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Prayers answered at Pecan Grove Baptist

BY DAVID SCOTT
Staff Writer

In the early morning hours of Saturday, May 5, raging flood waters from nearby Coryell Creek entered the 95-year-old house of worship known as Pecan Grove Baptist Church. Lifelong members

of the church said that it was the highest the water had ever been in the building. Pews, hymnals, church furnishings, and the pulpit were all displaced.

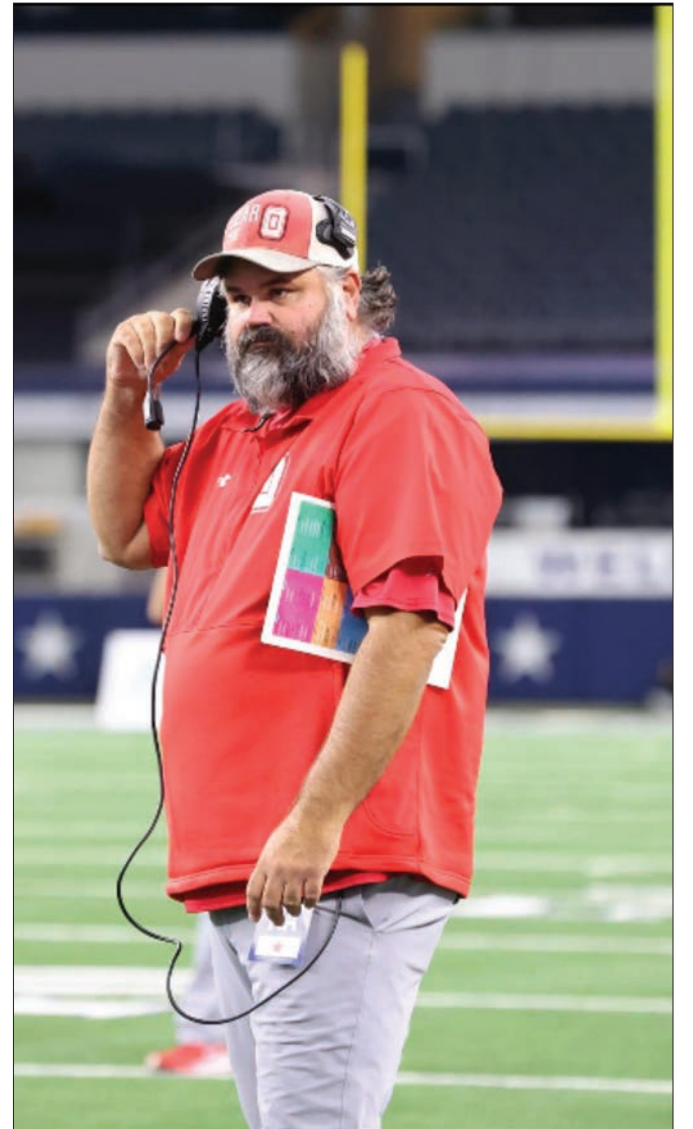
Since the church was flooded, it was considered that Sunday services

could be held underneath the tabernacle, which is located on the church grounds, but the ground was too muddy. It was then decided that they would hold services in the Oglesby Community Building until the church

could be repaired.

A second blow came a few weeks after the flood when a thunderstorm with high winds blew through the area and uprooted a large pecan tree on the

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COURTESY PHOTO

Oglesby Tigers head coach, Jeb Dixon.

Jeb Dixon named Coach of the Year

BY JOHN ENGLISH
Contributing Writer

The Oglesby High School football team had its best season in school history last year.

The Tigers finished as undefeated district champions and advanced all the way to the state championship game before coming up short against Benjamin.

Several factors have contributed to the Tigers' success in recent years, not the least of which is the leadership of head coach Jeb Dixon, a man with local ties and a penchant for 6-man football.

"I played 11-man, but I watched a ton of 6-man football growing up," Dixon said. "There are two things I love about the 6-man game. One is the speed. The 6-man is a wide-open game. It's like basketball on turf. I love that element of it. The other thing is that I believe the little man can still play in 6-man football. The little guy gets taken out of 11-man, but the little guy can play in 6-man football. I love that it doesn't take any kids out of consideration because of size or anything."

Dixon, 48, grew up in Gatesville and played tight end on the Hornets football team.

He walked on at Howard Payne University before getting injured and served as defensive coordinator at Jonesboro High School and head coach at Gorman, both 6-man schools, before coming to Oglesby, a city less than 16 miles from his

hometown.

That, for Dixon, was a big part of the appeal.

"It got me back closer to home," Dixon said. "My uncle actually coached at Oglesby in the late 70s and early 80s, so I knew some of the people from the area. I just felt like it was where I was called to be. The school board is great. The administration is great, so it's been a really good run here."

Oglesby went 13-1 this past season with its only loss coming in the state title game, and Dixon said his players' tenacity and perseverance are probably what impressed him most.

"I'm proud of our kids," Dixon said. "They really did a great job on and off the field. It's something we've been trying to grow over here for a long time. I think it's our reward for doing things the right way. Watching them play through injuries and adversity—it's something that as a coach you really want to see."

The Tigers certainly took their fair share of lumps, losing one of their best defensive players, middle linebacker Cash Lee, to a torn ACL in the third game of the season against Covington. Another player sustained a shoulder injury yet continued to compete all the way through the playoffs. Multiple players fought through ankle injuries and played hurt, but never gave up.

"We had some guys that

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COURTESY PHOTO

Oglesby ISD Principals Casey Melton (left) and Keegan Webb are pictured at the 2024 TEPSEA Summer Conference.

Melton, Webb attend TEPSEA Conference

Submitted by Casey Melton, OISD Principal

On Thursday, June 13, Keegan Webb and myself had the opportunity to present at the 2024 TEPSEA Summer Conference.

TEPSA (Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association) has served prekindergarten through eighth grade school leaders since 1917 and has over 5,900 members who direct the activities of three million in PK-eighth grade to collaborate and get a fresh boost to advance

their practices and enrich student learning for the upcoming school year.

This journey began for us back in November of 2023, after attending the TEPSEA Grow conference in Austin. We collaborated and wanted to share with others the great things we know and do on our own campuses to help build a positive school culture for staff, students, and the community.

In January of 2024, we submitted our proposal for a Taylor Swift themed, "In Our Culture Era,"

presentation. The goals of the session were to help others understand the foundations of establishing a campus culture and how it helps to support teacher retention and to develop a high-performing campus. We also shared ideas on how to be purposeful in your work as a campus administrator, because a positive school culture does not happen by chance, but rather by design.

Lastly, we wanted our attendees to leave with resources that they could

take back and utilize on their own campus allowing them to take action in their own 'culture era.'

The opportunity was an amazing experience, and we loved getting to share with the 100-plus attendees in our session. Keegan and I look forward to future collaborations and accelerating the positive school culture of our staff, students, and the community at Oglesby ISD as we venture into the new school year together as a dynamic administrative duo.



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PRAYERS

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grounds of the church. "It was the largest pecan tree on the church property, and it fell on and crushed one corner of our historic tabernacle," said Pecan Grove Pastor, Jeff Huckleby.

