



County leaders approve 'interim' fix to jail crisis

BY JEFF OSBORNE
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After struggling with the issue of jail overcrowding for years, it appears there is at least a temporary solution in sight for Coryell County that would cost less than modular buildings - expansion of the current jail facility that would add 47 beds.

Coryell County is listed as not being compliant with jail standards and faces possible action by the state Attorney General's office if steps are not taken to remedy the situation. On Oct. 11, the Coryell County Commissioners Court voted unanimously to move forward with issuing a tax note for up to seven years that would pay for the addition. In this instance, voter approval is not required, and the estimated cost is \$4.5 million.

The county is already spending an estimated \$1.7 million each year to house inmates in other jails across Texas, so this would significantly

reduce those payments made to other counties for their jail space.

"The current situation with the jail is that we're in the fourth quarter down by six points and at the 20-yard line, so we've got to do something," said Commissioner Scott Weddle, who helped spearhead recent efforts to find a solution to jail overcrowding. Weddle joined the commissioners court in July following the resignation of Commissioner Daren Moore.

"On the jail standards website, we are listed as not being compliant, and it's a personal embarrassment to me and to the county - we're better than that," Weddle said.

Considering the cost of housing other inmates elsewhere - including transportation costs - Weddle said the county would come out ahead financially by approving this option.

"It's also a jail morale issue," he said. "We are trying to operate the jail in a small envi-

ronment, and we owe them better facilities."

Weddle said the only options he saw were to wait and try to pass another bond, which would not resolve the noncompliance problems expediently, to look at modular options or to expand the current jail.

"I've circled around this 360 degrees," he said. "Other than these, I don't see a solution."

The modular proposal would cost an estimated \$5 million, plus infrastructure costs, Weddle said, adding "it may or may not be approved by the jail standards commission, which is another hurdle to overcome."

He said he sees expansion of the current jail facility as the only viable option.

"In my opinion this is an intermediate solution, not the end solution," Weddle said. "I fully believe we will need to build a new jail in the future. But we need something in place quickly to bring us into compliance."

"On Nov. 3, the sheriff and the county

judge will have to appear before the state jail commission. We do not want the AG's office to come in and take over or to shut down the jail and require all inmates to be housed out of county. That would be a catastrophic thing financially for our county."

Following plans developed by Jeff Hefelfinger with Southwest Architects, the jail could be expanded by 47 beds within an estimated six to eight months.

"I'd like us to have the ribbon cutting in July," Weddle said. "Getting the materials is the problem. Even before we break ground, we would have to have purchases lined up."

If the current jail is expanded, it would still have value to the county even when a new jail is built, Weddle said. He noted that other counties could send their inmates to Coryell County, including nearby Bell County, which has a significantly growing population and is

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Gatesville ISD's SCGC does 'whatever it takes'

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For more than five years, the Gatesville Independent School District's School-Community Guidance Center (SCGC) has worked to make a positive difference in the lives of students, staff and local families.

During a presentation to the Gatesville Lions Club, Joyce Cole, a social worker for the district, and Christa Hitt, a GUSD case manager, talked about all of the different areas the SCGC focuses on.

Founded in 2017 by Scott Harper, who is now an assistant superintendent for GUSD, the program "was created with the individual student in mind," Hitt said. "School districts focus on the success of the entire student population, but this program allows us to reach out and help those students who might otherwise fall through the cracks, those who have challenges and need extra help."

"It also provides a bridge between the school and the community and allows us to use community resources to benefit students and their families."

The program has expanded to include Pam Williams, who specializes in community outreach and is a court liaison for students, and Michelle Martin, who is the truancy and chronic absentee coordinator.

The list of SCGC programs is extensive, more than 20 areas of emphasis. One of the most recent additions was WINGS (With Intentional Navigation to Graduate Successfully) that allowed 19 students to graduate through a specialized program.

Students who had had disciplin-

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Bishop, a therapy dog, takes a minute for a picture with owner Joyce Cole and Christa Hitt, members of the Gatesville ISD SCGC program, and Lions Club member Rosemary Mathis.

