

County moves forward on hazard mitigation plan

BY JEFF OSBORNE SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

Coryell County is moving forward on plans to use grant money from the Texas General Land Office to fund a hazard mitigation plan for the county.

Coryell County could have joined a plan with the Central Texas Council of Governments but would have had to pay a portion of the cost, while going with their own study will allow the GLO funding to pay 100% of the cost, said Coryell County Judge Roger Miller.

Other entities impacted by the plan will include the cities of Gatesville, Evant, Oglesby and Copperas Cove, and the Gatesville and Copperas Cove school districts.

"All we need to do is get those resolutions

(of support from those entities) and get that submitted to get moving forward," said Bob Harrell, emergency management director for Coryell County. "It's a long process, it may take 18 to 22 months."

County Attorney Brandon Belt said he wants to make sure that the county meets the necessary deadlines to receive the grant money.

"My concern is timing," Belt said. "There's a lot of money on the table" (but the ability to access it may soon be expiring). "We've got to make a decision quick. (The application deadline) is in April or we have to get a waiver if we're in the process of trying to get a grant.

"Right now, we're not in either boat (with the GLO or CTCOG). We're treading water

and the deadlines are coming very quickly. The CTCOG requires a match, but with the GLO, it may take longer to get it done. There are gobs of money available for things we could use, obviously."

County Judge Roger Miller said the application has already been initiated with the GLO, and the letters of resolution are needed from area cities and two of the school districts, although the county is not seeking funding from any of those entities. He added that the GLO grant application was started in February.

"Even if we had gone with the council, GLO would have paid a portion," Harrell said.

"I think it's very important we move forward on getting it done sooner rather than later," Belt said. "There's nothing wrong with (going with the option which is fully funded by the GLO), but we need to do what is fastest and easiest."

Miller said he thinks the GLO-funded option is the best.

"Coryell County is the only one in the (Central Texas Council of Governments, which includes seven counties) that does not have an updated hazard mitigation plan," he said. "By going through the GLO, I believe we have a better opportunity to get it quicker.

"The funding is already allocated. If (the plan) is approved in the next 60 days, a vendor could get going. I think that's a realistic timeline."

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Vaudeville actor had Gatesville roots

BY DAVID SCOTT STAFF WRITER

Vaudeville. How does this form of early-day stage entertainment apply to Gatesville, Texas and how many people actually know what vaudeville was?

First, vaudeville shows were comprised of a group of comedians, singers, dancers, plate spinners, ventriloquists, musicians, acrobats, and animal tamers – just to mention a few. The real focus of vaudeville was a travelling stage show – which was a major attraction prior to radio shows and silent movies. Vaudeville shows would criss-cross the U.S. and Canada and would provide entertainment to small as well as large communities alike during the 1920s and 1930s.

Gatesville's ties to vaudeville originate with a well-known Coryell County family with the surname of Faunt Le Roy, which many readers will associate with a Gatesville park sharing the same name. The surname of Faunt Le Roy eventually became spelled as one word "Fauntleroy" by later descendants. Baylor Frederick Fauntleroy, grandson of one of the first judges in Coryell County, F.W. Faunt Le Roy, was born in Gatesville in 1892. He enjoyed his youth in Gatesville and folks simply knew him as "Fred." He began his education in Gatesville and lived there until his parents moved to Oklahoma when he was 12 years of age. Fred Fauntleroy began his stage career in Oklahoma sometime after 1917. When the U.S. Census was taken in 1920, he was 27 years of age, living in Ardmore, Oklahoma, was single, and his occupation was listed as an "actor." It is unknown when he decided to choose acting as a profession, but it was recorded that he began his illustrious vaudeville show as a "single act." By 1925, newspapers reported that he had partnered with a fellow Oklahoman, Jimmie Van, in a duo act known as Fauntleroy and Van. The St. Joseph (Missouri) Gazette reported the act as being "two versatile rural characters having no trouble bringing many laughs to their audience with the quaint antics." They would also be billed as "The Unforgettable Act." Their performance was often remembered "long after the last note from the old saw has died out," as described by one newspaper. Fauntleroy became well-known for being able to produce music from odd sorts of inanimate objects such as a handsaw, a broom and a one-string fiddle.

