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## Highway 84 construction, lane closures to begin on Sunday

BY KAYLEE DUSANG  
Staff Writer

On Sunday, Aug. 18, construction crews will start mill and inlay work on U.S. Highway 84 in Gatesville, according to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).

The project will take place at the intersection

of Highway 84 and State Highway 36, heading west to Lutterloh Avenue. In the construction zone, crews will implement rotating lane closures.

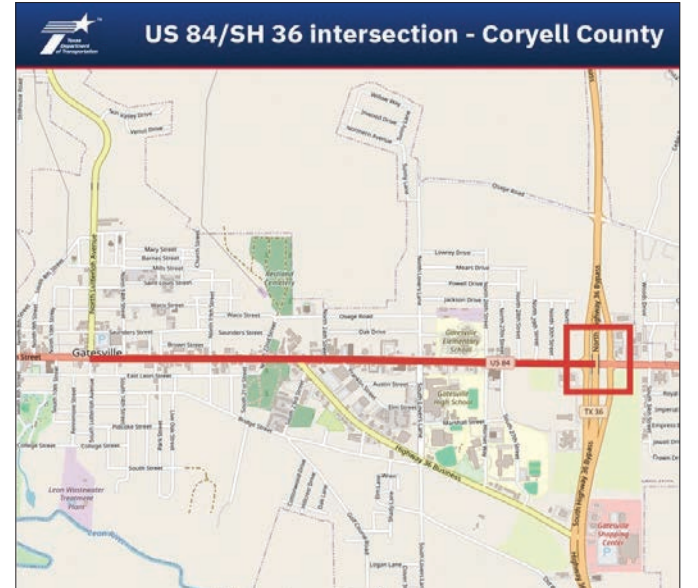
TxDOT says crews will move traffic to the inside lanes while milling is done in the outside lanes. They

will then switch traffic to the outside lanes for the road work on the inside lanes.

The lane closure pattern will repeat as crews pave the outside and inside lanes. Striping will then take place the following week.

TxDOT says construction work will take place nightly from 7 p.m.-7 a.m. Weather permitting, the project is scheduled to last approximately one week.

Message boards are in place to remind drivers of the project.



COURTESY OF TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Construction to begin on Highway 84 in Gatesville.

## BEFORE THE AGE OF FREEZERS



DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

An early day Ice Wagon that was used to service Gatesville residents in the days before homes had refrigerators or freezers. See more information in the Museum Spotlight on page A3.

## Coryell County Day of Prayer to be held Sept. 7

Submitted by Joyce Talbott and Debbie Martin

A 24-hour prayer vigil will be held at local churches in Coryell County on Saturday, Sept. 7.

Plans are underway to involve Gatesville and Coryell County in a 24-hour Prayer Vigil. The members of the Don Allison Methodist Sunday School Class are reaching out to local churches and all citizens in the area to spread the word.

A spokesperson for the group states, "Prayer is vital in these challenging times, and we invite everyone to join us from 6 a.m. on Sept. 7 to 6 a.m. on Sept. 8 at the church of your choice."

"As 2 Chronicles 7:14 reminds us:

"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

"Our land is in desperate need of healing."

The goal of the 24-hour prayer vigil is to have as many local churches as possible to open their doors during that 24 hour period and welcome in those who would like to come in and pray.

Churches that would like to participate in the Coryell County Day of Prayer can contact Debbie Martin at 254-216-0907. Text PRAY-GOV to 833-259-8648.

### NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

The National Day of Prayer (NDP) is also encouraging 100 Days of Prayer. The NDP urges us to pray for the attributes, attitudes, and actions of those who serve in government or are running for office. We are called to lift up the Word over seven aspects of their lives: HEART, SOUL, MIND, STRENGTH, FAMILY, STAFF, and ENEMIES. The NDP also encourages prayer in the areas of FAMILY, CHURCH, EDUCATION, MEDIA, GOVERNMENT, BUSINESS, and MILITARY.

For more information, visit the National Day of Prayer website at [www.nationaldayofprayer.org](http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org). Navigate to the "Get Involved/Small Group Guides" section to find the "100 Days of Prayer for Government and Elections" guide. This guide provides prayer prompts and scripture verses that have been carefully selected to inspire and guide your prayers during this crucial period.

PRAY - The Word.  
PRAY - Shine the Light.  
PRAY - Without Ceasing.

## City shares plans for Highway 36 monument

BY KAYLEE DUSANG  
Staff Writer

Interim City Manager Brad Hunt provided an update on plans for the new Gatesville Monument located at the corner of

Business Highway 36 and State Highway 36 at the regular city council meeting on Tuesday.

Hunt said Keep Gatesville Beautiful and the

Gatesville Parks and Recreation Department will work together to bring various improvements to the monument, such as wording for

a sign on the wall, mounting award plaques, and a statue or display in the center of the monument.

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# County commissioners vote on proposed tax rate

## The county's proposed tax rate will raise property taxes for the 2025 fiscal year

BY KAYLEE DUSANG  
Staff Writer

During a regular meeting on Tuesday, the Coryell County Commissioners Court approved a proposed tax rate of .4737 per \$100 of a home's estimated value.

The proposed tax rate is an approximately 26.9 percent increase compared

to last year's tax rate of .37328 cents per \$100, according to a public notice filed by the Coryell County Tax Office.

County Judge Roger Miller said the tax rate is split between .42846 cents per \$100 for maintenance and operations and .04524 cents per \$100 for debt.

Since the proposed tax

rate is higher than the no-new revenue rate, set at .36525 cents per \$100 valuation, the county is proposing to raise property taxes for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. The county would need to remain or go below the no-new revenue rate in order not to raise taxes.

However, the tax rate is slightly lower than the

voter-approval tax rate of .47376 per \$100, which means the county is not required to hold a special election where voters can approve or reject the proposed tax rate.

Commissioners Scott Weddle and Kyle Matthews voted against the proposed tax rate, while County Judge Roger Miller and Commis-

sioners Ryan Basham and Keith Taylor approved the rate.

As of press time, the county's proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year has not yet been filed.

A public hearing on the proposed tax rate is set for Sept. 5 at 9 a.m. in the Commissioners Courtroom at 800 E. Main Street, where

the public can share their support or concerns about the proposed tax rate.

The official notice of the tax rate and hearing will also be published in the Aug. 17 and Aug. 24 edition of The Gatesville Messenger.



KAYLEE DUSANG | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

The City of Gatesville has plans to improve the Highway 36 monument with enhancements like signage, award plaques, and more.

### MONUMENT

FROM PAGE A1

According to a previous article by The Gatesville Messenger, the monument comes after the City of Gatesville received the Governor's Community Achievement Award in May 2021 due to Keep Gates-

ville Beautiful's efforts to enhance the community. Those initiatives included the city's recycling program, partnerships with Fort Cavazos soldiers on cleanup and beautification projects, among other programs.

The monument was built using grant funds from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT),

which allowed the city to construct the monument at no cost. The estimated cost for construction was up to \$291,000.

After its completion in May 2024, TxDOT maintained the monument until Aug. 1 of this year. Now, maintenance and improvements will be overseen by the city. The Gatesville City Council agreed to the

responsibility during a regular meeting in October 2023.

"We are now assuming responsibility for the final product, yes, but the amount that came from that did not come from the city taxpayers," Hunt said.

Prior to assuming responsibility, Hunt said Gatesville Parks Director Seth Phillips worked with TxDOT rep-

resentatives to ensure the irrigation system, electrical systems, and plant life were in good repair.

"Prior to Aug. 1, we were then able to assume responsibility for a monument that is in as new condition," Hunt said.

The upkeep and landscaping of the monument will be taken from the 2024-2025 fiscal year budget under

the Gatesville Parks Department, which is expected to cost approximately \$5,000 per year.

Chumley and Hunt also briefly discussed plans for an official dedication ceremony that would include the city council and other community leaders.

# Lunch & Learn: A Community Health Talk Bradford Holland, MD

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FROM MY FRONT PORCH

# Newspapers are still a bargain



BY SAM HOUSTON

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**N**ow that we are getting close to Election Day, we will hear a lot in the news about the economy. One side will tell you how desperately bad the economy is, and the other will promote the idea that times have never been so good.

When dealing with political discussions, usually neither side rings 100% true. I have doubts the average citizen really understands how our national economy works. Do people know the role of the federal reserve board, who determines interest rates, or understand what goes into computing the gross national product? I think the national economy is much simpler than that; folks understand if they have a job or not and if things cost more money than they have in the past. They know if the price of fuel is higher and if housing

costs more.

With that being said, it seems like there is always someone who will complain about prices. I will admit, I become a little frustrated when I hear people say how much more a newspaper costs today than it once did. Hardly a week goes by someone doesn't mention to me they "used to get a paper for a quarter and now it costs a \$1!" Usually, the person making this statement has a scowl on their face and is shaking their head like the "robber barons" who own the newspaper are charging an arm

and a leg and are the primary reason why we have inflation and higher interest rates. It is almost like the newspaper singlehandedly could be responsible for a host of problems ranging from unsightly teenage blemishes to the national debt.

I reflected on the issue and decided when confronted by such a comment, I respond with, "Yes, a newspaper does cost more than it did 50 years ago." Then I suggest they make a comparison between the cost of a newspaper and other items. I have gone to the trouble to do a little research and here are interesting comparisons:

Product	Cost in 1974	Cost in 2024	% change over 50 years
Bread	\$0.28	\$2.50	892% up
Gasoline	\$0.53	\$3.20	603% up
Electricity	\$.025 per kilowatt	\$15.45 per kilowatt	618% up
Cup of coffee	\$0.56 a cup	\$3.41 a cup	608% up
Soft drink	\$0.15 a can	\$1.00 a can	667% up
U.S. stamp	\$0.10	\$0.73	730% up
Newspaper	\$0.25	\$1.00	400% up

Comparison of the cost of items in 1974 vs. the cost of items today.

It is true, over time the price of a newspaper has gone up, but not at the same rate as most products

— In fact, significantly less. It is funny how people seem to have memories that they once paid a quarter for a paper but forget they once paid as little as a nickel for a cup of coffee they now pay \$6 at the local coffee boutique. Talk about an increase! As a kid, I could buy a Snickers and a Coke for a quarter, and just last week I paid \$2.69 for a bottle of pop in a convenience store. Times have changed.

I have no doubt the manufacturers incurred price increases from their suppliers, which were passed on to their customers. In the newspaper business, we have been hit with several severe price in-

creases and unfortunately, those increases have been repeated and have come in a short period of time. Most of our readers do not

know that the U.S. postal service has raised the price of newspaper delivery more than four times in the past two years and over 18% in the past 15 months. Similarly, the price of a load of newsprint has gone up dramatically in the past three or four years, and coupled with the closing of several paper mills, the supply chain is tight, and the cost ever increasing. Did you know the cost of seeing the paper delivered to your door and the cost of the newsprint it is printed on is roughly 50% of the cost of the paper? This is before the first reporter, copy editor, pressman or publisher gets a penny. Or before the

Prices for newspapers will continue to go up, just like every other commodity, but where else is there as much entertainment, enlightenment, joy, and education as that achieved through the purchase and reading of a newspaper? In 10 minutes, that \$6 cup of coffee is gone forever, but with the newspaper you have grown, learned, seen, and experienced your community and all that has happened that week. Sounds like a wonderful bargain to me.

Newspapers need your support. We are an important part of the community. We report and document your life and are a source of information that cannot be replaced. If you do not believe that, ask a community that has lost its paper.

We are your community newspaper, and you are our community. You are worthy of our attention, and we are worthy of your continued support. Sounds like a match made in heaven!

Thought for the day: Price is one factor to consider when making a purchase, but value is what makes the purchase worthwhile.

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

electric bill, phone bill, and other regular expenses get paid. These core costs have nearly doubled in the past 10 years.

MUSEUM SPOTLIGHT

## Before the age of freezers...

BY DAVID SCOTT  
Staff Writer

Each spring as the weather turned warmer, the delivery of ice began. The iceman, along with his horse and wagon, became part of the summer street scene of nearly every town in the United States.

The wagons were often very colorful, with bold, decorative lettering that promoted the company. Sometimes the horse pulling the ice wagon knew the route so well that it pulled the wagon ahead to the next customer's home while the ice man was delivering the ice.

As the ice delivery man arrived at houses on his route, he needed to know how much ice each customer wanted that day. Gatesville businesses and residents had signs in their windows or on their front doors to show the ice delivery man how many pounds to leave. The amount of ice wanted was

the number at the top of the card.

The ice man then pulled the needed size out of his wagon, carried it into the house and placed it inside the ice box.

Tongs were used to lift and carry ice by the men that delivered ice to homes and businesses. When the ice truck arrived at a house the delivery man would pull a block of ice out of his truck using his ice tongs. He would then lift the ice block onto his shoulder, which was protected from the cold and dampness with a thick sheepskin pad. If the ice block did not easily fit into the ice box, the ice man would use an ice pick the trim the ice.

Ice delivery men carried a small scale in their pocket to assure customers that they were receiving the promised amount of ice. Scales for measuring large blocks of ice were usually attached to the ice

wagon.

