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## Governor Abbott visits Gatesville



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Governor Greg Abbott is shown addressing members of the Coryell County Republican Party during his recent visit to Texas Station Event Center in Gatesville. He was the guest speaker for the party's annual Lincoln/Reagan Dinner.

BY DAVID SCOTT  
Staff Writer

On Saturday, March 15, Governor Greg Abbott promoted the strong, conservative priorities for the 89th Legislative Session during his keynote address at the Coryell County Republican Party Lincoln/Reagan Dinner held at the Texas Station Events Center in Gatesville.

Speaking to a crowd of over 200 Republicans and supporters, Governor Abbott highlighted the critical

work Texas has done—and continues to do—to secure the southern border, including building a border wall, deploying thousands of Texas National Guard soldiers and Department of Public Safety troopers, and installing floating marine barriers in the Rio Grande River to deny illegal entry. The Governor then lauded President Donald Trump's ongoing homeland and border security efforts and spotlighted the partnership between Texas and

the Trump Administration to arrest, jail, and deport illegal immigrants in the state.

In the opening of his speech, Governor Abbott said, "I want to thank Coryell County for providing to keep Texas red and supporting Republican values – doing your part to ensure we will never turn into California here in the State of Texas."

In speaking of Coryell County, Governor Abbott spoke of the effects of the

lack of water residents might face. He said, "One key item for this legislative session that affects every family, including right here in Coryell County, is water. Last session, we invested a billion dollars in water projects and infrastructure. This session we will make the largest investment in water in the history of our state by tapping into new water supplies and repairing pipes to save billions of gallons of water each year. Texas will be truly

peerless in a few months. Together, we will maintain our status as the greatest state in the greatest country in the history of the world."

Speaking about the border, Governor Abbott said, "The border was the issue according to Donald Trump in the presidential election. No state has done what the State of Texas has done. Texas is the only state to ever build our own

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## City approves matching funds for Downtown Revitalization Program

BY ALEXANDRA MEELBUSCH  
Staff Writer

In a city council meeting of the City of Gatesville on Tuesday, March 11, councilmembers passed and approved a resolution to commit to matching funds for the 2025-2026 Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) Downtown Revitalization Program of the Texas Department of Agriculture.

The TxCDBG's annual Downtown Revitalization Program provides funds for infrastructure improvements needed to address slum or blight in a downtown or main street area while also providing city-wide benefits to low-to-moderate income (LMI) individuals.

With a maximum award amount of \$1 million, the City of Gatesville is committing to providing \$50,000 in matching funds toward the application's activities. The specific usage and funding source should be determined prior to any award of grant funding.

Funds may be provided for use if addressed as blight or will provide a city-wide benefit to LMI populations.

- The following activities include:**
- Sidewalks and lighting
  - Activities required to eliminate architectural barriers for the disabled
  - Water and/or sewer lines
  - Road construction/rehabilitation to include curb and gutter and related drainage
  - Utilities, including natural gas and electric
  - Park development
  - Free public Wi-Fi
- All infrastructure improvements must be located on public property within the designated downtown district, which typically will meet two or more of the following:
- The city's historic area of commerce
  - The area around the courthouse or city square
  - Commercial area for the community
  - Buildings of historical significance, but not primarily residential
  - Must be areas included in or contiguous to the economic center of the community
  - The retail area for the community that does not include single-family dwellings
- The resolution states, "The City Council of the City of Gatesville desires to develop a viable community, including decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low-to-moderate income."

## New hours posted at Restland and City Cemeteries

BY ALEXANDRA MEELBUSCH  
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, March 11, during a city council meeting of the City of Gatesville, councilmembers passed and approved an ordinance to establish new hours for Restland Cemetery and the City Cemetery.

Both cemeteries will be open for visiting, caring for graves, and other appropriate uses from one half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset. It is now against the law for any person, other than a city employee or cemetery caretaker on official business, to enter or remain within the cemeteries at

any time when the cemetery is not open.

City Manager Brad Hunt said that Gatesville Police Chief Jeffrey Clark has alerted his officers of the new hours at each cemetery. With an increase in patrol, the hope is that it will help with the issues of vandalism, loitering, and other activities of that nature.

The previous city ordinance regarding city cemeteries was adopted in 1988 and received one minor addition in 1994, which outlined how the

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New hours for Restland Cemetery and the City Cemetery have been posted at both locations.



## Trinity Baptist Church

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During Governor Abbott’s recent visit to Gatesville, he was photographed with some of Coryell County’s elected officials.

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border wall; it’s the exact same wall that President Trump put up, but with one difference: Texas has built more of the Trump wall

than Trump built in the State of Texas.” Praising Coryell County Republicans, Governor Abbott said, “I also want to thank Coryell County for everything y’all did in this past election and in two elections ago. Coryell County, you did your part, you

gave 71% to help me crush and destroy O’Rourke. You helped Donald Trump destroy Kamala Harris with 70% of the vote.” Just before closing his speech, Governor Abbott once again addressed the residents of Coryell County by saying, “I want to thank

everyone here, because by being here, you’re supporting your local Republican Party. You are doing your part to keep Coryell County and to keep the great State of Texas grand.”

Senate Bill 25 aims to ‘Make Texas Healthy Again’

BY ALEXANDRA MEELBUSCH  
Staff Writer

Senate Bill 25 (SB 25), “Make Texas Healthy Again,” was introduced by Senator Lois Kolkhorst, R-Brenham, during the 89th Texas Legislature. The bill aims to enhance public health, nutrition education, and physical activity in schools across the state. Lieutenant Governor of

Texas Dan Patrick issued a press release following the unanimous passage of SB 25. “Texas is the gold standard of American exceptionalism. With a rapidly expanding population, and with companies moving to Texas at a rate never seen before, our economy has never been stronger,”

Patrick said in the release. “It is more important than ever that Texans are fit and healthy to power our state forward.” Patrick also stated that he named SB 25 as a priority of his since making Texas healthy again is the perfect way to ensure Texans can capitalize on their bright future.

“The commonsense reforms included in SB 25 highlight how important nutrition and exercise are in maintaining overall health,” Patrick said. “By promoting exercise and educating the public about how damaging ultra-processed foods can be, we can

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cemeteries are funded and maintained. The ordinance did not list any rules, regulations, or guidelines for day-to-day operations of the cemeteries, which is why the city has established new hours and modified the regulations in place. City Manager Brad Hunt and the city staff’s goal is to codify modern rules, regulations, and procedures to enhance cemetery management and care. The rules will assist in maintaining a safe and serene setting for the cemeteries and visitors. In the new ordinance, if any restrictions are violated, it will be considered a Class C Misdemeanor and is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.

- Restrictions**
- The consumption or open display of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.
  - Loitering, loud music, excessive vehicle noise, or other behavior that disrupts the peace is prohibited.
  - All pets must be on a leash or otherwise restrained in accordance with applicable ordinances, and pet owners shall ensure they pick up after their pet.
  - Water is for landscape irrigation use only. Watering shall be performed only by city personnel or contractors.
  - Vehicles may only be parked on paved streets or drive aisles. No vehicles are allowed in the cemetery except during cemetery hours. Vehicles parked in violation of this subsection may be towed at the owner’s

expense. - Visitors to the cemetery shall comply with all applicable laws. - The city reserves the right to require all persons coming into the cemetery to obey all rules and regulations adopted by the city council. - While visiting the cemetery, visitors should secure personal items at all times and proceed across the terrain of the cemetery with care and at their own risk. The city shall not be liable for damage or injury to any person or property in the cemetery, including death, whether the damage be direct or collateral. - Anyone in the cemetery jogging, biking, or walking during normal business hours must avoid areas where interment services are either in progress or about to begin. In the Feb. 25 council meeting, councilmember Greg Casey asked if the city would install gates around the cemeteries in the future. Hunt responded, “With better cameras and lights along with the posted hours, it will allow live looks at the cemetery, and, if anyone is there, the police will respond. After this coming year, we will have some fencing and gating up, but we are taking steps to do that.” Two signs with the new hours were posted at Restland Cemetery and the City Cemetery on Wednesday, March 12.

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FROM MY FRONT PORCH

# Knock, knock, knocking on Mama’s door



BY SAM HOUSTON

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Time changes our perception of the world around us.

As a child, the thought would never have occurred to me to knock on the door of my parents’ house upon entering. Heck, back then even my friends did not knock seeking entry. They would swing the door open and yell, “stranger in the house” or shout, “Hello, Mrs. Houston, where is Sam

at?,” or some other salutation. My friends and I went in and out the door of each other’s house, perhaps 50 times a day, and our families were all so familiar with each other the formality of knocking on the door would have seemed silly. It would have been, at the very least, an unrequired act.

Upon going off to school and coming home from college during summer break, the thought of knocking upon entering my folks house never entered my mind. I knew I was welcome and, though I no longer resided there, in my mind it was still “my home” as much as it was theirs. It was comfortable to come and go as I pleased. It wasn’t until my folks retired and moved to a new residence, one which I had never lived in, that I even considered knocking before entering. Even then, it was a slight tap as I turned the knob opening the door. Where Mom and Dad resided would always be home. Once the folks passed on, I would still occasionally drive by the “old house” of my youth, and though people I did not know lived there, it seemed like in

some strange way it was still my place. I had a lot of memories there, and though I had no lawful title, the house was part of me. “We” had shared too much for me to discard the house as “someone else’s.” My grandfather bought his old homeplace in 1928. He lived there until he passed away in 1995. For 67 years, he made that little 80-acre farm his home. It was where he raised his kids and built a life. He referred to his residence as the “old Minnie Potter place.” I learned that Minnie Potter was the person from whom he had bought the farm. He had paid the enormous sum of \$50 an acre, during a time when money was hard to come by. When I got older, I would sometimes tease Granddad, inquiring when the farm would become “the old

Houston place.” It seemed like after 50 or 60 years, the name might ought to change. After all the years since Granddad died and the place was sold, I will occasionally drive to see the old homestead, even though it is located many miles away. I do not own the land, yet I will brazenly climb the fence and sit under the old shade tree, which stands where his yard once was. The old house has long since been torn down as have the barn and the outbuildings. I have no legal right to be there, and I always hope that if the owner catches me sitting under that huge old maple tree, he will grant me forgiveness for trespassing. My Granddad planted that tree, and my dad and uncle played beneath it when they were children. My best memories

are of sitting in that same spot, listening to Grandad philosophize about life, while Grandma sat nearby, shelling peas. I may not have legal title to my Granddad’s old place, or my folk’s old home, or even the first home I purchased as an adult: the place where I raised my family. But I lay claim to all of them. This is how it should be, for after all, I have invested a lot in all those places. Thought for the day: Old houses do not truly belong to people; people belong to them. Until next time...I will keep ridin’ the storm out! Sam@hcnews.com



An early day biplane is shown similar to the one that Pat Neff rode in when campaigning for governor in west Texas. Inset photo: Governor Pat M. Neff, courtesy of Wikipedia.

## Up, Up, and Away... Governor Neff became first to take to the air

BY DAVID SCOTT  
Staff Writer

In political campaigns, private jets and presidential aircrafts are used to transport political candidates from one campaign stop to another. In Texas, in the “olden days,” political candidates travelled by car or by train to each campaign rally. Pat Morris Neff, who was born and raised in southeastern Coryell County, launched an energetic campaign for the governorship of Texas in 1920. His campaign covered 6,000 miles in his car crisscrossing the Lone Star State. During his campaign, he toured 37 counties that had never before been visited by a candidate for governor. One hundred and five years ago, Neff’s 1920 campaign was often described as having him driving, riding the rails, flying, and just plain walking.

Regarding his travels, Neff was able to register another “first” to add to his resume. He had agreed to make a speech in Canyon on Jan. 21, 1920, and decided to go a day early and add Amarillo to his schedule. Upon his arrival in Amarillo, Neff found snow on the ground and the highway travel next to impossible. His host in Amarillo told him of an airplane pilot who was operating in the area, and Neff decided to make the trip to Canyon by air. He is believed to be the first political candidate in Texas to use this means of transportation. Writing to editor Sumner Ramsey of the *Amarillo Globe* on his return to Waco, Neff thanked him for his courtesies in that city and then added, “Of course, when I last saw you, I was climbing directly

toward the North Star, and I thought the pilot would never quit going up. However, after he made a circle in the sky and we struck a beeline towards the sun, I enjoyed the ride very much. We made a safe landing in Canyon, and in a few moments, I was talking to the Swine Breeders of the Panhandle, notwithstanding I still felt that I was going through the air.” Neff’s airplane ride was a prime example of how he seemed to pursue his political campaign – with a little daring adventure, which he could share with those who came to hear him speak. A few years later, in 1924, Governor Neff wrote to his son, Pat Jr., with a letter of congratulations on his 21st birthday and presented him with a “grip” [suitcase] that the Waco Lodge of the Modern

Woodmen of the World had presented to him in 1904. Neff told his son that he carried this suitcase with him on all of his trips and even “tied it” to the wing of the “flying machine” in which he rode in from Amarillo to Canyon during his first campaign for governor. The biplane in which he rode had two wings on each side, but no place to store any luggage other than strapping it to the wing. In years to come, Neff would always tell the crowds about his historic airplane flight across the desert in west Texas. The campaign “flight” remains a first in Texas political history – a long way from political travel today on Air Force One.

