

Presley Robinson: 800-meter run, 2:54.84, third place.

As a team, Maddison Smith, Presley Robinson, Autumn Meyers, and Zarah Wischart competed in the 4x200 relay and received a time of 2:09.62.

The Oglesby High School Tigers and Lady Tigers will compete in their regional track meet on Friday, April 19 and on Saturday, April 20 at Seguin High School.

For further information, contact Oglesby Independent School District at 254-456-2271.

Seguin High School is located at 7001 Silo Road in Seguin.



JHS track competes at area meet in Oakwood

BY ALEXANDRA MEELBUSCH
Staff Writer

The girls and boys track teams of Jonesboro High School recently competed in the 25A/26A area meet in Oakwood on Thursday, April 11.

Both teams came out on top at the end of the meet. The varsity girls won first place with a total of 118.5 points and the varsity boys won second place with a total

of 118 points.

Lady Eagles Regional Qualifiers

Triple Jump: Cambell Gustin and Lynlee Deats
Pole Vault: Campbell Gustin

High Jump: Kodi Suggs
100-meter Hurdles: Campbell Gustin and Kylee Gould
300-meter Hurdles: Campbell Gustin
800-meter run: Madison

Manning
400-meter run: Lynlee Deats and Madison Manning

4x100 Relay: Laini Ingram, Gracie Calhoun, Emily Turner, and Ally Thorman.

4x200 Relay: Lynlee Deats, Emily Turner, Ally Thorman, and Adalyna Andrade.

4x400 Relay: Madison Manning, Madalyn Smith, Lynlee Deats, and Adalyna Andrade.

Eagles Regional Qualifiers

Triple Jump: Layden Nichols

High Jump: Eric Thorman
Long Jump: DeMarcus Acoff

Shot Put: Payton Brister and Maddox Stroud
Discus: Seaborn Ashby

Pole Vault: Eric Thorman and Will Featherston
110-meter Hurdles: Eric Thorman

300-meter Hurdles:

Kayden Craft

4x100 Relay: Luke Stephenson, Layden Nichols, Eric Thorman, and DeMarcus Acoff.

4x200 Relay: Luke Stephenson, Layden Nichols, Eric Thorman, and Sam Lawrence.

4x400 Relay: Truett Foote, Pate Foote, Layden Nichols, and Kayden Craft.

The prelims and finals for the regional meet will be held on Friday, April 19 and on Saturday, April 20, at Seguin High School.

For further information, contact Jonesboro Independent School District at 254-463-2111.

Seguin High School is located at 7001 Silo Road in Seguin.

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Tarletons Brogens and Deltombe finish in top 10 at ORU Spring Invite

Tarleton State University

BROKEN ARROW, Okla. – A pair of top-10 performances by Mathilde Brogens and Lou Deltombe led Tarleton State Women's Golf to a fourth-place finish in its regular season finale at the Oral Roberts Spring Invitational and a fourth-place finish at The Club at Indian Springs – River Tuesday, April 9.

Brogens once again earned a top-10 performance in Broken Arrow, after a sixth-place finish last season. She joined Deltombe as the first pair of Texans to finish in the top 10 in the same invitational this season. Both Brogens and Deltombe carded a 71 round with Brogens opening the three-round event with it, and Deltombe finishing one-under in the second round of the day on Monday. It marks the second time this season that Deltombe and Brogens finished in the top 10 and the first time this spring.

"This tournament performance has shown us that the work we are putting in is slowly showing and starting to pay off," said coach Isabel Jimenez after the invitational. "We have improved our par three stats and even though we had a few big numbers on a few holes, we have also reduced those as well. Now we go back to fine tune a couple of things and we are very hopeful and motivated to have a great performance at the WAC Championship next week."

As a team, the fourth-place performance is the best finish this spring and one of three fourth place finishes including the fall season. The team carded its lowest first-round score of the spring with a 299, tying with second and third round scores from the GCU Invitational as the lowest this spring.

Sofia Rodriguez dropped her score each round, carding a 77-76-74 to shoot 11-over par garnering a top-30

finish, tied for 24th. Rebeca Fernandez rounded out the scoring foursome tying for 43rd place with a 17-over 233. Elle Fox rounded out the squad ending in a tie for 58th with a 235. The squad turned in 26 birdies highlighted by Brogens' eight and Rodriguez' seven.