When the restoration of the church began, Huckleby reported, "The restoration got off to a slow start with all the rain we had following the flood. Drying out the building took longer than expected because of the high humidity. At this point, the restoration and repairs are expected to take about 10 weeks."

The church's flood insurance only covered some of the structural damage, but not any of the contents according to Huckleby.

"There were several items we had not considered when estimating the total repair cost. In January, we had just purchased new upholstered chairs for our fellowship hall, and those

will have to be replaced. One big expense and surprise for us was the cost of replacing the pew cushions. Just those two things added an additional \$8,000 to \$9,000," Huckleby said.

"Last Sunday, the 23rd, after we received the full restoration estimate, the deacons and I met and discussed our financial situation and how much we lacked in paying for the repairs. I told them I was confident that God would provide, because the mission and ministry of our church has been an important part in the lives of so many people and families in the county and community for the past 142 years that many would not hesitate to step up and help. And, Praise God, they did," he said.

Huckleby set up a Go Fund Me page last week and he reported that within a couple of hours they were

already getting donations. Then a long-time church member stepped forward and donated \$50,000 to cover the cost of whatever was needed to repair and restore the church. Prayers were answered.

Huckleby also mentioned the assistance from other sources. "There have been two local churches that have taken up special offerings to help our church. We have had numerous offers of 'hands on' assistance from individuals and an offer from a student services organization at Baylor to come and do some work as needed," he said.

With the generosity of those making donations and those offering to help in other ways, Pecan Grove Baptist should be back on its feet in a matter of months. God has listened, and prayers are being answered on the banks of Coryell Creek.



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Pecan Grove Baptist Church continues to do repair and restoration work on the structure after the devastating flood heavily damaged the building in May.

DIXON

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were pretty beat up," Dixon said. "It was a lot. In a season that long, there are going to be some bumps and bruises, but we had a player with an ankle injury in week three who never missed a beat and never came out of the game. There was just a toughness and determination about this team that was pretty cool."

Apparently, the Texas Sports Hall of Fame felt the same way. Oglesby's grit and resilience were acknowledged when the team was honored with the Gordon Wood Award for their efforts in the 2023 season, a gesture that meant a lot to the team and community.

"It's big," Dixon said. "That award is not just

about winning games, it's about your actions on the field and being good teammates and role models on the field; so, that was a big thing for us. It's something that shows that the program is doing the right thing and heading in the right direction, and something I'm really proud of. We have great kids here, and the way they act on and off the field has been exemplary... but this award really speaks for our school district and the whole community."

The Gordon Wood Award is given to the "team that displayed good sportsmanship, the ability to overcome challenges, had the support of the community and achieved success on the

field," according to Dave Campbell's Texas Football.

The Tigers have won four straight district championships with Dixon at the helm, and the Oglesby coach was quick to share the praise for the team's success. "It's the community support and it's the administration giving us what we need to be successful," Dixon said. "The teachers over here are phenomenal. We work hand-in-hand daily together to help these kids get to where they need to be. Without a good admin, a good staff, and a strong community, the struggle is real, so when you have all of that set up it makes it much easier for success."

Dixon got a late start to coaching at the high

school level, opting to help grow youth sports in Gatesville for several years before making the jump. He helped to start a tackle football league in the city of Gatesville before making the move to the high school game, and Dixon has always coached 6-man football, even with its most unique challenges from 11-man football.

"Depth is the biggest thing," Dixon said. "You've really got to have some depth to be able to sustain a season. Then there's the fact that our kids are playing every facet of the game, so just trying to find those guys that can go in and take some snaps here and there and not miss a beat. Making sure you've got the

numbers and the kids who can play the right positions when needed can be tough."

Dixon comes from a family of athletes, with his wife Tara being a former all-state basketball player at Gatesville High School. The Dixon's three children were also in sports, with son, Cannon, playing football, daughter, Laney, playing basketball, and daughter, Matti, who will be playing college golf for McLennan Community College. Cannon and Laney were both all-state selections in their respective sports.

Dixon, who helped lead Jonesboro to an appearance in the state championship game as a defensive coordinator and won multiple playoff games as the head

coach at Gorman, said his philosophy toward coaching goes far beyond what his players can accomplish on the football field. "For me, we try to instill good values and high character," Dixon said. "We want them to be good adults. We want them to be good husbands and fathers. We want them to be good members of society. My biggest thing, and we talk about this all the time, is that this is hard work. One of the things we say is that you can have bad plays and bad games, but you can always put out maximum effort even during those times. We want our guys to come out of here and be good people."

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FROM MY FRONT PORCH

July 4: A special celebration of the human spirit



BY SAM HOUSTON

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Holidays come and go throughout the year, and I do not think I am making an overstatement by saying people look forward to the unique customs and traditions connected with each event.

Whether it be hanging a Christmas stocking, hiding eggs at Easter, or serving special foods at Thanksgiving, each one of our traditions reminds us of all the holidays we have experienced in our past and the special people and family we share the holidays with.

Granted, we cannot attempt to equate the significance of religious holidays like Easter and Christmas

with Halloween. Two of them have deeply religious significance and the other is a commercial event created for fun, frivolity and consumerism. Yet, each holiday seems to have its own traditions and rituals.

I commonly mark the comings and goings of holidays by my calendar. Anymore it is impossible to judge the change by my surroundings, because the Halloween items are on display at Walmart seemingly before the kids start back to school. Heck, Christmas stuff is up in the stores just about the time you would expect to see the Halloween items. It can be confusing!

This week, we celebrate the Fourth of July and what a special day that is. It is full of cookouts and barbecues, parades, hotdogs,

and fireworks. My memories include smoldering ribs, ice cold watermelon, homemade ice cream, and my favorite: fresh corn on the cob. On July 4, it was tradition to have a roasting ear firmly gripped in my hands with butter delicately rolling down my chin. I will never forget the sensation or the taste. It's one of my favorite Fourth of July memories.

My memory takes me back to the bicentennial when the USA was 200 years old and what a big celebration that was. Now the USA is getting closer and closer to 250 years old! Uncle Sam and I have both aged these last 50 years. We have seen a lot of change and suffered through some crises and challenges. Through it all,

there is something still special about a Fourth of July parade, seeing the flags unfurled, the bunting hanging from the businesses lining the street while the band plays the "Stars and Stripes Forever."

Sometimes, I wonder if people stop and think how our forefathers created a nation out of nothing but wilderness; how they defeated one of the mightiest military forces in the world to win our freedom, and then our brilliant forefathers had the smarts to create a new form of government which had previously never existed. It allowed individuals to be free, while ensuring domestic tranquility and peace. They were sure a smart bunch of guys. I hope we stay grounded and honor their memory

while maintaining the sacred trust which has been passed down to us.

Let us not forget a nation is formed by the willingness of each of us to share in the responsibility for upholding the common good. As a nation, we are only as good as we allow our weakest citizen to suffer and endure. We are a country that has liberty as a statute! Think about that for a moment and give thanks for where you live and who you are. Now, that is worth celebrating.

Thought for the day: "Humanity has won its battle ... liberty now has a country." — The Marquis de Lafayette, French citizen and American Revolutionary War hero.

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



COURTESY PHOTO

Gatesville's Boys & Girls Resale Shop was nominated for KWTX's evening broadcast, Brady's Backyard BBQ. Sponsored by Slovacek's West, volunteers were rewarded with free barbeque on Thursday, June 27.

