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Judge Kinsey gives local justice update

BY JEFF OSBORNE
SENIOR STAFF WRITER & EDITOR

While there have been inevitable hiccups in the criminal justice system everywhere as a result of the impact of COVID-19, things are running smoothly in Coryell County, said 440th District Court Judge Grant Kinsey.

Kinsey recently gave an update on how criminal justice proceedings are going during a meeting of the Gatesville Lions Club. He is one of two district judges in Coryell County, along with 52nd District Court Judge Trent Farrell.

Kinsey said he and Farrell share jurisdiction and have similar duties. However, because of Farrell's longer tenure, he is the administra-

tive judge for the county. Farrell also oversees many of the Child Protective Services cases for Coryell County.

"We have been dealing with the ongoing health crisis for nearly two years now, and I had hoped that by this year it wouldn't be a concern anymore," Kinsey said.

"Thanks in large part to the good work of the district attorney's office, led by Dusty Boyd, and the county attorney's office, led by Brandon Belt, we are in good shape. They have worked very hard and paid close attention to the number of cases that are disposed of. We are in much better shape than many of the larger counties around us."

Kinsey also attributed that to Co-

ryell County's size.

"We are small enough that the number of criminal cases is not ridiculously high but large enough to have the resources to deal with things efficiently," he said.

In 2021, 651 criminal cases were filed in Coryell County and 132 were disposed of through pleas or trials, Kinsey said. He added that including previous years, there are about 990 criminal cases pending in Coryell County.

"That sounds like a large number but we are a growing county and I assure you it is not a large number per capita," Kinsey said. He said the DA's office and court system has been able to dispose of a large



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Coryell County prosecutors, judges, law enforcement and other personnel have worked to keep the criminal justice system moving smoothly.

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Heading to the Magic Kingdom

BY JEFF OSBORNE
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While many people are still enjoying new Christmas gifts, the Gatesville High School band will have nearly another five months to anticipate an upcoming trip to Disney World.

The Gatesville Independent School District Board of Trustees approved the trip during the December meeting after hearing a request from fine arts program and band director Jose Sanchez.

"Every four years I try to do a big band trip," Sanchez said. "I'm hoping to change that to every two years after this cycle. As a high school student, as much as I loved music, one of my favorite experiences was going on big trips."

The trip to the Sunshine State to visit Mickey Mouse and company is scheduled for June 4-9.

"(Band) boosters are supplementing (the financial cost) and there are also three fundraising opportunities for students throughout the year," Sanchez said. "The boosters kicked in about \$20,000 this time to help bring down the cost."

Sanchez said he estimated it would cost about \$800 per student, which would include transportation on charter buses, some of the meals, and admission to Disney theme parks.

"We'll do more fundraisers," he said, noting that a mattress fundraiser has brought in about \$12,000 in the past.

The majority of the band members are planning to go on the trip, Sanchez said.



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The Gatesville High School band, shown during a 2021 football halftime performance, is planning a visit to Disney World this summer.

Keeping the blacksmithing craft alive in Gatesville

Jess Streetman is keeping the tradition of blacksmithing alive and well in Gatesville, continuing a craft that was essential for centuries, including during the 1800s.

BRITTANY STREETMAN | COURTESY PHOTO



BY DAVID SCOTT
STAFF WRITER

Blacksmithing was an essential need in both small as well as large communities across Texas and the United States during the 19th century. Blacksmiths had the ability to fashion a variety of important and useful items out of iron and steel and played an extremely important role in communities as documented by renowned poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow in his 1839 work titled "The Village Blacksmith."

The first part of the 19th century is often considered to be the "golden age" of blacksmithing in America due to a great demand for metalwork in areas that were developing on the American frontier. The 1860 United States census recorded that there were 7,504 blacksmiths - thus validating the need for blacksmiths.

Gatesville is fortunate enough to have their very own "village blacksmith" known by name as Jess Streetman. He

first began showing an interest in blacksmithing at the age of 17. The weapons and tools used during the Renaissance period became a fascination to young Streetman.

"The weapons of the Knights of the Round Table fascinated me with their durability and effectiveness," he said. "I began making weapons from soft goods, found materials."

Always seeking to improve his skills, Streetman became an apprentice under David "Stringbean" Lowry who was a well-known Texas blacksmith. "I began as an apprentice blacksmith under Stringbean and got serious with the investment of my time and as a part time job during 2017."

Streetman often quotes the Bible verse from Proverbs 27:17 which reads, As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another. "I have found this to be true with blacksmithing and while interacting with fellow blacksmiths," Streetman said. "It is not a competition, but a community of

supportive, generous, hardworking men and women who want to further the past by including it in the present while looking forward to the future."

Streetman first started making tools from railroad spikes, coil springs and other found/scavenged material that he would often give away at Christmas as gifts. "As time moved on, I fell more deeply in love with swinging the hammer, heating the metal and molding seemingly immovable metal into usable tools."

A variety of hand-forged tools can be attributed to Streetman's handywork and expertise skill. "I build all of my tools and goods whether it be a steak turner, knife, piece of art, or other forged goods with the utmost attention to quality and functionality, so that you can expect your grandchildren's grandchildren to use the hand-forged tools," Streetman said.

At a young age, Streetman said that he would often accompany his father when

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JUSTICE

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number of criminal cases despite "these trying circumstances. We have been limited on the number of jury trials that can be held (because of the pandemic)."

Thanks to an agreement with the city of Gatesville, Kinsey said the county has been able to hold jury trials at the Gatesville Civic Center.

"They have leased it to us on an as-needed basis," he said. "I am thankful we are able to rent the civic center, and the county commissioners court has made the financial resources available for us to be able to do that."

That additional space available at the civic center "enables us to keep people 6 feet apart (as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)," Kinsey said. "There is a large room for juries to deliberate and hopefully keep people safe. I'm amazed at how successful it's been."

Also helping to keep the wheels of justice moving smoothly is the high number of Coryell County residents who respond to a jury summons, Kinsey said.

"The response of our residents when they receive a jury summons has been high, and I appreciate that they are showing up," he said. "In many surrounding counties, it is difficult. Not as many people show

up for jury duty. Fortunately, we do not have that problem here in Coryell County."

He said there is sometimes a challenge caused by the number of military personnel moving in and out that leads to outdated lists of potential jurors but despite that, the high number of people responding offsets that potential problem.

The court system was under more restrictions over the last year and a half to two years, Kinsey said, and although some of those restrictions have been lifted, the local court system tries to abide by the restrictions as much as possible in order to keep people healthy and safe.