Tarleton's fourth-place finish was just off the podium in the team results. Abilene Christian took home the victory. The Wildcats were the only team to shoot under 300 in each round, totaling a 22-over, 886. The host, Oral Roberts, finished in second two strokes behind, and Northern Illinois rounded out the top 3 two strokes behind ORU, carding a 36-over par, 890.

Tulsa's Sirah Steinhoff took home the individual crown shooting a three-under, 213. She was the only individual in the field to shoot even or better in each of the three rounds. ORU's Kate Strickland took home silver



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Both Brogens and Deltombe carded a 71 round with Brogens opening the three-round event with it, and Deltombe finishing one-under in the second round of the day on Monday.

two strokes behind Steinhoff with a one-under, 215 finish. Northern Illinois' Emily Romancew shot a two-over, 218 to round out the podium. Tarleton joined ORU, NIU and ACU with multiple

players in the top 10.

WAC Championships take place April 19-21 in Payson, Arizona at The Rim Golf Club. This go-around, the Texans will compete in the championship for the sec-

ond time as an eligible scoring squad, finishing 10th last season in their first year eligible to post scores.

Texans fall to Stephen F. Austin, HCU in Houston

Tarleton State University

HOUSTON – Tarleton State fell victim to Stephen F. Austin and Houston Christian April 10 as they closed out their inaugural regular season.

Tarleton State 1, Stephen F. Austin 4

Emma Halcomb and Allison Bryant were the lone Texan pair to defeat the 'Jacks in the afternoon clash

with the Purple and Whites. The duo won in straight sets on Court 1 winning 21-18, 21-17 over Madison Hall and Katherine Hansen.

On Court 4, Grayson Schirpik and Rajini Fitzmaurice dropped their match in straight sets to SFA's Ariana Pagan and Meagan Ledbetter 22-20, 21-14. Charlize Ching and Melian Ortiz Maldonado dropped their second match

of the day as they battled with SFA down to the wire on Court 5, dropping the match in Set 3. The pair went down to Sophia Myers and Lexi Higgins 21-9, 9-21 and 15-11.

SFA clinched the match win on Court 2 as Tatum Busch and Breanna McDonough fell in straight sets 21-11, 21-19 to Elaina Amador and Abigail Elder. Isabel Gonzaba and Sydney Garrison once again pushed

things to the end, going three sets but coming up just short. The pair fell on Court 3 21-19, 15-21 and 15-8 to Ansley Gullede and Brynn Dowd.

Tarleton State 0, Houston Christian 5

Ching and Ortiz Maldonado fell in straight sets on Court 5 to Houston Christian's Lauren Vickery and Kylann Griffith 21-10, 21-12. On Court 4,

Fitzmaurice and Schirpik also fell in straight sets 21-14, 21-17 to Tatum Lockhardt and Mary Alper.

HCU clinched the match on Court 2 as McDonough and Tatum Busch fell to Kristin Gilmour and Rachel Heilbrun 21-9, 21-8.

The pairing of Halcomb and Bryant dropped its match in straight sets to Kristen Kleymeyer and Abbey Bufkin 22-20, 22-20

on Court 1. The final pair for the Texans gave it everything they had, coming up just short of preventing the sweep as they took HCU to a three-setter. Garrison and Gonzaba fell 2-1 to Audrey Pearce and Paige Palmer 21-19, 18-21 and 15-9.

The Texans will now await their seed for the Conference USA Championships set to take place April 25-27 in Youngsville, Louisiana.

Tarleton State clinches WAC Tournament with win over rival ACU

Tarleton State University

STEPHENVILLE – One couldn't have scripted a more perfect ending to Tarleton Tennis' regular season April 13. In front of an electric crowd, the Texans defeated rival Abilene Christian 4-3 at home to clinch the No. 2 seed in the WAC Tournament. On Senior Day, when Tarleton celebrated two top players in program history, Elsa Boisson and Martha Makantasi, it was the two of them who won back-to-back singles matches to clinch the victory for the Texans.

The Texans (15-3, 6-1 WAC) finished their home campaign 9-1, including a perfect 4-0 mark at the Tarleton Tennis Facility which opened just over two weeks ago. The Texans end their reclassification period with a 23-4 mark in conference matches.

