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Jonesboro High School students praying together for Braxton Dossey.

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Fatal ATV wreck on HWY 36

BY KAYLEE DUSANG
Staff Writer

The Texas Department of Public Safety is investigating a fatal crash between a vehicle and an ATV that killed a man Saturday, June 8, according to a crash report.

The incident took place around 11 a.m. on State Highway 36 and east of County Road 358. Rodolf Carl Drosche, 82, of Gatesville, was driving a Honda FourTrax ATV off-road highway vehicle to retrieve his mail at a rural mailbox on a private drive.

At the same time, a 2012 Dodge Ram pickup truck driven by a 64-year-old man from Gatesville was traveling eastbound toward the ATV.

According to the crash report, the ATV failed to yield the right of way and pulled into the path of the Dodge, where the two collided.

Drosche was transported to Hillcrest Hospital in Waco where he was pronounced deceased by medical staff.

"Texas DPS would like to remind drivers to always make sure the path is clear when entering a roadway," Texas DPS said in the report. "Making sure the roadway is safe to enter greatly reduces the risk of being involved in a traffic crash."

The Power of Prayer

Community rallies in aid of injured student

BY KAYLEE DUSANG
Staff Writer

For the Dossey family, a near tragedy has turned into the ultimate representation of God's faithfulness.

Members from across Gatesville and Jonesboro communities have come together in prayer for the healing of Braxton Dossey, a 17-year-old Jonesboro High School student who severely injured his

neck after diving into a swimming pool in late May. Hosted by Jonesboro ISD staff, a prayer vigil that consisted of Braxton's family, friends, and teachers took place on Friday, June 7 in the school cafeteria.

"I just want to say thank you to everybody who's been praying for me," Braxton said. "There's no doubt in my mind that their prayer and support and just their out-

pouring of love is what's got me through all this. You'll never know how much it means to me."

Braxton and his father, Matt Dossey, say they are overwhelmed by the support they have received from the Central Texas community, from the thousands of prayers and messages to the visits from friends and family in the hospital.

"It is by the grace of God that my son is here and not only here but

is on the pathway to a complete healing and recovery," said Matt, who is also the superintendent of Jonesboro ISD. "God has worked a miracle on our behalf, and I don't take that lightly."

Braxton's injury included a fracture of his C5 vertebrae in his neck, which caused him to experience paralysis in his arms, hands,

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Gatesville police officer, dispatcher receive Life Saving Awards

BY KAYLEE DUSANG
Staff Writer

Two employees of the Gatesville Police Department were presented with Life Saving Awards at a regular city council meeting on Tuesday, June 11.

Interim Police Chief Cody Lee recognized Officer Glory Little and Dispatch Supervisor Jessica Stiles

for their actions that saved the lives of two individuals on separate occasions.

On the morning of Friday, February 23, Little provided CPR to someone who was experiencing a medical emergency, even though she was off duty and not originally dispatched to the address.

"Officer Little was driving past the location on her way home after completing her assigned shift. She overheard the radio traffic, and realized she would be driving right by that location," Lee said. "She went to the address of the first officer on the scene and began

life saving measures - continuing approximately three minutes before additional officers arrived on scene and relieved her. Officer Little remained on scene and assisted other officers as well as EMS until the victim was

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Interim Police Chief Cody Lee (left) and Officer and Officer Glory Little (right)



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Stay focused on what is important – your kids

Greg Casey reflects on challenges and rewards of being a single father

BY DAVID SCOTT
Staff Writer

With Father's Day upon us, we often remember our fathers with love and affection. Something that is often over-looked is that there are over seven million single-father households in the United States. Single parenting, especially with fathers, is sometimes viewed as "carrying the load alone" and that fathers face the very same challenges that single mothers face as well. With this said, single fathers should be honored for their efforts and should be recognized on Father's Day just as single mothers are recognized on Mother's Day.

One such single father, Greg Casey, age 52, moved to Gatesville with his parents at the age of five. After graduating from Gatesville High School, he would later marry the love of his life, Carrie Lynn Hill, while both were employed at Central Freight in Waco. They were married in April of 2001 in Gatesville. Later, they would

become the parents of two sons, Seth and Kyle.

After nearly ten years of marriage, tragedy struck in 2010 when Carrie died of cancer at the age of 33, and Greg was left with his two young sons ages eight and three.

Casey reflects, "I went from being a golfing, hunting, fishing Dad to laundry, cooking, cleaning, off to school, have you done your homework, what am I missing Dad. I had no idea how much Carrie did behind the scenes, and I felt stupid for not helping more."

Looking back, Casey thinks about what he tried to instill in his sons during their formative years. "I tried to teach them about the importance of family and how precious a gift it is. I wanted to show them what I expected by example – honesty, integrity, kindness, and a life of service to God and those around us. To always err on the side of grace, but don't be a push-over and get taken advantage of by those who don't

share your values."

Being a single parent can always present challenges. Casey said, "The greatest challenge that I faced being a single father is knowing the difference between being their friend and their Dad. It's just the three of us, and sometimes the lines blur, but you need a parent (not a helicopter pilot) more than another friend."

"I think in today's society, parents are so busy trying to remain young and in touch with their children that they forget to transition into adults, and when the kids grow up, they have nothing to reference for their own growth," he said.

Reflecting on his own childhood, Casey said, "My Dad was at every event we had – sports, church, band, school, etc. He always made sure not to miss anything if possible. I have tried to be the same way with my boys. I want them to know that I am always there for special things, but I stay out of the way so not to take attention away from them or feel like

I was intruding too much in their life experience."

When asked about any advice he could give to single fathers today, Casey said, "My advice is to stay focused on what is important – your kids. You will have plenty of time for personal things when they have left the nest. Be patient, don't blow-up at every little thing – not everything is a catastrophe."

"It's funny when you feel like you have done nothing right, and someone will come up and tell you what a great kid you have, and that they are so nice and respectful. I always double check to see if they have the right one."

In closing, Casey offered one piece of sage wisdom: "Being a single Dad is hard. You must be strong as a man, but still demonstrate love and kindness that their Mom would have shown. Teach them how family life is supposed to look, so that when they start families of their own, they will know how it is supposed to be."



Greg Casey pictured with his sons, Seth and Kyle.

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stabilized and EMS able to transport."

On Thursday, June 6, Stiles was the only dispatcher on duty on when she received a 911 call regarding a man who was unconscious and had trouble breathing. When the man suddenly stopped breathing, Stiles provided the caller with instructions on how to perform CPR on the man while also paging

emergency personnel to respond to the scene.

"Ms. Stiles showed excellent professionalism and remained calm on scene the entire time," Lee said. "EMS and first responders arrived on scene and continued life saving measures, which eventually led to the subject breathing again and was able to be transported by the ambulance. Had it not been

for Ms. Stiles quick thinking, calm demeanor, and ability to maintain control of the situation, the outcome probably would have been less fortunate than it was."

Life Saving Awards are presented to law enforcement officers who perform a lifesaving act under extraordinary circumstances.



Interim Police Chief Cody Lee (left) and Jessica Stiles (right)

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and legs. He was taken by care flight to Baylor Scott & White in Temple where he spent several days in the intensive care unit.

During this time, Braxton said he learned that he could not fight this battle without God.

"For a long time before this, I was living how I wanted to and doing the things that I wanted to, and not necessarily worrying about what God wanted for me," he said. "It took that pain to make me realize that God was the person keeping me through all of this."

Braxton was transferred to a neurological rehabilitation center in the Houston Medical Center on Friday, June 7. Matt said they attended the prayer event in Jonesboro via cameras that were set up in the cafeteria.

"Part of this prayer vigil was that they were going to take communion here, so with us watching with them over the video cameras, we were actually able to take communion with all the people in Jonesboro at the same time even though we were in Houston," Matt said.

Now, on the road to recovery, Braxton gives God all the glory for his healing.

"If one person is helped by this then God gets the glory, because it's His will and nobody can change that," he said. "I believe with all my heart that God is still working, and God is going to bring about a miraculous healing for me, so I can testify to other people and tell them that He's the reason I'm still here."



Braxton Dossey holds up his autographed softball from Jonesboro's state championship team.

COURTESY PHOTO

FROM MY FRONT PORCH

We have lost our shame, and that is a shame



BY SAM HOUSTON

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

The dictionary defines shame as a painful feeling of humiliation caused by the consciousness of wrong or foolish behavior.

While shame is commonly thought of as a negative emotion, its existence plays a big part in our survival as a species. In the absence of shame, there would not be a need to adhere to cultural norms nor follow the law in such a way that allows us to exist as a society.

All humans wish to be accepted and shame is one of the tools that keeps us in line.

When we feel shame it's often because we perceive ourselves as flawed or unworthy in the eyes of others. Shame can serve

as a powerful motivator for self-improvement and adherence to societal standards. The critic inside your head tells you that you are a bad person, wrong, worthless, or of little value. Most human beings wish to avoid those feelings, and thus the threat of shame causes them to behave within societal norms.

Shame can teach us boundaries. Without shame we would have no way to understand how our behavior affects others and how to manage it. At its very core, shame is about

wanting to belong to a group and to be accepted as a good person inside the community.

As small children in school, we were all taught the norm was to not pick your nose. It is how our teachers and parents instructed us to act. But a part of the reason why we participated in the norm was the shame to be experienced if your fellow classmates learned you had broken the rule; to be judged, set apart for our actions, and to be excluded from the group. Those are all part of the reasons why we did not pick our nose.

Unfortunately, in our contemporary society, the concept of shame seems to have been thrown out the window. The usual standards of conduct, the social norms which have guided our existence for generations have seemingly been discarded. In the new order, behavioral standards are very vague and constantly evolving and the evolution is not toward right or wrong, but rather how an action serves to benefit the doer; how actions affect

others seems rather immaterial.

Shame comes from perceived future consequences. Unfortunately, in our American politics, we have apparently evolved to a point where there seems to be no consequence for lying or intentionally misleading the voting public. Because there are no consequences for the misdeed, the behavior continues. In the absence of shame, bad behavior often fosters even more and greater misdeeds.

Today's politicians do not fear reproach by the masses, and in fact, they are finding if they go outside the norms of civility the more likely their behavior will be rewarded with additional contributions and votes. Running for office is no longer about having a platform of ideas that will benefit society or a recipe for positive change, but rather it is about how to appeal and feed into the fears and doubts of a troubled world. This is why our politicians rudely interrupt the State of the Union address, can make blatant misrepresentation of the

truth, or make allegations without facts or supporting evidence. On the rare occasions where they are challenged, they merely dismiss the inquiry as being "politically motivated," "fake news," or simply not worthy of a response. There is no consequence from society. Our world was not always this way. There once was a time when a politician breached who the norm in their conduct lost all consideration from the public. We have changed, and I fear it's not for the good.

The only way politicians are going to start telling the truth, and to meaningfully address issues that are facing our society, is for there to be consequences when they fail to do so. We must make it clear we will not accept when they fail to work with others to solve problems, when they lie and change rules for a selfish purpose, and when control and power mean more than right and wrong. If terms like truth, evidence, and right and wrong no longer matter, we will no longer have a society.

My grandfather would

say "something might not be illegal, but if it's just flat out wrong, that makes it worse".

It is up to the electorate to determine which type of person they want to vote for. This problem is not a party issue. It is not a candidate issue. The problem is a societal issue in that we have allowed standards of conduct, ethics, and the "right thing" to be set aside for immediate gratification, or short-term political goals. So many voters are in "tribes", and they have placed all their faith in the party rather than what is truth, what is justice, and what was once the American way.

Shame on all of us because, without a sense of shame, we are destined for a world with no standards at all.

Thought for the day: "Whatever begins in anger, ends in shame." — Benjamin Franklin

Until next time...I will keep ridin' the storm out!

FEMA assistance available in Coryell County

Staff Reports

Homeowners and renters in several Central Texas counties, including Coryell County, are eligible for FEMA assistance following severe storms that caused flooding, tornadoes, and straight-line winds between April 26 and June 5, according to a FEMA press release.

Other counties eligible for assistance include Falls,

Leon, Smith, and Van Zandt counties. Eligible applicants may qualify for serious needs assistance, basic home repairs, personal property losses, and other eligible expenses related to storm damage.

To apply, homeowners and renters can:

- Go online to disasterassistance.gov/
- Download the FEMA App for mobile devices:

<https://www.fema.gov/about/news-multimedia/mobile-products>

• Call the FEMA helpline at 800-621-3362 between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. Help is available in most languages. If you use a relay service, such as video relay (VRS), captioned telephone or other service, give FEMA your number for that service.

• Visit any Disaster Recovery Center. For loca-

tions and hours, go online to fema.gov/drc.

The deadline to apply is July 16.

To view an accessible video about how to apply visit, Three Ways to Register for FEMA Disaster Assistance: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LU7wzRjByhI>

For more information, visit fema.gov/disaster/4781

LETTER

Old Irish Wisdom

1. Recognize your mistakes.
2. Do what you can to fix it.
3. Learn from it.

Shirley Stubblefield
Gatesville

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Messenger moves deadlines due to Independence Day

Staff Reports

The Gatesville Messenger has announced they will have an early deadline due to their Independence Day holiday schedule.

Deadline for the July 6 issue will be Monday, July 1 at noon. This deadline applies to news and advertising submissions.

The July 6 issue will be delivered to news racks and stocked in machines on Wednesday, July 3.

The Gatesville Messenger office will be closed Thursday and Friday, July 4 and 5.

For more information, please call 254-865-5212 or visit 116 S. 6th Street.

Folks around town

Kaira Perez

COURTESY PHOTO

Say hello to our neighbor, Kaira Perez!