He said the impact of COVID-19 has been frustrating, "and quite frankly I'm getting tired of it. I am ready for things to get back as close to normal as we can get them."

While criminal cases take priority, civil trials have been largely sidelined.

"We haven't had a civil trial in two years," Kinsey said.

Those scheduling court cases have "done a good job trying to resolve cases and not letting them stack up," he said.

Kinsey was asked what cases those accused of a crime may plead guilty to in order to avoid a trial.

"The only thing a person cannot plead to in Texas is the death penalty," Kinsey said. "They can plead

guilty and receive life in prison."

Kinsey also praised law enforcement for working as efficiently as possible to avoid high numbers of people staying in jail, except for the most serious cases.

"The jail count I recently heard was 132 people (in the Coryell County Jail)," he said. "Eight months ago, it was 200-something. Between officers, the court, prosecutors, and pretrial, all are working to reduce the backlog of cases by a very substantial amount."

"Mr. Boyd and Mr. Belt's offices are doing all they can to alleviate the (jail) overcrowding problem. The numbers are about as low as you can do it consistently with justice."

BAND

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"We'll take about 75 percent of the band, and we have around 100 kids," he said. "We're hoping to get that closer to 90 percent."

"I want this experience to be as educational as possible. We'll have the opportunity to go backstage and work with professional musicians. It will give the kids a good idea of what is involved in being

a music professional. It's really a great opportunity to see that side of the industry."

One of the board members asked about reasons for those band members who are choosing not to go.

"There are some who don't want to go," Sanchez said. "Some have made other plans with family or have recently been to Disney World. Many of the kids have been looking forward to this and talking about it for two years."

For those who may have finan-

cial difficulty in paying for the trip, Sanchez pointed to the fundraising opportunities and said there is also a scholarship process to help with expenses."

Making sure the band members get the most from the trip - and avoid mischief - will be a primary emphasis.

"I was a high school band kid once," Sanchez said. "We'll take protocols to make sure the kids are safe and have a police officer roaming the halls (of the student's hotel)

at night to make sure they don't get the idea to do anything that's not smart."

While members of the marching band usually have plenty of activity keeping them in shape, Sanchez said he was giving them and any family members who might attend plenty of notice to get ready for hours of walking and any consequences involved.

It seems even a visit to what many consider to be one of the happiest places on earth still re-

quires being prepared.

"At Disney, you can be on your feet all day, 12 to 14 hours," he said. He added that sometimes Disney park visitors get red legs when blood vessels burst because they are not used to such sustained activity.

"I've started to warn parents to walk to get in shape, and I'm also telling the kids that."

BLACKSMITH

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he built or repaired barbed wire fencing. He said that his father taught him that hard work was important to one's well-being and that doing quality work and taking care of the tools of the trade was what led him to success.

"Not only have I found a creative outlet characterized by clean lines and deliberate details, I found a connection with my Dad, the past and the present... and the future by combining heat, force, and creativity to manipulate the strongest of

materials," Streetman said.

Streetman provides monthly exhibits and forging demonstrations at the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce Market Days except for January and February.

To see more of Streetman's work, you can visit his website at www.streetogreforge.com.

ALL FIRED UP: Items placed in the forge are heated so that Jess Streetman can craft them into tools or works of art.

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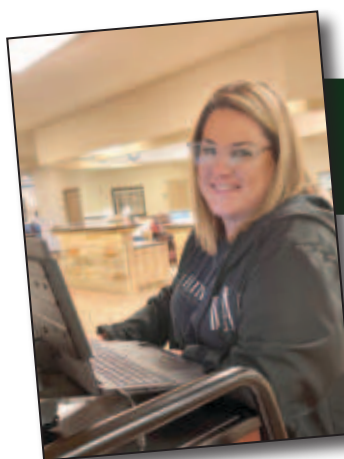
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Mayborn Science Theater opens after holiday break

The Mayborn Science Theater in Killeen has announced a new lineup of Saturday shows starting Jan. 8. Other features this month include weekday matinees each Wednesday, laser Friday, sky tour/talk and holiday matinee shows.

The Saturday lineup opens at 11 a.m. with "Zula Patrol: Down to Earth." Join the Zula gang as a routine fossil hunting mission becomes a rollicking ride into Earth's past to save the world. In the process, our heroes learn all about the formation and development of the Earth and the life forms who call it home.

At noon is "Jillian's Travels: Safari So Good." The show takes viewers on a week-long African safari adventure with Jillian and her brother, Jack. The audience will travel into the heart of Africa and become immersed in a spectacular world where wild animals seem so close you can touch them.

"Dinosaur Passage to Pangaea" is at 1 p.m. The show explains one of the greatest geological events in the history of the Earth: the separation of the supercontinent Pangaea. When two children embark on a geology field trip back in time, they are thrown into a fantastic voyage where they witness incredible wonders and learn the mysterious process that



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MAYBORN SCIENCE THEATRE

created our present-day continents.

At 2:30 p.m. is "Whale Super Highway" which follows humpback whales and blue pygmy whales on their migration down the coast of western Australia to the freezing waters of Antarctica and back again. It reveals fascinating information about these whales and celebrates the conservation success story of humpback whales.

"Pandas: The Journey Home" is presented by National Geographic. The show provides unprecedented access to the pandas of the Wolong Panda Center in China as they get ready for their new lives in various parts of the world. The audience will see these cute, lovable creatures as never before and learn about their fascinating habits and personalities. Show time is 3:30 p.m.

"Flying Monsters" is at 4:30 p.m. Follow world-renowned naturalist and docu-

mentary filmmaker David Attenborough as he recounts the fascinating story of how we first discovered the dinosaurs that ruled the prehistoric skies. The show takes viewers through the lush and alien environment in which these creatures lived to experience real flying monsters, which had wingspans as long as a modern jet plane and were as spectacular in appearance as they were amazing in flight.

The laser light show "Rocket Man" is at 5:30 p.m. and features some of the greatest hits of rock music icon Elton John set to computerized laser graphics. Songs include "Crocodile Rock," "Bennie and the Jets," "Philadelphia Freedom," "Goodbye Yellow Brick Road" and many others.

