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EVERY MEELBUSCH | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

A commencement ceremony was held May 24 for the Gatesville High School class of 2024. Despite the usual threat of rain, the graduation ceremony was held outdoors at McKamie Stadium. Classmates are pictured during their celebratory hat toss at the conclusion of the evening.

LADY EAGLES MAKE HISTORY AS 1A STATE CHAMPIONS



COURTESY PHOTO

Jonesboro's Lady Eagles softball team made school history on Wednesday, May 29, when they captured the title of 1A State Champions. The Lady Eagles were coached by husband and wife team, Cody and Amanda LeCroy, who are first-time coaches for Jonesboro High School. The team beat Neches, 3-1, to capture the state trophy. See next week's Gatesville Messenger for more details.



Wrenches to Wheels gears up for a visit at Gatesville ISD

BY ALEX MEELBUSCH
Staff Writer

Workforce Solutions of Central Texas' program, "Wrenches to Wheels: Building Bikes and Building Skills" will visit Gatesville Independent School District on Thursday, June 6 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Wrenches to Wheels is a unique summer initiative that aims to empower sixth and seventh grade students by providing them with the opportunity to build their own bikes under the guidance of industry professionals.

This year, Workforce Solutions of Central Texas has expanded its program with new partnerships, which include United Way of Central Texas and Baylor Scott & White McLane Children's Medical Center.

The financial commitment from United Way of Central Texas will ensure that students will not only build bikes this year but will also have the opportunity to take them home as well.

Krista Easley,
Coordinator for

Trauma Injury Prevention and Outreach at Baylor Scott & White McLane Children's Medical Center said, "We are honored to partner with an initiative that meets a large spectrum of needs in the Central Texas community and focuses on a priority of Baylor Scott & White McLane Children's Medical Center - preventing unintentional childhood injury."

Throughout the process, students will develop problem-solving abilities as they overcome challenges such as attaching pedals and adjusting brakes. Additionally, students will gain mechanical skills, learn to use tools effectively, and develop a sense of independence and self-reliance through the completion of their own bicycle.

Students will be partnered with community leaders who will mentor them throughout the bike-building process, impart-

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PROUDLY WAVING FROM A NEW LOCATION



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Six volunteers from the American Legion Post 42 received permission from the Keep Gatesville Beautiful committee to place flags at the new monument located at the corner of Business Highway 36 and Highway 36 Bypass in Gatesville. In the past, the American Legion has placed flags on the courthouse lawn honoring Memorial Day, the 4th of July, and Veteran's Day. Last year, however, a new sprinkler system was placed in the courthouse lawn, and Legion members were uncomfortable with the thought of hitting one of the water lines while installing the flags. The American Legion Post 42 is very thankful that the Keep Gatesville Beautiful committee agreed to let them place the flags at the corner of a very busy intersection in Gatesville where they can be noticed.

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ing valuable skills such as mechanical aptitude, attention to detail, and problem-solving.

"In today's educational landscape, it is crucial for students to develop critical thinking, problem-solving skills, and a strong work ethic," Charley Ayres, Director of Industry and Education Partnerships said. "The 'Wrenches to Wheels' program not only provides hands-on experience, but also fosters partnerships with industry professionals, giving students valuable insights into potential career paths."

The involvement of industry leaders is a key aspect of the program's success. Workforce Solutions

of Central Texas collaborates with professionals in a field that allows students to benefit from their expertise, gain networking opportunities, and make connections within the community.

When students are finished with the bike-building phase, they will receive additional instruction on safe riding practices and the provision of bike helmets from McLane Children's Medical Center to enhance the educational aspect of the program.

There are various benefits for students when it comes to the program including hands-on bike building, problem-solving skills development, and

ownership of the bikes they construct.

To qualify for the program, students must be enrolled in sixth or seventh grade, have no more than three discipline referrals, and maintain good attendance. In addition, students participating in Federal Assistance Programs or identified as homeless, migrant, runaway, or foster children are encouraged to apply.

According to workforce-solutionsctx.com, "Building a bike not only offers a rewarding experience, but also imparts valuable lessons and skills that can benefit students in various aspects of their lives."



ALEXANDRA MEELBUSCH | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Brad Hunt (left) is pictured with Lions Club member Charles Talbott after receiving a grant in the form of HEB gift cards, which totaled \$3,000.

Texas Lions Club Foundation Grant aids local flood victims

BY ALEX MEELBUSCH
Staff Writer

This past week on Tuesday, May 28, Gatesville Lions Club members Rhonda Mohler, Joyce Talbott, and Charles Talbott presented Brad Hunt, Interim City Manager and Police Chief, with a grant in the form of HEB gift cards totaling \$3,000.

The donation is in response to the extensive flooding that struck Gatesville and Coryell County in early May, which caused widespread damage and devastation.

Lisle Meeker, Texas Lions Foundation member, contacted the local Gatesville Lions Club to encourage members to apply for the grant. Dispersal of the

funds has been facilitated by Brad Hunt.

Hunt has seen the damage and loss due to recent flooding and agreed to disperse the funds to already known local community households to assist with food, clothing, and temporary housing loss.

The local Lions Club extends its heartfelt gratitude to Temple Lion, Lisle Meeker, District Trustee for the Texas Lions Foundation for his pivotal role in initiating and facilitating the grant opportunity.

The Gatesville Lions Club meets every Wednesday at Junction 36 Restaurant at noon for lunch.

The club engages in numerous community

programs, including providing free glasses for needy children, awarding scholarships to Gatesville High School students, and offering financial support for the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville.

Additionally, the club supports Special Olympics, The Big Sting, The Cody Stephens Foundation, and encourages active participation in community projects such as the Care Center, the Senior Center, the Salvation Army, and the Boys & Girls Club.

Further details regarding the Texas Lions Foundation, is available at <https://texaslions.org/resources/texas-lions-foundation/>.



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FROM MY FRONT PORCH

Learning English as a second language seems close to impossible



BY SAM HOUSTON

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

We are fortunate to have a young woman working in our office who relocated to Texas last year from the Ukraine.

She and her family were minding their own business and living a happy life when suddenly they found themselves and their country under siege from invading Russian forces. She taught at a university and, prior to the start of the war, never considered living anywhere else but her homeland. To

make a long story short, the young woman and her family made their way to the United States, and she is now working at the newspaper. She is very smart and a good worker, but understandably has a few struggles with speaking English. Let me be clear, Oksana's

English is pretty darn good for someone who has had to totally immerse themselves in a vastly different foreign language. She is conversive and does a much better job speaking English than I would be speaking Ukrainian after such a short time. I admire that she works at her language skills and wants to be the best she can be. Oksana's language journey got me to thinking how hard I would have it if I were in a similar situation. Have you ever imagined trying to learn English as a second language? Think of the challenges:

Change can mean "to alter" or it can be the money you get back after you make a purchase.

Fall is what happens if you do not watch where you are going, or it could be a season of the year. Light can help you see

in the dark or it can make fireworks explode.

Lead means to go to the front or it is a heavy metal.

Wind is a gust of air, or it is what you do to an old clock.

A dove is a bird related to a pigeon, but dove is what you did in the pool last summer.

A minute is 60 seconds, but something minute is very tiny.

But wait, there are more issues to confuse a beginner. Then there are homophones; words that have the same sound as another but are spelled differently.

The horse trainer was hoarse from calling out commands all day.

The savings from the ads add up over time.

We could all see the ship sinking into the sea.

The crews on the cruise ship worked hard to make

sure everyone enjoyed their experience.

If that isn't enough to confuse any linguist, then there are negatives without positives:

"Inert" means lacking any chemical reactions. There is no "ert" to indicate the opposite.

"Inhibit" means to prevent or discourage from doing something. There is no "hibit."

There are a number of disgruntled people, but you will never meet a "gruntled" person.

Then there are contronyms, which are words that have two contradictory meanings such as:

Bill, a payment or an invoice for payment.

Custom, a common practice or a special treatment.

Dust, to add fine particles or to remove them.

Fast could mean either quick or stable.

Overlook is to supervise, or it can be to neglect.

Trim: to decorate or to discard something

Poor Oksana. Trying to learn all the idiosyncrasies of the English language must be a tremendous challenge. To make things worse, she has settled in Texas, so she is going to have to learn two new languages: English and Texican. I reckon y'all can appreciate anyone fixin' to accept that challenge. God bless her heart!

Thought for the day: "England and America are two countries divided by the same language." — George Bernard Shaw

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

District court construction underway

BY DAVID SCOTT
Staff Writer

At the most recent meeting of the Coryell County Commissioners Court held on Tuesday, May 28, an update on the current construction of the 440th District Court building was given by Commissioner Scott Weddle.

"I think that everyone that has driven by has seen a lot of activity on the slab over there. As of May 23, 75% of the steel has been set, and the first inspection was that Friday," Weddle said. He said that when he recently

drove by, he noticed that the masonry work has commenced, and that two-thirds of the parking lot had been done and should be completed by the end of the month.

Weddle continued to say that the fire alarm and sprinkler permits would be reviewed by Fire Chief Vaden in the near future.

The initial construction project was approved for a guaranteed maximum price (GMP) of \$8,016,114.53 in December of 2023. In late April of 2024, construction

crews poured the slab for the foundation and completed the initial electrical and plumbing lines at the construction site located along South 5th Street one block from the courthouse square.

In addition to housing the 440th District Court, the new structure will also provide offices for justice-of-the-peace courts, constables for Precincts 3 and 4, and Texas Game Wardens, in addition to other county departments.

The building plans will

also include a 120-seat district courtroom, jury box, bailiff space, and state-approved inmate holding cells, according to a previous article which appeared in The Gatesville Messenger.

Construction of the District Court building, also referred to as the Leon Street Annex, is scheduled to be completed by January 2025.

Describing the construction process, Weddle said that the county is surpassing "a lot of milestones."



DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

In recent weeks, 75% of the steel has been set during the construction of the 440th District Court Building located on South 5th Street.

Folks around town



COURTESY PHOTO

JACOB WOODS

Say hello to our neighbor, Jacob Woods!

Jacob is part-owner of J&S Pump and Well Service, which was established in April 2023. With nearly 20 years of experience, he enjoys meeting new people in the community and being able to help them with their water needs. He has resided in Gatesville for over 28 years and expressed, "I like the small-town living and having my family here."

Jacob reads The Gatesville Messenger and said, "I enjoy reading The Gatesville Messenger; it is a well-established newspaper that helps the community keep up with current events."

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

Whatever happened to ...

20 YEARS AGO (2004)

Terry Pilgrim was chosen to succeed Brett Koch as superintendent in Early.

Gatesville High School held a "Tribute to a Generation" program to honor World War I veterans.

Marsha Williams and Mary Anne Leib received the oath of office for trustee on the Gatesville Independent School District Board of Trustees.

The Coryell Museum and

Historical Center held a "bakeless" bake sale.

The First United Methodist Church of Gatesville was set to host its annual Vacation Bible School. The theme was "Lava Lava Island."

30 YEARS AGO (1994)

The 21st Shivaree returned to the Coryell Activities Complex.

Trinity Baptist Church founded the Gatesville

Christian Academy.

A memorial service was presented at Post Oak Cemetery honoring more than 100 veterans buried there.

Tranum Ford and Mercury advertised oil changes for \$17.95 apiece.

The annual Flat Homecoming celebration was set to be held at the Flat Community Church.

40 YEARS AGO (1984)

Gatesville High School set

in motion their "behind-the-wheel" Driver Education program.

Beams were erected for the Highway 36 overpass over Highway 84.

Local observers were awed by a partial eclipse.

Roger Young, of Gatesville, graduated cum laude from the School of Health-Related Professions at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, having earned a bachelor

of science degree in nurse anesthesia.

Powell Supply Company advertised 1 gallon wide-mouth jugs for \$3.99 each.

50 YEARS AGO (1974)

A miles-long western parade signaled the opening of the 1974 Jaycee Rodeo.

W.H. (Bill) Donaldson, Gatesville Lions leader, was elected deputy district governor of Region 5, Lions District 2x-3.

Big John and his Country Gold Stagecoach (an authentic western stagecoach drawn by a team of Belgian horses) was carrying passengers on rides around the city.

James W. McDonald was elected worshipful master of the Gatesville Masonic Lodge No. 197.

Powell Supply Company advertised a refrigerator/freezer for \$289.95.



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COURTESY PHOTO

Several people came out to support Gatesville resident Jessica Blanchard (seated on the far right) after her recent cancer diagnosis.

Fish fry benefit held for local woman battling cancer

BY KAYLEE DUSANG
Staff Writer

After her sister-in-law, Jessica Blanchard, was recently diagnosed with stage 4 oral cancer, Karen George knew she wanted to help.

Following her diagnosis, Blanchard underwent extensive surgery to remove the cancer from her mouth, tongue, and chin bone. George, along with other members of Blanchard's family, friends, and the Gatesville community, came together on Sunday, May 19, to hold a benefit and silent auction for Blanchard at the Texas Station Event Center.

