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## Former Gatesville resident killed in fatal wreck on Highway 84

BY KAYLEE DUSANG  
Staff Writer

A head-on vehicle crash that took place east of Gatesville on the evening of June 3 left one passenger dead, according to a Texas Department of Public Safety crash report.

The incident occurred around 9:25 p.m., at the 12,000 block of U.S. Highway 84. A 38-year-old man from Carlsbad, New Mexico

was traveling westbound in a 2016 Subaru Crosstrek SUV. His vehicle then crossed into the eastbound lane, colliding head on with a 2022 Mitsubishi Outlander SUV that was driven by a 69-year-old woman from Gatesville.

The Mitsubishi also contained one passenger who Texas DPS identified as 50-year-old Crystal Anne

Nagle from Clifton, formerly of Gatesville. Nagle was pronounced deceased at the scene, and their next of kin have been notified.

The driver of the Subaru admitted to having fallen asleep while driving, Texas DPS said in the report.

The crash investigation is still active and open. Results of a blood analysis are pending for the driver

of the Subaru.

The wreck led to an approximately two-hour closure on Highway 84, according to a Facebook post by the Coryell County Sheriff's Office.

Texas DPS reminds drivers of the dangers of fatigued driving, which greatly increases the risk of being involved in a traffic crash.



## Sheriff's Office warns residents of scam

Staff Reports

Several county residents have reported a scam where someone impersonates an employee of the Coryell County Sheriff's Office, according to a Facebook post by the agency.

The scammer goes by an Officer/Detective "Avery," who is calling to advise that the call recipient has missed a jury summons and citations have been issued in their name.

The sheriff's office said they do not have an

employee that goes by "Avery."

The scammer is calling from 254-853-6875, but other numbers could be involved.

"Additionally, the sheriff's office does not and will not call anyone to tell you that you have a warrant," the sheriff's office said on Facebook. "Please do not give anyone you do not trust any financial information and do not send anyone money or gift card information over the phone."

## Second blow hits Pecan Grove Baptist



COURTESY PHOTO BY JEFF HUCKEBY

High winds and a rain-saturated ground are believed to be responsible for the devastating damage done to Pecan Grove Baptist Church's 95-year-old tabernacle.

BY DAVID SCOTT  
Staff Writer

Pecan Grove Baptist Church, located in rural Coryell County and built in 1929, has experienced numerous floods over the years from the raging waters of nearby Coryell Creek, and this year has been no exception. The 95-year-old structure was once again flooded during the evening hours of Saturday, May 5.

Heavy rain caused a historic rise in Coryell Creek, which flows next to the church, which often uses the usually tranquil creek for baptisms.

Following the tragic flooding on May 5, Pastor Jeff Huceby said that it was quite a shock to see how much damage was done to the interior of the church.

At that time, Huceby said, "We're not sure how long the restoration of the church will take and

when we can start using the building again, but we do have a large tabernacle we can use until then." His hopes of using the tabernacle for worship services were to be short-lived.

"We talked about having services under the tabernacle, but realized it was still very muddy down there," he said. Since restoration work on the building was progressing, it was decided that the congregation would hold services at the Oglesby Community Building until repair work was completed on the historic church.

Another blow came a few weeks later. Huceby reported that since the May 5th flooding, Coryell Creek has come out of its banks at least twice, and that the ground surrounding the church was completely saturated.

Huceby said that in the early morning hours of May 31, sometime between

3 and 3:30 a.m., a thunderstorm with high winds blew through the area and uprooted a large pecan tree on the grounds of the church. "It was the largest pecan tree on the church property, and it fell on and crushed one corner of our historic tabernacle," he said.

Huceby continued, "One cedar corner post, approximately 10 inches in diameter that was set in concrete, was driven approximately three feet into the ground after taking the brunt of the tree trunk as it fell. The huge branches crushed the entire south side of the tabernacle. Branches on the opposite side of the tree sheared off large branches on another large pecan tree next to it."

Huceby said that the century old tabernacle, which pre-dates the construction of the actual church, was built in the mid-to-late 1890's.

Minute books of the church reference the tabernacle with other congregations as early as 1889, but the word "tabernacle" itself didn't appear in the church minutes until 1890. The tabernacle served several congregations in the area, both Baptist and Methodist.

Huceby reported that the church is now mostly dried out, and that they hope repair work to the structure will be completed in the next four to eight weeks. "The entire electrical system is being replaced, and once that is finished, the two heating and air conditioning systems have to be replaced, and the walls and floors will be repaired and repainted," he said.

"Repairs to the historic tabernacle will have to wait until after we get the church repaired."



COURTESY PHOTO

After visiting with the children about Ft. Cavazos, Capt. Mitchell Fay read "Gabe: The Dog Who Sniffs Out Danger," which explains how the army uses dogs to search for explosives.

## Adventure begins at your public library and it started with a bang

Submitted by Becky Jones

For many years, Ft. Hood, now Ft. Cavazos, has been a neighbor to Gatesville. To promote good neighbor relations, the Gatesville Public Library and MSG Lauren Morrell began implementing ideas for the library's summer reading program, and since the theme this summer is "Ad-

venture Begins at Your Library," an adventure is what was planned.

First, MSG Morrell and Capt. Mitchell Fay, from Ft. Cavazos, visited library patrons during Story Time. After visiting with the children about Ft. Cavazos, Capt. Mitchell Fay read "Gabe: The Dog Who Sniffs Out Danger," which explains how the

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## Trinity Baptist Church

Bro. Sam Crosby, Pastor

Bible Study at 9:45 a.m.  
Worship:  
First service at 8:15 a.m.  
Second service at 11:00 a.m.

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# World's largest Cybertruck meetup held in Gatesville

BY KAYLEE DUSANG  
Staff Writer

If you were out driving around Gatesville or the Central Texas area on Sunday, you might have caught a glimpse of one or more Tesla Cybertrucks.

A Cybertruck Rodeo, which is considered the world's largest meetup of Cybertrucks, recently came to Gatesville. Hundreds of owners and enthusiasts gathered at the Dove

Nest Motorsports Club of Central Texas on June 2 to participate in a variety of activities as well as view and drive the Tesla trucks.

Hosted by the Tesla Owners Club of Austin, the meetup started with a Cybertruck caravan that departed from the Tesla Supercharger in Temple. According to the event page, the event included test drives and tutorials, live music, giveaways, and

a light show with Cybertrucks. It also featured demonstrations with the infamous "Not-a-Flamethrower" from Elon Musk's The Boring Company.

"We had somewhere between 200 to 250 guests and 50 Cybertrucks, a DJ, barbeque, a few panel discussions, and obviously a flame thrower, and people got to try their hand driving their trucks off road through mud and over

rocks," said Matt Holm, president of the Tesla Owners Club of Austin. "It was a blast."

The purpose of the event was to make history by becoming the world's largest gathering of Cybertrucks at one venue.

The Cybertruck is an electric truck built by Tesla that contains shatter-resistant glass and a stainless-steel exoskeleton that helps reduce

dents, damage, and long-term corrosion, according to the Tesla website. It also includes off-road capabilities, a towing capacity of 11,000 pounds, and advanced technology features.

Tesla released the first Cybertruck in November 2023 after unveiling the design in 2019. The trucks can cost up to \$100,000.

## ADVENTURE

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army uses dogs to search for explosives. MSG Morrell and Capt. Fay were joined by Jenny Featherston and Winston. While Winston doesn't sniff out explosives, he "works" with the District Attorney's office where he comforts those who are in a time of vulnerability. In addition to learning something about our military, the children learned that dogs could have very important jobs. After the visit, the children and their families were ready to head to Ft. Cavazos.

The first stop was to watch the cavalry ride! Amid cannon, rifle, and pistol fire from the 1st Cavalry Horse Division at Ft. Cavazos, 60-plus patrons from the Gatesville Public Library watched riders put their horses and mules through their paces. They saw first-hand how the army fought in the late 1800s. They watched the 1st Cav perform and then toured the stables and visited with the riders, and they learned about the reproduction weaponry the riders used as well as the care and training of the horses and mules. Next, the patrons visited several static displays of tanks, trucks, helicopters, and Jeeps for a much more current view of army weapons and vehicles.

All summer long, the Gatesville Public Library will be offering adventures of all kinds. From future field trips to activities at the library, something is happening every weekday. Come by and check it out!



Pictured left: President of the Tesla Owners Club of Austin, Matt Holm, shows off The Boring Company's Not-a-Flamethrower.

Pictured above: Around 50 Cybertrucks and hundreds of guests showed up for the Cybertruck Rodeo at the Dove Nest Motorsports Club of Central Texas in Gatesville.



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## FROM MY FRONT PORCH

# Expectations of summer have changed



BY SAM HOUSTON

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

**S**omething has changed in me. An essential, fundamental belief I held for years has morphed into something new.

The change was slow yet seemingly relentless. I would have never thought my feelings about such a fundamental and important part of my life could be modified. Yet here I am experiencing the first week of June, and there can be no question that my basic view of the world has changed. Surprisingly, my love of summer has diminished.

Don't get me wrong, I do not hate summer. I do not have any intent to move to Alaska or Alberta, where I can experience mild days and cool nights during summer and then live through

the dark cold of winter. I have never been a snow/cold weather person. My confusion is about why my attitude toward summer has changed.

As an elementary school student, I could not wait until the last day of school. My buddies and I would take our shirts off and, with a few exceptions, not put them back on until school started again in the fall. We would swim, play baseball, invent kids' games like soccey — a combination of soccer and hockey where you could kick, throw, or strike the ball into the goal

using your hands, feet, or a hockey stick. If the game sounds chaotic, it was, and that is what made playing soccey in the heat of summer so much fun.

During the summer, my friends and I might start the day off with a game of catch while dissecting the results of the MLB game the night before. Eventually, we would wander to the pool where we would swim, dive, dunk each other, and chance a quick glance at one of the young female lifeguards. After the pool, we might grab a Coke and sit on the stone fence outside the drug store, sipping our drinks and talking about the many things in life we did not understand, or had not yet experienced.

Usually, about an hour before dinner time, we would head home and check in with our moms. The matriarchs of our family had not missed us during the day. They knew where we were and basically what we were doing. Our only obligation was to be home for dinner.

After eating our evening meal, it was back outside for the continuation of the nightly kickball game.

This sporting event had been going on for weeks. It started right after dinner and continued until it was too dark to see. The game never ended, it simply went on and on. The joy was to play, not to worry about a final score.

Through all these days' events, the sun would beat down on us without mercy. We never thought about staying inside because it was "too hot" to play. There were no video games for us to play or movie channels for us to watch, because the technology had not yet been invented. Even if electronic games had been invented, I am not sure they would have interfered with our love of being outside in the sun, basking in the heat.

With each day of summer our tans got darker. We were not troubled with regular applications of sunscreen. Science had yet to explain to mothers that skin exposed to large doses of sun could create skin cancer. In fact, the girls of the neighborhood would coat themselves in baby oil so their skin could get even darker and leathery. The sun was a way of life.

Growing older never changed my love for summer. I would haul hay, work in the oilfield, or work livestock, and it seemed like the sun was always shining brightly. Well into my 50s I would work outside for 10 to 12 hours, and, while I would certainly feel warm, I was never deterred by the heat of summer.

If not at work, I might be at the lake skiing, on the golf course, or working outside in the yard. The sun was like an old friend. It comforted my soul and let me feel as warm on the inside as I did on the outside.

At this point in my life, something has changed. I no longer work outside doing manual labor in the heat. I cannot tell you the last time I had the time or made the effort to spend a day at the lake. I stopped playing golf years ago after an injury to my back, and playing soccey with the neighborhood kids is simply a memory which will not be relived.

Now, I realize for the next 100 days we will be sentenced to the Purgatory of summer heat. Of course, the number of days could

be longer, but it is hard to imagine any time before mid-September when the temperature will be down into the 70s and 80s. We will experience a relentless daily grind of excessive heat, no rain, no cool breeze, and no relief from the drudgery of summer. The conversations in offices, cafes, and on the sidewalk will be of a community ready for cooler weather.

I never thought it would happen. But my friend, the summer sun and I have grown apart. We have fond memories of each other and still have moments of casual connection where we smile at each other and pass a wink or a smile, but we will never have the same intimate relationship we once had. Time changes all things.

