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Gatesville leaders consider trash collection options

BY JEFF OSBORNE
SENIOR STAFF WRITER & EDITOR

Trash collection is an issue that nearly everyone has an opinion about, and those views are often very different. The Gatesville City Council is considering options once a contract expires with Waste Management that will change the way - and possibly the frequency - that garbage is collected in Gatesville.

Although that contract is supposed to last through September 2023, Waste Management has already informed city leaders that it will not renew the contract based on the way trash is currently collected in the city. Like many other solid waste service providers, Waste Management is going to automated trucks and uniform trash carts and away from the current format.

That will mean inevitable changes, and City Manager Bill Parry has looked at what trash collection options other area cities provide to give Council members some ideas and options to keep in mind.

Not only is curbside trash pick-up among

the items considered, there are also bulk collection and recycling options to consider.

"A price increase is expected, but I do not think Waste Management's cost option is out of line," Parry said. "I realize trash is a sensitive item. It's possible there won't be an option that will satisfy everyone."

Mayor Gary Chumley said hazardous waste collection is among the recurring expenses for the city.

"The hazardous waste cleanup costs \$25,000 to \$30,000 or more even though we get some assistance from (the Central Texas Council Of Governments)," he said.

Parry said he talked extensively with Harker Heights City Manager David Mitchell about what changes that city made when its previous contract with Waste Management expired.

"I had a lengthy discussion with the Harker Heights city manager about their transition to automated trucks and sideloading carts (which Waste Management is proposing for

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Older style trash cans, which can be knocked over by the wind or by animals, will be replaced.

Coryell County Youth Fair 2022



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Top: Students line up for judging in the goat category at the Coryell County Youth Show. The event was held Jan. 11-15 at the Gatesville Civic Center and had participants from throughout Coryell County in both livestock and home economics categories. Left: Local youth hold up turkeys for judging in the recent Coryell County Youth Fair, Right: Was a tiger-lamb breed a new category for the 2022 Coryell County Youth Fair? No, but this tiger-striped covering helped keep a lamb warm during youth fair festivities. More photos and results from the livestock show will appear in an upcoming issue.

Librarian serves for almost 3 decades

BY SABRINA ANDERSON
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

After nearly 27 years of working at the Gatesville Public Library, Director Faye Nichols finds a new reason every day to keep doing what she loves.

She began her librarian career working at the city of Temple Public Library for five years before moving on to the Scott and White Medical Library in Temple. As she gained experience in the field, Nichols eventually found her career as Gatesville's librarian in 1995.

"It's just an honor and privilege to be able to serve," said Nichols. "We're able to help people in so many different ways."

Some of her job duties, besides checking books out to local residents, include managing the city's web page and keeping up with the library's statistics for the state library qualifications. But her favorite aspect of the job is reading to kids during story time on Wednesday mornings.

During story time, the children learn their numbers and the alphabet. Oftentimes they also create art that brings upon the simple joy of childhood, admiring their craftsmanship of the day.

"Watching them as they just begin to learn and how quickly they catch onto things, they're like little sponges," said Nichols.

One of her favorite moments since working at the Gatesville Public Library was in the 1990s when the first lady of Texas, Laura Bush, came through the town on tour and stopped at the library.

"We had a group of kids in there for story time, and she stopped on her tour and knelt down and just gathered all the kids around her," said Nichols. "That really made an impression on me, you know. She took a few minutes there to just spend that time with the children, and that really impressed on me how important public libraries are beginning at that level."

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QUESTION & ANSWER CORNER

Q: When is the deadline to register to vote in the March 1 primary?

A: Jan. 31.

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Basking in the 'Season of Bewilderment'

In Texas, you could say there are four seasons, and they definitely aren't based on the traditional calendar year.

There's Early Summer, which can start any time between March and late April, and usually lasts through late May.

Heart of Summer starts in June and usually lasts until sometime in October, though some years the heat is very stubborn and it takes until Thanksgiving for the heat to realize that it is supposed to travel south for a while.

Indian Summer is what folks traditionally call fall or autumn, and temperatures finally dip to somewhat comfortable levels for a season without the constant drone of air conditioning.

After that, starting about Thanksgiving and lasting into early March, is the Season of Bewilderment. Much of the country is battling winter during this timeframe, and while we have our share of cold weather from time to time, this is the season in which the weather can't seem to make up its mind.

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.



It might be sunny and 75 one day and then cloudy and 25 the next. Sometimes, the weather can be really confusing and decide to start out at 30 and climb to 80 that same day. Or when a cold front blasts through, the day can begin

with comfortable and mild conditions and end with bone-chilling conditions.

The Season of Bewilderment definitely offers variety, but that can be too much of a good thing. Sure, it's nice to have a break from the oppressive heat that can grip much of the state for six to nine months of the year, depending on your location. But the mystifying unpredictability can be a bit hard to handle.

The best option for dressing during the Season of Bewilderment is layering. That calls for wearing one shirt underneath another, with the idea that you can peel off one of the layers when it warms up. But it's hard enough for kids (and some adults) to keep up with one thing, let alone a jacket, sweater, T-shirt, coat/raincoat and the other things we have to keep track of ... It's easy to see why school Lost and Found collections can begin to resemble fabric mountains, and why our offices and houses may have various items of warm clothing draped here and there.

We complain about the linger-

ing heat when Early Summer turns into the Heart of Summer. But it does make it easier to dress. We can count on the temperature to vary from hot to scorching to absolutely unbearable when the Texas heat beats down. And during that time, we yearn for cooler temperatures, even though it creates the Season of Bewilderment.

Some people love the cold, while others wish it would stay warm (although not sizzling) all the time. I have mixed feelings about the Season of Bewilderment. I'd rather things be a little warm than to endure the Arctic blasts that we have from time to time. Thankfully, it's not anywhere as bad as it gets north of the Red River, or what many Texans refer to as the Frozen Wasteland.

