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Commissioners consider funding for health district

BY JEFF OSBORNE
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One issue that will continue to be explored - and likely debated - by the Coryell County Commissioners Court in 2022 is the possible formation of a public health district.

During the last 2021 meeting of the commissioners court, Pct. 2 Commissioner Daren Moore said he noticed funding was still budgeted for a public health district in the 2024 budget, looking at the long-range financial plan.

"I talked to (city) council representatives in

Copperas Cove and Gatesville," Moore said. "They aren't necessarily opposed to it but they want a plan."

Bradi Diaz, former mayor of Copperas Cove who is seeking election to the precinct 4 county commissioners post, along with fellow challenger Keith Taylor and incumbent Ray Ashby Jr., attended the recent commissioners meeting. Moore asked Diaz for her input regarding the possibility of a public health district.

"In discussions there were some positive reasons to have a health district, but there haven't been any recent discussions," Diaz

said. "Since ARP (American Recovery Plan) funding is available, I'm in favor of getting a committee together and seeing if we want to do this as a county. Our hands were tied in some ways during the pandemic because we don't have a public health district.

"There are a lot of steps that need to happen before we do anything like that."

Pct. 1 Commissioner Kyle Matthews has said he doesn't want to see a public health district established that would have to be funded via local tax dollars, which he said he believes could become a burden on area residents.

"If we do this, let's put it under grant administration," Matthews said. "The people I've talked to say they do not want to fund it out of their tax money."

"I'm trying to come up with a compromise," Moore said.

County Judge Roger Moore weighed in with his input.

"This is planning money (budgeted for the health district)," he said. "I believe most of those health districts (in other counties) are grant funded through the state."

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Continuing Carlus' cooking tradition

Park Street Burgers keeps legacy alive

BY JEFF OSBORNE
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Park Street Burgers, which has a strong following among Gatesville residents and even attracts loyal customers from out of town, will soon have a name change and a couple of tweaks to the menu.

Owner Jenifer Smith and her husband Carlus opened the restaurant five years ago, and it quickly became a mainstay for loyal burger enthusiasts. Carlus died in September, but the restaurant will continue. The new name, Carlus' Park Street Burgers, will honor the legacy of Smith's late husband.

"There will also be a new menu with a couple of new items," Smith said, adding that it was a secret what the new food options will be, at least until they debut.

One thing for sure is that the restaurant will strive to offer the same quality and favorites it always has.

Carlus previously owned restaurants in Belton and Temple, but he had his eye on the spot at the corner of Park Street and East Main for a while until he had the chance to open the Gatesville burger joint.

"He loved this location," Smith said. "Every time we drove by he said this would make a good burger place. He called and it had been leased already. Then the owner called and said it was available."

Carlus and Jenifer opened the restaurant in January 2017. Although it had been open previously until 7 p.m. some days, current hours are 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"We're hoping to expand hours somewhat but I don't know if we'll ever go back to 7 p.m. (closings)," Smith said.

As can be expected, burgers are the top-selling item, but Smith said the restaurant also sells quite a few chicken strips. Hot ham and cheese sandwiches are also popular.

"Carlus was an excellent cook. He could cook anything and make it taste good," Smith said. "There are several people in town that would agree to that. Cooking was his passion."

Smith and employees Julie Chambers, Steve Bourgault, Nancy Dowdy and Lianna Lightfoot are keeping the restaurant running these days, and based on the amount of people visiting on a recent Wednesday,



Restaurant owner Jenifer Smith keeps customers' hankering for great burgers satisfied with the help of (from left) Julie Chambers, Lianna Lightfoot, Nancy Dowdy and Steve Bourgault.

it continues to be a popular dining option.

Asked her favorite menu item, Smith said, "The burger—it reminds me of the ones my grandmother used to make."

Burt Ervin of Gatesville said he loves coming to Park Street Burgers.

"These burgers are the best in town as far as I'm concerned," he said. "The people are real friendly, too. I stop in whenever I can."

Blane Dunbar said he likes the cheeseburger with sidewinders (curled wedge fries).

"I like the food here because it's made fresh when you order it—it doesn't sit under a heat lamp," he said. "I hope people come here and support this business. It's great food and good people. I really think

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Serving up fresh burgers is still a passion for those at Carlus' Park Street Burgers. The most popular menu item is the cheeseburger, accompanied by an order of side-winders (fried wedge potatoes) but there are other options such as chicken strips.

COURTESY PHOTO

Update expected on plan to restore house on Fennimore Street

BY JEFF OSBORNE
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Although some steps have been taken to clean up property at 308 Fennimore St. in Gatesville, a relative of one of the heirs who is determined to bring the property up to code has hit a snag with an inability to secure a contractor, delaying the

renovation process.

Because of several structural issues, the house was determined to be a substandard structure. If required repairs are not made, the city of Gatesville can have the property demolished and file a lien in an attempt to recoup the cost.

During the December Gatesville City Council meeting, Dennis Berry

of Waco, who is working to make repairs to the house, said he has had problems getting a contractor lined up and requested more time to bring the property up to code.

Berry said he had contacted a contractor that was listed as doing work in Gatesville, but that contractor backed out. He said he has been in contact with another contractor

who said he would come out and give an estimate but he has not yet done so. A contractor from Waco has told Berry he is willing to at least come out and possibly address the foundation problems.

"Six pickup loads of material have been taken away, so it's not an eyesore anymore in my opinion," Berry said.

Complicating the situation is that there are three heirs to the property formerly owned by Adelia McDonald, and not all of them have responded to the city of Gatesville's notifications about the property.

"A certified letter was sent to two of the heirs (the third has been in

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A: At the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce Banquet at 6 p.m. Jan. 29 at Texas Station.

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Coryell Health seeks donations of crutches to meet needs

An aluminum shortage tied to the global supply chain crunch has led to a new medical supply shortage - crutches.

The latest example of pandemic-spurred medical supply chain problems has become a bigger problem for health systems across the nation. Crutches are walking aids used to reduce weight placed on the lower body and provide support and balance.