Thought for the day: *"Keep your face to the sunshine, and you will never see the shadows."* —Helen Keller  
Until next time...I will keep ridin' the storm out!  
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## Coryell County USDA releases newsletter

**HOW TO DOCUMENT FLOOD LOSSES**

If you've suffered excessive livestock death losses and grazing or feed losses due to recent floods, you may be eligible for disaster assistance programs through the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA).

The Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) offers payments to you for livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality due to adverse weather and the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) provides emergency relief for losses due to feed or water shortages, disease, adverse weather, or other conditions, which are not adequately addressed by other disaster programs.

To participate in LIP, you will be required to provide verifiable documentation of death losses resulting from an eligible adverse weather event, and you must complete and submit the notice of loss to FSA no later than the annual program payment application date, which is 60 calendar days following the program year in which the loss occurred. To participate in ELAP, you must submit a notice of loss to your local FSA office no later than the annual program application deadline of January 30 following the program year in which the loss occurred and should maintain documentation and receipts.

You should record all pertinent information regarding livestock losses due to the eligible adverse weather or loss condition, including:

- Documentation of the number, kind, type, and weight range of livestock that have died, supplemented if possible by photographs or video records of ownership and losses;
- Rendering truck receipts by kind, type, and weight - important to document prior to disposal;
- Beginning inventory supported by birth recordings or purchase receipts;
- Documentation from

Animal Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Natural Resources, or other sources to substantiate eligible death losses due to an eligible loss condition;

- Documentation that livestock were removed from grazing pastures due to an eligible adverse weather or loss condition;
- Costs of transporting livestock feed to eligible livestock, such as receipts for equipment rental fees for hay lifts, and snow removal;
- Feed purchase receipts if feed supplies or grazing pastures are destroyed;

For more information on these programs and documentation requirements, contact your Coryell County USDA Service Center at 254-865-7012 ext. 2, or visit [fsa.usda.gov/disaster](http://fsa.usda.gov/disaster).

**EVERY SUCCESSFUL FARM STARTS WITH A PLAN**

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) works to help farmers, ranchers and forest landowners invest in their operations and local communities to keep working lands working, boost rural economies, increase the competitiveness of American agriculture, and improve the quality of our air, water, soil, and wildlife habitat.

Simply put - NRCS helps America's farmers, ranchers, and forestland owners make conservation work for them.

Our Conservation Technical Assistance (CTA) program enables every acre of voluntary conservation applied through every program NRCS administers. It is the foundation of our financial and technical assistance delivery system.

Every farm and acre are unique and require tailored management; and every decision maker has different management concerns and needs. Our technical assistance is one-on-one, personalized advice, and support to help producers make the best decisions for their lands - and is offered free of charge.

This personalized assistance provides producers with the science-based data and tools to make informed decisions about where to target efforts to get the greatest return on their investment and ensure the long-term sustainability of American agriculture.

A comprehensive conservation plan is the first step to managing all the natural resources on a farm. NRCS walks the farm with the producer and develops options to address that producer's needs. Our toolbox includes aerial photos, soil surveys, engineering solutions, and individual science-based analysis customized for the producer's property. The plan we develop with the producer combines existing production methods with recommended conservation practices to best manage that farm's unique natural resources, while allowing the producer to grow sustainably and productively. Supported by our expert analysis and recommendations, the producer chooses which option best meets their needs. These decisions become the producer's conservation plan, a step-by-step guide to reach their objectives.

This planning process also makes it easier to identify how and when the farmer, rancher, or forest landowner could qualify for Farm Bill financial assistance to help them install conservation systems or receive incentives for trying new ones. We have the expertise to see our customers through this process. Because identifying when, where, and how to implement practices is not plug and play.

The final plan provides a roadmap for the producer to meet their natural resource conservation goals. It includes helpful information on each of the producer's practices, such as how they benefit the farm, how to maintain them, and how they help the soil, water and wildlife.

By developing a conservation plan and adding

conservation to the land, farmers, ranchers, and forest, landowners can protect the land's ability to provide for their family and future generations.

With offices in communities nationwide, NRCS staff provide the information, tools, and delivery systems necessary for producers - in every state and territory - to conserve, maintain and improve their natural resources.

Contact your local USDA service center to find out more.

**PROGRESSION LENDING FROM FSA**

Farm Service Agency (FSA) farm loans are considered progression lending. Unlike loans from a commercial lender, FSA loans are intended to be temporary in nature. Our goal is to help you graduate to commercial credit, and our farm loan staff is available to help borrowers through training and credit counseling.

The FSA team will help borrowers identify their goals to ensure financial success. FSA staff will advise borrowers on developing strategies and a plan to meet your goals and graduate to commercial credit. FSA borrowers are responsible for the success of their farming operation, but FSA staff will help in an advisory role, providing the tools necessary to help you achieve your operational goals and manage your finances.

For more information on FSA farm loan programs, contact your Erath County USDA Service Center at 254-965-3715 ext. 2 or visit [fsa.usda.gov](http://fsa.usda.gov).

**CORYELL COUNTY USDA REMINDERS:**

**Important Reminders:** If you planted small grains for grazing and did not report them to our office, please call us at 254-865-7012 ext. 2 to complete a late filed acreage report as soon as possible!

July 15, 2024 - Deadline to timely report all grasses and spring planted crops such as corn, cotton, grain sorghum, and sudan.

## Folks around town



COURTESY PHOTO

SARA JO POYNTER

### Say hello to our neighbor, Sara Jo Poynter!

Sara Jo Poynter is a local of Gatesville and describes herself as, "A Jane of all trades but a master of none." She has been a pre-planning agent with Scott's Funeral Home since February 2023 and said, "Having gone through the very sad brain cancer diagnosis of my mom, Nancy Dixon, and helping her pre-plan her funeral, and then losing her: That experience gave me a very recent inside look at what happens and how beneficial pre-planning can be." She also takes on the role of being a Certified Personal Trainer and group exercise instructor at the Gatesville Fitness Center. "The best part is helping others to realize that they have what it takes if they simply put forth the effort, make the time, and do the work that is required." She also loves to organize and has a side business called R.I.S.E., in which she travels to homes and helps families rise above chaos by getting them de-cluttered. She expressed that seeing the A-HA moment and the instant relief it gives her clients to walk into an uncluttered area is what she loves most about her job. She was born and raised in Gatesville but went back and forth between Meridian schools. She later got married and had her children in the Fort Worth area. "My family and I moved back home to Gatesville in 2017," she said. "I love the way we support each other, encourage, and motivate one another and truly care and love each other."

Sara reads The Gatesville Messenger each week. "My favorite thing about the Gatesville Messenger is the Mound News," she said. "The best aunt ever, Barbara Sue Hopson, writes that column and is by far my favorite and has been for 40 plus years. The advertising prices are affordable, and the coverage of community events is pretty amazing, too."

Sara Jo's motto is, "Create a life that you love." If you happen to see Sara Jo around town, say hello! She is one of us!



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# Annual Plainview Reunion, June 15

**Submitted item**

The 49th annual Plainview Reunion will be held at 11:30 a.m., on Saturday, June 15, at Ranchers

Steakhouse & Grill where a room has been reserved for the reunion. The restaurant menu will be available for ordering food,

and a salad bar will be available as well. The meal will be free for all attendees. Ranchers Steakhouse is located at 107 Hwy. 36

Bypass N. in Gatesville. For additional information, contact Sid Kiphen at 254-865-1600.

## MUSEUM ADOPTS NEW LOGO



**Preserving & Celebrating Coryell County's Vibrant History**

COURTESY PHOTO

Board members of the Coryell County Museum and Historical Center recently voted to adopt a new logo for the organization. The logo, designed and created by Chris and Bethny Como, of Gatesville, will now be the official logo used by the museum in the future.

## Hay Valley Baptist Church to host VBS

**Staff Reports**

Hay Valley Baptist Church recently announced that it will host its annual vacation Bible school (VBS) from Monday, June 17, to Friday, June 21.

VBS will be from 6-8:30 p.m., and a meal will be

served each evening.

The theme for this year is "What A Mess!" and is for students in kindergarten through sixth grade.

Hay Valley Baptist Church is located at 3110 Hay Valley Road in Gatesville.

## T-ville Baptist Church presents VBS June 29

**Staff Reports**

Turnersville Baptist Church will hold its Vacation Bible School (VBS) 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.

## LETTER

**Beware Seniors!**

I'm writing this letter for seniors to be on the alert.

On May 22, my phone rang, and the caller ID said it was Coryell Health. The man said he would be sending me a new Medicare card. He had an accent. I hung up on him. He called me back and asked, "Why did you hang up on me?" I told him that it showed Coryell Health, and Medicare doesn't send out new cards. He said, "I'm terminating your card," and he slammed the phone down. I called the clinic, and it showed a doctor's office that

I haven't seen except when I was in the hospital years ago had called me twice. I called Medicare and she said she had seen a lot in the last 3 years where the scammers use a phone bank. They apparently hack a local number. She said they sound like they're from the Philippines. They use the termination of your Medicare card as a scare technique.

Medicare will never call you. Please don't give out any of your personal information to anyone! PLEASE, SENIORS, BEWARE!

Susan Curtis  
Gatesville

**Thank you!**

Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of the people of Gatesville, Operation Christmas Child had a successful season in your area. Across the U.S., the Samaritan's Purse project collected 10 million shoebox gifts in 2023. Combined with those collected from partner countries in 2023, the ministry is now sending over 11.3 million shoebox gifts to children worldwide.

Through shoeboxes—packed with fun toys, school supplies, and personal care items—Gatesville-area volunteers brought joy to children in need around the world. Each gift-filled shoebox is a tangible expression of God's love, and it is often the first gift these children have ever received. Through the continued generosity of donors since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 220 million gift-filled

shoeboxes to children in more than 170 countries and territories.

Across Texas, shoebox packers often shop for deals on shoebox items throughout the year, and many serve at a deeper level by becoming a year-round volunteer. Information about ways area participants can get involved year-round can also be found at samaritanspurse.org/occ or by calling.

Although local Gatesville drop off locations for shoebox gifts are closed until Nov. 18 - 25, 2024, anyone can still be a part of this life-changing project by conveniently packing a shoebox gift online in just a few simple clicks at samaritanspurse.org/buildonline.

These simple gifts, packed with love, send a message to children worldwide that they are loved and not forgotten.

Sincerely,  
Laurie Bailey  
Samaritan's Purse/Operation Christmas Child

# TWDB state flood planning bill passed

**Press Release**

In 2019, the Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill 8 directing the creation of the first-ever state flood plan for Texas. Statute requires that all recommended flood mitigation projects be ranked in the state flood plan. The 15 Regional Flood Planning Groups (RFPG), designated by the TWDB in 2020, submitted regional flood plans in Jan. 2023, and submitted their amended regional flood plans to TWDB on July 14th, 2023. The TWDB approved the 15 amended regional flood plans on March 5th, 2024. The approved regional flood plans are incorporated into a single state flood plan.

The TWDB is currently in the process of generating Texas's first state flood plan to be delivered to the Legislature by Sept. 1, 2024. The state flood planning process will continue to recur in five-year cycles.

**TWDB SEEKING PUBLIC FEEDBACK ON THE DRAFT 2024 STATE FLOOD PLAN**

The public comment period for the Draft 2024 State Flood Plan is now open. The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) will receive public comments until 5 p.m. on Monday, June 17, 2024.

- Volume I: Draft 2024 State Flood Plan
- Volume II: Appendix B Ranked List of Recommended Flood Risk Reduction Solutions

Please submit all written comments online.

In addition to written comments via the online form, the TWDB received verbal comments concerning the Draft 2024 State Flood Plan at a public meeting held on May 30, 2024, in Austin.

Please submit any questions or concerns to the TWDB Flood Planning Division, StateFloodPlan@twdb.texas.gov.

## SUDOKU

Puzzle answers from the June 1, 2024 issue.

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Puzzle by websudoku.com

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Puzzle by websudoku.com

## Whatever happened to ...

**20 YEARS AGO (2004)**

Work crews were out in force, cleaning up from a violent storm that swept through Coryell County.

A committee working to build a hospitality house for families visiting offenders in local prisons took a giant step by purchasing four acres on FM 929 for the proposed facility.

