



Remembering a Gatesville-born legend



Eddie Locke Jr.

BY DAVID SCOTT
STAFF WRITER

Gatesville native Eddie Locke Jr. was a two-way star in the minor leagues of baseball, winning 20 games or more four times in the minors, known primarily as an outfielder in the American Negro League between 1943 and 1950.

Locke's humble beginnings started in Gatesville. He was the only child of Edward Locke, Sr., and Ida Manning Locke. His mother, Ida Margaret Manning, was 16 years old when she wed Eddie Locke who was then 32 years old. Despite their age difference, they

were married on Feb. 13, 1922. Eddie had a criminal background when he married Ida and had been in and out of jail prior to their marriage and that pattern would continue throughout their short-lived marriage.

Their only child, Edward (Eddie) Locke Jr., was born on Jan. 13, 1923. The couple had a very rocky relationship and Eddie Sr. would often end up in jail. In September 1924, he pleaded guilty to the offense of passing a forged instrument and was sentenced to two years in the state penitentiary at Huntsville. In July the following year, Ida filed for divorce and was granted full custody of Eddie Junior who was then 2 years old and father-

less. Very little is known about Eddie Junior's early life. In 1926, when Eddie was 3 years old, his mother married once again to a much older Gatesville man named Lee Adams who was 30 years her senior. The marriage would only last a few years. By 1930, Ida and Eddie Junior were living in Dallas with her sister, Serlater Bolden, and her family. The entire Bolden family, including Ida and Eddie Jr., were employed by a wealthy Dallas family. Serlater's husband, Ed, served as the chauffeur, Serlater was the maid, Ida served as the

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Cooking up another victory

Gatesville PD wins chili cookoff again during Taste of Gatesville event

BY JEFF OSBORNE
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At the beginning of the evening during the annual Taste of Gatesville and Chili Cook-off sponsored by the Gatesville Exchange Club, the trophy presented to cook-off winners was prominently displayed on the table of the defending champions - the Gatesville Police Department. At the end of the night, the trophy was still there as the department defended its previous title and earned its sixth championship in the event.

Police Chief Nathan Gohlke credited Cody Lee and Jason Holt with teamwork on creating the winning entry.

"They did all the work," Gohlke said. "This is more about bragging rights than anything else. It's great to have the first responders and military here competing."



STILL THE CHAMPIONS: Gatesville Police Chief, Detective Cody Lee and Animal Control Officer Jason Holt show the trophy the police department retained by winning the annual chili cookoff during the Taste of Gatesville, sponsored by the Gatesville Exchange Club, on Feb. 15.

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GPD, with 87 votes, edged new contestant North Fort Hood, which received 63 votes and was participating in the cook-off for the first time. The two other contenders, the Gatesville Fire Department and Coryell Health EMS, received 42 and 31 votes, respectively.

This was the sixth time the Gatesville Police Department won the chili cookoff, and the second consecutive victory. Previously, GPD took top honors in 2013, 2016, 2018, 2019 and 2020. The chili cookoff was cancelled in 2021 because of COVID-19.

Lee said the police department's recipe "has pretty much stayed the same, but we'll make minor adjustments here and there. We had some good competition. I do want to thank the Gatesville Independent School District's Culinary Arts Department for letting us use their

kitchen."

Staff Sgt. Sheneka Love of Chicago prepared the entry from North Fort Hood. Lt. Col. Steven Hady said Love won three different contests to advance to the competition in Gatesville. The North Fort Hood entry was widely recognized as the spiciest entry in the contest.

"We brought the heat," Love said.

Several local restaurants and also local bakers participated in the Taste of Gatesville, allowing local residents to sample items ranging from pulled pork, nachos, pizza and chicken nuggets to meringue pies, cookies and doughnuts.

Exchange Club President Alan Mathis said the turnout was OK, but noted that some previous participants were not represented

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Lt. Col. Steven Hady and Staff Sgt. Sheneka Love represented North Fort Hood.

County confirms COVID-19 policy

BY JEFF OSBORNE
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COVID-19 numbers in Coryell County continue to decline, although two new deaths attributed to the disease have been reported since Feb. 2.

County Judge Roger Miller noted that 48.7% of county residents have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. That number rises to 84.5% for people age 65 plus — and 75% of seniors are reported as being fully vaccinated.

Miller said a new version of the omicron variant of COVID-19 has been reported, and so far, it is considered to be highly transmissible "but not nearly as deadly" as the previous variants.

The Coryell County Commissioners Court recently addressed the county's policy on employee absences due to COVID.

"Over the past month several elected officials and department

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Burn ban continues

BY JEFF OSBORNE
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

The Coryell County Commissioners Court has reaffirmed a burn ban that had been enacted previously, and also voted against allowing the sale of fireworks in advance of the Texas Independence Day holiday.

"Based on a conversation with Mr. (Billy) Vaden (the Gatesville fire chief) I would recommend against lifting the burn ban," said County Judge Roger Miller. Other members of the commissioners court, including Ray Ashby Jr., Ryan Basham and Kyle Matthews, also voiced their support for continuing the burn ban based on dry conditions.

Although fireworks sales are primarily associated with the period near the Fourth of July and New Year's Eve, sales are also possible between Feb. 25 and March 2. Texas Independence Day is March 2. Because of conditions, commissioners did not approve the sale of fireworks in the time period associated with that holiday.

Ten propositions listed on Republican ballot

FROM STAFF REPORTS

In addition to a full slate of candidates to vote for in the March 1 primary (with early voting underway), those voting in the Republican primary have 10 propositions to consider. According to Texas GOP.org, these ballot items allow voters to express their opinions and

are not policy referendums.

Early voting continues from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. today (Feb. 19), from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday (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.

The propositions include the opportunity for a yes

or no vote on the following items:

— In light of the federal government's refusal to defend the southern border, Texas should immediately deploy the National Guard, Texas Military Forces, and necessary state law enforcement to seal the border, enforce immigration laws, and deport illegal

aliens.

— Texas should eliminate all property taxes within ten (10) years without implementing a state income tax.