Tarleton State will play the No. 7 seed in the WAC Tournament Thursday at 3

p.m. The 7-seed will either be Stephen F. Austin or UTRGV, who face off at 10 a.m. on Sunday. The loser of that match will be the 7-seed. The Texans can also win a share of the WAC regular season championship on Sunday if UT Arlington knocks off Grand Canyon. They will face off in Phoenix Sunday at 2 p.m. CDT.

The Wildcats dropped to 7-12 overall and 4-3 in WAC play with the loss Saturday. They will most likely be the No. 5 seed in the WAC Tournament. With a win Saturday over Tarleton, they would have been the 2-seed.

Saturday's match was yet another thriller between Tarleton State and ACU, the third straight since 2021-22. The teams have combined to score 11-10 over those three matches, with results of 5-2, 4-3, 4-3. This was the first time Tarleton hosted Abilene Christian since 2013.

ACU came away with the doubles point in Stephenville, thanks to con-

secutive wins on Courts 2-3. Tarleton started with a win on Court 1, as Maretha Burger and Makantasi defeated Masha Vrsalovic and Maria Cascos 6-4. Burger and Makantasi improved to 13-5 overall and 4-3 in conference. The Wildcats got it done on Courts 2-3, first at No. 2 as Maryjoe Crisologo and Libby Blair defeated Boisson and Ximena Morales 6-3, then ACU's Olivia Sears and Andrea Guerrero clinched the doubles point 7-5 over Noelia Lorca and Emma Persson.

Lorca started singles play for the Texans with a comfortable victory to tie the team score 1-1. Lorca defeated Cascos 6-1 6-2 to improve to 16-2 overall this season, 6-1 in WAC play. Lorca, a first-year Texan, finished the regular season with the most singles wins on the team. Persson then gave Tarleton the lead 2-1 with a 6-1 6-3 win on the top court over Sears.

ACU got one back at



PHOTO COURTESY OF TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY

The Texans defeated rival Abilene Christian 4-3 at home to clinch the No. 2 seed in the WAC Tournament.

Court 6 to make it 2-2, as Blair defeated Adeliya Mukhutdinova 6-4 6-3.

Tarleton then turned to its seniors to get the team win. Boisson was first with a victory on Court 2 over Crisologo 7-6(8-6) 6-3. Boisson improved to 12-6 in

singles on the season, 5-2 in WAC play.

Makantasi clinched the team victory in her final home match with a 6-2 2-6 6-3 win on Court 3 over Vrsalovic. Makantasi went 6-1 in conference singles matches, 15-3 overall

through the regular season.

ACU salvaged a point at the end to make it 4-3, as Guerrero defeated Morales 4-6 6-1 6-3 on Court 5.



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GHS presents 2024 valedictorian and salutatorian



COURTESY PHOTO
Olivia Walker, GHS Valedictorian for the class of 2024.

Staff Reports

The roles of the valedictorian and salutatorian at Gatesville High School for the class of 2024 have been announced and were given to two students who have earned their way to the top of their class.

OLIVIA WALKER has been announced as the valedictorian for the class of 2024. She has a 4.522 grade point average (GPA) and is the daughter of Summer and Jonathan Walker.

She is a member of the National Honor Society and a varsity tennis player as well. She has been on the varsity tennis team

since her sophomore year and has taken the role of team captain this year. Her honors include Tennis MVP, Hornet Radio Player of the Week, Outstanding Student Award in On Ramps U.S. History, and Exchange Club Student of the Week.

She has committed to the University of Texas at Austin for a bachelor's degree in chemistry with a Forensic Lab Technician certificate and plans to become a forensic technician.

BARRETT BOYD has been announced as the salutatorian for the class of 2024. She has a 4.418 GPA and is the daughter of Dusty and Jennifer Boyd and has two

brothers, Braxton and Hez.

Boyd has held the following leadership positions including Senior Class President, Student Council member, Gatesville Chamber of Commerce Junior Ambassador, GEAR UP Youth Congress, and PALs. She is a four-year varsity letterman and state qualifier in track and field, a three-year letterman and senior captain in volleyball, and a two-year letterman in soccer. She has earned the following honors including TGCA All State Academic Elite Team, 1st Team All District in soccer, Second Team All District in volleyball, fifth place in pole vault at state, MVP

three years in a row for track and field, Outstanding Student of the Year in multiple classes, Most Outgoing PAL, and was awarded the PAL's scholarship.