Kaira is the Clinical Liaison for Coryell Health and is about to celebrate her 10-year anniversary in July. "At Coryell Health, I have made lifelong friends and I love how we are just one big family," she said. She also happens to be a balloon artist and a local photographer where she has her own business called Fiesta Kaira Style. "The best part of my job is being able to meet new people and building relationships; I really enjoy being creative," she said. "My job gives me the creative liberty to express myself through photography, balloons, and social media content." She also takes on the role of Vice President at the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce. "When I became a member, I was very impressed with how much work goes into making the town festive and fun," she said. She has lived in Coryell County for approximately 23 years and expressed that since she has joined the chamber, her eyes have opened to everything the City of Gatesville has to offer to its locals.

Kaira reads The Gatesville Messenger and said, "I really enjoy The Gatesville Messenger because of how well they spotlight the kids. I also enjoy the sports section with photos and accomplishments of the local schools." She expressed that The Gatesville Messenger highlights a lot of positivity, and is truly refreshing.

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

Texas Health and Human Services launches 'Healthy Texan Week' June 10-16

Staff Reports

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) launched its inaugural Healthy Texan Week which began on Monday, June 10 and continues through Sunday, June 16. The week promotes healthy eating habits and proper nutrition.

HHSC is partnering with community organizations to host nutrition-focused events throughout Texas that will feature cooking

demonstrations, recreational activities, and educational materials on health and wellness.

In a proclamation issued on May 29, Governor Greg Abbott stated that promoting wellness at the community level can improve the lives of Texans.

"During Healthy Texan Week and throughout the year, let us all take a proactive role in our health; educate ourselves as best as we can; and support

our neighbors, friends, and loved ones along the journey toward holistic wellness," Abbott stated in the proclamation.

Healthy Texan Week is organized by the HHSC SNAP-Ed program, which helps people optimize their SNAP benefits and teaches them how to prepare and cook healthy meals.

"HHSC recognizes the pivotal role that community engagement plays in

enhancing public health outcomes," said Summer Stringer, associate commissioner of Community Access at HHSC. "Healthy Texan Week embodies our commitment to working hand-in-hand with local organizations and communities to promote nutrition and wellness."

For more information about Healthy Texan Week, visit goodfoodgoodmove.org.

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Juneteenth observed annually on June 19

Staff Reports

Freedom Day

On June 17, 2021, President Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act into law establishing Juneteenth as a federal holiday to be honored each year on June 19.

On Juneteenth, many will commemorate and honor the generations of activists who have advanced the need for the nation to recognize Juneteenth.

To date, Juneteenth has made a phenomenal growth rate within communities and organizations throughout the country. According to Juneteenth.com, "In recent years, a number of

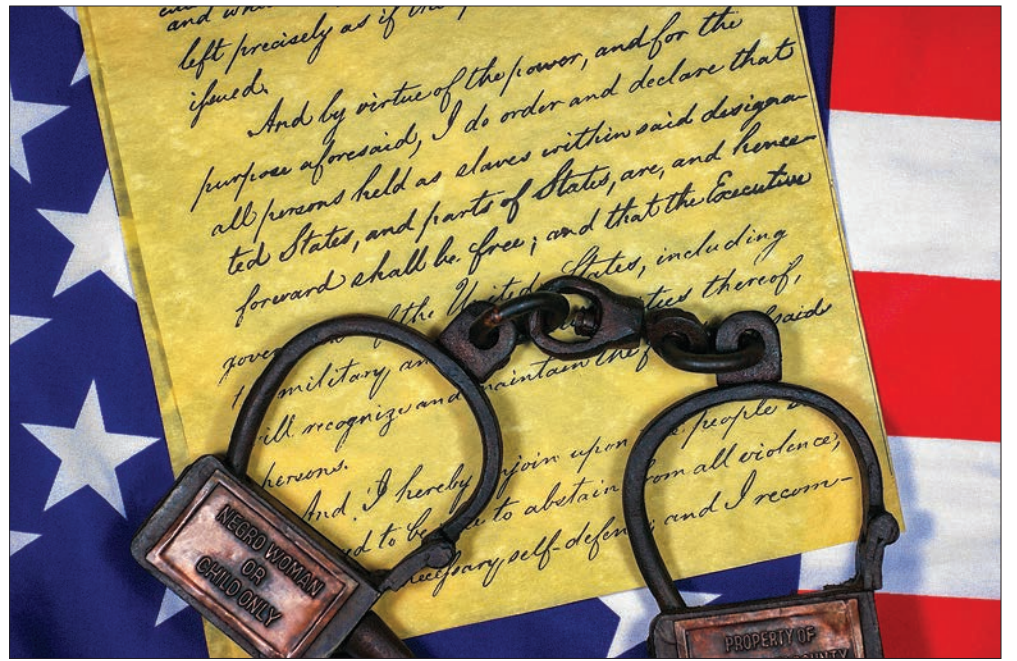
local and national Juneteenth organizations have arisen to take their place alongside older organizations, all with the mission to promote and cultivate knowledge and appreciation of African American history and culture."

The federal holiday celebrates African American freedom and achievement, while encouraging continuous self-development and respect for all cultures. It takes on a national, symbolic, and global perspective of the events that took place in the United States.

There are various ways to celebrate Juneteenth, such as an outdoor cookout with traditional foods or even in the modern-day workplace. One of the easiest ways to stay local with honoring Juneteenth is to support black-owned businesses and organizations.

Juneteenth is a story of pride, resilience, and determination that will always be of historical importance as it serves us well to understand the past and overcome the obstacles in our path through generations to come.

For more information regarding Juneteenth, visit Juneteenth.com.



Men's Health Week observed June 10-16

Staff Reports

Men's Health Week is observed annually from Monday, June 10 to Sunday, June 16. The purpose of the week is to heighten the awareness of preventable health problems and to encourage early detection and treatment of disease among men and boys.

According to men'shealthmonth.org, "On average, men in the United States die nearly six years earlier than women and are at higher risk for many serious diseases, including heart disease, lung cancer, and HIV. In addition, men experience unique health problems that don't affect women, like prostate cancer."

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) says that heart disease is the leading cause

of death for men in the United States with coronary artery disease (CAD) being the most common.

Heart disease is a term that includes many specific heart conditions. Other heart conditions include chest pain (known as angina), heart failure, and irregular heartbeats (known as arrhythmias).

Treatments for heart disease depend on the cause and type of heart damage. Occasionally, heart disease can be treated by a lifestyle change, but if that is not the case, then medications may be needed to control heart disease symptoms and to prevent complications.

Some individuals living with heart disease may need a procedure or surgery as well. The type of surgery will depend on the type of disease and the

amount of damage that has been done to the heart.

There are various options to live a healthier, longer, and more fulfilling life.

TIPS FOR MEN TO MAINTAIN A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE:

Healthy diet: Establish a balanced diet with lots of fruits and vegetables, whole grains, lean proteins, and healthy fats. Limit foods and drinks that are high in calories, sugar, salt, and alcohol.

Physical activity: Adults should get at least two and a half hours of physical activity each week. Exercise can help with weight control, reduce the risk of heart disease and cancer, and improve mental health.

Mental health/stress management: Prolonged stress can lead to physical illness and mental distress. Seeking care for mental health

is important for men, but they often face a stigma around asking for help.

Smoking: Smoking cessation can slow the rate of decline in FEV while improving symptoms and survival.

Hygiene: Practice good hygiene by washing your hands and avoiding touching your face.

Regular checkups: Men over the age of 35 should get regular checkups to help find and treat diseases early.

Underlying health conditions: Don't ignore any worrying symptoms and talk to a doctor.

Health is an important determinant of the overall quality of life at every age, so be sure to schedule regular checkups with a doctor.

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Puzzle answers from the June 8, 2024 issue.

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VBS to begin June 17 at First Methodist

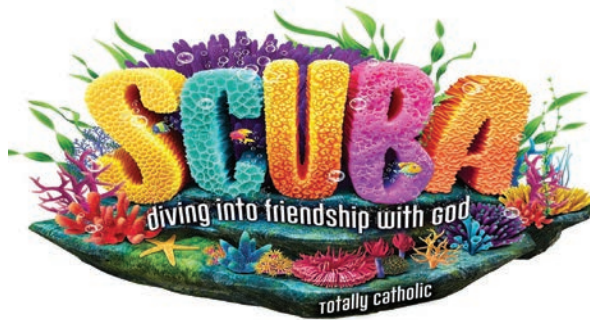
Staff Reports

First Methodist Church announced that they would be hosting their yearly Vacation Bible School from Monday, June 17, until Thursday, June 20, from 8:30 a.m. until noon each day. The VBS will be for

children from 4 years of age through 5th grade.

The theme this year will be "SCUBA, diving into friendship with God."

For more information visit their website at: <https://vbspro.events/p/f8fa10>



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.

This year's VBS is about how Jesus deals with messes, sins, mistakes, and weaknesses. There will be plenty of messy crafts, snacks, games, and more.

VBS will feature dress-up

days throughout the week, which include Mismatch Monday, Technicolor Tuesday, Wrinkled Wednesday, Themeless Thursday, and Frazzled Friday.

A family day will also be held at the church on Sunday, June 23. Sunday school will be held at 10 a.m., and the church ser-

vice will begin at 11 a.m., with the VBS program attending.

There will be a meal served at noon, along with a bounce house, a large water slide, and a foam cannon for the children.

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

Turnersville Baptist Church presents VBS

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 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.

Whatever happened to ...

20 YEARS AGO (2004)
Participants in the fourth annual children's theatre camp at Gatesville High School were set to present "Get Up and Go" in the GHS auditorium.

Mary Jane Zeigler, of Gatesville, was elected as county chairman of the Coryell County Democratic Party.

The new skateboard park was set to open in Raby Park.

Construction was nearing completion on the water storage tank for the City of Evant.

A reception was held for Jean Howell, who retired after 22 years as the assistant county auditor for Coryell County.

30 YEARS AGO (1994)
Approximately 50 miles of state highway in Coryell County was set to receive new pavement markings.

The city swimming pool at Raby Park was the cool place to be as visitors and guests sought to escape the heat.

Tranum Ford and Mercury was selling the 1994 Ford Ranger X-cab for \$11,995.

Powell Supply was selling a new RCA washing machine and dryer for \$574.

American Legion Post 42 honored World War I veteran Robert Lee Bone with a flag raising ceremony.

40 YEARS AGO (1984)
The Texas Department of Health urged Coryell County residents who owned dogs and cats to have them vaccinated in the wake of four confirmed rabies cases in the county.

Fort Hood worker Johnny D. Williams was named mayor of Fort Gates.

Widening of the Highway 36 bridge over Mills Branch (Stillhouse Creek) was nearing completion.

A theft was discovered at the construction site of the new Safeway store.

Magician Patti Powell visited the Gatesville Public Library.

50 YEARS AGO (1974)
Gatesville's 1974 street improvement program started in which 42 blocks of streets would be repaved.

Deputy Alvin James was named Clifton's police

chief. A home on Golf Course Road was damaged when a truck rammed into the front of it.

The city of Gatesville planned to spend \$53,152 in federal revenue sharing funds during the fiscal year almost solely on new equipment.

Planning began for the 23rd annual Ewing homecoming to be held at Faunt Le Roy Crossing.

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County discusses solutions to shortfall in jail budget

BY KAYLEE DUSANG
Staff Writer

In a series of recent public meetings, Coryell County officials have addressed how they plan to alleviate a potential \$1 million deficit in the county's jail budget.

The majority of the spending stems from the jail's prisoner board budget, which funds the housing of inmates outside the county. Budgeted at \$2,020,000 for the year, the county has spent \$2,052,000 of the funds. The issue was first brought to attention at a commissioners' court meeting on May 28.

"We're looking at this is probably going to be \$1.5 million over budget just staying with the current trend that we're at," Coryell County Jail Administrator Lt. Bobby McClinton said. "We're housing the maximum number that we can house and staying within the funds, and we're hous-

ing now the cheapest that we can."

With about four months left until next year's budget, Commissioner Scott Weddle said that the overall expense for the jail sits at nearly 72% when it should be sitting between 58 to 60% as of the end of May. Expenses for the jail are budgeted at over \$5 million, which also includes prisoner board, food for inmates, uniforms, utilities, maintenance and repairs, and other miscellaneous items.

"It's obvious that we are going to far exceed the jail budget unless there are some miraculous findings that I'm not aware of," Weddle said.

It costs approximately \$100 per day per inmate to house inmates in other counties. As of the most recent commissioners' court meeting on Tuesday, Sheriff Scott Williams said the department has approxi-

mately 60 out of county inmates - with 48 being held in Johnson County and 12 in Bosque County.

Since the completion of the Coryell County Jail expansion in April, which was paid for through an existing capital improvement fund, the sheriff's office has been slowly raising the number of inmates held in-house. However, the Texas Commission on Jail Standards requires jails to leave at least a 10% buffer to avoid overcrowding, McClinton and Williams explained.

"If we're over by one inmate, they're going to find us in noncompliance, and I don't want to be there," McClinton said.

To remain in compliance, the jail can only house up to 125 inmates in the 139-bed facility. County commissioners urged the sheriff's office to utilize the full 125 to lessen out of county spending.

"We have set an in-house policy at 125 that we will try to maintain," Williams said. "If we drop below 125, we start shipping back, and if we go over, we start shipping out. Of course, that number is going to fluctuate pretty seriously given court dockets, but we have a plan for that as well."

Williams said Johnson County also plans to raise the cost to house inmates to \$105, but they have agreed to hold the additional \$5 until after the new budget rolls out in October.

At a special commissioners' court meeting on June 4, the issue led to a lengthy discussion between county officials on ways to curtail spending in the prisoner board budget. This included not only limiting the number of inmates housed in other counties, but also utilizing monies from other county departments.