Church recognized for 100th anniversary



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Lee O. Ford, pastor of Mount Calvary Church of God in Christ, received a proclamation from Gatesville Mayor Gary Chumley recognizing the church's 100th anniversary and naming Oct. 16 as Mount Calvary Church of God in Christ Day in Gatesville.

GUSD swears in police chief



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Gatesville Independent School District Superintendent Barrett Pollard swears in Gary Stiles as the district's police chief during a ceremony on Oct. 12. Stiles is helping to form the district's police force.

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has a significantly growing population and is also in ever increasing need of jail space. Heffelfinger told Weddle he had an idea and offered to draw up a concept design for jail expansion at no additional cost to the county.

Weddle and Commissioner Kyle Matthews traveled to Austin to meet with Brandon Wood, executive director of the jail standards commission, and two assistant directors to lay out the proposal.

"They were not there to admonish us (at that meeting) but to assist us," Weddle said. "We got an approval letter - literally got a commitment based on that design (of Heffelfinger's). To get that type of approval letter this quickly is outstanding - and that goes to (Heffelfinger) and his reputation."

Weddle said by utilizing the existing facility and property, "95% of this expansion is dedicated to housing inmates (rather than adding kitchen or laundry facilities). It will also give us some nice upgrades and flexibility. Every cell will be maximum security, which includes medical and isolation cells."

The commissioners court recently approved a justice center project nearby at the corner of Leon and Main streets, and Weddle said the county could enjoy additional savings by having the projects underway at the same time.

Heffelfinger said he had been "listening to and understanding the process of this (jail) housing situation that's out of hand. I've been through the jail many times and visited with the sheriff. I got a design drawn up and shared it with the sheriff's office and got a blessing from the sheriff's office (for the ex-

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Sheriff Scott Williams

pansion).

When he was going through the jail, he said he saw a stack of papers and asked what those were. Told they were targets, he looked behind the stack and found original plans for the jail which allowed for an expansion similar to the one he proposed.

"On this site plan, we are literally going to the edge of your current property," Heffelfinger said. "We are looking at tying on to the existing building on the west side. We would break through the existing corridor for additional cells. This would also give us a place for a negative pressure medical cell."

"At the southwest corner, we'd have a six-person flexible cell. It could be used for women or men, which would help with the shortage of existing women's cells. Adding 47 beds to 92 when the population exceeds 150 is not the be-all end-all. But finding space when you are 10 inmates over will be helpful."

The 4,900 square foot space could be completed in the summer of 2023.

"I challenged the (jail standards) commissioner on the timeline," Heffelfinger said.

"The contractor is known for quick work but they said (it would take) eight months. I said that ain't good enough - we need it in six. They said it's supply chain issues but if you can bid out items in advance, they can get it done in six months."

Total cost estimate is \$4,547,250 "and I'm pretty confident that would go," Heffelfinger said. He added that the contractor would

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Commissioner Kyle Matthews

have an escalation clause if work was put off. Weddle asked Sheriff Scott Williams if he supported the proposal.

"Absolutely," Williams said. "Just looking at it, I can't believe y'all figured out a way to expand the jail we have. That's worth applause in itself. It's a smart idea - smarter than the temporary housing outside as far as staffing. It keeps us all in one place."

"It would help us tremendously and would cut back on transportation costs. Right now, our transportation is as far away as eight hours. If we could rein that in, it would help tremendously."

"I'm 10,000% on board. Any relief beats no relief. We would be able to use the transport jailers to man the (new) facilities."

Heffelfinger said the jail standards commission director "tried to poke a hole in (the proposal) several times. We were able to come up with a solution to his concerns every time."

The tax note financing which the commissioner's court is exploring would be for seven years or less, and must include approval from the county auditor's office.

"This is a need and not a want," Weddle said. "I am personally embarrassed when I see our name listed with 12 other counties not in compliance. It will fulfill our jail housing requirements 80% of the time. If you have to transport six to 10 inmates, it is so much easier than 50-60."