A dedication ceremony was held at the Pearl Cemetery for three Confederate grave markers that were placed at the grave sites of Hillard M. Lovejoy, Elijah

B. Seaton, and John W. Mariott.

The annual Leon Junction Homecoming was set to be held that Sunday at the Flat Community Center.

The descendants of James Ralph and Rachel Angeline Emmert Rose held their family reunion at the Flat Community center.

**30 YEARS AGO (1994)**

The Gatesville Riding Club's 57th Annual Rodeo got underway. There was "a little bit of everything" that year.

Johnny Gimble and the Dick Gimble Band performed at that year's Shivaree.

Fifteen thousand troops were set to arrive at Fort Hood for their annual training.

The Texas Association of Counties honored Coryell County by presenting the county with their 1993 Safety Award.

Members of the Ireland high school class of 1940 gathered in Gatesville for their 54th reunion.

**40 YEARS AGO (1984)**

Coryell Memorial Hospital and the Hospital Auxiliary sponsored a blood drive and exceeded their goal of 60 units.

Reading from the sales tax barometer reflected continuing acceleration in retail sales in Gatesville.

Gatesville High School students Alisa Ford, Heather Huntley, Cheryl Paul, and Rudy Rios won second-division medals in UIL state band and choir contests.

Jim Tollett, previous Gatesville Hornet basketball

coach, was named superintendent of the Jonesboro Independent School District.

Jerry Fuchs was assigned to Gatesville as a Texas Employment Commission representative tasked with job placement.

**50 YEARS AGO (1974)**

A clean-up campaign began in Gatesville, aiming for a thorough end-of-spring cleaning.

A federal court ruling limited Texas Youth Council punishments, leading to "almost constant bedlam

and uproar" at the Mountain View School for Boys at Gatesville.

Gatesville's city council voted for an immediate increase in local water rates - a 15% hike.

Brave Crew 74, a joint training exercise involving Army and Air Force combat units, was set to begin at Fort Hood.

The First Presbyterian Church of Gatesville contributed \$500 to the Coryell Memorial Hospital Campaign.

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to all of the Coryell Medical  
Emergency Room staff.

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# RAYNA ARTISE JONES BORN MAY 14



COURTESY PHOTO

Ray and Olivia Jones, of Gatesville, announce the arrival of a baby girl, Rayna Artise Jones, born at 6:26 a.m. on May 14, in Temple. She weighed 6 lb. and 6 oz. and was 17 inches in length.



COURTESY PHOTO BY TURNERSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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.

## Local fire department assists Houston residents impacted by storm

BY KAYLEE DUSANG  
Staff Writer

Turnersville firefighters traveled to impacted areas

in Houston on Friday, May 18, along with other fire departments from across Texas. For five days, mem-

bers 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.

### PEARL NEWS

## Another successful VBS at Pearl CoC



BY BETSY CLARK

Pearl News Correspondent

Pearl Church of Christ reports another successful VBS in the books for 2024. The study this year centered on King David, and the little ones learned about David and Goliath.

The theme was "Jesus Loves You," and everyone who attended received a royal purple t-shirt sporting those precious words on the front. The attendance for this past week was 241, making a grand total of 3,713 since the inception of this mission in 1991. Thank you to all the volunteers who made this such a fun and meaningful week in Pearl—it could not happen without you. Thank you also to those who contributed so generously in other ways, including keeping the Pearl Church of Christ annual VBS in your

prayers. A special shout out to Pearl Community Church for their generous donation, something they have done since they opened their doors many years ago. We are a very blessed community indeed. Note the following disclaimer from Linda Ray—it was reported that Linda intentionally sent whistles home with every child in a gift box upon leaving VBS on the last day. This was emphatically denied by Linda as she said she did not know that whistles were in those boxes, and she has "doubly emphati-

cally" asked me to report this disclaimer in the Pearl News. Now, we have been known for our "fake news" on occasion, but rest assured this is not one of those occasions. I, myself, believe that our Linda Ray would never do such a thing! (Well, that's not exactly true but who's to say? Ron McDonald might or might not back me on this).

Future dates for Bookstore and Pearl Bluegrass days are July 6, Aug. 3, Sept. 14 (second Saturday due to longstanding booking for a reunion), Oct. 5, Nov. 2, and Dec. 7. Mark your calendars. Kay and Corlisa will love seeing you, so stop by and visit, and enjoy a shopping adventure.

There will be a Pearl Cemetery Meeting on June 24, at 7 p.m., 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 Oct. 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 will hold its annual Revival on July 6 and 7, with an ice cream supper following the service on the 7th. The church service will begin at 7 p.m. with the ice cream fellowship immediately following. The Sunday morning church service begins at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend and to bring friends, family, and people you just met with you.

This week's Bible verse comes from Psalm 37:1-3—Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity. For they shall soon be cut down like grass, and wither as the green herb. Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. KJV

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 betsy-clark47@yahoo.com

## Marriage licenses filed at courthouse in May



### Staff Reports

Marriage licenses filed during May 2024 in the Coryell County Clerk's Office included:

Angel Luis Baez and Wendy Stephany Renteria, Bryce Trent Bowling and Britten Kate Gordon, Bradyn Nathaniel Balin Buck and Abygale Natali Navarrete, Devin Jacob Patrick Burns and Mackenzie Brooke Hammond, Jonathan Morgan Collins and Rebecca Ruthann Weaver, Ralph Glenn Faure and Claudia Violet Attaway, Artemio Garcia II and Daniela Espinoza Salgado, Christopher William Gregory and Anna Marie True, Nathaniel Lee Harris and Reyna Ruthanne Gaitan, Joshua Herrera and Bianca Danielle Florez, Jackie Justin High and Alexia Leanne Connors, Timothy Ran-

dolph Hill and Carrie Kay Slack, Mark Gregory James and Betty Adonis Price, Patrick James Jennelle and Gabrielle Angelina Gonzales, Ethan Dale Johnston and Kayla Mary-Eva Birmel-Carrasco, Skylor Michael Kline and Randi Wells, Keith Patrick Knowlton and Kandie Rene Horn, Elliott Russel Lanham and Kennedie Lynne Hyde, Michael Alan Lijewski and Kaitlyn Noelle Haney, Cameron Lee Litchfield and Haleigh Elizabeth Vaughn, Thomas James Melton and Tahlia Joy Thompson, Dalton Manuel Paul and Noel Sara Guerini, Anna Cecilia Pinales and Jennifer Saavedra Arellano, Keith Ramiro Reyes and River Renee Lei McKee, Landon Nathaniel Rudy-Logan and Maci Blaine Bannister, Josiah Ross Sheets and Michaela Logan High, Jesse Rex Thompson and Jodi Lachelle Morgan, David Lee Waller and Ashley Renee Johnson, Jacob Allen Webb and Miranda Marie Masonholder, Ronald Wayne Wilson II and Ashley Renee Stovall.

## Meals on Wheels program in need of drivers

### Staff Reports

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

Volunteers are needed to deliver nutritious meals to those who are homebound or who are unable to prepare a meal for themselves.

Routes are driven Monday through Friday and take around 30 minutes to an hour to complete.

Around 250 to 300 meals

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

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TUMBLEWEED SMITH

# A garden of friendship



BY TUMBLEWEED SMITH

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

Ruth Ann Hattori, marketing director of the Nimitz Museum in Fredericksburg says the enclosed Japanese garden there is a lovely place to contemplate anything in your life you wish to think about.

The museum is named for Admiral Chester A. Nimitz who commanded the U.S. Navy during World War II. The official name of the Museum is National Museum of the Pacific War. The museum houses a library, exhibits, and artifacts that attract visitors as well as students and scholars of World War II from all over the world.

The Japanese garden is located behind the museum.

"This garden is a gift from the people of Japan, and one of their gestures of friendship with the United States post war was to create this garden for us."

The garden is genuinely authentic.

"It has Koi ponds, and we do have Koi fish here in the pond. All the different plants and trees are authentic. The types of rocks and arrangements of all the elements follow in the tradition of Japanese gardens. We have a gardener here who is trained in maintain-

ing Japanese gardens. She rakes the gravel or the sand every day in a particular pattern prescribed for that form of garden."

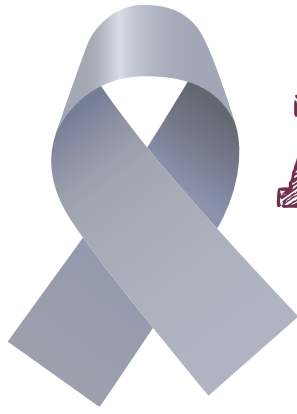
The garden has audio commentary, which explains some history of the garden. This is a sample: "The Peace Garden incorporates two classic Japanese designs. The first is a waterfall, pond, trees and a stream representing the river of life. The second is a stone garden with small rocks to represent the infinite ocean. The large rocks represent islands. In his last message to the Japanese people, Admiral Nimitz said the damage received by both sides was great, but with the passage of years, the wounds of war have healed, and, today, our countries have joined their hands in cooperation." The commentary is also in German and Spanish.

"It takes only a few minutes to wander around it," says Ruth Ann "but it's also a very reflective space."

Before World War II, Admiral Nimitz was a friend with the famous Admiral Togo of the Japanese Imperial Navy. After the war, because of the friendship, Admiral Nimitz was instrumental in preserving the Mikasa, the flagship of Togo's time in the Navy. It was going to be destroyed after the war, and Nimitz was able to help raise funds to make sure it would be restored. It is now a museum.

The Japanese garden at the Nimitz Museum also contains a replica of Admiral Togo's study, a gift from the people of Japan. Materials were brought to Fredericksburg from Japan, and the structure was built on site.

In 2016, the great-great granddaughter of Admiral Togo came over to rededicate the museum.



# National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month

## June is Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month

### Staff Reports

According to the Alzheimer's Association, June is Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month. The Alzheimer's Association offers 10 early signs and symptoms of Alzheimer's and Dementia. Memory loss that disrupts daily life may be a symptom of Alzheimer's or other dementia. Alzheimer's is a brain disease that causes a slow decline in memory, thinking and reasoning skills. There are 10 warning signs and symptoms. If you notice any of them, don't ignore them. Schedule an appointment with your doctor.

#### 1 - Memory loss that disrupts daily life

One of the most common signs of Alzheimer's disease, especially in the early stage, is forgetting recently learned information. Others include forgetting important dates or events, asking the same questions over and over, and increasingly needing to rely on memory aids (e.g., reminder notes or electronic devices) or family members for things they used to handle on their own.

#### 2 - Challenges in planning

#### or solving problems

Some people living with changes in their memory due to Alzheimer's or other dementia may experience changes in their ability to develop and follow a plan or work with numbers. They may have trouble following a familiar recipe or keeping track of monthly bills. They may have difficulty concentrating and take much longer to do things than they did before.

#### 3 - Difficulty completing familiar tasks

People living with memory changes from Alzheimer's or other dementia often find it hard to complete daily tasks. Sometimes, they may have trouble driving to a familiar location, organizing a grocery list, or remembering the rules of a favorite game.

#### 4 - Confusion with time or place

People living with Alzheimer's or other dementia can lose track of dates, seasons, and the passage of time. They may have trouble understanding something if it is not happening immediately. Sometimes, they may forget where they are or how they got there.

#### 5 - Trouble understanding visual images and spatial relationships

Some people living with Alzheimer's or other dementia could experience vision changes. This may lead to difficulty with balance or trouble reading. They may also have problems judging distance and determining color or contrast, causing issues with driving.

#### 6 - New Problems with words in speaking or writing

People living with Alzheimer's or other dementia may have trouble following or joining a conversation. They may stop in the middle of a conversation and have no idea how to continue or they may repeat themselves. They may struggle with vocabulary, have trouble naming a familiar object, or use the wrong name (e.g., calling a "watch" a "hand-clock").

#### 7 - Misplacing things and losing the ability to retrace steps

A person living with Alzheimer's or other dementia may put things in unusual places. They may lose things and be unable to go back over their steps to find them again. He or she may accuse others of

stealing, especially as the disease progresses.

#### 8 - Decreased or poor judgement

Individuals living with Alzheimer's or other dementia may experience changes in judgment or decision-making. For example, they may use poor judgment when dealing with money or pay less attention to grooming or keeping themselves clean.