— Texans should not lose their jobs, nor should students be penalized, for declining a COVID-19 vaccine.

— Texas schools should teach students basic knowl-

edge and American exceptionalism and reject Critical Race Theory and other curricula that promote Marxist doctrine and encourage division based on creed, race, or economic status.

— Texas should enact a State Constitutional Amendment to defend the

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LOCKE

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cook and Eddie Junior, who was 7 years old, was also listed as a maid. Two years passed and apparently Ida and Eddie Junior were living back in Gatesville. Suddenly, Ida died of amoebic dysentery at age 28, leaving her 9-year-old son, Eddie, an orphan. Eddie was left to be raised by aunts and uncles – some of whom were living in Kansas City. Very little information is known about Eddie's early life or exactly how he became acquainted with baseball. It can be assumed that he was influenced by the American Negro Leagues in Kansas City while living with his mother's family. Records indicate that he made his debut in 1943 with the Cincinnati

Clowns and the Kansas City Monarchs. The Negro Leagues were professional baseball leagues made up of teams of African Americans and Latin Americans. In 1944, a Kansas City Star newspaper mentioned "a young Eddie Locke" who was pitching for the Kansas City Monarchs at age 21. In 1949, Locke was mentioned in The Brooklyn Daily Eagle in Brooklyn, New York as being a part of the Black Yankee Travelers. He was described as a "heavy hitter who is used in the infield and on the mound." A few years later, he was back playing for the Kansas City Monarchs and often described in newspaper articles as being an "outstanding ballplayer." Locke returned to Texas to play for the Amarillo Gold Sox. An Amarillo newspaper wrote: "There are

one-man gangs, then there is Eddie Locke. He'll beat you either pitching or hitting – or both. And his flair for the dramatic has baseball fans in the Texas Panhandle agog." Amarillo was proud of their new ballplayer, and he became known as "Amarillo's Iron Man Hurler." At age 24, Locke was reported to be pitching right-handed and batting left. In a 1953 interview, Locke said, "I'm batting about eleven hundred." Considered to be a valuable player, baseball scouts were attracted by his pitching and his fielding. "Amarillo never before saw anybody like him in baseball, either as an all-around player or as a gate attraction," reported the Amarillo Globe-Times. Locke would later play for another Texas team, the Victoria Eagles, in addition to playing in the Mon-

terrey Club of the Class AA Mexican League – his contract had been sold in May 1956 to Monterrey for \$2,000 cash. In that same year, he was reported to be "going strong" in the Veracruz League. In an article appearing in a Mexico newspaper described him as a "sturdy righthander who observed his 30th birthday on January 13." The article also stated that he was in the process of sewing up his third "winningest pitcher" designation in less than a year and a half. In his later years, Locke would make a comeback in 1967 after returning to the Monterrey, Mexico league. He continued to be a big gate attraction in the American Negro League. Locke continued to play baseball until the late 1960s. Locke died in Corpus Christi on March 2, 1992, at the age of 69.

His death was recorded in local newspapers with no more than three or four sentences – nothing mentioned about his illustrious baseball career or the baseball legends he had once played with – no fanfare for an all-time great. Eddie Locke's connections to Gatesville were summarized by his cousin, Joe Manning, who said, "He would always come back [home] about once a year to Gatesville." Locke would make the journey back to Gatesville to reconnect with his roots and to visit with all of his childhood friends and his relatives. Manning described Locke as being "a beautiful Black man with a beautiful smile and a soft voice." When asked if the Gatesville community was proud of Locke, Manning replied, "Yes, most of the community was. ... I know our family was."

COVID

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heads have reached out for guidance (regarding COVID absences),"

Miller said, adding that he drafted a policy "to give a little more specific advice. It reinforces that COVID absences are treated like any other absence, and test kits are available. Kristin Weddle, human resources

generalist for the county, said she has reviewed the COVID-19 policy. "We're trying to work within the framework of what's recommended by the (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)," she said. "We

are making recommendations and suggestions and giving individuals accountability for themselves to be good stewards of their health." The commissioners court approved the COVID-19 policy by a

4-0 vote, with Miller and commissioners Ray Ashby Jr., Ryan Basham and Kyle Matthews in favor. Commissioner Daren Moore was not present for that commissioners court meeting.

TASTE

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participants were not represented this year because of staffing

shortages. Those who did attend had a chance not only to sample local cuisine, but also to bid on items in a silent auction and to win one of 45 door prizes, which included gift

cards and items from local businesses. "We appreciate the community's support and are thankful for all those who came out and participated," Mathis said. The Exchange

Club, which promotes patriotism, good citizenship and community service, was able to donate more than \$15,000 back to the community in 2021. Taste of Gatesville is a major fundraiser for the group in

being able to serve the community. The club meets each Thursday at 7 a.m. at the Junction at 36 restaurant. For more about the club, visit <https://www.facebook.com/gatesvilleexchangeclub/>

GOP

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— Texas should enact a State Constitutional Amendment to defend the sanctity of innocent human life, created in the image of God, from fertilization until natural death. — The Republican-controlled Texas Legislature should end the practice of awarding committee chairmanships to Democrats. — Texas should protect the integ-

egrity of our elections by verifying that registered voters are American citizens, restoring felony penalties and enacting civil penalties for vote fraud, and fighting any federal takeover of state elections. — Texas should ban chemical castration, puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, and genital mutilation surgery on all minor children for sex transition purposes. — Texas parents and guardians should have the right to select schools, whether public or private,

for their children, and the funding should follow the student. — Texans affirm that our freedoms come from God and that the government should have no control over the conscience of individuals. In addition to those propositions, local candidates on the ballot, all Republicans, are: * County judge candidates: Joey Acfalle, Jack Barcroft and Celia J. Sellers and incumbent Roger A. Miller. * 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 and Scott Weddle are running for Coryell County commissioner, Precinct 2. The incumbent, Daren Moore, is not seeking re-election. * 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, Precinct 1 John Guinn, the incumbent, who is unopposed. * Coryell County Justice of the Peace Precinct 2 F.W. "Bill" Price, who is unopposed. * Coryell County Justice of the Peace Precinct 4 Coy Latham, who is unopposed.

