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Classic cars line the parking lot of Bare Bones BBQ at a recent car show held to benefit the Disabled American Veterans program.

Car show held to benefit DAV

BY DAVID SCOTT
Staff Writer

A car show was held on Saturday, May 11, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Bare Bones BBQ.

The proceeds from the car show are to benefit the Disabled American Veterans (DAV). All years and models were present at the show.

According to car show officials, there were 91 entries, including motorcycles. The Tommy Forrest Band was on hand to entertain the crowds.

The trophy classes included: Most Original, Most Unique, Best in Show, Best Truck, Best Motorcycle, Best Hot Rod, Best Rat Rod, Veteran's Choice, Most Patriotic, and Jeep.

AWARDS INCLUDED
Best in Show: Charles George, Green Ford F100.
Most Original: Jimmy Dugger, 1960 Chevrolet Corvette.

Most Unique: Alton Shepard, 1953 Studebaker.
Best Truck: Larry and Sandy Taylor, 1957 Chev-

rolet Pick Up.

Best Motorcycle: Joshua Waddington, 2008 Harley Davidson - Deluxe.

Best Hot Rod: Danny Floyd, 1927 T Bucket.

Best Rat Rod: Bobby Daily, 1929 Ford Tudor Sedan.

Best Jeep: Julio Alanas, 2018 Jeep - Sahara - Black.

Best Car: Mike Jones, 1957 Chevrolet Bel-Air.

Best Corvette: Jimmy Dugger, 1960 Chevrolet Corvette.

Most Patriotic: Rock Sny-

der, Chevrolet Corvette.

The DAV is an organization that was established in 1920 by World War I veterans. It was designed for disabled military veterans of the United States Armed Forces and their families to help with various means. It was issued a federal charter by Congress in 1932 and currently has over 1 million members.

For further details regarding the DAV, visit dav.org.

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City manager resigns after only one year

BY KAYLEE DUSANG
Staff Writer

Scott Albert has stepped down as the city manager of Gatesville after spending approximately one year in the position.

The Gatesville City Council accepted Albert's resignation during its regular meeting on Tuesday, May 14. The council's vote came after an executive session on the issue, where the details were not released to the public.

Albert's resignation takes effect immediately.

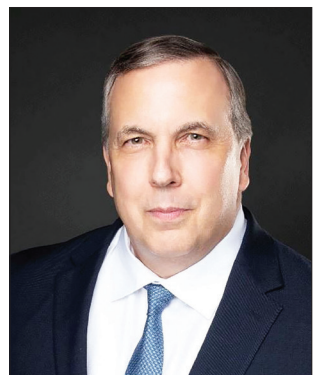
"In February, both my parents were admitted to the hospital with significant medical conditions, which has led to me not being able to devote the amount of time necessary to my responsibilities in Gatesville," Albert said. "For the next few months, my focus will be on my family as I evaluate my career and what would be best for my family."

Mayor Gary Chumley said the resignation was a mutual decision between Albert and the city.

"It wasn't a good fit for the city, and for him as well, so it was kind of a mutual thing," Chumley said.

Following the acceptance of Albert's resignation, the city council appointed Gatesville Police Chief Brad Hunt to serve as interim city manager until a permanent city manager is found. Hunt has been the Gatesville police chief since February 2023.

"As interim city manager, I am looking forward



COURTESY PHOTO

Scott Albert

to working with our dedicated, experienced department heads to set a strong foundation for the city's future," Hunt said.

Hunt said he will work with Gatesville Finance Director, Mike Halsema, who was appointed by the council as interim deputy city manager, to ensure the city's current projects stay on track.

"We will begin work on the budget for next fiscal year and will begin discussions on our search process to identify Gatesville's next city manager," Hunt said.

Albert accepted the contract as city manager in April 2023 following former city manager Bill Parry's retirement. He assumed the role in May 2023.

The Gatesville city manager oversees a total operating budget of more than \$16 million, 82 full-time employees, and various city projects and policies.

"We wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors," Chumley said.

Faunt Le Roy Park closes after flooding, community shares concerns

BY KAYLEE DUSANG
Staff Writer

Recent flooding in Coryell County impacted several areas across the Gatesville community, including extensive damage in Faunt Le Roy Park.

The park closed its gates due to rising waters on the morning of Sunday, May 5. Gatesville Parks and Recreation Director Seth Phillips said that the park will remain closed until it receives a professional assessment of the damage.

"We cannot clean anything up until we get a professional opinion/estimate on the significant damage that has occurred," Phillips said. "The city hopefully will be able to receive access to grants and other resources for repair/restoration of the park, but that will take time."

Settled along the banks of the Leon River, Faunt Le Roy Park is no stranger to flood damage. In 2018, severe flooding caused erosion to the river's



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Faunt Le Roy Park is closed to the public after receiving damage from last weekend's flooding.

embankment. Since then, a road that leads to the damaged section of the park has been closed for safety reasons.

Phillips said the latest damage is to the banks of the Leon River, the road that wraps around the park, and the walking trail.

"I believe we may have experienced more damage this time around," Phillips said. "We won't know for sure until we receive a professional opinion/estimate of the damage."

For many, Faunt Le Roy Park is a focal point for activities such as exer-

cise, sports, camping, and events. One organization that frequents the park every weekend is Amtgard, a global nonprofit that recreates medieval-style combat with foam-padded replicas of weapons. Members of

PLEASE SEE **PARK** | A2

TxDOT: Crash that killed two people allegedly due to distracted driving

BY KAYLEE DUSANG
Staff Writer

A fatal wreck that took place in Temple on April 27 and killed two passengers from Gatesville involved a driver that was either "distracted or inattentive," according to a Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Texas Peace Officer's crash report.

The two passengers who died in the crash were identified as 22-year-old Abigail Boatwright and 17-year-old Evan Boatwright by the Temple Police Department and the TxDOT crash report. They were traveling in a Ford F-150 on State Highway 36 when an oversized load fell off its trailer and onto the vehicle.

The incident occurred just after 11 a.m. near the intersection of State Highway 36 and Highway

317 in Temple.

The TxDOT report states that the driver of the F-150, James Jones, was traveling eastbound on State Highway 36 at an undetermined speed when it approached the rear of several vehicles that were stopped to facilitate a trailer carrying a 16-foot wide and nearly 350,000-pound load. The oversized load was driven by a Kenworth truck as well as carried by five connected flatbed trailers with "240 tires on 120 axles."

Dashcam footage from Kenworth shows them traveling westbound on Highway 36 at 43 miles-per-hour. The report says the truck was wider than the lane width and had to straddle both the east and westbound lanes.

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Q: What's your first Shivarree memory?



Tabitha Tippit

A: I was in junior high when I went to my first Shivarree. I remember the carnival rides and the shopping. It used to be set up behind the ball fields, but they would have the shopping at the park. They would have booths and the carnival, too, but it was the park I remember for the shopping.



Pam Bone

A: The first Shivarree I remember going to was at Faunt Le Roy Park. I was 17 years old. It was always a sense of community - people from all over were down there, and that's what I liked about it. It was such a beautiful setting even if you just sat on a bench and took it all in.



Dr. Barrett Pollard

A: I remember going to the Shivarree as a child and I believe it was held at Faunt Le Roy Park. I can remember all the games and activities and, as a child, I thought that was wonderful. I remember going to the Shivarree several times during my childhood and I thoroughly enjoyed it. That's a great tradition.



County issues new disaster declaration for flood recovery

BY KAYLEE DUSANG
Staff Writer

The Coryell County Commissioners Court issued a Declaration of Local Disaster to assist in recovery efforts following a historic flood event that took place on May 4 and May 5. The declaration comes

after the first declaration County Judge Roger Miller issued on May 5 during the height of the floods.

"It's a standalone order. It identifies the previous order in there, but we're more in the recovery phase of things rather than the

actual event itself," Miller said.

The declaration went into effect on May 11 and will continue for 30 days. It encourages citizens to report business and personal damages and losses to the Texas Department of Emer-

gency Management (TDEM) website at <https://damage.tdem.texas.gov/> and to select "Spring Severe Weather and Flooding Event."

The declaration states that the flooding and high waters have caused extreme damage to the county's

roadways and infrastructure, as well as the homes, properties, businesses, and agriculture and ranching lands of its citizens.

It says that recovery operations are ongoing to repair county roads and other damaged infrastructure.

"This order covers the gap time from the previous order that I issued to allow us to collect the data for the efforts that the county government has submitted in there, and it extends from here to 30 days," Miller said.

CRASH

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A Houston Police Department motorcycle unit providing escort services was traveling ahead of the convoy and directing traffic for the oversized load.

According to the report, due to Jones being "either distracted or inattentive, he failed to see the escort pilot vehicles warning him of the approaching wide load as they passed his location."

The report says Jones continued to disregard the warning from the Houston

police motorcycle unit and failed to stop behind the other vehicles, causing him to swerve to the left and cross over into the path of the Kenworth carrying the oversized load.

The driver of the Kenworth slammed on his brakes to avoid colliding

with Jones' vehicle. Jones then pulled onto the shoulder and came to a stop, partially blocking the west-bound lane, and forcing the driver of the Kenworth to veer left.

The TxDOT report says the braking action by the Kenworth caused the massive load it was pulling to "shift forward." As the Kenworth came to an abrupt stop, "the rear chains holding the load onto the trailer snapped and the

load rotated to the right, falling off the trailer and its support."

The oversized load then landed on the Ford-150 that contained Jones and Abigail and Evan Boatwright, the report states.

Temple Fire & Rescue teams said that it took just over four hours to safely remove Jones from the car. He was flown to the emergency room with life-threatening injuries, but is in stable condition as of

April 30, per a press release by Temple police.

It is unknown what the piece of equipment was that fell onto the vehicle, Temple Fire & Rescue said.

Southern Transport LLC was the name of the company overseeing the transport of the oversized load, according to the TxDOT report.

After the crash, it took nearly two days to clear the debris from Highway 36.



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PARK

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the local chapter, which welcomes approximately 40 to 60 people weekly at Faunt Le Roy Park, addressed the Gatesville City Council on Tuesday with their concerns about losing the space.

"It's been a hit for us, because that's kind of a safe haven for a lot of people," said Aaron Adams, a member of Amtgard. "We take in a lot of trouble teens. We take in a lot of individuals that have social disorders. We give them a safe place for them to come and express themselves and to be who they are and let them kind of grow, but our park's been taken from us."

Adams and another member, Tiffanie Meagher, said they are looking for another

spot to host Amtgard while Faunt Le Roy Park is closed, but it is difficult to find a spot large enough to host the group.

"It's a little concerning to not have a park. I know a lot of people use Amtgard for catharsis therapy, a way to get out, and a way to meet people," Meagher said. "It's kind of like a second church and kind of like a second home to a lot of us - it's like a family to a lot of us."

Mayor Gary Chumley said that the park will not open until it is deemed safe for citizens.

"How long that will be I don't know," Chumley said. "This is not the first time it's flooded. We still have not repaired the damage that occurred in 2018 in that flooding."

Former City Manager

Scott Albert, who was interviewed by The Messenger before his resignation on May 14, said city officials will meet with a stormwater engineer next week to assess the flood damage and determine the necessary recovery steps.

"Additionally, we will discuss options for requesting financial assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) and the Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM) to help with repairs in the park," Albert said.

In December 2023, the Gatesville City Council voted to move forward on an agreement with engineering and consulting firm, Frees and Nichols, to perform an initial assessment of the damaged riverbank from the 2018 floods.

Albert said the upcoming assessment will determine how the city will repair the park after both flood events.

"The proposed assessment will primarily document the damage to the park and determine the most effective strategy for the city to seek financial assistance in repairing the park following both the recent and the 2018 flooding events," Albert said.

In 2020, the city received a \$1.3 million grant from FEMA to repair Faunt Le Roy Park. Due to concerns about how the park would stand against future floods after repairs, the city chose to designate a portion of the funds toward the development of a new park across from the Gatesville Fitness Center, according to previous coverage by The Messenger.

"We can go to Freedom Park or Raby, and we're looking into those. But that's our home park, so we would like to have that back," Meagher said.



A SPECIAL THANK YOU

These ladies at the Walmart garden center made my day with the best experience ever. On a busy Friday before Mothers Day, they took extra time and courtesy to do more than anyone else has. They helped me load all of my garden supplies and even checked out my basket full of groceries, then put it in my car for me. They were the nicest, most helpful employees ever.

Sandy Smith, Gatesville, TX

FROM MY FRONT PORCH

Captain, my Captain ... the impact of teachers is amazing



BY SAM HOUSTON

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

The past couple of weeks I had the opportunity to participate in several end-of-the-year events at local schools. With graduation just around the corner, many schools have events where they honor scholastic accomplishments and recognize students for jobs well done.

It has been more than a few years since I was a student, and I never had the opportunity to teach,

but there is something about young people and their accomplishments that warms my heart. One recent

event hit my emotions very hard. It was an academic achievement dinner where the top 25 students in the senior class were singled out for their accomplishments. But this dinner had a little twist. Each student was permitted to invite the one teacher who had the biggest impact upon their life and academic progress. As part of the program, each student wrote a short essay identifying their favorite teacher and what the teacher had done which made them special.

Listening to the students' essays as they were being read was truly heartwarming. They explained the extraordinary efforts the teachers had made to connect with them as students, to push them toward excellence, and to influence the

students to become the best version of themselves. One essay seemed to echo another, as the students expressed how their teacher's impact was bigger than an English or mathematics class. They gave examples of how their relationship transcended the class and taught them about life and how to be a better citizen, student, and human being.

The emotions on full display made it clear the teachers had accomplished no small task. They have impacted lives, changed worlds, and altered the trajectory of a group of young people. They had done everything and anything a student could ask for, and in return, the students were thoughtful enough to recognize the role their teacher had in their success.

My wife taught school for 29 years. One of her favorite students was later hired to teach alongside her in the very same department. The young teacher went from student to valued colleague. A few years later, my wife retired and saw her former student take over as the head of the department. On the night of the dinner I attended, I was thrilled to see this talented young woman. The former student was recognized by a student as one of the special teachers. It was an example of "teaching life" going full circle. For me, it made the night even more special.

I bet as folks read this column, their mind drifts back to their favorite teacher. They will reflect on the classes, the lessons learned, and the impact

their teacher had on their development. For a lucky few, they will have had a special educator who not only taught them, but also helped give their life direction and purpose. My guess is the memory made us all smile a little brighter. Remember, it was a teacher who kindled that emotion. It was their impact that made you smile and warmed your heart. Their efforts are never gone, and I hope they will never be forgotten.

Captain, my Captain ... look how your seeds have grown.

Thought for the day: Better than a thousand days of diligent study, is one day spent with a great teacher.

Until next time ... I will keep ridin' the storm out!
sam@hcnews.com

Early voting begins Monday for Democratic runoff

Staff Reports

Early voting for the Democratic Primary Runoff Election on May 28 will take place from May 20-24, from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Election

Day voting will take place between 7 a.m.- 7 p.m.

The sample ballot lists the Democratic contenders for the U.S. House District 31 seat, Stuart Whitlow and Brian Walbridge.

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· Gatesville Annex, 801 E. Leon St., Gatesville, TX 76528

· Flat Community Center 159 CR 334, Flat, TX

· Evant City Hall

598 E. Highway 84, Evant, TX

For more information, visit coryellcountytax.com/elections.



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At a recent Lions Club meeting, Gatesville Police Chief Brad Hunt (pictured center) was presented with a plaque of appreciation for the outstanding work he did during the eclipse. Pictured left is Ft. Cavazos Logistics Officer James Marques, and pictured right is Mayor Gary Chumley.

Hunt recalls eclipse event to Lions Club

BY DAVID SCOTT
Staff Writer

Gatesville Police Chief Brad Hunt, who has been in law enforcement for 29 years, recently spoke to the Gatesville Lions Club about the force's involvement during the recent eclipse.

"I was hired as the chief of police in February, and it was not part of the incoming process to talk about the eclipse, and about two weeks after I got here, Cheri Shepherd let me get settled in my office and then said, 'Hey you, have you heard about the eclipse?' We started planning from there." Hunt said that, without Cheri's help, some of the

planning would have fallen on his shoulders.

"First, we had a lot of positive press coverage, there was a lot of Gatesville news out by KWTX, KXXV, and The Gatesville Messenger - those were the main three - and when I was looking at coming to Gatesville back in January and you would do a Google search of Gatesville, there was a hospital explosion, a flood, and a convict that escaped from the sheriff's office, and that's what the news was about in Gatesville," he said.

In comparison, Hunt pointed out, "Now, if you do that same search for Gatesville, it would be

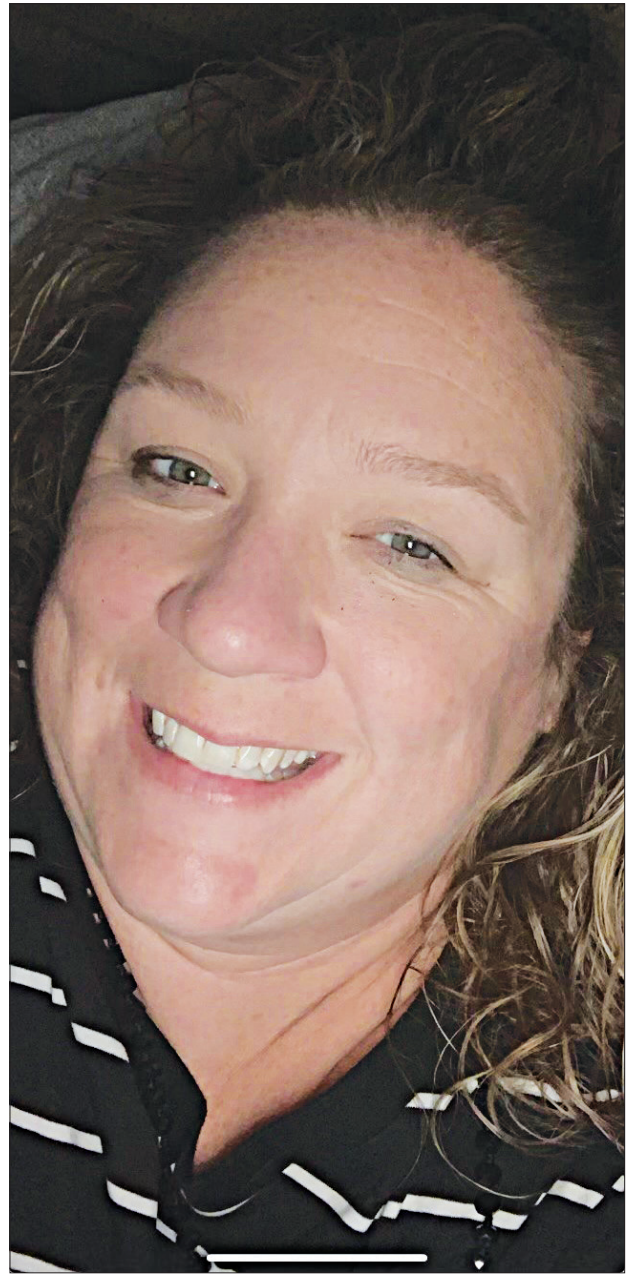
that there were 62 stories in a ten-minute search about the eclipse and what Gatesville has done or did do about the eclipse - a lot of positive stories out of that." Hunt continued, "So, to me, that was the word about our town out there. What I found out since is that this is a close-knit community and a very giving community."

During the eclipse, Hunt reported that Gatesville had visitors from 30 states and 19 countries, including Amsterdam, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Columbia, Ireland, and Japan to name a few. "Personally, I met dozens and dozens of people over that weekend

from all over the world. My own relatives came in from South Carolina. Every single person that I encountered had nothing but positive things to say about Gatesville."

Hunt said the visitors were not only pleased about the event and how the preparations were made in advance, but also who the people were in the community and their friendliness. "So, I'm now so proud to be a part of a community that's like that," he said.

Folks around town



COURTESY PHOTO

STEPHANIE HESTER

Say hello to our neighbor, Stephanie Hester!

Stephanie has been a local hairdresser since August of 1999 and has owned Split Endz Salon in Gatesville for over 14 years now. Hester expressed that the best part about her job is her clients. She has lived in Gatesville for 35 years and said, "I love the people of Gatesville; we have a great community."

Stephanie reads The Gatesville Messenger and said, "I love The Gatesville Messenger; they do a great job of covering things going on in the Gatesville (area)."

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

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Ronald Medart honored at Pearl

BY DAVID SCOTT
Staff Writer

After what could be considered a life-long commitment to his community, Ronald Medart recently stepped down as president of the Pearl Community Center and his involvement

with the Pearl Bluegrass event, which has taken place each month since 1997.

Medart, age 87, was born and raised in the Pearl community of Coryell County. He attended

school at Pearl and graduated with the class of 1955 – walking across the very same stage to receive his diploma where he recently received a certificate of appreciation for his years of devotion to the Pearl

Community Center and the Bluegrass Festival.