# Folks around town

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**Valerie Questel**

## Say hello to our neighbor, Valerie Questel!

Valerie is a local pet groomer and is the owner of Val's Pals Pet Grooming. She said that the best part of her job is her clients and getting to help take care of all their fur babies. Questel is also a veteran and served our country as an Army Medic for the United States Armed Forces. She also has experience as a professional MMA (mixed martial arts) fighter before retiring in 2011. She has lived in Gatesville since Aug. 2021 and enjoys the small-town feel with big-town perks. Valerie reads *The Gatesville Messenger* and says that she likes the focus on local events, people, and things around town. If you happen to see Valerie around town, say hello. She is one of us!

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TUMBLEWEED SMITH

# Sam is making another movie



BY TUMBLEWEED SMITH

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

Sam Pfister, of Georgetown, makes movies about real life. “Why make anything up?” he asks. “Truth is more interesting and fascinating than anything you could make up. Just tell real stories.”

Until he started making movies eight years ago, Sam had no background in film. He is in oil and real estate. In 2016, he heard about friends of his in Fort Stockton driving down a small road with a chicken in the bed of their pickup. That led to some outra-

geous events, and Sam thought it would make a good story. He stood at his drawing table in his office and wrote a movie script. He found a young woman in Georgetown who had done a documentary on a hospital, and Sam hired her to direct the movie and cre-

ate the music. The movie, titled “Blanche,” came out a year later.

“The movie has been streamed more than a million times and won 42 laurels. It won film festivals in London, Barcelona, Florence, Rome, and in Sweden and Poland.” Sam’s second movie which came out during the panedmic was titled “Ten in Texas” about ten Texas women smuggling vaccines into a Mexican border town. “That movie has won 24 laurels and is being streamed all over the country. It won film festivals in Sweden and Poland.”

Sam’s films are on Amazon Prime. “My movies are uplifting and have no sex, no cussing, no violence. They have happy endings. That’s a far cry from what you get on TV or in movies made in Hollywood.”

Sam has lost money on all his movies but keeps making them in the hopes that some professional movie makers will start making good movies with a G rating.

He was staying at the Settles Hotel in Big Spring when he heard someone playing the piano on the mezzanine. Sam went up there, introduced himself and asked the pianist to play Gershwin’s “Embraceable You.” The pianist started playing the song and then drifted into “Rhapsody in Blue.” Sam was impressed. The pianist was Sergio Solani who immigrated to the U.S. from Caracas, Venezuela and performs with symphony orchestras all over the world. He was in Big Spring because he had bought three hundred acres of land north of the

city sight unseen. It is now producing many barrels of oil a day. Sergio told Sam, “America offered me three things: security, freedom, and opportunity.”

Sam thought Sergio’s story was fascinating and began thinking about so many immigrants he has met who are more pro-America than many people who were born here. “They realize what America is all about.” Sam went back to his drawing table and wrote a movie about immigration titled “Texas Rhapsody.” It is now being filmed at the Settles Hotel. The Big Spring Symphony Orchestra, with Sergio at the piano, will be featured in the movie. Sam has hired professionals to direct and film the story. Sergio will compose the music.

## BILL

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make a positive difference in Texans’ lives. I thank Sen. Kolkhorst for her leadership on this critical issue.”

The bill includes provisions and will also establish a nutrition advisory council at the Department of State Health Services with a focus on metabolic health, functional medicine, and chronic disease.

### Senate Bill 25 Provisions

**Food Labeling Requirements:** The bill requires food labels to warn Texas consumers which ingredients are banned in other countries starting in 2027.

**Nutrition Education:** The bill requires nutrition education for students in Texas high schools and institutions of higher learning, along with updated nutrition training for all Texas physicians, medical residents, nurses, physician assistants, and medical students.

**Physical Activity in Schools:** Daily physical education will be required for students from kindergarten to eighth grade. The removal of recess, physical education, and sports practice for disciplinary reasons will also be prohibited.

SB 25 is being put in place to highlight the importance of nutrition and exercise to maintain overall health, which Gatesville Independent School District Superintendent Barrett Pollard feels is very important for the school district.

“With regard to schools, SB 25 requires daily physical education for students from kindergarten to eighth grade and prohibits the removal of recess, PE, and sports practices for disciplinary reasons,” Pollard said. “Through recess, PE, and sports, I believe our students are already very active. Even courses like marching band are very physically demanding.”

Pollard also stated, “Additionally, the bill requires nutrition education for students in Texas high schools. I think embedding that information into some of our existing courses will be very seamless.”

SB 25 passed unanimously in the Texas Senate on March 12.



COURTESY PHOTO

First Methodist Church singers are pictured with choir members from surrounding churches in town.

## First Methodist Church to host Tenebrae April 13

### Staff Reports

The First Methodist Church of Gatesville will

host a Tenebrae service of darkness by Hal Hopson on Sunday, April 13, at 6 p.m. The Cantata portrays the

solemn drama of the final hours of Christ’s life on earth. It will be performed by singers from First

Methodist Church as well as singers from many other churches in the area. First Methodist Church

of Gatesville is located at 2600 East Main Street.

## Community Yard Sale, 42 Tournament to be held March 29

### Staff Reports

On Saturday, March 29, a community yard sale and a 42 tournament will be held at the Turnersville Community Center.

The event will include activities for the kids as well as a bake sale and raffle items from 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Raffle tickets will cost \$5 each or \$20 for five tickets.

The yard sale will be from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. and will cost \$10 per booth. Pre-registration is required.

Registration for the 42 tournament will be from 12:30-1 p.m. and will cost \$20 per player. The 42 tournament will begin at 2 p.m.

Lunch will be served from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and will include spaghetti or chicken spaghetti, salad,

bread, and a drink for \$12 and \$8 for children six years old and under.

This is a bring-your-own beverage event with no glass bottles or containers.

For further details or to pre-register for either event, contact turnersvillestampede@gmail.com.

The Turnersville Community Center is located at 8113 FM 182 in Gatesville.

## Summer Sounds concert series to kick off in April at Faunt Le Roy

### Staff Reports

The Gatesville Chamber of Commerce and the City of Gatesville have announced a partnership to host a Summer Sounds event in the lower portion of Faunt Le Roy Park.

Summer Sounds is a free concert series that will feature local talent, happening on the last Saturday of each month from April through September from

7-9 p.m., with the first concert being April 26.

While this is a volunteer opportunity to share Gatesville’s talents with the community, there will be a reward for one winner. At the end of the season, the public will vote for their favorite Summer Sounds act, and the winner will be showcased at the prestigious annual Chamber of Commerce banquet.

The deadline to submit auditions was Monday, March 10. Selected performers are to be notified and assigned a performance date by Friday, March 21.

Summer Sounds is currently searching for food truck vendors for the event as well.

For further information, contact the Chamber at 254-865-2617.

## Whatever happened to ...

### 20 YEARS AGO (2005)

Nathan Gohlke was named the new police chief for the Gatesville Police Department.

The Gatesville City Council voted to use hotel/motel tax money to fund a free concert and fireworks display on July 3, 2005.

Gatesville Mayor Dora Moore presented a proclamation to Erle Powel designating March 13 as “Erle Powell Day” in Gatesville.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) awarded a \$44,642 grant to the Coryell City/Osage Volunteer Fire Department as part of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant program. The Bee Hive advertised “Interior Decorating Services.”

### 30 YEARS AGO (1995)

Gatesville ISD trustees discussed equal pay status for male and female faculty. Gatesville High School de-

buted the play “The Effects of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds.”

Harvest Home, a ministry for abortion alternatives, withdrew their request for rezoning a residential house to a community facility. The ministry had been hoping to rezone a home for the purpose of housing and counseling teenage girls and those who had been through abortions.

Sidewalks were construct-

ed along a one-quarter mile stretch of highway 84 from 29th Street to Lover’s Lane.

Higginbotham’s advertised a Whirlpool refrigerator for \$549.

### 40 YEARS AGO (1985)

Members of the Gamma Alpha Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International honored retired and future teachers with a tea at the Gatesville Public Library.

Representatives of the

staff of the *Hornet’s Nest*, the Gatesville High School newspaper, attended the 58th annual Interscholastic League Press Conference.

Leaird’s Department Store advertised, “Buy a swimsuit at Leaird’s and get ten free suntans in the tanning booth.”

### 50 YEARS AGO (1975)

A special prayer service was held at the Pidcoke Baptist Church for people in the area that was pro-

posed for purchase by the Army for the expansion of Fort Hood.

The A&P food store in Gatesville was set to close.

City Police Chief Jim Brown issued a warning against fire truck followers and curious motorists parking near fires.

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# Coryell Museum selling raffle tickets for WWII vintage pistol

BY DAVID SCOTT  
Staff Writer

A generous patron of the Coryell Museum and Historical Center recently donated a vintage pistol to be raffled to help raise much-needed funds for the expense of the museum's new elevator.

The item donated is a World War II P-38 pistol manufactured by Walther in December of 1942. It was probably a captured war trophy.

Tickets are being sold as 1 ticket for \$10 or 3 tickets for \$25. Tickets will be available at the museum by

calling 254-865-5007 or by calling Ray Ashby at 254-679-9314.

The drawing for the pistol will be held on Saturday, April 26.

The winner must meet federal and state requirements for the transfer of firearms.

# KGB to host spring clean-up

Staff Reports

Keep Gatesville Beautiful will host a community spring clean-up on Saturday, April 5, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Volunteers are to arrive at the Gatesville Public Library parking lot by 8:30 a.m. to receive supplies and assigned areas.

The Gatesville Public

Library is located at 111 North 8th Street.

For further details, contact Keep Gatesville Beautiful by email at [keepgatesvillebeautiful@gmail.com](mailto:keepgatesvillebeautiful@gmail.com).

# JVFD BBQ fundraiser is March 23

Submitted item

The Jonesboro Volunteer Fire Department will host a BBQ luncheon fundraiser on Sunday, March 23, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Jonesboro Community Center.

Adult plates will cost \$12, while a child's plate will cost \$8. Dine in or carry out will be available.

The menu will be comprised of chopped beef, sausage, potato salad, beans, and all the fixins'.

There will also be iced tea, water, and homemade desserts.

Donations may be mailed to Jonesboro Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 6, Jonesboro, TX 76538.



COURTESY PHOTO

Members of the Central Texas Roots Garden Club recently met to discuss spring landscaping and upcoming garden tours.

# Central Texas Roots Garden Club recently met

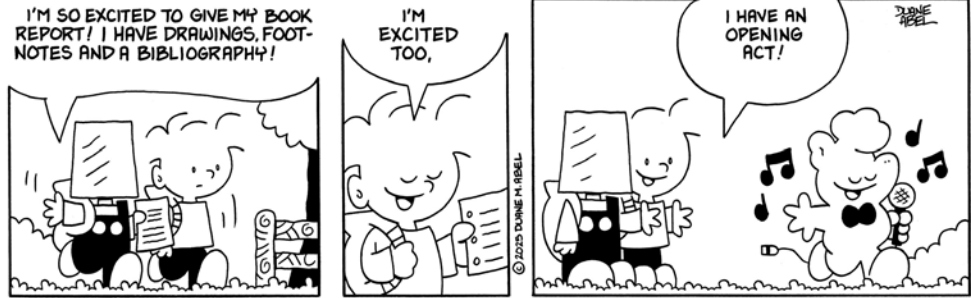
Submitted item

Central Texas Roots Garden Club met on Saturday, March 8, at Junction 36 in Gatesville for their regularly scheduled meeting. Gardeners enjoyed an educational presentation regarding spring landscaping from Lane Reed out of McLennan County as well

as mingling, lunch, and door prize gifts donated by member Becky Harmon. The club discussed their upcoming garden tours, community service, and plant sharing. Local gardener Mary Atherton also donated 100 trailing rose starters to kick off the membership drive as the club moves to membership

through Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. Their meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month at 11 am. For more information, contact Celia Sellers at 254-206-6355 or follow them on Central Texas Roots (Facebook).

# ZED by Duane M. Abel



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# Central Texas Travel Club to meet

Submitted item

The March meeting of the Central Texas Travel Club will be March 27 at Johnny's Steaks and Barbeque in Salado. The gathering will begin at 11

a.m. with the meeting at 11:30 a.m. They will be discussing upcoming trips, including Enchanted Rock and Luckenbach, Kentucky to see the Ark, San Antonio to see Moulin Rouge, and Florida in December.

For more information, contact us on Facebook or [centraltexastravelclub@outlook.com](mailto:centraltexastravelclub@outlook.com). The meeting is open to everyone with no dues or membership requirements.