Weekday matinees are every Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. starting Jan. 5 with "In My Backyard." On Jan. 12 is "Khrumka and the Magic

Rocket." On Jan. 19 is "Dinosaurs at Dusk." "Natural Selection: Darwin's Mystery of Mysteries" is on Jan. 26. A matinee laser light show doubleheader will be held on the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, Jan. 17. At 1:30 p.m. is "Laser Hip Hop," which contains a parental advisory for adult language. At 2:30 p.m. is "Spirit of America" which includes a mix of patriotic and inspirational songs.

Laser Friday is Jan. 28 and features the laser light shows "Laser Queen" at 6 p.m., "Laseropolis" at 7 p.m. and "Laser Green Day" at 8 p.m. This show also contains a parental advisory for adult lyrics. Warren's Star Tour of the current night sky is Saturday, Jan. 29 at 5:30 p.m. and preempts regular scheduled shows.

For directions to the Mayborn Science Theater, show descriptions and more, visit starsatnight.org online.

Gatesville Lions Club to host chili supper

The Gatesville Lions Club will host its 45th annual Homer Davis Lions Club Chili Supper on Tuesday, Jan. 18, from 4-7 p.m. in the Gatesville High School cafeteria. In addition to chili, soup,

beans, drinks, and dessert will also be offered. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children. Tickets may be purchased at the door or from any member of the Lions Club.

Fiber Arts Program offered at library

A Fiber Arts program will be offered at the Gatesville Public Library on Monday, Jan. 24, at 3 p.m. The program will explore knitting, crochet, cross stitch, nalebinding, quilting, weaving and other forms of fiber art. It will be hosted by Luci

Zahray and Linda Bramhall. The program will allow participants to work on projects and share their ideas and expertise. All skill levels are welcome to attend.

The Gatesville Public Library is located at 111 N. 8th Street.

Cotton Davidson books back in stock at Museum

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. Hard-

backs are \$35 and Softbacks are \$25.

The book was a collaboration between Davidson and late author Wayland Corgill.

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 DISPATCH

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of January 6 - 8. 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

Jan. 6

11:41 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2000 block of E. Leon Street.

12:19 p.m., a theft was reported in the 100 block of Old Waco Road.

2:22 p.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 200 block of N. 26th Street.

3:29 p.m., harassment was reported in the 300 block of River Ridge Drive.

5:55 p.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of E. Leon Street.

6:44 p.m., a noise disturbance was reported in the 100 block of Old Waco Road.

Jan. 7

1:48 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1500 block of Pidcoke Street.

8:58 a.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 300 block of S. State Hwy. 36 Bypass.

9:55 a.m., a theft was reported in the 1400 block of W. Leon Street.

11:48 a.m., a noise disturbance was reported in the 2300 block of Business Hwy. 36.

12:12 p.m., an accident was reported in the 200 block of Hamilton Drive.

5:37 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1800 block of St. Louis Street.

Jan. 8

3:13 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of N. State Hwy. 36 By-

pass. 4:43 p.m., a fire alarm was reported in the 2000 block of Old Osage Road.

6:57 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2400 block of S. Business Hwy. 36.

8:43 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 2200 block of E. Main Street.

9:50 p.m., a noise disturbance was reported in the 1000 block of Saunders Street.

9:56 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 500 block of State School Road.

CORYELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Jan. 6

7:19 a.m., a reckless driver was reported eastbound on

FM 116. 8:41 a.m., illegal dumping was reported in the 3300 block of FM 116.

11:20 a.m., a theft was reported in the 6400 block of FM 1783.

1:39 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on FM 217 north of Mosheim.

3:12 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 17000 block of Moody Leon Road.

3:35 p.m., harassment was reported in the 700 block of FM 184.

Jan. 7

3:00 a.m., a civil matter was reported in the 2300 block of Business Hwy. 36.

12:06 p.m., an animal complaint was reported in the

100 block of College. 2:58 p.m., a civil matter was reported in the 500 block of E. Leon Street.

5:05 p.m., illegal dumping was reported in the 600 block of Cactus Lane.

9:51 p.m., a welfare concern was reported on FM 107.

10:18 p.m., a major accident was reported in the 1800 block of CR 102.

Jan. 8

1:29 a.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 900 block of Bluestem Drive.

9:08 a.m., illegal burning was reported in the 300 block of Winter Road.

12:12 p.m., a minor accident was reported in the 800 block of Lutheran Church Road.

1:19 p.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 14000 block of S. Hwy. 36.

6:35 p.m., a welfare concern was reported on Straws Mill Road.

7:55 p.m., a violation of a burn ban was reported on FM 116 near Attic Breeze.

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OBITUARIES

BRIAN ALLEN DAVIS

July 5, 1963 - Jan. 1, 2022



Brian Allen Davis, age 58, of Gatesville, passed away

on Saturday, Jan. 1, 2022, in Waco.

Traditional Tribal Ceremonies of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, will be held in Northern Lower Michigan.

Brian was born on July 5, 1963, in Toledo, OH to the late Louis and Mary L. Chingwa Davis. He grew up in Toledo and moved to West Virginia in 1989. He moved to Gatesville in 2006. He worked at Alvarez Tune and Lube. Brian loved his family and his children, Torey and Nakota Davis. He was always stepping up to give the shirt off his back to help anyone in need, no matter what. Brian was always willing to give a helping hand at Alvarez Tune

and Lube. He will Truly be missed.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, George Chingwa; and a nephew, Lamont K. Davis.

Brian is survived by his children, Torey Meyers of Toledo, OH, and Nakota (Kota) Davis of Gatesville; sisters, Delores A. Chingwa of Toledo, OH, Cheryl McLane of Toledo, OH; brothers, Anthony L. Davis, Sr. of Petoskey, MICH, Matthew Allen Davis of Toledo, OH; and a granddaughter, Kaelani Meyers.

REV. STEVEN BOGAN

Oct. 9, 1950 - Jan. 7, 2022



Rev. Steven Bogan, age 71, of Gatesville, went to be with

his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Friday, Jan. 7, 2022.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 13, 2022, at Scott's Funeral Home Chapel, with Evangelist Monty Martin officiating. Private graveside services will be held.

Brother Bogan was born on Oct. 9, 1950, in Cincinnati, OH to the late Vernon and Catherine Flick Bogan. He grew up in Cincinnati and graduated from Colerain High School in 1969. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree, from the University of Cincinnati in 1972. He fulfilled his Bible studies at Baptist Bible College East. He married Karen Ely on Dec. 16, 1972. He pastored for five

years east of Cincinnati and served as a missionary in Germany. He and his wife moved to Gatesville in 1994, when he accepted the call to be the pastor at Calvary Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Karen Bogan; daughters, Katheryn Gamboa and husband, Harvey, Stephanie Aiken and husband, Chris; brother, Dan Bogan and wife, Terry; two grandsons, Joseph Rodriguez and David Rodriguez.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested for memorials to be made to Royal C Ranch, c/o Calvary Baptist Church, P.O. Box 834, Eufaula, OK 74432.