After the school closed, the building sat vacant for a few years before it was decided that it would be used for class and family reunions.

"Well, we started re-doing the building in January of 1997, and then, in October of 1997, we started having music," Medart said. "We finally decided to have Blue Grass itself and we sent out notices to have everyone start coming to Pearl, and the first time they showed up, we had a fairly good crowd in 1997," Medart said.

As years went by, the Pearl Bluegrass Festival began to blossom as word spread across the state and into neighboring states. "This auditorium will seat about 275, and, sometimes, when a certain band would be here, there would be 50 or 60 lined up around the walls," he said.

As the popularity of the monthly event grew, Medart knew that "Pearl had something to offer."

Upon his retirement as president of the community center's board of directors, Medart said, "I've enjoyed it. I'll enjoy it as I continue to come up here every month. Like I've said, if you don't have anything to enjoy tomorrow, you've got to enjoy something you do the rest of your life, and I enjoy this. I plan on playing my guitar more and now I can go in the practice rooms and play more."



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Ronald Medart, pictured right, receives a plaque of appreciation from incoming Pearl Community Center President Garrett Dickey.

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Puzzle answers
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Mother Neff presents geocaching class May 18

Staff Reports

Mother Neff State Park has announced that it will host an introduction to geocaching class for the community on Saturday, May 18.

The class will be come and go, so there is no need to register for the event. Ron Willis will instruct the class from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

The class is free, but there will be a park entry fee at the cost of \$2 per adult. Children under 12 years of age will be free to enter.

For further details, contact Mother Neff State Park at 254-853-2389.

Mother Neff State Park is located at 1921 State Park Road 14 in Moody.

Brightspeed fiber internet set to serve Gatesville

Staff Reports

High-speed internet is within reach for more than 29,000 families and businesses across Central Texas.

To date, the construction process is underway to connect more people with Brightspeed Fiber Internet

across Copperas Cove and Gatesville.

The announcement is released just eight weeks after Brightspeed announced the initial 95,000 addresses under construction that will soon be neighboring Killeen.

Residents within the community will likely see

construction crews in their neighborhood, working to get them online.

When the construction is complete, residents who have previously lacked quality internet service will have access to a new, high-speed connection choice.

According to Broadband Now, "Texas is ranked

16th in the nation when it comes to internet coverage as well as speed and availability."

Gatesville currently has over 4,768 locations that are planning to use the service.

For further information, visit brightspeed.com.

Purmela Homecoming scheduled for May 25

Submitted item

The annual Purmela Homecoming will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 25, at Purmela Baptist Church located at 875 FM 932 in Purmela.

A pot-luck lunch will

be served at noon. Paper products and drinks will be furnished.

The Evergreen-Bundrant and Smith Cemetery Association meetings will follow afterwards.

Business, government offices set to close May 27 for Memorial Day

Staff Reports

Memorial Day is a federal holiday that commemorates the men and women who have died while serving in the military for the United States of America.

Formally known as Decoration Day, it's a federal holiday observed yearly on the last Monday of May.

The history of Memorial

Day dates to the American Civil War. It started as an event to honor soldiers who had died during the war. It is said to be inspired by the way people in the southern states honored the dead.

The original national celebration of Decoration Day took place on May 30, 1868.

Businesses and governmental offices across Coryell County will join the

rest of the nation on Monday, May 27, in celebrating Memorial Day.

Closings in the immediate area include:

GOVERNMENT

The City of Gatesville, the City of Oglesby, the City of Evant, the Coryell County Courthouse, and the Farm Service Agency will be closed on Monday.

SCHOOLS

All local schools will have finished the school year. The Boys and Girls Club will be closed.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Extraco Bank, Cadence Bank, Educator's Credit Union, and the First National Bank of Gatesville, Evant, and Oglesby will be closed on Monday.

POST OFFICES

All local post offices will be closed on Monday.

LIBRARY

The Gatesville Public Library will be closed on Monday.

SENIOR CENTER

The Gatesville Senior and Multi-Service Center will be closed on Monday.

MUSEUM

The Coryell County Museum and Historical Center will be closed on Monday.

NEWSPAPER

The Gatesville Messenger will be closed on Monday in observance of Memorial Day and will re-open on Tuesday, May 28.

Whatever happened to ...

20 YEARS AGO (2004)

The City of Gatesville held their annual "Spring Clean-up" at the former Foxworth-Galbraith lot.

A project to widen Texas Highway 36 from Gatesville to North Fort Hood was scheduled to begin later in 2004.

Property values were expected to slightly increase across Coryell County.

The Boys' and Girls' Club

announced their first program – a summer program.

Dish Network introduced the HDTV system.

30 YEARS AGO (1994)

James Baize was selected as the next school superintendent of Gatesville ISD.

The Leon River was almost spilling over after significant area rainfall.

Donna Medford was selected by the Democratic Executive Committee as

their nominee for county treasurer.

The Chamber of Commerce and Agribusiness was set to host Gatesville's first Fun and Games Night, a fundraiser for the chamber.

Tranum Ford-Mercury advertised the new F-150 truck for \$12,995.

40 YEARS AGO (1984)

The Jonesboro Volunteer Fire Department was set to

hold a fundraising barbecue.

Allen Jones received the Gatesville Exchange Club's Golden Deeds award.

Gatesville ISD's 1984-1985 kindergarten class was to be moved from the primary building to the elementary building.

The National Bank of Gatesville was selling United States Mint Olympic commemorative coins.

Gatesville Junior High School students were going to put on the play "Cattywampus."

50 YEARS AGO (1974)

A hole was dug for a new well for the city's water system.

Local banker David Barnard was named the new president of the Greater Gatesville Chamber of Commerce.

Rhodes Department Store

advertised Keds shoes for \$4.99.

Boy Scout leaders in Jonesboro were planning a bicycle rodeo and sandwich supper.

Gatesville High School auto mechanics student Kyle Powell won second place in the wheel alignment technical information contest.

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PEARL NEWS

Annual VBS coming soon at Pearl Church of Christ



BY BETSY CLARK
Pearl News Correspondent

The Pearl Church of Christ will hold its annual VBS May 27 through May 31, from 9 a.m.-12 p. m. each day. This event has taken place for over 30 years, and it continues to grow and to teach the love of Jesus each and every year.

The theme this year is "Jesus Loves You!" Be sure and mark your calendars, and please tell all your friends and family. The Pearl Church of Christ VBS is epic, and you don't want to miss it.

Pearl Church of Christ also reported that they had 33 people attend last Sunday and were able to give out two scholarships in person. Since the weather has prohibited many people from being able to travel in and around the area, it was decided that this May will be scholarship month. If you have been contacted that you are getting a scholarship from Pearl Church of Christ and would like to

attend church to receive it, there is another opportunity tomorrow, May 19. Otherwise, your scholarship will be mailed to you if you cannot attend. Service starts at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday morning. Everyone is always invited to Pearl Church of Christ.

These are exciting times for the Pearl Bluegrass at the Pearl Community Center. The new officers are working hard to ensure a fun day in Pearl during each Bluegrass event. The next Bluegrass Day will be June 1. You can contact Garrett Dickey, President of the Pearl Community Center Board, at 254-595-1095 to schedule stage time. Just

leave a message, and he will get back to you. Don't forget that the Bluegrass kitchen is open from 11 a.m.-4 p.m., and the prices are very reasonable for the delicious, homemade food.

The Community Center is truly the hub of Pearl. It serves as a place for funeral lunches, reunions, and other community events. To rent the building or rent an RV space, contact Connie Long at 254-223-0621.

The Pearl Cottage Bookstore will be open from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on June 1. You will enjoy browsing over 6,000 books as well as various sundry other items. Purchases are made by donation, and all proceeds

go toward the bookstore's local charities. Kay and Corlisa will love seeing you, so stop by and visit, and enjoy a shopping adventure.

This week's Bible verse comes from Proverbs 31:30—Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. 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

Incarcerated Culinary Arts Students Serve Up Excellence at Patrick L. O'Daniel Unit Renaming Dedication

Press Release

Huntsville, Texas — Representatives from the Windham School District, alongside the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) and the Texas Board of Criminal Justice (TBCJ), convened in Gatesville, Texas on Friday, May 3, 2024, for a momentous renaming dedication ceremony at the Patrick L. O'Daniel Unit, formerly known as the Mountain View Unit.

In December 2023, the TBCJ made a unanimous decision to rename the unit in honor of the distinguished service rendered by the former TBCJ Chairman, Patrick L. O'Daniel. Mr. O'Daniel, who served on the board from 2017 to 2023, was an unwavering supporter of Windham and its transformative programs. His legacy continues to inspire positive growth within education in corrections.

Following the dedication ceremony, guests were treated to a culinary experience crafted by women in Windham's culinary arts class at the Crain campus. Guided by their teacher, Ms. Joyce Johnson, and other district culinary arts instructors, Ms. Martha Robinson and Mr. Dexter Spalding, these students meticulously planned and executed a Mexican-inspired menu, showcasing their proficiency in culinary arts. The menu featured an array of delectable dishes, including beef, chicken and cheese enchiladas, complemented by charro and refried beans, Spanish rice, all of the sides and fixings, and traditional tres leches cake for dessert. At the

former chairman's request, the students also prepared a side of deviled eggs. The students and instructors played a monumental role in the success of this event. From obtaining all supplies and ingredients to preparing dishes and serving guests, this experience proved to be an excellent opportunity for the students to obtain realistic experience similar to what they will experience in the culinary industry upon reentry.

"Windham School District is immensely proud of these women for their display of talent and dedication at the Patrick L. O'Daniel Unit Dedication Ceremony," Windham Superintendent Kristina J. Hartman said. "Their culinary expertise not only showcased their skill, but also honored the legacy of Mr. O'Daniel, whose unwavering support has significantly impacted our district and its students."

The preparation and delivery of this elaborate meal underscored the comprehensive training provided by Windham's Culinary Arts program, available to men and women at 18 campuses across the district. With the guidance of their culinary arts instructors, students applied their diverse skill set acquired through rigorous coursework covering food safety, advanced cooking techniques, and more. This showcased their ability to cater to a variety of palates and preferences, ensuring a memorable dining experience for all attendees.

Windham is honored to



PHOTO COURTESY OF TDCJ RENAMING DEDICATION

As part of the statewide district that operates schools in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Windham School District culinary arts students prepare and serve the meal at the recent O'Daniel Unit renaming dedication.

have played a role in commemorating Mr. O'Daniel's legacy, whose visionary leadership has left a mark on the district and its students. Through his support, Windham has witnessed significant advancements, including improved access to libraries within correctional facilities, salary adjustments for educators, and the implementation of technology-driven initia-

tives supporting classroom instruction and digital literacy.

As Windham School District reflects on Mr. O'Daniel's unwavering commitment to serving the state of Texas, it reaffirms its dedication to providing quality education and transformative opportunities to students within the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

ABOUT WINDHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

Windham School District (Windham) provides academic, career and technical education, and life skills programs to eligible students within the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ). With 98 campuses located in prison facilities across Texas, Windham strives to equip students with the neces-

sary education and skills to successfully reenter the workforce within their communities. For media or partnership inquiries, please contact Danielle Nicholes, Communications Administrator, at danielle.nicholes@wsdtx.org.

Leon River Dutch Oven Gang to give demonstrations to be held May 25

Submitted item

The Leon River Dutch Oven Gang will hold a cooking demonstration on Saturday, May 25, from 9

a.m.-noon at Mother Neff State Park.

The public is invited to come and see the cooking demonstrations and to

learn some tips and tricks. A Dutch oven is a cast iron pot with a lid that can be used for cooking outdoors. Samples will be available

when the delicious dishes are ready.

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TUMBLEWEED SMITH

John Campbell's adventures around the world



BY TUMBLEWEED SMITH

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

John Campbell, of Austin, started his professional career on a high note. "My actual first job was at the White House," says John. He went there after graduating from Tulane with degrees in biology and sociology.

A professor helped him get a job as part of a panel to research global hunger and health. "And then there

was the International Year of the Child in 1979," says John, "when I was asked to create a presidential com-

mission on the issues of children."

Still in his twenties, he got a job with the United Nations. "So much of this is just out of the blue. My father told me just before he died to do something to make the world a better place. Those words set the course for my life, and I've tried to do that. He experienced some genuine horror. He was a prisoner of war for three years during World War Two and toured Nagasaki after the bomb was dropped on that city."

John spent thirty years with The National Academy of Sciences. "I organized international conferences on various topics in Istanbul, New Delhi, Tokyo, and places like that."

He had tea with the emperor and empress of Japan. "They were exceedingly genuine and wonderful people, and I had a good visit with them over tea. Months later I ran into them at a meeting. They were in a line greeting guests, and when the empress saw me she walked over to me, grabbed my hand and said, 'Oh, Mr. Campbell, we're so excited to see you again. How was your trip to Kyoto?' Everybody around me just stared at me and wondered how I knew the empress."

Once he rode around Tiananmen Square in Beijing in a car that had a special license plate. "The police could not stop the driver for any infraction apparent-

ly. He floored the car and drove as fast as he could through all the back streets. When we got to Tiananmen Square he illegally just barreled through the barricades and drove around while Cher was blasting from the CD player. He put the windows down and just entertained whoever was around during this wild ride. I'll never forget that night."

John is a certified world traveler. Once he was detained at the airport in Frankfurt when they looked at his passport and discovered he had been to several countries in a short amount of time. "A young officer made me take off my shirt and shoes and he did a body search. About an hour

later, they released me after being convinced I was not a terrorist."

John has had an incredible life and met some significant people. In 1990, he arranged a meeting of world leaders to discuss the future. He says it would be hard to do that today.

He came to Texas to work with a blue-ribbon committee to study the status of universities in the state. Retired now, he recently spent a few months going through his photos and journals and produced a book for his family and friends titled "Offbeat Tales." He finished the book on his seventy-fifth birthday.



DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

A large crowd of runners turned out for the Shivaree run last year.

Color the Shivaree run set for June 1

Press Release

On Saturday, June 1, Coryell Health will host the annual 5K Color the Shivaree Fun Run/Walk which will begin near 1854

Mercantile just off the courthouse square at 8 a.m.

Participants can run/walk through Gatesville and get covered in color as

they go.

Color the Shivaree is fun for the whole family- the course is a comfortable one-and-a-half miles- children of all ages are wel-

come. A 5K route will also be offered. This race is not officially timed. Pricing will be as follows: Age 4-10 \$15 | Age 11-17 \$20 | Age 18+ \$25

Pearl Church of Christ to host VBS

Submitted item

Pearl Church of Christ will be hosting a Vacation Bible School from Monday,

May 27, until Friday, May 31, from 9 a.m.-noon. This year, the theme will be "Jesus Loves Me."

The church asks children

to join them for a fun week in Pearl. All ages are welcome to attend.

Pearl Church of Christ is located at 6790 FM 183.

For more information about the VBS, call 254-865-9282.

Turnersville presents its 67th annual homecoming program

Submitted Item

The Turnersville 67th annual homecoming program will be held on Sunday, May 26, at the Turnersville Tabernacle. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. Be sure to arrive early for fellowship and to enjoy coffee and donuts.

The Homecoming Memorial Program will commence at 11 a.m., and the guest speaker will be Matt Dossey.

Dossey is the son of Willis Dossey, Sr. and Mildred Dossey. His wife is Emily Dossey, and they have two children, Braxton and Braydon.

He graduated from Gatesville High School in 1992 and later attended McMurry University where he graduated in 1996. He received his master's degree from Tarleton State University in 2006.

He has been in the education field for over 27 years and is currently in his 13th year as the superintendent of Jonesboro Independent School District.

He has been a licensed minister since 2003 and has served as the pastor at Jonesboro Baptist Church since 2011.

One of the most treasured traditions is to honor veterans who have

proudly served our country. To instill patriotism, at the beginning of the service, the children will be asked to follow local veterans posting flags down an aisle which will lead to the pledge of allegiance. Children who are too young to walk will be carried by proud parents.

The Turnersville Cemetery was formed in the early 1900s. It is honored to be the resting place for veterans' graves. Around 275 veterans from at least six wars have been inventoried and decorated with the American flag during each Memorial weekend by members of the community.

The two oldest graves in the cemetery include Harrison Owens who served during the Texas Revolution and John Black, who served during the Civil War.

The program will be followed by the traditional meal, which will be served in the community center. Dinnerware, bread, drinks, and water will be provided. Those attending are encouraged to bring a favorite dish or two, and to stay after the program to enjoy the variety of foods while renewing friendships.

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April marriage licenses filed at Coryell County Courthouse

Marriage licenses filed during the month of April 2024 at the Coryell County Clerk's Office included:

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Christopher Alan Breckenridge and Laura Elizabeth Robinson
Jared Ray Brewington and Tonie Amanda Farmer
Devin Christopher Broussard and Tyesheka Monique Reyes
Kyle Hallum Brown, Jr. and Valeriz Erin Longfellow
Roenzer Edgefield Brunson II and Ricketta

Dashae Bryant
Caleb Brian Caldwell and Kirwin Marie Foster
Chrystian Carrillo Gomez and Maria Gabriela Esquivel Aguilar
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Waylon Lewis Dyer and Shonna Leann McGinn
Wardell Joseph Feaster and Jasmine Thyrelle Boyd
Joshua Allen Ford and Lyric Nashae Richardson
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Christopher Morgan Gray and Bliss Ann Aday
David Eric Hannah and Ashlyn Danielle Francisco
Daniel John Healy and

Sarah Katherine Savage
Robby Allen Hemingway and Vanessa Mercedes Bell
William Young Min Jo and Hsiao-yu Fan
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Victor Hugo Montoya and Joanna Maria Edwards
Daniel Spencer Myers and Alita Alexia Henry
Daniel Lee Qualls, Jr. and Esmeralda Marie Salinas
Brenton Keith Southers and Casandra Jane Dickins
Cody Shane Stewart, Jr. and Rose Renee Howard
Austin Kelley Stuard and Jessica Deionne White

OBITUARIES

Huey Veazey

July 9, 1954 – May 12, 2024

Huey Veazey, age 69, of Gatesville, passed away on May 12, 2024. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, May 15, at Scott's Funeral Home.

Billy Hugh Veazey, Jr., (AKA Huey) was born July 9, 1954, at Coryell Memorial Health in Gatesville to his parents Billy Hugh and Margaret Ruth Veazey. He had three siblings, Margo, Torrie, and Justin. While growing up in a loving home, he attended school in Gatesville. Upon graduating from Gatesville High School in 1973, he moved to Austin and started a job in construction. In 1975, Huey began his career in HVAC with civil service at Fort Hood and retired in 2004. Also in 1975, he married Deb Sellers. They were married for ten years and had two children together, Kami and Zeb. As a family, they enjoyed going to the lake together and camping. They invited family and friends all the time to join in on all the fun. Huey could slalom ski and gave both Kami and Zeb ski lessons, which they described as colorful instructions. He was also really good at playing tennis during his tennis era, drawing cartoon pictures, and writing short poems. Huey loved Harley motorcycles, hot rods, fast cars, fishing, and guitars.

After Huey retired, that is when his life really began! He loved visiting family and friends and "shooting the bull," talking to anyone who wanted to waste a whole day. He loved watching drag races, working on old cars, and having jam sessions on his guitar with his buddies, or a jam session all by himself. He loved music and



would sing loud and proud to the radio or to whom-ever would listen to him as he beat out the drums on his steering wheel. Huey was the life of the party and never met a stranger. He ran into people in Texas and out of state that he knew, and they knew him; it didn't matter. He also was a poet that didn't know it and would ask his Mama to help him. They would try to out do each other putting together the best rhymes. Huey was loved by his family and his friends. He loved the Lord.

Huey was preceded in death by his parents, Billy Hugh and Margaret Ruth Veazey.

He is survived by his daughter, Kami Williams and husband, Curtis; son, Zeb Veazey and wife, Monica; grandchildren, Owen, Chett and Bralen; sisters, Margo Ferguson and Torrie Rainwater; brother, Justin Veazey, and many nieces and nephews who he dearly loved.

This was written by Kami, Margo, and Torrie. When thinking about how to end this obituary, Margo said,

Huey would say, "just say- THE END."

Obera Spradley Godwin

May 29, 1923 – May 11, 2024

Obera Spradley Godwin, age 100, passed away peacefully on May 11, 2024.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 16, at Scott's Funeral Home with Jonathan Ford officiating. Interment followed at Goldthwaite Memorial Cemetery.

Obera was born in Prosper, Texas to Floyd D. and Hattie Patterson Spradley. She was the seventh of eight children. She grew up in Prosper and completed her education in Lubbock before moving to San Angelo. She was a loving, caring, and fun mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great grandmother. She was always involved in her church, bible study, and helping others. She loved her flowers and took pride in her immaculate yard. Baking sour dough bread was her passion, but the real gift was sharing it with family and friends. Obera volunteered for many organizations through the years, but her service with hospice was near and dear to her heart. She was an avid golfer who passed her love of the game to her grandchildren. At age 67, she made a hole-in-one at Slick Rock golf course at Horseshoe Bay while playing with her golf group. When moving to Gatesville in 2010 to be closer to her family, she continued to play golf.