"It would have a minimal to no impact on

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County Judge Roger Miller

tax rates - we are already spending \$1.8 million a year to house inmates out of county."

Based on a seven-year schedule, Weddle estimated payments of \$774,358 per year. "This is absolutely viable, affordable and a time-bound solution we can move forward on," he said.

Matt Dossey, chairman of the county's facilities committee, asked how long this temporary solution would be expected to be in place.

"The court really hasn't discussed the timeframe," County Judge Roger Miller said. "In my mind, it is a 5- to 7-year timeframe. I believe it is a 5 to 7-year solution."

Matthews said time is critical in the process.

"In our visit with the jail commission, we were told we need to be working on a new jail within three years," he said. "We'd be able to sell (space in the current facility) to Bell County. They can't get enough (jail) beds."

"It will be a good rentable property for us in the future," Weddle said. "I know this is an interim fix. A new jail won't leave my mind."

Matthews said not presenting a solution to the jail housing crisis is not an option for the county.

"We have to come up with a viable solution," he said. "I don't want to see them make an example of us. (Jailers) are having to drive all the way to Zapata (near the southern border with Mexico). We've got to start doing something rather than kicking the can down the road."

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Students who have disciplinary issues, substance abuse concerns, mental health issues that include anxiety and depression, and a number of other concerns, are served by the SCGC.

The program also helps to make sure homeless students get the resources they need. Cole said the homeless population in Gatesville is significant. While the stereotype of homelessness is someone sleeping in an alley, under a bridge or under a tree, the reality is far different. People who do not have their own home, but are having to live

with family, friends or in temporary situations, such as a motel, are classified as homeless.

"I am thankful for this district putting a priority on serving the students through this program," Cole said. "It's amazing how many districts don't have the same emphasis on helping the individual students (going through crisis situ-

ations)."

The unconditional love that a therapy dog can provide is a new focus on GISD campuses. Cole's border collie, Bishop, is a beloved presence on each campus and Hitt will be bringing a dog to schools as well.

Hitt and Cole say they have seen firsthand what an incredible posi-

tive impact a therapy dog can have in calming and encouraging students.

"We work tirelessly to serve the students - and also the staff - but the primary focus is the kids," Hitt said. "Our motto is whatever it takes."

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FROM MY FRONT PORCH

Anyone else out there who fits in the category of being a drinkaholic?



SAM HOUSTON

Sam Houston is a publisher, an actor, author, playwright, performer and entertainment producer/promoter.

I have a confession to make, I am a drinkaholic. I always have been, and I guess I always will be. No, I do not go to meetings, but if I don't have a drink readily available and within arm's length, the world must be off kilter, or a nuclear war has started. I am not diabetic, and I do not have an unquenchable thirst, I simply like to consume a drink throughout the day, every day, all day long. It really doesn't make a lot of difference what the liquid is, as long as it is available.

How did I get this way? Was it the catchy marketing like being part of the "Pepsi generation" or having a "Coke and a smile"? Have I been entrapped by catchy marketing and snared in the Madison Avenue loop of consumer traps?

As a very young boy, my "go to" was milk. My mother would frequently complain I would drink a gallon of milk before she even got it home from the store. I would drink milk throughout the day, and then always with lunch and dinner. During the summer months I remember Mom making sun-tea and drinking quite a bit of it along with copious amounts of Kool-Aid. I did occasionally enjoy a cold soft drink, but I grew up when having soft drinks in the house was not as com-

mon as it is today.

When I went off to college, I developed a real passion for Pepsi. I would drink four or five 16-ounce bottles a day, and my refrigerator was always stocked with a ready supply. Of course, being a normal adolescent college male, I also consumed my fair share of ice-cold beer during fraternity "keggers" and social events.

I made it through high school, college and law school and never drank a cup of coffee. When I started to make fishing trips with some of my adult friends, they soon had me hooked on that black caffeine-laced liquid from South America. It is a blessing they were not using illegal drugs instead of coffee, because I am now addicted and probably consume a pot of coffee or more a day. Strangely, I stop drinking coffee around 10:30 a.m. or so, and then switch to some other form of drink.