By 1926, at the height of their career, the duo became known as "The Oklahoma Slickers." That name carried them across the U.S. and Canada in several vaudeville venues and shows. In 1928, they were billed as a rural band and "being worth the price of the show alone."

When silent pictures became popular, the team of Fauntleroy and Van would headline on the stage with a live act prior to the showing of silent movies, which would often include silent picture stars such as Gloria Swanson.

The act of Fauntleroy and Van was being acclaimed as "vaudeville artists and radio artists who held bright spots on radio performances." Their popularity would extend to the following year, 1930, in which they were described as "incomparable singers" in their comedy skits.

In 1930, The Tennessean newspaper reported that the act was currently performing in Nashville and that they soon anticipated a tour of Australia in the following weeks. This story could be considered a publicity stunt since the two were being billed in Indiana a few weeks later. Fauntleroy and Van continued to perform on the vaudeville circuit travelling the U.S. from coast to coast as the "Oklahoma Slickers." In 1933, they were being billed on radio shows such as Talk Stars' Revue, and appearing as favorites on RKO, NBC, and Vaudeville Favorites. The last newspaper account of the vaudeville duo of Fauntleroy and Van was printed in the form of a review in Cincinnati. Ohio in March 1934. After that date, nothing appears in the newspapers about their act. The vaudeville team parted ways and began performing separately in different entertainment venues. Between 1934 and 1938, Fred Fauntleroy was reported to be a solo act - often billed as a "one string fiddler and handsaw artist." He continued to travel across the U.S. entertaining on vaudeville stages and at opera houses. In 1936, newspaper accounts mention that he had a "command performance before the late King George of England." This story, however, cannot be verified since ship passenger lists of travelers departing for England do not list his name, and there is no mention anywhere else of him leaving the U.S. to tour abroad. This story was apparently an elaborate publicity stunt which was submitted



Focus on flooding

Gatesville study aimed to help alleviate chronic drainage woes

BY JEFF OSBORNE SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

The city of Gatesville has commissioned a drainage study to help determine ways to mitigate the impact of flooding in high-risk areas, and City Manager Bill Parry presented an update on the study to the Coryell County Commissioners Court on March 8.

"I arrived in 2015 and took over as city manager on June 1, and about that time, we experienced a heavy rain event with significant damage from flooding," Parry said. Although these types of events are usually projected to occur only about once per decade, Parry said, the city was hit hard by another flooding event in 2017, with the Leon River flooding and additional significant damage throughout the area, including Faunt Le Roy Park. "When Gatesville was a lot of farm land, the land absorbed the water," Parry said. "With development, drainage problems got worse and worse." The city was able to obtain money from the Texas Water Development Board to fund the drainage study. A \$250,000 grant was awarded with the city being responsible for 10% of the cost, and Walker Partners, an engineering and surveying firm in Waco, will conduct the study. "The engineer will start at the Leon River and go to other areas where water flows," Parry said, "It will help determine what infrastructure is needed to get stormwater back into the Leon River." One goal the city has is to separate stormwater drainage from the sewer system, Parry said, adding that grant funding is also available to assist with that process as part of the city's capital master plan. "Development is trying to alter the floodplain and hopefully we'll be able to get that resolved," Parry said. The city is working with grant administrators on some of the projects, and with additional funding expected from the Texas General Land Office for some of the improvement work, "we'll likely hire a grant administrator for that. We'll keep you posted."

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to local newspapers by his new agent.

Fred Fauntleroy was a renowned Vaudeville entertainer.

Following 1938, neither Fred Fauntleroy nor his act is chronicled in U.S. newspapers.

His obituary would later mention that, following his illustrious vaudeville years, he was employed as an engineer/electrician at Tinker Air Force base in Oklahoma.

Fred Fauntleroy died in Oklahoma in October 1953 at the age of 61. His death was reported in newspapers nation-wide. He was survived by his wife, Jesse, and by two daughters. Each newspaper account of his death always mentioned him as being a native of Gatesville, Texas.