At the meeting, county

commissioners approved a budget amendment that moved funds from the sheriff's department's budget, capital improvement fund, as well as other funds from the jail's budget to cover the prisoner board expenses.

However, county officials agreed that this is only a short-term solution to the problem.

"The longer you wait, the less money there's going to be to find," County Attorney Brandon Belt said. "Finding \$300,000 is pretty easy. Finding the next \$300,000 may be pretty easy, but finding \$1 million or maybe two, three, or four million, you might not find it to be quite as easy if funds are continuing to be expended in the county budget without any eye toward this issue moving forward."

"Regardless of the action the court may or may not

take today, budget amendment number nine does not fix the problem," County Judge Roger Miller added.

One of the alleged causes for the expense is the increase in the county's average intake of inmates, which was not accounted for in the current budget. Weddle explained that the historic number has been at 175, but that average has steadily increased to over 200.

"This next budget is going to be a doozy, because we're going to have to now look and say, 'is 205 our new norm, or is it going to jump to 225 based upon the new people that are in here?'" he said. "That's going to be one of those touch points to see what we come up with, but that's what we're going to have to budget for."

Dent family presents largest ever donation to CASA organization

Press Release

The 2024 CASA Classic Golf Tournament, sponsored by Mike and Sara Dent and Wings, Pizza, N Things in Temple raised \$60,000 to support the advocacy services that CASA provides to children in foster care in Bell and Coryell Counties.

The Dent Family presented a check for \$60,000 to CASA board members and representatives on Thursday, June 6th and set a new

record for a single donation to CASA. The gift represents the proceeds from the recent Fourth Annual CASA Classic Golf Tournament held on Monday, May 20 at Sammons Golf Course in Temple. The tournament attracted 188 golfers and more than 30 sponsors for the annual event.

In four years, Mike's vision for a premier golf event in Central Texas has gone from a dream to reality, and the impact of the support has been notice-

able. CASA has enjoyed setting records in new volunteers recruited and even added a new staff position in 2023 thanks to the proceeds from the tournament. The tournament has enabled CASA to serve more children over the past 3 years, which was the goal for creating the event according to Mike and Sara Dent.

Mike Dent stated "The reason we enjoy sponsoring this event is, because once I was introduced to

CASA and learned that they existed, I knew it was something I needed to do. CASA did not exist when I was younger and having this tournament has really helped to educate people about what a valuable asset CASA volunteers are for children in foster care during a very difficult time. Each year this event has grown, and I know it is because people are moved to support CASA, because of what they do for the kids."

CASA Board President,

Lee Ann Deal, has a long history of service to CASA was overwhelmed at the donation and what it means to be able to serve more kids in the area. "Our CASA office is experiencing significant growth, and this funding will give us the ability to continue that trend by serving even more kids in need. Continued growth requires money to recruit new volunteers, train our advocates to be effective, and provide a supportive staff to keep our volunteers

engaged. This donation provides a tremendous boost to our opportunity to provide even more direct services and support by our staff to the communities we serve" added Deal.

CASA's goal is to serve every child in the foster care system in Bell and Coryell Counties. If you would like to learn more about becoming a CASA advocate, go to www.casabellcoryell.org or call the CASA office at (254)774-1881.

PEARL NEWS

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Pearl Bluegrass days



BY BETSY CLARK

Pearl News Correspondent

Future dates for Bookstore and Pearl Bluegrass days are July 6, Aug. 3, Sept. 14 (second Saturday due to a 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,

visit, and enjoy a shopping adventure. Also, the Pearl Bluegrass event is a great opportunity for nursing homes, retirement homes, and assisted living residents to get out and enjoy a day of music and fun for free. There is no admission to sit in the auditorium to listen to the various bands that come to play on the stage. The stage show begins at 1 p.m. and usually goes on until about 5 p.m. Besides listening to the bands, visiting, and just being out in the country in Pearl is refreshing and delightful. Truly, there's no place like Pearl. Please let

your activity directors, in the various area senior settings, know all about Pearl. They'll love you for it!

There will be a Pearl Cemetery Meeting at 7 p.m. on June 24, in 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 July 7. 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.

Okay, remember last week when I told you about the faux pas that Linda Ray "accidentally" committed when she sent home thousands of whistles with the millions of VBS kiddos on the last

day of that event? Well, I'm in trouble...again. Evidently, I did not explain fully Mrs. Ray's side of the story. She claims (and promises that this is not fake news) that Mr. R. McDonald (I don't think I'm supposed to mention his entire name any longer for some reason—but we all know who he is anyway) asked Mr. R. Ray (yes, they both have the same first name, hint, hint) what self-respecting adult would buy whistles for a trillion VBS kids. That seems like a legit question to most "normal" people. But here's the deal. Mrs. Ray wants everyone to know that she never claimed to be "normal" or "adult." This, too, is not fake news. Those are actually very endearing qualities had by our very dear Aunt Linda, and we are proud of it. So, please note for the future, Mr. M, that "adulthood" and "normal" are neither apt nor appreciated describing her, (her words—not mine). Also please remember, I am only reporting what I'm told and would greatly appreciate my usual deliveries from Mr. M... as usual... (or unusual, as this is Pearl, and there's no place like Pearl!!! (And yes, all those exclamation marks and parentheses are needed to fully expound upon the urgency of this message-wink, wink!) No fake news here!

This week's Bible verse comes from John 16:33—I have said this to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world. RSV

Be sure and like the Pearl Community Center, Texas Facebook page, and the Pearl Cottage Bookstore and Resale Shop Facebook page. Please submit any Pearl news to betsyclark47@yahoo.com.

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Gatesville Lions members volunteer at Care Center

Submitted by Joyce Talbott

The Gatesville Lions Club lives by its motto, "We Serve." Each first Wednesday of the month, immediately following their weekly luncheon and program at Junction on 36, club members pack boxes for the clients of the Care Center. While the Lions engage in numerous service projects within the local community, filling boxes for the Care Center remains a cherished tradition. This past Wednesday, seven members lent their helping hands. Thanks to the strong turnout, the group set a new record, packing 36 boxes in just one hour. The spirit of giving back to the community is at the heart of the Lions'

mission, and the camaraderie and enjoyment in the process are palpable.

On Wednesday, June 5, the Lions were treated to a presentation by Edward Jones consultant Oliver Pühr. Oliver shared insights from his recent company-sponsored trip to Normandy Beach, a reward for top-performing employees. As an avid history enthusiast, Oliver highlighted key points of interest during his visit with his partner, Bridgette. The presentation was particularly poignant, occurring just one day before the 80th anniversary of D-Day. Each weekly meeting features an engaging and informative presentation. Last week, the local club will mark its own milestone—

the 90th anniversary—with the installation of new officers and a special meal generously provided by an anonymous donor at Junction 36.

For those interested in joining the Gatesville Lions Club, the weekly luncheons are open to visitors. Prospective members can expect a warm welcome around 11:45 a.m. every Wednesday at Junction 36. Meals are served upon arrival, allowing time to mingle with other Lions before the program begins at approximately 12:10 p.m. For further information about joining and serving, please feel free to contact any local Lion.



COURTESY PHOTO

Pictured clockwise: Lions Jeremy Stills, Phil Zeigler, Carroll Hamilton, Scott Johnson, Tom Creek, Oliver Pühr, and Kathy Tippitt.

TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Bull rider presses on after a bad landing



BY TUMBLEWEED SMITH

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

Koben Puckett, of Canyon, was raised on a ranch in New Mexico.

"By the time I got out of grade school, I was one hundred percent pursuing

rodeo; junior rodeo, high school rodeos, all kinds of rodeos."

He became a bull rider.

"That's what I did all through high school, and, eventually, by the time I was 16, I was competing against adults in amateur events, and I learned to make a living riding bulls."

He won some awards. "I got my professional bull rider card when I was eighteen. I won a couple of professional events at that age."

He's been involved in bull riding a long time.

"I grew up around it. I was passionate about it. My dad was a past Turquoise Circuit champion bull rider. I just grew up in that atmosphere. My dad and I

raised bucking bulls from the time I was twelve years old and when I was fifteen and sixteen, my dad took Double Aught, one of the bulls we raised, to the PBR world finals in Las Vegas, Nevada. So, I was around those guys going there. It was where I belonged and what I loved."

He competed as a professional bull rider just two years, then had a bad landing at a bull riding event in Mesquite in 2008 when he was nineteen. He landed on his head, and neck was paralyzed from the neck down. Doctors told his father that patients didn't usually improve much more

after three years of therapy. He had a rough six years, but he is still improving.

"I have a strict rehab schedule and I've even learned to walk on a treadmill. I can live on my own with assistance and I can drive a truck. I got back involved in the sport I love, and I host an event here in Amarillo, Texas. That was because I had a family supporting me, and I decided to not look at life through hopelessness."

He started a foundation called PRESS ON to help injured cowgirls and cowboys. It's funded in part by his PBR event held every July in Amarillo.

"This event just this past year raised 30,000. I bring in some of the top bull riders from Brazil, Mexico, Australia, and the U.S., you name it."

He gives motivational talks to different groups, including young bull riders who know the risks but still want to participate.

"I think by the time they get to that level, it's in their blood so much that I don't think they're too worried about that. I think they just love seeing someone that doesn't quit."

Coryell Museum displays early telephones in Gatesville



By Jann Dworsky, from 2013 article in The

Gatesville Messenger

When Alexander Graham Bell exhibited his telephone invention in 1876 at the Philadelphia Centennial Exposition, a Texas gentleman by the name of Colonel A. H. Belo became very interested. Belo was the publisher of the Galveston News and later the founder of the Dallas Morning News. He could see the advantage of

the telephone and installed the first line between his newspaper office and his Galveston home. This telephone was, according to the Texas State Historical Association online, one of the first 1,000 telephones installed nationwide. Other Galveston residents requested phones, and this led to the construction and installation of a switchboard to move calls from

one line to another.

Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Company was organized in 1881 to operate exchanges in Arkansas and Texas. A Dallas exchange opened with 40 subscribers. The Waco exchange opened with 45 subscribers on Oct. 1, 1881, and the following year 14 more Texas cities opened telephone exchanges.

Before researching this article, I would have assumed Gatesville would have been one of the last small towns to have a telephone system. I would certainly have been wrong. Coryell County had its first phones by 1885, just 9 years after being invented by Alexander Graham Bell.

Between 1885 and 1911, the Gatesville Telephone Company provided telephone service, with R. T. Oldham as its president. In 1911, the telephone office was located on the north side of the public square over the Beard and Warren Drug Store. In 1912, the office was moved to an upstairs location in the Burt Building on Main Street, and later, because of a fire, the telephone office was established in the R.E. Powell Hardware and Implement Company. In 1936, the Gulf States Telephone Company moved to its new building at 1104 Main Street. In 1911, there were a total of 445 telephones, and by the 1960's the total was 3,630, certainly a considerable amount for a small town.

On July 19, 1883, general telephone offices were established in Austin. About a month later there were 2,344 subscribers statewide: Galveston, the largest exchange, had 330 subscribers; San Antonio, 323 and Fort Worth 168, plus several other cities. In 1884, because of unreliable service, the company introduced women as paid

operators instead of boys.

These boys were previously given to rude remarks to customers and had erratic work practices that annoyed the telephone customers. The practice of using women as operators was soon established in all exchanges. By 1906, the telephone company reported 102,443 telephones in the state of Texas. By 1955, two million telephones had been installed.

Coryell Museum has a switchboard made by the Kellogg Switchboard and Supply of Chicago. It is similar to the kind that actress Lillie Tomlin would sit and say "One ringy-dinghy." It has 36 top plugs and 20 lower plugs and switches in a nice wooden cabinet shaped like a small desk. There is also a nice display of a variety of wooden wall phones by Western electric.

A friend of ours remembers his mother being a switchboard operator in 1948 and having the switchboard described above, in their home, located about 10 miles east of Lampasas in Rumley. This was not uncommon in the rural areas and party line service was provided to the community. Our friend remembers she would have a call come in and connect the party by moving plugs on the switchboard. She controlled the ring of shorts or longs to indicate which person on a party line was receiving a call. If she had business in church or in the community she called the Lampasas switchboard and asked them to answer the calls for her. This was one of the first paid jobs for women in their homes. Our friend recalls that his father took care of the phone lines between Lampasas and Rumley. These lines were strung on 10-15-foot cedar posts, and he could do most of his work from a

ladder.

One of the funniest aspects of telephone usage was on country phones. My aunt and uncle did not get telephone service until about 1966 out on Coryell Creek, and it was a six or eight party line. Everyone's phone on the same party line would ring, but each home had their specific rings such as two shorts and a long. You soon learned exactly which neighbor was getting a call, and many ladies were delighted to listen to their neighbors supposedly private conversations. You had to be very quiet to be undetected. A sneeze, a barking dog, or crying child would reveal your sneaky eavesdropping. Sometimes, a person would receive a call and ask everyone else to get off the line and then hear 4-5 phones hang up.

Come to Coryell Museum and see our switchboard and collection of telephones. The Texas State Historical Association online has much more information about the history of telephones in Texas.

The telephone display is located in the hall by the school room.

Coryell Museum and Historical Center is open Tuesday-Saturday as is our gift shop. Yearly Coryell Museum memberships are \$20 for singles, \$30 for families, and \$40 for businesses and include free admission to the museum plus 4 newsletters. Of course, large and small donations are welcome at all times.

Coryell Museum offers area schools and tour groups a delightful, guided tour through the museum with docents at many exhibits. Call the museum at 254-865-5007 to plan a visit.




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OBITUARIES

Barbara Jean Wallace Flebbe

March 29, 1942 - June 6, 2024

Barbara Jean Wallace Flebbe, age 82, of Gatesville, passed away on Thursday, June 6, 2024.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. on Friday, June 14, at Scott's Funeral Home. Graveside services will be held on Saturday, June 15, at 3 p.m. in Hooks Cemetery at Kountze, Texas.

