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Miller re-elected county judge, Weddle wins Pct. 2

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Coryell County residents have re-elected Roger Miller as the county judge, and Scott Weddle as county commissioner for precinct 2, while there will be a runoff for the precinct 4 county commissioner post.

Those running in the Republican and Democratic primaries on March 1 are required to receive a majority (defined as at least 50% plus one) in order to avoid a runoff between the two candidates who received the most votes.

Miller defeated three challengers, including Joey Acfalle, Jack Barcroft and Celia Sellers. Miller re-



Roger Miller

ceived 2,843 votes (55.6%) followed by Barcroft with 1,152 (22.53%),



Scott Weddle

Sellers with 736 (14.39%) and Acfalle with 382 votes (7.47%).

Election votes are considered unofficial until they are canvassed to account for each ballot cast and that each vote is valid.

For Pct. 2 commissioner, Weddle received 633 votes (61.7%) to 393 votes for Billy Vaden (38.3%).

For Pct. 4, incumbent Ray Ashby Jr. received 546 votes (40.63%), Keith Taylor received 446 (33.18%) and Bradi Diaz received 352 (26.19%). Because no one in that race received a majority of the vote, Ashby and Taylor will have a runoff election on May 24. Early voting for the runoff will be May 16-20.

In other county election results:

- * 440th Judicial District Judge Grant Kinsey, who was unopposed, received 4,581 votes (100%).
- * County Court at Law Judge John Lee received 4,646 votes (100%).
- * District Clerk Becky Moore received 4,703 votes (100%).
- * County Clerk Jennifer Newton received 4,559 votes (100%).
- * County Treasurer Randi McFarlin received 4,612 votes (100%).
- * Pct. 1 Justice of the Peace John Guinn received 957 votes (100%).
- * Pct. 2 Justice of the Peace F.W.

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Celebrating Seuss



Road repairs may get boost

BY JEFF OSBORNE
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Coryell County may own a new machine to help with road repairs - or possibly rent it on an as needed basis - if an agreement is reached between Bosque and Coryell County officials.

"Bosque County has one of the (road repair) machines that they haven't used in several years," said Justin Latham, road and bridge administrator for Coryell County during a recent meeting of the Coryell County Commissioners Court. "They don't have enough manpower to run it."

The machine would improve the road repair process for Coryell County, Latham said: "It's way better than what we've been using. Bosque County could put it on an upcoming agenda to possibly sell. It's got about 900 hours (of use) on it."

"If Bosque County doesn't want to sell, we could rent it as part of an interlocal agreement. I told Bosque County that we'd be interested."

County commissioners Kyle Matthews and Ryan Basham voiced their agreement.

"I definitely think we'd be interested in looking at it," Matthews said.

"For sure," Basham added. Coryell County Judge Roger Miller said the Coryell City Volunteer Fire Department has asked about the county road and bridge department about assisting them on some projects.

"I told them to get with the commissioners court about a possible interlocal agreement," Latham said. "They might need us to help them with our road grader."

"I doubt there would be much (difficulty) in working up an agreement," said County Judge Roger Miller.

Latham said the road and bridge department has also worked with the Turnersville Volunteer Fire Department.



DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

THE CAT'S MEOW: (Top) Kindergarten student Alejandra Mata poses for a picture with Gatesville Primary School Principal Mashara Streater in Cat in the Hat apparel to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday on March 2 during morning dropoff at the school. (Left) Evangeline Henson, a kindergarten student, shows her Cat in the Hat garb during the Seuss celebration. Theodor Seuss Geisel, a beloved children's author, was born on March 2, 1904 in Springfield, Mass. He is best known for writing and illustrating more than 60 books under the pen name, Dr. Seuss.



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ELECTION

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* Pct. 2 Justice of the Peace F.W. "Bill" Price received 1,063 votes (100%).

* Pct. 3 Justice of the Peace Jim Caldwell received 1,575 votes (100%).

* Pct. 4 Justice of the Peace Coy Latham received 1,140 votes (100%).

In multi-county elections:

* John Carter for District 31 U.S. Representative, received 3,591 votes (68.15%), followed by Mike Williams with 1,044 votes (19.81%) and Abhiram Garapati with 634 votes (12.03%). Districtwide, Carter received 50,554 votes (71.06%) followed by Williams with 14,039 votes (19.73%) and Garapati with 6,549 (9.21%).

* For governor, in the Republican primary Greg Abbott received 3,693 votes (67.7%) in Coryell County and 1,257,589 votes statewide (66.52%), Allen West with 844 votes countywide (15.33%) and 231,990 votes statewide (12.27%), Don Huffines with 380 votes countywide (6.9%), Chad Prather with 302 votes countywide (5.48%) and 72,185 votes statewide (3.82%), Rick Perry with 184 votes countywide (3.34%) and 60,574 votes statewide (3.82%), Kandy Kaye Horn with 51 votes countywide (0.93%) and 22,782 votes statewide (1.21%), Danny Harrison with 27 votes countywide (0.49%) and 10,384 votes statewide (0.55%), and Paul Belew with 25 votes countywide (0.45%) and 10,857 votes statewide (0.57%).

* For governor in the Democratic primary, Beto O'Rourke received 1,095 votes countywide (92.02%) and 936,707 votes statewide (91.29%), Joy Diaz with 43 votes countywide (3.61%) and 32,735 votes statewide (3.19%), Rich Wakeland with 23 votes countywide (1.93%) and 12,667 votes statewide (1.23%), Michael Cooper with 20 votes countywide (1.68%) and 31,158 statewide (3.04%) and Ignacio Barrientez with nine votes countywide (0.76%) and 12,764 votes statewide (1.24%).

* For lieutenant governor in the Republican primary, Dan Patrick received 4,054 votes countywide (77.16%) and 1,380,632 votes statewide (76.5%), Daniel Miller with 437 votes countywide (8.32%) and 123,203 votes statewide (6.83%), Trayce Bradford with 293 votes countywide (5.58%) and 118,111 votes statewide (6.54%), Aaron Sorrells with 192 votes countywide (3.65%) and 71,513 statewide (3.95%), Zach Vance with 158 votes countywide (3.01%) and 69,960 votes statewide (3.87%) and Todd Bullis with 120 votes countywide (2.28%) and 41,731 votes statewide (2.31%).

* For lieutenant governor in the Democratic primary, Michelle Beckley received 442 votes countywide (38.43%) and 291,564 votes statewide (30.22%), Carla Bradley with 359 votes countywide (31.22%) and 270,258 votes statewide (28.01%) and Mike Collier with 349 votes countywide (30.35%) and 402,883 votes statewide (41.76%).

