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Brad Hunt named Gatesville City Manager

BY ALEXANDRA MEELBUSCH
Staff Writer

Following a special meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 3, the Gatesville City Council voted unanimously to appoint Interim City Manager Brad Hunt to the permanent role of Gatesville City Manager.

The vote came after an executive session on the decision. City Council Member Meredith Rainer made the first motion to offer Hunt the position of city manager and to also hire Mike Halsema permanently as Deputy City Manager.

"I am honored that Mayor Chumley and the city council members agree with that vision and chose to appoint me to lead the way forward," Hunt said.

Mayor Gary Chumley expressed that Hunt has demonstrated leadership skills in the past four months that the city council has been looking for.

"He has done an excellent

job with the budget, and we are pleased with his vision for the future of Gatesville," Chumley said. "He has also become an integral part of the community being involved in the schools and sports activities with his children."

Following Scott Albert's exit as Gatesville City Manager in May, Hunt stepped up to take on the position as the interim city manager.

"As I continued to work with council, our citizens, and our city department heads over the past three months, I enjoyed our sense of teamwork and everyone's willingness to work toward common goals," Hunt said. "I was able to see the many opportunities here in Gatesville for service to our community, as well as developing the start of a long-term vision for improving the quality of life here."

Hunt also mentioned that with Halsema's input and the staff's expertise, the city

has laid out a foundation for great things to come.

"I believe that leading starts with serving, both internally and externally, in any organization," he said. "I will continue to mentor and develop our team-oriented approach to meeting the challenges and needs of the city. We've made great strides in a short time, and we are positioned to continue for a long time to come."

Hunt formerly served as the Gatesville Police Chief before he accepted the role as city manager. He stated that Interim Police Chief Georg Cleverley will remain in her interim role while a search for a new police chief is conducted. The position will be posted publicly in the coming weeks to seek out a servant-oriented leader for the permanent appointment.

Kaylee Dusang contributed to this report.



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Pictured left to right: Gatesville City Manager Brad Hunt, Mayor Gary Chumley, and Deputy City Manager Mike Halsema.



DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Museum volunteer Rebel Brown shows the Baritone tuba that both he and his father played in the Gatesville High School Band.

Following in his father's musical footsteps

BY DAVID SCOTT
Staff Writer

When Rebel Brown was in elementary school, his father encouraged him to join the band. His father, Robert Lee Brown, purchased a 1921 Silver Conn Baritone horn, which he himself played in the Gatesville High School band in the 1930s. He

would later instill his love of music in his children.

"Daddy wanted us to be in the band, three of us out of four ended up in the band," he said.

Rebel Brown would join the GHS band in the 1960s. "I carried that from sixth grade through my first year in college,"

Brown said.

Brown played the very same Baritone tuba that his father played when he was in school. In addition to the baritone, he played all the brass instruments. He said that one year they were shy of tuba players, so they switched him over to playing the tuba.

"It was the year that we went over to play bi-district," he said.

While attending Gatesville High School, Brown also held a job at Modern Food Market. "They would let me get off for out-of-school activities. I always

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COURTESY PHOTO

Connor Hill booking photo

Man arrested in connection with vehicle fatality

BY KAYLEE DUSANG
Staff Writer

A man from McLennan County has been charged with intoxication manslaughter related to a fatal wreck that killed a woman from Gatesville on Dec. 21, 2023.

A Coryell County grand jury indicted 29-year-old Connor Jason Hill on Aug. 23 for driving while intoxicated, which led to the death of 57-year-old

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Spurfest returns for its 23rd year with new games and traditions

BY KAYLEE DUSANG
Staff Writer

With the annual Spurfest festival just around the corner, Coryell County Museum Board Member Catherine Fulton gives a first-hand look at the activities the museum is bringing to the community this year.

On Sept. 21, Spurfest will not only return with some of its customary events, but also with a few additions. Fulton said new

games this year include a cornhole contest in the Gilbreath Room and a scavenger hunt that encourages kids and visitors to explore the museum.

"People love scavenger hunts, and so we've been trying to figure out one (for a while)," Fulton said.

Fulton said the scavenger hunt will begin in the Coryell Room, which will include

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KAYLEE DUSANG | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

The Coryell County Tax Office has moved to 800 E. Main Street, Suite B.

Gatesville Tax Office relocates to old Extraco building

BY KAYLEE DUSANG
Staff Writer

The Coryell County Tax Office in Gatesville recently moved to a new location at 800 E. Main Street, Suite B next to the Coryell County Main Street Annex.

According to a press release distributed by County Tax Assessor Collector Justin Carothers, this move provides taxpayers with enhanced accessibility and improved services.

"We are excited to offer our taxpayers a more convenient and efficient location," Carothers said in the press release. "The new Gatesville Tax Office will

provide a welcoming and accessible environment for all our residents."

Located in the former Extraco Bank building, the new tax office offers a drive-thru window that makes it easier for residents to conduct tax-related business without leaving their vehicles.

Carothers said that the convenient feature is designed to save time and reduce wait times. Now, taxpayers can renew their vehicle registration and pay property taxes at the drive thru.

The tax office started its

initial move in July. It was previously located at 201 South 7th Street in downtown Gatesville.

This new location will also house the Early Voting Center. All early voting will be conducted in a new, spacious room to allow for a more efficient voting process, according to Carothers.

The tax office will maintain its regular business hours. For more information or to contact the Gatesville Tax Office, please call 254-248-3144 or visit coryellcountytax.com

ARREST

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Donna Henry, of Gatesville, according to court documents.

KWTX reported on Aug. 26 that Waco police arrested Hill on a Coryell County warrant charging him with intoxication manslaughter in the death of Henry.

A spokesperson for the Coryell County Sheriff's Office said Hill was released from the Coryell

County Jail on Monday on a \$100,000 bond.

The Texas Department of Public Safety investigated the two-vehicle crash that took place in Coryell County in December. The incident happened around 6:15 p.m. at the intersection of U.S. Highway 84 and Knowles Road.

According to a report by Texas DPS, a Dodge Ram

truck operated by Hill was traveling eastbound on Highway 84 at an "unsafe speed" on wet roads before it hydroplaned and collided into a Honda Civic.

Texas DPS identified the driver of the Honda Civic as Henry. The report says she was pronounced dead at the scene.

SPURFEST

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a collage of photos of artifacts that players will need to find. Visitors will be given a sheet that will list the items, and people can check them off as they discover them in the museum. She said there will be prizes for those who complete the game.

As for traditional festival performances, Fulton said the Karem Cowboys will return for their Western-inspired show in the museum's garden.

Other favorite Spurfest activities will return this year, including:

- Book signings from local author and artist Jon Brown
- 'Guess the beans' contest
- Photo opportunities
- Games in the School Room
- A Medieval arts show

on the square

Food samples include classic biscuits and gravy and churned butter, and a new homemade tortilla demonstration at the blacksmith shop.

Fulton encourages the community to participate in the ongoing Spurfest raffle. Prizes include an Austin motif quilt created by Grace Dallimore and two matted and framed pointillism prints featuring the Coryell County Courthouse and Fort Gates by Jon Brown.

The drawings for the raffle will take place during Spurfest. Tickets are \$20 each, and each one offers three chances to win. Tickets can be purchased at the Coryell Museum or at The Gatesville Messenger.

Spurfest not only pro-

vides a full day of entertainment, but also gives locals and out-of-towners the opportunity to connect with Coryell County history and pay homage to the museum's renowned spur collection.

"The main purpose has always been for us to thank the community for their support and to showcase the museum," Fulton said.

Along with Spurfest, festival goers can attend the 38th annual Cruzin Cruzers Car Show on the courthouse square.

Spurfest will take place on Saturday, Sept. 21 at the Coryell County Museum and Historical Center. The museum is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday. Admission to the museum is free.



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Spurfest will include a scavenger hunt for various artifacts located throughout the museum.

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FROM MY FRONT PORCH

Labor Day should not be taken for granted



BY SAM HOUSTON

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This past Monday, most of us had a day off from work as we celebrated the Labor Day holiday.

To many, the day is just another holiday, which for some marks the unofficial end of summer and the beginning of fall. It is usually the same weekend that college football kicks off and dove hunting season opens, and so it seems to be a natural bridge from the heat and strain of a long hot summer and the fun-filled activities of fall.

Being a child raised in a city with a strong organized labor presence, it saddens me a little when people do not note the profound historical and cultural significance of Labor Day and the contributions and

achievements of the American labor movement. This holiday honors the relentless efforts of workers and the labor organizations that fought for improved working conditions, fair wages, and basic rights in the workplace. Understanding Labor Day's importance requires delving into the rich history of the American labor movement and recognizing the strides made toward improving labor conditions in the United States.

The origins of Labor Day trace back to the late 19th century, a time when the American industrial

revolution was in full swing. The rapid industrialization of the country led to an increase in factory jobs, but these positions were often characterized by grueling hours, hazardous working conditions, and minimal wages. Workers, including men, women, and children, who labored long hours for meager pay, often in unsafe environments. This period was marked by significant labor unrest and the rise of various labor organizations seeking to address these inequities.

One of the pivotal events in the American labor movement was the Pullman Strike of 1894. Workers at the Pullman Company, which manufactured railroad cars, went on strike to protest wage cuts and high rents in company-owned housing. The strike escalated into a nationwide railway strike, disrupting transportation and drawing national attention to the plight of workers. The federal government's intervention, which involved deploying troops to break the strike, highlighted the tense relationship between labor and management and the need for organized

labor advocacy.

Amidst these struggles, the labor movement made significant gains. Unions such as the American Federation of Labor played a crucial role in advocating for workers' rights. The AFL focused on securing better wages, working conditions, and hours through collective bargaining. Another important labor organization was the Knights of Labor, which sought broader social reforms and inclusive labor practices. These organizations, through strikes, negotiations, and public advocacy, laid the groundwork for labor reforms that would follow.

Labor Day itself emerged as a symbol of these efforts and achievements. The first Labor Day was celebrated Sept. 5, 1882, in New York City, organized by the Central Labor Union. The idea quickly gained traction, and by 1894, Labor Day became a federal holiday. The establishment of Labor Day was a recognition of the contributions of workers and a nod to the importance of labor organizations in advocating for fair labor practices.

The significance of Labor Day extends beyond its

historical roots; it is a celebration of ongoing labor struggles and victories. Over the years, labor unions have continued to advocate for workers' rights, leading to significant improvements in workplace safety, fair wages and reasonable working hours. Legislation such as the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, which established a minimum wage and overtime pay, and the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, which aimed to ensure safe working conditions, were direct results of labor advocacy and demonstrate the lasting impact of the labor movement.

I am sure many young people cannot imagine a workplace with no overtime pay for mandatory overtime hours worked. Nor might they imagine children — some younger than 10 years old — working a full-time job or being hurt on the job with no recourse. I doubt they can imagine labor riots where men risked their lives for the right to earn a living wage. For the most part, these sort of conditions no longer exist, and that is because of the efforts and vigilance of the American labor movement.

Labor Day represents much more than a break from work; it is a tribute to the struggles and successes of the American labor movement. It honors the contributions of workers and the pivotal role of labor organizations in shaping fair labor practices.

Monday may have been a great day for a cookout, or boating at the lake, or simply dozing in the hammock in the backyard. Hopefully, sometime during the holiday weekend there was a moment of pause to reflect on the progress made in labor relations and the challenges that remain. The American worker is the best in the world. Their role in producing the products and services we need plays a vital role in maintaining our freedom and independence. Thank you for all you have done!

Thought for the day: *"The American labor movement was the principal force that transformed misery and despair into hope and progress."* — Martin Luther King

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

Texas Workforce Commission recognizes the work of Texans

Staff Reports

In honor of Labor Day, the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) is recognizing the state's workforce for making Texas the best place to live and work.

The Lone Star State upholds a prestigious reputation due to the skill and dedication of its workforce and the vast opportunities for its businesses. In recognition of Labor Day, TWC spotlights these qualities by celebrating yet another year of record-breaking growth for the Texas labor force.

By the Numbers (as of

Labor Day 2024):

- Texas has the largest seasonally adjusted civilian labor force in history with more than 15.3 million people.
- Second in the nation for annual job growth, Texas employment grew by 265,500 positions between July 2023 and July 2024.
- Texas ranked first in terms of private sector jobs change with 206,000 private sector positions added from July 2023 to July 2024.
- Texas' annual employment growth has outpaced

the national average in eight out of the 11 major industries.

- There are more than 657,000 employers in Texas, the most in our state's history, and the engine behind the many jobs being created in the state.

As the workforce in Texas continues to grow at a record-setting pace, TWC remains committed to serving all who make this state the best place to do business. Their services ensure Texans in the workforce can thrive as they progress in their careers. They also provide train-

ing, information, and skills development for long-term success in a wide range of occupations. For individuals experiencing unemployment, TWC can assist with the transition to new jobs and careers.

Texas Workforce Commission is a state agency dedicated to helping Texas employers, workers, and communities prosper economically.

For further details, visit the TWC website at <https://twc.texas.gov/> or visit one of the more than 170 Workforce Solutions offices around Texas.

Folks around town



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LUTE SULLINS

Say hello to our neighbor, Lute Sullins!

Lute Sullins is a local real estate agent and the owner of Tejas Real Estate, where he serves buyers and sellers in all areas of Coryell County. He offers clients seasoned knowledge of the Central Texas real estate market and an intimate understanding of what makes Gatesville so special and unique. He holds a bachelor's degree in finance from Tarleton State University, is a graduate of the Realtor Institute, a graduate of the Leadership Program of Coryell County, a 2020 graduate of the Texas Realtor's Leadership Program, and one out of ten individuals selected to participate in the 2018 Leadership Central Texas Program. When he is not serving his clients, he enjoys spending time with his wife, Kristen, and two children, Grant and Kendall. He also enjoys golfing and piddling around on his family farm.

Lute likes to read The Gatesville Messenger to stay informed on what's happening in our community.