Obera is preceded in death by her parents; husband, John Paul Godwin; son, Michael Mercer; and all her siblings.

She is survived by her daughter, Karla Reaves and husband, Les; grandchildren, Jim Reaves and wife, Glynis, Karen Reaves Kerr and husband, Chad,



and Cody Mercer; great-granddaughter, Poppy Kate Kerr; and many nieces and nephews.

She is also survived by a bonus son, Paul Godwin and wife, Petra; bonus granddaughters, Holly Godwin Conaway and husband, Brian, Heather Godwin Wood and husband, Brandon, Hope Godwin George and husband, Justin; nine bonus great-grandchildren; and two bonus great-great-granddaughters.

Obera loved bright colors. Her family requests that those who knew her wear them in her honor.

Obera's family also extends their sincerest thanks for the love and care by Amedisys Hospice, The Oaks, and Welcome Program at Coryell Health. To Susie Keeney, Helen Ward, and Lourie Terry, our deepest appreciation for your constant compassion and love for Obera.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Meals on Wheels, care of Gatesville Senior Center, 208 N. Lutterloh, Gatesville, TX 76528, or to the Gatesville Boys and Girls Club, 2533 E. Main Street, Gatesville, TX 76528.

The hand that was left behind

BY DAVID SCOTT
Staff Writer

Strolling through the oldest section of the Gatesville City Cemetery, visitors sometimes notice very ornate tombstones as well as small inexpensive stones. People are often captivated by the information carved into the memorials... "gone but not forgotten" is an epitaph often seen. Other messages might include poetry or Bible verses.

Not too far from the cemetery entrance, in the old part of the cemetery, is a small tombstone which has a hand on it. Upon closer observation, one can make out the word "amputation."

In years past, when peo-

ple would lose body parts to amputation, whether for health reasons or accidents, it was custom to give the body part a proper burial and, often, a gravestone was erected at the site. In some parts of the United States, it was the law for amputated limbs to be disposed of by burial.

Perhaps the most famous limb that was buried is that of Confederate General Stonewall Jackson who lost his arm while in battle in 1863. Jackson's soldiers gave his arm a proper burial and then erected a granite marker at the grave site which read, "Arm of Stonewall Jackson, May 3, 1863."

Returning to the hand burial in Gatesville City Cemetery, the amputated hand belonged to that of 38-year-old Wiley Osburn Redford. How he lost his hand has faded with history, but the tombstone reflects amputation of his hand and the simple date of Feb. 1, 1898. It is not known if a "proper funeral" was held, but the grave was marked with a tombstone.

Redford married Martha Drew in 1884 in Coryell County and was the father of at least five children. Census records reflect that he was a "traveling welder."

After losing his hand, Redford and his family left

Gatesville and eventually settled in Liberty Hill in Williamson County.

Redford died in 1946 at the age of 86.

There are some theories about why people buried their amputated limbs. In the past, it was reported that some Christians believed that at the time of resurrection, they would want their bodies to be whole again. In some cases, the person would be buried next to the grave that held their appendage. This was not the case with Wiley Redford - he was buried in Liberty Hill, while his hand remains in Gatesville.



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The grave in Gatesville's City Cemetery where Wiley Redford's hand is buried.

MOUND NEWS

Students from Mound receive scholarships



BY BARBARA HOPSON

Mound News
Correspondent

Mrs. Doris Dean (Coston) Smith died Saturday, April 27. A Celebration of Life in memory of Doris Dean Smith will take place on Saturday, June 22, at Trinity Church of Nazarene in Oklahoma City. Mrs. Smith is the cousin of the late Mr. James Truett Hopson and family of Mound.

Several seniors of Mound attended the annual academic scholarships program in Gatesville last Friday evening at the Gatesville High School Gymnasium.

Matti Mann received three scholarships Friday evening at the scholarship banquet. One was from MJ Hannah, Coryell County youth fair David Treadway Memorial, and Area Go

Texan Greg Weber Memorial.

Coby, Sarah, and Kate Jones came Friday night. Coby presented the Brack Jones scholarships at Gatesville High School Banquet.

Scott, Kelby, Sterlin Shults, Case, Kristen, Paxton Brack, and Don Jones took Sue out for lunch at Crawford for Mother's Day.

Emma Blakley graduated from Texas A&M Friday with her bachelor's degree in animal science. Robert and Carolyn Blakley, along with Jerry, Brenda, and Neil Helms, and several of her friends were there. After graduation they all went to dinner at a restaurant in Bryan and celebrated Emma Blakley.

Jerry and Paula Bomar had all their children and grandchildren home for the Mother's Day weekend.

Justin and Randi Strong, of Gatesville, visited during the Mother's Day weekend with Martha Lawhorn and Elizabeth Phillips.

Several people from Mound attended the annual GCOC Spring Swing Golf Classic Tournament, Silent Auction benefiting GCOC Jr. Ambassadors Scholarship fund. Sponsorships were available. The tournament included events: a catered lunch, 50/50 Raffle, Hole in one prize Winner, Cash Tournament Prizes, Long Drive Contest, and Closest to the Pin Competition Saturday afternoon. It was hosted by the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce.

Those who have birthdays this weekend are Kim Dahl and David Hopson.

Smith Cemetery Assoc. to meet May 25

Submitted item

The annual meeting of the Smith Cemetery Association will be held on Saturday, May 25, following the Purnela Homecoming. The homecoming takes place at Purnela Baptist

Church from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. There will be a potluck meal following.

Smith Cemetery's annual fundraising newsletter will soon be mailed. Those interested in receiving a newsletter, or more infor-

mation about the meeting, may contact Glenda Manning Reid at 254-865-2884. If no one answers, please leave a message.

If you wish to send a donation for maintenance, the mailing address is Smith

Cemetery, 11135 FM 116, Gatesville, TX 76528.

Anyone interested is invited to attend the meeting.

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TNMP LENDS A HAND TO CLEAN UP GATESVILLE



COURTESY PHOTO

On Wednesday, April 24, employees of the Texas New Mexico Power Company lent a hand to help local organization Keep Gatesville Beautiful with cleaning up areas within Gatesville. The TNMP workers visited Raby Park, Faunt Le Roy Park, and the Civic Center to trim trees with their equipment and services.

VISION CONCEPTS NAMED BUSINESS OF THE MONTH



COURTESY PHOTO

The Gatesville Chamber of Commerce has announced Vision Concepts as its Business of the Month for May. Vision Concepts is recognized as a leader in patient care. Dr. Bello established the practice in 1993 and turned the reins over to Dr. McCown in 2021. Throughout its history, board certified optometrists and opticians have offered quality and individualized attention in a professional atmosphere. Vision Concepts associates are pictured with members of the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce. To nominate a chamber member for the business of the month award, visit <https://www.gatesvillechamber.com/business-of-the-month>.

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



GRMELA SALSA

BY ASHTON RAMMINGER

- 1 gal. canned tomatoes
- 12 Torridor peppers *
- 1 c. chopped onions
- ¼ c. liquid from peppers
- 2 T. cilantro
- 2 T. Tony's Cajun Seasoning
- 2 tsp. garlic salt

Drain tomatoes, reserving tomato juice. Remove stems from peppers. In a blender, finely chop tomatoes, onions, peppers, and cilantro. Add spices and liquid from peppers. Check for taste and if you feel that it is too hot, add a little of the tomato juice. After flavors meld, it may be a little hotter than right after it is made. Refrigerate. This recipe can be adjusted to taste - remove seeds from the peppers or add less Tony's to reduce the heat, add more or less onion, cilantro, or any of the spices to suit your own taste.

*Torridor peppers are also called Santa Fe peppers. They are usually found with the pickles, banana peppers, etc., rather than with the jalapenos. You may need to purchase two jars to get 12 peppers.

The DISPATCH

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of May 8 - May 14. While there were many calls to the dispatcher, this is a partial list of more significant activity. People are reminded that only emergency calls should be made to 9-1-1, while all other calls to the police department should be made to 865-2226 or to the Sheriff's office at 865-7201.

CITY OF GATESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

May 8
9:43 a.m., a threat was reported in the 1600 block of Waco Street.
1:08 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 200 block of N. 14th Street.
3:25 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 2300 block of E. Main Street.
8:47 p.m., a vehicle fire was reported in the 9500 block of FM 116.

May 9
3:03 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2500 block of Mears Drive.
10:45 a.m., a burglary was reported in the 2400 block of Oak Drive.
2:33 p.m., a theft was reported in the 1600 block of E. Main Street.
4:31 p.m., a threat was reported in the 600 block of Golf Course Road.

May 10
3:40 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 300 block of N. 17th Street.
1:25 p.m., criminal tres-

pass was reported in the 1400 block of Westview Drive.
7:10 p.m., a threat was reported in the 1200 block of E. Main Street.
10:15 p.m., a suspicious activity was reported in the 500 block of Bridge Street.

May 11
6:31 a.m., a theft was reported in the 200 block of N. 14th Street.
10:12 a.m., a theft was reported in the 300 block of N. 11th Street.
5:03 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 2500 block of E. Main Street.
6:50 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2500 block of E. Main Street.

May 12
11:33 a.m., a threat was reported in the 300 block of N. Lutterloh Avenue.
12:17 p.m., a theft was reported in the 2200 block of E. Main Street.
8:08 p.m., wanted person/stolen property was reported in the 100 block of

Airport Road.
10:35 p.m., an accident was reported in the 8800 block of FM 1690.

May 13
2:59 p.m., a burglary was reported in the 500 block of Andrews Street.
6:14 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 800 block of S. 7th Street.
8:28 p.m., a structure fire was reported in the 500 block of Greenbriar Road.
9:50 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 4600 block of S. State Highway 36.

May 14
9:40 a.m., a theft was reported in the 100 block of FM 107.
12:58 p.m., a theft was reported in the 100 block of N. 24th Street.
1:06 p.m., a theft was reported in the 2700 block of S. State Highway 36.
2:20 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 2900 block of S. State Highway 36.

CORYELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

May 8
8:48 a.m., road blocked was reported on Highway 84 at Cowhouse.
9:42 a.m., burglary of a habitation was reported in the 500 block of Dove Lane.
10:14 a.m., fraud was reported in the 1300 block of Lutheran Church Road.
11:18 a.m., a neighbor dispute was reported in the 100 block of County Road 193.

May 9
6:43 a.m., a neighbor dispute was reported in the 2700 block of Tanglewood Drive.
9:27 a.m., road blocked was reported on Barton Lane.
11:52 a.m., a vehicle fire was reported on FM 932 and W. Highway 84.
1:05 p.m., harassment was reported in the 2800 block of FM 1113.

May 10
9:36 a.m., a threat was reported in the 100 block of College Street.

10:53 a.m., shots fired were reported in the 3500 block of County Road 267.
1:17 p.m., missing property was reported on the FM 1829 Bridge.
1:46 p.m., harassment was reported in the 2800 block of FM 1113.

May 11
7:39 a.m., a reckless driver was reported on NB Highway 36.
8:59 a.m., missing livestock was reported in the 500 block of County Road 305.
3:59 p.m., a threat was reported in the 2500 block of FM 1783.
5:28 p.m., terroristic threats were reported in the 100 block of County Road 82.

May 12
6:40 a.m., suspicious activity was reported on Moccasin Bend Bridge.
9:04 a.m., water on roadway was reported on Hempel Drive.
11:06 a.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 200 block of Chandler

Avenue.
2:20 p.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 11000 block of N. Highway 36.

May 13
1:04 p.m., a threat was reported in the 3400 block of County Road 318.
1:53 p.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of River Oaks.
7:12 p.m., harassment was reported in the 700 block of Kenney Drive.
7:18 p.m., harassment was reported in the 2500 block of FM 1783.

May 14
5:37 a.m., trees in the roadway were reported on Straws Mill Road.
7:01 a.m., harassment was reported in the 3400 block of County Road 318.
10:59 a.m., shots fired were reported in the 200 block of Vista Road.
2:23 p.m., terroristic threats were reported in the 3600 block of County Road 318.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Wine and Malt Beverage Retail Dealer's On-Premise Permit by Blond Bison, to be located at 168 South Highway 281, Evant, Coryell County, Texas 76525. The Managers of said company are Leianne Oldman and Nancy Clary. 00030788

EVANT ISD - REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Evant Independent School District is requesting proposals for the purchase of a new multi-passenger vehicle that sits 7-8 people.

Proposals must be addressed to ATTN: Dr. Jennifer Ingram, Superintendent, Evant ISD, P.O. Box 339, Evant, Texas 76525, and will be received at the above address until 3:00 p.m. on Friday, May 17, 2024, at which time they will be opened and read aloud.

Details as to Request for Proposals criteria are available at the District Administration Building, 339 Memory Lane, Evant, Texas 76525. 00030791

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Winery Permit by Curmudgeon's LLC d/b/a Curmudgeon's to be located at 504 Cedar Mountain Road, Gatesville, Coryell County, Texas 76528. The Managing Members of said company are Lloyd Hayslip and Caleb Hayslip. 00030796



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The property is being sold to satisfy a landlord's lien.

The sale will be held at storageauctions.com beginning Monday, June 3, 2024 at 11 A.M. Seller reserves the right to withdraw any property from the sale upon payment in full.

Bidding sale will end on Monday, June 10, 2024 at 11 A.M. Units to be sold: John Flores.

Inventory: Household goods, clothing, tools, and misc. items. 00030801

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Thomas Geoffrey Carrington, Deceased, were issued on 4-30-24, in Cause No. 24-10964, pending in the County Court-at-Law of Coryell County, Texas, to: Wendlyn M. Carrington.

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: Dori Ray Mystic
Attorney at Law
907 S. Main St.
Copperas Cove, Texas 76522

DATED the 10 day of May, 2024.

Dori Ray Mystic
Attorney for Wendlyn M. Carrington

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Notice of Public Meeting

The Oglesby Housing Authority will hold a Public Meeting on June 27th, 2024, at 1:00 P.M., at Oglesby Housing Authority, to receive comments on the 2023-2027 Capital Fund 5-year Action Plan Budgets.

All documents are on display and available for viewing at the office of the Housing Authority, located at 118 College Ave. (office), Monday through Wednesday between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. 00030806

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Charles Glen Vanderpool, Deceased, were issued on 4-30-24, in Cause No. 24-10982, pending in the County Court-at-Law of Coryell County, Texas, to: Louise Marie Vanderpool.

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.

Dori Ray Mystic
Attorney at Law
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DATED the 10 day of May, 2024

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BY VIRTUE OF ORDERS OF SALE DATED issued pursuant to judgment decrees of the District Court of Coryell County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date in the hereinafter numbered and styled causes, and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said Court, I have on the 7th day of May, 2024, seized, levied upon, and will on the 4th day of June, 2024, at the Courthouse Steps, at 10:00 A.M. on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, as provided for by the TEXAS PROPERTY TAX CODE.

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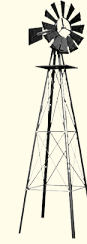
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Look twice for motorcycles during Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month

BY KAYLEE DUSANG
Staff Writer

As more motorcyclists hit the roads to enjoy the warmer weather, taking an extra moment to double check for them can save a life.

Motorcycles are not only smaller and harder to spot, but they also do not contain most of the safety features found in other vehicles. Nearly 600 people riding motorcycles were killed in crashes in Texas last year, and more than 2,400 riders were seriously injured, according to a press release by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).

One of those motorcyclists was Al Peterson, a husband and father of three children, who nearly died last May when another driver turned left in front of him while riding his motorcycle in Austin. "By the time they pulled out in front of me, I didn't have any time to react in any way – tap my break, accelerate, swerve, nothing," Peterson said. "So, I ran into the side of the vehicle when they pulled out in front of me."

Peterson was thrown over the vehicle and landed around 20 yards from his motorcycle.

"The vehicle then parked on top of my leg and was parked there until first responders were able to come and pick the vehicle up off my leg and get me loaded onto the ambulance," Peterson said.

The crash left him with damaged organs, broken bones, eating, drinking, and breathing through a tube, and other severe

internal injuries. He remained in the hospital for nine weeks and in a medically induced coma for two weeks.

"It's a miracle that I am still alive, and I am still one of thousands of Texas motorcyclists who are seriously injured or killed on the roads each year," Peterson said. "Drivers need to slow down and use extra caution when making left turns and look twice for motorcycles."

The number of motorcyclists killed in 2023 increased by 7% from the year before, and intersection fatal crashes increased by 21%, according to TxDOT.

"It can be hard to judge the distance, size, and speed of a motorcycle, which is why we need to pay extra attention when sharing the road," said TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams. "We want everyone to get home safe, and that means drivers should be on the lookout for motorcycles and give them adequate space, especially when turning."

Drivers can help stop the rising trend in fatalities by always looking twice for motorcycles. Safety tips from TxDOT to



Al Peterson with his motorcycle.

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prevent crashes and protect motorcyclists include:

- **CHECK YOURSELF.** Always remind yourself to keep an eye out for any motorcycles nearby. This will help your eyes and brain notice motorcycles on the road.
- **LOOK TWICE.** Use turn signals and check blind spots before changing lanes.
- **TURNING LEFT?** Avoid turning in front of an oncoming motorcycle. It can be hard to judge their speed and distance, so let them pass first and always use your turn signal to alert them.
- **PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION AT INTERSECTIONS.** More than a third of all

motorcycle fatalities happen at roadway intersections.

- **MAKE SOME SPACE.** Keep a safe following distance. Motorcyclists can reduce their speed by downshifting, which doesn't activate the brake light. Treat motorcycles like cars by giving them a full lane when driving or passing.

- **SLOW DOWN.** Obey posted speed limits and drive according to conditions.

- **STAY ALERT.** Give driving your full attention. Even a momentary distraction can have deadly consequences.

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PROFESSIONAL INSTALLATION

Gatesville throttles Caldwell to advance to regional quarterfinals

BY CHRIS ALLMAN
Contributing Writer

Flooding rains came Thursday and washed a game away. Then a flood of runs came Saturday and washed the Caldwell Hornets away.

After dropping a delayed game one 3-2, Gatesville beat Caldwell 13-3 and then 11-0 on May 11 to capture their second straight area championship and roll into the regional quarterfinals where a familiar foe stands in the way of Gatesville baseball history.

"At the beginning of the season, we talked about expectations for this season and we knew that what we had been building with the guys we have wasn't just a one year flash in a pan type thing. I think you could ask every one of those guys if they expected to win the first round even when we weren't picked to win, and they would say yes," said head coach Chase Smith.

The three-game series with Caldwell was originally scheduled to feature a double-header at Live Oak's Falcon Park on May 9 with a third game to be played in Caldwell if necessary on May 10. But severe storms in Waco delayed the series opener, and then a bizarre weather-related field issue ultimately suspended it.

After starter Gehrige Keeton retired Coy Becka to end the top half of the third inning, lightning in the area caused a 2 hour

and 41-minute rain delay. Fans and players were forced to leave the stadium as torrential rains fell for most of the delay.

When play resumed, Caldwell starter Shane Clements began to throw his warmup pitches but struggled to get solid footing on the wet turf. Clements, a tall right-hander with a big stride, found his front foot slipping on each pitch.

Gatesville head coach Chase Smith, Caldwell skipper Kyle Toney, the umpiring crew, and Live Oak game administrators spent approximately twenty minutes debating whether the field was playable. The lengthy mound conference saw Keeton come out and test the mound, Live Oak staff wiping the mound with a dry towel, then Clements throwing several more warmup pitches with little improvement. The game was then suspended due to the unsafe nature of the field.

On the surface, a suspense of the game would have seemed to benefit Caldwell as Clements had only thrown 23 pitches and would be fresh for a third game. Whether the mound issue was genuinely unsafe or allowed for a bit of gamesmanship was irrelevant to Smith.

"I think it was a little of both. I told our guys after the umpires made the decision it was unsafe to play that we weren't going to

make excuses or get frustrated with things we can't control. We would show up ready to play whenever, and I think those guys have adopted that attitude and don't let all that affect them," he said.

The decision was made to finish game one in Caldwell on May 10, then play a double-header in Salado on May 11. Gatesville opened the continuation of game one with John Ibarra on the mound while Caldwell countered with their No. 2 starter Colby Maresh.

Caldwell scored a run in the top of the fourth to take a 3-0 lead before Gatesville scored twice in the bottom of the fifth to cut the deficit to 3-2.

Justin Johnson opened the inning with a single then scored on a Lawson Mooney single to make it 3-1. Miles Tull scored on a balk by Maresh to make the score 3-2. Gatesville got the tying run on in the seventh when Tull walked, but he was stranded, and the Hornets dropped the opener.

