



Helping students to be their best



Gatesville High School teacher Mary Bruton gave a presentation on social emotional learning at a recent meeting of the Gatesville Exchange Club. COURTESY PHOTO

County approves internet study

BY JEFF OSBORNE
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Improved internet could provide a huge boost for education and businesses in Coryell County, as well as increased connectivity for information and entertainment, and the Coryell County Commissioners Court recently approved plans for a study that could help bolster broadband services in the area.

The Central Texas Council of Governments (CTCOG), which serves Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Milam, Mills and San Saba counties, has reached out to regional partners about their interest in a broadband study, and has selected the Foresight Group to conduct the study.

County Judge Roger Miller said some of the entities are seeking grant funds to pay for the study, while others already have money budgeted and could go ahead and reach an agreement with the Foresight Group on the cost.

"We have already allocated funds for the study, and I recommend we go out and get a cost estimate," Miller said. "They estimated it was about a seven-month process — 205 days for the entire regional plan."

Miller said Bell County representatives had already notified CTCOG that it did not want to wait for the grant application process involving other entities.

Jack Barcroft, president of the Coryell County Economic Development Board and a candidate for county judge, said the board worked with the U.S. Department of Agriculture in 2015 on a broadband study.

"They created a 66-page document that talked about the distribution and infrastructure and broke things down from every corner of the county," he said.

Barcroft added that Coryell County does not qualify for certain grant programs to assist with internet connectivity because one portion of the county, Copperas Cove, is urban. However, much of the rest of the county is considered rural or small-town.

"One corner of the county at Copperas Cove has high speed internet access," he said. "Not much has changed since that last evaluation (seven years ago)."

Barcroft said he would make sure members of the commissioners court had copies of that study.

County Attorney Brandon Belt asked about CTCOG's goals for the study.

"They're primarily just facilitating," Miller said. "They want to know if we want to participate with them as a collective group. Bell, Hamilton and Mills have pulled out of the CTCOG proposal (to fund the studies on their own)."

"What's our endgame?" Belt asked.

"To be able to maximize grant funding for rural areas," Miller said. "Once we get a plan implemented, it's a matter of what we need to do to get broadband all across Coryell

Teacher talks about social emotional learning

BY JEFF OSBORNE
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Mary Bruton is far more than an algebra teacher for Gatesville High School — she is also someone who is dedicated to getting to know her students and helping them achieve their best in life.

Bruton recently talked about social emotional learning for the Gatesville Independent School District, and the strong role it plays in helping teachers connect with students, as well as helping students set goals and envision the type of people they want to be.

"Social emotional learning is getting to know kids before you try and teach them," Bruton said during a recent meeting of the Gatesville Exchange Club. During 30-minute homeroom periods, Bruton said students focus on being mindful of what they want to accomplish on some days, and simply being thankful — and writing thank you notes — on other days.

"The students are instructed to write a note, thanking someone," Bruton said. "It can

be to a parent, teacher, classmate, custodian, et cetera."

Students also participate in conversations and games that promote interaction, with topics such as building community, making agreements, compiling "to do" lists, selfless pursuits and habits to improve well-being.

Bruton showed videos from others involved in SEL, which focused on the difference between goals to be accomplished and simple "to do" lists. It was explained that the lists are about productivity, while goals are something that are worked on for longer periods.

Among the goals students talked about were being more understanding, being a better listener and focusing on traits that will help them become the person they want to be.

"I feel like it's very relatable," Bruton said. "What would be on your list of things you want to be. We are teaching kids to focus on that and I think it's amazing."

In a video Bruton showed, one adult said

that in the midst of the chaos in the world, he is inspired by kids and listening to their ideas on how to be a better person. He said students talked about the people in their lives who made a difference. It didn't always take achieving great things — sometimes the students just appreciated those who made the effort to show up and be a positive part of their lives.

Author and speaker Margaret Mead was quoted that the first sign of culture in a society is when someone stays with a person long enough to help someone heal and endure through difficulties.

On the subject of living well, Bruton referred to former Girls Scouts of the USA Chief Executive Officer Frances Hesselbein, who is now 106, who was quoted as saying she wakes up every morning and says "to serve is to live," a philosophy that has led her to experience many adventures and to live life to the fullest.

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GHS' Brumfield focuses on teaching life lessons

BY SABRINA ANDERSON
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First-year Gatesville High School teacher, Justin Brumfield, began his role as an educator in 2019 at Cedar Park shortly after graduating from the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor (UMHB).

While attending UMHB, Brumfield played football under the direction of Gatesville's own former head coach - Luke Howard. After getting into contact with Howard, Brumfield made his way from Cedar Park to Gatesville to help teach EOC Remediation and to coach football,

softball and basketball.

He describes his role in teaching as helping students who need a little modification to their assignments in order to better understand the material overall and give support as the students need it.

"That's the exact reason I wanted to get back into the profession — to show people that we're teaching life lessons on top of the stuff we have to teach them for school," said Brumfield. "I'm giving support in a math class, but I'm also teaching them how to be accountable and expect things from themselves

and have goals and how to work toward those goals."

Though the majority of his teaching career has been in the shadow of coronavirus protocols, Brumfield says it has helped him to respond to unprecedented situations.

"It's something that I think matured me beyond my years," said Brumfield. "It was very challenging, but it was also very helpful at the same time."

Similar to his own experience



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Commissioners approve road & bridge addition

BY JEFF OSBORNE
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Those working for the Coryell County road and bridge department will have a significant boost in office space once a new building is completed.

"They need some office space down there, we have allocated money to get them some and I think we should," said Commissioner Kyle Matthews, who said the money could be taken from American Recovery Program funds.

"It's \$181,000 to add about 2,200 square feet of office space, and it can easily be done." He described the current lack of space as "frustrating."

Justin Latham, administrator for the county road and bridge department, described the need for the additional space.

"To paint a picture for everybody, my office has all the road and bridge employees in it," he said. "I have to sit in my pickup a lot (because of the lack of space)."

"Adding onto it makes it a viable work area and is needed," Matthews said.

Matthews said the commissioners court would work with contractors on the proposal.

County Judge Roger Miller said the item was not a budgeted expenditure from the capital improvements fund.

The addition was approved by a 3-1 vote by the Coryell County Commissioners Court on Jan. 25. Commissioners Matthews, Ray Ashby and Ryan Basham voted in favor of the proposal, with Miller voting against it because of the identified funding source. Commissioner Daren Moore was not present at the meeting.

Fort Hood says goodbye & hello at command change

Leaders and soldiers from across Fort Hood and First Army gathered at Cameron Field to say farewell to Maj. Gen. Richard F. Johnson and welcome Brig. Gen. Joseph A. Edwards II during a change of command ceremony.

U.S. Army Lt. Gen. Antonio A. Aguto, First Army commanding general and reviewing officer for the ceremony, spoke at the event about First Army's responsibility for soldier deployments.

"We are responsible for the readiness and deployments of 52% of all of the Army," said Aguto. "We are who we train. It's not a PR campaign, but it is in fact a true statement to who we are - a Total Force composed of active, Guard and Reserve soldiers. From the most senior leaders at Rock Island, to the battalion level observer, coach, and trainers, we prepare soldiers for the rigors of war."

First Army manages the reality of constant change in assigned soldiers from top to bottom of its formation.

"This command is strategic to this nation's defense. We mobilized an infantry battalion from the Minnesota National Guard that was integral to the defense of the airfield during the withdrawal from Afghanistan," said Aguto. "As we stand here today, we are preparing another combat aviation brigade team to go to the Middle East, and soon, a brigade combat team to join them."

Aguto complemented Johnson's leadership.

"This change of command is historic. We are switching from the first Army National Guard commanding general at Division West to the first Army Reserve commanding general back-to-back," said Aguto. "Maj. Gen. Johnson, in the past year alone, you maintained full operational readiness and oversaw the deployment of over 71,000 troops to missions around the world - a 21% increase from the year prior and have done so during a global pandemic."

Proposed amendments to Texas Constitution are on May ballot

BY GARY BORDERS
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Voters who go to the polls for municipal and school board elections on May 7 will also be asked to decide on two proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution.

Deputy Secretary of State Joe Esparza drew the ballot order last week for the two proposed amendments, both dealing with property taxes. The first proposition on May's ballot would authorize the Legislature to cut the property tax limit for the homesteads of elderly or disabled residents "to reflect any statutory reduction from the preceding tax year."

According to Ballotpedia.org, the measure would result in a reduction in revenue of \$467.5 million in the first two years it is implemented. The measure passed unanimously in both chambers during the second special session.

The second proposed amendment would increase the homestead exemption for school district property taxes from \$25,000 to \$40,000. That measure, approved by the Legislature in October in another special session, also passed unanimously.

State Sen. Paul Bettencourt, R-Houston, the author of the amendment, said, "People see the need for property tax relief, and Texans are going to cry out for that continuously. This is a great way to bring that home to all of the taxpayers of Texas."

State signs deal with To-

kyo
The state hopes to see expanded growth from Tokyo-based small and medium-sized businesses after signing a cooperative agreement with the Tokyo metropolitan government. The governor's office of Economic Development and Tourism organized 18 local economic development partners across the state to provide resources to Tokyo businesses interested in expanding in Texas. "Tokyo and Texas may be half a world apart, but we are closing that gap by facilitating more investment and economic development between our two regions," Gov. Greg Abbott said. "I look forward to our continued work together as we create a more robust partnership and a more prosperous economic future."

The Texas community partners include cities and economic development corporations from throughout the state. More than 400 Japanese companies have operations in Texas. Japan was the state's sixth-largest export destination in 2020, with more than \$9.8 billion in exported goods, including organic chemicals, industrial machinery, aircraft and spacecraft, fuel and oil.

Deadline extended for Uri reimbursement for schools

The deadline for public school districts and charter schools to seek reimbursement from the state for damages caused last year by Winter Storm Uri has been extended to Feb. 24, the Texas Education Agency

announced. Any district located in an area declared a disaster after last February's storm can apply for assistance for costs not covered by insurance or federal disaster relief.

Schools can receive reimbursement for uninsured damages to facilities, vehicles and computers.

TEA has posted two webinars explaining the program on YouTube, which can be found online at <https://tinyurl.com/y76tev3j>

Panel to examine Rolling Pines wildfire

An independent panel has been formed to review the circumstances and causes of a recent prescribed burn at Bastrop State Park that got out of control and burned more than 800 acres. It forced about 250 families to temporarily evacuate, although no structures were damaged. The panel was ordered through the Texas A&M Forest Service and includes wildland fire experts from state forestry agencies in Florida, Georgia, Oklahoma and South Carolina.

Prescribed burns at Bastrop and Buescher state parks have been suspended until the review is complete and recommendations are evaluated.

