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City to negotiate on new trash service contract

BY JEFF OSBORNE
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

Trash blowing in the wind or scattered down streets and sidewalks should become far less frequent in the future, based on plans to change the way trash is collected within the city of Gatesville.

It may be more than a year away, but the city's current contract with Waste Management is set to expire on Sept. 30, 2023, and the Gatesville City Council authorized city staff to begin negotiations with that company on a new contract.

Waste Management has already indicated it will not continue the current operations in which customers provide their own trash cans and company employees load the trash by hand into garbage trucks. Instead, customers will receive 96 gallon carts and trucks will use an automated collection system.

"At this particular point it's just a starting point (to negotiate a new contract with Waste Management) and things are not necessarily set in stone," said City Manager Bill Parry. "We are prepared to move

forward with the Council's preferred option.

"Going to carts will significantly increase the cleanliness of the city. Animals can't get into them, except for maybe a racoon. From an aesthetics standpoint this will improve the appearance of the city significantly."

Waste Management representative Paul Daugerou attended the Council meeting, and said there are only two cities in the area that his company serves that haven't already moved to the automated side-loading trucks — Gatesville

and Morgan's Point Resort. Both will need to make the switch to the automated system to continue with Waste Management, he said.

One Council member asked what the contingency is if trash collection — which would be once per week — was to be delayed by icy conditions. Daugerou said in that case, residents would be allowed to place an additional three bags outside the 96-gallon carts.

The Council's preferred option for the new contract will include once per week collection, collection of items for recycling every other

week, and collection of household hazardous waste as arranged at customers' doors.

"We offer the at-your-door service at Belton, and that includes motor oil, greases, shop items and electronics," Daugerou said. "Residents will have an 800 number to call and schedule a pick-up. These items will be left in a bag or box by the door, which we will send, instead of with the regular trash."

"We've been providing this service for eight years in Belton and

PLEASE SEE TRASH | A2

Gifts for the heart (& taste buds)

BY JEFF OSBORNE
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

Those looking for a sweet treat or unique gift to show their affection or appreciation for someone can find an array of homemade items at Bakers Market-Gatesville Square.

Located at 600 E. Leon St. near the Coryell County Courthouse, the shop will have special hours to help meet customers' Valentine's Day needs. The store is usually closed on Sunday and Monday, but will be open from 1-4 p.m. Feb. 13 and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 14. The store will continue to be open its usual hours from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

Multiple vendors sell items at Bakers Market, including Danneyelle Suniga, who specializes in cake pops, with wedding cake and triple chocolate being among the most popular. Sara Jo Poynter sells clothing and fashion items through her business, Sara Jo's Haute & Gaudy. Nancy Dixon offers a variety of kitchen items, treats and Dublin Craft Soda through Marmi's Mudpie Kitchen. Southern Saguaro offers an array of unique craft items.

Suniga opened the business in December 2019. In addition to her signature cake pops, she sells other chocolate covered treats such as pretzels, and also has a selection of little girls clothing. But cake pops are her specialty.

"I never thought baking was anything I'd be doing," she said. "When my kids were in first grade they needed sweets for their party. I made cake pops and it took off from there."

Suniga started selling at a farmers and crafters market and at pop-up events in the community.

When space became available at the Bakers Market location, between the courthouse and the Coryell County Sheriff's Office, Suniga decided to open her business there.

"It's a great location and was too good of a deal to pass up," she said. "We have quite a few people coming in from out of town, especially on Saturday, when they stop by to see the courthouse."

Although she has steady customers, she said she hopes to get the word out to more local customers as well.

"I still have some people come in and tell me they didn't know this business was here," Suniga said.

While cake pops and other treats are available year-round, specially decorated items



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Dannyelle Suniga has worked overtime to prepare treats for sale at Bakers Market near the courthouse.

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Body found near lift station

BY JEFF OSBORNE
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

Gatesville Police continue to investigate the death of a 20-year-old Gatesville resident whose body was found in the 100 block of Old Fort Gates Road early on Feb. 6.

Gatesville police officers and Coryell EMS were sent to the scene just after 8:30 a.m. that day in reference to a call about an unconscious woman. Officers found the woman, later identified as Angelica Uriarte, fully clothed and lying face down on the south side of the city of Gatesville's lift station.

In a press release, Gatesville Police Chief Nathan Gohlke said officers at the scene indicated that there were no obvious signs of trauma on the woman's body.

Justice of the Peace Coy Latham ordered Uriarte's body be sent to Dallas for an autopsy. Early autopsy results indicated the victim had experienced hypothermia. Final autopsy results are not yet available.

Uriarte's family reported her missing on Feb. 3. They told police she had last been seen about Feb. 2 walking away from a convenience store in the 4600 block of South Highway 36.

Early voting for March 1 primary election begins Monday

BY JEFF OSBORNE
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Early voting for the March 1 primaries begins Monday, Feb. 14 and will include candidates at the local, state and national level.

The early voting schedule for Gatesville area residents will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 14-18, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Feb. 19, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 20, and from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Feb. 22-25. Early voting in Gatesville will be at the Coryell County Main Street Annex, 801 E. Leon St.

Republican voters will have a full slate of

local candidates to choose from, and while Democrats will not have local candidates, they will have state races on the ballot.

Coryell County Republican candidates include four seeking the office of county judge: Joey Acfalle, Jack Barcroft and Celia J. Sellers and incumbent Roger A. Miller.

Other Republican candidates for Coryell County office are:

* County Court at Law Judge John Lee, the incumbent, who is unopposed

* District Clerk Becky Moore, the incumbent, who is unopposed

* County Clerk Jennifer Newton, the incumbent, who is unopposed

* County Treasurer Randi McFarlin, who is unopposed

* Billy Vaden, the Gatesville fire chief, and Scott Weddle, whose occupation is listed as a branch manager, who are running for Coryell County commissioner, Precinct 2. The incumbent, Daren Moore, is not seeking reelection.

* Incumbent Ray Ashby Jr. and challengers Bradi Diaz and Keith Taylor, who are seeking election to the Coryell County commissioner,

Precinct 4 post.

* Coryell County Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1 John Guinn, the incumbent, who is unopposed.

* Coryell County Justice of the Peace Pct. 2 F.W. "Bill" Price, who is unopposed.

* Coryell County Justice of the Peace Pct. 4 Coy Latham, who is unopposed.

Other candidates include:

U.S. House of Representatives, District 31:

* John Carter, Republican (incumbent)

PLEASE SEE VOTING | A3

I Believe the Voice of the Coryell County Tax Payers Should Be Heard

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- Control frivolous government spending
- Create a short-term and long-term goal for every aspect of Coryell County government with checkpoints that monitor progress towards meeting the goals

MARKET

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are available for certain holidays "when things get amped up a bit," she said.

In addition to the items in the store, those who want to request special orders of cake pops can contact Suniga through the Bakers Market-Gatesville Square or Ditzy-D Sweet Treats Facebook page.

Nancy Dixon said she has been bringing her items to sell at Bakers Market for about a year.

Her business, named Marmi's Mudpie Kitchen, she said the name came from the fact that her grandchildren "always had a mudpie kitchen in her backyard."

"It's just kind of fun, and I carry the Mud Pie brand (home decor and accessories) also," Dixon said.

Dixon's daughter is Sara Jo Poynter, whose business, Haute & Gaudy, was recently named the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year.

Dixon said she and Poynter enjoy serving the community.

"It's not really about making money, it's about offering fun things and making other people feel good," Dixon said.

"I really like this - it gives me something to do. I always loved baking and enjoyed baking with my grandmother. It's also fun to make and decorate things."



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Clothing in different styles is offered by Sara Jo's Haute & Gaudy.

Dixon said in addition to the snacks she sells at the store, includ-

ing cookies, brownies and other sweets, she also will bake pies and



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An assortment of treats is available at Bakers Market-Gatesville Square.

cakes for customers by request. She can be reached at dixonlh@em-

barqmail.com.

TRASH

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it's gotten a great reception. It keeps the hazardous materials out of ditches and streets. About 80 percent of these items can be recycled and reused. It's like an extra recycling program, and it's been

great."

Parry said that would eliminate the need for an annual hazardous waste collection day in Gatesville, which typically costs more than \$35,000.

When asked about tires, Parry said he anticipated having an annual collection event, and said that people living in the Central

Texas Council of Governments area (which includes Bell, Coryell, Lampasas, Hamilton, Milam, Mills and San Saba counties) can take tires to other communities' collection days with proof of residency.

Parry said when people purchase new tires, they are charged a fee for the disposal of the old tires, so many of those old tires could be re-

cycled by tire dealers.

Mayor Gary Chumley asked about the schedule for bulk pickup.

"We will probably divide (the city) into quadrants, and customers will be notified when it is their bulk week," Daugerau said. Bulk pickup has been well received, he added, saying "even the biggest skeptics admit this is a good idea."

Parry said it is likely the city will keep its bulk center open (located next to the 7-Eleven, which was previously Stripes).

Mayor Chumley said Gatesville residents are already paying for recycling and hazardous waste collection as part of their current bills, adding the new service which will be curbside and at people's doors.

Happy Anniversary!

Pictured left to right: Sam Lytle, Ellen Swain, Roe Loving and John Cope

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Scott Weddle seeking Pct. 2 county commissioner post

I am Scott Weddle, and I am running to be your next Coryell County Commissioner Pct. 2. I live outside Gatesville on South Mountain with my wife Kristin of 37 years and our two rescue dogs and a cat.