His death was reported in The Gatesville Messenger with a headline reading "Fred Faunt Le Roy, Local Native, Star in Vaudeville, Dies." Fauntleroy remained proud of his Gatesville roots which are chronicled in the history of Coryell County.



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Welcoming a fantastic new family member

A trip to South Texas to visit family is always a wonderful experience, and our most recent weekend trip was especially memorable, as we got to meet the newest addition to the family - a Corgi puppy named Oreo.

He was born Jan. 19 and was welcomed home on March 2. He's amazing, cute and had four people - and sometimes two other dogs - at his beck and call during our visit.

It's been more than eight years since you were that little, Tallulah, and more than nine years since big sister Nova was a puppy.

So what did you think of the little one, Lu?

Lu: He was a little fur ball of love, but he did get me in a bit of trouble. Jeff: And why was that Lu? I'll let

you tell your version of the story. Lu: Well, you and the people in

the family went to the Live Oak County Fair for a few hours and left Oreo, Nova and me at home. Oreo was in his crate and starting crying, so I did my best to break him out. I chewed up quite a bit of the plastic top, made a mess and still didn't

Jeff's Reflections & Lu's Views

By Jeff Osborne & Tallulah

Jeff Osborne is senior staff writer and editor for the Gatesville Messenger and Tallulah is his trusted border collie-Jack Russell terrier mix.



get him out.

Jeff: And this isn't something you're looking to blame Nova for? Lu: Well, y'all weren't home, so she could have been involved. But she gets in enough trouble killing skunks and stuff, so I won't say if she was or wasn't involved. Let's

just cut her some slack. Jeff: Fair enough, Lu, and thank

you for accepting responsibility. It's like when George Washington took responsibility for destroying a cherry tree.

Lu: You mean he chewed up a whole cherry tree?

Jeff: No, he chopped it down and then when he was confronted about it later, he said he couldn't tell a lie and admitted what he did. Lu: Oh - was he trying to rescue a puppy or kitten that was in the tree?

Jeff: I don't think so. I don't remember the story focusing on why he chopped the tree down. The focus was on him being honest. Lu: Like me.

Jeff: That's right, Lu. Remember when it was Christmas and you said something about wanting a baby sister? Well, even though he won' be living with us in Gatesville, Ore is your new baby brother. We'll see him whenever we get together wit family from South Texas.

Lu: That will be nice. I love visiting my family.

Jeff: Me too, Lu. It's always a

Oreo, a Corgi born in January, has joined the family in South Texas.

't	blessing to be able to do that.	and I don't want to upset your tum-
eo	Lu: I think we have been writing	my, so a little snack will have to do.
ee	long enough. Can we get a snack	Lu: Can I have another snack
th	now?	when we get home?
	Jeff: Sure a little snack sounds	Jeff: We'll see. I want to share a
-	like a fine idea.	picture of Oreo first.
	Lu: What about a great big snack?	Lu: Great idea — he's cute!
	Jeff: We're about to go for a ride	

PLAN FROM PAGE A1

Belt said a balance between specifics and more generic language is needed for the plan.

"It's important that we build that plan with a general focus, but there are also specifics that need to be addressed, whether it's with lowwater crossings, drainage structures or other things that have been vetted by someone other than us. That would help when we go

out for grants." "I concur," Miller said.

Belt noted that several local entities and agencies could benefit from the process.

"There are various projects, including the low-water crossings, that we could get started on," he said, adding that a grant writer specializing in such projects could help the county through the process

Kyle Matthews said he had talked to representatives of GrantWorks Inc. at a recent conference and suggested they might be able to assist

Coryell County.

"I think it's an urgent matter with deadlines pending," Belt said. "Point well taken," Miller said.

"There are considerable amounts of money available. I will visit with Mr. (Bill) Parry (Gatesville city manager) and Mr. (Ryan) Haverlah (the Copperas Cove city manager) to see what type of grant writers they've worked with that may meet our specific needs.'

Justin Latham, road and bridge administrator for the county, noted that there are 72 low-water crossings spread throughout the county.