NEWS FROM PEARL

Jack Elam will be turning 105 on Jan. 22



BETSY CLARK

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 is also a new Facebook Page, Pearl Bluegrass Jam, Live Venue. Be sure and check out both the website and the Facebook Page to keep up with all the Pearl Bluegrass news.

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.

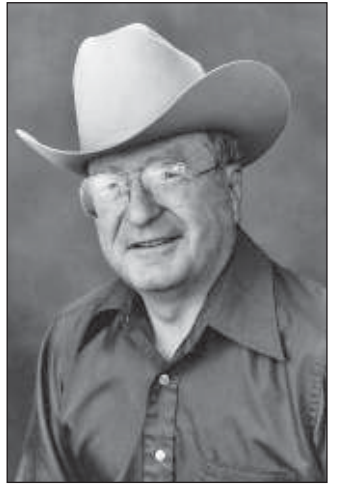
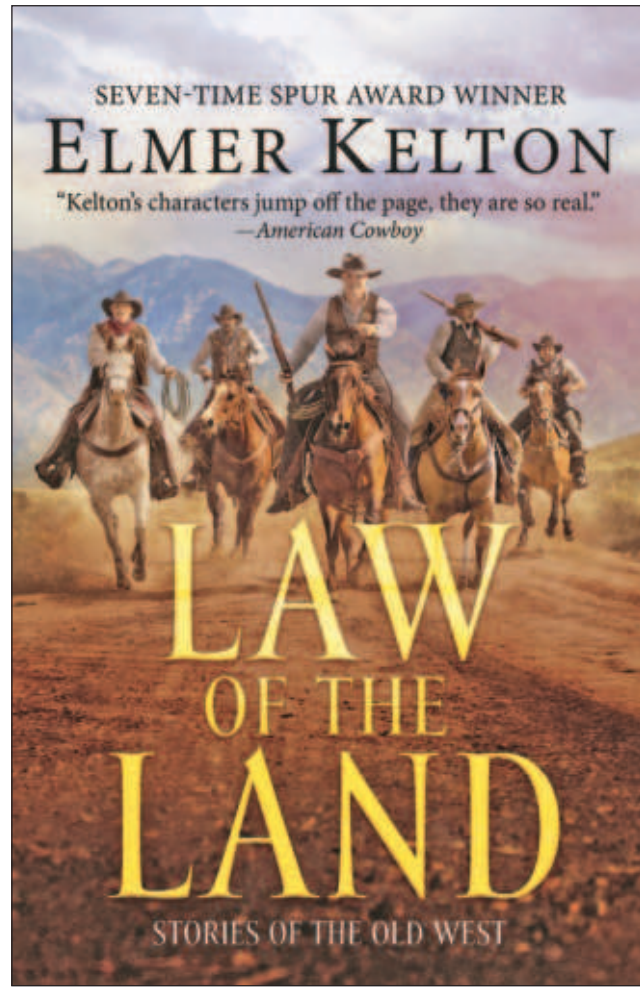
Mr. Jack Elam will be turning 105 on Jan. 22. To help him celebrate, please get a card in the mail to P. O. Box 306, Evant, Texas, 76525. Mr. Elam was born and raised in

Pearl and graduated from the Pearl School. He continues to visit Pearl whenever he is able. We love it when his daughter, Linda Kay Comer, brings him to the Pearl Cottage Bookstore to get a "pinky hug" from Linda Ray. Mr. Elam received the "Oldest Attending" award last year at the Pearl Church of Christ Homecoming. He also has family in Pearl and is near and dear to all our hearts. We wish you a wonderful, safe, and joyful birthday, Mr. Elam.



Jack Elam

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



ELMER KELTON
Author

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BOOK REVIEW

'Law of the Land' can be music to a cowpoke's ears

BY TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

Drums or hooves? Here's the answer: nothing's better than the pound of a horse's hooves, as heard from a saddle. They can sound like a dance, a drumstick skittering over a snare drum. A lively trot reminds you of bongos; a good run, like a bass kick. It's music to a cowpoke's ears and in the short-story collection, "Law of the Land" by Elmer Kelton, you'll find a treat for your eyes.

There aren't a lot of things a lawman likes better than crossing a name off a Wanted list and Fitz Battles was about to do that. Giles Pritchard was an outlaw and to Fitz, that made Pritchard just plumb worthless. Problem was, Pritchard had help and in "The Fugitive Book," that meant more no-good outlaws for Fitz to eliminate.

All Grant Caudell wanted was his money back, now that he'd caught up with "Slack" Vincent. Vincent had tricked Caudell out of his money and without it, Caudell would lose his family's farm. The problem was, the sheriff had the outlaw locked up and in "Jailbreak," Vincent was about to hang - unless there was a little more trickery...

Old George Simmons never wanted trouble. He just wanted to cook for the Slash

R cowboys and be unbothered. So in "Biscuits for a Bandit," an outlaw rider learns that it's best not to rile the camp cook.

Everybody knew that the Apache One-Ear was ferocious. Lieutenant Monte Fowler already lost many soldiers to One-Ear's band in a massacre the likes of which Fowler wasn't eager to repeat. But One-Ear was still out there causing trouble, and in "Apache Patrol," Fowler's the only man who can lead G Troop to stop him.

A "pretty little girl" like Rachel should never've been brought to Texas. She should've stayed back East but it was already too late: the Comanches were outside their door. Her husband, Matthew, was ready to fight but in "The Last Indian Fight in Kerr County," Rachel had a few ideas up her pretty little sleeve.

Zero and a hundred. In "Law of the Land," that's what you can expect: zero political correctness, one hundred percent old-school, classic western tales.

And yet, there's something else that's interesting for readers to look for here...

In many of the sixteen short stories inside this book, there's a fiendish twist at the end, as if the late author Elmer Kelton consulted with the late Rod Serling on each tale's crafting. Many are so Twilight-Zone-ish, in fact, that they almost don't seem entirely like westerns.