Despite the loss, Smith had no concerns about his team's ability to climb out of the 0-1 series hole.

"I told them after we made the last out how good I felt about the next two games and I think they all expected to win Saturday, and those guys showed up more focused than ever," he said.

For starters, he knew

his team had not played their brand of baseball as they walked eight batters and committed an error in game one. They committed three errors in the game two win.

"It is very rare for us to walk eight guys and make three errors in a game. That was just a rare occurrence, and, luckily, we were able to still come out on top. Those guys know that's not what has made us successful, and that those mistakes had to be cleaned up," Smith said. "We know to be successful we can't give out free passes and make errors like that. It's nice to have our offense be able to make up for the miscues in game two."

With Clements set to start game three, the Hornets pounced on Caldwell in what amounted to a bullpen game scoring eight times in the first inning despite just three hits in the frame. They drew two walks and picked up a pair of runs on a Caldwell error. "We had the opportunity to see three of their best arms in the first game and we still had three of our best four arms ready for games two and three. I thought we were deeper when it comes to pitching and would have the advantage on the mound for both games two and three.

Bralen Veazey started game two for Gatesville and allowed just one earned run in five in-

nings of work. He struck out seven and gave up just two hits. The win moves Veazey to 8-1 on the year and gave him the 20th win of his career. He is one win shy of tying the program record of 21 set by Darwin Lucero from 2003-06.

Clayton Gregory paced the Gatesville offense in the game two win going 2-for-2 with a walk, a run scored, and an RBI. In the series, Gregory was 3-6 with four walks and was hit by a pitch. He reached base in eight of his 11 plate appearances.

"Gregory has been consistent and has come up with some big hits for us. I think he likes the big moments, which has made him so good in that closer role and five-hole for us, especially late in games in pressure situations," said Smith.

Gatesville also got tremendous production from their leadoff man Tull and the nine-hole hitter Johnson.

Tull hit .429 in the series and scored six runs. He's hitting a torrid .455 in the playoffs. He turned in a 2-for-3 performance with two walks and two runs scored in the series finale.

"He has made a couple slight adjustments at the plate that have really helped him out. He has such a good eye at the plate, too, and doesn't swing at balls. I think that

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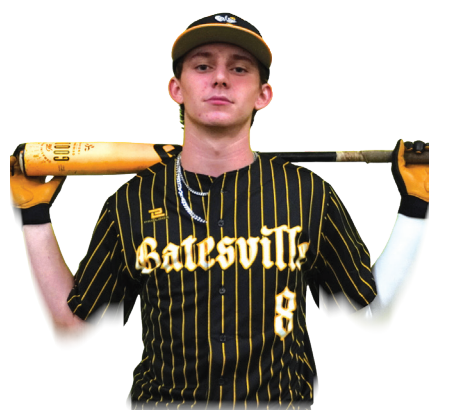
Bradey James



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Justin Johnson



Miles Tull

GATESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS COMMIT TO PLAY AT COLLEGIATE LEVEL



COURTESY PHOTO

Gatesville High School recently had the honor of having three student-athletes from the class of 2024 sign Letters of Intent. Lawson Mooney (top, left) committed to Dallas Baptist University to run track, Laura Trejo (top, right) will play volleyball at Arlington Baptist University, and Bralen Veazey (bottom, left) committed to join the baseball program at Temple College. The Letters of Intent will further the students' athletic careers at the collegiate level.



Gatesville High School softball receives all-district awards

Staff Reports

Seven Gatesville High School student-athletes received a spot on the district 23-4A all-league academic team for their efforts on

the softball team.

The honorees include Grace Carothers, Kinlee Gardner, Madison Hester, Meghan Mehaffey, Emilie Moore, Emma Raby, and Amelia Langenstrass.

This academic award recognizes student-athletes for their hard work in the classroom and on the field.

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



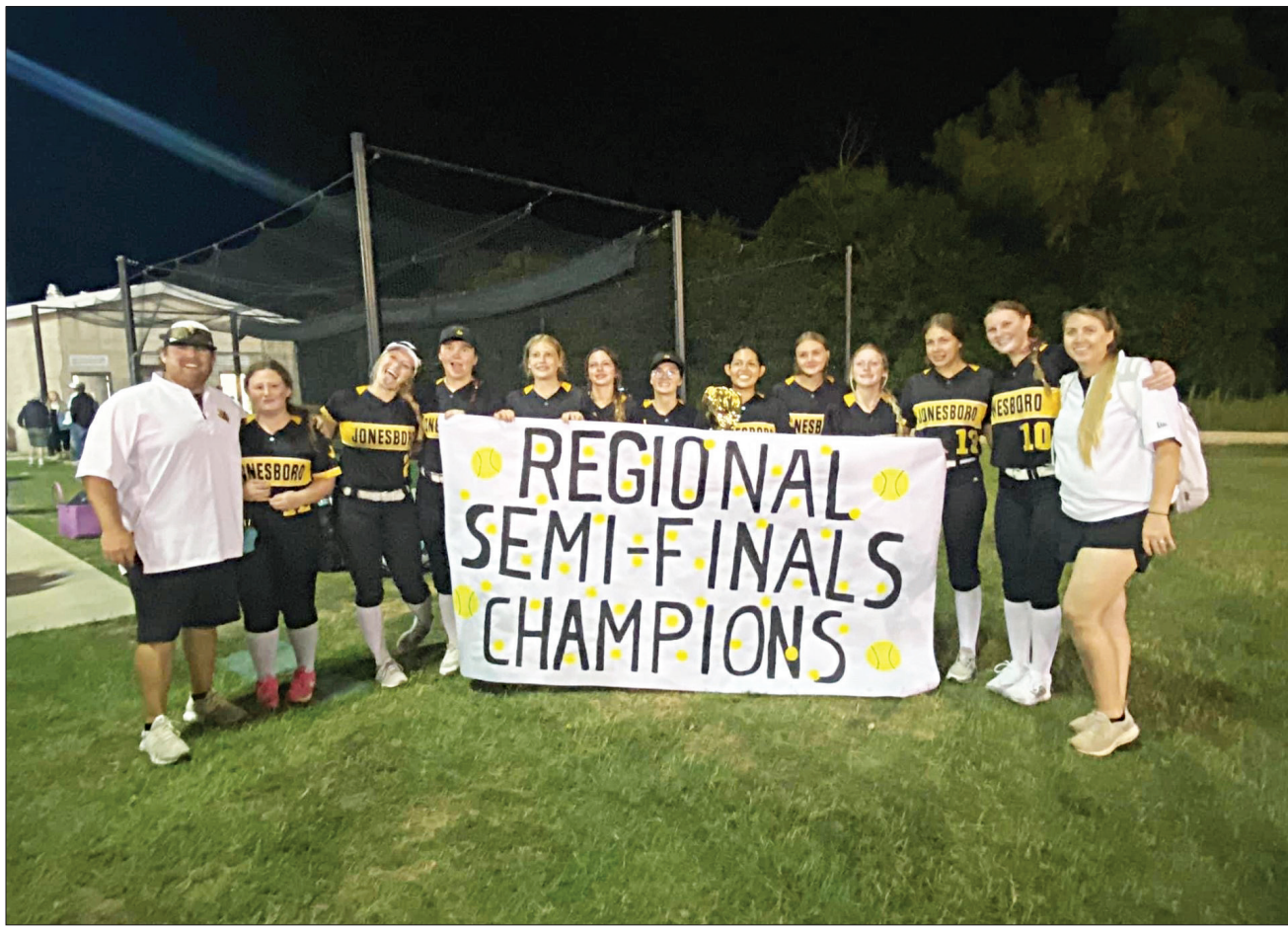
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The Lady Eagles are now regional semi-finals champions after defeating Blum this past week.

Chamber hosted Spring Swing on May 11

Staff Reports

After first being postponed due to bad weather, the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce was able to host its Spring Swing Golf Classic tournament this past Saturday on May 11.

The tournament was hosted at the Gatesville Country Club and was attended by many folks within the community.

With over 20 sponsors, each hole on the course was sponsored by a local organization in town to benefit the event. The donations raised from the tournament will go towards a scholarship fund for the seniors of the Junior Chamber Commerce.

A lunch was provided after the tournament, which was catered by Bare Bones Barbeque.

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

ADVANCE

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and his approach have been what has really gotten him going," said Smith "He is a spark plug for us and when he can get on and give Lawson and our middle-of-the-lineup guys a chance to drive him, it's really good for us offensively."

Johnson is hitting .308 and reaching base at a .438 clip in five playoff games this season. He was 3-for-5 and scored three times in the Hornets 11-0 game three rout.

"JJ just gets down the line so fast and hustles everything out. He also hit some balls hard and when he is turning over the lineup like he was Saturday, our offense usually gets rolling and it did in games two and three for us," Smith said.

In the game three clincher, the Hornets banged out ten hits and drew 13 walks against a depleted Caldwell staff. Clements lasted three innings and walked four while allowing two hits and one run.

Gatesville led 2-0 heading into the top of the sixth inning but busted the game open when Veazey laced a bases-loaded double to right-center field and emptied the bases to make it a 5-0 game. They added six more runs in the top of the seventh inning highlighted by a triple from Keeton.

While Gatesville scored 11 runs in the win, they only needed one thanks to the sparkling performance of Bradey James on the mound. The sophomore slugger won his fourth game of the year thanks to a complete game two-hit shutout. He needed only 80 pitches and faced 25 hitters in the game - one over the minimum.

"He was so great on the mound. He was able to locate his fastball and get his curveball over and keep them really off balance at the plate. He has been getting in his bullpens all year and, even though he hasn't had to pitch a ton for us this year, he was ready to go and did an awesome job," said Smith. "I think one thing we learned from last year's playoff run is that it takes more than two pitchers to win - especially in a series - and our backend guys have worked hard and have been ready to go on the mound."

It was James' second dominant start of the year against Caldwell. He threw a two-hit complete game in a 7-1 win over the Hornets on March 18. He has allowed four hits and one run in 14 innings pitched against Caldwell this year.

Gatesville will face district foe Salado in the regional quarterfinals. The Hornets beat the Eagles 2-1 on March 16, then fell at home in the rematch 3-1. Salado features outstanding ace Logan Flores who struck out 12 Hornets in the win on March 19.

The series will be played at Lake Belton and will be a bit of a homecoming for Flores who played for Lake Belton for two years before transferring to Salado prior to his junior season. It will also be a farewell as realignment has moved Salado to District 24-4A for the next two years.

A win would put Gatesville in the regional semi-finals for the first time in program history. Despite the familiarity and existing rivalry and the potential for program history, Smith has seen nothing different from his team in the run up to the series.

"To be honest, it feels like business as usual. These guys have been different ever since the playoffs started. They are locked-in at practice and their preparation has been really good," Smith said. "We have played a lot of games this season and been put in a lot of different situations, and I think we are prepared for whatever the game throws our way."

Game one was scheduled for May 16 at 6 p.m. with game two set for 5 p.m. on May 17. A third game would be played immediately after game two if necessary.

Lady Eagles headed to regional finals

BY ALEXANDRA MEELBUSCH
Staff Writer

The Lady Eagles softball team came back for another win this past week against Blum High School where they won 13-12 on Friday, May 10.

The ladies played a rigorous game with a total of 13 runs and 12 hits. Pitchers Adalyna Andrade and Ally Thorman totaled 7.0 IP, 13 H, 12 R, 7 ER, 7 BB, 5 SO.

Batting stats for the team includes Adalyna Andrade,

4 AB, 2 R, 2 H; Emily Turner, 4 AB, 3 R, 4 H; Kyleigh Walker, 3 AB, 2 R, 1 H; Julie Henderson, 4 AB, 2 R, 1H; Ally Thorman, 5 AB, 1 R, 2 H; Leighla Hernandez, 2 AB; Campbell Gustin, 1 AB, 1 R; Kylee Gould, 5 AB, 1 R, 1 H;

Lynlee Deats, 4 AB, 1 R, 1 H.

The team has now claimed the title of semi-finals champions and will face off against Dodd City at regionals in Waxahachie on Friday, May 17.

GYS tackle football to begin in July

Staff Reports

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

The age groups for youth tackle football will include 8-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

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Summer Track to begin May 28

Staff Reports

Gatesville's summer track program is set to start back up again this year on Tuesday, May 28.

The program is a registered affiliate under TAAF (Texas Amateur Athletic Federation) Region 5 and is led by coaches Don Ford, Kent Ford, Elliot Kelley, Phillip Martin, and Chance Taylor.

AGE DIVISIONS INCLUDE
Six years old and under: 50-meters and 100-meters.

Eight years old and under: Long jump, high jump, 50-meters, 400-meter relay race, 800-meters, 100-meter dash, 400-meters, and 200-meters.

Ten years old and under: Long jump, high jump, shot put, 400-meter relay race, 800-meters, 100-meter dash, 400-meters, 200-meters, 1600-meter run, and the 1600-meter relay race.

Twelve years old and under: Same events as 10 and under, except for the addition of the 80-meter hurdles.

Fourteen years old and under: All events, except for the addition of discus, pole vault, and triple jump.

Sixteen years old and under: All high school events, with the addition of hurdle heights and throwing weights.

Eighteen years old and under: All high school events, with the addition of hurdle heights and throwing weights.

Practices will be held every Tuesday and Thursday of each week, from Tuesday, May 28, to Saturday, July 13.

THE MEET SCHEDULE INCLUDES

June 8, Riesel High School

June 15, McGregor Bulldog Stadium

June 22, Gatesville McKamie Stadium

June 29, Hart-Patterson Track

July 12-13, TAAF Region 5 Regional Meet in Waco

July 25-28, TAAF Games of Texas State Meet in Brownsville

To register for the summer track program or for further questions, contact Don Ford at 254-223-9255. The cost for registration will be \$60 per athlete, and late registration will be \$70. There will be no registrations after June 18.

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Texan Baseball ends 2024 season at home with Senior Day win over Utah Valley in series finale

Tarleton State University

STEPHENVILLE - Tarleton State Baseball split the second day of the series with the Wolverines, closing out the Texans' home campaign in the win column the weekend of May 10-12.

Tarleton State (26-26, 16-11 WAC) finished the final home series against Utah Valley (27-26, 17-10 WAC) 1-1 on the Saturday evening. Game 2 saw a 11-7 final in favor of the visitors, but the Texans took the final game of the series and last home game of the season with a 9-4 final.

A weekend of bad weather welcomed 17-plus hours of baseball for the three-game series as weather delays came pouring in. The double header lasted 10-and-a-half hours from start to finish.

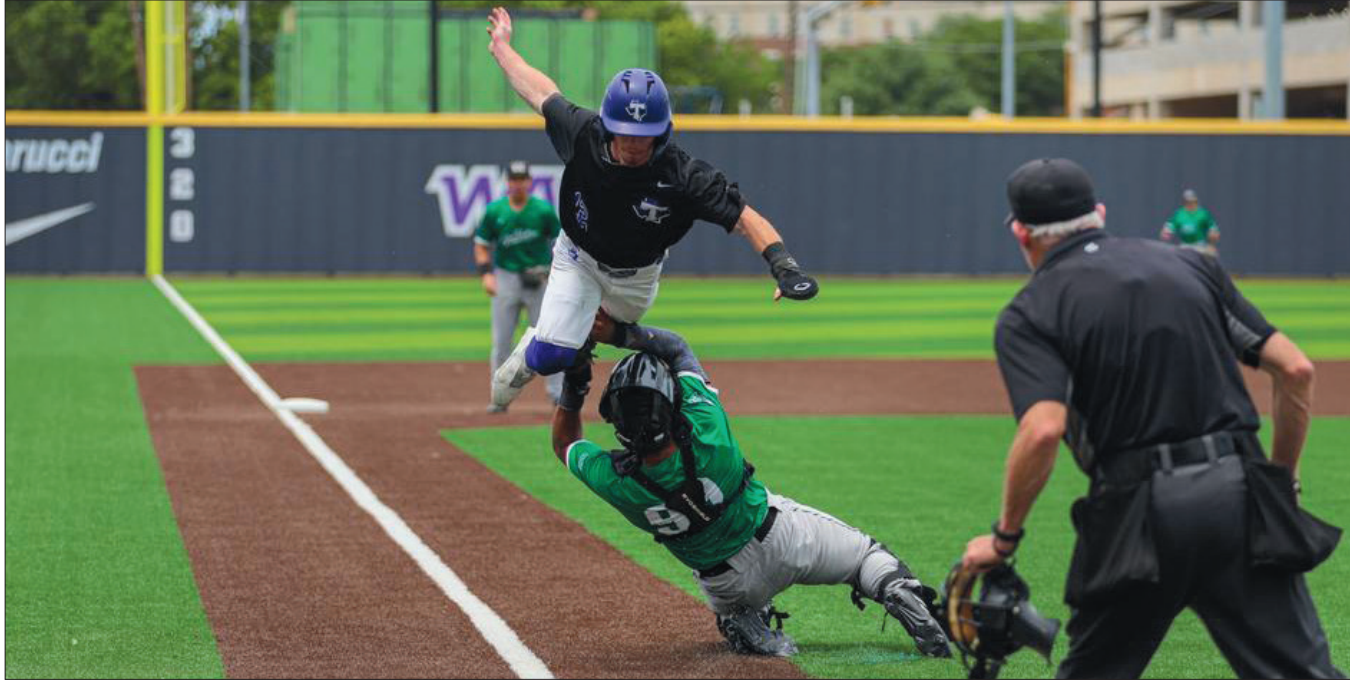
GAME 2

Matt Haley (L, 2-8) got the start for the Purple and White with 3.0 innings pitched, giving up eight runs on five hits, four walks and two strikeouts.

Jackson Thomas started on the mound for Utah Valley with 2.1 innings pitched, giving up five runs on four hits, three walks and one strikeout. Robby Butenschoen (W, 5-0) saw 4.1 innings on the bump, giving up two runs on three hits, one walk and one strikeout. Eli Sundquist (S, 1) earned his first save after a 2.1 inning outing, giving up no runs on one hit, no walks and five strikeouts.

Tarleton State closed out the first game of the day with a total of seven runs on eight hits with a home run from Cole Mears for his seventh of the season. Sergio Guerra added a triple for the Texans while Hunter Smith, Kooper Shook and Slade McCloud each tallied doubles for the home team.

The Wolverines compiled 11 runs on 13 hits with



Kooper Shook jumps over the catcher.

one home run and a pair of doubles.

Utah Valley took the reins in the opening inning with six runs in to do damage early. The leadoff singled on a bunt and stole a bag. The two-hole singled as well and a hit-by-pitch loaded the diamond with no outs on the board. A pair of RBI singles brought in the first couple of runs and a flyout made room at home for the third run to come across. A second out followed and a three-run homer welcomed a trio of Wolverines across to give the visitors a 6-0 lead in the top of the first inning.

The Texans found some offensive rhythm in the bottom of the second with a couple of runs coming across to begin the rally. Cris Enriquez singled as the inning's leadoff. Smith reached on a fielder's choice as Enriquez was retired at second. Shook walked to join the base path and a two RBI double from McCloud earned the first pair of runs for the Purple and White.

Tarleton State kept the heat coming in the bottom of the third with a trio of runs tallied to make it a one-run ballgame. Mason Hammonds walked as the leadoff and Trace Morrison took a free 90 as well. Mears left the yard to bring three across and put some skin in the game for the home team, making the score 6-5 in favor of the visitors.

UVU got back to work at the plate in the fourth with two runs scored. A pair of walks opened the inning for the guys in green. An RBI double tallied the seventh run and another walk followed. The inning's five-hole reached on a fielder's choice and an error from the Texans saw another run pinned for the Wolverines, unearned.

In the bottom of the sixth Shook walked and stole second to kick off the inning. With one out tallied and Shook on third, a flyout from Ike Shirey brought in the sixth run for Tarleton State.

The visitors' half of the seventh welcomed in another

run. With one out recorded, a double was followed by an RBI single to continue the Wolverines' reign. Tarleton State got to work in the bottom of the seventh with a lone run tallied to stay on pace with the visitors. Hammonds was hit by a pitch to lead off the inning. With a couple of outs secured, Enriquez singled to send Hammonds home to decrease UVU's lead to two runs at 9-7.

Utah Valley's offense continued to work with another couple of runs coming across in the eighth. A leadoff single paired with a hit-by-pitch and a second single loaded up the base paths for the visitors. A pair of strikeouts held the damage to a minimum but a two RBI single ultimately sealed the deal on the first game of the day with an 11-7 final.

GAME 3

Jake Burcham opened up the series finale for the Texans with 3.0 innings pitched, giving up two runs

on five hits, one walk and no strikeouts. Zach Poe (W, 3-1) saw 2.0 innings on the mound, giving up no runs on no hits, one walk and two strikeouts.

Chase Hennessey made his second appearance of the season, starting off the game for the Wolverines with 1.1 inning pitched, giving up one run on three hits, one walk and two strikeouts. Nick Sims (L, 0-1) took his first loss of the season, giving up four runs on two hits, two walks and no strikeouts.