"There's no greater cause than to stop loss of life (due to flooded low-water crossings)," Belt said.

"We should upgrade every lowwater crossing that we can conceivably upgrade," Miller said. "That's one of the best things we could offer the community - safely transporting our kids, our seniors and first-responders."

He noted that \$4 million could help replace those low-water crossings with better options.

"FEMA (the Federal Emergency Management Agency) will fund 75% of projects on the hazard mitiga-

tion plan," Harrell said. "The only cost sharing we would have is 25%, either cash or in-kind donations."

He said projects should be identified for the hazard mitigation plan, which could also include facilities such as storm shelters at schools.

Miller suggested a workshop for county officials to discuss different options be scheduled for the afternoon of March 22, following the next county commissioners meeting.

Heart Health AWA





Jo Anne Rogers is the Volunteer of the Month at CTHH. Jo Anne has served on Monday mornings for 7 years. She is our expert in the children's area called Kid's Cave. This area is designated for all our children to enjoy. It is FULL of toys, stuffed animals, books, coloring books, and more. Jo Anne sanitizes and cleans each piece by hand! She does NOT miss one inch !!! Jo Anne loves children and quietly makes this area perfect for those little ones. Jo Anne has a gentle, quiet spirit and flows well with all the volunteers. We all know when she is in the Kid's Cave that there will be NO germs or dirt found. We love that about her. We know she loves to bake and do crafts with her hands also. Thank you, Jo Anne, for

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PICKIN' AND GRINNIN'



DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

The group, "Addicted to Bluegrass" travelled from Corpus Christi to perform on stage at the recent Pearl **Bluegrass Festival.**

Pidcoke Baptist to hold revival

Pidcoke Baptist Church, located at 11125 FM 116, will conduct revival services starting Sunday morning

March 27, 2022, at 11 a.m. through Wednesday Evening at 6: 30 p.m. The theme of the services

will be "Growing in Christ," with Rev. Chris Ortego serving as the guest evangelist and various members of the

Coming Soon at the Gatesville Public Library

Library patrons are asked to place these events on their calendars so they do not miss out on the following library events:

Tuesday, March 15, 6 p.m. - Colors & Coffee Coloring Group for Adults. This growing artform is a relaxing and entertaining way for relieving stress and enjoying the company of others. This group is led by our resident expert Michelle Craycraft. All supplies are furnished, but feel free to bring your own supplies if you want to.

Monday, March 21, 3 p.m. – Fiber Arts for Everyone. 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.

Tuesday, March 22, 10 a.m. - Books Sandwiched in Book Club will be meeting. They will be reading and discussing "The 1619 Project: a new origin story" by Nikole Hannah-Jones. The New York Times Magazine reviewed the book by saying, "this collection of essays and historical vignettes includes some of the most outstanding journalists, thinkers, and scholars of American history and culture."

Thursday, March 24, Noon until 3 p.m. – Vita Free Tax Assistance for Qualifying Individuals. Please visit the library website for more information

church presenting worshipful music during the services. Pidcoke Baptist Church has been in the process of build-

ing a new sanctuary since Fall 2021 and is close to being finished with the building process with a goal to conduct growing deeper in their love

its first worship service in the new sanctuary on Easter Sunday.

The revival services will help the church to get revitalized on doing the work God has given them to do by

for God and their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Pastor Don McConnaughhay, 254-371-4934, extends an invitation to all to attend these services and experience the love of Christ in worship and word.



Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday

clocks forward one hour to 'spring ahead." Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 13.

Daylight Savings Time in the United States is the practice of setting the clock forward by one hour when there is no longer daylight during day, so that evenings have more daylight and mornings have less.

Most areas of the U.S. and Canada observe DST, with

On Saturday night, set your the exception being Arizona, Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The Uniform Time Act of 1966 established the system of uniform daylight savings throughout the U.S.

In the U.S., DST begins on the second Sunday in March and ends of the first Sunday in November, with the time changes occurring at 2 a.m. local time.