# Marriage licenses recently filed

Staff Reports

Marriage licenses filing during the month of February 2025 in the Coryell County Clerk's Office include:

Carlos Aguirre and Rosa Isela Machuca Anacleto  
Hunter Scott Berry and Alondra Stefania Martinez Moreno  
Armando Collazo Flores and Nereyda Rojas  
Foungani Moustapha Coulibaly and Mounirat Salami  
Kadir William Cox and Kiana Amanda Summerlin  
Paul Stanley Edens, II and Brandy Franks Letterman  
Brandon Avery Ellis and Jaiden Louise Calhoun

Aaron Robert Frame, Sr. and Christina Sue Hill  
John Clayton Gilbert and Jill Lorraine Wallace  
Marvin James Goodrich and Zerena Chantel Thompson  
Justin Tolby Hamilton and Christa Leigh Hempel  
Mark Vincent Herman and Sydney Jenna Lane  
Jason Wayne Holt and Frankie Suzanne Miller  
Michael Allen Johnson, Jr. and Samantha Elizabeth Beecher  
David Paul Kipphen, Jr. and Hannah Nicole George  
Edward Eli Lancaster, IV and Leilani Esme Hurtado  
Mark William Michael and Jennifer Renee Rogers  
Russell Craig Morgan, Jr.

and Salena Marie Hawley  
Quade Zell Nichols and Madison Paige Pearce  
Chace Alexander Orsack and Samantha Lyn Mercado  
Wilfredo Peter Padin and Jesslyn Rivera  
Rene Silvestre Tavira and Carolyn Marie Garza  
Juan Ramon Sotelo and Jehan Mai Abdul-Jalil  
Harry Urban, Jr. and Catherine Elizabeth Anne Rose  
David Anthony Victor, Jr. and Ashly Desire Ayala  
Contrelle Jermaine Wooten and Faith Ann Ramos  
Cody James Workman and Rachel Nevada Hoskins-Ritchie

# PEARL NEWS

# Prayers for the Ballard family



BY BETSY CLARK

Pearl News Correspondent

The community of Pearl is saddened by the passing of Mrs. Peggy Ballard on Sunday, March 16. Mrs. Ballard's service was held at the Pearl Cemetery on Thursday, March 20, with a visitation at Scott's Funeral Home prior to the graveside service.

The Ballard family has been a prominent part of Pearl for many years. Please keep this sweet family in your prayers.

You will be so happy to hear that Kay will have plants for sale on the porch of the Pearl Cottage Bookstore on April 5. Miss Kay's plants are always in high demand, so you may want to get there by the 10 a.m. store opening time to stock up on these lovely pieces. There will also be

more jewelry for sale on April 5. These pieces are high-end costume jewelry selections that will surely be lovely on you or greatly appreciated as gifts to family and friends.

If you haven't marked your calendar for April 5 as the day to be in Pearl for the Pearl Bluegrass event and the Pearl Cottage Bookstore Day, you better stop what you're doing and circle that date now. If you know of acous-

tic bands that would like to play on the stage, tell them to get to Pearl Community Center on the April 5 to put their names on the sign-up board to play on that stage beginning at 1 p.m. gospel, bluegrass, country, etc. are welcome. Please tell everyone you know that it is free to listen to the bands. What a great way to spend a Saturday afternoon. There's no place like Pearl!

Pearl Church of Christ has announced the dates for its annual VBS this year: May 28 through June 2 from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. each day. Everyone is welcome. Bring a carload of kids for a great day in Pearl!

This week's Bible verse comes from James 1:20—For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God. KJV

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

# SUDOKU

Puzzle answers from the March 15, 2024 issue.

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Puzzle by websudoku.com

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# COMMUNITY YARD SALE & 42 DOMINO TOURNAMENT

WHEN  
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2pm 42 Tournament

WHERE  
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## LUNCH

11:00 – 1:30  
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Drink  
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# OBITUARIES

## Peggy Ann Ballard

Feb. 26, 1939 – March 16, 2025

Peggy Ann Ballard passed away peacefully on March 16, 2025, at 12:30 p.m. in Rowlett, Texas. Graveside services were held at 3 p.m. on Thursday, March 20, at Pearl Cemetery.

Peggy was born on Feb. 26, 1939, in her grandparents' house that sat above Cowhouse Creek in Coryell County, the same creek in which she was baptized in her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in 1951. She was lovingly raised on the other side of that same creek by her parents, Robert Clive Kelly and Johnnie Mae Kelly, both of whom preceded her in death in 1985 and 2004 respectively.



Peggy graduated as valedictorian of Evant High School in 1957 after attending Pearl High School through 1956, the year Pearl school shuttered its doors. Peggy had both a strong work ethic and a sharp mind that served her and the attorneys for whom she worked well as a paralegal. Through her exceptional work in the 1970s, she developed relationships at the Texas Attorney General's Office, which yielded a long career at Thompson and Knight Law Firm in Austin from which she retired in 1999. Her first five years of retirement were some of her happiest, as she lived with and spent many days quilting, sewing, gardening, and holding craft sales with her devoted mother, Johnnie Mae.

As we gather to celebrate the life of Peggy Ann Ballard, we will remember her sense of humor, her love of nature, her creativity, and the love she brought into the lives of those who knew her. Peggy's journey was marked by her faith, her dedication to her family, and her enduring friendships. May she rest in peace knowing she was a deeply loved mother, grandmother, and friend and will be forever missed.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Pearl Church of Christ, 6790 FM-183 E Gatesville, TX, 76528.



JoAnn Sugg has spent many hours volunteering for CRSP and the Exchange Club as well as other local causes and charities.

## Retired educators give back to community

Submitted by Marsha Lee

In 2024, more than 68,034 local unit volunteer hours have been contributed by the members of Coryell Retired School Personnel (CRSP). This number was down slightly from the 69,742 hours logged in for 2023. Chairman of the Volunteer Service Committee Mike Barron explained that “52 of their members participated in this project of serving our community by volunteering at schools, hospitals, nursing homes, churches, public libraries, the Care Center, the Boys’ and Girls’ Club Resale Shop, museums, theaters, civic events, and various other sites.” The state President, Ella Gautier, stated, “These volunteer hours are equivalent to roughly \$27 per hour in the private sector, which means that the Coryell County community has been saved roughly \$1,836,918 because of the volunteer work of its retired school personnel.”

Top local volunteers included Lois Bartels, 4320 hours; Debbie Martin, 4320; Linda O’Brien, 4320; Mary Kafer, 2160; Gary Kafer, 2160; JoAnn Sugg, 1602; Marsha Lee, 1548; Gayla Linton, 1436; Nancy Morgan, 1272; Debbie Grmela, 1120; and Sonja Tatro, 1040.

“We are proud of our profession, and even though we are retired, we still enjoy giving back to our community through volunteerism and by being an active part of our community, serving on committees, boards, and councils that make policies and furnish services to local people,” said Gayla Linton, Co-President of CRSP.

District 12 Co-President, Debbie Grmela, added, “The Texas Retired Teachers Association promotes the community volunteer services program implemented by local units (like CRSP) throughout Texas. Statewide totals for 2024 are not yet available, but total hours donated across the state in 2023 came to 5,133,446 hours, valued at around \$138,603,042.”

## MOUND NEWS

# Miss Olivia Long takes the stage



BY BARBARA HOPSON

Mound News Correspondent

Miss Olivia Lois Long performed “Jesus Loved Me” during the single-mic contest last Tuesday afternoon with Zach Long and Raymie Moore playing backup for Olivia.

The awards have been announced. Olivia earned the People’s Choice Award and will have a stage spot in the fall.

Olivia Lois Long will also have a personal meet and greet with Rhonda Vincent.

Pam Hopson had lunch in Gatesville with her granddaughter, Miss Emma Beth Hopson, last Monday for “Grandparent’s Day” and on Wednesday with Mr. Benjamin Travis Hopson at his school at Trinity Baptist Preschool.

Pam and her grandson, Benjamin Hopson, visited last Monday with Aunt Sherrie Barton and Sharon Barton for Aunt Sherrie’s birthday.

Ray and John Stephens hosted some of the Girl Scouts of Flower Mound who came last week and camped out a couple of nights.

Don, Case, Kristen, Paxton Brack Jones, Scott, Kelby and Sterlin Shults had a fish fry honoring Mrs. Sue Jones on her birthday Saturday.

Brenda Helms, Carolyn and Emma Blakley went shopping in Waco.

Emma Blakley visited in Pearl with Mrs. Bettie Blakley.

Jenson Kinnear celebrated his eighth birthday at the Mound Cowboy Church. Cake, cookies, and decorations were provided by Cherished Lane Events. Jenson had his friends and family in attendance. Afterward, he enjoyed Studebakers pizza and arcade games.

Samuel Shepherd, of Leander, stayed for three days with his cousins Elli, Jenson, and Molli Kinnear for spring break.

Jennifer Miller and Amanda Fisher enjoyed spring break with the kids. They enjoyed time outside and a trip to the zoo!

Olivia Long, Benjamin and Emma Hopson enjoyed watching several movies with their cousin, Dani Jo Wood. They watched “Moana 2” and “The Princess Diaries 2 Royal Engagement” on Thursday evening at the home of their great-aunts, Margaret and Barbara Hopson, along with refreshments, pizza, and popcorn.

Those who had birthdays this month were Alicia Rueter, Kelby Shults, Staci Combs, Gary Heavin, Cheryl Ford, Paul Hopson, Sherrie Barton, Beth Haines, Mary Sue Winkler, Lauren Goins, Keva Campos, Brance Spencer, Billye Rhudy, Jennifer Mann, Pat Schoenewolf, Rachel Hopson, Lou Ann Cashel, Nancy Suson, Samantha Penny, Cynthia Lynch, Sue Jones, Kelli Tatum, Corey Ayres, Karen George, Allison Hopson, Sara Jo Poynter, Ronnie Harris, Angie Cupps, and Ray Evetts.

*Barbara’s Notes:* This coming Thursday March 20, 2025 is the first day of Spring.

# Morris Federation: Card Making with Karon Wheelless

Submitted by Marsha Lee

Members of The Morris Federation and their guests met at the Feed Mill for their March meeting. The program was presented by Karon Wheelless, of Evant, a retired schoolteacher, who has spent several years learning to make and design her own note cards and special occasion cards. She uses a variety of materials such as her own dried flowers, watercolor, washi tape, and different forms of calligraphy.

She began her presentation with a flip chart which read, “102 Ways to Write Happy Birthday.” She then displayed cards she had designed for celebrating very special birthdays: 100, 101, and 102 years. The first card was in the form of a scrapbook that folded out into an elongated card containing 100 hand-drawn candles on it, each candle featuring someone’s signature and perhaps a birthday message. The second card read, “Congratulations on circling the sun 101 times!” It was also in a regular scrapbook format, featuring 101 hand-drawn and cut out suns, about four to a page, with individual greetings written with each sun. For celebrating 102

years, she prepared two black poster boards and filled each with scraps of paper of assorted sizes, shapes, and colors with 102 individualized birthday greetings glued to them.

She then passed around samples of her cards that utilized pressed flowers. She showed one traditional wooden flower press that she used as well as a much smaller press. Then she shared a tip on pressing flowers more quickly. A special flower press designed for use in a microwave oven is now available! Place your flowers in this special press, then place it in the microwave for a few seconds before removing it for a few minutes. Repeat this process three or four times. You may have to experiment a little. The dried flowers can then be attached to a card of any color, or the card can have a printed design covering all of it or just a portion of it. The dried flowers can be enhanced by outlining or using various embellishments such as glitter, buttons, or gems. You can also add bits of ribbon or lace to your card. Lastly, you can add a short message on the front of the card and a longer message on the inside.

Karon next showed some of the tools she uses in making cards – special glues, adhesive tape, glue dots, and a scoring board on which she marks where the card will fold. She passed around samples of cards where she had used watercolor behind the main design or as part of the design and even as part of the text in the cards.

She passed out a packet of various materials on how to use calligraphy on note cards and special occasion cards. She gave members an opportunity to try out calligraphy as she used her flip chart to demonstrate the major strokes used in forming each letter of the alphabet. The packet also included instructions and materials for each member to take home and make a card for herself.

She also showed members how to make unique cards by using vintage postcards you might find in an antique shop (especially seasonal cards, like those for Christmas). She prints a copy of the front of the postcard to use on the front of her card and then places the back of the original postcard face-up on the inside of her card, leaving the address, message, and

stamp on it to add a little special interest and a touch of nostalgia to her creation. She then adds her special message or sentiments inside the card, opposite the postcard.

Lastly, Karon showed examples of her cards, which used “washi tape,” which is a decorative, sticky tape which originated in Japan (“washi” meaning “in harmony” and “shi” meaning “paper” in Japanese). It has a special quality and is slightly transparent on lighter colors and works well to achieve a layered effect. It can be applied to a card in various sizes, lengths, and widths, and the excesses can be cut off along the edges of the card or folded under the cards. Designs on the rolls of washi tape include all sorts of items, such as colored or shaded stripes, geometric patterns, leaves, birds, animals, and, actually, almost anything. The floral designs are especially attractive and useful in providing a layered look. Sentiments or other cutouts can be glued on the front of your card directly over the washi tape. Then a blank sheet of paper can be glued to the back of the decorated card. An alternative to this



Karon Wheelless is shown with a poster board “card” for 102 ways to say, “Happy Birthday.”

design is cutting the washi tape card into a shape, such as an oval, and placing it on a plain colored card and then placing another cut-out or phrase on top of the oval.