Lately my go-to drink has been limeade. I did a little research and learned that in England, way back in 1767, Joseph Priestly created the first carbonated lemonade and sold them to British customers via street vendors. Eventually, limes were substituted for lemons, and the limeade was born.

I usually score my limeade from Sonic, and while I like them plain, I frequently have Sonic add fresh strawberries. I also am a fan of a cherry limeade. They are refreshing and light, and somehow always seem to make the day brighter. My wife likes hers with cranberry flavoring, and my friend Mike likes it with raspberry. It seems everyone has likes to add a little twist to their drink and make it individualized. Of course, if you have ever been to a Starbucks, you already knew that.

When out with friends or perhaps after a tough day at work, I might have a cocktail, but most nights I open a can of Diet Pepsi to drink with dinner and then nurse on until it is time to go to bed. It would seem unnatural to be watching TV without a drink nearby.

I have tried to analyze why I insist on having a drink in hand. Goodness knows I have spent a fortune over the last 50 years on soft drinks, tea, coffee, limeades, Gatorade, lemonade and more. Part of me knows all my body really needs is water, but I insist on sticking with what I like, what tastes good and what satisfies me. Of all the vices I could have, maybe this one is not so bad. Bottoms up!

Thought for the day: I have never overdrunk, but I have been overserved.

Until next time.

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Gatesville ISD presents Gathering Gatesville

Gatesville Community Outreach is hosting an event to spotlight students and teachers from the Career and Technology Education (CTE) classes. This event will be held Thursday, Nov. 10, from 5:30-7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

In 2021, 69 percent of companies reported difficulty hiring. Employers are struggling to obtain

qualified applicants. CTE provides students with career and academic skills, as well as soft skills that are needed for the modern workplace. Research shows that students in CTE courses perform better, are more engaged, and have higher graduation rates.

CTE classes will include floral design, animal sciences, certified nursing aide,

welding, automotive repair, culinary arts and more.

Gatesville High School is located at 205 S. Lovers Lane in Gatesville.

For more information about this event, contact 254-865-7251 ext. 5855, or by email at mmartin@gatesvilleisd.org or pwilliams@gatesvilleisd.org.

Error made in fire chief story

A Page 1 article in the Oct. 8 issue of The Messenger about Gatesville Fire Chief Billy Vaden listed the years he had been chief. However, we have learned that Troy Chasteen was elected fire chief in 1992.



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The meeting is open to anyone who is interested in travel. There will be no dues or membership requirements. There will be discussion of upcoming trips including Galveston, Nashville and Iceland.

Johnny's Steaks and Barbeque is located at 301 Thomas Arnold Rd. in Salado. For more information you can find them on Facebook at "Central Texas Travel Club" or centraltexasclub@outlook.com.

OH, DEER!



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Kalli Robinette of RR Ranch brought a special visitor to the Gatesville Senior Center this week. Myrna Wolf is shown holding Maze, an Axis fawn raised on their ranch. The deer brought smiles to the faces of those visiting the center.

EXPLOSIVE FUN



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Fourth grade students at Gatesville Intermediate School recently enjoyed interacting in a science experiment making "elephant's toothpaste". The students learned the effects of mixing hydrogen peroxide, potassium iodide and dish soap together, which makes exciting results.



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RUTH GILBREATH JONES

May 14, 1941 - Oct. 8, 2022



Ruth Gilbreath Jones, 81, went to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on October 8, 2022, after a brief illness. Funeral services were held on Thursday, October 13, at 10 a.m. at Scott's Funeral Home with Pastor Stephen Schmidt officiating. Burial followed at Davidson Cemetery.

Ruth was born in Coryell County on May 14, 1941, to Elliot Lee and Clara Mae (Fletcher) Gilbreath, the youngest of eight children.