"We fully support this independent review and will continue working every day to earn the public's trust for the continued safe and effective use of prescribed fire," said Carter Smith, executive director of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. "Prescribed burns are a care-

fully calculated risk but are essential in managing many of our habitats, landscapes and private and public lands across Texas, including the iconic Lost Pines Forest at Bastrop."

"As a land management tool, prescribed fires are important and help minimize the threat and severity of major wildfires by reducing the amount of existing and dormant vegetation. If left unchecked, the excess

of leaves and plants would fuel a minor situation into a major wildfire," according to a news release.

COVID-19 cases down; ICU beds nearly full

While the number of new COVID-19 cases in Texas during the past week dropped to 295,501 — a decrease of more than 130,000 — the state's intensive care unit beds are approaching capacity once again. The Coronavirus Resource Cen-

ter at Johns Hopkins University also reported 1,212 deaths, up nearly 25% from the previous week.

The drop in new cases has health officials hopeful the omicron variant has peaked. Hospitalizations in Texas of lab-confirmed cases of COVID-19 dropped slightly to 12,760, with only 317 available ICU beds in the entire state, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services.

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Bruton quoted an astronaut who said if an asteroid was heading on a collision course with the earth, contrary to hit movies which

focused on a more dramatic outcome or solution, it would merely take a little bump from an object sent into space to change the asteroid's trajectory.

"A little nudge would save everybody — a little nudge can change the future," Bru-

ton said. "What if your little nudge helped someone. Over time, it can make a great difference."

"To live well is to love well. Let's help each other heal, live, grow and make a difference in other's lives."

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Similar to his own experience in high school, Brumfield is involved in Gatesville High School's Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) organization, which is an organization that allows athletes to unite their passions

for faith and athletics in one environment. He said he was excited to get involved when he found out Gatesville participated in FCA.

"At the end of the day, you know that you're making an impact in a kid's life," said Brumfield.

Since moving to Gatesville, Brumfield says he loves how involved everyone in the

community gets when any events are scheduled and looks forward to everything to come.


When he's not teaching or coaching, Brumfield spends his time at home with his newlywed wife and two dogs, visiting family or letting his wife beat him in a game of golf.

that don't even have internet available to them. I suspect implementing the plan would be a combination of wired and wireless (to get countywide coverage)."

Commissioner Kyle Matthews suggested the county

notify CTCOG that it will negotiate the cost of the broadband study directly and not go through CTCOG.

Commissioners voted for Coryell County to enter into separate negotiations with the Foresight Group.



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BOOK REVIEW

This book is for fans of the unusual

TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

Pick up eggs. Milk. Macaroni. Bread.

If you don't jot down a list of things you need to find, you'll forget something. Apples. Light bulbs. Flour. Putting things on paper helps you to remember what you need and what's missing. But in the new book, "Personal Effects" by Robert A. Jensen, the pick-up is more personal; the items, more heart-wrenching...

Robert Jensen's growing-up years were not what you'd "call a normal childhood." His mother suffered from mental illness; his father treated him as "a secondary concern." It perhaps didn't help that there was no room for discussion about Jensen's being a boy "who liked boys as much as girls."

Says Jensen, "I hope you never have to see the things that I've seen..."

He doesn't say that because of his personal life, though, but because of his job: Jensen is an expert in recovering human remains and personal effects when disaster, accidents, murders and battles occur. He says it's not even his "first weird job," but as the Chairman of Kenyon International Emergency Services, he knows that it's one of the most important.

Jensen, for instance, was

called to work after the Murr Building was bombed in Oklahoma City. He's recovered the dead for the U.S. government in Somalia; helped recovery efforts in places such as Haiti, New Orleans and New York, and he's worked to resolve what happened in devastating plane crashes around the world. He's brought back the remains of loved ones to their grieving families, and he's also been involved in the efforts to recover valuable cargo for insurance companies.

"Being prepared for a disaster is really not that hard," he says.

Just "don't prepare for the last disaster that just occurred."

Something bad is going to happen to you. If not now, tomorrow; if not then, soon. Disasters happen, as author Robert Jensen indicates, and there are things you can do to minimize the damage and hassle. But getting the information you need to do so won't be easy, if you want advice from "Personal Effects."

The thing is that this book is solid. For fans of the unusual, you can't get any more unusual than the story, both personal and professional, of a guy who searches for body parts. Jensen's tale is thrilling, cringe-worthy, and heroic; there's advice and



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little-known minutiae that only an insider would know. You won't be able to forget the gist of this book.

And yet, man, it's a rough read. "Personal Effects" is laden with choppy half-sentences, errant punctuation and too much repetition - things which are relatively common, and forgivable. But then there's the irritatingly incorrect homonym usage, a maddening assumption of readers' prior knowledge, and an extremely unfortunate quotation from a grieving mother that really could've been told better, and you've got a book that'll make you sigh but not in a satisfied way.

For most readers, this will be a deal-breaker and that's too bad. "Personal Effects" is basically very, very fascinating, but its errors might not make it worth picking up.

"Personal Effects: What Recovering the Dead Teaches Me about Caring for the Living" by Robert A. Jensen c.2021, St. Martin's Press \$28.99 / \$38.50 Canada 294 pages

DAV invites veterans

The Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 74 of Gatesville, encourages veterans and disabled veterans to join their organization to see what the chapter does to help veterans and to participate in their monthly meetings. The DAV meetings are held on the first Saturday of each month at 12 p.m.

Robert Kazmierczak, the Sargent of Arms and the Judge Advocate of the post, said "We want to veterans to know we're here. Our purpose is to help our veterans." He also added that the DAV

is a non-profit organization which helps veterans with a variety of support - including helping veterans pay utility bills that they can't afford to pay.

Kazmierczak added that there is an immediate need of funding to keep the post operating in order to help those veterans who are in need. Monetary donations would be greatly appreciated.

Nationally, the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) is an organization that was created in 1920 by World War I veterans for disabled mili-

tary veterans of the United States Armed Forces that helps them and their families through various means. It was issued a federal charter by Congress in 1932. It currently has well over 1 million members.

The Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 74 of Gatesville, is located at 528 State School Road, 1.6 miles from HEB. For more information about the DAV, please contact Robert Kazmierczak at 903-714-4150.



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JULIA MAE WICKER

June 27, 1924 - Feb. 1, 2022



Julia Mae Wicker, age 97, of Gatesville, was called home on the morning of Feb. 1, 2022.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, 2022, at Scott's Funeral Home Chapel with Bro Lynn Turnbow officiating. Visitation with the family will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. The family will hold a private burial at Ater Cemetery.

Julia was born in Coryell County to the late Jess S. Snider and Gertrude Lorene

Manos Snider. She grew up and attended school in Jonesboro and Ireland and graduated from Ireland with the class of 1941. Julia cooked at the Texas Youth Council and later became a secretary aid where she continued to work until she retired in 1975. She liked to play games of dominoes, especially 84. Julia also loved crafts such as painting and sewing.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 26 years, Barney Lee Ray and later in life married Jack Wicker who also preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by her grandson Michael Lee Clemons. Julia also was preceded in death by her 2 sisters and 5 brothers.

Julia is survived by her son, Delvin King and wife, Martha King; daughters, Judy Young and husband, David Young, Gail Robles and husband, Joe Robles, Janice Sheffield and husband, Dr. J.D. Sheffield; eleven grandchildren, twenty great-grandchildren, eleven great, great-grandchildren; and by her brother, J.H. Snider and wife, Danny Snider; also many nieces and nephews.

JOANN WILKINS MITCHELL

Feb. 1, 1931 - Jan. 30, 2022



JoAnn Wilkins Mitchell, age 90, of the Harman community of Coryell County, passed away on Sunday, Jan. 30, 2022, in Gatesville.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, 2022, at Scott's Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Don McConaughay officiating. Interment will follow at Pidcoke Cemetery. Following the graveside services, the family will receive visitors at Pidcoke Baptist Church.

JoAnn was born on Feb. 1, 1931, in Gatesville, to the late E. C. and Genia (Jean) Seward Wilkins. She grew up in the Ewing and Flat community and attended school in Ewing, Arnett, Gatesville and Flat. She worked for the District Clerk of Coryell County, Carl McClendon. She married Donal Mitchell on June 9, 1951, and they

resided in the Harman community all of their married lives. She was a rancher and homemaker and was an avid reader, worker of crossword puzzles and writer of poems. She was known as the "Best Cook and Baker", by her family. She had a keen sense of humor and always had time for her granddaughter's tea parties. She was a member of Pidcoke Baptist Church since 1952 and served as Church Treasurer for 60 years. She also worked diligently for Our Land, Our Lives, an advocacy group that fought to preserve the farm and ranchlands of Coryell County, from being developed by Ft.Hood.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Don Mitchell in 2005, sisters, Patsy Baker and Mary Wilkins.

JoAnn is survived by her daughters, Genia Baize and husband, Mike, Kay Stoldt and husband, Michael; granddaughters, Laura Manning and husband, Jason, Mary Rox and husband, Josh; great-grandchildren, David Manning, Daniel Manning, Andrew Manning, Noah Rox, Ella Rox; brothers, William Wilkins, Robert Wilkins, Steve Wilkins; sisters, Lillie Bright, Betty Mayhew and Jenny Lindley.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to the Pidcoke Baptist Church Building Fund, 11125 FM 116, Gatesville, TX 76528.

TROY KENNETH JOHNSON

July 3, 1943 - Jan. 26, 2022



Troy Kenneth Johnson, age 78, of Austin and Gatesville, passed away Jan. 26, 2022. He was a big man with a big heart that finally failed him.

Graveside services with military honors will be held at 3 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 19, 2022, at Restland Cemetery in Gatesville, followed by an outdoor gathering at the Lightning J Ranch. Celebration of Life Services will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 27, 2022, at Westlake Hills Presbyterian Church in Austin.

Troy was born July 3, 1943, in Austin, the eldest child of the late Lee Roy and Jo Fuchs Johnson. He moved with his family to Gatesville as a young boy. As firstborn, he pulled his weight on the family farm — plowing, fixing fences, hauling hay — while also keeping up with a paper route and doing odd jobs for neighbors. He was smart, stubborn, and independent. Troy was a 1961 graduate of Gatesville High School, where he met his high school sweetheart, the love of his life, Pat Quicksall; they married on April 11, 1964. He attended Texas A&M, was a member of the Corps of Cadets, earned a master's in business, and proudly wore his class of '65 Aggie ring until the day he died. In 1966, he enlisted in the Texas Army National Guard, served 26 years as an ordnance officer, and retired as lieutenant colonel from the 111th Area Support Group in Austin. After working in manufacturing operations at several locations and settling with his wife and family in Austin, he retired as Vice President of Operations for Weed Instrument. He worshiped at Central Presbyterian Church in early years and moved to Westlake Hills Presbyterian Church after his children were grown.