I believe it is important to let you know about me because "who you are is what you will do." I am a conservative Republican, Christian, patriot and native Texan. I believe in low taxes, small government, self-reliance, freedom and liberty. As your next commissioner, I will strongly adhere to these beliefs and use them as a guidepost when making decisions along with input from you.

The most important responsibility of the commissioner's court is to review the budget as presented by the county judge, elected officials and department heads. Next is to set an appropriate tax rate to fund

the budget, to pass an approved budget and to review the budget throughout the year. I will always strive to be a good steward for the citizens of Coryell County.

My background in private industry and education lends itself perfectly to my ability to perform the job as your next commissioner. I have a bachelor's of business administration in finance from the University of Houston. This along with my experience running my own business for 13 years and managing businesses up to 50 million in size will help me to make fact-based and smart decisions on how the court will spend taxpayer money.

I believe anybody who knows me, knows that I am very energetic and passionate in everything that I do and if elected, I will be fully committed to be your full-time commissioner and I will resign from my current



Scott Weddle

job to do so.

Mark Twain said, "The two most important days in your life are the day you were born and the day you find out why you were born." Because I have been blessed in my life, I am now able to pursue this position and I cannot tell you how honored I would be to represent you as your next Pct. 2 county commissioner. Please vote early Feb. 14-25 or on Election Day, March 1.

YOUR VOTE Counts

VOTING

FROM PAGE A1

- * Abhiram Garapati, Republican
- * Mike Williams, Republican
- Texas Governor:
 - * Greg Abbott, Republican (incumbent)
 - * Inocencio Barrientez, Democrat
 - * Paul Belew, Republican
 - * Michael Cooper, Democrat
 - * Joy Diaz, Democrat
 - * Daniel Harrison, Republican
 - * Kandy Kaye Horn, Republican
 - * Donald Huffines, Republican
 - * Beto O'Rourke, Democrat
 - * Rick Perry, Republican (not the same person as the previous governor)
 - * Chad Prather, Republican
 - * Rich Wakeland Democrat
 - * Allen B. West, Republican
 - Lieutenant Governor:
 - * Dan Patrick, Republican (incumbent)
 - * Trayce Bradford, Republican
 - * Todd Bullis, Republican
 - * Michelle Beckley, Democrat
 - * Carla Brailey, Democrat
 - * Mike Collier, Democrat
 - * Daniel Miller, Republican
 - * Aaron Sorrells, Republican
 - * Zach Vance, Republican
 - Attorney General:
 - * Ken Paxton, Republican (incumbent)
 - * George P. Bush, Republican
 - * Mike Fields, Democrat
 - * Rochelle Garza, Democrat

- * Louis B. Gohmert Jr., Republican
- * Eva Guzman, Republican
- * Joe Jaworski, Democrat
- * Lee Merritt, Democrat
- * S. T-Bone Raynor, Democrat
- Comptroller of Public Accounts:
 - * Glenn Hegar, Republican (incumbent)
 - * Janet Dudding, Democrat
 - * Mark Goloby, Republican
 - * Tim Mahoney, Democrat
 - * Angel Vega, Democrat
 - Agriculture Commissioner:
 - * Sid Miller, Republican (incumbent)
 - * Susan Hays, Democrat
 - * Ed Ireson, Democrat
 - * Casey Council, Republican
 - * James White, Republican
 - Land Commissioner:
 - * Ben Armenta, Republican
 - * Victor Avila, Republican
 - * Dawn Buckingham, Republican
 - * Jay Kleberg, Democrat
 - * Michael Lange, Democrat
 - * Rufus Lopez, Republican
 - * Sandragrace Martinez, Democrat
 - * Weston Martinez, Republican
 - * Don Minton, Republican
 - * Jon Spiers, Republican
 - * Tim Westley, Republican
 - Railroad Commissioner:
 - * Wayne Christian, Republican (incumbent)
 - * Tom Slocum Jr., Republican
 - * Sarah Stogner, Republican
 - * Marvin Summers, Republican
 - * Dawayne Tipton, Republican
 - * Luke Warford, Democrat

- * Debra Lehrmann, Republican (incumbent)
- * Erin Nowell, Democrat
- Texas Supreme Court, Place 9:
 - * Evan Young, Republican (incumbent)
 - * Julia Maldonado, Democrat
 - * David Schenck, Republican
 - Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 2:
 - * Mary Lou Keel, Republican (incumbent)
 - Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 5:
 - * Rebecca Huddle, Republican (incumbent)
 - * Amanda Reichel, Democrat
 - Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 6:
 - * Jesse McClure, Republican (incumbent)
 - * Robert Johnson, Democrat
 - Texas State Senate District 24:
 - * Peter P. Flores, Republican
 - * Kathy Jones-Hopgood, Democrat
 - * Jeremy Koohlwes, Democrat
 - * Lamar Lewis, Republican
 - * Paul Reyes Jr., Republican
 - Texas House of Representatives District 59:
 - * Shelby Slawson, Republican (incumbent)
 - Texas 10th District Court of Appeals:
 - * Steve Smith, Republican (incumbent)
 - Texas State Board of Education District 14:
 - * Sue Melton-Malone, Republican (incumbent)
 - * Evelyn Brooks, Republican
 - * Tracy Fisher, Democrat

OBITUARIES

ROBERT LEE POWELL

March 24, 1933 - Feb. 6, 2022



Powell, of Kingwood, Karen Lee Goins and husband, Rick Goins, of Lubbock; sisters, Barbara Sherwin and husband, Gene Sherwin, Linda Schaffer and husband, Edward Schaffer; brother, William Noah Powell and wife, Virginia Powell; grandchildren, Heather Anne Longo and husband, Dan Longo, Angela Kaye Hollon and husband, Kyle Hollon, Krystal Kay Hall and husband, Russell Hall, Preston Kyle Goins and wife, Kelli Goins, Lexi Thawsha Shawn Moreno and husband, Justin Moreno,

Dusty Kunkle and husband, Jonathon Kunkle, Cassie Auflick and husband, Austin Auflick; and thirteen great-grandchildren. Robert also leaves behind his very close family friends, Brenda Powell, Deb Chapman and Pam Duncan.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to the Debbie Powell Thompson Scholarship, c/o Gatesville I.S.D., 311 S. Lovers Lane, Gatesville, TX 76528.

Robert Lee Powell, age 88 of Gatesville, passed away on Sunday, Feb. 6, 2022.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 12, 2022, at Live Oak Baptist Church, with Rev. Ken Laney officiating. Burial will follow at Restland Cemetery, with Masonic Funeral Rites, under the auspices of Gatesville Masonic Lodge #197 A.F. & A.M.

Robert Lee Powell was born on March 24, 1933, in the Ewing community of Coryell County, now part of Ft. Hood. He was the son of the late J.W. and Sarah Williams Powell. He grew up and went to school in the Ewing community, until the family moved to Gatesville where he graduated from Gatesville High School in 1950. He married Mary Lou Weaver on June 1, 1952. They lived in Gatesville most of their married lives, and a short time at Hilltop Lakes.

Robert was a natural entrepreneur owning and operating Poco Automotive and Poco Cellular for 25 years, until his retirement. In his retirement, he enjoyed his golf cart sales business, Po Boys Golf Carts. He was a member and Past Master of Gatesville Masonic Lodge #197 A.F. & A.M., served as Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas. His other masonic affiliations were with the York Rite, Waco Scottish Rite, and Waco Karem Shrine. He served on the Gatesville City Council, was a former member for many years of the Gatesville Lions Club and was named Gatesville Citizen of the Year in 1994. Robert and his wife served their Lord as members of Live Oak Baptist Church. Mary Lou preceded him in death on Nov. 23, 2020.

He was also preceded in death by a daughter, Debra Kay Powell Thompson in 1993; grandsons, Sgt. Leslie (Les) Allen Thomas in 2019, Jeremy Latham in 2021; sister, Jo Alice Allen; and a brother, James Foster Powell.

Robert is survived by his children, Lucy Angelete Thomas and husband, Dr. Bob Thomas, of San Angelo, Kyle Powell and wife, Kelly

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HOUSES OF WORSHIP

BAPTIST

BETHEL HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH: Hemmeline Cemetery Rd.; Sunday services - Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m.

BETHLEHEM PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH: Elder, Hugh Montgomery, pastor; Peabody community 5 miles south of Pearl on FM 1690; Sunday services - Morning worship 4th Sunday each month at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

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 a.m., 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.

Whistle While You Work!

Music is truly a universal language. We don't need to understand the lyrics to know whether a song is happy or sad because the music literally speaks the language of our souls, pulling our heartstrings or uplifting our spirits in the process. It is amazing how readily our spirits can be moved by music. Armies have harnessed the power of music for centuries with marching music and fight songs, and we all know the power of music to make us weep. Under the right circumstances, a sad song will move everybody to tears. One of the more potent uses of music is to help us complete our work, especially when the work is long and hard. When armies march, there's a reason they sing cadences; it keeps them all in step and it motivates them. For work that we're not particularly enthusiastic about, a happy upbeat song can keep us going. Most activities can be improved with the right music, so whether you are literally or figuratively dancing to the music, sing a song unto the Lord and use music to enhance your life.

—Ephesians 5: 19-20 NIV
—Christopher Simon

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

PECAN GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH: Sunday services - Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m.