Even in the Heart of Summer, electric bills are substantially less than what many of us with electric heat suffer through in winter. My house definitely does not like the cold, and when it catches a chill, it responds by secretly increasing the temperature a few degrees. Those toasty temps are comfort-

able, but cause a jaw-dropping response when the electric bill arrives.

Those who are tired of the cold usually only have to wait a few days (or a few hours) until the warm sunshine returns. Those who fear the relentless heat of the Heart of Summer still have a couple of months to enjoy cooler weather. Regardless of your preferences on the weather, there's nothing to do but enjoy — or endure — the Season of Bewilderment.

What do you think, Lu? Tallulah: You pretty well summed it up, so I'll keep it short. I am bewildered that we can't go for a walk at least a couple times a day, every day. I know the weather can be an issue, but still! I also wish you would come home a little earlier for lunch sometimes. It seems like I wait forever when you are busy at work. Here's hoping for nice weather for everyone to enjoy! Jeff Osborne and Tallulah can be reached at jeff@gatesvill messenger.com.

NICHOLS

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Outside of the library, Nichols is involved in a variety of organizations that furthers her ability to help the community, including the Gatesville Exchange Club, Crimestoppers, Righteous Roots and the Live Oak Baptist Church - to name a few.

Her home life includes a calico cat companion named Galaxy and spending time

cooking, sewing or crocheting, and of course reading. True to a book lover's heart, she has many favorite series and novels but among her favorites are the Plum Series written by Janet Evanovich and the Piercing the Darkness series by Frank Peretti. **Editor's Note:** This article is one of a series about people in the community who many see on a regular basis, but whom we hope to allow readers to get to know a little better.



Faye Nichols

Don't Mess With Texas scholarship available

The Don't Mess with Texas Scholarship Contest is now accepting applications for the 2022 school year.

Any Texas high school senior currently attending public, private or home school and planning to attend an accredited Texas college or university in the fall 2022 semester is eligible to apply. Judges will select winners based on the students' proven results in leading projects or events focused on educating communities about the importance of keeping our state clean and litter-free.

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Beautiful, the Don't Mess with Texas Scholarship Contest will award a total of \$9,000 in scholarships in May 2022. The 2022 scholarship contest awards are sponsored by Bucees and iHeart Media.

Don't Mess with Texas has been educating Texans about litter prevention since 1986. The program includes a grassroots partnership with Keep Texas Beautiful.

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LOCALS ENTERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE MORRIS FEDERATION: Charles Ament and Mary Kafer recently entertained the Morris Federation with a musical program.

Local musicians entertain Morris Federation

The Morris Federation had its first meeting of 2022 on Jan. 8 at 10 a.m. at the Coryell Museum. The program was presented by Mary Kafer and Charles Ament. Both Kafer and Ament were born in Gatesville, graduated from Gatesville High School, went off to college, and returned to become educators at Gatesville Independent School District.

Kafer taught choir and English IV in high school and helped organize the Gifted and Talented Program for the district. Ament taught music and was the principal for many years at Gatesville Intermediate School. He is currently serving as president of the Gatesville School Board.

Their musical program featured two solos per-

formed by Kafer - "Were It Not for Grace" and "Love Crucified Arose." Ament then accompanied the pair on piano in a duet, "Let There Be Peace on Earth." Then he accompanied himself on piano as he sang two solos - "His Eye is on the Sparrow" and "A Time for Us" from Westside Story.

Their presentation was enjoyed by all present.

Three Gatesville students named to President's List

Southern New Hampshire University recently named students to their Fall 2021

President's List. Gatesville students receiving the honor include Jimmi Anderson, Layton Bannister, and Justin Hoover. Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above are named to the President's List.

Southern New Hampshire University is a private, non-profit institution with an 89-

year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults. Now serving more than 160,000 learners worldwide, SNHU offers approximately 200 accredited undergraduate, graduate, and certified programs, available online and on its 300-acre campus in Manchester, NH.

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The DISPATCH

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of January 12 - 15. 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. 12
 12:36 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 2300 block of Business Hwy. 36.
 2:41 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 2800 block of S. State Hwy. 36.
 4:46 p.m., a missing person was reported in the 4600 block of S. State Hwy. 36.
 6:43 p.m., a threat was reported in the 300 block of Veteran's Memorial Loop.
Jan. 13
 5:42 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1300 block of Westview Drive.
 12:29 p.m., a theft was reported in the 2200 block of Bridge Street.
 12:48 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 1500 block of CR 161.
 6:45 p.m., an assault was reported in the 1500 block of FM 646.
Jan. 14
 12:02 a.m., a theft was reported in the 2800 block of S. State Hwy. 36.
 1:51 p.m., harassment was reported in the 500 block of S. 6th Street.
 3:43 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2300 block of E. Main Street.
 4:20 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 100

block of Stillhouse Road.

Jan. 15
 4:46 a.m., a structure fire was reported in the 700 block of Lovers Lane.
 1:42 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 2200 block of E. Main Street.
 4:48 p.m., suspicious activity was reported on N. State Hwy. 36.
 7:35 p.m., a missing person was reported in the 200 block of N. 8th Street.

CORYELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Jan. 12
 3:41 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 900 block of CR 339.
 5:46 p.m., a welfare concern was reported on Julia Drive.
 6:61 p.m., an animal complaint was reported on Thackston Road.
 11:31 p.m., a welfare concern was reported on Moccasin Bend Road.
Jan. 13
 7:34 a.m., a major accident was reported on FM 116 and Perryman Creek.
 12:47 p.m., a grass fire was reported in the 1500 block of CR 161.
 5:59 p.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 3000 block of FM 1113.
 7:00 p.m., an out-of-control

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child was reported in the 200 block of Jack Butler Road.

Jan. 14
 6:24 a.m., a reckless driver was reported eastbound on W. Hwy. 84.
 10:39 a.m., a road hazard was reported on Thackston Road.
 1:56 p.m., the burglary of a habitation was reported in the 2000 block of Old Fort Gates Road.
 3:40 p.m., a minor accident was reported in the 1500 block of Oak Springs Road.
Jan. 15
 10:48 a.m., trees in the roadway were reported on CR 267.
 2:06 p.m., a welfare concern was reported on Hwy. 84 east of Purmela.
 4:20 p.m., phone harassment was reported in the 2900 block of Mimosa Drive.