Troy was a man of few words, but when he spoke, people listened. He was a gifted teacher and an epic storyteller. He showed his love to his children through actions and was very involved in their school and church activities. He used his amazing carpentry skills to design lighting and sets for dance performances, church musicals, and a science center for his wife Pat's students at Becker Elementary. He built elaborate Halloween displays, an epic backyard playhouse, deck and landscaping, and filled his home with arrays of his son's artwork. He was always in the middle of remodeling something in his Austin home or Gatesville ranch. Troy was a mechanical genius, and his family thought he could fix or build anything, which he frequently did. He hated sand but loved the ocean and spent many summer vacations in Port Aransas. He and Pat developed a program to take Becker Elementary kids and families to visit the coast and learn about the wonders of the ocean. Troy and Pat loved to travel coast to coast in his big red Dodge Ram dually and 40ft 5th wheel and visit their many grandchildren. He enjoyed hosting family reunions, playing 42, and giving Jeep or Humvee rides out at the ranch. He volunteered in many capacities at Westlake Hills Presbyterian Church: started a job search group, served as deacon, volunteered with The Gathering and Manos de Cristo, Tuesday Morning Men's Group, Third Well Bible study group, and the safety committee. Troy always had a cowboy hat on his head, boots on his feet, and a quick-witted comment at the ready. He was larger than life in so many ways. Until the day he left us, he was "Absolutely Fabulous."

Troy is survived by his wife, Pat; daughters, Tami Blais and husband, Bob, Teri Miller and husband, Kevin; son, Travis Johnson and wife, Melissa; brother, Roy Johnson and wife, Jan; sister, Perry Cowen and husband, Carl. He was blessed with 18 grandchildren who were the light of his life. Troy faithfully donated to Westlake Hills Presbyterian Church, the Texas A&M Association of Former Students and Manos de Cristo. He cared deeply about land preservation. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to one of these organizations or an organization of your choice that would honor him.

Charlene spent 40 years working for Coryell Memorial Healthcare. She retired as the director of materials management, but worked in many areas including: housekeeping, purchasing, communications, maintenance, ambulance service, building projects and acting director for other departments. Above all else, she served as a leader and mentor for the organization. To know her was to love her. She will forever be missed by all who knew her. She is survived by daughter-in-law, Beverly Kirkland; grandchildren, Marla and Justin Bailey, Jessica and Andrew Quezada, Ryan and Taylor Kirkland, and Justin Kirkland; seven siblings, Clara Lancaster, Corky Cathey, Mary Brumalow, Naomi Weems, Esther Miloy, Brenda Edwards, and Kenneth Andrews; and nine great-grandchildren, Hanna, Jayden, Taryn, Lynlee, Jayce, Wyatt, Bryce, Ila, and Oren along with many other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Alvie and Audrey Andrews, husband, Paul Kirkland, and sons, Alan and Mike Kirkland and eight siblings: Eddie Andrews, Dalton Andrews, Doris Donald, Bert Andrews, Ruth Jones, Audrey Meade, Marvin Andrews and Bernard Andrews. In lieu of flowers please make donations to The Barn Church in Hamilton.

CHARLENE KIRKLAND

April 1, 1941 - Jan. 27, 2022



Charlene Kirkland, age 80, passed away on Jan. 27, 2022, surrounded by family. A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 5, 2022, at The Barn Church in Hamilton.

Charlene was born on April 1, 1941, to Alvie and Audrey Andrews. She dedicated her life to her family. One of 16 children, Charlene spent many years taking care of her brothers and sisters. She married the love of her life, Paul Kirkland, on Sept. 13, 1958. One year later they welcomed their first son, Alan, and completed their family in 1962 with the birth of Mike. Charlene adored her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren and never hesitated to let them know they were loved.

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Gatesville High School releases A and A/B honor roll

The Gatesville High School recently release the A and A/B Honor Roll for Semester 1, Cycle 2. Students qualifying to be included on the honor roll include:

9th Grade A HONOR ROLL

Hannah Bartlett, Romi Bomar, Jeret Burks, Kyle Casey, Dillon Daniels, John Davidson, Ryleigh Eaton, Reagan Fitts, Kasey Fitzer, Katherine Hopson, Alexander Johnson, Emily Kelly, Elaina Knobloch, Caleb Mannix, Trac Miller, Emilie Moore, Dutch Nielsen, Gabriel Pollard, Lucy Pritchett, Ian Rainer, Liam Shoaf, Callie Smith, Cameron Thompson, Ricardo Villagrana, Mariah Votruba, Anna White

A/B HONOR ROLL

Taylor Alderman, Brianna Allen, Aeriale Appleton, Jack Armstrong, Bo Ayers, Logan Biggs, Roland Bowen, Mason Brizendine, Destiny Campbell, Grace Carothers, Rosa Castillo, Teagan Comer, Carvin Coppersmith, Bradley Crozier, MaKenzie Darragh, Jayden Davenport, James Dickerson, Jackson Erwin, Kallie Featherston, Kloye Feldman, Kinlee Gardner, Raylee Glover, Dylan Granados, Garrett Griffith, Madison Hester, Trent Hickman, Kelsey Hoisington, Lilyana Huggins, Clayton Jones, Keira Jones, Sara Kiphen, Jahaziel Martinez, Vania Martinez-Jaramillo, Jose Medrano, Avery Meelbusch, Braden Mills, Logan Morgan, Hayden Mullins, Dana Myers, Jeny Dionz Obeda, Malachi Olvera, Andrea Ortiz Saenz, Allyson Penrod, Laura Perez, Roman Perez, Brianna Petrie, Danny Rodriguez, Keira Ruiz, Paige Marie Sentillas, Jaycee Shelton, Yeri Solano, Avery Streetman, Hunter Swindall, Addison Taylor, Luis Valencia, Myia Walpole, Memphis Wells, Zayla Wisehart, Addison Woods, Royce Wright, Alaynah Wrisk

10th Grade A HONOR ROLL

Riley Aaron, Barrett Boyd, Kale Branum, Max Carpenter, Wyatt Dunbar, Natalie Fast, Zoe Gribble, Carsyn Modisett, Jasmine Olivar, Bethany Penrod, Mikenna Reeves,

A/B HONOR ROLL

Tommy Aaron, Sean Aguilar, William Allman, Juan Almandariz, Hadleigh Ament, Alondra Arias, Elizabeth Bales, Blake Barnes, Charlee Barron, Caden Brister, Christine Brown, Cory Burns, Lilyana Carrillo, Kendal Clarke, Cayleigh Coursey, Taylor Coward, Nathan Elliott, Karma Germain, Jaynee Green, Danelle Gutierrez, Jimmy Hall, Isabell Hamilton, Hayden Heck, Brooke Herry, Rachel Holden, Jose Jacinto, Justin Johnson, Easton Keeney, Ellie Kelley, Gracie Key, Anna Laskowski, Chase Lee, Matti Mann, Hannah Martin, Vesta McMasters, Lawson Mooney, Maximilian Moore, Jaiden Muff, Jacob Nagel, Anna Phillips, Andi Pitrucha, Vanessa Robledo, Jaeda Rodriguez, Xzavier Rodriguez, Lillianna Romero, David Sims, Raylie Snively, Charlie Sommerfeld, Layton Stone, Elara Sumrall, Yodfah Sun, Michael Tawater, Tatum Tyler, Bralen Veazey, Harlie Wedding, Hannah Williford, Ashley Yuchasz

11th Grade A HONOR ROLL

Payton Armstrong, Lena Clawson, William Crozier, Lindsey Cummings, Rosalee Dilly, Slone Early, Rachel Garrett, Brenden Gohlke, Kason Herbelin, Benjamin Mabry, Khloe Mathews, John Meharg, Laura Mitchell, Kallyn Moreland, Maria Olvera Rodriguez, Ty Warren, Carter Williams

A/B HONOR ROLL

Thiele Alvarado, Jacy Archie, Conner Ayres, Lola Barron, Charlyze Breitingger, Korbin Brown, Brady Carothers, Joshua Coalston, Elena Contreras, Kylie Cox, Cody Dotson, Payton Dowling, Preslea Edmond, James Erwin, Jeremy Featherston, Ariel Findley, Chesnea Ford, Cheyenne Gerber, Evalyn Gregory, Kaleigh Haywood, Sara Hernandez, Chancie Hicks, Mariana Hughes, Kagen Hunt, McKenzie Jaynes, Madison Johnson, Nathaniel Johnson, Tykel Johnson, Wyatt Lea, Alianna Longoria, David Manear, Carlo Martinez-Jaramillo, Jade Mazey, Emily Moffett, Mason Mooney, Aydan Necessary, Tiffany Newman, Cayla Par-

rish, Grace Penrod, Dawson Poliquin, Kennedy Preciado, Natalie Retana, Mattison Robinette, Jose Silva Hernandez, Trevor Smith, Kaitlin Stuard, Hollianna Tassin, Tatum Taylor, Jordan Underwood, Giulia Ursini, Nathan West, Ryan Wilson, Addison Wolff, Jordyn Wood, Jacob Ybarra, Eric Yean, Yazmine Zavala

12th Grade A HONOR ROLL

Matthew Arrington, Samuel Belt, Ciera Billingsley, Olivia Brownlee, Brett Byler, Adeline Carpenter, Rachel Conner, Peyton Dooley, Hazlee Edwards, Cheyenne Garcia, Kinsey Gardner, Jaiden Gomez, Tyler Hutts, Jozy Jackson, Pamela Johnson, Scout Key, Hailey Luensmann, Kaitlynn Merritt, Anna Mitchell, Alyssa Molina, Shandiin Monroe, Tina Moran, Allison Pearce, Jorja Penny, Nolee Pickles, Lexi Poston, Georgia Rogers, Jessi Salas, Sarah Saunders, Ryan Smiley, Brenon Smith, Baylee Snoddy, Harlee Snoddy, Juleeva Sun, Cooper Sutton, Tyler Sutton, Stormy Tatum, Riann Tippit

