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GISD hopes to save via fuel co-op

BY JEFF OSBORNE SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

The Gatesville Independent School District is hoping to reap significant savings on fuel costs by participating in the Texas Association of School Board's energy cooperative.

Darrell Frazier, chief financial officer for the district, presented details of the plan during the March 21 meeting of the Gatesville ISD Board of Trustees.

Frazier said TASB is in the process of building the fuel pool at a fixed rate for both diesel and unleaded fuel that could substantially reduce the fuel bills of participating school districts.

"Have y'all been to the pump lately?" Frazier asked the school board. "You know what the prices are doing. Diesel was at \$5 (per gallon) and regular (unleaded) was around \$4."

Under the fuel co-op, the district would commit to purchasing 36,000 gallons of diesel and 9,000 gallons of unleaded fuel. The diesel would be discounted to \$2.81 per gallon with unleaded costing \$2.68. "This would be a big thing for us – it would really help out a lot with expenses," Frazier said.

Following board approval, the district committed to purchase \$125,280 worth of fuel at those discounted prices from June 1 of this year through Aug. 31, 2023.

"The savings could be pretty substantial," Frazier said. "This would help protect the school district in terms of costs."

Board Vice President Charles Alderson asked if the prices could change.

"No," Frazier said, adding that the bigger

question is if the fuel co-op would be able to be established.

"Will TASB be able to do this? I don't know," Frazier said. He added that he has contacted a TASB representative about the fuel co-op who said he is still hopeful.

"It's a really good rate, no doubt, if we can get it for that," Alderson said.

Board member Mary Anne Leib asked what if fuel costs dropped down to \$1.50 per gallon.

"You'd hear me hoot and holler," Alderson said.

GJH library named for former principal

BY DAVID SCOTT STAFF WRITER

For someone who was labeled a "life-long book lover," it was more than appropriate when the library at the Gatesville Junior High was formally dedicated and named the "Cindy Ament Venable Library." In June 2021, the Gatesville Independent School District Board of Trustees unanimously approved the naming of the school's library in Venable's honor. Upon hearing the news, Venable said, "I am so humbled, thankful and so grateful for everything the district has done for me and continues to do. Thank you so much."

After more than 25 years of battling a slow-moving but aggressive form of cancer, Venable passed away on August 3, 2021. Her relentless fight against the disease inspired many Gatesville residents and in the surrounding areas. Venable encouraged and inspired people who were battling cancer, or family members of those who were suffering from cancer, to join in the community's annual "Relay for Life" benefit, which she strongly supported.

Venable was a proud native of Gatesville she grew up here and graduated from Gatesville High School in 1985. Following high school, she attended McLennan Community College and Central Texas College. She later transferred to Tarleton State University wher she graduated magna cum laude with a degree in interdisciplinary studies and a minor in English. After becoming a teacher at GISD, she earned her master's degree in educational administration from Tarleton State University. Venable first came to work full-time at GISD as a third-grade teacher in 1998. By 2010, she was named assistant principal at Gatesville Junior High and later became the lead principal at the campus in 2012 - a position she would hold until a medical retirement in spring 2021, after a 24-year career with GISD. "She loved books. She loved literacy. She loved everything about English and so I'm glad this is a perfect tribute for her," GISD superintendent Barrett Pollard said. "This will now, and forever be known as the Cindy Ament Venable Library."



House rehab plan pending

BY JEFF OSBORNE SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

A house at 2006 Bridge Street that the Gatesville City Council ruled as substandard and which faced possible demolition has a new lease on life after the structure's new owner presented a house renovation plan to the Council on March 22.

City Manager Bill Parry told the Council that Josiah Wilson had purchased the house unaware that a demolition order had been issued on Jan. 25.

Wilson attended the March 22 Council meeting and asked for more time to rehabilitate the house.

"I brought a layout, scope of work nd examples of other properties I have renovated, and I'm working on getting bids," Wilson told the Council. "I have a rough estimate of what it will take to bring the property back to life." The 1,164 square foot home currently has two bedrooms and one bath, and Wilson said he plans to add one bedroom and one bathroom. Councilwoman Barbara Burrow asked Wilson if he planned to sell or rent the house once the work was done, and Wilson said he will sell the house after repairs are made.

Attending the dedication was a mixture

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Wyllis and Linda Sue Ament stand next to a photo of their daughter, Cindy Venable, for whom the Gatesville Junior High Library was named.

of family, friends, colleagues and students – including her parents, Wyllis and Linda Sue Ament. "I would like to say on behalf of the family that we do appreciate this. She was very, very proud of this library and she was very proud of the school," Wyllis Ament said.

County leaders mull construction priorities

BY JEFF OSBORNE SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

Taking the next step in what a Coryell County facilities committee has deemed "dire needs" for some county offices, the Coryell County Commissioners Court set its top priorities for upcoming projects during a workshop on March 22. However, there were differing views on how to meet construction goals.

County Judge Roger Miller and commissioners Ray Ashby Jr., Ryan Basham and Kyle Matthews agreed that getting justices of the peace and their employees out of the dilapidated old jail facility, building a multipurpose courtroom and finding a new office for the Texas Department of Public Safety were key areas of concern to be addressed.

"We've been contemplating this going on two years now and, at this point, we need to talk about what to include in construction projects, the cost and if we're going to move forward or not," Miller said. "We have recommendations from the facilities advisory committee and realistic finance numbers."

The commissioners court had designs from an architectural firm for a building that was to also include a 9-1-1 call center, emergency management office and early voting site, but those items were taken out to produce a streamlined facility with an estimated price tag of \$5.5

million.

"I'd like the court to consider adding those items into the concept," Miller said. "We have \$5.9 million budgeted for capital improvements this year, and money from taxes allocated for capital improvements."

Miller said because of rising property values, the amount of tax revenue has steadily increased and continues to do so, meaning there is more money available for capital improvements. That revenue amounted to \$243,381 in 2017, was \$331,469 for 2020 and was expected to rise to \$351,071 by 2024 and \$441,300 by 2027.

"Right now, we have no bond debt, and bond debt is not neces-

sarily a bad thing," he said.

He suggested bumping the total project cost from \$6 million to \$8 million to cover the facilities needs, saying a five-year bond would be less than \$400,000.

"This would have no impact on the tax rate at all," Miller said. "Then look at 2024 and we could have two projects on independent properties under one bond."

He said those properties could include a new courthouse annex building and a 150- to 160-bed jail, "using the best numbers available and using \$33 million as a total base number. That would have the least impact on taxpayers as we can

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Wilson said one of the issues is that a load-bearing wall was torn down, and this will be among the repairs made.