"They are facing some expensive hospital stays, extensive surgery that

included lots of reconstruction of her tongue, floor of mouth, and chin," George said. "Their insurance is telling them all of this is out of network. Our other sister-in-law, Linda Blanchard, Jessica's daughter-in-law, Tami Blanchard, and myself, started calling people to help with a benefit, and it just grew. Friend after friend, family members, and people we didn't even know came together and helped make this a huge success."

Dozens showed up at Texas Station to support Blanchard, from close family and friends to strangers. The benefit included a fish fry, bake sale, silent auction, live auction, and live music by local musi-

cian Ed Leonard. George adds that the highlight of the benefit was the fish fry, where Blanchard's best friends came together and served over 250 plates of fish.

"I was totally blown away," Blanchard said. "It was very humbling to see this community show up for us. There were friends, along with friends of friends, who showed up for us, and some we did not know."

The money generated from the benefit will help Blanchard and her family with the costly medical expenses following her surgery, where she spent around 19 days in the hospital.

"It helped not only to pick me up personally,

cause cancer is a downer for sure, and going through a 21-hour surgery was really hard not only physically but mentally," Blanchard said.

Both Blanchard and George appreciate everyone in the Gatesville community who came out to the fish fry benefit.

"We are very thankful," Blanchard said. "Grateful for everyone's generosity in this awesome town. Thankful for those who put this together and helped with the benefit. We are very, very blessed."

"Gatesville is a wonderful community with beautiful people," George said. "We, as a family, want to thank everyone that was involved...May God bless you!"

SUDOKU

Puzzle answers from the May 25, 2024 issue.

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Puzzle by websudoku.com

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First Baptist Church of Gatesville to hold VBS

Staff Reports

First Baptist Church of Gatesville will hold Vacation Bible School Sunday, June 9 through Thursday, June 13, from 5:30-8 p.m. nightly. Thursday night will conclude the event with a family program starting at 6 p.m.

The VBS is for children in pre-k through 6th grade. A van service is available to pick up students and dinner will be provided each evening.

This year's theme is "What a Mess" and the church is encouraging children to come get messy with them as they learn how Jesus

deals with our messes and loves us regardless.

Registration is available by scanning the following QR code.

First Baptist Church is located at 912 E. Main Street in Gatesville. They can be reached by calling 254-865-2014.



Texas summer heat rising, creating potential danger for outdoor workers

BY ALEXANDRA MEELBUSCH
Staff Writer

As the hot days of summer are creeping upon us, throughout the United States thousands of outdoor workers face the potential dangers associated with overexposure to heat. Factors such as working in direct sunlight, high temperature and humidity, physical exertion, and lack of sufficient water intake can lead to heat stress.

Summertime in Texas means more outdoor and construction workers are on the roads, facing the scorching heat.

Tdi.texas.gov stated, "Five Texans died of work-related heat illnesses in 2018, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Another 270 Texas employees, nearly half of whom worked in construction or excavation, reported job-related heat ailments that required them to take time away from work."

With proper training and education, heat-related illness and death are preventable.

The following are heat-related illness prevention tips

Stay hydrated: Provide workers with enough water and encourage them to drink at least one pint every hour. Avoid liquids that can dehydrate the body, such as caffeine. Consider carrying frozen water bottles to ensure cool hydration.

Modify your work schedules: Monitor the temperature throughout the day and modify work schedules to limit strenuous activity during peak hours of heat: 11 a.m.-4

p.m. Allow for frequent rest with water breaks in shaded or air-conditioned areas. Firefighters and hazardous waste workers should remove gear and take regular cooldown breaks.

Avoid clothing that traps heat: Waterproof or impermeable clothing and wet or sweat-soaked clothing can trap heat. Avoid wearing rain-resistant or emergency protective gear longer than necessary. Layer a work shirt over an undershirt to help keep sweat and heat away from the skin. Choose lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing, if possible. Carry spare shirts to replace wet or sweaty shirts as needed.

Wear gear that cools you: Consider wearing wet neck towels, gel-filled cooling neck scarves, or cooling vests to keep body heat down. Several types of cooling vests are available.

Modify the environment: If it is impractical to air condition a hot indoor space, consider air conditioning a break room where workers can cool down. Consider portable air conditioning units to cool down individual workstations.

Modify body functions: Monitor how heat affects the body by checking the color of your urine - dark yellow means it is time to hydrate. Outside workers and those in hot quarters expect to sweat in the heat, but decreased sweating can also mean dehydration.

Slowly acclimatize new or returning workers to the heat: New or return-



ADOBE STOCK

Outdoor temperatures are heating up fast in Central Texas.

ing workers need time to adapt to working in the heat. Gradually increase workloads and allow more frequent breaks.

Know the signs of heat illness: Feeling dizzy or sluggish on a hot day can be the body's way of signaling a more serious condition.

Warm weather-related illnesses can include heat exhaustion, heat cramps, and even heatstroke.

When the body loses an excessive amount of salt and water, heat exhaustion can set in. The symptoms can include severe thirst, fatigue, headache, nausea, vomiting, and sometimes diarrhea. Other symptoms consist of profuse sweating, clammy or pale skin, dizziness, a rapid pulse, or normal to slightly elevated body temperature.

Uncontrolled heat exhaustion can evolve into heatstroke, so it is important to make sure it is treated quickly.

Heatstroke can occur when the ability to sweat fails and body temperature rises quickly. An

individual who is experiencing heat stroke will have extremely hot skin and an altered mental state, ranging from slight confusion to coma, and may even experience seizures. Releasing the body of excess heat is crucial for survival.

TIPS IF YOU OR A CO-WORKER EXPERIENCE HEAT STROKE

Move the person into a half-sitting position in the shade.

Call for emergency medical help immediately.

If humidity is below 75 percent, spray the victim with water and fan them vigorously; if humidity is above 75 percent, apply ice to neck, armpits, or groin.

Do not give aspirin or acetaminophen.

Do not give the victim anything to drink.

It takes more than just having water onsite to stay hydrated during the summer heat. Be sure to take the appropriate steps for outdoor jobs for employees to stay safe during warmer weather.

Turnersville Baptist Church presents VBS

Staff Reports

Turnersville Baptist Church will hold its Vacation Bible School on Saturday, June 29 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

This year's theme is "The Great Jungle Journey: An

Epic Cruise from Genesis to Revelation." The VBS event is for ages four years old to fifth grade.

A lunch and snacks will be provided for the youth.

For further details, contact 254-421-3974.

Gatesville Church of Christ to host VBS

Staff Reports

Gatesville Church of Christ will host their annual Vacation Bible School starting Sunday, June 2, with registration starting at 5:45 p.m. The event will run through Wednesday, June 5.

VBS is for children in pre-K through the 6th grade and

will be held 6-8 p.m. nightly.

This year's theme is "What a Mess," and activities will include skits, crafts, and great lessons.

Gatesville Church of Christ is located at 2417 E. Main and can be reached by calling 254-865-2438.

Library to host game nights through June

Staff Reports

The Gatesville Public Library will host game nights through the month of June for the youth of the community, which will include board and video games.

Game nights include

The Live it Up at the Library event will be held on Tuesday, June 11 and on Thursday, June 20 and is for the ages of 11 to 13 years old.

Teen night will be held on Thursday, June 13 and on

Thursday, June 27 and is for ages 14 to 17 years old.

T-N-T events will be for ages 11 to 17 years old. On Monday, June 17 from 1-3 p.m., youth will have the chance to volunteer at the Care Center. On Tuesday, June 25 from 5-7 p.m., there will be a video game truck located at the library.

For further details, contact the Gatesville Public Library at 254-865-5367.

The Gatesville Public Library is located at 111 North 8th Street.

PEARL NEWS

It's hard to believe it's June, other than the temperature



BY BETSY CLARK

Pearl News Correspondent

Can you believe it's June already? The temperature gauge certainly shows that it is, for all intents and purposes, summer.

But, not to worry as you can head to Pearl right now and sit in the air-conditioned auditorium at the Pearl Community Center for

some great live music. The stage show begins at 1 p.m., and there is absolutely no admission charge. The Bluegrass Kitchen is open, and

you'll love the homemade, reasonably priced fare. You'll love the Pearl Cottage Bookstore, too. It has over 6,000 books and other items, and most purchases are by donation as it is a charity house. Grab some friends and head on out to the Community Center in Pearl, Texas. There's no place like Pearl!

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. 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. Or, you can find Garrett or Chris Ray at the Community Center on Bluegrass days. Please tell your contacts at nursing homes that van loads of residents are welcome at the Pearl Bluegrass event.

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.

Future dates for Bookstore and Pearl Bluegrass days are July 6, August 3, September 14 (second Saturday due to longstanding booking for a reunion), October 5, November 2, and December 7. Mark your calendars. Kay and Corlisa will

love seeing you, so stop by, visit, and enjoy a shopping adventure.

There will be a Pearl Cemetery Meeting at 7 p.m., on June 24, at the Pearl Community Center. All are invited to attend. The Pearl Community Center Board quarterly meeting will be held July 22, with the fourth quarterly meeting being held on October 28, also at the Pearl Community Center. Both meetings of the Pearl Community Center Board will be at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to attend as well.

The Pearl Church of Christ finished their week of VBS on Friday. I will have information as to how the week went in next week's Pearl News. I think that

right now the VBS workers are probably in recovery mode, but they'll get back with me as soon as their tired bones rejuvenate. They are an absolutely outstanding group of people and appreciated more than they can ever know.

This week's Bible verses come from Romans 12:11—Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ESV

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



COURTESY PHOTO

Members of the Smith family gather for a reunion at Pearl Community Center.

Descendants of Jackson and Ester Catherine (Greer) Smith hold reunion

Submitted item

Forty-seven descendants of Jackson and Ester Catherine (Greer) Smith enjoyed fellowship and food on Saturday, May 18, at the Pearl Community Center.

Jackson Smith came to Coryell County in the 1850s and settled in the Purmela community near Cowhouse Creek.

Most of the cousins in attendance were the descendants of his son, Walter

Alexander, and Cynthia Eva (Risinger) Smith. However, a few were from the line of Jackson's brother Berry. Two of Jackson's granddaughters, Eva Edward and JaQue Smith, were also there. Sorely missed

was cousin Bill Smith from Athens, TX, who hopefully can make it to the reunion next year.

Eva Edward was the winner of the oldest in attendance at age 94. Lilah DeLong was the youngest at

age five. George, a great-grandson of Berry Smith, and Glenora Barnes traveled the most miles to attend. They drove 197 miles from Willis, TX.

Anyone interested in receiving an invitation so that

they may attend next year's gathering, please contact Glenda Manning Reid at 254-247-6558.

Tips to keep food from spoiling during a power outage

BY KAYLEE DUSANG

Staff Writer

Following severe storms last week that left thousands of Central Texans without power for several hours, a lack of lighting and air conditioning is not the only problem one encounters. Keeping food safe after the refrigerator and freezer shut off is another issue one needs to prepare for amid extreme weather.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) says perishable food should be stored at 40 degrees Fahrenheit or below to prevent harmful bacteria from forming. Taking extra precautions when the power goes out can help keep food from spoiling and reduce

the risk of foodborne illness.

Below are a few tips to know if the power goes out, according to the FDA:

- **Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed.** This will ensure the food remains cold for the maximum amount of time. Refrigerators will keep food cold for up to four hours, and freezers will keep their temperature for about 48 hours when full and around 24 hours when half full.

- **Use ice.** Dry ice, block ice, ice cubes, and frozen containers of water or gel packs can help keep the refrigerator and freezer as cold as possible.

- **Freeze refrigerated items.** Move refrigerated foods over to the fridge to extend their shelf life. Try to group foods close together in the freezer so it stays cold for longer.

- **Use a refrigerator and freezer thermometer.** Check it regularly to ensure that the refrigerator temperature is at or below 40 degrees Fahrenheit and the freezer is at or below zero degrees Fahrenheit.

- **Keep coolers on hand.** If you know the power will be out for more than four hours, transfer refrigerated food to coolers.

If a power outage is expected to occur in your area

during a severe weather event, stock your pantry with a few days' worth of ready-to-eat foods that do not require refrigeration, frozen storage, or special preparation. Additionally, know where you can get ice to help keep food cold when there is a loss of power.

Once the power returns, the FDA says food is safe to cook and can be refrozen if the freezer thermometer reads 40 degrees Fahrenheit or below or if the food still contains ice crystals. If the power was out less than four hours, refrigerated food should be safe as long as the doors had remained closed.

However, if the power remains out for several hours or even for days, certain food groups may no longer be salvageable or safe to consume. According to FoodSafety.gov, food such as meat, poultry, seafood, milk, eggs, fresh cut fruit and vegetables, certain types of cheeses, cream-based dressings, and cooked pasta and rice should be discarded if the temperature reaches above 40 degrees Fahrenheit.

If you do not have a thermometer in the freezer or refrigerator, the FDA recommends checking each food package to determine its safety - do not rely on appearance or odor.

Perishable foods that are not kept adequately refrigerated or frozen may cause food poisoning even after they are thoroughly cooked, the FDA adds.

Visit <https://www.foodsafety.gov/food-safety-charts/food-safety-during-power-outage> for a full list of food items to keep or discard during or after the power goes out.