* For attorney general in the Republican primary, Ken Paxton received 2,469 votes countywide (45.76%) and 799,203 votes statewide (42.65%), George P. Bush with 1,401 votes countywide (25.96%) and 427,743 votes statewide (22.82%), Eva Guzman with 793 votes countywide (14.7%) and 327,362 votes statewide (17.47%), and Louie Gohmert with 733 votes countywide (13.58%) and 319,774 votes statewide (17.06%).

* For attorney general in the Democratic primary, Rochelle Mercedes Garza received 430 votes countywide (37.46%) and 421,260 votes statewide (43.37%), Lee Merritt with 285 votes countywide (24.83%) and 187,861 statewide (19.34%), Mike Fields with 186 votes countywide (16.2%) and 119,028 votes statewide (12.25%), Joe Jaworski with 167 votes countywide (14.55%) and 190,567 votes statewide (19.62%) and S. "T Bone" Raynor with 80 votes countywide (6.97%) and 57,212 statewide (5.43%).

* For comptroller of public accounts in the Republican primary, Glenn Hegar received 3,640 votes countywide (75.9%) and 1,347,019 votes statewide (81.66%), Mark V. Goloby with 1,156 votes countywide (24.1%) and 302,503 votes statewide

(18.34%).

* For comptroller of public accounts in the Democratic primary, Janet T. Duding received 464 votes countywide (41.28%) and 429,721 votes statewide (45.93%), followed by Angel Luis Vega with 387 votes countywide (34.43%) and 326,549 votes statewide (34.9%) and Tim Mahoney with 273 votes countywide (24.29%) and 179,380 votes statewide (19.17%).

* For General Land Office Commissioner in the Republican primary, Dawn Buckingham received 2,910 votes countywide (60.51%) and 657,579 votes statewide (41.78%), followed by Don Minton 618 votes countywide and 167,366 votes statewide (10.63%), Tim Westley with 437 votes countywide (9.09%) and 233,198 votes statewide (14.82%), Jon Spiers with 243 votes countywide (5.05%) and 199,047 statewide (12.65%), Victor Avila with 204 votes countywide (4.24%) and 118,869 votes statewide (7.55%), Weston Martinez with 152 votes countywide (3.16%) and 103,179 votes statewide (6.55%), Rufus Lopez with 144 votes countywide (2.99%) and 48,009 statewide (3.05%), and Ben Armenta with 101 votes countywide (2.10%) and 46,941 votes statewide (2.98%).

* For General Land Office Commissioner in the Democratic primary, Sandgrace Martinez received 376 votes countywide (33.33%) and 301,917 votes statewide (32.09%), Michael Lange with 284 votes countywide (25.18%) and 189,484 statewide (20.14%), Jinny Suh with 278 votes countywide (24.65%) and 205,516 statewide (21.85%), and Michael Kleberg with 190 votes countywide (16.84%) and 246,480 votes statewide (25.88%).

* For Agriculture Commissioner in the Republican primary, Sid Miller received 3,629 votes countywide (69.96%) and 966,703 statewide (58.52%) followed by James White with 1,145 votes countywide (22.07%) and 513,314 statewide (31.07%) and Carey A. Council with 413 votes countywide (7.96%) and 171,910 statewide (10.41%).

* For Agriculture Commissioner in the Democratic primary, Susan Hays received 874 votes countywide (77.48%)

and 785,526 votes statewide (82.73%) followed by Ed Ireson with 254 votes countywide (22.52%) and 163,931 votes statewide (17.27%).

* For Railroad Commissioner in the Republican primary, Wayne Christian received 1,439 votes countywide (31.79%) and 751,429 statewide (47.12%), Tom Slocum Jr. with 996 votes countywide (22.01%) and 228,562 votes statewide (14.33%), Marvin "Sarge" Summers with 742 votes countywide (16.39%) and 189,932 statewide (11.91%), Sarah Stogner with 718 votes countywide (15.86%) and 241,604 votes statewide (15.15%) and Dawayne Tipton with 631 votes countywide (13.94%) and 183,080 votes statewide (11.48%).

* For Railroad Commissioner in the Democratic primary Luke Warford received 1,070 votes countywide (100%) and 883,980 votes statewide (100%).

* For Supreme Court Justice Place 3 Debra Lehmann received 4,550 votes countywide (100%) and 1,495,051 votes statewide (100%).

* For Supreme Court Justice Place 3 in the Democratic primary, Erin Nowell received 1,067 votes countywide (100%) and 881,481 votes statewide (100%).

* For Supreme Court Justice Place 5 in the Republican primary, Rebecca Huddle received 4,463 votes countywide (100%) and 1,478,467 votes statewide (100%).

* For Supreme Court Justice Place 5 in the Democratic primary, Amanda Reicek received 1,075 votes countywide (100%) and 879,560 votes statewide (100%).

* For Supreme Court Justice Place 9 in the Republican primary, Evan Young received 2,675 votes countywide (60.66%) and 835,828 votes statewide (54.79%) followed by David Schenck with 1,735 votes countywide (39.34%) and 689,818 votes statewide (45.21%).

* For Supreme Court Justice Place 9 in the Democratic primary, Julia Maldonado received 1,090 votes countywide (100%) and 889,302 votes statewide.

* For Court of Criminal Appeals Place 2 in the Republican primary, Mary Lou Keel received 4,424 votes countywide (100%) and 1,445,652 votes statewide.

* For Court of Criminal Appeals Place 5

in the Republican primary, Scott Walker received 2,819 votes countywide (64.1%) and 862,782 votes statewide (56.84%) while Clint Morgan received 1,579 votes countywide (35.9%) and 655,172 votes statewide (43.16%).

* For Court of Criminal Appeals Place 5 in the Democratic primary, Dana Huffman received 1,081 votes countywide (100%) and 878,997 votes statewide (100%).

* For Court of Criminal Appeals Place 6 in the Republican primary, Jesse McClure III received 4,361 votes countywide (100%) and 1,433,519 votes statewide (100%).

* For Court of Criminal Appeals Place 6 in the Democratic Primary, Robert Johnson received 1,071 votes countywide (100%) and 873,623 votes statewide (100%).

* For State Board of Education District 14 in the Republican primary, Sue Melton-Malone received 2,335 votes countywide (52.39%) and 57,683 votes districtwide (42.76%) while Evelyn Brooks received 2,122 votes countywide (47.61%) and 77,227 votes districtwide (57.24%).

