



City condemns 2 Bridge Street houses

BY JEFF OSBORNE
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Two houses on Bridge Street have been condemned by the Gatesville City Council and could soon be demolished, although the possible sale of one property could get it a reprieve.

Houses at 2006 Bridge Street and 2301 Bridge Street have been ruled substandard structures, and Council members talked about options for those properties at the Jan. 25 council meeting.

Neither of the houses are currently occupied.

The house at 2006 Bridge Street is owned by Christopher C. Richardson, who owns

property next-door. He said he bought the structure to keep vagrants from using it as a place for doing illegal activities, such as drugs. He said the previous occupants left the house in poor shape when they left the property.

"My plans are to tear it down and have a vacant lot there," Richardson said. "The only reason I bought the house was to keep the wrong people out of it. I started renovations but then stopped. Now I have an offer from someone who wants to purchase and fix the property."

If that sale goes through, the city will send a letter to the new property owner asking for details on a plan to rehabilitate the house

and an expected timeline to make the repairs. An update will be given at the Feb. 8 Council meeting.

"We would need a copy of the properly executed contract, a scope of work and time-frame for the work to be done," City Manager Bill Parry said.

The new owner would have until the Feb. 22 Council meeting to provide details on plans to bring the house up to code.

If the sale does not proceed, Richardson said he plans to go through with plans to demolish the structure.

The owner of the house at 2301 Bridge Street, identified as Thomas Dean Edwards, did not attend the Council meeting.

"The owner has been notified (of city concerns) by certified mail and regular mail and refused to receive (the certified document)," Parry said.

He added that three letters have also been sent to lien holders notifying them that the house has been ruled a substandard structure, and that repairs must be made within 30 days or the structure must be torn down.

One Council member asked if that property had been discussed by city leaders previously.

"I've talked about this property for six and a half years," Parry said.

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Top citizens, businesses honored

BY JEFF OSBORNE
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The Gatesville Chamber of Commerce celebrated those who spend countless volunteer hours in community service and to support local businesses, and named its award winners for 2022 during the Annual Membership Meeting and Awards Banquet on Jan. 29 at Texas Station.

Gary and R'Lue Gribble were named Citizens of the Year, Sarah Jo's Haute & Gaudy is Business of the Year, The Last Detail is New Business of the Year, and Poco Automotive earned the Best Customer Service Award.

Hailey Luensmann was recognized as Junior Ambassador of the Year, Nancy Ashcraft was named Ambassador of the Year and Abi Cozart was Director of the Year.

Junior Ambassadors are area youths "who do a great job serving our community whether in extreme heat or cold," said Chamber President Lute Sullins.

Also at the event, the Passing of the Gavel ceremony took place, as Sullins completed his tenure as president and Barbara Klecka took over leadership as the new Chamber president.

"Directors spend countless hours reaching the goals of the chamber," Sullins said. "They are a very dedicated group and I was lucky to be surrounded by such amazing people."

He also paid tribute to the efforts of Chamber Ambassadors.

"Each of them stepped up in an outstanding way to help the Chamber do a lot of hard work behind the scenes," Sullins said.



R'Lue and Gary Gribble were announced as Citizens of the Year at the Chamber banquet.

Pastor Wray Nunn and his daughter, Fe-

licia Inman, of Grace Assembly Christian Church, introduced Citizens of the Year Gary and R'Lue Gribble.

"They work together in perfect harmony and have gone beyond the call of duty to support and better our community," Wray said. "As a pastor in the community I know they give unselfishly of their time and effort."

Felicia said that R'Lue "has been involved in the Gatesville Community for over 40 years and has made a great impact on countless lives as a nurse, teacher and mentor."

Wray said the Gribbles "are some of the most selfless people in love and life with their donation of time and service to the community."

He said Gary's contributions to the community, like his wife's, are also numerous, including building an awning for the rodeo arena and also making that facility more accessible to disabled visitors.

"(The Gribbles) play an integral role in Hometown Angels (providing gifts for local children at Christmas), they have sponsored fireworks and are a dynamite duo," Felicia said.

Sullins congratulated the Gribbles for receiving the award and said "through their service to the community, they are the true definition of selflessness."

Profiles on other award winners will appear in a special section in an upcoming issue of The Messenger.



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Lute Sullins turned over Chamber leadership responsibilities to Barbie Klecka.

COVID-19 cases still concern Coryell leaders

BY JEFF OSBORNE
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At least 140 new cases of COVID-19 have been reported by Coryell Health in recent days, said Coryell County Emergency Management Coordinator Bob Harrell during a recent update for the Coryell County Commissioners Court.

"I wish I had some good news about cases," he said. "It got up to 140 right before commissioners court and I stopped counting. Cases are still through the roof."

"We are slowly but surely starting to get herd immunity - natural immunity - versus vaccination. That was before the omicron variant, so it might hasten things."

Harrell said he is working with the Texas Department of State Health Services to try and schedule a vaccine booster clinic in the area.

"In the last two weeks, we've increased the vaccination rate by less than 1%," he said. "We encourage people to get with their healthcare provider and talk about the vaccine, and to get one if they decide it's right for them."

COVID continues to have an impact on schools and medical facilities.

"Schools continue to have a rise in cases and staffing issues will be an ongoing thing," Harrell said.

Addressing available hospital beds, he said there were only two available in the region.

"That means we have a high population of people in the hospital," he said. "In the Waco area, there is one bed available for adults and none for pediatrics."

During recent comments to the Gatesville Lions Club, Dr. Jeff Bates, the chief medical officer for Coryell Health, said there were actually unused beds at area hospitals, but the issue was a shortage of staff members to care for patients.

Harrell added that according to DSHS information, there has been one additional death attributed to COVID, for a total of 174 deaths countywide since records were first maintained for coronavirus.

The commissioners court is scheduled to discuss an update to policy county employee absences related to COVID-19 this month.

QUESTION & ANSWER CORNER

Q: When will the new UIL districts be announced?

A: Districts for high school football, basketball and volleyball will be announced at 9 a.m. Feb. 3.

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Youth shows spotlight future leaders

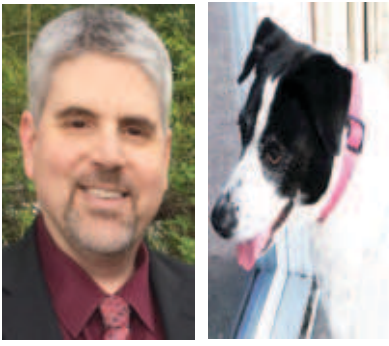
A few weeks ago, Coryell County youths had the opportunity to participate in the Coryell County Youth Fair, and we in the community had a great opportunity to see local children and teens showcase their incredible talents in a variety of areas.