And yet - they are. There are cowpokes and sheriffs in these tales, purdy gals, worn saddles and beloved horses, outlaws and rifles and bloodthirsty killers. Readers are taken across arroyos, through mountain passes and inside corrals. The shoot-outs you expect are here. So are the white-hatted heroes.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of GREGORY ALLEN FROGGATT, Deceased, were issued on December 15, 2021, in Cause No. 21-10559, pending in the County Court at Law No. 1, of Coryell County, Texas, to: ANGELA BERNICE DAL- EY.

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

ANGELA BERNICE DAL- EY
c/o: KAREN M. VILLANUEVA
2106 Bird Creek Drive
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DATED the 30th day of December, 2021.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS §
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BY VIRTUE OF ORDERS OF SALE issued pursuant to judgment decrees of the District Court of Coryell County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date in the hereinafter numbered and styled causes, and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said Court, I have on the 6th day of January, 2022, seized, levied upon, and will on the 1st day of February, 2022, at the Courthouse Steps, at 10:00 A.M. on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, as provided for by the TEXAS PROPERTY TAX CODE.

All of the following properties being located in Coryell County, Texas and each property being more particularly described on an instrument recorded in the Volume and Page reference (V/P) or document number of the Deed Records, Coryell County, Texas. The approximate property addresses reflected herein are the addresses on the tax records and may or may not be completely accurate.

TRACT	SUIT #	STYLE	PROPERTY DESCRIPTION, APPROXIMATE ADDRESS, ACCT #	MIN BID
1	CTX-14-03135	Coryell Co vs. Tim Sullivan	Lot 5, Block 6, (V468/P37), CR 347, Leon Junction, #116464	\$14,415.49
2	CTX-16-03263	Coryell Co vs. Martin M. Magrum, Jr.	Lot 9, Block 5, Leon Junction Addn, (Instrument #205976 OPR), Leon Junction, #116510	\$4,007.00
3	CTX-18-03464	Coryell Co vs. Scott Rose et al	Lot 4B, Block 23, (Instrument #185907OPR), 150 FM 1996, Oglesby, #116886	\$8,851.03
4	CTX-19-03536	Coryell Co vs. Earlene Edwards Faubion	Lot 50, Block 12, Northern Annex Addn, (Instrument #220548 OPR), 311 Carroll Drive, Gatesville, #113551	\$4,034.66
5	CTX-19-03573	Coryell Co vs. Hershey Williams	Part of Lot 7, Block 1, Flowers Add, (V470/P711), 1502 Waco St, Gatesville, #112264	\$6,831.33
6	CTX-19-03597	Coryell Co vs. Lloyd E. Stiles	A Manufactured Home only, Oakwood, Label #TEX0498726, Serial #101X86016CK3800337, located on Lot 185, Hines Ranches Unit 3, 103 Sierra Vista Drive, Gatesville, #134348	\$4,835.35
7	CTX-21-03686	Coryell Co vs. Cathy Munoz	Lot 3, Block 2, Summer Creek Estates, Phase 1, (Instrument #315991 OPR), 355 Summers Road, Copperas Cove, #124870	\$12,599.28

This sale will be conducted to satisfy the judgment(s) for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interests due on the properties described herein, and for all costs of court and sale.

I do hereby verify that true and correct copies of the foregoing Joint Notice of Sale have been delivered by United States Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, and by regular mail, to each of the Defendants named in each of the numbered and styled causes.

DATED the 6th day of January, 2022, at Gatesville, Texas

RON MORGAN
Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Department, Coryell County, Texas

You may contact the attorney for the taxing units at (254) 756-7755.

CORYELL MUSEUM

“You are a Millionaire!” and “American Bandstand” 1960

JANN DWORSKY

Reading old newspapers at Coryell Museum certainly does slow me down when sorting thru the many boxes of accessioned papers in the museum. I came across the March 1960 “Coryell County News” and the listing for TV programs and it was delightful to read and remember.

The afternoon schedule started at 1 p.m. with the following shows: “Better or for Worse”, “House Party”, “The Edge of Night”, “Millionaire”, “The Verdict is Yours”, “A Brighter Day”, “American Bandstand”, “Ken and Dell Clubhouse”, and “Rin Tin Tin”.

“House Party” with Art Linkletter was fun for me as a kid even though it was aimed at housewives. Art had a wonderful cheerful face and interacted with everyone in a positive way, usually with funny results.

The show “The Millionaire” was very dramatic and made everyone wish someone would show up and give them the million dollars. The benefactor was anonymous, but we heard his voice and usually only saw his arm as he handed it to Michael Anthony, his executive secretary. It ran from 1955 to 1960. That amount would be for 9.6 million in 2020. Just like today when someone wins the lottery this show showed great results from having a million dollars and negative results.

“American Bandstand” with Dick Clark was on television five days a week from 1952 until 1963. Then the show was moved to Los Angeles and was on once a week from 1963-1989. All the teenagers looked clean and neat. The clip I watched today was in black and white and the girls wore dresses, curled their hair on rollers, and all the boys had on

slacks, jackets and ties. They danced slow dances close together, touching and most of them looked to be older teenagers. No cigarettes or alcohol was advertised on this show.

The teens apparently were supposed to rotate counterclockwise past the camera and looked a little self-conscious and tended to laugh a little at their own awkward moves. The teenagers would “fast” dance the twist or some version of “the pony”. There was an advertisement for Mini-Poo dry hair shampoo and all of us bought at least one container of this dry powder product. The active ingredients were magnesium carbonate and talcum powder. My experience was that you could not get it brushed out and your hair looked like you had been caught in a strong dusty whirlwind and that you had grayed overnight. Then you had to wash it.

“Rin Tin Tin” was a TV program that ran from 1954 to 1959. Rusty was a boy orphaned in an Indian raid. He and his dog Rin Tin Tin were adopted by the troops at Ft. Apache in Arizona and helped establish law and order in and around Mesa Grande. There were buffalo stampedes, searches for Christmas trees, a sacred lance, and Rusty even played cupid once. Rin Tin Tin was always by Rusty’s side and helped him save the day.

Coryell Museum and Historical Center is located one block east of the courthouse. We are open 10 to 4 Wednesday thru Saturday. Please come by and see our huge display of exhibits such as the Log Jail built in 1854, School Room Exhibit and 24,400 square feet of all our exhibits. Our volunteers are friendly and love talking to our visitors.