"Our hospital, short-term inpatient therapy, physical therapy, home health and clinic provide crutches for patients on a daily basis. All surgery volumes spike at the end of the year, including orthopedic surgeries, but if we do not have crutches to use post operatively, some patients may have to delay care," said Heather Rambeau, Coryell Health chief nursing officer. "We have run out of crutches and our suppliers don't know when they'll have more available to sell." Rambeau adds

the hospital's supplier told them there is an aluminum shortage and "we just cannot get them there."

"Just because it's something that we've always had a surplus of and then it got down to having zero of certain sizes, so it really just put us in a bad situation," she said. "The impacts of the global pandemic continue to affect so many aspects of healthcare. We're hopeful that there are plenty of used crutches gathering dust in closets that can be put to good use for our patients."

Any donated crutches will be sanitized and inspected for safety before being issued to patients. Individuals are asked to drop off crutches at the main entrance of the hospital anytime between 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Anyone with questions or needing assistance may call Monica Salter at (254) 248-6247.

COUNTY

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"If a grant will fund it, why not?" Matthews said. "If a grant doesn't happen, we still have those funds (in the budget), which could be transferred to another area. I'm not opposed to looking into it if a grant will fund it."

"If we're going to have to pay more out of our pocket (to fund the health district), that's why I'm opposed to it."

posed to it."

Moore asked what would happen if the public health district was created but a grant wouldn't cover the expense.

"Then the participants (local governments) would," Miller said.

"I'm still in favor of putting (the health district) under grant administration. It's a compromise and that money is still there."

Pct. 3 Commissioner Ryan Basham said funding for the health district can be put in the budget, and

the budget can be amended later.

Commissioners approved keeping funding for the health district in the grant administration portion of the budget.

No action was taken on an agenda item that would have removed Judge Miller as the grand administrator for American Recovery Plan funds and replaced him with County Auditor Ben Roberts.

"I don't think that's something you can do," Roberts said. "That's the responsibility of the court. I'll

keep the books on it, if that's what you mean."

Matthews said a motion was made at a previous meeting which was not voted on and he felt there should have been a vote.

"We wasted Coryell County's time by not taking that vote," he said, which prompted him to place the item on the agenda calling for Moore's removal of the ARP grant administrator.

"Every grant we have now, the court and the county judge are the

administrator," Roberts said.

"I think that's the key," Matthews said. "The court (and not an individual) is the administrator."

No one seconded the motion, so the proposal did not pass.

Matthews later said he did not expect a second to his motion, but that he placed the item on the agenda as a way to clarify that the commissioners court as a whole, and not the county judge, jointly serves as the ARP grant administrator.

BURGERS

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it's one of the best places in town."

Dave and Rhonda Neuses of Temple regularly make the drive to Gatesville to eat at Park Street Burgers, and have been fans since the Smiths owned a Temple restaurant. "We've been coming here once a

week for two years," Dave said. "We started coming up in 2020. This was a getaway for us. We've known Jenifer and Carlus for years.

The couple orders cheeseburgers and sidewinders to enjoy.

"We found our favorite—we always get the same thing," Dave said.

"I don't think I've ever had anything else on the menu," Rhonda said. "I love the food here, it's al-

ways great. I've never had a bad burger here."

Updates on hours and items available can be found on the Park Street Burgers Facebook page.

HOUSE

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two of the heirs (the third has been in direct contact with city staff)," Gatesville City Manager Bill Parry said. "An estate cannot own property in Texas, it has to be probated out. There's been a little bit of work done since the last hearing. I understand problems with contractors, but we can't let this drag on another three years."

Parry said the city is "simply required to notify the heirs. It's up to them to decide if they want to show up and voice either their support or opposition" (to renovation or demolition plans).

Gatesville City Councilman Claude Williams told Berry, "it sounds like it's in pretty bad shape" and then asked "what are your hopes?"

Berry said he has attempted to contact Yvonne McDonald, his sister-in-law who previously lived in

the house and who is now reportedly living in Copperas Cove, and has been unable to reach her.

"If she doesn't want it, I plan to put it on the market to sell it," Berry said.

Councilwoman Barbara Burrow told Berry, "you either have deep pockets or a big heart."

"It seems like the right thing to do," Berry said of fixing the house. "Hopefully I'll recover (money invested in the repairs) if she (Yvonne McDonald) chooses not to live

there."

A contractor has told Berry he estimated making the necessary repairs would take a couple of months.

"It has been cleaned up but still needs work, including the foundation and the backside wall," said City Inspector Robert Featherston. "There are still plumbing problems. Once he gets a contractor in there and gets the right people, I think he can fix it."

Assessing the situation, May-

or Gary Chumley said, "Does the structure violate city building standards? Yes. The owner is trying to put together a plan, still hasn't been able to get a contractor so I believe it is fair to give him another 30 days" to present a plan of action.

The Council will address the concern at its Jan. 11 meeting.

"(Berry) doesn't have to wait the 30 days," Chumley said. "He can get started as soon as he can get a contractor."

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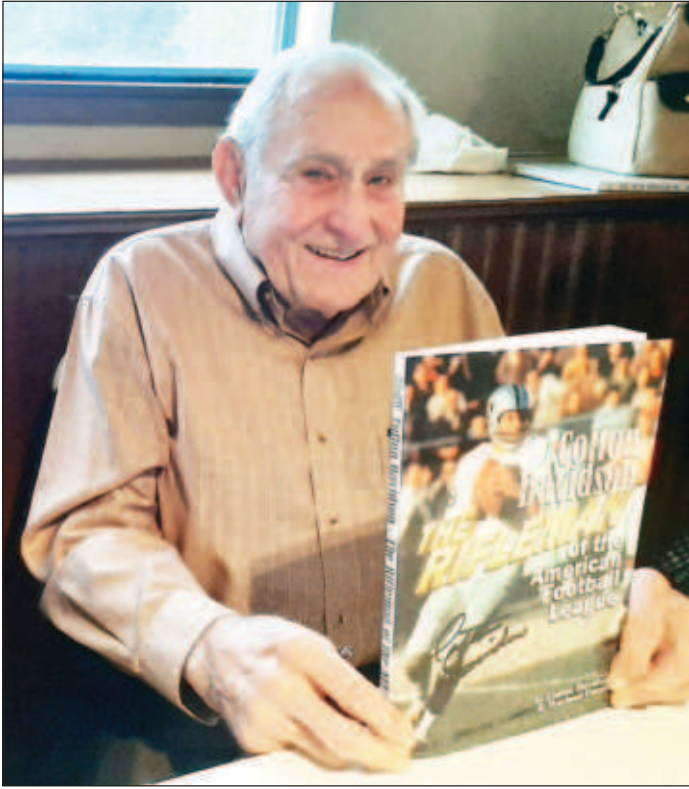
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Cotton Davidson books back in stock at Museum