PIDCOKE BAPTIST CHURCH: Donald McConnaughay, pastor; 11125 FM 116, Gatesville; Sunday services - Sunday School 10 a.m., worship service 11 a.m. www.pidcokebaptist.com

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

PRIMERO IGLESIA EMANUEL: One mile north of Evant on Hwy. 281; Sunday services - Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m.

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 Zeazy 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: trinitybaptist@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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THE HOUSE THAT GOD BUILT: Bill Trotter, pastor; 3412 E. Main St.; Sunday service 11 a.m., Wednesday service 7 p.m.

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TABERNACLE OF PRAISE UPC: Rev. Jimmy Skiles, pastor; 202 E. Main, Gatesville; Worship services - Sunday mornings at 10:00 am; Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm; www.gatesvilletop.org. 254-206-1826.

MOUNT CALVARY CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST: Rev. Lee O. Ford, pastor; 128 North 12th Street; Sunday services - Sunday School 9:45 a.m., worship 11 a.m., weekly services, Wed. Bible Study 6:30p.m.-7:30 p.m., Wed. night service, 7:30p.m.

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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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BOOTS -N- SADDLE COWBOY CHURCH: Max Gunn, pastor; 254-248-1850; 10 miles west of Gatesville on HWY 84; Sunday Service @ 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday Night Service @ 7:00 p.m.; Youth Sunday Service @9:45 a.m.

HIGHWAY 2 HEAVEN BIKER CHURCH: Monty & Tammy VanHorn, pastors; 1608 W. Main St., Gatesville; Sunday Praise and Worship 11 am, Wednesday Bible Study Rally-6 pm, 254-865-4076.

THE POINT FELLOWSHIP: James & Laurinda Paine, Pastors; 2315 Osage Road, Gatesville; Wednesday Services at 7:00 p.m. (Adults, youth & children); Sunday services - Destiny Discovery Class at 9:00 a.m. and Regular services at 10:30 a.m. 254-248-1265.

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BOOK REVIEW

*Whitney Houston fans will surely love this book***TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER**

That song. It always makes you want to dance with somebody. It gets your feet shuffling and your behind bouncing and the lyrics pour out of your mouth. And that singer who first sang it to you...? You know what happened to her, but in "Didn't We Almost Have It All?" by Gerrick Kennedy, you'll get a few more pieces of the puzzle.

She died two days after he met her "in a room inside the Beverly Hilton..."

Gerrick Kennedy fell in love with Whitney Houston in a movie theater when he was just five years old. He purchased her music as a teen, followed her career

closely, he met her once, and even now, his partner knows whose music is blasting when he sees Kennedy "floating away" with "earbuds poking out of my ears." Now, nearly ten years since her death, Kennedy believes it's time for a reckoning.

"We missed so much the first time around," he says, and we need to look at Houston's contribution to "our dialogue around celebrity, addiction... mental illness, and Blackness in America..."

"To fully appreciate the anointing that graced Whitney's voice, it's essential to understand the almighty power of Cissy Houston."

Indeed, Houston learned at her mother's knee about God and gospel music - knowl-

edge that came from a far-back source: Cissy's parents put church and choir center in her life. God was a beacon to Whitney, and other musical talents - cousins Dee Dee and Dionne Warwick and "Auntie" Aretha - further guided the young Houston.

Her first album rose to No. 1 on the charts; "She was on fire

out the gate..." says Kennedy. Most people remember the power of her biggest hit, that "BOOM," he says, before

Houston's voice soars, but a combination of drugs, bad decisions, and a bad relationship plagued her toward the end of her life. We watched "in horror" as she slid and "By the early aughts, we

were all watching, waiting... for the worst to happen..."

In his introduction, author Gerrick Kennedy indicates that he wanted his book about Houston to be different from all the others, more meaning, less trouble.

He succeeded. To a point.

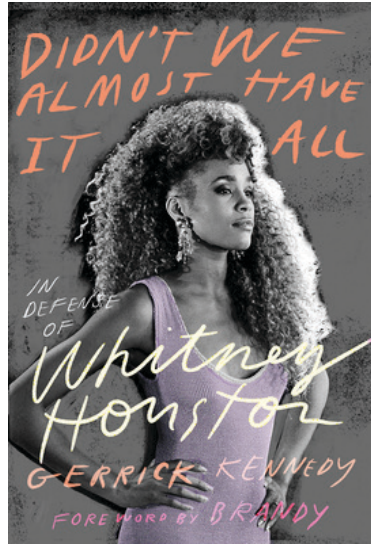
It's difficult to extricate Houston the icon from Houston the megastar - they are mostly one and the same - and stepping back two generations or profiling other singers and music executives doesn't help as much as Kennedy asserts. That stuff is all fluff; interesting but covered elsewhere.

The best part of "Didn't We Almost Have It All?" comes in the latter third of the book. It's there that Kennedy exam-

ines the depth of Houston's contributions and the "meaning" of her decline and death to the Black community. There's a lot of introspection in it, as well as a shift in how we think about our celebrities.

Tackle "Didn't We Almost Have It All?" therefore, and you can expect to see things you already know, but you can also expect to be delighted. It's a fan's book, for sure, and reading it might be the greatest love of all.

"Didn't We Almost Have It All? In Defense of Whitney Houston" by Gerrick Kennedy, foreword by Brandy c.2022, Abrams Press \$28.00 306 pages



John Carter

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Congressman Carter passed the bill to fund President Trump's Border Wall.

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STEP 2: We need to secure the border with additional Border Patrol and ICE Agents.

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STEP 3: We must implement E-verify on every employee in the country so that we can ensure taxes are paid.

PAID FOR BY JOHN CARTER FOR CONGRESS

February shows announced at Mayborn Science Theater

The Mayborn Science Theater, located on the Central Texas College campus, announced its February show lineup. During the month, Saturday shows, weekday matinees, laser Friday, Presidents Day laser light show matinees and a star tour will be offered.

The Saturday schedule begins at 11 a.m. with "The Little Star That Could." Meet an average yellow star searching for planets of its own to protect and warm. Along the way, he meets other stars, learns what makes each star special and discovers that stars combine to form clusters and galaxies. The audience will also learn about the planets and our solar system.

At 12 p.m. is "Kaluoka'hina: The Enchanted Reef." This a one-of-a-kind tropical reef is hidden in the vast oceans of our planet and is full of adventure and mystery. After a volcano catastrophe, two young fish must restore the magic of their home and save the enchanted reef. The humorous adventure is filled with many informative details about the fantastic world under water and sharpens our awareness about preserving our environment.

The doubleheader, "Legends of the Night Sky: Orion" and "Legends of the Night Sky: Perseus and Andromeda," is at 1 p.m. First, take a lighthearted look at the myths and stories associated with one of the night sky's most famous constellations, Orion, the great hunter of the winter sky. Then, "Legends of the Night Sky: Perseus and Andromeda" is filled with humorous and exciting characters including Perseus the mighty warrior, Pegasus the winged horse, Cetus the sea monster and the fearsome monster Medusa. The shows are designed to engage youngsters into learning about the night sky.

At 2:30 p.m. is "Ningaloo: Australia's Other Great Reef." Explore the unique and breathtaking underwater world along the vast coral highway stretching along the Northwest coast of Western Australia and enjoy a magical expedition through the Ningaloo Reef - a dazzling and psychedelic creator of life attracting the smallest and largest sea life.

"Mars One Thousand One" is at 3:30 p.m. The show entails the first human mission to Mars - a daring 1,000-day mission to fly an international crew to the red planet. Witness firsthand the astronauts' brave attempts to put human footprints on Mars and return safely to Earth.

At 4:30 p.m. is "Natural Selection: Darwin's Mystery of Mysteries." Follow a young Charles Darwin on an adventurous voyage of exploration, circumnavigating the world with the HMS Beagle. Witness the thrill of scientific discovery by seeing the world through Darwin's eyes, make observations and

let the pieces of the scientific puzzle slowly but surely fall into place.

The Saturday shows conclude with the laser light show "iPop" at 5:30 p.m. Featuring a variety of pop hits through the decades, the show includes artists such as Justin Bieber, Selena Gomez, Miley Cyrus, Daft Punk, Lady Gaga, Katy Perry, the Jackson Five and more.

Weekday matinees are every Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. On Feb. 9 is "The Hot and Energetic Universe," highlighting the natural phenomena related to high-energy astrophysics in relation to our galaxy, neutron stars, supernova remnants, black holes and stars like the sun.

"Exoplanets: Worlds of Wonder" is on Feb. 16. Join the venture of mankind's first space probe outside our solar system. On Feb. 23, "The Cowboy Astronomer" features cowboy poet Baxter Black relating star legends, cowboy tales and Native American legends combined with constellation identification, star-hopping and astronomy tidbits he's found out over a lifetime of stargazing. Weekday matinees are 5:50 for all ages, per show.

On Presidents Day, Feb. 21, two laser light show matinees are scheduled. First at 1:30 p.m. is "Spirit of America" which offers many patriotic and inspiring songs from artists like Celine Dion, Brooks and Dunn, John Fogerty, Aaron Copeland, John Cougar Mellencamp, Lee Greenwood and more. Then at 2:30 p.m. is "Laser Spirit" with a mix of pop and patriotic tunes from U2, Madonna, John Williams, Kansas and the Boston Pops Orchestra.