JESSE JAMES’ STIRRUP AT CORYELL MUSEUM



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Amidst the countless number of spurs located at the Coryell Museum and Historical Center, stands a lone wooden stirrup which some visitors may have overlooked. It’s not just any stirrup, but one that came from a saddle ridden by infamous outlaw, Jesse James. The stirrup is a brass bound wooden stirrup from a saddle used by Jesse James in the mid-1870’s. Jesse James, the daring outlaw from Missouri, became a legend in his own lifetime by committing crimes supposedly out of revenge for the poor treatment he, his family, and other Southern sympathizers received from Union soldiers during the Civil War. His crimes terrorized innocent civilians and hampered economic growth in Missouri in the years following the Civil War. In 1863, Jesse James, joined by his brother Frank, rode with the Quantrill gang from Missouri to their winter quarters in northeast Texas. The Quantrill gang camped just northeast of Sherman in Grayson County. The James boys also stayed in McKinney, the county seat of Collin County where they supposedly freely circulated with the townspeople. Jesse James was eventually killed by a member of his own gang on April 3, 1882, in St. Joseph, Missouri.

COURTHOUSE RECORDS

December Marriage Licenses for Coryell County

Marriage licenses filed during December of 2021 in the Coryell County Clerk’s office include:

Eulalio Acosta-Melendez and Melinda Mae Wall, Nery Javier Antunez Chinchilla and Pamela Marie Barron, Robert Ross Arno and Savon Elisabeth Marie King, Thomas Wayne-Hunt Baldwin and Alexa Lee Archambeau, Ter-

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Kid Scoop

THE AWARD-WINNING PRINT & ONLINE FAMILY FEATURE

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Woodpecker’s Winter Food Budget Plan

TAP! TAP! TAPPITY! TAP! Woodpeckers use their strong beaks to tap holes into tree trunks. Then they fill each hole with acorns, pine nuts, seeds and more to save for later.

A woodpecker’s storage tree is also called a granary tree. The same granary tree is used for generations. Some granary trees have over 10,000 holes!

THINK ABOUT IT: How is a granary tree like a piggy bank?



Wow, mom! It looks like we’ve stored way more food than we need! Let’s throw a big party for all our feathered friends!

Whoa! Whoa! Not so fast there, little one! I was just about to explain to you that we need to make a **food budget** to make sure that this food lasts all winter. It looks like a lot of food now, but we need food for the next three months!

What’s a budget? A budget is a plan that helps you to best use your resources, such as food or money!

And we have to store extra food because squirrels like to help themselves to the food in our granary tree! How rude!

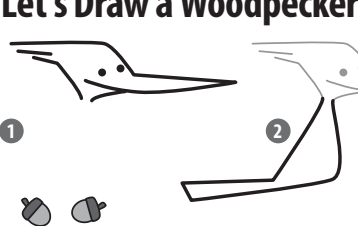
Plus, some of our stored food gets eaten by bugs. And some of it will get wet and rot before we can eat it. So we need a budget!

Hold this page up to a mirror to learn a surprising woodpecker fact!

My mom asked me to help with our family budget, but I’m having trouble. Can you help me?

How many acorns can you find on this page in two minutes? Have a friend try. Who found the most acorns?

Let’s Draw a Woodpecker!



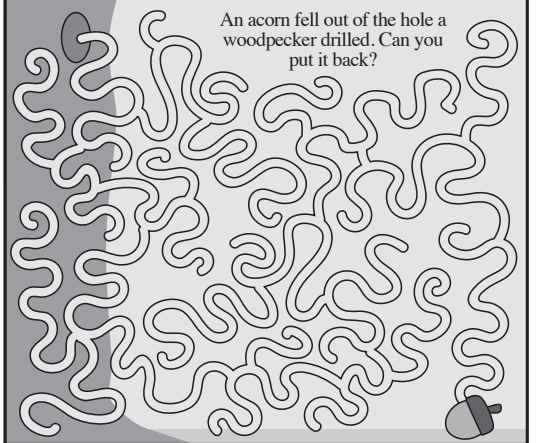
Extra! Extra!
Make 50
Look through the newspaper for 8 different numbers that when added together add up to exactly 50.
Standards Link: Math: Calculate sums with multiple digits.

WOODPECKER FAMILY FOOD BUDGET

Mom and Little One have 63 acorns. Color the amount of acorns they can eat each day this week if they want the acorn supply to last for three weeks.

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Kid Scoop Puzzler



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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.

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Woodpecker Facts
Woodpeckers are made to cling to trees. They have strong tail feathers that support the bird as it holds itself on a tree trunk, and they also have too back toes to lean back on.

Did you know that woodpeckers have furry noses? It’s true! Their nostrils are covered in tiny feathurs to keep splinters and dust out while they peck aweigh at tree trunks.

Even with their super fast pecking, it’s amazing that woodpeckers do not get headaches. That’s because woodpecker bills help distribute shock throughout the thick skull when pecking. Humanz wood have headaches if they did sew much pounding!

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Remembering highlights of the holiday season

We wrote a couple of our columns in advance because of the holidays, so here is a recap of the highlights and challenges experienced over the last two weeks.

The week leading up to Christmas and the week leading up to New Year's Day are often whirlwinds with so many activities crammed into such a short amount of time.

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and is having a good 2022 so far, and that things get even better.

Tallulah, do you have any holiday highlights you want to mention?

Lu: Oh yes! So many! Where do I even start? First, the best thing is that my human big brother Sam go to stay with us for a week, and then we got to go down to his mom's house to enjoy Christmas Eve and Christmas Day! It was great to see my sister, Nova, my mama Christi and my nana, Joan.

Jeff: It was a wonderful Christ-

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.



mas, that's for sure. But the day seemed to pass way too quickly.

Lu: Yeah, except for the car ride

on Christmas Eve and the trip back home. That seemed to take forever.

Jeff: It did - especially the drive down to Three Rivers (halfway between San Antonio and Corpus Christi). We took Highway 281 down there to try to avoid some of the Christmas Eve traffic.

Lu: We got lost in Blanco.

Jeff: Well, not exactly lost. I was looking for a rest and relief stop for you and we meandered past Blanco State Park.

Lu: And then we didn't get to eat at Sonic.

Jeff: Anytime it takes more than seven minutes just to make an order at a fast food place, it's time to move on.

Lu: That's OK. We did get McDonald's later. But I think I annoyed Sam on the drive.

Jeff: I understand you don't really care for car rides. He was trying to take a nap and you kept wanting to be petted.

Lu: He didn't like all my doggy

slobber either.

Jeff: Just like with anyone or anything else, we take the bad with the good. You were much better behaved on the drive home.