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

Righteous Roots to hold bingo night fundraiser Sept. 26

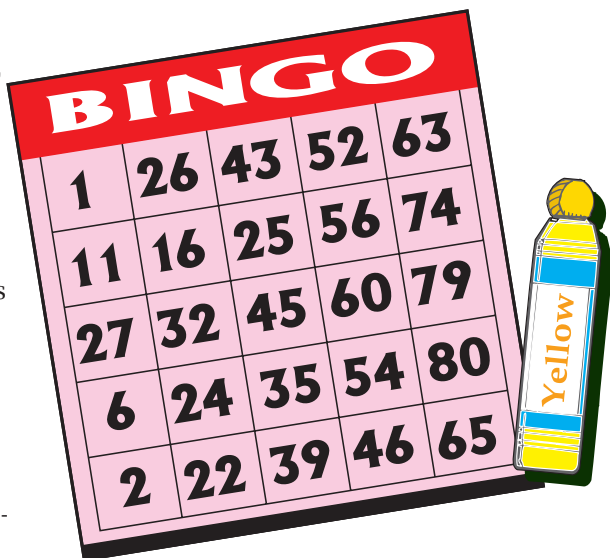
Staff Reports

Local crisis resource center, Righteous Roots, has announced that they will hold a bingo night on Thursday, Sept. 26, at the Texas Station Event Center, located at 305 Old Fort Gates Road.

Doors to bingo night will open at 6 p.m., and the games will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased for \$60 on the night of the event or online for \$50 by visiting ticketbud.com.

Each ticket will include 10 games and three cards per game. To increase your chances of winning, additional



cards will be available for five dollars each or three for \$10.

Prizes will be awarded to both men and women ages 18 and up.

There will be a concession stand provided to those attending the bingo night.

All proceeds from the event will go directly to Righteous Roots to support their facility. Righteous Roots is a non-profit crisis resource center which provides free social services to any individual suffering from trauma as a result of past or present abuse.

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

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TUMBLEWEED SMITH

A perilous salute to the Irish flag



BY TUMBLEWEED SMITH

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

Jim Sterling of Liberty is part of a musical family. “My dad played with Dorsey back in the 30s,” says Jim.

“Before that he played in the Aggie Band and was the corps bugler. I was also the corps bugler when I went to Texas A & M. We all played in the dance band up there. My son played in the dance band while he was in the Aggie Band. So did my brother. That’s all we knew. Just music.”

Jim has organized several bands around Liberty, and his man-cave is full of all kinds of musical instruments, some of which he made. Occasionally, he holds a jam session there. Jim has studied organ building and has made several. He loves to play practical jokes. Once he put a duck call into a church organ, and every time a certain key was hit the duck caller would sound. He has conducted musicals at the civic theater and directs the choir at his church.

“We call it the Canter-

bury Chorale. It’s mainly Episcopalians, but we augment with some others, because my choir is not big enough to do things like ‘The Messiah’ that we do about every other year. I threatened the members this year and told them we may change the name of our group to the OK Chorale.”

When Jim was at A&M, he went to the university’s Maritime Academy to prepare him for a career in the U.S. Navy. Students took 3-month cruises every summer on a ship called The Texas Clipper. It went to Northern Europe, the Mediterranean, or to South America.

“I started a little 25-piece band on board ship that played on many summer cruises. I wrote a lot of the music, because we didn’t have a budget. So, I got some paper and wrote the songs. Every time we would go to a

foreign port we would play the national anthem of that country. We did that in the morning when we raised the foreign flag right after we raised the United States flag. When I graduated, I turned over my baton to my assistant.

“The very first port for him was Cork, Ireland on the southern coast of that country. They had a really strong headwind that was blowing the ship off the pier. It had two tugboats hooked up to it trying to keep the ship pushed against the pier. These Irishmen were holding these lines with all their might so the ship wouldn’t blow across the river and into the rocks.

“The band was there, ready to play. The guys are still struggling with the lines when the bandmaster started playing the Irish National Anthem and you know where this is going. These Irishmen popped to sharp attention, dropped the lines, and gave a British salute, and the ship starts blowing across the river toward the rocks. Well, these tugboats got pushed around just in time to save the ship and they got it tied up again. The captain was less than enthused with this. As soon as the ship got tied up, he sent the band members below deck, fired the band director - and the band was never seen again.”



PHOTO COURTESY OF GATESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Rebel Brown's father, Robert Lee Brown, as a GHS sophomore in 1932 playing the Baritone tuba. He is pictured second row from the bottom, far left.



PHOTO COURTESY OF GATESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

The Gatesville High School Marching Band in 1966. Rebel Brown is on the top row. From the left, he is fifth to the right.

Grace Assembly to host “A Call To Action” Sept. 9

Staff Reports

Grace Assembly Christian Church has announced that it will host “A Call To Action” event on Monday, Sept. 9 at 5:30 p.m.

The church will host guest speaker Lorena Garza, Director of Chap-

lain Affairs of the National School Chaplain Association (NSCA), to discuss promoting school chaplains as legitimate and necessary members of a school staff.

The call-to-action event is open to the public and welcomes all local pastors, ministers, teachers, and

school officials to attend as well.

Light snacks will also be served.

For further details or to register for the event, contact Grace Assembly Christian Church at 254-865-6949. The church is located at 2315 Osage Road.

Senior Center to host nutrition class Sept. 16

Staff Reports

The Gatesville Senior Center has partnered with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office to host a class on Monday, Sept. 16, to discuss healthy carbo-

hydrates.

The class will begin at 10 a.m. and will feature a presentation to show how to incorporate carbohydrates into your diet.

The final session will be held on Oct. 21, beginning

at 10 a.m.

All classes are free and open to the public.

For further details, contact 254-865-8234.

The Senior Center is located at 208 North Luterloh Avenue.

BROWN

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worked before school, after school, and on Saturdays,” he said.

Brown remembers the wool uniforms the marching band members had to wear. “We had black bottoms and hats - something like a military hat. They were murder to wear in the heat, and in the summer, our band director would let us wear white shirts instead of the wool tops, and we would march from the high school, around the courthouse, and then disband around the post office. This was in August, and it was pretty hot to be marching in the parade.”

In the 1966 edition of the Crescent yearbook, during Brown’s senior year, he is listed as being a band member and participating in the Band Follies

from 1963-1966, and also being in Stage Band from 1964-1966.

Following his graduation from GHS in 1966, Brown enrolled at Texas A&M where he continued to be in the band.

Later, Brown recalls leaving A&M, “I got out and went into the U.S. Air Force and stayed there for seven years, where I received my associate’s degree.”

On the 100th anniversary of the making of his beloved Baritone tuba, Brown decided to donate the instrument that both he and his father had played in the Gatesville High School band to the Coryell Museum. “Well, I held on to it until it became 100 years old in 2021. It was made in 1921 - I looked it up by the serial number.

So, in 2021, I donated it to the museum.”

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, which includes 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.

Whatever happened to ...

20 YEARS AGO (2004)

Four condemned structures were demolished by the City of Gatesville in a continuing effort to clean up the city.

The Texas Department of Public Safety troopers donated \$500 to the Gatesville

Police Department’s Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program.

The Coryell Museum and Historical Center opened a new exhibit focusing on Laerdal.

POCO Automotive suggested an oil change every

3,000 miles.

30 YEARS AGO (1994)

Bill Bradley and Dwain Place were named co-chairmen of that year’s Gatesville Care Center’s “Food for Families” drive.

Police were seeking a suspect in connection with the

sexual assault of a 90-year-old Gatesville woman.

The Gatesville Police Department increased violations for wrongful parking.

The Cruzin’ Cruzers of Gatesville were set to host their 8th annual Fun Run.

Pathways to Discovery: A Children’s After School Program was set to begin at the First United Methodist Church.

40 YEARS AGO (1984)

Floyd Williams was installed as president of the Gatesville Exchange Club.

Lt. Col. Cliff Barkley was named county chairman for the Beautify Texas Council.

Plans were underway for a 25th anniversary celebration for the Class of 1959.

The Gatesville Volunteer Fire Department was giving away two bicycles in order to encourage donations.

50 YEARS AGO (1974)

The Southwest corner of Gatesville’s downtown square was dressed up with the remodeling of the front of the Sure-Save Food Store.

Federal Judge William Wayne Justice ordered the closing of the Gatesville and Mountain View Schools for Boys.

James Bruce Bomar was sworn in as the new postmaster at Mound.

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Crickets descend on Gatesville once again

BY DAVID SCOTT
Staff Writer

Gatesville and Coryell County residents have undoubtedly noticed the recent invasion of crickets.

Late summer and early fall often signal the beginning of cricket season in Texas. Vast swarms of the irritating insects begin to invade central Texas for their annual visit.

It has been noted that a dry summer often increases their numbers, which can certainly easily be applied to situations in Coryell County.

Considering the fact that female crickets can lay up to 400 eggs at a time, situations can sometimes get out of hand when dealing with the annoying insects. A female cricket, once she mates, spends most of her life laying up to 2,000 eggs. In the past, it has been

reported that some businesses in Texas have been forced to close their doors as thousands of crickets line the sidewalks and cling to the walls of buildings. Another disadvantage of the cricket invasion is the horrible smell they emit as they die, and their small carcasses begin to rot.

Crickets don't pose a threat to humans. They don't bite or sting but can cause other issues such as unsanitary situations with dead bugs littering streets, buildings, and lawns.

Seasonal crickets can often be prevented by controlling outdoor lighting. Outside lights should be dimmed, and blinds or curtains, when using indoor lights, should be kept closed to prevent a swarm from invading a residence. The insects are often attracted to light, food, and

shelter.

Weatherstripping around doors and windows can also be a big asset in the prevention of crickets invading homes. Areas open around air vents or pipes can also allow them to gain entry.

However annoying crickets can be, it can be hard to admit they are useful insects that help to balance the ecosystem. They are considered to be omnivores that eat a variety of plants, flowers, fruits, and sometimes other insects.

However disgusting it may sound, in Cambodia and Vietnam, crickets are sometimes considered to be a delicacy. In other cultures, they are a sign of good luck.

In Coryell County, they are just considered "annoying pests."



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Thousands upon thousands of crickets cling to the rock walls near the City Pool.

ZED by Duane M. Abel



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PEARL NEWS

Last week's fundraiser was huge success



BY BETSY CLARK

Pearl News Correspondent

The Pearl Church of Christ reports a great day last Sunday during the annual Labor Day Atchley Fish Fry and Silent Auction for His Kids.

The tentative total currently is \$13,703. There were 141 in attendance with 22 of those being little kiddos. Linda Ray said that there were 50 cars on the grounds. Everyone enjoyed Dr. Charles Patterson's lesson on rest. Several former Killeen ISD faculty and staff were in attendance to visit with

Dr. Patterson, who was their long-time superintendent. A big thank you goes out to all involved in this silent auction and fish fry. It is an undertaking of monumental proportions. To Linda Ray, who gathers all of the auction items throughout the year, to all who made donations of auction items, to

all of those who helped in tagging those items, to those who brought food, to those who endured the heat and humidity to cook all of the fish and fixings, and to all of those who made those generous bids on the items, a huge thank you is just not enough said. Thanks to all these wonderful volunteers, His Kids will get to attend Christian camp and obtain scholarships to further their education. Ultimately, to God be the Glory as great things He has done!

The next Pearl Bluegrass and Pearl Cottage Bookstore Day is Sept. 14. The Bluegrass jamming goes on all day, and the stage show begins at 1 p.m. This is a free event. The Bluegrass Kitchen has delicious homemade food available for purchase at very reasonable prices (cash only) from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. (The desserts are out-of-this-world

awesome!) The bookstore opens at 9 a.m. and closes at 3 p.m. Most everything in the bookstore is "buy what you want, pay what you want," and all proceeds go toward local charities. There are over 6,000 books in excellent condition as well as various other items. Gather your family and friends and make a day of it in Pearl. You won't regret a minute of it!

This week's Bible verse comes from Ephesians 4:29—Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. 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

Golf Scramble set for 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.

8th Annual MATES Reunion scheduled for Sept. 21

Staff Reports

The 8th annual MATES Reunion will be held at the Mountain Community Center on Saturday, Sept. 21. The doors will open at 10 a.m., and the reunion will last until approximately 4 p.m.

The meal will be potluck and will be served at noon.

Members attending are asked to bring a covered dish.

Please spread the word about the reunion to those who do not have Facebook or receive The Gatesville Messenger.

For more information, call Gene Martin at 254-865-7163.

Cruzin Cruzers car show to be downtown Sept. 21

BY DAVID SCOTT
Staff Writer

The 38th annual Cruzin Cruzers car show will be held on Saturday, Sept. 21, from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. on the courthouse square.

The Cruzin Cruzers car show was first held in 1986 with only 22 entries. They have grown to 200+ cars every show, rain or shine. The club gives out 65 award plaques and a

trophy for best of show. Their non-profit organization uses the earnings from the show to give scholarships to local high school students attending trade school.

For more information, visit their website at cruzincruzers.com, or the car club can be reached at cruzincruzers@yahoo.com.

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Coryell Museum to hold raffle at annual Spurfest

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.

Any volunteers interested in selling tickets can contact Catherine Fulton at 254-223-0014.

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



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Coryell Museum board members Jann Dworsky and Hal Davidson display raffle items.

OBITUARIES

Gladys Louise McClure

Dec. 29, 1943 - Aug. 30, 2024

Gladys Louise McClure, age 80, passed away on Friday, Aug. 30, 2024, in Gatesville.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2024 at 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church of Oglesby with Reverend Jeremy Sanders officiating. Burial followed at Post Oak Cemetery in Oglesby.

Louise was born on Dec. 29, 1943 to Loyd and Gladys Venita (James) Goff in Magazine, Arkansas. She was a longtime resident of Coryell County. Louise was a member of First Baptist Church of Oglesby and enjoyed her 60-plus group there. She was co-owner with her husband of Central Paint Company of Waco. She later worked at Wal-Mart in Belton and in Gatesville as a cashier.

Preceding her in death were her parents; husband, John D. McClure, Sr.; stepfather, John Henry Cole; stepmother, Sue Goff; great-grandson, Daniel Cooper; sister, Betty Cole; and brother, Jimmy Goff.