Laser Friday is Feb. 25 and features the premiere of "Laser Grateful Dead" at 6 p.m. The show offers kaleidoscopic psychedelia to home-spun country rock to epic live jams with some of the Grateful Dead's greatest hits. At 7 p.m., enjoy some of the legendary rock band Led Zepelin's greatest hits in "Laser Zeppelin" and at 8 p.m. is "Pink Floyd: Dark Side of the Moon."

Learn about the constellations and stars in the current night sky with Warren's Star Tour on Saturday, Feb. 26 at 5:30 p.m. It preempts the regular scheduled show.

For complete show descriptions, directions, membership information and more, visit starsatnight.org.



FEBRUARY YARD OF THE MONTH



COURTESY PHOTO

Keep Gatesville Beautiful's February Yard of the Month goes to Shelli and Kevin Johnson at 2602 Mears Drive in Gatesville. This beautiful yard and well-kept home brighten up the neighborhood with their welcoming porch, gorgeous nandinas' bright red berries, a meticulously kept lawn and beautiful shade trees. "We were all pretty amazed that the nandinas were not damaged by the freeze this past week nor last February." Kevin tends to the lawn and yard. Congratulations, Kevin and Shelli, and thank you for helping Keep Gatesville Beautiful!

Coryell Historical Commission to purchase marker

The Coryell County Historical Commission recently met on Wednesday, Feb. 9, in the commissioner's courtroom in the Coryell County Annex. Old and new business was discussed by members in attendance.

The commission had recently applied for a historical marker for Gatesville's former African American school, Carver School, using the Undertold Story application. Unfortunately, the narrative about Carver was not chosen. Out of 64 applicants sent to the state headquarters, only 15 topics were chosen to receive state-sponsored historical markers. The Coryell County Historical Commission voted unanimously to continue the process to obtain a marker for the school by applying for a regular subject marker which would be paid for by the county historical commission.

In further business, the group approved of a recent order placed to have additional markers attached to four existing historical

markers which have were placed on the on the National Register of Historic Places - four of which are located in Coryell County. The National Register includes the Coryell County Courthouse, the 1904 Leon River Bridge, the Ogletree Stage Stop and Post Office, and Mother Neff State Park. The commission voted to proceed with ordering the plaques that will be attached to the existing markers and will highlight the national recognition of each location.

Considering the recent arson-related burning of the Mason County Courthouse, the Coryell County Historical Commission expressed their concerns about fire safety at the Coryell County Courthouse and hope to discover if there is a current fire plan in coordination with the county and the Gatesville Fire Department.

The commission also approved the installment of a new secretary, Sherry Hopson, along with Sue Vernon who will serve as alternate secretary.

DAV invites veterans to join

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 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.

Mound News

Barbara wishes everyone a Happy Valentine's Day

BARBARA HOPSON

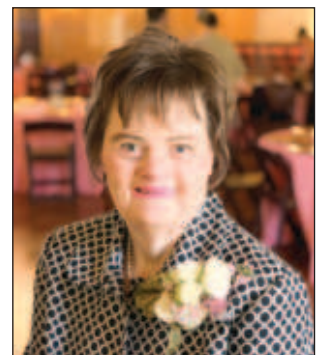
Mr. John T. (Buck) McFarlin died Wednesday Feb. 2, 2022. The funeral service was held on Monday afternoon at Scott's Funeral Home in Gatesville. Burial was in Mound Cemetery. Mr. McFarlin is the brother of Ellen Ann Gummelt and cousin of Sue Jones of Mound.

Elizabeth Phillips was honored on her birthday Wednes-

day with a dinner given by her mother, Martha Lawhorn. Those attending were her family.

Caymbri Fisher went with Debbie Piller and Jennifer Miller to the Baylor University and University of Mary Hardin-Baylor Acrobatic and tumbling meet at the Ferrell Center.

Barbara's notes: HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY



Barbara Hopson



My goal is for the county to benefit from my decades of both professional and political service with a focus on economic development.

I'm running to do my part for Coryell County by working to ensure we can meet our current financial obligations while preparing for future growth.

I'm running as a constitutional county judge with passion for protecting Coryell County from federal overreach.

I am the only candidate that has a history of working with county officials for 10 years and this will allow us to hit the ground running.

We need to regain our momentum with leadership focused on equipping the Commissioners and department heads to successfully achieve their goals of serving county residents while increasing revenues and jobs to lessen the burden on taxpayers.

I HUMBLY ASK FOR YOUR VOTE, SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE, AND PROMISE THAT EVERY CITIZEN OF THE COUNTY WILL REGAIN A VOICE AT THE COUNTY JUDGE'S OFFICE AGAIN. I'M READY TO CONTINUE TO SERVE OUR GREAT COUNTY AND WILL WITH YOUR SUPPORT!

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I have been proud to serve Coryell County in the following organizations:

- Coryell County Republican Chairman 2013-2021
- Elected to Texas State Republican Executive Committee SD 24 2016, re-elected 2018 & 2020
- Board of Directors & President of Gatesville Chamber of Commerce 2014 - 2020
- Coryell County Economic Development Board Volunteer 2015 - 2022



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DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Oglesby Lions Club to host Rattlesnake Roundup

The Oglesby Lions Club will be hosting the 52nd annual Rattlesnake Roundup on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 26-27, at the Oglesby Community Center.

Live demonstrations will be on Saturday at 10 a.m., 12 p.m., 2 p.m., and 4 p.m. On Sunday the demonstrations will be at 12 p.m., 2 p.m., and 4 p.m. The snake demonstrations will feature world famous snake handler, Jackie Bibby, who is known as "The Texas Snake Man."

The vendor fair will be on Saturday from 9:30 a.m. until

5 p.m. On Sunday it will be from 11:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. Snake registration will be on Saturday morning. Registration opens at 7 a.m. - there will be a bonus for early registration. No professional snake hunters will be allowed. There will be no snakes registered after 10 a.m. on Sunday and a safety pledge must be signed.

Concessions will be offered by Oglesby ISD and the Oglesby Volunteer Fire Department. Breakfast will be offered both days from 7 a.m. until 10 a.m.

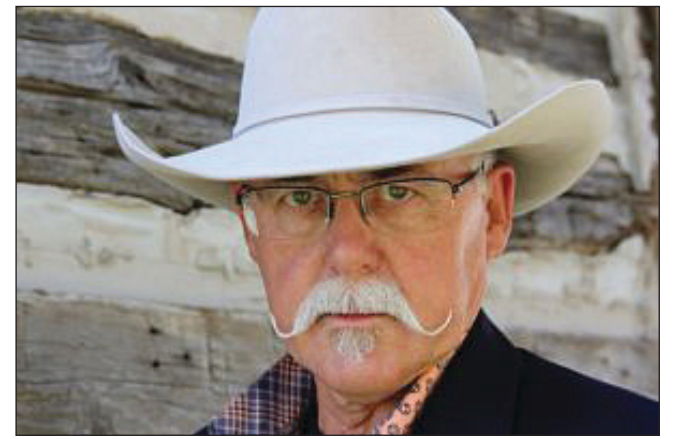
In addition to the snake handling demonstrations, there will be food vendors, carnival rides, games, train rides and a community blood drive on Saturday. Raffle prizes will also be offered.

Live entertainment will include Ed Leonard and Friends on Saturday from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. General admission to the roundup will be \$5. Children under 6 will be free. For more information about the event, call 469-450-4973 or 254-424-4067, or email to oglesbyrattlesnake@gmail.com. The Rattlesnake

Roundup can also be found on Facebook at Oglesby Lions Club Rattlesnake Roundup.

Officers and directors of the Oglesby Lions Club are: Ryan Basham, Vice President; Shane Caraway, Director; Maurice Martin, Song Leader; Cody Miller, 1st Vice President; Doug Davidson, President; Kermit Lynch, Director; Clement Gossett, Director; Eddie Younce, Lion Tamer; Peggy Davidson, Treasurer; Nancy Kepple, Secretary; Steve Kepple, Tail Twister; Katy Gossett, Membership Chair.

Award winning author to address the Mystery Book Club



Reavis Wortham

Reavis Z. Wortham will be addressing Gatesville Public Library's Mystery Book Club on Tuesday, March 1, at 6 p.m.

Wortham will speak to the club about his new book and will also have his books on hand for purchase. Due to the anticipated crowd, the meeting will take place at the Gatesville City Auditorium.

Wortham's new book, "The Texas Job," is a Texas Red River historical mystery thriller. The book will be released on Feb. 15.

Reavis Z. Wortham, born in Paris, Texas, is an American author who is critically acclaimed for his The Red River Series books, including "The Rock Hole," which was a finalist in the prestigious Benjamin Franklin Award presented by the Independent Book Publishers Association, and a finalist

for the Will Rogers Medalion. In 2018, he published his seventh novel in the Red River series, "Gold Dust." His new Sonny Hawke thriller series premiered in 2017 with "Hawke's Prey," and "Hawke's War" released in June 2018.

He is a member of Mystery Writers of America, the Writers' League of Texas, International Association of Crime Writers (North American Branch), Sisters in Crime, The Texas Outdoor Writers Association, and International Thriller Writers.

The public is welcome to attend the meeting. The Gatesville City Auditorium is located at 110 N. 8th. For more information, please call the Gatesville Public Library at 254-865-5367.