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Gatesville Boys Basketball vs. Wichita Falls Hirschi
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 at Bruceville-Eddy High School



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 at Mexia High School
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Jonesboro Girls Basketball 2022 Bi-District Qualifiers



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Gatesville High School Wrestling

GHS won 6 matches at the 5A-Region II tournament in Frisco, but failed to advance anyone to the finals on Day 2. Results: Romi Bomar 2-2, Brianna Allen 1-2, Payton Dowling 1-2, Kaylie Tippit 1-2, Tatum Taylor 1-2.



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CITY OF GATESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Feb. 13
8:23 a.m., a structure fire was reported in the 600 block of CR 239.
10:06 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of Surrey Lane.
1:25 p.m., animal cruelty was reported in the 2500 block of Oak Drive.
1:42 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 15000 block of Tx State Highway 236.
6:24 p.m., a theft was reported in the 100 block of College Avenue.
8:02 p.m., a fight was reported in the 1100 block of

E. Leon Street.
Feb. 14
11:17 a.m., a disturbance was reported in the 2300 block of Business Highway 36.
12:58 p.m., a theft was reported in the 1600 block of W. Main Street.
2:58 p.m., harassment was reported in the 1600 block of St. Louis Street.
4:24 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 2300 block of E. Main Street.
8:00 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 300 block of Bridge Street.
11:49 p.m., a prowler was reported in the 1100 block of Westview Drive.

Feb. 15
1:56 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 11000 block of FM 107.
2:29 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 700 block of S. Lovers Lane.
2:42 p.m., a missing person was reported in the 300 block of Hamilton Drive.
8:17 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 2400 block of Business Highway 36.

9:07 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of Surrey Lane.
9:22 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 1300 block of Westview Drive.

CORYELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Feb. 13
7:58 a.m., a suspicious vehicle was reported in the 5100 block of FM 1829.
10:57 a.m., the burglary of a habitation was reported in the 100 block of Fowler.
1:46 p.m., a grass fire was reported in the 15000 block of FM 107.
4:33 p.m., a theft was reported in the 300 block of FM 2412.
5:54 p.m., a dog bite was reported on Willow Loop at Poplar Drive.
6:15 p.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 100 block of Mooney Avenue.
Feb. 14
2:09 p.m., a stolen vehicle was reported stolen on Powell Farm Road.
4:47 p.m., a major accident was reported on E. Hwy. 84

and Cedar Lane West.
7:52 p.m., a reckless driver was reported on E. Hwy. 84 and CR 268.
9:19 p.m., a suspicious vehicle was reported on Baldknob Road.
10:03 p.m., suspicious persons were reported in the 500 block of CR 274.
11:39 p.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 5500 block of FM 215.

Feb. 15
8:38 a.m., a threat was reported in the 500 block of E. Leon Street.
1:13 p.m., a structure fire was reported in the 1100 block of CR 107.
3:25 p.m., an animal complaint was reported at the Liberty Street Apartments.
4:22 p.m., a suspicious vehicle was reported in the 4200 block of FM 184.
9:30 p.m., a civil matter was reported in the 1400 block of Old Osage Road.
11:05 p.m., a break-in attempt was reported in the 3300 block of Old Ft. Gates Road.

Coryell retired school personnel to meet

Members of CRSP (Coryell Retired School Personnel) will have their February meeting on Thursday, Feb. 24, at Rancher's Steakhouse. Social time will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the business meeting will start at 10 a.m. The major item of new business will be the election of officers for 2022-2024.
The program for the meeting will be "Bingo for Books." For a small fee, members can

play bingo and win prizes. Donations are also welcome. All proceeds will go into the treasury and will be earmarked for purchasing books for the "Children's Book Project." That is a statewide project in which local chapters place books in the hands of children ages 12 and under. Last year the Coryell County chapter was able to give away 2,404 books.

OBITUARIES

STAN SUGG

Oct. 10, 1945 - Jan. 26, 2022



Stan Sugg, age 76, of Gatesville, passed away on Wednesday, January 26, 2022. Private interment at Restland Cemetery was carried out, according to his wishes.

Robert Stanley Sugg was born on Oct. 10, 1945, in Ranger, to the late Robert Lee and Mary Penn Sugg. Stan's childhood adventures took

place in Evant, where many life-long friendships were created. He attended school in Evant and then in Abilene, to become a hairdresser. Stan worked 50 years as a hairdresser in Evant, Arlington and Waco, before opening the Cowhouse Salon in Purgella and the Gallery in Gatesville.

On April 4, 1970, Stan married his high school sweetheart, Patsy Sue Firestone, in Evant. Stan and Pat were not only partners in marriage, but also in business, working alongside each other for almost 50 years. He loved entertaining his clients, most of them becoming good friends of himself and Pat. He loved his plants and his oil painting. Stan "lived life his way."

Stan is survived by his wife of 51 years, Patsy Firestone Sugg. Special thanks go to the staff at The Meadows at Coryell Health and his special nurse, John, for the loving care they provided to Stan.

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MOUND NEWS

Mound residents attend several celebrations throughout the week

BARBARA HOPSON

On Wednesday, little Mr. Noah Truett Hopson was honored on his fifth birthday with a pizza party at the home of his grandparents, David and Pam Hopson, given by his parents and brother, Paul, Rachel and Benjamin Hopson.

Little Mr. Noah Truett Hopson was honored for his birthday with a party at the Urban Air Adventure Park in Waco Saturday given by his parents, Paul and Rachel Hopson. Those attending were family and friends.

Pat Johnson and Liz McCorkle treated their sister, Mrs. Jan Johnson, for her 70th birthday with dinner and movie Saturday in Temple.

Mrs. Sue Magee of Gatesville and Kathi Taylor attended Mr. Charles Wise's 94th birthday party Sunday in Gatesville at Trinity Baptist Church.

Jean Rose spent the weekend in College Station with family. They attended the A&M and LSU women's basketball game Sunday afternoon as well as watched the Super Bowl game Sunday evening.