* For State Board of Education District 14 in the Democratic primary, Tracy Fisher received 1,074 votes countywide and 40,367 votes districtwide (100%).

* For State Senator, District 24 Pete Flores received 2,751 votes countywide (54.77%) and 38,024 districtwide (46.03%), while Raul Reyes received 1,546 votes countywide (30.78%) and 27,069 votes districtwide (32.77%) and Lamar Lewis received 726 votes countywide (14.45%) and 17,507 votes districtwide (21.19%).

* For State Senator District 24 in the Democratic primary, Kathy Jones-Hopod received 853 votes countywide (76.43%) and 20,566 votes districtwide (79.95%) and Jeremy Kohlves received 263 votes countywide (23.57%) and 3,024 districtwide (20.05%).

* For State Representative District 59, Shelby Slawson received 4,601 votes countywide (100%) and 20,363 votes districtwide (100%).

* For 10th Court of Appeals Place 3 in the Republican primary, Steve Smith re-



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February Employee Spotlight

VICKIE COX

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THANK YOU!

I want to express my sincere gratitude to the residents of Coryell County. I am humbled by the support you have shown me, and I am truly honored to continue to serve as your County Judge.

I look forward to the challenges of modernizing our facilities and infrastructure, while continuing to reduce the tax rate and protecting the interests of our citizens.

Again, I thank you for your votes and the trust you have placed in me.

May God Bless us all,
Roger Miller
Coryell County Judge



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MOUND NEWS

Change those clocks next week

BARBARA HOPSON

Mrs. Carol Sue Stephens died Saturday, Feb. 26, 2022. Funeral services were held Thursday at Scott's Funeral Home in Gatesville. Burial was in Restland Cemetery. Mrs. Stephens is the mother of Jimbo Stephens and wife, Ashley Stephens, of Mound.

Jean Rose and her family spent last week in Crested Butte, Colorado on a skiing trip.

Mr. Graham Howell was honored for his eighth birthday with a party given by his mother, Lizzi Howell, at a hotel in Round Rock. Those attending were Margaret Hopson, Danijo Wood, Angie, Abigail and Emily Cupps.

Coryell County's senior livestock judging team won the San Antonio contest. Team members are Kinsey Gardner (second place indi-

vidual), Costin Allison (sixth place individual), Samuel Belt (15th place individual) and Trey Harbour (16th individual). Thomas Belt won second place junior individual at the East Central Livestock Judging Contest.

The Mann girls participated in the San Antonio Livestock Show, in the Livestock Judging Contest this past Sunday.

Carolyn and Emma Blakley had dinner and went shopping in Waco Saturday.

Don and Sue Jones had Scott, Kelby and Sterlin Shults, Case and Kristen Jones for dinner Sunday evening to celebrate Kelby's birthday.

Slayton Fisher finished his season of the Little Dribblers basketball for Oglesby. His team played a championship game against Jonesboro and won.



Hopson

Over the weekend, several people from Mound attended the 2022 annual Oglesby Rattlesnake Roundup at the Oglesby Community Center.

Barbara's Notes: Happy Birthday to Cheryl Ford, Paul Hopson, Sherrie Barton, Beth Haines and Mary Sue Wicker.

Barbara's Reminder: Daylight Savings Time begins on Saturday, March 13. Remember to change those clocks.

Fiber arts classes being offered at library

Fiber arts classes are being offered at the Gatesville Public Library on the second and fourth Monday of each month. The classes are being instructed by Bonnie Wales and all skill levels are welcome to attend. The group explores knitting, crochet, cross stitch, nalebinding, quilting, weaving and other forms of

fiber art.

If you are experienced in your medium, just beginning, or want to learn, the public is invited to attend, work on projects together and share ideas and expertise. Those who plan to attend are asked to bring a current project or a project they want to start and don't quite know how to

begin.

The meetings for this month will be Monday, March 7 at 3 p.m. and Monday, March 21 at 3 p.m. The Gatesville Public Library is located at 111 N. 8th Street and can be reached by calling 254-865-5367.



FIBER ART ON DISPLAY: A form of fiber arts known as needle felting is on display at the Gatesville Public Library. The art depicted was the work of Bonnie Wales.

CRIME STOPPERS

Criminal mischief on 26th Street

Centex Crime Stoppers can use your help in solving a case of criminal mischief which occurred in the 200 block of N. 26th St. sometime between Feb. 11 at 5 p.m. and Feb. 13 at 3 p.m. An unknown person(s) shattered the back window of a high school student's vehicle with a large chunk of asphalt. According to the

vehicle owner, the cost to replace the damaged property is over \$300.

If you have any information about any case or any local crime, call Centex Crime Stoppers 24 hours a day at 1-254-865-8477 (TIPS) or visit our website at www.Centexcrimestoppers.org or by downloading the "P3" mobile app available on both

the Apple app store and Google Play Store. You never have to give your name, and if your information leads to an arrest, you may be eligible for a cash reward.

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Award winning author addresses Mystery Book Club

Reavis Z. Wortham recently addressed members of the Gatesville Public Library's Mystery Book Club at the city auditorium.

Wortham spoke to the group about his new book, "The Texas Job," which is a Red River historical mystery thriller that was recently released on Feb. 15. Those who were in attendance enjoyed hearing about his adventures in researching and writing mystery novels.

Wortham, a native of Paris, Texas, is an American author who is critically acclaimed for 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 Medallion.

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.



COURTESY PHOTO BY FAYE NICHOLS

MYSTERY GUEST: Award winning author, Reavis Z. Wortham was a special guest speaker for the Gatesville Public Library's Mystery Book Club. Wortham is seen addressing book club members at their recent meeting.

Hall of Fame Stage Show to restart this month

The Gatesville Country Music Hall of Fame Stage Show will resume their monthly performances beginning on Friday, March 18 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Gatesville City Auditorium.

Due to COVID-19 concerns, the program had been put on hold for the last several months but will now begin once again. The show will feature the Texas Creek Band which is comprised of Ken West, D.C. Cloninger, Marty Filandro and Lisa Paschal.



D.C. Cloninger

D. C. Cloninger is the group's fiddle player. He has played country and western swing music for over 30 years. He and Ken play mostly as a duo, but sometimes they add other musicians to the band, depending on the venue. D.C. is a great fiddler and singer.



Ken West

Ken West has been playing country and western swing music for over 50 years. He's been a member of the Gatesville Country Music Hall of Fame since July 2014 and a member of the house band even longer. Ken travels around Texas playing the acoustic guitar and singing classic country music. He often travels to Colorado to perform.