Learn more about the FDA's food safety tips during a power outage by visiting <https://www.fda.gov/food/buy-store-serve-safe-food/food-and-water-safety-during-power-outages-and-floods#power>



Come join us for our 28th annual Fire Ant 100K Bicycle Tour sponsored by Gatesville Exchange Club

Approximately 300 bicyclists from all over Texas come to Gatesville to take part in this well-known scenic ride through the countryside. This event is a major scholarship fundraiser for the club.

CHEERING STATIONS

The community is welcome to set up "Cheering Stations" along the route and cheer on riders as they pass by. We encourage noise makers, music, clapping and cheering!

Below are the turn-by-turn directions of the route

Riders will leave the Civic Center between 7:15 to 7:45 a.m. They will turn right onto US-84 and then right onto US-36. They will take another right at FM 929. A rest stop will be at the top of the hill by the Hughes Unit. The Coryell Valley Church is an ideal location for a cheering station as the riders start heading up that steep hill, and we already have permission for folks to be there. Riders will stay on FM 929 to Coryell City Water for the next rest stop. Then left onto FM 185 and ride FM 185 to Crawford, with the next rest stop at Crawford High School. Bicyclists will then ride on into Crawford, turning left on Prairie Chapel Road. The riders will ride out to Morgan Road and turn around, stopping again at Crawford High School. They will continue on FM 185 back to FM 929, where they will have another rest stop. Then left onto FM 929 and right onto CR 265. They will follow CR 265 around to FM 929, taking FM 929 back to the Hughes Unit and taking a left at the final (same as first) rest stop on Cedar Mountain Road. They will take Cedar Mountain Road, becoming CR 274 to Old Osage Road, taking a left and then right onto Barton Lane. Then right onto US-84 and back to the Civic Center.

THE FIRE ANT WILL STOP BY AND THANK ANYONE WHO HAS A CHEERING STATION SET UP. IT WILL BE A GREAT PHOTO OP AND HE JUST MIGHT HAVE A SURPRISE!



Exchange Club to host 28th annual Fire Ant Tour

BY ALEXANDRA MEELBUSCH
Staff Writer

The Gatesville Exchange Club will hold its 28th annual 100K Fire Ant Tour on Saturday, June 8, at the Gatesville Civic Center.

Since the early bird registration has ended, the price per person to register will cost \$50. Early packet pickup will be on Friday, June 7, from 4-7 p.m. and on the morning of the race from 6:15-7 a.m. at the civic center.

Onsite registration does not guarantee a finisher medal or an event T-shirt, although, SWAG bags will be given to the participants. Each bag will contain a free pass to the local fitness center or pool to gain access to a hot shower.

The routes are comprised of 11 miles, 32 miles, 50 miles, and a 100K and will take place on paved county roads.

The start time for the 50-mile and 100K race will be at 7:15 a.m. and the start time for the 11-mile and 32-mile race will be at 7:45 a.m. There will be no late starts after 8 a.m.

Be sure to choose the route that fits you best on the morning of the race. All riders are required to wear helmets and safety gear. E-bikes are welcomed and encouraged.

Shortly after, the Fire Ant mascot will follow behind

the riders to stop by and thank anyone that has a cheering station set up.

SAG stations will be placed at 10-mile intervals along all routes. Porta potties will be available at all stations, and SAG wagons will be driving on each route throughout the race to assist when needed.

Turn by turn directions

The riders will turn right onto US 84, right onto US 36, and another right onto FM 929. At the top of the hill by the Hughes is a rest stop. The riders will then stay on FM 929 and will travel to Coryell City Water Supply for their next rest stop. Then they will take a left onto FM 185 to Crawford High School. Leaving Crawford High School, the riders will take a left on Prairie Chapel Road and ride out to Morgan Road and turn around, stopping once again at Crawford High School. Then they will continue down FM 185 back to FM 929, where they will have another rest stop. They will take a left at the rest stop onto FM 929 and then a right on CR 265. The riders will then follow CR 265 around to FM 929, taking FM 929 back to Hughes. They will arrive at their final rest stop on Cedar Mountain Road, where they will take that same road to CR 274 and then to Old

Osage Road. Finally, the riders will take a left and then a right onto Barton Lane, and then a right onto US 84, and back to the Civic Center.

This year the Exchange Club is encouraging the community to set up cheering stations along the route of the Fire Ant Tour. Coryell Valley Church is an ideal location to put together a cheering station for the riders.

Noise makers, music, etc., are all good for cheering on the riders.

"When the community has folks cheering them on, there is a camaraderie built with each other that cannot be explained," Fire Ant Tour Director Monty Van Horn said.

As of Friday, May 24, there have been over 160 people registered for the race. Last year, it was noted that there were over 328 cyclists who participated in the race.

"We have riders from all over Texas, some on the north side of Dallas/Fort Worth, east to Longview, and south to Houston and San Antonio," Van Horn said.

The weather will have a lot to do with the total number of people attending the event.

"Many will wait for the ten-day forecast before reg-



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Fire Ant Tour mascot (right) is pictured with The Gatesville Messenger's advertising sales associate Kaitlyn Smith.

istering," Van Horn said.

"Cyclists from all over come here to support the Fire Ant Tour, and one of the big things about cyclists is they like to ride for a cause," Van Horn said. "Everyone, or nearly everyone riding, knows that they are supporting an organization (Gatesville Exchange Club) that supports numerous programs in the commu-

nity."

This includes things like college scholarships, local youth groups, senior citizens care programs, and many others.

All proceeds will go toward local scholarships for Gatesville Independent School District seniors and many other community service projects.

"The Exchange Club pours

so much money into all things that we support," Van Horn said. "Without this fundraiser we couldn't provide for the community like we do."

To register for the race, visit gates.clubexpress.com.

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

TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Cows love chocolate candy



BY TUMBLEWEED SMITH

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

Damon Albus makes high quality custom hats and leather goods in Abilene. He has customers in several states and a few foreign countries.

I asked him how he got started. He told me his story.

"I was homeless, I had no money, and I was confused, scared, and naked. Then my Mama took me home from the hospital."

Obviously, Damon has a good sense of humor. He loves to tell stories about some of his experiences. "Mom and Dad were in the candy business growing up, the Tom's candy distributorship. They had that here in town. Their area covered Stamford down to Winters and over

nearly to San Angelo and Sweetwater. They put candy in convenience stores service stations, all kind of stores that sold candy. That's a bunch 'o candy. The old cheese crisps and Tom's peanuts and all that." Damon helped his parents in the candy business. "Being the youngest of three, I tended to get the jobs that were third on the list. I would shuck candy. All candy's got an expiration date on it, but that don't mean the candy ain't good anymore. So, after the

expiration date, it had to come off the shelf. All the route jobbers would gather up the stale candy, the out-of-date candy, and just dump 'em in a big ole box. Those boxes were about the size of two hatboxes. So, what you were supposed to do is take that candy and throw it away. Mom, being a recycler, didn't like the idea of throwing away the candy.

"One day, Dad got an idea, Let's take all this candy out of the wrapper and feed it to the cows. So, my job as a very young child, four, five, six years old, is I got to shuck candy.

"I had three boxes. I've got the stale candy on my left. I've got two empty boxes, one right in front of me and one to the right. You take the candy, razor blade, slit the wrapper, dump the candy in the box in the middle, and the wrapper in the third box. Before long, you got a box plumb full of candy with no wrappers.

"We would load those boxes up in the truck,

and I can remember that when we would show up, the cows would hear the pickup and see it. You didn't have no trouble callin' cows; they'd come a runnin'. Me and the brothers would get out and have to shoo them cows away. We would holler and wave our arms, anything to get 'em away from the gate just so we could get in. We'd just pour that candy out like Collin cubes, and you talk about come to eat.

"They would attack that candy like nobody's business. We'd dump out 300 pounds of candy once a week or so, and it saved on the cubes. So, we had the fattest, the best hair, the best-looking cows from anywhere around, and Dad would say it's that candy, it's what did it.

Those cows had a sweet tooth and they loved that candy."

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

BEEF & PASTA CASSEROLE

BY MARCIA STRIEBER

2 lbs. ground beef
10 oz. package egg noodles
4 tsp. salt
2 c. sour cream
2 tsp. sugar
8 oz. cream cheese
2 (16-oz.) cans diced tomatoes
12 green onions, chopped, using green part too
2 (8-oz.) cans tomato sauce
2 c. grated cheese for topping
4 lg. cloves crushed garlic
Pepper to taste



Brown meat, drain off fat, then add all seasonings. Add tomatoes, tomato sauce, and garlic. While this is cooking to blend, cook noodles in water with a little oil and drain. To the hot noodles, add sour cream, cream cheese, and onions. Mix well until all cream cheese is well-blended. Make the bottom layer of noodles, add meat sauce, and repeat, ending with meat sauce on top. Cover with grated cheese - Velveeta melts best. Bake in 350 oven for 1 hour or until it is bubbly around edges and very hot in center. Be sure to put a drip pan underneath, as this almost always bubbles over.

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OBITUARIES

Billie Young

Nov. 1, 1934 - May 28, 2024

Billie Young, age 89, passed away on Tuesday, May 28, 2024.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 30, 2024, at the Gatesville Church of Christ with Minister Deral McWhorter officiating. The family received visitors one hour prior to the service at the Church. Interment followed at Wood Cemetery.

Billie was born on Nov. 1, 1934, in Bangs, Texas, along with her twin brother, JB, to Vester and Fannie Cooper. She graduated from Jonesboro High School in 1953. On December 23, 1955, she married Harold Young, and they made their home in Houston where they were blessed by three daughters. In 1967, the family purchased Harold's family farm and moved to Pancake. Billie and Harold celebrated 50 years of marriage prior to his passing in 2006.

Billie was a homemaker while her children were young. She later began employment with the Texas Department of Corrections, working in the mail room before retiring after 14 plus years. She enjoyed quilting with the ladies at the Jonesboro Quilting Club, volunteering at the Gatesville Care Center, and also working the election voting in Jonesboro. Billie was a longtime member of



the Gatesville Church of Christ.

Billie was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Harold; and grandson, Eric Lilljedahl.

She is survived by her daughters, Karen Lilljedahl and husband, Carl, of Stephenville, Melinda Burke and husband, Tony, of Gatesville, and Carol Ann Hill and husband, Rusty, of Hewitt; brother, JB and Wife, Cathryn; sister, Mary Cooper; grandchildren, Amber, Sarah, Katy, Emily, Matthew, Marcus, Zach, Mason, and Aaron; and 18 great grandchildren.

The family wishes to thank the Coryell Welcome Program and Bluebonnet Hospice for their excellent care.

Memorials may be made to the Gatesville Care Center, Wood Cemetery or the Gatesville Church of Christ.

James Dixon

Oct. 3, 1923 - May 24, 2024

James Dixon, age 100, passed away on Friday, May 24, 2024, in Gatesville.

Celebration of Life services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, May 27, at Grace Bible Church, with the Rev. Dr. Buddy Wheat officiating. Private family interment will be held at Restland Cemetery.

James Alvis Dixon was born on Oct. 3, 1923, in the Cold Spring community of Coryell County to the late Alvis and Vida Tippit Dixon. He was the eldest of six children and attended Flat schools. At the age of 17, James was baptized into the Baptist faith by his uncle Ollie Williams. He entered the Army Air Force in 1943 and served in the European Theater. He was discharged in 1945 and returned home from the war and married the love of his life, Allene Fischer. James worked for Probil Tire Company before he and his brother Joe built a small grocery store. Later, James and his cousin Burl Watts opened Watts and Dixon Wholesale Meats where he spent 10 years. Subsequently, he opened Dixon Lumber Yard on Hwy 36 where he spent 30 years helping people build their new homes in Bell and Coryell counties. James was known for his storytelling and deep knowledge of Coryell County's history. He was always smiling and cherished his family and community.

James was a member of First Baptist Church of Gatesville for over 50 years where he served on various boards. He served as a



Trustee for the Gatesville Independent School District for nine years. Additionally, he was a 75-year member of Gatesville Masonic Lodge #197, Maples Lodge #791 A.F. & A.M., Waco Scottish Rite, and Karem Shrine.

He was preceded in death by his parents Alvis and Vida Dixon; sister, Birdie Fay Higgins; and a brother, Joe Dixon.

James is survived by his wife of 78 years, Allene Dixon; three children, Ronald Dixon and wife, Sue, Pam Ray and husband, Hap, Kim Dahl and husband, Kenneth; brother, Jackie Dixon and wife, Jeanette; sister, Patsy Palmer; grandchildren, Julie Dixon, Haley Laskowski and husband, Brad, Cliff Ray and wife, Carrie, Greg Ray, Mitch Dahl, Miles Dahl and wife, Natasha, along with nine precious great-grandchildren. James will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

In lieu of flowers, memorials have been designated to Coryell Health, 1507 West Main Street, Gatesville, TX 76528.

William "Bill" Herridge

Dec. 8, 1946 - May 16, 2024

William Sidney Herridge (Bill), age 77, passed away at his lake home at Lake Leon, Eastland, Texas on May 16, 2024.

Bill was born Dec. 8, 1946, in Eastland, Texas, the son of Bert and Marian (Robertson) Herridge and grandson of Sidney (Altman) Robertson, all who preceded him in death. He graduated from Eastland High School in 1965 and Texas A & M University in 1974.