Use of stencils and embossing powders can create unique designs to use on cards. Stickers with sentiments, words, and phrases already printed out are also available at craft stores. These can be stuck down to the outside of the card or to the inside.

In short, there are endless ways to experiment with card making. Be creative, experiment, and do not be afraid to try something new, even if it sounds kind of crazy! Just “go for it!”

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# Centex Crime Stoppers - Crime of the Week 03/19/2025

Centex Crime Stoppers can use your help in solving a case of criminal mischief. On Friday, March 14th, the Gatesville Police Department was notified of some items, which were spray painted on at 401 S. 8th St (Raby Park). Upon arrival, GPD was met by the manager of Parks and Recreation for Gatesville. The manager explained that sometime between 5 p.m. on March 13 and 8 a.m. on March 14, someone vandalized the property. The manager led GPD to the splash park area in black spray paint, spelling out the name “Mary.” The manager pointed out another area inside the rock building next to the water park area where again the name “Mary” was written in black spray paint. One of the concrete picnic tables was also vandalized, and, upon

further investigation, GPD found two more tables with the same writing. Along with the tables and splash area, GPD found more writing on the door of the maintenance shed and the rock wall in the parking lot. If you have any information about any case or any local crime, call Centex Crime Stoppers 24 hours a day at 1-254-865-8477 (TIPS) or visit our website at [www.Centex-crimestoppers.org](http://www.Centex-crimestoppers.org) or by downloading the “P3” mobile app available on both the Apple app store and Google Play Store. You never have to give your name, and if your information leads to an arrest, you may be eligible for a cash reward. Crime Stoppers, citizens, police, and the media working together can make our community a safer place to live. Together, we can make a difference.

## RIBBON CUTTING



COURTESY PHOTO

The Gatesville Chamber of Commerce welcomed Cen-Tex Crime Stoppers as a new member with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Crime Stoppers and chamber members are pictured (left to right): Gatesville Police Chief Jeff Clark, Sabrina Malone, Tina Zimmerman, Patrice Gilbert, City Manager Brad Hunt, Sonia Blanchard, Bill Trotter, Monte Van Horn, Tammy Van Horn, Jo Ann Sugg, Leo Corona, Whitney Glover, and Librarian Shea Harp.

# The DISPATCH

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of March 12 – March 18. 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 865-2 226 or to the Sheriff’s office at 865-7201.

### CITY OF GATESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

**March 12**  
10:09 a.m., wanted/stolen (person/property) was reported in the 1500 block of Waco Street.  
11:49 a.m., a theft was reported in the 2800 block of S. State Highway 36.  
1:13 p.m., a threat was reported in the 200 block of N. 8th Street.  
2:51 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 500 block of S. 6th Street.  
**March 13**  
8:13 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of Chicktown Road.  
10:54 a.m., a theft was reported in the 3300 block of S. State Highway 36.  
12:47 p.m., a theft was reported in the 3400 block of Royal Drive.  
7:17 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 900 block of Bridge Street.  
**March 14**  
9:32 a.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 400 block of S. 8th Street.  
1:24 p.m., a theft was reported in the 3400 block

of Spyglass Circle.  
2:30 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 100 block of Petsick Lane.  
3:34 p.m., an assault was reported in the 1600 block of St Louis Street.  
**March 15**  
10:09 a.m., a gas leak/fire was reported in the 2800 block of Powell Drive.  
11:26 a.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 400 block of S. 7th Street.  
12:37 p.m., harassment was reported in the 600 block of E. Leon Street.  
11:15 p.m., a theft was reported in the 500 block of Bridge Street.  
**March 16**  
5:29 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1300 block of N. State Highway 36 Bypass.  
8 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1000 block of W. Main Street.  
4:11 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 100 block of E. Leon Street.  
9:39 p.m., a theft was reported in the 2400 block of Business highway 36.  
**March 17**  
9:52 a.m., an animal/

livestock complaint was reported in the 700 block of State School Road.  
2:37 p.m., a hit & run complaint was reported in the 2300 block of E. Main Street.  
3:04 p.m., a theft was reported in the 300 block of S. 14th Street.  
6:32 p.m., a theft was reported in the 1300 block of E. Leon Street.  
**March 18**  
8:49 a.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 3400 block of E. Main Street.  
12:33 p.m., an accident was reported in the 200 block of Straws Mill Road.  
1:09 p.m., illegal dumping was reported in the 200 block of Old Waco Road.  
7:59 p.m., a fire was reported in the 1300 block of FM 116.  
**CORYELL COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE**  
**March 12**  
12:28 p.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 300 block of Hamilton Drive.

3:10 p.m., a fire call was reported in the 400 block of the Rio Escondido housing development.  
4:45 p.m., fraud was reported in the 200 block of Harrell Drive.  
10:25 p.m., a major accident was reported in the 700 block of Greenbriar Road.  
**March 13**  
5:48 a.m., a reckless driver was reported on Highway 281 outside of Evant.  
2:24 p.m., a dog bite was reported in the 1400 block of King Country Road.  
2:28 p.m., fraud was reported in the 600 block of Cedar Mountain Road.  
5:58 p.m., a fire call was reported in the 9400 block of S. Highway 36.  
**March 14**  
12:14 p.m., a grass fire was reported on Highway 84 and County Road 161.  
3:18 p.m., a scam was reported in the 4200 block of FM 1113.  
4:24 p.m., a major accident was reported in the 7300 block of FM 182.  
7:50 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the

4000 block of E. Highway 84.  
**March 15**  
9:44 a.m., a major accident was reported in the 2900 block of FM 215.  
3:16 p.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 8400 block of Highway 84.  
7:59 p.m., a fire call was reported in the 100 block of Cedar Mountain Road.  
**March 16**  
9:07 a.m., illegal dumping was reported on Tx Highway 236 and the Leon River Bridge.  
11:43 a.m., a fire call was reported in the 1000 block of County Road 321.  
5:53 p.m., shots fired was reported in the 11,100 block of N. Highway 36.  
8:39 p.m., fraud was reported in the 100 block of Homestead Drive.  
**March 17**  
4:13 p.m., burglary of a habitation was reported on Leathers Lane.  
7:16 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on Highway 84 and County Road 177.  
8:56 p.m., a reckless driver was reported on Highway

84 and County Road 1829.  
**March 18**  
9:40 a.m., missing livestock was reported in the 100 block of FM 930.  
10:36 a.m., a theft was reported in the 1400 block of Highway 36.  
1:55 p.m., a theft was reported in the 500 block of Liberty Street.  
5:08 p.m., smoke/possible fire was reported on Mocas-sin Bend Road.

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300-400 lb.	340-415
400-500 lb.	320-400
500-600 lb.	300-350
600-700 lb.	260-310
700-800 lb.	215-270
<b>Slaughter Cows</b>	
High Yielding	135-154
Low Yielding	110-125
Fats	130-145
Thin & Shelly	85-110
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<b>Cow &amp; Calf Pairs</b>	
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# Bringing the library to you with the Homebound Program

BY ALEXANDRA MEELBUSCH  
Staff Writer

The Gatesville Public Library is offering a new service for patrons who are unable to leave their homes to visit the library called the Homebound Program. It is available to those who cannot travel due to illness, mobility issues, or other challenges. The Homebound Program is designed to deliver books

and library services directly to your door whether that be print or audiobooks, Libby App assistance, Wi-Fi hotspots, print jobs, notary services, or Playaway tablets. Gatesville Librarian Shea Harp said that over the summer the library noticed that many patrons went from visiting the library in person to depending

on family, neighbors, and friends to receive new books. Since the program began this month, there have been no enrollments in the program so far. Harp expressed that the struggle right now is making sure those who want or need the service are aware of it. She is staying on top of advertising the new

program on the website and social media along with posting flyers throughout town. She mentioned that it is impactful for community members to keep the program in mind and spread the word when they come across someone who will benefit from it. To enroll in the program, call the library and request

to talk to Harp about the Homebound Program. From there, the library will figure out how to get the patron access to a form to fill out. Some circumstances may require Harp to obtain a note from a doctor or a case manager. The Gatesville Public Library can be reached by calling 254-865-5367.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GATESVILLE, TEXAS, AMENDING THE GATESVILLE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY REPEALING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 12 "CEMETERIES" IN ITS ENTIRETY; PROVIDING A PENALTY OF FINE NOT TO EXCEED \$500; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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Holly Owens  
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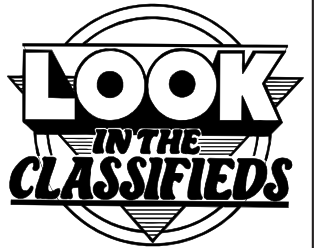
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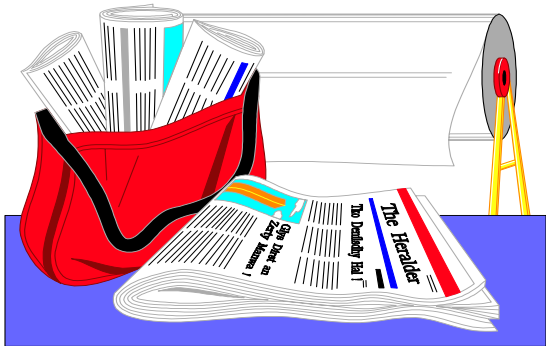
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## ULTIMATE CHOCOLATE PIE

BY PAT HENSON

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3 eggs (separated)

Mix flour, sugar, and cocoa. Add beaten egg yolks and ¼ cup of milk and mix well. Add the remaining milk and mix. Add margarine and cook until the mixture thickens and boils, stirring constantly. Pour into pie shell and top with meringue. Bake at 375 degrees until browned. May be served at room temperature or chilled.



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## MUSEUM SPOTLIGHT

## Getting into “hot water”

**BY DAVID SCOTT**  
*Staff Writer*

While walking through the home display on the second floor of the Coryell Museum and Historical Center, if you happen to stop at the kitchen area display of early kitchen stoves and gadgets, you may notice a tall, iron cylinder-shaped object, which closely resembles an early day parlor stove. In fact, it was one of many hot water heaters that were manufactured in the United States.

In today's world, when folks want hot water, they simply turn on the faucet in their kitchen sinks and presto, you have hot water. In the early days of our country, hot water was only created by putting pans or kettles of water on a wood burning stove and heating the water in that fashion. The invention of the hot water heater that could create gallons of water was only a far-fetched dream.

The history of hot water heaters centers around Edwin Ruud, a Norwegian immigrant born in 1854 in Norway, who, while working for George Westing-

house in Pittsburgh, PA, developed the first automatic storage tank-type gas water heater in 1889. Ruud's invention revolutionized water heating and led to the founding of Ruud Manufacturing, which exists to this day.

Ruud's early design featured a tank with a thermostat to control temperature and a pressure relief valve for safety. He would later be considered a leading pioneer in water heating products for both home and commercial use.

The Ruud company, now known as Ruud-MEA, is considered a prominent player in the water heating industry, with a legacy rooted in Pittsburgh's innovation.

Edwin Ruud died in Pittsburgh in 1932 at the age of 78. In 1959, the water heater arm of the Ruud Manufacturing Company was purchased from Ruud's widow, Minna Ruud, by the Rheem Manufacturing Company.

Today, water heaters come in various forms, including gas-fired, electric, and tankless, and manufacturers continue to focus

on energy efficiency and renewable energy sources. The museum is proud to have an early-day water heater on exhibit, so that visitors can see how far things have progressed in the last few hundred years.

The museum remains temporarily closed due to the construction of a new elevator in the building. When the museum re-opens, visitors are welcome to drop by the museum located at 718 E. Main where they can view the largest spur collection in the world. Admission to the museum is free of charge. Yearly Coryell Museum memberships are \$20 for singles, \$30 for families, and \$40 for businesses.



DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

**An early day example is shown of one of the first hot water heaters manufactured in Pittsburgh.**

which includes free admission to the museum, plus four newsletters. Of course, large and small donations are welcome at all times.

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# Laerdal celebrates 25th anniversary and ribbon cutting

BY ALEXANDRA MEELBUSCH  
Staff Writer

Laerdal Medical, of Gatesville, celebrated its 25th anniversary on Friday, March 14 and held a ribbon cutting ceremony for its new building.

The event featured food, live entertainment, a gift card giveaway, and a ceremony honoring Laerdal's achievements and contributions to the community over the last 25 years.

Originally founded in 1949 as Medical Plastics Laboratory, Laerdal has stood by their mission, "Helping Save Lives," for years and continues to give back by providing educational tools and resources to help medical professionals train in different scenarios.

Medical Plastics was later acquired in 2000 by a Norwegian company and is now a division of the Laerdal Medical Corporation. CEO Alf Christian Dybdahl was present at the celebration and gave a speech to honor Laerdal's journey.

"It's incredibly humbling and inspiring to be here today," Dybdahl said. "I have fond memories of visiting Laerdal Texas over the years and seeing how it has developed. It is incredible to see how we adapted this site, how it has been merged together with what we do in Monterey, and we have created something that is very competitive and create very meaningful products."

After announcing a plan for expansion for a new

facility in 2023, Laerdal was finally able to experience their new building during the 25th anniversary. The building is said to become a global hub for the RQI platform, a CPR training program that equips healthcare workers to administer high-quality CPR to patients.