Because she was so small, she was known as "Tiny" for most of her life. She met and married Stanley David Jones on Oct. 2, 1960, and attended Temple Beauty School to become a licensed cosmetologist. She completed her education with an associate degree from McLennan Community College in Instruction of Cosmetology. After working for others as a hairdresser, she opened her own business, Hair Mystique, which operated on Main Street in Gatesville until her retirement.

She was the proud mother of three daughters: Melanie, born in 1965, and "the twins," Holly and Heather, born in 1970. She threw herself into supporting her husband's masonry career, music performances and children's activities, becoming coach of her daughter's softball team, Band Booster President, and youth leader at the First United Methodist Church, Gatesville. She was elected President of the Gatesville Exchange Club and took great joy in singing in the Waco Civic Chorus, being a representative for Hochheim Insurance, becoming highly skilled at ballroom dancing, being a part of Clan Galbraith, traveling around the world, and plan-

ning and enjoying trips with groups from the First United Methodist Church. She was a lifelong member of First United Methodist Church of Gatesville.

She was preceded in death by her parents, sister Doris Alene Wall, and brothers Travis Lee, Elliot Leonard "Sis", Wallace Adrian "Cotton", Byron Alexander "Bub", and Wesley Benton Gilbreath. She is survived by her husband Stanley, daughters Melanie Jones and partner John Patric of Aberdeen, NJ, Holly Robles and husband Peter Robles, Sr. of Needville, Texas, Heather Blair and husband Kevin Blair of Coppell; grandchildren Mitchel Harper of Lubbock, Rachel Harper of College Station, Whitney Kinyaevskaya and husband George Kinyaevsky of Charlottesville, Virginia, Carson Russell of Austin, Peter Robles, Jr. and wife Shelby of Kendalia, Texas, Mason Russell of Lubbock, Reagan Johnson of Needville, Texas, great granddaughter Aurora Kinyaevskaya of Charlottesville, Virginia, sister, Dollie Shepherd of Humble, and beloved nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Carson Russell, Mason Russell, Peter Robles, Jr, George Kinyaevsky, John Patric, and Brett Gilbreath.

LURLINE "PAT" WILBURN

Jan. 26, 1944 - Oct. 7, 2022



Lurline "Pat" Wilburn, age 78, of Gatesville passed away Friday, October 7, 2022, at Baylor Scott and White in Temple. A graveside service was held on Friday, October 14 at 1 p.m. at Restland Cemetery.

Pat was born January 26, 1944, in Lake Jackson, Texas to Frank and Bessie (Barina) Korenek. She was preceded in death by her parents. She leaves behind her loving family to cherish the memories of a life well lived.

Fall Fest to benefit Milam family

In honor of Cody Milam, there will be a Memorial Fall Fest Playday at Boots-N-Saddle Church on Saturday, Oct. 22 at 10 a.m. On-site registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. To participate will cost \$10 per event or three events for \$25.

There will be a costume contest (with or without a horse), lead line and stick horse, raffles, concessions, prizes and other events including barrels, straights, and poles. The age groups to participate will be ages 8 and under; 9-12; 13-15; 16-20; and 21 and over.

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Pursuant to Chapter 59 of the Texas Property Code, Ideal Self Storage 1611 East Main Street, Gatesville, Texas 76528 will have an online auction. The property is being sold to satisfy the landlord's lien. The sale will be at www.storageauctions.com beginning 10/17/22 @11a.m. Seller reserves the right to withdraw any property from the sale upon payment in full. Units to be sold are: Joseph Herbert, Betty Holden. New: furniture, clothing, electronics, household items, misc boxes/tote.

JENNIFER NEWTON
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COUNTY OF CORYELL

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF KEITH KLINESMITH, JR., DECEASED. CAUSE NO 22-10722, COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS. LINNIE MARIE KLINESMITH FILED IN THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS ON THE 4TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2022, FIRST AMENDED APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP SEEKING INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION AND LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 202-204 OF THE TEXAS ESTATES CODE SAID KEITH KLINESMITH, JR., DECEASED. SAID APPLICATION SHALL BE HEARD AND ACTED ON BY SAID COURT ON OR AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY NEXT AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF TEN DAYS FROM THE DATE OF POSTING THIS CITATION, THE SAME BEING THE 17TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2022, AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN GATESVILLE, TEXAS. ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID ESTATE ARE HEREBY CITED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY AT THE SAME ABOVE-MENTIONED TIME AND PLACE BY FILING A WRITTEN ANSWER CONTESTING SUCH APPLICATION SHOULD THEY DESIRE TO DO SO.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY IN GATESVILLE, TEXAS THE 6TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2022.