Caymbri Fisher participated in the Bravo national cheer competition in Irving Saturday. Amanda and Brodie Fisher, Jennifer Miller and Debbie Piller went to watch Caymbri and her team. Caymbri's team won second place in their division.

Mound Cowboy Church had their Annual Valentine's Day party Sunday evening. Everyone enjoyed snacks together and Staci Combs entertained the children with playing games. Everyone had a good time.

Mound Cowboy Church and White Mound Baptist Church furnished snacks/treats for the soldiers' Super Bowl party Sunday.

Chuck Crenshaw, Steve and Kay Branham, Scott, Kelby and Sterlin Shults, Don and Sue Jones had lunch in Gatesville Sunday.

Emma Blakley of College Station came home Thursday to visit with her family.

Carolyn and Emma Blakley went to dinner in Gatesville

Friday.

Carolyn and Emma Blakley, Jerry and Brenda Helms went to lunch Saturday morning in Waco. While there, they went shopping.

Mrs. Bettie Blakley of Pearl, Jerry and Brenda Helms were Sunday luncheon guests of Robert and Carolyn Blakley. They all watched the Super Bowl.

Matti Mann won Reserve Champion Chester at the San Antonio Gilt Show, Champion Chester at San Angelo, and the Champion Pedigree Gilt at San Angelo. Third Overall Junior Star Gilt show San Angelo.

Lillie Mann won fourth at the San Antonio with her Cross, and second at San Angelo and fourth overall Cross at San Angelo.

Several people of Mound attended the 24th Annual Taste of Gatesville and Chili Cook-Off at the Gatesville Civic Center Tuesday evening.

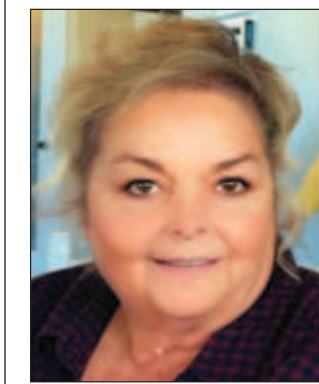
Several people of Mound attended the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce 2022 Membership Ban-



Barbara Hopson

quet and Business Awards last week. Gary and R'Lue Gribble were named Citizens of the Year. Mr. Gribble is the brother of William Gribble of Mound.

Sara Jo's Haute and Gaudy was named Business of the Year. Sara Jo Dixon Poynter is the daughter, of Kenneth and Nancy Dixon of Gatesville.



Peggy Perez

LOCAL TEAM HEADED TO WORLD SHOW



COURTESY PHOTO OF BECKY COWARD

Members of the Coryell County 4-H Horse Judging Team placed third at the recent Fort Worth Stock Show. They now qualify for the National Quarter Horse Youth Association World Show horse judging contest to be held in Oklahoma City in August. Members of the team are pictured, left to right, Irena Murphy, Kacy Maurer, Ludwika Rodriguez and coach Becky Coward.

Benefit to be held for Peggy Perez

A benefit for Peggy Perez will be held on Saturday, Feb. 26, 2022, from 2 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the Junction on 36. There will be live and silent auctions, a bake sale, t-shirt sales, a cornhole tournament, and live bands performing.

Perez is the sister of Janell Malden, Debbie Buster and Danny Malden. She was recently diagnosed with stage four pancreatic cancer. Although there has been discussion with doctors concerning both treatment and

timelines, her family's goal is to keep her as comfortable as possible and to let her know how much she is loved.

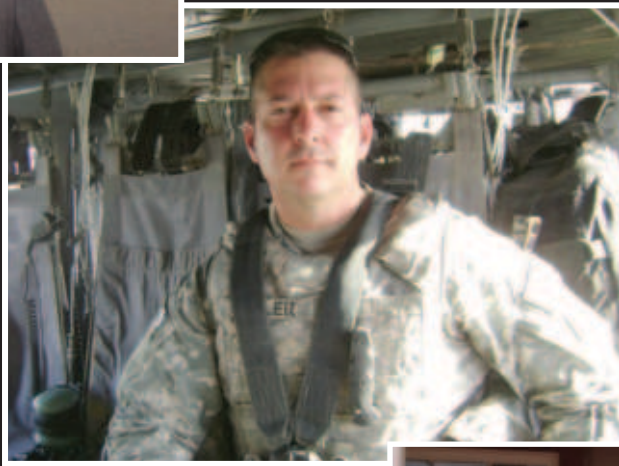
An account has been set up at Extraco Bank in Gatesville for the benefit of Perez.

RE-ELECT ROGER MILLER FOR COUNTY JUDGE

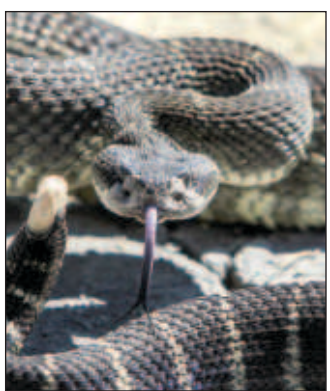


Early Voting
February 14th-25th

New Voting Dates
February 19th & 20th



Election Day
March 1st



Oglesby Lions Club Rattlesnake Roundup

The 2022 Oglesby Rattlesnake Roundup will take place on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 26-27, at the Oglesby Community Center. Snake demonstrations will be held on Saturday at 10 a.m., 12 p.m., 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Demonstrations will be held on Sunday at 12 p.m., 2 p.m., and 4 p.m. Jackie Bibby, "The Texas Snake Man," will be demonstrating with snakes and informing those attending what to do if they encounter a snake.

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

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

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JACK BARCROFT
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- 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'm 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.



First photo of my involvement with Coryell Republican Party 1998



Early voting is underway and folks around the county are having to make a decision about the direction of our great county. We have to look at the last three years and determine if we are satisfied with everything that's been going on at the county level or if we believe we could do better. I encourage everyone to contact their county officials to hear for themselves how the work environment has changed there over the past 3 years.