At the Coryell Museum and Historical Center, you can see an early day "Ice Wagon," which made its rounds in Gatesville from 1920 until early 1931 or 1932. It was owned by Mr. E. Routh and is said to be a converted WWI U.S. Army ambulance.

The Gatesville Ice Plant had originally been part of The Methodist Church and had been built on a piece of ground in Gatesville dedicated to worship. The church was built with all volunteer labor in 1860 and used as a Methodist Church until 1870 when it was used as a school until 1877. Located on 7th Street between Main and Saunders, this building is thought to have become the Ice Plant in the 1880s.

The Ice Plant building was torn down in 1961 to make way for a parking lot. The Ice Wagon was donated to the Coryell Museum and used for a while

in many local parades.

The "100 Years" sign was added during the 100-year celebration of Coryell County in 1954.

Visitors are welcome to drop by the museum located at 718 E. Main to view the massive spur collection. Coryell Museum and Historical Center is open Tuesday through Saturday, as is the 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 four 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.

# Folks around town



COURTESY PHOTO

Jana Dixon Carpenter with her father, Jackie (left), and James.

## Say hello to our neighbor, Jana Dixon Carpenter!

Jana Dixon Carpenter is a dedicated, passionate, and tenacious real estate agent/broker at Dixon Realty Team, which is powered by Keller Williams. Her love for people, willingness to think outside the box, and creativity make her a strong real estate agent. Her father and James Dixon were thrilled when she carried the family name into real estate. Before embarking on her real estate career, Jana was a Physical Education Teacher at Gatesville ISD for 24 years and the owner of Expectations Gymnastics and Dance for 34 years. Born and raised in Gatesville, fifth generation of Coryell, Jana is deeply rooted in her community. After living in Gatesville for 56 years, it has given Jana deep roots and a profound love for the community. Many wonderful memories have been created in this small town, with one of Jana's favorite places being the city's ball park. Arnold Field is named after her great uncle, and she expressed that it is heartwarming to watch her grandkids, Khloe and Kinsley, with other grandparents supporting their grandkids, just as they once supported their own children.

Jana reads The Messenger and said, "I love that the Gatesville Messenger truly captures the heart of our community. It's not just a newspaper; it's a reflection of the people and events that make Gatesville unique. From local news to heartfelt stories about our neighbors, it brings us all a little closer together. Plus, it's always great to see how the Messenger supports local events and businesses, helping to keep our small town vibrant and connected."

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

## SUDOKU

Puzzle answers from the Aug. 10, 2024 issue.

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Participants are pictured at the Righteous Roots softball tournament, which was held at the Gatesville ballpark.

# Righteous Roots stepped up to the plate for its community softball tournament

BY ALEXANDRA MEELBUSCH  
Staff Writer

Local non-profit organization Righteous Roots recently hosted a community softball tournament to raise funds for its establishment. This will be the first of a few upcoming fundraisers that Righteous Roots will be hosting.

The tournament took place at the Gatesville ballpark on Saturday, Aug. 10. "It was a huge success," Righteous Roots Founder Melanie Webb said.

There was a total of nine teams present who competed in the event, with some travelling all the way from the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Each team was able to have the opportunity to participate in the Home-run Derby and "Hit the Pin" competitions.

"The day was made manageable due to several selfless volunteers who helped with the concession stand, t-shirt/toy table, and entry," Webb

said. The concession stand was full of snacks due to the various donations from local businesses, which included Laerdal, HEB, and Sonic.

Webb expressed her gratitude toward the Gatesville Parks & Recreation Dept for allowing the use of the ballfields, as well as Payton George with GTX Elite Athletics for organizing the tournament and donating two bats.

Locals Kevin and Karen

George with Gatesville Drug and Diamond K Tees & More donated the prizes for the tournament winners.

"We offer our deepest gratitude to every person, organization, and player who braved the heat to make our tournament successful," Webb said. "We made lasting connections and look forward to doing it again next year."

TUMBLEWEED SMITH

# The blossoming of Sunflower Mercantile



BY TUMBLEWEED SMITH

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

In 2017, Scott Reeves and his wife, Kelly, opened an antique store on the square in Carthage.

"In addition to the antiques, we added a little home décor," says Scott. "People kept telling us that we needed to put a soda fountain in because there used to be several around the square."

He found one in Illinois. "I bought it through EBAY, and the guy was selling two of them. He didn't want to sell just one, so I bought both of them. Drove to Illinois. They weigh a ton. I picked them up, drove back to Carthage, figured out which one we were going to use and put the other one on EBAY again. I sold it to someone who lived sixty miles away from where we bought it originally. We delivered it and had a couple of unplanned trips to Illinois, and that's how it got here."

That changed the store. "So, now it's evolved into a real soda fountain; we pump the syrup and put the seltzer water in. We serve malts and milkshakes and use a green three-head milkshake maker from the sixties. We added a lunch counter about three years ago. Now, we offer soups and sandwiches for lunch, and the ice cream and the gifts and the toys, and all that kind of stuff." They have sixteen flavors of ice cream and rotate flavors seasonally. The ice cream cones are made in the store. Ice cream cones are the most popular items they sell at the soda fountain. Milkshakes and malts come in second.

The place is called Sunflower Mercantile. "Sunflowers are my favorites," says

Kelly. We started thinking about names that would go with sunflowers, so we thought mercantile was kind of an old-time name, so that's how it came about."

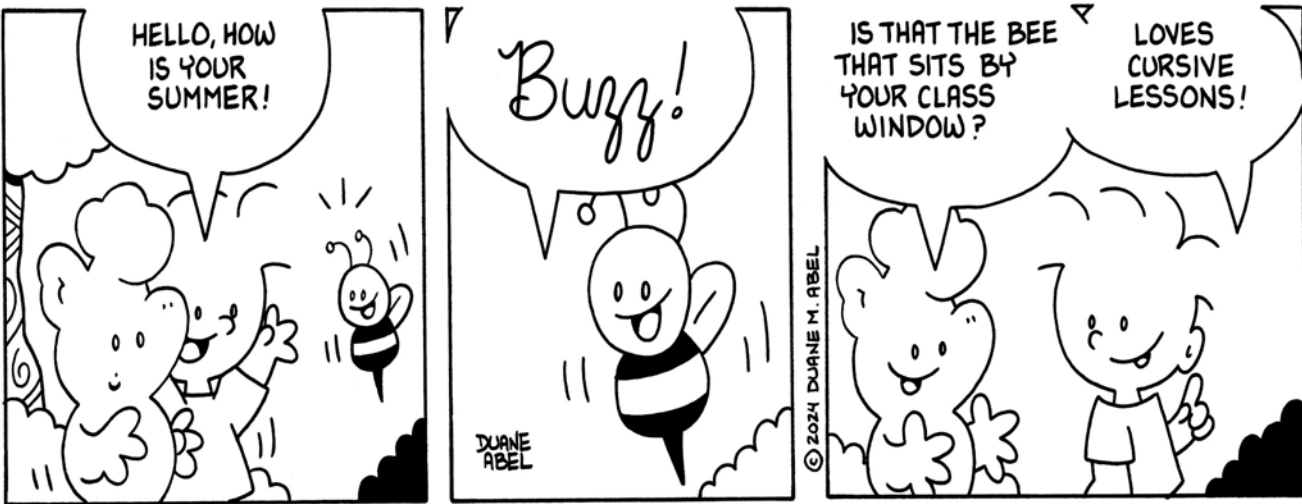
Scott spent 40 years as a minister of music. Kelly, who used to be a dental hygienist, selects the gift merchandise for the store. "I guess I've always loved shopping. I love going to market, finding new things, and bringing things in that I think other people will enjoy." Scott says it's just a fall back to the way things used to be.

They had no retail experience but are learning on the job. "We have people from Louisiana that come over here and shop, that eat here, and enjoy the small town," says Scott. "They say it's like Mayberry."

Scott says it seems like they're building a legacy. "I would love, one day, to have people look back and say, 'Remember when we used to go to Sunflower Mercantile and talk to those people there and get our ice cream,' because it is so much fun talking to all the kids. We've had people from Australia, New Zealand, Turkey, and it's just a neat experience and so fun to visit with everybody."

They live in a building just off the square in Carthage. "We live upstairs and lease out space downstairs. This is the cheapest house we've ever lived in. It pays us." Scott and Kelly are talking about building an apartment in the space above the store to use as an Air B&B.

## ZED by Duane M. Abel



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# Whatever happened to ...

**20 YEARS AGO (2004)**  
Gatesville Independent School District Superintendent James Baize recommended Murray Wise be hired as the interim assistant principal at the high school.

The Gatesville Exchange Club sponsored "GIVEAKID-AFLAGTOWAVE" during Gatesville's Riding Club Rodeo. Every child who attended the rodeo received a flag.

The annual "prayer walk"

was scheduled at Gatesville High School.

The Gatesville High School Junior class was selling t-shirts to raise money for prom.

Alesha Pancake, of Jonesboro, was inducted into Phi Eta Sigma national scholastic honor society for freshmen at Tarleton State University.

**30 YEARS AGO (1994)**

A major discussion was set to be held to discuss plans by the U.S. Fish and

Wildlife to declare parts of Central Texas as a "critical-habitat area" for the golden cheeked warbler.

Forty-five National Guardsmen, employees at the MATES site in Gatesville, were recognized for their support of Federal authorities during the previous year's Branch Davidian siege.

A formal installation for Patsy Cofer, the new Postmaster of flat, was set to be held.

Powell Supply advertised 60-watt light bulbs for 19 cents apiece.

A group of citizens met to offer input for ways to curb the continuing vandalism problems at the Coryell County Activities Complex.

**40 YEARS AGO (1984)**

The Gatesville High School Band Boosters were set to have their first meeting of the new school year.

The Karate Kid was showing at the Drive-In movie theater.

Gatesville 1947 graduate Charles P. Milner was elected president of Ryder Scott Company.

Don's Grocery & Market advertised Cheer detergent for \$1.48.

Let's Grow Learning Center acquired new, wooden playground equipment.

**50 YEARS AGO (1974)**

County, City, and Chamber of Commerce officials requested that the Texas Highway Commission make Highway 36 a route for the

extension of the proposed Port-to-Plains Highway.

"Old Yeller" was showing at Town & Country III movie theater.

Revival services began at Live Oak Baptist Church.

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**Readers choice:**  
The Best of Gatesville is a consumer promotion sponsored by the Gatesville Messenger. Ballots will be published until Aug. 24 for you the reader to cast your vote, telling us what you think are the "Best of" in Gatesville.

**Contest Rules:**  
1. One entry per person. Entries must be on original newspaper ballots, no machine copies will be counted. Ballots must be at least 50% completed. Name, address and phone number must be filled in to be counted. Multiple ballots that appear to be from the same person will not be counted.  
2. Final decisions on ballots, categories and winning entries will be made by the Gatesville Messenger.  
3. All entries must be received by 5:00 p.m., Monday, Sept. 2, 2024. (A random drawing of entries will determine the \$50 winner.)

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**HURRY, ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY 5:00 P.M. MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2024**



# OBITUARIES

## Billy Joe "B.J." Rhoades

Kerrville - Billy Joe "B.J." Rhoades, 76, passed away on Aug. 3, 2024, in Kerrville. He was born in Gatesville to Jake Nelson and Willie Dee Rhoades.

B.J. graduated from Gatesville High School. After high school, he joined the Navy. During his time in the Navy, he spent six years doing submarine service. He retired from the Bremerton Naval Shipyard in Bremerton, WA.

He was preceded in

death by his parents and three brothers.

B.J. is survived by his wife of 53 years, Gerrie Rhoades; children, Joellen and Chris; and brothers, Terry and Clayton.

There will be no services held at this time. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Cancer Society or any military charity.

Arrangements are under the care of Wright's Funeral Parlor.

## First Baptist Church announces youth programs

### Submitted Item

The First Baptist Church of Gatesville would like to inform the public of their youth and children's programs on Wednesday evenings.

The youth program is a growing and vibrant group dedicated to discovering their identity in Christ through guidance of the Holy Spirit in God's Holy Word. They enjoy good friends and have fun playing games, worshipping through music, and diving deep into God's Word.

The children's group, the "Kidz" Club, also meets to spend time learning about how to share God's love with others through Bible stories and fun learning activities. Their study for this school year is called "Walk This Way."

Wednesday nights for each group will begin with supper at 5:30 p.m. and will conclude at 7 p.m.

For more information, call the First Baptist Church of Gatesville at 254-865-2014.



DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Coryell Museum board members Jann Dworsky and Hal Davidson display the prizes that will be raffled off on Sept. 21st during Spurfest.

## Spurfest Raffle at Coryell Museum

BY DAVID SCOTT  
Staff Writer

An Austin, Texas motif quilt created by Grace Dallimore and two matted and framed pointillism prints featuring the Coryell County Courthouse and

Fort Gates by Jon Brown, will be raffled during Spurfest this year.

Tickets will be sold at \$20 each. Each ticket will give the purchaser three chances to win. Tickets can

be purchased from museum board members, at the Coryell Museum, or at The Gatesville Messenger beginning on Aug. 12th.

Any volunteers interested in selling tickets can

contact Catherine Fulton at 254-223-0014.

The drawing will take place during Spurfest on Sept. 21st.