Survivors include her children, Paul Matthews and wife, Deborah, of Hot



Springs, Arkansas, Paula Vincent and husband, Jay, of Gatesville, Cathy Burks and husband, Paul, of Belton, John D. McClure, Jr. and wife, Debbie, of Gatesville, Jimmy McClure, of Waco, Teresa Edwards and husband, Loyd, of Oglesby; 15 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; brother, Johnny Goff; sisters, Peggy Rogers, Willie May Westerman; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to First Baptist Church (60 plus group) 120 College Ave., Oglesby, Texas 76561.

Lloyd Mitchell, Jr.

Dec. 3, 1934 - Aug. 30, 2024

Lloyd Wayne Mitchell, Jr., 89, passed away surrounded by his family Friday, Aug. 30, 2024, in Big Spring. He was born on Dec. 3, 1934 to Lloyd Wayne and Madge (McBrayer) Mitchell in Lorena. Wayne was a proud member and served as a Deacon at the First Baptist Church of Stanton. He earned his Bachelor of Science and Master of Science from Baylor University. Wayne retired as Superintendent of Stanton ISD in 1992. After his retirement, he served as the interim Superintendent in 16 school districts until 2007. He also served on the Martin County Hospital Board and the Martin County Appraisal District Board. Wayne enjoyed ranching in Howard and Jones Counties. He served as the Director of Academy of Western Artists.

He is loved and missed by his wife, Dixie (Perryman) Mitchell; daughters, Natalie Trampe and husband, Michael, and Valerie Smith and husband, Jim; bonus children, Margaret Hunt and husband, Truett, John S. Henry and wife, Blake, Patrick Henry and wife, Wendy, Elizabeth Baize and husband, Craig, Maria Flavin and husband, Kevin, Anne Frances Meeks and husband, Terry, James Perryman Henry and wife, Heather; grandchildren, Micah Trampe and wife, Bailey, Nathan Trampe and wife, Callie, Matai Trampe and wife, Amanda, Savannah Tunnell and husband, Josh, Sean Smith and wife,



Lauren; great-grandchildren, Melanie, Caleb, and Brailynn; sisters, Mary Catherine Mitchell and Charlotte Wetzel and husband, Grayson; brothers, Billy Tom Mitchell and wife, Barbara, and Jimmy Neil Mitchell; numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives, and many friends.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Natha (McMinn) Mitchell; and parents, Lloyd Wayne and Madge (McBrayer) Mitchell.

Funeral services were held at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel at Big Spring on Tuesday, Sept. 3. Interment followed at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Wayne and Natha Mitchell Scholarship Fund, 200 N. College, Attn: Brad Holland, Stanton, TX 79782.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com

James Barron

Jan. 6, 1938 - Sept. 1, 2024

James George Barron, age 86, of Jonesboro, passed away at his home on Sept. 1, 2024.

Funeral services will be held at Scott's Funeral Home at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 7, 2024, with Pastor Matt Dossey officiating. Interment will follow at Jonesboro Cemetery. The family will receive visitors on Friday, Sept. 6 from 5 - 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

James Barron was born in Lamesa in 1938 to the late James Francis and Alice Grace Barron. James graduated from high school in Post and then graduated from Wayland Baptist University in Plainview. He received his Master's Degree in Education from Tarleton State University in Stephenville and taught school for a total of 34 years in the following school districts: Tulia, Mound, Turnersville, and Gatesville, where he retired. James was also a rancher in Jonesboro and won most of the battles with the cows and horses.

James married Edith Marilyn Youngblood on Aug. 24, 1958, in House, New Mexico and they remained married for 66 years. James and Edith started their family in Tulia before moving to Jonesboro circa 1965, where they put down permanent roots. James had a deep love for history and shared this love with his family and students. He had a genuine love for his students and tried to see



them the way God would see them. James and his family were the first to bring Brangus cattle to the area, as featured on the Johnny Watkins television show. James loved the church and served as a pastor for a period of time at a church in Justiceburg. He will be remembered for his love for God and his family.

He is preceded in death by his parents and several aunts and uncles.

James is survived by his wife, Edith Barron; children, Mike Barron, and wife, Sonya, Dr. Kay Eaton and husband, Mark, Karen Williams and husband, Steve, Dr. Randall Barron and wife, Shelley, grandchildren, Leila Fincher, Dane Barron, Jamie Barron, Jeremy Eaton, William Eaton, Lucas Eaton, Lindsey Williams, Natalie Williams, Racheal Barron, Rylie Barron, Reese Barron, and Ryan Barron; 11 great-grandchildren; sisters, Frances Spencer and Diana Truett, and nieces and nephews.

Mark Locke

Nov. 19, 1968 - Aug. 29, 2024

Mark Lee Locke, age 55, of Jonesboro, passed away on Aug. 29, 2024. A Celebration of Life will be held on Sept. 14, 2024, at 2 p.m. at Gatesville Church of Christ with Miles Locke officiating.

Mark was born on Nov. 19, 1968, in Gatesville to Miles and Linda Locke. Mark grew up in Gatesville, graduating in 1987. As a child, Mark loved Star Wars and Rubrics Cubes, which he could complete in a minute or less. He loved playing chess and video games and putting together electronic kits from Radio Shack. Mark had three children and raised them in Gatesville. Mark married Jeanne Lock in 2003 and was blessed with two more children. Mark had a brilliant mind and loved computers and technology.

He designed and built CNC routers for Engiplast and other companies and was a self-taught engineer. Mark worked at Engiplast, Inc. in Fort Gates for many years before purchasing the business in 2016 with his nephew.

He was preceded in death by his younger brother, Matthew Worthington and sister, Jeanna Worthington;



cousin, Rusty Trustcott; and grandparents, Cleo and John Dyson and Lucille and Miles Locke, Sr.

Mark is survived by his wife, Jeanne Locke; parents, Linda Worthington and husband, Eugene and Miles Locke and wife, Linda; children, Kaylie Locke, Michael Locke, Bryan Locke, Joseph Easter and Dylan Easter; and sisters, Jennifer Tzoumas and Julie Robison.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Solaris Hospice 205 N US Highway 281, Hamilton, TX 76531.

JW Featherston

Dec. 22, 1945 - Aug. 31, 2024

JW Featherston passed away on Aug. 31, 2024, surrounded by his family. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, Sept. 4 at 2 p.m. at Scott's Funeral Home with Rev. Garland Baker and Rev. Kurt Fuesel officiating. Interment followed at Greenbriar Cemetery.

JW (Scoopy) Featherston was born on Dec. 22, 1945, to the late Robert and Pearl Estelle Featherston in Gatesville. JW was raised in Gatesville and joined the Navy where he met the love of his life while stationed in Boston, Massachusetts. Joan and JW were married in 1967 and celebrated 57 years of marriage. After having children, they returned to Gatesville to raise their family. Scoopy retired from the military and civil service after a total of 34 years of service to his country. In retirement, Scoopy spent his time fishing, hunting, and loving his grandchildren. JW was a member of Mountain Baptist Church, and he loved his church family. He was also on the Board of Directors for the Greenbriar Cemetery.

He is preceded in death by his parents and sisters,



Betty Hooker and Catherine Smith.

Scoopy is survived by his wife, Joan Featherston; daughter, Tammie Clover and husband, Don; sons Robert Featherston and wife, Jenny, and Jimmy Featherston and wife, Janet; grandchildren, Breanna, Katie, Luke, Jacob, Seth, Lauren and husband, Trent, Jeremy, Kallie, and future great-granddaughter, Bonnie; sisters, Nancy Thompson, Martha James, and Ruby Barnard; and brothers, Leslie Featherston, Ray Featherston, and John Featherston. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews and the fish he did not catch.

SUBMITTING AN OBITUARY

Obituaries can be submitted to The Gatesville Messenger online at www.gatesvillemessenger.com/obituaries. Advance payment is required.

Obituaries should come from the funeral home. Obituaries placed by next of kin must be verified with a death certificate or by the facility handling the body. You must provide the contact information for verification when submitting the obituary.

The Gatesville Messenger deadline for obituaries is 10 a.m. Tuesday for the Saturday paper. Deadlines are subject to change during holidays.

CCGS program to feature county historical sites

Submitted item

The program for the Sept. 10 meeting of the Coryell County Genealogical Society will be presented by Sherry Lawrence, who will speak on the Historical Texas Sites Atlas.

The Texas Historical Commission maintains this state-wide atlas on their website, and it is a wonderful resource for historians, genealogists, and Texas travelers. The site has historical descriptions and locations pinpointed on a Texas map, and Coryell County has over one hundred identified sites. Historical sites include cemeteries, archeological investigations, buildings, and other entities that

have received Texas Historical Markers.

While the atlas is a valuable research tool, the main purpose of the information is to provide protection to historical sites that are in proposed construction or land development areas. For this reason, the THC is updating the atlas and has solicited the assistance of the Coryell County Historical Commission. It is hoped that expanding an interest in the atlas will bring more Coryell County historical sites under the protective umbrella of state law.

The public is invited to attend this important meeting at the Gatesville Public Library at 6 p.m.

RECIPE

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

ZUCCHINI CASSEROLE

BY DOROTHY LOVELACE

6-8 zucchini or squash
1 sm. jar sliced pimento
1 green pepper, chopped
1 onion, chopped

1 lb. grated cheese
1 pkg. cornbread jalapeno or plain
1 can mushroom soup undiluted

Peel and slice zucchini; slightly boil 10-15 minutes and drain. Sauté green pepper until tender (do not brown). Mix cornbread and bake. Break cornbread into small pieces. Add to zucchini or squash. Then add soup, green pepper, onion, pimento, and cheese. Mix well. Pour into greased casserole dish and bake at 350 until done.



Zucchini Casserole

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The DISPATCH

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of Aug. 28 - Sep. 3. 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. 28
3:44 a.m., a disturbance was reported in the 2600 block of Mears Drive.
8:42 a.m., an assault was reported in the 2400 block of Bridge Street.
9:23 a.m., illegal dumping was reported in the 1600 block of E. Main Street.
4:46 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 100 block of FM 116.

Aug. 29
3:44 a.m., a disturbance was reported in the 2600 block of Mears Drive.
8:42 a.m., an assault was reported in the 2400 block of Bridge Street.
11:33 a.m., a wanted/stolen person/property was reported in the 2600 block of Mears Drive.
4:46 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 100 block of FM 116.

Aug. 30
1:19 a.m., a burglary was reported in the 500 block of

Andrews Street.
3 a.m., a threat was reported in the 1300 block of Westview Drive.
8:11 a.m., a theft was reported in the 1300 block of Green's Private Drive.
2:16 p.m., an assault was reported in the 800 block of Golf Course Road.

Aug. 31
12:04 a.m., a noise disturbance was reported in the 100 block of Sunny Lane.
10:30 p.m., an intoxicated driver was reported in the 1600 block of E. Main Street.
10:38 p.m., a noise disturbance was reported in the 500 block of Bridge Street.

Sept. 1
12:18 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of Magaldi Street.
4:34 a.m., a disturbance was reported in the 400 block of N. 14th Street.
8:27 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of S. 23rd Street.
11:06 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in

the 1700 block of St. Louis Street.

Sept. 2
6:52 a.m., a burglary was reported in the 100 block of S. State Highway 36 Bypass.
4:55 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 2600 block of E. Main Street.
11:35 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1700 block of E. Main Street.
11:50 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2300 block of Bridge Street.

Sept. 3
9:13 a.m., harassment was reported in the 2600 block of Mears Drive.
4:34 p.m., a theft was reported in the 1200 block of E. Main Street.
5:49 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 100 block of S. 23rd Street.
7:29 p.m., a theft was reported in the 1200 block of W. Main Street.

CORYELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Aug. 28
9:43 a.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 700 block of Northern Hills Road.
10:35 a.m., shots fired were reported in the 700 block of Lutheran Church Road.
12:18 p.m., burglary of a building was reported in the 2700 block of Willow Loop.
1:37 p.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of E. Leon Street.

Aug. 29
2 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 4400 block of FM 1113.
3:36 p.m., a major accident was reported on E. Hwy 84 and County Road 268.
5:41 p.m., a scam was reported in the 2700 block of Willow Loop.
6:42 p.m., harassment was reported in the 100 block of Harrell Drive.

Aug. 30
10:28 a.m., a suspicious vehicle was reported in the 200 block of S. 1st Street.
1:47 p.m., harassment was reported in the 100 block of Benjamin Circle.
2:25 p.m., a stolen vehicle was reported in the 100 block of Main Street.
7:59 p.m., a dog bite was reported in the 900 block of Wedgewood Drive.

Aug. 31
10:58 a.m., trespassing was reported in the 200 block of Harrell Drive.
11:20 a.m., missing livestock was reported in the 1500 block of FM 930.
5:15 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 2500 block of FM 1783.
8:26 p.m., shots fired were reported in the 600 block of FM 116.

Sept. 1
12:47 a.m., trespassing was reported in the 200 block of Harrell Drive.
3:44 a.m., suspicious activity was reported on Old Oglesby Road, 1 mile down.

4:43 p.m., shots fired were reported in the 2800 block of Mulberry Drive.
5:22 p.m., deadly conduct was reported in the 2800 block of Mulberry Drive.

Sept. 2
5:45 p.m., a hunting violation was reported on Lutheran Church Road.
7:07 p.m., a minor accident was reported on FM 182 and N. Highway 36.
7:14 p.m., shots fired were reported in the 2800 block of Mulberry Drive.
8 p.m., a robbery was reported in the 100 block of McKelvine Street.

Sept. 3
12:24 p.m., fraud was reported in the 100 block of Baird Street.
3:54 p.m., abandoned property was reported in the 3800 block of FM 116.
8:30 p.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of E. Leon Street.
10:08 p.m., a major accident was reported on Highway 190/N. Clark and Clear Creek.