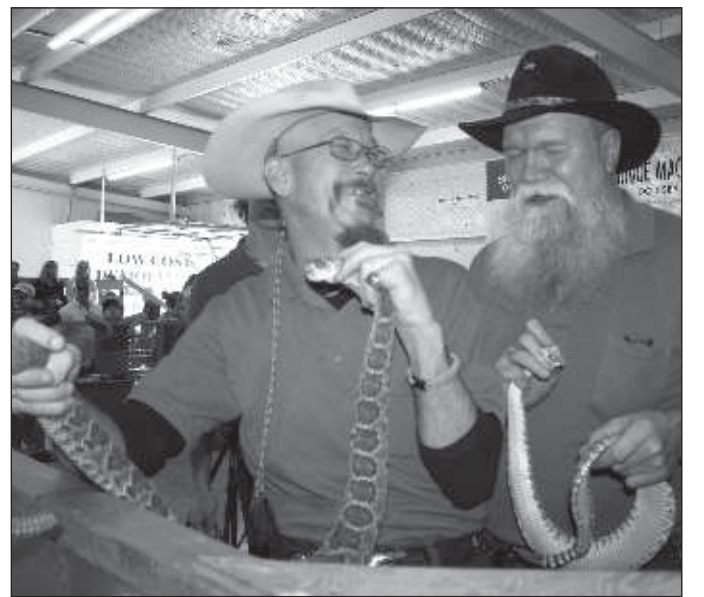
A/B HONOR ROLL

Parker Allman, Jacob Baker, Megan Barcroft, Michael Beard, Dakota Benton, Jacob Briede, Carson Brizendine, Mikala Bryson, Ella Burns, Joao Francisco Cerqueira Lima Chaves, Bradyn Culley, Ryan Darby, Hailey Deemer, Clara De La Torre, Zane Diaz Brown, Calista Downey, Logan Edwards, McKenzie Feldman, Zane Foster, Mathew Gomez, Jimmy Hall, Kaylee Hamilton, Evan Hanson, Lacie Herry, Michaela High, Brodie Huggins, Grant Jeffers, Brooke Johnson, David Kennon, Jordon Kinkade, Luis Macias Ayala, Angela Mata, Cayden Mata, William McCloud, Nicole McGinn, Megan Christine Medley, Paige Monroe, Hayden Mooney, Garrett Morgan, Camden Morra, Breanna Okruch-Montgomery, Evonna Pitrucha, Lyndi Poynter, Kalli Robinette, Shaylie Smart, Bella Smith, Sophia Solano, Shyanne Stovall, Jesse Strange, Zachary Swindall, Natasha Thoms, Cera Touchet, Milton Walters, Eric Wise, Brendan Wrisk, Dayne Zacha

Rattlesnake Roundup returns to Oglesby

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



STAFF PHOTO

Gatesville just off Highway 84. All proceeds from the Roundup will benefit local

programs supported by the Oglesby Lions Club.

Oglesby ISD announces honor roll for second grading period

Oglesby Independent School District recently released their A and A/B honor rolls for the 2nd 9 weeks grading period. Students qualifying for the honor roll include:

A HONOR ROLL

1st grade
Maddie Chapman, Peyton Coleman, Ariel Crell, Kinzlee Gray, Braxton Herry, Thomas Riley, Kimberly Uribe
2nd grade
Bentley Goff, Alexandria Thompson
3rd grade
Brook Hamilton, Joe Hamilton, Rainie Owens, Gracie Thompson
4th grade
Ali Chrisner, Abigail Insall, Hunter Insall
5th grade
Scarlet Aaron, Gracie Russell
6th grade
Holdyn Goff
7th grade
Caitlyn Battreal, Sydney Felan, Jaxon Markum, Allison Uribe
8th grade

Andrea Licea, Taetym Sanders
9th grade
Victoria Cardenas, Drake LeBlanc
10th grade
Matti Dixon, Charolette Ritchie
11th grade
Aiden Gomez
12th grade
Summer Newman, Nataly Salas

A/B HONOR ROLL

1st grade
McKynzlynn Brand, Caymbri Fisher, Briley Martinez
2nd grade
Harleigh Alambar, Calvin Cooper, Abram Gomez, Caden Henderson, Judd Wulffuhle
3rd grade
Slayton Fisher, Bradley Garrett, Jasmine Gonzalez, AJ Martin, Barrett Miller, McKayla Regan, Peyton Shcu, Fernando Uribe
4th grade
Liam Ammerman, Perla Coco, Jacob DeLaTorre, Adelyn Gomez, Avery Lib-

eratore, Adilynn Margoitta, Brody Martinez, Keelyn Riley
5th grade
Anthony Silva Ramirez, Alisyn Smith
6th grade
Jayce Aaron, Couper Wulffuhle
7th grade
Kayson Campbell, Alisa Contreras, Autumn Meyers, Kelsey Ritchie, Presley Robinson, Zarah Wisehart
8th grade
Gracie Reed, Maddison Russell, Jordan Smith, Kaylee Stanford
9th grade
Alexah Battreal, Kyler Fossett, Marlee Henderson, Roselyn Ritchie, Grace Sherill
10th grade
Paydan Bagley, Aiden Deskins, Addie Hamilton, Hunter Walter
11th grade
Alyssa Castillo, Lacie Luckie, Hailey Meyers
12th grade
Lizette Castillo, Matthew Castillo, Kaylee Garcia, Ronaldo Gonzales

Oglesby Independent School District		Exhibit C-2			
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures & Changes in Fund Balances					
Governmental Funds					
For the Year Ended August 31, 2021					
Data Control Codes		10		98	
		General Fund	ESSERI, Cares Act	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES					
5700	Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 939,928	\$ -	\$ 33,620	\$ 973,548
5800	State Program Revenues	1,573,803	-	21,717	1,595,520
5900	Federal Program Revenues	37,508	23,881	256,833	318,322
5020	Total Revenues	2,551,239	23,881	312,270	2,887,390
EXPENDITURES					
Current:					
0011	Instruction	1,235,825	2,828	122,537	1,361,190
0012	Library and Instructional Resources	15,919	-	-	15,919
0013	Curriculum and Staff Development	186	-	2,375	2,541
0023	School Leadership	122,563	-	-	122,563
0031	Guidance and Counseling	5,358	-	11,110	16,468
0033	Health Services	5,415	-	-	5,415
0034	Student Transportation	44,076	-	-	44,076
0035	Food Services	-	-	143,732	143,732
0036	Extracurricular Activities	186,080	-	34,389	220,469
0041	General Administration	297,954	178	4,656	302,788
0051	Plant Maintenance and Operations	306,251	4,092	11,806	322,149
0052	Security and Monitoring Services	600	-	-	600
0053	Data Processing Services	128,343	-	-	128,343
Debt Service:					
0071	Debt Service - Principal	32,328	-	-	32,328
0072	Debt Service - Interest	2,909	-	-	2,909
Capital Outlay:					
0081	Facilities Acquisition & Construction	642,470	-	-	642,470
Intergovernmental:					
0093	Payments to Shared Services Arrangements	32,580	16,783	-	49,363
0099	Other Intergovernmental Charges	13,975	-	-	13,975
6030	Total Expenditures	3,072,812	23,881	330,605	3,427,298
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	(521,573)	-	(18,335)	(539,908)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
7915	Transfers In	-	-	20,000	20,000
8911	Transfers Out	(20,000)	-	-	(20,000)
8949	Other Uses	(5,596)	-	-	(5,596)
7080	Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)	(25,596)	-	20,000	(5,596)
1200	Net Change in Fund Balances	(547,169)	-	1,665	(545,504)
0100	Fund Balances, Beginning	1,858,041	-	9,552	1,867,593
3000	Fund Balances, Ending	\$ 1,310,872	\$ -	\$ 11,217	\$ 1,322,089

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Taste of Gatesville scheduled for Feb. 15

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. This year, the Chili Cook-Off will be invitational.

The Exchange Club hopes that this event will broaden markets while helping them

provide over \$12,000 for community service projects and scholarships.

There will be door prizes, food samples and a silent auction which will include a Jon Brown courthouse print, a three-night stay on the riverwalk in San Antonio, and a fishing trip to Lake Belton.

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.

Take-outs will not be allowed.

Tickets for the event will be \$9 in advance and \$10 at the door. Tickets are available at Educator's Credit Union, Extraco Bank, First National Bank, The Gatesville Messenger, and BancorpSouth.

All proceeds are used for community service projects. For more information about the Taste of Gatesville and Chili Cook-Off, please contact JoAnn Sugg at 254-493-7938 or Nate Busch at 254-702-3099.

Mound News

Caymbri Fisher participated in the Dallas Cowboys cheerleaders National Cheer competition

BARBARA HOPSON

Mrs. Beverly Pardue Jones, former resident of the Mound Community, died Sunday Jan. 23, 2022. Graveside services were held Thursday at Rose Lawn Memorial Park in Van Vleck, Texas. Mrs. Jones is the mother of Philip Jones and wife, Hollie, of Georgetown, David Jones and wife, Dianne, of Gatesville. She was the grandmother of many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mr. Troy Johnson of Austin died Tuesday Jan. 25, 2022. Funeral services are pending. Mr. Johnson was the brother-in-law of Mrs. Eric (Liz) McCorkle of Mound.

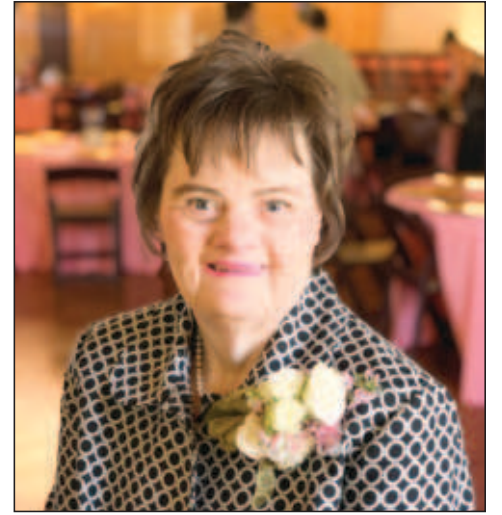
Several people of Mound attended the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce Membership Banquet at the Texas Station Event Center in Gatesville Saturday evening. This year's Business of the Year 2022 was Mrs. Sara Jo (Dixon) Poynter, Haute and Gaudy.

Matti Mann was honored with a surprise 16th birthday party Saturday Jan. 22nd and then Sunday Jan. 29th had another small family birthday party given by her parents, Will and Jennifer Mann.

Emma Blakley was home for the weekend to play in the Hornet Softball Alumni Game.

Carolyn Blakley, Jerry and Brenda Helms went to dinner in Waco Friday evening.

Caymbri Fisher participated in the Dallas Cowboys cheerleaders National Cheer competition Saturday at AT&T Stadium in Arlington.



Barbara Hopson

Slayton Fisher played in the third and fourth grade little dribblers basketball game on Saturday.

Blayze Fisher played in the fifth and sixth grade little dribblers basketball game Saturday.

Brodie Fisher played basketball against Mount Calm. Blayze and Slayton Fisher, Jennifer Miller and Debbie Piller went to watch him.

Debbie Piller enjoyed having Blayze and Slayton Fisher this weekend. They went out to dinner and lunch and enjoyed lots of time together.