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THE RIFLEMAN OF AMERICAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE: Cotton Davidson at a recent book signing at the Coryell Museum Gift Shop.

Due to the overwhelming success of the recent book signing of "Cotton Davidson - The Rifleman of American Football League," the Coryell Museum Gift Shop sold out their initial supply of books.

A new order has been received and the books are now available for purchase in the Museum Gift Shop. Hardbacks are \$35 and Softbacks are \$25.

The Coryell Museum and Historical Center is located at 718 E. Main Street in Gatesville. They can be reached by calling 254-865-5007.

The book about hometown star athlete Cotton Davidson, who became well-known for his achievements in football and coaching, was first conceived in 2018 as a collaboration between Davidson and Wayland Corgill, a local author who passed away just days before the first book signing.

Carole Corgill, Wayland's wife, remembered "He (her husband) actually wrote the book in two years altogether. He would think of questions and write them down and then go out and interview Cotton and come home and write down the responses."

Davidson, a 1949 graduate of Gatesville High School, was inducted into the Texas High School Hall of Fame in 1999 at the Ferrell Center in Waco. He attended Baylor University and played professionally for the National Football League's Baltimore Colts in 1954 and 1957, and the American Football League's Dallas Texans from 1960 to 1962, and the Oakland Raiders from 1962 to 1968.

He was selected in the first round of the 1954 NFL Draft by the Baltimore Colts. He played on the team for one year before being drafted into the Army, where he was named "All-Army quarterback" in 1956. Following his time in the Army, Davidson returned to Baltimore

where he played backup quarterback to Hall of Famer Johnny Unitas. He would next play in Canada but was forced to depart midway through the season after suffering a shoulder injury.

He then returned to Baylor in 1959 where he became a member of the staff of head football coach John Bridgers. Later, he would sign with the Dallas Texans in 1960 for two seasons, being named MVP in 1961. Davidson finished his professional career playing for the Raiders before returning to Central Texas with his wife Carolyn, and went on to coach at Baylor University for 21 years. While at Baylor, he was considered to be a major contributor to Coach Grant Teaff's Baylor Bear teams that won Southwest Conference championships in 1974 and 1980.

(C.A.F.E) to see Ken Elliott perform as Elvis at the Beltonian

The Christian Adult Fellowship Event (C.A.F.E) group will be travelling to Belton to see Ken Elliott perform as Elvis at the Beltonian Theater on Saturday, Jan. 8.

The group will leave from the parking lot at the First United Methodist Church at 3 p.m. to head for the theater. A meal will be served at the theater before the show, but it is not included in the ticket price. The cost of the show and transportation will

be \$30, and the meal will be self-pay.

C.A.F.E. is a group of individuals over 50 years of age who share the enjoyment of traveling and seeing various shows throughout central Texas.

For more information, please contact Ruth Jones at 254-865-2112.

First United Methodist Church is located at 2600 E. Main Street in Gatesville.



Dallas Cowboys football stolen from Gatesville home

Crime of the Week

Centex Crime Stoppers can use your help in solving

a case of burglary which occurred in the 3700 block of E. Main St. sometime between Dec. 16, 2021, at 12 p.m. and Dec. 20, 2021, at 10 p.m.

Unknown person(s) entered a residence and stole a Dallas Cowboys football which was contained in a sports memorabilia box inside the residence.

According to the property owner, the football was worth over \$150.

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The DISPATCH

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of Dec. 29 - Jan. 1. While there were many calls to the dispatcher, this is a partial list of more significant activity. Persons are reminded that only emergency calls should be made to 9-1-1, while all other calls to the police department should be made to 865-2226 or to the Sheriff's office at 865-7201.

CITY OF GATESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Dec. 29
8:03 a.m., animal cruelty was reported in the 1900 block of Railroad Street.
9:16 a.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 1600 block of Venus Avenue.
1:04 p.m., family violence was reported in the 1400 block of Bridge Street.

1:35 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 1000 block of Scenic Drive.
3:36 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 700 block of N. State Hwy. 36 Bypass.
9:46 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2400 block of Business Hwy. 36.

Dec. 30
9:49 a.m., a threat was reported in the 1600 block of St. Louis Street.
11:54 a.m., animal cruelty was reported in the 1200 block of E. Main Street.
5:40 p.m., an accident was reported in the 1400 block of CR 264 at Coryell City.
6:24 p.m., harassment was reported in the 100 block of Petsick Lane.
8:13 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 500 block of Straws Mill Road.
9:17 p.m., an armed sus-

pect was reported in the 1600 block of W. Main Street.

Dec. 31
10:19 a.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 2200 block of E. Main Street.
1:30 p.m., a threat was reported in the 1000 block of Scenic Drive.
2:25 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 500 block of Live Oak Street.
3:16 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1300 block of E. Main Street.
5:48 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 600 block of River Road.
7:53 p.m., family violence was reported in the 70 block of Boone Avenue.