Dybdahl said, "I think that we have to think about how this is more than just a building; this is a commitment. And we wouldn't have made this investment if we were not serious about a long-term commitment to this community and to this site."

"What we do here on a daily basis is highly meaningful, and I hope you all feel that this is helping save lives," he said.



ALEXANDRA MEELBUSCH | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

During the event, attendees were asked to look underneath their chairs to locate gift cards, which only a few lucky winners received.

# Oldest known structure in Coryell County undergoes repairs

BY DAVID SCOTT  
Staff Writer

The oldest known surviving structure in Coryell County, which was constructed in 1855, recently underwent a few repairs and a slight facelift.

In the past several months, the old log jail, located within the Coryell Museum and Historical Center, was beginning to lean on one side, causing it to look slightly off-center.

Hewn Holdings, which is associated with Homestead Heritage in Elm Mott, was hired to "take the lean" out of the 170-year-old structure.

A construction crew recently began work on the double-walled log building using laser levels, hydraulic jacks, and strapping to straighten the log jail, which proved to be fairly successful.

Jason Belew, a specialist with Hewn Holdings, said,

"It's been hard to determine this case, because we don't know how the process will go, so we're just moving slowly to see if this process will take a day or two - it's whatever works out. We're just going to try to block it and shim it back into place."

Belew continued, "The inside walls of the jail are fairly structurally sound, so they're supporting a lot of the weight as it is, so with the outside walls, we're just going to re-block and re-brace. We want to keep it as original as we can. We don't want to add anything [to the structure] if we can avoid it."

According to the president of Coryell Museum and Historical Center, Hal Davidson, "They used a jack and pieces of wood on the south wall to lean it back into place and then used shims to get the building somewhat level again. It

looks better."

The old log jail was built in 1855 by John H. Chrisman, who migrated from Indiana to the Fort Gates area in 1851 with his wife and children. Along with a few others, he helped to survey the city of Gatesville and the public square in 1854 and the following year, in 1855, he was commissioned to build Gatesville's first jail, which was to be constructed as a double-walled hewn log structure. Chrisman, who worked primarily by himself, completed the job in approximately four months at a cost of \$1,085.13.

Logs were hewed with broad axes to the proper size and hauled from R.G. Grant's Leon River bottom land by ox-drawn wagons. The jail was a two-level structure with access to the basement jail cell through a trap door from the main floor. The guard spent his

duty time on the upper floor.

Records show that, by 1870, guards were paid \$1 to \$2.50 per day or night according to the type of prisoner being guarded. It was reported that local blacksmith, Henry Sasse, was often paid for repairing the trap door in the floor, repairing locks, and making foot cuffs for the prisoners.

Sam Bass, the notorious horse thief, train and stagecoach robber, and murderer spent time in the Coryell County log jail in 1878. He was arrested for disturbing the peace on Owl Creek south of Gatesville and placed in the jail by Sheriff Ben Friend.

The jail was reported to have been built on Lot 9 of Block 2 at the corner of 7th and Saunders Streets. The jail remained at this location for at least 21 years until a new and larger jail was constructed in 1870.

The original log structure was then sold to the highest bidder and subsequently moved to the Powell farm located on the Osage Road a few miles northeast of Gatesville where it was reassembled and used for storage.

Realizing the historical importance of the build-

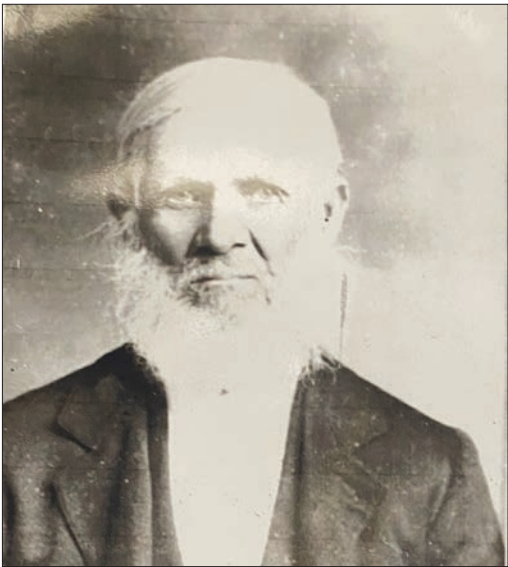
ing, local historian Miss Jessie Faunt Le Roy began a campaign to raise money and have the historic log jail moved back to Gatesville where it was placed in Raby Park. It was moved to the park in 1947 where it was repaired and then dedicated.

Nearly 30 years later, in 1986, yet another move was in store for the log structure: this time to the grounds of the J.R. Graham building on 7th Street, which housed historic items and special exhibits dealing with the history of Gatesville and Coryell County. The jail was dismantled and moved from Raby Park to its new location in the courtyard of the Coryell County Museum.

Twelve years passed before the "travelling jail" made its final move. It was

dismantled once again and moved a short distance away and reassembled behind the new museum location in the Bigham/Powell building on the corner of 8th and Main Streets.

The jail is in its final location, enclosed in a climate-controlled building away from the elements. After years of being dismantled and moved, the old log jail, now 170-years-old, is getting some needed repairs to preserve it for generations to come.



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John S. Chrisman, the contractor who built the first Coryell County Jail in 1855, is shown.

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Top photo: Jason Belew with Hewn Holdings attaches Ratchet straps to the log jail to secure the structure while it was being levelled. Bottom photo: Coryell Museum officers Hal Davidson and Rhonda Mohler look on during the levelling of the historic Coryell County log jail.



# Gatesville baseball winding down tough non-district slate

BY CHRIS ALLMAN  
Contributing Writer

A wild walk-off win over Brownwood pushed Gatesville to their fifth win in the last six games with one game remaining before the start of district play.

In the 4-3 victory over Brownwood, the Hornets uncharacteristically made three errors, were caught stealing twice, and twice had runners thrown out at home but overcame thanks to timely, late inning offense.

In the bottom of the sixth inning, Justin Muegge's two-strike single scored Gehrig

Keeton to give the Hornets a 3-2 lead. Brownwood came back with a run in the bottom of the sixth to tie the game 3-3, and neither team was able to score in the seventh.

Keeton, who came on in relief with one out in the seventh inning, breezed through the top of the eighth on nine pitches. In the bottom half of the eighth, the Hornets were able to walk off the Lions without ever putting the ball in play.

Bradey James walked to start the inning; then Colt Heath was hit by a pitch. The

Lions intentionally walked Keeton to load the bases, but Harrison Sweeney plunked Seth Finley with his first pitch to score James and give Gatesville the 4-3 win.

Gatesville banged out eight hits in the win, including two each from Keeton and Miles Tull. Tull tripled in the first and scored Gatesville's first run on a single from James. James, Heath, Muegge, and Collyn Coleman all had hits in the game, and James walked twice. James RBI single gave him 23 runs batted in on the season.

The win was Gatesville's

second over the Lions this season after the Hornets issued a 3-0 shutout in tournament play earlier this year. It also came almost four years to the day since they beat the Lions in an 8-7 walkoff in Chase Smith's first season. On March 19, 2021, Jaryn Poynter delivered an RBI single in the eighth inning to secure Smith's first district 6-4A win.

As of March 13, James was the fourth-highest run producer in Class 4A, according to txhsbaseball.com. He started the win against Brownwood and went six in-

nings, giving up just two hits and zero earned runs.

Gatesville dropped Madisonville 8-3 on March 13 thanks to another big offensive night and a typically strong start from Keeton. Four different Hornets had doubles in the win, and three players had two hits apiece.

Keeton doubled twice with James, Tull, and Collyn Coleman also adding doubles. Bradey Gist had two hits and stole two bases in the win. Keeton threw a complete game and struck out seven while walking just one.

In a 13-4 loss to Temple

March 15, the Wildcats turned a 3-2 lead into a 10-2 lead thanks to a seven-run sixth inning. The Hornets had nine hits in the win, including doubles from James, Heath, and Finley. John Ibarra - who missed the Brownwood game due to illness - had two hits against Temple.

The Hornets wrap their non-district slate against Glen Rose in Gatesville March 21, then open 23-4A play at Lorena March 25.

# Streetman's talent and devotion are impressive

BY JOHN ENGLISH  
Contributing Writer

Avery Streetman's early victory in the Squaw Valley Golf Tournament could potentially have set the tone for a phenomenal senior season.

A three-time regional qualifier, the Gatesville High School golfer has committed to playing at the collegiate level at LeTourneau University, and coach Justin Brumfield said Streetman deserves all the accolades she receives.

"I have only been coaching Avery for this one season, but what she has been able to work toward and accomplish is as impressive as any athlete I have been around in my career," Brumfield said. "She continues to work every single day to prove and continue to show why she is one of the most talented golfers in the program and our

district.

It is always refreshing to have kids that will take the coaching points you give them to make them better at whatever they are pursuing, along with wanting to be just as successful personally as I want them to be as well."

Brumfield said one of Streetman's best qualities is being a good role model of what a successful athlete looks like.

"She brings exactly what kind of example an older and more experienced player should bring to any team," Brumfield said. "She is the player that has never been given anything and has worked for every single accomplishment she can now look back on and appreciate. She continues to show and prove that if you truly want to be successful and are willing to make the sacrifices

necessary to be better than average, you can most certainly make it happen."

For Streetman, 17, the year is off to a good start. "So far, I have been pretty happy with my season until now, scoring a few wins as well as building my consistency," Streetman said. "There's always room to improve, and I'm excited to see the rest of my last season unfold."

A first-team, all-district selection in her freshman-junior years at Gatesville, Streetman said her objectives for the 2025 season are three-fold.

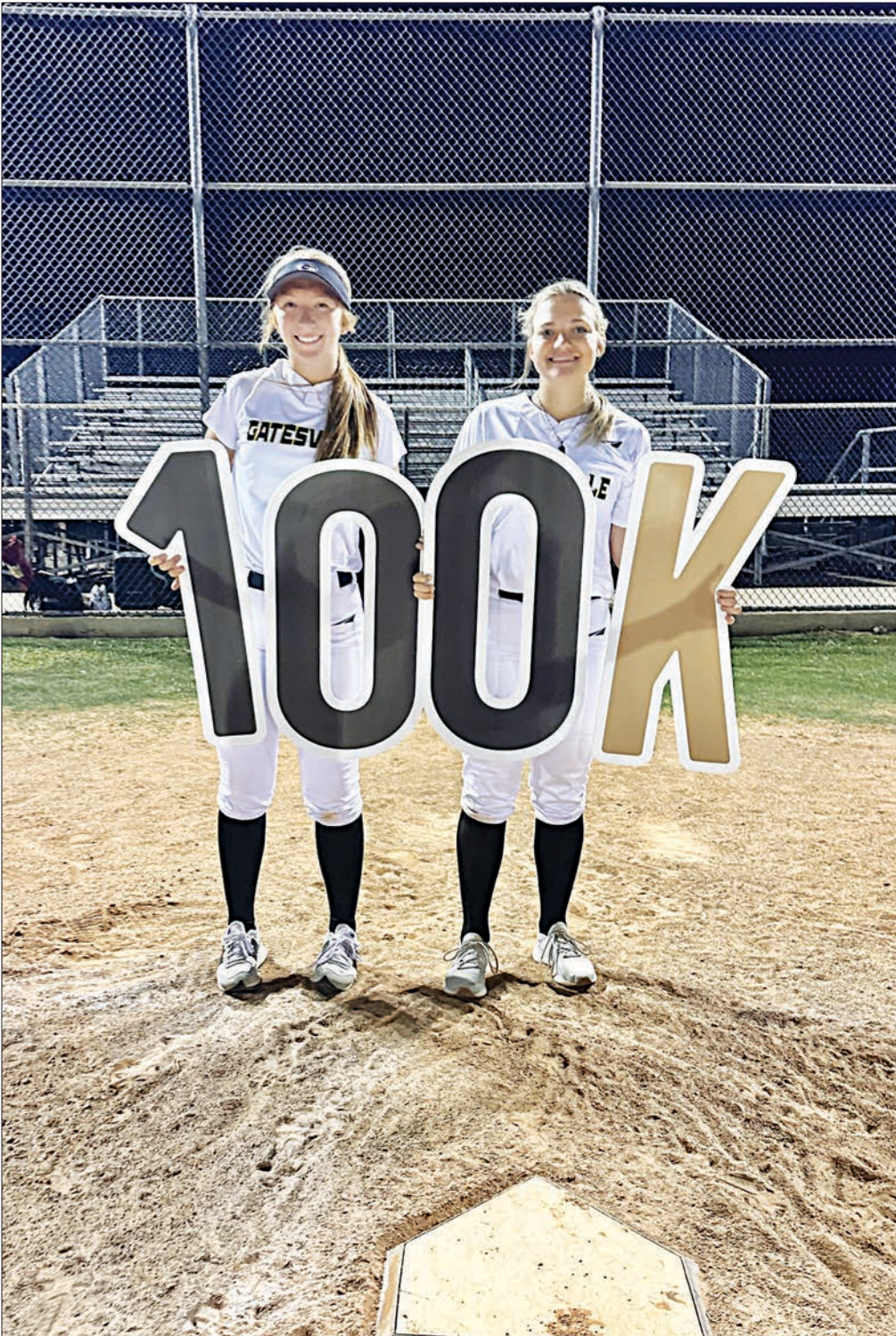
"My goal is to be a state qualifier," Streetman said. "But even more than that I strive to better myself as a golfer and a person through this sport as well as now preparing myself for a new ballgame of col-

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Gatesville senior Avery Streetman won the Squaw Valley Golf Tournament earlier this season.