### PEARL NEWS

## Come join us Sept. 1 for a worthy cause



BY BETSY CLARK

Pearl News Correspondent

The annual Pearl Church of Christ Atchley Fish Fry and Silent Auction benefiting His Kids of Lampasas is coming up.

Beginning at 10:30 a.m. on Sept. 1, the speaker will be Dr. Charles Patterson, former Superintendent of Killeen ISD and a Hamilton native. After the church service, you can enjoy a free fish dinner with all of the trimmings. The auction will begin shortly after lunch. Bidding is now open at the church, so go by and peruse the many, many items and place your bids on the accompanying bid sheets. Your generosity is greatly appreciated as all proceeds go toward scholarships and the summer Christian camp program for the kiddos. Be sure and let your Killeen friends know that Dr. Patterson will be in Pearl that day. Everyone is invited to attend. Visitors are always welcome at Pearl Church of Christ!

Mrs. Mildred Yeley, of Pearl, recently enjoyed a four-generation family trip to Corpus Christi. Members of the group were Jennifer, Mildred's daughter from Minnesota, Jennifer's daughter, Kalyn, and granddaughter, Leaven. The group met Mildred and Steve in Marble Falls. Steve then "handed over the reins," and the girl crew traveled on to Corpus where they spent a week. Mildred said that they all had a great time, and no one got too badly sunburned. I hope they get to do this for many years to come.

Correction: I was informed by my dear, dear

friend and local Pearl contact that I left out vital information in last week's Pearl News. She added that I must state that I not only had temporary amnesia, but also temporary insanity. (Well, that's not true!) Therefore, I humbly apologize for neglecting to add "Fake News" to one of the reports, and that the names in that report were changed to protect the innocent. Well, actually, that's not exactly true either, but to pacify the affected parties, I'll go with that...this time. This apology comes under duress, because the consequences of my actions have been threatened with a fate MUCH WORSE than death! Don't ask. (Note to affected parties: Don't get your feelings hurt when you don't see your name(s) in the PN for a while. I'm mud if I do, and mud if I don't. Y'all are so difficult! There's no place like Pearl—and that's not Fake News!)

This week's Bible verse comes from Jeremiah 32:17— "Ah, Sovereign Lord, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for You." NIV

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

## Dr. Patterson to speak at Pearl Church of Christ


### Submitted item

On Sunday, Sept. 1, Pearl Church of Christ will be hearing from Dr. Charles Patterson at the 10:30 a.m. service. Following his message, the annual Atchley Fish Fry and Auction will


take place to raise money for scholarships and Camp 2025.

Pearl Church of Christ is located at 6790 FM 183 in Pearl.

For more information, call 254-865-9282.



**CORYELL CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT**  
705 EAST MAIN STREET  
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET**

The Coryell Central Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget for the 2025 fiscal year. The public hearing will be held on August 28, 2024 at 9:00am at 202 E. Robertson Ave, Copperas Cove, Texas 76522.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget:	\$1,491,531
The total amount of increase over the current year's budget.	\$211,801
The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget.	13
The number of employees compensated under the current budget.	12

The Coryell Central Appraisal District is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

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Elder Hugh Montgomery,  
pastor; 4555 FM 1690,  
Gatesville; Worship 4th  
Sunday of each month at  
10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.  
**CALVARY BAPTIST**  
Steven L. Bogan, pastor;  
Hwy. 84 & FM 116;  
Sunday Bible study 10  
a.m., Sunday worship 11  
a.m. & 6:30 p.m.  
**CANAAN BAPTIST**  
Jim Keever, senior pastor;  
177 Coryell City Road,  
Crawford; Sunday School  
9:30 a.m., Sunday worship  
10:30 a.m., Wednesday  
Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

**COLD SPRINGS BAPTIST**  
Bob Phillips, pastor;  
Sundays – Sunday School  
10 a.m., worship 11 a.m. &  
5:30 p.m.

**EASTWOOD BAPTIST**  
Lynn Parks, pastor; 2518  
East Main, Gatesville;  
Sundays – Sunday School  
9:45 a.m., worship 10:50  
a.m.

**FIRST BAPTIST EVANT**  
Dane Barron, pastor; 200  
Live Oak Street, Evant;  
Sundays – Sunday School  
9:45 a.m., worship 11  
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**  
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)

**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.  
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Sunday worship 11 a.m.  
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**JONESBORO BAPTIST**  
Matt Dossey, pastor;  
11420 N. State Hwy. S;  
Sunday School 10 a.m.,  
Sunday worship 10:50  
a.m.

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Gatesville; Sunday School  
10 a.m., Sunday worship  
11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

**LIBERTY BAPTIST**  
Royce 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;  
6319 US-84, Gatesville;

Sunday School 10 a.m.,  
Sunday worship 11 a.m.  
& 6 p.m. Prayer meeting 7  
p.m. Wednesday.

**OSAGE BAPTIST**  
Chris Thomas, pastor;  
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Sunday School 10 a.m.,  
Sunday worship 11 a.m.

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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.

**PLEASANT VALLEY BAPTIST**  
Chris Post, Pastor; CR  
301, Jonesboro; Sunday  
school 10 a.m., Sunday  
worship 11 a.m.

**PRIMERO IGLESIA EMANUEL**  
One mile north of Evant,  
Hwy. 281; Sunday School  
10 a.m., Sunday worship  
11 a.m.

**PURMELA BAPTIST**  
Pastor: Brenden Hough;  
875 FM 932, Purmela, TX  
76566; Sunday School  
10 a.m., Sunday Worship  
10 a.m.

**SWEET HOME BAPTIST**  
511 N. 14th, Gatesville;  
Sunday school 9:30 a.m.,  
Sunday worship 11 a.m.;  
Wednesday worship 7  
p.m.

**SPANISH BAPTIST**  
Ezequiel Casas, pastor;  
113 Veazy Dr., Gatesville;  
Sunday School 10 a.m.,  
Sunday worship 11  
a.m., Wednesday Prayer  
Meeting 6 p.m.

**TRINITY BAPTIST**  
Bro. Sam Crosby, Pastor;  
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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.,  
Sunday worship 8:15 a.m.  
and 11 a.m. Wednesday –  
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& children 6:30 p.m.; 254-  
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**TURNERSVILLE BAPTIST**  
Jon Crosby, Pastor;  
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Sunday School 10 a.m.,  
Sunday worship 11 a.m.,  
Wednesday night Bible  
study, 6 p.m.

**WESTVIEW BAPTIST**  
Pastor: Malachi Houser;  
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10 a.m.

**WHITE HALL BAPTIST**  
Mike Barron, pastor;  
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Sunday worship 11 a.m.;  
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worship 10:30 a.m.

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10:30 a.m.; Wednesday  
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10:30 a.m. Wednesdays  
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**CHURCH OF GOD CORNERSTONE CHURCH OF GOD**  
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Lutheran Church Rd.,  
Copperas Cove; Sunday  
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worship 9 a.m., Sunday  
School 10:15 a.m.

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Thursday services, 7 p.m.

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Eric Moffett, Pastor; 115  
N. Levita Rd., Gatesville,  
248-0849. Sunday worship  
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Wednesday services 6  
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Sunday services 11 a.m. &  
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Sunday worship 10:30  
a.m., Wednesday worship  
6:30 p.m.; Gateway  
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Mike & Martha Johnson  
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Sunday worship 11  
a.m. Wednesday Bible  
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William Bertelsen,  
Pastor; 1415 Texas Hwy.  
236; Sunday worship  
10:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.;  
Wednesday Bible Study  
7 p.m.

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day Services 9 a.m.

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Representatives from Architexas demonstrate the Matterport laser imaging that is being used to create a detailed floor plan of the Coryell County Courthouse. Pictured left to right, Dana Ridenour, a Design Staff member from Architexas, Sherry Lawrence, a member of the Coryell County Historical Commission, and Alexis McKinney, a representative of the Architexas firm.

## Laser imaging conducted at courthouse

BY DAVID SCOTT  
Staff Writer

When the Coryell County Commissioners Court met on June 11, it was agreed that the Architexas firm would develop the master plan for the Coryell County Courthouse. The bid from the Architexas firm was unanimously agreed on by the commissioners.

At the Aug. 13 commissioners court meeting, a representative of Architexas, Alexis McKinney, addressed the court with the estimated project schedule for the completion of the Master Plan and spoke about the Matterport laser imaging that was being conducted throughout the

building to map each floor.

"It's taking a point with 3-D imaging, and then it's taking photos of the courthouse, and we're able to use it to take measurements. It's better than us spending a week measuring everything to get a floor plan. It gets us 75% of the way out there," McKinney said.

McKinney said that they are also trying to gather historic photos of the courthouse inside and out to try to piece together the history of the structure. She said that they are working closely with the Texas State Historical Commission in Austin and locally with the Coryell

County Historical Commission.

Concerning the laser scanning of each room in the courthouse on each floor, McKinney said, "We're doing this to discover the current space layout so that we can get an accurate floor plan. This is step one - we need a floor plan."

McKinney said that in October Architexas representatives will have their initial site visit and start a condition assessment, which will include a Drone scan of the roof.

The Master Plan is estimated to be finalized with the Texas Historical Commission in July of 2025.

## MOUND NEWS

# Susons honor daughter

BY BARBARA HOPSON

Mound News Correspondent



Dwight and Nancy Suson hosted a hamburger supper Friday evening honoring their daughter, Lindsey Suson. She recently graduated from Rutgers University Law School in Newark, New Jersey.

They were joined by Lindsey's husband, Euntaek Yoon, and many friends for good food and great bluegrass music.

Christina and Rebekah Stephens, of Flower Mound, spent a few days with their grandparents, Ray, John, and Melva Stephens.

Gatesville ISD started their first day of school Thursday, Aug. 8. Later that afternoon, after school, to carry on (Marmi's) tradition of the first day of school ice cream social, some met at the "Dairy Queen." It was hosted by Mrs. Kari Belt. Those attending were Margaret Hopson and Dani Jo Wood, Kenneth Dixon, Sara and Lyndi Poynter, Kari,

Charles and Thomas Belt, Jeb Dixon and his children Julia, Brooke and Reese Dixon, of Liberty Hill, Pam Hopson, Allie McPherson, Amanda, Aubree and Olivia Long, Rachel, Noah, Benjamin, and Emma Hopson.

Valerie Ferrell and Carolyn Blakley had lunch in Gatesville Friday.

Carolyn and Emma Blakley attended a College Graduation party in Mound for Lindsey Suson Friday evening.

Carolyn and Emma Blakley, Jerry and Brenda Helms had lunch in Gatesville Saturday.

Robert and Carolyn Blakley attended the Coryell County Fair fundraiser at the Gatesville Civic Center Saturday.

Jenson Kinnear rode in the mutton bustin' event at the 87th Gatesville Rodeo on August 2nd. He placed second and won a trophy.

Malachi Shepherd, of Leander, was dedicated on Sunday, Aug. 4. He is the grandson of Kathy Brase, of Leon Junction, and the nephew of Devan and Staci Kinnear, also of Leon Junction. In attendance were mom and dad, Shawn and Brittani Shepherd, his big brother, Samuel Shepherd, his cousins Elli, Jenson, Molli, J.J, Julianne, Jessa, and Joy, along with grandparents, aunts, and uncles. They enjoyed a celebration lunch afterward at the Shepherd residence.

Margaret Hopson and her granddaughter, DaniJo Wood, spent the last few days of summer enjoying the many sights of San Antonio. They toured the River Walk, had dinner at the top of the revolving Tower of Americas, and visited the many animals and entertainment venues at the San Antonio Zoo, including the Butterfly Rainforest and a train ride around Brackenridge Park.

Barbara's Notes: Thursday, Aug. 15 marks my 41st anniversary for writing the Mound News for the Gatesville Messenger & Star Forum.

# The DISPATCH

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of Aug. 7 - Aug. 13. 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

**Aug. 7**  
1:44 a.m., harassment was reported in the 600 block of N. Lovers Lane.  
6:16 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 3400 block of Jewell Drive.  
6:28 a.m., a burglary was reported in the 400 block of County Road 320.  
11:57 a.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 2000 block of Waco Street.

**Aug. 8**  
8:44 a.m., a theft was reported in the 100 block of N. State Highway 36 Bypass.  
11:07 a.m., animal cruelty was reported in the 1000 block of Golf Course Road.  
12:06 p.m., a threat was reported in the 500 block of State School Road.  
6:46 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2200 block of Bridge Street.

**Aug. 9**  
7:43 a.m., a disturbance was reported in the 1400 block of W. Main Street.

4:29 p.m., harassment was reported in the 600 block of Golf Course Road.  
4:36 pm., a disturbance was reported in the 1300 block of Westview Drive.  
9:35 p.m., a theft was reported in the 2200 block of Bridge Street.

**Aug. 10**  
1:42 a.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 100 block of Park Lane.  
5:15 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 100 block of State School Road.  
8:16 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 100 block of Golf Course Road.

**Aug. 11**  
11:35 a.m., a theft was reported in the 2800 block of S. State Highway 36.  
5:12 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1900 block of E. Main Street.  
8:32 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 1600 block of W. Main Street.  
9:53 p.m., a burglary was

reported in the 100 block of Trails Private Drive.