#### 9 - Withdrawal from work or social activities

A person living with Alzheimer's or other dementia may experience changes in the ability to hold or follow a conversation. As a result, they may withdraw from hobbies, social activities, or other engagements. They may have trouble keeping up with a favorite team or activity.

#### 10- Changes in mood and personality

Individuals living with Alzheimer's or other dementia may experience mood and personality changes. They can become confused, suspicious, depressed, fearful, or anxious. They may be easily upset at home, with friends, or when out of their comfort zone.

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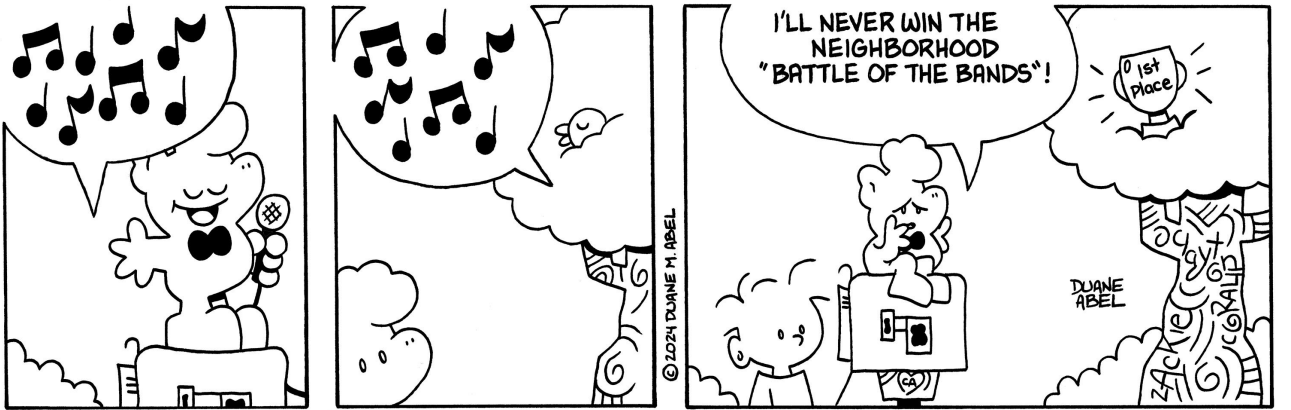
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## Public Library to hold game nights through June

### 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.

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## MOUND NEWS

# Make sure to register for VBS on Sunday



BY BARBARA HOPSON

Mound News  
Correspondent

**M**ound Cowboy Church and White Mound Baptist Church are having their annual VBS June 9-13.

Registration starts Sunday, June 9, at 4 p.m. The different age groups are (three-five year olds) (K-1st grade) (2nd-3rd grade) and (4th-6th grade). Dinner will be at 5:30 p.m. each afternoon. The time for VBS will be from 6-8:30 p.m. each evening. Parents' night will be on the 13th. This

year's theme is Barrier Rock Beach. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the fellowship. VBS directors are Mrs. Staci Combs and Sue Jones.

Don and Sue Jones met Ron and Blayn Smith, of Dallas, in Waco Sunday afternoon.

Valerie Ferrell and Carolyn Blakley had lunch

in Gatesville together on Friday.

On Saturday, Elizabeth Phillips and Carolyn Blakley went to Waco for a going away party for Richard and Tammy Shook.

Emma Blakley worked at the Leon River Premium Beef booth at the Shivaree on Saturday.

Jerry and Brenda Helms went to Stephenville Saturday to see Reed, Katelyn, and Riley Griffith.

Doris Hoff, of Gatesville, visited during the week in Mound with Martha Lawhorn.

Brian and Crystella Camiel Quicksall, of Florida, Doug and Susan Quicksall, of Oglesby, Pat Johnson, of Austin, Roy and Jan Johnson, of Gatesville, and Eric and Liz McCorkle, of Mound, enjoyed their dinner on Thursday, May 30, in Gatesville at the Rancher's Steakhouse Grill.

Jeb Dixon of Liberty Hill visited Gatesville and

Mound over the Memorial Day weekend.

Several residents of Mound attended the 50th anniversary Shivaree held Thursday through Saturday June 1. This year's Shivaree celebration was three days of various activities, including a carnival, Color the Shivaree-a fun Run 5K, a pickleball tournament, the 50th anniversary Shivaree Car, Jeep, Truck, and Motorcycle Show, a petting zoo provided by Hal and Jo's funny farm, various food and knick-knack vendors, and live music throughout the whole three days.

Those who had birthdays this week and weekend are Celeste Polensky, Deletta Washburn, Loyd Hopson, Jeremy Dosssey, Emily Coward, Neva (Hopson) Groat, Cherie Tatum, Hal Hopson, Anna Baldock, Slayton Fisher, and Beverly Pena.

## Turnersville Cemetery Association to meet

## Submitted item

The Turnersville Cemetery Association will hold its second quarterly meeting on Tuesday, June 11, at 7 p.m. at the Turnersville Community

Center. This is an election meeting. Everyone interested is welcome to attend.

The burial ground served residents of the rural community of Turn-

ersville - originally known as Buchanan Springs. A cemetery association was formed by 1900 but disbanded in the 1930s. The Turnersville Cemetery Association reorganized

in 1953 and continues to care for the burial ground.

Turnersville Community Center is located at 8113 FM 182.



## The DISPATCH

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of May 29 - June 4. 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 29

7:23 a.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 600 block of Golf Course Road.

9:51 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 100 block of 27th Street.

10:17 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 500 block of Bridge Street.

11:11 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 100 block of Whaley Lane.

#### May 30

2:59 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 2400 block of E. Main Street.

3:51 p.m., a threat was reported in the 500 block of Bridge Street.

8:24 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1000 block of E. Leon Street.

10:58 p.m., a noise disturbance was reported in the 900 block of S. Lovers Lane.

#### May 31

8:28 a.m., a structure fire was reported in the 1800 block of Hay Valley Road.

2:11 p.m., a theft was reported in the 1400 block of W. Main Street.

2:38 p.m., a theft was reported in the 1600 block of E. Main Street.

4:05 p.m., a burglary was reported in the 2200 block of Bridge Street.

#### June 1

4:20 a.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 2400 block of Oak Drive.

2:26 p.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 1500 block of St. Louis

Street.

5:25 p.m., harassment was reported in the 3600 block of Churchill Drive.

10:40 p.m., a burglary was reported in the 400 block of Valley View Drive.

#### June 2

10:16 a.m., a fire alarm was reported in the 2900 block of S. State Highway 36.

12:43 p.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 6500 block of E. Highway 84.

9:38 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2400 block of Business highway 36.

#### June 3

10:36 a.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 4000 block of S. State Highway 36.

2:38 p.m., wanted/stolen person/property was reported in the 600 block of E. Leon Street.

7:35 p.m., a theft was reported in the 200 block of N. 14th Street.

8:31 p.m., an animal/livestock complaint was reported in the 1400 block of Golf Course Road.

#### June 4

1:45 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1200 block of Saunders Street.

8:12 a.m., an animal/livestock complaint was reported in the 100 block of Park Lane.

9:43 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 300 block of S. Lovers Lane.

3:36 p.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 1400 block of Westview Drive.

### CORYELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

#### May 29

10:01 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported on Old Osage Road near Reno Road.

2:54 p.m., an animal bite was reported in the 300 block of Warren Road.

4:35 p.m., trees in the roadway were reported on FM 1783.

8:48 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on FM 932 at County Road 101.

#### May 30

7:26 a.m., a stolen vehicle was reported in the 14,800 block of S. Highway 36.

11:58 a.m., a recovered stolen vehicle was reported in the 800 block of Industrial Avenue.

4:44 p.m., a major accident was reported in the 16,000 block of E. Highway 84.

10:25 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 1100 block of County Road 219.

#### May 31

3:09 a.m., trees in roadway reported on County Road 102.

4:08 a.m., electric pole down was reported in the 4600 block of County Road 174.

1:26 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 1400 block of Prairie View Drive.

8:59 p.m., missing livestock was reported at County Road 131 and County Road 137.

#### June 1

9:53 a.m., a gas leak was reported in the 600 block

of E. Circle Drive.

2:43 p.m., suspicious persons were reported on Barbara Street.

2:59 p.m., found livestock was reported in the 400 block of County Road 136.

9:21 p.m., an explosion was reported in the 1900 block of County Road 337.

#### June 2

1:42 a.m., suspicious activity was reported at Highway 36 and FM 107.

9:25 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported on FM 932.

9:38 a.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 100 block of Glenn View.

9:22 p.m., an animal complaint was reported on Mooney Avenue.

#### June 3

10:56 a.m., a scam was reported in the 800 block of Red Fern Drive.

1:36 p.m., a neighbor dispute was reported in the 800 block of FM 116.

4:22 p.m., a scam was reported in the 1800 block of Robertson Avenue.

4:57 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 2500 block of FM 1783.

#### June 4

6:55 a.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 100 block of FM 1996.

1:19 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 1400 block of County Road 136.

1:33 p.m., harassment was reported at McDonald's.

11:28 p.m., a hit & run was reported in the 3200 block of FM 1113.

## OBITUARIES

### Michael Ray "Pete" Reedy

Oct. 7, 1955 - May 24, 2024

Michael Ray "Pete" Reedy, age 68, of Gatesville, passed away on Friday, May 24, 2024.

Pete was born in South Bend, IN on Oct. 7, 1955, to the late Robert E. Reedy, Sr. and Pauline Rouch. Pete was a hardworking man who loved to spend time with family and friends. He loved fishing.

Pete is preceded in death by his parents; sister, Linda D. Reedy; and grandson, Geoffrey R. Peterson.

Pete is survived by his brother, Robert E. Reedy, Jr.; sister, Patricia Evans and Joe Alford; daughter, Sharon L. Peterson; sons, Michael R.



Reedy, Jr. and Stevan Muff; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Deuteronomy 22:22 Psalms 116:1-9

### Darlene Brown

Jan. 10, 1944 - June 2, 2024

Darlene Brown, age 80, of Gatesville, passed away on Sunday, June 2, 2024, surrounded by her family.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, June 5, at Scott's Funeral Home with Brother Floyd Brown officiating. Interment followed the service at Levita Cemetery.

Darlene Gail Brown was born on Jan. 10, 1944, to the late Awalt and Irene Graeter Jaster in Houston. She grew up and attended school in Levita, graduating from Jonesboro High School in 1962. She married Jerry Lee Brown on Aug. 9, 1963, and the two made their home in Gatesville, living within a half mile of their current home all of their married lives. She and Jerry had two children, Jerry Lewis and Linda. After Linda's passing in 1998, Darlene dedicated her entire life to raising Linda's children and her great-granddaughters. She loved watching her grandchildren grow and always enjoyed attending all their softball games. She also enjoyed spending time at the river with her family, camping, fishing, and cooking for others. Grandma, as she was known to her family, loved Christmas, her family, and the Lord. She was a member of Harmony Baptist Church. She was a simple woman, never complained, and always had a smile on her face.

Darlene was preceded in



death by her parents; husband, Jerry Brown; daughter, Linda Brown Aguilar; and son, Jerry Lewis Brown.

She is survived by her grandchildren, Jessica Smart and husband, Ross, Kayla Chumley and husband, Zane; great-grandchildren, Joli Archie, Jacy Archie, Ellie Chumley, and Adlee Chumley; sisters, Nell Merritt and husband, Howard, Patricia Clayton and husband, Jack, and Phyllis Thornton; brothers, Nelton Long Jr. and wife, Cindy, and John Jaster; and many nieces, nephews, and in-laws.

Darlene's family would like to give a heartfelt thank you to Aunt Janie Brown, who has been a special part of her life for over 50 years. She has provided compassion, friendship, love, and has been such an inspiration to everyone in the family.