Barbara was born on March 29, 1942, to the late Russell Alexander and Elizabeth Cooper Wallace in Beaumont, Texas. Coming from a large family, Barbara always wanted that for herself. On Dec. 29, 1971, Barbara married Robert Eugene Flebbe, giving her daughter, Missie, three brothers and soon thereafter another sister, Beverly. With Barbara, family always came first. Barbara not only loved her children but also loved her nieces, nephews, cousins, and neighbors, who were always welcome in her home.

Barbara had a feisty personality and the soul of an artist. She was crafty and creative, spending time painting, sewing, crocheting, and quilting. She was a member of Tall Pines Quilt Guild in Huntsville and enjoyed attending quilt shows and spending time with friends.

Barbara was also adventurous. She never got lost, she just took detours and would eventually get where she was going. She loved spending time with her sisters and attending and organizing the family reunion. Barbara worked for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice where



she set up and opened the mail room at the Neal Unit. Long before that she built a library for special needs children at a school in Lumberton. She was generous with her time and love, and, at one-point, coached soccer and kept score for softball for her daughters. Food was Barbara's love language, and she loved to feed everyone. Her home was always open and welcoming.

Barbara was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Robert Eugene Flebbe; son, Robert Bruce Flebbe; sisters, Margaret Webb, Mary Ellen Menge, Sue Elizabeth Davis, and Dorothy Peyton; brother, Robert Wallace; and cousin, Mimi Foster.

She is survived by her sons, Kenneth Flebbe and wife, Laura, and Timothy Flebbe; daughters, Melissa Springer and husband, Brian, and Beverly Smith; brother, William Wallace and wife, Jane; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Jeffrey Adam Miles

Jan. 20, 1983 - June 5, 2024

Jeffrey Adam Miles, age 41, of Mosheim, passed away on June 5, 2024, in Woodway.

Celebration of Life services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 22, 2024, at Scott's Funeral Home in Gatesville.

Jeffrey was born on Jan. 20, 1983, in Waco, Texas to Larry and Jenny Miles. Throughout childhood, Jeffrey actively participated in the Coryell County 4-H club and excelled in many different events. He was fortunate enough to represent his county 4-H program on the state, national, and international level. His major show accomplishment was winning back-to-back Champion Shorthorn Market Steer (1996 & 1997) at the Houston Livestock Show. While in high school, Jeffrey found his love of long distance running and lettered in Cross Country. Jeffrey graduated with honors from Gatesville High School in 2001. He furthered his education at Texas A&M and Tarleton State University.

In 2008, Jeffrey enlisted in the United States Air Force. He graduated basic training with honors and specialized in weather forecasting, where he was top of the tech class with Distinguished honors. Jeffrey served 2 years with the Air Force. After his time in the military, Jeffrey attended Texas State Technical College, obtaining an Associate of Applied Science degree in Laser-Electro Optics Technology in 2015. Jeffrey's career took him to several different states; however, Mosheim was always his home. Jeffrey had many passions, including hunting and fishing with his nephews and nieces, love of the land and cattle, pets, traveling, running, physics, and meteorology.



Jeffrey had a huge heart and an unwavering quest for knowledge.

Jeffrey was preceded in death by his grandparents; Clyde and Margie Stuteville, and Otis and Louise Miles; and loving pets, Rowdy, Hunter, Foxy, Weasel and Spunky.

He is survived by his mother, Jenny Miles; father, Larry Miles and wife, Guyann; brother, Wesley Miles; brother, Seth Miles and wife, Laura, their children Mason, Heather, and Katelyn; sister, Hayley Ingalls and husband Justin, their children John and Jane; step-sister, Melissa Duffy and her son Ryan; step-sister Stephanie Maddox and husband, Sean, and their children Ashlyn and Emily. Jeffrey is also survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins, friends, his cat, Rascal and dog, Charlie.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Turnersville Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 1180, Gatesville, Texas 76528, or the Animal Shelter & Humane Society

of Central Texas, located at 2032 Circle Road, Waco, Texas. 76706.

Carl (Sonny) Drosche

June 16, 1941 - June 8, 2024

Carl (Sonny) Drosche, the son of Karl Rudolf (Rudolph) Drosche and Frieda Anna Emilie Tolkmitt Drosche, was born at The Grove, on June 16, 1941. He was received into his heavenly home to be with Jesus forever on Sat. June 8, 2024.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 13, in St. Paul Lutheran Church at The Grove, with Pastor John Heckmann officiating. Interment followed at St. Paul Lutheran Church Cemetery.

Carl Rudolph Drosche was both baptized on June 29, 1941, and confirmed on April 3, 1955, in St. Paul Lutheran Church. His confirmation verse was Psalm 145:18-19.

18 The LORD is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth.

19 He fulfills the desire of those who fear Him.

He also hears their cry and saves them.

He attended St. Paul Lutheran School, The Grove, and Flat High School. He also attended one year as a freshman at Concordia College in Austin.

As a life-long member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, he faithfully attended Sunday Bible Class and Worship Services. He occasionally served as an Elder of the congregation, Sunday School Superintendent, as well as a financial money counter and Secretary of the Voters Assembly.

Sonny, as he was affectionally called, was preceded in death by his mother on May 2, 1997, by his father on April 9, 2005, by a brother-in-law, Ralph Sohns on March 29, 1988, and a brother-in-law, Edwin Knoernschild, on March 5, 2010.

Sonny is survived by his four sisters, Ella Nora Sohns, Lenabell Sohns and husband, Wilbert Sohns, and Louise Drosche, all of The Grove, and Iona Knoernschild of Cole Camp, MO. He is also survived by



his nephews, Jimmy Sohns and wife, Sharon Winkler Sohns, of The Grove, Timmy Sohns and wife, Stephanie Winkler Sohns, of The Grove, Stephen Sohns and wife, Ursula Gallmeister Sohns, of Spring, Michael Sohns and wife, Julia Williams Sohns, of The Grove, Jeff Knoernschild of Sedalia, MO., and niece Paula Knoernschild Wienberg and husband, Harold Wienberg, of Cole Camp, Mo., together with their families.

Sonny was a rancher and farmer his whole life. His life can be characterized as a love story. Just as he was loved by Jesus, he dearly loved Jesus, God's Word, his church, St. Paul Lutheran, his four sisters and their families. He loved the land, ranching, livestock, and farming, the Drosche home place, and especially pecans and his pecan orchard. Those that knew him, recognized that as a child of His Heavenly Father, Sonny respected and was a ready help for all of God's children!

Pallbearers were Jimmy Sohns, Timmy Sohns, Stephen Sohns, Michael Sohns, Jeff Knoernschild, Ryan Sohns, Kaeden Sohns, Connor Sohns, Aaron Sohns, Ben Sohns, and David Sohns.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are encouraged to be directed to St. Paul Lutheran Church, and or, memorial trees for planting on the church grounds. St. Paul Lutheran Church, 220 The Grove Rd., Gatesville, TX 76528.

Susan Marie Edwards Kozora

Aug. 22, 1953 - June 4, 2024

Susan Marie Edwards Kozora, age 70, of Gatesville, passed away at home on June 4, 2024, after enduring several health struggles.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at 1 p.m., Tuesday, June 11, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Copperas Cove with Fr. Augustine Ariwaodo officiating. Private interment followed at Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Killeen.

Susan was born on Aug. 22, 1953, to Thomas and Rosemary (Reilly) Edwards in Johnstown, PA. While at Bishop McCort High School, she met her future husband, Ronald Kozora. Susan attended Shippensburg University and graduated with a degree in social work. She would go on to work with special needs adults and child protective services before supporting her husband's Army career and having and raising her children Daniel, Mark, and Emily. The military brought the family to Texas, and, after her husband's retirement, Susan became a special education teacher. She taught mostly in Killeen ISD, eventually becoming the principal of Hay Branch Elementary School. Shortly before her retirement, she returned to teaching life skills for a few years at Gatesville Intermediate School.

Susan was a devout member of the Roman Catholic Church and



participated in several ministries including those involved in women's prisons, pregnancy help centers, and Adoration. She had a servant's heart and also had an interest in the social issues impacting our country.

Susan was predeceased by her parents and her sister, Rose Ann (Edwards) Zorn. She is survived by her loving husband of 48 years, Ronald; son, Daniel and his wife, Katie; son, Mark and his wife, Ashley; daughter, Emily and her husband, Joseph; sister, Mary Jane McCready; grandchildren, Briley, Samuel, Ella, and Luke; and numerous nieces, nephews, friends, and in-laws in Pennsylvania and Maryland.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to The Gabriel Project of Holy Family Catholic Church, 1001 Georgetown Road, Copperas Cove, Texas 76522-2861.

Freddie Medina, Sr.

Feb. 8, 1955 - June 5, 2024

Freddie Medina Sr. was a loving husband, father, "PoPo," brother, and friend to so many. He was suddenly called home to the Lord on June 5, 2024.

He was born on Feb. 8, 1955, in Lampasas to the late Demenchio and Maria (Garza) Medina. Freddie met and married the love of his life, Henrietta Cortez, on Sept. 1, 1979, in Comanche. They had three lovely children: Freddie Jr., Matthew, and Diana.

He was a generous, faithful and devoted Christian, whose love for the Lord was the only thing he put before his family. The pride for his family was shown through his support in all their accomplishments, whether he was taking his grandkids for a ride on the mower, supporting his children in their growing careers, or picking on whoever was around at the moment. His laughter and love left a lasting impression on numerous brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, cousins, and those who worked alongside him. At first glance, Freddie seemed like a quiet, hardworking man, but if you gave him the opportunity for fellowship, you quickly became a lifelong friend.

Freddie is survived by his wife, Henrietta Medina, of Hamilton, and his three children, Freddie and Melissa Medina, of Shallowater; Matthew and Hollie Medina, of Las Vegas, NV, and Diana Medina and Shaw Pittman of Hamilton. He was the very proud



"PoPo" to his 9 beautiful grandchildren: Kierstin, Jordyn, Killie, Gavin, Brynlee, Mathias, Avere, Shaylee, and Kinlee. He is also survived by siblings Joe and Virginia Medina, Adolph and Lucy Medina, Robert and Mickey Medina, Juanita and Ernest Zarate, Lenora Gutierrez, Anita Johnson, Theresa Medina, and Alicia Reza.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Demenchio and Maria Medina; brothers-in-law, Rick Gutierrez and Albert Johnson, and sisters, Susan Medina, and Mary Atchley.

Romans 14:8- If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.

Services were held at Riley Funeral Home Chapel on Friday, June 14, at 11 a.m., with a graveside service following at Oakwood Cemetery.

Steve Ruffin

Nov. 14, 1954 - June 3, 2024

Steve Ruffin, age 69, of Gatesville, passed away on Monday, June 3, 2024.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m., Friday, June 7, at Scott's Funeral Home with Pastor Matthew Hamilton officiating. A burial followed at Restland Cemetery.

Steve was born on Nov. 14, 1954, to Johnnie and Reva Ross Ruffin in Owensboro, KY. He grew up and attended school in Copperas Cove. In 1978, he married Lavonne Moore and together, they made their home in Gatesville, where they raised three children. Steve owned and operated skating rinks in both Copperas Cove and Killeen. He was also an over the road truck driver for several years. He enjoyed being outdoors, playing the guitar, and playing golf. He was a happy father who loved his children and grandchildren. If Steve loved you, he loved you with his whole heart, and you knew it.

Steve was preceded in death by his father, John-



nie Ruffin; son, Adam Ruffin; brothers, John Ross Ruffin and Jack Ruffin; and grandson, Austin Ruffin.

He is survived by his wife, Lavonne Moore Ruffin of 46 years; children, Stephen Ruffin and wife, Ashley, and Aaron Ruffin; mother, Reva Ruffin; sisters, Angela Loullis, Trish Thompson, and Linda Nyberg; seven grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pearl Cemetery Assoc. to meet June 24

Submitted item

The annual business meeting of the Pearl Cemetery Association will be held on Monday, June 24, at 7 p.m. at the Pearl Community Center.

The agenda will include the election of one board member, a vice-president, treasurer, and a secretary. There will also be a financial report as well as any

activities for the past and coming year.

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MOUND NEWS

Kinsley McPherson places 2nd at camp



BY BARBARA HOPSON

Mound News Correspondent

Kinsley McPherson competed at Texas 4-H Roundup this week in the Livestock Quiz Bowl, Horse Judging, and Hippology.

She also attended the Texas A&M Horse Judging camp where she placed 2nd highest individual

overall. Allie McPherson attended the Tri-County Youth Ag tour along with kids from

Bosque and McLennan Counties. She was one of four from Coryell County. Locally the youth enjoyed a tour at Hanna Ranch and learned about retail sales at CB Feedlot.

Sue Jones and Holly Jones went shopping in Hico and had lunch Thursday.

Valerie Ferrell and Carolyn Blakley had lunch in Gatesville Friday.

Carolyn Blakley, along with Jerry and Brenda Helms, went to Temple and Georgetown to spend the day Saturday.

Bettie Blakley was a Sunday dinner guest of Robert and Carolyn Blakley.

Emma Blakley is helping with the VBS at White Mound Baptist Church &

Mound Cowboy Church this week.

Miss Olivia Long, Lillie Mann, and Bailey Wolff participated in their Dance ERA 2023-2024 dance recital Thursday evening in Gatesville.