I have had the pleasure of serving Coryell County in various ways over the past 10 years and the absolute best part of the experience has been getting to know like-minded community volunteers that want to make a difference in our county even if they have to pay out of their own pockets to do so. I've been privileged to work with great volunteers on projects including the **RABBIT FEST, SHIVAREE, TURNERSVILLE BUFFALO STAMPEDE, RAY'S OF HOPE, OGLESBY RATTLESNAKE ROUNDUP, THE BIG STING, MILITARY APPRECIATION FISH FRY AND MORE.**

I want to bring the same "do what it takes" attitude with me to Commissioner's Court. Just like the last 10 years, regardless of my title I will continue to serve this great county of ours and always work to improve the quality of life for all of my neighbors. Coryell County has been very good to my family over the years and I hope to return that generosity through helping us all as County Judge.



Jack P. Barcroft

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I have proudly served 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
- Former President, Texas Republican County Chairmen's Association
- Board of Directors & President of Gatesville Chamber of Commerce, 2014 - 2020
- Coryell County Economic Development Board Volunteer, 2015 - 2022
- Past Master Gatesville Masonic Lodge #197 A.F. & A.M.



There is **no limit** to the amount of good you can do if you don't care who gets the credit.

- Ronald Reagan

AZ QUOTES

On Monday, February 21, let's join together in Prayer for our nation and reflect on our great leaders.

Happy Presidents' Day!

Historic church in need of donations for repairs

The Historic Eagle Springs Baptist Church Association is seeking funding and donations to help with the repair and maintenance of the century-old church. The cypress siding on the building has begun to deteriorate, and mold is beginning to form on the outside of the structure. In addition, the building needs to be leveled and painted.

Originally known as Onion Creek Baptist Church, it was formed in 1858 in a log building. When the log church burned a year later, the congregations built a new one. In the 1870s, the church congregation divided, and a new church was created, The Eagle Springs Baptist Church, which was constructed in 1878. Cypress wood was hauled in wagons from Galveston for the siding of the structure.

The building has two front doors - men entered through the right door and sat on the right side of the church, while women and children entered through the left door and sat on the left side.

Rev. John McClain was the first pastor, and among the pastors who followed was the Rev. Raleigh R. White, father of one of the founders of Scott and White Hospital. This is also the church that

the Neff family attended. Governor Pat M. Neff attended Eagle Springs Baptist Church as a child and as a young adult. He always considered it his "church home."

Despite the decrease in population in the Eagle Springs community, the church continued to operate until 1948 when the congregation voted to disband.

Over the next 50 years, the church was used sparingly for occasional weddings, funerals, and the annual homecoming.

A tornado damaged the historic structure, and for a time, it appeared that it would be torn down. A group of area citizens rallied to the cause and was able to move the building a short distance away from its original site and begin restoration.

Since being restored approximately 15 years ago, the church came to life once again with weddings, family reunions, birthday celebrations, and the annual homecoming event — which has recently been put on hold due to COVID concerns.

Despite the restoration over a decade ago, the structure is still in need of repairs. The Historic Eagle Springs Church Association would greatly appreciate any donations that could be made to help repair this historic structure located in southeastern Coryell County.

You can contact the association by writing to: The Historic Eagle Springs Baptist Church Association, c/o Martha Deeringer, 700 CR 313, McGregor, TX 76657 or by calling 254-223-0243.



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DONATIONS NEEDED: Association seeking funds to help with the repair and maintenance of the Historic Eagle Springs Baptist Church building.

Scholarships available for African American students

The UNCF (United Negro College Fund) and J.P. Morgan Wealth Management are now accepting applications for the 2022 J.P. Morgan Wealth Management Scholarship Program. The number of eligible historically Black colleges and universities has been expanded to 17.

Launched in 2021, the program provides scholarships and mentorships to students studying any major at historically Black colleges and universities to help them start a career as a financial advisor. J.P. Morgan Wealth Management will award a total of 375 scholarships through 2025.

Students will receive an initial \$2,000 scholarship and have the opportunity to participate in two paid professional summer programs to gain the skills to build a career as financial advisors. Students who complete both the Advancing Black Pathways Fellowship Program and the Financial Advisor Development Track Summer Analyst Program will receive an additional \$5,000 scholarship during their senior year.

This year, six new HBCUs were added to the list of participant schools, expanding eligibility to more students across the country.

The eligible schools include: Alabama A&M University, Central State University, Clark Atlanta University, Delaware State University, Florida A&M University, Howard University,

Morehouse College, Morgan State University, North Carolina A&T State University, Paul Quinn College, Prairie View A&M University, South Carolina State University, Spelman College, Tennessee State University, Texas Southern University, Wilberforce University, and Winston-Salem State University.

UNCF (United Negro College Fund) is the nation's largest and most effective minority education organization. To serve youth, the community and the nation, UNCF supports students' education and development through scholarships and other programs, supports and strengthens its 37 member colleges and universities, and advocates for the importance of minority education and college readiness. UNCF institutions and other historically Black colleges and universities are highly effective, awarding nearly 20% of African American baccalaureate degrees. UNCF administers more than 400 programs, including scholarship, internship and fellowship, mentoring, summer enrichment, and curriculum and faculty development programs. Today, UNCF supports more than 60,000 students at over 1,100 colleges and universities across the country.



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NOTICE OF TAX FORECLOSURE SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
 COUNTY OF CORYELL

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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


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

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

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

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

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


 SHERIFF OF CORYELL COUNTY

By: _____
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THE STATE OF TEXAS:
IN THE INTEREST OF
LEVI JOHNSON

CAUSE NO. DC-21-52431

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 28th day of May, 2021, and a First Amended Petition was filed on the 10th day of June, 2021, against DEVIN JOHNSON, Respondent, numbered DC-21-52431, and entitled "In the interest of LEVI JOHNSON, a child. 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: Levi Johnson, (Born May 10, 2021 in Copperas Cove, Texas)."

The petition of DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES, Petitioner was filed in the 52ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT of Coryell County, Texas on the 05/28/2021 against DEVIN JOHNSON, Respondent and entitled in the above entitled cause.