OBITUARIES

KEITH CRISS

began a second career as a civil service employee at Ft. Hood, where he was one of the railroad engineers and later with the Department of Logistics. He retired the second time at the age of 70 in 2005.

The DISPATCE The following is a partial breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of March 6 -8. 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-

CITY OF GATESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

March 6

12:57 a.m., a prowler was reported in the 600 block of 36. Straws Mill Road.

2226 or to the Sheriff's office at 865-7201.

7:29 a.m., a disturbance was reported in the 100 block of N. 27th Street. 7:48 a.m., suspicious activ-

ity was reported in the 100 block of S. 23rd Street.

reported in the 2200 block of E. Main Street.

was reported in the 2100 block of E. Main Street.

10:53 p.m., a prowler was reported in the 6300 block of E. Main Street.

March 7

2:57 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2400 block of E. Main Street. 3:41 a.m., criminal mischief

was reported in the 2300 block of S. Highway 281.

was reported in the 100 block of CR 158.

5:48 p.m., harassment was reported in the 1300 block of Westview Drive.

2:08 p.m., suspicious activ-

4:07 p.m., suspicious activ-

ity was reported in the 2600

5:10 p.m., a disturbance

was reported in the 2300

block of Business Highway

10:53 p.m., suspicious ac-

tivity was reported in the 300

11:29 p.m., a reckless driv-

block of Veteran's Memorial

ity was reported in the 100

block of S. 23rd Street.

block of Powell Drive.

was reported in the 2300 block of Business Highway

Drive.

Loop.

pass was reported in the 1300 block of Westview

2:38 p.m., a burglary was

6:46 p.m., criminal mischief

er was reported in the 14000 block of S. Highway 36. 8:27 a.m., a structure fire

block of Straws Mill Road. 4:55 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 1500 block of Lutheran 7:52 p.m., a disturbance

> Church Road. 4:59 p.m., a runaway was reported in the 2600 block of

March 8

Twin Hills Road. 12:31 p.m., criminal tres-8:38 p.m., a welfare concern was reported on FM 116

near Pidcoke. 10:55 p.m., a noise complaint was reported on FM 1996.

10:55 p.m., a break in attempt was reported in the 6300 block of E. Highway 84. March 7

12:28 a.m., a prowler was reported in the 200 block of S. Highway 281.

8:34 a.m., a theft was reported in the 6700 block of CR 142.

9:57 a.m., missing livestock was reported in the 2000 block of Lutheran Church

Road. 12:06 p.m., a threat was reported in the 600 block of

Marriott Road. 1:52 p.m., a domestic disurbance was reported in the 300 block of E. FM 931. 7:23 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on W.

Hwy. 84 near Boots & Saddles Church. March 8

10:02 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported on FM 185 at CR 265.

10:53 a.m., a civil matter was reported in the 2600 block of Twin Hills Road.

10:53 a.m., missing livestock was reported in the 3500 block of River Road.

1:02 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 3000 block of FM 1113.

9:12 p.m., suspicious activity was reported on Barton Lane.

10:26 p.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 7800 block of S. Highway 36.



March 4, 1935 - March 5, 2022



Keith Criss, Lt. Col USA (Ret.), age 87, of Copperas Cove, passed away on Saturday, March 5, 2022, in Copperas Cove.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Friday, March 11, 2022, at Scott's Funeral Home Chapel. Burial with full military honors and Masonic Rites followed at the Gatesville Masonic Cemetery.

Carl Keith Criss was born on March 4, 1935, in Centerville, Ohio. He grew up in Somerton and Akron, Ohio. He graduated from South High School in Akron in 1953. He received his bachelor's degree in business, from the University of Akron in 1957, where he was in ROTC. After his college graduation, he entered the U.S. Army and was stationed in many locations throughout the U.S. and abroad, serving one tour in Korea and two tours in Vietnam. He was a transportation officer in the transportation corps during his military career and was in charge of transporting Bob Hope's show throughout Southeast Asia. Also, while stationed in Hawaii, he was responsible for the motor escort in transporting President Nixon to greet the Apollo 13 astronauts. He transferred from active duty to the Army Reserve in 1972 as a Major and retired in 1980 from the reserves as a Lieutenant Colonel. After his retirement, he