Landowner thanks firemen for saving property

To the editor:

As a concerned citizen and landowner in the Mound community, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all the firemen from all areas who came and put out the housefire at the edge of my property, who did a wonderful job. I was very concerned about the dangers involved.

We citizens are privileged to have brave servants who give their time (without pay) to such services. I appreciate them.

Sarah Harris
Mound

CAFÉ members to go on cruise

On March 5, 2022, 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, call 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.

The DISPATCH

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of January 30 - February 1. While there were many calls to the dispatcher, this is a partial list of more significant activity. Persons are reminded that only emergency calls should be made to 9-1-1, while all other calls to the police department should be made to 865-2226 or to the Sheriff's office at 865-7201.

CITY OF GATESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Jan. 30
1:25 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 4000 block of E. Hwy. 84.
2:31 a.m., a disturbance was reported in the 2500 block of E. Main Street.
9:29 a.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 100 block of FM 116.
2:44 p.m., a structure fire was reported in the 700 block of Bluestem.
4:04 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1300 block of Mills Street.
8:03 p.m., a threat was reported in the 100 block of Surrey Lane.

Jan. 31
12:47 a.m., a missing person was reported in the 200 block of N. 8th Street.
7:14 a.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 2500 block of Business Hwy. 36.
10:37 a.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 200 block Twin Creeks Drive.
11:41 a.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 7000 block of FM 107.
12:00 p.m., a theft was reported in the 2300 block of Bridge Street.
3:42 p.m., an accident was reported in the 100 block of Chicktown Road.
7:11 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of E. Leon Street.

Feb. 1
1:35 a.m., suspicious activ-

ity was reported in the 600 block of S. 14th Street.
5:38 a.m., a hazmat spill was reported in the 2800 block of S. State Hwy. 36.
9:55 a.m., a gas leak was reported in the 500 block of N. 12th Street.
10:23 a.m., an accident was reported in the 1200 block of E. Main Street.
7:58 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 4500 block of FM 1829.

was reported on Hwy. 84 at Brooks Drive.
9:13 p.m., an abandoned vehicle was reported in the 5600 block of FM 183 East.
9:24 p.m., suspicious activity was reported on FM 3046.

Jan. 31
8:37 a.m., identity theft was reported in the 1400 block of PR 1002.
9:29 a.m., an attempted break in was reported in the 2800 block of Willow Loop.
10:44 a.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 200 block of Twin Creeks Drive.
11:54 a.m., debris in the roadway was reported on FM 116.
12:00 p.m., a theft was reported in the 1000 block of Lutheran Church Road.
3:34 p.m., a threat was reported in the 500 block of E. Leon Street.

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Jan. 30
1:29 a.m. a reckless driver was reported on E. Hwy. 84 past Apache Drive.
9:22 a.m., a major accident was reported on FM 116 between CR 143 and CR 150.
11:05 a.m., a welfare concern was reported on the square in Evant.
3:52 p.m., shots being fired was reported in the 500 block of Dusty Lane.
5:31 p.m., a major accident

Feb. 1
6:26 a.m., suspicious persons were reported on Comanche Drive off Hwy. 84.
2:52 p.m., missing livestock was reported in the 4500 block of CR 137.
3:02 p.m., a theft was reported in the 2400 block of CR 137.
4:14 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 2900 block of Poplar.
5:18 p.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 100 block of Harrell Drive.
7:52 p.m., a civil matter was reported in the 3100 block of N. FM 116.

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CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH: Steven L. Bogan, pastor; Hwy. 84 and FM 116; Sunday services - Bible study 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m., evening worship 6:30 p.m.

COLD SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH: Bob Phillips, pastor; Sunday services - Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m., evening worship 5:30 p.m.

EASTWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH: Lynn Parks, pastor; 2518 East Main; Sunday services - Sunday School 9:45 a.m., morning worship 10:50 a.m.; Wednesday evening services, 6 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF EVANT: Andrew Newton, pastor; Live Oak Street and Memory Lane; Sunday services - Sunday School 9:45 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m., evening worship 6 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF FLAT: Sunday School 9 a.m.; Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.; Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study 7 p.m.; Wednesday Youth Group & Kid Knights 7 p.m.; Wednesday Supper first Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m.; Men's Breakfast second Saturday of each month at 7:30 a.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF GATESVILLE: Mark Rich, Pastor; 912 E. Main Street; Sunday services - Sunday School 9:30 a.m., morning worship 10:45 a.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF OGLESBY: Jeremy Sanders, pastor; Sunday services - Bible study 9:45 a.m., morning worship 10:50 a.m.

GATEWAY BAPTIST CHURCH: Michael Bragdon, Pastor; Hwy. 36 East; Sunday services - Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m., evening worship 1:30 p.m.; Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.

HARMONY BAPTIST CHURCH: A.C. Painter, pastor; 1750 FM 215; Sunday services - Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m., evening worship 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday evening worship 6:30 p.m.

HAY VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH: 3110 Hay Valley Road, off Hwy 36 North. Sunday morning services - Sunday School 10:00 am, Worship 11:00 am. AWANA children's ministry Sunday evening 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Bible Study for men and women on Wednesday at 6:30 pm.

JONESBORO BAPTIST CHURCH: Matt Dossey, pastor; Sunday services - Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship 10:50 a.m.

KING BAPTIST CHURCH: Charles W. McKamie, pastor; Sunday services - Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m., evening worship 6 p.m.

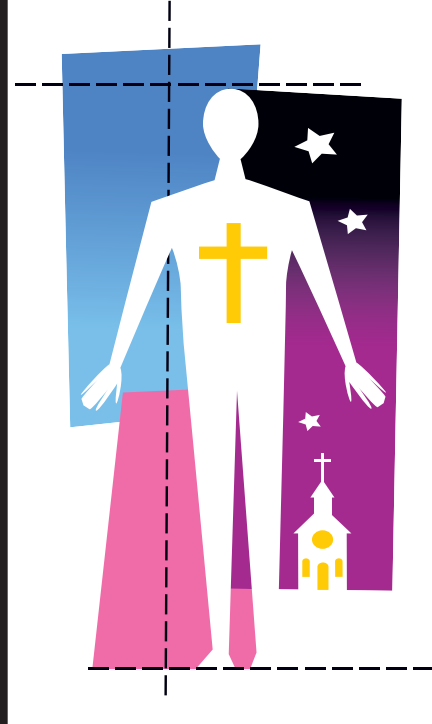
LIBERTY BAPTIST CHURCH: Royse T. Cockrell, DMin., Pastor; Corner of FM 107 & HWY 36 in Gatesville; Sunday School 10:00 am, Morning Service 11:00 a.m., Second Service 1:00 p.m., Family Bible Study Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.

LIVE OAK BAPTIST CHURCH: Bro. Ken Laney, pastor; FM 107; Sunday services - Sunday School 9:15 a.m., morning worship 10:30 a.m., Wed. evening Adult, Youth and Children's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

MOUNTAIN BAPTIST CHURCH: Rev. Kurt Fuessel, pastor; Hwy. 84 East in South Mountain community; Sunday services - Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m., evening worship 6 p.m. Prayer meeting 7:00 p.m. Wednesday.

OSAGE BAPTIST CHURCH: Chris Thomas, pastor; Sunday services - Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m.

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— Christopher Simon

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PLEASANT VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH: Chris Post, Pastor; CR 301, Jonesboro, TX; Sunday school at 10 a.m. and Sunday worship at 11 a.m.

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PURMELA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH: Sunday services - Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m.

SWEET HOME BAPTIST CHURCH: 511 North 14th; Sunday services - Sunday morning worship 10 a.m., church school 5 p.m., evening worship 6 p.m.

SPANISH BAPTIST CHURCH: Ezequiel Casas, pastor; 113 Veazy Dr.; Sunday Services; Sunday School 10:00 a.m., worship 11:00 a.m., Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m.

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH: Tim Crosby, pastor; 1506 West Main; Sunday services - Sunday School 9:30 a.m., morning worship 10:50 a.m. Wednesday Services - Prayer Meeting/Youth Ministry 6:00 p.m., TBC Kids at 6 p.m. Email: trinitybctx@centurylink.net. Church: 254-865-8495 or Pre-school: 254-248-0041.

TURNERSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH: Jon Crosby, Pastor; Sunday services - Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m., Wednesday night Bible study, 6 p.m.

WESTVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH: Interim Pastor: Eddie Taylor; Hwy. 84 West; Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m.

WHITE HALL BAPTIST CHURCH: Mike Barron, pastor; 2040 CR 238, Gatesville; Sunday school at 10 a.m.; Sunday morning worship services 11 a.m.; 254-679-3200.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

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EVANT CHURCH OF CHRIST: Will Vann, Preacher; Sunday services-Bible Study 9:30 a.m., morning worship 10:20 a.m., evening worship 12:30 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

FORT GATES CHURCH OF CHRIST: Hwy. 36 S.; Sunday services - Morning worship 10:30 a.m.

GATESVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST: Justin Hall, minister; 2417 E Main; Sunday Bible class 9:30 a.m., morning service 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday Bible classes 6:30 p.m.

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ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH: Rev. Christopher Richman, PhD; FM 929 in Coryell City; Sunday services - Morning worship 9 a.m., Sunday School 10:15 a.m.

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH: Rev. John Heckmann, pastor; Hwy. 36 and FM 1114 in The Grove; Sunday services - Sunday School 9 a.m., worship 10:15 a.m.

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PRESBYTERIAN

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH: Rev. Dr. Buddy Wheat, pastor; 1110 E. Main, Gatesville; Sunday services - Sunday School 9:45 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m.

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CORYELL VALLEY CHURCH: 4995 FM 929, 3.5 miles from S.H. 36; Worship Saturdays at 5 p.m. coryellvalleytexas.com

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NOTICE OF TAX FORECLOSURE SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
 COUNTY OF CORYELL

Date and Time of Sale: The first Tuesday of the month, March 1, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

TAX SUIT NO. CTX-13-03046
 COPPERAS COVE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
 VS.
 LUCAS MARTI, ET AL.

TRACT 1: BEING LOT EIGHTEEN (18), BLOCK FOUR (4) DRYDEN ADDITION, COPPERAS COVE, CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS BEING THAT PROPERTY MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN A WARRANTY DEED RECORDED AT DOCUMENT NO. 94235 OF THE CORYELL COUNTY PUBLIC RECORDS (TAX ACCOUNT NUMBER: 118985)

DATE OF JUDGMENT: MAY 14, 2021
 DATE OF LEVY: JANUARY 28, 2022

TAX SUIT NO. CTX-15-03178
 COPPERAS COVE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
 VS.
 SAMANTHA JANE HARROD AKA SAMANTHA HARROD, ET AL.