While many of these youths dedicated themselves to raising and showing livestock, others created wonderful arts and crafts, and displayed their skills in woodworking, painting and photography, food preparation, clothing design and more. The food entries were amazing as well, with more categories than I would have ever imagined.

Whether these youths ended up with a celebrated grand champion or not, the very fact that they took the time and effort to participate in the youth show — or others

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.



throughout the region and the state

— will enrich their lives and help them to become more successful adults.

It is not an easy thing to put so much time and effort into raising an animal or creating something and then putting that on the line for others to evaluate. But whether they are young children doing that for the first time or older teens about to move on to their next chapter of life, their efforts are such an amazing reflection to their creativity, dedication, perseverance and poise.

Not only do the children and teens show their dedication by their involvement, but many of their families and/or friends are also supportive every step of the way.

I grew up in a more urban area where 4-H and FFA participation

wasn't quite as prominent as it is in Coryell County. I just wasn't very aware of the opportunities available in 4-H and FFA, and so I missed out.

In today's busy world, not all children will participate in these activities, but those who do have a chance for such wonderful and rewarding experiences.

I have been fortunate to talk to students in Central Texas and South Texas who are dedicated to FFA and 4-H, and I have come away impressed by the many positive skills they've learned and experiences they've had along the way.

It's no exaggeration to say that many of the leaders of tomorrow, and the backbone of our communities, will be found participating in these youth shows, and I'm glad that our community supports them

so strongly.

What do you think, Tallulah?

Lu: Well, I may be a bit biased, but I think when people take care of animals it makes them better people. That is, people who take the time and make the effort to really do it right.

Except for those animals out in the wild, we depend on people to take care of us, whether dogs, cats, rabbits, goats, horses, cattle, chickens. ... The list goes on and on.

Animals definitely benefit from having good people in their lives, and hopefully people do, too. I know it's not always easy. It takes time, money and commitment. But hopefully that relationship enriches people's lives, too.

Jeff Osborne and Tallulah can be reached at jeff@gatesvillmessenger.com.

Taste of Gatesville set

The Exchange Club of Gatesville will be hosting the 24th annual Taste of Gatesville and Chili Cook-Off on Tuesday, Feb. 15 at the Gatesville Civic Center from 5:30 p.m. until 8 p.m.

The purpose of the Exchange Club is to provide local and area residents and vendors a place to market their best food products for the public to taste. The Chili Cook-Off is a competition between first responders in the area.

The Exchange Club hopes that this event will broaden markets while helping them provide over \$12,000 for community service projects and scholarships.

Participants are asked to bring signs so that tasters will know who they are — business cards, flyers, coupons and menus are welcome, but no bags. Participants are asked to have samples for 300 or more.

For more information about the Taste of Gatesville and Chili Cook-Off, please contact Jo Ann Sugg at 254-493-7938 or Nate Busch at 254-702-3099.

Fort Hood troops put on state of heightened readiness

FORT HOOD - Elements from III Armored Corps, consisting of units assigned to Fort Hood as well as Fort Carson, Colorado have been put in a heightened state of readiness.

Although units have not received deployment orders, but they remain ready to deploy if notified according to a press release from the U.S. Department of Defense.

The Secretary of Defense has directed forces at home and abroad to be on high alert and prepare to deploy in a shortened timeframe. In some cases, this means designated units and personnel would have five days after notification to be ready to load equipment or board military transport for movement into theater.

III Armored Corps maintains the highest level of readiness and the capability to deploy forces anywhere

in the world on short notice. Its soldiers and families will be notified by their chains of command if official notification of deployment orders are received.

"While we as soldiers are constantly preparing to defend our national interests, our families share in the burden of this service," said Lt. Gen. Pat White, commanding general, III Armored Corps. "To our III Armored Corps family members, I ask for your continued understanding and support while we continue to receive information and posture for potential operations.

"We are committed to keeping everyone informed as information becomes available, "Our number one priority is and will remain people. Secondly, we will ensure that III Armored Corps is always ready to fight and win."

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"Structural deficiencies include "gaping holes in the roof," broken windows and substandard electrical and plumbing.

"Wildlife is getting in - feral cats and other things," Parry said. He said the property has not been occupied since at least 2015.

Mayor Gary Chumley said the house has actually been

vacant since at least 2005.

"This structure is an eyesore and it is in a high traffic area," he said. "The carport is falling down."

Parry said resolving the concern at 2301 Bridge Street "is a high priority," adding that there are unpaid taxes from previous years. He said the city has been attempting to work with the owner "but nothing has been done. We recommend demolition of the structure within 30 days be-

cause the house is deemed unsafe."

Chumley said the owner "hasn't shown up so he apparently has no desire to make repairs."

The Council voted to require demolition of the structure within 30 days.

"If the owner doesn't demolish it, the city will and will file a lien against the property" in order to recover the expense of the demolition, Parry said.

CAFE group plans lake cruise

On March 5, C.A.F.E., the Christian Adult Fellowship Events group will be leaving at 10 a.m. to drive to Marble Falls to eat lunch at the Bluebonnet Café, which is noted for their pies.

After lunch, the group will travel to Burnet where they will go on the Vanishing River Cruise on Lake Buchanan at 2:30 p.m. Cost for the cruise and transportation will be \$40. The meal will be self-pay.

Due to the cruise asking for one-third of the payment early, the group would ask that, if possible, for everyone to pay by Feb. 10. The remaining amount is required near the

end of the month.

To make a payment or for more information, contact Ruth Jones at 254-865-2112 or the First United Methodist Church at 254-865-2520.

If you find that you cannot go, please either sell your ticket or give it to someone else. There will not be any refunds after the deadline of Feb. 10. Money cannot be transferred to another trip if you are unable to attend.

C.A.F.E. has several events throughout the year. Past examples include attending gospel music performances and a visit to the Carleen Bright Arboretum.

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NEWS FROM PEARL

Saturday is the day to be in Pearl

BETSY CLARK

Saturday, Feb. 5, 2022, is the day to be in Pearl. It may be a bit nippy outside, but the Pearl Community Center building will be warm both temperature-wise and in the spirit of fellowship with great music.

The Pearl Community Center building opens at 7 a.m., and the kitchen will be open from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. Acoustic bands, including Gospel, Country/Western, Jazz, Soul, Bluegrass, etc., are invited to play on stage. Kids' bands are encouraged to come and play. Join us in Pearl with your acoustic band and see Ronald Medart to schedule your time to play on the stage.