He joined the Air Force in 1966 serving in Vietnam, flying 25 combat missions as a B-52 tail gunner over North Vietnam. He later joined the Army Reserve and retired in 2011 as a Major.

Bill was a member of Gatesville Masonic Lodge No 197 and Robert Burns Lodge No 127, Karem & Ben Hur Shrine Temples, Scottish Rite, 32d Degree Knights Cross of the Court of Honor, and York Rite. He was the piper for Scottish Rite Temple, Waco Consistory and Robert Burns Lodge.

He married Diane Drake July 29, 1966, who preceded him in death in 2020. They had two children, Jeffrey Herridge and Janna Herridge Morgan, and a grandson, Evan Herridge. Most of their married life was spent in Gatesville where Bill was a State Farm Agent for over 40 years. He was also very active in many civic activities in Gatesville. Bill's sense of adventure and his duties in the Army Reserve took him all over Europe and beyond, many of those trips accompanied by his family.

Bill had many hobbies, loved to work on vintage cars, and was an accomplished musician. There weren't many musical instruments he hadn't mastered, but he especially loved the bagpipes, which he taught himself to play. At one time he was the official piper for Fort Hood and played for many memorial services at Fort Hood and for many of his friends and lodge brothers.



He also had the honor of piping for his Clan Chief (the Robertson Clan) twice, one of which was at the Edinburgh Tattoo when his clan was the honor clan.

Bill married his current wife, Donna Ford Hunt, on Jan. 1, 2021, in Eastland. They continued to travel as often as possible until Bill's health became an issue. Donna continued to be his constant companion and caregiver until his death.

Bill is survived by his wife, Donna Herridge; children, Jeffrey (Kristi) Herridge and Janna (Kevin) Morgan; grandson, Evan Herridge; stepchildren, Jeffrey (Melinda) Lutz, Michelle Stringer, and Tara (Dirk) Lindsey as well as step-grandchildren and great grandchildren. He is also survived by his siblings, David (Donna) Herridge, Jim (Kay) Herridge, Rusty (Marsha) Herridge, Sharron Collier, and Terresa (Nick) Fagan; special sister-in-law, Sherry Jo Loeb; as well many nieces, nephews, and other family members and friends.

A memorial service will be held July 13, at the Presbyterian Church of Gatesville. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make donations to a Shriner Hospital, Presbyterian Church of Gatesville, or a charity of your choice.

A special thanks to the nurses and therapists with Enhabit Home Health and Hospice, his caregivers with Visiting Angels and the first responders with Eastland Memorial Hospital EMS.

Jo Carol Freeman Ivey

April 2, 1948 - April 29, 2024

Jo Carol Freeman Ivey, 76, of Grove, Oklahoma, passed away on April 29, 2024, after a long, brave battle with COPD.

Jo Carol was born on April 2, 1948, to Tom and Uneva Chafin Freeman in Gatesville, TX. She graduated from Gatesville High School in 1966.

The following is from her high school senior yearbook: CHARTER MEMBER: Band '63-66; Majorette '64-66; Reporter '66; Sweetheart Nominee '66; Commissioned Officer '66; Solo and Ensemble Contest '65; Band Follies '63-66; First Place Twirling Ensembles '64-66; Spanish Club '64-65; Secretary '65; Pepiteers '63; Latin Club '63; Junior Classical League '63; FHA '64; FTA '65-66; Interscholastic League Regional Typing Contest '65; Crescent Staff '65-66; Who's Who '66.

Jo Carol and Joe Miles (Levita, TX) were married in June 1966. Their son, Michael Joe Miles, was born in August of 1968 in Houston, TX.

Jo Carol and Pete Ivey married in April of 1972. They were married until Pete died in 2020.

Jo Carol worked at the prestigious Tulsa law firm of Boone Smith in Tulsa from 1987 until 2000 as a legal secretary/executive assistant to senior partner Reuben Davis. She supported Mr. Davis in his legal profession and his work with the Boy Scouts of America, Indian Nation Council, and the Tulsa County Sheriff's Office. Her colleagues highly respected her, and she made lifelong friends while working at Boone Smith.



After leaving Boone Smith, she and her late husband, Pete Ivey, moved to Grand Lake, where she continued her career by working for the Delaware County Court Clerk in Jay, Oklahoma. Jo Carol began working at the Delaware County Courthouse in 2000 as a 2nd Deputy, but was quickly moved to 1st Deputy shortly after starting. Her duties were acting as payroll clerk and employee insurance coordinator. Like her years in Tulsa, Jo Carol was blessed to have made many dear friends in Jay and Grove, Oklahoma.

Jo Carol was predeceased by her parents, Tom and Uneva, and her husband, Pete.

She is survived by her son, Michael, her daughter-in-law, Christina Miles, and her two granddaughters, Davy and Presley Miles, whom she adored and constantly bragged about.

Jo Carol loved staying in contact with all of her Texas family and friends, as well as her Tulsa and Grove friends. Though COPD kept her from traveling, she cherished her connections with her friends and family.

Meals on Wheels in need of drivers

BY ALEXANDRA MEELBUSCH
Staff Writer

The Senior Center encompasses many different programs, one of which is Meals on Wheels.

The program is federally funded and is specifically designed for elderly folks who are homebound or who are unable to prepare a meal for themselves.

Volunteers are needed to deliver nutritious meals to seniors in the community, which allows them to remain living in their own homes. This typically involves meal delivery, a friendly visit, or a quick safety check.

Meals on Wheels is conducted five days a week, Monday through Friday, and takes around 30 minutes to an hour to complete, depending on the route taken. There are four different routes in Gates-

ville, and each Wednesday a route to Hamilton is taken.

Anywhere from 10 to 14 clients are seen each day per route, and around 250 to 300 meals are prepared.

Senior Center Director Pam Rudolph said, "Volunteering for Meals on Wheels is very important because the purpose is to deliver meals to seniors who are shut in, cannot drive or leave their home, as well as giving our clients a sense of purpose."

There is not a set schedule to volunteer, and drivers must provide their own vehicle.

For more information, contact Senior Center Director Pam Rudolph at 254-865-8234.

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We wish to take this time to thank all who supported us during Butch's stay at Hillcrest and upon his death. We are overwhelmed with the outpouring of love through prayers, cards, visits, flowers, and encouraging words.

Thank you, Tim and Sam Crosby, for your beautiful service, for the Trinity ladies who prepared a wonderful lunch, and the Living Stones Sunday School class.

We also acknowledge Scott's Funeral Home for answering questions and carrying out our wishes.

We will never forget the love and kindness shown to us during this difficult time.

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 Jon Crosby, Pastor; 8120 FM 182, Gatesville; Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday worship 11 a.m., Wednesday night Bible study, 6 p.m.
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 Pastor: Malachi Houser; 1102 W. Main St., Gatesville; Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday worship 11 a.m.
WHITE HALL BAPTIST
 Mike Barron, pastor; 2040 CR 238, Gatesville; Sunday school 10 a.m.; Sunday worship 11 a.m.; 254-679-3200.
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 Bruce Cox, pastor; Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday worship 11 a.m.; 642 CR 320; mailing address: P.O. Box 103, Mound, TX 76558.
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 Bruce Cox, pastor; Sunday worship 9 a.m., Sunday school 9:30 a.m. Men's breakfast every third Saturday at 8 a.m. Inside: 3075 FM 931, outside: 2000 CR 321. Mailing address: P.O. Box 103, Mound, TX 76558.

worship 10:30 a.m.
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 Justin Hall, minister; 2417 E. Main, Gatesville; Sunday Bible class 9:30 a.m., Sunday service 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday Bible classes 6:30 p.m.
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 338 State School Rd., Gatesville; Sunday worship 11 a.m.
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 David Reedy, International Interim Pastor; 922 Lutheran Church Rd., Copperas Cove; Sunday Bible Study 9:15 a.m.; Sunday worship 10:30 a.m.
ST. JOHN LUTHERAN
 Rev. Christopher Richman, PhD; 10801 FM 929, Coryell City; Sunday worship 9 a.m., Sunday School 10:15 a.m.
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 Rev. John Heckmann, pastor; Hwy. 36 & FM 1114, The Grove; Sunday School 9 a.m., Sunday worship 10:15 a.m.
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Local fire department assists Houston area impacted by storm

BY KAYLEE DUSANG
Staff Writer

After a devastating storm that hit the Houston area on May 16 left hundreds of homes and businesses damaged and caused at least seven deaths, the Turnersville Volunteer Fire

Department set out to help those in need. Turnersville firefighters traveled to impacted areas in Houston on Friday, May 18, along with other fire departments from across Texas. For five days, members of the Turnersville

Fire Department went out in 18-wheelers full of ice and water to distribute to residents who were without water and electricity. They returned to Gatesville on Friday, May 24.

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED FOR MORRIS FEDERATION 2024-2026 TERM



New officers were recently elected for the Morris Federation. Pictured left to right: Velva Riddle, President; Marsha Lee, Vice-President; Marcelle Parrish-Russell, Historian; and Helen Munday, Reporter. Not pictured: Sue Vernon, Treasurer/Parliamentarian; and Yvonne Dutschmann, Secretary.

MOUND NEWS

School is over; time for VBS



BY BARBARA HOPSON
Mound News Correspondent

Mound Cowboy Church and White Mound Baptist Church are having their annual VBS Sunday June 9 through June 13, from 6-8: 30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. each evening.

Parents Night is June 13. This year's theme is Barrier Rock Beach. Everyone aged 3 years through 6th grade are welcome to come and enjoy the fellowship.

Kinsley McPherson was honored on her 17th birthday with a trip to New Braunfels, given by her parents, Mark and Kelli McPherson. Those who attended were her family and friends.

Mound community has two new seniors from the GHS class of 25, Miss Katie Sue Hopson and Mr. Charles Robert Belt. We are so very proud of you both to finally make it to be seniors for the 2024-25

school year in August.

Congratulations to Mr. Thomas Allen Belt, who graduated from GJHS as a freshman in GHS for the 2024-25 school year in August. He attended his first-year freshman orientation by the student council.

Congratulations to Dani Jo Angelica Wood, who has graduated from the Gatesville Elementary School as a fourth grader at the Gatesville Intermediate School for the 2024-25 school year in August.

Congratulations to Miss Olivia Lois Long, who has graduated from the Gatesville Primary School from Kindergarten as a first

grader at the Gatesville Elementary School year in August.

Several people of Mound attended the GHS class of 2024 graduation commencement Friday evening in Gatesville at McKamie Stadium.

Several people of Mound attended a funeral service for Mrs. Janeva Ann Landua Friday afternoon in Gatesville at Live Oak Baptist Church.

Mr. Alan McCorkle of Buda visited Mound over the Memorial Day weekend.

Zach, Amanda, and Olivia Long attended the Gospel Bluegrass Festival at Salmon Lake Park this past weekend in Grapeland. Olivia said her favorite part of the trip was the wreath making, and Zach enjoyed the jam sessions, playing his guitar.

Matti Dixon, a graduate from Oglesby High, was honored Sunday afternoon with a graduation party.

She was valedictorian of the Class of 2024. Hostesses were Leisha Martin, Sue Jones, Holly Jones, Carol Jones, Judy Cullar, Peggy Vaden, and Linda Blanchard.

Neil and Christy Helms came Monday for Memorial Day and had lunch. Minnie Wright and Bettie Blakley visited on Sunday.

The DISPATCH

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of May 22 - May 28. 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 22
11:29 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2200 block of E. Main Street.

4:18 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 1200 block of E. Main Street.

5:53 p.m., harassment was reported in the 400 block of N. 16th Street.
8:06 p.m., a theft was reported in the 200 block of N. 8th Street.

May 23
10:01 a.m., a utility cable/pole down was reported in the 100 block of Elm Street.
5:14 p.m., a theft was reported in the 200 block of Old Osage Road.

6:54 p.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 1200 block of E. Main Street.
8:18 p.m., a theft was reported in the 3500 block of Canyon Crossing Drive.

May 24
3:36 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1200 block of College Street.

4:26 p.m., a theft was reported in the 2800 block of S. State Highway 36.
8:52 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 14,000 block of E. Highway 84.

9:47 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 500 block of Bridge Street.

May 25
2:27 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 200 block of Carroll Drive.

9:07 a.m., wanted/stolen property was reported in the 2200 block of Bridge Street.

1:39 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 200 block of Old Osage Road.

10:23 p.m., a burglary was reported in the 100 block of N. Lovers Lane.

May 26
4:11 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1300 block of N. State

Highway 36 Bypass.
9:25 a.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 100 block of N. 6th Street.

11:14 a.m., a vehicle fire was reported in the 100 block of Homestead.
4:26 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 700 block of E. Leon Street.

May 27
7:41 a.m., a disturbance was reported in the 2600 block of Mears Drive.

12:45 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 1000 block of W. Main Street.

4:37 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 2000 block of E. Main Street.
7:26 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 700 block of S. Lovers Lane.

May 28
7:59 a.m., a theft was reported in the 300 block of State School Road.