USDA updates farm loan programs

Press Release

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announces changes to the Farm Service Agency's (FSA) Farm Loan Programs, effective Sept. 25, 2024 — changes that are intended to increase opportunities for farmers and ranchers to be financially viable. These improvements, part of the Enhancing Program Access and Delivery for Farm Loans rule, demonstrate USDA's commitment to improving farm profitability through farm loans designed to provide important financing options used by producers to cover operating expenses and purchase land and equipment.

Farm loan policy changes outlined in the Enhancing Program Access and Delivery for Farm Loans rule, are designed to better assist borrowers to make strategic investments in the enhancement or expansion of their agricultural operations.

The three most notable policy changes include:

- Establishing a new low-interest installment set-aside program for financially distressed borrowers. Eligible financially distressed borrowers can defer up to one annual loan installment per qualified loan at a reduced interest rate, providing a simpler and expedited option to resolve financial distress in addition to FSA's existing loan servicing programs.
- Providing all eligible loan applicants access to flexible repayment terms that can increase profitability and help build working capital reserves and savings. By creating upfront positive cash flow, borrowers can find opportunities in their farm operating plan budgets to include a reason-

able margin for increased working capital reserves and savings, including for retirement and education.

- Reducing additional loan security requirements to enable borrowers to leverage equity. This reduces the amount of additional security required for direct farm loans, including reducing the frequency borrowers must use their personal residence as additional collateral for a farm loan.

Additional Farm Loan Program Improvements
USDA's FSA has embarked on a comprehensive and systemic effort to ensure equitable delivery of Farm Loan Programs and improve access to credit for small

and mid-size family farms. FSA has also included additional data in its annual report to Congress to provide information that Congress, stakeholders, and the general public need to hold USDA accountable on the progress that has been made in improving services to underserved producers. This year's report shows FSA direct and guaranteed loans were made to a greater percentage of young and beginning farmers and ranchers, as well as improvements in the participation rates of minority borrowers. The report also highlights FSA's microloan program's new focus on urban agriculture operations

and niche market lending, as well as increased support for producers seeking direct loans for farm ownership in the face of increasing land values across the country.

FSA has a significant initiative underway to streamline and automate the Farm Loan Program customer-facing business process. For the over 26,000 producers who submit a direct loan application annually, FSA has made several impactful improvements including:

- The Loan Assistance Tool that provides customers with an interactive online, step-by-step guide to identifying the direct loan products that may be a

fit for their business needs and to understanding the application process.

- The Online Loan Application, an interactive, guided application that is paperless and provides helpful features, including an electronic signature option, the ability to attach supporting documents such as tax returns, complete a balance sheet, and build a farm operating plan.
- An online direct loan repayment feature that relieves borrowers from the necessity of calling, mailing, or visiting a local USDA Service Center to pay a loan installment.
- A simplified direct loan paper application, reduced

from 29 pages to 13 pages. USDA encourages producers to reach out to their local FSA farm loan staff to ensure they fully understand the wide range of loan and servicing options available to assist with starting, expanding, or maintaining their agricultural operation. To conduct business with FSA, please contact your local USDA Service Center.

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

c/o: Dori Ray Mistic
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DATED the 26 day of Aug., 2024.

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BY VIRTUE OF ORDERS OF SALE issued pursuant to judgment decrees of the District Court of Coryell County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date in the hereinafter numbered and styled causes, and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said Court, I have on the 28th day of August, 2024, seized, levied upon, and will on the 1st day of October, 2024, at the at Courthouse Steps, at 10:00 am on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, as provided for by the TEXAS PROPERTY TAX CODE.

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PROP #	CAUSE #	STYLE	PROP DESCRIPTION, ADDRESS, ACCT #	MIN BID
1	CTX-14-03135	Coryell County v Tim Sullivan	Lot 5, Block 6, Town of Leon Junction (V468/P37 DR) CR 347 Acct #116464	\$18,164.71
2	CTX-22-03771	The County of Coryell v Jessica Ann Carpenter, et al	Lot 1, Block 8, Grandview Addition, (#200592) 2001 St Louis St Acct #112595	\$2,447.08
3	CTX-23-03815	The County of Coryell v Luis Pardo	Lot 18, Block 10, Bluestem Estates, 2nd Unit, (#104555 & #104704) 771 Bluestem Dr Acct #117353	\$10,211.12
4	CTX-23-03824	The County of Coryell v Stacy Blackman, et al	A Manufactured Home only, Label #PFS07S8989, Serial #TXFL212A407180012, 15.015 ac, more or less, J. M. Logan Survey, Abstract 671, 435 Greenbriar Rd Acct #129535	\$16,133.40
5	CTX-23-03830	The County of Coryell v Eric Vogt, et al	Lot 34 & Lot 35 Oak Land Acres Subdivision, (#337255 OPR) 501 Ranier Rd Acct #113680 & Acct #113681	\$4,171.94
6	CTX-23-03840	The County of Coryell v Danny W. Wilson, et al	A Manufactured Home only, Label #NTA0608777, Serial #HOTX08804987, 22.14 ac, more or less, J. Burns Survey, Abstract 49, 875 CR 216 Acct #100813	\$3,763.55
7	CTX-23-03849	The County of Coryell v Laura Daniels, et al	5.00 Acres, more or less, Thomas Marshall Survey, Abstract 688, (#290747OPR) 250 CR 207 Acct #106104	\$5,083.69
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- 10.697 ac. Lot 9 Phase 4 Rio Escondido Subdivision Evant, TX, small seasonal stream through the property, good tree coverage, rolling terrain, subdivision is gated with private roads. \$122,500
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- 620 ac. 3 Br, 2 Ba home, fireplace, ceramic tile floors, covered outdoor cooking patio, 38 ft X 25 ft. building. 2 lakes, one being approx. 10 acres and the other one just under 5 acres and 3 smaller stock tanks, approx. 8500 ft of Bee Creek running through the property with 20 ft to 40 ft limestone bluffs along the creek, good rolling terrain, good tree cover. \$6,200,000

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Puzzle answers from the Sept. 5, 2024 issue.

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United Prayer Event to be held Sept. 7

Submitted by Joyce Talbott

The Gatesville Men's Prayer group meets at 12 p.m. every Thursday, and the community is welcome to meet and pray at their table.

As we pray for unity in our community, let us also pray for reunification in our nation. May our nation come together to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God. The economic, cultural, and political stresses of the past years have revealed deep cracks in our foundation. Our political environment is polarized, divided, angry, and charged with emotion. May God empower us to pray and treat others with dignity, respect, and love. May we be an educated electorate who will examine the issues and the candidates and vote in a way that is best for the nation, not just our own well-being. Fill us with TRUTH and DISCERNMENT, so that we may cast votes that reflect your Word.

"We are not seeing terrible things in our culture because we vote the wrong way. We are seeing terrible things in our culture, because men love darkness more than light." Voddie Baucham said.

Let us not only pray for our nation but all nations. Offer prayers for protection of Christian ministries from conversion therapy, protection of Christians from loss of jobs and arrests for living like Christians, that govern-

ments would not continue to implement blasphemy laws, and that society would use its freedoms well - not becoming enslaved to debt, drugs, pornography, or other idols that harm. Pray forgiveness for the church's failure to speak clearly and courageously.

"Without God, there is no virtue, because there's no prompting of the conscience. Without God, we're mired in the material, that flat world that tells us only what the senses perceive. Without God, there is a coarsening of the society. And without God, democracy will not and cannot long endure. If we ever forget that we're one nation under God, then we will be a nation gone under." President Ronald Reagan said on Aug. 23, 1984.

Many local churches have committed to prayer during this time, and congregations have organized prayer vigils. Any, and all, are welcome to join from wherever they are. Don't wait to sign up for a prayer slot, don't wait for the vigil to start, and don't stop when it ends. Pray the word, pray without ceasing, pray - shine the light into darkness.

First Methodist Church will have their doors open from Saturday, Sept. 7 from 6 a.m. to Sept. 8 at 6 a.m.

Those desiring more information can contact Debbie Martin at 254-216-0907, or Joyce Talbott at 254-223-0032, or by email at cjtalbott304@gmail.com.



Sixteen individuals are pictured meeting at a local restaurant for their prayer group, which includes Don Strieber, Eric Moffett, Gene Braziel, John Tombaugh, Wes Whitzel, Ed Leach, Keller Clements, Dawson Abrams, Seth Yorgesen, Kent Hollenbech, Sam Rhudy, Tom Creek, Paul Parker, Richard Mitchell, Jim Page, and Charles Talbott (taking photo).

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Williams becomes Chamber of Commerce's newest Liaison

BY KAYLEE DUSANG
Staff Writer

After successfully opening Candy Pet Palace 17 years ago, owner Yvonne Williams is stepping into a new role where she can help other businesses thrive in the community.

As the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce's newest Chamber Liaison, Williams aims to collaborate with local businesses and non-profits by helping them grow their recognition in the public.

"I'm very big about getting businesses into the community's eye as far as advertising, such as social media, the newspaper, and website," Williams said. "There are several avenues that I can go to help get our members out there in the community."

Williams plans to utilize different marketing techniques to highlight the events and expertise of Chamber members and other businesses, such as through Facebook and Instagram Reels.

"There are a lot of businesses that have a lot to offer, but people may not know exactly what," she said. "That's what I would like to do - start showing

what people offer."

Along with promoting businesses within the community, Williams hopes to share some of the resources and knowledge she has gained from operating her own business with other entrepreneurs. "I built that business from the ground up," she said.

Williams' work experience begins at HEB Grocery Store where she started working at only 16 years old. After 20 years at HEB, she used her savings to open Candy Pet Palace - a pet grooming, boarding, and mobile boarding business.

Without a college business degree, Williams said she had to navigate the industry on her own.

"It is possible for someone who doesn't have a college degree to own a business. There are a lot of certificates out there that I think people don't know about," Williams said. "I'm going to try to get all of that kind of information out."

While her parents taught her work ethics and morals, she said the managers at HEB helped show her how to use those work ethics.

"As far as running a busi-

ness, that's how it really prepared me to do this because this is basically what (the Chamber) is - even though it's a nonprofit, it's still a business organization," Williams said.

Williams first got involved with the Chamber after volunteering to help organize the Art in the Shadow event, an art show for local artists that took place during the weekend of the total solar eclipse in April. This experience led her to join the Chamber as an ambassador, so she could continue contributing to the community.

"It just kind of lit a fire under me," she said.

After helping with the Chamber's annual Gatesville Shivarree event, she knew she wanted to take on the role as Chamber Liaison when the position became available.

Chamber of Commerce President Mason Matthews said via email that he looks forward to seeing Williams fulfill the organization's mission statement, "Growing Business. Building Community."

"The Gatesville Chamber of Commerce is proud to welcome Yvonne Williams as the newest Chamber Liaison," Matthews said. "Yvonne brings a wealth of business knowledge and community-minded ideas to the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce. As a 17-year business owner of Candy's Pet Palace and More, Yvonne knows the importance of doing business locally and the value that the Chamber of Commerce may add to one's business."

As she settles into the role, Williams said she is always open to fresh ideas from the community that she can implement at the Chamber. Some of her own plans include opening the Chamber's office, the



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The Gatesville Chamber of Commerce recently welcomed their new Chamber Liaison, Yvonne Williams.



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Historic Cotton Belt Depot, as a space that people can rent for smaller events like birthday parties. In addition, she hopes to begin a series of classes that different businesses can host so people can learn more about their area of expertise.

Williams encourages business owners and people in the community to help support the Chamber's efforts

by becoming a member or an ambassador.

"It is really a lot of fun, because you get to fellowship, you get to converse, and you get to meet all kinds of people in different walks of life," she said. "It really is fun and is very rewarding."

The Chamber of Commerce serves as a resource and meeting spot for local businesses that helps

promote their growth in Gatesville. It also serves as a visitors' center, offering maps, business cards, pamphlets for surrounding areas, visitor guides, Texas State Park information, and more.

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Nutrition Supervisor Camilla Edge is pictured preparing a hot meal for the senior center and her Meals on Wheels clients.

Edge provides nutritious meals to folks at the senior center

BY ALEXANDRA MEELBUSCH
Staff Writer

With National Nutrition Week being observed from Sunday, Sept. 1 to Saturday Sept. 7, local senior center Nutrition Supervisor Camilla Edge sheds light on the importance of a healthy meal.

"Nutrition is important for seniors because of their age. They need to be as healthy as they can be," Edge said.

Since she prepares around 500 meals a week on her own, she makes it a priority to visit the grocery store at least twice a week to restock what she needs for her kitchen.

She makes each meal based off a recipe guideline book, which gives the proper measurements to give the seniors enough nutritional value. Each plate will always include a main entree with two sides of

various vegetables.

When Edge first began her journey with the senior center, she was only assembling around 25 meals a day for both Meals on Wheels clients and the congregation at the facility. Since then, she now prepares around 92 meals a day.

"A lot of the times, the food from the senior center is all they get," she said. "I know how important my job is, and it is an honor to feed the Meals on Wheels people, but I also realize that they need that one meal, and some of them depend on it."

Her job holds a special place in her heart since she personally has ties to having to take care of elderly members of her family.

"I took care of my mother-in-law when she got Alzheimer's," she said. "She didn't know when she was hungry or when she needed

to eat, but when I put food in front of her, she would eat it."

"People have lives and they don't mean to forget about their loved ones; they have to work and pay their bills, but a lot of the time the elderly struggle and need extra support, so that is what I am here for," she said.

She expressed that she wants her seniors to have a hot meal everyday just like everyone else does.

Due to a recent increase of Edge preparing over 1,700 meals a month, Director Pam Rudolph and Edge were recognized for providing hot meals to elderly individuals in the community.

"I love my seniors, and I want them to be healthy," Edge said.

To enjoy a hot meal each week, visit the Gatesville Senior Center located at 208 North Lutterloh Avenue.

Smith, Saunders, and stout defense lead Gatesville past Taylor

BY CHRIS ALLMAN
Contributing Writer

Rayshon Smith ran for 255 yards and three touchdowns, and the Gatesville defense forced seven turnovers as the Hornets opened their season with a 42-27 win over the Taylor Ducks on Aug. 30.