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Clark placed on President's List

Christopher Clark of Gatesville was recently named to the Champlain College President's List for the Fall 2021 semester.

Students on the President's List have achieved a grade point average of 4.0 or higher during the semester. Clark is currently enrolled in the Cybersecurity major.

Making the President's List is a tremendous achievement in any year. Many of the high achievers balance their classes with jobs, internships, clubs, and volunteering, as well as a global pandemic.

Founded in 1878, Champlain College is a small, not-for-profit, private college in Burlington, Vermont, with additional campuses in Montreal, Canada and Dublin, Ireland.

Gatesville student recognized for academic success

Kaleb Sanders, of Gatesville, has been placed on the Dean's List at Howard Payne University. The university recently recognized 239 students for academic success during the fall 2021 semester.

Students must earn a 3.65 to 3.99 grade point average to be named to the Dean's List. To be eligible, students must be enrolled in 12 or more semester credit hours and have no grade of fail, no grade, or incomplete grade for all courses attempted.

Howard Payne University is a private Baptist university in Brownwood, Texas. The university is affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Texas. It is named after Edward Howard Payne, a Missouri resident who gave the lead monetary gift to start the university.

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DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Gatesville's beloved mannequin, named Lurch by his original owners, is pictured getting all dolled up for Valentine's Day by Harold Alexander. Once Gatesville residents began expressing their love for Lurch, Alexander donated him to the Coryell Museum and volunteers his time to dressing the mannequin for different holidays and occasions.

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, if possible, for everyone to pay by Feb. 10. The remaining amount is required near the end of the month.

To make a payment or for more information, contact

Ruth Jones at 254-865-2112 or the First United Methodist Church at 254-865-2520.

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

Parkinson's Support Group to meet Feb. 14

The Parkinson's Support Group of Coryell County will be meeting on Monday, Feb. 14, at 1 p.m. at Grace Bible Church.

The support group meets the second Monday of each month. The group helps family members to cope with day-to-day realities of having Parkinson's Disease.

The opportunity to swap stories and share resources is said to be therapeutic to those dealing with the disease.

Support groups often discuss a variety of topics centered around dealing with Parkinson's Disease, which includes the challenges that families might encounter

and how to handle those challenges.

Those interested in attending the local meeting can call Becky Adams at 254-216-1032. Grace Bible Church is located at 4012 Hwy. 84. Everyone is welcome to attend the group meeting.

Taste of Gatesville is 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 3-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.



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SOLICITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT
Hurricane Harvey Community Development Block Grant Mitigation Funds Method of Distribution (MOD) for Coryell and Milam Counties

Notice is hereby given that the Central Texas Council of Governments (CTCOG) is seeking input to determine community needs as it prepares to develop a Method of Distribution for \$6,769,000 in Community Development Block Grant Mitigation Funds.

The first meeting to obtain comments will be held as follows:
Coryell County
Thursday, February 17, 2022, from 12-1 pm AND 6-7 pm at the Gatesville Council Chambers, 110 N 8th Street, Gatesville, TX 76528.
Coryell County MOD-12-1pm Meeting Link
<https://meet.goto.com/499692549>
 Thu, Feb 17, 2022 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CST)
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Milam County
Friday, February 18, 2022, from 12-1 pm AND 6-7 pm at the Milam County Courthouse, 102 S Fannin Ave, Cameron, TX 76520.
Milam County MOD-12-1pm Meeting Link
 Fri, Feb 18, 2022 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CST)
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Milam County MOD-6-7pm Meeting Link
 Fri, Feb 18, 2022 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CST)
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The purpose of this meeting will be to obtain community input regarding potential mitigation activities in Coryell and Milam Counties to help develop a Method of Distribution of funds.


Subsequent meetings related to the MOD will follow and be announced as time and date are determined.

CTCOG will provide for reasonable accommodation for persons attending this CTCOG function. Requests from persons needing special accommodations should be received by CTCOG staff 24 hours prior to the function. Public meetings and hearings will be conducted in English. Requests for language interpreters or other special communication needs should be made at least 48 hours prior to a function. Please call 254-770-2373 for any accommodation needs.

Written comments may be submitted by mail, fax, or email by 12:00 p.m., Monday, February 28, 2022, to: Jesse Hennage, Central Texas Council of Governments, 2180 North Main Street, P.O. Box 729, Belton, Texas, 76513; fax – 254-770-2360; email – jesse.hennage@ctcog.org.

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- ▶ 9.97 acres southwest of Gatesville in King Ranch Subdivision, good tree cover, rolling terrain, nice home site. The property has a water meter. \$144,500
- ▶ 10.01 acres east of Evant, Stone Creek Ranch Subdivision, great tree cover, good elevation to build a home overlooking Langford Branch. The property also has a second branch that runs along the east side of the property with rock bluffs along the branch. Electricity is at the property; you would need to drill a water well for water. \$199,900
- ▶ 10.01 acres, Lot 21 Phase 6 Rio Escondido, corner lot, rolling terrain, scattered tree cover, great views to the south. Fiber Optic Internet service is available. \$128,000
- ▶ 10.01 acres, Lot 28 Phase 4 Rio Escondido, north of Evant, Tx, good tree cover, great views, electric pole set on the property & an area has been cleared that would be an idea location for a home, Fiber Optic Internet available, \$150,000
- ▶ 12.1 acres, FM 929 frontage & CR 255 frontage, property is level with good views to the north, approx. 4.5 acres of Coastal Bermuda & the remaining is native grasses. Coryell City Water & electric are available along CR 255. \$150,000
- ▶ 14.89 acres east of Evant, TX, located on CR 160. Good tree cover & rolling terrain. Known as Lots 66 & 67 in the Indian Creek Ranch Subdivision, \$150,000
- ▶ 17 acres, FM 929 Frontage & CR 255 frontage. The property is level with good views to the north, approx. 8 acres of Coastal Bermuda & the remaining is native grasses. Coryell City Water & electric are available along CR 255. \$195,000
- ▶ 20.02 acres, Evant, TX in Hamilton County, rolling terrain, good tree cover & a seasonal creek on the south boundary of the property. The property will have electric serviced by Hamilton County Electric Co. & Fiber Optic Internet service from Central Texas Telephone Company. \$265,000
- ▶ 24.85 +/- acres south of Evant, TX in Lampasas County. Barn, 1 stock pond & scattered tree cover with good views. \$310,625
- ▶ 26 acres south of Pearl, TX in Coryell County on Blakely Rd. Rolling terrain, good tree cover. South Bee House creek runs through the property, great views. \$250,000
- ▶ 36 +/- acres west of Evant, TX, Hamilton County. The property is completely fenced w/electric along the front of the property, scattered tree cover & rolling terrain & pond that is on the neighbors property that back up water onto the property. Fiber Optic Internet Service, you will need to drill a water well for water. \$387,000
- ▶ 37.28 acres east of Evant, TX in Indian Creek Subdivision, Indian Creek runs through the property, 60 ft. of change in elevation, good tree cover, \$466,000
- ▶ 74.7 acres west of Purnela, FM 1241, barn, cattle pens, good fences, nice view, centrally located. \$511,695.
- ▶ 105 acres south of Pearl, TX on Self Rd. good tree cover, rolling terrain, small branch that run through the property, barn that is approx. 38 ft. x 42 ft. in size with a rain harvest system that collects rain water from the roof of the barn. Electricity is along the property line in the northwest corner of the property \$743,775
- ▶ 179.562 acres 1.6 miles south of Gatesville, TX. FM 116 frontage, great views, stock tank, rolling terrain & scattered tree cover. Multi-County Water & City of Gatesville have water line running down the front of the property. \$1,230,000

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No. 22-10597
ESTATE OF MARIA PFITZNER a/k/a MARIA LAWHORN, DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Testamentary for the Estate of Maria Pfitzner a/k/a Maria Lawhorn, Deceased, were issued on January 20, 2022, under Docket No. 22-10597, pending in the County Court of Coryell County, Texas, to Michael James Lawhorn.

Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate addressed as follows:

Estate of Maria Pfitzner a/k/a Maria Lawhorn, Deceased c/o Law Offices of R. John Cullar, 801 Washington Avenue, Suite 500, Waco, Texas 76701.

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

Dated this 31st day of January, 2022.

By: R. John Cullar
 STATE BAR NO. 05208400
 ATTORNEY FOR THE ESTATE OF MARIA PFITZNER a/k/a MARIA LAWHORN, DECEASED

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION-FC 103.010 SAPCR

THE STATE OF TEXAS:
IN THE INTEREST OF DAMARION FERRELL, JONATHON FERRELL and ASHTON HALL

CAUSE NO. DC-21-52537
 IN THE 52ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS
TO: ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, Respondent, Greeting

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 AM on the Monday next following the expiration of 20 days after the date you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you.

THE ORIGINAL PETITION OF THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND PROTECTION SERVICES, Petitioner, was filed in the 52nd JUDICIAL COURT of Coryell County, Texas on the 25TH day of JUNE, 2021, against ANTHONY ADDISON, Respondent, NUMBERED DC-21-52537, and entitled "IN THE INTEREST OF DAMARION FERRELL, JONATHON FERRELL, AND ASHTON HALL, CHILDREN." THE SUIT REQUESTS TERMINATION OF THE PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP. THE DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH OF THE CHILD WHO IS THE SUBJECT OF THE SUIT: DAMARION FERRELL, (BORN JUNE 6, 2005 IN KEMPNER, TEXAS).