9:52 a.m., a utility cable/pole down was reported in

the 4300 block of FM 930.
4:43 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 700 block of S. Lovers Lane.
5:13 p.m., a fight was reported in the 400 block of S. 8th Street.

CORYELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

May 22
5:19 p.m., a fight in progress was reported on FM 580.

5:35 p.m., trees in the roadway were reported on FM 183 and Coryell Creek.

6:25 p.m., a flooding problem was reported in the 11,400 block of FM 116.

7:15 p.m., property damaged was reported in the 1600 block of S. Highway 36.

May 23
5:30 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported on W. Highway 84 and County Road 130.

10:05 a.m., a threat was reported in the 4200 block of County Road 107.

3:02 p.m., suspicious persons were reported in the 100 block of Herb Road.

4:04 p.m., a neighbor dispute was reported in the 700 block of Lawson Lane.

May 24
10:01 a.m., stolen property was reported in the 5000 block of FM 116.

10:31 a.m., a neighbor dispute was reported in the 100 block of Fowler Street.

10:45 a.m., trespassing was reported in the 700 block of Lawson Lane.

8:53 p.m., suspicious persons were reported in the 14000 block of E. Highway 84.

May 25
10:10 a.m., a minor accident was reported at S. Highway 36 and County Road 320.

10:37 a.m., a telephone pole down was reported at

FM 1829 and County Road 320.

11:31 a.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 500 block of Sparks Drive.

8:07 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 14,000 block of W. Highway 84.

May 26
12:36 a.m., suspicious activity was reported on Dodds Creek on FM 2412.

8:22 a.m., an electric pole down was reported in the 11,000 block of FM 116.

11:15 a.m., a vehicle fire was reported on Cedar Mountain Road and Homestead.

9:13 p.m., suspicious activity was reported on County Road 174 at Plum Creek.

May 27
12:49 a.m., an attempted burglary was reported in the 2700 block of Sikes Drive.

4:51 a.m., suspicious

persons were reported in the 1000 block of Cedar Mountain Road.

11:28 a.m., a scam was reported in the 900 block of Perryman Creek Road.

5:51 p.m., suspicious persons were reported in the 200 block of Harrell Drive.

May 28
8:58 a.m., a neighbor dispute was reported in the 5200 block of FM 1829.

8:06 p.m., trees in the roadway were reported at Robert Street and Jerry Street.

10:13 p.m., trees in the roadway were reported in the 1700 block of FM 930.

10:25 p.m., a vehicle fire was reported at Highway 190 and Highway 9.

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099 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

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

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

No. 23-10867

IN THE ESTATE OF JOSEPH EDWARD LORD, DECEASED

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given on August 18, 2023, Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of Joseph Edward Lord, Deceased, were granted to the Independent Executor, Evelyn Elaine Lord, by the Honorable Judge in the County Court of Coryell County, Texas, in Cause No. 23-10867, pending upon the Docket of said Court.

All persons having claim against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time prescribed by law to his attorney of record, Angelica L. Farinacci, at the post office address for the said Independent Executor of the Estate being as shown below:

Estate of Joseph Edward Lord, Deceased
Ford + Bergner LLP
c/o Angelica L. Farinacci
901 Main Street, Suite 3300,
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Attorneys for Independent Executor,
Evelyn Elaine Lord 00030810

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Richard Allen Stone, Deceased, were issued on May 20, 2024 in Cause No. 24-10953 pending in the County Court at Law; Coryell County, Texas, to: Chong Yol Stone. All persons having claims against this Estate which is being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and manner prescribed by law: Chong Yol Stone c/o Ted Smith Law Group, PLLC, 660 W. FM 2410 Harker Heights, TX 76548 DATED THE 21st day of May 2024, Ted Smith, State Bar No. 18753800. 00030811

099 PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice to Creditors

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Sharon Elaine Smith, Deceased were issued on or about May 22, 2024, under Docket No. 24-11001 pending in the County Court at Law of Coryell County, Texas, to Sandra Solimine.

Claims may be presented in care of the attorney to the estate, addresses as follows:

Sandra Solimine
Estate of Sharon Elaine Smith, Deceased
c/o Jana K. McCown, Attorney
4500 Williams Drive, Suite 212-224
Georgetown, Texas 78633

All persons having claims against this estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Dated the 22nd of May, 2024
Jana K. McCown
Attorney for Applicant

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Bid Notice

The City of Evant is accepting sealed bids from qualified contractors for a road bore on West US highway 84, Evant, Texas. Sealed bids will be accepted at Evant City Hall, 598 East Highway 84, Evant, Texas, until 1:00 p.m. on Monday, June 17, 2024, and the bids will be opened at 3:00 p.m., at Evant City Hall, 598 East Highway 84, Evant Texas. Bids received late or incomplete will not be considered. Documents are on file for review at the above location. For more information, please contact Mayor Charles Weeks at 325-370-1500 or Evant City Hall at 254-471-3135. 00030833

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary to the Estate of Thomas J. Longfellow, Deceased, were issued on 3-4-2024, in Cause No. 24-10946, pending in the County Court-at-Law of Coryell County, Texas, to: Jennifer Lynn Kuhn.

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 Mistic
Attorney at Law
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Copperas Cove, TX 76522
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Facsimile: 9254) 547-4157
E-mail: doriraymistic@hotmail.com

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Betty Louise Mosher, Deceased, were issued on 4-30-24, in Cause No. 24-10962, pending in the County Court-at-Law of Coryell County, Texas, to: Ella Elizabeth Metzger.

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 Mistic
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099 PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City Council of the City of Gatesville, in a Special Meeting held on May 28, 2024 did pass and approve on the third an final readings of the following ordinances.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2024-02:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GATESVILLE, TEXAS AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GATESVILLE, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED, BY AMENDING TABLE IV: UNIFORM HEIGHT AND AREA REGULATIONS, BY AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF SECTION 11 "ZONING DISTRICT DESCRIPTIONS" TO CLARIFY THE APPLICABILITY OF TABLE IV, AND BY AMENDING SECTION 14-7 "CONFLICTS BETWEEN TABLES AND CODE TEXT"; THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PENALTY OF FINE NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF TWO THOUSAND (\$2,000.00) DOLLARS FOR EACH OFFENSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2024-03:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GATESVILLE, TEXAS, AMENDING THE GATESVILLE CODE OF ORDINANCES, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED, IN REGARD TO MOBILE, MANUFACTURED, AND MODULAR HOMES; PROVIDING A CONFLICTS RESOLUTION CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; TO EXCEED THE SUM OF TWO THOUSAND (\$2,000.00) DOLLARS FOR EACH OFFENSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2024-04:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GATESVILLE, TEXAS, AMENDING THE GATESVILLE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 56 "UTILITIES", ARTICLES I, "IN GENERAL" BY AMENDING AND RENAMING SECTION 56-6 THEREOF; PROVIDING A CONFLICTS RESOLUTION CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PENALTY OF FINE NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF FIVE HUNDRED (\$500.00) DOLLARS FOR EACH OFFENSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. THIS ORDINANCE IS IN REGARDS TO EXTENSION OF UTILITIES OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS.

Complete texts of these ordinances are available for inspection, during regular business hours, at City Hall 803 E. Main Street.

Wendy Cole, City Secretary
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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS CORYELL COUNTY

The County of Coryell is soliciting proposals for pre-award and post-award grant management services. Services will include the preparation of a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) application(s) and the management of the grant and project(s) if funded by FEMA through the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM). Please electronically submit your proposal and a statement of qualifications for the proposed services in .pdf format via email to brandon.belt@coryellcountytx.gov. Proposals must be received by the County no later than 11:00 a.m. on June 18, 2024, to be considered. The County reserves the right to negotiate with any and all individuals or firms that submit proposals and may award one or more contracts to one or more service provider(s). Section 3 residents and Business Concerns, Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises, and Labor Surplus Area firms are encouraged to submit proposals. The County of Coryell is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. 00030837

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NOTICE OF CALL FOR BIDS

LISTING BROKER FOR SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

The objective in issuing this Notice of Call for Bids is to solicit bids from qualified Brokers for the listing of certain designated real property owned by the County for sale, such property located in Coryell County, as fully described in the Notice of Call for Bids. BID START DATE: May 14, 2024

BID CLOSING DATE: June 18, 2024

BID SELECTION: June 25, 2024, at Commissioners' Court Session

All qualified Brokers interested in providing bids for the listing for sale of real property detailed herein, should respond with a written proposal to the County. Final selection will be made in accordance with the policies and administrative directive of the County and other statutory provisions. Responses must be received by 11:00 a.m. on June 18, 2024, to Coryell County, Office of the County Attorney, 210 S. 7th St., Gatesville, TX 76528, after which time and date they will no longer be accepted. Late responses will be returned and will not be considered. Responses may be mailed or delivered in person. The complete bid documents are available on the Coryell County website at www.coryellcounty.org or in the Office of the County Attorney. Telephone number is (254) 865-3180. Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code 263.008, titled Broker Agreements and Fees for the Sale of Real Property, the County can contract with a Broker licensed under Chapter 1101, Occupations Code to sell or lease a tract of real property that is owned by the county. The commissioners court of a county may pay a fee if a broker produces a ready, willing, and able buyer who is produced by any broker using the multiple-listing service and who submits the highest cash offer, without being required to conduct a public auction, or comply with other competitive bidding requirements, including those set out in Texas Local Government Code 263.001. 00030802

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c/o: Dori Ray Mistic
Attorney at Law
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DATED the 23 day of May, 2024.
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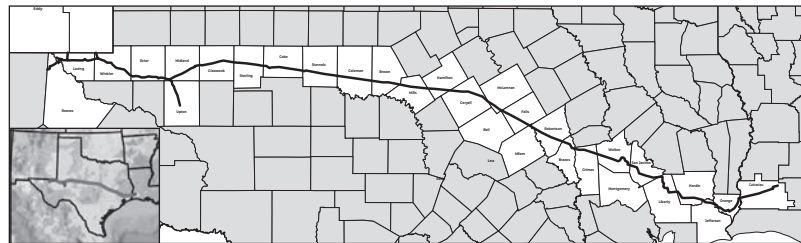
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Remembering Uncle Bob

BY DAVID SCOTT
Staff Writer

Robert Lee "Uncle Bob" Saunders was an early-day resident of Gatesville and the son of one of Gatesville's early business pioneers. Born in 1880 in Gatesville, Uncle Bob had many memories and stories from his childhood which, later in life, he put in writing during the 1940s and 1950s for The Gatesville Messenger in a weekly column titled "Down Memory Lane."

According to John Frank Post, editor of the Gatesville Messenger from 1946-1978, "Mr. Saunders composed his Down Memory Lane columns from his West Main Street home in the shadow of the county courthouse dome. Deadline time would find him hunched square-shouldered over his small desk pecking away at his typewriter." Post continued, "disdaining the rules of grammar and political correctness, he wrote like he talked - straight and plain-speaking. He was spared any tedious research, as his gifted memory supplied him with facts that he could weave into his own inimitable embroidery, using colorful anecdotes, local history, and happenings. Yes, Uncle Bob knew how to juice up a story."

Post recalled that the "Down Memory Lane" column was a hit with the readers of the newspaper from the beginning. Post said that Uncle Bob's close friends felt he viewed his

writing as a "gift to his generation and a legacy to generations to come."

The following is an excerpt of Uncle Bob's Down Memory Lane column that appeared in the Sept. 17, 1948, edition of The Gatesville Messenger:

Gatesville's Saloons Were Voted Out Back in 1905

I have writ about lots of subjects, but I ain't never wrote nothing about the likker [liquor] stores here in old Gatesville. They called them saloons, which is just a fancy name for bar-room or grog shop, and right here I want to tell you young buttons that we ain't had any of these kind of stores in Gatesville for more than 40 years. And we won't never have them again for the large majority of the folks (and I am one of them) don't believe in open bar-rooms anymore.

It has been agin the law to sell hard likker, beer, or wine in Gatesville since the year of 1905, and lots of folks have forgotten where our saloons were located when the law went into effect and the sale was prohibited. I guess the best known saloon in the town was where Ed Flentge's drug store was located. It was known as the Rosebud Saloon and was owned and operated by Bud Bateman. Then there was the old Ruby Saloon.

When prohibition went into effect, we only had four saloons in the town,

where as when the Cotton Belt Railroad built into Gatesville in 1882 we had nine saloons scattered all over the business district, although most of them were on Rat Row, so you can see that from the boom days of the town in 1882 to the turn of the century the saloon businesses in Gatesville had been on the decline.

I don't know who operated the first bar-room in Gatesville. I have heard the old timers talk about the Sunny South Saloon - it might have been the first one. Of course, R.G. Grant started the sale of likker in Coryell County, as had had his still house on the bluff from the town proper, and that's where the branch got the name of Still House Branch. I don't think R.G. Grant was ever in the exclusive saloon business, although he had a barrel of whiskey in his store and would sell you a jug of that white lightnin' corn likker along with the other wares he had to sell in the first store in the town of Gatesville.

In the year 1857, when my pap rode into Gatesville, there seemed to have been a regular bar-room for he invited George Haley, the sheriff, and the Hammack boys in to have a drink with him. That saloon could have been the Sunny South, as I am to understand it was located over on the southeast corner of the square.