Though Gatesville was clearly the better football team from the start, they only dominated the game for a brief stretch in the third quarter when they turned a 7-7 halftime tie into a 28-7 lead in a matter of minutes. They committed six turnovers in the game – including one inside the Taylor 5-yard line – and had a touchdown run called back due to a penalty.

All of it added up to a win even if head coach Aaron Hunter didn't love the way it looked. Or felt.

"To say that I felt like we won, I would be lying. I literally had like a bad taste in my mouth," said Hunter. "But we did win. I think for us to respond the way we did and make the plays we need and make them in order for us to still have a chance to win the game...it's good. It's good to battle."

In addition to the battle being waged on the field,

Gatesville also had to account for the battle against nerves as a significant number of players were making their varsity debuts. Hunter thought nerves played a part in Gatesville's uneven offensive performance.

Though all of the new starters played on Gatesville's 2023 junior varsity district championship team, Friday nights are just a different experience.

"Oh yeah, 100%. Our quarterback and four out of our five offensive linemen played on JV last year. Then you look at like in the secondary, we have basically, we only have like four to five guys that are playing the same position," he said.

Gatesville's first turnover of the game came when quarterback Gehrig Keeton was drilled in the back as he threw, and the ball landed in the hands of a Taylor defender, who ran it back 57 yards for a score and a 7-0 lead.

In his first varsity start, Keeton threw for 121 yards and guided the Hornets on six scoring drives. He connected on deep passes to Amos Phillips and Jack Erwin and on short screens to Smith and fullback Brayden

Saunders. In between, he kept handing it to Smith and Saunders, who helped Gatesville rack up 340 rushing yards total in the game.

Hunter lauded his junior signal-caller for enduring a wild first start.

"I told him after the game Friday, he literally got put through fire. It's his first game, everything's going wrong, we're not protecting. Yeah, he got put through it," said Hunter.

After the Ducks took their 7-0 lead, Daniel Gonzalez quickly tied the game 7-7 on the next offensive possession when he took a jet sweep and raced 51 yards untouched to tie the game.

Neither team would score again in the first half as the Hornets defense put the Ducks offense on lock down. The Hornets had four interceptions in the game, including two on the first half. Phillips picked off his first pass of the season in the first quarter. Then freshman Grady Keeton picked up an interception in the second quarter.

In the second half, Smith took over.

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GHS varsity football standouts, pictured clockwise, are Xavier Clater, Rayshon Smith, Brayden Saunders, and Logan Morgan.



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Oglesby ISD Principals Casey Melton and Keegan Webb are pictured with the 120th Infantry Brigade Green Team in front of the campus' "Our Adopted School" sign.

OISD partners with Fort Cavazos for "Adopt-A-School" program

BY ALEXANDRA MEELBUSCH
Staff Writer

Across Central Texas, you will see various "Our Adopted School" signs, marked with U.S. Army units. The signs are meant to represent a school district taking part in the "Adopt-A-School" (AAS) program, which is what Oglesby Independent School District recently accomplished.

The Adopt-A-School program allows soldiers from different units within Fort Cavazos to partner with schools to be an extra resource. The soldiers adopt a school to teach, coach, men-

tor, and inspire students throughout the school year.

Fort Cavazos' Adopt-A-School program spans within nine school districts consisting of 116 schools partnered with over 90 military units.

"One of our junior high teachers, Amanda Fisher, had reached out to me last year about having affiliation with a military group from Ft. Cavazos and inquired about getting them involved with school for special events, such as our Veterans Day Program, our annual Elementary Christ-

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COURTESY PHOTO

The Oglesby varsity Tiger football team played against Abbott High School on Friday, Aug. 30.

OHS Tiger football falls to Abbott, 68-40

BY TOM NORRELL
Contributing Writer

The Oglesby varsity Tigers are number two in Division II and fell to number two Division I, Abbott Panthers, by the score of 68-40 on Friday, Aug. 30 in Oglesby.

The Tigers scored the first two touchdowns of the night and remained close with half ending 30-28, Abbott. Miscues and turnovers in the second half allowed the panthers to pull away for the win.

Offensively for the Tigers, senior number one, Tyler Fossett, six-man preseason player of year, did not disappoint, scoring three touchdowns, and passing for 109 yards for total of 351 total yards.

Senior number seven, Alex Castillo, rushed for 134 yards, including a 70-yard kickoff

return for touchdown and one pass reception for 41 yards and a touchdown.

Junior number 20, Jack Hendricks, had 11 carries for five and a half yards, two receptions for 22 for total of 33.5 total yards, and scored two receiving PAT'S. Hendricks also blocked well from his end position.

Freshman number four, Holdyn Goff, had two carries for 12 yards and one 10-yard kickoff return for a total of 22 yards.

Sophomore number 10, Kayson Campbell, had two receptions for 53 yards.

Senior number five, Hunter Ewing, provided great blocking throughout the night.

Number 32, Jaxon Markum,

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SPORTS Roundup

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Gatesville Tennis

BY JOHN ENGLISH
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Jonesboro Rolls Against Abilene Christian

The Jonesboro football team opened the season in style last week, defeating Abilene Christian by a score of 60-13.

Coach Eddie Gallegos said that he was pleased with the effort against the Panthers but said he still sees room for improvement.

"It was a typical week one game," Gallegos said. "We had some things that we needed to clean up, but we played hard and were physical."

Gallegos said he did have a couple of standout performances in the game on the defensive side of the ball.

"Truett and Pate Foote created a ton of pressure on their quarterback and allowed the defense to pitch a shutout," Gallegos said. Jonesboro will play at 6

p.m. on Sept. 6, at Westbrook.

Oglesby Loses Season Opener to Abbott

The Tigers football team came up short against Abbott on Friday night, losing to the Panthers by a score of 68-40.

Abbott entered the game as the No. 2 ranked 1A/Six-Man Division I team in the state and coach Jeb Dixon said that the Panthers provided his team with some top-level competition that would serve an important purpose in the Tigers' quest for state.

"Abbott is a very good team," Dixon said. "We had some good and bad moments. We have them on the schedule because we knew they would expose some things we need to fix. Our kids played hard."

Kyler Fossett was 26-242 with three rushing touchdowns in the game, and

Alex Castillo had a receiving touchdown for the Tigers.

Oglesby will play at 7 p.m. on Sept. 6, at May.

Lady Eagles Split With Champion, Place Second at Zephyr Tourney

The Jonesboro volleyball team defeated Bluff Dale on Thursday in the Zephyr Tournament but lost to them in the championship game of the tournament to finish second overall.

Coach Tori Smith said her team's performance in the win over Bluff Dales was a bit of a mixed bag.

"We had some communication issues and bad passes that got us down, but overall, a good match up when they are making some good judgment calls and helping each other out to cover the short serves," Smith said. "We have some things to work on before district, but we will be ready."

Smith said she had a cou-

ple of strong performances.

"Julie Henderson has some great hits and dominated at the serve line," Smith said. "Both setters Kyleigh Walker and Ella Gustin stepped up when we had to make those adjustments."

The Lady Eagles beat Santo, Rochelle, and Bluff Dale in the tournament.

Gatesville Has Strong Showing in Athens

The Gatesville volleyball team went 4-1 in the Athens tournament this past weekend.

Coach Janey Weber said that she was pleased with the showing at the tournament but said she was even more happy at the fact that she is able to continue to evaluate depth and talent.

"We were able to play some different teams that we normally don't see," Weber said. "Tournament season is nice, since you are getting so many game reps in,

but you also get to see what your team is doing well and what we need to work on. We are ready to get back in the groove of practices and continue to work hard. District is only a few weeks away."

Hornets Place Fifth at Brownwood Invitational

The Gatesville boys cross country team finished fifth at the Brownwood Invitational last week in a field of 26 schools.

Three Hornets runners finished in the top 15 at the race.

Justin Muegge was 12th overall with a time of 17:37.14, while Jack Armstrong finished 14th with a time of 17:38.91, and Malachi Olvera was 15th with a time of 17:42.04.

On the girl's side, Vania Martinez was the top runner for Gatesville with a time of 13:20.62 in the 3200 Meter run.

Lady Elks Reach Championship Bracket

The Evant Elks reached the championship bracket of the Zephyr Tournament this past weekend with 2-0 victories over Rochelle, Lometa, and Olfen.

Evant finished third overall in the competition.

Standout performances over the three-victory streak include the following:

Harley Weeks - 12 points, 5 aces, 7 kills, 36 assists, 6 digs

Jolyce Acosta - 18 points, 7 aces, 3 kills, 6 digs

Molly Waldrum - 16 points, 7 aces, 22 kills, 8 digs, 1 block

Bree Ramirez - 23 points, 11 aces, 8 kills, 6 assists, 11 digs

Luwi Rodriguez - 17 points, 5 kills, 7 digs

Izzy Gandy - 19 points, 6 aces, 9 kills, 1 assist, 13 digs

Daritzza Escamilla - 4 points, 2 aces, 1 dig



HORNETS NEST

GATESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

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RICKEY PHILLIPS

GISD Athletic Director

FALL SPORTS UPDATE

...GHS Cross Country: The annual Bill Bradley Invitational will be held here Sept. 12.

It's the chance for you to watch locally as GHS and GJHS runners participate. High school races will be held that morning, and junior high divisions will run in the afternoon.

In recent outings, the Hornet boys were 5th among 33 team entries at the Brownwood Invitational. Justin Muegge (12th), Jack Armstrong (14th), and Malachi Olvera (15th) emerged with Top 15 finishes. The Hornet girls came in 16th out of 33 teams. The JH 8th girls won their division!

...GHS Football: Varsity will be playing at Mexia in its next outing Sept. 13, then host old rival McGregor in the GHS Homecoming game on Sept. 20.

For those that will be returning for Homecoming,

you will want to check out GHS' Homecoming Festival on Thursday, Sept. 19, on the Methodist Church field. There will be plenty of games and attractions, food and drink vendors, Senior march and the Lighting of the G.

...GHS Team Tennis: The Hornets will play at Glen Rose on Sept. 12. GHS recently swept Waco University, winning all 19 matches that were played in that head-to-head match.

...GHS Volleyball: As the start of District 23-4A play inches closer, GHS has a pair of non-league road games next week - Tuesday at Lampasas, Friday at GHS High.

The Hornet varsity just recently completed its 3-week tournament stretch, playing 22 matches in a span of 19 days, claiming gold in one and winning consolation at another stopover.

NOTES AND NOTES

...And speaking of the

Bill Bradley Invitational, for those that do not know, it's named in honor of the former GHS principal, girls' coach, and administrator. Bradley fielded some powerful teams in basketball, cross country, and track. He led the then-Hornette cagers to the 1976 state tournament, and he could tell you a day or two before most track meets within a point or two how most district track meets were going to finish. He was notorious for walking the halls of GHS that week searching for a few more fourth, fifth, and sixth places.

...Friday night coverage: Hornet football has plenty of coverage each Friday night. Lee Jaynes and Hornet Radio provide live stream play-by-play, Jason Moore handles GHS' live stats and updates for MaxPreps, and Chris Allman does a knock-out job of handling the Hornets' social media presence and coverage within these pages.

...If you'd like to keep up with all Hornet teams, check out GISD Athletics' Daily Updates at www.gatesvilleathletics.com and click the Update link in the News/Messages box. Updates are posted Monday-Saturday each week and include that day's schedule of events, re-

sults from the previous day, and other news.

COLLEGE COMMITMENTS

GHS has already had two senior student-athletes make early commitments to extend their careers to their collegiate level.

Kinlee Gardner and Raylee Glover have verbally committed to Navarro College and Weatherford College, respectively. There will be at least two other athletes make their commitments later in the 2024-2025 school year.

Proud to say that GHS Athletics has had 16 athletes sign National Letters of Intent in the last five years. It's nice to see all of the hard work, commitment, and extra time from our kids and parents be rewarded. As we always say, these things don't just happen by accident.

Social media threads

Several of our sports have their own social media accounts and do a great job of recognizing and promoting their program and athletes. There are also some "friends of the program" that handle much of the social media work, adding an unbelievable professional touch to those sports' com-

munication threads.

CHECK OUT THESE SPORTS:

GHS Baseball: Gatesville Hornet Baseball (Facebook), [fightinhornetbaseball](https://www.instagram.com/fightinhornetbaseball) (Instagram), [@GHornetBaseball](https://www.instagram.com/GHornetBaseball) (X).

GHS Girls Basketball: [Gatesville_girls_basketball](https://www.instagram.com/gatesville_girls_basketball) (Instagram), [@GatesvilleB](https://www.instagram.com/GatesvilleB) (X).

GHS Boys Basketball: [Gatesville Hornet Boys Basketball](https://www.facebook.com/GatesvilleHornetBoysBasketball) (Facebook), [GatesvilleHoops](https://www.instagram.com/GatesvilleHoops) (Instagram), [@GatesvilleHoops](https://www.instagram.com/GatesvilleHoops) (X).

GHS Football: [Gatesville Fightin' Hornet Football](https://www.facebook.com/FightinHornetFootball) (Facebook), [GatesvilleFootball](https://www.instagram.com/GatesvilleFootball) (Instagram), [@FightinHornetFB](https://www.instagram.com/FightinHornetFB) (X).

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GHS Softball: [Fighting Hornet Softball](https://www.facebook.com/FightingHornetSoftball) (Facebook), [@GatesvilleSB](https://www.instagram.com/GatesvilleSB) (X).

GHS Tennis: [Gatesville High School Tennis Team](https://www.facebook.com/GatesvilleHighSchoolTennisTeam) (Facebook).

GHS Track and Cross Country: [@1day2flat](https://www.facebook.com/1day2flat) (Facebook), [@GatesvilleX](https://www.instagram.com/GatesvilleX) (X).

GHS Volleyball: [Gatesville Volleyball](https://www.facebook.com/GatesvilleVolleyball) (Facebook), [GatesvilleVolleyball](https://www.instagram.com/GatesvilleVolleyball) (Instagram).

GJHS Boys Athletics: [@Gatesvillejh](https://www.instagram.com/Gatesvillejh) (X).