JENNIFER NEWTON
CORYELL COUNT CLERK
CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS
BY: JENNIFER NEWTON

NOTICE OF UNIT AUCTION

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

TENANT	UNIT
Powell, Ann	A20
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Waller, Alvin	H15
Waller, Alvin	H07
Waller, Alvin	J09
Whigham, Cody	D16

The auction will be held at 9:00 a.m., Saturday, October, 2022, (weather permitting), at Gatesville Storage, 2215 E. Main St., Gatesville, Texas.
Terms: Cash

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Willie Leon Graham, Deceased, were issued on October 5, 2022, in Cause No. 22-10738, pending in the County Court-at-Law of Coryell County, Texas, to: Shanice Osborn. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. c/o: Allen D. Place, Jr. Attorney at Law 109 S. 7th Street Gatesville, Texas 76528 DATED the 7th day of October, 2022 Allen D. Place, Jr. Attorney for Shanice Osborn State Bar No.: 16058500 109 S. 7th Street Gatesville, Texas 76528 Telephone: (254) 865-8475 Facsimile: (254) 865-5274 E-mail: allenplacejr@aol.com

YARD OF THE MONTH



COURTESY PHOTO

Keep Gatesville Beautiful recently chose the home of Cami Galindo as their October Yard of the Month. The home, located at 123 N. 28th St., has a charming color scheme, fall and Halloween decor and a beautiful shaded front yard that catches the eye. Cami has lived there for three years. She does her own yard work and planted the flower beds which include a rose bush and creeping phlox. The front yard is shaded by a mature pecan tree and a sycamore tree. Her front porch pops with the black and orange of Halloween and fall decor.

The DISPATCH

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of October 9 - 11. 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 911, 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

Oct. 9
2:01 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1200 block of E. Main Street.
2:56 a.m., a noise disturbance was reported in the 100 block of N. 27th Street.
12:02 p.m., an assault was reported in the 300 block of River Place West.
2:24 p.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 500 block of N. State Highway 36 Bypass.
8:35 p.m., a burglary was reported in the 100 block of Park Lane.
9:21 p.m., an intoxicated driver was reported in the 14000 block of S. Highway 36.
Oct. 10
10:22 a.m., a theft was reported in the 100 block of N. State Highway 36 Bypass.
1:10 p.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of Surrey Lane.
1:56 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 15000 block of E. Highway 84.
3:01 p.m., a theft was re-

ported in the 400 block of Live Oak Street.
6:30 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1300 block of N. State Highway 36 Bypass.
6:50 p.m., a fight was reported in the 1600 block of W. Main Street.
Oct. 11
8:29 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 800 block of S. 7th Street.
9:56 a.m., a theft was reported in the 2500 block of Business Highway 36.
3:49 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 8000 block of FM 116.
5:08 p.m., a disturbance

was reported in the 1700 block of CR 268.
10:31 p.m., a theft was reported in the 300 block of Baize Drive.
10:56 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 3200 block of S. State Highway 36.

CORYELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Oct. 9
2:31 a.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 2100 block of Chicktown Road.
12:26 p.m., vandalism was reported in the 400 block of Gateway Circle.
3:48 p.m., shots being fired was reported in the 500 block of CR 321.
5:40 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 4500 block of FM 1829.
8:48 p.m., a prowler was reported in the 8600 block of E. Highway 84.
9:22 p.m., a reckless driver was reported on S. Highway 36 near Flat.
Oct. 10
7:55 a.m., a possible fire was reported on CR 142.