Mayor Pro Tem Meredith Rainer asked how long Wilson thought he would need to renovate the property.

"It's a 6-8 week project once a qualified contractor is selected," Wilson said. "I have three or four contractors working on different projects, including one in McGregor. The issue is finding materials."

"Personally, I'd rather see the house get back on the market than demolished," Mayor Gary Chumley said.

Parry asked Wilson when permits would be pulled. He told the Council that an extension should only be granted once the Council has seen a plan for renovations and agrees with the plan.

Wilson said he hoped to pull the permits soon, and that he could present a renovation plan to the Council at its next meeting on April 12. The Council could decide to grant the extension at that point.



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SATURDAY, March 26, 2022

HONORING GISD STAFF & STUDENT TRAINERS



Gatesville athletic trainer Tim Toker and his student trainers; including freshman Serenity Morrall; freshman **Emilie Moore and** junior Hayleigh Wilson; standing with Gatesville ISD Superintendent **Barrett Pollard;** were recognized for their dedication during the March 21 school board meeting. Toker has been a part of the GISD staff for more than 20 years, and between high school and junior high programs, he works with 28 teams and nearly 700 student athletes.

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can and would give us two simultaneous projects at \$33 million – that's 6.6 cents on a 30-year bond."

Based on growth trends for Coryell County, Miller said additional revenues can be expected to help pay for construction costs.

"There are plats (for new housing) in Jonesboro, Oglesby and across the county," he said. "I think it's time this court starts doing projects to get where most of us would like to be. We could package those two projects and I think we'll get voter buy-in and meet the goals the facilities committee has set."

Miller said the first thing to address is "the immediate needs project. It triggers what we can or cannot do in the next couple of years ... this would take advantage of tax gains and we've already taken a step in that direcbut I think we ought to take baby steps moving forward and then plan what we're going to do. I don't see spending \$6 million on that lot for that building. But there's no doubt there's a need for those three items (justice of the peace space, a multipurpose courtroom and DPS space).

One person attending the workshop asked, "What's it going to take to get all five of y'all (county commissioners and judge) on board (with a construction option)?"

"We've definitely got to do something for the JPs – that's the bottom line," said Commissioner Basham.

Commissioner Ashby suggested looking at cheaper options.

"I think what's most important – we need to get going and get some momentum to get the confidence of the county as a whole," said Fred Chavez, a Copperas Cove City Council member who served on the facilities committee. "If we're going approved.

"My point is why would you spend \$6 million if you can get it for \$3 million and get the same product," Matthews said. He noted that the road and bridge department is constructing a new facility for \$82 per square foot.

"I can't in my right mind sell you a soda pop for \$18 when it's only worth a buck," Matthews said.

Miller said the two components to be considered are functionality and cost, "if someone comes in and can build something that fits all our priorities for \$6 million ..."

Matthews said he thought a building should be constructed for closer to \$3.5 million.

"We budgeted \$6 million," Miller said. "Why would we go down to \$3.5 million?"

"The cost was too much." Matthews said. "I think we need to take baby steps - fix the most pressing needs. The JPs and DPS need an office, and they need a courtroom Miller said he would like to see a server room on site to house the computer servers rather than having that facility based in Waco. Going around the room, one thing the commissioners and Miller agreed on was that the office for justices of the peace, the multipurpose courtroom and the DPS office were top priorities. "I think the 9-1-1 call center would need to go somewhere else," Ashby said.

Matthews asked if the property near the Extraco bank and across from the post office which is currently being used for the commissioners court meeting space, the early voting site, and emergency management office was something the county was planning to continue using.

"I don't think it's in the long-term plan," Miller said. "I think we ought to keep it and continue using it," Matthews said. "It's the cheapest route and being a good steward of taxpayer money."

The commissioners court will follow up on the workshop and address facilities needs at a future meeting.



tion."

Commissioner Matthews asked for clarification.

"What are we looking at today – I'm a little bit confused," he said. "I don't think we can afford the Heffelfinger design (produced for the county previously). I like the design and the purpose of it. But I don't know how we can justify the cost going into it. "I know we need JP space, to lower the price, what can we take out? We can't keep pushing this down the road. Let's cut the things out that we can do without and move forward, or it hurts our credibility."

One person attending the workshop noted that the longer the county delays taking action, the higher the cost, which eventually will be when construction is finally



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Local author to hold book signing

Local author Clay Reeves will be having a book signing to introduce his new book, "Dog Days with Aggie & Pepper," on Saturday, April 2. The signing will take place from 1-3 p.m. at the 1854 Mercantile located at 409 Highway 36 Bypass. The public is invited to attend.

Clay Reeves, a former Gatesville High School math teacher, retired in May of 2021 after 55 years of service as a teacher. As well as being a math teacher, Reeves was a certified English teacher and has always had an affection for the theater and performing arts. He wrote and direct ed numerous school plays and worked with students in acting competitions as well as one-act play contests. All of those things contributed to Clay's love of writing and encouraged him to get into self-publishing after retirement.

Following his retirement, Reeves said, "I write when I want to write, and if I don't feel like doing that, I can always take Aggie and Pepper (his dogs) for a walk" or go out to dinner with his wife.

His first book about his dogs, entitled "Aggie and Pepper," was published in 2020. His second book, entitled "Dog Days with Aggie & Pepper" was published in 2021.

He found enjoyment in writing plays when he would just "sit down on the stage, get away from the house and away from the phone, and just write out everything longhand." He said that his wife would type his handwritten notes so that the students could begin memorizing their lines as soon as possible.

With his last two books, Reeves said, "When COVID hit and we went remote at the high school, I had time on my hands. I was still doing lessons online. I'd take care of all of that, and then I had time to start writing, so I did.

I had always wanted to write stories about our two dogs because I thought that would be fun. I'd write a little bit and then I got even more enthused about it.3

"When I wrote this book, the second book, I kept on writing and I wrote not just this one, but another stack of words, which would be included in a third book." His third book will be coming out sometime soon. The last chapter of his current book was long, and he decided that it would be best to turn it into a third book which would be a "magnificent adventure of dogs, two dogs, who were kidnapped.'



DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER TEACHER TELLS "TAILS": Former educator Clay Reeves holding two books he recently wrote about his two dogs, Aggie and Pepper.

Oglesby ISD to conduct cheer tryouts

The Oglesby Independent School District will be offering cheer tryouts for the 2022-2023 school year.