Boys & Girls Club Resale Shop chosen for KWTX, Slovacek's newscast

BY KAYLEE DUSANG
Staff Writer

The Boys & Girls Club Resale Shop was recently featured on KWTX's Thursday evening broadcast, Brady's Backyard BBQ, which highlights a local nonprofit in Central Texas.

The news station encourages the public to nominate their favorite local nonprofit for the segment, which is sponsored by Slovacek's Sausage in West. The restaurant serves free barbeque to the nonprofit volunteers while Chief Meteorologist Brady Taylor

shares the story and mission of the selected organization.

Director of the Resale Shop Lisa Steward said staff and volunteers of the local consignment store were surprised and proud to be chosen.

"It takes many people many hours to sort, clean, price, and display all the donations we get each day, so this was a wonderful way to be rewarded," Steward said. "We appreciate Slovacek's and KWTX for making this happen."

Steward adds that about

20 volunteers and 12 staff were on hand to enjoy the barbeque. As a local, secondhand store, the Resale Shop's support from the community mainly stems from donations, volunteers, and customers.

Profits from the Resale Shop benefit the Boys & Girls Club of Gatesville, a branch of the national organization that promotes the growth of leadership, health, career development, artistic, and life skills in children ages 6 to 18. The current total membership of the club in Gatesville is

over 550 kids.

Brady's Backyard BBQ's feature on the Boys & Girls Club Resale Shop aired on Thursday, June 27, on the 6 p.m. broadcast. To nominate a Central Texas nonprofit, visit www.kwtx.com/backyardbbq/

The Boys & Girls Club Resale Shop is located at 1706 E Main St, Gatesville, TX 76528. The store is open Tuesdays through Fridays from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Folks around town



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EVA SALLE

Say hello to our neighbor, Eva Salle!

Eva is the manager at Prima Pasta and said, "I think the best part about my job is that 90 percent of the time I actually look forward to going into work. Sure, I have random days off, but the majority of the time I am just ready to get in there and see my family, because that is what my coworkers and customers are...family." She moved to Gatesville when she was 14 years old and has moved away several times in between, but she finally came back seven years ago and has worked at Prima Pasta for about five years now. She said that she loves Gatesville, because we are not just a large group of people but an actual community where everyone seems to know everyone and are there for each other in time of need.

Eva reads The Gatesville Messenger and expressed that she enjoys reading about the garage sale ads. "It is amazing to me the things you can find at a good garage sale by looking in the newspaper," she said.

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

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CHURCH CAMP BAKE SALE

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Youth members of the White Mound Baptist and Cowboy Church recently held a bake sale on Thursday, June 27, to raise funds for the opportunity to go to summer camp this year. Four members of the youth group stopped by The Gatesville Messenger with Rice-Krispy treats, brownies, cookies, and more in hopes of raising donations for their trip. Pictured from left to right is Breatly Caplla, Fynlee Brown, Bailor Dahl, and Channing Pearce.

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Puzzle answers from the June 29, 2024 issue.

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Puzzle by websudoku.com

FEMA extends deadline

BY KAYLEE DUSANG
Staff Writer

The deadline to apply for FEMA assistance has been extended to Aug. 15, according to a FEMA press release.

Although disaster survivors in Texas now have more time to apply for FEMA assistance, FEMA encourages disaster survivors not to wait. The sooner they apply, the sooner they may be eligible for assistance to help with their recovery from the recent storms.

In June, FEMA announced that homeowners and renters in Coryell County are eligible for disaster assistance following severe storms that caused flooding, tornadoes, and straight-line winds between April 26 and June 5.

Although the Disaster Recovery Center in Coryell County has closed, homeowners and renters can visit any center in the state.

For hours and locations, go to fema.gov/drc.

Residents do not need to visit a Disaster Recovery Center to apply for FEMA assistance - apply online through the following resources:

- Go online to disaster-assistance.gov.
- Download the FEMA App for mobile devices: www.fema.gov/about/news-multimedia/mobile-products
- Call the FEMA helpline at 800-621-3362 between 6 a.m.-10 p.m.

Additional resources through FEMA include:

- Disaster Unemployment Assistance: Apply online at Unemployment Benefit Services via the Texas Workforce Commission or call the Texas Workforce Commission at 800-939-6631 between 7 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday through Friday. Deadline is July 16.

Disaster Legal Assistance: Call the Texas State Bar Legal Hotline at 800-504-7030 Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Phones are answered in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

Crisis Counseling: Call the Substance and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) at 800-985-5990. For Spanish, press "2."

For those with homeowners or renters insurance, FEMA recommends filing a claim as soon as possible. FEMA cannot duplicate benefits for losses covered by insurance.

If the policy does not cover all damage expenses, homeowners or renters may be eligible for federal assistance. Remember to keep receipts from all purchases related to the cleanup and repair.

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

TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Fine dining in Marshall



BY TUMBLEWEED SMITH

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

Alan Loudermilk found a home in Marshall. "I got here in 2009 for a patent case," says Alan.

"I'm an engineer and a lawyer and worked with a lot of startups and turned out the best place to try to get money from intellectual property was Marshall, Texas."

He bought some downtown property and turned it into a place for festivals and parties. He started a Boogie Woogie Festival, one of the top attractions in Marshall, held every September. Top musicians from several musical genres perform. Alan also bought the historic Ginocchio restaurant. The building used to be a hotel.

"The Ginocchio, right across from the depot is one of the last standing railroad hotels in the country. It was a fine hotel, supposedly one of the finest hotels between New Orleans and Denver a

hundred and twenty years ago. Charles Ginocchio, an Italian merchant was selling goods to the rail travelers and evidently was a darn good one, 'cause he ended up building this hotel and one near Fort Worth. The building had fallen into hard times in the more recent years, so we bought it out of foreclosure and after two years of renovation, the building is just gorgeous. With the curly pine, the stained glass, the tile, the Edison arches, it's a combination of fine dining, history, and we try to pair it with good food, good service, and good beverages."

He's had the Ginocchio six years. It was his first venture into the restaurant business.

"If you count when I

was slingin' burgers at the Dairy Queen in high school, that was the closest I got to a restaurant. I was supposed to be a passive landlord and I had other partners who were going to run it. That didn't work out, so I'm an accidental restaurateur.

The restaurant building was virtually unused for twenty years, so it required extensive renovation.

"We really had to take the building almost apart. We had rotten floor joists and things like that that needed to be replaced. It was very much more time-consuming and expensive than we originally imagined."

The Ginocchio has its original bar, a gift from Don Henley of the Eagles who had previously bought it. The restaurant features fine dining.

"Chef Renaldo is one of the best chefs that I've ever experienced, and I eat well. He's got lamb, he's got steak, he's got seafood - it's pasta. You order Fettuccine Alfredo, and he makes the sauce to order."

There is no dress code for the Ginocchio, but a lot of people dress up because it's their special night out. The bar is a more casual environment.

"I always say, as long as you're wearing a smile, you're welcome."

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20 YEARS AGO (2004)

The Coryell County Sheriff's Office had Project ChildSafe Gun Locks available to the public.