Jan. 1
12:58 a.m., a disturbance was reported in the 2400 block of Osage Road.
10:33 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 3500 block of Churchill Drive.
12:42 p.m., a vehicle fire was reported in the 14000 block of FM 107.
12:45 p.m., animal cruelty was reported in the 900 block of E. Main Street.
4:40 p.m., an accident was reported in the 5400 block of FM 215.
6:28 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2200

CORYELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Dec. 29
8:18 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported on Bald Knob Road by the low water crossing.
11:05 a.m., a civil matter was reported in the 5200 block of FM 1829.
12:03 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 500 block of CR 360.
4:55 p.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 300 block of CR 197.
5:45 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 6400 block of FM 932.
9:35 p.m., an attempted burglary was reported in the 5200 block of FM 1829.

Dec. 30
11:20 a.m., a theft was reported in the 2100 block of FM 182.
12:46 p.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 100 block of Harrell.
12:54 p.m., a dog bite was reported in the 400 block of Cedar Ridge.
2:32 p.m., a major accident was reported in the 4200 block of FM 1113.
4:31 p.m., a civil matter was reported in the 1700 block of CR 132.
5:43 p.m., a major accident

was reported in the 1400 block of CR 264.

Dec. 31
6:55 a.m., a stranded motorist was reported southbound on FM 116.
8:21 a.m., suspicious persons were reported in the 300 block of FM 107.
10:21 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported on FM 116 and Hwy. 190.
12:59 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 1100 block of S. 7th Street.
7:56 p.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 70 block of Boone Street.
11:58 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 200 block of Fowler Street.

Jan. 1
12:14 a.m., underage drinking was reported on CR 318.
1:31 a.m., a reckless driver was reported on FM 116, 3 miles from Gatesville.
12:33 p.m., a missing person was reported in the 1700 block of Lutheran Church Road.
3:29 p.m., a suspicious vehicle was reported in the 200 block of Wood Glenn Drive.
4:13 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 6400 block of FM 932.
5:27 p.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 800 block of Crest Court.

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Osage Cemetery Association to meet January 8

The Osage Cemetery Association Board of Directors will meet on Saturday, Jan. 8, at 1 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Oglesby, either in person or by ZOOM, due to the continued Covid-19 restrictions.

A vacancy for a board position is available. If interested,

please contact Doris Schraeder at 254-722-1552.

For those wishing to contribute by donating to the cemetery association for maintenance purposes, donations may be mailed to: Osage Cemetery Association, Inc., 625 CR 308, Oglesby, TX 76561.

The cemetery association held their last semi-annual meeting on June 12, 2021. Those attending were President Mark Bennett, and directors Linda Davis, Linda Ford, Emma Lee Martin, Ken Martin and Doris Schraeder.

Morris Federation meets Saturday

The Morris Federation will be having their first meeting of the new year on Saturday, Jan. 8, 2022, at 10 a.m. at the James Coryell Room at the

Coryell Museum and Historical Center, 718 E. Main Street.

A musical program has been scheduled to be presented by Mr. Charles Ament

and Mrs. Mary Kafer.

For more information about the meeting, please contact Marsha Lee at 254-865-2030.

OBITUARIES

WILDA LOUISE WHISENHUNT JACKSON

April 12, 1930 - Dec. 26, 2021



Wilda Louise Whisenhunt Jackson passed from this life onto her eternal home with Jesus on Dec. 26, 2021. Fu-

neral services for Wilda were held at 10 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 31, 2021, in the Heartland Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed at Restland Cemetery in Gatesville.

Wilda was born April 12, 1930, in Ater to Robert and Minnie Whisenhunt. She was the youngest of four daughters. She worked on the family farm until she married her sweetheart, Charles Elmer Jackson, on May 3, 1947. This union produced four fine sons. Wilda's life goal was to help her husband and care for her family. They worked together at Roy's Drive-In (Brownwood). Her hobbies included fishing, gardening, and canning. She was a member of Austin Avenue Church of Christ.

Wilda was preceded in death by her father, Robert Lee Whisenhunt; her mother, Minnie Louise (Farquhar)

Whisenhunt; her husband of 69 years, Charles Jackson; sons, Roy Nelson Jackson, Elmer Lee Jackson, and Clois Daniel Jackson; sisters, Imogene Chauvin, Waldine Boswell, and Robbie Morton; and granddaughter, Kimberly VanMeter.

Survivors include her son Mike and wife, Lorena (Lori) Jackson of Brownwood; grandsons, Robert Jackson, Matthew Jackson and wife, Lilly, and David Jackson all of Ft. Worth; great-grandsons, Chance VanMeter, Adam VanMeter of Lakeland, FL and Mason Jackson of Ft. Worth. She will be dearly missed by her nieces, nephews and great-nieces, great-nephews, and many friends.

To celebrate Wilda's life please make a donation to an animal shelter, animal rescue group or your favorite charity.

MARGIE JEANNE KING

Sept. 23, 1925 - Dec. 30, 2021



Margie Jeanne King, age 96, passed away peacefully at her home in Flat on Thursday, Dec. 30, 2021.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2022, at Scott's Funeral Home Chapel in Gatesville. Burial followed at Flint Creek Cemetery.

Margie Jeanne was born in the Flat community of Coryell County on Sept. 23, 1925, to the late Noel Edwin and Nobie Fikes Clawson. She started her education at the Flint Creek School and later graduated as Valedictorian of Flat High School in 1942.

Following graduation, she attended and graduated from Southwest Texas State Teachers College (now Texas State University) with a Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics in 1944. She later earned a Master of Science in Education degree from Baylor University in 1954. While an undergraduate in college, she met the love of her life, Marshall James King, who was stationed at San Marcos Army Airfield during World War II. They were married on July 21, 1945. Soon after, she followed her husband to Japan, as part of the post war Allied Occupation Force, where she taught kindergarten on a military base for two years.

Home economics education was her passion, and she served as a teacher in many school districts including Bay City, Waco La Vega, Oglesby, and finally in Gatesville. She was a teacher at Gatesville High School for 23 years until her retirement. Following the death of her mother and husband, she fully invested her time and efforts on her farm and ranch, which included commercial cattle, sheep and goats. She was well known to have an annual garden of fruits and vegetables and had a meticulous eye for lawn care.