Lisa Paschal

Lisa Paschal has worked part time as a substitute teacher. Her husband is the pastor of the Bosque County Cowboy Church. Lisa has been a part of the church's music ministry and has played the drums for several

years.



Marty Filandro

Marty Filandro lives in Clifton. He first started playing the bass at age 14 and paid for lessons by delivering Sunday newspapers and mowing yards. At age 23, he joined the U.S. Navy and served 13 years where he formed and played in bands with friends. His band once opened for Aaron Tippin and Faith Hill in 1996.

The Gatesville Country Music Hall of Fame Stage Show is held the third Friday of each month. Admission is always free.

The Gatesville City Auditorium is located at 110 N. 8th Street. For more information, please visit their website at: <http://www.gatesvillecountrymusicshalloffame.com>

Fundraiser for Hospice House today in Robinson

A fundraiser sidewalk sale is scheduled for Saturday, March 5 at 1208 N. Robinson Drive in Robinson.

Items for sale include home furnishings, toys, housewares, clothing, antiques and more and the sale is scheduled from 8 a.m. through 3 p.m.

100% of the proceeds will benefit the development of Our Hospice House, an

around-the-clock hospice-level care home where terminally ill residents will be cared for at no cost to those in need.

Over the last decade, Mark and Holley Walsh, and Jennifer and Dr. Jeff Bates, MD have been praying for the creation of a hospice house in central Texas. In 2021, through a generous gift from TheLordsWork.org, a local

Christian non-profit organization, they are now able to move forward with a project in the Waco/Robinson area. To start, they now have property for a Resale Shop to help fund the ongoing cost of a hospice house.

If you have interest in donating to the project or for more information about Our Hospice House, visit ourhospicehouse.org

The DISPATCH

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of February 27 - March 2. 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. 27

1:54 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2500 block of Jackson Drive.

8:26 a.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 100 block of Oak Lane.

3:43 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 800 block of S. 7th Street.

7:19 p.m., an assault was reported in the 100 block of Elm Street.

8:29 p.m., a burglary was reported in the 8500 block of FM 182.

8:46 p.m., an assault was reported in the 1300 block of Westview Drive.

Feb. 28

11:10 a.m., illegal dumping was reported in the 300 block of FM 116.

1:47 p.m., a theft was reported in the 1000 block of Waco Street.

2:07 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 5500 block of FM 215.

4:05 p.m., a burglary was reported in the 100 block of Magaldi Street.

4:15 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 12000 block of S. State Highway 36.

9:14 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1300 block of Pidcoke Street.

March 1

9:46 a.m., a hit-and-run was reported in the 1600 block of W. Main Street.

10:13 a.m., an intoxicated driver was reported in the 5000 block of E. Highway 84.

10:46 a.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 1800 block of U.S. 281.

1:47 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 3200 block of FM 929.

3:06 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2900 block of E. Main Street.

4:33 p.m., a reckless driver

was reported in the 2700 block of FM 116.

March 2

12:18 a.m., a disturbance was reported in the 2300 block of Business Highway 36.

4:57 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2500 block of E. Main Street.

2:54 p.m., an accident was reported in the 1100 block of W. Main Street.

4:08 p.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 6000 block of E. Highway 84.

4:35 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 100 block of Elm Street.

10:27 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 500 block of S. 6th Street.

900 block of Pheasant Circle.

Feb. 28

9:50 a.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 3500 block of CR 226.

11:01 a.m., the burglary of a habitation was reported in the 100 block of CR 334.

4:26 p.m., a major accident was reported on S. Highway 36 and E. FM 931.

6:06 p.m., suspicious persons were reported in the 2500 block of CR 114.

6:24 p.m., a reckless driver was reported travelling south on FM 116.

8:20 p.m., a minor accident was reported in the 1500 block of FM 930.

March 1

10:00 a.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 500 block of CR 360.

11:03 a.m., a civil matter was reported in the 100 block of College Avenue.

3:17 p.m., a theft was reported in the 2900 block of CR 318.

4:52 p.m., a major accident was reported in the 200 block of FM 107.

4:54 p.m., trespassing was reported in the 200 block of Linda's Lane.

10:45 p.m., an assault was reported in the 9900 block of E. Highway 84.

March 2

1:21 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on FM 116 at Pidcoke.

4:10 p.m., a reckless driver was reported on Highway 84 South.

5:56 p.m., phone harassment was reported on Columbus Avenue.

7:19 p.m., suspicious persons were reported in the 1000 block of Twin Mountain Road.

8:02 p.m., a stranded motorist was reported on FM 580.

9:45 p.m., a minor accident was reported on Highway 36 at The Grove.

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4:56 a.m., a fatality was reported on N. Highway 36 and FM 182.

10:29 a.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 100 block of Ramsey Avenue.

1:33 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 4100 block of CR 265.

5:18 p.m., suspicious persons were reported in the 200 block of CR 137.

8:32 p.m., the burglary of a habitation was reported in the 8500 block of FM 182.

9:15 p.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the

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OBITUARIES

SAMUEL HOWARD BYRD
Sept. 13, 1930 - Feb. 26, 2022



Samuel (Sam) Byrd, age 91, of Gatesville, passed away on the morning of Feb. 26, 2022.

Graveside services were held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, March 2, 2022, at Post Oak Cemetery in Oglesby. Sam was born on Sept. 13, 1930, in Gatesville, the only child of the late John Bird and Christine Henson. He grew up in Coryell County, where he was a truck driver most of his life. In his later years he worked for Coryell County where he retired. He enjoyed driving the roads of Coryell County with his dog Oreo.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Ricky Byrd; grandsons, Robert McFarlin Jr., and Jason Byrd; siblings John Wayne, Tommy B, Willard, Henrietta, Tommy K, Polly.

Sam is survived by his sisters, Elaine Holbrook and Clara Lawson; his children, Faye Avila and Jesse, James Byrd and Jan, Kathy Peltier, Debbie Byrd and Pat, Sharon Hohertz and Kevin and Tammi Warren and Ronnie. He is also survived by numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

CAROL STEPHENS
May 16, 1947 - Feb. 26, 2022



Home Chapel, with Pastor Bruce Cox officiating. Burial followed at Restland Cemetery.

Carol Sue Stephens was born on May 16, 1947, in Clovis, New Mexico, to the late Ervin Kirchmeier and Ernestine Blacklock Kirchmeier. She grew up and went to school in Alamogordo, New Mexico. She met and married Allen Stephens in 1965. They moved to Gatesville in 1970, where together they had two children, Tina and Jimmie.