The Texas Highway Patrol investigated 22 rural traffic accidents in Coryell County during May.

Pidcoke Baptist Church was set to host Vacation Bible School.

The Friends of the Gatesville Public Library was set to host its first annual talent show.

30 YEARS AGO (1994)

Flentge Pharmacy & Ace

Hardware advertised a variable event timer (lights timer) for \$1.99 after rebate.

Jackie Palmer, of Gatesville, earned top honors in the Texas Department of Transportation's Truck Driving Road-ee in Gatesville.

Higginbotham's grand opening was scheduled.

Terry Wayne Mooney was recognized for academic achievement as a United States National Honor Roll Award winner.

American Red Cross's

blood drive was set to be held at First Baptist Church of Gatesville.

40 YEARS AGO (1984)

New openings were created for reservists in the 736 Heavy Equipment Maintenance Company in electronics and TOW missile maintenance.

Charlie Foust, of Gatesville, was named a \$1,000 winner in the Discovery Bingo Contest sponsored by H.E.B. Food Stores.

The House of Beauty was having a huge sale.

The Juarez Junction advertised "Great Mexican Food" as well as "Ladies Night Out."

Beginning swimmers took their test at the City Pool.

50 YEARS AGO (1974)

Mr. and Mrs. Atla H. Wilkins (one of the last couples to leave Ewing in 1942 when the community was made part of the Fort Hood reservation) were honored as Ewing's "Mr. and Mrs. Solid Citizen."

An all-girl rodeo was set to be held in Gatesville.

Teacher Johnnie C. Evans retired from the Gatesville High School faculty.

Charles Zeigler, superintendent of the Gatesville public school system, was appointed to the executive committee of the Texas Association of School Administrators.

A Burt Reynolds film was being shown at the Drive-In movie theater.

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How Independence Day was celebrated in the early days of Texas History

BY DAVID SCOTT
Staff Writer

Celebrating July 4, also known as Independence Day, a majority of Texas residents enjoyed the holiday with traditional picnics, barbecues, family gatherings, and perhaps an outing to a lake or river. Of course, the evening hours are devoted to shooting off fireworks or attending a local fireworks display.

Independence Day celebrations were not much different during the early days in Texas history. Even before Texas became a state, residents came together and celebrated much the same way we do today.

In a paper published by The Alamo organization in 2016, several narratives were included about how residents celebrated July 4, in 19th century Texas. The majority of the accounts were gleaned from letters

written during that time.

One such letter reads: *The Fourth of July was a fine day. The ladies spent the day in conversation and work, the young people dancing in the yard, the children playing under the trees, and the men talking politics. Well, it was a grand affair for the times. The young people thought it magnificent. The music was two fiddles. We ate barbecued meat, all sorts of vegetables, coffee, fowls, potatoes, honey and corn bread, but no cakes, as there was no flour in the country. The whiskey gave out early in the evening, and there was no fuss or quarreling. Everybody went home in a good humor.*

In 1845, a newspaper account described how early Texans celebrated the day. *On the night of the third, a pole was raised upon the*

public square, and when our citizens raised on the morning of the fourth, they saw waving proudly aloft, the stars and stripes of our Native land, which had been run up during the previous night amid various evidences of individual rejoicing; such as the burning of tar barrels, firing of guns, shouts, huzzas, etc.

In an 1853 letter written by Carl Hilmar, he had the following to say about the July 4 celebration: *The young people danced. At off times there were shooting matches, foot races, and jumping matches. The winner had to pay for the wine, which all enjoyed very much. The gay life lasted until 6:00 the next morning — July 5, when everybody had a cup of coffee. The celebration was not stiff, nor was it rough or unrestrained. It was most*

congenial.

Ten years before Texas became the 28th state in the United States, Benjamin Milam wrote the following to a friend in 1835 about celebrating Independence Day in the Republic of Texas: *I hope you spent the 4th of July pleasantly with your friends who feel some reverence for the day. As to myself, I can not say I enjoyed it. I got a bottle of vino muscale and drank to the Federal Constitution in all parts of America. I had no countrymen to join me or perhaps I should have done better.*

Other letters and manuscripts mention the pride of the Texans when it came to celebrating July 4 and would often include stories about flying the U.S. flag and having a public official read the Declaration of Independence.



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Fireworks are a staple in today's Independence Day celebrations.

PEARL NEWS

We're jamming all day long at Pearl Community Center



BY BETSY CLARK

Pearl News Correspondent

Today is Pearl Bluegrass and Pearl Cottage Bookstore Day. The Bluegrass stage show begins around 1 p.m. but jamming goes on all day long.

The Bluegrass Kitchen opens at 11 a.m. and closes at 4 p.m. Admission is free

to watch the stage show and to jam. The kitchen has delicious homemade food,

which includes awesome pies and cakes, and the prices are very reasonable. The Pearl Cottage Bookstore opens at 9 a.m. and closes at 3 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Bring friends and enjoy a great day in Pearl!

The Pearl Church of Christ will hold its annual Revival on July 6 and 7 with an ice cream supper following the service on the 7th. Speaking will be Chris Halpayne. 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.

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

Breaking news from my Reliable Source from Pearl: Mr. M has discovered a new and improved way to gather eggs. His method includes talking charmingly to the hens and then putting a bucket over their heads. At least, I think he puts the

bucket over the chicken's heads, not his own, but I don't know that for sure. I have asked for a photograph, but one has not been received as of this writing (I think Mrs. Mc was not in favor of sharing such as she felt she might have to sleep in the chicken coop with said birds). Now, I may have recently been named in a lawsuit for mentioning Mr. R. McD's name again, so I must be vague to protect the innocent (namely me)! Therefore, I am not mentioning Mr. Ron McD's name in order to present the new name which the aforementioned is now known: The East Gatesville Chicken

Whisperer! Folks, my Reliable Source (whose last name may or may not be "Ray") has assured me that this is not Fake News. Only in Pearl...and sometimes in East Gatesville!

This week's Bible verse comes from Proverbs 15:18—Hot tempers cause arguments, but patience brings peace. Good News Translation

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 betsyclarck47@yahoo.com

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BEAUTY IS HARD WORK



COURTESY PHOTO

Celeste Drake with Keep Gatesville Beautiful's beautification committee is pictured while cleaning up the flower beds at Raby Park. Drake worked hard in the heat to help fix the flower beds since the abundance of rain produced a plethora of weeds. There is still work to be done, and Keep Gatesville Beautiful plans to add more plants since many were lost over this past summer.

OBITUARIES

Melanie Schipper

May 4, 1949 - June 27, 2024

Melanie Jayne Schipper passed away peacefully on June 27, 2024 in Stephenville. She was born May 4, 1949, in Grand Prairie. She was the daughter of Glenn and Alberta (Wolf) White of Gatesville. After graduating from Gatesville High School in 1967, she married her high school sweetheart, David Schipper, with whom she had two children. They would later separate but remained friends.

Melanie had a colorful work history before retiring several years ago. She worked for the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory in Los Alamos, NM, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice in

Gatesville, and retired as a social worker with the State of New Mexico Behavioral Health Institute in Las Vegas.

After retirement, Melanie moved to Stephenville to spend time with her children and grandchildren, whom she dearly loved.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Steve White.