Keith was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Copperas Cove and was active in many organizations throughout his lifetime to include the Masonic Lodge, where he was a dual member of local lodges, the Order of Eastern Star, Scottish Rite and Shriners. Wherever he resided, he was always involved in the local Boy Scouts, where he served as scout master. He was also an active member of the Kempner Volunteer Fire Department, American Legion Post 277 in Lampasas, M.O.A.A. (Military Officers Association of America) and the Military Order of World Wars. Keith loved to travel and see America, visiting every state in the U.S., except Alaska. In September 2021, he fulfilled his bucket list by going on a cruise to Alaska with his daughter, Cynthia.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Virginia Byers Criss; son, William Powell (Bill) Criss in 1980; and his wife, Inge Criss in 2015.

Keith is survived by his daughters, Cynthia Waxman and husband, Tom, of Reno, Nevada, Elizabeth Johnson and husband, Darrell, of Parksville, Kentucky, Erica Martin and husband, Randy, of Van Alstyne, Texas; six grandchildren, Shane Balzen, Criss Martin, Jennifer Bull, Justin Johnson, Jessica Johnson, Hunter Puszkiewicz; and nine great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be directed to the Kempner Volunteer Fire Department, 315 Pecan St, Kempner, TX 76539 or Immanuel Lutheran Church, 922 Lutheran Church Rd., Copperas Cove, TX 76522.

12:05 p.m., a theft was reported in the 100 block of N. 24th Street.

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Local Spring Break closings

Below is the closing information for all local school districts in the area for Spring Break.

Gatesville ISD will be closed from Monday, March 14 to Friday March 18, and on Monday, March 21. The district will reopen for normal school hours on Tuesday, March 22. Jonesboro ISD will be closed on Friday, March 11, and will be closed for spring break from Monday, March 14 to Friday, March 18. The school district will reopen for normal school hours on Monday, March 21.

Evant ISD will be closed on Monday, March 14 to Friday, March 18. The school district will reopen for normal school hours on Monday, March 21. Oglesby ISD will be closed for spring break from Monday, April 11 to Friday, April 15. The school district will reopen for normal school hours on Monday, April 18.

Turnersville Community Center fundraiser March 26

The Turnersville Community Center will be hosting a fundraiser on Saturday, March 26. There will be a Mexican food meal starting at 5 p.m. The price will be \$10 per plate, kids six and under \$5 per plate.

In addition to the meal, there will also be a 42 tour-

nament. Registration begins at 5 p.m. and the games will start at 6 p.m. Entry fee is \$10 per person and players eat free. Registration forms will be available at the time of registration, or players may go to www.Tvillecc.com (click on the More tab and then on the Events Calendar) to download the registration form.

A bake sale and silent auction will also be held. For more information, please call 254-494-0010 and leave a message. The Turnersville Community Center is located at 8115 FM 182.

Gatesville residents graduate from Baylor, another named to Dean's List

GRADUATES

Baylor University celebrated nearly 1,800 graduates who received their degrees during summer and fall commencement ceremonies. President Linda A. Livingstone, Ph.D., honored each graduate as she presided over the ceremonies held Aug. 14 and Dec. 18, 2021, in the Ferrell Center on the Baylor Campus.

Gatesville students participating in Baylor commencement ceremonies included Griffin Michael Bohannon who graduated during the August ceremony with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Management Information Systems from the Hankamer School of Busi-

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Lady Hornets fall to China Spring in softball clash

BY TRISTON MCGEHEE STAFF WRITER

In a hard-fought girls softball game on March 8, the Gatesville Lady Hornets fell to the China Spring Lady Cougars 11-5 at the GHS softball field.

The Lady Hornets' overall season record dropped to 5-9-2 after the defeat. The Lady Hornets fought hard to get back into the game but could not recover from the third inning in which the Lady Cougars rounded the diamond eight times. The third inning would be the last time the Lady Cougars would score all night.