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Shrimp gumbo

## SHRIMP GUMBO

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|----------------------|---------------------------|
| ½ lb. shrimp         | frozen okra               |
| 1 med. onion         | tomatoes                  |
| 1 red pepper         | 1 sm. can of tomato sauce |
| 3 T. butter          | ¼ c. flour                |
| 1 T. bacon drippings | 1 tsp. gumbo filé         |
| Polish sausage       | hot pepper sauce          |
| 1 c. shrimp broth    | salt & pepper to taste    |
| 3 c. water           | rice                      |

Sauté onion and pepper in 3 tablespoons of butter and 1 tablespoon of bacon drippings. Preboil ½ lb. of shrimp for 6 minutes. Add polish sausage cut up and set aside. Boil 1 cup of shrimp broth and 3 cups of water with tomatoes and frozen okra. Simmer 6 minutes. Add shrimp, sausage, and cooked chicken or turkey if desired. Simmer for 30 minutes. May add 1 can of tomato sauce and flour to thicken. Add gumbo filé. Serve over hot rice. Additionally, you can boil smoked turkey bones until the meat falls off and use the broth as base for gumbo.

## CORYELL 4-H MEMBERS JOIN YOUTH AG TOUR



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Various 4-H members of Bosque, Coryell, and McLennan counties recently took a two-day trip for the second annual Tri-County Youth Ag Tour, which was both fun and educational. The 4-H members enjoyed tour stops at Cross J Ranch, CB Feedlot, MJ Hanna Ranch, Waco water treatment facilities, Purina Mills, and the Texas A&M AgriLife Research Center.

## Champions Day welcomes special needs individuals with free admission

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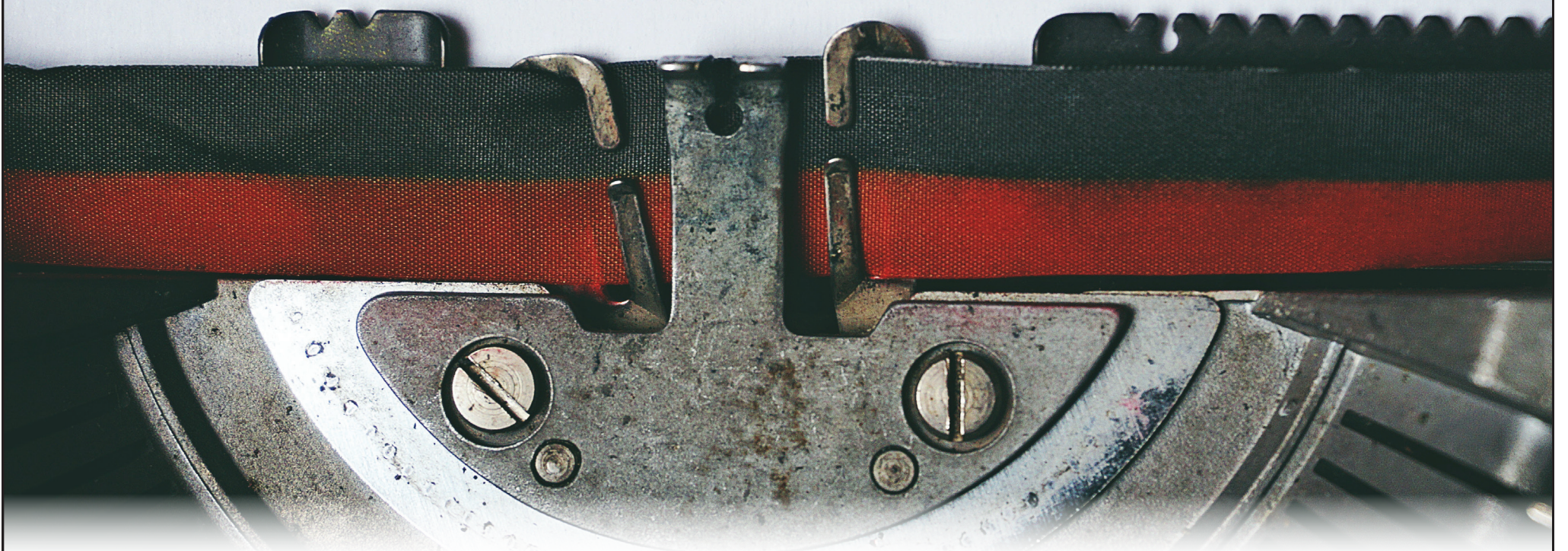
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A second Champions Day will be held in Waco on Tuesday, July 23, 2024. Hawaiian Falls Waco is located at 900 Lake Shore Drive in Waco. The hours on Saturday, June 15, will be 9-10 a.m.

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS:** Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Hubert Lee Brast, Deceased, were issued on 4-30-24, in Cause No. 24-10963, pending in the County Court-at-Law of Coryell County, Texas, to: Pamela M. Smart. 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 907 S. 7th St. Copperas Cove, TX 76522 DATED the 4th day of June, 2024. Dori Ray Mistic Attorney for Pamela M. Smart State Bar No.: 04091800 907 S. Main St., Copperas Cove, TX 76522 Telephone: (254) 547-6000 Facsimile: (254) 547-4157 Email: doriraymistic@hotmail.com 00030854

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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.

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**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS CORYELL COUNTY**

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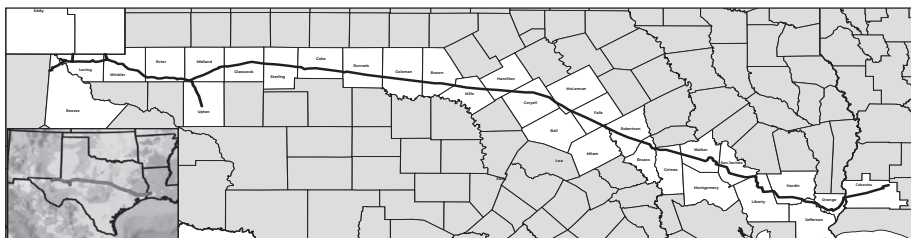
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<b>Wednesday, June 5</b> 4 p.m.-8 p.m. Harvest Event Center 9775 North Highway 156 Liberty, TX 77575	<b>Thursday, June 6</b> 4 p.m.-8 p.m. SJP Ranch Events Venue, 2646 Farm to Market 1010 Road, Cleveland, TX 77327	<b>Monday, June 10</b> 4 p.m.-8 p.m. Walker County Fair Assoc. 3925 State Highway 30 Huntsville, TX 77340
<b>Tuesday, June 11</b> 4 p.m.-8 p.m. City of Hearne Clubhouse 405 Norwood Lane Hearne, TX 77859	<b>Wednesday, June 12</b> 4 p.m.-8 p.m. Bammie Moore Hall 508 Avenue E Moody, TX 76557	<b>Thursday, June 13</b> 4 p.m.-8 p.m. Texas Station Event Center 305 Old Fort Gates Road Gatesville, TX 76528

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# 50th Annual Gatesville Shivarree

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The Gatesville Chamber of Commerce hosted the 50th annual Shivarree last weekend around the downtown square and Raby Park area. The fun-filled four day event included a concert, car show, carnival rides, a petting zoo, and much more. A 5K and 10K color run and pickleball tournament were also held in conjunction with the Shivarree. Vendors lined the courthouse square to offer an array of items to the public.



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## Lady Eagles softball team captures state championship title



The Lady Eagles softball team is pictured after winning the state championship game and making history for Jonesboro ISD.

BY ALEXANDRA MEELBUSCH  
Staff Writer

The Jonesboro Lady Eagles made history this past week by being the first softball team in the district to win the 1A Softball State Championships and to take home the state title. The ladies played a hard and rigorous season with an overall record of 23-7 and 7-0 in district play while winning 22 of the last 24 games of the season.

The Lady Eagles are led by coaching duo Cody and Amanda LeCroy, who are currently in their first year at Jonesboro High School.

Amanda takes on the role of head coach, while Cody is the assistant coach and serves as the girls' athletic coordinator.

"We were definitely excited to come into this program," she said. "When

we took this job, we knew that we were getting a really good group of girls and athletes, but I really don't think that we imagined going as far as we did."

Cody expressed that the duo's knowledge of softball is extremely high due to having experience coaching at the college level for many years.

"Our ability to communicate with each other in between innings, during defensive changes, with pitching changes, and things of that nature has really given us the leg up," he said. "The fact that I get the chance to work with my best friend and get to see her across the field every day, I think that gives us the edge."

He described that it is an awesome feeling to be able to wake up and go to work every day with your signifi-

cant other.

"At the end of the day, yes, we are husband and wife but when we come to work, it is time to work, and we kind of put those relationships aside," he said. "But at the end of each game you will see us hug and embrace."

Amanda said that the two complement each other well when it comes to coaching. "We balance each other out and we work with the girls together really well in that aspect," she said.

She expressed that she has seen immense growth in the Lady Eagles throughout the season leading up to the state game.

"There was a big difference from the beginning of volleyball season to the end of softball season, and I think that it was about learning how to really

fight, compete, and finish games," she said. "We started seeing it midway through basketball season where they started to really bubble down, and these girls are used to winning, so this year it got a little tougher for them."

"In our Blum game, we were down 7-0 in the second inning, and we ended up coming back and almost run-ruling them," she said. "The girls didn't lay down, and their demeanor changed a lot throughout the year."

Cody expressed that, on top of softball, the girls on the team are invested in almost every sport at Jonesboro as well. With 29 girls in the athletic program, they do everything from volleyball, basketball, softball, run

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COURTESY PHOTO

UIL State Choir Champion Nevin Benning

## GHS choir student wins UIL State Championship

Submitted item

Gatesville High School was excited to share the fact that GHS Choir Sophomore Nevin Benning was named an "Outstanding Performer" by the UIL State Solo Contest - meaning that he is now a State Champion.

During competition, Nevin sang "The Vagabond" by Ralph Vaughan, and it was reported that the judge was instantly impressed and suggested he should study music in college.

According to GHS Choir Director Cherith Wells, "This marks the FOURTH Choir student to receive this

award in the past 6 years."

GISD Superintendent Barrett Pollard had the following to say about him: "Nevin and his older brother, Narvell, came to us a couple of years ago all the way from Buffalo, New York. Narvell has since graduated, but both were great additions to our school. Nevin earning Outstanding Performer during the UIL State Solo Contest is a huge accomplishment. It truly is equivalent to being a state champion, and the judge was thoroughly impressed with Nevin's performance."



## Jonesboro softball team receives various awards

Staff Reports

Jonesboro High School's softball team finished their season at the end of May after making history by being the first softball team to become state champions for their school.

The Lady Eagles have been honored with a plethora of awards for their hard work and dedication on the field and in the classroom.

The awards include

**ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT:** Madison Cohn, Lynlee Deats, Ella Gustin, Adalynda Andrade, Kyleigh Walker, and Leighla Hernandez

**FIRST TEAM ALL-DISTRICT:** Kyleigh Walker, Leighla Hernandez, Julie Henderson, Ella Gustin, and Lynlee Deats

**SECOND TEAM ALL-DISTRICT:** Madalyn Smith and Kylee Gould

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Amanda LeCroy

**STATE TOURNAMENT ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM:**

Emily Turner, Championship Game MVP; Adalynda Andrade, pitcher; Lynlee Deats, second base; Ella Gustin, third base; Leighla Hernandez, outfield

**TEXAS GIRLS COACHES ASSOCIATION ALL-STATE TEAM:**

Julie Henderson, junior; Emily Turner, junior; Kyleigh Walker, junior; Adalynda Andrade, sophomore; Lynlee Deats, freshman; Ally Thorman, freshman; Ella Gustin, freshman



Junior Emily Turner is pictured after receiving the Most Valuable Player (MVP) award for the state championship game.

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Pictured is the Lady Hornets varsity softball team.

## Lady Hornet softball team recently honored with all-district awards

### Staff Reports

Gatesville High School's Lady Hornet softball team were honored with all-district awards for their hard work while finishing 19-17 for the season.

The awards include:

**FIRST TEAM ALL-DISTRICT**  
Madison Hester, first team pitcher.

Kinlee Gardner, first team infield.  
Raylee Glover, first team catcher.  
Meghan Mehaffey, first team utility.

### SECOND TEAM ALL-DISTRICT

Madison Birnel, second team outfield.  
Brilee Ford, second team

outfield.

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Grace Carothers, honorable mention outfield.  
Journey Garrett, honorable mention utility.  
Kallie Featherston, honorable mention infield.  
Emma Raby, honorable mention, infield.