**Aug. 12**  
10:29 a.m., a vehicle fire was reported in the 6500 block of W. Highway 84.  
2:17 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 3400 block of Imperial Dr.  
8:37 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2800 block of S. State Highway 36.  
9:22 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2000 block of E. Main Street.

**Aug. 13**  
12:19 p.m., a theft was reported in the 2800 block of S. State Highway 36.  
3:44 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 500 block of State School Road.  
4:23 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 2200 block of Bridge Street.  
11:43 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 500 block of Bridge Street.

### CORYELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

**Aug. 7**  
6:31 a.m., an attempted break-in was reported in the 400 block of County Road 320.  
9:25 a.m., a theft was reported in the 200 block of County Road 329.  
10:09 a.m., trespassing was reported in the 200 block of Harrell Road.  
11:30 a.m., suspicious activity was reported at FM 107 and Coryell Creek.

**Aug. 8**  
12:43 p.m., fraud was reported in the 1700 block of Fort Panic Road.  
1:18 p.m., a threat was reported on FM 182.  
11:32 p.m., a major accident was reported in the 11,000 block of FM 116.  
11:51 p.m., an animal bite was reported in the 8300 block of W. FM 217.

**Aug. 9**  
7:11 a.m., a minor accident was reported on FM 116 and Tanglewood Dr.

2:03 p.m., shots fired were reported in the 600 block of Skyview Drive.  
4:58 p.m., trees in roadway reported on FM 185.  
8:27 p.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 200 block of Coletton Drive.

**Aug. 10**  
7:05 a.m., a suspicious vehicle was reported in the 11,900 block of FM 116.  
9:54 a.m., harassment was reported in the 1000 block of Lutheran Church Road.  
11:11 a.m., a minor accident was reported on County Road 342 near the cemetery.  
4:38 p.m., a theft was reported in the 900 block of S. Highway 281.

**Aug. 11**  
9:41 a.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 1600 block of County Road 258.  
11:50 a.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 1600 block of Old Osage Road.  
4:33 p.m., a grass fire was reported on County Road

3940.  
7:13 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 6800 block of W. Highway 84.

**Aug. 12**  
11:21 a.m., suspicious persons were reported on FM 107 at Coryell Creek.  
11:34 a.m., an animal bite was reported in the 8300 block of FM 217.  
3:52 p.m., an assault was reported in the Hughes Unit.  
6:02 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 400 block of Reno Road.

**Aug. 13**  
10:10 a.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 8500 block of FM 182.  
10:45 a.m., trespassing was reported in the 200 block of Bobcat Lane.  
3:41p.m., a fire call was reported in the 100 block of County Road 299.  
4:55 p.m., a reckless driver was reported on FM 2412.

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# RECIPE

## PEANUT BRITTLE

BY PEGGY CREEK

- 3 c. white sugar
- 1 c. white Karo
- ½ c. water
- 3 tsp. butter
- 1 tsp. salt
- 2 tsp. baking soda
- 3 c. raw peanuts

Mix sugar, Karo, and water together and bring to boil until mixture spins a thread. (Stir and test with a wooden spoon.) Add raw peanuts. Stirring constantly, continue cooking until candy turns to a golden color (brownish gold). Take off heat and add all the following ingredients at one time: butter, salt, and baking soda. Stir until butter is melted and well mixed. Pour into buttered surface or buttered pie tins to make into patties. Slightly shake tins to spread thin. Completely cool and store in airtight containers or zip lock bags.

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



Homemade peanut brittle

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# BLUE AND RED WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE SAME GOAL



COURTESY PHOTO

Republicans and Democrats of Coryell and Bell County are working together toward the same goal. Justin Carothers, Elections Administrator and Tax Assessor, recently offered a class to 15 people, so that they could become certified Volunteer Deputy Registrars. The main goal for all those in the class was to help people register to vote. They all agreed it was a top priority in communities in both counties, and it should be at the top of the list.

# 24th Annual Golf Scramble to be held Sept. 14

### Staff Reports

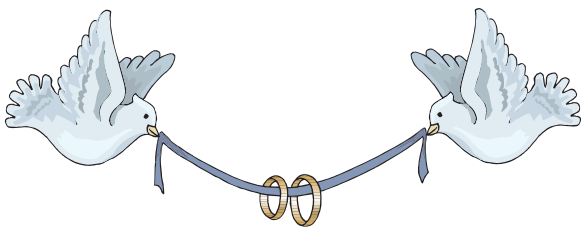
Gatesville's Exchange and Lions Clubs will be hosting their 24th Annual Golf Scramble on Saturday, Sept. 14 at the Gatesville Country Club.

Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m., and there will be

a shotgun start at 9 a.m. Team prizes, based on a 14-team field, will be \$500 for first place, \$400 for fourth place, and \$200 for eighth place. Those interested can form their own four-person team or sign-up for a team list, which

will be \$200 per team or \$50 per member. The price includes green fees, golf cart, and food. There will be a \$5,000 Hole-in-One contest plus three other Hole-in-One prizes, which are sponsored by the First National

Bank. For more information, contact Alan Mathis at 254-289-1651 or Linda Klontz at 937-206-6418. The Gatesville Country Club is located at 1212 Golf Course Road.



# Marriage licenses filed in July at the Coryell County Courthouse

Marriage licenses filed during July 2024 in the Coryell County Clerk's Office included:  
 Melinda Danielle Balades and Sonya Noel Archer  
 Terry Lamount Barnes, Jr. and Audri Gabrielle Perez  
 Montel Lamar Bradley and Jennifer Pawani Seidemann  
 Michael Jacob Bushong and Sierra Renee Rodgers  
 Myles Anthony Calloway-Salazar and Haylie Sierra Calloway-Salazar  
 Leonard Conroy Delacou-dray and Regina Roxanne Delacou-dray  
 Colin Jeffrey Dexter and

Olivia Lauren Dexter  
 Parker Lynn Floyd and Ariel Reagan Young  
 Hayden Eric Heinle and Madisyn Brenea Hope  
 Rusty Eugene Hess and Sylvia Raquel Bolden  
 Arlin Thurmas Hill and Tiffany Breon Olivier  
 Dalton Hunter Keyes and Annalynn Dawnmarie Barnicoat  
 Armand Latrell Neal-Adams and Kaile Renee Cochran  
 Brandon Luis Riddell and Ariana Nicole Brooks  
 William Rios and Sinead Castro  
 Johnny Monroe Rodri-

guez and Shirley Jaqueline Morris  
 Reimen Ruiz Rivera and Victoria Regina Matz  
 Keith O'Neill Sanders and Tatum Danielle O'Riley  
 Miller Brayden Ames Shaffer and Harleigh Michelle Howard  
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- 5.01 ac., Lot 62 Buffalo Creek Ranch Subdivision Evant, Langford Branch, rolling terrain, scattered tree cover, electricity at road, Fiber Optic Internet. \$155,000
- 5.01 ac., Lot 64 Buffalo Creek Ranch Subdivision Evant, Langford Branch, rolling terrain, scattered tree cover, electricity at road, Fiber Optic Internet. \$155,000
- 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 Ph 6 Rio Escondido Subdivision Evant, TX, rolling terrain, good tree cover, oaks, mesquites, & cedar. electricity & Fiber Optic Internet. \$123,000
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- 10.477 ac. 2Br 1Ba home, 6785 FM 1783 Gatesville, TX, open floor plan, recently remodeled, approx. 2400 sq. ft. living, rolling terrain, scattered tree cover, 700 ft of Cow House Creek frontage. \$589,000
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- 41.0457 ac. Hamilton, CR 404, rolling terrain, scattered tree cover, approx. 25 acres farmland, 2 tanks, & good fences. \$449,000
- 57.32 ac. 1633 CR 138 Pearl, TX, stock tank, scattered tree cover with gently rolling terrain. Multi County Water meter on property. \$372,580
- 58.51 ac. 3/2 frame home, 6630 FM 183 Evant, TX, water well, several outbuildings, rolling terrain, scattered tree cover, 2 tanks. \$459,303
- 70 ac. Ireland, TX, FM 932 and CR 186, approx. 1,600 ft. of Mustang Creek with both sides of the creek, good tree cover, rolling terrain. Electricity on the property, water meter from Multi-County Water. \$875,000
- 71.572 ac. Flat, TX, CR 931, rolling terrain & scattered tree cover, several out-buildings, rural water & electric at barn, completely fenced, easements in place to preserve the agricultural & recreational resources of the land. \$590,469
- 147.567 ac. CR 136, West of Gatesville, property is divided into three pastures, one stock tank and good perimeter fencing and cross fencing. \$1,032,969
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# The man of many voices

BY DAVID SCOTT  
Staff Writer

At the young age of 25, Colin Dexter has become known as "the man of many voices." He continues to captivate audiences with his versatile renditions of music from the 1950s to the 1970s.

Some of his main tributes celebrate legends like Roy Orbison, Conway Twitty, George Jones, Hank Williams and, of course, Elvis. Dexter continues to bring their timeless classics to life with his powerful performances across the nation.

He was born and raised in Jackson, Michigan and moved with his wife to Texas in 2020 to pursue his singing career. Moving from Dallas to Gatesville about four years ago, Dexter said, "We moved to Gatesville because we enjoyed the people down here who were very friendly and kind, and it was a great decision for

my music as well."

When he was about seven years old, Dexter said he started singing different songs, but didn't really start discovering his voice until he was about 13 or 14 years old. "I've studied Elvis since I was about 5 years old and started out doing a tribute to him when I was 13 and, as I got older, I branched out and started to do other artists in my tributes," he said. "My favorite Elvis songs are 'Hurt' and 'Return to Sender' - both great tunes."

Crediting his maternal grandparents, Dexter said, "My Nana and Papa inspired me the most to pursue a music career. My Nana introduced me to Elvis and rock-n-roll, and my Papa introduced me to Hank Williams, George Jones, and Bluegrass music. My Nana passed in 2012, and my Papa passed just a few months ago from Dementia, but I do what I do for them

and hope they are proud of me."

Dexter's continued popularity, talent, and amazing voice have allowed him to perform across the United States. "I've performed in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Tennessee, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Texas, and a few locations in Canada. I don't think I have many interesting stories to share, but maybe just the fact that I've had a wonderful time doing all of those shows and that I can still continue to do what I do best."

About his recent induction as an honorary member in the Gatesville Country Music Hall of Fame, Dexter said, "It was such an honor and a blessing to be handed an award that has such significance in the Gatesville community. It was wonderful. It is the best award I have ever received, and I haven't received many. It's definitely a huge blessing and accomplish-



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Colin Dexter, pictured left, recently received a certificate for becoming an honorary member of the Gatesville Country Music Hall of Fame from director Roger Vierser.

ment in my book." As for his future, Dexter stated, "My hopes and goals for entertaining are to make it big one day in the

country music field. I love classic country and I hope one day country music will make a turn around and go back to its roots. I just love

sharing the classic songs with my audience. I hope to also perform on the Grand Ole Opry one day - but a man can dream."



# Isham residence awarded Yard of the Month for August

Staff Reports

Keep Gatesville Beautiful has selected the home of Krisna and Doug Isham, located at 512 South 14th Street, as the Yard of the Month for August.

The Isham's moved from Moccasin Bend into their 100-year-old house a little over a year ago and have been busy remodeling the inside while also creating an

eye-catching yard.

The house is both shaded and visually anchored on the right by a large historic oak tree and on the left by a tall pink crepe myrtle. The couple has added a small porch graced with several cushioned chairs and potted plants to create a welcoming look.

In the yard, there are colorful plantings of periwinkles, coleus, sage, lupine,

caladiums, and zinnias, which are displayed in large pots and in beds lined with large rocks.

According to an online post by Keep Gatesville Beautiful, Krisna expressed that they love their new home's proximity to the park and the city pool, and it is a great neighborhood for bike riding as well.

COURTESY PHOTO

Krisna Isham is pictured in front of her house, which recently won Yard of the Month for August through Keep Gatesville Beautiful.



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# New activities coming to Gatesville Public Library

BY KAYLEE DUSANG  
Staff Writer

Many imagine the library as a quiet, dark place crowded with bookshelves and computers. While those services are a major piece of a library, it also offers a space to learn a new craft or join a group activity.

While the Gatesville Public Library offers several programs for children, such as Storytime where kids learn about various topics from local businesses and organizations, Library Director Shea Harp shares how the library plans to include more events for adults and community members of all ages.

"I think that's the heart and soul of the library - the community members who do come in here, and the goal is to give a space to them," Harp said. "And to encourage more community members to come in here and experience what we are already experiencing."

One of the most recent additions to the library was a cooking class, where visitors learned how to make scratch-made pasta and sauce. After the event, Harp said many of the attendees were interested in oppor-

tunities where they could learn how to make pasta at home. This led the library to introduce a pasta making kit into their activity backpack program.

"Some were a little bit worried about spending a bunch of money on a pasta machine they had never used before," Harp said. "For some families, \$30 is a lot. So, we decided it would be a good investment if we could create a backpack, and we already have people that are talking about checking it out to the few that we have mentioned it to."

The library's activity backpacks consist of items like books, puzzles, or games that aim to educate about a particular topic. While most of the backpacks are catered toward children and teens, Harp said the pasta-making kit will be the first one they have created for adults in three years.