Lu: Or maybe you were more relaxed.

Jeff: That's definitely true, too.

Lu: It was really fun to spend time with our family down south.

Jeff: It was great. It's just too bad it takes so long to get there. I wish we could go more often.

Lu: I like it once we get there, but like you said, car rides aren't my favorite.

Jeff: What was your favorite part? **Lu:** The snacks! Getting to see and spend time with everyone. The walks. And of course, stealing Nova's bone when I had a chance.

Jeff: She definitely noticed that!

Lu: Yeah, but she didn't mind too much.

Jeff: She got revenge by eating food out of your bowl.

Lu: But that was just dog food.

The food of last resort. I like the ham, the bread and the egg you shared with me. It was much better.

Jeff: I spoil you too much.

Lu: No you don't! Don't think that, Daddy. You spoil me just right.

Jeff: I don't know about that, but it is great to have you around, Lu.

Lu: Thanks, Daddy! It's great to have you, too. Can we go for a walk now?

Jeff: You mean it's not nap time?

Lu: No!

Jeff: OK. We've been doing better. Sometimes more than one walk in the same day.

Lu: If only that nasty cold weather will stay away. I hate when it gets so cold we can't walk.

Jeff: That's a story for another time, Lu.

Lu: OK. Goodbye everybody.

Jeff & Lu: And Happy 2022! *Jeff Osborne and Tallulah can be reached at jeff@gatesvillemessage.com.*

Having the right bait is a good start for fishing excursions

By Michael Acosta
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Every year, I get questioned on what I use for bait especially artificial baits in the winter. By the way, I believe winter finally arrived this last week.

Having possible bait choices is good, but finding how and where to get the bite may take a little more work. Of course the bait/lure is only one part of the information you need to catch fish. Experience and confidence are probably much more important than the bait.

After years and many hours on the water, you tend to develop that "sixth sense" of where and when the fish will bite. Surface activity, the presence of birds, barometric pressure, wind/weather, moon phases, graph

readings etc. Based on all these inputs and of course your "gut feel," you make choices. Sometimes the bite is slow to come on and other days you can't miss.

When fish are actively feeding, catching is pretty easy for most. The real key is to be able to get them to bite when they are not as active. Subtle changes in bait, scent, bait size, movement, line size, color, depth, and locations can make a difference.

We all make our choices based on our "gut feeling" that may or may not pan out. Generally, but certainly not always, the more experienced angler and one that has been following the fish longer will make the better call.

Don't get overconfident in your abilities, as this can be a detriment at times to catching fish as well. Some folks call it "hard-head-

ed" and we are all guilty of it at times. Try to keep an open mind; you'll learn more that way.

I like to think that I can learn something new every time I go out, and I generally do. One thing about fishing is that no two days are alike. My favorite saying to everyone who fishes with me is that "each day on the water is a new adventure."

Patience is a virtue. When it comes to fishing, being patient is important. Everyone knows this, but practicing it can be trying at times for anyone — especially if the weather is bad or if you have some real young ones in the boat. Some days the fish bite at different times, and you may have to be prepared to wait them out.

Many professional anglers get extremely

confident in their abilities, and it is a rare day for these folks to not catch fish. The more time on the water, the better your understanding of fish and their habits. The more fish caught, the more confidence in the presentation. If you are going to learn how to catch fish consistently, then you will have to develop the experience through all weather, time, water conditions and seasons. Being the avid angler I am, I look forward to these "new adventures" (better than wondering how the fishing was at home).

As a licensed professional fishing guide, Michael Acosta shows you how to find them. He has been fishing all of his life, and has been a licensed guide since 1998. He can be reached at michael.acosta@att.net or 254-396-4855.

Texas Game warden's investigation results in crime ring bust

What started off as a run-of-the-mill investigation into a series of boat title discrepancies, concluded this past summer with multiple felony charges against three individuals suspected of

running an interstate theft ring and the recovery of over \$275,000 worth of stolen watercraft and other vehicles. Sergeant Game Warden Jonathan Griffin of the Marine Theft Investigation

Unit facilitated an impressive two-year investigation into the organized crime ring leading to a nomination for Investigator of the Year Award by the International Association of Marine Invest-

igators.

"Considering that this is an international award I am really humbled to have been nominated," said Sergeant Griffin. "I am very grateful to to agencies across Texas,

Alabama, and Florida who assisted with the resources necessary to build a strong case to hand over to the district attorney's office for prosecution."

The case began with a tip

from the La Marque Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Law Enforcement Office regarding an individual titling numerous jet skis in their name at very low purchase prices.

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Hornets shoot down Rockets, 66-57

BY TRISTON MCGEHEE
STAFF WRITER

The Gatesville Hornets (11-13) played strong on Jan. 7 as they shot down the Robinson Rockets (6-13) 66-57, in a non-district boys basketball game at Sidney L. Pruitt Gymnasium in Gatesville.

Gatesville's dynamic performance was led by junior Tyler Shea scoring 23 points in the matchup. Gatesville High School basketball coach Brit Campbell credited the team's dedication and teamwork as key factors in the win.

"It was a team win," Campbell said. "I was most excited about the three guys on the bench late in the game that didn't get much playing time. They were just as excited as the guys on the court. That is when you see the team coming together and playing for each other. That is a good sign of a good team."

The Hornets and the Rockets battled hard for momentum all throughout the game.

Jack Carroll shined bright scoring 17 points on the night. Car-

roll made five 3-point shots and a 2-pointer to guide the Hornets to victory. Carter Williams was efficient as well, scoring 14 points throughout the game.

The crowd was electric; every time the ball went through the hoops the Hornet fans roared. With district play right around the corner, the Hornets are excited to have a big win right before district. Freshman Rayshon Smith shared that the Hornets are "hyped" coming off the thrilling win going into district.

Campbell praised his team for taking steps in the right direction and he sees room for growth in district.

"Our district overall is very solid; every team is good," Campbell said. "Anybody can beat anybody and we're going to have to show up for every game."

The Hornets will head to Brownwood next Friday Jan. 14, to take on the Brownwood Lions (16-7) for their first game in district play. Tip-off is a 7 p.m. at Brownwood High School gym.



TRISTON MCGEHEE | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

ON THE MOVE: Jack Carroll drives past a Robinson defender in the Hornets' win over the Rockets on Jan. 7.