The Stage Show usually begins around 1 p.m. and goes on until the last band has played. Picking and grinning happens all day long in the many different rooms in the building as well as in the pavilion and on the grounds. Everyone is invited to attend the Pearl Music Festival. There is no charge to play on the stage or to sit in the auditorium and listen.

You can purchase delicious lunch items in the kitchen as well. All purchases benefit the cost of upkeep of the Pearl Community Center building. Y'all come!

Also on Feb. 5, there will be a Junk in Your Trunk Day along with the Pearl Music Festival and Pearl Bookstore events. Vendors and JYT participants can park on the north side of the Gasoway Cabin and the bookstore. A charge of \$5 per vehicle will be collected to benefit The Community Center. Vendors can sell "flea market style" items including fresh fruits and vegetables, with the exception of pre-prepared foods. "The Bookstore" will be open as usual from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, please contact Linda Ray at 254-865-9282.

Full hook-up trailer sites are available for those who wish to come and stay awhile. 30 Amps-\$20 per night; 50 Amps-\$25 per night. For more information, contact Ronald Medart at 254-865-6013.

If you wish to rent the Community Center building for events such as funeral lunches, reunions, homecomings, etc., please contact Connie Long at 254-223-0621 for cost and other



Betsy Clark

details.

There is a new Facebook page for the Pearl Community Center with Jennifer Rushton as administrator. We are so thankful to Mrs. Rushton for taking this on. The new page is called, "Pearl Community Center, Texas," so be sure and like this page to keep up with all the happenings in Pearl, Texas!

The Pearl Church of Christ Valentine Auction benefiting local scholarships and scholarships for His Kids in Lampasas will be held on Sunday, Feb. 13, immediately after services. The church service begins at 10:30 a.m. You can begin viewing auction items and placing your bids by dropping by the church at any time as Linda Ray has been working very hard to display all the donations to the auction in the Fellowship room and the Children's Sunday School room. Some of the interesting items in this auction include Evant yearbooks from 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1962, 1963, 1969, and 1970. There are also two Pearl yearbooks from 1955 and 1956. Drop by any day of the week and take a look at these items as well as the over 400 items available for bidding. This auction is an annual event held in memory of Richard Williams, the founder of His Kids. Everyone is invited, and all donations and bids are greatly appreciated. The church heartily invites you to join them for a Valentine Brunch on this day as well.

Glynneth Medart stopped by the Pearl Church of Christ with her sister, Kay Ray, last week to bid on auction items. Glynneth said that she had a ball, and that it was the most fun she had had in a long time. Glynneth would pick up an item and say, "This is neat. Wonder

where that came from." Kay would reply, "That came from my house!" Linda told Glynneth that next year, she should just go over to Kay's, pick out what she wants, and bid on it there." It would be closer to haul her winnings home that way. These are some fun sisters to shop with.

Also, Pearl (the dog) is pouting. There is a now a cat in the Pruett house, and Pearl is not happy. If you've never seen a dog pout, just watch Pearl as the new cat gets some of her attention. You don't know whether to laugh or cry. Wonder if Pearl is plotting revenge—or maybe she's planning on calling the darned itty, bitty, teeny, tiny, turquoise greeny, stringy bikini that's small enough to fit a cat back into action. Stay tuned!

The annual Pearl Flea Market will be on April 23 from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. Vendors, personal Junk-in-Your-Trunk-ers, booths, food trucks, and vegetable/fruit markets are invited. All sellers will park outside around the Community Center on a "first come-first park" basis. A small fee of \$5 will be charged for each booth/vendor/trunk to benefit the Pearl Community Center. The kitchen will be open for something new—the first Meet and Greet in Pearl. Needed are volunteers to work the kitchen. Bring your favorite snack to donate to the kitchen to sell. The Pearl Church of Christ is donating a large box of fried chicken. All proceeds will go to the Pearl Community Center. Everyone is invited. For more information or to volunteer to work in the kitchen, please call Linda Pruett at 254-865-9282

The closing verse for this week comes from I John 5:20—We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know Him who is true. And we are in Him who is true by being in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. NIV

To keep up with the latest Pearl news, you can go to the "Pearl Cottage Bookstore" Facebook page, the "Pearl Church of Christ" Facebook page, or the Pearl Community Center, Texas Facebook page. Or contact me at betsyclark47@yahoo.com.

Couples traveling to Coryell County for marriage licenses

Planning a wedding can be stressful enough to say the least, but in today's COVID environment, just obtaining a marriage license can be much more complicated than expected.

The epidemic has affected many state and county governmental offices causing some couples to travel to other county seats to obtain a marriage license due to their own county clerk's office being closed. Some offices have required couples to be placed on a waiting list or to make an appointment in advance.

Coryell County Clerk, Jennifer Newton, has witnessed the affects of COVID firsthand. Her office saw an increase in applications during the early days of the epidemic. She said the increase was definitely noticeable. "The influx began in May of 2020 due to the fact that several state offices state-wide shut down. Our office never closed," Newton said.

According to Newton, she was told that it was hard for couples to get an appointment that met with their timelines, therefore it was easier for them to travel to counties that didn't require appointments or have a waiting list.

Prior to the epidemic, Newton reported that the Coryell County Clerk's office was issuing an average of 18 to 20 marriage licenses a month which increased to doing 52 in May of 2020 and 63 in June of 2020. "Those numbers stayed our average for quite some time and now we are back down to 30 a month



Coryell County Clerk Jennifer Newton

being our average. It will be interesting to see if this new surge of COVID spikes our marriage license sales again," she said.

Newton said that couples traveled to Coryell County from all over the state to obtain a marriage license. When asked how far some couples traveled, she said, "The furthest that I can remember was from Brownsville (on the

coast). We did have several from the Austin and Dallas areas as well."

The Coryell County Clerk's office did go into an appointment-based system for a few months during the height of the epidemic, but never had a waiting list. "We did what we could to accommodate the citizens," Newton said.

Oglesby Rattlesnake Roundup coming Feb. 26-27

The 2022 Oglesby Rattlesnake Roundup will take place on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 26-27, at the Oglesby Community Center. Snake demonstrations will be held on Saturday at 10 a.m., 12 p.m., 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Demonstrations will be held on Sunday at 12 p.m., 2 p.m.,

and 4 p.m. Jackie Bibby, "The Texas Snake Man," will be demonstrating with snakes and informing those attending what to do if they encounter a snake.

The Roundup will be fun for all ages with BBQ, music, carnival rides and arts and crafts. There will also be pony

rides along with train and wagon rides.