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Monday, Sept. 9
Volleyball: 7th-8th at Robinson

Tuesday, Sept. 10
Volleyball: Varsity-JV-9th at Lampasas

Thursday, Sept. 12
Cross Country: GHS Bill Bradley Invitational
Cross Country: GJHS Bill Bradley Invitational
Football: 9th-JV vs. Mexia
Football: JV White vs. Marble Falls
Football: 7th-8th at Mexia
Tennis: Varsity at Glen Rose, JV at Glen Rose
Volleyball: JV-9th in West tournament

Friday, Sept. 13
Football: Varsity at Mexia
Volleyball: Varsity-JV-9th at Waco High

Saturday, Sept. 14
Volleyball: JV-9th in West tournament
Volleyball: GJHS hosts 7th-8th A-B tournament

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HORNETS

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On the first play of the second half, he ran past, over, and through the Taylor defense for a 60-yard touchdown to give Gatesville a 14-7 lead. After the Ducks fumbled the kickoff, Smith scored again - this time from 3-yards out to push the lead to 21-7.

On the ensuing kickoff, Grady Keeton recovered a surprise onside kick. Then Smith scored three plays later to give Gatesville a 28-7 lead.

The 255-yard effort against Taylor was the fourth 200-yard rushing game of Smith's career and his second-highest single game total. He ran for 262 yards as a sophomore in a win over Godley. He now has 3,030 rushing yards in 24 career varsity games.

"He was as advertised," said Hunter. "He's just a different kid. He's typically very to-himself but he wasn't on Friday night. He was even getting water for our defensive guys late in the game. And so for him to get those accolades and for him to have those moments, he's definitely earned them."

Smith's partner in pain on Friday night was Saunders. The bruising fullback ran for 44 yards and two touchdowns and also caught two passes for 50 yards. On his first reception, he leapt over a Taylor defender for extra yardage. On his second catch, he lowered his shoulder and separated a Taylor defender from their helmet.

"He's blue collar. He's just a tough, hard-nosed kid. He's a hard-working kid, and you can coach him hard," said Hunter.

Taylor cut the Gatesville lead to 28-21 and had the ball in the fourth when junior Clark Allman hauled in Gatesville's fourth interception of the night and returned it to the Taylor 8-yard line. Saunders punched in his first touchdown four plays later for a 35-21 lead.

Taylor responded with a 53-yard touchdown strike to cut the lead to 35-27 but Gatesville scored again on their ensuing drive. Smith ran for 22 yards on the first play of the drive. Then Saunders capped it with a 22-yard scoring run.

Taylor's last-ditch effort was thwarted when line-backer Zavier Clater forced a fumble that was recovered by Logan Morgan.

Clater, Morgan, Phillips, Dutch Nielsen, and Kaden Coffman are all returners on defense and helped hold the Ducks to 34 yards rushing and only 14 offensive points.

Morgan had the best night of his career with 11 tackles, a fumble recovery, and an interception of his own. Clater had ten tackles, including two for a loss and a sack. Nielsen and Coffman each had a tackle for a loss.

Saunders led the team in receiving with 50 yards on two catches, while Erwin (35 yards), Phillips (21 yards), and Smith (15 yards) each had catches.

Gatesville played No. 2 ranked Glen Rose in their home opener on Sept. 6. They will travel to Mexia on Sept. 13 before returning home to host McGregor for Homecoming on Sept. 20.

Coryell Health opens Saturday sports injury clinic for student athletes

Coryell Health Orthopedic Team available on Saturday mornings to treat sports injuries

Press Release

(GATESVILLE, TX - August 29, 2024) Coryell Health Orthopedics is pleased to begin offering a special Saturday Sports Injury Clinic starting Saturday, Aug. 31 through Friday, Nov. 8, 2024.

The Saturday Clinic will address any injuries sustained during Friday night sports activities. Coryell Health understands injuries can be an unfortunate part of athletics, and our goal is to provide prompt and professional care to ensure our local students' health and safety.

The Coryell Health Saturday Sports Injury Clinic

practitioners are Dr. Jacob Battle, Orthopedic Surgeon; Dr. Lance Ellis, Orthopedic Surgeon; and Kristin Hill, APRN FNP-C RNFA.

Details of the Saturday Sports Injury Clinic:

- Date: Every Saturday following Friday night sports events

- Time: 10 a.m. - noon
- If a student-athlete cannot come to the Sports Injury Clinic during the scheduled hours, please contact us directly to schedule an appointment. We will do our best to accommodate their needs.

- Location: 227 Memorial Drive, Clinic Bldg. 2, Gatesville, TX 76528

- Services offered: Evaluation, treatment, and management of sports injuries.

"Providing specialized orthopedic care post injury for student athletes will provide convenience and peace of mind to our local athletic communities. We have already been in touch with local ISD trainers, but we also anticipate word of mouth to spread as parents learn about the quick access care for injuries such as sprains, strains, fractures, and concussions. By offering this service on Saturdays, we aim to reduce the need for emergency room visits and ensure that local athletes receive the best care possible in a

timely manner," said Dr. Jacob Battle, board-certified orthopedic and sport medicine specialist.

"Once the patients are accessed, they will be treated right there at the Saturday clinic or scheduled for advanced diagnostic testing, such as MRI or CT scan, and receive rapid appointments for specialty care referrals, if necessary," said Kristin Hill, APRN FNP-C RNFA, orthopedic specialist.

What to bring:

- Insurance information and/or school insurance information
- List of current medications

- Consent to treat (if without legal guardian)

Appointments are not necessary, as we will see patients on a first-come, first-served basis. However, if parents would like to schedule an appointment on a different date for their child, please feel free to contact us at (254) 865-2166.

Coryell Health is dedicated to providing the highest quality equipment and care with the most up-to-date education available to help young athletes return to their previous level of activity as quickly and safely as possible.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Coryell Health's Kristin Hill, APRN FNP-C RNFA, Orthopedic Specialist and Dr. Jacob Battle, Orthopedic Surgeon will be available on Saturdays to help treat the sports injuries of student athletes.

ADOPT

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mas program, and Field Day," Oglesby ISD Principal Casey Melton said.

"Of course, we jumped on the idea of having extra support on campus and loved that we could offer opportunities to continue building our community outreach and involvement," she said.

The rest became history, as Oglesby ISD began to have a unit on campus throughout the year for various events and activities.

"The unit, as well as our campus, enjoyed the relationship and support of having military personnel on campus so much that we inquired about making it official and becoming an Adopt a Unit school,"

Melton said. "With all the needed approvals, we were able to make that happen, and here we are this year kicking it off with our new unit and official signage."

She mentioned that this is an opportunity for Oglesby ISD to partner with Fort Cavazos to receive military contributions such as resources and services to support the intellectual, emotional, social, and physical growth of children in this area.

"The intent is grounded in the conviction that a successful public education system is directly related to a dedicated and supportive family and community," she said. "We believe that

parental and community involvement is essential for the maximum educational development of a child."

The program provides military resources and services to help schools nurture the intellectual, emotional, social, and physical growth of children. Students can benefit from the connection they form with the soldiers who visit the school.

Melton expressed that there are numerous ways the AAS program will provide resources and services.

"We are still working with our unit to plan and increase involvement this school year, but we know our big events will include

interactions at our Veteran's Day program, support at our Elementary Christmas program, and engagement at our end of year field day event," she said.

A few of the future partnership activities may include the military serving as guest readers, judging school-wide events, assisting the school counselor, participation in Red Ribbon Week, and many other school activities related to mentors, tutors, and role models.

"The school can serve by inviting personnel from Fort Cavazos to participate or attend award ceremonies, recognize the partnership with thank you notes, and

overall contribute many of our resources to developing a solid and friendly partnership," Melton said.

"The unit has been very supportive in attending school events this year as extra eyes and ears on our first day of school and being present at home sporting events," she said.

"Our students benefit from the relationship it establishes with us and our neighboring military partner," she said. "Students get exposure to community involvement, positive interaction with the military service members and opportunities to be mentored with positive adult relationships."

TIGERS

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threw for two PAT's and kicked one for a total of four points.

Defensively for Tigers, Number seven, Alex Cas-

tillo, led defense with nine tackles. Number one, Tyler Fossett, had 8 tackles. Number four, Holdyn Goff, had six tackles. Number 20, Jack

Hendricks, had five tackles. Number 10, Kayson Campbell, had three tackles and one fumble recovery in the end zone for a touchdown.

Number eight, Jackson Tip-pit, had one tackle. Number 14, Aiden Oxford, had one tackle.

The Tigers re-grouped

and traveled to May to take on the May Tigers on Friday, Sept. 6.

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Texan Soccer notches second victory of the weekend against Texas A&M-Commerce

Tarleton State University

The match lasted over four hours, after a lengthy pair of weather delays

COMMERCE - Tarleton State Soccer notched its second-straight victory with a 1-0 victory against Texas A&M-Commerce Sunday, Sept. 1 at the Lions Soccer Field.

The Texans (3-1-3) earned their second victory in three days, handing the Lions (1-3-1) their first home loss of the season. A two-hour weather delay caused a four hour game from start to finish, the longest this season for either team.

Stevie Reynolds recorded her second goal in as many games to increase her Texan total to two as well. Adelaide Wyrzynski was active taking three shots with

a pair landing on goal.

Goalkeeper Mikayla Kendall had to earn all six of her saves for her second solo shutout and fourth total shutout of the season. Kendall thwarted many Lions' chances along with her defense keeping the Lions scoreless throughout the 90 minutes.

The game started at 7 p.m. and lasted 10 minutes and 12 seconds before play was halted due to lightning in the area. After a 42-minute delay, the weather cleared and teams started to warm up to resume play. Split seconds before the match was set to restart, lightning was in the area again and play was delayed for a second time. After a total delay of two hours, play resumed just past 9:15 p.m. local time.

Neither team was able to push anything across in the first half. The Lions outshot the Texans, 10-2 with a 4-1 advantage on goal. Wyrzynski had the best Texan chance of the first half in the final five minutes. A diving Lions keeper kept the game deadlocked at zero.

The Texans struck first less than two minutes into the second half. Reynolds found a loose ball that sneaked away from the goalie out in front of the goal and deposited it in the back of the net for her second goal of the season.

Less than 15 minutes later, the Lions had their best scoring chance of the match at that point, when a Lion attacker fired a point-blank shot at Kendall at the corner of the post. Kendall



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deflected it out preserving the Texans 1-0 lead.

The Lions nearly tied the

game in the final minute. The Commerce attacker

hit the far-left post and it

bounced away, the final Lion attempt at breaking

the tie.

Tarleton State University Cross Country opens season with two 2nd place team finishes

Tarleton State University

FORT WORTH - Tarleton State Cross Country started off its 2024 campaign with a pair of second-place team finishes and nine runners in the top 20 at the John McKenzie Invitational at the TCU/ AP Ranch Championship Cross Country Course.

A year after both teams earned fifth place finishes

at the John McKenzie Invitational, the Texans improved to place both teams in the top two. Tarleton notched the best finishes of both men and women among WAC teams participating.

"It was a great day for our program," said Tarleton State track and field and cross country head coach Bobby Carter. "Both the men's and women's teams taking second is a great step

improving from last year to this year. We want to be at the top of the conference, and we can build from here to reach our goal."

Standout performances led the Texan programs to its best finish at the John McKenzie Invitational. The duo of Morgan Lamberson and Sage Lancaster headlined the five Texan women who placed in the top 20. The duo finished fourth

and seventh, respectively. The men's pack, led by Jace Poole's 10th place finish, placed four men in the top 15.

"I really appreciate everyone's effort this summer and into the fall and it showed today," said distance coach Christopher Zent. "I liked that the guys ran as a pack and moved together and moved past conference competition. The women's team moved up after a good start and they were aggressive and competitive. They looked a lot stronger than previous years and I am very excited to see what they can do moving forward."

WOMEN'S

The women's 5K kicked off the competition with the starting gun at 7:45 a.m. After the first kilometer, the Texan duo of Lamberson and Lancaster found themselves in the front with Kailey Sykora and Georgina Balderas right behind them. In total, five Texans landed in the top 20, with a pair in the top 10. Last year Lancaster was the top finisher in 17th.

Lamberson fought hard for a fourth-place finish

followed behind closely by Lancaster who crossed seventh. Lamberson clocked in at 18:40.68 a year after missing the cross country regular season and missing last year's opener at TCU. Lancaster was just 10 seconds back finishing in 18:50.69. Sykora crossed in 11th at 19:05.09. Georgina Balderas and Ella Smart rounded out the Texan five scoring runners finishing in 18th and 19th place, respectively.

TCU earned the women's team title with four runners finishing in the top six overall. TCU's 24 points led the pack, with Tarleton's 55 earning the Texans second place. TCU's duo of Tabitha Ngao and McKenzie Bailey earned the top two individual finishes in 17:47.95 and 17:58.32, respectively.

MEN'S

The men's 5K started shortly after the conclusion of the women's top finishers. The Texans traveled in a pack with the group of seniors Angel Gomez and Angel Contreras and newcomers Poole and Toby Eaton taking the lead. The quad each recorded top 15

finishes.

Poole led the group of four that finished consecutively from 10th to 13th place. Poole led the pack finishing in 15:18.26. Gomez was not far behind finishing in 15:21.67 for 11th place. Freshman Toby Eaton was the third Texan to finish, trailing just behind Gomez at 15:22.99. Contreras rounded out the pack claiming 13th in 15:24.27. Diego Flores was the last Texan scoring runner notching 25th in 15:50.46.

Once again, TCU grabbed the team title boosting a perfect score of 15 with a first through fifth place sweep. The Texans registered as the second finishing team with 66 points. TCU's Graydon Morris took the individual crown with a time of 14:48.31. Three TCU runners eclipsed the 15-minute mark with a pair just a second over to round out the top five.

Tarleton will be back in action in two weeks, heading to the Texas A&M Invitational Friday, Sept. 13. The race will mark the first of three times this season the Texans will head to Bryan-College Station to compete at the Watts Cross Country Course.