She is survived by her children, Dr. Kelly Miller (Thad) and Jason Schipper (Barbara), both of Stephenville; her sister, Joann Washburn; and brother, David White, both of Gatesville, and her two beloved granddaughters, Emily and Erin Miller, both of Stephen-



ville. At Melanie's request, she will be cremated and her remains interred at Davidson Cemetery in Gatesville. No service will be held.

Fireworks and PTSD: Ways to help veterans or loved ones

Staff Reports

In the United States, people use fireworks to celebrate various major events and holidays, including weddings, festivals, New Year's, and the Fourth of July.

However, for many, bright lights, loud noises, and the smell of smoke may cause distress and trigger unwanted memories. According to the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs, fireworks can be a trauma reminder for those who served in combat or went through a fire, explosion, or gun violence.

According to the Mayo Clinic, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) is a mental health condition that's trig-

gered by a terrifying event by either experiencing it or witnessing it. Symptoms may include flashbacks, nightmares, severe anxiety, or uncontrollable thoughts about the event.

Although July 4th has come to an end this year, fireworks might be used for other celebrations throughout the year.

If someone you know or care about might find fireworks triggering, the VA's National Center for PTSD offers ways to show your support:

- Ask the person if there is anything you can do.
- Offer words of support, such as: "You are safe" or "I am here with you, now."
- Help the person remember the present environ-

ment: "You are at a [party, concert, etc.], and it is safe here."

- Offer to do a breathing technique or mindfulness activity in the moment.

For those hosting an event that will include fireworks, below are a few ways to check in with guests who might be impacted:

- Consider the meaning and value of using fireworks versus other alternatives, like sparklers or light shows.
- If possible, ask guests if fireworks are a difficult reminder.
- Notify guests ahead of time if fireworks are a part of the celebration.
- Set a specific time for (or announce the start of)

fireworks, so guests can plan for their own needs.

- Center activities around themes other than loud fireworks.
- Create space so that guests can be in small groups rather than a large crowd.
- Show compassion—choose the celebration you want while also respecting the decisions others make for self-care.

Although fireworks might be unavoidable at some major events, like the Fourth of July, the VA offers additional tips for those who find fireworks affect their mental health:

- For Veterans, focus on the meaning of military-related holidays that supports self-care.

- Read about an event or ask a host to learn if fireworks will be included in the celebration and the timing of them.

- Talk with someone close to you about your concerns and invite them along.

- Prior to the event, work on self-care, such as good sleep, breathing techniques, journaling, mindfulness, and limiting alcohol.

- Consider bringing ear-plugs or headphones.
- Pause to remind yourself that you are safe, even if the memories create a sense of danger.

- Focus on skills and techniques to ground you in the present moment:

- Try box breathing: 4

counts inhale, 4 counts hold, 4 counts exhale, 4 counts hold, repeat.

- Be mindful. Notice what you feel without judging or reacting, like eating a sour candy or spicy food and focusing on that sensation.

- Use the Mindfulness Coach mobile app.

- Remind yourself that this moment is temporary.

- Veterans might remind themselves that it took time to train themselves to be on alert to all threats, and it will take time to re-train themselves to not be on high alert when there is no threat.



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HAMBURGER PIE

BY JANE HARVEY

- 2 lbs. ground beef
- ½ med. yellow onion, chopped
- 1 c. tomato soup
- 1 c. French style green beans, drained
- 4 med. potatoes, mashed

In skillet, brown ground beef with onion. Drain excess fat. Place meat in casserole dish and cover meat with soup. Pour drained green beans over soup. Top with mashed potatoes. Bake uncovered for 15 minutes at 350. Optional: add grated cheese on top or two tablespoons of butter, but not both.



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Hamburger pie

Brown to present San Jacinto program at CCGS meeting

Submitted Item

Marshall Brown, Sons of the Republic of Texas lecturer, will be the speaker at the July 9 meeting of the Coryell County Genealogical Society. Mr. Brown is a Coryell County native, who is descended from the Nimrod Brown family. "San Jacinto" is the topic for Mr. Brown's program. San Jacinto is associated with several famous events in Texas history, including the Run Away Scrape

that preceded the decisive Battle of San Jacinto. Genealogists use history to enhance their understanding of their ancestors' lives, and the study of our colorful Texas history can uncover some interesting family information. The public is welcome to attend the 6 p.m. meeting at the Gatesville Public Library located at 111 N. 8th Street.

The DISPATCH

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of June 26 - June 30. 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 26
11:13 a.m., a theft was reported in the 300 block of S. State Highway 36.
3:40 p.m., harassment was reported in the 600 block of Golf Course Road.
4:33 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 500 block of S. Lutterloh Avenue.
7:20 p.m., harassment was reported in the 600 block of Park Street.

June 27
1:17 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of S. 6th Street.
1:27 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of White's Street.
5:05 p.m., a disturbance

was reported in the 400 block of Gateway Circle.
11:41 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2500 block of Business Highway 36.

June 28
2:13 a.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 100 block of FM 116.
9:39 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1500 block of W. Main Street.
11:52 a.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 1300 block of St. Louis Street.
6:17 p.m., a theft was reported in the 1200 block of E. Main Street.

June 29
1:42 p.m., criminal mischief was reported in

the 500 block of Mountain Road.
4:01 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 300 block of S. 8th Street.
6:14 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 100 block of FM 116.
7:42 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 400 block of S. 8th Street.

June 30
1:43 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 300 block of N. Lutterloh Avenue.
5:44 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 2800 block of S. State Highway 36.
8:22 p.m., a theft was reported in the 3300 block of E. Main Street.

CORYELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

June 26
9:10 a.m., trespassing was reported in the block of Ranier Road.
11:22 a.m., a scam was reported in the 700 block of County Road 354.
2:49 p.m., animal neglect was reported in the 1200 block of Oak Springs Road.
6:35 p.m., a threat was reported in the 900 block of Wedgewood Drive.

June 27
12 a.m., a theft was reported in the 100 block of Harrell Drive.
12:49 a.m., suspicious activity was reported on Cedar Circle.
2:17 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the