Jeanne was a person of

deep faith and a proud member of the First Baptist Church of Flat, where she served as church treasurer for close to 20 years. She also served as treasurer for the Flint Creek Cemetery Association and was a member of the Coryell Retired School Personnel. She loved following the news and current events, and loved to knit, sew and crochet for other people or just for fun. She will be greatly missed.

She was preceded in death by her parents; beloved husband, Marshall; and in-laws, Bruce and Viola King of Obion County, TN.

She is survived by her adopted son, Juan Arellano and wife, Natalia; grandchildren, Anna Arellano Ibarra and husband, Juan, Adam Arellano; great-grandchildren, Christopher, Jacob, and John Ibarra. In addition, she is survived by her sisters-in-law Ernestine King, and Ivon King, of Union City, TN, and several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family has designated that memorials be made to Flint Creek Cemetery Assn., c/o Yvonne Dutschmann, 1425 CR 354, Gatesville, TX 76528.

CORYELL MUSEUM

Ten Acres and Walter Cronkite, 1960

JANN DWORSKY

The Coryell County News in March 1960 ran the nightly television listings. I was delighted to find these programming lists and recall what was on TV in 1960. The noon program "Ten Acres" with Johnny Watkins and the Evening News with Walter Cronkite were unforgettable. When I think about these programs, I remember laying on the braided rug in my aunt's house on Coryell Creek. In the summer, the swamp cooler in the window gave a nice breeze through the house.

"Ten Acres" was a program running at noon weekdays and hosted by Johnny Watkins from 1955 to his retirement in 1980. Joe and Callie Martin, my aunt and uncle, raised Hereford and Angus cattle on Coryell Creek, and I watched Johnny Watkins in the summer at their house with them. He gave farming and ranching news and tips. It seemed like he was right in the living room with us. Johnny Watkins sold real estate and was a popular auctioneer and public speaker. He would tell on his program where the auctions would be held. We were amazed at the miles he traveled all over central Texas, when most of us did not go 10 miles each day. He raised a breed of cattle called the Texas Belted (Oreo cookie cow) and had a 600-acre spread near Robinson northeast of Waco.

Johnny Watkins taught a Sunday school class in a little church right beside the Gatesville Post Office on Leon Street (once owned by Coryell Museum). He held the class for men who would not otherwise attend church.

The national news came on at noon and in the evening. Walter Cronkite was known as "the most trusted man in America" and ended his daily news programs with "and that's the way it is." He was the anchorman on the evening news for 19 years, covering President Kennedy's assassination. I remember that during this coverage he had to stop reporting for a moment to regain his composure.

Walter Cronkite presented the news in a truthful and unbiased manner, or so it seemed to many of us at the time. At least once he broadcast a live editorial, his own opinion, in 1968 standing in the rubble of the Vietnam War and predicted that the war was "destined to end not in victory, but in a stalemate." Lyndon Johnson, after seeing this opinion reportedly said, "If I've lost Cronkite, I've lost Middle America."

Coryell Museum and Historical Center is open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. We have a unique and delightful array of books written by Coryell County residents, or about them, as well as other one of a kind Coryell County gift. Call us at 865-5007 if you would like to book a tour time for your family and friends, or just come in and visit with our delightful volunteers.



Men with firetrucks

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Carroll Choate drills water wells all over west Texas. He has had his business since 1957. He started it while he was working at the oil refinery in Big Spring. Prior to the official start of Choate Well Service, he did the work for his family and friends at no charge. He knew the procedure well because he grew up taking care of windmills.

In 1957, he was drilling a well for an uncle and Carroll told his uncle he was going to have to charge him, and the uncle said that was fine. "It didn't really seem to make much difference if I did it for free or got paid for it," says Carroll. "I'd rather get paid for it."

Carroll lives in the country near Moss Creek Lake on the outskirts of Big Spring. He is 90. Recently, he bought a fire truck, a 1950s model that had been in use in Stanton. Usually,

men buy fire trucks because they've always wanted one just to have for grandkids and parades. Carroll sure plans to do some of that for sure, but he has a special use for his fire truck. He plans to put out fires. "We live out here and there's not a fire station nearby, so if we have a house fire, it would burn to the ground before a fire truck got here." He has already used it to put out some grass fires.

Carroll named his fire truck Gladys, his mother's name and painted her name on the doors. He says she always liked fire trucks. The truck has a tank that holds 750 gallons of water, five minutes worth of spray. It has all the bells and whistles with a bunch of hoses, lights and a siren that sounds like a musical instrument.

I have met several men who have fire trucks. Bob Robertson, who owns radio station KAIR in Humble (don't pronounce the H), has owned two of them. He has a friend named Clinton, a former Fire Marshall in Humble who is a member of the IFD (Involuntary Fire Department). He buys and sells fire trucks. One day he told Bob that everybody needs a fire truck. So, Bob bought one.

"I was going to a car show

with my wife," says Bob, "and there were four fire trucks. I turned into a five-year-old. I got so excited, and I asked some of the guys standing around if they owned the fire trucks. Sure enough, one of them was my friend Clinton who said 'Bob, when are you gonna buy a fire truck?' A few days later I went to his place and saw this big 1962 La France. It was running with that big Detroit 671 engine going chug chug chug and I just melted. It was complete with generator, axes, big old siren and flashing lights."

During the six years he had that truck, Bob drove it in some of Houston's biggest parades.

"My brother-in-law played Santa every year I had it. We would go to these apartment complexes near downtown Houston where underprivileged kids lived. Some of them never had a chance to see Santa Claus. We'd pull up with the flashing lights and siren blasting and he'd be up there stately looking, it was a sight to see. And the kids just loved it."

After his brother-in-law passed away Bob traded that fire truck for a 1973 model. He kept it a few years, then sold it. He is without one now.

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OFF THE SHELVES

Library has full slate of events



FAYE NICHOLS
Library Director

Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a happy holiday season and is off to a great start in the New Year! The library has a full slate of events this month to keep you all engaged and entertained.