# MADISON HESTER REACHES 103 STRIKEOUTS



Madison Hester (left) is pictured with catcher Raylee Glover at a recent varsity softball game where Hester gained a total of 103 strikeouts to end the night. She began her preseason with only 19 strikeouts and has worked tirelessly to reach over 100 strikeouts.

# Messenger's Football, band poster sales underway

**Staff Reports**

Each year, *The Gatesville Messenger* provides the community with football posters to honor our local high school football team. This year, the newspaper office has decided to produce a poster for the band program as well.

The posters will be published in August and will be handed out to schools, businesses, and families in the community.

A portion of the proceeds will be donated directly to the Gatesville High School football and band programs.

The deadline to sponsor the posters is Tuesday, April 15.

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**POWERLIFTING STATE MEET MEDALISTS**  
Gatesville High School claimed a pair of medals at last week's Texas High School Women's Powerlifting Association state meet in Edinburg.  
Senior Kasey Fitzer, making her second state meet appearance in the last three years, won the silver medal in the 114-lb. weight class with a three-lift total of 725 pounds (265 squat, 180 bench, 280 deadlift). She finished 10th at state in 2023.  
Shaylie Teague, at state competition for the second year in a row, won the bronze medal in the 148-lb. weight class with a total of 900 pounds (345 squat, 225 bench, 330 deadlift). Also a senior, Teague finished 6th at state a year ago.  
GHS, which has qualified at least one lifter for state each year since 2009, finished 9th overall in the team standings. This marks the first time since 2015 that the Hornet girls had two lifters earn medals at state competition.

**MORE SPRING SPORT**  
...Starting next week, GHS Baseball and Softball teams will be playing at the same location, as both will be in District 23-4A mode. The same-site schedule allows fans, in most cases, to watch both teams play at the same time. Softball was 13-7-1 overall heading into league play that started this week. Baseball began the week with a 10-5-1 mark.  
...Golf begins the two-round 23-4A tournament next week - the first round is Wednesday at Glen Rose, and the final round March 31 is there again. Avery Streetman has already won a pair of tourney titles, while Max Healer has emerged as a top medalist in a couple of boys' appearances.  
...GHS Tennis will be

hosting its annual Varsity tournament here Thursday. If you have the chance, get out and see these kids compete. They are a hard-working group and are fun to watch. It won't cost you a dime.  
...GHS will host the District 23-4A track meet on April 2-3. Hornet thinclads have only an appearance at Lampasas this week remaining on the spring docket.

**NOTES AND DOTES**  
...Ellie Knobloch, Brianna Allen, Callie Stovall, and Logan Biggs are the latest Hornet student-athletes to earn THSCA academic all-state honors for 2024-2025. GHS now has 23 senior athletes that have received recognition for this prestigious award, which takes into consideration GPA, class rank and ACT-SAT scores.

**UPCOMING SCHEDULE**  
**Monday, March 24**  
Track: 7th-8th girls-boys at Lorena meet  
**Tuesday, March 25**  
Baseball: Varsity-JV at Lorena  
Softball: Varsity-JV at Lorena  
**Wednesday, March 26**  
Golf: Varsity-JV girls-boys at 1st round District 23-4A tourney  
**Thursday, March 27**  
Softball: JV at Crawford tourney  
Track: Varsity-JV girls-boys at Lampasas meet  
**Friday, March 28**  
Baseball: Varsity-JV here vs. Lorena  
Softball: Varsity-JV here vs. Lampasas  
Tennis: GHS hosts Varsity tourney  
**Saturday, March 29**  
Softball: JV at Crawford tourney

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Doubles Division: Pictured (left to right) are Brenton Lane, Ben Mabry, Kien Tran, Calvin Ford, Asa Hardcastle, and Evan Lane.



Eina Savali is pictured after winning first place in the Celtic Draw, singles division.

# Spur Tennis Club served up success at Clover Classic

## Staff Reports

The Spur Tennis Club hosted a Clover Classic tournament on March 15 and 16 at the Gatesville High School tennis court, where many individuals took home medals. Clover Classic included

a singles and doubles division for its players.  
Singles Division Medalists  
Pot O' Gold Draw: Brodie Reed, first place; Kyson Williams, second place; Myck Tiglaio, consolation champion.  
Bagpipe Draw: Wills

Pierce, first place; Benjamin Beaudin, second place; Owen McMullen, consolation champion.  
Celtic Draw: Eina Savali, first place; Thomas Smith, second place; Francisco Muniz, third place.  
Doubles Division Medal-

ists  
Ben Mabry and Asa Hardcastle, first place  
Kien Tran and Calvin Ford, second place  
Evan Lane and Brenton Lane, third place

## STREETMAN

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lege golf."  
Besides golf at GHS, Streetman has been involved in yearbook for four years and serves as the editor this school year.  
She is also a part of the broadcasting program, several OnRamps courses, the

Dual Credit program, a Student Council member, and participates in UIL academics.  
Often the only girl on the team, Streetman said she sees her role on the team as a player that others can rely on to come through when it counts.  
"I try to bring consistency from the course—being able to put up good scores

repeatedly, even more than this being a team leader," Streetman said. "I try motivating the people around me to work hard and push harder. I want them to reach their best potential and love the game as much as I do."  
Outside of school, Streetman has worked at the local HEB for the last two years, works periodically at the golf course, as well as hosts and

puts together golf clinics for kids interested in growing their passion for the game.  
She has been a part of the Junior Ambassadors program for four years, including holding varying officer positions and is a part "of an amazing youth group."  
Streetman said what initially drew her to the sport of golf was "one of the few things" that came out of the

COVID outbreak.  
"I was babysitting for a former Gatesville coach, Raygan Barron," Streetman said. "At the time, she lived on our local golf course and was out there 24/7. I was constantly surrounded by it 24/7. This drew me to the game, and once I picked up a club, my passion grew from there."  
Streetman said it has not always been easy and said

one of her biggest challenges has always been her mental game.  
"Golf is one of the most mentally challenging sports," Streetman said. "Behind every shot there's so much more than standing over your ball and swinging; a lot more than people take into consideration. Golf often is a quiet sport, leaving you with just your thoughts and emotions through your 18 holes. One of my biggest issues is bringing everything outside of golf into my rounds and then off the links I'm always thinking about my performance on the links. Being able to control your emotions and mental stability anywhere has definitely been my biggest challenge but taught me the most."  
For Brumfield, he simply wants Streetman to be the best golfer she can be this season.  
"I want for her to have a shot to go further, and score better than she has in her entire career," said Brumfield.

**Streetman's Favorites**  
Favorite Athlete: Betsy Rawls  
Favorite Sports Team: Texas Rangers  
Favorite Food: Hibachi  
Favorite Movie: "The Little Mermaid"  
Favorite TV Show: "Gossip Girl"  
Book currently reading or last book read: "Atomic Habits"  
Favorite Musical Group or Performer: Vince Gill



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BY JOHN ENGLISH  
Contributing Writer

**Fitzer and Teague Represent Gatesville at State**

Two GHS powerlifters competed in the THSWPA State Championships last Friday in Edinburg. Kasey Fitzer competed in the 114-Pound Weight Class and Shaylie Teague competed in the 148-Pound Weight Class. "Both of these young ladies did an exceptional job," coach Jason Moffett said. "This season there were about 80 girls across the state who competed in the 114 class in 4A Division 2 and about 150 who competed in the 148 class. Out of all those girls, 15 of the 114's and 16 of the 148's qualified to lift at the state meet." Fitzer finished second overall for GHS, and Teague claimed third place for the Hornets powerlifting squad. "Both of these young ladies will graduate this May," Moffett said. "They will be greatly missed."

Fitzer and Teague's results are listed below:  
Kasey Fitzer - second place in the state in the 114 Class  
265 Pound Squat  
180 Pound Bench Press  
280 Pound Deadlift  
725 Pound Total  
Shaylie Teague - third place in the state in the 148 Pound Weight Class  
345 Pound Squat  
225 Pound Bench Press  
330 Pound Deadlift  
900 Pound Total

**Jonesboro Comes Up Short Against Crawford**

The Eagles softball team lost to Crawford by a score of 11-7 last week in a game coach James Turner said his team actually played very well. "The girls fought, and we let the game slip away in the sixth inning, allowing five runs," Turner said. "Crawford had some huge hits, and I cannot take anything away from them. Senior Julie Henderson pitched really well, and senior Emily Turner played

solid behind the plate. The defense made some spectacular plays such as junior Adalyna Andrade in right field. She gunned out a runner trying to advance to second base. Sophomore Ally Thorman made multiple catches in center field, and Sophomore Kylee Gould played solid in left field. Our infield played great defense as well. On the offensive side, there were multiple contributors in the 7-hit game. Senior Emily Turner led with two hits, including a triple, two runs scored, and one RBI. Landri McFarlin had a triple, one run scored, and an RBI. Ella Gustin and Lynlee Deats each had a hit and an RBI for the Lady Eagles." Turner said, despite the loss, he is pleased with the progress and perseverance he sees from his team. "We continue to get better as a team, and the girls never give up," Turner said. "We have great leadership on the field, and everyone

wants to do their part to make the team better. Even though we did not get the win, I am extremely proud of all the girls and their efforts." **Hornets Lose Tough One to McGregor** The Gatesville softball team lost to McGregor last week in a game coach Andrea Holdbrook described as "tough." It was the final game of the non-district schedule for the Hornets. "McGregor is currently ranked fifth in the TGCA poll in 3A, so we felt like they would present a good challenge to help us prepare for district this week," Holdbrook said. "We fell behind early in the second inning and finally responded offensively in the bottom of the fourth inning. We had a little offensive surge in the fifth inning, scoring three runs and then added another in the bottom of the sixth. Unfortunately, we ran into a few outs on the bases that ended our

ability to tie it up and take the lead. Both teams were pretty evenly matched in offense and defense, but, unfortunately, we were not able to capitalize on a few opportunities we had to score a few more runs." Holdbrook said she did have a couple of standout performances in the game. "Brilee Ford went two for four with two runs scored and Kinlee Gardner smashed a two-run double to get us back into the game," Holdbrook said. "Madison Hester threw a complete game, giving up just three earned runs and struck out 11." **Oglesby Defeats Abbott on Monday Night** The Tigers baseball team defeated Abbott by a score of 11-5 on St. Patrick's Day. Jaxon Markum went 2-5 in the game for the Tigers with three stolen bases, three RBI and a run score. Holdyn Goff scored 1-4 with a double, two RBI and a run scored and Gunner Riley had three runs scored

for the Tigers against Abbott. Callen Webb finished the game with a double and run scored and Jakson Tippit had two runs scored for Oglesby. **Gatesville Track and Field Team Has Good Showing at 44 Farms** The Hornets had several athletes with strong performances at the 44 Farms meet earlier this month. West Allman won the high jump event with a mark of 6-6 for Gatesville. Malachi Olvera finished second in the boy's 800 meters with a time of 2:08.15 and the boy's 4X100 team finished third overall with a time of 45:14. Holton Bolfiging finished third in the pole vault with a mark of 12-6. On the girl's side, Riley Higginbotham finished second in the 3200 meters with a time of 12:57.68, and Addison Taylor took second place in the high jump event with a mark of 5-1.

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## Tarleton State track and field earns four All-American selections at NCAA Indoor National Championships

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VIRGINIA BEACH, Virginia – Tarleton State Track and Field athletes earned All-American status after their outstanding performances at the 2025 NCAA Indoor National Championships at the Virginia Beach Sports Center on March 14-15.

Each day a Texan posted First Team All-American performances. Prestina Ochonogor earned First Team All-American honors in the long jump on the first day. Ochonogor became the first Tarleton State athlete to earn NCAA Division I All-American honors in any NCAA Championships. Gabriele Tosti joined Ochonogor as a First Team All American on Saturday evening. Tosti recorded the highest finish ever by a Texan in any NCAA Championships finishing in sixth overall in the long jump.

"I am so proud of this team and my staff," said first-year head coach Bobby Carter. "They came out to Virginia Beach and handled business. They made history! To come out here and score points on the men's and women's side is huge. This was a great

experience for all of our athletes. We took four athletes to the meet and all of them came back All-Americans. I'm grateful and blessed to be a part of it all. I truly mean it, when I say greater is coming! This is just the start of what's to come."

The Texans scored points in each of the men's and women's championships. Tarleton's three points on the men's side ranked 46th place in the entire nation. The men finished tied for 13th among teams not from a Power Four Conference. On the women's side, the Texans ranked 54th with one point from Ochonogor. Out of the 61 women's teams to score, Tarleton was one of 17 that are not in a Power Four Conference. Tarleton was the only WAC school in either the men's or women's to score at least one point.