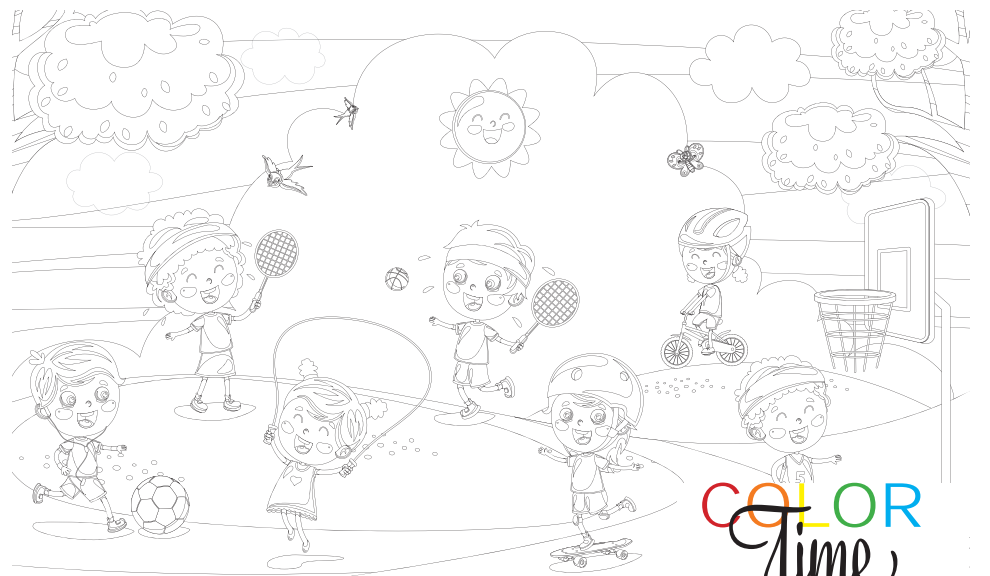
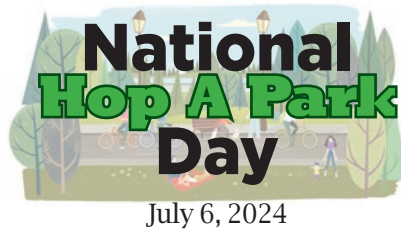
400 block of Old Pidcoke Road.
5:08 p.m., animal neglect was reported in the 2800 block of Old Ft. Gates Road.

June 28
9:55 a.m., a neighbor dispute was reported in the 200 block of Julia Drive.
11:16 a.m., a theft was reported in the 100 block of Knowles Road.
8:56 p.m., shots fired were reported in the 200 block of County Road 253.
11:07 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 800 block of Twin Mountain Road.

June 29
8:32 a.m., a prowler was reported in the 4900 block of N. FM 116.
10:46 a.m., a dog bite was

reported in the 2700 block of Abott Lane.
11:51 a.m., suspicious activity was reported at Beapowell Road and Grimes Crossing.
1:44 p.m., a domestic dispute was reported in the 500 block of Mountain Road.

June 30
12:52 a.m., a reckless driver was reported at I-14 and Clear Creek.
11:45 a.m., a domestic dispute was reported in the 1300 block of Lutheran Church Road.
12:39 p.m., a minor accident was reported in the 1200 block of Lutheran Church Road.



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ITALIAN: Parco

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GERMAN: Park

"National Hop a Park Day" is a playful celebration encouraging families and kids to hop from one park to another, exploring the outdoor wonders each park has to offer. This day, often observed on July 1st, encourages a day of outdoor adventures, physical activity, and appreciation for the beauty of local parks. For kids, National Hop a Park Day is an exciting opportunity to embark on a park-hopping adventure. Families can plan a route to visit different parks in their community, discovering new playgrounds, scenic spots, and recreational areas. It's a day to engage in various activities, from playing sports to having a picnic, fostering a love for the outdoors and promoting an active lifestyle. Parents and caregivers can make this day educational by sharing information about each park, its history, and the importance of preserving green spaces. Kids can learn about the diverse features of parks, from wildlife habitats to community gathering spaces, enhancing their appreciation for the environment. National Hop a Park Day

emphasizes the benefits of spending time outdoors, enjoying the fresh air, and connecting with nature. Families can document their park-hopping journey with photos, creating a scrapbook or journal to capture the memories made throughout the day. So, on National Hop a Park Day, lace up those sneakers, pack a picnic, and hop from one park to another with family and friends. It's a day filled with outdoor exploration, laughter, and the simple joys of discovering the treasures each park holds.



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Texas A&M System Chancellor John Sharp to retire June 30, 2025



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Texas A&M System Chancellor John Sharp, middle, announced Monday he will retire as chancellor in 12 months. Sharp is the longest-serving chancellor in the history of the Texas A&M System.

Tarleton State University

BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION — Porter Garner jokes that he is not sure John Sharp ever sleeps.

"It's not uncommon to get a text from John late at night, or at four in the morning," said Garner, longtime president of The Association of Former Students at Texas A&M University. "He has some new idea or concept he'd like to discuss. Ultimately, it is about A&M, to benefit our students, our former students our university."

"He's the best chancellor we've ever had," Garner added. "No chancellor in history has ever advanced Texas A&M and the Texas A&M University System like John Sharp has."

Garner is among the Texans praising the era of the longest serving chancellor in the history of the Texas A&M System. Sharp announced Monday he will retire as chancellor in 12 months.

"Texas is grateful for Chancellor John Sharp's unwavering commitment to improving higher education in the State of Texas," Gov. Greg Abbott said. "His extraordinary leadership throughout his time as Chancellor of the Texas A&M University System provided young Texans with the tools they need to thrive in our booming economy."

Sharp, who became Chancellor in September 2011, sent a letter Monday thanking past and present regents, system employees and elected officials for their years of support.

"Leading this grand en-

terprise has been one of the great privileges of my life," Sharp said. "I feel a deep sense of gratitude to all of you who have shown confidence in me and contributed to our collective endeavor. Together we have lifted the Texas A&M System to historic heights."

The board of regents will conduct a national search in the coming months for Sharp's successor, said Chairman Bill Mahomes.

"It's an understatement to say we have giant boots to fill," said Mahomes, a regent since 2015. "John Sharp is an Aggie icon — bigger than life — and we all are the beneficiaries of his bold leadership. He has made the system smarter, more innovative, and more responsive to the needs of Texans in every corner of the state."

Phil Adams, who served on the board of regents during the first 10 years of Sharp's tenure, applauded the breadth of Sharp's accomplishments.

"The A&M System has become a dynamo nationally since John Sharp became chancellor," Adams said. "He has had more vision, energy, and know-how than anyone else. Every year he had a big idea, and it got done."

Some of the Sharp era achievements:

A historic building boom with \$11.4 billion for 306 projects that improved facilities at all 11 system universities and eight state agencies.

The Chancellor's Research Initiative built up key research fields by recruiting elite faculty. With additional support from the Governor's University Research Initiative, the ef-

fort has led to a five-fold boost in faculty who are national research leaders as evidenced by membership in the elite National Academies in engineering, science and medicine.

The transformation of Riverside Campus into Texas A&M-RELLIS, a high-tech hub of research labs and test ranges to innovate for national defense and a variety of other needs. With backing from the U.S. Army Futures Command and numerous other outside stakeholders, the system and the state invested over \$1 billion at RELLIS in the past eight years. The campus also includes an innovative academic component.

The acquisition and growth of the Texas A&M School of Law, which has risen faster in national rankings than any law school in history. It is now considered No. 2 in Texas.

The construction and renovation of athletic facilities throughout the system, most notably Kyle Field. Reopened in 2015 with more than 102,000 seats, it is the fourth biggest football stadium in the nation and the biggest in the SEC.

The 10-year agreement to co-manage the Los Alamos National Laboratory, helping with lab management, nuclear operations and national security and scientific research.

A more detailed list of accomplishments is available here.

"Chancellor Sharp has left an incredible legacy with The Texas A&M System and at Tarleton State," said Tarleton State President Dr. James Hurley. "His sup-

port and friendship over the years has helped to elevate our university in countless ways, leaving a lasting impact for generations to come. We are grateful for John's service and leadership and wish him and his wife Diana the best in retirement."

Sharp has overseen 19 construction projects on the Tarleton State campus funded by hundreds of millions of dollars.