Tuesday, Jan. 11, 6 p.m.-Coryell County Genealogical Society meets. Those interested in genealogy are invited to attend.

Monday, Jan. 17- Library closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

Tuesday, Jan. 18- 6 p.m.-Colors & Coffee coloring group for adults.

Monday, Jan. 24- 3 p.m., Fiber Arts for Everyone- Are you experienced in your medium, just beginning or want to learn? Come gather, visit, and work on projects. Share ideas and expertise. Knitters, crocheters, quilters and all other forms of fiber artists

are welcome.

Tuesday, Jan. 25, 10 a.m.-Books Sandwiched In Book Club reading *The Fields We Called Home*, by Carrie Burrows

Tuesday, Jan. 25, 5:30 p.m.-Mad Matters Plarn Party- Anyone is welcome to join this group who crochets plastic grocery bags into sleep mats for the homeless. The bags are cut into strips and joined together to make "plarn" for crocheting.

Every Wednesday, 11 a.m.-Storytime. Join us for stories, songs & crafts! Groups for PreK and elementary ages.

Looking for a great new read to start the year? Consider these new titles from our shelves:

For our nonfiction readers: Betty White: 100 Remarkable Moments in an Extraordinary Life, by Ray Richmond.

The 5 years before you retire: retirement planning when you need it the most, by Emily Guy Birken.

The defense lawyer: the Barry Slotnick story, by James Patterson. The true story of Bronx-native Bernard Slotnick whose mantra was that everyone deserved a good defense. And he was the best defender out there. A bold strategist in the courtroom, and a doting husband and father of four at home, 'Liberty's Last Champi-

on' proudly stood up for the unpopular and the controversial, including: John Gotti, head of the Gambino crime family; Joe Colombo Sr., inspiration for *The Godfather* and others.

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A man of honor, by Barbara Taylor Bradford.

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BILL COLE RETIRES



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Bill Cole (right) visits with well-wishers Sharon and Bob Meharg at his retirement reception held last week. Cole was greeted by family and friends at the reception hosted by his wife, Annette. He is retiring after 31 years as a funeral director at Scott's Funeral Home. He started working at Scott's in May of 1990 then he and his wife purchased it in 2007. Daren Moore will now take over operations at the funeral home. Some of the changes in the funeral business over the last 31 years Cole has witnessed include increased technology like giving people the option for online obituaries, the ability to print registry books, provide video memories and in some cases live streaming of funerals. Cole plans to spend more time with his three grandkids as well as devoting some time to fishing and traveling.

NEWS FROM PEARL

New website launched for Pearl Bluegrass event



BETSY CLARK

We hope and pray that your first week in January 2022 is going well. The first day of January showed us just how varied Texas weather can be, that's for sure. The high at my house for that day was 75 degrees around 2:30 p.m., and by 8:30 p.m., we were at the freezing mark with tempera-

tures to plunge to the 20s soon afterward. We Texans are nothing if not adaptable and resilient. We are made of tough stuff (but I hope we don't have to prove it too often during the coming year).

We have learned that there is a new website for the Pearl Bluegrass event. Go to www.pearlbluegrassjam.org for all information about upcoming first Saturday jams and stage shows at the Pearl Community Center.

There will be a Quarterly Meeting of the Pearl Community Center Board on Jan. 17, 2022, at 6:30 p.m., at The Pearl Community Center. Everyone is invited to attend.

The annual Pearl Church of Christ Valentine Auction will be held on Feb. 13, 2022, following the church service. Church begins at 10:30 a.m.

This is a silent auction, and bidding begins on Jan. 30 and goes through Feb. 12.

You can stop by the church beginning Jan. 30 to view the auction items and place your bids. There will be furniture, china, glassware, purses, antiques, crystal, books, toys, tools, and so much more. All proceeds from the auction benefit local and His Kids of Lampasas scholarships in memory of Richard Williams. For more information, please contact Linda Ray at 254-865-9282.

Pearl Church of Christ delivered 80 Christmas baskets in the community during the week of Christmas. The church thanks everyone who helped get those out.

"The Pearl Pleasure and Profit Club" met on Jan. 2, 1952, with Mrs. Dessie Whitt.

Nine members were present. After the house was called to order, the roll was called, and the minutes were read and approved. Chicken sandwiches, cake, cocoa and coffee were served. The ladies of the Pleasure and Profit Club served the Pearl community for many years, and they not only made quilts and other needlework crafts, but they also helped take care of the Community Center and people in need in the little community of Pearl. These ladies were loved, appreciated and valued by everyone in Pearl. You can read more about this in *The Pleasure and Profit Club book*, a compilation of the minutes of all the meetings since 1931. Linda Ray typed up all the notes verbatim and has the book for sale for \$15 at The Pearl Cottage

Bookstore and Resale Shop on the grounds of the Pearl Community Center. The Book Cottage is a charity house and 100% of the profits go to help people in need in the community. The Book Cottage ladies are continuing in the footsteps of their ancestors, just in a different way. You can contact Linda at 254-865-9282 for more information.

If you go by Kay and Michelle Pruet's house to visit, you might want to seriously consider taking along a biscuit from Bush's Chicken. Pearl, the family dog, loves those and has come to be known at Pearl as the Bush's Biscuit Bandit. Kay has reported that if someone does not give Pearl a biscuit, she will take it upon herself to sneak one or two and then go

hide it. When Kay was cleaning the other day, she found a biscuit in her bed. I must say that this sweet dog has good taste, but she definitely needs a new hiding place.

The closing verse for this week comes from Isaiah 43:18-19: Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing. Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. NIV

To keep up with the latest Pearl news online, you can go to the "Pearl Cottage Bookstore" Facebook page or the "Pearl Church of Christ" Facebook page. Or you can contact me at betsyclark47@yahoo.com for more information or to submit any Pearl news that you might have.

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If your home has central heating or air conditioning, you probably have something in your house called a thermostat. The **thermostat** is where you can change the temperature in your house.