There will be a mandatory

parent and candidate meeting held on Tuesday, March 29 at 6 p.m. in the Oglesby Library.

include a tryout clinic held on April 4-5 from 6-8 p.m. Practice will be held on April 6-7 from 5-7 p.m. The official cheer tryout will be held

on April 8 at 5 p.m. 254-456-2271.

contact the Oglesby Independent School District at

Oglesby ISD releases honor roll

Chapman

Oglesby Independent School District recently released the A and A/B Honor Roll. Students qualifying for the honor roll include:

A HONOR ROLL

1st Grade Arell Crell, Kinzlee Gray, Braxton Herry, Briley Martinez, Thomas Riley, Kimberly Uribe 2nd Grade Bentley Goff, Alexandria Thompson 3rd Grade Brook Hamilton, Rainie Owens 4th Grade Alianna Chrisner, Hunter Insall 5th Grade Scarlet Aaron, Gracie Russell 6th Grade Holdyn Goff 7th Grade Caitlyn Battreal 8th Grade Andrea Licea, Madison Russell 9th Grade Victoria Cardenas, Drake LeBlanc 10th Grade Matti Dixon 11th Grade Aiden Gomez, Hailey Meyers 12th Grade Adrian Herrings, Summer Newman, Blake Thompson, Nataly Salas A/B HONOR ROLL

1st Grade

McKynzlynn Brand, Maddie zales

2nd Grade Harleigh Alambar, Calvin Cooper, Hudson Seymour, Judd Wulfkuhle 3rd Grade Arell Augeri, Bradley Garrett, Jasmine Gonzalez, Joe Hamilton, Judson Marquez, Barrett Miller, McKayla Regan, Peyton Schu, Gracie Thompson, Fernando Uribe 4th Grade Perla Coca, Jaco DeLaTorre, Adelyn Gomez, Abigail Insall, Keelyn Riley 5th Grade Brynley Puryear, Paisley Sanders, Anthony Silva-Ramirez, Alisyn Smith, Couper Wulfkuhle 7th Grade Kayson Campbell, Alisa Contreras, Sydney Felan, Jaxon Markum, Autumn Meyers, Kelsey Ritchie, Presley Robinson, Allisson Uribe, Zarah Wisehart 8th Grade Mila Lee, David Mejia, Gracie Reed. Jordan Smith, Kaylee Stanford 9th Grade Kyler Fossett, Marlee Henderson, Landon Robinson, Grace Sherrill 10th Grade Paydan Bagley, Johnny Gomez, Addison Hamilton, Charolette Ritchie 11th Grade Alyssa Castillo, Lacie Luckie 12th Grade Lizette Castillo, Matthew Castillo, Kelly DeLaTorre, Kaylee Garcia, Ronaldo Gon-

The tryout schedule will

For more information,

Photographs from Coryell County 4-H head to District competition

Winning photos from the recent 2022 4-H Photography Contest will be advancing on to District 4-H competition. The photos were judged by categories and the local chapter winners were listed as:

ANIMALS/DOMESTIC: Junior - Emily Wolff, Intermediate - Bailey Wolff, Senior -Addie Reuter

Cayleigh Coursey

ELEMENTS OF DESIGN: Junior - Chelsea Johnson, Intermediate - Lily Nielsen, Senior Cayleigh Coursey FOOD: Junior - Jozie Wolff,

Intermediate - Bailey Wolff, Senior - Cayleigh Coursey

LANDSCAPE & NATURE: Junior - Chelsea Johnson, Intermediate - Emily Boose, Senior

diate - Lily Nielsen, Senior -Cayleigh Coursey

MOTION/ACTION: Junior - no entry, Intermediate -Makaylie Williams, Senior -Thiele Alvarado

PEOPLE: Junior – Jozie Wolff, Intermediate - Makaylie Williams, Senior - Cayleigh Coursey

PLANT: Junior - Chel-

C.A.F.E. offers travel plans including Easter Pageant at Mary Hardin-Baylor

The Christian Adult Fellowship Events group (C.A.F.E.) at the First United Methodist Church will be attending several different events over the next few months.

They will be going to the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor in Belton to see the Easter Pageant on Wednesday, April 13. They will be leaving the church parking lot at 11:30 a.m. and travel to Belton where they will eat at the college, which will cost \$10 each or less. The meal is self-pay. Afterward, they will attend the pageant at 3 p.m. The pageant has been described as a very moving performance of the

life of Christ. The cost of the trip will be \$20.

The following month, C.A.F.E. will be travelling to Granbury on Saturday, May 14, to see Derek Spence perform as George Strait -Spence greatly resembles and sings like Strait. They will leave the church parking lot at 10:30 a.m., and eat at a local restaurant, which will be self-pay. The performance will take place at 3 p.m. For tickets and transportation, the total cost will be \$60 per person. At this time, C.A.F.E. has 20 tickets reserved, so reservations will need to be made in advance since this performance is predicted to be

a sell-out.

On Thursday, June 9, the group will be attending Stars over Texas in Waco and on Saturday, July 9, they will be travelling to Llano to see the Malpas brothers at the Llantex theater. More information about the June and July trips will be furnished closer to the

ANIMALS/WILDLIFE: Junior Chelsea Johnson, Intermediate - Makaylie Williams, Senior - Gabriella Emeana

CATCH-ALL: Junior -Landri Stevens, Intermediate - Jacob Ellerbe, Senior -Emma-Cookie Rodriguez DETAILS & MACRO: Junior - Jozie Wolff, Intermediate

- Jaelee Thornton, Senior -

- Matti Mann

LEADING LINE: Junior - Eve Fulton, Intermediate - Jacob Ellerbe, Senior – Cayleigh Coursey

ENHANCED: Junior - no entry, Intermediate - Lily Nielsen, Senior - Cayleigh Coursey

LONG EXPOSURE: Junior - Chelsea Johnson, Intermesea Johnson, Intermediate Jaelee Thornton, Senior -Emma-Cookie Rodriguez

SHADOW/SILHOUETTE: Junior - no entry, Intermediate - Makaylie Williams, Senior -Cayleigh Coursey

THEME "My Hometown": Junior - no entry, Intermediate - Zakary Huckabee, Senior - Thiele Alvarado

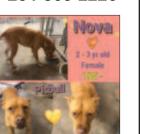
scheduled time. Reservations and/or pay-

ments for the trips in April and May can be made by contacting the First United Methodist Church at 254-865-2520 or by contacting Ruth Jones at 254-865-2112.









Whatever happened to...

20 YEARS AGO (2002)

Mountain Baptist Church was preparing to celebrate their 70th anniversary. The church was established in 1932. Former pastors and their families were expected to attend the celebration in addition to current and former members.