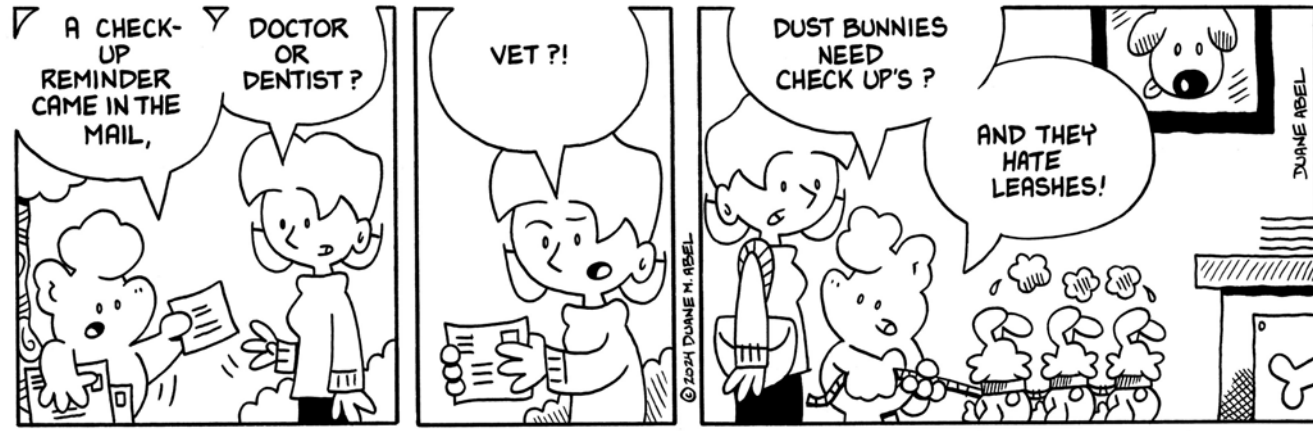
Loyd Sedwick Hopson was honored on his 57th birthday with a dinner by his family Saturday.

LaWanda Lawhorn, of Temple, was a Sunday lunch guest of Martha Lawhorn and family.

Those who had a birthday this week are Staci Kinnear, Holly Bryant, Andrew Eberlein, Lisa Gallaway, Mark McPherson, and Chad Poynter.

Barbara's Note: Happy Father's Day

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RECIPE

This recipe appeared in the "Methodist Best" cookbook in 2008. The Gatesville Messenger is running a series of recipes from that cookbook. If your church has a cookbook, or if you would like to submit your own recipe of a favorite dish for possible publication, please email it to: editor@gatesvillemessenger.com



PEAR COBBLER

BY KATHIE BROWN

- ½ c. butter
- 1 c. sugar
- 1 c. flour
- 1 T. baking powder
- ¾ c. milk
- 3 c. sliced pears, sweeten to taste
- ½ tsp. cinnamon
- ½ c. brown sugar

Melt butter until brown, pour into 9x13 inch baking dish. Cool. Mix sugar, flour, baking powder, and milk. Pour into melted butter, but do not stir. Gently stir cinnamon and sugar (to taste) into sliced pears. Pour pears on top of batter without mixing. Cover with brown sugar. Bake at 350 for 40-45 minutes or until golden brown. Serve hot or cold.

The DISPATCH

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of June 5 - June 11. 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

June 5
11:48 a.m., theft was reported in the 400 block of S. 7th Street.
12:50 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 2400 block of Oak Drive.
4:16 p.m., theft was reported in the 2400 block of E. Main Street.
5:39 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 2700 block of Business Highway 36.

June 6
12:02 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2400 block of Business Highway 36.
3:04 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 300 block of S. State Highway 36.
3:47 p.m., criminal mischief is reported in the 400 block of Straws Mill Road.
5:14 p.m., criminal mischief is reported in the 800 block of S. 7th Street.

June 7
12:47 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2800 block of S. State

Highway 36.
4:17 a.m. suspicious activity was reported in the 1200 block of Pleasant Street.
1:23 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 600 block of Park Street.
9:45 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 6000 block of E. Highway 84.

June 8
8:46 a.m., wanted/stolen person/property was reported in the 500 block of Leon Street.
12:24 p.m., animal cruelty was reported in the 2300 block of Business Highway 36.
12:32 p.m., a theft was reported in the 2200 block of Bridge Street.
10:23 p.m., a theft was reported in the 2400 block of E. Main Street.

June 9
1 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1900 block of County Road 223.
7:17 a.m., wanted/stolen person/property was reported in the 500 block of E. Leon Street.
4:57 p.m., suspicious

activity was reported in the 2200 block of Bridge Street.
11:22 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2400 block of Business Highway 36.

June 10
8:48 a.m., animal cruelty was reported in the 1200 block of Pleasant Street.
11:53 a.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 1300 block of E. Main Street
1:09 p.m., harassment was reported in the 500 block of Bridge Street.
1:50 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 300 block of S. 14th Street.

June 11
6:25 p.m., wanted/stolen person/property was reported in the 100 block of S. 19th Street.
6:40 p.m., wanted/stolen person/property was reported in the 2500 block of Oak Drive.
10:18 p.m., a noise disturbance was reported in the 100 block of Thelma Drive.
11:36 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 300 block of N. 9th Street.

CORYELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

June 5
8:51 a.m., a scam was reported in the 1300 block of County Road 137.
9:09 a.m., terroristic threats were reported in the 100 block of Boone Avenue.
4:06 p.m., telephone pole down was reported in the 300 block of County Road 347.
10:12 p.m., criminal trespass was reported at the Jonesboro Community Center.

June 6
1:30 a.m., shots fired were reported in the 500 block of county Road 239.
9:48 a.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 11,600 block of S. Highway 36.
12:56 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 2900 block of Willow Loop.
1:17 p.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 1100 block of Old Pidcoke.

June 7
12:40 a.m., a minor accident was reported in the 12,400 block of FM 107.

8:28 a.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 2900 block of S. FM 116.
9:33 a.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of Coryell City Road.
10:02 p.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 6000 block of E. Highway 84.
June 8
5:16 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 100 block of Doras Lane.
5:45 p.m., shots fired were reported in the 600 block of County Road 118.
8:46 p.m., an attempted break-in was reported in the 600 block of Cactus Lane.
11:16 p.m., a fight in progress was reported in the 5700 block of TX 236.

June 9
1:02 a.m., suspicious activity is reported in the 1900 block of County Road 223.
9:57 a.m., trespassing was reported in the 80 block of Boone Avenue.
12:56 p.m., suspicious activity was reported on FM 107 at Pecan Grove Baptist

Church.
5:17 p.m., a threat was reported in the 500 block of Tom Sawyer.
June 10
10:56 a.m., a major accident was reported in the 13,000 block of W. Highway 84 and FM 932.
2:02 p.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 100 block of E. Mooney Avenue.
5:46 p.m., a grass fire was reported in the 4900 block of Harmon Road.
7:04 p.m., an animal bite was reported in the 800 block of Spring Creek Lane.

June 11
9:06 a.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 400 block of Rainer Road.
9:22 a.m., a threat was reported in the 3000 block of County Road 356.
3:20 p.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 4200 block of FM 1113.
7:01 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 2900 block of Mulberry.

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of WILLIAM ALLEN MULLER JR., Deceased, were issued on, June 10, 2024, in Cause No. 24-10991, pending in the County Court at Law of Coryell County, Texas, to: Louella Jean Muller.

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: Louella Jean Muller
 1604 Mattie Drive
 Copperas Cove, Texas 76522.

DATED the 10th day of June, 2024.

Frank D. Thomas, Jr.
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 Attorneys for Anne Elizabeth Fajkus
 By: Burk Roberts

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Lucille Anne Hansson Zahray elects that claims may be presented against the Estate of Bennie Hansson to her c/o attorney, Benjamin D. Burnett, 15 North Main Street, Temple, Texas 76501.

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SIGNED on June 12, 2024.

Benjamin D. Burnett
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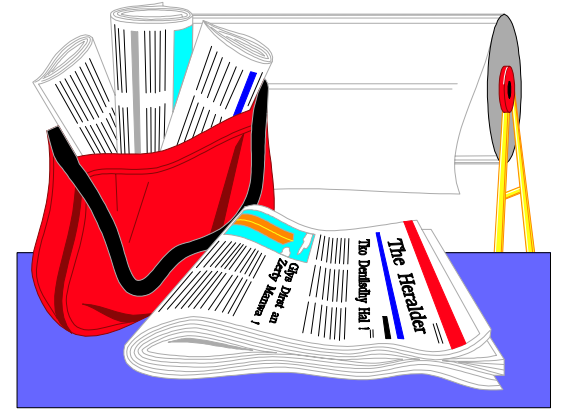
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Morris Federation holds last meeting for 2023-2024

Submitted by Marsha Lee

The last meeting of the Morris Federation for the current year 2023-2024 was held at Pennoli's Bed and Breakfast, located at 1009 East Main Street. Members were greeted by the owners, Danny and Debra Kilgore. They began by explaining a little about their background. They came from a long line of small business owners, and Danny had always wanted in his heart to be a small business owner. Danny had always been the provider for his family and transitioned to the main provider as Debra transitioned from a stay-at-home Mom to attending the International Air and Hospitality Academy in Vancouver, Washington. She received her Degree in Air and Hospitality, gaining many skills in management and hospitality during her career as a flight attendant for Express/Jet Delta Airlines. In 2010, Danny transitioned from working at a local paper mill in Longview, Washington, to a full-time college student, earning his LPN degree in record time. This opened doors for them to have a more flexible and transferable lifestyle to explore their aspirations and dreams.

In 2020, their lives drastically changed forever after several tragedies. Danny had visited Texas on several

occasions, and he came home from work one day and asked Debra how she felt about moving to Texas. Their house in Washington sold in three days, and that's when they knew that this plan was meant to be. This was the perfect opportunity to build their retirement and legacy for generations to come. They moved to Texas and settled in Killeen in order to be nearer to their daughter and granddaughter. They closed on their new house in Texas in 2021 and took time to do a little sight-seeing and visiting friends and relatives along the way.

After a year in their new home, they began to look around for the perfect property to invest in. When they drove through Gatesville, the historical Widow Lambeth Inn immediately caught their eyes. When it was placed on the market, it seemed like exactly what the Kilgores were looking for, so they bought it. It was a 2-story colonial white house located a few blocks from the Courthouse and Square. It came with 5 bedrooms and 4.5 baths. The house seemed to have some history, but dates of deeds stopped at 1955. However, they believe the house dates back several more decades. They know that the house was a childhood residence for the Ament children in the 1930's and/

or 1940's. Mildred Mears in her book, Coryell County Scrapbook, mentions that a courthouse fire in the 1800's destroyed many old court records. They have tried to restore the house, but preserve some of the original features, like the fireplaces, walls, and fronts on windows upstairs, and they have tried to match the wood they have needed to replace.

The Widow Lambeth Inn reopened in 2022 as Pennoli's Bed and Breakfast. The name came from their two fur babies (dogs), one named Penny (meaning "new beginnings") and the other named Olive (meaning "peace"). They chose the logo "a place of new beginnings and peace" to use along with the name of their inn. There are three rooms available at Pennoli's: the Bluebonnet Room, the Longhorn Room, and the Magnolia Room. There is a dining room, a lounge, and a living room downstairs, and a parlor upstairs. In back, there is a garden where visitors can relax and a camper which can offer another place to stay. The back also offers outdoor seating and a place for a cookout.

Destanie Sawyer, the Kilgore's daughter, is a photographer and owns a business called Saltbrush Photography and Design Marketing in Killeen (360-



Danny and Debra Kilgore (owners of Pennoli's), Destanie Sawyer (their daughter)

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560-5595 or saltbrushphotography.com). She also works with www.longevity.com, a family-owned business built on family values and unwavering integrity. The journey begins with a passion for health and wellness. Over the last 30 years, it has grown to become a product-trusted provider of premier health supplements, cutting-edge skin care, and hair care products. She covered several aspects of good food/bad

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listed above. After the program, members were free to tour around Pennoli's, ask questions, or enjoy a light luncheon provided by Helen Munday.

Annual Fire Ant Tour held June 8 in Coryell County

BY ALEXANDRA MEELBUSCH
Staff Writer

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

There was a total of 213 pre-registered cyclists, with 19 on-site registrations. There were riders from all over Texas with some being from Dallas, Fort Worth, Longview, Houston, and San

Antonio.

According to Joyce Talbott, the Gatesville Lions Club partnered up with the Gatesville Exchange Club, and again played a vital role in this year's tour.

The routes were comprised of 11 miles, 32 miles, 50 miles, and a 100K and took place on paved county roads. The riders left the Civic Center making their way to Crawford High

School and back to the Civic Center.

Support and Gear (SAG) stations were placed at 10-mile intervals along all routes while SAG wagons traveled throughout the tour to assist when needed. Members from both clubs volunteered at Sag Station #3, strategically located at the intersection of Highways 939 and 185. These stations are essential rest

stops for cyclists, providing shaded canopies, ice water, Gatorade, pickle juice, oranges, bananas, cookies, and porta-potties.

"Adding a touch of fun to the event, the tour's mascot, The Fire Ant, made a special appearance, delighting both participants and volunteers," said Talbott.

Each participant and volunteer were honored with a 2024 Fire Ant Tour medal.

SWAG bags were given to the participants, with each bag containing a free pass to the local fitness center or pool to gain access to a hot shower.

All proceeds from the event are to benefit local scholarships for Gatesville High School seniors and various community-service projects.

Talbott added, "Gatesville Exchange and Lions Clubs

encourage the community to visit and explore membership opportunities for both clubs. The Lions Club meets every Wednesday at noon, and the Exchange Club meets every Thursday for breakfast, both being held at Junction on Route 36 Restaurant."



COURTESY PHOTO
Cyclists stop to pose with the Fire Ant mascot at the conclusion of the tour.