Tarleton State finished out the final game with nine runs on 10 hits with a double from Mason Crews and a stolen base from Shook.

UVU totaled four runs on 10 hits with one triple and three doubles.

In the bottom of the second inning, the home team found the board first with a solo run coming across. With one out recorded, Jordan Andrade walked, and McCloud singled on a bunt to put a pair on for the good guys. A groundout

from Shirey made room for Andrade at the plate to see the Texans take the lead.

In the top of the third, the Wolverines got to work adding a couple of runs to the board. A leadoff single was followed by an out. A walk and a ground-out put a couple of runners in scoring position. A two RBI single saw Utah Valley take the lead. In the visitors' half of the fifth, the leadoff singled on a bunt and a double followed. With no outs recorded an RBI single tallied the third run for UVU. One out followed but an error on the Texans' behalf welcomed another run across, unearned.

With a 4-1 score in favor of Utah Valley, the storms rolled in and brought a couple of delays with it. After roughly two-and-a-half hours of a rain delay, the Purple and White came back fired up and ready to get down to business.

A seven-run inning in the sixth kicked down the door for Tarleton State. A pair of singles from Hammonds and Morrison started off the inning and Mears was hit by a pitch to load the bases. With a lone out recorded, a free 90 welcomed the second run across for the home team. A two RBI single from Shook tied things up at 2-2. McCloud was hit by a pitch to reload the bases and another walk handed the lead to the Texans. Crews doubled to bring in three more runs, bringing the lead to 8-4 in favor of the Purple and White.

In the bottom of the seventh, two back-to-back outs started off the inning. Shook got things moving as a hit-by-pitch put a runner on for Tarleton State. Shook stole second and McCloud singled to bring Shook home to make the total 9-4.

The remainder of the game went scoreless as the Texans fought off the sweep and closed out Senior Day with a victory.

Tosti wins gold in triple jump, 21 Texans medal at 2024 WAC Outdoor Track and Field Championships

Tarleton State University

FINAL RESULTS

OREM, Utah - After three days in which high winds, rain, lightning and sun almost all appeared on each day, Tarleton State Track and Field closed out the event with Gabriele Tosti becoming the WAC Champion in the triple jump and 21 total medals claimed by the Texans at the 2024 WAC Outdoor Track and Field Championships at the Hal Wing Track and Field May 9-11.

Both the men's and the women's squads posted higher team finishes than a year ago in Nacogdoches. The men improved to sixth with 76 points after a seventh-place performance in 2023. The women's team recorded 61 points earning sixth place as well, improving from 11th last season.

MEN

Tosti won the gold medal in the triple jump, the lone gold performance of the three days. Tosti's best jump of 51 feet, 7 inches, was nearly two feet farther than the second place competitor. Jaden Hall also qualified for the finals in the event, placing seventh with a best jump of 47 feet, 10 inches.

Hugo Menin broke his program record in the 400

hurdles, becoming the first to post a sub-50 time. His 49.99-second run earned the silver medal, separated from the champion, GCU's Davicia McCartney by thousandths of a second.

Justin Raines earned a pair of silver medals in the 100 and 200. Raines opened the day in the 100, posting a 10.43 after running a 10.20 in the preliminaries, his personal best and the third fastest in program history. The reigning 200-meter champ was edged in the final meters to earn the silver in 20.85 seconds. Reid Vincent earned fourth in the 100 in 10.54 to post a pair of Texans in the top four of the podium.

Caterrin Cox and Konnor Hoerman teamed up to give the Texans another second-fourth finish. Cox earned his first WAC medal finish in the 110-meter hurdles crossing in 13.82 seconds. Hoerman was not far behind claiming fourth in 14.13.

Kevin Baez earned a sixth place finish in the 1500. The distance runner ran a 3:49.04 in the morning then attempted to run the 5k just an hour after. Baez will graduate after spending the past six seasons donning a Texan uniform.

In the field, Davi Torres completed his record-breaking weekend with a medalist finish in the high jump. Torres' best jump of 6-7.5

earned him the bronze medal in the open high jump. He finished in ninth after the first two days in the decathlon. Among the decathletes, he posted the best high jump and recorded nearly the same jump in the open finals. Ethan Bratton earned a fifth place finish in the discus. The senior placed fifth for the second straight year, this year with a best throw of 161-10.5. Jaxson Bray recorded an eighth place finish in the pole vault with a best height of 15-8.25.

The men's 4x100-meter relay of Vincent, Raines, Everett Sadler, David Mvundura set a new program record in 39.43. The quartet earned the bronze medal in the opening track event of the final day.

WOMEN

The women's squad was able to collect multiple medalist finishes as well. The women's team earned a pair of both silver and bronze medals on the final day as well as a third bronze on day two.

Bryah Davis earned the women's lone individual silver medal in the 100 meters. She held the second best time in the preliminaries and crossed second in the finals on the third day in 11.59. Freshman dual-sport athlete Victoria Cameron earned a fourth-place finish in her first



Both the men's and the women's squads posted higher team finishes than a year ago in Nacogdoches.

WAC Championships after entering the finals in sixth. She posted an 11.72 time in the finals.

Texans occupied four of the eight podium spots in the high jump, with Rylee Hennig earning a bronze medal. Her best jump of 5 feet, 8 inches was only reached by four of the competitors. Cassidy Kirkpatrick placed fifth, Jourdaine Cerenil notched sixth and Jordan Rae was slotted eighth with a best jump of 5 feet, 5 inches.

On Friday, Morgan Lamberson earned the Texans' first medal of the 2024 championships, with a bronze in the 3000-meter steeplechase. Lamberson

crossed in 10:56.07, exhausting all her energy.

Taylor McFarland earned a pair of podium finishes in the 200 and 400. In the 400, McFarland finished fourth in 54.42 seconds. She was followed closely by Aaliyah Rifort-Delem who finished in fifth in 54.98. She concluded her day with a fifth place finish in the 200, crossing in 24.06.

Rese Schoonover earned her first podium finish, slotting in eighth in the 400-meter hurdles. She crossed in 1:04.29.

Tarleton earned a pair of medals in the relays. The Texans opened the day with a silver medal in the 4x100

relay in 44.70. The squad consisting of Davis, Anayah Copeland, Amandine Estival and Cameron earned the women's first silver of the WAC Championships. The ladies closed the day with a bronze finish in the 4x400 as well. Both relays set new program records with the 4x400 crossing in 3:41.35 consisting of Rifort-Delem, Estival, Alessa King and McFarland.

The pair of sixth-place finishes closed the Texans' 2024 campaign. The Texans' are expected to complete their Division I reclassification July 1, 2024, making future Texans eligible for the NCAA Championships next season.

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GATESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL STAFF MEMBERS RECEIVE AWARDS

COURTESY PHOTO

Gatesville High School recently held their end of the year awards this past week, with four staff members awarded. Award recipients were Student Choice Teacher of the Year, Star Hamilton, Student Choice Employee of the Year, Angel Heath, Staff Choice Employee of the Year, Gail Shelton, and Staff Choice Teacher of the Year, Sarah Blanchard. They were each awarded a T-shirt, a certificate, and a bouquet of flowers.



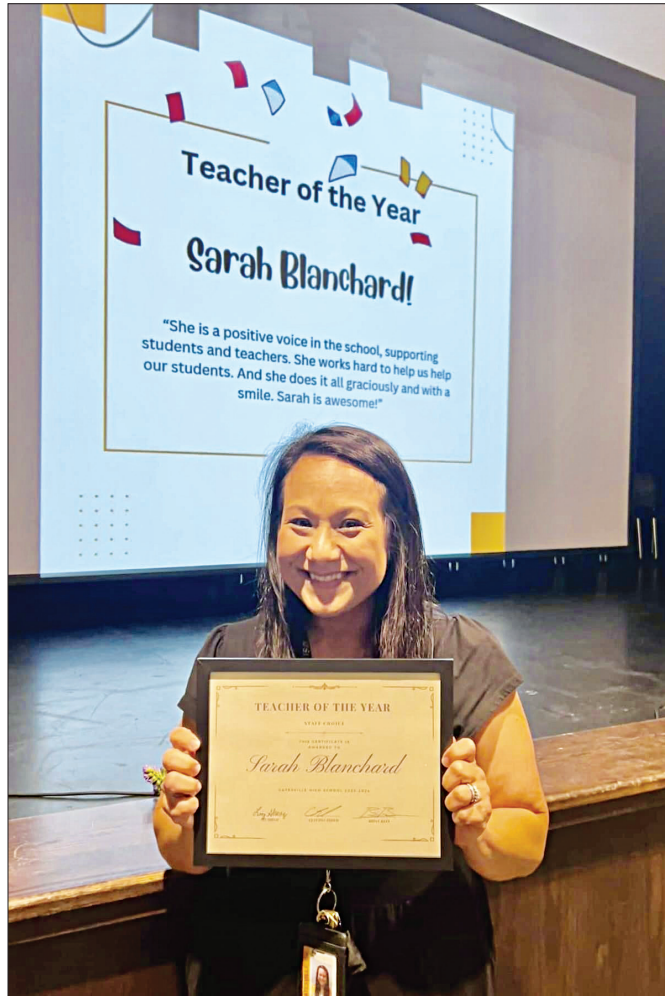
Angel Heath (right) - Student Choice Employee of the Year pictured with her son, Colt.



Star Hamilton (right) - Student Choice Teacher of the Year and GHS principal Liz Shoaf.



Gail Shelton - Staff Choice Employee of the Year



Sarah Blanchard - Staff Choice Teacher of the Year



COURTESY PHOTO

Gatesville Junior High cheerleaders are shown holding a bake sale sign while performing a stunt. The cheerleaders pictured on the bottom from left to right are Tenley Winkler, Colbi Allison, and Allie Powell. Pictured at the top is Aidan Doss.

GJH cheer held bake sale

Staff Reports

The Gatesville Junior High cheerleading team recently hosted a bake sale on Saturday, May 11. The sale was held at the Salty Senorita and featured many different treats such as banana bread, cakes, cookies,

pies, and more. All of the proceeds that were donated during the sale were to benefit the junior high cheer program. To donate to the Gatesville Junior High Cheer program, email acolson@gatesvilleisd.org.

GHS Year-End Shout-Out scheduled for May 21

Staff Reports

Gatesville High School athletics program's Year-End Shout-Out has been rescheduled for Tuesday, May 21. The event will be held at the Sidney L. Pruitt gymnasium and is for high school student athletes, varsity, sub-varsity, and freshman students.

There will be a social with coaches, athletes, parents, and fans from 6 p.m.-6:30 p.m. in the gym foyer with light snacks served. The recognition program will commence at 6:35 p.m. in the gym and will continue through 8 p.m. It will honor all Hornet athletic teams and student-athletes of the 2023 to 2024 school year.

GHS WILL RECOGNIZE:

- The seven athletes that advanced to state competition.
- All student trainers, managers, game film staff, and statisticians from each sport.
- The four athletes that have signed Letters of Intent to play at the collegiate level.

- The seven athletes and two head coaches that have been selected to participate in the upcoming Heart of Texas FCA Victory Bowl All-Star Games in baseball, basketball, football, softball, and volleyball.

- Athletes that have received district academic honors in their respective sports.

- The 15 seniors that earned prestigious THSCA Academic All-State accolades.

- Student-athletes that are honor graduates of 2023.

- Student-athletes that are the top honor graduates of the class of 2024.

- The coaching staff for their efforts, time, and commitment to students, athletes, as well as honoring those that are retiring or leaving the school district.

Letterman jackets will also be presented to all fall-sport athletes that earned varsity letters in cross country, football, team tennis, and volleyball.

A special farewell message will be presented as well as a sendoff for all senior student-athletes.

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

Gatesville High School is located at 205 South Lovers Lane.

JHS cheer bake sale slated for May 18

Staff Reports

The cheerleading team of Jonesboro High School will hold a bake sale on Saturday, May 18 to raise funds

for uniform and camp costs.

The sale will be held at the Salty Senorita and will begin at 8 a.m. There will be a variety of sweet treats

featured including cakes, cupcakes, cookies, and more.

For further details, email Hannah Apodaca, cheer director, at hannah.apodaca@

jonesboroisd.net.

The Salty Senorita is located at 2401 TX-36, suite 100 in Gatesville.

Jonesboro ISD to host awards ceremony May 23

Staff Reports

Jonesboro Independent School District has announced that it will host its end of the year award ceremony on Thursday, May 23

for elementary and junior high students.

Kindergarten will commence at 8:15 a.m., first through fifth grades will begin at 9 a.m., and sixth

through eighth grades will start at 10:15 a.m.

After the ceremony concludes, be sure to sign out your student with their designated teacher.

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

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

JISD to hold Pre-K and Kindergarten roundup

Staff Reports

Jonesboro Independent School District will hold its annual prekindergarten and kindergarten roundup

for students to sign up for classes.

Students who reside in the district will be accepted through Saturday, June 1.

For students who reside

out of the district, the deadline to sign up will be from Saturday, June 1 through Tuesday, June 25. This will be based on availability.

For further information,

contact Jonesboro ISD at 254-463-2111 or by visiting www.jonesboroisd.net.

Jonesboro ISD is located at 14909 E. State Highway 36 in Jonesboro.

GATESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS AT CEREMONY

COURTESY PHOTOS

Gatesville High School recently hosted its annual scholarship banquet for the class of 2024 on Friday, May 10, and it was held in the high school auditorium. The evening consisted of various donors throughout the community awarding seniors with scholarships to help them through their college education. With the many scholarships given, over \$226,000 was generously awarded to the seniors.



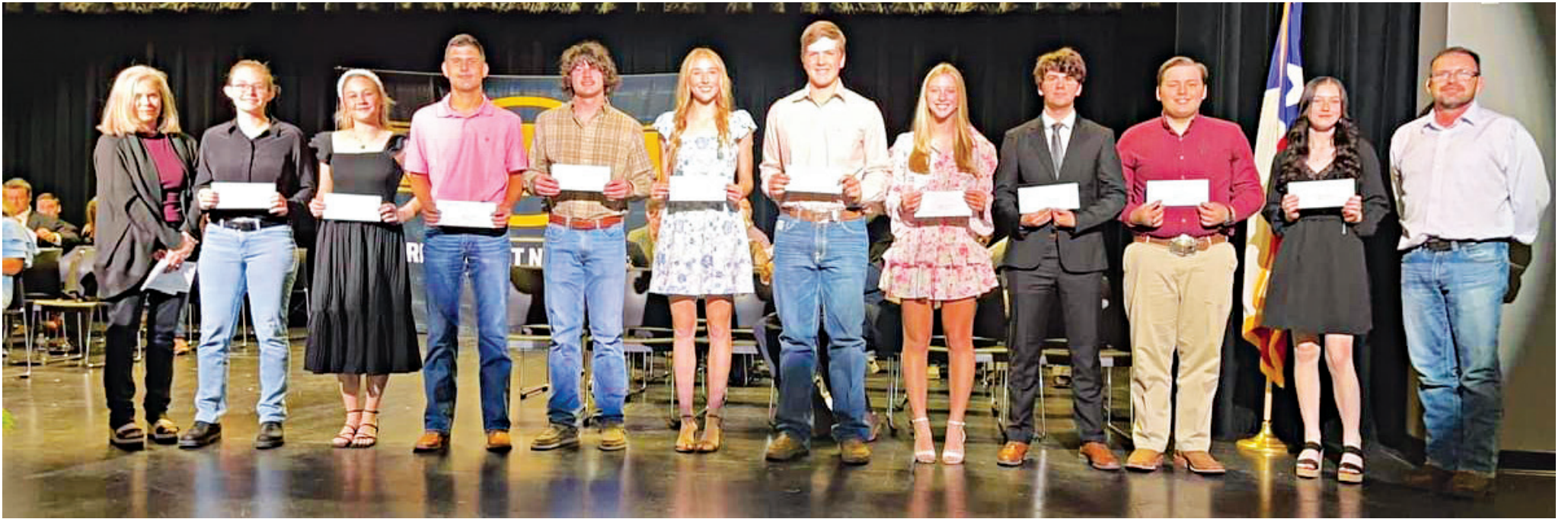
Pictured left to right: Alan Mathis, Ellie Kelley, Lane Kinsey, Barrett Boyd, and Rosemary Mathis.



Pictured left to right: Gary Chumley, Hayden Heck, Jayden Kieltyla, Gracie Key, and Taylor Coward.



Pictured from left to right: Natalie Fast, Noah Smith, Bethany Penrod, Laura Trejo, Blake Barnes, Hayden Heck, David Sims, Zoe Gribble, Mia Shafer, and JT Hoffman.



Pictured from left to right: Liz Appelman, Karsyn Modisett, Natalie Fast, Kasen Bankhead, Cory Burns, Barrett Boyd, Kendal Clarke, Bethany Penrod, Wyatt Dunbar, Lane Kinsey, Jaycee McCown, and Todd Appelman.



Pictured left to right: Melanie Kunkel, Jaycee McCown, Kendal Clarke, Zoe Gribble, Matti Mann, Cayleigh Coursey, Barrett Boyd, Wyatt Dunbar, and Lane Kinsey.



COURTESY PHOTO

New officers for CRSP, 2024-2026, from left to right, Kathy Smith, secretary; Gail Johnson, treasurer and past president; Marsha Lee, 2nd vice president; Gayla Linton and Debbie Grmela, copresidents. Not pictured is Charlott Chambers, 1st vice president.



COURTESY PHOTO

Pictured left: Outgoing CRSP president, Gail Johnson, was presented with flowers for her service to CRSP from 2022 to 2024. Pictured right: Emily Wuenschel PA-C, presented a program to the CRSP members on "Health and Wellness for Seniors."

CRSP holds last meeting of 2022-2024 term

Submitted by Marsha Lee

Retired School Personnel (CRSP) held its last meeting of the 2022-2024 term Thursday, April 25, at Ranchers' Steakhouse at 10 a.m.

Delegates to the state convention in Corpus Christi April 15-17 were Gail Johnson, JoAnn Sugg, and Gayla and Gerald Linton. They gave a brief report on information shared by our state organization regarding membership, number of COLAs and stipends given out (first cost-of-living increase for retired school personnel in about 20 years), the stability of TRS, and plans to redesign the TRS website in mid-2024. In 2017, TRS Care was in trouble, and some difficult decisions had to be made to save it. Currently, TRS

Care is in good shape. In May 2024, TRS will recommend the board open up enrollment for the Medicare Advantage TRS program for 2025-2026. Members can re-enroll. Then, at the July 2024 meeting, TRS will recommend lower premiums in the future. Statewide total of community volunteer hours in 2023 was 5,133,446 hours (our chapter donated 83,968 hours). Statewide, TRTA members distributed 141,582 books through the Children's Book Project (our chapter's total was 32,315 books). New state officers were installed for the next two years.

The program was presented by Emily Wuenschel PA-C. She was a 2010 graduate of Gatesville High School and an honor graduate of Temple College, where she played softball. She

continued her education at Texas State University in San Marcos and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology and a minor in biochemistry. She holds a Master of Physician Assistant from the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston and was an interprofessional scholar. Wuenschel enjoys helping patients, coaching softball and hiking. She loves spending time with her husband, Matthew, and daughter. She is the daughter of Tom and Mary Anne Leib and the granddaughter of Bill and the late Ollie Loggins.

Wuenschel's program on "Health and Wellness" covered several topics. First, she discussed preventative measures older people can use, such as vaccines for COVID, shingles, pneu-

monia, and flu. There are other tests your doctor can recommend to help detect problems you or he may suspect, such as regular mammograms and colonoscopies (cancer detection), bone density tests (for osteoporosis), etc. Secondly, there are measures you can take to make your house safer and prevent falls. This could include installation of handrails for porches or steps and in showers; providing adequate lighting on stairways, in darker areas of the house, and outside; removing or relocating throw rugs. Physical therapy is also available to help strengthen muscles and improve difficulties involving walking and balance. Thirdly, make use of your free wellness checks with your primary doctor. This is a time when you

can ask questions about problems and concerns you may have. Use this time to discuss new (or old) issues that are bothering you. If your doctor doesn't know what problems you may be having, he cannot help you. And lastly, be careful with medications you may be using. Some medications have bad side effects just by themselves; others can cause problems by the way they interact with other medications you are using. The pharmacist and your doctor can help you with these reactions, some of which may be very bad, or even fatal. Wuenschel also mentioned that patients should have an advanced directive drawn up, with a copy provided to the hospital, your doctor and your family.

The last order of business

was the installation of local officers for our chapter. JoAnn Sugg, who has served as District XII president for the last two years, installed new officers, as follows: Kathy Smith, secretary; Gail Johnson, treasurer and immediate past president; Marsha Lee, 2nd vice president; Gayla Linton and Debbie Grmela, copresidents. Not Pictured: Charlott Chambers, 1st vice president.