The late Larry Mack Dowdy, a Coryell County Sheriff's Department deputy killed in the line of duty, was remembered during a ceremony. Sheriff Roger Faught presented Dowdy's widow, Nancy, and son, Chris, with the Police Medal of Honor from the American Police Hall of Fame. Gatesville prison officials



Sunday, March 27th

11:00 am: Worship Celebration

Noon: Fellowship Meal RSVP 254-383-2634

2:00 pm: 90th Anniversary Praise & Worship Service

Please join us as we set aside this special time for worship to recall God's goodness and to thank and praise Him for His care and blessings.

were gearing up for another high-profile tenant with the arrival of Andrea Yates, the Houston mother who had been sentenced to life in prison for drowning her five children.

The Gatesville Chamber of Commerce was bringing the Culpepper & Merriweather Circus to town for two performances under an oldfashioned "Big Top" tent at the Coryell County Activities Complex. Tickets were \$7 for adults and \$5 for children.

30 YEARS AGO (1992)

Gatesville mayor John Ward had decided not to seek reelection to office, ending a four-year stint as mayor and an eight-year stay in city government. Ward had served as Gatesville's mayor since May 1988.

Gatesville Primary School recognized and honored three of their employees. Faynell Clay was honored through the Green Thumb program, which provides work for older citizens. Evelyn and Lee Attebery were both recognized for their years of dedicated service to the school.

Thrift Mart had donated 165 saplings and cuttings to several public institutions in the Gatesville area as part of a program to help beautify area towns. The program, called Homegrown Trees, was

planned to become an annual event for the next 10 years.

Susan Elaine Millsap had been accepted as an active member of Beefmasters Breeders Universal. With her membership, she joined more than 5,000 cattle raisers in 38 states and seven foreign countries who hold membership in the organization.

40 YEARS AGO (1982)

Paula Barton, a Gatesville High School junior and stellar vocational office education lab student, had won third place in the General Clerical I contest at the Office Education Association state competitive event held in Houston.

The movie "Taps" was being shown at the Cinema. The movie was starring George C. Scott and Timothy Hutton. The Cinema advertised Monday and Tuesday and being "Dollar Nite" at both inside and outside theaters.

Nurse aides graduation at the Rotunda included students Martha White, Pauline Hitt, Mark Holland, B.T. Patterson, Theda Ray, Glen Robinson, Lena Van Winkle and Cindy Higgins. The graduates had completed a 17-hour course in order to graduate from the program.

Cristie Landua, 14-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Landua of Fort Gates and a Gatesville High School freshman, had been chosen sweetheart of the Corvell County Sheriff's Posse for 1982. She had been riding horses for several years and was a Riding Club member.

50 YEARS AGO (1972)

Victor Prince, a 38-year-old football tactician, was named the new head football coach at Gatesville High School. He became the school's 11th grid headmaster in the last 42 years. Prince was voted a oneyear contract by the school board.

A Gatesville High School chapter of the National Honor Society was being organized and was to be named after the school's longtime principal, S. L. Pruitt. It was to be called the S.L. Pruitt Chapter of the National Honor Society.

Eldon Muegge and Dwayne Tippit were announced as city council candidates at Fort Gates. Fort Gates candidates were Billy Landua for mayor; Carroll Shirley and Billy Hugh Veazey for regular two-year terms as councilmen.

Jerry (Nub) Donaldson of Gatesville, who was a senior in Baylor University's School of Law, was named to the school's honors list for the 1971-72 winter quarter. He was expected to receive his juris doctor degree from Baylor in May.

The DISPATCH

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of March 20–22. 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

March 20

12:41 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2300 block of E. Main Street. 12:23 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 100

block of N. 27th Street. 2:42 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 1300 block of Westview Drive.

2:56 p.m., an assault was reported in the 100 block of E. Main Street.

7:23 p.m., a threat was reported in the 400 block of Coryell City Road.

11:39 p.m., a theft was reported in the 2200 block of E. Main Street.

March 21

1:04 p.m., reckless conduct was reported in the 900 block of E. Main Street. 1:05 p.m., a burglary was

reported in the 1900 block of E. Main Street.

2:29 p.m., a utility pole was reported down in the 4000 block of S. State Hwy. 36.

2:43 p.m., an accident was reported in the 100 block of Memorial Drive. 3:58 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 2500 block of Jackson Drive.

7:32 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 500 block of Rainer Road.

March 22

3:07 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of Park Lane. 7:44 a.m., a welfare con-

cern was reported in the 2400 block of S. Business Hwy. 36. 10:12 a.m., harassment

was reported in the 2500 block of Powell Drive.

11:53 a.m., animal cruelty was reported in the 2300 block of Business Hwy. 36. 2:27 p.m., a reckless driver



was reported in the 12000 block of E. Hwy. 84. 4:16 p.m., suspicious activ-

ity was reported in the 200 block of Fowler Street.

CORYELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

March 20

12:49 a.m., a threat was reported in the 10000 block of S. Hwy. 36.

3:48 a.m., a suspicious vehicle was reported in the 500 block of Lonesome Oak Drive.

6:13 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported on FM 929 near the Hughes Unit. 7:46 a.m., a domestic dis-

turbance was reported in the 100 block of E. Mooney.

1:11 p.m., a minor accident was reported on FM 116 at Hwy. 9.

6:24 p.m., a theft was reported in the 800 block of Sunset Drive.

March 21

6:45 a.m., a fire was reported in the 6200 block of E. Hwy. 84.

11:42 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported on FM 107 at CR 318. 4:16 p.m., a reckless driver was reported southbound on Hwy. 36 near Flat.

5:09 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on Hwy. 84 near Boots and Saddles Church.

6:45 p.m., a minor accident was reported on FM 116 near Shell Mountain Road.

7:37 p.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 500 block of Ranier Road.

March 22

1:31 a.m., a suspicious
vehicle was reported in the
10000 block of S. Hwy. 36.
7:30 a.m., a major accident
was reported on FM 116 and

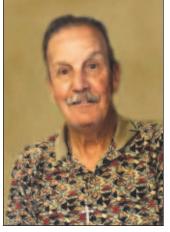
Courtney Lane. 12:15 p.m., an animal bite was reported in the 700

block of CR 131. 12:17 p.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 900 block of FM 932.

4:19 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 200 block of Fowler Street. 7:11 p.m., animal cruelty was reported in the 100 block of Vista Road. OBITUARIES

WAYNE WILLIAMS

Aug. 19, 1944 - Mar. 20, 2022



Wayne Williams, age 77, of Gatesville, passed away on Sunday, March 20, 2022, in Temple.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, March 25, 2022, at Gateway Baptist Church, with Pastor Michael Bragdon officiating. Interment followed with full military honors and Masonic Rites at Restland Cemetery.