"To be perfectly honest with you, we played six really good innings of solid softball." GHS softball head coach Andrea Holdbrook said.

The Lady Hornets tried to recover from the dud inning, scoring three runs in the fourth and one run in the seventh inning.

"The best learning experience from it was that we are fully capable to compete with just about anybody in front of us," Holdbrook said. "We need to make sure we stay focused. I would say that's our biggest obstacle right now is staying focused for seven full innings.

Offensively for Gatesville, Raylee Glover was 1-for-4 at the plate, drove in a run, and scored once. Teammate Kinlee Gardner



Madison Hester pitches for the Lady Hornet softball team in a game against China Spring.

went 1-for-2 with two walks and two runs scored. Kinsey Gardner went 1-for-4 in the game, while Cera Touchet went 1-for-2, with two RBI, two walks, and scored a run. Grace

Carothers also scored a run.

The Lady Hornets played at home against Waco Connally on Friday. They are also playing today in Franklin against Franklin at 1

p.m. and Bremond right after to make up for

rescheduled games because of bad weather.

AREA FISHING REPORT

Lake Belton

GOOD. Water lightly stained; 55 degrees; 3.11 feet low. The fishing in the early part of the week was best, influenced by the approaching cold front. The fishing after the front's passage was more difficult use white 5/8 ounce Hazy Eye Slabs equipped with stinger hooks raised slowly off the bottom have been very effective. Used in conjunction with LiveScope, the tactic produces even better. Report by Bob Maindelle, Holding the Line Guide Service. Blue catfish are good with 20 pounds catches coming in 2-10 feet of water on fresh cut bait. Fish are pushing shallow, but a few catches drifting in 10-20 feet. Yellow catfish are slow, but should turn on in the next month. 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. Lake Waco

GOOD. Water stained; 57 degrees; 4.43 feet low. Blue catfish are good with 20-pound catches coming in 2-10 feet of water on fresh cut bait. Fish are pushing shallow, but a few catches drifting in 10-20 feet. Yellow catfish are slow, but should turn on in the next

month. 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.

Lake Stillhouse Hollow

GOOD. Water lightly stained; 45 degrees; 3.11 feet low. The fishing in the early part of the week was best, influenced by the approaching cold front. The fishing after the front's passage was more difficult use white 5/8 ounce Hazy Eye Slabs equipped with stinger hooks raised slowly off the bottom have been very effective. Used in conjunction with LiveScope, the tactic produces even better. Report by Bob Maindelle, Holding the Line Guide Service. Crappie are in the prespawn pattern up river. Report by Zach Minnix, Jig N' Jerk Guide Service.

Lake Whitney GOOD. Water lightly stained; 54 degrees; 2.31 feet low. Striped bass with a few sand bass mixed in are good on artificial and live bait. Crappie are fair, seeing more fishermen up the creeks fishing the spawn. Report by Blake Stritz, Fellowship Fishing Guide.



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Soccer teams earn wins, prep for playoffs

BY TRISTON MCGEHEE STAFF WRITER

The Gatesville Lady Hornets soccer team clinched a playoff berth with a 2-0 District 18-4A victory over the Lampasas Lady Badgers on March 4 at Lampasas High School.

The 9-4 Lady Hornets did what they had to do to lock up the playoff spot against a district foe considered to be a rival in many sports. Andrea Ortiz and Mikala Bryson scored the goals for Gatesville.

The Lady Hornets played the Academy Lady Bumblebees (0-13 in district) on March 4, and crushed them 10-1, also at Tommy Davidson Field at McKamie Stadium.

Tasha Thoms and Payton Armstrong led the way with two goals each, while Andrea Ortiz, Mikala Bryson, Grace Penrod, Cayleigh Coursey, Rachel Conner, and Bethany Penrod each scored one goal.

GHS boys and girls head soccer coach Scott Campbell said that the progression of the team this year has been a huge highlight of the success of the Lady Hornets.

"They have just a really good chemistry," Campbell said. "We've got four seniors that are great leaders. And the younger girls are progressing and developing. That's probably the biggest highlight, just watching everybody develop."