NEWS FROM PEARL

A Bit of Continuing News for January and February



BETSY CLARK

Mr. Jack Elam will be turning 105 on January 22nd! 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 of our hearts! We wish you a wonderful, safe, and joyful birthday, Mr. Elam!

The annual Pearl Church of Christ Valentine Auction will be held on Feb. 13, following the church service. Church begins at 10:30 a.m. This is a silent auction, and bidding begins on January 30th and goes through February 12th. You can stop by the church beginning the 30th 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.

A Bit of Silliness
 Remember a few months ago when I somehow innocently ticked off Kay Pruett with something I wrote about her in the Pearl News, and she declared she was going to kill me? She even said she was hiring a hit man. Well, that has not happened yet as you can see. So, Linda Ray called

Kay and asked her if she still had a hit out on B (that's what Linda calls me, by the way). Kay groggily said (because Linda woke her up from her nap), "Oh, no, I completely forgot about that." So, Kay thought about it for a minute and told Linda that she believed that she would hold off on that plan because in this economy, it's too hard to get a reasonably priced hit man. Besides, she didn't want to pay the extra cost to get him out of the country. I do believe I'm safe for a while, at least until Kay reads this!! Pray for me!!

Prayer Request
 Please pray for the Pearl Community and for the churches in Pearl. There's quite a bit of illness in the surrounding area, and your prayers will be greatly appreciated.

The closing verse for this week comes Psalm 19:1-4a—The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge. They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them. Yet their voice goes out into all of the earth; their words to the ends of the world. NIV

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CORYELL COUNTY 4-H HORSE JUDGING TEAM: Members of the team are pictured left to right, Bracy Foote, Callie Goins, Kacy Maurer, Irena Murphy and team coach Becky Coward.

Coryell County 4-H horse judging team places 4th nationally

Representing Texas 4-H at the Western National Roundup Horse Classic, national horse judging contest in Denver, Colorado was the team of Bracy Foote, Callie Goins, Kacy Maurer, and Irena Murphy of Coryell County. The team, coached by County 4-H Agent Becky Coward, qualified for the event at the State 4-H Contest which was held this past June. Nine classes were judged including Hunter Under Saddle, Hunt Seat Equitation, Horsemanship, Ranch Riding, Reining, Performance Mares 1 & 2, Performance Geldings, and Clydesdales. The team placed fourth overall in the nation!

In horse judging, you compete on a team as you learn to be the judge of a horse show. You become familiar with all of the body parts of a horse, the ideal characteristics of how a horse moves, and determine how to score horses in competition. You also explain how you decided on your placing by giving oral reasons. You build confidence, learn decision-making and public speaking skills, and get to travel with friends. Those youth interested in joining a judging team should contact Mrs. Coward at the County Extension Office at 254-865-2414. Accompanying the team to Denver and providing leadership were 4-H leaders, sup-

porters, and parents: Jenna Murphy, Crystal Foote, Tami Goins, and Lauren Goins. Complete results from Denver are as follows:
Team Awards:
 · 4th High Team Overall
 · 5th High Team in Halter
 · 4th High Team in Performance
Individual Awards:
 · 4th High Team in Reasons
 · 5th High Individual Overall
 · 6th High Individual in Halter
 · 6th High Individual in Performance
 · 6th High Individual in Reasons

Local Student named to ACU Dean's Honor Roll

Leah Hanson of Gatesville, a junior majoring in Art at Abilene Christian University, was named to the ACU's Fall 2021 Dean's Honor Roll. More than 1,300 students

were named to the Dean's Honor Roll. To qualify, students must be registered for 12 or more credit hours and earn a GPA of 3.6 or higher. ACU is the highest-ranking

university in Texas in a 2022 U.S. News & World Report assessment of institutions highly regarded for their commitment to student success.

Two Coryell County 4-H seniors earn scholarships

Two outstanding 4-H members, Cooper Sutton, and Kinsey Gardner, from Gatesville and Coryell County 4-H were recently awarded Blackland Income Growth Scholarships. Each scholarship, in the amount of \$1,000, was awarded based upon excellence in a 4-H member's career. The applications were judged on 4-H project involvement, leadership, community service, 4-H honors, outside 4-H activities, and narratives describing future plans and financial need.

Sutton, the son of Shanon and Jalean Sutton is a long-time officer in the Pecan Grove 4-H Club as well as a Coryell County 4-H Ambassador. He will attend Texas A&M University in the fall, majoring in Poultry Science.

Gardner, the daughter of Jim and Julie Gardner has been a youth leader in the Coryell City 4-H Club for many years along with helping lead the County Ambassador team. She plans to continue her livestock judging career



CORYELL COUNTY 4-H EARNS SCHOLARSHIPS: Cooper Sutton and Kinsey Gardner are both recipients of the Blackland Income Growth Scholarship.

collegiately and eventually earn her degree in Animal Science with a minor in Ag

Business from Texas A&M University.

Historical Commission holds meeting

The Coryell County Historical Commission recently held their first meeting of 2022. Attendance was limited, but those present discussed old business, new business, and long-range plans for the upcoming year. The members made a list

of possible historical markers to apply for in the next several months. The list included Gatesville City Cemetery, Restland Cemetery, Bulldog Turner, Cotton Davidson, and Betty Hanks. In 2021, the commission made an application to the Texas State

Historical Commission for a marker to be placed at the location of the Carver School in Gatesville. The local group is awaiting a reply from Austin to see if the application has been approved for the Under-told Story marker.