Ochonogor earned the first NCAA Division I All-American selection of any student-athlete in any sport at Tarleton State. Ochonogor competed in the long jump on the first day. The freshman jumped 6.42 meters in her first leap which was the fourth best of all the jumpers first attempts. Her mark qualified her eighth for the

eight-woman finals, which granted the top eight athletes three more attempts. On her fourth jump she improved her mark to 6.43 meters. The Nigeria native earned eighth place to be named a First Team All-American. She was the first Tarleton woman to score a point at a Division I national championship meet. Ochonogor was the only freshman in the 16-woman long jump, quite an accomplishment.

Tosti joined the prestigious First All-American club on the second day of competition. In one of the final events of the night, the Texan senior set a new personal best in the triple jump. The Italian posted the best Tarleton finish at the NCAA Indoor Championships, notching sixth place overall. Tosti leapt 16.09 meters on his first jump of the series to break his school record. Tosti set the program record last season with a 16.03-meter jump. He scored three points, the first male to score points for the Texans at an NCAA Division I Championship.

Victoria Cameron earned Second Team All-American in the 60-meter dash. The



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redshirt freshman was placed in a heat with a 2024 Paris Olympian and the current NCAA leader heading into the semifinals, Tina Godbless. Godbless was disqualified for a false start in the lane next to Cameron. Cameron finished in 7.38 seconds increasing her total to notching nine of the top 10 indoor 60-meter dash times in school history.

Lokesh Sathyanathan earned his second All-American title, his first indoor and as a member of the Texans. Sathyanathan recorded a 7.21-meter leap in the long jump in the evening of day one. Sathyanathan's jump in the semifinals led the Texans to their third All-American of the day.

The Texans concluded their record-breaking indoor

season with its first trip to the NCAA Indoor National Championships in their first season eligible. Tarleton State set 12 new school records and over 40 new top 10 best performances in program history this season. Tarleton State will now shift its focus to outdoor season. The Purple and White will open its outdoor slate March 22 in Waco.

## Tarleton State tennis picks up sixth straight win with victory at SFA

Tarleton State University

NACOGDOCHES — Tarleton State tennis won its sixth consecutive match thanks to a March 17 matinee victory at Stephen F. Austin 4-3 at the Schlieff Tennis Complex.

The Texans picked up four singles wins on Courts 3-6 to clinch the match, highlighted by freshman Maria Castano and junior Adeliya Mukhutdinova. Both Castano and Mukhutdinova picked up their 10th singles wins of the season, with Castano winning on Court 5 in straight sets 6-1, 6-1 and Mukhutdinova winning on Court 6 in 6-1, 6-2.

Castano is the third freshman in the last two years to win 10 matches in her debut season as a Texan. Mukhutdinova picked up her seventh consecutive singles

win on Monday.

Senior Noelia Lorca and junior Ximena Morales collected their sixth doubles win as a duo on Court 2 6-4, but SFA clinched the doubles point thanks to wins on Court 1 and Court 3. While SFA took the early lead, Tarleton State was quick to bounce back.

The Texans built momentum off wins from Castano and Mukhutdinova, even with singles defeats on Court 1 and Court 2. Morales picked up her seventh singles win of the season in dominating fashion, only dropping three games on Court 4. The Guatemala City, Guatemala, native defeated SFA's Antonella Taco Villarreal 6-2, 6-1 to help the Texans stay out in front.

Lorca, the 2024 WAC Fall Invitational singles champion, edged out her opponent from SFA in a three-set

thriller. Handling SFA's Sonja Rooth 6-4 in the first set, the Ladyjacks' Court 3 player bounced back with a 6-4 win in set two to force a third set. Lorca obtained her seventh singles win of the season in dominating fashion in set three, not losing a game and picking up her second bagel (6-0 set) to help Tarleton State walk out in victorious fashion.

"Today was a great match. We fought hard at each position and competed well until the end," head coach Elianne Douglas-Miron said. "Noelia played some of the best tennis I have seen from her all year. It was a very enjoyable singles match to watch. I'm also very happy with our four through six spots and how they stayed focused and had good energy to help us to another huge win."



**Tarleton State women's basketball has earned a first round bye in the 2025 Women's National Invitational Tournament**

## Tarleton State women's basketball gets first round bye to WNIT

Tarleton State University

STEPHENVILLE — Tarleton State women's basketball has earned a first round bye in the 2025 Women's National Invitational Tournament and will play either Lindenwood or Tulsa in its first-ever Division I postseason tournament March 23-25.

The Texans, who clinched the WAC's automatic bid to the event by finishing second in the conference in 2025, are coming off its best season in the Division I Era after winning a single season D1 program record 20 games. Tarleton State was the only team from the WAC to obtain a first round bye for the WNIT.

Tarleton State will potentially host its second round game against Lindenwood/Tulsa at Wisdom Gym March 23-25. Tip time, location, and date for the second round games are to be determined.

Predicted to finish sixth in the conference's preseason poll, Tarleton State clinched the conference's No. 2 seed and advanced to its first-ever Division I conference semifinal last week. The Texans also finished with a Division I program record 13 wins in Stephenville in the final basketball season at Wisdom Gym, dominating its Wisdom Gym Farewell

game on March 6 against California Baptist 75-44.

Under second-year head coach Bill Brock, the Texans improved by nine wins from a year ago in 2024-25. Brock, a three-time national champion from Baylor, is the first coach in program history to guide the Texans to an NCAA postseason event within the first two years leading Tarleton State.

Tarleton State was led by a core of veteran players in 2024-25, including eight seniors (Jakoriah Long, Miannah Little, Arleona Rosborough, Niki Van Wyk, Elise Turrubiates, Tyler Jackson, Alani Fluker and Andjela Bigovic). Long led the Texans in WAC play, scoring at least 20 points in four different WAC games en route to earning All-WAC Second Team honors. Long also made program history by becoming the first Texan in the Division I Era to record back-to-back 25-point games and broke the Division I single game program record for 3-pointers with seven twice this year.

The Texans got an offensive boost this season with Rosborough, a transfer Mary Hardin-Baylor, who led the Texans in scoring with 12.2 points per game. After being named to the Fleur-De-Lis All-Tournament Team at the 2024 Big Easy Classic,

Rosborough set the Division I single season program record for offensive rebounds (89) and made free throws (123).

After earning All-WAC Freshman Team honors in 2024, sophomore Faith Acker gave the Texans a boost in her second year of collegiate basketball. Acker led the Texans in double-doubles with four and averaged 17 points and 9.3 rebounds over her last three games.

Powered by Triple Crown Sports, the WNIT enters its 27th season of rewarding the depth found in women's college basketball. The Postseason WNIT is the longest current running postseason event for women's college basketball, in addition to the NCAA Tournament, and has afforded hundreds of opportunities for schools in every conference to play in the postseason. Past champions of the WNIT include Kansas, Indiana, Michigan, UCLA, Oklahoma State and other Power 4 conference programs.

Second round opponent, date, location and tip time will be announced at the conclusion of the Tulsa/Lindenwood game. The two schools face off in the first round at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 27.

## TSU students and faculty present at the RIED Research Symposium

Tarleton State University

STEPHENVILLE — Tarleton State University's Barry B. Thompson Student Center Ballrooms were filled with excitement and conversation in early March – as individuals gave poster presentations, three-minute thesis presentations and faculty oral presentations with their findings at the annual RIED Research Symposium.

"The intellect and dedication demonstrated by the students presenting at this year's research symposium was truly exceptional," said Dr. Rupa Iyer, vice president for Research, Innovation and Economic Development. "This annual event serves as a testament to the university's unwavering dedication to fostering research opportunities for both students and their faculty mentors. The depth of commitment, effort and meticulous preparation invested in each project reflects the ex-

emplary work ethic exhibited by all participants."

With 96 different research projects submitted into the competition, the day offered a wide range of topics for discussion. From the results of AI advertising to how romantic relationships affect athletic performance, each student brought information about their research topics and stories that led to their desire to find answers.

Stephanie Garcia, a graduate student at Tarleton State, is researching how hospital mergers affect the resilience of rural communities. She explained how her experiences working in healthcare helped fuel her interest in this subject.

"I worked as a patient care tech at the start of the pandemic, and health has always been a big passion of mine," said Garcia. "Having grown up in a rural county, I began to see that our rural counties deserve more representation

in academic literature and research in general. That is why I chose to study this topic."

Garcia received her undergraduate degree in biology from Tarleton State with a minor in public health. After working in her field of study, she decided to continue her education as a graduate student.

"With all the opportunities available here, when I started looking at graduate school, coming back to Tarleton State was a no-brainer," said Garcia.

An impressive 32 submitted projects were funded by the President's Excellence in Research Scholars grant, an initiative providing seed funding for faculty-led student research that reinforces Tarleton State's commitment to research excellence.

To view the results of the competition or for more information about research at Tarleton State, visit [www.tarleton.edu/research/](http://www.tarleton.edu/research/).



# Pre-K and Kindergarten Round Up at Gatesville Primary

Staff Reports

The Gatesville Primary School recently announced the registration dates for kindergarten and pre-K registration for the 2025-2026 school year.

Kindergarten students must be 5 years old by Sept. 1, 2025. Registration begins on Wednesday, April 9, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. The registration location for kindergarten and pre-K students will be in

the library at the Gatesville Primary School. Registration for pre-K will also continue through the summer. Pre-K students must be four years old by Sept. 1, 2025. Items needed for registra-

tion include:  
1. Official birth certificate with raised seal (not the hospital certificate)  
2. Social Security card  
3. Complete, validated immunization record, including four-year boosters

4. Picture I.D. of parent enrolling child (driver's license)  
5. Proof of residency (utility bill, lease contract)  
6. Proof of income for household – three months of pay stubs (pre-K only)

For additional information, please contact the Gatesville Primary Office at 254-865-7264.

## THE IDLE AMERICAN *Texas A&M awakes from long slumber*



**BY DR. DON NEWBURY**  
Dr. Newbury, longtime university president, continues to speak and write. He is Texas' longest-running syndicated humorist whose column began in 2003. newbury@speakerdoc.com | 817-447-3872

Had a Texas Aggie been a Rip Van Winkle wannabe in 2011, he or she might hardly recognize the university upon awakening from slumber in 2025.

There might be understandable confusion. Is real-time clearly in focus, or is the awakening accompanied by swirling figmentary dream extensions from a heap of sleep? Surely, the eye-rubbing Aggie isn't experiencing the world's biggest Aggie joke.

Hardly. Retiring Chancellor John Sharp spent his tenure wielding political capital, vision and energy so expertly that when he retires on June 30, he will leave behind the nation's largest higher education system of on-campus students. Texas A&M has excelled academically, athletically, and in numerous other ways. And that's no joke.

Student body president, he also was a charter member of the anything-for-a-laugh crowd, where loose boundaries started. He was challenged to lead some fellow Aggies in rounding up a passel of armadillos, covering them with burnt orange paint, and setting them free in Austin.

Actually, the challenge was more specific. They were to be loosed in equal numbers from all corners of the field during halftime of the 1971 A&M-UT game, when the Longhorn band was ready for its halftime show. It was "mission accomplished" when 33 armadillos scurried through the ranks, setting the band asunder before the first formation was in. Okay, one of the corners had an extra critter, so here's fodder for an Aggie math joke...

Turns out that a prominent former A&M student planned the prank, so all John got was a wrist-slapping, perhaps with an "atta-boy wink" to boot.

R. C. Slocum--winningest and longest-tenured head football coach, who led the Aggies to their last conference championship 26 years ago – and quite simply is as good as it gets – dared to remind Sharp of the prank recently on the chancellor's weekly TV show, "Around Texas."

It was all in good fun. The affable Slocum – given walking papers in 2002 despite compiling the Aggies' best record of 123-47-2 and climbing to number six in wins nationally by coaches at major schools – stayed on as a special presidential assistant until January. Just turned 80, he is cancer-free, closing out 53 years of service to Texas A&M. (First member of his family to graduate from college, he LOVES TEXAS A&M, where 15 members have graduated--so far.)...

Back to Sharp: He thinks at warp speed, mastering political maneuverings honed during Austin years. He's as comfortable there as Roy Rogers was on Trigger. Visionary, hard-working, courageous, thick-skinned, and doggedly committed, he has "bulls-eyed" numerous targets that arguably make him the most effective CEO in the history of higher education. The oft-quoted late Houston Oilers Coach "Bum" Phillips comes to mind. When asked if Earl Campbell was in a class by himself, "Bum" drawled, "If he ain't, it don't take long to call the roll."

The Texas A&M System now includes eight universities with total enrollments exceeding 150,000. There are some 75,000 at College Station, more than double the number enrolled when Sharp took over.

Both dental and law schools were acquired, with the latter ranked 57th nationally five years later and now in the top 30. Sharp's accomplishments are many, including his successful pursuit of an appropriation of more than \$1 billion for Texas A&M projects last year from the Texas Legislature...

Sharp, 73, isn't being fitted for a rocking chair. He has already volunteered to help his successor, fellow Aggie, and current Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar in all the ways that he can. (Maroon blood doesn't change colors at retirement.)