TRACT 1: 0.183 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING A PART OF LOTS 12 AND 13, BLOCK 9, MEGGS ADDITION, CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN COUNTY CLERK'S FILE #227129, PUBLIC RECORDS OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS. (TAX ACCOUNT NO. 121670)

DATE OF JUDGMENT: FEBRUARY 14, 2020
 DATE OF LEVY: JANUARY 28, 2022

TAX SUIT NO. CTX-17-03420
 COPPERAS COVE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
 VS.
 C.C.S., ET AL.

TRACT 1: LOT 32, Willow Springs Unit 1, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Cabinet A, Slide 150, Plat Records of Coryell County, Texas (TAX ACCOUNT NO. 127048).

DATE OF JUDGMENT: JULY 26, 2019
 DATE OF LEVY: JANUARY 28, 2022

TAX SUIT NO. CTX-18-03424
 COPPERAS COVE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
 VS.
 MICHAEL G. BIRD, ET AL.

TRACT 1: Lot 9, Block 7, Mountain Top Addition, third Extension to the City of Copperas Cove, Coryell County, Texas according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 1, Page 77, Plat Records of Coryell County, Texas (TAX ACCOUNT NO. 122586).

DATE OF JUDGMENT: MAY 14, 2021
 DATE OF LEVY: JANUARY 28, 2022

Listed in the caption above are delinquent tax suits in which Judgments of Foreclosure have been rendered and Orders of Sale have been issued. The listing for each suit sets out: (1) the Cause Number; (2) the Plaintiff Tax Unit; (3) the Defendants; (4) the date of the Judgment; (5) the date of Levy; and (6) the Property Description. Under the Order of Sale issued pursuant to each Judgment above listed, I did at the time specified for each suit levy upon each Property in such suit as described above as the property of the Defendants named or designated in such suit. On the sale date specified above, which is the first Tuesday of said month, I will offer and sell at public auction, for cash, each property described above, and all the right, title, interest and estate in and to each such property owned or claimed by the Defendants named in connection with each such property; PROVIDED, however, that no property shall be sold directly or indirectly to anyone other than a Tax Unit which is a party to that specific suit for less than the total amount of taxes, penalties, interest and costs due against that particular property or any adjudged value decreed, whichever is lower.

The foreclosure sales under this notice will be held on the first Tuesday of said month, at the North Door of the Coryell County Courthouse of said County, at the time set out above, by and through PERDUE, BRANDON, FIELDER, COLLINS & MOTT, LLP, 3301 Northland Drive, Ste. 505, Austin, Texas 78731, Telephone (512) 302-0190 and Telecopier (512) 302-1802, my authorized representative. The sale of each property shall be subject to the rights of the Defendants named in connection with each particular property, and any successors in title, to redeem such specified property in the time and manner provided by law; and subject also to the rights of any defendants to have each particular property owned or claimed by such defendants divided and sold in less divisions than the whole as provided by law. The sale as to each property is to be made to satisfy the Judgment rendered against that particular property and the Defendants named in connection with that particular property. The proceeds of the Sale of each property are to be applied to the satisfaction of the Judgment against that particular property, and the remainder of the sale proceeds, if any, are to be applied as the law directs.

Dated at Gatesville, being the County Seat of Coryell County, Texas, on this the 31st day of January, 2022.

Scott A. Mott
 SHERIFF OF CORYELL COUNTY

By: _____
 Deputy

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LEGAL NOTICE

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Wine and Malt Beverage Retailer's Permit and a Food and Beverage Certificate by Katrina Pelkey dba Studebakers Pizza to be located at 2701 E. Main Street, Gatesville, Coryell County, Texas. Officers of said corporation are Gerald Pelkey and Katrina Pelkey, owners.
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Brownwood tops Gatesville boys, girls basketball teams

BY TRISTON MCGEEHEE
STAFF WRITER

The Gatesville Hornets fell to the Brownwood Lions, 86-65 in a District 6-4A boys basketball game at Sidney L. Pruitt Gymnasium in Gatesville.

The Hornets and the Lions met on Jan. 14, with the Lions winning, 91-66 at Warren Gym in Brownwood. The Hornets played

hard but had similar results on the scoreboard. Gatesville drops to (12-18 overall, 1-4 district), while Brownwood rose to (21-7 overall, 5-0 district).

Junior Carter Williams finished the game with 18 points, while freshman Rayshon Smith followed with 12 points. Senior Jaiden Gomez had 18 points and Jack Carroll ended with 10 points.

The Hornets were scheduled to play the Stephenville Yellow Jackets (6-21 overall, 0-5 district) on Friday at Gandy Gymnasium in Stephenville.

LADY HORNETS
The Gatesville Lady Hornets lost their District 6-4A girls basketball game against the Brownwood Lady Lions, 62-22, at Sidney L. Pruitt Gymnasium in Gatesville.

The Lady Hornets had a tough loss at home, but they played until the buzzer. Sophomore Aliyah Trotter led the Lady Hornets with 7 points on the night. Junior Camryn Higginbotham and sophomore Taylor Coward followed with 4 points.

The Lady Hornets were scheduled to play the Stephenville Honeybees at Gandy Gymnasium in Stephenville on Friday.

HOOPS

FROM PAGE A10

Like the boys, the Lady Eagles topped the Lady Tigers on Jan. 7, 31-24 in Oglesby. The Lady Eagles guaranteed themselves a play-off spot with a win over the Lady Tigers. And with the win, the Lady Eagles sit in the third spot in the district set for the playoffs.

JHS girls head coach Billy Massingill claimed excellent defense was a key factor in the domination of Oglesby.

"Our defense did what they were supposed to do," Massingill said.

Sophomore McKenzie Coble and senior Kylee Deason both finished with 15 points on the night. Their teammate, senior Katie Snoddy had 13 points.

The Lady Eagles were scheduled to play Gholson (4-10 overall, 0-9 district) on Friday at the Gholson High School Gym. Results from this game will be in a future edition.

LADY TIGERS

The Oglesby girls were overwhelmed by their District 25-1A girls basketball rival.

Nothing seemed to go right for the Lady Tigers, being outscored in all four quarters. Despite the loss, the girls work hard in practice, are coachable, and have a shot at the playoffs if they beat Cranfills Gap on Friday. The Lady Tigers are a young team creating their identity.



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Jonesboro's Nat Hilliker battles Oglesby's Johnny Gomez in a district game between the Eagles and Tigers on Tuesday.

OHS assistant basketball coach Dylan Segundo will be taking the reins as head coach of the Lady Tiger's next season. Segundo shared

that tonight was a tough loss, but the girls are working hard to improve going forward.

"They're good kids, they listen,

and they want to be better," Segundo said. "They want to win."

The Lady Tigers are scheduled to take on Cranfills Gap Lady Lions

(4-11 overall, 1-5 in district) on Friday at the Oglesby High School Gym. Results from this game will be in a future edition.

Zephyr defeats Lady Elks, 47-41

BY TRISTON MCGEEHEE
STAFF WRITER

The Evant Lady Elks were defeated by the Zephyr Lady Bulldogs, 47-41 in a District 18-1A girls basketball game at the Zephyr High School Gym.

The Lady Elks (10-10 overall, 6-5 in

district) played tough, only coming short six points against the Lady Bulldogs (5-4 overall, 9-2 in district). Emileigh Burton led the Lady Elks in points, scoring 14 points. Hailey Neri finished the night with 15 points and Luwi Rodriguez 11 points in the game.

Area Fishing Report

Belton

GOOD. Water lightly stained; 52 degrees; 2.76 feet low. Catfish are good on main lake points and river channels on the edge of structures using fresh-cut bait, such as perch or shad. Report by Jason "SPUD" Barton, Cattin' Around Adventure's Professional Guide Service. Reading the weather forecast and fishing on days with southern breezes, cloud coverage, and winds 8-17 mph will be key. The sweet wind spot is 8-17 mph because calmer winds are tougher to fish, but high winds are dangerous due to decreased boat control. White bass are fair on five-eighth-ounce bladed hazy slabs. This is an atypical shallow year on Belton, with the fish in 22-33 feet of water. Report by Bob Maindelle, Holding the Line Guide Service.

Stillhouse Hollow

GOOD. Water lightly stained; 52 degrees; 2.66 feet low. Reading the weather forecast and fishing on days with southern breezes, cloud coverage, and winds 8-17 mph will be key. The wind sweet spot is 8-17 mph because calmer winds are tougher to fish, but high winds are dangerous due to decreased boat control. White bass are fair in 28-40 feet of water using five-eighth-ounce bladed hazy slabs. Report by Bob Maindelle, Holding the Line Guide Service.

Waco

GOOD. Water stained; 51 degrees; 3.74 feet low. Bass are good biting low moving baits like black/blue jigs or crawls early in the morning, transitioning to shad and chartreuse colored crankbaits as the water heats up throughout the day. Fish are shallow to about 8 feet deep in wood and rock structure. Crappie are still in the brush piles. White bass and hybrid bass are on main lake structures. Fishing report provided by Justin Prisco, Prisco's Fishing Guide Service.

Whitney

GOOD. Water lightly stained; 53 degrees; 2.29 feet low. Striped bass are excellent in 22-40 feet of water deadsticking, swimbaits, deep diving crankbaits. Report by Kraig Sex-

ton, Sexton's Guide Service LLC.

Brownwood

GOOD. Water lightly stained; 45 degrees; 1.80 feet low. Fishing weather is good as we head into a weekend with consistent weather and good winds. Largemouth bass are good with perch like crankbaits, brown or green Texas-rigged plastic worms; chartreuse bladed spinners, and shaky head jigs near timber, rocky shorelines, and docks. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs in brush piles and near bridge pilings. White bass and hybrids are good on slabs, swimbaits, and live bait along the main lake channels, humps, and ridges. Look for birds diving over feeding schools of white bass. Catfish are good on shrimp, chicken liver, and live bait.

Proctor

SLOW. Water clear; 43 degrees; 1.85 feet low. Fishing continues to be slow and will fluctuate as the cold fronts move in. Crappie are fair near brush piles in Copperas Creek Park on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair drifting in the high point area biting on cut bait. White bass and hybrid stripers are slow on slabs. Black bass are slow.

LBJ

GOOD. Water lightly stained; 51 degrees; 0.68 feet low. Crappie are excellent in 30 feet of water on orange and black jigs. Report by Jess Rotherham of Texas Crappie Fishing Service. Fishing will remain similar now that the winter cold fronts are rolling through. Largemouth bass are fair to good biting on crawfish crankbaits, red rattle traps, crawfish imitation soft plastics, and finesse jigs. Some largemouths are mixed in with white bass by underwater green lights at night. White, hybrid, striped bass are fair vertically jigging spoons in the river channel and under green lights at night. Catfish are slow to fair jigging spoons in the schools of white bass. They are hanging out underfeeding schools of white fish finishing off the fallen shad. Winter is the time to catch those lunkers using cut or live shad and live or cut perch. Report by Lee Benton, Fishing Guide Austin.