## GHS cheer hosts summer camp

### Staff Reports

Gatesville Independent School District's cheer program recently hosted its annual Lil Hornets Cheer Camp. It was held from Wednesday, May 29, to

Friday, May 31, and it took place at Gatesville High School. All students from kindergarten through sixth grade who are interested in becoming a Hornet cheerleader were welcome

to attend. The aspiring cheerleaders learned many different skills including different chants and dances.



COURTESY PHOTO BY AMBER COLSON

Future GHS cheerleaders pose while attending the Lil Hornets Cheer Camp hosted by the Gatesville ISD cheer program.



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## Texan Football slotted 19th in 2024 FCS Preseason Top 25 Rankings

### Tarleton State University

STEPHENVILLE – Tarleton State will become a fully-fledged NCAA Division I program next season after successfully completing its four-year reclassification period, and Texan Football is projected to be a championship contender right away in its first opportunity at the playoffs.

The Texans were ranked in the top-20 in a prominent FCS preseason poll, slotted No. 19 in Craig Haley's 2024 FCS Football Preseason Top 25 Rankings on Opta Analyst.

Haley coordinates the Stats Perform national media poll that is used as one of two official rankings during the season. Projected to coordinate with 55 national voters next year, Haley will push this preseason poll for a basis in Stats Perform's official preseason rankings poll before the 2024 season.

In February, Haley pegged Tarleton State as having "the best chance (to make the playoffs) among the schools that are seeking their first FCS playoff bid in 2024."

Tarleton State has shined at the NCAA Division I level, posting four straight winning seasons and finishing with the third highest win-



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ning percentage in a reclassification period since 2004 at .610 (25-16). Among all Texas D1 and D2 programs since 2018, the Texans own the best winning percentage in the state at .727 (48-18).

Last season, the Texans went 8-3 overall, 4-2 in conference play, finishing tied-second in the United

Athletic Conference. They likely would have received an FCS playoff at-large bid, if eligible. Head coach Todd Whitten was named the UAC Coach of the Year after Tarleton had it going across all three phases in 2023. Offensively, the Texans were ranked first in the conference in yards per play (6.4,

11th most nationally), first in rush yards per game (201.7, 12th nationally), first in rush touchdowns (25, 16th nationally), second in points per game (33.3, 13th nationally), second in yards per game (430.5, 14th nationally) and second in yards per rush (5.2, 17th nationally). Defensively, the Texans had

the most defensive touchdowns in the conference (four, tied-fourth nationally), were first in fumbles recovered (11, tied-ninth nationally), first in yards per play (4.8, 17th nationally), first in sacks (26, tied-28th nationally), tied-third in takeaways (18, tied-36th nationally), tied-third in tackles for loss

(65, tied-39th nationally), and fourth in scoring defense (24.5 points per game, tied-46th nationally). On special teams, Tarleton was first in kickoff return (24.3 yards per return, eighth nationally) and second in punt return (18.2 yards per return, fourth nationally).

Haley's full 2024 FCS Football Preseason Top 25 rankings:

1. North Dakota State
2. South Dakota State
3. Montana
4. South Dakota
5. Montana State
6. Villanova
7. Sacramento State
8. Idaho
9. William & Mary
10. Central Arkansas
11. Chattanooga
12. Southern Illinois
13. UIU
14. Illinois State
15. Weber State
16. Furman
17. Lafayette
18. Elon
19. Tarleton State
20. Richmond
21. UAlbany
22. Nicholls
23. Western Carolina
24. Eastern Illinois
- 25(t). UT Martin
- 25(t). Youngstown State

## Tarleton State graduate student to present clinical research in Japan



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**Vladyslav Logos will present his clinical research at the eighth annual International Conference on Education and Psychology (ICEAP) July 18-20 in Fukuoka, Japan. Logos, originally from Kyiv, Ukraine, is in his second year of master's studies in clinical mental health counseling at Tarleton State's Fort Worth campus.**

### Tarleton State University

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This year's conference theme is "Innovations in Education and Psychological Well-being: Bridging Theory and Practice," and Logos and his collaborator, Dr. Nikki Hurless, will speak about the unique insights they gained from their research and clinical practice while in Japan. Logos, originally from Kyiv, Ukraine, is in his second year of master's studies in clinical mental health counseling at Tarleton State's Fort Worth campus.

"It's a great honor and pleasure to represent Tarleton State at the international level," said Logos.

"The Texan family has been very supportive of me, and I'm proud to spread the word about our exceptional university."

A former musician, Logos said he changed his career course to medicine and science "to be as useful as possible to humanity," graduating from Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv and working as a clinical psychologist/therapist in Ukraine before moving to the U.S.

"I steadily gained more appreciation of medical research and its power to positively impact many people rather than just one patient," Logos said.

His research focuses on identifying and addressing the most prevalent mental health concerns among refugees and looks at how to approach and effectively work with these vulnerable populations.

"We are developing a short-term asynchronous psychoeducational intervention that will enable individuals to maintain their mental health and well-being during challenging times of forced migration from a war-torn country," Logos said.

This year alone he has spoken at eight scientific conferences and produced five peer-reviewed articles and two textbook chapters. Logos plans to further his practically applicable clinical research and scholarly output by attaining a doctorate in clinical psychology and pursuing a professional career in academia. He hopes to advance his other research lines on innovative methods of treating depression, the effectiveness of evidence-based psychotherapies, the methods of remedying hopelessness and apathy, and psychedelic-assisted therapy.

## Tarleton Promise Program to Serve New Freshmen in Fort Worth

### Tarleton State University

STEPHENVILLE — Aiming to increase access to higher education, Tarleton State University has announced the expansion of its Tarleton Promise Program to the institution's Fort Worth campus, giving eligible first-year students the opportunity to attend free of tuition and fees.

Tarleton State President Dr. James Hurley launched the Tarleton Promise Program in 2019 upon his arrival, with the goal to provide additional institutional aid to eligible, incoming freshmen if federal and state aid do not cover their direct college expenses. As the institution welcomes its inaugural first-year cohort to its Fort Worth campus this fall,

Tarleton State is growing the program to meet the specific needs of this new population attending the university.

"We believe that a student's financial situation should never prevent them from earning a college degree," said Dr. Hurley. "Our university was founded as an institution of opportunity, and the Tarleton Promise Program is one way that we continue to live out that legacy."

Eligible students must complete both the FAFSA and general scholarship applications and meet the following criteria:

- Texas resident
- Pell Grant eligible
- Family adjusted gross income of \$85,000 or less
- Graduated in the top

50% of their high school graduating class

The financial aid office will notify recipients of their award, which is renewable for up to four years if the student remains enrolled full time and meets satisfactory progress requirements toward their degree completion.

"Our goal is to remove barriers for high-performing students who have the most financial need," said Dr. Rachael Capua, dean of Tarleton State Fort Worth and vice president for external operations. "This is an important step to increasing access and opportunity as we prepare to welcome our inaugural first-year class later this year."

Prospective students can

begin their journey toward attending Tarleton State Fort Worth by visiting the university website to view a full list of available programs and to apply. Class registration for fall 2024 is also now available.

A founding member of The Texas A&M System, Tarleton State is breaking records — in enrollment, research, scholarship, athletics, philanthropy and engagement — while transforming the lives of nearly 17,000 students in Stephenville, Fort Worth, Waco, Bryan and online. True to Tarleton's values of excellence, integrity and respect, academic programs emphasize real world learning and address regional, state and national needs.



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**Tarleton State's Fort Worth campus on the Chisholm Trail Parkway.**

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# Summer happenings - school & sports



## GISD athletics summer camps

### Staff Reports

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

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

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

A concession stand

will be available during practices.

2024 summer camps still available include:

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

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

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

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

**Hornet SWARM speed strength and condition sessions**

SWARM camp for

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

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

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

## GJH old gym to be dedicated to Price June 14

### Staff Reports

Former coach and educator John C. Price will be honored with a dedication at the Gatesville Junior High old 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.



## GISD choir to hold bake sale

### Submitted item

The GISD Choir Boosters will host a bake sale on Friday, June 21, starting at 10 a.m. They will be selling cookies, cupcakes, brownies, and cakes, with all proceeds going to help the

GISD Choirs.

The bake sale will be held at the Salty Senorita Boutique located behind McDonalds in Gatesville.

For more information, contact gisdchoir@gatesvilleisd.org

## Registration day for youth tackle football and cheer is June 22

### Staff Reports

Gatesville Youth Sports (GYS) will hold a registration day on Saturday, June 22 at 6:30 p.m., at McKamie Stadium for all kids ages 12-and-under interested in playing tackle football. Kids ages six-and-under can sign up for flag football, and cheer is available for ages four through 12.

Items needed at registration will include a head shot, report card or proof of grade, and a birth certificate.

The cost for tackle football is \$150 per player and includes a helmet, shoulder pads, and a game uniform. The cheer signup is \$180 and includes a uniform. The fee to play flag football is \$80 per player.

All kids need to be registered by the end of the day on Saturday, June 22 to allow time to order uniforms. Practices are to begin in July.

If you prefer to register online, visit [www.gatesvilletacklefb.org](http://www.gatesvilletacklefb.org).

The age groups for youth tackle football will include 8U, 10U, and 12U.

Since GYS started their own league for youth tack-

le football last year, nine other teams have joined, for a total of ten teams, which include McGregor, Salado, Rosebud-Lott, Academy, Moody, Jarrell, Chilton, Troy, and Hewitt. Games will be played away and at home.

For additional information, contact Kent Ford at 254-338-4534.

## Deadline to sign up for Gatesville Summer Track is June 18

### Staff Reports

Gatesville's summer track program officially began on Tuesday, May 28.

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

Age divisions include:

**Six years old and under:** 50-meters and 100-meters.

**Eight years old and under:** long jump, high jump, 50-meters, 400-meter relay race, 800-meters,

100-meter dash, 400-meters, and 200-meters.

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

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

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

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

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

Practices are held every Tuesday and Thursday of each week and began on Tuesday, May 28, and will continue through Saturday, July 13.

**The meet schedule includes**  
June 8, Riesel High School  
June 15, McGregor Bull-

dog Stadium

June 22, Gatesville

McKamie Stadium

June 29, Hart-Patterson

Track

July 12-13, TAAF Region

5 Regional Meet in Waco

July 25-28, TAAF Games

of Texas State Meet in

Brownsville

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

## 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.

The deadline for students who reside in the district was on Saturday, June 1.

For students who reside out of the district, the

deadline to sign up began on Saturday, June 1, and will continue through Tuesday, June 25, and is based on availability.

For further information, contact Jonesboro ISD at 254-463-2111, or by visiting [www.jonesboroisd.net](http://www.jonesboroisd.net).

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

## Gatesville ISD provides annual summer meal program

### 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 pro-

grams 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](http://SummerFood.org).



# EDUCATION

Gatesville ★ Evant ★ Jonesboro ★ Oglesby

## Shoaf named Administrator of the Year for 2024

BY ALEXANDRA MEELBUSCH  
Staff Writer

Gatesville Independent School District is home to many hard-working staff members who go above and beyond to do what is best for their students, and one of those individuals is Gatesville High School principal Elizabeth Shoaf. Her efforts throughout the school year led her to receive the 2024 Administrator of the Year award.

Annually, an employee of Gatesville ISD is named as the Administrator of the Year. This year, it was a complete surprise for Shoaf as she humbly did not expect to receive the award.

"I didn't know I had been selected until I saw the announcement on the school district's Facebook page," Shoaf said. "It was an absolute honor to receive the recognition, especially because there are so many amazing and more deserving administrators in the district."

Shoaf has served within Gatesville ISD for 20 years, but her journey at the high school began when she was a student herself, graduating in 1998. She began working for the district as a third-grade elemen-

tary teacher and has now worked her way up to the top as lead principal.

With this past school year only being her first year as principal of the high school, she has already brought a real academic focus to the campus.

Shoaf expressed that this past year has taught her many things, including that strong and trusting relationships are the key to overcoming challenges and achieving growth.

"We started the year focused on building a culture that motivates everyone in the building to do and be their best," she said. "We made it our daily mission to be available, listen, and celebrate the big and little things."

She expressed that she has always had a passion for teaching and loved every minute of the 17 years she spent in the classroom. But in her role as principal, she said that it has been eye-opening and motivating to see the school system from a different angle.