REMINDERS:

(1) Dues of \$45 (\$35 for state and \$10 for local) are due by June 1. (2) May 21 is the date for the District XII meeting at the Education Service Center in Waco from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Lunch is provided. Please let Gail Johnson know if you plan to attend.



ARMED FORCES Day

May 18, 2024

Armed Forces Day, observed on the third Saturday of May, is a special occasion for kids to express gratitude to the courageous men and women serving in the military. It's a day to honor their commitment and sacrifices in protecting our country.

Children can participate in Armed Forces Day by creating heartfelt cards, drawings, or letters to thank military members for their service. These personal tokens of appreciation can be shared with local veterans or sent to deployed troops, bringing a touch of encouragement and support.

Families may attend community events or parades organized to commemorate Armed Forces Day. These gatherings offer kids an opportunity to witness military displays, meet veterans, and gain a better understanding of the roles and responsibilities of service members. Visiting local military bases during open houses allows families to explore military equipment and vehicles, fostering a deeper appreciation for the armed forces.

Educational activities at home or in schools can include lessons about the different branches of the military, their history, and the

values they uphold. Parents and teachers can share stories of relatives who have served, helping children connect on a personal level with the sacrifices made by military personnel.

Armed Forces Day is not only a time for expressing gratitude but also for teaching children about the importance of freedom and the role the military plays in protecting our nation. Through meaningful activities and community engagements, kids can develop a strong sense of respect and appreciation for the dedication and bravery of our armed forces

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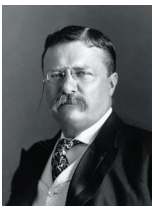


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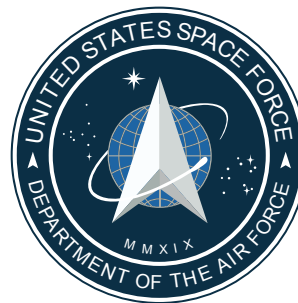
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COURTESY PHOTO

Cayleigh Coursey (left) is pictured after receiving her scholarship award.



COURTESY PHOTO

Trey Harbour (middle) is pictured after being awarded with his scholarship from the Heart O' Texas Fair program.

Coursey & Harbour awarded Heart O' Texas Fair scholarships

Submitted Item

Two outstanding members of Coryell County 4-H recently received scholarships from the Heart O' Texas Fair Scholarship program.

Cayleigh Coursey, Hornet

GOLD 4-H Club member, received a \$5,000 scholarship, while Trey Harbour of the Coryell City 4-H Club was awarded a \$3,000 scholarship.

Coursey has had an exceptional 4-H career serving as a Texas 4-H council

member, state 4-H photography ambassador, healthy Texas youth ambassador, district 8 vice-president, and Coryell County 4-H ambassador. Her main 4-H projects include Photography, Food and Nutrition, Health and Safety, Rab-

bits, Community Service, and Leadership. She is the daughter of Chris and Tracy Coursey.

Harbour, a ten year 4-H member, was a member of the Texas State 4-H Champion Livestock Judging Team, as well as the

Reserve National Champion Livestock Judging Team at the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, KY. He has competed at a high-level exhibiting quality sheep and goats at local, county, state, and national shows with

numerous accolades during his 4-H career. He has been a fantastic livestock mentor to the youth of Coryell County. He is the son of Mike and Connie Harbour.



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GHS awards students with Superintendent Scholar Award

Staff Reports

This past week, a plethora of Gatesville High School students received the

Superintendent Scholar Award. The award is given to seniors who scored 25 or higher on the ACT, 1150 or higher on the PSAT/SAT,

or who earned recognition on the Duke Tip program in seventh grade. The elite group of students who were honored with the award in-

cludes Sean Aguilar, Barrett Boyd, Kale Branum, James Coffman, Raynie Coleman, Wyatt Dunbar, Natalie Fast, Rachel Holden, Ellie Kelley,

Jayden KIELTYKA, Anna Laskowski, Chase Lee, Carsyn Modisett, Lawson Mooney, Bethany Penrod, Anna Phillips, David Sims, Noah

Smith, Garrett Sullivant, and Olivia Walker.



COURTESY PHOTO

Gatesville High School students are pictured after receiving the Superintendent's Scholar Award.



COURTESY PHOTO

Pictured left to right are students James Coffman, Garrett Sullivant, Noah Smith, and superintendent Barrett Pollard.

MUFFINS WITH MOMS



COURTESY PHOTO

Trinity Baptist Preschool recently hosted a Muffins with Moms breakfast in honor of Mother's Day. Pictured are Taylor Barron with her children, Baker and Laney.

GISD to host summer camps

Staff Reports

Gatesville Independent School District will host various sports camps throughout the summer, including basketball, baseball, tennis, football, softball, volleyball, wrestling, and soccer.

Each camp will be directed by a high school or junior high coach and will be assisted by high school varsity athletes.

There will be opportunities to learn fundamentals and techniques as well as Hornet schemes and terminology.

A concession stand will be available during practices.

GIRLS BASKETBALL: Tuesday, May 28 to Thursday, May 30, from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and will be for first through ninth grade. The cost will be \$40 per athlete.

BOYS BASKETBALL: Monday, June 10 to Wednesday, June 12. First through sixth grade will be from 9 a.m.-noon, and seventh through ninth grade will be from 1-4 p.m. The cost will be \$40 per athlete.

SOFTBALL: Monday, June 3 to Wednesday, June 5.

First through fifth grade will be from 8-10 a.m., and sixth through ninth grade will be from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The cost will be \$40 per athlete.

BASEBALL: Tuesday, May 28 to Thursday, May 30. First and second grade will be from 8:30-10:30 a.m., third through fifth grade will be from 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., and sixth through ninth grade will be from 1-3:30 p.m. The cost will be \$40 per athlete.

VOLLEYBALL: Monday, July 8 to Wednesday, July 10, will be from 8:30-11:30 a.m., and will be for first through ninth grade. The cost will be \$40 per athlete.

FOOTBALL: Monday, June 3 to Wednesday, June 5, will be from 7:30-10:30 a.m., and will be for first through sixth grade. The cost will be \$40 per athlete. Another opportunity will be from Monday, July 29 to Wednesday, July 31, from 7:30-10:30 a.m., and will be for seventh through ninth grade. The cost will be \$40 per athlete.

TENNIS: Monday, June 3 to Wednesday, June 5, from 8-10 a.m., and will be for first through ninth

grade. The cost will be \$40 per athlete.

WRESTLING: Monday, July 15 to Friday, July 19, will be from 8:30-9:30 a.m., and will be for first through ninth grade. The cost will be \$40 per athlete.

SOCCER: The date is TBA (to be announced) as well as the cost. First through sixth grade will be in the spring and fall, and seventh through twelfth grade will be on Sunday afternoons during September and October.

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SWARM camp for seventh and eighth grade athletes will continue through Wednesday, June 3 to Thursday, July 25, and will be from 8:15-9:15 a.m. The cost is free for all athletes.

SWARM camp for ninth through twelfth grade athletes will continue through Wednesday, June 3 to Thursday, July 25, and will be from 7-8 a.m. The cost is free for all athletes.

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

Price and Martin receive end of year awards

Staff Reports

This past week, two staff members of Gatesville Elementary School received end of the year awards for their devotion to Gates-

ville Independent School District.

Employee of the year was given to Paraprofessional Destiny Price. Gatesville Elementary highlighted Price in an online post,

which said, "We are blessed to have Ms. Price on our Elementary campus. Ms. Price shows up every day with a positive attitude and a smile on her face."

Teacher of the year was

awarded to educator Delilah Martin. An online post regarding Martin's achievement was posted by Gatesville Elementary, which said, "We are blessed to have Mrs. Martin on our Elemen-

tary campus; she pours her heart into teaching and is always sure to put a smile on your face. Her undeniable love for her students shines through."

The awards were given

to both employees during school hours, along with flowers and a gift.



COURTESY PHOTO

Delilah Martin (second from left) is pictured with family after receiving Teacher of the Year.



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Destiny Price (third from left) is pictured with family and staff members after receiving Employee of the Year.

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Hannah Aguilar-Probasco



Evelyn Grace Alegria



William Allman



Juan Almandariz



Alondra Arias



Lucas Ayers



Madison Ayres

Sean Aguilar
Gatesville High School
Parents name: Toby and Jackie Williams , Luis Aguilar and Tani Gibson
Sports: Football- Captain; Track; Baseball
Favorite teacher: Mrs. Finley
Favorite subject: Math
Plans after graduation: Attend Tarleton

I plan to work with elementary aged children as a teacher's aide and to continue my career path in education.

Lindsey Bales
Gatesville High School
Parents name: Mary McCartney
Sports: Tennis
Favorite teacher: Mrs. Lewis

Favorite subject: VAC
Plans after graduation: I plan to work for Gatesville ISD. I love working with younger children. I also love working with animals, especially dogs.

Caleb Blum
Gatesville High School
Parents name: Jackie

Haefner
Clubs: VAC
Sports: MMA makes martial arts
Favorite teacher: Mr. Blanchard
Favorite subject: Automatic
Plans after graduation: Plan to join the military, or go to college, become an actor and an author

Kale Branum
Gatesville High School
Parents name: Chad and Amanda Branum
Clubs: PALS 1 22-23 school year; PALS 2 23-24 school year; Gatesville Band 20-24
Sports: Front Ensemble Captain (Leadership team) Gatesville Fighting

Hornet Band 20-24; UIL Concert Sweepstakes 2020-24; UIL State Marching Competition 2022; UIL State Marching Competition 2023; UIL State Ensemble 2021; UIL State Ensemble 2023; UIL State Soloist 2023; UIL State Soloist 2024; Front Ensemble Caption Head 2023-24
Favorite teacher: Sherry Stephens
Favorite subject: Music
Plans after: Kale plans to attend Tarleton State University to major in psychology with a pre-clinical focus as well as minor in music. Through this degree he plans to become a therapist and use his knowledge of

the field as well as his knowledge of the musical field, to reach out to and help as many people as possible whether through traditional therapy methods or through art and music therapy.

Justin Brust
Gatesville High School
Parents name: Jeanette Sheffield
Favorite teacher: Mr. Blanchard
Favorite subject: Auto tech
Plans after graduation: Going to trade school

Coral Bryant
Gatesville High School
Parents name: Clark and Nancy Burns

Clubs: 2nd lieutenant Dazzlers 2024 after two hours of being on the team, Class representative in varsity choir 2023, Secretary in varsity choir 2024. 1 in State Solo UIL Choir 2023, 1 in solo and ensemble 2024.
Sports: Dazzlers 2021-2024
Favorite teacher: Star Hamilton
Favorite subject: Anatomy
Plans after graduation: Start full time at Coryell Health Rehab Living and go to MCC (McLennan Community College) for the nursing program.

Zachary Bryant
Gatesville High School

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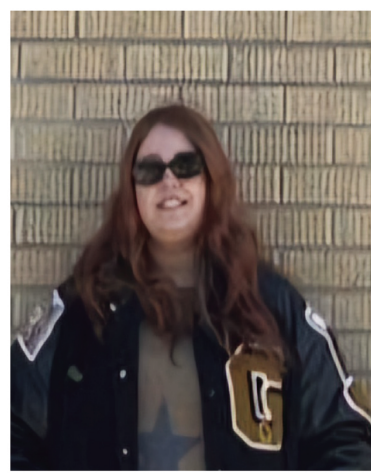
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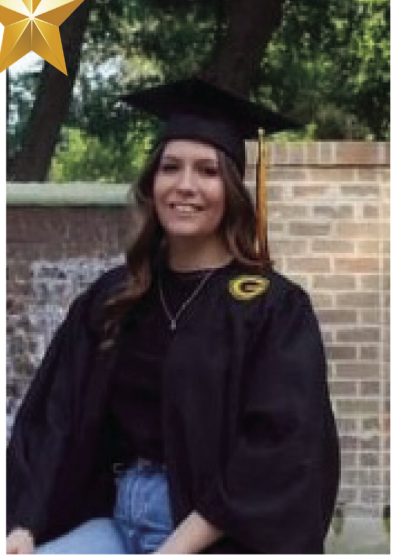


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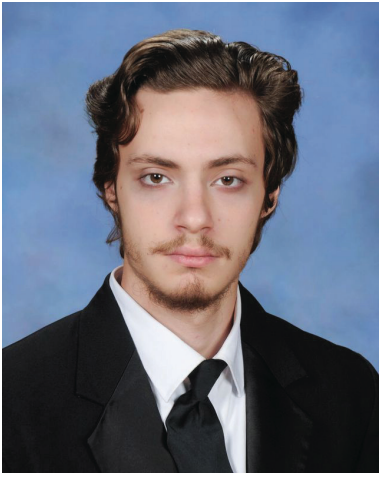
Lindsey Bales



Kasen Bankhead



Blake Barnes



Caleb Blum



Barrett Boyd



Kale Branum



Caden Brister



Justin Brust



Coral Bryant

Parents name: Corey Key, Codie Key
Sports: Football(3 year varsity letterman, Super-CenTex, All Smoaky Super-CenTex, 1st team all district, 3rd team THSCA All State team, Co- lineman of the year, Bi-district champs.; Powerlifting(3x Regional Qualifier,



Zachary Bryant

1x Regional runner up, 1x Regional champ, 2x Top Ten finishes at state competition, 3rd place medalist in the SHW weight class.); Track(District champ discus, 2x Area qualifier, 1x regional qualifier.)
Lineman challenge(2x state qualifier)
Favorite teacher: Jacob



Sergio Bucio

Hunter
Favorite subject: History/ Science
Plans after graduation: Go to TSTC and become and overhead lineman

Victoria Cardenas
Gatesville High School
Parents name: Angela Sanchez
Favorite teacher: Mrs.



Cory Burns

Sports: Softball
Favorite teacher: Mr. Sanchez and Mrs. Hamilton
Favorite subject: Law Enforcement
Plans after graduation: I plan on going to college to receive my associate of science degree in medical sonography to become an ultrasound technician.



Logan Busch

Kendal Grazen Clarke
Gatesville High School
Parents name: Gary and Amanda Clarke
Clubs: 4-H- 10 years Cattle Drive 4-H Club; FFA 4 years judged Wool and Cotton and went to State in Cotton and earned letterman; PALS; Welding
Favorite teacher: Mrs.

2024

Gracie Jane,
We are so proud of you and know that the world is going to be a better place because of the impact you're gonna make in it!!! We can't wait to see where this journey takes you, just as long as it brings you home very now and then.
We love you,
Scott, Mama, Chelsea, Scout, Kaitlin and Jeremiah




Gracie Jane Key
Gatesville High School

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Hayden,
We are so proud of you and can't wait to see what the future holds for you!

Love,
Dad, Racheal, Whiskey and Coop




Hayden Heck
Gatesville High School

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"Atta Boy" Noah Sun!
Always believe in yourself; you are capable of extraordinary things. You have such a bright future ahead of you...
WE ARE BEYOND PROUD OF YOU & LOVE YOU SO MUCH!!

Love,
Momma, Sage, & Tannon



Noah Sun Scruggs
Gatesville High School

2024 Class OF congratulations



CONGRATULATIONS, GHS CLASS OF 2024!

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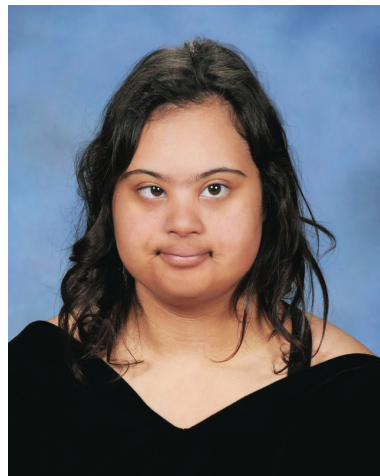
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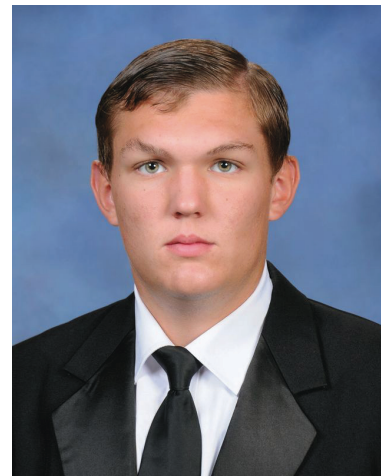
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Avyanna Clater



James Coffman



Raynie Dee Coleman



Cayleigh Coursey



Taylor Coward

Ament First Grade
Favorite subject: History
Plans after graduation: Attending Tarleton State University and major in agricultural business.

Kinzley Crocker
 Gatesville High School
Parents name: Amber Wilson
Clubs: Choir; Theater
Favorite teacher: Nurse

Tori
Favorite subject: Theater
Plans after graduation: Go to cosmetology college!

Wyatt Dunbar
 Gatesville High School
Parents name: Janet Dunbar
Clubs: Band - Center Snare, Percussion Section Leader, Primary Jazz Drumset, 4-year

State Solo & Ensemble Participant, 2-year ATSSB All-Region Band participant, 1-year ATSSB All-State Symphonic Band participant, 2-year State Marching Contest participant; UIL District - 2024 1st place in: Science, Science Team, Biology, and Chemistry, 2024 2nd Place in Lit Crit Team, 2024 5th place in Lit Crit; National

Merit Finalist; National Honor Society; Shooting - Peer leader/instructor, Distinguished Rifleman
Favorite teacher: Michael Hamilton
Favorite subject: Band
Plans after graduation: Attending Texas A&M - College Station to major in general engineering then declare aerospace engineering my

sophomore year. I'd like to perform in the Aggie Symphonic Band. After college, I'd like to work for NASA in research and development.

Natalie Fast
 Gatesville High School
Parents name: Mitch and Michele Fast
Clubs: student council social officer, student

council president, student body president, class vice president, debate president, UIL current events, NHS, FCA, PALS, Sports: Varsity cheer captain
Favorite teacher: Mrs. Latham
Favorite subject: History
Plans after graduation: Attend UT at Austin to major in government,

2024

I am a Daughter of the Most High King who is not moved by the world, for my God is with me and goes before me. I do not fear because I am His.
 2 Corinthians 6:18

We're super proud of you continuing your journey!
 Love, Mom & Brandon

Alanda Wimberley
 Gatesville High School

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2024

We are so proud of you two and love you so much! It is crazy how fast these school years have flown by! Congratulations on your accomplishments so far!

Love,
 Mom and Dad

Tommy & Riley Aaron
 Gatesville High School

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2024

From always cheering for you in the stands and in the audience, we will continue to cheer for you as you start a new journey in life. You always made us proud and know you'll achieve more in life.
 Love always,
 Corey and Codie

Zach Bryant
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Wyatt Dunbar



Nathan Elliott



Simon Matthew Elliott



Natalie Fast



Gage Ford



Kaitlyn Elizabeth Gamble



Karma Lilith Germain



Tyler Gillmore



Jaynee Green

with a double minor in philosophy of law and Russian. After, I will attend law school to become a lawyer or work in foreign affairs.

Jaynee Green
Gatesville High School
Parents name: Shayla smith
Clubs: I am a senior class officer and I serve as the

parliamentarian. I am also in 4-H
Sports: I was a dazzler for 4 years, and captain my junior and senior year, and I ran track for 3 years
Favorite teacher: Coach Aguirre
Favorite subject: Math
Plans after graduation: I plan to attend Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Tx and major

in radiology in hopes of being a sonographer one day.
Zoe Gribble
Gatesville High School
Parents name: Mark and Mary Minshew
Clubs: A; A/B Honor Roll; Class Officer (Class Historian); Student Council; Yearbook Editor; Gear-Up;

FFA; 4-H Club Officer; 4-H County Ambassador; 4-H State Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador
Sports: Cheerleading (9th and 10th grade)
Favorite teacher: Ms. Erwin
Favorite subject: Math
Plans after graduation: Zoe will attend Blinn College in Bryan, studying agri-business.

Asa Hardcastle
Gatesville High School
Parents name: Steve and Gwendy Hardcastle
Clubs: SkillsUSA- State qualifier with Superior rating in Construction
Sports: Soccer- 2023 Defensive Newcomer of the Year, Defensive MVP (2023 and 2024), 1st Team All District (2023 and

2024); Cross Country- 2x Regional qualifier; Track; Tennis- Boys singles honorable mention
Favorite teacher: Mr. Lisenbe
Favorite subject: Construction
Plans after graduation: Painting and remodeling with my brother's business or go to trade school.

2024
Matti Ruth,
Congratulations sweet girl.
I am so proud of you and all your accomplishments. You will always be my champion!
Love you,
MeMaw

2024 Class OF congratulations
Matti Ruth Mann
Gatesville High School

2024
Zoe, We have loved watching you grow into an amazing young woman. It is hard to believe you are at the end of this chapter and can't wait to see you win at life! We love you and want the best for you always.
XOXO, your favorites,
Momma, Mark, & Ashton

2024 Class OF congratulations
Zoe M. Gribble
Gatesville High School

2024
Ty,
Your graduation is more than an accomplishment, it reflects your character and determination. Never let anyone steal your joy. We are so proud of you.