The date of birth of the child/children who is/are the subject of the suit is/are:
CHILD'S/CHILDREN'S NAME(S)
LEVI JOHNSON

PLACE OF BIRTH

DATE OF BIRTH
05/10/2021

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 14th day of February, 2022.

Attorney for Petitioner or Petitioner:
BELT, BRANDON
210 S. 7TH ST.
GATESVILLE, TX 76528

Clerk of the Court
Becky Moore, District Clerk
P.O. Box 4
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Coryell County, Texas

By: LINDA FRANKS, Deputy
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THE STATE OF TEXAS:
IN THE INTEREST OF
ADALYNN GREGORY
BARRETT ROBERTSON

CAUSE NO. DC-21-52344

IN THE 52ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS

TO: ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, Respondent, Greeting

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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 05/03/2021 against JOHN GREGORY, RESPONDENT, NUMBERED DC-21-52344 and entitled "IN THE INTEREST OF ADALYNN GREGORY AND BARRETT ROBERTSON, 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; ADALYNN GREGORY (BORN DECEMBER 28, 2014 IN WACO, 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."

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By: Ashley Lamb, Deputy
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THE STATE OF TEXAS:
IN THE INTEREST OF
MARCUS CHILDS
AVERY AGHARIH

CAUSE NO. DC-21-52161

IN THE 52ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS

TO: ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, Respondent, Greeting

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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 03/25/2021 against ALTON CHILDS, RESPONDENT, NUMBERED DC-21-52161, and entitled "IN THE INTEREST OF MARCUS CHILDS AND AVERY AGHARIAH, 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; MARCUS CHILDS (BORN JULY 2, 2005, IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA).

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."

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THE STATE OF TEXAS:
IN THE INTEREST OF
LEVI JOHNSON

CAUSE NO. DC-21-52431

IN THE 52ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS

TO: ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, Respondent, Greeting

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The petition of DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES, Petitioner was filed in the 52ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT of Coryell County, Texas on the 05/28/2021 against MICHELLE JOHNSON, Respondent and entitled in the above entitled cause.

The date of birth of the child/children who is/are the subject of the suit is/are:
CHILD'S/CHILDREN'S NAME(S): LEVI JOHNSON
PLACE OF BIRTH
DATE OF BIRTH: 05/10/2021

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109 S. 7TH STREET
GATESVILLE, TX 76528

TO: DECEDENT'S UNKNOWN HEIRS
UNKNOWN ADDRESS
UNKNOWN STATE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF CORYELL

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF HAROLD RAY AVILA, DECEASED. CAUSE NO 21-10566, COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS. LUCY AVILA FILED IN THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS ON THE 3RD DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2021, AN APPLICATION FOR FOR INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION AND LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 401.003 OF THE TEXAS ESTATES CODES SAID HAROLD RAY AVILA, DECEASED.

SAID APPLICATION SHALL BE HEARD AND ACTED ON BY SAID COURT ON OR AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY NEXT AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF TEN DAYS FROM DATE OF POSTING THIS CITATION, THE SAME BEING THE 28TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2022, AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN GATESVILLE, TEXAS.

ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID ESTATE ARE HEREBY CITED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY AT THE SAME ABOVE MENTIONED TIME AND PLACE BY FILING A WRITTEN ANSWER CONTESTING SUCH APPLICATION SHOULD THEY DESIRE TO DO SO.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE COUNTY COURT OF CORYELL COUNTY IN GATESVILLE, TEXAS THE 15TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2022.

JENNIFER NEWTON
CORYELL COUNTY CLERK
CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS

BY: JENNIFER NEWTON 00029118

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Morris Ray Brown, Jr., Deceased, were issued on February 4, 2022, in Cause No. 22-10602, pending in the County Court at Law of Coryell County, Texas, to: Carroll Jean Brown.

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

c/o: Allen D. Place, Jr.
Attorney at Law
109 S. 7th Street
Gatesville, Texas 76528

DATED the 11th day of February, 2022.

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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.
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- ▶ 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

Abilene tops Gatesville in softball opener

BY TRISTON MCGEHEE
STAFF WRITER

The Gatesville Lady Hornets were overwhelmed 21-3 in their first game of the season by the Abilene Lady Eagles in a non-district girl's softball game at the Gatesville High School softball field.

The Lady Eagles were hitting the ball well, which got them on base and pushed their baserunners around the diamond. The Lady Hornets could not get the strikeouts they needed to be able to get themselves into position to score points. The game consisted of five innings, and the Lady Eagles outscored the Lady Hornets in every one of them except the second inning, where the Lady Hornets scored their three points.

GHS head softball coach Andrea Holdbrook was pleased to see that the girls remained optimistic despite the score being weighed against them.

"I was really proud that we didn't give up," Holdbrook said. "It was tough to find outs against a team that can hit and run as they did, but we still tried to make plays. We were still diving for balls and sliding to advance

when we could have checked out by the third inning."