Oglesby is located between McGregor and Gatesville just off Highway 84. All proceeds from the Roundup will benefit local programs supported by the Oglesby Lions Club.

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FROM MY FRONT PORCH

The burden of saving family keepsakes

SAM HOUSTON

This past weekend my sweet wife and I worked on clearing up the stack of boxes and crates which occupy the bulk of our garage. We recently moved in our house and a great many items have yet to find their place. We set out early in the day to attack this Herculean task, but it was obvious early on that we had swatted a bear on the nose and were seriously overmatched.

We have only been married for two years and during that time, I sold my house in Gainesville so many of the items which I had stored there, needed to be moved to "our" house. It is never easy joining two households of mature people. There are so many things that are acquired during life, and only God himself knows what to do with all of it. This problem is exacerbated when you are the offspring of a mother and grandmother who saved everything.

Looking at the large number of storage rental facilities in our community, we are not the only people with this problem.

Please do not misunderstand, I think it is cool that

I have the outfit my mother dressed me in when she took me home from the hospital, and my Dad's dog tags from his time in the Army, and the wedding shoes my Mom was married in.

I love how I can hold my grandfather's grade school penmanship book, my dear Uncle's Shriner's hat, or a thousand other photos or knick-knacks which have meaning to me.

This does not even begin to include the glassware, china, silverware, dishes, vases, and decanters which have been handed down from my family elders and ended up in my garage. Of course, this situation is multiplied by two because my wife has the same sort of items from her side of the family. We would need a place comparable to the White House to be able to display or utilize all this stuff.

We have given our children as much of our "collection" as they want, and for now, the balance is going in the attic.

I am thinking about once every five or so years, I will venture up the stairs and look at my first lunch box, or some 100-year-old photos,

or glance at some collectable glassware. When I do, the items will remind me of people I loved, places I have been and rekindle the best memories of my life. I will then go down the attic stairs and not look at the items again for another five years or so.

I guess someday, when my wife and I are gone the kids will go through the items. Of course, most of it they will not know where it came from, nor will they really care. They will probably laugh and cuss a little wondering why on God's green earth Sam and Teresa saved all of this "junk."

I remember saying exactly those same words when I cleaned out my mom and dad's house. In the end, they will take what they want, and the balance will go to the dump.

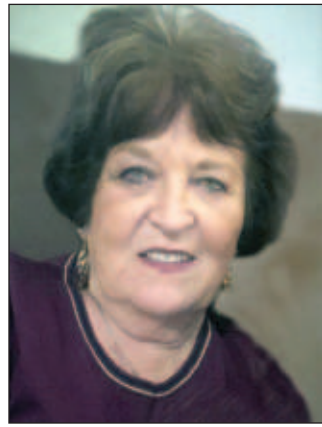
One thing for sure, my wife and I will not be there to have to deal with it or see it go. Problem solved.

Thought for the day: If the elevator to success is broken, take the steps and do so one step at a time.

Until next time.
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OBITUARIES

BARBARA JEAN MAYHEW TERRELL MILLER
Dec. 3, 1940 - Jan. 28, 2022



Barbara Jean Mayhew Terrell Miller passed away peacefully at the age of 81 on Friday, Jan. 28, 2022, with her daughter at her side.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2022, at the First United Methodist Church of Gatesville, with Rev. Stephen Schmidt and Grady Hill officiating. Interment will follow at Jonesboro Cemetery. Barbara was born Dec. 3,

1940, in the Pancake community of Coryell County, a place she called home for most of her life. She was the daughter of the late Monroe and Gladys Jones Mayhew. After graduating from Jonesboro High School in 1959, she eloped in west Texas with her high school sweetheart, Jackie Terrell. Barbara and Jackie were married 37 years, sharing a love of travel, playing host out at the "Sunflower Bay Tank" in Pancake, and doting on their only daughter, Jacqueline.

After Jackie's passing in 1996, Barbara married the love of her life, Tom S. Miller, in 1998. Together, they spent two decades playing evening crossword puzzles, hopping in the car for spontaneous trips, as small-business owners, and welcoming a growing number of grandchildren to Pancake. Tom preceded her in death in 2016. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Gatesville.

Always the thrill-seeker, Barbara was a golfer, a gambler, a basketball player, a diehard Dallas Cowboys football and sports fan, a lover

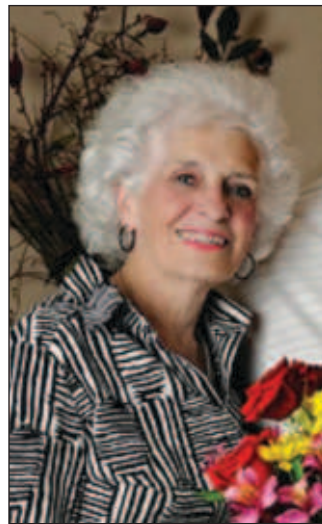
of fast cars, and a former drag racer — or so one of her many tall tales go.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Sammy Mayhew and Billy Mayhew.

Known as "Bebe" to her grandchildren and their friends who rolled through her hallways and golf carts throughout the years, she will be dearly missed by her daughter, Jacqueline Gohlke and husband, Randy; daughter, Margaret Deats and husband, Stephen; sons, Scott Miller and Todd Miller and wife, Jamie; grandchildren, Nikki Harris and husband, Matt, Shauna Arnold and husband, Logan, Danielle Martin and husband, Justin, Steen Deats, Jake Deats, Isabelle Deats, Logan Miller, Jack Miller, William Miller, Reid Miller, and Luke Miller; and her beloved great-grandson, River Arnold.

In lieu of flowers, the family has designated memorials be made to the Jonesboro Cemetery Assn., 2415 CR 194, Jonesboro, TX 76538.

BEVERLY JEAN JONES
Sept. 13, 1927 - Jan. 23, 2022



Beverly Jean Jones was born on September 13, 1927, to William Herd (Bill) and Mary Geneva (Mamie) Pardue in Lake Charles, LA. She met the love of her life, Max Cur-

tis Jones, on a blind date in Childress. They were married until Max's death 68 years later.

Max and Beverly were blessed with four children, Don Curtis, Mary Jean, Philip Max and William David. Due to her dad's job in the oil field, Beverly moved around Louisiana and Texas every year of her childhood. Once she married Max, they settled in West Texas where Max was an athletic director and football coach. They eventually settled in the Houston area where Max and Beverly raised their family.