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Pearl Community Center Flea Market & Garage Sale- Fri. & Sat., Oct. 14 & 15, on FM 183 between Evant & Purme-la. Indoor/ Outdoor sale with all kinds of good household items, treasures, crafts, plants, tools, antiques, books, and useful junk. The Pearl Community kitchen will be open both days for breakfast and lunch. The Pearl Book Cottage will be open both days. To reserve a booth or for more information, call Rhonda Dickey at 254-595-1096. Follow us on Facebook at Pearl Community Center, Texas.
Garage Sale- Sat. Oct. 15, 8 a.m. till 1 p.m. 109 Homestead Dr. men & ladies clothing medium to 5XL... Miscellaneous items and much more. 00029645

Hornets earn bi-district championship



SE'VETTE EARLY | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

The 2022 varsity tennis team won the bi-district championship on Oct. 11, defeating Decatur in Cleburne by a score of 14-5. The team advanced to the area championship game against Wichita Falls in Weatherford on Thursday, and coverage of that match will appear in the Oct. 19 edition of The Messenger.



SE'VETTE EARLY | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Senior Slone Early was among those helping lead the Gatesville Hornet tennis team to a bi-district victory on Oct. 11 vs. Decatur in Cleburne.



SE'VETTE EARLY | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Finn Rogers returns the ball in the bi-district tennis match against the Decatur Eagles on Oct. 11 in Cleburne. Gatesville won the match, 14-5.

Volleyball team defeats vs. Robinson

Sparked by the return of senior Kaleigh Haywood, who has missed much of the season with an injury, the Gatesville Hornet volleyball team stormed to a 3-0 sweep of the Robinson Rockets in a key district volleyball game on Oct. 11.

The victory improved Gatesville's record to 3-3 in district play (16-17) overall and moved the Hornets into a two-way tie with Robinson for third place in district.

Earlier this season, on Sept. 23, the Rockets had defeated Gatesville.

After hosting China Spring on Oct. 14, the Hornets are scheduled to have two straight road games - at Connally on Oct. 18 and at Salado on Oct. 21.

Gatesville will close out the regular season on Oct. 25 with a home contest against the La Vega Pirates, which is also Senior Night/Parent Night for the team.

In addition to Haywood, other seniors for the 2022 GHS varsity volleyball team include Rachel Garrett, Charlee Barron, Lola Barron and Khloe Matthews.



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Carlo Martinez displays power in his match on Oct. 11 in bi-district playoff competition against the Decatur Eagles.



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Area Fishing Report

Belton
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vice. Lake Belton crappie are in 8-20 feet of water, picking singles off timber while running along tree lines using jigs tipped minnows. Brush piles should produce as well.
Stillhouse
GOOD. Water lightly stained; 77 degrees; 10.31 feet low. Significant cooling has occurred on Stillhouse, with oxygenated water and uniform water temperatures now found down to approximately 40 feet. This has spurred the fishing on and put white bass fishing at the crux of the normally fantastic fall fishing which will exist until the water cools to below 58-degrees. White bass have begun to herd together in increasingly larger schools on bottom and can be found using well-tuned side-imaging sonar. Fishing MAL Dense Lures with chartreuse tails vertically until the fish lose interest and then fishing around the boat horizontally with these same

lures is the key to maximizing your catch once fish are found. The largemouth top-water bite has strengthened, with greater numbers of fish showing up in each surface feeding school, and with topwater action stretching over longer periods of time, typically from 8-10:45 A.M. Small, clear or tinted clear fluke style baits cast quickly and accurately to boiling fish get the job done.
Waco
FAIR. Water stained; 81 degrees; 10.92 feet low. The morning crappie bite has been good until noon. The fish are shallow on small brush piles in 6-10 feet of water, or suspended in and near the creek channel in small schools. The jig bite has been really good, but once that slows, switch to minnows. Not seeing a ton of fish but the fish are aggressive which makes for a fun bite.