United Methodist Women meet

A regular meeting of the United Methodist Women was held on Jan. 11 in the foyer of the United Methodist Church in Gatesville at 5:30 p.m. Thirteen members were present. Hostesses were Ginger Dossman and Elizabeth Thomas. President Patsy Smart called the meeting to order by leading in the Blessing. Following refreshments, President Smart thanked the hostesses, welcomed everyone, and read the Purpose. Velva Riddle read from the Prayer Calendar and the Response Magazine. Kathleen Blankemeyer presented the program called "The Land Shall Observe a Sabbath." In Leviticus, the Lord told the people to grow their crops on the land

for 6 years and then rest the land on the 7th year. As for people, we are called to do the same—work 6 days and rest on the 7th. Rest is one of those things some folks never seem to find time to do. Blankemeyer gave members some worksheets to help them practice the theme of "Just Energy for All" in caring for God's Creation. Shirleen Chandler led in singing the hymn "For the Beauty of the Earth."

President Smart called the business meeting to order. She called on Carol Dildine to install the officers for 2022.

Officers for 2022 include: President Patsy Smart, Vice President Velva Riddle, Secretary Shirleen Chandler, Treas-

urer Linda Shirley. Mission Coordinators include: Spiritual Growth Mary Anne Leib, Education and Interpretation Carol Dildine, and Membership, Nurture and Outreach Kathleen Blankemeyer. Chairperson of the Nominating Committee is Melinda Ivy, with Linda Klontz and Jeanette Shepherd helping. Historian and Yearbook is Doris Nichols. Special Activities Committee Chair is Marilyn Decker. Telephone Committee Chair is Carol Dildine.

Ginger Dossman announced that five Gatesville women attended the Epiphany Brunch in Temple on January 8.

The meeting adjourned with the Benediction.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON
PROPOSED RE-ADOPTION OF DISTRICT MANAGEMENT PLAN

The **Middle Trinity Groundwater Conservation District (MTGCD)** will hold a public hearing on the proposed re-adoption of the MTGCD's Groundwater Management Plan on Thursday, February 10, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. at the district office located at 930 N. Wolfe Nursery Road, Stephenville, Texas 76401. All interested parties are invited to attend.

PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA:

1. Call to Order.
2. Summary presentation of the proposed revisions to the MTGCD Management Plan as required by Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code and Chapter 356 of the Texas Water Development Board's (TWDB) rules contained in Title 30 of the Texas Administrative Code.
3. Public Comment on the Groundwater Management Plan proposed for re-adoption.
4. Adjourn

At the conclusion of the hearing or any time or date thereafter, the proposed management plan may be adopted in the form presented or as amended based upon comments received from the public, the Texas Water Development Board, District staff, attorneys, geoscientists, or members of the Board of Directors without any additional notice.

Copies of the proposed MTGCD Management Plan will be available as of **January 21, 2022** at the MTGCD office located at 930 N. Wolfe Nursery Road, Stephenville, Texas or on the MTGCD's website at www.middletrinitygcd.org.

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Gatesville Primary presents Kindness Awards

According to Gatesville Primary School principal Mashara Streater, Kindness Awards were recently awarded to Pre-K and Kindergarten Students. Streater said that the school counselor, Whitney Carothers, had been doing guidance lessons on kindness with the students the second nine weeks, while kindness/being a good friend is reinforced

by teachers and staff at the Primary.

The teachers chose students in their class who had demonstrated an act of kindness over the last few weeks. Certificates and t-shirts were given to the students who had been chosen by their teacher during the first assembly of 2022. The Primary School hopes to continue this

practice at least twice a year. Students who received the award are:

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- Mindy Marshall's class** - Camden Ridley, Mckenzie Schlemmer, Brantley Schuetz, Jackson Pagluica, Kelsie Veres, Myla Keller, Jimmie Joiner, Tany Gonzalez.
- Jana Richardson's class** -

- Lali Bonilla, Charlie Campbell, Kinsley Taylor, Monse Correa, Luke Dye, Hallie Kouns, Faith Martinez, Regina Mendez, Max Smith, Sebastian Jaimes Hix.
- Janet Featherston's class** - Beatrice Turner, Connor Smith, Daylen Martinez, Iydriss Moore, Kyzlee Jennings, Kiana Bonilla, Lilly Cale, Layton Pride, Veer Patel,

DeAnna Jones.

- Bradi Necessary's class** - Kyra Ballard, Linda-Rae Ledet, Alyxis Brown, Mateo Herrera, Virgil Hoisington, Steven Hopkins, Joseph Salazar, Salvador Incerpi, Skylar Johnson.

KINDERGARTEN

- Amber Colson's class** - Dallas Gaulden, Myla Blanchard, Betty Claire Latham, Kambree Key, Grady Jones, James Antilley, Jolee Adair, Brylie Young, Jordan Truong.

- Lisa Ayres' class** - Levi Baker, Kelilah Brown, Carson Chandler, Cael Cockrell, Tommy Davis, Fiona Hebner, Mekhi Kyles, Logan Rhymes, Lila Russell.

- Tami Hoover's class** - Madison Capella, Owen Hartman, Anlea Kellerman, Kaydence Leyva, Aubree Long, Samuel Nichols, Jaxon Stevens, Noah Weir, Gage Myers.

- Gelis Tobias' class** - Jocelyn Bolanos, Bailey Campbell, Rivald Covarrubias, Ryder Doss, Gael Ibarra, Cooper Johnson, Christian Knight (Khalil), Alejandra Mata, Anthony Rodriguez.

- Kendra Pruitt's class** - Lily McCauley, Khloe Tay-

lor, Evangeline Henson, Anea Lajqi, Tate Haines, Braxton Young, Waden Brown, Breelee Isaacks.

- Lacey Jenkins' class** - Mackenzie Campbell, Harper Cox, Joli Kelley, Ayden Albin, Bethaney Hull, Ariana Ortega, Judson Thornton, Sadie Blanchard, Penny Blanchard, Addison Tatum.

- Tiffany Lewis' class** - Cooper Coddington, Rayden DeLeon, Colton Graham, Donovan Moore, Noah Romero, Oliver Westbrook, Maverick Wilson, Claire Ruffin.