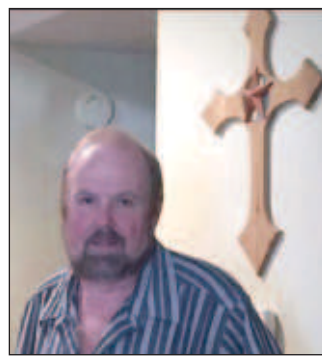
Beverly loved nothing more than being a wife and mother. She loved the Lord and devoted her life to helping others and teaching them about Jesus. She participated and served in the Aglow Women's ministry for many years and was active in their church. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her husband Max and oldest son Don Jones.

She is survived by her daughter Mary Jean Cunningham and husband, Raymond; sons, Philip Jones and wife, Hollie, David Jones and wife, Dianna; daughter-in-law, Sandi Jones; grandchildren, Gary Jones and wife, Lauren, Bobby Jones and wife, Nadine, Matt Jones and wife, Marisa, Shelly Ahrens, Curtis Cunningham and wife, Kim, Cami Torres, Kip Cunningham and wife, Raquel, Mason Jones, Sydney Jones, David Wassermann and wife, Norma, Lance Jones and 14 great-grandchildren, three sisters-in-law and one brother-in-law.

Graveside services were held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 27, 2022, at Roselawn Memorial Park in Van Vleck, Texas.

RAYMOND TIMOTHY HUDSON
Nov. 22, 1957 - Dec. 29, 2021



Raymond Timothy Hudson, age 64, of Gatesville, passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 29,

2021, after a long fight due to complications of COVID-19. There will be a celebration of Ray's Life at a later date.

Ray was born in Conroe. He grew up in Canutillo where he graduated from Canutillo High School and was a member of the CHS Marching Band. Ray eventually settled in Gatesville where he worked for the Texas state prison system and later opened his own business, Pro Tex Real Estate Services. He enjoyed woodworking, casino trips, NASCAR and watching his Dallas Cowboys and Baylor Bears. He spent much of his time with family and watching the grandkids.

Ray is survived by Debbie Norris and her children, Kay-

cee (Michael), Aaron (Caitlyn) and Traye. He was Pappie to Kaidon, Kaizer, Kynlee, Kailor, Blaise, and a baby boy due in March. His sister, Melanie Walton, and niece, Jessi Groetken, of Sapulpa, OK; brother, Jimmy Nettles and wife, Carol, of Bastrop; nieces, Tabatha Proffitt, Nikki Johnson, Carolyn Payne, Keri Michael, and Jeri Leseman; aunts, uncles, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, Alfred Raymond Hudson; mother, Juanita Wade Hudson; his wife, Crystal Fulton and niece Samantha Gonzalez.

MARTHA BELL "SAL" PALMER
Feb. 13, 1932 - Jan. 26, 2022



Martha Bell "Sal" Palmer, age 89, of Flat, passed away peacefully, on Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2022, in Gatesville, surrounded by her family.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 31, 2022, at Scott's Funeral Home Chapel. Interment followed at Restland Cemetery.

Sal was born on Feb. 13, 1932, in the Hubbard community of Coryell County,

now part of Ft. Hood, to the late Roy and Ruby Jones Evetts. She attended school in the Hubbard community and Flat, graduating from Flat High School, where she played basketball. She was a "Class Favorite" and "Who's Who." After graduation, she married Thurman Ray "Cotton" Palmer and had three children. She worked at the Coryell County Tax Office, Gatesville State School for Boys and was a civil service employee at Ft. Hood, until her retirement. After her retirement, she worked at several part-time jobs.

In 1959, she divorced and became a single mother. She was independent and worked hard to raise and provide for her children. She was loving, caring, and was always involved with her children. She loved music and dancing. She lived life and was known to "tell it like it is." Most of all, she was known as Granny and being amazing to her grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Denise Palmer; and brothers, Milford Evetts and Buford Evetts.

Sal is survived by her son, Steve Palmer and wife, Cheri, of League City; daughter Sally Smith and husband, Andy, of Gatesville; grandchildren, Tannon Palmer of Gatesville, Brandon Palmer and wife, Erica, of League City, Dylan Palmer and wife, Allison, Cayla Williams and husband, Zane, of Thrall, Shelby Ragland and husband, Colton, of Gatesville; great-grandchildren, Kannon, Evelyn, Gatlin, Zander; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, at https://www.stjude.org/give.html.

The DISPATCH

The following is a partial breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of January 27 - 29. 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. 27
9:00 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2800 block of S. State Hwy. 36.
10:56 a.m., a theft was reported in the 4000 block of S. State Hwy. 36.
5:04 p.m., an accident was reported in the 1500 block of E. Main Street.

7:54 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1300 block of Baldrige Drive.

8:56 p.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 200 block of FM 116.
10:05 p.m., a structure fire was reported in the 1400 block of Woodville Drive.

Jan. 28
7:25 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1000 block of W. Main Street.

8:09 a.m., a theft was reported in the 2800 block of

S. State Hwy. 36.
1:07 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of FM 107.

3:30 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 1700 block of Saunders Street.

6:15 p.m., a noise disturbance was reported in the 2000 block of Waco Street.

Jan. 29
2:13 a.m., a noise disturbance was reported in the 200 block of N. Lovers Lane.

10:56 a.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 100 block of Sarah Lane.

11:10 a.m., animal cruelty was reported in the 3400 block of Imperial Drive.

11:59 a.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 1400 block of Westview Drive.

6:39 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 500 block of S. 6th Street.

10:16 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 2500 block of Oak Drive.

CORYELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Jan. 27
9:56 a.m., animal neglect was reported in the 100 block of Spotted Fawn Road.

2:05 p.m., harassment was reported in the 2500 block of FM 1783.

3:53 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 2700 block of CR 214.

6:33 p.m., a threat was reported in the 600 block of

CR 320.
10:01 p.m., a theft was reported in the 100 block of Talley Road.

10:14 p.m., a fire was reported in the 1400 block of Woodville Drive.

Jan. 28
3:29 p.m., missing livestock was reported in the 8800 block of S. FM 183.

4:00 p.m., identity theft was reported in the 600 block of CR 320.

4:56 p.m., a minor accident was reported in the 2700 block of S. FM 116.

5:37 p.m., a stranded motorist was reported in the 14000 block of FM 107.

6:36 p.m., a fatality was reported in the 8700 block of FM 107.

6:57 p.m., a minor accident was reported on FM 116 at Bald Knob Road.

Jan. 29
12:20 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported on W. Hwy. 84 near the Cowboy Church.

10:01 a.m., the burglary of a building was reported in the 2700 block of Mulberry.

2:44 p.m., a civil matter was reported in the 6400 block of FM 1783.

5:10 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on FM 580 near Topsey Road.