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Over 230 cyclists rode in the annual Fire Ant Tour sponsored by the Gatesville Exchange Club.




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The Fire Ant Tour mascot is pictured greeting volunteers at one of the SAG stations along the tour.




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The volunteers pictured include (left to right) Bobby Sanders, SAG Wagon Driver; Rhonda Mohler, Charles Talbott, The Fire Ant mascot, and Joyce Talbott.




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Postseason honors roll in for Gatesville baseball, softball

BY CHRIS ALLMAN
Contributing Writer

With the book officially closed on the high school baseball and softball seasons, the accolades continue to roll in for Gatesville.

Most recently, baseball standout Bralen Veazey was named to the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association all-state team as a pitcher and a first baseman. The Temple College signee was a Second Team selection and was the only player in Texas to be named to the team at two different positions.

Known primarily for his

work on the mound, the lefty turned in a 9-1 mark in his senior season with 100 strikeouts and an ERA of 1.055. The nine wins ties him for the most in a single-season in program history and his ERA is the second-best single-season mark.

In his final high school start, he threw a no-hitter to force a third game in the Hornets regional quarterfinal playoff series against Salado and he leaves Gatesville as the all-time leader in wins, strikeouts and ERA.

In 2024, Veazey turned in the best offensive season of

his four-year career hitting .336 with four home runs and 42 runs batted in. His RBI total in 2024 was the second-best mark in program history.

For his work on the mound, Veazey was also named the District 23-4A Pitcher of the Year, and his battery-mate Lawson Mooney was named Co-Offensive Player of the Year.

Mooney, a four-year letterman, banged out 43 hits in 2024 – second-most in program history. He scored 25 runs and drove in 22 runs. In district play, he hit

a scorching .483 and struck out just once in 37 plate appearances. For the season, he struck out only six times in 143 plate appearances and reached base at a .483 clip.

Mooney leaves Gatesville as the stolen base king for Gatesville, swiping a record 27 bags in 2023 and 59 for his career. His 310 career at-bats are second-most in program history.

While Veazey and Mooney took home superlatives, the Hornets had four First Team All-District selections. Senior first baseman Clayton Gregory, junior shortstop

John Ibarra, sophomore Bradey James, and sophomore pitcher Gehrig Keeton were all awarded first-team honors.

Gregory hit .308 in district highlighted by a game-winning single at Salado and drove in nine runs during league play. The sure-handed and slick-fielding Ibarra did not make an error in 25 chances in the field during district play. He finished the season on a streak of 21 games without an error.

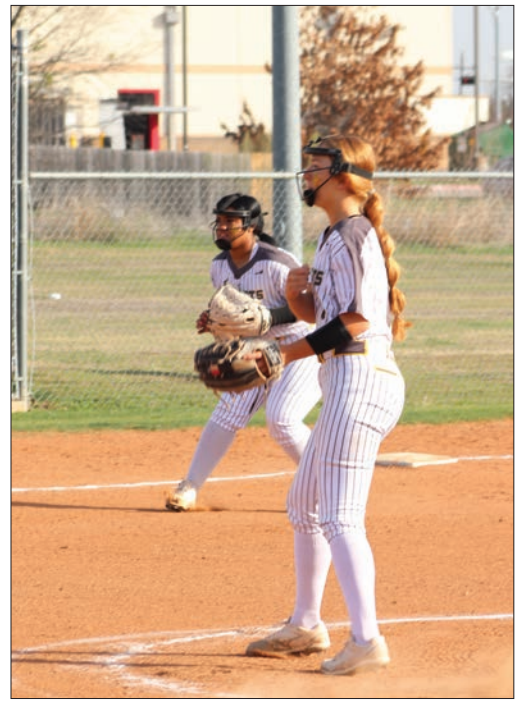
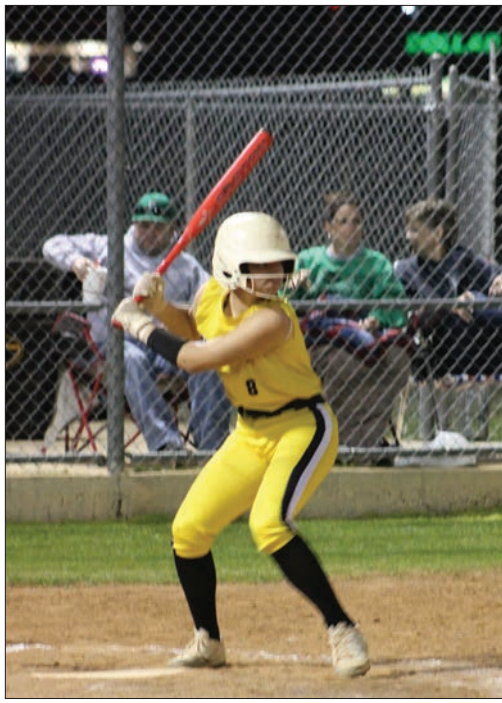
James hit .321 in district play and tied Veazey for the team lead with three

doubles. He tripled twice and struck out just one time in district play. James struck out just eight times in a program-record 125 at-bats and did not strike out looking all season.

Keeton picked up a pair of wins in district play including a shutout in the league-opener against Robinson. He also hit .286 with a pair of doubles.

Gatesville had two second team selections in senior Justin Johnson and sophomore Miles Tull while senior

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Pictured left to right: Gatesville High School athletic standouts Bralen Veazey, Lawson Mooney, Raylee Glover, and Madison Hester. These athletes, along with several other Hornets, made this year's list of either first team all-district or first team all-state honors.

Righteous Roots to host softball tournament fundraiser Aug. 10

Staff Reports

Righteous Roots has recently announced that they will host a softball tournament on Saturday, Aug. 10 for the community. This will

be the first of a few upcoming fundraisers that Righteous Roots will be hosting.

The tournament is designed for individuals 18 years or older. There will be

a five-dollar gate fee to enter the ballpark and it will cost \$20 per umpire and \$200 per team.

The tournament will feature a homerun derby for

\$20, closest to the pin for \$20, and a homerun band for \$20. It will be five dollars per home run and for each out taken.

Vendor booths will be

available as well for \$40 per booth. To sign up to be a vendor, contact 254-223-0608.

Registration is available now and will end on Thurs-

day, Aug. 1. To register, contact Payton George at 254-223-0207.

For further details, contact Righteous Roots at 254-651-3600.



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Ty Warren (left) and Alex Scott.



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Ben Mabry (left) and Calvin Ford.



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Carlo Martinez (left) and Lucas Garcia.

Shivaree Showdown Pickleball tournament winners announced

Staff Reports

The Shivaree Showdown Pickleball Tournament was held on Saturday, June 1, and Sunday, June 2, at the pickleball courts in Raby Park in

honor of the 50th anniversary of the Shivaree.

The tournament was split into three divisions, which included the Open Division for experienced players, the

Competitive Division for a balanced competition, and the Recreation Division for ages 55 and older.

COMPETITION WINNERS
Champions: Alex Scott and

Ty Warren

Second Place: Ben Mabry and Calvin Ford

Third Place: Carlo Martinez and Lucas Garcia

Consolation Winners: Cort Dixon and Chance Taylor

For those looking to join the Gatesville Pickleball Club, visit Facebook and search Gatesville Pickleball

Club to join the online group for practice updates.

The Gatesville Pickleball Courts were installed back in 2022, with the club forming shortly after.

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Gatesville Junior High students are shown with their bicycles after the Wrenches to Wheels event.

Wrenches to Wheels visited Gatesville Junior High June 6

BY ALEXANDRA MEELBUSCH
Staff Writer

Workforce Solutions of Central Texas' program, "Wrenches to Wheels: Building Bikes and Building Skills" visited with Gatesville Junior High students on Thursday, June 6 to construct their very own bikes.

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

students gained the knowledge of problem-solving abilities as they overcame challenges such as attaching pedals and adjusting brakes. Additionally, students obtained mechanical skills, learned to use tools effectively, and developed a sense of independence and self-

reliance through the completion of their own bicycle. Students were partnered with community leaders who mentored them throughout the bike-building process, imparting valuable skills such as mechanical aptitude, attention to detail, and problem-solving.

During the event, comprehensive bicycle safety instruction along with helmets were provided by McLane Children's Hospital. When the students completed the bike-building phase, they received additional instruction on safe riding practices and the pro-

vision of bike helmets to enhance the educational aspect of the program. Students were able to take their bikes home as well after the event concluded. For more information, visit workforcesolutionsctx.com.

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Sean Aguilar, sophomore Justin Muegge, and second baseman Logan Biggs were all honorable mention selections.

The Hornets advanced to the regional quarterfinals for the second straight season and the fourth time in program history. Gatesville softball picked up four First Team All-District nods after a third-place finish in league play and another playoff appearance.

Madison Hester, Raylee Glover, Kinlee Gardner and Megan Mehaffey were all selected to the first team while Brilee Ford and Madison Birnel were second team choices. Grace Carothers, Kallie Featherston, Emma

Raby, and Journey Garrett were honorable mention choices. The Lady Hornets were an offensive powerhouse in 2024 and were led by their catcher Glover who hit .413, slugged .808 and hit six home runs. Gardner - an in-

fielder - hit .402 and hit four home runs of her own - tying her with Featherston for second on the team. Garrett (Utility), Hester (Pitcher), and Mehaffey (Utility) all hit over .300 as well and Hester drove in 15 runs in just 15 games played in

2024. Mehaffey went 7-1 in her freshman season in the circle while Hester and Featherston were both 4-0. Mehaffey struck out 110 batters in 94 innings of work.

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Future Hornet football players attended Gatesville ISD's football camp this past week.

GISD hosts football camp for youngsters

Staff Reports

Gatesville Independent

School District recently held its annual Hornet football camp for students in first

through sixth grade from Monday, June 3, to Wednesday, June 5.

The camp was attended by 90 young men who learned various fundamentals, skills, techniques, and drills, as well as participating in a few competitions.

Competition Winners

Catch Competition: Coleman Wright, first grade; Ledger Mooney, second grade; Ayden Jenkins, third grade; Dylan Collins, fourth grade; Dayvion Nealy, fifth grade; and Owen Collins, sixth grade.

Throwing Accuracy Competition: Rhyder Jackson, first grade; Theo Aguirre, second grade; Jaxon Stevens, third grade; Cooper Floyd, fourth grade; Bryce Manning, fifth grade; and TJ Sullivan, sixth grade.

The next Hornet football camp will be from Monday, July 29, to Wednesday, July 31. It will be from 7:30-10:30 a.m. and is for seventh through ninth grade students. The cost will be \$40 per athlete.

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Tarleton State Football schedule altered, 4 changes to Texans' conference slate

Tarleton State University

STEPHENVILLE — Tarleton State Football's 2024 schedule has been altered, with four changes announced June 10 to the previously announced campaign.

Changes occurred as Stephen F. Austin announced plans to return to the Southland Conference July 1. Tarleton State will no longer play SFA in 2024. Tarleton's four changes each surround United Athletic Conference games.

The first change will be Sept. 21, as the Texans will travel to take on North Alabama in a United Athletic Conference matchup. Tarleton State and North Alabama were previously not scheduled to play this upcoming season, and the Texans were originally supposed to play at West Georgia Sept. 21. Now, the Texans will go back to Florence, Alabama, where they won 43-28 in 2022. That game will kick off at 6 p.m. CT.

Tarleton's final three games were also altered. Now, the Texans will play at West Georgia Nov. 9, they'll host Abilene Christian in Stephenville Nov. 16, and they'll play their regular season finale at Memorial Stadium against Central Arkansas Nov. 23. Previously, the Texans were supposed to host Central Arkansas Nov. 9, play at Stephen F. Austin Nov. 16, and host Abilene Christian Nov. 23.

The new UAC schedule for all teams features eight conference games, four home games and four road games in a full round-robin format for each of the league's nine member institutions.

The revised schedule was a product of flexible and open-minded work by the league administration and member institution's leadership in response to SFA's departure. The focus of the revised slate centered on accommodating expressed protected dates from each institution, maintaining the balanced eight-game conference format, attempting to keep similar location sequencing from the previous schedule and mitigating as many travel plan disruptions as possible.



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RFSI Grant Awarded to Tarleton State

Tarleton State University

STEPHENVILLE — A \$749,410 grant funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service has been awarded to Tarleton State University as part of the Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure program.

The RFSI program through the Texas Department of Agriculture aims to help

build resilience across the middle of the state's food supply chain for food crops. The middle of the food supply chain occurs following harvest and before goods are sold at a store or market.

TDA extended an invitation to Tarleton State to submit a proposal for grant consideration.

"Expanding the capacity and distribution methods of locally and regionally

produced food products is critical in Texas," said Tarleton State President Dr. James Hurley. "Our university is proud to be involved with such an impactful program. We appreciate the support and leadership of (Agriculture) Commissioner Sid Miller in helping make this grant a reality for our region."

The RFSI program is intended to improve upon and

add to local and regional market options for locally or regionally produced food in Texas.

"From the producer all the way to the consumer, it is important to make sure there is no breakdown in our food supply chain," Miller said. "This grant is instrumental in securing the future resilience of our food supply chain, both in Texas and across the nation. I am

happy to see this grant go to Tarleton State University, where I know it will be put to good use."

Tarleton State will facilitate state-led complementary supply chain coordination activities.

"We are honored to be invited by the Texas Department of Agriculture to partner with them on this project," said Dr. Rupa Iyer, Tarleton State's vice

president for Research, Innovation and Economic Development. "It is a testament to Tarleton State's research capacity and ability to contribute to the economic development of our state."

With cooperative agreements nationally, the USDA is investing \$420 million in the RFSI program.

Tarleton State President James Hurley named CPUPC treasurer

Tarleton State University

STEPHENVILLE — Tarleton State University President Dr. James Hurley has been named treasurer for the Council of Public University Presidents and Chancellors

(CPUPC).