2024 Class OF congratulations
Tyzanae L. Carroll
Gatesville High School

Congratulations & Best Wishes to the Class of 2024

We wish you all the best as you embark on the exciting journey ahead. **Let the adventure begin!**

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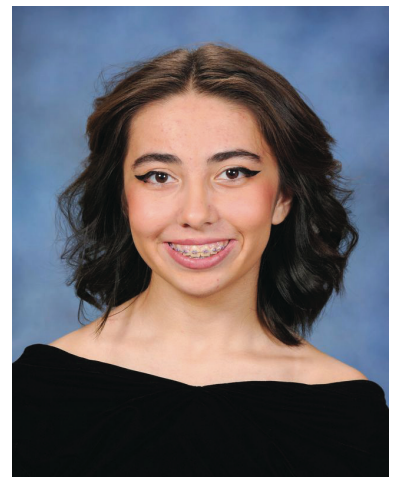
Jocelyn Selene Hernandez



Brooke Herry



Madison Heth



Rachel Holden

Brooke Herry
Gatesville High School
Parents name: Amantha, Nana, uncle & aunt
Clubs: Jv Choir
Sports: UIL choir sweepstakes helping set a record for Gatesville High School
Favorite teacher: All of them made an impact
Favorite subject: Science,

biology, chemistry
Plans after graduation: College of the redwoods
Lane Kinsey
Gatesville High School
Parents name: Grant and Courtney Kinsey
Clubs: FFA four years - state qualifying Livestock Judging team; 4-H 10 years President, Vice-President; County 4-H

Ambassador 6 years
Sports: Football 9th, 10th
Favorite teacher: Mrs. Ashley Swodeck
Favorite subject: Reading/English
Plans after graduation: Attend Texas Tech University and major in agriculture and natural resources

Matti Mann
Gatesville High School
Parents name: Will and Jennifer Mann
Clubs: Coryell County 4-H Ambassador; Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador; FFA Club Historian; FFA Livestock Judging Team; FFA Broadcasting Team; Girls Basketball manger; Gear Up; Youth Congress; Hay Valley 4-H

Club President; Coryell County 4-H Program Area Committee- President; Texas Farm Bureau Thrive- Student Success series; AWARDS: 2nd place team, Area 8 FFA Livestock Judging Team-2021; 4th place team Radio Broadcasting-2023; 6th place team Radio Broadcasting-2022; 5th place team Public

Relations-2020; Hornet Fight Never Dies- 2020; Exchange Club Student of the Month -2024; 4-H All Star Award-2020; 4-H Superstar Award-2021,2022
Favorite teacher: Mrs. Kylie Young
Favorite subject: College & Careers English
Plans after graduation: My plans are to attend

2024

Words can't describe how so very proud of you we are. I love you so much Princess! Reach for the stars.

Love, Mom

Victoria Yvonne Cardenas
Gatesville High School

2024 Class OF congratulations

2024

I'm so very proud of you. You have grown and accomplished so much. Remember that you always have a home. I love you.

Love, Jennifer and Family

Jaylee B. Holland
Gatesville High School

2024 Class OF congratulations

2024

We are so proud of you and all your accomplishments. You definitely have a bright and big future ahead. We look forward to your next chapter in life and all your successes!

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Sam Houston

We Love You! Dad, Mom, Karson Papa Bank and Granny Sue

Kasen Keith Bankhead
Gatesville High School

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Jaylee Holland

Blinn College in the fall and obtain my associate of applied science degree. I will then apply to the dental hygiene program at Blinn in Bryan.

Bethany Penrod
Gatesville High School
Parents name: Eric and Suzy Penrod
Clubs: Gatesville Chamber of Commerce Junior Ambassadors (2 years); Gatesville High School Student Council (4 years); Class Officer (4 years); National Honors Society; Peers Assisted Learning Strategies (PALS); Central Texas Exchange Club of Gatesville Student of the Month; Voted Class Favorite in 2022 and 2023
Sports: Varsity Soccer (4 years) - District Newcomer of the Year, 2X First Team All-District, Second Team All-District, First Team Academic All-State in Soccer; Varsity Track (3 years) - 2X Regional Qualifier in the 800, 1600m and 3200m; Varsity Cross Country (4 years) - 4X Regional Qualifier, 1X State Qualifier, First Team Academic All-State Cross Country
Favorite teacher: Bonnie Latham
Favorite subject: Dual Credit World History
Plans after graduation:



Aaron Hughitt

After graduating, I will be moving to Austin to attend The University of Texas, where I will pursue dual majors in the Steve Hicks School of Social Work and the McCombs School of Business. I am committed to blending these disciplines to develop innovative solutions that improve community welfare and economic stability.

Anna Phillips
Gatesville High School
Parents name: Amos and Kaitlin Phillips
Clubs: Nominated and Inducted into PALS (Peer Assistance and Leadership). She received the smiliest pal award both years she was in the program; Nominated and Inducted into the National Honor Society; Member of Gear Up Youth Congress; She has been in Choir since 6th grade; Varsity Choir all 4 years of High School; She was elected and served as the Choir President for the last 3 years; She has received the awards of: Most valuable Freshman 20-21; Most Valuable Sophomore 21-22; Most Valuable Junior 22-23; Female Vocalist of the year for 2024; She made it to state with her solo, her sophomore, junior



Justin Johnson

and senior year, and received a State Superior rating her Sophomore and Junior year. She will return to compete at state again the week after graduation; She made the region choir her junior year; Senior year she made region choir again and advanced to area and then made history when she earned a spot in the Texas Music Educators All-State Choir. This is one of the highest and most elite honors a student musician can receive. There have previously only been 5 Choir All-Staters out of GISD in the last 24 years! She performed with the All-State Choir in San Antonio, Tx at the TMEA Convention; She participated in the Varsity Mixed and Varsity Treble Choir, being a part of bringing home 6 Sweepstakes for the GHS trophy case; She was also awarded the TMEA Music Scholar Award her junior and senior year; She also has worked at and managed Home Plate Cafe all four years of high school.
Sports: She was also chosen for the Gatesville Exchange Club student of the Month Varsity Cheerleader for Sophomore, Junior and Senior year; She was



Ray Jones

Academic All district-Sophomore, Junior and Senior year; Other cheer awards were Most Coachable, Most Creative, and Friday Night Light award.
Favorite teacher: Coach Brumfield
Favorite subject: Choir
Plans after graduation: I will be attending Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee. To pursue a degree in music business with an emphasis on production. With hopes to become a country singer/songwriter or work for the Academy of Country Music or the Country Music Association. Go Bruins!

Mikenna Reeves
Gatesville High School
Parents name: Jenna and Nicholas Brannon
Clubs: NHS, A Honor Roll (2020-2023), top 10%.
Sports: GHS Softball (2020-2022)
Favorite teacher: Mrs. Truss
Favorite subject: English
Plans after graduation: I plan to attend Texas A&M University and major in elementary education. I want to be a kindergarten teacher.

Zachary Stevens
Gatesville High School
Parents name: Scott &



Easton Keeney

Polly Stevens
Clubs: Band
Sports: Tennis
Favorite teacher: Mr. Rutkowski
Favorite subject: English
Plans after graduation: Take a gap year then attend the Manhattan School of Music.

Graceson Stewart
Gatesville High School
Parents name: Penny Stewart and David Stewart
Clubs: PAL's- Allstar PAL and most influential PAL
Sports: Varsity basketball- 2nd team all district
Favorite teacher: Mrs. Hamilton
Favorite subject: Law
Plans after graduation: Attend a junior college and get my basics done then transferring to a bigger school to finish my degree in sports management

Garrett Sullivant
Gatesville High School
Parents name: Hannah Sullivant Bovee and Stetson Bovee
Clubs: Band- 2023 and 2024 state marching band qualifiers, 3 state solo and ensemble appearances, and qualified for all-region multiple times.
Sports: Varsity Golf- 2023 District Champions and Regional Qualifiers, 2024 Regional Qualifiers,

multiple top 3 finishes.
Favorite teacher: Bonnie Latham
Favorite subject: Science
Plans after graduation: My plans after graduation are to attend Texas A&M University to get my bachelor's in communications. Once I obtain my bachelor's degree, I hope to attend graduate school to get my masters, and then I plan to try and start my own business and be a strong member of my community.

Ariel Wightman
Gatesville High School
Parents name: Cory Wightman
Clubs: Health science; Human services; Medical terminology; Child development
Sports: Volleyball athlete; Track athlete; Volleyball manager
Favorite teacher: Coach Chaffin
Favorite subject: College and Career English
Plans after graduation: College for a nursing program

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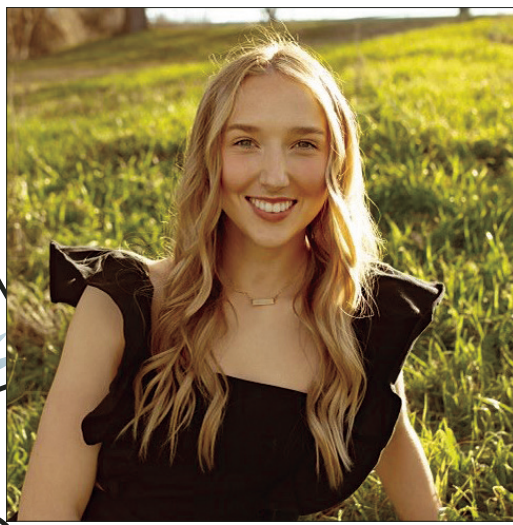
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Barrett Boyd
GHS Salutatorian



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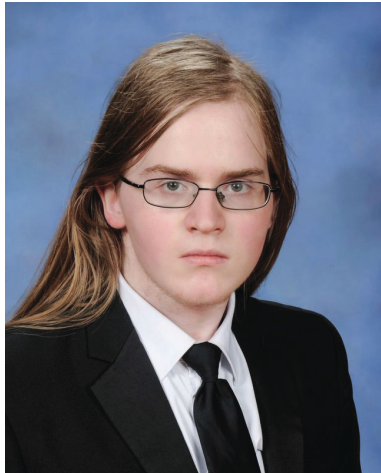
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*Daddy, Momma, Brax, Hez,
Meme, Grammy, GP
& Uncle Matt*



Jamie Lisenby



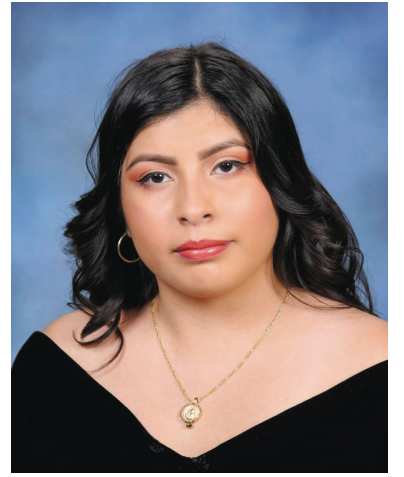
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Hunter Wayne Muirheid



Devin Nashif



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2024

Carsyn, always remember that you are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, smarter than you think, and loved more than you'll ever know. Congratulations, we love you!




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Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed! Proverbs 16:3 We are so proud of you!

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Taylor Coward
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We are so proud of you and can't wait to see what your future holds! We love you, Zach! Dad and Mom Anne, Daniel, Silas, Titus, and Lydia Jennifer, Matt, and Ellery



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Matti Ruth, we love you so much! We are absolutely so proud of you and this huge accomplishment in life! You have and are still growing into such an amazing woman that I am proud to call my sister. Go for those goals and dreams that you have and conquer them! We will always be right there to cheer you on! Always believe in yourself and live courageously. Love, Shelby, Fahron, and Thallen



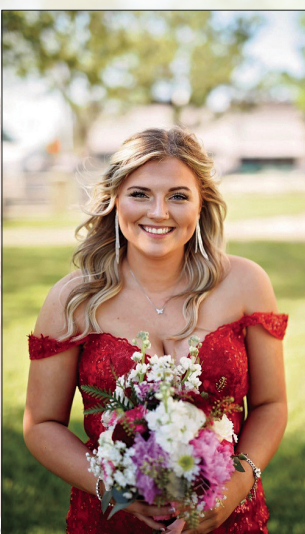
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Matti Ruth Mann
Gatesville High School

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Anna Grace, We love you and are so incredibly proud of the woman you have become! We can't wait to watch all your dreams come true!

Love, Mom, Dad, Amos, Eli, and Gunner




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Gatesville High School

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Bethany, our curious, loving, and incredibly intelligent daughter, we are so proud of you! As you start your journey at the University of Texas, remember that our love and support are always with you. Hook 'em Love, Mom and Dad



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Bethany Marie Penrod
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Wyatt Nichols



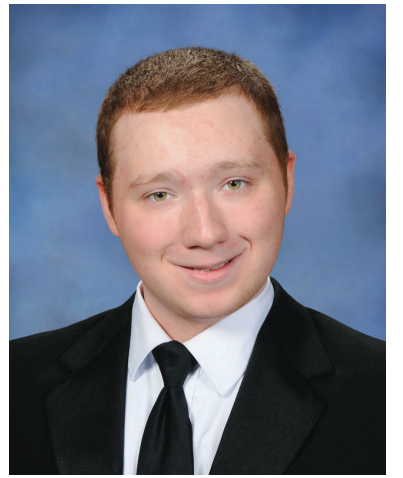
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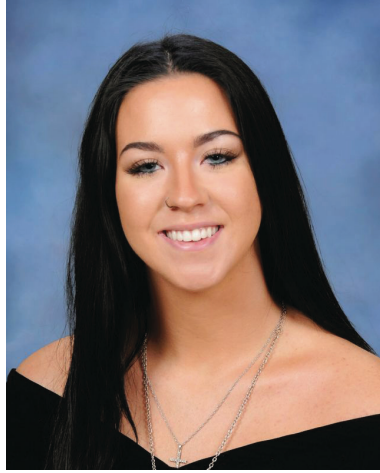
Anna Phillips



Andi Pitrucha



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Rachel Priest




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2024

Congratulations!
We are so proud of the person you have become and pray that you continue to follow the Lord in all you do.

Love you,
Dad, Mom, and Lilly



Lane Kinsey
Gatesville High School

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Madison,
Thanks for making us parents! We're proud of the young woman you've become and are excited to go along with you on the next journey.

Love, Mom & Dad



Madison Kyleigh Ayres
Gatesville High School

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2024

Natalie,
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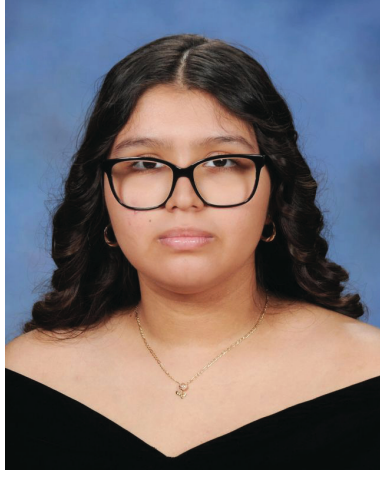
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Naomi Renteria



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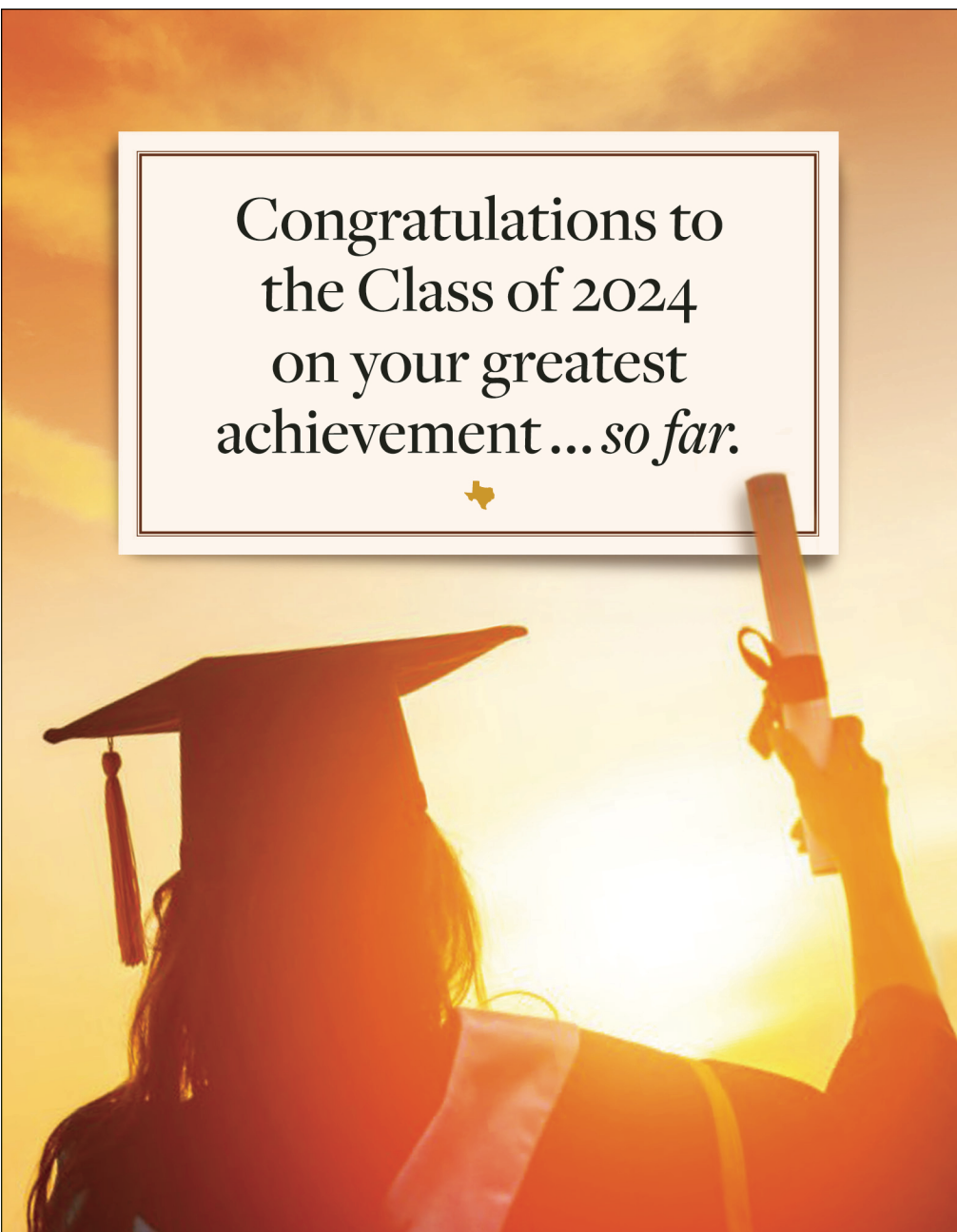
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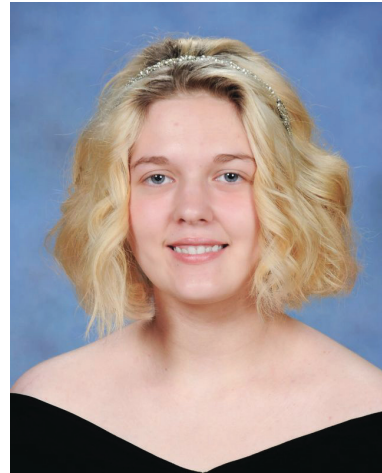
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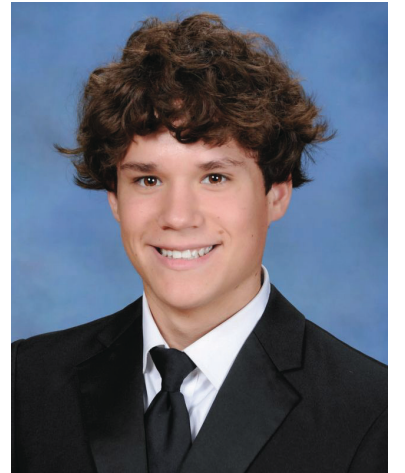
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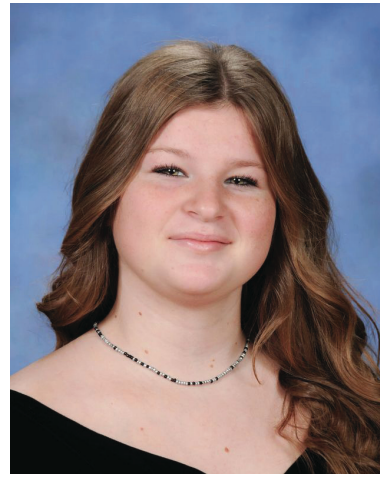
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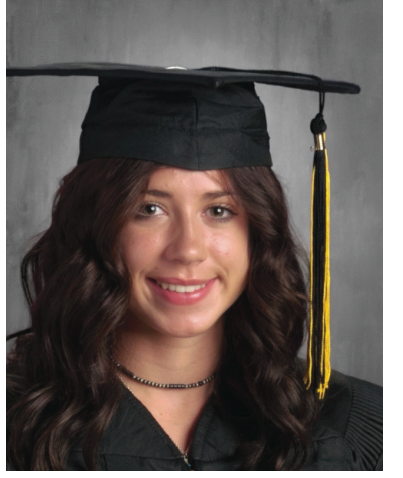
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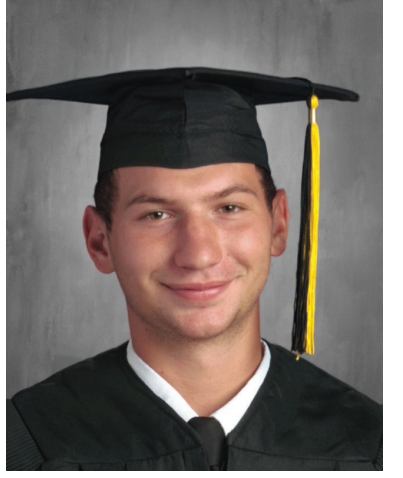
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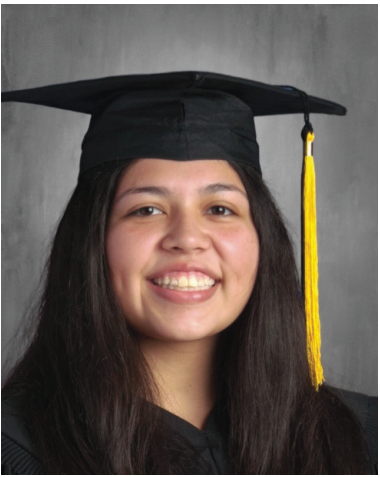
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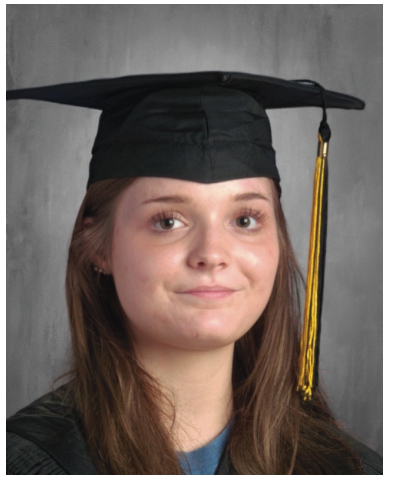
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Luke Maxwell