Robert Wayne Williams was born on August 19, 1944, in Montgomery, Louisiana, to the late Earl and Mable Jowers Williams. He graduated from Montgomery High School and then entered the U.S. Army. He married Patricia Jean Lawson on Nov. 3, 1971. He served two tours in Vietnam and retired as a SFC in 1986 at Ft. Hood, with 22 years of military service. He then went to work at Texas Department of Criminal Justice as a correctional officer, until his retirement in 2010, with 24 years of service. Wayne was a member of Gateway Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Rebecca Renae Williams in 2015; siblings, Elaine Mitchell, Virgil Williams, Allen Williams, Charles Williams, Leonard Williams, J. B. Williams, Mervin Williams and Irvin Williams.

Wayne is survived by his wife of 50 years, Jean Williams; son, Mark Williams; brother, Marlin Williams and wife, Susie; two grandchildren, Tori Williams, Ray Robles; two great-grandchildren, Livi Kate and Lawson Wallace.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Gateway Baptist Church, P.O. Box 724, Gatesville, TX 76528.

Citywide Garage Sale set for April 9

The City of Gatesville's Junk & Disorderly Market and Citywide Garage Sale event will be held on April 9.

Registration is now open for vendors who are interested in reserving a space at the Gatesville Civic Center and for individuals and groups holding garage sales in and around Gatesville.

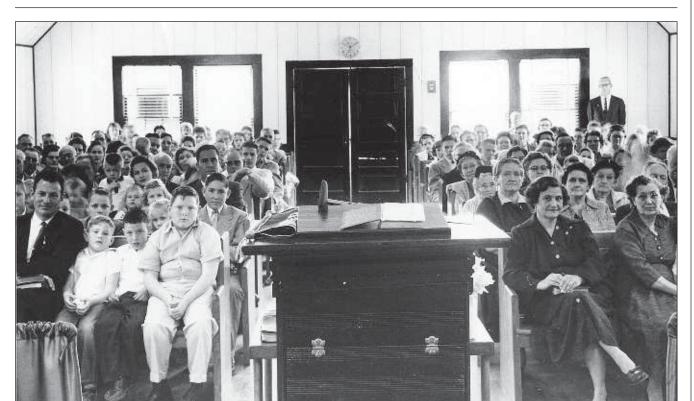
Vendor spaces at the Civic Center range from \$50 for an indoor booth to \$25 for barn and parking lot spaces. There is no fee to register a garage sale. Those will be listed on the VisitGatesvilleTX.com website and Facebook page and will be posted at the Civic Center.

Online registration is available at VisitGatesvilleTX. com/junk-disorderly. For questions, contact Cheri Shepherd at (254) 499-0102.

T-ville Center fundraiser today

The Turnersville Community Center will be hosting a fundraiser today, 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 tournament. 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





HOMECOMING 1959: A look back at Mountain Baptist Church's congregation during their Homecoming of 1959.

Mountain Baptist to celebrate 90th anniversary

Mountain Baptist Church will be celebrating their 90th anniversary with a special praise and worship service on Sunday, March 27, at 11 a.m.

Following the service, a fellowship meal will be served at 2 p.m. Those planning to attend the meal should RSVP by calling 254-383-2634.

Mountain Baptist Church was organized on March 20, 1932, with the first pastor being Rev. G.H. Lee. In 1936, a church finance committee was appointed to secure funds for a new church building. Tom Barton gave the plot of land for the church, and it was reported that the new building would cost \$302.55.

In a meeting in November 1939, the church voted to pay their pastor the sum of \$10 per month. A month later, the first mention of money for missions was made – one dollar per month was set aside for missions.

The church voted in 1946 to move the building to the highway to its present location. John I. Blanchard gave the land for the new church site. In the years following, the church added new educational space, a kitchen, nursery and six classrooms. In the mid 1960s, the front of the building was bricked, and sidewalks were built. In 1978, four Sunday school

rooms were enlarged, the auditorium was remodeled, and new pew cushions and new furniture was purchased using money from a large donation that was received.

A building study committee was formed in 1984 to inspect the building and to determine if it could be repaired or if it would be more feasible to build a new auditorium. The church voted in 1985 to tear down the old original part of the building, leaving the newer back section and to add a new fellowship hall with a kitchen, new bathroom, nursery, offices, and a new auditorium. The church was built almost entirely with volunteer labor headed by the building committee. The new church was dedicated on June 15, 1986. The current pastor of

COURTESY PHOTO

Mountain Baptist Church is Rev. Kurt Fuessel who has been at the church since 2003. Mountain Baptist Church is located at 6319 E. U.S. Highway 84 in Gatesville. 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.

Pidcoke Baptist revival tomorrow

Pidcoke Baptist Church, located at 11125 FM 116, will conduct revival services starting Sunday 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 church presenting worshipful music during the services.

Pidcoke Baptist Church has been in the process of building a new sanctuary since Fall 2021 and is close to being finished with the building process with a goal to conduct 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 growing deeper in their love 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.

MOUND NEWS

Samuel, Charles and Thomas Belt showed their steers at the Houston Livestock Show last week

BARBARA HOPSON

Julia, Brooke, and Reese Dixon of Liberty Hill spent their spring break with their grandparents, Kenneth and Nancy Dixon. While here, they visited with their relatives and many cousins. They also enjoying riding horses.

Julia Kay Dixon went along with Mark, Kelli, Kinsley, Anna and Allie McPherson on a camping trip to Colorado Bend State Park. The group enjoyed hiking and sightseeing.

Mr. Roy Reynolds Jr. of Littleton, Colorado, spent 10 days with his father and stepmother, Roy and Delecia Reynolds. It was a wonderful visit for all.

Helen and Debbie Piller had lunch at Oglesby School this week with Caymbri and Slayton Fisher.

Kay Branham, Kelby and Sterlin Shults visited Monday afternoon with Sue Jones.

Don, Case and Kristen Jones, Scott, Kelby and Sterlin Shults, Steve and Kay Branham took Sue Jones out to lunch Sunday for her birthday at Oscar's Restaurant.

Betty McFarlin visited with Sue Jones and Sterlin Shults Wednesday afternoon.

Samuel, Charles and Thomas Belt showed their steers at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo last week. Samuel and Thomas also competed in the livestock judging contest.