She will be attending the United States Air Force Academy this fall where she will be majoring in Biology and be a part of their track and field team. Following her time at the academy, she plans on attending medical school to be an anesthesiologist in the United States Air Force.

For further details, contact GHS at 254-865-8281.



COURTESY PHOTO
Barrett Boyd, GHS Salutatorian for the class of 2024.

Coryell Retired School Personnel to meet April 25 at Ranchers

Submitted item

Members of Coryell Retired School Personnel (CRSP) will meet on Thursday, April 25th, at Ranchers' Steakhouse. Social time will be held at 9:30 a.m., and the meeting will begin at 10 a.m.

Business will include installation of new officers for 2024-2026: Co-Presidents, Gayla Linton and Debbie Grmela; 1st Vice-President, Charolett Chambers; 2nd Vice-President,

Marsha Lee; Secretary, Kathy Smith; Treasurer, Gail Johnson; and Past-President, Gail Johnson.

The program will be on "Health and Wellness," presented by Emily Leib Wuenschel, PA-C.

Dues need to be paid to Anne Byrom or Gail Johnson. They are \$45 total (\$10 for the local chapter and \$35 for state TRTA).

There will also be a report on the TRTA State

Convention that was held in Corpus Christi on April 15-17.

The District XII Spring Leadership Meeting will be held in Waco on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at the Region XII Education Service Center. The hours will be 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome, and lunch is provided. However, those planning to attend need to sign up at the local meeting.

A WARNING OF DRUNK/DISTRACTED DRIVING



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Guest speakers Sean Carter and mother, Jenny, were hosted by Gatesville High School last week to discuss the dangers of drunk driving. The speakers shared the story of Sean's life-changing story with the entire student body. After the presentation, Coryell County's Texas AgriLife WatchURBac and Passenger Safety Teams, DPS Troopers, and Coryell Community Church volunteers, facilitated distracted driving stations in the gym for juniors and seniors.

GHS Baccalaureate ceremony to be held May 19

Staff Reports

Seniors of Gatesville High School and their families are invited to attend the Baccalaureate ceremony at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 19, in the Gatesville High School Auditorium.

The Baccalaureate is an annual program that is put together and hosted by local pastors of the community.

It is a faith-based program consisting of special music, prayer, scripture reading, and a sermon. Seniors who choose to attend will receive a positive and uplifting message for their future.

Seniors need to be sure to wear formal



attire along with their cap and gown.

The service is an optional program for graduating seniors and their families.

According to college.lclark.edu, "It is believed that, during the 15th century, Oxford University

established a tradition of sending their graduates off to a service that included a sermon offered in Latin." When the tradition made its way to the United States, the ceremony was changed.

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

Gatesville High School is located at 205 S. Lovers Lane.

Jonesboro One Act Play to host community performance April 28

Staff Reports

The One Act Play program at Jonesboro Independent School District recently won third place in a competition held at Abbot High School and advanced to bi-district.

After countless hours of practice and competitions, the OAP program has decided to host a community performance to highlight their accomplishments and

to present their award-winning play.

The community performance will be held on Sunday, April 28 at 4:30 p.m. in the Jonesboro ISD cafeteria. A spaghetti dinner will follow when the performance concludes.

The play is called, "Victoria at 18" and is about a clash of wills between Victoria and her mother, the strong-willed Duchess of Kent, who has always

refused to let her daughter grow up.

The program includes nine cast members and four crew members total.

"I am so excited for them, and so proud of them," OAP Director Kimberly Foy said. "They have given up countless hours to learn lines and rehearse."

For further details, Jonesboro ISD can be reached at 254-463-2111.

Oglesby ISD announces third 9-week awards

Staff Reports

Oglesby Independent School District recently announced the awards that were given out to students who excelled during the third nine-weeks of school.

The awards include:

Prekindergarten

Academic Math: Kase Kortis and Forrest Wegenast.

Academic Language Arts: Na'Ryah Smith and Ivy Earle.

Academic Math and Language Arts: Kolt Beard, Shyloh Snyder, Christopher Bass, and Laikyn Goff.

Perfect Attendance: Ivy Earle.

Empathy: Kolt Beard.

Perseverance: Kase Kortis.

Tiger: Eoin Wade.

Kindergarten

Academic: Gracie Hess, Jack Hughes, Brantley West, Alex Williamson, and Adaline McGough.