Carol loved to read, to listen to old time gospel music and to spend time talking with friends. She loved bragging on her grandchildren and Ashby and Quinlynn, who she thought of as her own grandchildren. She was a caring wife, mother, Grammie, sister, and friend. She worked as a correctional officer for T.D.C.J. at the Crain Unit, retiring in 2004.

She was a member of White Mound Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and a brother, Jim Kirchmeier.

Carol is survived by her children, Tina Bannister and husband, Kent, Jimbo Stephens and wife, Ashley; sister in love, Louise Kirchmeier; grandchildren, Chase Bannister and wife, Caitlin, Layton Bannister and wife, Taylor, Maci Bannister, Cutter Stephens, Kennedy Stephens, Caleigh Stephens; and great-grandchild, Luna Bannister and two on the way; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and loved ones including, Bryce and Ramey Barnett. She also leaves behind her loving dogs, Josie and Mattie.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to White Mound Baptist Church, P.O. Box 103, Mound, TX 76558.

Carol Stephens, age 74, of Gatesville, passed away on Saturday, Feb. 26, 2022, in Waco, to be with her parents, brother and Heavenly Father.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 3, 2022, at Scott's Funeral

CORYELL MUSEUM

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JANN DWORSKY

One of the newest books we have for sale at the Coryell Museum is "The Rifleman" by Cotton Davidson and Wayland Corgill. It tells about Cotton's early life as well as all about his football and coaching career.

As a kid I remember going to church at Pecan Grove Baptist Church with my aunt and uncle Little Joe and Callie Martin. Cotton Davidson's aunt was my Sunday school teacher, and his father, J.T., was a deacon.

If you have never been to Pecan Grove, you should take a drive there soon. It is at the intersection of FM 107 and Coryell Creek. Huge, majestic pecan trees are all around the church and tabernacle. Coryell Creek is beside it, and young boys would catch tiny frogs and bring them into services without their mothers knowing.

Callie and Little Joe lived a mile north off the intersection of Highway 84 and Coryell Creek on a dirt road. I spent many weekends of my childhood walking the cow trails in beautiful Coryell Valley with Skipper, their border collie. Later they bought me a paint horse and Skipper and I could cover much more ground. Joe bought a John Deere tractor when I was nine and I remember when it was delivered on a huge trailer.



Coryell Museum and Historical Center

Coryell Valley was where many Martins and Davidsons had spent their whole lives. Their ancestors came in the 1850s and had great blocks of land to pass down to their children. The land from Pecan Grove west to the Davidson Cemetery was once owned by James Coryell in 1835. There was probably much more land, but the boundaries given are notoriously difficult to understand even after it is translated from Spanish.

In 1835 Guillermo H. Steele, Commissioner/Nashville Company had a surveyor named Luther T. Patching, and his language in the survey was as follows: Beginning at 7 oaks on a high ridge south 19 degrees

west 1,000 varas to the creek called Cavitt's Creek, 2,180 varas to San Andres, 20 varas wide, 2,500 varas to Cavitt's Corner.

That kind of language goes on for eight more sentences, and today there is a controversy about exactly how large a vara is. Different countries have about the length of one yard, but some differ by several inches.

Coryell Museum is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday thru Saturday. Come in to see our unusual collection of books by or about Coryell individuals in our gift shop. We also have T-shirts and new spurs for sale.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GATEWAY BAPTIST CHURCH: Michael Braggdon, 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.

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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.

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



Wonder Is the Beginning of Wisdom

"For the voice of God does not speak amid the din and bustle of the world, nor is it heard in any public gathering. Rather secret counsel seeks to be heard also in secret. And so because of this, happiness will be given to us if we listen to God in solitude." —*St. Bernard*

Plato and Aristotle both claimed that philosophy (i.e., the love of wisdom) begins in wonder. We can wonder about the world around us (for instance, the starry sky above us) and we can also wonder about our inner selves (for instance, the moral law within us), and we often have occasion to wonder about both of these aspects of our world. Does the moral law within us come ultimately from the starry heavens above us, via God? On a more mundane level, it is cause for wonder that some people are naturally curious and filled with wonder all the time, while others don't seem to be curious about anything. Most of us, however, fall somewhere in the middle, our wonder waxing and waning like our other moods. If wonder is a mood, like being happy or sad, then perhaps it can be cultivated, just as our other moods can. A good way to cultivate wonder is to spend some time being silent. Having the television or radio on all the time is one way to ignore ourselves; it's hard to hear our inner voice if there is constant noise. A related way in which we drown our sense of wonder is by shunning solitude. Always being with others is a way to avoid truly being with ourselves and with the physical world. Silence and solitude are true friends of wonder.

— Christopher Simon

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

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

SWEET HOME BAPTIST CHURCH: 511 North 14th; Sunday services - Sunday school 9:30 a.m., Sunday morning worship 11 a.m.; Wednesday services - Wednesday evening worship 7 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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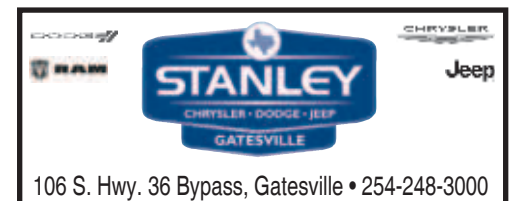
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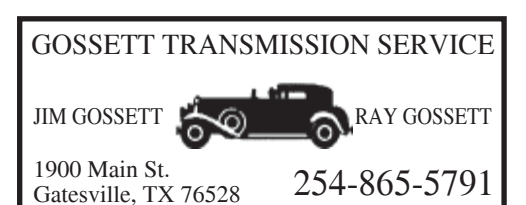
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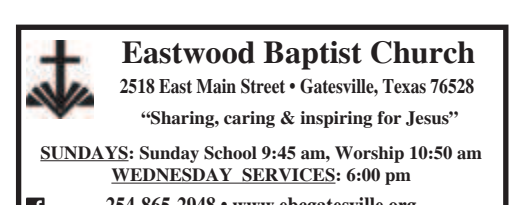
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ARB members are appointed by the Administrative District Judge and serve two-year terms. Members must be residents of Coryell County and have resided here for more than two years. Applications are available online at www.coryellcad.org/employment/ and at the Coryell CAD offices located at 705 E. Main Street, Gatesville, TX and 207 South 3rd Street, Suite 200, Copperas Cove, TX.