Saloon days were not happy days, and we wouldn't want them back again. Lots of tragic things happened in the saloons of Gatesville.

Many amusing things happened in and around the saloons, in the wintertime especially. They always had a good hot fire and you could buy a drink and sweat around the stove and listen to tall stories that were told there. You were free and easy, and that was main reason the young men gathered there. There wasn't any other place to hang out, as we had no picture shows to go to, just an occasional show at the Opera House.

The saloon men [keepers] of old Gatesville, taking them as a class, were a purty good bunch of men - honest, bighearted, and charitable to their fellow men. I knew lots of them and liked them. If it was a sin to sell whiskey, they were at least honest sinners and not saintly hypocrites.

The complete article about saloons written by Uncle Bob can be found in the Sept. 17, 1948, edition of The Gatesville Messenger. In 1997, the writings of Uncle Bob Saunders were compiled into a book titled Down Memory Lane with Uncle Bob. The book can be purchased in the gift shop of the Coryell Museum and Historical Center in Gatesville.

Empowering Older Adults in the Fight Against Elder Abuse

BY EUGENE HSU, MD, MBA

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, observed on June 15, signifies our collective struggle against the mistreatment of older adults. Elder abuse is not only an individual problem; it's also a community and societal issue that reminds us to promote respect and dignity for older adults.

Elder abuse refers to intentional or neglectful acts by a caregiver or a trusted individual that cause harm to an older adult. It can come in the form of physical, emotional neglect, and financial mistreatment - the latter being the most prevalent and easily executed through scams or fraud targeted at older adults. It's a critical public health issue that can cause significant physical and psychological harm to older adults. A significant step toward preventing this abuse is equipping older adults and their caregivers with knowledge and resources to help prevent abuse.

The National Council on Aging estimates that approximately five million older adults are abused every year in the United States. This figure is both alarming and disheartening, considering it is said that only one in 14 cases is reported. Research findings estimate that older victims of financial fraud lose roughly \$30 billion a year.

For older adults, defending against such abuse begins with awareness. Identifying potential frauds and cons such as lottery scams, identity theft, or email phishing schemes is crucial. Older people should be wary of unsolicited calls and emails, particularly those requesting personal information, money transfers, or unusual payment methods such as gift cards and any of these requests that are communicated with extreme urgency. Awareness training programs about these fraud methods can significantly enhance

older adults' ability to discern genuine transactions from scams.

The use of technology can also help people safeguard their financial assets. Enabling bank alerts for large transactions, using apps with real-time tracking of account activity, and setting up direct deposits for checks can minimize potential abuse. Equally pivotal is safeguarding essential documents and updating estate planning documents regularly.

The role of strong social networks in helping to prevent elder abuse can't be overstated. Staying connected with family, friends, and community can deter potential abusers. However, social isolation became a growing issue for many older adults, especially during the pandemic. It's crucial for all people across our lifespan to leverage technology to maintain relationships and stay active within our communities, reducing the risk

of exploitation significantly.

Further, older adults must also feel informed and supported to report any instance of potential abuse. Fear or embarrassment can often deter individuals from reporting abuse. Support from community, family, and authorities is key to reassuring older adults that they're not alone, and that reporting is indeed a step toward prevention.

To report elder abuse, older adults or individuals concerned about them can reach out to the following resources:

- Adult Protective Services (APS): APS agencies serve as the primary agency responsible for receiving and investigating reports of elder abuse. You can locate your local APS office through the National Adult Protective Services Association's website.
- Local Law Enforcement: In situations where an older adult is in immediate

danger, contacting local law enforcement such as police or sheriff's department is vital.

- National Center on Elder Abuse (NCEA): This is a resource for information on elder abuse prevention. They can provide contacts and resources, including state reporting numbers, to assist.

- ElderCare Locator: A public service of the U.S. Administration on Aging, the ElderCare Locator connects you to services for older adults and their families. They can be reached at 1-800-677-1116.

- Long-Term Care Ombudsman: These are advocates for residents of nursing homes, board, and care homes, assisted living facilities, etc. They can provide information about how to find a facility and services, and what to do to get quality care and support.

It is important to know that one can remain anonymous when reporting abuse, and most of the mentioned agencies are equipped to provide help even when the abuse has occurred in the past.

With a collaborative strategy in place, Wellpoint works in tandem with healthcare providers to detect early signs of elder abuse. We have taken great strides to implement caregiver education programs, because in many cases the caregivers are the first line of defense in recognizing indicators of abuse. We are not just advocating prevention, but actively invested in providing solutions to help prevent elder abuse.

Our health plans are designed to support older adults by addressing the social drivers that can impact health, including social isolation - a



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Eugene Hsu, MD, MBA, is Senior Medicare Clinical Officer for Wellpoint.

significant risk factor for elder abuse. Our community members benefit from the resources and support services beyond traditional healthcare services that our plans can provide, including, for example, access to nutritious meals, safe and stable housing, and transportation. We continue to partner with organizations, nonprofits, and government agencies, aiming to create a safer, more supportive society where older adults are valued and included, and their rights are protected.

Older adults are valuable members of our society, and it is important we help ensure their safety, security, and wellness. As we observe World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, let us commit not only to raise awareness, but also to actively work towards prevention strategies. Providing older adults with the essential knowledge and resources to help prevent abuse is a significant first step in this direction. Every step taken to protect citizens from abuse is a step towards a more caring and compassionate society.



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Kate McGilvray, Evant ISD valedictorian

Evant ISD announces valedictorian and salutatorian for 2024

Staff Reports

Evant High School announced Kate McGilvray as the valedictorian and Cason Ingram as the salutatorian for the class of 2024.

McGilvray plans to attend the University of Mary Hardin Baylor (UMHB) and will major in psychology and minor in art.

"After, I plan to continue my education so that I can become an art therapist," she

said.

Ingram will attend Texas A&M University and plans to major in business and marketing.

"While in high school, I have been working towards my Real Estate Salesperson License and I will be sitting for that exam in the next few weeks," he said.

Evant High School held its graduation ceremony this past Friday, May 24.



Cason Ingram, Evant ISD salutatorian

ANNUAL GATESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR WALK

PHOTOS BY AVERY MEELBUSCH | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

The Gatesville High School annual senior walk to honor the class of 2024 was held on Wednesday, May 22. Each year, the graduating seniors take a walk through each campus in the district to say their last farewells before heading off to college after graduation.



Senior Matti Mann is pictured hugging family during the senior walk.



Seniors had the chance to stop and visit during the annual walk. Zach Bryant (right) is pictured walking past Lawson Mooney.



Mikenna Reeves is shown hugging one of her PALS students from the Primary campus.



Aliyah Trotter is pictured giving out high fives to Primary students during the senior walk.



Danelle Gutierrez is pictured during the senior walk at the Primary school.

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Gatesville High School recently hosted a signing day ceremony for its seniors class. The students were able to sign certificates stating which college they will be attending in the upcoming school year. The seniors were honored by having their picture taken and being presented with a certificate. The ceremony concluded with students coming together to sing the Gatesville High School alma mater. Pictured left to right: Taylor Coward, Zoe Gribble, Matti Mann, and Laura Trejo.

Hayden Heck receives Superintendent Scholar Award from GISD

This past week, Gatesville High School student Hayden Heck was honored with the Superintendent Scholar Award for his efforts in the classroom. The award is given to students

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.



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Hayden Heck (left) is pictured with superintendent Dr. Barrett Pollard after receiving the Superintendent Scholar Award.

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Tarleton State Baseball wins WAC Tournament

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MESA, Ariz. — Tarleton State Baseball has done the improbable, the impossible, the unfeasible — win a conference tournament during NCAA Division I reclassification.

The Texans won the WAC Tournament in Mesa, Arizona, Saturday, May 25 to become the first baseball program to win a conference tournament during NCAA Division I reclassification.

The 5-seed Tarleton State knocked off the 4-seed California Baptist in dominant fashion 9-1 in a winner-take-all nightcap at Hohokam Stadium. This marks the third conference tournament championship by the Texans in their NCAA era (2018, 2014), and they're the first team to win the WAC Tournament in a team's inaugural appearance since UTSA did so in 2013.

Tarleton State has posted its most postseason wins since 1992, going 5-1 throughout the WAC Tournament, all of this with a first-year head coach, Fuller Smith.

Tarleton State University and Tarleton Athletics hope this isn't the end of Texan Baseball's season, as they are submitting a request to the NCAA for reevaluation of the postseason ban for reclassifying institutions.

The Texans are 32-29 after their WAC Tournament championship, their most wins in a season since 2018 (35). They entered Saturday

undefeated in the double-elimination tournament, getting two cracks at CBU if need-be. The Lancers won the first game 8-4 to push the championship into a winner-take-all nightcap. The Texans cruised through it, going up 5-0 through three, plus sitting the first 15 Lancers down as they entered the sixth dishing a perfect game.

Tarleton State was in control the entirety, just missing out on a shutout in the ninth. The Texans outthit the Lancers 17-4, with five Texans earning a multi-hit outing, and four pitchers allowing just six baserunners all night, striking out seven.

"I'm so proud and happy for these guys, because all these seniors who stuck it out and wanted to be part of a championship, they got to do this," Smith said immediately on the broadcast after the win. "For me, I get more joy out of (the players celebrating) than anything else. Wins are great, but watching them have fun together, that's awesome."

Smith has won back-to-back WAC Tournaments. He was an assistant coach at Sam Houston last season when the Bearkats won it all. He was tabbed to be Tarleton State's head coach in June, and in his first season, he led the Texans to the promised land.

Texan Baseball becomes the first Tarleton State program to win a conference tournament at the NCAA Division I level.

They had to knock off

the Lancers twice this week to do so, facing CBU three times in their six games at the WAC Tournament. The Texans opened with a 12-6 win over 8-seed Sacramento State during the single-elimination opening round on Tuesday, then beat the Lancers in comeback fashion 5-3 on Wednesday. Tarleton State followed with wins over the top two ranked teams, 1-seed Grand Canyon 4-2 on Thursday, then an 11-1 run-rule victory over 2-seed Abilene Christian Friday.

In the first game on Saturday, CBU jumped out to a big lead, going up 7-0 after three. The Texans kept fighting and strung some offense together late, a foreshadow for what was to come in the second game on the weekend. The Lancers won Saturday's opener 8-4.

In the championship decider, Cole Miers began a two-out rally with a single, which was followed by a Cris Enriquez single. Hunter Smith then doubled to right field on the first pitch he saw to put Tarleton State ahead 1-0 after one.

The Texans then scored four runs in the third, a rally that began with a Trace Morrison opening walk. Miers singled him home, then Smith gathered another RBI with a single to score Miers to make it 3-0. Tyson Drake promptly followed with a two-run blast to open the floodgates, making it 5-0 Purple and White.

Tarleton State then added



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Tarleton State Baseball has done the improbable, the impossible, the unfeasible — win a conference tournament during NCAA Division I reclassification.

another in the fourth, again on a Smith RBI with two outs, scoring Morrison.

After five, the Texans were up 6-0 in the middle of a perfect game. Parrish Beagle started and went six-down. Reese Bassinger (W, 5-2) followed with nine straight outs before allowing the leadoff in the sixth to double down the left field line. He induced three straight groundouts after that to finish his day with the win, going four innings, allowing the single hit, striking out four.

Offensively, Tarleton added one in the eighth on an Enriquez RBI single, and two in the ninth courtesy a pair of RBI doubles by Mason Crews and Mason Hammonds. Grant

Garza pitched the seventh and eighth innings, allowing no runs, one hit, one walk and striking out one. Jack Driskell, who closed out Sam Houston's WAC Tournament victory under Smith last year, closed it out for Tarleton State this year, allowing one earned run on two hits and a walk, striking out two.

Smith had the best game at the plate for Tarleton, going 3-for-4 with three RBI, a walk and a run scored. Enriquez also had a three-hit game, going 3-for-4 with one RBI and a walk. Hammonds went 3-for-6 with an RBI and a run, Ike Shirey went 2-for-4 with a stolen base, and Miers went 2-for-5 with an RBI and two runs. Morrison reached based four times (1-for-3, three

walks, two runs), and Drake had two RBIs on his home run. Crews had an RBI double and a run scored, plus Kooper Shook had a hit and a run.

CBU had a hit by four different batters, Nos. 5-8 in the order. The Lancers used six pitchers, with starter Brandon Downer (6-6) taking the loss, as he allowed three earned runs on five hits and a walk in two innings, striking out one.

The WAC announced its 12-man All-Tournament Team shortly after the championship, with five Texans earning spots. Miers was tabbed the WAC Tournament's Most Outstanding Player, and joining him on the All-Tournament Team are Bassinger, Enriquez, Hammonds and Smith.

Tarleton State to kick off 125 Years of Excellence celebration with nationally televised football game

Tarleton State University

STEPHENVILLE— As part of its 125 Years of Excellence celebration and T-Week, Tarleton State University has moved up the date for its



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As part of its 125 Years of Excellence celebration and T-Week, Tarleton State University has moved up the date for its home football game against McNeese State University to Saturday, Aug. 24 at Memorial Stadium. This will be the first nationally televised football game in program history for the Texans.