In his letter, Sharp noted proudly that "Texas A&M, in particular, has grown to become the school of choice, with one of the biggest enrollments in the nation" while "our culture, our traditions, and the patriotic fervor of our students remain intact. We reflect the great traditions and culture of the state of Texas."

Sharp earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Texas A&M in 1972. He was a member of the Corps staff of the Corps of Cadets, and he was elected student body president.

Before becoming chancellor, he had decades of public service, beginning in 1978 when he was elected to the Texas House of Representatives. He later was elected to serve in the Texas Senate, on the Texas Railroad Commission and twice as state comptroller.

Twice Sharp played critical roles in debates on the future of taxation and state finance in Texas.

In 1991, with the state government facing looming deficits, Sharp, as the newly elected Comptroller of Public Accounts, issued a performance report (Breaking the Mold) that found billions of dollars in efficiencies to side-

step the crisis.

Again in 2006, Sharp — by then out of office — was called by his old college friend and political rival, Gov. Rick Perry, to lead a tax reform commission and resolve a school finance crisis that threatened to close public schools. The commission created a business tax in lieu of an income tax.

"I killed the income tax twice," Sharp said.

Perry was not the only governor to call on Sharp.

In 2017, Gov. Greg Abbott named Sharp as the leader of the Commission to Rebuild Texas in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey. Sharp accepted the challenge and the unpaid position while continuing to serve as the chancellor of the A&M System.

"Chancellor Sharp rose to the occasion and helped ensure victims received all the necessary resources to recover," Abbott said.

Later, the state decided to improve coordination of disaster response by adding the Texas Division of Emergency Management to the A&M System as its eighth state agency.

"I thank Chancellor Sharp for his dedication to chartering a brighter future for Texas," Abbott said, "and I am proud of the work we achieved together for students across our great state and for all Texans."

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick called Sharp "a Texas institution."

"Throughout his 45 years of public service in many different roles, Chancellor Sharp learned and perfected how to get things done in Austin," Patrick said. "In his years as Texas A&M Chancellor he was a fierce

advocate for the Aggies and will leave an indelible mark on higher education in Texas long after his retirement. Chancellor Sharp is ever a maverick; he managed to keep me on my toes throughout my time as a public servant. I always enjoyed our meetings and dealings. He is truly one of a kind and I thank him for his public service."

State Rep. Greg Bonnen, who chairs the House Appropriations Committee, placed Sharp in the pantheon of Aggie leadership.

"Texas A&M has had many great leaders like Sul Ross and James Earl Rudder, each leaving behind a legacy that reverberates through the character and values of Texas A&M," Bonnen said. "As John Sharp's tenure draws to a close, he steps into the history pages of this elite class of Aggie leaders, adding an indelible chapter of transformational advancement, driven by the spirit of the 12th Man, has forever changed Texas A&M and made our state and country safer and more prosperous for generations to come. I am grateful to Chancellor Sharp and his family for his many years of service to this great institution and the State of Texas."

In his letter, Sharp said, "While I am retiring from this job, I will find ways to continue to serve the great state I love."

He added, "One thing is for certain, I will never be too busy or too old to help Texas A&M and the Texas A&M System."

Tarleton State summer commencement set for July 26

Tarleton State University

STEPHENVILLE — Tarleton State University will confer diplomas during summer commencement exercises at 9 a.m. Friday, July 26, at Memorial

Stadium on the Stephenville campus.

Graduates from the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Dr. Sam Pack College of Business, College of Education, Mayfield College of

Engineering, College of Health Sciences, College of Liberal and Fine Arts, and College of Science and Mathematics will be recognized.

The ceremony will include both graduate and undergrad-

uate students. Tarleton State President Dr. James Hurley will preside.

For more information or to watch the proceedings live, go to www.tarleton.edu/graduation. A link for the live stream

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a.m., adult Bible study 6
p.m.; Wednesday services
- kids' & youth Bible study
6 p.m.
FIRST BAPTIST FLAT
9775 TX-36, Gatesville;
Sunday School 9 a.m.;
Sunday Worship 10:15
a.m.; Wednesdays –
Prayer & Bible Study 7
p.m.; Youth Group & Kid
Knights 7 p.m.; Supper first
Wednesday of each month
at 6 p.m.; Men's Breakfast
second Saturday of each
month at 7:30 a.m.
FIRST BAPTIST GATESVILLE
Dr. Pete Keough, Pastor;
912 E. Main St., Gatesville;
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.;
Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.;
Wednesdays – Children
& Youth 5:30-7:00 p.m.
(supper provided), Adult
Bible Study 6-7:00 p.m.
FIRST BAPTIST OGLESBY
Jeremy Sanders, Pastor;
120 College Ave.;
Sunday School 10 a.m.,
Sunday worship 11 am;
Wednesdays – supper at
5:40 p.m., Kids & Youth
Group 6 p.m., Prayer
meeting 6 p.m.
FIRST BAPTIST PURMELA
875 FM 932, Purmela;
Sunday School 10 a.m.,
Sunday worship 11 a.m.
GATEWAY BAPTIST
Michael Bragdon,
Pastor; 2819 S. Hwy. 36,
Gatesville; Sunday School
10 a.m., Sunday worship
11 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.;
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
HARMONY BAPTIST
A.C. Painter, pastor;
1750 FM 215, Gatesville;
Sunday School 10 a.m.,
Sunday worship 11 a.m. &
6:30 p.m.; Wednesday
evening worship 6:30 p.m.
HAY VALLEY BAPTIST
3110 Hay Valley Road;
Sunday School 10 a.m.,
Sunday worship 11 a.m.
AWANA children's ministry
Sundays 5-7 p.m. Bible
Study for men & women on
Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
JONESBORO BAPTIST
Matt Dossey, pastor;
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Sunday School 10 a.m.,
Sunday worship 10:50
a.m.
KING BAPTIST
Charles W. McKamie,
pastor; 6730 FM 1783,
Gatesville; Sunday School
10 a.m., Sunday worship
11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
LIBERTY BAPTIST
Royse T. Cockrell, DMin.,
Pastor; Corner of FM 107
& HWY 36, Gatesville;
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.,
Sunday Service 11 a.m. &
1 p.m., Family Bible Study
Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.
LIVE OAK BAPTIST
Pastor Matthew Hamilton;
113 FM 107, Gatesville;
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.,
Sunday worship 10:30
a.m., Wednesday eve-
nings: Choir at 5:30 p.m.,
Children & Youth Activities,
Adult Bible Study at 6:15
p.m.
MOUNTAIN BAPTIST
Rev. Kurt Fuessel, pastor;

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Sunday School 10 a.m.,
Sunday worship 11 a.m.
& 6 p.m. Prayer meeting 7
p.m. Wednesday.
OSAGE BAPTIST
Chris Thomas, pastor;
7505 FM 185, Gatesville;
Sunday School 10 a.m.,
Sunday worship 11 a.m.
PEARL COUNTRY CHURCH
2082 FM 1690, Gatesville;
Sunday worship 10 a.m.
PECAN GROVE BAPTIST
6545 FM 107, Gatesville;
Sunday School 10 a.m.,
Sunday worship 11 a.m.
PIDCOKE BAPTIST
Donald McConaughay,
pastor; 11125 FM 116,
Gatesville; Sunday School
10 a.m., Sunday service
11 a.m.
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Chris Post, Pastor; CR
301, Jonesboro; Sunday
school 10 a.m., Sunday
worship 11 a.m.
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11 a.m.
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10 a.m., Sunday Worship
11 a.m.
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Sunday school 9:30 a.m.,
Sunday worship 11 a.m.;
Wednesday worship 7
p.m.
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Sunday School 10 a.m.,
Sunday worship 11
a.m., Wednesday Prayer
Meeting 6 p.m.
TRINITY BAPTIST
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Sunday worship 11 a.m.,
Wednesday night Bible
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11 a.m.
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Sunday worship 11 a.m.;
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a.m.
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worship 9 a.m., Sunday
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236; Sunday worship
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Wednesday Bible Study
7 p.m.
PEARL COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP
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day Services 9 a.m.
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Wednesday service 7 p.m.