Fishing Club offers rewarding angling opportunities

BY VALERIE WINDEBORN
SPECIAL TO THE MESSENGER

The 2022-2023 fishing season is off to a great start. The Gatesville Fishing Club is competing in the Faith Angler Network tournament series.

Jaxon Shepherd and Draven Henderson competed in the Canyon Lake tournament Sept. 10. They weighed in two fish with a total weight of 3.61 pounds putting them in 31st place out of 81 teams.

Gatesville had four teams compete in the Lake Travis tournament on Oct. 1 with 99 teams fishing. Brayden Warren and Paydon Garrett finished in 26th place with five fish weighing 8.55 pounds.

Case Wendeborn and Colt Heath finished in 37th place with five fish weighing 7.35 pounds. Brayden and Wacey Saunders finished in 65th place with two fish weighing 3.64 pounds.

Jacob Desormeaux and Cash Heath caught one fish weighing 1.58 pounds for 80th place. All of these teams gained significant points toward qualifying for the championship in the spring. The club's next tournament will be Nov. 12 on Belton Lake.



COURTESY PHOTO

Jaxon Shepherd and Draven Henderson display their catch. Boat Captain Jordan Shepherd is not pictured.



COURTESY PHOTO

Paydon Garrett & Brayden Warren and Captain Ryan Warren show a nice collection of fish.



COURTESY PHOTO

Colt Heath, Case Wendeborn and Captain Eric Wendeborn show their catch.



COURTESY PHOTO

Wacey and Brayden Saunders hold the fish they reeled in. Captain Seth Waters is not pictured.



COURTESY PHOTO

Cash Heath, Jacob Desormeaux and Captain Justin Desormeaux show the fish their team caught during a tournament earlier this month.

OJHS Tigers edge Gholson

BY TOM NORRELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Oglesby Junior High Tigers football team was in a dog fight with Gholson Wildcats on Sept 22.

The young Tigers managed to pull out a 20-19 win over the bigger Wildcats. The Tigers scored first on defense when Wildcats fumbled the ball behind their own line of scrimmage, and the ball was picked up by Aiden Oxford who raced 12 yards for a touchdown.

The PAT failed and the Tigers led 6-0 with 1:33 left in first quarter. Blayze Fisher kicked off for the Tigers and the Wildcats ran the ball all way back for the touchdown. They added the PAT making it a 7-1 Gholson advantage with 39 seconds left in first quarter.

Wildcats scored again on sweep right, PAT failed and Gholson led 13-6. Tigers got the ball back with 2:40 left in second quarter, Aiden Oxford broke through for a 15-yard touchdown run. Holdyn Goff added the PAT, making the score 13-13 at half.

With 1:26 left in the third quarter, Abram Shaw pitched the ball to Aiden Oxford, who raced around the right end for a 45-yard touchdown. Holdyn Goff added the PAT on run up middle making the score Oglesby 20, Gholson 13. Gholson scored again on a 25-

yard run, PAT failed and Oglesby Tigers led 20-19 at end of third quarter.

The fourth quarter remained scoreless. Gholson had ball on the Tigers 10-yard line with eight seconds left in game, the big Wildcat back broke through line, but safety Holdyn Goff met him head-on for a game-saving tackle as time expired.

The offensive leader for the Tigers was Aiden Oxford, with 12 carries for 80 yards, and touchdown runs of 15 yards and 45 yards respectively.

Holdyn Goff had nine carries for 25 yards, scored two PAT runs, was 2-for-5 passing for 25 yards, connecting with Abram Shaw for 8-yard pass for first down and a 17-yard pass to Kayson Campbell for a first down.

Defensively for the Tigers, Aiden Oxford scored a touchdown by returning a Wildcat fumble 12 yards. Aiden Oxford had one solo tackle and three assists.

Holdyn Goff was top tackler for Tigers with nine solo tackles including the game-saving tackle and one assist.

Kayson Campbell had four assists. Javon Howard two solo tackles and one assist.

Mason Marquizeone had one solo tackle, and three assists. Mason also had several good blocks at center on offense. Blayze Fisher had one solo tackle.

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