Colder weather means adjusting fishing patterns

BY MICHAEL ACOSTA
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

As a licensed professional fishing guide, Michael Acosta shows you how to find them. He has been fishing all of his life, and has been a licensed guide since 1998.

Winter has arrived and we are seeing some of the lowest water temperatures to date. In other words we are in the dead of winter and fishing patterns need to be adjusted for this cold water. The good news for anglers is that this is prime time for catching big fish.

Different species prefer different water temperatures and of course, you will have to use this type of information to help locate and catch fish. Black bass anglers may be more prone to fish on those warmer days or pick afternoons when the water has had a chance to warm some. This is good advice for most species.

Not all species will wait for the warmest part of the day to feed. Their metabolism slows in the winter, but they still must eat. There are many factors to influence the bite. Weather is a major one this time of the year.

Water clarity and water flows can also influence fish feeding or moving. Don't forget about the moon phase. Picking a time to get on the water coincident with a peak feeding time can make a difference.

If it just so happens that the peak feeding time is coincidental with the warmest part of the day this may be your flag to get out there. If there is a major weather event, the moon may not even play a role on when the fish will feed. If you are fishing a narrow river where the daylight has less impact, the moon phase may have less impact as well.

As always, you will probably have a morning bite

and an evening bite. If I am to fish the early part of the day, I do not want to miss the early morning. Conversely, if I am to fish the latter half of the day, I will be looking for that late afternoon bite. I will also be aware of the potential peak or secondary peak feeding times for the day.

As I have mentioned more than once, locate the bait fish. With these colder water temperatures, you will find that the fish will be looking for slightly warmer waters. Typically, on colder days, this will be in deeper holes in a river or deeper places in the lake. Water temperatures will be slightly warmer toward the bottom in the dead of winter. Fish will "huddle" in these deeper places on the colder days.

Fishing is great in the winter if you can get out. Just make sure you dress for the occasion and play it safe. The cold water can kill if you happen to fall in.

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Setting a new standard for GHS

Hayden Mooney sets new record for Gatesville season tackles

BY TRISTON MCGEHEE
STAFF WRITER

Hayden Mooney was a playmaker for the Gatesville High School football team this past season.

Mooney, 18-year-old senior troubled opposing offenses all season, breaking the GHS school record for most tackles in a season, with 209, breaking Gatesville's state football champion Pedro Quintero's 201 from 2000.

Mooney is a quiet kid who will always put 100% effort into whatever he does. Mooney is a first-team all-district safety for Gatesville for the

2022 season. Mooney was awarded the Defensive MVP award at the 2022 GHS Football Banquet for his efforts this season, an award that he has won for the past three years. Mooney also was awarded defensive honorable mention for the 2022 Smoaky.com All-Central Texas Football team for the safety position. Mooney is a driven individual in every way possible.

Aaron Hunter has been the defensive coordinator for the past two seasons but has been the head coach for GHS since January. Hunter remembers coming to Gatesville and watching a film of Mooney



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Hayden Mooney was a mainstay for the Hornet football team on offense and defense, and set a new season record for tackles.

standing out on the field.

"When I tell you that he stood out over everyone on the field just how he played the game as a sophomore, 'I said man, I am going to build my defense around him'" Hunter said.

Hunter and Mooney developed a bond over the past couple of seasons, developing a lot of trust between the two.

Mooney stepped up to the challenge leading his team. Mooney became the heart and soul of the defense. The belief in him by Hunter

made Mooney feel like an important part of the whole process.

Hanging up the cleats is hard, especially in football, where an athlete may never pick them up again. Mooney is trying to soak up all his memories from his senior season.

"It just really hasn't hit me yet," Mooney said. "It's over, and I won't be playing again next year. It probably won't hit me until it starts back up next year, and I won't be able to play."

Mooney is setting his sights on going to college at Texas A&M Uni-

versity in College Station. He plans to major in Civil Engineering but does not think he will play football at the college level.

Although Mooney had a tremendous year in football, he is now preparing for baseball season, his favorite sport.

Mooney's dad Terry has made a big impact on his son, motivating him throughout the years.

"He has always pushed me and motivated me," Mooney said.

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Hayden Mooney combines for a tackle vs. Robinson during the 2021 season.

Gatesville powerlifting teams excel at Robinson meet

BY TRISTON MCGEHEE
STAFF WRITER

The Gatesville boys and girls powerlifting teams did well at the Robinson Invitational meet at Robinson High School on Jan. 29.

The boys team placed second as a team with 42 points scored. The girls placed third as a team with 28 points scored. According to Powerlifting head coach Jason Moffett the boys and girls were setting new personal records in most every and in total.

"I tend to measure our success, even more than by them winning medals and winning meets," Moffett stated in an email. "Those things are good, but I love the look on a kid's face when they hit a weight they never hit

before. You can see the confidence it gives them for their next meet."

Moffett shared what motivates power lifters to succeed.

"Powerlifting offers the opportunity to literally see your hard work pay off in a very tangible way every week," Moffett stated in the same email. "Everyone can be a good lifter, if they work hard enough. I think that is why some of our kids love to lift."

The GHS powerlifters are competing with 13 other schools today at Sidney L. Pruitt Gymnasium in Gatesville from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Moffett expects the meet to be "very competitive."

"Many of these schools historically have very strong kids that compete very well."

Moffett said in the email, "I am excited because when you have great competition, it pushes you to bring your A game."

Girls

First place: Lindsey Cummings, weight class 105, total points 500.

First place: Kasey Fitzer, weight class 114, total points 520.

First place: Emmaleah Zacha, weight 259+, total points 1,060.

Boys

First place: Caden Brister, weight 123, total points 790.

First place: Ryan Smiley, weight 275, total points 1,645.

First place: Zach Bryant, weight 308, total points 1,220.

First place: Gabe Charles, weight 308+, total points 1,160.

There are 13 schools attending the GHS meet at Sidney L. Pruitt Gymnasium.

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- * Lorena
- * Connally
- * McGregor
- * Valley Mills
- * Meridian
- * Moody
- * Robinson
- * Troy
- * Bruceville-Eddy
- * West

Jonesboro Eagles teams soar over Oglesby Tiger teams

BY TRISTON MCGEHEE
STAFF WRITER

The Jonesboro Eagles beat their Coryell County rival, the Oglesby Tigers, 60-52 in a District 25-1A boys basketball game at the Jonesboro High School Gym on Tuesday.

Previously, the Eagles (9-10 overall, 6-3 in district) encountered the Tigers (4-8 overall, 2-6 district) on Jan. 7 and won the contest 49-38 in Oglesby. The Eagles came into this game confident to clinch the third spot in District 25. The Eagles solidified themselves into the third spot with the win over the Tigers.

"It was good to get the win," JHS head coach Chris Simon said. "It's always tough playing a rival team, but I felt like we came out and started well we got up big on them early."

Jonesboro's lead was substantial through the first three quarters, with their highest leading margin being 19 points in the third quarter and the second-highest coming in the second quarter with 18.

Senior Layton Blanchard had a tremendous night shooting, scoring 20 points to end the night. Simon was happy with Blanchard's performance.

"I think that Big Man Layton (Blanchard) really stepped up today," Simon said. "(Oglesby) really didn't have an answer for him, and he was able to put (the ball) in, and that kept the lead a little bit."

Simon also credited sophomore Jacob Cisneros for playing well. Cisneros completed the game with 11 points, while his teammate, ju-



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Oglesby's Summer Newman looks to drive past a Jonesboro defender in a basketball game played Tuesday night in Jonesboro.

nior Costin Allison, finished with 10 points.

Jonesboro is scheduled to play the Gholson Wildcats (1-13 overall, 1-5 district) on Friday. Results from this game will be in a future edition.

TIGERS

The Oglesby Tigers (4-8 over-

all, 2-6 in district) played their hearts out in their matchup against the Eagles, playing until the final buzzer. The Tigers are sitting in the fourth spot in the district. The Tigers were outscored in every quarter except the fourth.

"The boys played hard," OHS head coach Jeb Dixon said. "We just

dug a hole early and couldn't climb out of it."

Blake Thompson led the Tigers with 21 points on the night, followed by his teammate Hunter Walter with 15.

The Tigers are scheduled to play the Cranfills Gap Lions (9-11 overall, 2-6 in district) on Friday at the

Oglesby High School Gym.

LADY EAGLES

The Jonesboro Lady Eagles shut down the Oglesby Lady Tigers 52-5 in a District 25-1A girls basketball game at the Jonesboro High School Gym on Tuesday.

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GATESVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AWARD WINNERS

Gary & R'Lue Gribble named Citizens of the Year

BY JEFF OSBORNE
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

The Gatesville Chamber of Commerce recognized Gary and R'Lue Gribble were named Citizens of the Year during the annual Membership Meeting and Awards Banquet at Texas Station.

Pastor Wray Nunn and his daughter Felicia 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 and mentor." R'Lue works at Hillside Medical Lodge as a licensed professional nurse and assistant nursing director.

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.



Lute Sullins, Wray Nunn, R'Lue Gribble, Gary Gribble, Felicia Inman and Barbie Klecka during the Citizen of the Year presentation.

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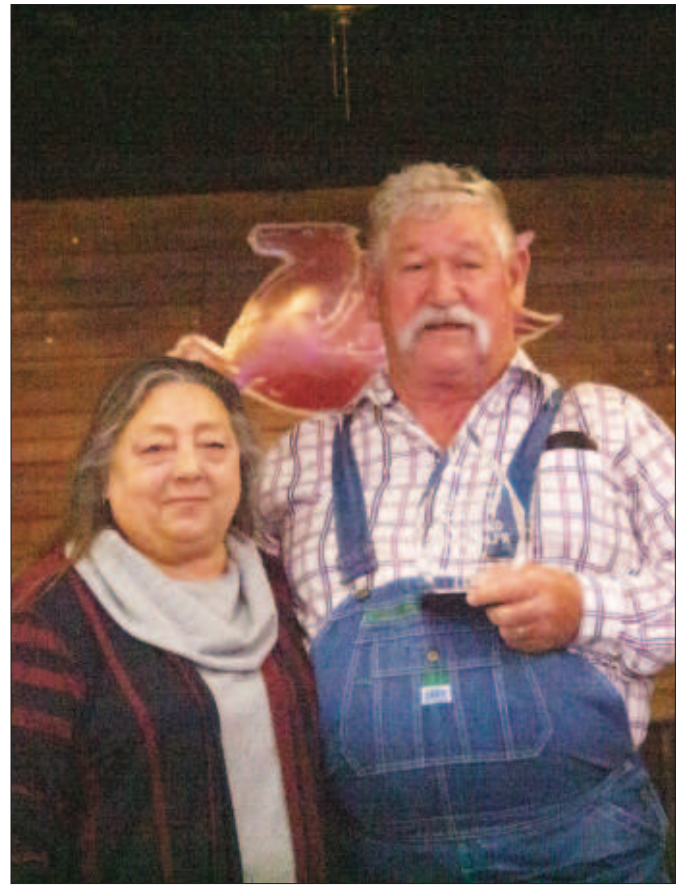


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Lute has served on the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce board from 2014-2021, while being an executive board member for the last five years. He is the outgoing president for the Chamber.