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Texans.

"Kicking off the celebration of the last 125 years of excellence at our university in front of a national audience is an exciting opportunity to showcase our Texan pride,"

said Tarleton State University President Dr. James Hurley. "This monumental opportunity allows us to show why Tarleton State has become one of the fastest growing universities in the country. This is an incredible step in our quest to become the premier comprehensive national university. I can't think of a better way to kick off a new academic year and highlight the outstanding accomplishments of our faculty, staff and students."

The university and the athletic department will be coordinating efforts to sell out Memorial Stadium. This historic game will be a special part of the celebratory events honoring the 125th year of Tarleton State.

"I'm thankful for President Hurley, McNeese State Director of Athletics Heath Schroyer and Commissioner Brian Thornton for their hard work and cooperation in making this game happen," said Vice President and Director of Athletics Steve Uryasz. "Now

it's time for Texan Nation to fill Memorial Stadium. We've got 125 years of Tarleton State, a nationally ranked football team and we're ready to compete for an FCS national championship. It's truly an exciting time to be a Tarleton State Texan."

The game was originally slated for Sept. 14, with both sides working together to make the week zero meeting possible. The date will now serve as a bye week for the Texan football team.

"I'm really excited to move our game with Tarleton State to week zero this season," said Schroyer. "I want to personally thank Dr. Hurley for working with me on this and for his leadership during this entire process. The ability to help kick off the 2024 college football season on a national broadcast is a fantastic opportunity for us both. Enhancing our brand as an athletic department and as a university has been one of my major objectives at McNeese State, and this move helps

us do just that. I couldn't be more excited."

More information on the broadcast and a kickoff time will follow in the coming weeks. Season tickets are available now at <https://tarletonsports.com/tickets> or by calling 254-968-1832.

Last season, the Texans went 8-3, including winning four straight to cap the campaign.

For more information on the 125 Years of Excellence celebration, visit <https://www.tarleton.edu/125years/>.



Tarleton State to host 6 Todd Whitten Football Camps between June-July at Memorial Stadium

Tarleton State University

STEPHENVILLE - Tarleton State will host six Todd Whitten Football camps this summer at Memorial Stadium in Stephenville, three set in June and three in July.

There are camps available for virtually all youth ages, starting with the Little Texans Camp June 3-5. The last camp of the summer will

be July 20.

ALL SIX CAMP DETAILS CAN BE FOUND BELOW:

Little Texans Camp

Dates: June 3-5
Ages: 5-12 or entering seventh grade in fall 2024
Time: 8:30 a.m. through 4 p.m. daily (check-in starts at 8 a.m.)
Cost: \$120 plus small pro-

cessing fee (includes camp insurance and meal)

One-Day Camp #1

Date: June 8
Ages: 14-24
Time: 1-5 p.m. (registration starts at 11:30 a.m.)
Cost: \$40 plus small processing fee

High School Elite Camp

Dates: June 17-19

Ages: eighth-12th grade as of fall 2024

Time: Check-in is 2-4:30 p.m. on Day 1, check-out is 12 p.m. on Day 3
Cost: \$175 plus small processing fee for commuter, \$300 plus small processing fee for overnights (meals included)

One-Day Camp #2

Date: July 13

Ages: 14-24

Time: 1-5 p.m. (registration starts at 11:30 a.m.)
Cost: \$40 plus small processing fee

Friday Night Lights

Date: July 19
Ages: 14-24
Time: 6-9 p.m. (registration starts at 5 p.m.)
Cost: \$40 plus small processing free

Texan Specialist

Date: July 20
Ages: ninth-12th grade as of fall 2024
Time: 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. (registration starts at 8 a.m.)
Cost: \$75 plus small processing free
For full information regarding any of the six camps, and to register, visit www.tarletonfootballcamps.com.



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Coryell County "Fiesta of Leadership" delegates are pictured left to right: (back row) Marsha Lee, Debbie Grmela, Gayla Linton, Ann Eubanks, Terri Phillips; (front row) Gail Johnson, George Eubanks, Gerald Linton, JoAnn Sugg.

CRSP chapter is recognized at District 12 Leadership Conference

BY MARSHA LEE

On Tuesday, May 21, eleven members of our local chapter of educational retirees (CRSP) attended a "Fiesta of Leadership Conference" at the Region 12 Education Service Center in Waco. The purpose of the meeting was to celebrate our amazing District 12 retired school personnel leaders and members for their accomplishments and to provide training for our new and returning engaged leaders. Fourteen local chapters make up District 12: Bell County/ Temple RSEA, Bosque County RTA, Copperas Cove RTA, Coryell County CRSP, Falls County RTA, Freestone County RTA, Hamilton County RTA, Hill County RTA, Killeen School Retirees Association, Lampasas County RTA, Limestone County RSP, Mills County RTA, Navarro County RTA, and Waco/McLennan County RTA. This was the last District 12 Chapter meeting for our local JoAnn Sugg to preside over, as her 2022-2024 term as District President will conclude at the end of June. It has been an honor to have a member of our local Chapter serve District 12 in this position.

First, JoAnn looked over our District 12 goals for

this past year and what we have achieved. (1) Our district worked along with other districts and the State TRTA to help pass Proposition 9, which gave education retirees a cost-of-living raise for the first time in around 20 years. (2) We had set a goal of increasing our district membership by 2%, and although we did not quite meet that goal, we did add eight new members to the district. (3) We set a goal of increasing our district's volunteer service hours to 285,000 hours, and we increased it to 317,092 hours (Coryell's Chapter donated 83,968 of that number). (4) We set a district goal of donating at least 10,000 books to the Children's Book Project, and our district donated 10,236 books (Coryell's Chapter donated 3,215 of those books). (5) Our district set a goal for donating to scholarship programs, and every chapter in our district donated a total of \$19,000 (Coryell's Chapter donated two scholarships).

Highlights of the meeting included the main address guest speaker, Ella Gauthier, who is the incoming State TRTA President for 2024-2026. She expressed a need for our showing appreciation to legislators for supporting us this past year. She also mentioned several items which will come up in our next State Legislative Session, such as health care and protecting our "defined benefits" (our teacher's retirement) and will affect both current retirees and educators who plan to retire sometime in the future. After a break, educators attending the conference broke up into training/leadership sessions to exchange ideas with other chapters. Workshops included those for chapter presidents, 1st vice-presidents, 2nd vice-presidents, secretary/historians, treasurers, Legislative and Membership Benefits Committee chairpersons. Two of these were led by Coryell County members: "2nd vice-presidents" by Marsha Lee and "Little of Everything Else" by JoAnn Sugg.

After lunch, the Business

Meeting began under the direction of JoAnn Sugg with electronic approval of minutes, submission of budget for audit, committee reports, introduction of incoming local Presidents (which included Gayla Clemons and Debbie Grmela, new co-presidents of our Coryell Chapter). District By-Laws were also approved by delegates. Three special awards named after prominent former presidents of District 12 - Steve Caruso, Laura Rothrock, and Earl Wall - were then presented to recognize and honor significant accomplishments by various chapters in District 12. Coryell County was recipient of the Earl Wall Award in the form of a check for \$100. Earl Wall is a dedicated educator and advocate for retired teachers. This award "recognizes outstanding contributions to education, community service, and leadership within the TRTA community, and recipients of it have demonstrated exceptional commitment to supporting retired educators and promoting the well-being of TRTA members." Our chapter increased its membership this past year, and it had the largest or near the largest numbers of volunteer hours and books distributed to children for a chapter in District 12. Gayla Linton served as 1st vice-president and membership committee chairperson. Debbie Grmela served as chairperson of the Local Volunteer Services Committee. Marsha Lee served as 2nd vice-president and Public Relations/Children's Books Project Chairperson.

Lastly, new District 12 officers for 2024-2026 were installed by Earl Wall and JoAnn Sugg. JoAnn was recognized and thanked for her hard work these last two years. Along with the other new officers, she was duly recognized in her new position as immediate past-president for the upcoming term.



COURTESY PHOTO
CORYELL COUNTY CHAPTER RECEIVES CHECK FOR EARL WALL AWARD: (standing) Gerald Linton, Gayla Linton, Ann Eubanks, George Eubanks, Terri Phillips, Debbie Grmela, Gail Johnson, Weldon Chambers; (seated): Marsha Lee, Charlott Chambers (holding check).

Student Aid available through FAFSA 2024-25

Staff Reports

The 2024-25 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is available for parents and their students to complete by going to fafsa.gov.

Parents are encouraged to help their children submit

their FAFSA form before the deadline to discover if their child is eligible for as much aid as possible for college, career school, or trade schools.

Federal Deadlines:

The FAFSA form must be submitted by 11:59 p.m.

Central time (CT) on June 30, 2025. Any corrections or updates must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. CT on Sept. 14, 2025.

College and Career/Trade School Deadlines:

Each college and career/trade school may have its

own deadline. Check with the school you're interested in attending. You may also want to ask about the school's definition of an application deadline. For example, the deadline could be the date your FAFSA form is processed or the date the

school receives your processed FAFSA data.

While many states have pushed back their deadlines, many states also have limited student aid funds, so the sooner the student applies, the better.

Students are reminded

that they must complete a FAFSA form every year they're enrolled in school to be eligible to receive federal student aid.

CLASS OF 2024, THAT'S A WRAP!!!

Thank you to all the students who participated in Project Graduation this year. We had a great time! Congratulations, and can't wait to see what the future holds for each of you! We want to give a huge shoutout to all the local businesses that donated money, prizes, and food!! Couldn't have done this without you!

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EISD scholarship recipients, pictured from left to right, are Castin Forrest, Carson Ingram, Kate McGilvray, and Hunter White

Evant ISD graduates receive scholarships

Submitted item

Four deserving graduates from Evant High School have received scholarships from the Evant ISD Heritage Foundation. Each of the recipi-

ents is taking a different path after high school, pursuing their own passions and career interests. Hunter White will be attending Tarleton University. Kate McGilvray will be attending Mary Hardin

Baylor. Carson Ingram will be attending Texas A&M, and Castin Forrest will be attending Tarleton University. Each of these students received a \$1,000 scholarship from the Evant

ISD Heritage Foundation. Scholarship applications should be available on the school website in early Spring of each year.

GISD summer meal program begins

Staff Reports

Gatesville Independent School District will provide meals at no cost again this summer for children ages 18 or younger and enrolled students who are up to 21 years of age with disabilities.

The program began serving meals on Tuesday, May 28 and will continue through Friday, July 26.

The following are locations where breakfast and lunch will be served:

Gatesville Elementary School, located at 2537 East Main Street will provide meals Monday through Friday. Breakfast will be served from 8-8:30 a.m., lunch will be served from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., and the sit-down meals will be served in the cafeteria. Adults will cost \$3.10 for breakfast and \$4.75 for lunch.

Trinity Day Care Center, located at 1506 West Main Street in Gatesville, will provide meals Tuesday

through Thursday. Breakfast will be served from 8-8:30 a.m. and lunch will be from 11-11:30 a.m.

The Gatesville City Pool, located at 300 South 8th Street will provide meals Tuesday through Thursday. Lunch will be served from 12:30-1 p.m.

Gatesville High School will provide meals Monday through Thursday at the High School football field concession stand. Breakfast will be served from 8-8:30 a.m., and lunch will

be served from 10:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Adults will cost \$3.10 for breakfast and \$4.75 for lunch.

The Summer Meal programs are brought to the community by the Texas Department of Agriculture, Commissioner Sid Miller.

To find a meal location near you, text "FOOD" to 304-304 or visit SummerFood.org.

Cummings makes Dean's List, graduates

Staff Reports

Angelo State University in San Angelo conferred 844 undergraduate and graduate degrees on 824 graduates during the 2024 spring commencement

exercises May 10-11, at the ASU Junell Center/Stephens Arena.

Kenli Cummings, of Gatesville, received her Bachelor of Social Work in Social Work.

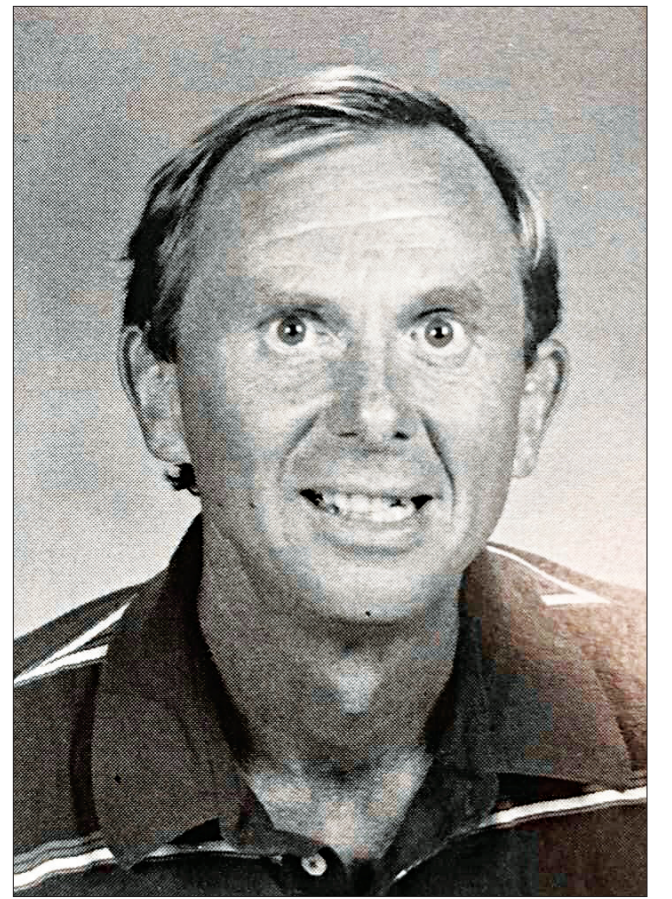
ASU also listed Cummings as one of the students placed on the Dean's List for the 2024 spring semester.