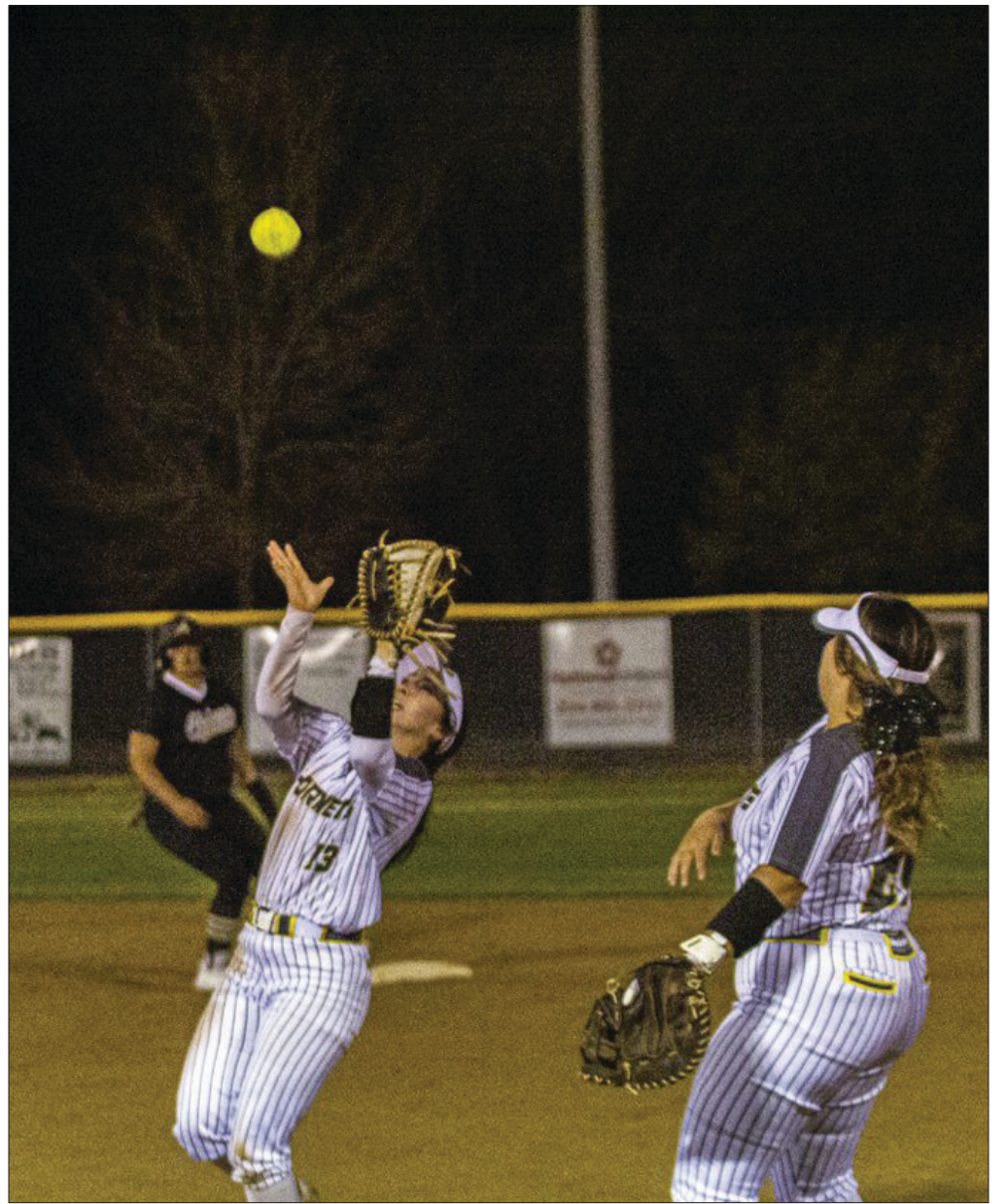
The Lady Hornets were on defense most of the night, which meant they could not get off the field and bat offensively. But with negatives, there are always positives.

"We got to play a lot of defense tonight, and that is something you can't simulate in practice," Holdbrook said. "Unfortunately, we can't turn off the scoreboard, but we focused on staying positive and getting (in) reps instead of the score."

Holdbrook has big expectations for this team, and she wants to work with the game to game to improve their play and learn from their mistakes.

"I think we learned that even if we played perfectly, there are still teams out there that might beat us," Holdbrook said. "Instead of focusing on being perfect, we need to find a way to get better with every opportunity. Today's loss isn't a loss if we learned something from the experience."

Gatesville scoring - Cera Touchet, Kalli Robinette, and Grace Carothers each scored one run.



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Riann Tippit looks to make a play for the Lady Hornets in their season-opener against Abilene High School on Feb. 15.

Eagles down Rochelle in warm-up

BY TRISTON MCGEHEE
STAFF WRITER

The playoff-bound Jonesboro Eagles won their warmup non-district game 47-36 against the Rochelle Hornets at the Jonesboro High School Gym on Tuesday.

The Eagles (13-10 overall, 9-3 in district) will participate in the postseason next

week, and they wanted to keep the wheels churning in their open week to prepare for their playoff opponent, the Hubbard Jaguars. The Eagles and the Hornets (11-10 overall, 4-5 in district) were competitive in every quarter, tying in the first two and Jonesboro edging Rochelle out 12-11 in the third. In the fourth quarter, Jonesboro pulled away, outscoring

the Hornets 13-5.

The Eagles played the Bluff Dale Bobcats (15-17 overall, 6-6 in district) on Friday in a non-district game at Iredell High School. The Eagles will play the Hubbard Jaguars (16-8 overall, 10-2 in district) on Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Bruceville-Eddy High School. Results from both games will be in a future edition.

Lady Eagles fall in close playoff game

BY TRISTON MCGEHEE
STAFF WRITER

The Jonesboro Lady Eagles were bested by the Hubbard Lady Jaguars 34-31 in a bi-district girls basketball playoff game at Bruceville-Eddy High School on Monday.

The Lady Eagles started with momentum, outscoring the Lady Jaguars early 16-7, but the lead was short-lived as the Lady Jaguars retaliated in the second quarter by outscoring Jonesboro 11-4 in that period. By the intermission, the Lady Eagles had a slight

two-point advantage of 20-18. The difference came in the third quarter, where the Lady Jaguars tied the game at 28 all and finished the fourth quarter outscoring the Lady Eagles 6-3.

Katie Snoddy and Kylee Deason scored eight points each in the game. Alissa Shumate scored six points, Emma Rodriguez scored five points, and Paiton Green scored four points.

The Lady Eagles finished their season with a record of (11-14 overall, 8-4 in district) and will look forward to next season.

Oglesby girls fall in playoffs

BY TRISTON MCGEHEE
STAFF WRITER

The Oglesby Lady Tigers ended their season with a 65-26 loss to the Coolidge Lady Yellow Jackets in the bi-district girls playoff game on Tuesday at Mart High School.

The Lady Tigers played from behind the entire game, being outscored in all four quarters. By the intermission, Oglesby was down 35-12. The second quarter saw a huge separation between the two teams, with the Lady Yellow Jackets (20-6 overall, 12-0 in

district) outscoring the Lady Tigers 20-5.