The word thermostat comes from two ancient Greek words: *thermo* (meaning heat) and *statos* (meaning to stay the same). A thermostat is something that "keeps heat the same."

Newer thermostats can save energy (and money) by being programmed to only turn on heating or cooling systems when needed.

Thermostats come in different shapes and sizes. Do you see one on the wall of your home or classroom?

What is ventilation?

Ventilation is the movement of air in a house or building. An example of ventilation is a window open in a house. But sometimes the air outside is too cold or too hot to open the window. HVAC systems circulate fresh air in a building while keeping the temperature comfortable.

Mitten Search

How many left-handed mittens can you find on this page? How many right-handed mittens can you find? Are there more left-handed or right-handed mittens on this page?

Hot and Cold Words

Fill in the boxes using the hot and cold words below:

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GLACIAL	TROPICAL
HOT	WARM
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- HVAC technicians help people stay warm or cool.
- The pay is very good.
- Everyone needs an HVAC technician at some time.
- There will be many job openings for HVAC technicians in the years ahead.

Hot and Cold

The words Hot and Cold are the opposite. Look through the newspaper for pairs of words and pictures that show things that are opposite.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Understand and identify antonyms.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE KID SCOOP LESSON LIBRARY

Is easier always better?

Look through the newspaper for examples of inventions that make the lives of people today easier than lives 100 or more years ago. Write a paragraph explaining whether you think this makes lives better or worse in today's world.

Standards Link: Write descriptively comparing past and present.

Write On!

Does math matter?

Do we really need to learn math? What's your opinion?

Kid Scoop Puzzler

TOOL BOX TRIVIA: SCREWDRIVER

A screwdriver is a tool used to turn (or "drive") screws into something. There are many different kinds of screwdrivers. Different screwdrivers have different shaped tips. How many screwdrivers do you see here?

REPORTER'S CORNER

Choose a newspaper story about an athlete or someone involved in sports. Write or paste the headline in this box.

WHO is this story about?

What questions did the reporter ask to find out when the event happened?

What other questions would YOU ask?

Standards Link: Reading/Writing: Draw evidence from informational text.

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Considering resolutions for the new year

Jeff: It's that time of year when many people make New Year's resolutions, thinking of ways to make positive changes to their lives. Of course, not everyone makes a resolution, and others are quickly broken.

Tallulah, do you have any New Year's resolutions?

Lu: Yes! I plan to bark more, to roll in the dirt more often, to beg for more treats and to wake up more often in the middle of the night so I can go outside.

Jeff: I don't think you understand how New Year's resolutions are supposed to work, Lu. All of those things you mentioned would be easy for you, and not really geared to making your healthier or to making your life better. Resolutions are usually about making some type of positive change, like eating less, not smoking or exercising more.

Lu: I definitely don't want to eat

Jeff's Reflections & Lu's Views

By Jeff Osborne & Tallulah

Jeff Osborne is senior staff writer and editor for the Gatesville Messenger and Tallulah is his trusted border collie-Jack Russell terrier mix.



less. I've never smoked and have no plans to do that - yuck! And I'd

like to get more walks, so exercise sounds good to me. Can we take walks in the middle of the night?

Jeff: I agree that walks are good. They get both of us to exercise. But taking the walks in the middle of the night wouldn't really be the best option. Most people are asleep, and you don't want dogs barking waking people up.

Lu: Why not? Then maybe they could take walks in the middle of the night, too?

Jeff: Most people have a schedule where they have to go to work during the day, so sleeping at night is important.

Lu: I wish people didn't have to go to work so they could stay home with their dogs and kitty cats all day.

Jeff: That's not the way the world works, Lu. Some people get to stay at home and work, but they still have to work. People get paid for

working, so that means being able to buy food, have a place to live, pay for electricity to keep the lights on and the house temperature comfortable.

Lu: Since you put it that way, I guess it's OK for you to go to work. Do you have any New Year's resolutions?

Jeff: Not beyond what I try to already do - watch what I eat, stay healthy, not get stressed about little things or things I can't control. It's a reminder that it's never too late to make good choices.

Lu: I guess so. So, I shouldn't make those resolutions I talked about earlier?

Jeff: That's up to you. Everyone has to make their own decisions. But I can make a resolution for you. How about more baths and less rolling in the dirt.

Lu: Eh, I don't think so. Not nearly as much fun. How about I

don't make a resolution to do what I talked about earlier, and you don't make resolutions for me. Unless it's taking more walks or giving me more treats.

Jeff: Fair enough, Lu. Let's look forward to a great year in 2022.

Lu: Yes - and chasing more squirrels and kitty cats!

Jeff: No Lu, that's not a good idea.

Lu: Maybe not, but it's a lot of fun!

Jeff: We'll work on making better choices. Let's just agree that it's a good idea to take walks when we can for good exercise?

Lu: I can go for that. Go get the leash, Daddy-O! It's time to stroll!

Jeff Osborne is senior staff writer & editor of the Gatesville Messenger. He and Tallulah can be reached at jeff@gatesvillemessenger.com.

GATESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER



A STRONG START: Oswaldo Leon scored one of seven goals for the Gatesville Hornets soccer team in its season debut on Dec. 30 against Harmony School of Innovation. For more on the game, see Page 8.

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Hornets humble Harmony to start season

BY JEFF OSBORNE
SENIOR STAFF WRITER & EDITOR

Gatesville High School's boys' soccer team opened the season with a bang, with the Hornets storming to a dominating 7-0 win over the Harmony School of Innovation Tigers on Dec. 30.

The Hornets took control of the game from the outset and held a commanding 6-0 lead at halftime.

"I felt like our possession was good, we had some good finishes," said GHS coach Scott Campbell. "We've got a very young team - we've only got four seniors and we've got eight freshmen. One of our freshmen had two goals and assists - that's Hector Silva. His contribution was huge today.

"I was able to see all the players and we were able to work on some stuff today. The first 20 minutes was kind of sketchy a little bit, just kind of getting the nerves out and developing more of what we wanted to do."

Despite the dominating win, there are still some areas where Campbell would like to see improvement.