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GARAGE SALE

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stuff. Both large and small
items, something for all.
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Oglesby, Saturday, March 5.
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Multi-family Garage Sale:
Saturday, March 5, 8am-1pm,
Eastwood Baptist Church,
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Prima Pasta)
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PUBLIC NOTICES

21-10590

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that
original Letters Testamen-
tary for the Estate of LESLIE
HOWARD LEACH, SR.,
Deceased, were issued on
February 2, 2022, in Cause
No. 21-10590, pending in
the County Court of Coryell
County, Texas, to: SHERRI
LEACH.

All persons having claims
against this Estate which is
currently being administered
are required to present them
to the undersigned within 120
days of this notice.

c/o: SHERRI LEACH
4204 FM 930
Gatesville, Texas 76528

DATED the 22nd day of Feb-
ruary, 2022.

James Rainey
Attorney for SHERRI
LEACH
State Bar No.: 00791473
3809 W. Waco Drive
Waco, Texas 76710
Telephone: (254) 752-8644
Facsimile: (254) 752-8624
E-mail: james@raineyand-
rainey.com
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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF UNIT AUCTION

Notice is hereby given by Gatesville Storage of the sale of con-
tents, by public auction, of the following units, pursuant to the
assertion of a manager's possessory lien against them, in order
to collect the amounts due on them:

| TENANT | UNIT |
|------------------------------|------|
| Blanchard, Chad | D21 |
| Ellison, Shawn | B06 |
| Kennedy, Nikki | A09 |
| Keown, Vicki | A16 |
| Malcom, Carole | J07 |
| Ocampo, Victoria/Brown, John | H02 |
| Powell, Ann | A20 |
| Stevenson, Melvin | K06 |

The auction will be held at 9:00 am., Saturday, March 5, 2021,
(weather permitting), at Gatesville Storage, 2215 E. Main St.,
Gatesville, Texas.

Terms: Cash
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**City of Gatesville
Notice of Request for Applications - Banking Services
Depository**

The City Council is requesting applications for Banking Ser-
vices Depository for public funds of the City of Gatesville.
The complete application specifications are available on the
City's website at www.gatesvilletx.com under the RFP Tab.

Sealed applications must be clearly marked "Do Not Open in
Mail Room; RFA for Banking Services Depository" and shall
be delivered to the following address by 2:00 p.m. on April 4,
2022: Mr. Mike Halsema, Finance Director, City of Gates-
ville, 110 North 8th Street, Gatesville, Texas 76528.

Applications will be considered at the regular scheduled City
Council meeting at 5:30 PM on April 12, 2022. Questions re-
garding this RFA should be directed to Finance Director, Mike
Halsema at 254-220-4546 or email mhalsema@gatesvilletx.
com

The City Council reserves the right to reject any and all ap-
plications, to waive any non-material irregularities in the RFA,
and to accept or reject any item or combinations of items and to
accept the application most advantageous to the City of Gates-
ville.

By: Wendy Cole
City Secretary
City of Gatesville
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21-10590

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administra-
tion for the Estate of LUIS DELGADO MEDINA, Deceased,
were issued on February 11, 2022, in Cause No. 21-10520,
pending in the County Court of Coryell County, Texas, to:
ROSA GARCIA.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is cur-
rently being administered are required to present them to the
undersigned within 120 days of this notice.

c/o: ROSA GARCIA
235 CR 339
Moody, Texas 76557

DATED the 21st day of February, 2022.

James Rainey
Attorney for ROSA GARCIA
State Bar No.: 00791473
3809 W. Waco Drive
Waco, Texas 76710
Telephone: (254) 752-8644
Facsimile: (254) 752-8624
E-mail: james@raineyandrainey.com
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JENNIFER NEWTON
CLERK OF THE COUNTY
COURT
P.O. BOX 237
GATESVILLE, TEXAS
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ATTORNEY OR PERSON
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ALLEN D. PLACE, JR
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GATESVILLE, TX 76528

TO: DECEDENT'S UN-
KNOWN HEIRS
UNKNOWN ADDRESS
UNKNOWN STATE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF CORYELL

TO ALL PERSONS IN-
TERESTED IN THE ES-
TATE OF BILLY HAR-
OLD BARRINGTON,
DECEASED. CAUSE NO
21-10554, COUNTY COURT
AT LAW OF CORYELL
COUNTY, TEXAS. MI-
CHELL GIRARD FILED IN
THE COUNTY COURT AT
LAW OF CORYELL COUN-
TY, TEXAS ON THE 28TH
DAY OF OCTOBER, 2021,
AN APPLICATION FOR
FOR INDEPENDENT AD-
MINISTRATION AND LET-
TERS ADMINISTRATION
PURSUANT TO SECTION
401.003 OF THE TEXAS ES-
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CATION TO DETERMINE
HEIRSHIP SAID BILLY
HAROLD BARRINGTON,
DECEASED.

SAID APPLICATION
SHALL BE HEARD AND
ACTED ON BY SAID
COURT ON OR AFTER
THE FIRST MONDAY
NEXT AFTER THE EXPI-
RATION OF TEN DAYS
FROM DATE OF POST-
ING THIS CITATION, THE
SAME BEING THE 14TH
DAY OF MARCH, 2022,
AT THE COUNTY COURT-
HOUSE IN GATESVILLE,
TEXAS.

ALL PERSONS INTER-
ESTED 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 CON-
TESTING SUCH APPLICA-
TION SHOULD THEY DE-
SIRE TO DO SO.

GIVEN UNDER MY
HAND AND THE SEAL
OF THE COUNTY COURT
OF CORYELL COUNTY
IN GATESVILLE, TEXAS
THE 1ST DAY OF MARCH,
2022.