Those who are having birthdays this month are Alicia Rueter, Kelby Shults, Staci Combs, Tommy Cole, Gary Heavin, Cheryl Ford, Paul Hopson, Beth Haines, Sherrie Barton, Mary Sue Wicker, Lauren Goins, Keva Campos, Brance Spencer, Billye Rhudy, Jennifer Mann, Pat Schoenewolf, Rachel Hopson, Lou Ann Cashel, Nancy Suson, Samantha Penny, Cynthia Lynch, Sue Jones, Philip Jones, Kelli Tatum, Cory



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HOUSES OF WORSHIP

BAPTIST

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Living in Harmony with Others



"Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice: mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another." -Romans 12: 14-16 NIV

PECAN GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH: Sunday

PIDCOKE BAPTIST CHURCH: Donald

services - Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship 11

McConnaughhay, pastor; 11125 FM 116, Gatesville;

Sunday services - Sunday School 10 a.m., worship service

PLEASANT VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH: Chris Post,

PRIMERO IGLESIA EMANUEL: One mile north of

PURMELA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH: Sunday

SWEET HOME BAPTIST CHURCH: 511 North

SPANISH BAPTIST CHURCH: Ezequiel Casas,

pastor; 113 Veazy Dr.; Sunday Services; Sunday School

10:00 a.m., worship 11:00 a.m., Wednesday Praver

Sunday services - Sunday School 9:30 a.m., morning

worship 10:50 a.m. Wednesday Services - Prayer Meeting/

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH: 1506 West Main:

14th; Sunday services - Sunday school 9:30 a.m.,

Sunday morning worship 11 a.m.; Wednesday services -

Pastor; CR 301, Jonesboro, TX; Sunday school at 10 a.m.

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Te all know at least one person who seems to get along with everyone, the person who always has a smile on his or her face and who never has a cross word for everyone. What we should learn from them is that people are nicer the nicer you are to them. In other words, kindness is contagious, and people act as mirrors for other people's emotions. Good public speakers know that it's easy to get a crowd riled up, or calmed down, because we are emotional creatures who mirror the emotions of those around us. Modern neuroscientists have discovered that we have "mirror neurons" which trigger emotional responses in ourselves after seeing them in others. The practical import of this is that it's easy to improve our world by simply treating others with loving kindness and trying to live in harmony with those around us. When those around us are friendly and return our kindness this is quite easy, but it becomes considerably more difficult when those around us are angry or hostile, especially if they are attacking us. In that case we have to make a conscious effort to overcome what our brains and bodies are prompting us to do and to turn our scowls into friendly grins.

- Christopher Simon

PEARL COUNTRY CHURCH: Sunday morning servicios en Español, 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m., Solamente en domingos.

> MIDWAY CHURCH OF CHRIST: 1955 CR 3640, Copperas Cove, TX 76522; Sunday 9:30 a.m. Bible Study, 10:30 a.m. Worship; Wednesdays 5:30 p.m. Bible Study; Royce 512-734-5390 or Steve 254-865-3559.

PEARL CHURCH OF CHRIST: Sunday services morning worship 10:30 a.m.

CHURCH OF GOD

CORNERSTONE, Greg Demmitt, pastor; 338 State School Road; Sunday services - morning worship 11 a.m. www.facebook.com/pages/cornerstone/140632994733

EVANGELICAL METHODIST REFUGE-MINISTRIES PURMELA CHURCH CAMPUS: Josh Morrison, Campus Pastor; 115 FM 183, Purmela, Texas, 10:45 a.m. Sunday worship, 512-425-2828.

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IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH: David Reedy, International Interim Pastor; 922 Lutheran Church Rd. in Copperas Cove; Sunday morning Bible Study at 9:15 a.m.; Sunday morning worship at 10:30 a.m.

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

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

METHODIST

III, Pastor; Sunday service 11:00 a.m., 8205 FM 182 in Turnersville; (254) 218-5901.

COVER2COVER MINISTRIES: Pastor: Rev. Brandy Spiker, Sunday morning service 10 a.m., Sunday evening service 6 p.m., Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. 1409 West Main

GATESVILLE REVIVAL CENTER: Wes Covey, Pastor; Sunday school 10:00 a.m., Sunday morning 11:00 a.m., Sunday evening 6 p.m., Thursday evening 7 p.m. 2518 Bridge St., Gatesville.

GRACE ASSEMBLY CHRISTIAN CHURCH: Wray Nunn, pastor; Sunday morning worship at 10:30 a.m. & Wednesday evening worship at 6:30 p.m. at Gateway Learning Center, 2315 Osage Road.

GRACE BIBLE CHURCH: Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. and Sunday Services at 10:45 a.m. 4012 US Hwy. 84, Gatesville.

HARVESTING SOULS INTERNATIONAL CHURCH: Mike & Martha Johnson pastors, 503 N. 11th Street, Gatesville, 865-6222. Sunday morning worship 11:00 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study Ministries (Men, Women, children) 6:00 p.m. "Overcomers" a TDC and state approved 12-step recovery program meets Tuesday 6:00 p.m

JOHNNY WATKIN'S MEN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: Sundays, 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. aqui se reune La Iglesia de Cristo, in the 2400 block of East Main Street.

LEVITA BIBLE FELLOWSHIP: Peter M. Mafwal, Pastor; 4460 FM 930, Levita; Sunday Bible Study at 9:45 a.m.: morning worship at 10:45 am.

MOTHER NEFF FAITH TABERNACLE: William Bertelsen, Pastor; 1415 Texas Hwy. 236; Sunday services - 10:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study at 7:00 p.m

PEARL COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP: 6735 FM 183 in Pearl. Sunday Services- 9:00 a.m.

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

PENTECOSTAL

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

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

PRESBYTERIAN

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

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

INTER-DENOMINATIONAL

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

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

THE POINT FELLOWSHIP: James & Laurinda Paine, Pastors; 2315 Osage Road, Gatesville; Wednesday Services at 7:00 p.m. (Adults, youth & children); Sunday

services - Destiny Discovery Class at 9:00 a.m. and

Regular services at 10:30 a.m. 254-248-1265.

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









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

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

WHITE MOUND BAPTIST CHURCH / MOUND COW-**BOY CHURCH** (meet at 9:30 a.m.): Bruce Cox, pastor; Sun. services - Sun. School 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m. For more info., call 254-865-5908.

CATHOLIC

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC CHURCH: Rev. Jayaraju Polishetty; 1108 W. Main; Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m. (English) & 12:00 p.m. (Spanish Mass), Weekday Mass Tuesday through Friday at 12:00 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

CEDAR RIDGE CHURCH OF CHRIST: Deral McWhorter, minister; Osage Road and Cedar Ridge Drive; Sunday services - Morning worship 10 a.m., evening worship 6 p.m.

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

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

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

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BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: Sunday services - 11 am. 2nd & 4th Sundays. 2 miles north of Ireland on FM 932

EVANT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: Dennis Dutton, Pastor; Sunday services - Sunday School 9 a.m., morning worship 10 a.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF GATESVILLE: 2600 E. Main St.; Stephen Schmidt, pastor; Sunday worship - 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. WEDNESDAY WORD: Meal at 5:30 p.m. \$3; youth, Children and Adult Bible Studies at 6:00 p.m. AA meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6:30 p.m. Visit us at fumcgatesville.org for more information.