- Dakota Young's class** - Ryker Mighell, Colton Caraway, Camilla Moore, Korbin Gilson, Marius Hogue, Adalynn Gregory, Ryder Dorman, Ansleigh Beason, Liam Doggett.

- Jackie Saunders' class** - Emma Cantara, Emily Chism, Norah Fulton, Raymond Mackay, Kaizer Norris, Corey Pafford, Aaron Salam Kuehn, Magnolia Streetman, Tavin Scott.

- Kristin Floyd's class** - Ellie Dubs, Oliver Malliet, Kase Secrest, Aurora Ivy, Ayden Jenkins, Tyler Wade, Arturo Hernandez, Savannah Austin, Weston Lea.



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KIND KINDERGARTENERS: Gatesville Primary School kindergarten students who received a Kindness Award.



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KIND PRE-KINDERGARTENERS: Gatesville Primary School Pre-kindergarten students who received a Kindness Award.

Katelyn Campbell is 'Voice of Democracy'

Katelyn Campbell, a 7th grade student at Gatesville Junior High, was the recent winner of the Voice of Democracy Essay Contest (Patriot's Pen contest) sponsored by the VFW Post 9191 in Killeen.

Established in 1947, the Veterans of Foreign Wars "Voice of Democracy" essay program provides high school students with the unique opportunity to express themselves regarding

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ESSAY WINNER: Kate Campbell, winner of the Voice of Democracy essay contest, is shown receiving a certificate and check from Eddie L. Sherman, pictured right, Commander of the VFW Post 9191, and Allisa Sherman, Adjutant of the VFW Post 9191.

Whatever happened to...

20 YEARS AGO (2002)

The Pearl Church of Christ dedicated their new youth building in memory of Leota Wilkinson. The new building, named "Ma Ma's Garden," was named in honor of Wilkinson, who was a long-time member of the church and a strong supporter of the youth program.

James and Patty Clemons of Gatesville celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception at Cedar Ridge Church of Christ. James Clemons and the former Patty Baize were married Dec. 22, 1951, in Gatesville with Dr. C.U. Baize officiating.

Four area young people were featured in a Christmas piano and violin recital. The young musicians were B.J. Paul of Purlmela, Caleb McKamie of King and Rachel and Michael Lijewski of Gatesville. Tyler Lane Pruitt was celebrating his first birthday at

the Fort Gates Complex. Tyler is the son of Jeff and Melissa Pruitt of Gatesville. Grandparents are Butch and Pat Whaley and Becky Pruitt, all of Gatesville, and Billy Pruitt of Granbury.

Christy Harris dominated for 19 points to lead the Gatesville Lady Hornets to a 52-35 victory over the visiting McGregor Lady Bulldogs in District 17-AAA.

Some members of the Gatesville Hornet playoff football team were honored as members of the "Class of the Centroplex" team chosen by the sports writers of the Killeen Daily Herald.

30 YEARS AGO (1992)

Hal Anderson Sr., Gatesville's postmaster for 24 and a half years before he retired in 1981, died at his home. He was 72.

H.E.B. Food Store of Gatesville donated \$1,275 to Gates-

ville Elementary School to purchase computer software in its computer lab. Third grade students use the lab, which has 24 personal computers.

Dr. Bill D. Carroll, a native of Gatesville, and computer science engineering department chairman at the University of Texas at Arlington, had been elected a director of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers.

Joe Tatum, manager of the Gatesville Bus Depot, informed the public that the Kerrville Bus Co., Inc. had discontinued service to this area. The bus line running from Killeen through Gatesville to Waco and back had been discontinued indefinitely.

The Coryell County Museum named Jenny Hendrickson as "Volunteer of the Month." She was active in many aspects of the museum and headed-up the effort to decorate the museum for the

Christmas Open House.

Friends and relatives gathered to celebrate Horace Knight's retirement from Central Freight Lines. A surprise "Honey Do" party, along with a barbecue dinner was served to 51 friends and relatives.

40 YEARS AGO (1982)

Plans to open a Wal-Mart Discount City store in Gatesville had been announced by Wal-Mart Stores Inc. from the firm's headquarters in Bentonville, Ark.

Opal Andrews of Gatesville was among 136 graduates receiving degrees during commencement ceremonies at Sul Ross State University at Alpine. Ms. Andrews received her MED degree in education.

Mark Davis of Gatesville was to be honored at the 1982 University of Texas Longhorn football banquet. Davis, a defensive back for

the Longhorns, was a sophomore in finance at UT.

Home Economics Cooperative Education Student of the Month at Gatesville High School was junior, Tressia Jones, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe K. Jones.

Rev. Mark Bumpus, the pastor of the Pearl Baptist Church, was visiting in Israel with a tour group and visiting religious sights.

Joe Skelton appointed Billy Barton his successor as superintendent of postal operations in the Gatesville post office. Barton had worked at the post office 19 years.

50 YEARS AGO (1972)

Allen Cole, 21-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Kerney Cole of Gatesville, had joined the staff of the Farm Bureau Insurance Company.

The Hornets ace forward, junior Betty Swindall, made the all-tournament basketball

team. Miss Swindall roped 23 points as Gatesville bowed to the defense-minded Abbott team, 51-34, in its second appearance.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Dixon Sr., former residents of the Flat and The Grove communities, were honored with an open house in celebration of their golden wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Eugene Ridling, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor C. Green of Oglesby, was a candidate for a Bachelor of Science degree in physical education from Baylor University in Waco.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Lella of McGregor, formerly of Gatesville, were honored with a 25th wedding anniversary celebration. They were married Jan. 10, 1947, in Waco.

Victor Gerhard Dutschmann, son of G. A. Dutschmann of Gatesville, received a Bachelor of Business Administration in the School of Business at SWT.

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Any party having a claim against the estate of Elsbeth Boerg, Ward, is hereby notified to present such claim in a timely fashion for consideration of payment to the Guardian, TGG, at the following address:

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JOINT NOTICE OF SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF CORYELL §

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 County, 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 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 #HOIX86016CK3800337, 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.