Gatesville teams compete in inaugural soccer tourney

BY TRISTON MCGEHEE
STAFF WRITER

The Gatesville Hornets boys' soccer team fell short to one of their district foes, the Lampasas Badgers, 3-1 on Saturday, Jan. 8 on a cold, breezy, soggy matchup in the Gatesville High School's inaugural Invitational Tournament at Tommy Davidson Field at McKamie Stadium.

GHS boys' head soccer coach Scott Campbell wanted to establish tactics and shape the positions on the field to see how his Hornets would play.

"I want to get everyone playing time and get out of here healthy—that's the biggest thing," Campbell said before the game. "It's another dress rehearsal for district."

Luis Macias made the lone goal for the Hornets on a penalty kick early in the matchup, resulting in a Hornet lead early on. That lead was short-lived, however, as the Badgers retaliated with two goals in the first half. In the second half, the Badgers scored again to expand their lead to 3-1.

Campbell was happy that the Hornets executed the game plan efficiently, despite the loss.

"(We made) a lot more progress on possession and what we wanted to do tactically," Campbell said after the game. "Obviously, it's a loss, but there is stuff to build off the progress and take it forward, which is good."

The Robinson Rockets defeated the Hornets 2-1 on Jan. 6. Hector Silva Hernandez scored the lone Gatesville goal in the game.

On Jan. 7, Hernandez and Oswald Leon both scored, guiding



JEFF OSBORNE | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Rachel Conner puts the ball in play for the Gatesville Lady Horney soccer team, which won two games in the Gatesville Invitational Tournament.

the Hornets over Lorena 3-2. Hernandez scored two goals, and Leon scored one.

The Hornets finished the GHS Invitational tournament with a record of 1-2 overall.

Lady Hornets
Gatesville's Lady Hornets soccer

team beat Robinson twice during the tournament. The first matchup ended with the girls winning 2-0 on Jan. 6. Barrett Boyd and Payton Armstrong brought the girls to victory, each scoring goals.

On Jan. 7, the Lady Hornets played against the Lady Rockets, resulting in another Lady Hornet

win, 1-0. Allyson Penrod scored for the Lady Hornets.

On Jan. 8, the Lady Hornets lost to the Brownwood Lady Lions 2-0 to conclude the GHS Invitational Tournament.

The Lady Hornets won two of their three matches in the tournament.

Up next

The GHS boys and girls soccer teams will travel to Waco Connally High School next were scheduled to play the Cadets and Lady Cadets on Tuesday, Jan. 11.

The girls game was set to begin at 5 p.m. while the boys contest was set for 7 p.m.

Lady Hornets fall to Lampasas

BY TRISTON MCGEHEE
STAFF WRITER

Gatesville High School's Lady Hornets did not start District 6-4A play the way they wanted to Friday night, losing 88-23 to Lampasas (22-6 overall, 1-0 in district) at Sidney L. Pruitt Gymnasium in Gatesville.

GHS (4-13) had to move up five junior varsity players to the varsity for that game due to five players being out because of illness.

"They played hard and did what they could," GHS head coach Ryan Ocheskey said.

Sophomore Taylor Coward led the Lady Hornets in points with 10 points. Coward was 6 for 10 on free-throw attempts and added a couple of field goals.



TRISTON MCGEHEE | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Zayla Wisehart looks for an opening in action vs. Lampasas on Jan. 7.

Jonesboro tops Oglesby in district action

BY TRISTON MCGEHEE
STAFF WRITER

The District 25-1A boys basketball game between the Jonesboro Eagles and the Oglesby Tigers resulted in an Eagles' victory, 49-38, at Oglesby High School Gym on Jan. 7.

The district matchup consisted of the boys' and girls' varsity teams putting all their effort until the final buzzer. Jonesboro boys rose to 5-8 overall, 2-1 in district as Oglesby fell to 2-4 overall, 0-2 in district, according to Max-Preps. The Jonesboro girls improved to 1-7 overall, 1-1 in district, while Oglesby dropped to 2-4 overall, 0-2 district, according to Max-Preps.

Jonesboro's boys' basketball Coach Chris Simon was happy with the way his team played against the Tigers.

"All nine players stepped up big tonight and played minutes," Simon said. "We closed the game well and got our second win in district."

Sophomore Jacob Cisneros led the Eagles with 10 points. Cisneros had a rebound, a steal, and a block.

Senior Ian Shoaf finished with 8 points while finishing the game with 12 rebounds and 2 steals.

Sophomore Garrett Young had 8 points, 4 rebounds, and 3 steals. Senior Layton Blanchard finished with 8 points, 10 rebounds, and 2 steals.

Senior Nat Hilliker finished with 6 points, 11 rebounds, and 3 blocks. Manny Torres finished the game with 6 points and 2 steals.

"This was the second game with all my guys," Simon said. "I felt we played a lot better tonight."

The Lady Eagles defeated the Lady Tigers 31-24. Alissa Shumate finished the game with 12 points. Payton Green finished with 9 points,

scoring three field goals and converting on a 3-pointer. Green shot 4 for 6 on free throws.

Jonesboro boys and girls played Gholston on Tuesday night results from the game will be in an upcoming issue. The Eagles will travel Aquilla on Jan. 14 at Aquilla. Tip-off will begin at 6 p.m. at the Aquilla High School Gym.

OGLESBY

The Oglesby boys lost a tough district game on Jan. 7, but they played hard until the end. According to OHS head coach Jeb Dixon, turnovers and pressure plagued the Tigers late in the game. Dixon is confident that his guys will "get better because of it."

Junior Blake Thompson led the team in points finishing with 13. Thompson made a pair of 3-pointers and three field goals.

Freshman Kyler Fossett followed Thompson finishing with 11 points. The freshman scored on a triad of field goals and made 5 out of 9 on free throws. Sophomore Brodie Fisher completed the game with 9 points making three field goals and a three-pointer.

The Oglesby girls came up short against Jonesboro, fighting hard to win. OHS Coach Jeb Dixon gave his analysis on the game.

"Kids played hard defensively," Dixon said. "We are just young and missed some opportunities."

Leading the way in scoring for the Tigers was junior Lacie Luckie finishing the game with 10 points. Luckie cashed in on a pair of 3-pointers and a pair of field goals.

Senior Summer Newman finished the game with 6 points converting two 3-pointers.

The Tigers boys' and girls' basketball team played Cranfills Gap Wednesday night. On Friday, Jan. 14, the Tigers will play the Abbott Panthers at the Oglesby High School Gym. Tip-off will start at 6 p.m. for the girls, and 7 p.m. for the boys.