JONESBORO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: 101 CR 193; Rita Hotz, Pastor; Sunday services - 11 a.m., each 1st and 3rd Sunday.

OGLESBY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: Sunday services - morning worship 9:45 a.m., Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

PIDCOKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: Bill Jones, Pastor; Hwy. 116; Worship service Sundays at 10 a.m. 254-677-6242.

MORMON

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST LATTER-DAY SAINTS: 206 South 26th; Sunday services -Sacrament services 10 a.m., Sun. School 10 a.m

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

CHRISTIAN LIFE CHURCH: Frank Rosenstern, pastor; Hwy. 84 West; Sunday services, 10:30 a.m.; Thursday services, 7:00 p.m.

CORYELL COMMUNITY CHURCH: Daniel Crowther, Pastor; 115 N. Levita Rd., Gatesville, 248-0849. Sunday Worship services 9am & 10:30 a.m. Wednesday services 6pm; Adult Bible Study, Children's Ministry and C3 Student Ministry

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Proposals will be received at the Finance Director's Office, 110 N. 8th St. in Gatesville, Texas, until 2:00 P.M., local time, on Friday April 8th 2022.

Services to be provided consist of furnishing all materials, equipment and labor necessary to perform grounds maintenance services, including but not limited to mowing, edging, and trimming, at three city-owned cemeteries, and 1 ALT- city rights-ofway (ROW). The work will be awarded in one Annual Contract with two (2) one-year renewal options with the ROW Mowing

Contract documents will be on file at City Hall, 110 N. 8th St, Gatesville, Texas or downloaded from the City of Gatesville website www.gatesvilletx.com. Proposers downloading contract documents assume responsibility for downloading all addenda published on City of Gatesville website prior to submittal of Proposals.

Owner's Right: City of Gatesville reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive informalities, and to make an award deemed in its best interest. City of Gatesville reserves the option to negotiate terms, conditions and pricing with the selected proposer at its discretion.

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

The City Council is requesting applications for Banking Services 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 Gatesville, 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 regarding 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 applications, 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 Gatesville.

By: Wendy Cole City Secretary City of Gatesville 00029188 **REAL ESTATE**

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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

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 fences 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

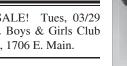
74.7 acres west of Purmela, FM 1241, barn, cattle pens, good fences, nice view, centrally located. \$511,695.

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 the 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

252.87 Acres, 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



Lady Hornets fall in close game to Lampasas, 7-6

BY TRISTON MCGEHEE STAFF WRITER

A hard-fought seventh inning in Gatesville's District 6-4A softball opener did not go the Lady Hornets' way on Tuesday, as they fell to Lampasas 7-6 at the GHS softball field.

The Lady Hornets never gained a lead in the game but did put together a rally in the seventh inning. Gatesville was down 7-2 in that frame, but runs early in the inning by Cera Touchet and Riann Tippit, off a double by Kallie Featherston, put life into the Lady Hornets in that final inning. Featherston arrived at second base after hitting her double, and Kayla Vega entered the game as a pinch-runner for Featherston. Kalli Robinette hit a double, advancing Vega to third. Raylee Glover hit a single but advanced to second on the throw, bringing Vega and Robinette home.

"They never give up," GHS softball coach Andrea Holdbrook said. "They're always going to fight."

Holdbrook was proud of the girls' comeback effort even though they came up short. She hopes that they can be more aggressive at the plate early and prevent simple mistakes from occurring.

Last week, the Lady Hornets traveled to West High School on March 15, and lost to the Lady Trojans 10-0. On March 16 the Lady Hornets lost 3-2 to the Waco Connally Lady Cadets. Gatesville's season record dropped to 6-13-2, and they are 0-1 in district.

The Lady Hornets are scheduled to play the Hillsboro Eagles in a non-district game at home and then will jump back into district play as they are slated to take on the Brownwood Lady Lions on Tuesday, March 29 at 7 p.m. in Brownwood.



TRISTON MCGEHEE | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER Kallie Featherston pitches for the Lady Hornets on March 22 vs. Lampasas.



TRISTON MCGEHEE | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER Gatesville's Kalli Robinette battles for home plate in a tight contest against Lampasas on March 22.



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Yellow Jackets top Hornets in baseball clash

BY TRISTON MCGEHEE STAFF WRITER

The Gatesville Hornets baseball team was toppled 12-1 in a mercy-rule loss to their District 6-4A opponent, 15thranked Stephenville on Tuesday at Danny Loerwald Field at Ryan Powell Memorial Ballpark.

Camden Galindo was the lone runner that crossed home plate in the fifth inning for the Hornets.

The Yellow Jackets' offense was difficult to stop because they were hitting the ball efficiently. The third inning was a backbreaker for the Hornets, as they were already down 5-0 to start the inning, but the Yellow Jackets would round the bases seven more times to make the lead insurmountable.

GHS head coach Chase Smith knew the game was going to be tough but is hoping to rebound on Friday against their next district opponent, Glen Rose.

"We got to be ready and play better defense Friday," Smith

said.

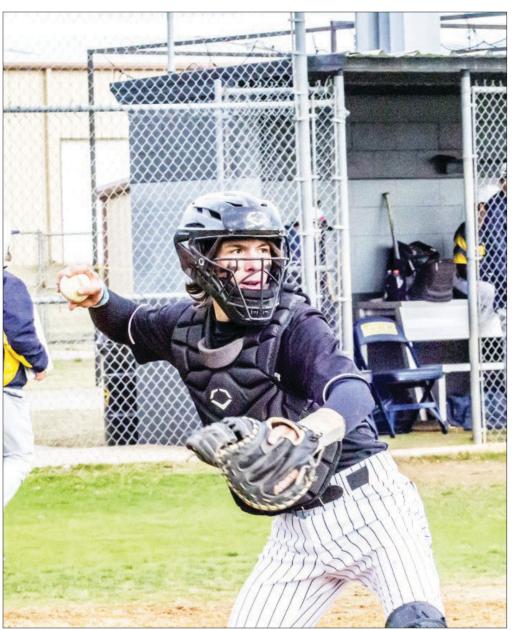
The Hornets dropped to 6-9 overall and 1-2 in district play.