To be eligible for the ASU Dean's List, full-time

undergraduate students must maintain a 3.25 or better grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Angelo State University, founded in 1928, is a four-year public school.

GJH gym to be dedicated to Price June 14



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Former GJHS educator and coach, John C. Price

Staff Reports

Former coach and educator John C. Price will be honored with a dedication to the old Gatesville Junior High gymnasium on Friday, June 14 at 3 p.m.

From 1981 to 2002, Price would firmly cement himself in the history of Gatesville Independent School District by molding a generation of young men and women.

Price taught sixth, seventh, and eighth grade history while also coaching

football, basketball, and track.

As a health enthusiast, he would regularly be seen jogging, even in his office, or giving advice on healthy foods to eat.

Price became a pillar of the junior high campus.

For further details regarding the dedication, contact Gatesville ISD at 254-865-7251.

Gatesville Junior High is located at 307 South Lovers Lane.

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.

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Pictured from left to right are Mike Dickie, Hunter White, Jayden Kieltyka, and David Poston.

White and Kieltyka receive Lamar Awards from Masons

BY DAVID SCOTT
Staff Writer

The Bee House Masonic Lodge would like to congratulate the recipients of their Lamar Award on their successful high school records and offer prayers as they pursue a higher education.

Hunter White from Evant and Jayden Kieltyka from Gatesville were awarded scholarships by the Masons.

The Lamar Award was

named for Texas founding father and leader in education, Mirabeau B. Lamar, who served as the second president of the Republic of Texas from 1838-1841, was a Freemason, and is known by some as "The Father of Texas Education," or "The Father of the Texas Public School System."

The Lamar Award of Excellence was established in 1988, under the leadership of Grand Master Graham Childress. The

Lamar Medal is awarded to students and educators in recognition of outstanding personal achievement.

Each year the Bee House Lodge, with the support of our community and the surrounding area, is able to give two scholarships to area seniors. We would like to thank our community and those that apply for these scholarships.

Gregory graduates from UMHB

Staff Reports

Luke Gregory, of Gatesville, graduated from the University of Mary Hardin Baylor (UMHB) this past week with a degree in Business Administration Management and a minor in Marketing.

He is the son of Alisa and Phil Gregory and the grandchild of Lola and Mark Lam, Travis Moore, and Tommy and Ellen Gregory.

The University of Mary Hardin Baylor is a private Christian university that is dedicated to Christian principles with over 3,800 students representing 31 foreign countries.

For more information, visit umhb.edu.



COURTESY PHOTO

Luke Gregory

Kollman named 2024 Cheerleader of the Year

Staff Reports

Gatesville High School cheer recently held its end-of-the-year banquet where various students were honored with awards for their hard work during the season.

At the banquet, varsity cheerleader Tiffany Kollman was awarded the 2024 Cheerleader of the Year Award.

This award is a prestigious honor which is given to an exceptional individual who has exemplified the essence of cheerleading throughout the entire season.

It recognizes Kollman's unwavering dedication, contributions, and leader-



COURTESY PHOTO

Tiffany Kollman (left) is pictured with Holly Redford at the Gatesville High School cheer banquet.

ship, which have left a mark on the team's spirit and success. It acknowledges their exceptional talent, commitment, and

support of their teammates and is voted on by the entire team.

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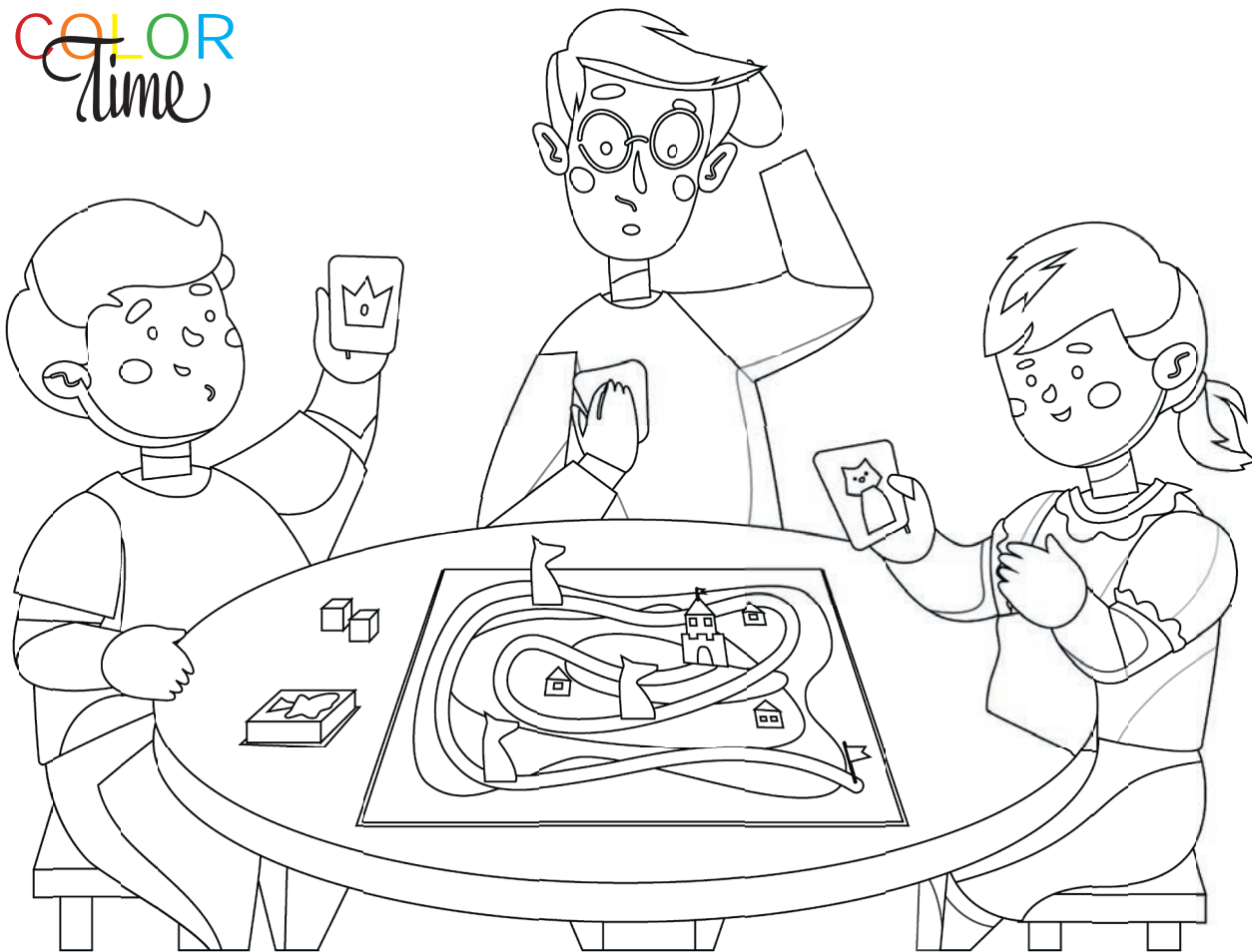
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International Tabletop Day, celebrated on June 1st this year, is an exciting invitation for kids to explore the realm of board games and tabletop adventures. On this special day, children can gather with friends and family to enjoy the thrill of face-to-face gaming, fostering social interaction, strategic thinking, and loads of fun.

For kids, International Tabletop Day provides the perfect opportunity to dive into a variety of games, from classic board games like Monopoly to innovative tabletop adventures. Whether organizing a tabletop game marathon at home or participating in community events at local game stores or libraries, children can immerse themselves in a world of diverse gaming experiences.

The educational benefits of tabletop games are substantial, enhancing critical thinking, teamwork, and communication skills. Parents and teachers can choose age-appropriate

games that align with learning objectives, turning the day into an enjoyable educational experience.

International Tabletop Day also introduces kids to the vast array of tabletop games available. From strategy games that challenge the mind to cooperative games that encourage teamwork, children can explore different styles and find the ones that resonate with their interests.

Board games often bridge generational gaps, offering an inclusive and enjoyable experience for the whole family. International Tabletop Day emphasizes the value of shared experiences, laughter, and friendly competition, creating lasting memories for kids and adults alike.

So, on June 1st, let the tabletop adventures begin! International Tabletop Day is a celebration of the joy of gaming, where kids can roll the dice, draw cards, and immerse themselves in the delightful world of tabletop fun.



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ANNUAL SHOWSTOPPERS CHOIR CONCERT HELD MAY 16 & 17

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Gatesville High School's award-winning choir program held its annual Showstoppers concert on Thursday, May 16, and on Friday, May 17, in the Gatesville High School auditorium. The theme for this year was "Sing With All The Colors." Many folks attended the event to support the choir on their final performances of the school year. Each choir group had the chance to perform, which included the junior high girls, junior high advanced girls, junior high, and high school Boys2Men, high school varsity, sixth grade choirs, high school women, and high school junior varsity treble.



Students are shown performing as a group at the concert.



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Gatesville ISD honors employees at annual service awards ceremony held last week

BY DAVID SCOTT
Staff Writer

Gatesville Independent School District recently held their 2023-2024 service awards ceremony in the high school auditorium. Educators and staff were recognized for their years employed at the school, those retiring, and those named employee and teacher of the year.

Those recognized for their years of employment with GISD include:

5 Years
Jason Allman, Debra Bass, Brittany Boaz, Edwin Brooks, Carol Brown, Kristin Campos, Austin Cole, Joyce Cole, Emily Coward, Amanda Cummings, Janet Dunbar, Shelby Fulton, Christa Hitt, Stacy Kyle-Romel, Lauren Mooney, Cheryl Palmer, Kari Patterson, Sarah Pender, Ashleigh Pickle, Betty Price, Holly Redford, Sarah Rippen, Kelly Saunders, Tara Scholwinski, Conne Small, Gary Stiles, Ashtyn Telford, Katie Webb, Damian White, Kassandra Withrow

10 Years
Sarah Blanchard, Robin Braziel, Bill Bryant, Se'Vette Early, Tamela Eary, McKenzie Newman, Yancey Sanderson, Joyce Seagraves

15 Years
Ingrid Castillo, Summer Erwin, Michelle Martin, Isabel Martinez, Anita Robles, Tisa Stevens, Lisa Truss, Thomas Winkler

20 Years
Kristian Brown, Gail Derrick, Tenna Herring, Tami Hoover, Pam Humes, Wendell Jones, Graig Keeton, Morgan Keeton, Julie Martin, Valorie Penuel, Laura Preciado, Brian Reeder, Dustin Shoaf, Liz Shoaf

25 Years
Carrie Brizendine, Shanna Latham, Susan Meaders

30 Years
Donna Fisk

40 Years
Guy Dean

Retiring
Retirement Plaques were also presented to 9 individuals who were recognized for the years they had worked at GISD. Those

retiring included:

Se'Vette Early, 10 years with GISD and a total of 27 years of service; Darrell Frazier, 17 years with GISD and a total of 34 years of service; Pam Humes, 20 years of service all with GISD; Sharon Inbody, 7 years with GISD and a total of 11 years of service; Lee Marris, 17 years of service all with GISD; Michelle McCraw, 22 years with GISD and a total of 27 years of service; Mary Polinard-Tipton, 26 years of service all with GISD; Tara Scholwinski, 5 years with GISD and a total of 18 years of service; Kraig Walters, 7 years of service all with GISD.

Those recognized as employee and teacher of the year by campus include:

Primary School
Employee of the Year - Sandra Brown
Teacher of the Year - Lacey Jenkins

Elementary School
Employee of the Year - Destiny Price
Teacher of the Year - Delilah Martin

Intermediate School
Employee of the Year - Stacy Zuehlke
Teacher of the Year - Misti Ray

Jr. High School
Employee of the Year - Pam Humes
Teacher of the Year - Ashley Gauden

High School
Employee of the Year - Gail Shelton
Teacher of the Year - Sarah Blanchard
Student Choice Teacher of the Year - Star Hamilton
Student Choice Staff Member of the Year - Angel Heath

Maintenance
Employee of the Year - Cody Byrom

Transportation
Employee of the Year - Pamela Petross

Food Service
Employee of the Year - Hilda Aguilera Contreras

Exchange Club Educator of the Year
Aaron Hunter



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Longtime educator and coach, Guy Dean is pictured in his personalized wooden rocking chair gifted to him by Gatesville ISD for 40 years of service to the district.

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