Perfect Attendance: Kinley Brinkley, Kamor'ah Jackson, Kye Martinez, and

Tucker Taylor.

Empathy: Grayson Mainez.

Perseverance: Keagan Campbell.

Tiger: Jaxxon Hooker.

First Grade

A Honor Roll: Noah Crell, Jordan Gann, Maya Martinez, Brooks Seymour, Lincoln Taylor, and Paisley Wisheart.

A/B Honor Roll: Stran Hill, Anderson Hopkins, Madison Lechler, and Annaya Smith.

Perfect Attendance: Madison Miller.

Empathy: Madison Lechler.

Perseverance: Lincoln Taylor.

Tiger: Jon Key.

Second Grade

A Honor Roll: Xander Goff, Brennen Hill, Chad Kasting, Max Martinez, and Crystal Mejia.

A/B Honor Roll: Dixon Bond, Cole Cockrell, Ranger Jeffcoat, Lucas Licea, Saylor McGovern, Brody Smith,

Christian Tamayo, Jaylynn Taylor, and Freddy Vandiver.

Perfect Attendance: Dixon Bond, Chad Kasting, Max Martinez, Karen O'Campo, Brody Smith, and Cole Cockrell.

Empathy: Dixon Bond.

Perseverance: Ranger Jeffcoat.

Tiger: Brody Smith.

Third Grade

A Honor Roll: Maddie Chapman, Ariel Crell, Braxton Herry, and Kimberly Uribe.

A/B Honor Roll: Seattle Donaldson, Caymbri Fisher, Kinzlee Gray, Maverick Hughes, Kynnidee Martin, Biley Martinez, Jaxon Melton, Radlee Nichols, Ansley Riley, and Thomas Riley.

Perfect Attendance: Madison Hopkins, Jaxon Melton, Radlee Nichols, and Thomas Riley.

Empathy: Ansley Riley.

Perseverance: Mckynzlynn

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Tiger: Radlee Nichols.

Fourth Grade

A Honor Roll: Bentley Goff, Abram Gomez, Allie Thompson, and Judd Wulfkuhle.

A/B Honor Roll: Colton Anderson, Dylan Chrisner, Colton Finch, Grayson Hopkins, Jayden Howard, and Hudson Seymour.

Perfect Attendance: Colton Anderson, Bentley Goff, Barrett Miller, and Judd Wulfkuhle.

Empathy: Allie Thompson.

Perseverance: Colton Anderson.

Tiger: Brayden Roedler.

Fifth Grade

A Honor Roll: Judson Marquez, Jana Ortiz, and Dexter Veraza Solis.

A/B Honor Roll: Kristy Anderson, Arell Augeri, Slayton Fisher, Jasmine Gonzalez, Brook Hamilton, Joseph Hamilton, Jayden Hopkins, Aubree Jaccard,

Rainie Owens, McKayla Regan, Gracie Thompson, and Fernando Uribe.

Perfect Attendance: Kristy Anderson, Savanna Bingham, Jayden Hopkins, McKayla Regan, and Fernando Uribe.

Empathy: Jana Ortiz.

Perseverance: Slayton Fisher.

Tiger: Jana Ortiz.

Junior High

A Honor Roll: Sterlin De La Torre, Abigail Insall, Scarlet Aaron, and Holdyn Goff.

A/B Honor Roll: Ayleen Aviles, Perla Coca, Brylee Griffith, Hunter Insall, Chayson Leverett, Adilyn Margoitta, Brody Martinez, Victoria Mejia, Rancher Jeffcoat, Caiden Brinkley, Brynley Peryear, Alisyn Smith, Akram Abdelwahab, Blayne Fisher, Evan Williamson, and Makenzie Wright.

Perfect Attendance: Rancher Jeffcoat.

High School

A Honor Roll: Caitlyn Battreal, Alisa Contreras, Sydney Felan, Hannah McFadden, Autumn Meyers, Presley Robinson, Allisson Uribe, Andrea Licea, Taetyam Sanders, Drake LeBlanc, Landon Robinson, Cash Lee, and Landon Williamson.