JENNIFER NEWTON
CORYELL COUNTY
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- 8.01 acres east of Evant, TX, Buffalo Creek Ranch Subdivision. Live Oak Trees on the upper end of the property, nice home site and nice view looking south toward Langford Branch, native pasture going down to the branch, approx. 400 ft. of Langford Branch \$250,000
- 10.01 acres east of Evant, TX, Buffalo Creek Ranch Subdivision, nice home site and nice view looking south toward Langford Branch with native pasture going down to the branch, approx. 394 ft. of Langford Branch \$210,000
- 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
- 18 +/- acres north of Evant, TX in Hamilton County. The property is rectangle in shape with rolling terrain and scattered tree cover. The property has a nice view looking south. The property has electric \$225,000
- 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
- 4/2 Doublewide Home, 850 Blakely Rd., Gatesville, TX. Laminate wood floors throughout the home, front porch & deck at the back of the home, 6 ft. x 6 ft. safe house, 40 ft. x 30 ft. metal building 2 roll up doors & 2 walk-through doors, water well that is 493 deep and estimated yield of 30 GPM, good exterior fencing, 1 stock pond, rolling terrain with good tree cover. \$498,777
- 36 +/- acres west of Evant, TX, Hamilton County. The property is completely fenced with electric along the front of the property, scattered tree cover & rolling terrain & pond that is on the neighbor's property that back up water onto the property. Fiber Optic Internet Service, you will need to drill a water well for water. \$387,000
- 47.332 ac. south of Ireland, TX, good tree cover, rolling terrain, good fencing on 3 sides, southside will need to be fenced. \$463,853
- 74.7 acres west of Purlmela, 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 rainwater 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 property. \$1,230,000
- 242.01 ac. east of Evant, TX on Hwy 84. Good tree cover, rolling terrain, 2 stock tanks, water meter at road from Multi County Water Supply and electricity is on the property, Fiber Optic Internet Service is also available, good exterior fencing and approx. 20 acres of farmland. The property is in Coryell & Hamilton County and also has road frontage off of Perkins Rd. \$1,899,778
- 3 Br 2 Ba home 1865 CR 140 Gatesville, open floor plan, fireplace, breakfast bar, inground pool, 3 car attached carport with 12 ft. x 13 ft. storage building, a 60 ft. x 66 ft. metal building, 24 ft. x 60 ft. lean-to, approx. 900 sq. ft. that has been framed out for living quarters inside the main part of the building, good exterior & interior fencing, cattle pens, rolling terrain, scattered tree cover & great views. \$2,150,000



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GHS duo picked for Victory Bowl

BY TRISTON MCGEHEE
STAFF WRITER

Two Gatesville High School Hornet senior football players will be taking their talents to compete in the Heart of Texas Super Centex Fellowship of Christian Athletes Victory Bowl football game set for Saturday, June 4, in Waco.

Evan Hanson and Jaiden Gomez will compete on the Red Team against the Blue Team. The Heart of Texas FCA spans a 12-county area, which includes five sports — football, volleyball, baseball, softball and golf.

“Once I found out, I was excited,” Gomez said. “It is a great honor to all the people that got accepted because it proves that people have seen how each player has played and all the work they put in throughout the years.”

Gomez and Hanson attended the Heart of Texas FCA Victory Bowl news conference on Feb. 6, to meet other all-star athletes who will be competing alongside them. For Hanson, it was an opportunity to catch up with some old opponents from his high school career and have fun.

“It’s kind of funny; when we used to play against them, I would have some fire about them and kind of dislike them,” Hanson said. “But now, since football is over, for me at least in high school, it’s kind of fun to just be friends.”

GHS head coach Aaron Hunter expressed that the two Hornets chosen for the game are driven individuals on and off the field. Hunter noted that Hanson and Gomez were second-team academic all-state, which means that they maintained at least a 92 grade-point average all four years of their high school career.

“They are both phenomenal kids,” Hunter said. “Two kids couldn’t get recognized more than these two kids; they’re awesome.”

Both athletes are close, and described one another as a brother.

“We have always challenged each other playing football,” Hanson said. “In everything we did, we were best friends.”

Hanson plans to play football and study computer science at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene in the fall. Gomez will head to Texas A&M University in College Station to study



Jaiden Gomez (72) and Evan Hanson (79) will represent Gatesville in the Heart of Texas FCA Victory Bowl.

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mechanical engineering.

“When you talk about what it means to be a Gatesville Fightin’

Hornet, that’s those guys,” Hunter said. “Not just on the field, in between the whistles, but off the field,

in the classroom, and in the community.”

AREA FISHING REPORT

Belton

GOOD. Water lightly stained; 48 degrees; 3.05 feet low. When possible, fish on days with optimal weather scenarios. With cooler water temperatures the fish are deep, cold, and sluggish. Fish are holding to about 40 feet of water biting on 5/8 ounce Bladed Hazy Eye Slabs worked slowly upwards off bottom in conjunction with Garmin LiveScope. Report by Bob Maindelle, Holding the Line Guide Service.

Catfish are moving to the mouth of major creeks and rivers, as the day warms up the fish will move to shallower water. Blue catfish are good on fresh cut bait or live perch 10-20 feet on wind blown banks, and wind blown points. Channel catfish are good on commercial baits. Yellow catfish are still slow. Report by Jason “SPUD” Barton, Cattin’ Around Adventure’s Professional Guide Service. Crappie are in their spawning grounds using hand ties. Report by Zach Minnix, Jig N’ Jerk Guide Service.

Waco

GOOD. Water stained; 49 degrees; 4.12 feet low. Catfish are moving to the mouth of major creeks and rivers, as the day warms up the fish will move to shallower water. Blue catfish are good on fresh cut bait or live perch 10-20 feet on wind blown banks, and wind blown points. Channel catfish are good on commercial baits. Yellow catfish are still slow. Report by Jason “SPUD” Barton, Cattin’ Around Adventure’s Professional Guide Service. Crappie are in the pre-spawn pattern at the mouth of rivers and creeks using hand ties. White bass are in the South Bosque River. Report by Zach Minnix, Jig N’ Jerk Guide Service.

Stillhouse Hollow

GOOD. Water lightly stained; 45 degrees; 3.14 feet low. Crappie are in the pre-spawn pattern up river. Report by Zach Minnix, Jig N’ Jerk Guide Service.

Whitney

GOOD. Water lightly stained; 49 degrees; 2.31 feet low. Striped bass are good in 30-80 feet of water near the bottom. Fish are scattered throughout the reservoir from the dam all the way to the river. Look for fish suspended off the bottom as those are the ones that are actively feeding. Soft plastics with a heavy weight to help sink it lower seems to do the trick. Do this while slow trolling at 1-2 mph in the main river channel. These fish are holding deep so deadsticking with white or chartreuse will work as well along with slabs. Report by Craig Sexton, Sexton’s Guide Service LLC.

Proctor

SLOW. Water clear; 46 degrees; 1.69 feet low. Blue catfish are fair in shallow water on cut shad. Hybrid bass are slow on cut bait drifting 10-15 feet of water. Crappie are slow on brush piles using minnows and jigs.

Brownwood

GOOD. Water lightly stained; 47 degrees; 2.05 feet low. Largemouth bass are good with perch like crankbaits, brown or green Texas-rigged plastic worms, chartreuse bladed spinners, and shaky head jigs near timber, rocky shorelines, and docks. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs in brush piles and near bridge pilings. White bass and hybrids are good on slabs, swimbaits, and live bait along the main lake channels, humps, and ridges. Catfish are good on shrimp, chicken liver, and live bait.