7:08 p.m., a welfare concern was reported on FM 929 at Cedar Mountain Estates.

7:49 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on E. Hwy. 84 and Mountain Road.

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700-800 lb.	125-145

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500-600 lb.	125-145
600-700 lb.	120-140
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A/B HONOR ROLL
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Sophia Hughes, Carlee Klutts, Avery Koen, Madilyn Manear, Meghan Mehaffey, Tucker Melton, Jadan Moore, Damon Muller, Alyjah Olden, Elihu Ortiz, Lextin Perkins, Kaylee Prince, Brooklyn Pruitt, Gerardo Rodriguez, Isaac Sanchez, Preston Seager, JimmyRay Skinner, Brylie Spencer, Kaiden Spilman, Payton Steel, Joshua Stephens, Austin Tenison, Jacob Tesar, Kaylen Thomas, Brendon Tippit, Aiden Toombs, Nathan Torres, Lana Nicole Tyson, Levi Villagrana, Nathan Watson, Haeven Whitenburg, Bailey Wolff, Matthew Yocom.

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CORYELL MUSEUM

Gatesville Messenger Oct. 1963 news and grocery prices

BY: JANN DWORSKY
Some of the headlines in this old Gatesville Messenger are unique to the times and others could be in the newspaper today.

One of those similar to today: Drouth deepening all over Coryell and ranchers are in a bind. A check of the figures at the local Weather Bureau observer's station shows this area running 50% short on rainfall with the total to date being 13.81 inches. Coryell County has not received a general rain since last May. (Google says Coryell's average rainfall a year is 34 inches.)

Girl Scouts set bake sale here for troop No. 157 on Saturday, Oct. 19. The cakes will be on sale near Gatesville Drug. Of course, today the girls have their own brand of cookies.

The first 1963 case of screwworms was found at Mound. The screwworms were found in a calf in O. G. McCorkle's herd in the Mound community last Thursday, Oct. 10, 1963, and sterile flies were dropped in the Mound area last Saturday. "It would be hard to estimate how much money the eradication program has saved livestock producers of Coryell County this year," said Don Callahan County Agent.

Some of the unique headlines are as follows: One person was killed and 10 injured in 19 traffic accidents occurring on Coryell County highways during September, according to Department of Public Safety report.

Residents in the Fort Gates-Nuthinsville area have organized for the purpose of obtaining a community water supply system. (I haven't heard the word Nuthinsville in years!) They met here Thursday night to sign applications and make \$50 deposits for house meters. There are approximately 162 homes in the area. The steering commit-



Coryell Museum and Historical Center

tee includes Bill Taylor, Rob Woodson, Dave Williams, and James Dixon. Today Ft. Gates charges \$1,500 for a new meter, still a good deal.

On page 2 of the paper, they list babies born. A baby boy was born Monday, Oct. 14, 1963, at 8:51 a.m. to Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Botkin, 2606 Powell Drive, Gatesville. Mrs. Botkin's name is listed along with the eight other people who happened to be in the hospital at the same time.

News on page 2 also had this notice. Mrs. Logan makes Baylor University Honor List. Mrs. Logan made the dean's list for the summer term at the university. Mrs. Logan was among standout students whose grades averaged between 3.6 and 3.8. Mrs. Logan is the former Miss Beverly Washburn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Washburn of Gatesville.

Taking up nearly half of page 2 was Bauman's Supermarket advertisement. They were located at 301 North Lutterloh. They had an advertisement effective Oct. 18 and 19, 1963. It was only

a few blocks from where I lived at that time. Here are some of the prices then and now:

Bananas were 9 cents a pound and now are 49 cents, apples were 15 cents, now are \$1.30 for plain delicious apples, tomato soup was 10 cents a can, now is \$1.25, stew meat was 39 cents a pound and now ground meat is \$6.40 a pound, Kraft American cheese for a 5 oz. package was 20 cents, and now an 8 oz. package is \$1.84. I tried to match these prices the best I could with what we had on our last receipt to the store. The 1963 newspaper listed a 3-pound canned Star Picnic ham at \$1.98 and it made me hungry. You know it was the kind in an oval can with that neat little key. It took off a tiny strip of metal that wound up on the key. A fun activity as well as some good eating.

Coryell Museum is open Wednesday thru Saturday from 10 to 4. We love having visitors and hope you will bring yourself or your group soon.

Gatesville student makes Dean's List at Sam Houston State University

Gatesville student, Madison Schultz, was recently honored and included in the Fall 2021 Dean's List at Sam Houston State University. The students listed on the Dean's List of Academic Honors are undergraduates who have achieved a grade point average of at least 3.5 out of a perfect 4.0 in all work at-

tempted while enrolled in not less than 12 semester hours. With a student population of over 21,000, Sam Houston State University (SHSU) offers graduate, professional and baccalaureate degrees, as well as professional and graduate certificates in more than 170 fields of student through seven schools and colleges.

The university was founded in 1879 as the Sam Houston Normal Institute. Its original mission was to train teachers for the public schools of Texas. The institute awarded its first bachelor's degree in 1919. It became Sam Houston State Teachers College in 1923.

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Kid Scoop Puzzler

Do the math to locate Beijing and other Chinese cities on the map.

12 = Beijing
10 = Yanqing
9 = Zhangjiakou
15 = Shanghai
13 = Guangzhou
16 = Nanjing
14 = Shenyang
11 = Wuhan
20 = Chengdu
19 = Lhasa
17 = Hong Kong

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Kid Scoop Together:

Olympic Oath

Each athlete who competes in the Olympics takes an oath. Use the code to complete the missing words and then read the entire oath aloud to your family!

■ = EQUALITY ■ = HONOR
■ = BETTER ■ = PROMISE
■ = RULES ■ = CHEATING

"We _____ to take part in these Olympic Games, respecting and abiding by the _____ and in the spirit of fair play, inclusion and _____. Together we stand in solidarity and commit ourselves to sport without doping, without _____, without any form of discrimination. We do this for the _____ of our teams, in respect for the Fundamental Principles of Olympism, and to make the world a _____ place through sport."

2022 Winter Olympics

OOOPS! Some of the words melted out of this article. Can you figure out where each of the missing words belongs?

SPORTING FUTURE YEARS ASTRONAUT LIGHT MEANINGS HELPS ROBUST

Meet the Mascots

In Mandarin Chinese (the official dialect of China), "Bing" has several _____, the most common being ice. "Dwen Dwen" means _____ and lively. Olympic mascot **Bing Dwen Dwen** is a panda who wears a body "shell" made out of ice, which looks like an _____ suit. This represents new technologies for a _____ with infinite possibilities. The shell also _____ the panda to skate, snowboard and ski alongside the Olympic athletes!