The Lady Hornets have their sights aimed next at the Lake Belton Lady Broncos (13-0 in district), the leader of the pack in District 18.

According to Campbell, that district battle will be a "bonus playoff game" because the Lady Broncos are a playoff-caliber team. This



Bethany Penrod moves the ball downfield for the Lady Hornet soccer team, which recently clinched a playoff berth.

game will be ideal for the Lady Hornets because they can figure out what kind of adjustments are needed going into the bi-district round of the playoffs.

The Lady Hornets closed the regular season against the Lady Broncos at Lake Belton High School. GHS BOYS

The Gatesville Hornets boys soc-

cer team defeated the Academy Bumblebees by a 1-0 count in a District 18-4A contest at Tommy Davidson Field at McKamie Stadium.

The Hornets (8-5 in district) came into the game off a 2-0 loss to the Lampasas Badgers (3-10 in district) on March 4. But against the Bumblebees, the Hornets were able to secure the win with a Hector Silva Hernandez goal to put them on top.

"I saw a tremendous amount of energy, which was great," GHS coach Campbell said. "It wasn't a clean game by any means, but we had some great opportunities."

The Hornets are looking to find out where they are in the playoffs TRISTON MCGEHEE | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

on Friday night and are hoping to secure a win against Lake Belton in their regular-season finale.

The Hornets traveled to Lake Belton High School to take on the Broncos, a District 18 team that they defeated earlier in the season on penalty kicks, 7-6.



Enrique Rojas handles the ball for the Hornet soccer team.

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Baseball team blasts Badgers, 10-0

BY TRISTON MCGEHEE STAFF WRITER

March 8 was a cold night for baseball, but that did not stop the Gatesville Hornets from shutting out the Lampasas Badgers, 10-0, in their District 6-4A contest at Danny Loerwald Field at Ryan Powell Memorial Ballpark.

The Hornets were ecstatic to start district play with a mercy-rule win over the Badgers. The Hornets improved their overall record to 4-4 overall and 1-0 in district with their overwhelming victory.

GHS head coach Chase Smith shared the key to victory for the Hornets.

"We didn't beat ourselves; we threw strikes," Smith said. "That is the key to our success. Every time we haven't made errors and had walks. We have gotten wins, and every time that we haven't, it has gone the other way." The Hornets are heading into the Franklin tournament with a lot of momentum, winning their last three games.

Parker Allman had two walks and scored two runs for the Hornets, while Camden Galindo scored two runs and one RBI. Cayden Mata had an RBI and a walk. Hayden Mooney finished 2-for-3 with two RBI, while Mason Mooney went 1-for-2 with a walk, an RBI, and a run.

Also for GHS, James Hamilton walked once, while Kody Hernandez scored two runs and walked twice. Gill Wallace was 1-for-2 with a walk, an RBI, and scored a run. Trevor Smith had a stolen base and a run.

The Franklin tournament is scheduled for Thursday, March 10, through Saturday, March 12. Results from the games will be in a future edition.



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Hayden Mooney delivers the ball to the mound for the Hornet baseball team.

GHS golfers take 2nd place at Squaw Valley Golf Course

BY TRISTON MCGEHEE STAFF WRITER

The Gatesville Hornets golf squad competed in the Glen Rose High School tournament on Monday, March 7, at the Squaw Valley Golf Course in Glen Rose.

The Hornets finished the day shooting a 348, landing them in second place in the final team standings.

Camden Morra finished in second place, shooting an 81, while Kasen Bankhead shot an 83, for third place.

Also for the Hornets, Cooper Boyd shot an 88, Gage Ford shot a 95, and Zane Foster shot a 99. Also, Avery Streetman placed sixth, shooting a 98.

The team is scheduled to head back to the Squaw Valley Golf Course on Monday, March 21 for more competition.

Jonesboro golfers win Iredell tournament



COURTESY PHOTO

The Jonesboro High School boys golf team recently took first place in the Iredell golf tourament. Pictured from left are Logan Necessary, Hunter Thompson, Jeffrey Morse, Costin Allison, Lefty Kaibas and coach Billy Massingill.