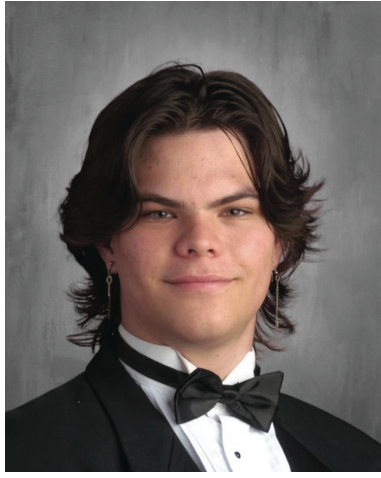
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Fatima Alanis Arellano



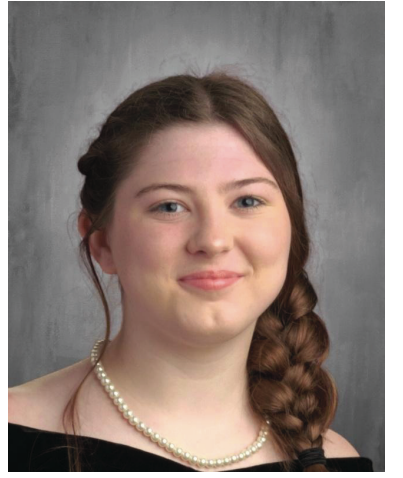
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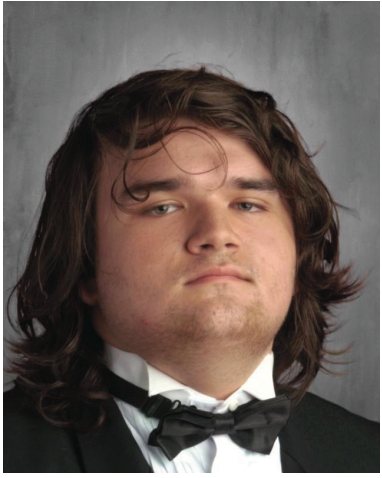
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Cason Clay Ingram



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Christian David Malone



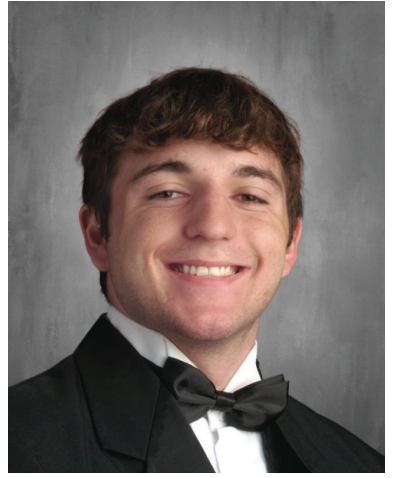
Kate Isabel McGilvray



Mileydi Santana-Sori



Kayleigh Elizabeth Vaughn



Hunter Garrett White

Fatima Arellano
 Evant High School
Parents name: Rosa Arellano
Favorite teacher: Edwards
Favorite subject: English

Keoni Edwards
 Evant High School
Parents name: Dee Dee Edwards & Anthony Edwards
Clubs: FFA Entomology, and officer; One Act Play; Student Council
Sports: Golf; Powerlifting
Favorite teacher: Bosse
Favorite subject: Anatomy & Physiology
Plans after graduation: Bar Tending at a local Rodeo Arena

Caystin Forrest

Evant High School
Parents name: Clabe & Brandie Forrest
Clubs: FFA, NHS, FCA, Student Council, UIL
Sports: Football, Basketball, Track, Golf; Academic All State
 Honorable Mention in Football and Basketball
Favorite teacher: Deborah Shuler
Favorite subject: History
Plans after graduation: Attending Tarleton University for electrical engineering.

Cason Ingram
 Evant High School
Parents name: Rocky & Jennifer Ingram
Clubs: Student Council; National Honor Society;

UIL One Act Play - District Best Performer Award, Bi-District All Star Cast; Senior Class Treasurer; Freshman Class President; FFA; Yearbook Staff - Social Media Editor
Sports: Varsity Football, 4 years, 1st Team All-District Utility Player, 1st Team Academic All-State; Varsity Basketball, 4 years, 2nd Team All-District, 1st Team Academic All-State; Track, 3 years, Area & Regional Qualifier
Favorite teacher: My mom - who is also my Superintendent
Favorite subject: Math
Plans after graduation: I will be attending Texas A&M University to major in business marketing.

I will also be sitting for the Texas Real Estate Licensing Exam this summer after completing this program of study at EHS.

Aubrey Kelley
Parents name: Chris and Heather McGilvray
School name: Evant ISD
Clubs: UIL, NHS; UT OnRamps, Dual Credit; UIL One Act Play
Sports: Tennis, Basketball
Plans after graduation: I plan to attend Tarleton State University for an elementary education degree.

Christian Malone
 Evant High School
Parents name: Crys

Malone
Sports: Football, golf
Favorite teacher: Mrs. Garland
Favorite subject: Spanish
Plans after graduation: I plan to go to TSTC in Waco for welding for a masters certificate

Kate McGilvray
 Evant High School
Parents name: Kelley Mersinger & Chris McGilvray
Clubs: National Honor Society; UIL Academics(District Champion); Gifted & Talented program; UT OnRamps and Dual Credit programs
Sports: Cross country running

Favorite teacher: Mrs. Gandy, Mrs. Garland, Mrs. Bosse, Mrs. Shuler, Mr. Newby
Favorite subject: Art
Plans after graduation: Major in psychology at Mary Hardin Baylor, minor in art, attain a master's degree in art therapy after bachelor's degree, and become an art therapist.

Kayleigh Vaughn
 Evant High School
Parents name: Rhonda Vaughn
Favorite teacher: Deborah Shuler
Plans after graduation: Gap year and then college



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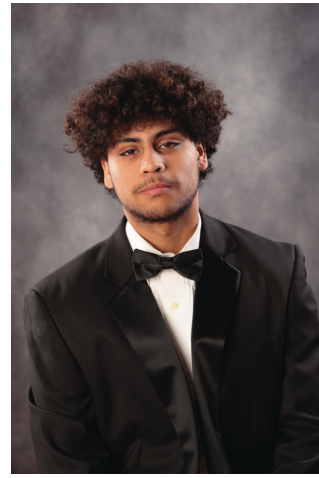
Aiden Deskins



Mattingley Dixon



Johnny Gomez III



Joel Gonzalez



Addison Hamilton



Ashton Hooker



Dylan Hooker



Cash Lee



Cash McKown



Ian Philipp

Mattingley Dixon
Oglesby High School
Parents name: Jeb and Tara Dixon
Clubs: Beta Club Member; Student Advisory Member; Mentor for the Tiger Cub Club; FCA Huddle Leader; Valedictorian
Sports: Varsity Basketball, Volleyball, Track, and Golf. - 2021 Basketball Newcomer of the year; 2022 and 2023 Basketball 1st team all district; 2024 Basketball Offensive MVP; 2022 Volleyball Co-offensive MVP; 2023 Volleyball Overall MVP; 2023 and 2024 Golf District Champion; 2023 and 2024 Golf Regional Runner-up; 2022, 2023, and 2024 Golf State Qualifier; 2021, 2022, and 2023 Area Track Qualifier; Greater Texas Ford Dealers- November 1A Female Athlete of the Month
Favorite teacher: Mr. Lowe
Favorite subject: Math
Plans after graduation: I am attending McLennan Community College to play golf. My plans are to pursue my degree in nursing and become a labor and delivery nurse, and ultimately work my way towards being a neonatal nurse practitioner.

Johnny Gomez
Oglesby High School
Parents name: Johnny and Elaine Gomez
Clubs: FFA 9 years, Vice President; Ag Mechanics 4 years, Exhibitor, Tractor Tech, Reserve grand champion Heifer at CCYF 2024, 1st place Heifer at Heart of Texas Fair; Tiger Cub Club - Mentor, 1 year
Sports: Varsity Football 4 years, Team Captain, All state Utility back, 1A state runner up team; Varsity Basketball 4 years, District , Bi-district and area champions, Team Member; Varsity Track 4 years, Regional qualifier, state alternate for the 4x100 relay, Team Member; Varsity Baseball 2 years, Team Member, District champions 2024, 1st team all district outfield 2023; Cross Country 2 years, Team Member; Golf

1 year, District runner up team, regional qualifiers, Team Member
Favorite teacher: Mrs. Fisher
Favorite subject: Ag. Mech
Plans after graduation: I will be attending TSTC to study auto mechanics. I plan to own my own auto shop in the future.

Joel Gonzalez
Oglesby High School
Parents name: Jorge and Esmeralda Gonzalez
Clubs: FFA for 1 Year
Sports: Football got first team all-state defensive end; Track
Favorite teacher: Mr Wright
Favorite subject: Science
Plans after graduation: Going to TSTC to become an electrician

Ashton Hooker
Oglesby High School
Parents name: Sheila and Roy Hooker
clubs: FFA 6 years In FFA I showed a goat this year and the past two years I participated in Ag mechanics . I built a bench last year and this year I built a gate. And my freshman year I was in horse judging. My freshman year I
Sports: Cross Country 2 years, Football 3 years, Baseball 1 year went to state in football and went to regionals in cross country.
Favorite teacher: Mrs. Johnson
Favorite subject: Ag mechanics
Plans after graduation: I plan to attend TSTC for electrical construction.

Dylan Hooker
Oglesby High School
Parents name: Roy and Sheila Hooker
Clubs: FFA Officer; Tiger cub (big brother program)
Sports: Baseball 2nd team All district Infielder; Football 2nd team All district Special teams; Football 2nd team All district Wide Receiver; Football 2nd team All district Linebacker
Favorite teacher: Mrs. Johnson
Favorite subject: Agriculture
Plans after graduation: Go to work for Brandt then attend



Charolette Ritchie

college at MCC

Cash Lee
Oglesby High School
Parents name: Brent Lee and Jennifer Beck
Clubs: FFA for 3 years
Sports: Football, all state defensive end and tight end, ran track and made it to regionals 2 out of the 3 years, played baseball and basketball.
Favorite teacher: Mr. Wright
Favorite subject: History
Plans after graduation: I plan to attend TSTC to acquire an associates degree in diesel mechanics

Ian Philipp
Oglesby High School
Parents name: Kari & Cody Philipp
Sports: Baseball, Basketball, Football
Favorite teacher: Mrs. Nichols
Favorite subject: English
Plans after graduation: Continuing my business in private party vehicle sales and working on wind turbines



Hunter Walter

Cross Country
Favorite teacher: Mr. Lowe
Favorite subject: Math
Plans after graduation: After graduating, I plan to attend Tarleton University to pursue a career in nursing. I've been interested in nursing ever since I was a little girl. It interests me because the ability to help someone or even save someone brings me ambition. I hope to reach my goals and succeed well in entering this big world.

Hunter Walter
Oglesby High School
Parents name: Mike and Julie Walter
Clubs: Tiger Club; Student Advisory
Sports: Baseball MVP pitcher; Football 2nd team all state and 1st team all district; Basketball 1st team all district; Golf State Qualifier
Favorite teacher: Mr. Wright
Favorite subject: Math
Plans after graduation: I plan to attend Schreiner University and play baseball and study something in the agriculture field.

Landon Williamson
Oglesby High School
Parents name: Larry and Alana Williamson
Clubs: National Honor Society



Landon Williamson

member 22-23, Beta Club Member 23-24, FCA Leader/ Member 22-24, Tiger Club Counselor 23-24
Sports: Football- Honorable Mention Academic All-State Team, Presidential Honor Academic Award, Academic All-District, 1st Team All District Wide Receiver, 1st Team All-District Utility Player, All-Region 1st Team Wide Receiver, All Region 1st Team Cornerback, 1st Team All-State Wide Receiver. Basketball- District 25 MVP. Track- 2x State 4x1 Qualifier 2x 4x1 Regional Champion
Favorite teacher: Coach Helms
Favorite subject: English
Plans after graduation: I plan on playing college football at UMHB and studying English.



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GHS presents 2024 valedictorian and salutatorian

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.

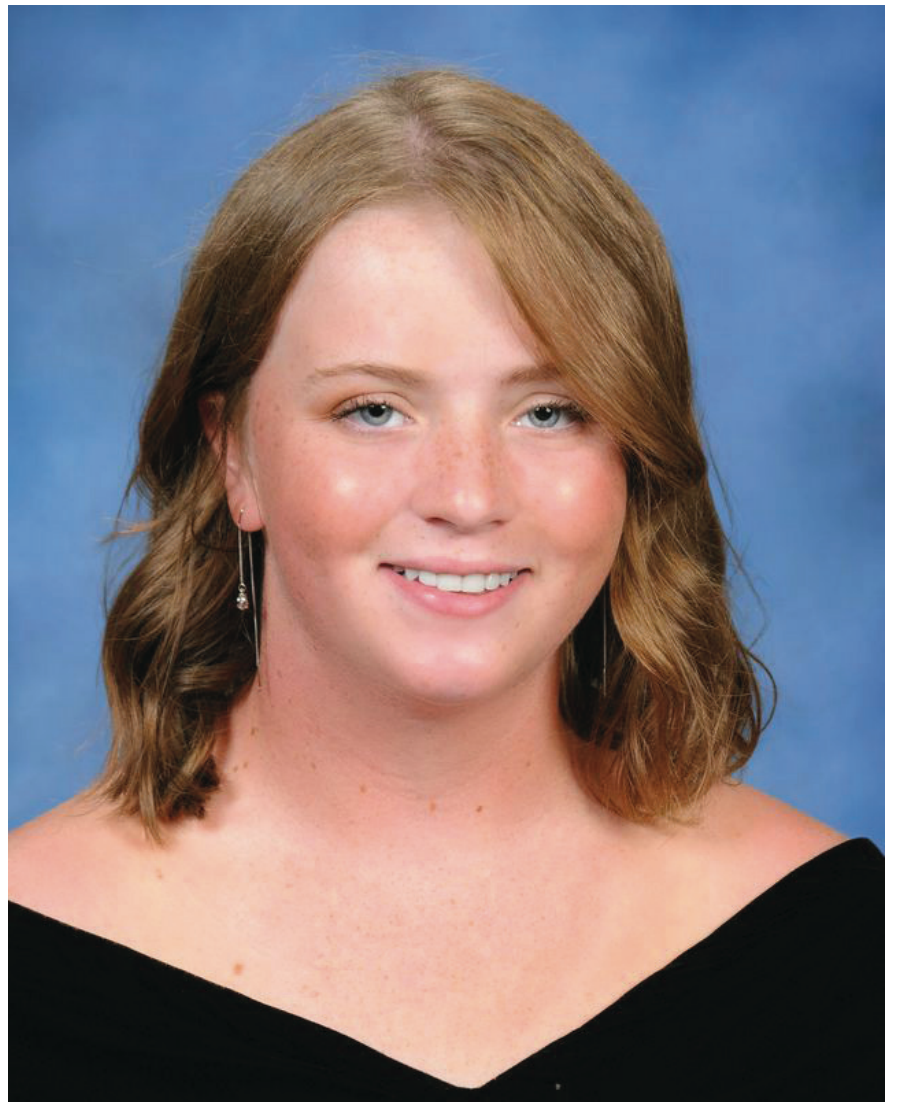
Barrett Boyd has been announced as the salutatorian for the class of 2024. She has a 4.418 GPA and is the daughter of Dusty and Jennifer Boyd and has two

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 PAL's. 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 Gatesville High School at 254-865-8281.

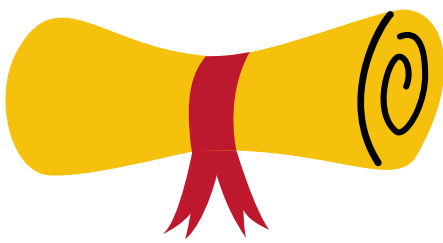


Top: Olivia Walker, Gatesville High School Valedictorian for the class of 2024.

Right: Barrett Boyd, Gatesville High School Salutatorian for the class of 2024.



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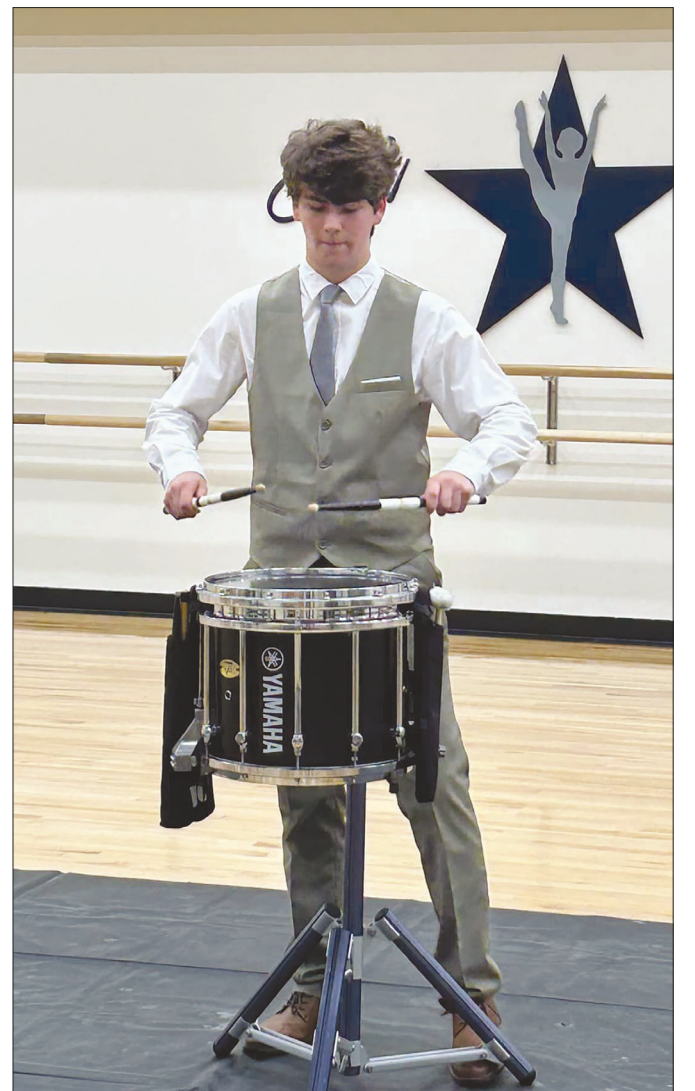
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