Buchanan

GOOD. Water lightly stained; 50 degrees; 4.88 feet low. Largemouth are good with most catches this time of year coming from rock piles and rock walls in 15-25 feet of water. Jigs are the best option, and Texas-rigged craws, power worms and chatterbaits will put fish in the boat too. Try shad colors and red crawfish colors. Crappie are good over brush piles using crappie jigs or minnows. White bass are running on the north end of the lake in 15-30 feet of water using spoons. Report by Bryan Cotter, Texas Hawgs Fishing Guide Service.

Lady Hornets top Salado in soccer

BY TRISTON MCGEHEE
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The Gatesville Lady Hornets girls soccer team defeated the Salado Lady Eagles on March 1 in a District 18-4A contest on the road with a 4-2 edge in penalty kicks after the teams finished regulation play in a 1-1 tie.

Barrett Boyd scored the only goal for GHS in regulation. In overtime, Boyd, Allyson Penrod, Grace Penrod, and Bethany Penrod scored penalty kicks for the Lady Hornets. The Lady Hornets improved to (7-3) in the district on the year, remaining in fourth place in the district. Salado fell to 8-3, staying in second place.

The Lady Hornets traveled to Lampasas High School to play the 5-6 Badgers. Gatesville defeated Lampasas 4-1 on Tuesday, (Feb. 8) at Tommy Davidson Field at McKamie Stadium.

HORNETS FALL TO SALADO

The Gatesville Hornets boys soccer team was shut out 8-0 on Tuesday by the unbeaten Salado Eagles in their District 18-4A contest played at Salado High School.

The Hornets fell to 6-3 in district play after the loss to the Eagles. The Hornets played the Lampasas Badgers on Friday, on the road.

Lady Elks recognized

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An outstanding season by the Evant Lady Elks landed five athletes with All-District honors on Friday (Feb. 25), recognizing their hard work on and off the court.

The all-district designations were determined by voting among the District 18-1A coaches.

Evant freshman guard Luvi Rodriguez and senior forward Emileigh Burton each received first-team all-district honors for their performance this season. Freshman guard Hailey Neri received second-team all-district honors. Honorable mention went to freshman forward Bree Ramirez and senior Caeleigh Burkman, who played guard and forward.

“I am very proud of the girls and their accomplishments this season,” EHS girls basketball coach Chad Baker told The Gatesville Messenger via email. “Not only those who received recognition after the season but also those who did not.”

Baker is proud of all the

athletes who played this season, regardless of how long they played on the court.

“I think every one of them deserves credit for contributing to our overall success,” Baker said. “Whether they played 32 minutes each game or none.”

The Lady Elks made the playoffs this season. Their season ended with a 42-27 loss to the Lometa Lady Hornets in the bi-district round. Baker shared that his hope for the team is to see the girls grow stronger.

“My hope, especially as a coach, but also as a teacher, is that our student-athletes grow as individuals and use sports as a chance to improve their leadership characteristics,” Baker said.

Baker also credited athletics as a building block in their development of character, learning how to cope with wins and losses, working with others, and how to work hard to achieve something they value.

I would like to think that these girls learned lessons that will reach beyond the court,” Baker said.



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Hornets defeat Cubs, 11-1, add name to ballpark

BY TRISTON MCGEHEE
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It was a perfect night for honoring the memory of the late Gatesville High School baseball coach Danny Loerwald by adding his name to the already existing Ryan Powell Memorial Ballpark on March 1. The Gatesville Hornets on the same night defeated the Clifton Cubs 11-1 in a non-district game shortened to five innings because of the 10-run mercy rule.

Loerwald's wife Sue and his sons, Clint, Craig, and Casey, gathered on the field before the start of the game to commemorate his legacy with throwing the first pitches of the game. The family also received a framed black jersey that he wore during his GHS coaching career. The Hornets would have made him proud by playing with integrity and pride that night — and also posting a win.

"His main goal was to make these ballplayers, not so much win, but learn the game, and enjoy it because he loved baseball," Sue said of her late husband.

Loerwald taught at GHS for 34 years and coached football and baseball for 23 years. Students were positively impacted by him, and some chose to follow his career path because of his inspiring nature. Loerwald cared about the students he taught and made sure that they were taken care of, no matter what. The field will now be known officially as Danny Loerwald Field at Ryan Powell Memorial Ballpark.

The Hornets played with toughness all night, rounding the diamond every chance they could. The Hornets grabbed their first win of the season, improving their record to 1-2.

GHS baseball coach Chase Smith was proud of how the Hornets came to play on a legendary night for baseball.

"We got back to throwing strikes," Smith said. "We weren't beating ourselves like we were earlier in the first few games. We are



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REMEMBERING A LEGEND: Family members of Danny Loerwald, including (from left) Casey Loerwald, Sue Loerwald, Clint Loerwald and Craig Loerwald, stand together during a pregame ceremony to name field in honor of Danny Loerwald on March 1.

starting to hit the ball, the bats are coming alive, and we are running the bases well."

Smith noted that there were a couple of errors on the bases, but he is hoping to work with the team to improve that going into the next few games.

Hayden Mooney's performance on the mound was efficient, pitching all five innings. Smith was hap-

py with Mooney's play.

"He did a really good job of mixing up his speeds," Smith said. "He was getting ahead of hitters, and he was commanding his pitches."

Mooney threw 74 pitches — 47 strikes and 27 balls. He struck out five of the 21 batters he faced while only allowing one run.

The Hornets were hitting the ball effectively all night.

Parker Allman went 3-for-4 at the plate for GHS, including a triple, two singles, drove in one run, stole three bases, and scored three runs.

Teammate Mason Mooney also went 3-for-4, with two singles, a double, two RBIs, and two runs scored. Hayden was 2-for-4, with two singles, one RBI, and two runs scored. Kody Hernandez was 1-for-1, with a single and walked

twice. Cayden Mata went 1-for-2, with a single, a walk, and also reached base when he was hit by a pitch. Gill Wallace was 1-for-2, with a single, two stolen bases, one run scored, and was hit by a pitch.

The Hornets participated in a tournament from Thursday, March 3 through Saturday, March 5, at Rogers High School. Those results will be in a future edition.



Camden Galindo hits the ball for the Hornets in the team's victory over the Clifton Cubs.

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Hayden Mooney scores a run for Gatesville in the Hornets' 11-1 victory over the Clifton Cubs.

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