Shuey Rhon Rhon is a Chinese lantern that represents warmth and _____. Shuey Rhon Rhon _____ is the mascot of the Winter Paralympic Games in Beijing, an international _____ event where athletes with physical disabilities compete. These Games are held every four _____ directly following the Winter Olympic Games.

What time is it in Beijing?

Beijing, China is 16 hours ahead of San Francisco. When it is 3 a.m. on Wednesday in Beijing, it is 11 a.m. Tuesday in San Francisco, Calif.

PACIFIC

MOUNTAIN

CENTRAL

EASTERN

Complete the clocks below to show the different times.

Todd lives in San Francisco, in the Pacific Time Zone. His pen pal Kierra lives in New York, in the Eastern Time Zone. Their friend Zylah lives in Oklahoma, in the Central Time Zone and her cousin, Tomas lives in Colorado, in the Mountain Time Zone. Complete the clocks below so that they show what time it is in each time zone when it is 6 a.m. in Beijing.

TODD

TOMAS

ZYLAH

KIERRA

BEIJING

Look at the Time Zone map to see if you are in the same time zone as California. If not, what is the time difference between where you live and California?

Standards Link: Math/Measurement: Tell time to the nearest hour.

Pictograms

It is said that a picture is worth a thousand words. At the Olympic Games, a picture is worth a thousand words in hundreds of languages. A **pictogram**, a picture symbol, will be used at the Games to help people all over the world understand what is happening.

28 24 32 27 30 22

31 - 9 = BOBSLEIGH 33 - 5 = SPEED SKATING 41 - 9 = ICE HOCKEY
32 - 8 = FIGURE SKATING 37 - 7 = CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING 35 - 8 = SKI JUMPING

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Double Double Word Search

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

H	T	R	P	G	M	A	T	H	D
G	O	S	R	A	S	R	U	O	H
A	C	N	S	L	N	T	U	M	Y
M	S	T	T	F	S	D	V	S	E
E	A	E	N	C	S	Q	A	P	K
S	M	C	V	W	L	K	N	O	C
B	T	I	V	E	R	Y	I	R	O
S	K	A	T	I	N	G	H	T	H
L	M	A	R	G	O	T	C	I	P

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

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Symbols

Sports teams use names and mascots to communicate strength, their location, etc. Look through today's sports section to select one team and make a list of things you think that team wants to communicate with their name or logo.

Standards Link: Use a variety of media to locate information.

Write On!

VALENTINE'S SURPRISE

Make up a Valentine's Day story about a Valentine's Day surprise. Who was surprised? What was the surprise?

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Extra! Extra!

SYMBOL SEARCH

Look for five symbols in today's newspaper. Show them to a friend to see if they can tell what the symbol represents.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

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Slope Early serves the ball in a match in Gatesville earlier this season.

Oglesby falls to Aquilla

BY TRISTON MCGEHEE
STAFF WRITER

The Oglesby High School Tigers came up short against their District 25-1A boys' basketball opponent, the Aquilla Cougars, 63-60 at the Oglesby High School Gym.

The Tigers (4-6 overall, 2-4 district) battled in a competitive game against Aquilla (12-6 overall, 5-1 district), playing toe to toe with them all game. Senior Blake Thompson and sophomore Hunter Walters left the game early with injuries resulting in some younger players receiving playing time against Aquilla.

"The boys battled their tails off," OHS head coach Jeb Dixon said. "Young guys stepped in and played really well. Boys got after it."

The game was a nail-biter from the beginning, with the Tigers and the Cougars finishing the first quarter tied 16-16.

During the second quarter, the game was just as narrow. But the Cougars scampered out with an advantage going into the intermission, making the score 32-30, Aquilla.

The third quarter was the tightest quarter, with both teams scoring under ten points.

The Cougars finished the quarter with a 9-7 edge over the Tigers.

At the start of the fourth quarter, the Cougars had the upper hand with a 41-37 score on their hands. The Tigers pounced in the fourth to try to win the game, outscoring the Cougars 18-14 before falling by the three-point margin.

The Tigers will travel to Jonesboro to take on the Eagles. The tip-off is set for 7:30 p.m. at the Jonesboro High School Gym.

Lady Tigers fall to Aquilla, 52-29

The Oglesby Lady Tigers did not have the outing they wanted against their District 25-1A girls basketball opponent, the Aquilla Cougars (15-11 overall, 8-1 district), losing 52-29 at the Oglesby High School Gym.

The Lady Tigers (4-4 overall, 2-4 district) battled the entire game. The top scorer for the Lady Tigers was Hailey Meyers with 10 points, followed by Matti Dixon with nine and Lacie Luckie with five.

The Lady Tigers are scheduled to travel to Jonesboro to take on the Lady Eagles on Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the Jonesboro High School Gym.

FIGHTING FOR A SHOT



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Luwi Rodriguez battles against four Lady Bulldogs in Evant's win over Mullin.

Abbott tops Jonesboro in basketball

BY TRISTON MCGEHEE
STAFF WRITER

The Jonesboro Eagles fell to the Abbott Panthers 51-32 in a District 25-1A boys basketball game at the Abbott High School Gym on Friday.

The Eagles (8-10 overall, 5-3 in district) played hard and tough against the Panthers (12-2 overall, 8-0 in district). The pivotal point came in the second quarter, where the Panthers outscored the Eagles 18-2. Despite the loss, the Eagles will lock up the third spot in the district, if they beat Oglesby on Tuesday.

"I'm proud of the fight in my boys," JHS boys basketball Coach Chris Simon said. "We battled and played hard tonight. We knew it would be tough playing in Abbott."

According to Simon, the Eagles played well by limiting their turnovers and mistakes. He shared that the second quarter "killed us" and the Eagles could not make up the difference. In the other three quarters, the Eagles kept scoring tight keeping the score steady in each quarter.

Sophomore Jacob Cisneros led the Eagles in scoring with 9 points. Senior Manny Torres scored 8 points, while junior Costin Allison and senior Ian Shoaf scored 5 points each. Senior Layton Blanchard, sophomore Garrett Young, and senior Nat Hiliker finished the night with 2 points each.

The Eagles are now looking to rebound against their Coryell County rival the Oglesby Tigers (4-7 overall,

2-5 in district) on Tuesday. Results from this game will be in a future edition.

LADY EAGLES

The Lady Eagles lost against the Abbott Lady Panthers 37-25 in a District 25-1A girls basketball game at the Abbott High School Gym on Friday.