The pasta-making backpack will include a cookbook, pasta machine, a mat, and a variety of other tools.

Harp said the library also offers a knitting kit as part of their adult activity backpacks. All backpacks

are available for a two-week checkout.

"As we do more activities that are adult-related, and if they're interested in it, we'll add more," Harp said.

The library has also introduced several book clubs that meet at least once a month, including a mystery book club and 'Books and Brew' sponsored by The Caffeinated Baker. The library helps provide the books and access to Libby for the groups.

The community can also find other niche classes and activities at the library, such as a genealogy and ancestry group and a fiber arts class. Additionally, another group called STARS, a program for young adults with disabilities over the age of 18, meet once a month for discussion over a variety of subjects.

The library can provide different programs and events for taxpayers through Friends of the Gatesville Public Library, a nonprofit that helps fund its programs. One of the library's larger events planned for this year is the Bridgerton Ball on September 28, which is sponsored



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JoAnn Sugg and Library Director Shea Harp lead a pasta making class at the Gatesville Public Library.

by the organization. "We're always open to more people being willing to help us facilitate more programs, or even people with some ideas," she said.

The Bridgerton Ball is inspired by the Netflix TV show 'Bridgerton' set in Regency-era England.

The event will serve as a fundraiser for the Gatesville Public Library.

The ball will feature a dance class, food, photo opportunities, and more. The link to tickets can be found on the City of Gatesville Facebook page.

Harp adds that her ultimate

goal for the library is to make it a space for the community.

"The library is very community-oriented and that's how I want it to be," Harp said. "I want us to be able to see a need or a want and do our best to meet it."

# Exchange Club visits with Team Gatesville at recent meeting

Staff Reports

The Gatesville Exchange Club recently held their weekly meeting and invited

guest speaker Heidi Clough, director of Team Gatesville, to give a presentation regarding the Special Olympics.

Clough discussed each sport the members participate in during the year, along with explaining why Team Gatesville is such an

important organization for local youth with special needs.

The Exchange Club also presented Clough with a

donation at the meeting, which is to aid the program with upcoming events throughout the year.

To attend an Exchange

Club meeting, visit The Junction on Route 36 on Thursdays at 7 a.m.



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Director of Team Gatesville Heidi Clough (left) is pictured with organization members as well as Exchange Club member Nathan Gohlke (right).

# Power outages expected as electrical work begins in Gatesville

BY KAYLEE DUSANG  
Staff Writer

Texas-New Mexico Power (TNMP) announced via Facebook on Monday that customers may experience power outages as they perform electrical work over the next month.

Starting this week, TNMP will begin converting system voltage and replacing transformers that could cause outages in some homes and businesses across Gatesville. Each outage is expected to last between one to four hours,

and not all customers will be affected by the conversion, TNMP says.

"This work will affect small batches of customers at a time, as we will be working block by block," TNMP states via social media.

TNMP spokesperson Sara Yingling said via email that customers who are impacted by the work will receive door hangers on their homes or businesses.

The work will take four to six weeks to complete,

Yingling adds.

According to a map from TNMP, the areas that will be affected by the electrical work include N. 10th Street, Lutterloh Avenue, E. Main Street, Saunders Street, S. 19th Street, Waco Street, and parts of Bridge Street.

"We appreciate your understanding and patience as we work to upgrade our infrastructure to improve the reliability of your service," TNMP writes on Facebook.

## DIABETIC FOOT CARE

Living with diabetes means that adding foot care to your self-care regimen is very important! Diabetics can experience nerve damage which can lessen the ability to feel pain, which can lead to injuries, cuts, and blisters that can get infected.

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## Changes that could arise from the “silver tsunami”

*Metro Creative Connection*

A report from the International Monetary Fund in the summer of 2023 indicated that a new challenge awaits the world in the coming years. The global population increased by one billion people between 2010 and 2022. That remarkable increase saw the world surpass the eight billion people mark in November of 2022.

Despite a sharp increase in the global population in such a short period of time, the IMF asserts that the population boom is not the most formidable demographic challenge facing the world. The IMF defines population aging as the most formidable challenge. Widely referred to as the “silver tsunami,” a term credited to the AARP, the increase in the number of individuals age 65 and older could lead to some unique changes in countries across the globe.

### INCREASED RECREATION SPENDING

Sixty-five has traditionally

been viewed as retirement age, and that remains an unofficial bar for individuals living in countries like the United States that have increased their official retirement age. Though an uptick in the aging population is often framed in terms of the challenges countries will face, that increase also could present some opportunities. For example, a recent AARP Longevity Economy Outlook report noted that people 50 and older account for the most spending on recreation and culture of any demographic. That could prove beneficial to businesses and regions that cater to consumers interested in recreation.

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The AARP also noted the role the 50 and older population plays in supporting jobs. In 2020, the demographic of people 50 and older supported roughly one-third of the world’s jobs and generated \$23 trillion in labor income with its spending on goods and services.

Estimates from the AARP indicate that individuals age 50 and older will support 1.5 billion jobs across the globe by 2050. The labor income impact by then will more than double to \$53 billion.

### EMPLOYMENT CHALLENGES

Though the silver tsunami could help to maintain existing jobs and create plenty of new ones, employers might find it difficult to fill those positions. As more of the global population reaches retirement age, it bears noting that more workers will retire. Deloitte and the Manufacturing Institute note that the manufacturing sector will need to fill 2.5 million job openings related to retirements between 2020 and 2030. That could prove a sizable challenge, as the aging population is increasing at a time when the young population is decreasing.

The aging population is increasing, which could lead to a number of opportunities and challenges in the decades to come.

### WHAT IS THE “SILVER TSUNAMI?”

The United States is changing, and observant individuals may notice the nation is skewing a little older than it has in recent years. Estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau indicate roughly 56 million Americans had reached age 65 by 2020, which marked a nearly 39 percent increase since 2010. The increase in the population that has reached traditional retirement age has been dubbed a “silver tsunami,” and that increase could stretch government resources thin in the decades to come. In fact, a 2018 report from

the Hutchins Center on Fiscal and Monetary Policy noted that the federal government could face considerable challenges as more of its budget is allocated to age entitlement programs such as Social Security and Medicare. That problem may not prove unique to the United States, as the United Nations estimates that the elderly population in Europe is expected to account for around 30 percent of all residents by 2050. Though entitlement programs differ from country to country, finding ways to successfully manage the silver tsunami could be imperative to various nations’ financial stability in the decades to come.



# Risk factors for AFib

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A healthy heart is vital to a long life. Aging individuals recognize that link, and many take steps to protect their heart health, which may include changing their diets or exercising with greater frequency.

Recognizing certain threats to heart health is another important step individuals of all ages can take as they seek to live long, healthy lives. One such threat is atrial fibrillation, which is often referred to as "AFib." Johns Hopkins medicine notes AFib is a type of abnormal heartbeat caused by extremely fast and irregular beats from the upper chambers of the heart. Johns Hopkins notes a person with AFib may have a heart that beats more than 400 times per minute, which is caused

by faulty electrical signals that make the atria (the two upper chambers of the heart) contract much faster than normal.

The American Heart Association reports that AFib increases the risk of heart-related death and stroke. But individuals may be curious about their risk for AFib. Though some of the risks for AFib, such as family history, may be beyond an individual's control, others can be managed with the goal of reducing the likelihood of developing the condition. The AHA notes that people who have one or more of the following conditions are typically at higher risk for AFib.

### AGE

Age is a significant risk factor for AFib. Johns Hopkins notes that adults

older than 50 are at elevated risk for AFib. In addition, the AHA reports that medical researchers suspect the number of AFib cases will rise considerably in the coming years as people are living longer. Recognition of age as a significant risk factor for AFib might compel more individuals to take additional risk factors for the condition more seriously.

### HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE

The AHA reports that longstanding, uncontrolled high blood pressure can increase a person's risk for AFib. This link between AFib and high blood pressure underscores the need for annual health examinations, which often uncover the condition known as "the silent killer" due to the fact that it does not necessarily produce noticeable symptoms.

### EXISTING HEART CONDITIONS

Heart valve problems; hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, which is marked by a thickening of the walls of the heart chamber; acute coronary syndrome, an umbrella term used to refer to conditions in which blood supplies to the heart are suddenly blocked; and a history of heart attack are just some of the heart conditions that increase a person's risk for AFib. Anyone with a personal or family history of these and other heart conditions is urged to discuss AFib with their physicians.

### ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION

Binge drinking increases risk for AFib, according to the AHA. The organization defines binge drinking as five drinks in two hours for men and four drinks in two

### DID YOU KNOW?

Atrial fibrillation, often referred to as "AFib," is more common among men than women. Johns Hopkins Medicine notes AFib is caused by extremely fast and irregular beats from the upper chambers of the heart. Males are more likely than women to develop AFib, though that does not mean the condition is not a threat to women. In fact, age is a significant risk factor for AFib, and a report from Henry Ford Health noted that women tend to live longer than men, which could explain why there were more women living with AFib in 2020 than there were men. The condition also manifests differently in men than women. HFH notes that high blood pressure and heart valve disease are more likely to lead to AFib in women, while coronary artery disease and a history of heart attack are most common risk factors for AFib in men.

hours for women. If individuals want to consume alcohol, Johns Hopkins emphasizes the need for moderate consumption, which is defined as one drink or less per day for women or two drinks or fewer per day for men.

### ACTIVITY LEVELS

Though physical activity is an essential component of a healthy lifestyle, the AHA notes that AFib is common

in athletes. The condition can be triggered by a rapid heart rate known as a supraventricular tachycardia, which can be a byproduct of exercise.

AFib can pose a serious threat to individuals from all walks of life. Recognition of that threat and how to reduce AFib risk can be part of anyone's long-term health regimen.

# How families can share caregiving responsibilities

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Family caregivers are unsung heroes. Such individuals typically provide vital services to their loved ones who cannot fully care for themselves, and they often do so without compensation.

Data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics indicates the prevalence of family caregivers across the country. According to the BLS, 14 percent of the population, which equates to roughly 37 million people, provide unpaid eldercare across the nation. Unpaid caregivers also provide vital services in Canada, where the Canadian Institute for Health Information reports such individuals provide an average of 17 hours of unpaid care each week (26 hours for those who care for seniors with dementia). Caregiving for a family member can take a toll that affects caregivers' physical and mental health. According to the

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, caregivers are at increased risk for developing multiple chronic diseases since many neglect their own health needs while caring for others. In addition, roughly 15 percent of caregivers who participated in a CDC survey reported experiencing 14 or more mentally unhealthy days in the past month.

The physical and mental toll of caregiving underscores how important it can be for families to find ways to share caregiving duties. Though each situation is unique, the National Institute on Aging offers the following advice to families as they seek to share the responsibility of caring for a loved one in need.

### IDENTIFY THE CARE REQUIRED

The NIA recommends families discuss caregiving needs as early as possible and ide-

ally before an emergency situation arises. If possible, the person in need can participate in this conversation and help to calmly discuss which services are wanted and needed. If a loved one is diagnosed with a condition in its early stages, such as dementia, families can then work together to identify the level of care required in the immediate future and potentially down the road should the condition worsen.

### CHOOSE A PRIMARY CAREGIVER

The primary caregiver will be the individual who accepts the bulk of the daily responsibilities of caregiving. Identifying this person early, ideally before a primary caregiver is even needed, can limit confusion should the day come when the individual needs daily care.

### DETERMINE EACH CAREGIVER'S CONTRIBUTION

The caregiving team can discuss each person's skills and how they can be used to take care of the individual in need. This can be particularly useful when assigning specific tasks. For example, a caregiver who works in the medical field may be most qualified to speak to medical staff about their loved one's condition, while another who works in the financial sector may be tasked with managing a loved one's bank accounts and ensuring bills are paid on time.

### RECOGNIZE EVERYONE HAS LIMITS

A caregiving team is just that: a team. As noted, caregiving can take both a physical and emotional toll, so it's important that everyone, and particularly the individual chosen as the primary caregiver, receive routine

breaks to ensure everyone can take care of themselves. It's important that a caregiving team maintain a degree of flexibility to account for the physical and mental challenges caregivers may encounter as they tend to a loved one in need.

Sharing the responsibility of caregiving can ensure caregivers and their loved ones in need are not overwhelmed by the challenges they might confront each day. More information about caregiving can be found at [nia.nih.gov](http://nia.nih.gov).

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# Tax breaks aging taxpayers may be eligible for

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Growing older comes with many perks for those who are open to exploring the benefits. In addition to senior discounts on movies, meals and more, moving into one's golden years could offer some breaks when it comes to taxes and finances.

It is always best to go over tax- and finance-related plans with an accountant or certified financial planner to figure out what is in your best interest. However, generally speaking, here are some potential age-related tax perks.

## INCREASE RETIREMENT SAVINGS

Older individuals can contribute more to employer-sponsored retirement accounts and Roth or traditional individual retirement accounts (IRAs), according to AARP. For 2023, the contribution limit for employees who participate in 401(k) and 403(b) programs, most 457 retirement savings plans and Thrift Savings Plan through the U.S. Federal Government can increase their contributions to \$22,500 - a jump of \$2,000 from last year. Those over age 50 can maximize contributions even more, up to a total of \$30,000.