"I have learned to channel my passion into not just supporting students, but also the adults in the building," she said. "I am in

aware of the work our team does every day and want them to feel respected and supported."

"The most rewarding aspect of my job is being able to see students experience success and have fun while doing it," she said.

Shoaf explained that her daily responsibilities mainly revolve around being present and available for students, staff, and parents. She is always on the go to make sure that her campus is taken care of.

"I usually have three to four meetings scheduled each day that are centered around instruction or the campus' and students' needs," she said. "Every unscheduled minute is spent checking in on teachers, students, and staff that have questions or need support."

GISD Superintendent Dr. Barrett Pollard expressed his thoughts on Shoaf's award.

"Mrs. Shoaf kept a tight handle on safety and security, but she put a tremendous emphasis on curriculum, instruction, and assessment," Dr. Pollard said. "Being a homegrown product and teaching third

grade for so many years, Liz knows all of our families and has strong connections to the students. Liz helps all aspects of the campus to be successful including academics, CTE, fine arts, and athletics. Mrs. Shoaf has strong support from her staff, students, other campus leaders, and central office."

He also made it known that Shoaf has made history this year by being the first Gatesville ISD administrator of Hispanic heritage in the history of the district.

"I hope Mrs. Shoaf can remain Gatesville High School principal for years to come," he said.

Shoaf said that she is excited about the next school year because the high school has a fun-loving and hard-working student body that the campus is ready to learn and grow with.

"We ended the 2023-2024 school year with a lot of success, and this is a reflection of the staff's commitment to doing what is best for kids," she said. "We have set new goals and have a theme we'll announce in August that we plan on weaving into

important components of



GHS Principal Elizabeth Shoaf

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the school day and year like academics, attendance, school spirit, community

involvement, and character education."

## Oglesby ISD announces end-of-year award recipients

### Staff Reports

Oglesby Independent School District recently announced end-of-the-year awards for its students, which includes accomplishments throughout the last nine weeks of the school year.

Awards include:

#### PREKINDERGARTEN

Perfect Attendance: Ivy Earle

Tiger - Respect: Kolt Beard

Honesty: Remi Zito

Math: Forrest Wegenast and Ivy Earle

Language Arts: NaRyah Smith

Math and Language Arts: Kase Kortis, Christopher Bass, Kolt Beard, and Laikyn Goff.

Overall Academic for 2023-2024 School Year: Kase Kortis, Laikyn Goff, and Shyloh Snyder.

#### KINDERGARTEN

Perfect Attendance: Ramsey Beard, Kinley Brinkley, Keagan Campbell, Gracie Hess, Grayson Mainez, and Noah Mata

All Year Perfect Attendance: Kinley Brinkley

Tiger - Earnest: Adaline McGough

Tiger - Respect: Jack Hughes

Honest: Lucky Donaldson Academic: Gracie Hess, Jack Hughes, Alex Williamson, Adaline McGough, and Brantley West

All Year Academic: Gracie Hess, Alex Williamson, Brantley West, and Adaline McGough

#### FIRST GRADE

A Honor Roll: Noah Crell, Jordan Gann, Anderson Hopkins, Maya Martinez, Madilynn Miller, Lincoln Taylor, Pailey Wisehart, and Madison Lechler

All Year A Honor Roll: Noah Crell, Jordan Gann, and Lincoln Taylor

AB Honor Roll: Stran Hill, Jon Key, Jenna Ewing, and Brooks Seymour

All Year AB Honor Roll: Anderson Hopkins, Stran Hill, Maya Martinez, Brooks Seymour, and Pailey Wisehart

Perfect Attendance: Bryson Brinkley, Jenna Ewing, Stran Hill, and Madilynn Miller.

Tiger - Earnest: Lincoln Taylor

Tiger - Respect: Maya Martinez

Honesty: Noah Crell

#### SECOND GRADE

A Honor Roll: Dixon Bond, Xander Goff, Crystal Mejia, Saylor McGovern, Brazos Regan, Jaylynn Taylor, and Freddy Vandiver

AB Honor Roll: Cole Cockrell, Brennen Hill, Ranger Jeffcoat, Chad Kasting, Lucas Licea, Maximus Martinez, Karen O'Campo, and Brody Smith

All Year AB Honor Roll: Dixon Bond, Xander Goff, Brennen Hill, Chad Kasting, Ranger Jeffcoat, Luca Licea, Max Martinez, Saylor McGovern, Crystal Mejia, Brody Smith, Christian Tamayo, and Freddy Vandiver

Perfect Attendance:

Xander Goff, Ranger Jeffcoat, Chad Kasting, Brazos Regan, and Freddy Vandiver

Tiger - Earnest: Cole Cockrell

Tiger - Respect: Jaylynn Taylor

Honesty: Maximus Martinez

#### THIRD GRADE

A Honor Roll: Maddie Chapman, Ariel Crell, Kinzlee Gray, Braxton Herry, Jaxon Melton, Radlee Nichols, Ansley Riley, and Kimberly Uribe

All Year A Honor Roll: Ariel Crell, Braxton Herry, and Kimberly Uribe

AB Honor Roll: McKynzlynn Brand, Seattle Donaldson, Caymbri Fisher, Madilynn Hopkins, Maverick Hughes, Briley Martinez, and Thomas Riley

All Year AB Honor Roll: Kinzlee Gray, Thomas Riley, Maddie Chapman, Caymbri Fisher, Jaxon Melton, and Radlee Nichols

Perfect Attendance: McKynzlynn Brand, Kinzlee Gray, Madilynn Hopkins, Maverick Hughes, Radlee Nichols, Ansley Riley, and Kimberly Uribe

All Year Perfect Attendance: Radlee Nichols

Tiger - Earnest: Kinzlee Gray

Tiger - Respect: Braxton Herry

Honesty: Seattle Donaldson

Reading Medal: Jaxon



Oglesby ISD

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#### MELTON

Writing Medal: Ariel Crell

#### FOURTH GRADE

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

All Year A Honor Roll: Bentley Goff and Allie Thompson

AB Honor Roll: Colton Anderson, Dylan Chrisner, Caden Henderson, Grayson Hopkins, Jayden Howard, Barrett Miller, Brayden Roedler, and Hudson Seymour

All Year AB Honor Roll: Judd Wulfkuhle, Colton Anderson, Abra, Gomez, and Hudson Seymour

Perfect Attendance: Abram Gomez, Caden Henderson, Jayden Howard, Brayden Roedler, Allie Thompson, and Judd Wulfkuhle

Tiger - Earnest: Judd Wulfkuhle

Tiger - Respect: Barrett Miller

Honesty: Bentley Goff Reading Medal: Bentley Goff

Writing Medal: Bentley Goff

#### FIFTH GRADE

A Honor Roll: Brook Hamilton, Joseph Hamilton, Jayden Hopkins, Jana Ortiz, Rainie Owens, McKayla Regan, Peyton Schu, and Dexter Solis

AB Honor Roll: Kristy

Anderson, Arell Augeri, Savanna Bingham, Slayton Fisher, Jasmine Gonzalez, Aubree Jaccard, Judson Marquez, AJ Martin Gracie Thompson, and Fernando Uribe

All Year AB Honor Roll: Kristy Anderson, Brook Hamilton, Joseph Hamilton, Judson Marquez, McKayla Regan, Arell Augeri, Slayton Fisher, Jasmine Gonzalez, Jayden Hopkins, Jana Ortiz, Rainie Owens, Gracie Thompson, and Fernando Uribe

Perfect Attendance: Aubree Jaccard, Corbyn Lev-erett, Jana Ortiz, McKayla Regan, and Dexter Solis

All Year Perfect Attendance: McKayla Regan

Tiger - Earnest: Gracie Thompson

Tiger - Respect: Kristy Anderson

Honesty: Jayden Hopkins

Reading Medal: Joe Hamilton

Writing Medal: Brook Hamilton

#### JUNIOR HIGH

A Honor Roll: Holdyn Goff and Abigail Insall

All Year A Honor Roll: Abigail Insall and Holdyn Goff

AB Honor Roll: Scarlett Aaron, Akram Abdelwahab, Ali Chrisner, Jacob De La Torre, Brylee Griffith, Hunter Insall, Rancher Jeffcoat, Chayson Leverett, AJ Mafra, Adilyn Margoitta,

Alisyn Smith, Evan Williamson, Makenzie Wright, Couper Wulfkuhle, Brynley Puryear, Ayleen Aviles, and Blayze Fisher

All Year AB Honor Roll: Jacob De La Torre, Hunter Insall, Scarlett Aaron, Brylee Griffith, Adilyn Margoitta, Brynley Puryear, Alisyn Smith, Evan Williamson, Makenzie Wright, Ayleen Aviles, and Blayze Fisher

Perfect Attendance: Jaxon Botkin, Logan Ewing, Adelyn Gomez, Jovani Gonzalez, Rancher Jeffcoat, AJ Mafra, Victoria Mejia, Alisyn Smith, and Couper Wulfkuhle

All Year Perfect Attendance: Rancher Jeffcoat

#### HIGH SCHOOL

A Honor Roll: Caitlyn Battreal, Alisa Contreras, Matti Dixon, Sydney Felan, Addi Hamilton, Drake LeBlanc, Andrea Licea, Jaxon Markum, Hannah McFadden, Autumn Meyers, Landon Robinson, Presley Robinson, Taetym Sanders, Allisson Uribe, Hunter Walter, Nathan Watson, and Landon Williamson

All Year A Honor Roll: Caitlyn Battreal, Sydney Felan, Autumn Meyers, Presley Robinson, Andrea Licea, Taetym Sanders, Landon Robinson, Drake LeBlanc, Matti Dixon, and Landon Williamson

AB Honor Roll: EJ Aviles, Alexah Battreal, Aiden Deskins, Hunter Ewing,

Kyler Fosset, Hadley Glass, Johnny Gomez, Jaya Gonzalez, Gracie Isaacks, Cash Lee, Kelsey Ritchie, Jordan Smith, Zarah Wisehart, Ian Philipp, Alex Castillo, Blissany Ramos, and Jakson Tippit

All Year AB Honor Roll: Alisa Contreras, Jaxon Markum, Kelsey Ritchie, Hannah McFadden, Allisson Uribe, Hunter Ewing, Addi Hamilton, Cash Lee, Hunter Walter, Kyler Fossett, EJ Aviles, Ian Philipp, Johnny Gomez, Alex Castillo, Blissany Ramos, and Jakson Tippit

Perfect Attendance: Drake LeBlanc, David Mejia, Josue Rodriguez, Presley Robinson, Jace Seymour, and Jordan Smith

#### ALL GRADES CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

Kolt Beard, prekindergarten; Gracie Hess, kindergarten; Jordan Gann, first grade; Crystal Mejia, second grade; Kimberly Uribe, third grade; Grayson Hopkins, fourth grade; Dexter Veraza-Solis, fifth grade; Abigail Insall, sixth grade; Rancher Jeffcoat, seventh grade; Couper Wulfkuhle, eighth grade; Jaxon Markum and Zarah Wisehart, ninth grade; Taetym Sanders, 10th grade; Drake LeBlanc, 11th grade; Addison Hamilton and Matti Dixon, twelfth grade

# Evant ISD announces class of 2024 scholarship recipients

### Staff reports

According to EVANT ISD Superintendent Jennifer Ingram, approximately \$55,000 was awarded to the following students graduating in the class of 2024.