Matti Dixon led in points in the effort against Coolidge scoring 10 points on the night. Lacie Luckie scored five points in the game, while Adrian Herrings scored four points. Lizette Castillo scored three points, while Alyssa Castillo and Summer Newman each scored two points.

The Oglesby Lady Tigers end their season with a record of 5-7 overall, 2-6 in district and will go into the offseason to prepare for next season.

Area Fishing Report

Belton

GOOD. Water lightly stained; 50 degrees; 2.85 feet low. Winter Storm Landon dropped Lake Belton water temperatures to their coldest yet this winter. Helpful bird activity has diminished and fish are now found as deep as they have been all winter in 28-42 feet of water. When fish are more active a ounce white Bladed Hazy Eye Slab is producing. When fish are less active the dead-stick technique horizontally rigged using short soft jigheads. Report by Bob Maindelle, Holding the Line Guide Service. Catfish are in full transition moving from deep to shallow water, 5-20 feet of water. Blue catfish are good on commercial baits. Yellow catfish are

slow. Report by Jason "SPUD" Barton, Cattin' Around Adventure's Professional Guide Service.

Waco

GOOD. Water stained; 49 degrees; 3.95 feet low. Catfish are in full transition from deep to shallow water, 5-20 feet of water. Blue catfish are good on fresh cut bait. Channel catfish are good on commercial baits. Yellow catfish are slow. Report by Jason "SPUD" Barton, Cattin' Around Adventure's Professional Guide Service. 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.

Benefit for Peggy Perez



It is with both heartache and hope that we share news of Peggy Perez, precious sister of Janell Malden, Debbie Buster and Danny Malden. She was recently diagnosed with stage four pancreatic cancer. Although there has been plenty of discussion with doctors concerning both treatment and timelines, our only goals are to keep her as comfortable as possible and to let her know just how loved she is. With grateful hearts, we ask you to help in any way you can.

Please pray as much as possible, send a note of encouragement her way or attend our fundraiser to help with the expenses during this challenging time.

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With love, Peggy's Family

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Hornets triumph in overtime thriller

BY TRISTON MCGEHEE
STAFF WRITER

The Gatesville Hornets survived Tuesday's District-18-4A boys' soccer matchup, defeating the Lake Belton Broncos 7-6 on penalty kicks in overtime at Tommy Davidson Field at McKamie Stadium.

The Hornets have now won five out of their last seven district games with their win over the Broncos.

With a cold south wind blowing, neither team could find the right angle to score a goal in regulation, so penalty kicks decided the outcome. The teams were aggressive, but neither could gain an advantage over the other in regulation.

According to GHS boys' soccer head coach Scott Campbell, the Lake Belton squad has good outside players, which were "dangerous" on offense, but some crucial saves by goalkeeper Braeden Shuemaker kept the Hornets alive.

"The goalkeeper (Shuemaker) did a solid job getting us to overtime," Campbell said. "And then having wonderful saves during overtime."

The final seconds of the game were crucial for both sides in trying to edge out a victory with the game tied 6-6 in overtime. Jeffrey Tesar came out and kicked the game-winner for the Hornets.

The seven Hornets who scored penalty kicks were Morgan Clary, Hector Silva Hernandez, Luis Macias, Oswaldo Leon, Juan Angel Almendariz, Enrique Rojas, and Tesar.

The Hornets will now start a tough road stretch, with five road games in a row. They played the Florence Buffaloes (1-6-1 overall, 0-4 in district) in Florence on Friday.

On Feb 11 the Hornets lost to the Little River Academy Bumblebees by a 2-1 margin at the Class 3A school, which is in Bell County. The lone scorer for the Hornets was Luis Macias.

LADY HORNETS

The Gatesville Lady Hornets fell by a 5-0 count to the undefeated District-18-4A leader the Lake Belton Lady Broncos (16-1 overall, 6-0 in district) in a girls soccer game Tuesday at Tommy Davidson Field at McKamie Stadium.

The wind played a factor just as it did in the boys' game, but the results were drastically different. The girls struggled to move the ball into scoring position, while the Lady Broncos were able to press the goal much of the game.

The Lady Hornets will also head into a long road stretch now. On



Morgan Clary advances the ball for Gatesville in the team's 7-6 win over Lake Belton on Feb. 15.

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Friday, the Lady Hornets faced the Florence Lady Buffaloes, in Florence. The results from both the girls and boys games will be in a future edition.

The girls defeated Little River Academy 6-0 on Feb. 11. Lola Barron, Tasha Thoms, and Bethany Penrod scored two goals each, while Barrett Boyd recorded one.

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Tasha Thoms looks for an opportunity to put her team into scoring position in the Feb. 15 game against the Lake Belton Lady Broncos.

Evant falls to Lometa in basketball playoff contest

BY TRISTON MCGEHEE
STAFF WRITER

The Evant Lady Elks season has ended with a 42-27 loss to the Lometa Hornets in a girl's bi-district playoff basketball game at Lampasas High School on Monday.

The Lady Elks had a weight and height disadvantage during the game against Lometa (8-6 overall, 2-2 in district). The

Lady Elks were also missing one of their key scorers in Emileigh Burton. Although the girls were outscored in all four quarters they came to play despite their disadvantages. The girls played with confidence and kept up the best they could.

EHS head coach Chad Baker said nerves may have been a factor in the loss against Lometa.

"We didn't come out firing on all cylinders," Baker said. "It took a little bit for the girls to get into the game and know

what to do offensively and defensively."

According to Baker, he was proud of the way the team did this season. He thought they could have finished in second place if they played the way he knows that they could.

The Evant Lady Elks finished their season with a record of 12-11 overall, 8-5 in district. The Lady Elks hope to rebound their efforts next season.



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(Left) Caeleigh Burkham shoots a free throw for the Lady Elks vs. Lometa. (Right) Julie Andrade fires the ball over the head of a Lometa defender in a Feb. 14 playoff game in Lampasas.