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Tarleton State Volleyball falls in final day of Lion Invitational

Tarleton State University

COMMERCE - The Tarleton State volleyball program dropped the finale of the Lion Invitational in four sets (23-25, 20-25, 25-15, 18-25) to the host, Texas A&M-Commerce Saturday, Aug. 31 at The Field House.

After their first tournament of the season, the Texans end the weekend 0-3. Texas A&M-Commerce finishes the weekend 2-1. Arkansas-Little Rock was the Lion Invitational champion with a perfect 3-0 slate.

Allison Bryant led or tied for the Texan lead in kills in each of the three games this weekend. Throughout the three games she combined for 41 kills, 15 digs, two blocks and an ace. On

Saturday against the Lions she tied for the team-lead in kills with Madison Frank each totaling 14.

Megan Hodges, a night after setting a new career high in assists, posted 35. Addison Goss led the way with 23 digs, followed by Emma Halcomb with 19. Stéphanie Sarnezan made her first start of the season and notched four blocks.

The first set was the definition of back-and-forth featuring 14 ties and eight lead changes. Neither team led by more than three at any time during the set and that was a rare occasion. Bryant led the attack for the Texans notching six kills during the first frame. The Texans forced ties on multiple

points, but were unable to break through for the lead until a block by Burke and Hodges gave the Texans a 6-5 advantage. Tarleton dropped behind but was able to regain the lead 16-15 on a kill by Tatum Busch. Ultimately the Lions used a 3-0 run to take a 23-20 lead, which the Texans were unable to surmount, falling 25-23 in the opening stanza.

The second frame started out the same with neither team taking more than a three-point advantage until Commerce took a 22-18 lead. The set featured nine ties and four lead changes. Tarleton used a 4-1 run to take its biggest lead of the match, 12-9. The Lions responded to tie the frame at

15 all. Back-to-back points gave the Texans their final lead of the stanza, 17-15. The Lions claimed seven of the final nine points of the frame to take the second set, 25-20.

The Texans broke through on the third stanza with a statement. After starting the frame even at four, Tarleton exploded with a 12-2 run to distance themselves with the Lions, 16-6. During the run, Busch tallied three aces in a mini 7-0 run. Tehana Mo'o added a pair of kills during the run as well. The Lions shortened the Texan lead to seven, but four consecutive points put the frame out of reach for A&M-Commerce. Tarleton notched its second set vic-

tory of the season, 25-15.

The Lions responded in the fourth set taking control with only two ties and one lead change. The two teams swapped points with the game tied at two. The Lions broke the game open with a 6-1 run to lead, 9-3. The Purple and White was unable to shrink the deficit as the Lions used 6-2 run to grow their lead to 16-8. Tarleton fought back late ending the game on a 5-2 run, but ultimately falling in the fourth and final set, 25-18.

The Texans led many statistical categories over the Lions. The Purple and White led in kills (55-50), assists (51-44) and service aces (7-6).

Tarleton will head to St. Paul, Minnesota next week for the Tommie Invitational Tournament. The Texans will take on host, St. Thomas, Northern Illinois and Valparaiso in the three-day tournament running from Thursday to Sunday at the Schoenecker Arena.



OHS Red JV football takes on Abbott Panthers

BY TOM NORRELL
Contributing Writer

The Oglesby JV Red team opened the 2024 football season with a 30-7 convincing win over Division 1 Abbott JV Panthers on Aug. 29, in Abbott. The young Tigers took control of the game early and never looked back.

The Tiger offense's leading rusher for the night was number seven, Callen Webb, who had 18 carries for 237 total yards, scored all of the Tiger touchdowns, and the longest 40-yard scamper

to the end zone. Number 32, Kegan Redford, carried the ball seven times for 21 yards. Number 10, Camden Webb, completed one pass for four yards to number nine, Blayze Fisher.

Defensively for the Tigers, Camden Webb led the defense with five solo tackles, three assists, two fumble recoveries, and one interception.

Number nine, Blayze Fisher, was deep in mix with three solo tackles and seven assists for a total of 10 tackles and one

fumble recovery. Number four, Jayce Aaron, had four solos and four assists for total of eight tackles. Number seven, Callen Webb, had four solos and three assists for total of seven tackles. Number 32, Kegan Redford, had two solos and two assists for four tackles. Number 41, Couper Wulfkhole, had one solo tackle.

The JV Red Team played the May Tigers in Evant on Thursday, Sept. 5 at 6 p.m.

OHS JV White team football defeats Avalon, 14-12

BY TOM NORRELL
Contributing Writer

The Oglesby Tiger JV White team pulled off a hard-fought win on Thursday, Aug. 29, by defeating the Division 1 Avalon Eagles 14-12 at Gholson to open up the season.

The leading rusher for the Tigers was Number 32, Treyton Linder, who had eight carries for 110 total yards, including a 44-yard touchdown scamper to the end zone. Number seven, Paydon Garrett, had two carries for four yards. Number four, Gunner Riley, had

two carries for nine yards and one PAT. Number one, Jacob Taylor, had one carry for two yards and one PAT. Number 10, Tucker Melton, threw one pass for a 15-yard touchdown strike to number four, Gunner Riley.

Defensively for the JV White team, number 32, Trenton Linder, led the defense with four solo tackles, one assist for five tackles, one interception, and one blocked punt. Number one, Jacob Taylor, had one solo, four assists for five tackles, and one

fumble recovery. Number four, Gunner Riley, had two solos and three assists for five Tackles. Number 82, Rolando Gonzales, had two solos and four assists for six tackles. Number 10, Tucker Melton, had one solo tackle. Number 41, Aiden Aviles, had one assist.

The Oglesby JV White Team played the Covington Owls in Covington on Thursday, Sept. 5 at 6 p.m.

Gatesville Country Club to host homecoming scramble Sept. 21

Staff Reports

The Gatesville Country Club will host a Gatesville Homecoming Scramble on Saturday, Sept. 21, at 10 a.m.

The scramble will cost \$75 for each golfer or

\$300 per team. There will be hole in one prizes, raffle items, and a silent auction.

Lunch will be served following the event.

All proceeds from the scramble will benefit local non-profit organiza-

tion Charlie's Wags and Whiskers.

For further details, contact the Gatesville Country Club at 254-865-6917.

The Gatesville Country Club is located at 1308 Golf Course Road.

GHS 50 and 40 year class reunions to be held Sept. 21

Submitted Item

The Gatesville High School classes of 1974 and 1984 will host their 50th and 40th class reunions at Texas Station Event Center on Saturday, Sept. 21, beginning at 5 p.m.

There will be a catered meal served at 6:30 p.m., with live music to start at 7:30 p.m.

Additional information about Homecoming Weekend can be found on the respective Facebook pages for each class or the Gatesville ISD website.

The announcement may be updated as further details are obtained prior to the event.

Texas Station Event Center is located at 305 Old Fort Gates Road in Gatesville.

Evant ISD to host Grandparent's Day lunch with students Sept. 10

Staff Reports

With Grandparent's Day just around the corner, Evant Independent School District has decided to host a Grandparent's Day lunch on Tuesday, Sept. 10 for its elementary students.

Evant ISD announced

that they want the event to be special for their elementary kids, therefore sixth through 12th grade students will not be released from their classes during that time.

Lunch times will be pre-kindergarten and kindergarten at 10:45 a.m., first and second grade at 11:10

a.m., and third through fifth grade at 11:30 a.m. It will cost five dollars per adult and two dollars for children under four years of age.

For further information, contact Evant ISD at 254-471-5536.

Evant ISD is located at 339 North Memory Lane.

STUDENT GOALS



COURTESY PHOTO

Gatesville Elementary School students (from left to right) Magnolia Streetman, Landon Deax, and Adalynn Gregory recently worked on setting one-word goals for the school year in Mrs. Smith's and Mrs. Tobias's class. Students were able to write how they plan to meet their goal and made bracelets with their one-word goal.

National Grandparent's Day to be celebrated Sept. 8

BY ALEXANDRA MEELBUSCH
Staff Writer

National Grandparents Day is a special day designated to honor the grandparents in our lives. The annual observance day is held on the first Sunday after Labor Day in the United States and recognizes the wisdom, guidance, and support that grandparents provide to their grandchildren.

National Grandparent's Day will be observed on Sunday, Sept. 8

The day was first brought to light in the early 1970's by Marian McQuade, a housewife from West Virginia. McQuade wanted to establish a day that would acknowledge the important role that grandparents play in families and society to encourage intergenerational bonding.

Her efforts to establish the holiday were successful, and in 1978, President Jimmy Carter signed a pro-

clamation officially recognizing National Grandparents Day.

Since then, grandparents are now celebrated annually with various activities and events that give grandchildren an opportunity to show appreciation for their grandparents. From homemade cards and gifts to special outings and family gatherings, the day provides a chance to express gratitude and affection for

the elder members of the family.

Grandparents hold a special place in the lives of many individuals, often serving as mentors and confidants. They pass down family traditions, are pillars of support, and offer guidance based off their life experience. Their presence in the lives of their grandchildren can have a profound impact, shaping values, instilling wisdom, and cre-

ating lasting memories.

In addition to the emotional support that grandparents provide, they also play a plethora of roles in families, whether that may be offering childcare, assistance with household tasks, or a sense of stability. Their presence can help bridge the generation gap and strengthen family bonds, fostering a sense of belonging and unity across different age groups.

As society continues to evolve, the role of grandparents remains crucial in providing a sense of continuity, grounding, and familial connection. National Grandparents Day serves as a reminder to cherish and appreciate these important figures in our lives and to recognize the contributions they make to our families and communities.

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An early Coryell County educator of 50 years is remembered

BY DAVID SCOTT
Staff Writer

In her obituary, Lizzie Lockard was described as a “gray-haired lady who had greeted thousands of boys and girls on that momentous day when they first started school.”

Lockard, a native of Alabama, would begin her teaching career, which would span more than half a century, beginning in Caldwell County, Texas in 1888. She began teaching in Gatesville in 1889, then returned to Caldwell County, but, eventually, returned to Gatesville to teach in 1902 where she remained as a primary school teacher for the next 40 years, retiring in 1941.

In addition to her teaching duties, she was the primary advisor of the Gatesville school from 1913 through 1932. She was also the guardian of the local Campfire Girls from 1914 to 1925, and shortly afterward organized the first Coryell County Girl Scouts troop.

Over the years, Lockard can be credited with inspiring a few students who went on to do great things. According to a 2014 article

about her life that appeared in the Coryell Kin publication, “She had many students who became successful businessmen and professionals. Among her students were Truman Bigham, economics professor at the University of Florida; W.L. Ayres, professor at the University of Michigan; Lytle Powell, a concert pianist; Murray Kendrick, a voice teacher at Texas State College for Women; Dr. Newton Mayo, superintendent of a hospital in Brownwood; Dr. O.K. Mayo, the owner of several Texas dental offices; Mayo Holt, the winner of a Pulitzer scholarship; and Jack Reising, the Outstanding Student at Baylor University from 1940-41 and recipient of a Tulane scholarship.”

Her summers were spent travelling and studying – always wishing to expand her own education and knowledge. Among the universities she attended to gain additional training were the University of Chicago, Columbia University, and the University of Texas. Additionally, she took many specially conducted tours to points of interest

and historical sites across the United States, including New York City, Boston, and Virginia. She would always return from these trips with new knowledge to share with her students in Gatesville.

Upon her retirement, it was written that she had been an educator in Gatesville for 40 years and that her teaching career had spanned 53 years. In the years following her retirement, Lockard would always enjoy it when former students would drop by for a visit at her home on Leon Street. Students would often recall her teaching as a great inspiration.

Lockard died in 1951 at the age of 82. She was buried at Restland Cemetery in her adopted hometown of Gatesville.

Five years following her death, in 1956, the Gatesville High School future teachers selected the “Lizzie Lockard Future Teachers of America” as the name for their organization.



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Miss Lizzie Lockard who taught school in Gatesville for 40 years.

Boys & Girls Club presents Day for Kids Sept. 21

Staff Reports

The Boys and Girls Club of Gatesville will host a “Day for Kids” on Saturday, Sept. 21 from 9 a.m.- 2 p.m. and is open to the public. The event will feature music, activities, and vendors.

The event is held on the third Saturday of each year in September to encourage locals to get involved with activities that help kids develop and connect with their community.

Activities will include

face painting, a bounce house, a popcorn machine, the teen center, the playground, and games in the main building. The Fire Department, EMS, and a handful of soldiers will attend the “Day for Kids” and will be parked in the Elementary School parking lot.

There will be plenty of vendors as well, such as Kendra Scott, The Pink Pearl, Gussied Up, Mochi Moon Waffles, Moonlit Customs, Riss’s Slappin Sips,

and Bangin Bites.

The Boys and Girls Club is currently searching for sponsors, raffle items, and door prizes from local businesses.

This is a family event and is free with no admission; there will be no drop-offs.

The Boys and Girls Club is located at 2533 East Main Street.

For further details, contact the Boys and Girls Club at 254-865-8347.

Lil’ Hornet Cheer Camp scheduled for Oct. 12

Staff Reports

The Gatesville High School cheer program will host a Lil’ Hornet Cheer Camp on Saturday, Oct. 12 for kindergarten through sixth grade students looking to strengthen their

cheerleading skills.

The fall clinic will be from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and it will take place at Gatesville High School in the Sidney L. Pruitt Gymnasium, located at 205 South Lovers Lane.

Registration will be

open from Monday, Sept. 2 to Wednesday, Sept. 25. Contact Cheer Directors Amber Colson by email at acolson@gatesvilleisd.org or Cassie Perez by email at cperez@gatesvilleisd.org.

Meals on Wheels in need of volunteer delivery drivers

BY ALEXANDRA MEELBUSCH
Staff Writer

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

Meals on Wheels is a vital program that provides nutritious meals to homebound individuals who are unable to prepare or obtain meals for themselves.

This essential service not only ensures that recipients receive the nutrition they need to stay healthy and independent, but also provides them with social interaction and a sense of connection to their community.