The nonprofit council is comprised of the chief executive officers of the Texas public general academic universities, system offices, health-related institutions, and the three two-year state

colleges in the Houston area.

CPUPC provides a forum to elevate the contributions and successes of Texas higher education institutions and helps to build collaborative networks for the discussion of mutual needs and con-

cerns related to the challenges facing public universities in the state.

"I am honored to be nominated and selected for this role," Hurley said. "Advancing the educational programs of all public col-

leges and universities in Texas is a collective effort. I look forward to continuing to work with leaders from all parts of our state for the greater good."

Since 1983, CPUPC has met to advance Texas' public se-

nior colleges and universities as they pursue their respective goals of academic excellence, student career preparation, innovative research and community service.

High school students attend first Tarleton State Mariachi Institute



PHOTO COURTESY OF TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY

Tarleton State University is hosted more than 50 students from three DFW high schools at its first Mariachi Institute. Dr. Adolfo Estrada, left, post-doctoral Fellow of Musicology from the University of New Mexico, is lead faculty for the institute.

Tarleton State University

STEPHENVILLE — Tarleton State University hosted area high school students at its first Mariachi Institute, which culminated with a free concert in the Clyde H. Wells Fine Arts Center Auditorium.

The four-day workshop, which took place last week, was sponsored by the Lozano Long Division of Global, Community and First-gen Initiatives in collaboration with the Department of Performing Arts, Division of Student Engagement and Success and Division of Enrollment Management.

More than 50 students from three DFW high schools were invited to experience campus life, engage with staff and current students, and learn from a variety of well-known mariachi instructors, including three-time Grammy-award-winning arranger and performer Jesus Guzman. Dr. Adolfo Estrada, Post-doctoral Fellow of Musicology from the University of New Mexico, is lead faculty for the institute.

Students from Grand Prairie Fine Arts Academy, North Side High School and Castleberry High School in Fort Worth have attended classes taught by faculty from across the country, including instrument-specific instruction in harp, trumpet and violin. They have gone on campus tours, shared meals in the dining hall and stayed in the residence halls.

"We are thrilled to provide this amazing educational program for our distinguished high school partners," said Dr. Sherri Benn, vice president for the Division of Global, Community and First-gen Initiatives. "This is an educational (educational and entertaining) experience of student engagement toward college readiness through performance and the arts. Students are experiencing campus life and learning from some of the best mariachi instructors in the country."

Dr. Benn said the idea for the mariachi institute was inspired by a commitment to give back to the communities

that students come from and a passion for education.

"We wanted to create a unique learning opportunity along with a culturally enriching experience for the community through student engagement toward college readiness through performance," she said. "Mariachi music is part of the fiber of joy-filled celebrations such as weddings and baptisms, as well as emotion-filled ceremonies such as memorials and funerals. Music is a beautiful way to connect with culture, and we want all members of the communities we serve to know they are valued and celebrated."

"We are building on this week's workshop to grow our own," she added.

"We want everyone to know of Tarleton's dedication to promoting work, service and leadership readiness for a globally connected economy and transnational workforce by advancing mission-focused partnerships with the communities we serve."

Judd and Doss take on Gatesville Elementary School

BY ALEXANDRA MEELBUSCH
Staff Writer

Gatesville Independent School District has announced that Gatesville Elementary will be the home of two new principals. Karrie Judd will be in the role of head principal, and Jennifer Doss will take on the position of assistant principal.

Both Judd and Doss have served within the education field for many years and have a special place in their hearts for Gatesville Elementary.

Judd has been in education for 32 years, but her journey with Gatesville ISD began three years ago as she has taken on many roles including teaching, instructional specialist, and assistant principal.

When she first started working at Gatesville ISD she was placed at the Elementary School as a second-grade teacher. She was later promoted to assistant principal, which she has been serving as for the past two years.

"I am excited to take on the role of principal, number one, for our students," she said. "When I came to Gatesville, I fell in love with the students, and I love seeing them grow and thrive in a school that truly cares for them."

This past school year, Doss completed her eighteenth year in education, with eight of those years dedicated to Gatesville ISD. She began at the elementary school as a third-grade teacher and recently served as an instructional coach. She has also been the co-campus testing coordinator where she was able to aid teachers with instructional needs and resources.

She is also a proud alumnus of Gatesville High School herself, having graduated in 2001. She expressed that she had many great memories in school, which happens to be the reason why she chose to teach and give back to her hometown.

Judd expressed that she is also eager about continuing to work with and support the staff of the elementary.

"Our staff is the heart of our school; you can feel the love we have for kids when you walk in our building," she said.

With prior knowledge as an assistant principal, she believes that she has gained valuable experience in supporting teachers, students, and parents.

"I feel the relationships I have built in our school community have prepared me to understand the importance of creating a positive school culture," she said.

In Doss's new role as assistant principal of the Elementary School, she expressed that she is looking forward to continuing to support the people around her at a different level than before.

"I am excited to work with parents and our school community; it is important that parents and the school community are a part of our students' learning experience," she said.

"I am very grateful for being promoted to the role of assistant principal, it means so much that the campus faculty and staff as well as the district administration believe in me," she said. I am thankful for a great campus leadership team and look forward to work-

ing alongside Mrs. Judd."

Judd has several goals and plans for the upcoming school year, but her main goal includes to continue to create a positive school environment where all students feel safe, valued, and supported in their academic and personal growth.

"Through professional development, I hope to implement innovative teaching and learning practices that enhance our students' learning," Judd said. "Additionally, I plan to continue strengthening partnerships with our families and community."

"Overall, I want our students to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally," she said.

Doss expressed that she is eager to take on the challenges and professional growth opportunities that come with being in a new position.

Her goal for the school year is to continue building relationships across the campus to maintain a positive campus culture. She said that Gatesville Elementary is a very special place, and like a second family to her.

"I want to continue to serve those people and I look forward to working closely with our teachers, students, and parents," she said. "The best parts of the day are when I get the opportunity to interact with the kids, whether it be unloading them in the mornings, loading them in the afternoons, quick chats in the hallway, classroom visits, or just the smiles and waves from across the hall."

"Kids are the reason we are here," she said. "It is our job to inspire, mentor, motivate, and advocate for



COURTESY PHOTO

Jennifer Doss (left) is pictured with Karrie Judd.

them."

What Judd loves most about working with students is the opportunity to make a positive impact on young lives. She expressed that it is incredibly reward-

ing to see students grow and learn both academically and socially.

"I love collaborating with our staff to create an environment that promotes lifelong love of learning," she

said. "Our students are our future, and I can't wait to see all the amazing things they do."

Summer meal program continues at Gatesville ISD

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.

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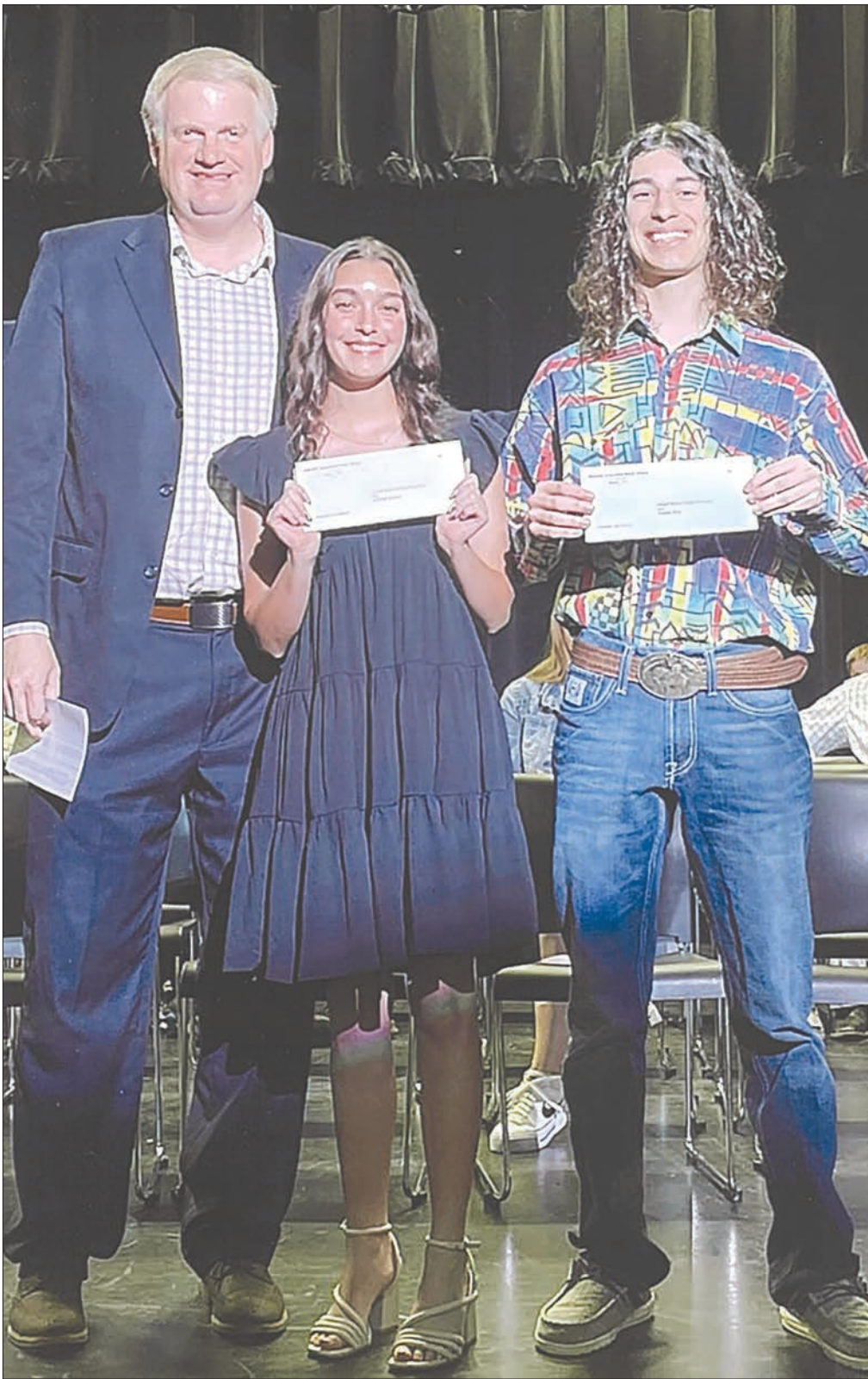
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Annual CRSP Scholarship recipients recently named



Superintendent Dr. Barrett Pollard presented CRSP Scholarships to Cayleigh Coursey and Hayden Heck.

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Submitted by Marsha Lee

Each year, members of CRSP (Coryell Retired School Personnel) award scholarships to two Coryell County graduating seniors who are planning to enter college in the fall and who plan to pursue a career in education. This year's scholarship recipients are Cayleigh Coursey and Hayden Heck, both graduates of Gatesville High School.

Cayleigh Coursey, Hornet GOLD 4-H Club Member, has had an exceptional 4-H career serving as 4-H council member, state 4-H photography ambassador, healthy Texas youth ambassador, district 8 vice-president, and Coryell County 4-H ambassador. Her main 4-H projects include Photography, Food and Nutrition, Health and Safety, Rabbits, Community Service, and Leadership. In addition to activities in Future Farmers of America, Student Council, and Yearbook Staff, she played Varsity Volleyball. She has received honors, including the HFND Award, the U.S. History Academic Award, and a 2nd place in State FFA Competition in Milk Quality. Community service projects include her participation as a volunteer at a Dallas Food Bank filling crate containers with canned goods; working in the Super Bowl of Caring for the Senior Care Center where she packed boxes of canned goods for the Care Center; joining the Adopt a Highway Roadside Trash Cleanup, picking up trash along Highway 36; and helping with the Annual Food for Families Drive. She has worked as a lifeguard at the City Pool, a Fit and Swim Kids Instructor, and a photographer for the Gatesville Messenger.

Cayleigh explained, "Em-

barking on the journey to an agricultural career, I'm thrilled to be the first in my family taking the leap into college. College isn't just an option; it's the colossal next step after high school, and I'm diving in headfirst. My parents and I have been saving money, and I have hustled with part-time jobs in the summer. I have also racked up 16 credit hours through dual credit classes with Central Texas College, a testament to my commitment." She continued, "I aspire to achieve excellence in agricultural studies, master sustainable farming practices, and amplify my leadership skills within the farming community. Financial assistance is the missing piece that would allow me to dive into my academic pursuits, and it would open doors to internships, research, and experiences that will shape my education and future career. Committed to academic excellence and community impact, I see this opportunity with financial help as the catalyst to realizing my dreams."

Hayden Heck has participated in Band, Yearbook Staff, Track, and UIL academics. In December, Hayden represented GHS in ATSSB All-Region Auditions with Bass Clarinet, and he earned 1st Chair. Then in January, he auditioned in Robinson at Area-level competition on Bass Clarinet. He represented GHS and was named a State Alternate in competition. He was recipient of the Superintendent Scholar Award from GISD, an honor given to students who score 25 or higher on the ACT, 1150 or higher on the PSAT/SAT, or who earned recognition on the Duke Tip program in seventh grade. He has acquired some work experience in

the areas of taping, floating, and texturing. Community service projects include volunteering for work in the concession stand. Hayden lists his desired field of study as Teaching/Education, Vocational.

Hayden quoted Kofi Annan, a Nobel Prize winner and former Secretary-General of the United Nations, as saying, "For everyone, everywhere, literacy is, along with education, a basic human right." Hayden added, "All people deserve an equal opportunity to become educated. Any person from any background or any social status who strives for further education should be encouraged and pushed to obtain it. However, many people lack the resources and funding to allow them to pursue a further education."