The Lady Eagles (9-12 overall, 6-2 in district) played their hearts out against the Lady Panthers (18-3 overall, 7-1 in district), but ultimately suffered a district loss. The Lady Eagles were led by junior Paiton Green with 11 points on the night, followed by her teammate senior Katie Snoddy with 6 points, and sophomore McKenzie Coble scored 4 points.

The Lady Eagles were set to play Oglesby on Tuesday.

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Hornets fall to Kennedale in non-district action

BY TRISTON MCGEHEE
STAFF WRITER

The Gatesville Hornets fell to the Kennedale Wildcats 78-52 in a non-district boys basketball game on Jan. 29 at Sidney L. Pruitt Gymnasium in Gatesville.

GHS head coach Brit Campbell wanted to keep the Hornets (12-17 overall, 1-3 in district) warm during their bye, so they scheduled a game with Kennedale (22-6 overall, 4-1 in district), a team that resembled many teams in their district. The Hornets played hard until the buzzer but ultimately fell to the Wildcats.

According to Campbell, keeping the guys in a competitive routine helps the athletes in various ways.

"You get the game speed conditioning and the game speed reps that you can't see in practice," Campbell said. "It makes you that much more prepared for those big-time games in district and even in the postseason."

Campbell was proud of the effort that the Hornets showed against the Wildcats. Campbell hopes that the team can take experience from the game and grow as a team as the season continues.

Tyler Shea was on his game, finishing the night with 25 points, leading the Hornets in scoring. Carter Williams had 8 points, while Jack Carroll had 7 points. Freshman Rayshon Smith was 4 for 4 on free throws, finishing with 4 points.

With chatters of the postseason making their way around the horizon, Campbell and the Hornets are focused on preparing for each game one game at a time.

The Hornets returned to district play to take on the Brownwood Lions (20-7 overall, 4-0 in district) at Sidney L. Pruitt Gymnasium in Gatesville on Tuesday. Results from the game will be in a future edition.



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Trae Miller passes the ball to a teammate during a non-district basketball game scheduled during what had been a bye for the Hornets.

Members of the 2021-22 varsity Hornet basketball team are:

- * Rayshon Smith
- * Trae Miller
- * Carter Williams
- * Jack Carroll
- * Bradyn Culley
- * Jacob Newkirk
- * Jaiden Gomez
- * Ethan Nichols
- * Xander Botkin
- * Tyler Shea



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Gatesville senior Bradyn Culley moves past a Kennedale defender on his way to the basket.

Lady Elks stampede over Lady Bulldogs, 67-30

BY TRISTON MCGEHEE
STAFF WRITER

The senior night went well for the Evant Lady Elks basketball team as they defeated the Mullin Lady Bulldogs 67-30 in a District 18-1A girls' basketball game at the Evant High School Gym on Friday.

Senior Emileigh Burton was unstoppable for the Lady Elks, scoring 31 points against the Lady Bulldogs. Burton scored more points than the entire Mullin team. The Lady Elks are fighting for the third spot in their district, and this win over the Lady Bulldogs puts them in striking distance to make it happen.

The Lady Elks improved (9-9 overall, 6-4 district), while the Lady Bulldogs dropped to (1-10 overall, 0-5 in district).

EHS girls head coach Chad Baker was happy with the girls' performance. Baker felt that the Lady Elks did what they wanted to do the whole night.

"I think that the (win) gives us good momentum, and the girls are really confident," Baker said.

The Lady Elks are setting their sights on the Zephyr Lady Bulldogs. The Lady Elks fell short in their earlier meeting with Zephyr by just four points, 32-28, but with the effort shown by the Lady Elks, Baker thinks they have a good shot of winning.

"I think the way we're playing now is clearly better than the way we were playing back then," Baker said. And so, I think we give ourselves a really good shot if we go out with this intensity as we have against Gustine, Sidney, and tonight."

The Lady Elks traveled to Zephyr on Tuesday to take on the Lady Bulldogs. Results from this game will be in a future edition.

ELKS

The Evant Elks struggled in their



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Emileigh Burton goes up for a basketball in the Lady Elks' 67-30 win over the Mullin Lady Bulldogs in a district clash on Jan. 28.

outing against the Mullin Bulldogs, losing 45-23 in a District 18-1A boys basketball game at the Evant High School Gym on Friday.

The Evant Elks (0-9 overall, 0-6 in district) were down some players coming into the game. This caused

the team to call upon some boys to step up and play for their hometown Elks. The Elks were overwhelmed by the Bulldogs (16-5 overall, 5-1 in district) the entire game, being outscored in every quarter.

Going into the game, EHS boys head coach Brandon Young was confident that the boys would play hard, although they were stepping into a role that was unfamiliar to them.

Hunter White finished the game

with 8 points and his teammate Cason Ingram had 5 points.

The Elks are scheduled to play the Blanket Tigers at 6 p.m. today (Feb. 2). The coach said the game might be moved up to 5 p.m. because of weather concerns.

Tennis team travels to Pflugerville for tourney

BY TRISTON MCGEHEE
STAFF WRITER

The Gatesville High School tennis team traveled to Pflugerville for the Pflugerville ISD varsity tournament on Friday.

The boys and girls played hard in some competitive matches. Stormy Tatum was the only GHS team member to earn a medal in the tournament. Tatum won second place in

the girls' singles A draw and lost in the final, 6-2, 6-1, to an opponent from Rouse High School.

Slope Early fell in the boys' singles A bracket in a tiebreaker in the semifinal round. Ty Warren and Julee Sun participated in the A bracket mixed doubles. Warren and Sun lost in a tiebreaker in the semifinals.

Anna Mitchell participated in the B bracket girls' singles. Mitchell lost in the consolation final. Preslea

Edmond and Valeria Jimenez fell short in their girls doubles semifinal battle.

"Overall, we had a great day against some really good competition," assistant coach Marla Tatum stated in an email.

The Gatesville boys' and girls' tennis teams will travel to Robinson on Feb. 4 for the Robinson tournament. Matches are scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m.

Soccer teams beat Jarrell

BY TRISTON MCGEHEE
STAFF WRITER

The Hornet and Lady Hornet soccer teams defeated Jarrell Cougars 6-0 in District 18-4A boys' and girls' soccer games at Tommy Davidson Field at McKamie Stadium on Friday.

For the Lady Hornets (4-1 overall, 2-0 in district), Mikala

Bryson scored three goals and had one assist. Raisa Leon scored one goal and had an assist, and Barrett Boyd had two assists.

For the Hornets (4-2 overall, 2-0 in district), Oswald Leon finished the game with two goals, and Hector Silva Hernandez had two goals in the contest.