The Court has authority in this suit to render an order in the child's (children's) interest that will be binding on you, including the termination of the Parent-child Relationship, the determination of paternity, and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's (children's) adoption."

ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT AT GATESVILLE, CORYELL, COUNTY, TEXAS ON THIS THE 7th day of February, 2022.

Attorney for Petitioner or Petitioner: BELT, BRANDON
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Clerk of the Court: Becky Moore, District Clerk
 P.O. Box 4, Gatesville, Texas 76528, Coryell County, Texas
 By: Ashley Lamb, Deputy00029101

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS GATESVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT'S 2020-21 Texas Academic Performance Report
 Gatesville ISD will hold a public meeting on February 21, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. in the Gatesville ISD Administration Building Board Room at 311 S. Lovers Lane, Gatesville, Texas.
 The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Gatesville ISD's 2020-21 Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR). 00029087

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.

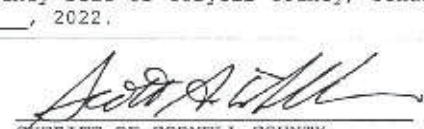
TRACT 1: Lot 9, Block 7, Mountain Top Addition, third Extension to the City of Copperas Cove, Coryell County, Texas according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 1, Page 77, Plat Records of Coryell County, Texas (TAX ACCOUNT NO. 122586).

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.


 SHERIFF OF CORYELL COUNTY

By: _____
 Deputy

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PUBLIC NOTICES

SOLICITUD DE COMENTARIOS PÚBLICOS
Método de distribución de fondos de mitigación de subvenciones en bloque de desarrollo comunitario del huracán Harvey (MOD) para los condados de Coryell y Milam

Por la presente se notifica que el Consejo de Gobiernos del Centro de Texas (CTCOG) está buscando la opinion para determinar las necesidades de la comunidad mientras se prepara para desarrollar un Método de Distribución por \$ 6,769,000 en Fondos de Mitigación de Subvenciones en Bloque para el Desarrollo Comunitario.

La primera reunión para obtener comentarios se llevará a cabo de la siguiente manera:

Condado de Coryell
Jueves, 17 de febrero de 2022, de 12-1 pm Y 6-7 pm en Gatesville Cámara de Consejo, 110 N 8th Street, Gatesville, TX 76528.

Condado de Coryell MOD-12-1pm Enlace de reunión
 Jueves, Feb 17, 2022 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CST)
Únase a mi reunión desde su computadora, tableta o teléfono inteligente.
<https://meet.goto.com/499692549>
También puede marcar con su teléfono.
 Estados Unidos: +1 (224) 501-3412
 Código de acceso: 499-692-549

Condado de Coryell MOD-6-7pm Enlace a la reunión
 Jue, 17 de febrero de 2022 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CST)
Únase a mi reunión desde su computadora, tableta o teléfono inteligente.
<https://meet.goto.com/702367461>
También puede marcar con su teléfono.
 Estados Unidos: +1 (872) 240-3412
 Código de acceso: 702-367-461

Condado de Milam
Viernes, 18 de febrero de 2022, de 12-1 pm Y 6-7 pm en el Palacio de Justicia del Condado de Milam, 102 S Fannin Ave, Cameron, TX 76520.
Milam County MOD-12-1pm Enlace de reunión
 Viernes, 18 de febrero de 2022 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CST)
Únase a mi reunión desde su computadora, tableta o teléfono inteligente.
<https://meet.goto.com/217719277>
También puede marcar usando su teléfono.
 Estados Unidos: +1 (646) 749-3112
 Código de acceso: 217-719-277

Condado de Milam MOD-6-7pm Enlace a la reunión
 Viernes, 18 de febrero de 2022 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CST)
Únase a mi reunión desde su computadora, tableta o teléfono inteligente.
<https://meet.goto.com/165371301>
También puede marcar usando su teléfono.
 Estados Unidos: +1 (408) 650-3123
 Código de acceso: 165-371-301

El propósito de esta reunión será obtener la opinion de la comunidad con respecto a posibles actividades de mitigación en los condados de Coryell y Milam para ayudar a desarrollar un Método de Distribución de fondos.

Las reuniones posteriores relacionadas con el Método de Distribución de Fondos seguirán y se anunciarán a medida que se determinen la hora y la fecha.

CTCOG proporcionará adaptaciones razonables para las personas que asistan a esta función de CTCOG. Las solicitudes de las personas que necesitan adaptaciones especiales deben ser recibidas por el personal de CTCOG 24 horas antes de la función. Las reuniones públicas y las audiencias se llevarán a cabo en inglés. Las solicitudes de intérpretes de idiomas u otras necesidades especiales de comunicación deben hacerse al menos 48 horas antes de una función. Llame al 254-770-2373 para cualquier necesidad de alojamiento.

Los comentarios escritos pueden enviarse por correo, fax o correo electrónico antes de las 12:00 p.m., lunes 28 de febrero de 2022, a: Jesse Hennage, Central Texas Council of Governments, 2180 North Main Street, P.O. Box 729, Belton, Texas, 76513; fax – 254-770-2360; correo electrónico – jesse.hennage@ctcog.org.

The DISPATCH

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of February 5 - 8. While there were many calls to the dispatcher, this is a partial list of more significant activity. Persons are reminded that only emergency calls should be made to 9-1-1, while all other calls to the police department should be made to 865-2226 or to the Sheriff's office at 865-7201.

CITY OF GATESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Feb. 5
3:09 a.m., family violence was reported in the 1100 block of Westview Drive.
8:58 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 200 block of Old Waco Road.
11:43 a.m., harassment was reported in the 3700 block of E. Main Street.
1:49 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 200 block of Mesa Drive.
2:11 p.m., a missing person was reported in the 2000 block of Waco Street.
2:19 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 200 block of Vista Road.

Feb. 6
12:49 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1600 block of W. Main Street.
2:06 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 4400 block of E. Highway 84.
5:10 p.m., a missing person was reported in the 2300 block of E. Main Street.
5:32 p.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 1600 block of E. Main Street.
8:42 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1300 block of Mills Street.
11:06 p.m., a noise disturbance was reported in the 2000 block of Waco Street.

Feb. 7
12:55 a.m., a disturbance was reported in the 7500 block of FM 929.
9:35 a.m., animal cruelty was reported in the 300 block of E. Main Street.
9:57 a.m., an accident was reported in the 1200 block of E. Main Street.
10:48 a.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 4300 block of S. State Highway 36.
12:06 p.m., an accident was reported in the 2300 block of

Business Highway 36.
2:06 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 12000 block of E. Highway 84.

Feb. 8
8:30 a.m., a gas leak was reported in the 600 block of N. Lutterloh Avenue.
12:10 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 6300 block of FM 1241.
12:35 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of E. Leon Street.
5:08 p.m., an accident was reported in the 1100 block of E. Main Street.
10:00 p.m., a gas leak was reported in the 100 block of N. 30th Street.

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Feb. 5
11:03 a.m., a stolen vehicle was reported in the 700 block of Northern Hills Drive.
1:01 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 1000 block of CR 145.
2:02 p.m., a violation of a protective order was reported in the 200 block of Thackston Road.
2:51 p.m., an animal complaint was reported on S. Hwy. 36 at Dollar General.
5:09 p.m., a reckless driver was reported on FM 116.
10:03 p.m., a suspicious

vehicle was reported in the 1600 block of Oak Springs Road.

Feb. 6
12:04 p.m., an out-of-control burn was reported in the 1000 block of CR 128.
12:46 p.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of Gates Drive.
1:28 p.m., a grass fire was reported in the 100 block of Gates Drive.
3:50 p.m., a fire was reported in the 2100 block of Blakely Road.
4:58 p.m., a welfare concern was reported on Hwy 190.

Feb. 7
1:02 a.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 7500 block of FM 929.
8:27 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 5500 block of FM 2412.
10:00 a.m., a theft was reported in the 1900 block of E. Main Street.
11:23 a.m., identity theft was reported in the 500 block of E. Leon Street.
1:28 p.m., illegal dumping was reported in the 1900 block of CR 145.
2:08 p.m., a grass fire was reported at the rest stop on U.S. Highway 84.

Feb. 8
1:13 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported on U.S. Highway 84 east of Purmela.
9:25 a.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 300 block of FM 183.
12:13 p.m., a grass fire was reported in the 6300 block of CR 1241.
4:39 p.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 800 block of CR 269.
5:09 p.m., a reckless driver was reported northbound on Highway 36.
7:13 p.m., a gas leak was reported on S. Highway 36 near the Beer Barn.

FROM MY FRONT PORCH

Fear of the unknown: You said it was going to cost how much?

SAM HOUSTON
Sam Houston is an actor, author, playwright, performer and entertainment producer/promoter.

Repairs. They are a part of life. If you own just about anything, there is going to be a time when it breaks down and needs to be replaced or repaired.

A generation or two ago, products were made to last a "lifetime," but then came the idea of "built-in obsolescence." Roughly translated, that means the manufacturer has figured out how to make a product that is so cheap and inexpensive, they know it will break down — and instead of paying for a repair, you will simply run out and buy a new one. The manufacturer never intended the item to be something that could be fixed. The only thing they were interested in was you becoming a repeat customer.