## LARGER STANDARD DEDUCTION

The Balance Money says for tax year 2022, people age 65 or older can add an extra \$1,750 to the standard deduction they're eligible for if they are unmarried and not a surviving spouse. Those who are married and file joint returns can add \$1,400. For tax year 2023, those amounts go up to \$1,850 and \$1,500. In addition, the standard eligible deductions increased. Most older taxpayers feel the bigger standard deduction plus the extra standard deduction is more than any itemized deductions they can claim and choose this option when filing their returns.

## REDUCE TAXABLE INCOME

The ability to contribute more to tax-deferred retirement accounts enables older adults to reduce their taxable incomes. This, in turn, reduces the amount that needs to be spent on income taxes.

## CHANGES IN FILING THRESHOLD

According to The Arbor Company, which oversees senior living communities, the filing threshold is the income that must be made before being required to file a tax return. Typical taxpayers who are either employees or retired and drawing pensions or Social Security find

the threshold increases over age 65. Single filers over age 65 do not need to file returns if their incomes are \$14,050 or under. Married filers over age 65 have a threshold of \$27,400. If primary or sole income comes from Social Security or a pension, those over age 65 may not have to file returns at all.

## ELDERLY OR DISABLED TAX CREDIT

Differing from deductions, a credit for taxpayers is available to people age 65 or older or retired persons on permanent and total disability who receive taxable disability income for the tax year, according to the Internal Revenue Service. In

addition, this credit is for those who have an adjusted gross income or the total of nontaxable Social Security, pensions, annuities, or disability income under specific limits. The eligibility levels change from year to year. Credits range from \$3,750 to \$7,500.

These are some of the tax breaks American seniors can expect when filing their income tax returns. Speak with an accountant and financial planner about other perks that come with aging. Individuals also can visit [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) for further information.



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Seniors can get a massage, take a mental break and address minor aches and pains.

## Tailor-made gifts for on-the-go seniors

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Seniors and older adults did not seem to get the memo regarding inflation. As the world continues to navigate a cost-of-living increase, internal data from Bank of America indicates that Baby Boomers (people born between 1946 and 1964) and Traditionalists (individuals born between 1928 and 1945) are spending more while younger generations are cutting back. Between May 2021 and May 2022, spending by Traditionalists increased by more than 5 percent while Baby Boomer spending rose by 2.2 percent. That uptick occurred while younger generations' spending fell by 1.5 percent.

Seniors seem to be on the go, and that's something holiday shoppers can keep in mind as they look for gifts for their aging parents, grandparents and others. With that in mind, shoppers

can consider these gifts that align well with the lifestyles of seniors who are out and about and making the most of their free time.

### GOLF CLUBS OR ADDITIONAL GOLF GEAR

Data from the National Golf Foundation indicated that more than 34 million people in the United States played golf in 2019, and 15 percent of those players were 65 and over. A new set of custom-fit clubs can help seniors take their game to the next level. Such clubs can be expensive, so they make a great tandem gift from children and grandchildren who pool their resources. If new clubs are not necessary or too costly, a single club, such as a new driver or putter, makes for a great gift as well. Gear like a new golf bag, new spikes and new course-friendly attire also makes a great gift for seniors who love the

links.

### TRAVEL GIFTS

The 2023 AARP Travel Trends survey found that 85 percent of older travelers rank travel in their top three priorities for discretionary spending. The appeal of travel has not worn off for modern seniors, and shoppers can keep that in mind this holiday season. New luggage, travel miles earned through a credit card, unique experiences at senior travelers' next destination, air tags that can keep track of luggage, and a world travel adapter that can convert plugs in any country across the globe are just a few of the many travel gifts shoppers can give on-the-go seniors this December.

### EXERCISE GEAR

The National Council on Aging notes that adults who exercise after turning 65

continue to reap the same rewards that improve quality of life among younger men and women. In addition to boosting immunity, exercising after 65 continues to improve mood so long as seniors stay the course. Exercise gear, including attire and appropriate footwear, can reduce injury risk and help seniors feel more comfortable while breaking a sweat.

### SPA SESSION

All that activity is good for the body, but so is a little post-activity rest and relaxation. A day at the spa, where seniors can get a massage, take a mental break and address minor aches and pains can be just the thing seniors need to recover in time for their next excursion.

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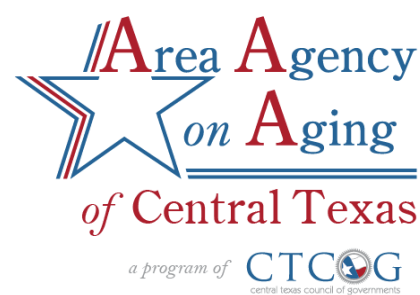
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## As school gets back in swing, Pearson & Cole make security a top priority at Gatesville Intermediate

BY ALEXANDRA MEELBUSCH  
Staff Writer

With school back in session, Gatesville Intermediate School makes it their main concern to ensure the safety of its students.

"Student and staff safety are a top priority," Gatesville Intermediate Principal Angela Pearson said. "Parents entrust us with their children each day, and when those students leave their parents, the expectation is that they will be safe as well as educated."

The intermediate school follows the Gatesville Independent School District school safety policy, which requires fire drills to take place once every nine weeks, with lockdown, secure, and evacuation drills

done in the fall and spring as well. There are also annual drills for sheltering in place for severe weather and in case of a hazardous material spill.

"Our campus LEO, Bobby Cole, is in constant patrol of the building along with our assigned Friends on Duty when available," Pearson said.

Cole is currently in his second year at the intermediate and he believes that it is important for students and staff to be familiar with all the safety drills, and measures associated with the drills.

"I believe it is better to be ready, than to get ready," Cole said. "My daily responsibilities are to ensure that the school and joining

properties of the school are safe. I will also do some mentoring, and some counseling here and there."

As well as having drills set in place, all doors in the building are also closed and locked at all times, and campus visitors must enter through the front office.

The staff at the front desk have access to a video monitor, which helps them to keep an eye out for people walking up to the building.

Once the front office staff allows a visitor to enter, that individual is then checked in via Raptor. If necessary, an alert to all staff will be sent out for any reason involving a visitor who should not be allowed on campus.

"In order for the staff to be able to focus on instruction, it is key that we put every measure in place to ensure their safety as well," Pearson said.

Each day a district employee walks the entire campus to check that all doors are closed and locked. If any are not, the employee will notify the office, so they can follow up with staff and/or put in work orders as needed.

In the event of an emergency, parents will be notified via text message, email, bulletins, and newsletters regarding the situation.

Cole expressed that parents can help support school safety measures by talking to their students about safety, establishing

emergency procedures, and getting involved.

"I would like to encourage parents to talk to their children regularly about safety risks, school and community safety," Cole said. "I would like to say also that parents need to be honest and don't assume your child knows basic safety facts; make school safety a common topic in family discussions and encourage children to share their concerns."

"Create a clear, practical family emergency plan with your child, so he or she may know what to do in case of an emergency at school," he said. "I would like to encourage parents to volunteer at your child's school; many children like to see

their parents at school or at school events."

"My goal is that each day that students and staff walk into the building they feel safe," Pearson said. "I want to make sure that our students and staff are prepared for any type of emergency, all while praying that there never is one."

"Protecting students and staff is important to me, because in this community we are a family," Cole said. "With that being said, I take joy in knowing the children and staff are safe; this way the children get to learn in a positive environment free of fear."

## JONES AWARDED WITH HORNET POWER UP



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Gatesville Intermediate School is off to a positive start to the school year with awarding their first Hornet Power Up certificate to sixth grader Kamaree Jones. A Hornet Power Up is a positive office referral, which students have an opportunity to earn from their teacher. Jones received a referral from his tech teacher, Melissa Steffey, within the first week of school. Steffey expressed, "Kamaree was so helpful in my class the first two days of school. He stepped right up and gave great organizational tips and was very respectful. I can tell he is a born leader, and peers look up to him. Thank you for your positive behavior." Jones is pictured holding his Hornet Power Up certificate.

## Coryell Health's Katy Waters explains the importance of back-to-school vaccinations

BY ALEXANDRA MEELBUSCH  
Staff Writer

With August being back to school season and National Immunization Awareness Month, it is important to remember to obtain your child's vaccinations before they return to the classroom.

"Back-to-school indicates the perfect time every year to review your child's records and ensure they are up-to-date on their routine vaccinations," Katy Waters APRN, FNP-C with Coryell Health said. "Schools are just one of the many places where sickness spreads quickly, and taking the time to catch-up on any missed immunizations at the beginning of the year can help keep your child healthy, in school, and ready to learn."

When determining which vaccinations your child needs, refer to the following:

**Ages 6 months and up:** Annual influenza vaccine recommended.

**Ages 4-6:** DTAP (5th dose), Polio (4th dose), MMR (2nd dose), and Chickenpox (2nd dose)

**Ages 7-10:** Recommended time for catching up.

**Ages 11-12:** TDAP, HPV (recommended for boys and girls and is a two-dose series), and Meningococcal

**Ages 13-15:** Recommended time for catching up.

**Age 16:** Meningococcal (2nd dose)

**Ages 17-18:** Recommended time for catching up/finalizing childhood vaccinations.

Waters expressed that starting the process to get your child vaccinated is not hard at all.

"Parents or guardians just need to call and schedule an appointment with their primary care provider," she said. "This can be completed under a well-child visit or just an immunizations appointment. If your child does not have a primary care provider or see a pediatrician elsewhere, it can easily be resolved by calling Coryell Health and scheduling an establish care appointment with any provider."

She also explained that it would be helpful to bring your child's immunization records or to call ahead and let the office know where your child has been seen before. This is

important for the doctors to assess what the child needs during the visit.

Obtaining your child's records can be done through several options.

The easiest route would be to contact the doctor's office or medical system that your child has received vaccinations with and request the documents. It will most likely be required that the parent or guardian go in-person to sign a release of medical information form to collect the records.

Another way would be to contact the school nurse. In some cases, records are kept for several years after the child has left the school system or campus and they can be retrieved for the parent or guardian's records.

"Vaccinations can help prevent diseases that can seriously harm or kill infants, children, and adults," Waters said. "By starting and maintaining a vaccination schedule, parents are actively taking part in the most effective preventative health measure to combat disease for their children."

## Evant ISD's ACE program offers after-school activities to students

BY ALEXANDRA MEELBUSCH  
Staff Writer

When the last bell rings and school lets out for the day, the Evant Independent School District Afterschool Centers on Education (ACE) program begins getting started with interactive learning, which is aligned to their school curriculum.

The local program is administered by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) and provides homework help, tutoring, and other targeted needs-based assistance. It also offers enrichment activities such as sports, clubs, and youth development projects that build character, confidence, and

leadership skills.

"For many of our families this is a huge assistance in respect to families that would have latch key students if we didn't have the program," Evant ACE Director Faith Massingill said. "We have certified teachers and program aides that care about our kids, and this is

important for our kids to know they have an adult that cares for them besides their parents."

This past school year, the Evant ISD Elementary served 43 students and 96 parents with the junior high and high school serving 33 students and 37 parents/families.

"We anticipate that we will have at least this number or more for the coming school year," Massingill said.

When school is open, Evant offers a morning program from 6:45-7:45 a.m. and in the afternoons it will continue from 4:15-6:16 p.m.

"Adult classes are offered for only one or two days but often run in the afternoon with the ACE program till 6:30 p.m. or 7 p.m.," she said. "For our adults, we offer fun activities like homecoming mum, making donuts with dad, and more."

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## Tarleton Football's Britten listed on 2024 Walter Payton Award Preseason Watch List

### Tarleton State University

STEPHENVILLE — Tarleton State Football senior running back Kayvon Britten was one of 35 players in NCAA Division I FCS to be named to the Walter Payton Award Preseason Watch List.

Presented annually to the national offensive player of the year in Division I FCS, Britten is one of just two players from the United Athletic Conference to be represented on the list. The UAC Preseason Offensive Player of the Year was named a First Team FCS All-America nominee earlier this week.

Finishing on the UAC First Team All-Conference list last season, Britten completed 2023 as one of the best running backs in the FCS College. The Cincinnati, Ohio, native led the UAC in rushing touchdowns (third in the FCS) and total touchdowns (tied-fifth in FCS). He was second in the conference in total rushing yards (ninth in FCS) along with rushing yards per game (tied-11th in FCS) and yards per rush (21st in FCS).

Britten's 1,150 yards in 2023 were the sixth-most rushing yards in a single season in Texan Football history, averaging 6.3 yards per carry off 183 carries. His 16 rushing touchdowns were the third-most in a single season by a Tarleton football player. In addition to averaging 104.6 rushing yards per contest, Britten came up with 106 receiving yards and a touchdown on

11 catches.

Scoring in 10 of Tarleton's 11 games in 2023, Britten was also tabbed to the FCS Football Central All-American Third Team and the Phil Steele FCS All-American Fourth Team last season. The unanimous 2024 Preseason First-Team All-Conference selection by the UAC has over 2,300 career rushing yards and 34 career touchdowns.