TRASH

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Gatesville),” Parry said. “Probably the most expensive option is likely to be twice a week pickup.”

Harker Heights continued the twice a week pick-up with no bulk or recycling included in the contract. Citizens of that community can drop off bulk and recycling items at a city-manned drop point. Waste Management does provide the receptacles for bulk and recycling at an estimated additional cost of \$300,000 per year.

Harker Heights city leaders are considering a survey to determine if once per week trash pick-up would be sufficient, according to a Gatesville City Council memorandum.

Residents are provided with a 96 gallon trash cart, and for those needing more capacity, there is an additional \$5 monthly charge to receive an additional cart.

Under the current option for Gatesville residents, trash collection costs \$13.23 per month and residents provide their own trash cans. Once per month bulk pick-up is available curbside, and the city also receives bulk items at the city utility yard near 7-Eleven (previously Stripes) on the second and fourth Saturday of each month. Recycling can also be taken to that location from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and on the second and fourth Saturday each month.

Waste Management has proposed a new contract that will provide residents with one 96-gallon cart with once per week pick-up and monthly bulk pick-up at a cost of \$14.65 per month, with additional carts available for \$5 per month. That would be an increase of \$1.42 per month, or \$17.04 per year, over the current price. The city could



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96 gallon carts will be used for future trash collection.

also opt for twice per week trash collection and monthly bulk pick-up for \$18.38 per month, which is similar to the fee for Harker Heights residents.

Some of the other communities polled include:

- * Woodway, through Frontier Services, \$16.75 monthly for twice a week pick-up, weekly recycling a twice a year bulk pick-up.

- * Hamilton through Waste Connections, \$18.91 per month (in 2018) for once per week pick-up, no recycling, a \$30 annual permit for bulk service plus \$10 to \$15 per load.

- * Copperas Cove, through city utilities, \$19.83 per month for once per week pick-up, twice per month recycling and twice per month bulk pick-up.

- * Belton, through Waste Management, \$18.36 per month for once a week pick-up with twice a month recycling, monthly bulk pick-up plus an additional six times per year bulk service at a city collection site.

Mayor Chumley said those who have rural trash services “probably pay three times the amount (that city residents pay) for just once a week pick-up.”

“Trash service in the county (outside city limits) is expensive,” Parry agreed.

Councilwoman Barbara Burrow said her concern is “if we have once a month (bulk) pick-up, things will start piling up.”

Parry said that in addition to that, the city also offers bulk collection at the city utility yard on the second and fourth Saturday, and he anticipated that would likely continue even with the new service parameters.

“It’s a matter of what level of service (the city wants to provide) and what frequency,” he said.

Chumley said if the city chooses a curbside recycling option “it will cut down on the amount of trash boxes and milk jugs” in the regular trash carts.

It was noted that the 96 gallon carts which would be provided to residents can hold eight 32 gallon trash bags, and that additional carts are available for those who needed greater capacity.

Mayor Pro Tem Meredith Rainer said she favors an option with recycling.

“We are avid recyclers,” she said. “It would be more convenient (curbside) than taking the items to the recycling station.” She said children, who are often receptive to recycling options, could help educate older generations about recycling.

Burrow said bulk collection needs to be a priority.

“My biggest concern is bulk pick-up,” she said. “What do people do with things if they have multiple items?”

Police Chief Nathan Gohlke said the city would work to regulate how much people put out and when they put it out.

One issue the city faces is sometimes having a significant amount of bulk items placed curbside.

“When there are evictions the landlord takes the entire contents of the house and puts it on the curb,” Gohlke said. “We give them 24 hours (to remove the items) and then threaten them with an illegal dumping charge.”

Parry said that he asked the Harker Heights city manager, which has a highly transient population due to its proximity to Fort Hood, if bulk waste was a problem for that community.

“He said it really hasn’t been,” Parry said. “I would recommend we not forget about bulk. Harker Heights’ solution is they have a drop point and residents have to get it there. They (the city) are paying a significant amount (for the receptacles for bulk trash).”

Burrows asked if Waste Management provided bulk service, if that would prevent “Acorn or similar waste haulers” from operating within the city limits.

“Waste Management doesn’t want construction materials in their landfill,” Parry said, adding that they are content to have those other companies deal with construction materials.

One of the biggest issues revolves around recycling.

“You will have half the city hate you if you start curbside recycling and you will have half the city hate you if you do not offer curbside recycling,” Parry said. “It’s a situation where you cannot win.”

One item Burrows said she appreciated was the option of hazardous waste collection for \$1.40 per month.

“That seems like a win-win,” she said.

Listening to the Council members’ input, Parry said he saw three camps of two people each with different views.

“Two (favor) one a week trash pick-up and every other week recycling is the way to go, two are concerned about the cost of recycling and two I’m not sure about,” he said, adding that he was trying to reach consensus.

Although the Sept. 30, 2023 contract expiration seems a long way away, he noted that Waste Management of whatever company the city chose to contract with needed lead time to purchase and obtain the equipment and trucks needed for the modified service. He added that Waste Management’s proposal of service options and rates is valid through June of this year, and it could rise after that.

“Waste Management will make a significant capital investment (to continue offering its services in Gatesville) and they’re not a charity,” Parry said.

Based on a quick poll of the Council, Council members appeared to favor once per week trash pick-up, every other week recycling, hazardous waste collection and once per month curbside bulk pick-up.

Parry was asked about brush collection.

“It’s considered bulk - you can put out brush once a month,” Parry said.

The trash collection discussion was to generate feedback and provide the Council with options to consider, and no action was taken at the recent Council meeting. The item will be placed on a future Council agenda for a vote.

Gatesville Chamber Banquet scheduled for Jan. 29

The Gatesville Chamber of Commerce will have its annual banquet starting at 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, at Texas Station Event Center, 4105 S. State Highway 36 in Gatesville.

The Citizen of the Year will be announced at the banquet, and other awards will be given as well. For tickets or more details, visit www.facebook.com/gatesvillecoc/.