Of course, there are some items we do not casually throw away and replace. Maybe when a DVD player stops, we simply buy another, but when your car engine goes out or the transmission stops working, it is a completely different story. In that case the owner is left in that precarious position of knowing they must take the vehicle in for repairs. Oh my! Few moments in life compare with the anxiety and fear of the unknown like taking your car to the shop. The vehicle owner knows the vehicle needs to be repaired, and even accepts the idea the repair may be expensive.

The angst comes from being out of control and completely at the disposal of the mechanic. Will he do a good job? Will he try and rip me off? Do I truly need all the repairs he is suggesting? Of course, the biggest angst is "how much is all this going to cost?"

Sometimes price doesn't matter. If a man has a flat tire in the middle of the Mohave desert, and a fella drives up and mentions he has a spare he is willing to sell, the price is not really an issue. At that point, I am agreeing to just about anything simply to get myself out of the predicament. But when my engine blows, I might talk to different mechanics and get an idea of what is wrong and what it is going to cost to fix my mechanical problem. But we all know good and well, until the job is completed and the bill is placed in our hand, we usually have no idea of what we are in for.

Just this past week, the Hood County News sent off an electric motor, which drives our printing press, to be repaired. The motor had broken down long before the newspaper changed hands and had been sitting in storage for a couple of years waiting for attention. I determined we needed to have it rebuilt, so when the motor currently installed on the press went bad, we would have a spare and could seamlessly replace the bad motor with the good one.

Certainly a good business plan, but the decision forced me to enter the uncertainty of knowing what the repair



Sam Houston

would cost. This motor had been down for so long, no one was sure exactly what was wrong with it. Moreover, I had no experience with large commercial electric engines. I know it needed the repair to be done, but at what cost? Was I going to blow my repair and maintenance budget for the year on single repair in January?

When I looked at my inbox yesterday, I saw an email from the service people. My breathing became shallow, and my heartbeat sped up, as my cursor moved to open the email. I shut my eyes, and I counted to 10, fearing what the repair estimate would be. Woohoo! Far less than I ever imagined! I had pictured a number that would include a comma — but my budget was safe, the repair could be made, and my angst was gone.

Fear of the unknown is a terrible thing. Thought for the day: Your bills don't take the day off. Until next time. sam@hcnews.com | 817-573-7066, ext. 260

Tips to Pick the Best Place to Relocate or Retire

(StatePoint) Whether retirement is in on the horizon for you or you are simply planning to move to your

dream retirement area earlier than planned thanks to telework, there is a lot to consider when relocating.

Factors like affordability and weather can help you narrow your search to a specific region. Once you know where you'd like to settle, be sure to consider details that will affect your life on a daily basis. Moving to a planned community is one great way to ensure your proximity to recreational opportunities and new people. The Landings, located on Skidaway Island, just 15 minutes from Savannah Ga., offers trails, marinas, golf courses, recreation facilities and more than 100 neighborhood groups. Visit www.TheLandings.com to learn more.

If you are one of the tens of millions of Americans planning to move this year, do so with confidence. Factoring details -- both large and small -- into the equation, can help ensure your happiness in your new location.



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If I only knew this would be the last time!
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If I had one more time to tell you I'm sorry!
If I had one more time to hold you!
If I had one more time to hug you!
If I had one more time to kiss you!
God does not promise us one more time!
Life is not promised to us for one more time!
So we must use our one more time wisely.
So tell those you love, "I love you!"
So tell those you have hurt that you are sorry.
So hug those that need comfort!
So kiss those you hold dearly!

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FOR CORYELL COUNTY COMMISSIONER PCT 2

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- Retired from Waco Fire Department with 25 years of service
- Experience serving Emergency management coordinator and 25 years as the county fire marshal
- Extensive knowledge in maintaining a balanced budget and research and planning

When action is needed, I know what is required to be prepared and ready. I will apply these skills effectively to make decisions in court to positively impact the citizens of the county. I am an advocate for all public safety: EMS, fire, law enforcement, and emergency management. As a commissioner, I pledge to make sure the court treats all citizens and areas of Coryell County equally. Coryell County is my home. I love the community and the people who live here. It will be my great privilege to continue to serve the public and members of this community as your Precinct 2 commissioner and I would appreciate your vote.

~ Billy Vaden

EARLY VOTING FOR THE MARCH 1 PRIMARY IS FEB. 14 -25

CONGRATS & GOOD LUCK IN THE PLAYOFFS!



**Bi-District Basketball Playoff Game
Jonesboro Girls vs. Hubbard
February 14**



**Jonesboro Boys Basketball
To be determined**



Gatesville Boys played Lampasas on Friday. The winner of that game will advance to the Bi-District playoffs. Date and opponent to be determined.



Evant Girls played a tiebreaker against Gustine on Friday for the 3rd spot in district.

More information to be determined

**Bi-District Basketball Playoff Game
Oglesby Girls vs. Coolidge
February 15 at 6:30 p.m.
at Mart High School**



**Oglesby Boys -
To be determined**

**Class 5A Region II
Wrestling Meet
Feb. 11
at Frisco Memorial High School**

GHS girls team has six regional qualifiers: Romi Bomar, Brianna Allen, Carley Dowling, Kaylie Tippit, Payton Dowling and Rachel Holden
GHS boys team has two regional qualifiers: Tatum Taylor and John Hall



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Lady Elks blast Blanket in district basketball contest

BY TRISTON MCGEHEE
STAFF WRITER

The Evant Lady Elks trampled their District 18-1A opponent, the Blanket Lady Tigers, 67-27 in a girls basketball game at the Blanket High School Gym on Tuesday.

This game was a makeup game, necessary because one of their district matchups earlier in the season was postponed because of COVID.

Tuesday's domination by the Evant girls over the Lady Tigers was led by freshman Luwi Rodriguez scoring a season-high of 25 points, leading the team in scoring. The girls were aggressive from the beginning, outscoring Blanket in every quarter.

EHS girls head coach Chad Baker indicated that he was proud of his team's performance.

"The girls really did a good job of running the floor tonight," Baker stated in an email. "Most of our points were in transition, and we really had a great first half (scoring) 45 points by half."

The contest against Blanket also featured a new face on the Lady Elks' squad, junior Julia Andrade. Andrade transferred to EHS a year ago and finally was cleared to play recently. Andrade has been practicing with the team all season.

Baker has been looking forward to her playing all season with the team.

"I have been anxiously awaiting her addition to the lineup on game nights," Baker said in the email. "Tonight, she did not disappoint; her veteran leadership at the guard position will help us out a lot."

The Lady Elks played a tiebreaker game against the Gustine Tigers on Friday in Goldthwaite.

"From here on out, we will have some really tough matchups, and we really need to be focused and play tough on both ends of the court to put ourselves in the best position to win," Baker stated in the same email.

Lady Elks scoring: Luwi Rodriguez 25, Emileigh Burton 15, Hailey Neri, Julia Andrade, and Izzy Gandy each scored 7 each, while Molly Waldrum scored 6.

ELKS

The Elks concluded their season with a 50-29 loss to the Blanket Tigers in a District 18-1A boys basketball game at the Blanket High School Gym.

The Elks were competitive early but fell off

the pace in the second half. The boys were three points shy of being tied at the half with the intermission score being 20-17 Blanket. The Tigers pulled away in the third quarter, outscoring the Elks 17-2, and pushed through the final quarter 13-10.

EHS boys head coach Brandon Young said he wants to work with the boys and boost their mental toughness in the offseason.

"We have to get tougher mentally," Young said. "That goes for all sports. We were faced with a little adversity; we need to find a way to buckle up and compete."

Elks scoring - Edgar Morales 12, Matthew Padgett 6, Tanner Manville 3, Carson Ingram 3, and Kenny Jones 3, Hunter White 2.

The Elks season ended with a record of 2-13 overall, and 1-9 in district.

Jonesboro Eagles eclipse Aquilla in district basketball

BY TRISTON MCGEHEE
STAFF WRITER

The Jonesboro Eagles defeated their District 25-1A boys basketball adversary, the Aquilla Cougars, 53-50 on Tuesday at the Jonesboro High School Gym.

Jonesboro (11-10 overall, 8-3 in district) has eyed Aquilla's (13-7 overall, 6-2 in district) second-place spot for the past few weeks, and this win gets them a step closer to achieving that goal. If Aquilla loses to Abbott on Tuesday, then Aquilla and Jonesboro will have the same records in District 25, and that would create the need for a tiebreaker game between the two next Friday.

According to JHS head coach Chris Simon, the game was intense with a loud Jonesboro crowd.

The game was a nail-biter, with Jonesboro holding a 25-23 edge over Aquilla at intermission. The end of the third quarter would find a one-point margin separating the two teams, 38-37 Jonesboro at the start of the fourth. The score continued to fluctuate during the fourth quarter, with Jonesboro pulling out the win.

Leading the Eagles in scoring was senior Ian Shoaf with 17 points, followed by Jacob Cisneros with 11 points, while Nat Hilliker and Layton Blanchard scored 8 points each. Garrett Young added 5 points, while Manny Torres and Costin Allison scored 2 points each.

Jonesboro played its last district game against the Mount Calm Panthers (5-15 overall, 2-6 in district) on Friday. Results from this game will be in a future edition.

LADY EAGLES

The Jonesboro Lady Eagles fell in a tough 35-29 overtime loss in a District 25-1A girls basketball battle against the Aquilla Lady Cougars on Tuesday.