In its 38th season and affectionately known as the Heisman of the FCS, the Walter Payton Award is named after legendary running back Walter Payton. Payton, a nine-time Pro Bowl selection for the Chicago Bears, starred at Jackson State en route to a Hall of Fame career in the National Football League. Past recipients of the Walter Payton Award include NFL veterans Steve McNair, Tony Romo, Brian Westbrook, Jimmy Garoppolo, Cooper Kupp and Trey Lance.

The Texans, who are set to compete in their first season as a full-fledged NCAA Division I program in 2024, open the season at Memorial Stadium Saturday, Aug. 24 at 2:30 p.m. against McNeese in front of a nationally televised audience on ESPN2.

Season tickets start at just \$150 and are on sale now by visiting TarletonSports.com/Tickets or by visiting the Tarleton Ticket Office in person located on the west side entrance of Memorial Stadium. Single-game tickets will be available for

purchase the week of each home game on Mondays.

The 2024 Walter Payton Award preseason watch list:

### QUARTERBACKS

Chase Artopoulos, Chattanooga, Sr., 6-2, 208 (Southern Conference)

Luke Bailey, Drake, R-Sr., 6-2, 190 (Pioneer Football League)

Zach Calzada, UIW, Grad, 6-4, 200 (Southland Conference)

Myles Crawley, Grambling State, R-Sr., 6-3, 185 (Southwestern Athletic Conference)

Paxton DeLaurent, Southeast Missouri, Sr., 6-5, 229 (Big South-OVC Football Association)

Cole Gonzales, Western Carolina, Jr., 6-0, 195 (Southern Conference) - 2023 Finalist

Mark Gronowski, South Dakota State, Sr., 6-3, 225 (Missouri Valley Football Conference) - 2023 Recipient

Pierce Holley, Eastern Illinois, Grad, 6-2, 215 (Big South-OVC Football Association)

Tommy Mellott, Montana State, Sr., 6-0, 209 (Big Sky Conference) - 2022 Finalist  
Cam Miller, North Dakota State, Sr., 6-1, 213 (Missouri Valley Football Conference) - 2023 Finalist

CJ Montes, Fordham, Jr., 6-2, 205 (Patriot League) - 2023 Finalist

Darius Perrantes, Duquesne, Sr., 6-0, 220 (Northeast Conference) - 2023 Finalist

Connor Watkins,



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Villanova, Grad, 6-3, 225 (CAA Football)

Jake Willcox, Brown, Fifth Year, 6-2, 195 (Ivy League) - 2023 Finalist

### RUNNING BACKS

Mari Adams, Davidson, Jr., 5-10, 210 (Pioneer Football League)

Kayvon Britten, Tarleton State, Sr., 5-7, 195 (United Athletic Conference)

Jamar Curtis, Lafayette, Jr., 5-8, 164 (Patriot League) - 2023 Finalist

Tyvon Edmonds Jr., Robert Morris, Sr., 5-8, 180 (Northeast Conference)

Jordan Fuller, Holy Cross, Sr., 6-0, 231 (Patriot League)

Jarett Hunter, Howard, Grad., 5-10, 205 (Mid-Eastern Athletic

Conference)

Mason King, Illinois State, Sr., 6-2, 215 (Missouri Valley Football Conference)

Lan Larison, UC Davis, Sr., 6-0, 195 (Big Sky Conference) - 2023 Finalist

ShunDerrick Powell, Central Arkansas, Sr., 5-9, 180 (United Athletic Conference) - 2022 Finalist

Jaylon Spears, Nicholls, Jr., 5-10, 200 (Southland Conference)

Marcus Yarns, Delaware, Grad, 5-11, 183 (CAA Football)

Bronson Yoder, William & Mary, Sr., 5-11, 210 (CAA Football)

Wide Receivers  
Junior Bergen, Montana, Sr., 5-11, 180 (Big Sky Conference)

Efton Chism III, Eastern

Washington, Sr., 5-11, 200 (Big Sky Conference)

Nick DeGennaro, Richmond, R-Sr., 6-1, 190 (CAA Football)

Jared Richardson, Penn, Jr., 6-2, 215 (Ivy League)

Donovan Wadley, Merrimack, Jr., 5-9, 180 (FCS Independent)

Javin Whatley, Chattanooga, Jr., 5-10, 170 (Southern Conference)

Offensive Linemen  
Zack Gieg, Southeast Missouri, Sr., 6-1, 290 (Big South-OVC Football Association)

Charles Grant, William & Mary, Sr., 6-4, 280 (CAA Football)

Marcus Wehr, Montana State, Sr., 6-4, 292 (Big Sky Conference)

## Tarleton Football ranked 21st in AFCA FCS Coaches' Preseason Poll



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The AFCA is the third organization to put Tarleton State in a preseason top 25 poll.

### Tarleton State University

STEPHENVILLE - Tarleton State Football is once again ranked ahead of the 2024 campaign, with the American Football Coaches Association placing the Texans at No. 21 in its FCS Top 25 Preseason Poll.

The AFCA is the third organization to put Tarleton State in a preseason top 25 poll. The Texans were ranked No. 21 in the Stats Perform FCS Preseason Top 25 poll earlier this month and placed at No. 19 in Craig Haley's 2024 FCS Football Preseason Top 25 Rankings on Opta Analyst back in May.

Tarleton State is one of just two teams in the state of Texas (Incarnate Word, No. 15) to be ranked in the AFCA FCS Top 25 Preseason Poll. The Texans are also just one of two teams from the United Athletic Conference to be ranked in the preseason poll (Central Arkansas, No. 13).

The Texans, who own the best winning percentage in the state among all Texas D1 and D2 programs since 2018,

finished second in the United Athletic Conference in 2023. Head coach Todd Whitten was named UAC Coach of the Year, his fifth career Coach of the Year accolade.

Winning its final four games of the 2023 season, Tarleton State finished with its best record in the NCAA Division I Era at 8-3. After defeating in-state rival Abilene Christian for the first time since 2013 in the season finale, Tarleton State finished with the third-best winning percentage among all reclassifying schools since 2004 at .610. The Texans were also just the fourth reclassifying team in NCAA Division I to post eight or more wins in a single season.

Tarleton State was predicted to finish second in the UAC preseason poll behind Central Arkansas, collecting five preseason All-Conference honors in the process. Senior running back Kayvon Britten was named the UAC Preseason Offensive Player of the Year en route to Preseason All-Conference Offensive Team honors with senior wide receiver

Darius Cooper and senior center Tuli Teuhema. Defensive lineman Brandon Tolvert was named to the Preseason All-Conference Defensive Team and return specialist Deangelo Rosemond received Preseason All-Conference Special Teams accolades.

Britten and Cooper were also named Stats Perform FCS Preseason All-Americans, with Britten also being listed to the Walter Payton Award Preseason Watch List.

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## TSU's occupational therapy doctorate program granted candidacy status

### Tarleton State University

STEPHENVILLE — Tarleton State University's occupational therapy doctorate program was recently granted candidacy status by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education.

No other occupational therapy programs exist within a 60-mile radius of Stephenville, positioning the new academic offering well to address the needs of the region.

With the decision, Tarleton State's program will be included on ACOTE's list of programs holding candidacy status that are eligible to admit students starting June 2025.

"This is such an exciting time for Tarleton State University and the College of Health Sciences," said Ramona Parker, associate vice president and executive dean for the College of Health Sciences. "I am very pleased with Shannon Levandowski and her team's

outstanding work in helping us reach this significant milestone."

Tarleton State's occupational therapy program now moves to the pre-accreditation review step of the accreditation process.

"We are thrilled to announce that Tarleton State University's OTD program has been granted candidacy status by the ACOTE," said Levandowski, occupational therapy program director. "This milestone marks a significant step forward as we

eagerly anticipate welcoming our first cohort of OTD students in summer 2025 and continue to advance our program's development to deliver exceptional educational experiences in occupational therapy in rural Texas."

Some of the strengths identified included a state and institutional commitment to rural medical programs and communities, a structural design that supports innovative and new programing, and a shared

institutional focus on the success of programs and students.

An \$80 million Health Professions Building is currently under construction and will add 92,000 square feet to meet classroom and laboratory space requirements. The new facility is scheduled to open summer 2025.

Moving forward, the program will also hire clerical and support staff to meet programmatic, administrative, fieldwork and doctoral

capstone requirements, including for any portion offered by distance education.

Students graduating from an ACOTE accredited occupational therapy and occupational therapy assistant educational program are eligible to take the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy certification exam and apply for licensure in all states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.







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We also offer GED and ESL.”  
The ACE program has obtained a grant that offers programming, which is academic, enrichment-filled, college- and career-based, and involved character/behavior classes. The enrichment is everything from

graphic design, photography, crafts, art, Grossology (fun science), gardening, physical education like soccer, and much more.  
“This last year we offered guitar classes, and each student received a free guitar,” she said.  
The after-school program also has opportunities for students to get help with homework and tutorial assistance.  
The program took field

trips on Mondays at least once a month - from visiting colleges like Baylor to pumpkin farms and more. During the summertime, field trips are done typically once a week.  
To sign up to be involved in the free ACE program, the only requirement is that your child must be a student at Evant ISD.  
“Throughout the year, we keep enrollment open, and they can pick up a form

from the staff or the front office,” she said.  
“For Evant, the ACE program is critical,” she expressed. “For many families and students, this is a safe place for them if parents are working. They can get help daily with schoolwork, have fun with friends, and often have a light meal that will carry them over till supper at home.”



Evant ISD students are pictured this past summer while on a field trip with the ACE program.

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DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Gatesville High School tennis coach Wendell Jones

# Jones honored as “Coach of the Year”

BY DAVID SCOTT  
Staff Writer

Gatesville High School tennis coach Wendell Jones was recently named Class 4A Boys Coach of the Year in Region 8 by the Texas High School Coaches Association.

“I just found out about this award last Friday. I don’t know how they announced it or anything. I was closing out my computer and I saw this message and I opened it and found out. The Texas High School Coaches Association has eight regions - the state is divided into eight different regions - and they are competitive regions. I was chosen for 4A Boys in Region 8,” Jones said.

The Texas High School Coaches Association is the largest coaches association in America, with over 27,000 members. They help and serve the high school coaches as they work to help and serve student athletes. Their motto is “Helping Coaches to Help Kids.”

GISD Athletic Director, Rickey Phillips, said, “This was such a great honor for Coach Jones...and a well-

deserved one. Wendell has put in a lot of time into this program since taking it over again several years ago. He’s led his teams to three district championships in the fall team season and qualified five individuals for the state tournament in the last four seasons.”

This will be the 15th year Jones has served as head tennis coach at GISD. He was assistant tennis coach at Copperas Cove for 10 years.

“The only other award that I have received twice, and it’s one that I hold very near and dear to me, is when I received an award from the National Honor Society. The NHS students here in Gatesville get to select the teacher of the year and they also got to select which was your favorite teacher, and I’ve been awarded that twice.

In speaking of the award he just received, Jones said, “This award is an honor and very unexpected. I was amazed to win this award - pleased, but amazed and shocked.”

## NOTICE OF MEETING TO VOTE ON TAX RATE

A tax rate of \$0.006098 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of MIDDLE TRINITY GROUND WATER.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.006098 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.006098 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.006600 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2024 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for MIDDLE TRINITY GROUND WATER from the same properties in both the 2023 tax year and the 2024 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that MIDDLE TRINITY GROUND WATER may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that MIDDLE TRINITY GROUND WATER is not proposing to increase property taxes for the 2024 tax year.

A PUBLIC MEETING TO VOTE ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON September 5, 2024 AT 2:00 PM AT 930 WOLFE NURSERY RD, STEPHENVILLE TX.

The proposed tax rate is also not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, MIDDLE TRINITY GROUND WATER is not required to hold an election to seek voter approval of the rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the MIDDLE TRINITY GROUND WATER of MIDDLE TRINITY GROUND WATER at their offices or by attending the public meeting mentioned above.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

$$\text{Property tax amount} = (\text{tax rate}) \times (\text{taxable value of your property}) / 100$$

**FOR the proposal:** CHARLES FERGUSON, FRED PARKER, SHANE TUCKER, JERRY HINSHAW, BUTCH RONNE, BARBARA DOMEL, FRANK VOLLEMAN, ROBERT PAYNE, RODNEY STEPHENS

**AGAINST the proposal:** NONE

**PRESENT** and not voting:

**ABSENT:** JOE ALTEBAUMER, KENNETH BULLINGTON, W B MAPLES

Visit [Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes](https://www.texas.gov/PropertyTaxes) to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by MIDDLE TRINITY GROUND WATER last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by MIDDLE TRINITY GROUND WATER this year.

	2023	2024	Change
<b>Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)</b>	\$0.006463	\$0.006098	decrease of -0.000365 per \$100, or -5.65%
<b>Average homestead taxable value</b>	\$217,014	\$245,412	increase of 13.09%
<b>Tax on average homestead</b>	\$14.03	\$14.97	increase of 0.94, or 6.70%
<b>Total tax levy on all properties</b>	\$965,570	\$995,726	increase of 30,156, or 3.12%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for MIDDLE TRINITY GROUND WATER at 254 965 6705 or [patrick@middletrinitygcd.org](mailto:patrick@middletrinitygcd.org), or visit [www.middletrinitygcd.org](http://www.middletrinitygcd.org) for more information.