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Wednesday service, 7:30
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099 PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF SALE
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099 PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
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099 PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF UNIT AUCTION
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Brown, Robert K7
Firebaugh, Jonathan D17
Kennedy, Nikki A09
Keown, Vicki A16
Mora, Antonia J12
Gober, Darlene K18
Kruzenski, Scott E11
The auction will be held at 9:00 a.m., Saturday, July 20, 2024 (weather permitting - no precipitation or freezing temperatures), at Gatesville Storage, 2215 E. Main St., Gatesville, Texas.
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- 1.469 ac. Lampasas River Place Subdivision, Lampasas River frontage, good tree cover, electricity along property line, Kemper water along front. \$125,000
- 5.01 ac., Lot 62 Buffalo Creek Ranch Subdivision, Evant, Langford Branch, rolling terrain, scattered tree cover, electricity at road, fiber optic internet. \$165,000
- 5.01 ac., Lot 64 Buffalo Creek Ranch Subdivision, Evant, Langford Branch, rolling terrain, scattered tree cover, electricity at road, fiber optic internet. \$165,000
- 10.01 ac., Lot 53 in Buffalo Creek Ranch Subdivision, Langford Branch, rolling terrain, scattered tree cover, electricity at road, fiber optic internet. \$167,000
- 10.01 ac., Lot 20 Phase 4 Rio Escondido Subdivision, Evant, TX. Good tree cover, great views, electricity at road, fiber optic internet service, gated subdivision. \$109,000
- 10.01 ac., Lot 140 Phase 6 Rio Escondido Subdivision, Evant, TX. Rolling terrain, good tree cover, oaks, mesquites, cedar. Electricity, fiber optic internet. \$123,000
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Gatesville Animal Shelter honored with No-Kill Award

BY ALEXANDRA MEELBUSCH
Staff Writer

This past week, the Gatesville Animal Shelter and its animal control officers announced its recent recognition for achieving and maintaining “no-kill” status in 2023 by exceeding a 90 percent save rate for cats and dogs.

“It means a lot to the animal shelter to get an award recognizing our effort to keep these animals alive and thriving until we find a placement for them out of our shelter, that being adoptions or transfers to rescues,” Interim Chief of Police Cody Lee said.

The award was given to the local shelter by the Best Friends Animal Society, which is a national animal welfare organization dedicated to ending the killing of dogs and cats in America’s shelters by 2025.

According to animalhumanesociety.org, “To be considered no-kill, a shelter or rescue must have at least a 90 percent placement rate for the animals in their care.”

Over the course of this past year, 47 dogs have been adopted out or transferred to an animal rescue center, including 20 cats.

“Most of the cats we get are outside community cats, who are then spayed and neutered and released thanks to our trap neuter and release (TNR) program,” Chief Lee said.

The TNR program has saved 41 cats as of June, this year.

Only two animal control officers, Douglas Glimp and Crystal Cockrell, take care of the animal shelter and all animal control calls in the city limits of Gatesville.

Each week, the number of dogs and cats taken in varies, but based on the current report in 2024, the Gatesville Animal Shelter has averaged rescuing three to four dogs a week. Due to the city’s TNR program, the number of cats taken in has reduced, though the shelter still averages about two to three a week, they are mostly trapped, neutered, and released.

The Gatesville Animal Shelter currently houses 15 dogs and five cats that are available for adoption.

“Adopting from your local animal shelter and rescues is important because it directly impacts the lives and welfare of the animals in your area,” Chief Lee expressed.

To set up an appointment with the Gatesville Animal Shelter, call the Gatesville

Police Department’s non-emergency line at 254-865-2226 or visit the police department’s lobby.

“We would be happy to show you any of the wonderful animals housed in the Gatesville Animal Shelter,” Chief Lee said.

The Gatesville Animal Shelter also takes donations, whether that be monetary or by providing dog and cat food as well as supplies. All donations are to be dropped off at the Gatesville Police Department, located at 200 North 8th Street.

“The animal shelter’s main goal is the health and welfare of the animals and the citizens of the City of Gatesville,” Chief Lee expressed.



COURTESY PHOTO

Animal Control Officers Douglas Glimp (left) and Crystal Cockrell are pictured after receiving their recognition with ‘The Best Friends Network’ for being a No-Kill Shelter.

July heatwaves in Coryell County in years past

BY DAVID SCOTT
Staff Writer

The month of July has always been heralded as one of the hottest months in Coryell County. Today, with the humidity levels at record peaks, a 100-degree temp may feel like 105. Looking back through The Gatesville Messenger, a few hot dates in July stand out. The words used in these hot weather accounts include broiling, sweltering, and blistering.

July 26, 1957

The lowering clouds and scattered showers furnished a measure of relief from the broiling July heat. It broke a string of five straight days of 100-degree weather, Gatesville, which got only .08 inch of rain, after the mercury had bubbled to 105 on Sunday. The cooler weather served as a sound to charge for millions of crickets as well. They have been swarming into downtown Gatesville in a mass invasion covering the sidewalks and clinging

to the fronts and sides of buildings.

July 20, 1962

Coryell County is currently sweltering through a July heat wave that had seen temperatures climb to the 100-degree mark or higher for eight straight days. The prospects were the ninth consecutive day of 100-degree weather reading. While the hot weather has been hard on the human race, farm crops are thriving.

July 22, 1966

Mercury vaults to 104 degrees.

The Gatesville area, sweltering in a July heat wave, wiped away the sweat and watched the temperature hit a blistering 104 degrees at mid-week with no relief in sight. It had topped the century mark again as the string of 100-degree days were stretched to seven.

August 2, 1968

In an ordinary year, Gatesville would have experienced several days

of 100-degree weather by this time, but the mercury hasn’t reached the century mark this summer, according to Martin Clary, junior high science instructor who is the Gatesville observer for the U.S. Weather Bureau.

July 26, 1997

By July 23, 1996, Gatesville residents had already endured 17 days of 100+ degree temperatures. So far, 1997 is a different story. The first 100 days of the summer was reported by

Nathan Cooper, Gatesville’s official weather observer for the National Weather Service. He reported the first official 100-degree day of the summer in Gatesville.

Texas is well known for its hot weather during the month of July. Some consider Texas to be one of the hottest states in the United States. Some parts of the state experience peak temperatures as early as May or as late as September.



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