"Showing feet coming back and not running away and then just closing up our gaps," he said. "We had a lot of gaps between the different levels, between defense and center and the mids (midfielders), mids and forwards. So just closing up those gaps and getting into a little bit better shape, the diamond shape.

"Overall the effort was good. They're progressing well."

Scoring for GHS were Silvia with two goals, Enrique Rojas, Luis Macias, Juan Menendez, Cody Graham and Oswaldo Leon.



JEFF OSBORNE | THE GATESVILLE MESSANGER

Luis Macias works to outmaneuver an opponent in the Hornets' 7-0 win over Harmony School of Innovation.

The Hornets will play the Robinson Rockets at 6:15 p.m. Thursday, the Lorena Leopards at 6:30 p.m. Friday, and the Lampasas Badgers at 2:15 p.m. Saturday.

Members of the 2022 Hornet soccer team are:

- * Braeden Shuemake
- * Jose Silva Hernandez
- * Jacob Baker
- * Cody Graham
- * Abraham Almendariz
- * Daniel Gonzalez
- * Juan J. Mendez
- * Enrique Rojas

- * Juan Angel Almendariz
- * Hector Silva Hernandez
- * Morgan Clary
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- * Israel Ortega
- * Kamren Hendrix

Lady Hornets fall to Lorena in season-opener

BY JEFF OSBORNE
SENIOR STAFF WRITER & EDITOR

The Gatesville Lady Hornets girls soccer team fell behind early to the Lorena Lady Leopards in the season opener at Tommie Davidson Field at McKamie Stadium on Dec. 30, falling 3-1 despite a valiant comeback effort.

Tasha Thoms scored the Lady Hornets' lone goal, although there were some close calls via shots on goal that just missed.

"We had a couple of good switches in the first half that were textbook right from the training field that we wanted to do," said coach Scott Campbell. "That was two decent opportunities - obviously we need more than two.

"In the second half, the opportunity we got with the corner kick and putting away the corner kick was exactly how we wanted it. I tell the girls we want to get a corner kick across or shot on goal. We got the corner kick, got a great cross hit on the corner, nice finish with the head and they ran that to perfection. But again, we only got one corner kick. We've got to have more productivity and consistency.

Campbell credited Lorena with playing well.

"They're a solid team and I like our effort," he said. "We were a little tentative. They kind of beat us to a lot of first balls and were a little bit more aggressive. It's our first game so a little bit of jitters probably."

Gatesville seemed to be playing a little too quickly to try and force



JEFF OSBORNE | THE GATESVILLE MESSANGER

Charlee Barron, the Lady Hornets goalie, puts the ball in play during the Gatesville's soccer game against Lorena on Dec. 30.

things to happen early in the game before settling into a more controlled routine.

"They were a little bit frenetic is what I would say," Campbell said. "A little bit hectic and kind of getting their sorts. Again, that's first-game jitters, it was important to just get on and get those nerves out of the way."

The Lady Hornets are scheduled to play the Robinson Lady Rockets at 5 p.m. Thursday and will face Manor Tech at 4 p.m. Friday before taking on Brownwood in an 8 a.m. clash on Saturday.

Members of the 2022 Lady Hornets are:

- * Charlee Barron

- * Lillian Alexander
- * Allyson Penrod
- * Barrett Boyd
- * Bethany Penrod
- * Cayleigh Coursey
- * Synthia Perez
- * Peyton Dooley
- * Wendi Perez
- * Payton Armstrong
- * Andrea Ortiz

- * Raisa Leon
- * Natasha Thoms
- * Audrey Blanco
- * Rachel Conner
- * Kari Dudik
- * Mikala Bryson
- * Lola Barron
- * Grace Penrod

Sports editor retires from Gatesville Messenger

BY MARK GOODSON
STAFF WRITER

Forty-four years in the journalism business has provided a lot of memories.

Yes, sports has always been important to this veteran scribe/photographer.

Everybody has a story to tell. Reading someone's eyes and translating their emotions has been the key to longevity.

To inform, entertain and stick with the facts has been the recipe for cranking out stories over the years.

I always seemed to get more responses from photos. Thanks to those who seemed to find their way in front of my camera.

I've met a lot of good people at the various stops along the way. The good ones know who they are.

My favorite all time is the Tyler Rose. Earl Campbell was the best and toughest football player ever.

Covering the bullsh back in 1977 was a glorious time for a cub reporter on the Daily Texan staff. I had the joy of writing the main story about the Heisman Trophy winner.



Mark Goodson

Right out of college, we started on a two-person staff that covered 30 schools and two colleges in a three-county area.

Austin College in Sherman produced the highlight moment still to this date.

AC's football team tied for the NAIA National Championship on a 57-yard field goal that ricocheted off the cross bar in the final seconds. Quarterback Larry Shillings was a big-time playmaker for the Kangaroos. He epitomized a fighter.

I spent a lot of time in Arlington, where men like Mike O'Brien, Bill Keith, Eddy Peach, Danny Husband, Don Louis and Joe Tettleton were interesting coaches.

Kenny Perry, the best 5-7, 165-pound back to play for Arlington Lamar through the years, has recently landed on the Texas Tech University staff.

Perry will always be a coach that brings out the best in kids. That's something I've kept close to my heart.

I've enjoyed the ride but it's time to turn attention to personal matters like health.

I've enjoyed the run.

Editor's note: Mark Goodson retired from his sports editor position with the Gatesville Messenger in December. He enjoyed his time covering Gatesville, Jonesboro, Evant and Oglesby sports. The Messenger staff wishes him the best. Happy trails, Mark!

Scores sought from local sports teams

While the Gatesville Messenger makes the transition following sports editor Mark Goodson's retirement, we appreciate all the help we can get in obtaining sports results to post in the Messenger.

Helping to cover games will be intern Triston McGehee, a senior at Tarleton State University, and Messenger senior staff writer & editor Jeff Osborne.

Information can be sent to Triston at trmcgehee21@gmail.com or to Jeff at jeff@gatesvillemessenger.com.