## GHS VOLLEYBALL HOSTED ALUMNI GAME



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Gatesville High School hosted an alumni game for past and current volleyball players, which was held on Saturday, Aug. 10. The alumni game took place in the Sydney L. Pruitt Gymnasium with the community in attendance. Following the game, ice cream floats were served.

## GISD to host Meet the Hornets on Aug. 21

### Staff Reports

Gatesville Independent School District has announced that it will host its annual Meet the Hornets program to kick off the school year and football season on Wednesday, Aug. 21.

Meet the Hornets will commence at 8 p.m. on the Tommy Davidson Field at McKamie Stadium. There will be no charge for admission to the event.

During the evening, all high school athletic teams will be recognized and introduced, and performances will be given by the Gatesville High School Band, the Dazzlers, and both varsity and junior varsity cheerleading teams.

There will be an ice cream social following the team introductions.

## JHS coach expresses thoughts on upcoming volleyball season

BY ALEXANDRA MEELBUSCH  
Staff Writer

Since having the first few games canceled due to a lack of players on the opposing teams, the Jonesboro High School volleyball team is gearing up for their first game of the season.

"We are looking forward to a great year," Jonesboro High School Volleyball Coach Tori Smith said. "We are competitive and have a lot of potential to make some dynamic moves on

the court."

Smith expressed that the Lady Eagles have several power hitters, which include Senior Emily Turner and Sophomore Ally Thorman.

Lynlee Deats will be the returning libero this year. "She reads the floor very well and can adapt when we need her to," she said. "She is an all-around great athlete."

Smith also mentioned that Landri McFarlin, freshman,

is no stranger to the court and will help the team out a lot this year.

"Overall, our seniors, Kyleigh Walker, Emily Turner, and Julie Henderson have stepped up and helped build moral for the younger athletes," she said.

The Jonesboro Lady Eagles are scheduled to play in their next game on Saturday, Aug. 17 in an away tournament, which will be held in Meridian.



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Pictured is the Lady Eagle volleyball team.



Get ready to join the buzz and celebrate one of nature's most important creatures! August 17th is World Honey Bee Day - a day dedicated to honoring and appreciating the incredible honey bee and all its hard work.

Honey bees are amazing insects that play a crucial role in our environment. Not only do they produce delicious honey, but they are also responsible for pollinating many of the fruits, vegetables, and flowers that we enjoy every day. Without honey bees, our world would be a lot less colorful and a lot less tasty!

So, how can you celebrate World Honey Bee Day? Well, there are plenty of fun and educational activities you can do to show your love for these hardworking insects.

One idea is to learn more about honey bees and their importance to our ecosystem. You can read books or watch videos about honey bees, visit a local beekeeper to see a hive up close, or even attend a beekeeping workshop to learn how to care for bees yourself!

Another way to celebrate is by creating a bee-friendly garden in your backyard or community. Planting flowers and herbs that attract bees not only helps support their population but also adds beauty to your

surroundings. Plus, it's a great way to get outside and connect with nature.

If you're feeling crafty, you can also make some bee-themed crafts to decorate your home or share with friends. Try your hand at making bee-shaped cookies, creating a bee-inspired art project, or building your own mini bee hotel for solitary bees to nest in.

And of course, no celebration of World Honey Bee Day would be complete without enjoying some delicious honey! Whether you drizzle it over your morning toast, stir it into your tea, or use it to sweeten your favorite recipes, honey is a tasty treat that's sure to make your taste buds sing.

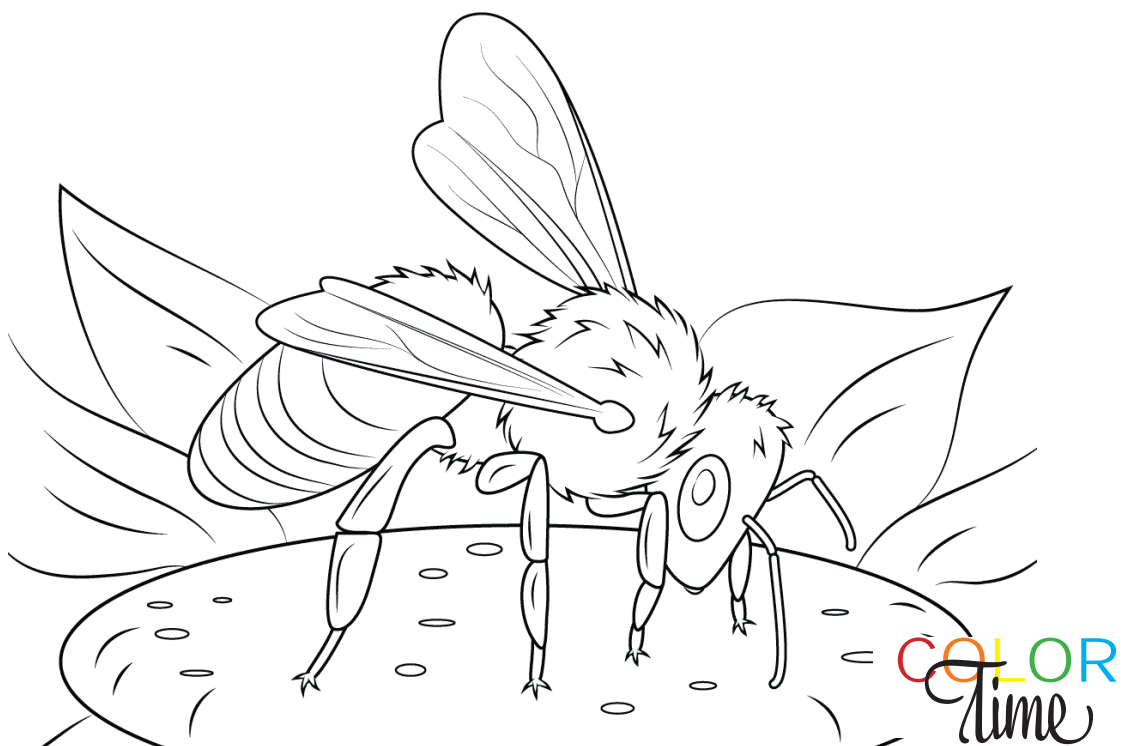
So, let's come together on August 17th to celebrate World Honey Bee Day and give thanks to these amazing insects for all that they do. Whether you're learning, gardening, crafting, or simply enjoying some honey, there are so many ways to join in the buzz and show your appreciation for the humble honey bee!

Remember, every little bee counts, and together, we can make a big difference in protecting and preserving these important pollinators. Happy World Honey Bee Day, everyone! Let's make it a day to remember!

**New Word**

**HONEYCOMB**  
wax structure where bees store honey

TO MAKE A POUND OF HONEY, BEES HAVE TO VISIT AROUND 2 MILLION FLOWERS. A BEE WILL VISIT ANYWHERE FROM 50 TO 100 FLOWERS PER TRIP.



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# Welcome, New Teachers & Staff!

## GATESVILLE ISD

### PRIMARY

**Angela Coplen** is teaching Kindergarten at the Primary. She is a graduate of Tarleton and Southern Oklahoma State University. She has 10 years of experience teaching at Temple ISD and McGregor ISD.

**Allyson Elkins** is teaching Speech Therapy at the Primary, as well as district wide. She is a graduate of Baylor University. She has 28 years of previous experience. She previously taught at Hillco shared service arrangement.

**Kiara Otero Ramos** is teaching Speech Therapy at the Primary. She is a graduate from Turabo University in Puerto Rico. She has 10 years' teaching experience previously at RSHES.

**Kerstin B. Stevens** is an ARD Facilitator at Primary and Junior High. She earned a B.A. from San Diego State University in CA, a M.Ed. from UT Arlington, and is currently attending Texas A&M University in Laredo. She has 18 years of experience as a teacher and is going on four years as a facilitator. She has previously taught at J.L Williams/Lovett Ledger Elementary, Copperas Cove ISD and Clarke Elementary and Audie Murphy Middle School at Ft Cavazos, Killeen ISD.

**Emily Weatherford**

has joined the Primary. She will be teaching Pre-k 3. She graduated from Texas Tech University. She is a 2019 graduate of Hamilton ISD.

### ELEMENTARY

**Lauren Ardois** is teaching Speech Services at Elementary. She is a graduate of Baylor University. She has one year teaching experience previously at La Vega ISD.

**Randee Glover** is a school Nurse at the Elementary. She Graduated from Temple College. She has five plus years' experience. She has been a nurse previously at Valley Mills ISD.

**Laci Martin** is teaching second grade at Elementary. She is a graduate of Sam Houston State University. She is a 2003 graduate of Gatesville High School. She has 12 years of teaching experience previously at Belton ISD, Oglesby ISD, and Jonesboro ISD.

**Tanya McCoy** is teaching first grade at Elementary. She is a graduate of UMHB. She has 22 years of experience. She previously taught at Jonesboro ISD.

**Patricia Ras** is teaching Second grade at Elementary. She graduated from Excelsior University. This is her first year teaching.

**Josh Salinas** is teaching first grade at Elementary. He graduated from the University of Arizona and Universi-

ty of Texas- Arlington. He has 11 years of experience, previously teaching at Copperas Cove ISD.

### INTERMEDIATE

**Shauna Arnold** is teaching 5th ELAR at Intermediate. She graduated from Texas A&M University. She is a 2017 graduate of Gatesville High school. This is her second year teaching.

**Laura Hunt** is teaching 5th grade science and social studies at Intermediate. She graduated from SWT-SU/Lamar. She has 28 years experience. She previously taught at Copperas Cove ISD, Whitney ISD, and Leander ISD.

**Caleb McKamie** is teaching sixth grade ELAR at Intermediate. He graduated from Tarleton State University. He has 10 years' experience. He previously taught at Moody Middle School, Lometa ISD, and Rogers ISD.

**Leslie Mooney** is an ARD Facilitator at the Intermediate. She graduated from Tarleton State University. She is a 2002 graduate of Gatesville High School. She has seven years' experience. She has previously taught at Gatesville Elementary.

**Monte Pritchett** is the Assistant Principal at Intermediate. He graduated from Friends University and then received his Masters from Tarleton State University. He has 45

years' experience. He was the previous principal at Crawford High School.

**Mandi Ray** is a Librarian at the Intermediate. She graduated from Texas A&M University with a B.A. in English and then earned a Masters of Library Science from Sam Houston State University. She has 13 years' experience teaching and five years experience as a librarian. She previously taught at Whitney High and Raye Allen Elementary.

**Gabriella Towne** is teaching fourth grade at Intermediate. She graduated from Fort Hays State University. This will be her first-year teaching.

**Morgan Varney** is teaching Reading and Language Arts as a 5th grade teacher. She graduated from Baylor University.

**Stacy Zuehlke** is teaching fourth grade at the Intermediate. She graduated from Harding University. She has two years' experience. She has previously taught at Gatesville Elementary.

### JUNIOR HIGH

**Chance Cathey** is teaching/coaching Science and Golf at Junior High. He graduated from Texas Lutheran University and is a 2010 graduate of Gatesville High School. He has one year teaching experience and 10 plus years coaching experience.

**Darrell Todd Gibson**

is teaching seventh grade RLA at Junior High. He graduated from Prairie View A&M. He has two years' experience teaching previously at Bruceville High School.

**Jim Hitchcock** is teaching/coaching Junior High Math, football, and track and field. He graduated from Hardin Simmons. He is a 2019 Gatesville High School graduate. This is his first-year teaching.

**Jess Houser** is teaching 8th grade RLA at Junior High. She graduated from Howard Payne University and Texas State University. She has twelve years' experience previously at Clifton ISD and Gateway Private School.

**Colleen Petty** is teaching Choir at Junior High. She graduated from Howard Payne University and Baylor University. She has 17 years' of experience. She previously taught at a Christian school in San Antonio and River Valley Intermediate at Midway ISD.

**Alexa Sanchez** is teaching Band at Junior High. She graduated from Baylor University. She has eight years' experience and has previously taught at Midway ISD.

**Mackensie Wilson** is teaching/coaching Health and Junior High volleyball, basketball, and track. She graduated from Texas Tech University. This is her first year teach-

ing.

### HIGH SCHOOL

**Brooke Bartels** is teaching English 2 at the High school. She graduated from Texas A&M University. She has 14 years' experience. She has previously taught at Valley Mills ISD.

**Santanna Bay** is teaching CTE Plant Science (Horticulture) - Greenhouse management, Floral 1, and Advanced Floral at High School. She graduated from Texas A&M University. She graduated from Shiner High School in 2003. She has worked at Coryell Feed & Supply for 17 years, educating the public about nursery plants.

**Richard Carruth** is teaching SPED- Behavior. He graduated from Tarleton University and has 38 years' experience. He has taught at China Spring.

**Madison Knox** is teaching English 3 & 4 as well as coaching softball and basketball. She graduated from Ecclesia College.

**Noel Paul** is teaching Geometry/Math at the High school. She graduated from Baylor University.

**John Woods** is teaching SPED Inclusion at the High School. He graduated from East Texas Baptist University. He has two years' experience, previously teaching at Corsicana High School.

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