**Valedictorian Kate McGilvray** – Texas Highest Ranking Certificate, Chris Elam Comer Scholarship \$500, Judy Vernon Scholarship

\$2,000, Sylvia Straley Memorial Scholarship \$1,000, Evant ISD Heritage Foundation \$1,000, UMHB Scholarships totaling \$22,243

**Salutatorian Cason Ingram** – DeAnna Smith-Eickenhorst Salutatorian Scholarship \$1,000, Chris Elam Comer Scholarship \$500, Judy Vernon Scholarship \$2,000, Evant PTO

Scholarship \$500, Ollie Preston Scholarship \$100, Evant Athletic Booster Club Scholarship \$400, Evant ISD Heritage Foundation \$1,000, Coryell County Area Go Texas Greg Weber Memorial Scholarship \$2,000, Evant Ag Supporters Scholarship \$300, Educators Credit Union Scholarship \$1,000, Texas Rural Educa-

tion Association Service Award \$1,000, Hamilton County Youth Fair Scholarship \$1,000, Hamilton County Electric Cooperative Scholarship \$1,000, Members Choice Credit Union Scholarship \$1,000  
**Caystin Forrest** – Judy Vernon Scholarship \$2,000, Riley Funeral Home Scholarship \$500, Central

Texas Telecommunications Scholarship \$2,500, Juanita Brooks Scholarship \$500, Evant ISD Heritage Foundation \$1,000  
**Aubrey Kelley** – Judy Vernon Scholarship \$2,000, Juanita Brooks Scholarship \$500  
**Hunter White** – Chris Elam Comer Scholarship in Memory of Jack Elam

\$500, Judy Vernon Scholarship \$2,000, H.D. & Frances Stanford Scholarship \$500, Evant Athletic Booster Club Scholarship \$400, James W. Flippen Memorial Scholarship \$500, Bee House Masonic Lodge Scholarship \$1,000, Evant ISD Heritage Foundation \$1,000.



An Elk mural inside Evant ISD gymnasium is a tribute to the Carl Grubb family.

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## Jimmy Hall graduates from SPC

### Staff Reports

Jimmy Hall, of Gatesville, graduated with his AAS in Industrial Manufacturing/Emerging Technologies from South Plains College this past week. Hall was among more

than 800 students who were recognized for their academic achievements and resilience in a changing world. South Plains College is a comprehensive, two-year community college that

offers academic transfer options and college-level technical education programs. For further details, visit [southplainscollege.edu](http://southplainscollege.edu).

## Jonesboro HS to host car wash

### Staff Reports

Jonesboro High School has announced that it will host a car wash on Friday, June 14 in support of the color guard team. The car wash will be

from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Auto Zone. Forms of payment that will be accepted include cash, checks, Cash App, Venmo, and Square. All donations and funds made from the event will

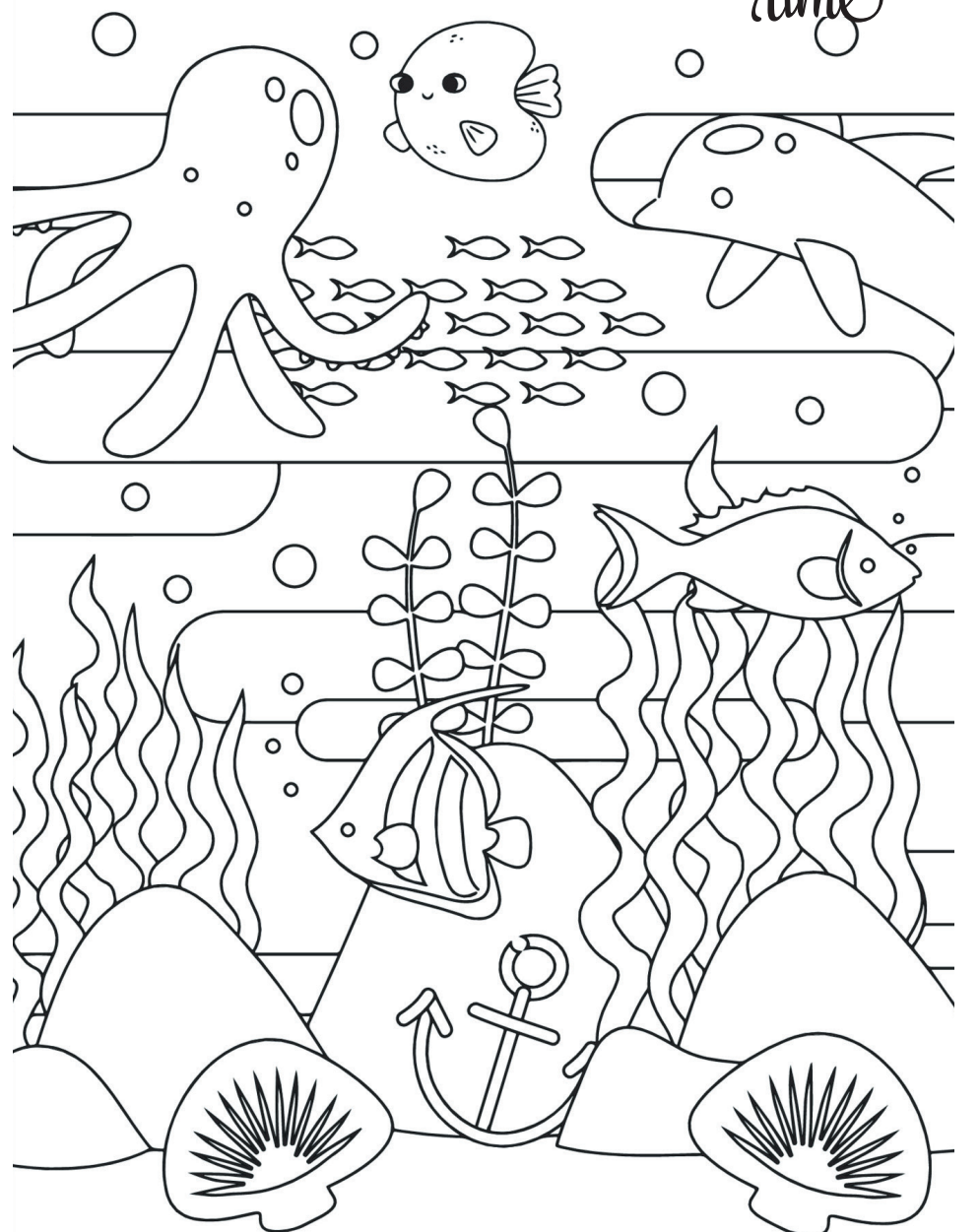
benefit the color-guard team-building trip to Dallas. Auto Zone is located at 2106 East Main Street.



World Oceans Day, observed on June 8th, invites kids to dive into the wonders of our oceans and discover the importance of protecting marine life. It's a day to celebrate the beauty and diversity of our seas while raising awareness about the environmental

challenges they face. Kids can participate in beach cleanups, create ocean-themed art projects, and learn about the impact of human activities on ocean health. World Oceans Day encourages children to become advocates for marine conservation, fostering a

sense of responsibility for the well-being of our seas. On this special day, let's inspire young minds to appreciate and protect the incredible oceans that play a vital role in sustaining life on Earth.



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Pictured left to right are the GHS Choir students who participated in the UIL State Solo and Ensemble competition: Anna Phillips, Roman Wallace, Eli Alvarez, Devyn Ayala, Nahadia Appleton, Nevin Benning, Memphis Wells, Katie Hopson, Ranyah Garraway, Paisley Wells, and Coral Bryant.

## GHS Choir brings home gold and silver from UIL state competition

**Staff Reports**

Gatesville High School Choir students recently competed at the UIL State

Solo and Ensemble and returned home with ten medals. Those receiving gold medals were Katie

Hopson, Anna Phillips, Nevin Benning, and Eli Alvarez. Students winning silver medals were Coral

Bryant, Memphis Wells, Ranyah Garraway, Roman Wallace, Paisley Wells, and Devyn Ayala.



COURTESY PHOTO

Gatesville High School band student, Jonathan Chavez, is pictured with his Euphonium Horn at the Texas State UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest.

## Chavez named as 2024 Outstanding Performer

**Staff Reports**

This past week, Gatesville High School student Jonathan Chavez was named as an Outstanding Performer by the Texas State University Interscholastic League (UIL) Solo and Ensemble Contest.

The Outstanding Performer Award is the highest recognition the UIL gives to high school students and is equivalent to being named as a state champion.

Chavez performed a

Euphonium/Baritone Horn Solo and was among approximately 25,000 musicians who go head-to-head for the same award each year.

Less than two percent of students who give a solo performance in Texas receive the award, and Chavez was one of them.

The award is given to soloists who demonstrate exceptional musicianship in the contest's demanding environment.

## Allen, Hitt, and Valle Cruz graduate from SHSU

**Staff Reports**

Sam Houston State University recently named their Spring 2024 graduates.

On May 30, the following Gatesville students

received degrees during the 2024 spring semester at Sam Houston State University.

Madison Allen, Bachelor of Science, Psychology, Cum Laude; Macie Hitt, Bachelor of Science, Biol-

ogy; and Stephanie Valle Cruz, Master of Fine Arts, Dance.

Sam Houston State University is located in Huntsville and was founded in 1879. It is the

third-oldest public college or university in Texas, and it is one of the first normal schools west of the Mississippi River and the first in Texas.



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Above photo: Coach Amanda LeCroy is shown pumping her team up to compete before the state championship game. Left photo: Sophomore left-hander Adalyne Andrade throws a strike during the championship play. Andrade's skill with ball placement and varying speeds for her array of pitches kept Neches off balance. She finishes the season with an undefeated 9-0 record.

## EAGLES

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track, cross country, golf, and powerlifting.

"These kids do everything together, so, from the relationships at the beginning to the end of the year, a kid's name will be Leighla and will change to Lala by the end of the year," he said. "All of their nicknames start coming out, and you can just see the growth and how much they work together, talk to each other, and communicate."

The LeCroys agreed that, from the start of the school year up until now, many friendships have been formed, and the team is now just like a family.

"I was Coach L, and she was Coach LeCroy, but now we are Mom and Dad," Cody said.

The LeCroy's are also expecting a baby girl and are currently 30 weeks into their journey. Cody mentioned

that Amanda's grandparents had a softball glove specially made for their little one.

"The glove made it all the way to Austin with us for the state game; it rode in the front seat in the truck with me the entire way," Cody said.

Amanda expressed that training was kept simple throughout the season.

"We trusted in what we did with them and worked on building confidence and taking reps but didn't really change a whole lot," she said.

Amanda said that they talk to the girls a lot about how they are feeling, asking them if they need a break or if they are able to practice.

Cody mentioned that it is all about communicating.

"We want to go 100 miles an hour, and your mind can do that, but your body can't," he said. "Some days we would have to push them a

little bit, but at the end of the day this group was willing to do what they were supposed to do and to get to that point where we are successful."

For next season, the LeCroys' goals will stay the same; they want to win and do their very best, but it will be a little different now that they have a target on their back.

"Throughout the season for softball we were not ranked and were overlooked, but we used that as fuel, and now we are going to be at the top," Cody said. "They say that the climb to the top of the mountain is hard but staying there is even harder, so now we need that demeanor that we belong here and deserve to be here. I don't care who you are, you still have to be able to beat us."

"I think it is going to be about keeping the expecta-

tions set as high as we set them this year and maintaining them and not letting them waver," Amanda said.

Cody said that they are going to enjoy the fact that they won and embrace that, but "when it is time to go back to work, it is time to go back to work." He expressed that the goal is not to repeat in softball, but to compete in other sports and make it to the playoffs.

"It is not that our kids are really good at softball, but that our kids are really good all around, and they will compete to the best of their abilities," he said. "Jonesboro has been around for a minute, but I just don't think anybody knew who we were. We knocked on the door but now we are going to kick that sucker down."

The coaches expressed their gratitude toward their only senior, Leighla Hernan-

dez, who recently graduated.

"We have been so proud of Leighla and we have been so blessed to have her - not only is she a great athlete but she is an amazing person," Amanda said. "She took every role that we gave her and went with it, did anything that we asked her to do, and is one of those kids that is the last one to leave and makes sure that everything is picked up."

"She is extremely coachable and wants to do what is best for the team and will put her attributes aside for anybody else," Cody said. "You hope a kid like that leaves a mark on your kids that are returning, and you can't wait to see her go off and do great things."

Hernandez's mother coincidentally underwent surgery the day of the Lady Eagles first game of the state finals.

"It feels amazing to win state and getting to state was the best thing ever, because we barely got into playoffs last year," Hernandez said. "I played for my mom and got line drives."

Going into the game, the Lady Eagles already had a lot on their minds with personal matters happening off the field.

"One of our friends got hurt on Tuesday night, and it really took an impact on us because he was one of our close friends," MVP Emily Turner said. "I know that Tuesday night was really hard, and going into Wednesday morning with him not being there was very hard on us, but his dad came, and we got to see him."

"We all worked really hard during the game," Turner said. "I feel like we all played for something bigger, and I think it lit a fire under us."

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