A/B Honor Roll: Jaxon Markum, Aiden Oxford, Kelsey Ritchie, Jace Seymour, Abram Shaw, Zarah Wisheart, Danielle Anderson, Hadley Glass, Gracee Isaacks, Jordan Smith, EJ Aviles, Alexah Battreal, Alex Castillo, Rian Chapman, Hunter Ewing, Tyler Fossett, Jayda Gonzalez, Marlee Henderson, Blissany Ramos, Roselyn Ritchie, Jackson Tippit, Johnny Gomez, Addi Hamilton, Ian Philipp, and Hunter Walter.

Perfect Attendance: Caitlyn Battreal, Presley Robinson, Samuel Ortiz, Tyler Fossett, and Addi Hamilton.

For further details, contact OISD at 254-456-2271.

Gatesville Junior High choirs earn excellent ratings at UIL

Staff Reports

The Gatesville Junior High

choirs recently traveled to Midway Middle School to compete in their UIL Region

VIII Concert & Sight-Reading Evaluation on Thursday, April 11.

Each student has put in countless hours the past few weeks practicing for the

evaluations. All three choirs each received excellent ratings.

For further details, contact Gatesville Junior High at 254-865-8271.



COURTESY PHOTO

Gatesville Junior High girls' choir.



COURTESY PHOTO

Gatesville Junior High boys' choir.



COURTESY PHOTO

Gatesville Junior High Advanced girls' choir.

Gatesville Junior High to hold 8th grade dance

Staff Reports

Gatesville Junior High School will host its eighth-grade dance on Saturday, April 27, from 7-10 p.m. The dance will be at the Mary Bishop Gym in the junior high.

Activities at the dance will feature a live DJ with a dance floor, various games around the gym, and a 360-photo booth to take pictures with classmates.

There will be a concession stand for snacks and beverages.

The dress code will follow the Gatesville Junior High dress code guidelines.

Tickets will cost \$10 per person and will include a drink and a snack from the concession stand.

For further details, contact Gatesville Junior High School at 254-865-8271.



April 20, 2024

National Record Store Day, celebrated on April 20th, is a groovy celebration of the magic of music and the unique experience of browsing through vinyl records at local record stores. It's a day for kids and families to step back in time and discover the joy of analog music in a digital world.

On Record Store Day, families can embark on a musical adventure. Head to a local record store and explore the aisles filled with vinyl records, each holding the potential to transport listeners to different times

and places. Kids can learn about the art of vinyl, how records are made, and the joy of carefully placing the needle on the spinning disc.

Some record stores may even host special events on this day, featuring live music, artist signings, and exclusive releases. It's an opportunity for kids to experience the vibrant atmosphere of a record store and witness the passion that people have for music.

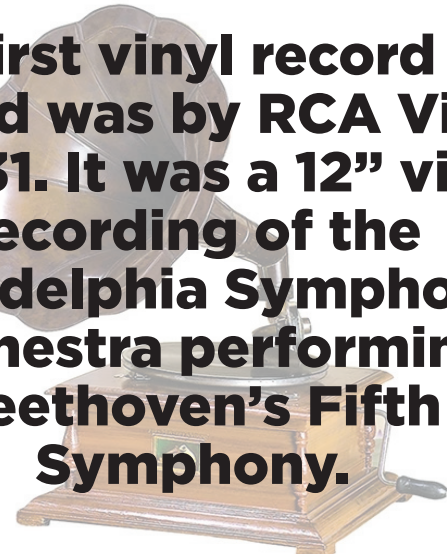
Parents and caregivers can share stories of their own experiences with vinyl records, introducing kids to the nostalgia of flipping

through record bins and discovering hidden gems. National Record Store Day is a chance for families to bond over the timeless allure of music and create memories that resonate with the crackling sound of a needle on vinyl.

So, on April 20th, let's celebrate National Record Store Day by taking a musical journey with our families. Whether it's exploring classic albums or discovering new favorites, this day encourages a love for music that transcends generations.



The First vinyl record ever created was by RCA Victor in 1931. It was a 12" vinyl recording of the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra performing Beethoven's Fifth Symphony.



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HALLWAY HEROES



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Mrs. Patterson's first grade class at Gatesville Elementary School recently won the hallway heroes competition this past week. Her students showed how to behave properly in the hallway and earned a day to dress up as superheroes for their accomplishment.