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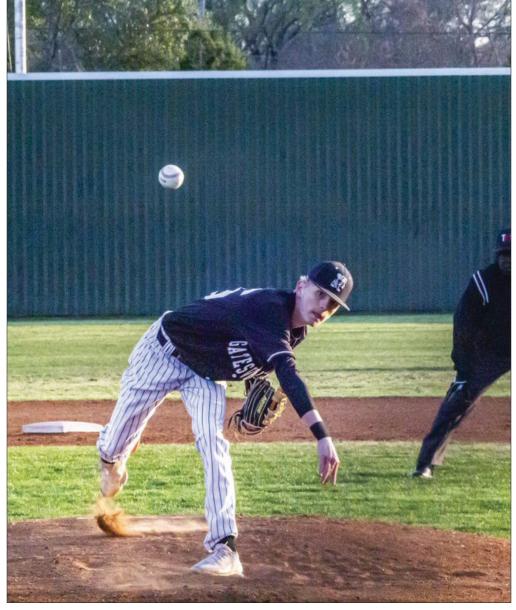
Smith said that if the Hornets win Friday, they will be "in the fight" for second place in the district and back in the playoff picture.

The Hornets' game against Glen Rose was set for March 25, on the road.



TRISTON MCGEHEE | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Gatesville catcher James Hamilton warms up during the Hornets' March 22 baseball game against the Stephenville Yellow Jackets.



TRISTON MCGEHEE | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER Justin Johnson delivers a pitch for the Hornets in Gatesville's March 22 district home baseball game against Stephenville.



AREA FISHING REPORT

Belton GOOD. Water lightly stained; 65 degrees; 3.33 feet low. The fish are less lethargic as the days increase and water warms. Check the wind forecast before heading out. Search

Whitney

GOOD. Water lightly stained; 64 degrees; 2.51 feet low. Striped bass are great schooling midlake in 20-40 feet of water. Success with live bait, or drifting to locate feeding schools of fish. Report by Blake Stritz, Fellowship Fishing Guide Service. Striped bass are good in 20-60 feet of water using soft plastics with a heavy weight to help sink it lower seems to do the trick while slow trolling at 1-1.8 mph in the main river channel. Fish are scattered throughout the reservoir from the dam all the way to the river. These fish are holding deep so deadsticking with white or chartreuse will work as well along with slabs. Look for fish suspended off the bottom as those are the ones that are feeding more actively. Report provided by Kraig Sexton, Sexton's Guide Service LLC.



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1507 West Main St. | Gatesville, TX (254) 865-8251 | CoryellHealth.org in deeper water using deep topographic features for white bass. Success in 20 feet of water casting MAL Heavy Lures with silver blades and chartreuse tails while the light level was low just before, during and after sunrise. As the clouds thin and the skies brighten, fish deeper water using white, 5/8-ounce Bladed Hazy Eye Slabs vertically. This slab is attractive to white bass because it is the same size, color, and shape as the threadfin shad which make up the vast majority of the white bass diet. Next, the distinguishing feature of this lure, the small, spinning willowleaf blade attached to the treble hook, puts off flash and vibration. Finally, the stinger hook ups the catch rate on this lure by placing a hook at the head of the lure in addition to the standard placement of the treble hook at the tail end of the lure. Report by Bob Maindelle, Holding the Line Guide Service. Crappie and white bass continue to be excellent in the Leon River and Cowhouse Creek biting ATX Lure Company plastics. Report by Zach Minnix, Jig N' Jerk Guide Service.

Stillhouse Hollow

GOOD. Water lightly stained; 51 degrees; 3.30 feet low. The fish are less lethargic as the days increase and water warms. White bass are hit-or-miss with small, nomadic groups milling around both upstream and downstream of the Lampasas River mouth. With a near total lack of current to draw these fish upstream to spawn, the fishing is not as consistent as it could be this time of year. Success horizontal casting with MAL Heavy Lures cast cross-wind. Report by Bob Maindelle, Holding the Line Guide Service.

Waco

GOOD. Water stained; 58-60 degrees; 4.68 feet low. Mornings start slow, but as the water warms the bite improves. Black bass are good in the creeks and coves around the lakes casting and flipping spinnerbaits, swim jigs, and RatLTraps. There still has not been a large wave of fish to come shallow and stay shallow, but it is coming soon. White bass are good in the rivers biting on road runners and RatLTraps. The bite should improve to great after the recent rain. Crappie are good starting to move shallow, but still on brush in the 10-20 feet of water. If you catch a couple 60 degree nights in a row you can usually count on there being a good shallow crappie bite on Waco. Report by Justin Prisock, Prisock's Fishing Guide Service. Catfish are good with a few yellow catfish mixed in biting on fresh shad and carp. Report by Jason "SPUD" Barton, Cattin' Around Adventure's Professional Guide Service. Crappie and white bass continue to be excellent in North and South Bosque biting ATX Lure Company plastics. Report by Zach Minnix, Jig N' Jerk Guide Service.

Proctor

FAIR. Water clear; 56 degrees; 1.96 feet low. Fishing is improving as the weather warms. Crappie are fair in 12-15 feet of water on minnows. Sand bass are fair on slabs. Hybrid stripers are slow. Black bass are slow. Catfish are fair in the Rush Creek area.

Brownwood

SLOW. Water stained; 53-56 degrees; 2.29 feet low. Black bass are slow with catches up to 5.5 pounds in the main lake in 8-10 feet of water in the bushes on crankbaits, and in 2-7 feet of water in bushes on spinnerbaits, and spinnerbaits or senkos up the rivers. White bass are slow on Lit'l Fishies and crankbaits in 12-16 feet of water, and minnow or jigs under the lights. Crappie are good with catches up to 1.5 pounds in 8-14 feet of water using minnow, and black/chartreuse or red/white jigs. Channel catfish are slow with 3-5 pounds catches coming with cut shad jugs and trotlines. Yellow catfish are slow on trotlines baited with perch and Goldfish. Blue catfish are good with catches up 8 pounds using cut perch or Shad on jug lines.

Buchanan

FAIR. Water lightly stained; 54 degrees; 4.92 feet low. Largemouth bass are good near rock piles and spawning flats are starting to turn on with some good bites using shaky heads, jigs, worms or crankbaits and spinnerbaits bouncing off or running through rocks. Shallow crankbaits and plastics worked around the flats full of trees are working as well for largemouth. Crappie are showing up around shallow flats with trees and around docks now as well. White bass and stripers are good using your electronics to find them piled up deeper and dropping jigging spoons on them. Report provided by Bryan Cotter, Texas Hawgs Bass Fishing Guide Service. Crappie are good in 4-12 feet of water biting on chartreuse/black jigs. Report by Jess Rotherham.

Travis

GOOD. Stained; 55 degrees; 21.17 feet low. Crappie are good in 6-15 feet of water biting on chartreuse jigs. Bass fishing is slow after the cold snap and gusty winds.