Jonesboro falls to Aquilla

BY TRISTON MCGEEHE
STAFF WRITER

AQUILLA- The Jonesboro Eagles and Lady Eagles fell to their District 25-1A adversaries, the Aquilla Cougars (10-5 overall, 4-0 in district) and the Lady Cougars (13-10 overall, 6-0 in district) on Friday at the Aquilla High School Gym. The boys were defeated 60-51, and the girls fell short 22-20.

The Eagles and Lady Eagles had this game circled on the calendar, as boys’ basketball coach Chris Simon said last week, “Friday is a big one for us.” Although both teams lost with a single-digit deficit, there is no giving up in Jonesboro.

The Eagles (6-8 overall, 3-2 in district) played from behind most of the night, but with their spirited effort, they kept them competitive. According to Simon, turnovers plagued the Eagles. Simon commended the Cougars on their rebounding ability throughout the game.

“Man, they hit us hard coming out,” Simon said. “We will learn from it, and we will be ready to bounce back Tuesday in Mount Calm.”

The Eagles trailed the Cougars 21-11 by the end of the first period. The Eagles rebounded in the second period, scoring 13 points to the Cougars’ 12 by half.

The Cougars had the lead at halftime 33-24. By the end of the third period, the Eagles outscored the Cougars 16-12, coming into the fourth period.

At the beginning of the fourth period, the score was 45-40. The Cougars stepped on the gas, outscoring the Eagles 15-11 in the fourth, ending with a final score of 60-51.

Senior Ian Shoaf led the charge for the Eagles, scoring 16 points on the night. Shoaf shot five field goals, a 3-pointer, and made 3 for 5 on free throws.

Layton Blanchard was efficient as well, scoring 11 points. Blanchard dropped a pair of field goals through the net and converted 7 out of 10 on free-throw attempts.

Senior Nat Hilliker finished with 10 points.

LADY EAGLES

The Jonesboro Lady Eagles (7-11 overall, 4-2 in district) came close to defeating their

District 25-1A opponent the Aquilla Lady Cougars, 22-20.

The Lady Eagles kept it close all night, finishing short a couple of points in the final period. The leading scorer for the Lady Eagles was junior Alissa Shumate. Shumate amassed eight points in the matchup, making 2 for 3 on free throws and cashing in on three field goals.

Senior Kylee Deason finished the night with seven points, scoring a field goal, a 3-pointer, and making 2 for 2 on free throws.

The game was a low-scoring nail-biter throughout each period. The first period ended with a 5-4 advantage for the Lady Cougars. The end of the second period saw the Lady Eagles with a 6-5 advantage taking both teams into half with a tied game, 10-10.

Aquilla struck back by the end of the third, outscoring the Lady Eagles 10-7, making the score 20-17 at the start of the fourth. The Lady Eagles and the Lady Cougars played a tight fourth period, with the Lady Eagles scoring 3-2 over the Lady Cougars.

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GHS soccer teams sweep Harmony

BY TRISTON MCGEHEE
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The Gatesville Hornets boys and girls soccer teams swarmed Waco Harmony 11-0 in non-district games at Tommy Davidson Field at McKamie Stadium on Friday, Jan. 14.

LADY HORNETS

The Lady Hornets (3-1 overall) were stretched thin because of COVID issues, but that did not stop them from shutting

out Waco Harmony 11-0.

"We worked some of our patterns well and got a solid result to build off," said GHS girls and boys head coach Scott Campbell.

Andrea Ortiz and Mikala Bryson had hat-tricks in the game, meaning that they both scored three goals each.

HORNETS

The Hornets (2-2 overall) played well in their matchup against Waco Harmony, mounting an 11-0 shut out of Waco

Harmony at Tommy Davidson Field at McKamie Stadium on Friday.

The boys came prepared, hitting on all cylinders offensively. Oswaldo Leon scored four goals in the contest, while Jacob Baker and Hector Silva Hernandez scored two goals.

The Rockdale Tigers (0-3-1 overall) and Lady Tigers (1-3 overall) traveled to Tommy Davidson Field at McKamie Stadium on Tuesday to play the Hornets and Lady Hornets. Results from the game will be in an upcoming issue.

Lions outscore Hornets in district basketball clashes

BY TRISTON MCGEHEE
STAFF WRITER

The Gatesville Hornets suffered a tough loss in their first District 6-4A boys basketball matchup against the Brownwood Lions (17-7 overall, 1-0 in district) at Warren Gym in Brownwood on Friday.

The Hornets (11-14 overall, 0-1 in district) flourished early, with Jack Carroll hitting a 3-pointer to begin the game with a bang. Carroll would score 25 points, shooting six more 3-pointers and converting on a pair of field goals.

Boys head basketball coach Brit Campbell was pleased with what he saw in practice this week.

"We had four of our best days of practice all week long; we are prepared," Campbell said before the game. "The guys know what to expect, and I think (they are) clicking at the right time."

The first period saw a tight matchup, with Brownwood narrowly escaping with an 18-15 lead to end the period. In the second period, the score remained

steady with both teams scoring 22 points heading into halftime.

Brownwood came into halftime with a 40-37 advantage over the Hornets. After half Brownwood would establish momentum.

Brownwood outscored the Hornets 27-13, expanding their edge to 67-50 to end the third period. The fourth period brought a powerful boisterous uproar from the Lions fan-base cheering on their guys. The Hornets were not fazed by the intense noise, scoring 16 points to Brownwood's 24, ending the game strong.

Freshman Rayshon Smith finished with 19 points, shooting six field goals and hitting 6 for 8 on free-throw attempts. Junior Chase Williams followed Smith with 12 points, scoring six field goals.

The Hornets played a tough match against their district foe, never relinquishing their effort, not one inch.

"They played hard; it got away from us, but the effort never stopped, and other guys stepped up and did some good things,"



Gatesville's Ethan Nichols battles to maintain control of the ball against a smothering Brownwood defense.

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Aliyah Trotter looks to drive past a Brownwood defender in a district game on Jan. 14.

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Campbell said after the game.