Meals on Wheels is conducted five days a week, Monday through Friday,

and takes around 30 minutes to an hour to complete, depending on the route taken. There are four different routes in Gatesville, and each Wednesday a route to Hamilton is taken.

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

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

Volunteer drivers play a crucial role in the success

of Meals on Wheels by ensuring that meals are delivered to recipients in a timely and reliable manner. These drivers not only deliver food, but also provide a friendly face and a moment of companionship for recipients who may be experiencing isolation and loneliness.

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

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

The Gatesville Senior Center is located at 208 North Lutterloh Ave. in Gatesville.

Boys & Girls Club alumni dinner & celebration to be held Sept. 21

Staff Reports

The Boys and Girls Club of Gatesville will host its 20th anniversary alumni dinner and celebration on Sept. 21 from 6 - 9 p.m.

The dinner and celebration will include live entertainment, alumni speakers, auction items, and a homemade meal by Boys and Girls Club Director Julie Hudson. The dinner will include chicken, green beans, mashed

potatoes, salad, a roll, and chocolate cake.

The Boys and Girls Club is searching for table sponsors as well as alumni to speak at the dinner. If you are interested in speaking at the dinner or in having your photo and information displayed on a table, contact the Boys & Girls Club at 254-865-8347 or visit www.bgca.org to register as an alumnus.

Hudson expressed,

“I need the community to know how much we appreciate their support through the years.”

Only 150 tickets will be sold and will cost \$25 per person. Tickets can be purchased by visiting the Boys and Girls Club, located at 2533 East Main Street, or online at <https://bgcgatesville.harnessgiving.org/events/2082>.

Central Texas Travel Club to meet Aug. 29

Staff Reports

The August meeting of the Central Texas Travel Club will be Thursday, Aug. 29, at Johnny’s Steaks and Barbeque in Stakedo. They will begin gathering at 11 a.m. with

the meeting beginning at 11:30 a.m. The meeting is open to anyone interested in travel, with no dues or membership requirements.

They will be discussing upcoming trips to San Antonio, Texas,

Arkansas Train trip, and Bethlehem, Pennsylvania for Christmas. For more information, contact us at centraltexastravelclub@outlook.com, or on Facebook.



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Battling burnout: How to spot the signs and reclaim your joy

BY MICKY SHEARON
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We have all been there. Things we were once passionate about and that brought us fulfillment and joy suddenly start to seem like chores and drain our energy. Slowly, but surely, what we once looked forward to doing becomes just another thing we want to escape.

Welcome to burnout. Burnout is becoming increasingly common in today's fast-paced world, impacting people across different professions and lifestyles. While burnout is not officially classified as a mental health disorder, it is a chronic condition brought on by prolonged stress and an inability to meet the demands of daily life. Understanding the early signs of burnout is crucial for preventing its potentially debilitating effects. This article will explore the physical, emotional, and behavioral symptoms of burnout and provide practical strategies for recovery and prevention.

WHAT IS BURNOUT?

Burnout is often misunderstood as simply being tired or overworked, but it's a far more complex condition. Burnout is a state of emotional, physical, and mental exhaustion caused by excessive and prolonged stress. When you are burned out, you feel overwhelmed, emotionally drained, and unable to keep up with the constant demands of life. Over time, this stress can strip away your interest and motivation in activities and responsibilities that once brought you joy.

PHYSICAL SYMPTOMS OF

BURNOUT

The physical symptoms of burnout are often the first warning signs that something is wrong. Chronic fatigue is one of the most common indicators. This isn't just feeling tired after a long day; it's a persistent exhaustion that doesn't go away even after rest. Insomnia is also a frequent companion of burnout, making it difficult to fall or stay asleep despite feeling utterly drained.

Other physical symptoms include frequent headaches and muscle pain, often caused by the body being in a state of constant tension. Digestive issues, such as stomach pain and bloating, are also common as stress disrupts the normal functioning of the digestive system. A weakened immune system is another sign, as constant stress can make it harder for your body to fight off illnesses, leading to more frequent bouts of sickness.

EMOTIONAL SYMPTOMS OF BURNOUT

Burnout significantly affects emotional well-being. Increased irritability is a common symptom, where small annoyances that wouldn't typically bother you suddenly become major sources of frustration. This emotional exhaustion can also lead to a profound loss of motivation, not just in work or daily responsibilities, but even in activities that once brought you joy.

Emotional detachment is another key symptom of burnout. You may start to feel disconnected from your surroundings and relationships, making it hard to find joy in anything. This detachment can strain both personal and profes-

sional relationships, leading to feelings of loneliness and isolation. Additionally, burnout often results in negative feelings toward work or caregiving responsibilities, manifesting as cynicism, resentment, and a pervasive sense of dissatisfaction.

BEHAVIORAL SYMPTOMS OF BURNOUT

Behavioral changes are often the most noticeable signs of burnout. In an attempt to cope with their overwhelming stress, individuals might turn to unhealthy behaviors like overeating, binge drinking, or increased drug use. These behaviors might provide temporary relief but ultimately worsen the situation, leading to further health complications.

Procrastination is another typical behavior linked to burnout. Tasks that once seemed manageable can become overwhelming, leading to delays and decreased productivity. Social withdrawal is also a common symptom, where individuals isolate themselves from friends, family, and colleagues because they feel too exhausted or overwhelmed to engage in social activities. This withdrawal can lead to a further decrease in productivity, and increased feelings of inadequacy and frustration.

HOW TO REVERSE BURNOUT

The first step in reversing burnout is recognizing that it's happening. Once you've identified the signs, here are some strategies to help you recover:

Consult with a healthcare professional: Before trying to address burnout on your own, it's important to

consult with a healthcare provider. Some symptoms of burnout can overlap with other medical conditions, so it's crucial to rule out any underlying health issues.

Reduce your workload: One of the most effective ways to combat burnout is to reduce your workload. This might involve delegating tasks, saying no to new responsibilities, or taking a break from work altogether.

Prioritize self-care: Incorporating self-care activities into your daily routine is essential for recovery. This could include regular physical activity, spending quality time with loved ones, or picking up a new hobby that brings you joy.

Practice mindfulness and relaxation techniques: Mindfulness practices such as meditation, deep breathing exercises, and yoga can help you manage stress and improve your overall well-being. These activities promote relaxation and can help you regain a sense of control over your life.

Set boundaries: Setting boundaries is crucial in preventing and recovering from burnout. Learn to recognize your limits and communicate them to others. It's essential to prioritize your well-being over pleasing others or meeting unrealistic expectations.

CONCLUSION

Burnout is a serious condition that requires attention and care. By recognizing the signs and taking proactive steps to address them, you can recover from burnout and prevent it from taking over your life again. Remember, your well-being should always be your top priority.



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Dove Hunting Season

Dove Season is officially open

BY DAVID SCOTT
Staff Writer

Dove hunting in Central Texas is a highly anticipated event by hunters. When September arrives, dove hunters will be found in the fields with a shotgun in hand ready to hunt some birds. Dove season is one of the most anticipated since it is the first season to open and kicks off for the other hunting seasons to come.

Dove season officially opened on Sunday, Sept. 1, and ends on Tuesday, Oct. 29. It starts up again on Dec. 13, 2024, and ends on Jan. 14, 2025.

In Coryell County, the daily limit is 15 white-winged, mourning, and white-tipped doves in the aggregate, to include no more than two white-tipped. The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit. Legal

shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

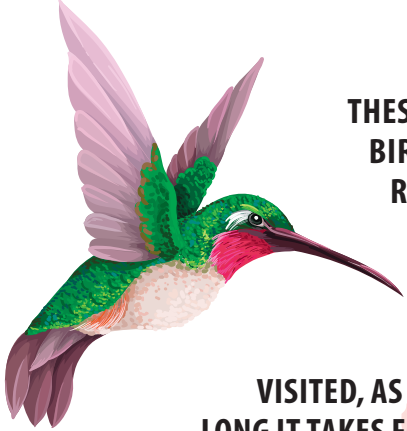
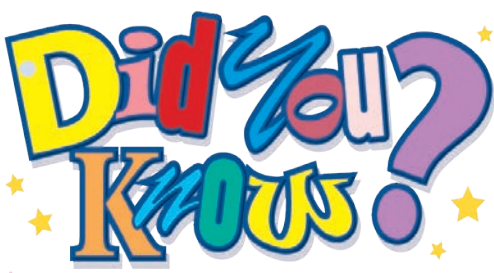
There are seven species of doves and pigeons indigenous to Texas, of which only three (mourning dove, white-winged dove, and white-tipped dove) are currently hunted. Two species (red-billed pigeon and band-tailed pigeon) are currently listed as legal game birds by federal and state regulations but are not hunted in Texas due to limited numbers and distribution.

All migratory game bird hunters must have a valid hunting license.

For more information about dove season, those interested can visit the website for Texas Parks & Wildlife Department at <https://tpwd.texas.gov>.



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One of the most fascinating aspects of hummingbirds is their incredible metabolism. These tiny birds have to eat almost constantly to fuel their high-energy lifestyles, consuming nectar from flowers as well as insects to meet their nutritional needs.

So, how can you celebrate National Hummingbird Day on September 7th? There are plenty of fun and educational activities you can do to learn more about these amazing creatures.

Consider setting up a hummingbird feeder in your backyard or community garden to attract these delightful birds. Fill it with a homemade nectar solution (a mixture of four parts water to one part sugar) and watch as hummingbirds visit to feed, providing you with a front-row seat to their aerial acrobatics.

You can also create a hummingbird-friendly garden by planting flowers and shrubs that attract hummingbirds, such as trumpet vine, bee balm, and salvia. Providing a diverse array of nectar-rich plants will not only attract hummingbirds but also support other pollinators in your area.

Another way to celebrate is by learning more about hummingbirds through books, documentaries, or online resources. Discover fascinating facts about their behavior, migration patterns, and conservation status, and share your newfound knowledge with friends and family.

And of course, no celebration of National Hummingbird Day would be complete without spending some time out-

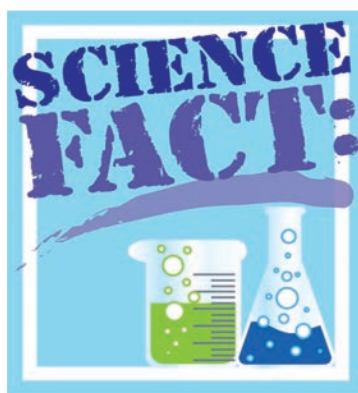


doors, observing these remarkable birds in their natural habitat. Grab a pair of binoculars, head to a local park or nature reserve, and see if you can spot hummingbirds darting among the flowers.

So, let's come together on September 7th to celebrate National Hummingbird Day and give thanks for these incredible creatures that bring so much joy and wonder to our world. Whether you're attracting them to your backyard, learning more about them, or sim-

ply marveling at their beauty, there are countless ways to join in the celebration and show your appreciation for hummingbirds!

Remember, the most important thing is to enjoy the magic of nature and take time to appreciate the small wonders all around us. Happy National Hummingbird Day, everyone! Let's make it a day to remember and celebrate these magnificent birds in style!



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Matt Brown and Amy Bass taking advantage of the cool morning weather and playing Pickleball at the courts located adjacent to the City Pool and Skate Park.

Pickleball craze continues to grow in Gatesville

BY DAVID SCOTT
Staff Writer

The Gatesville Parks and Recreation Department installed two regulation Pickleball courts at Raby Park, which were opened to the public in November of 2022. Since that time, Pickleball has surged in popularity in the Gatesville area with the formation of the Gatesville Pickleball Club, which can be found on Facebook.

Director Seth Phillips said, "There is a need for an additional court, maybe two." Phillips said he hasn't spoken with the city manager yet about adding another court, but it is something he would like to do. "There is room up there next to the other Pickleball courts. At the time we installed them, we wanted to offer additional things for the community to do. Plus, it was the time when Pick-

leball was becoming more popular, and now its really blown up since that time - not just in own community, but world-wide," he said. Phillips continued, "That's the good thing about Pickleball: It's for all ages. It's not a sport where you have to move a lot, it's not a ball that moves quickly, it's a slower sport really on a smaller court. It's a good game. For the public to know, it's a very inexpen-

sive sport - all you need is a paddle." Pickleball was "born" in Bainbridge Island, Washington. The founders were Joel Pritchard, Bill Bell, and Barney McCallum. Pritchard's wife, Joan, a rower, named the game after the poorest performing rowers who populated what crew aficionados called the pickle boat. Many reports that the sport was named after the family dog, Pickles, turned

out to be incorrect as the dog was born five years after pickleball was first played in Pritchard's vacation backyard. Thousands of pickleball players comprise a wide cross section of the population. Seniors, juniors, adults, men, and women enjoy the physicality as well as the feelings of camaraderie the sport invokes. Phillips said, "I don't think Pickleball is a fad; I

think it's something that's going to hang around. Honestly, I'm surprised it wasn't included in the summer Olympics. I think it's something to look forward to in the next Olympics. I think there's a good chance it will be added in the future because of how fast growing it has become and how popular it is." "Now, we're to the point where an additional court would be really nice."

Gatesville Public Library to host Bridgerton Ball Sept. 28

Staff Reports

The Gatesville Public Library has announced that it will host a Bridgerton Ball event on Saturday, Sept. 28, which is inspired by the television series, "Bridgerton." The ball will commence at approximately 5 p.m. and will take place at the Gates-

ville Civic Center, which is located at 301 Veteran's Memorial Loop. The sponsorship and ticket options include the Diamond Sponsorship, \$1,000; Emerald Sponsorship, \$750; Jewel Sponsorship, \$500; VIP Table, \$350; and General Admission, \$55, which includes one ticket for a meal and a drink.

Registration will be opened on Thursday, Aug. 1 and will end on Friday, Sept. 27. To register, you will need to create or use an existing account, by visiting teamsideline.com. For further details on the Bridgerton Ball, contact the Gatesville Public Library at 254-865-5367.



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Two ladies are presented to Emperor Franz Joseph at a ball in the Hofburg Imperial Palace, painting by Wilhelm Gause (1900)

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