The Lady Eagles are set to play Hubbard (13-12 overall, 9-2 in district) in the first round of the playoffs on Feb. 14 in Bruceville-Eddy. The game is set for 5:30 p.m.

The game was close the entire way with Jonesboro (11-13 overall, 8-4 in district), closing the first half, 21-17 over the Lady Cougars (18-12 overall, 11-1 in district). The second half was low-scoring and suspenseful as well.

Leading the charge for the Lady Eagles was McKenzie Coble with 12 points, followed by Alissa Shumate with 8 points. Paiton Green finished with 3 points, while Katie Snoddy and Kylee Deason had 2 points each.

AREA FISHING REPORT

Belton

GOOD. Water lightly stained; 53 degrees; 2.77 feet low. Catfish are good with an aggressive bite on cut bait. Moving to transitional areas, such as shallow water flats, in the mainlake. Report by Jason "SPUD" Barton, Cattin' Around Adventure's Professional Guide Service. Pre-frontal white bass fishing showed aggressive feeding spurts were short-lived with fish taking faster presentations when feeding, and near-deadsticked presentations before and after feeding. Using a white five-eighth ounce Bladed Hazy Eye Slabs vertically while fish were active, then changing over to near-deadsticked soft plastics on jig heads the remainder of the time

on edges of mid-depth flats. Report by Bob Maindelle, Holding the Line Guide Service.

Stillhouse Hollow

GOOD. Water lightly stained; 45 degrees; 2.71 feet low. Fishing is slow, but better as the sun heats up the water. Bass should start staging near shallow structure. Crappie are slow moving into creeks to spawn.

Waco

GOOD. Water stained; 49 degrees; 3.84 feet low. White bass are in the South Bosque River. Crappie are good in the main lake in 18-27 feet of water using 1/32 hand ties. Report by Zach Minnix, Jig N' Jerk Guide Service.

Whitney

GOOD. Water lightly stained; 49

degrees; 2.21 feet low. Striped bass are excellent mid lake and on the north end using jugging spoons, slow moving swimbaits and crankbaits, and deadsticking. Report by Kraig Sexton, Sexton's Guide Service LLC. If you haven't heard, the artificial bite has been hot recently. Deadsticking and trolling umbrella rigs have been producing well as of late. Birds have been working lately, but the action can be just as good deeper below the surface. Stealth with the boat and staying with the school makes a big difference between fishing and catching. When following the birds chasing birds, plowing through them disrupts feeding, so take note as to what direction the birds are head-

ing. This will give you an idea as to where the schooling fish are going. Stop before the school and use your trolling motor to do the rest. When the birds are not advertising the schools location areas in and around long deep channels and old deep creek beds have been producing well with the deadsticking technique. When fishing deep, light is limited so brighter colored one ounce jig head artificials like chartreuse and bubble gum pink tend to produce better. Report by Blake Stritz, Fellowship Fishing Guide Service.

Proctor

SLOW. Water clear; 42 degrees; 1.66 feet low. 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, try smaller slabs this weekend as the fish will be lethargic. Black bass are slow.

Brownwood

GOOD. Water lightly stained; 40 degrees; 1.82 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.



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Gatesville hoops teams fall to Glen Rose

BY TRISTON MCGEHEE
STAFF WRITER

A tough physical game did not go in Gatesville's favor on Tuesday as the Hornets lost to the Glen Rose Tigers 65-56 in a District 6-4A boys basketball game at Sidney L. Pruitt Gymnasium in Gatesville.

The playoff-bound Hornets (13-19 overall, 2-5 in district) were hoping for a win in order to climb in the district standings before the end of district play. But with the loss they will stay in the fourth spot in district behind Glen Rose (20-7 overall, 3-3 in district).

The Hornets started with a bang early, outpacing the Tigers 28-22 by the intermission, but the Tigers retaliated in the second half to beat

the Hornets by a nine-point margin.

At the beginning of the fourth quarter, the Hornets had a slim edge, 40-38, but a 27-point run by the Tigers was pivotal.

GHS boys basketball head coach Brit Campbell said that the boys can learn from this loss and use what they learned against future opponents.

"We talk all the time about how we (have) to learn from these games that we lose," Campbell said. "There's a lot to learn from this game."

Campbell has a strong coaching connection with the Hornet boys, and he wants to keep their spirits up when they face tough losses. "We challenge them a little bit



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Gatesville's Tyler Shea fights to put the ball through the net in action against Glen Rose on Feb. 8.



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Taylor Coward takes a shot for the Gatesville Lady Hornets against the Glen Rose Lady Tigers in a game in Gatesville on Feb. 8.

just for them to understand how good of a team they truly are," Campbell said. "We need to make sure that we still believe in ourselves and how good we truly are. Because when we're playing well, we're a dang good team."

Gatesville scorers: Jack Carroll 22 points, Rayshon Smith 13 points, and Carter Williams and Tyler Shea 8 points each. Senior Bradyn Culley and freshman West Allman scored 6 points each.

The Hornets played their final regular season game against the Lampasas Badgers on Friday at Sidney L. Pruitt in Gatesville. Results will be in a future edition.

Lady Hornets

The Lady Hornets were overwhelmed in their final game of the season by the 14th ranked Glen Rose Lady Tigers 70-18 in a District 6-4A girls basketball game at Sidney L. Pruitt Gymnasium in



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Charlie Sommerfeld races past a Glen Rose defender on her way down court for GHS.

Gatesville.

The Lady Hornets can leave a tough season behind them, and focus on their new district opponents next season. The team finished the season at 4-21 overall, 0-8 in district, and hope to bounce back next season.

The leading scorers for the Lady Hornets were Kamryn Higginbotham with 7 points and Taylor Coward with 4 points. Aliyah Trotter and Tamiah Miller finished with 3 points each, while Charlie Sommerfeld scored 1 point.

Oglesby tops Cranfills Gap in basketball thriller

BY TRISTON MCGEHEE
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Senior Night 2022 was thrilling for the Oglesby Tigers as they defeated their District 25-1A boys basketball opponent the Cranfills Gap, 65-63 Monday at Tiger Gym in Oglesby.

With two seconds left, Oglesby's senior captain Blake Thompson converted on a pair of free throws to give the Tigers a two-point advantage over the Lions.

The Tigers and the Lions met earlier in the season, with the Tigers escaping with a 45-44 decision over Cranfills Gap.

OHS head coach Jeb Dixon had a big smile on his face after the win and praised Thompson for his part in sealing the victory for the Tigers. "Blake is a great captain. He's a

good leader," Dixon said. "He does a good job of finishing around the rim. That's something he is really good at. The free throws are big down the stretch for sure. He's one of our better free throw shooters, so I do expect for him to knock those down."

Thompson made 6 out of his 7 free throws in the game, finishing with 12 points on the night.

The Tigers pounced early on offense, ending the first half with a nine-point lead over the Lions, 34-25. The Lions came out firing in the second half, outscoring the Tigers in the last two quarters. In the third quarter, the Lions scored 21 points, and in the fourth, they scored 17.

The huge swing in the game did not sway Dixon from letting his team play through adversity. His goal was to give the younger Tiger



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Brodie Fisher takes a shot for Oglesby in action against Cranfills Gap on Feb. 8.



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Lizette Castillo looks to pass the ball vs. Cranfills Gap.

players experience with handling a game that was fast-paced and competitive.

Oglesby scorers: Matthew Castillo 17, Hunter Walters 17, Blake Thompson 12, Brodie Fisher 5, Johnny Gomez 4.

LADY TIGERS

The Oglesby Lady Tigers toppled the Cranfills Gap Lady Lions 56-34 in a District 25-1A girls basketball game at Tiger Gym in Oglesby.

Both crowds were fired up to see their respective teams on the court.

The Lady Tigers needed this win after losing 45-36 to the Lady Lions earlier in the season.

Note: Both the Oglesby boys and girls basketball teams have qualified to continue their seasons in the playoffs.

Hornets, Lady Hornets defeat Lampasas in soccer showdowns

BY TRISTON MCGEHEE
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The Gatesville Hornet soccer team beat the Lampasas Badgers (5-7 overall, 1-4 district) 4-3 in a District 18-4A boys soccer game at Tommy Davidson Field at

McKamie Stadium in Gatesville.

The Hornets are in second place in district now through five games. The Hornets (6-3 overall, 4-1 district) were led by Oswaldo Leon with two goals, while teammates Jacob Baker and Luis Ma-

cias scored 1 goal each. On Monday, the boys fell short against Salado (10-3 overall, 5-0 in district) by a 3-1 margin at Tommy Davidson Field at McKamie Stadium.

The Hornets played Little River Academy (4-1-2 overall, 2-1 district) on Friday.

Results from that game will be in the next edition.

LADY HORNETS

The Gatesville Lady Hornets soccer team defeated the Lampasas Lady Badgers (4-9 overall, 2-3 district) 4-1 in a District 18-4A girls

soccer game at Tommy Davidson Field at McKamie Stadium in Gatesville.

The Lady Hornets (5-3 overall, 3-2 district) were led by Andrea Ortiz with three goals and Raisa Leon with one goal. On Monday, the girls fell to Salado (8-7

overall, 3-1 in district) 3-1 at Tommy Davidson Field at McKamie Stadium.

The Hornets were scheduled to play Little River Academy (0-11 overall, 0-5 district) on Friday. Results from that game will be in the next edition.