Hayden again quoted Kofi Annan, "Education is the great equalizer of our time. It creates hope for the hopeless and creates chances for those without (hope)." Education is the very base of our society, and we are unable to function well without it. Summing up, Hayden explains, "Money doesn't define someone's ability to be educated, but rather what they must go through to obtain the information. With scholarships such as this one, funding the academic adventure of its recipients, more and more people are able to appease their scholarly hunger. Doors are open now that were once closed; and new opportunities, experiences, and ideas are given to us eager recipients. Dreams become a reality. The power of education is now given into the hands of ones who were denied access to it before."

Farrell named to Dean's Honor Roll

Staff Reports

Mary Farrell, of Gatesville, was recently named to the University of Mississippi's Spring 2024 Honor Roll list.

Farrell, majoring in Accountancy, was named to the Dean's Honor Roll, which is reserved for students who earn a semester GPA of 3.50-3.74.

To be eligible for honor roll designation, a student must have completed at least 12 graded hours for

the semester and may not be on academic probation during the semester.

The University of Mississippi, affectionately known as Ole Miss, is the state's flagship university. Included in the elite group of R1: Doctoral Universities - Highest Research Activity by the Carnegie Classification, it has a long history of producing leaders in public service, academics, and business. Its 16 academic divisions include

a major medical school, nationally recognized schools of accountancy, law and pharmacy, and an honors college acclaimed for a blend of academic rigor, experiential learning, and opportunities for community action. Recognized among the nation's most beautiful, Ole Miss's main campus is in Oxford, which is routinely acknowledged as one of the country's best college towns.

Trotter named to President's Honor List

Staff Reports

Temple College recently announced that Aliyah Trotter, of Gatesville, has been placed on the Spring 2024 President's Honor List.

Trotter is a nursing major and has taken at least nine semester credit hours and has earned a 4.0 grade point average (GPA) to be honored with this accomplishment.

She is among 750 students who have also been put on the list.

Temple College was founded in 1926 and is nationally recognized for its programs. It has become one of the state's premiere institutions for healthcare providers education and training, advanced manufacturing, and workforce development programs.



COURTESY PHOTO

Aliyah Rayne Trotter

Buzz costume fundraiser underway

BY ALEXANDRA MEELBUSCH
Staff Writer

With the many new additions to the cheer program, one of those new additions will be a new, custom, one-of-a-kind Buzz costume to match the logo of the school.

The costume is purchased through tiered sponsorship, which includes different options

for those wanting to donate to the program.

The cheer program's fundraising goal is \$15,000 and they only need \$3,000 more to purchase the new mascot costume.

The deadline to sponsor will be on Sunday, June 30. All sponsorship donations are tax-deductible and are payable to Gatesville ISD

for "Buzz the Hornet Sponsorship."

The cheer program will also hold a bake sale on Saturday, June 22 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Salty Senorita in hopes to raise more funds for the uniform.

For further details, contact Amber Colson at acolson@gatesvilleisd.org.

Lucas named to Dean's List at UMGC

Staff Reports

Evant student, Edmund Lucas, was recently named to the Dean's List at the University of Maryland Global Campus.

More than 15,000 University of Maryland Global Campus students were named to the Dean's List for the spring 2024 term. To be eligible for the honor, a student must complete at least six cred-

its during the term, earned a grade point average of at least 3.5 for the term, and maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.5 at UMGC.

University of Maryland Global Campus was founded more than 75 years ago specifically to serve the higher education needs of working adults and military servicemembers. Today, UMGC is the largest provider of postsecond-

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GHS Fightin' Hornet Band brings home gold, silver medals

Submitted by Jose Sanchez

Gatesville ISD is proud to announce the accomplishments of the following students in band competition. On Monday, May 27 at Hendrickson High School in Pflugerville, members of the Gatesville Fightin' Hornet Band participated in the Texas State Solo and Ensemble Contest. This

competition is set to bring out the best high school musicians in the State of Texas in small groups or solo performances.

Students who earned a Superior rating/Gold Medals were:

Jonathan Chavez - Euphonium; Kale Branam - Marimba; Carvin Coppersmith - Marimba; Wyatt Dunbar

- Marimba; Orion Williams - Marimba.

Students who earned an Excellent rating/Silver Medal were:

Hayden Heck - Clarinet; Kain Malone - French Horn; Eason Johnson - Timpani; Wyatt Dunbar - Snare Drum; Logan Navejas - Marimba.

Students who earned an excellent rating in ensemble

performance were:

French Horn Quartet: Brooklyn King, Alex Johnson, Kain Malone, and Matthew Yocom.

Trombone Quartet: Brianna Petrie, JoziAnn Smith, Garrett Sullivant, and Aaron Yocom.

Students who earned a fair rating in ensemble performance were:

Trumpet Quartet: Ethan Arther, Rosa Castillo, Emily Kelly, and Ellie Knobloch.

In addition, Mr. Jonathan Chavez was named a TSSEC Outstanding Performer. This is equivalent to being named a State Champion. To be named an Outstanding Performer at the Texas State University Interscholastic League (UIL) Solo &

Ensemble Contest (TSSEC), students must be among the best of the approximately 25,000 musicians that judges hear each year. Less than 2% of students who perform solo performances in Texas receive this award.

Jonathan performed with such great musicality that his adjudicator stated, "OH BOY!"



Top left: French Horn Quartet from left to right, Kain Malone, Brooklyn King, Matthew Yocom, and Alex Johnson.



Top right: Trumpet Quartet from left to right, Rosa Castillo, Ethan Arther, Ellie Knobloch, and Emily Kelly.

Bottom Right: Trombone Quartet from left to right, JoziAnn Smith, Aaron Yocom, Garrett Sullivant, and Brianna Petrie.

JISD to hold Pre-K, K 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 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. It will be based on availability.

For further information, contact Jonesboro ISD at 254-463-2111, or by visiting www.jonesboroisd.net.

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International Surfing Day, celebrated annually on the third Saturday of June, is a thrilling occasion that beckons kids to catch the waves and embrace the excitement of surfing. This day is all about the sun, sea, and surf, providing a perfect opportunity for children to dip their toes into the exhilarating world of wave-riding.

For kids, International Surfing Day is a chance to explore the joy of surfing, whether they are seasoned groms or first-time riders. Surf schools and coastal communities often organize special events, offering lessons, surf clinics, and beach festivities to celebrate the stoke of riding the waves.

Families can spend the day at the beach, watching surf demonstrations, participating in beach cleanups, and enjoying the vibrant surf culture. Parents can encourage their kids to try surfing under the guidance of experienced instructors, fostering a love for this water sport that promotes fitness, balance, and a connection to nature.

International Surfing Day isn't just about the waves; it's also an opportunity to learn about ocean conservation. Kids can engage in educational activities that highlight the importance of keeping our oceans clean and protecting marine life. Surfing and environmental stewardship go hand in hand, creating a sense of responsibility for the health of our seas.

Children can get creative with surf-themed art projects, designing their own surfboards, drawing ocean scenes, or crafting beach-inspired decorations. This artistic expression adds an extra layer of fun to the celebration and allows kids to showcase their love for the surfing lifestyle.

Whether it's riding the waves, learning about ocean conservation, or expressing creativity through art, International Surfing Day offers kids a chance to experience the sun-soaked, salty joy that defines the surfing community. It's a day to celebrate the ocean, embrace the surf culture, and create lasting memories of sandy toes and endless waves.



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GHS Theatre Dept. to perform June 15

Submitted by Amanda Cummings

The Gatesville High School Theatre Department is wrapping up their first improv comedy summer clinic, and the troupe has two upcoming improv comedy shows, for free. Performances will be held on

Saturday, June 15th at the GHS Auditorium. The first performance starts at 2:30 p.m., and the second starts at 6:30 p.m.

Admission is free, but audience members are welcome to donate to the GHS Theatre Department if they choose. We hope you can join us and help spread

the word. For those who don't know, improv comedy is like "Who's Line is it Anyway," and these Hornet students are hilarious!

The students have been instructed by Improv Coach Ruth Hamilton and GHS Theatre Director Amanda Cummings.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Pictured above: During the summer improv comedy clinic, Jaycee Shelton, Sarah Kiphen, Emery Wood, Josh Appelman, and Royce Wright play a round of "Bus Stop," one of the many improvised games the students learned during the camp.

Pictured left: Hannah Bartlett and Brycen Ashby take part in "Freeze Tag," one of the improvised games the students learned at the GHS Summer Improv Camp.

Local students named to UMHB Honor Rolls for Spring 2024

Submitted Item

Cheyenne Miller, of Gatesville, was named to the Provost's Honor Roll. The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor announced that 516 students have been listed on the Spring 2024

Provost's Honor Roll. To receive this recognition, a student must achieve a 3.85 grade point average (GPA) or better on a 4.0 scale.

Gatesville students Liam Bryant, Cheyenne Culp, Luke Gregory, and Brynn Harmsen were named to the

Dean's Honor Roll at UMHB. The university announced that 505 students were named on the Dean's Honor Roll for Spring 2024. To receive this recognition, a student must achieve a 3.5 - 3.849 grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale.



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The Range Evaluation team won second place and includes (left to right) Caleb Mannix, Mia Conley, Lane Brookshire, and Chase Janke.



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4-H members (left to right) Elaina Knobloch, Cooper Dickey, and Dallas Clough participated in sewing quilt blocks for the Quilts of Valor project. The quilt will be presented to a veteran.

Coryell 4-H members excel at Texas 4-H Roundup

Staff Reports

The Texas 4-H Roundup held in Bryan College Station was attended by Coryell County 4-H members from Monday, June 3, to Thursday, June 6. The roundup welcomed around 1,600 senior level and high school-aged youth to compete in approximately 50 diverse competitions, educational workshops, career learning opportunities, and more throughout the week. The contests included both qualifying events, where 4-H members qualified at their county and district contests to compete at the state level, and invitational events. Additionally, the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation awarded \$2.7 million in scholarships to

229 youth. Four Coryell County 4-H members were named to the Texas 4-H Scholars and received the following scholarships:

Cayleigh Coursey received \$10,000, which was funded by the Ft. Worth Stock Show Syndicate.

Clayton Gregory received \$5,000, which was funded by the McLean Estate.

Zoe Gribble received \$5,000, which was funded by the McLean Estate.

Lane Kinsey received \$5,000, which was funded by the McLean Estate.

The Coryell County 4-H program is proud of the following youth for their participation and success at the Texas 4-H Roundup:

Clancy Archie: Livestock Quiz Bowl and STEM Educational Presentation

Hunter Beaty: Consumer Decision Making, second place

Lane Brookshire: Range and Pasture Grass I.D., third place; Range Evaluation, second place; Wildlife, sixth place

Ryli Bryson: Livestock Quiz Bowl

Breeze Buckner: Livestock Quiz Bowl

Jeret Burks: Livestock Quiz Bowl; Beef Educational Presentation, fourth place

Dallas Clough: Horse Quiz Bowl; Hippology, ninth place

Mia Conley: Range and Pasture Grass I.D., third place; Range Evaluation, second place; Hippology, eighth

place

Cayleigh Coursey: Livestock Quiz Bowl, State Council Leader and Speaker, and 4-H Scholar

Cooper Dickey: Photography Judging, eighth place; Animal Science Educational Presentation, fourth place

Eli Eaton: Range and Pasture Grass I.D.; Range Evaluation, fourth place

Kinlee Gardner: Safety and Injury Prevention Educational Presentation, ninth place

Clayton Gregory: Livestock Quiz Bowl and 4-H Scholar

Zakary Huckabee: Photography Judging, eighth place

Chase Janke: Range and Pasture Grass I.D., third place; Range Evaluation, second place; Open Educational Presentation, sixth place

Tanner Manville: Horse Quiz Bowl; Range Evaluation, fourth place; Hippology

Michella Martinez: Horse Judging; Swine Educational Presentation, tenth place

Kinsley McPherson: Livestock Quiz Bowl, Horse Judging, Hippology

Irena Murphy: Horse Quiz Bowl, Horse Judging, Hippology

Dutch Nielsen: Safety and Injury Prevention Educational Presentation, sixth place

Ludwika Rodriguez: Horse Quiz Bowl, Horse Judging, Hippology

Leonela Rodriguez: Range and Pasture Grass I.D.; Consumer Decision Making, second place

Elizabeth Schoenewolf: Range and Pasture Grass I.D.; Range and Evaluation, fourth place

Memphis Wells: Band/Solo Talent Showcase

Peyton Williamson: Consumer Decision Making, second place.

Bailey Wolff: Consumer Decision Making (CDM), second place; CDM individual,

fourth place

The 4-H adult leaders included Cassie Conley, Tracy Coursey, Rhonda Dickey, Phil Gregory, Andy James, Tina Janke, Nancy Mannix, Jenna Murphy, and Lori Wolff. A special recognition was given to volunteer leader Tracy Coursey, who was honored as one of the two outstanding adult leaders in District 8 at the Salute to Excellence Banquet. Coryell AgriLife Office Manager Bridgette Alvarado was awarded the Commendable Service Award.

Additionally for 2024, roundup participants will have the opportunity to participate in the Quilts of Valor program, designing a quilt for a veteran. At the assembly, a veteran will be presented with a previously made quilt and honored for their years of service.

The 2025 Texas 4-H Roundup is scheduled for June 2 to 5, 2025, in Bryan College Station.

For further details about the Coryell County 4-H program, contact 4-H Youth Development Agent Becky Coward by email at becky.coward@ag.tamu.edu.

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The Texas 4-H scholarship recipients pictured from left to right include Clayton Gregory, Cayleigh Coursey, Zoe Gribble, and Lane Kinsey.

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