The Hornets played their district adversary the Stephenville Yellow Jackets (6-17 overall, 0-1 in district, according to MaxPreps.) on Tuesday at Sidney L. Pruitt Gymnasium.

LADY HORNETS

The Gatesville Lady Hornets (4-14 overall, 0-2 in district) did not have the game they were looking for in their 6-4A girls' basketball game Friday falling to the Brownwood Lady Lions, 72-24 at Warren Gym in Brownwood.

The young team received one varsity team member back from the COVID list. The Lady Hornets had hoped to handle the pressure that the Lady Lions would throw at them. According to GHS girls head coach Ryan Ocheskey, the girls had opportunities but did not execute and had a lot of turnovers.

Regardless of the losses, during the week the upperclassmen encourage the junior varsity players

currently on the team to remain positive even though they have had a tough stretch.

"They helped push them along and guide (them)," Ocheskey said. "Just trying to stay positive, keeping in their ears that 'hey you got this, you can do it and keep working on stuff.'"

Sophomore Taylor Coward and Senior McKenzie Feldman led the Lady Hornets in points with 8 points each.

COMING UP

The Stephenville Yellow Jackets (18-9 overall, 1-1 in district, according to MaxPreps) traveled to Sidney L. Pruitt Gymnasium to take on the Lady Hornets on Tuesday results from that game will be in an upcoming issue.

On Friday, both the Hornets and Lady Hornets are scheduled to play district games in Glen Rose. The varsity girls game is scheduled to tip off at 5:45 p.m. with the varsity boys scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.

Eagles, Lady Eagles overwhelm Wildcats in basketball

BY TRISTON MCGEHEE
STAFF WRITER

JONESBORO- The District 1A-25 Jonesboro Eagles boys and girls basketball teams had no problem taking care of the Gholson Wildcats on Jan. 11 at the Jonesboro High School Gym. The girls defeated Gholson 53-11, and the boys won 72-16.

The Eagles improved to (6-8 overall, 3-1 in district), and the Lady Eagles rose to (7-10 overall, 4-1 in district), according to MaxPreps.

EAGLES

Senior Ian Shoaf finished the game leading the boys in points with 17 points. Shoaf lofted 8 field goals into the hoop and made a free throw.

Boys' basketball head coach Chris Simon told the boys before the game that they need to execute offensively.

"We hit some three's, which we usually do not, which is a good sign," Simon said.

Jonesboro started with a demanding lead early, outscoring Gholson 23-2 by the end of the first period. The second period saw the Eagles score 15 more points, while Gholson only scored 9.

By halftime, the Eagles had blasted the Wildcats 38-11.

"We made the right adjustments at half, and (Gholson) ended up only scoring five points in the second half," Simon said.

Senior Layton Blanchard had 16 points in the game, scoring 8 field goals. Senior Manny Torres scored 6 field goals, finishing with 12 points.

Junior Costin Allison scored 8 points finishing with two 3-pointers and a field goal. Sophomore Jacob Cisneros made two field goals and a 3-pointer, finishing with 7 points.

Sophomore Garrett Young converted on a 3-pointer, and Senior Jimmy Whatley hit on a couple of field goals.

LADY EAGLES

The Lady Eagles played a powerful game just like the boys before the boys hit the court.

The Lady Eagles outscored the Lady Wildcats 20-2 in the first period. The second period brought more momentum for the girls scoring 17 points and preventing the Lady Wildcats from scoring a point.

The Lady Eagles scored 17 points keeping the Lady Wildcats to 3 points. In the fourth period, the Lady Wildcats scored 6 points to the Lady Eagles' 5 points.

Junior Paaton Green led the Lady Eagles in points acquiring 15 on the night. Green converted 6-8 on free-throw attempts, had three field goals, and a 3 pointer to end her night. Alissa Shumate finished with 9 points scoring 4 field goals and finishing 1 for 2 on free throws.

Freshmen Chaya Fincher finished the night with eight points, scoring four field goals. Sophomore McKenzie Coble and junior Emma Rodriguez finished with six points each garnering three field goals apiece.

Senior Katie Snoddy hit on three field goals and finished 1 for 2 on free throws ending the game with 7 points.

Oglesby Tigers fall short against Abbott, 62-53, in district contest

BY TRISTON MCGEHEE
STAFF WRITER

The Abbott Panthers squeaked by the Oglesby Tigers 62-53 in a District 25-1A boys basketball game at the Oglesby High School Gym on Friday.

The Tigers only dressed seven players for the matchup but kept it close regardless of their small numbers.

"(The) boys played hard, and it was back in forth for most of the game," OHS head coach Jeb Dixon said about the boys' basketball game.

Senior Blake Thompson was a scoring machine for the Tigers, scoring 29 points. Thompson converted on four

3-pointers, five field goals and was close to perfect on free throws making 8 out of 9. Sophomore Hunter Walters floated three 3-pointers through the hoops and made a field goal by the end of the contest.

The Tigers started the game trailing early but established momentum throughout the game. The Tigers were outscored 20-8 in the first period. By the end of the second period, the Tigers rallied, outscoring the Panthers 19-7, narrowing the gap to an even score by half, 27-27.

The Panthers hopped out to a small advantage by the end of the third period, scoring 15-10 over the Tigers. 42-37 was the score at the beginning of the fourth period, which brought the final efforts for both teams. The Panthers fin-

ished the game with a 20-16 edge, ending the game 62-53.

LADY TIGERS

On the same night, the Lady Tigers fell to the Abbott Lady Panthers 65-25 in their District 25-1A girls basketball game at the Oglesby High School Gym.

According to Coach Dixon, the girls struggled with pressure resulting in not shooting well.

Matti Dixon led the Lady Tigers in points, scoring 12 on the night. Junior Lacie Luckie finished with 5 points. Senior Summer Newman had 4 points on the night. Junior Alyssa Castillo and Hailey Meyers scored 2 points each.

The boys' and girls' basketball teams will play Gholson on Jan. 21 at 6 and 7 p.m. at the Oglesby High School Gym.

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