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Letter from the 2022 Gatesville Chamber of Commerce President

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As we continue to recover from the pandemic,

I am honored to work alongside our dedicated Board who all share the same vision, business growth and healthy community environment goals.

- Barbie Klecka

the Chamber's goal is to work toward improving the local quality of life through volunteers and committees. The Chamber is proud to sponsor events

throughout the year to help support the community.

As the 2022 Chamber President, I am honored to work alongside our dedicated Board who all share the same vision, business growth and healthy community environment goals.

If you are not a member of the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce, please join us today. Your membership will benefit your business and the community. I look forward to working with everyone during my time as president.

- Barbie Klecka, Chamber president



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Sara Jo's Haute & Gaudy named Business of the Year

BY SABRINA ANDERSON
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

For the last eight years, Sara Jo Poynter has been making her mark across Texas.

What began as an idea to make cheaper and unique clothes from different fabrics soon turned into what local residents now known as Sara Jo's Haute and Gaudy boutique.

Wild. Vibrant. Colorful. These are just some of the words customers use to describe the one-of-a-kind pop-up shop. Among the store's items are bold prints, bleached and distressed materials, graphic tees and accessories for every occasion.

"I wanted to have clothing that people would feel confident in and would also get a compliment from, just to feel good in wearing it," said Poynter.

Before starting up her business, Poynter worked full time as a fitness instructor at various boot camps. However, she knew her passion for fashion would drive her to succeed in operating her own boutique one day.

So, with a few hundred dollars and the utmost determination, Poynter began her journey of sharing her personality and unique style with others.

"It's just kinda something that came natural to me - I like to stand out in a crowd," said Poynter. "I like for my clothing to be a resemblance of who I am - fun, active, energetic."

Today, she has merchandise at two locations, an online website

and a trailer she takes with her across the state to set up for pop-up shops, events and fundraisers.

More often than not, almost every weekend is filled with travel to another city for her, whether it be 45 minutes down the road or several hours away.

"Getting to meet the people, having repeat customers, learning about people's lives...you really do make friends," said Poynter. "It truly is so much fun. I love it."

Poynter also frequently partners with various schools and businesses to plan fundraisers in which she sets up shop for a couple hours. Both employees and the public can shop at these events, usually during lunch time for about three hours. After the fundraiser is over, she gives a portion of the proceeds to the partnered school or business.

"They make my job so fun, and I absolutely love what I do," said Poynter. "Gatesville has been great to me - to just come to a small town and be embraced."

From Central Texas to Oklahoma, and sometimes even Arkansas, she is making all who shop with her into their best version of themselves, or as Sara Jo would say, "In a world full of boutiques, thank you for being haute and gaudy."

You can find Sara Jo's Haute and Gaudy merchandise at local stores such as Baker's Market and 1854 Mercantile in Gatesville, or online at www.hauteandgaudy.com.



2021 Gatesville Chamber of Commerce President Lute Sullins with Sara Jo Poynter, and 2022 Gatesville Chamber of Commerce President Barbie Klecka. Poynter's shop, Sara Jo's Haute & Gaudy, was named Business of the Year.

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Poco Automotive awarded for Best Customer Service

BY SABRINA ANDERSON
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

One of the special features of living in a small town like Gatesville is having the familial essence local businesses bring to the community. No doubt, if you've been down Main Street at least once or twice, you've seen the sign that guides people to Poco Automotive - short for Powell Companies Automotive - a business that's been around for just over 50 years now.

In 1971, Gatesville native Robert Powell opened up the auto mechanic shop with four bays and began the legacy that now stands today.

As the years passed, the business grew with more customers and services, becoming well-known for their integrity. In 1984, Kyle Powell bought the business from his father and continued to give clients the same renowned customer service, adding seven new bays to the shop over the years.

Since 2016, Bobby and Melissa Jenkins have owned and maintained Poco Automotive, upholding the principles of great customer service through their business routines and employees' work ethic.

Before he began his journey in Gatesville, Bobby worked as a technician in the Dallas area and then moved to a Firestone shop in Temple where he eventually met

and became friends with Robert. In 2005, Bobby started working as a technician with Poco Automotive under Kyle's management, inevitably working his way toward his current position.

"I've always enjoyed doing it; I'm always working on something," said Jenkins. "Even when I was a kid, I was always taking stuff apart and putting it back together."

While most businesses across the nation have seen a dip in sales and services in recent years, the pandemic brought the opposite for Poco Automotive. According to Jenkins, 2020 was a record-setting sales year for the business.

"Ten years ago, 80% or better of our customers were from here," said Jenkins. "And now, probably at least 50% of them are new coming through the door."

Poco Automotive offers various services to its customers, most of which include wheel alignments and front end work. Jenkins said the business is constantly trying to make sure they keep up with the market, setting a standard for how to handle diagnostics and electrical work among his employees.

"We have a whole crew of talented individuals, which is very hard to find especially today," said Jenkins.

Staying true to its familial Gatesville roots, Poco Automotive spon-



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Poco Automotive was recognized at the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce Banquet for having the Best Customer Service.

sors local sports teams for both city and high school leagues. Once upon a time, the business offered their expertise to local high school students enrolled in the automotive classes.

"Every now and then we'd do a

demonstration, you know, how to change a flat tire, things like that," said Jenkins. "If you find a good mechanic in this town, if he's from here, usually he went through that program in Gatesville."

As Robert planned, Kyle pur-

sued and Bobby continues to enact today, Poco Automotive strives to "take care of people and their cars." For more information about Poco Automotive or for scheduling services, visit www.pocoauto.com.

Message from outgoing Chamber President Lute Sullins

It has truly been an honor to serve as your Chamber president for 2021.

COVID continued to present numerous challenges for us throughout the year but with the help of some amazing volunteers, and the incredible support from our community members, we were able to push through and make this year one of the best ever.

We were able to bring back the Shivaree and Corks and Kegs events this year, and even resurrected the Chamber golf tournament after a multi-year absence. Most importantly, Chamber membership even grew to over 250 members this year!

All of this would not be possible if it wasn't for the generosity of chamber businesses and individual members. Words can-

not express my appreciation for these members - who throughout the year graciously sponsored or donated to chamber events for us, while likely at the same time facing COVID-related income shortfalls and interruptions.

The commitment each of you have shown the chamber during this difficult time is something I will never forget.

Lastly, I would like to thank the executive board and ambassadors for their incredibly hard work throughout the year.

Many people don't understand that the directors and ambassadors are volunteers, and are taking time away from work and family to serve the chamber.

I may be biased, but I strongly believe that I was blessed with the best board and ambassador

group ever. Though short on numbers, we always had plenty of help from these individuals going above and beyond to make each event a success.

I can leave my presidency with full confidence that the chamber is in GREAT hands with this group.

In closing, I would like to make a plea for those of you who may have some interest in volunteering to please come visit with me or any of the Chamber board members.

The chamber is always in need of volunteer help. More volunteer help would open up so many more possibilities for growth for our chamber. Thank you again for your support, and here's to an AMAZING 2022!

- Lute Sullins



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Lute Sullins, 2021 Gatesville Chamber of Commerce president

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The Last Detail named Best New Business

BY SABRINA ANDERSON
Contributing Writer

While stores all across the nation were boarding up their doors at the height of the pandemic in 2020, Monica and Justin Doyle were building up their new business from their garage.

Taking advantage of the newfound time people had on their hands, the Doyles decided to fill the community's need for a car detailing service, juggling both their full-time jobs and their new business.

"I put out the word on Facebook, and it was just our friends and family at first and then word of mouth, and it just kinda grew from there," said Monica Doyle.

As the business continued to grow over the last year, the couple transitioned their services from something on the side to something more full time, finding that the demand for detailing is high in the area.

"This is really a need in our community, and there's definitely a learning curve to the actual ins and outs of running a business," said Doyle. "I think this is something that will add value to our community."

The business is also involved in many community events, sponsoring local city

league teams and donating details to silent auctions in the area. Whenever possible, they like to get involved as much as they can in giving back to their community.

Among the services offered at The Last Detail are both interior and exterior car detailing, which can include power washing, paint correction, waxing or buffing and many more. From sports cars to smart cars, work trucks and mom cars, they have serviced just about every kind of vehicle in the market.

"It absolutely just makes my day when a customer is happy with the service that we provided for them," said Doyle.

Today, both Monica and Justin work exclusively at The Last Detail and now have four full-time employees to help manage the influx of clients' needs. Their next goals are to expand the business to other locations and have their own building to operate the business from.

"We are here to serve the community, and we absolutely would welcome anyone who would want to seek our business."

You can find more information about services The Last Detail offers on their Facebook page or by calling them at 439-340-8107.



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2021 Gatesville Chamber of Commerce President Lute Sullins (left) and 2022 Gatesville Chamber of Commerce President Barbie Klecka (right) with owners of The Last Detail, which was named Best New Business of the Year.

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2021 Gatesville Chamber of Commerce President Lute Sullins (left) and 2022 Gatesville Chamber of Commerce President Barbie Klecka (right) presenting Abi Cozart with her award for Director of the Year.



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2021 Gatesville Chamber of Commerce President Lute Sullins (left) and Gatesville Chamber of Commerce Director Abi Cozart(right) presenting Nancy Ashcraft with her award for Ambassador of the Year.

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2021 Gatesville Chamber of Commerce President Lute Sullins (left) and 2022 Gatesville Chamber of Commerce President Barbie Klecka (right) presenting Hailey Luensmann with her award for Junior Ambassador of the Year.

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The Gatesville Chamber of Commerce's Top Five Ambassadors of the Year are pictured with 2021 Chamber President Lute Sullins. Those Ambassadors are, left to right, Haley Rutledge, Diana Barnett, Glenda Brown and Nancy Ashcraft along with Director of the Year Abi Cozart. Not pictured is Kaley Branch, who was also named in the top five.

Congratulations to all who were named during this year's banquet.

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