Finally, I'm given the chance to expound on the correct pronunciation of "comptroller." It is exactly the same as the pronunciation of "controller." True, most comptrollers call themselves "KOMP-trollers." Superb "audience-reader" that he is, Sharp likely claimed he was "controller" in the presence of academicians, and KOMP-troller when addressing most Aggies...

My 30 years of "chancellor-ing" falls light years short of Sharp's. I was elected "most likely to remain left-handed" in high school, though, but never once trapped an armadillo...

## GHS CNA STUDENTS COMPLETE CLINICALS



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Gatesville High School's Certified Nursing Assistant class recently completed 100 state required hours of clinicals. The CNA class visits RehabLiving at The Meadows each day during school hours to train and has made memorable relationships with their residents along the way. The entire class is also CPR certified and is led by Tori Cummings.

## JHS OAP advances to bi-district

**BY ALEXANDRA MEELBUSCH**  
Staff Writer

The Jonesboro High School One Act Play (OAP) team competed in the District 26A OAP Contest on Thursday, March 13, at

Abbott Independent School District.

The OAP team performed "The Small World of Millie McIvor" and received awards for their show.

**Awards**  
Honorable Mention All Star Cast: Michella Martinez and Addie Rueter  
All Star Cast: Leonella Rodriguez and Jacoby Smith

All Star Crew: Antonella Rodriguez  
The Jonesboro OAP team will advance to the bi-district competition on March 28.



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The Jonesboro High School One Act Play team is pictured at their district competition. (pictured front row, left to right) Sierra Chapman, Addie Rueter, Hannah Gustin, Samantha Livson, and Madison Cohn. (pictured back row, left to right) Leah Grander, Alyssa Whisenhunt, Hunter Beaty, Michella Martinez, Peyton Williamson, Leonela Rodriguez, Antonella Rodriguez, Paiton Lee, Jacoby Smith, and teacher Kim Foy.

## EISD hosts Internet Safety Presentation

Staff Reports

Evant Independent School District will host an Internet Safety Parent Presentation on Wednesday, March 26 to educate parents about online safety for their children.

The presentation will be held in the Evant ISD cafeteria

at 6 p.m. with guest speaker and host, Jeni Janek with the Region 12 Education Service Center.

Janek will give two presentations, one for students at 2 p.m. and the other will be for parents and guardians at 6 p.m. The parent presentation is not suitable for students.

The presentation held at 2 p.m. is for eighth through 12th grade students and will be a youth-appropriate internet safety discussion. Students are encouraged to bring their cell phones.

ACE (Afterschool Centers on Education) staff will be present as well to provide childcare as needed during

the event. The event will coincide with ACE Family Night and Book Fair Parent Night. For further information, email jlbuck@evantisd.org. Evant ISD is located at 339 Memory Lane in Evant.



# 4-H Horse Judging Team named Champions at Houston

Submitted by Becky Coward, Coryell County Extension Agent – 4H Youth Development

Many Coryell County 4-H youth have been extremely busy as of late, most recently traveling to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. The Livestock Quiz Bowl, Plant Identification, Wildlife, Livestock Judging, and Horse Judging Teams all had a great year in “H” town! Judging contests provide members with the opportunity to compete as a team and develop skills while increasing their knowledge about their 4-H project.

Our dedicated team members practice regularly learning facts, industry information, and details that help them pursue knowledge of what they are personal passionate about. Congratulations to the following team members for their placing at Houston:

- Horse Judging:**  
Senior Team-Overall High Point Team  
Kinsley McPherson-1st high individual, 1st place Reasons  
Luwi Rodriguez- 7th high individual  
Mia Conley- 14th high individual  
Braidy Lusk  
Junior Team- 6th place  
Tyson Jackson-Smith- 19th high individual  
Marcy Conley  
Isela Rodriguez  
Bliss Buckner  
Junior Team- 28th place  
Allie McPherson  
Carsonne Egger  
Aubree Long  
Waden Brown
- Livestock Quiz Bowl:**  
Senior Team- 4th place  
Jeret Burks- 1st high individual  
Kinsley McPherson  
Makaylie Williams  
Thomas Belt  
Senior Team- 8th place  
Clancy Archie  
Lilly Kinsey  
Kace Laster  
Landry Mabry
- Range and Pasture Plant Identification:**  
Senior Team- 6th place



Pictured with Houston officials on each end is the 2025 Champion 4-H Horse Judging Team at the Houston contest. (left to right) Coach Becky Coward, Luwi Rodriguez, Kinsley McPherson, Mia Conley, and Braidy Lusk.

- Mia Conley-12th high individual  
Caleb Mannix- 13th high individual  
Lane Brookshire  
Eli Eaton  
Junior Team- 4th place  
March Conley-2nd high individual  
Riot Hix- 11th high individual  
Hagen Milam  
Hondo Milam
- Wildlife Contest:**  
Junior Team- 5th place  
Eve Fulton- 7th high individual  
Julie Lusk
- Junior Team-8th place  
Ben Lusk  
Abigail Ball  
Junior Team-12th place  
Hagen Milam  
Thomas Brookshire  
Junior Individual  
Hondo Milam

**Livestock Judging:**  
Senior Team-45th place  
Thomas Belt-27th high individual, scramble calf certificate winner  
Lilly Kinsey  
Kinsley McPherson  
Makaylie Williams

## Spanish Community Resource Night, April 8

### Staff Reports

A Spanish Community Resource Night will be held at Gatesville Elementary School on Tuesday, April 8, from 5:30-7 p.m. in the gymnasium. Gatesville Independent School District (ISD) and Righteous Roots have partnered together to focus on available community resources and programs for all ESL families in the district.

Spanish-speaking advocates will be present at the resource night to offer information, including healthcare, insurance, Medicaid, WIC, and other assistance programs, including adult classes, crime victim's rights, and legal advocacy. Translators will be at the event as well.

The Spanish Community Resource Night is in conjunction with the Gatesville ISD's ESL (English as a Second Language) and EB (Emergent Bilingual) programs. The main goal is to bridge some possible gaps between the Spanish-speaking community and the local services and program opportunities that are available to local families.

For further information, contact 254-865-7262. Gatesville Elementary School is located at 2537 East Main Street.



Kinsley McPherson- High Point Overall Individual at Houston 4-H Horse Judging Contest

## Gatesville High School Dazzlers to hold tryouts April 17

### Staff Reports

The Gatesville High School drill team, the Dazzlers, will hold tryouts for their 2025-2026 season on April 17.

The Dazzlers will also welcome new coaches this year, Kari Patterson and Amanda Wolff.

A meeting for parents will be held on Thursday, April 3, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Gatesville High School.

There will be information given regarding the location and times for upcoming practice sessions before tryouts along with everything you need to know about the new season.

Practice sessions will be held from Wednesday, April 9 through Friday, April 11, and from Monday, April 14 through Wednesday, April 16.

Join the Google classroom for more information, with the code: “WP2S7U4.”

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

Gatesville High School is located at 205 South Lovers Lane.



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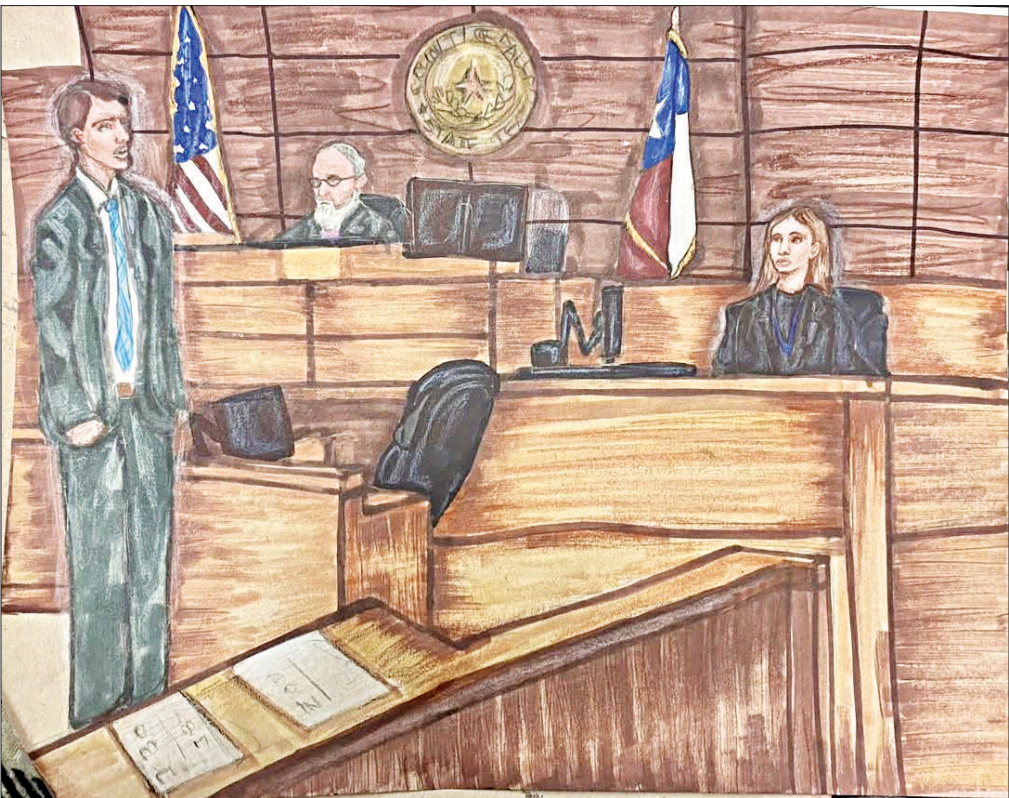


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Ellie Knobloch's final submission, which earned her 12th place out of 23 students.

# Knobloch competes in state mock trial competition

BY ALEXANDRA MEELBUSCH  
Staff Writer

After competing with the Gatesville High School Mock Trial Team as a courtroom artist in the Region 12 Mock Trial Competition, courtroom artist Ellie Knobloch advanced to state for her artistic talents.

Knobloch traveled to Dallas on March 7 and 8

to compete in the Texas High School Mock Trial State Competition where she placed 12th out of 23 students to close out her senior year.

Mock Trial Coach Star Hamilton said that from day one she knew that Knobloch had an artistic talent like no one she has ever seen before.

"To compete at the regional level three times and state level twice is an accomplishment all in its own," Hamilton said. "I could not be more proud of the talented young women that I have had the privilege of knowing and teaching for four years now. The world is her canvas."



Ellie Knobloch is pictured at the Texas High School Mock Trial State Competition in Dallas.

# STPA scholarship now open through April 4

Staff Reports

The South Texas Press Association has announced that it will give two scholarships worth \$1,500 to students who are looking to pursue a career in journalism.

There is a scholarship available for college students who are pursuing a journalism or communications degree, and the other is for high school students who are seeking a career in newspaper

journalism.

All scholarship applications must be turned in by April 4.

To apply, visit [www.southtexaspress.com/scholarships](http://www.southtexaspress.com/scholarships).

# City of Gatesville looking for lifeguards at city pool



Local lifeguard Lindsey Cummings is pictured helping a child swim across the Gatesville City Pool.

Staff Reports

The City of Gatesville has announced that applications are being accepted for lifeguard positions at the City Pool.

Applicants must be 15 years or older before May 12 and are to complete a blended learning certification course along with a swim test.

The swim test will include two prerequisites, including:

**PREREQUISITE 1:**

Complete a swim-tread-swim sequence without stopping to rest

- Jump into the water and totally submerge, resurface, then swim 150 yards using the front crawl, breaststroke, or a combination of both. (Swimming

on the back or side is not permitted. Swim goggles are allowed.)

- Maintain position at the surface of the water for two minutes by treading water using only the legs.

- Swim 50 yards using the front crawl, breaststroke, or a combination of both.

**PREREQUISITE 2:**

Complete a timed event within 1 minute 40 seconds

- Starting in the water, swim 20 yards. (The face may be in or out of the water. Swim goggles are not allowed.)

- Surface dive (feet-first or head-first) to a depth of seven to 10 feet to retrieve a 10-pound object.

- Return to the surface and swim 20 yards on the back to return to the starting point, holding the object

at the surface with both hands, and keeping the face out or near the surface.

- Exit the water without using a ladder or steps.

If successful, applicants will be enrolled in the American Red Cross Lifeguarding - Blended Learning Class, which will be held from May 5 to 11.

Completing the certification course does not guarantee employment.

The deadline for applying is April 25th. To apply, visit <https://www.gatesvilletx.com/parksrec> and fill out an application as well as register for the free training class.

For further information, contact the City of Gatesville at 254-865-8951.

The Gatesville City Pool is located at 300 South 8th Street.

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**62%** are home owners

**63%** are college educated

**41%** have children in the household.



# When Life Gives You Lemons...

The Gatesville Senior Center hosted its annual tea party on Saturday, March 15 with the theme, "When Life Gives You Lemons." Local youth who attended the event enjoyed crafts and activities while meeting new friends and also received gift bags and personalized cups. Refreshments and finger foods were offered at the party as well. Each attendee dressed in yellow to match the theme and some even showed up in their best tea party hats.

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