ADDING A LITTLE PEP TO STAAR-TESTING STUDENTS



ALEXANDRA MEELBUSCH | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Gatesville Elementary School held a pep rally in honor of STAAR testing this past week on Friday, April 12. A plethora of students were in attendance along with staff and PAL's members. The Gatesville High School drumline, cheerleaders, and BUZZ performed during the pep rally. Guest speaker senior Laura Trejo, a three-sport student athlete, explained that working hard in the classroom is important, especially when involved with extracurricular activities. The pep rally concluded with a game that was played with Oreos in which certain students were selected to go up on stage.

Evant ISD to hold awards banquet May 6

Staff Reports

Evant Independent School District will present its annual athletic awards banquet on Monday, May 6.

The banquet will be held in the Evant ISD gymnasium and will commence at 6 p.m. Evant ISD looks forward to sharing this evening

with friends and families of its student athletes to celebrate all the accomplishments of its sports program. For further information,

contact Evant ISD at 254-471-5536. Evant ISD is located at 339 Memory Lane in Evant.



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GHS PALS HONORED



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The Gatesville High School PALS banquet was held this past week in the high school auditorium. Family and friends of the PALS students attended the banquet to watch them receive their awards.

MOON PIES AND ECLIPSE GLASSES



COURTESY PHOTO

Pictured are Gatesville Elementary students of Mrs. Swodeck and Mrs. Wolff holding moon pies and wearing eclipse glasses to celebrate the Total Eclipse that happened on Monday, April 8.

Texas will use computers to grade written answers on STAAR exams

BY KAYLEE DUSANG
Staff Writer

The state has rolled out a new method of grading this year's STAAR tests - they will use computers instead of humans to grade a student's written responses.

Starting in December 2023, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) began implementing a hybrid scoring model that uses a mix of an automated scoring engine and human graders for STAAR tests. The computers will grade written responses, and then 25% of the responses will be re-scored by humans, according to a report by the TEA.

"The Texas hybrid scoring model uses an automated scoring engine to augment the work of human scorers, allowing us to score constructed responses faster and at a lower cost," TEA spokesperson Ricky Garcia said in an email. "The automated scoring engine uses features associated with writing quality and features associated with response meaning. Writing quality features include measures of syntax, grammatical/mechanical correctness, spelling correctness, text complexity, paragraphing quality, and sentence variation and quality."

The STARR test was redesigned in 2023 to include fewer multiple-choice and more open-ended questions that are similar to those teachers ask in the classroom. Due to the increase in written responses, the TEA made the shift to a hybrid model to cut down on costs associated with hiring more human graders to review the tests. According to the TEA, the change saves the agency \$15 million to \$20 million per year.

The technology uses natural language processing, which is a building block of artificial intelligence chatbots such as GPT-4, the Texas Tribune reports.

Garcia said that while there are foundational aspects of the automated scoring engine that could be considered AI, the program is not like ChatGPT.

"ChatGPT is a generative AI software, the ASE

(automated scoring engine) is not," Garcia said.

As students sit down to take their STAAR exams this month, local school districts have voiced concern about the new process of grading the assessments.

Superintendent of Gatesville ISD, Barrett Pollard, said that since the technology is still new, the automated scoring might look for key words or phrases rather than understand the intent and effectiveness of the students' writing.

"In other words, a poorly written response may have a few of the key terms the AI is looking for and receive a decent grade," Pollard said. "Conversely, a very well-crafted and effective response may not contain some of the key words and phrases and receive a poor score. This would be a real disservice to students. If you have read or watched any of the news reports concerning artificial intelligence, you will know that it is prone to mistakes and inaccuracies."

Superintendent of Oglesby ISD, Shane Webb, echoed similar concerns about using an AI-powered grading system, including the possibility of seeing lower test scores.

"A human grader is going to understand a student's voice, and a computer grader might not see those things," Webb said.

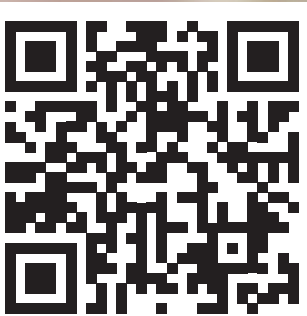
Per the TEA, the automated scoring engine uses a sample of 3,000 human scored responses for its programming. The engine analyzes the responses to identify patterns so it can emulate how humans score the questions. The system will flag answers it is not sure about for humans to review.

The State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) is a standardized academic achievement test that is distributed every year to students from third grade to high school. It contains assessments in mathematics, reading, language arts, science, and social studies.

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