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Council considers policy for renaming streets

BY JEFF OSBORNE
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

Gatesville city staff members are working on an ordinance for the Gatesville City Council regarding policies and procedures for renaming streets in Gatesville and presented the draft of a nine-section document to address future name changes.

The idea for the ordinance came about earlier this year when council member Claude Williams suggested that a portion of Mill Street be renamed for Carver School -- which served members of the Black community for decades.

"This is a big deal," said council member Barbara Burrow. "When we rename a street, it should be very purposeful, and there should be a strong cultural or historical reason."

She suggested a city proclamation recognizing the occasion should accompany any name change.

"It would be good to do that if we're renaming something," said council member Greg Casey. "It's important to reflect a little history behind the renaming."

Williams said he had no issues with that suggestion, but did have questions about other parts of the proposed ordinance.

"I don't see anything wrong with adding a proclamation," he said. "I have more questions about steps involved. I want a little more clarification on the process where only residents and landowners can make that recommendation."

Gatesville City Manager Parry noted that council members or other community members can be involved in the process and added that cities "usually allow a response from people

who live on a street (proposed for a name change). The process would involve people who own property (on the street)."

Williams took exception to that requirement.

"I consider that biased," he said. "If the Black community wants to give homage and an area has been gentrified (a process where one group moves into an area that was once primarily occupied by a different group) ... how does that work for people of color who have had ties to that area for so long, and now people of a different color own land there?"

"In that process, how does it tie into a community that we could also request a name change to something significant to us?"

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Marching to State: GHS Fighting Hornet Band, Dazzlers & color guard to perform at Alamodome

BY JEFF OSBORNE
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

Dedication, hard work and the ability to overcome adversity helped the Gatesville High School Marching Band achieve a goal few bands in the state accomplish — the opportunity to compete in the UIL state contest.

Twenty-nine of the best competed on Oct. 29, and Gatesville was rated among the top five, which earned the Hornets the right to compete at state. The state contest will be Nov. 9 at the Alamodome in San Antonio.

This is the first time in more than a decade that Gatesville's band has advanced to state. The other two times were in 2004 and 2008. Sanchez said the GHS band has never been in the state finals, and is hoping to achieve that this year.

In addition to musicians, the color guard, dance team, directors, assistants and family members all played a role in helping the GHS band program reach this lofty milestone. Following the announcement in area competition, those associated with the band felt a surge of excitement and energy that kept them up well past midnight.

"We still have not come down from that feeling," said head band director Jose Sanchez, whose bands at Gatesville have come tantalizingly close in the past and which finally managed to earn the long-awaited prize.

It took a monumental effort and the ability to overcome some unexpected challenges for the band to succeed.

"Everything that could have gone wrong in that first run (at the area contest) did," Sanchez said. A prop used in the performance broke in the heavy wind conditions and one instrument stopped working properly, but undeterred, the band continued to persevere and perform.

To help fix the prop, parents were involved in finding materials at a hardware store and also driving back to Gatesville to help resolve the issue.

"We had so much go wrong and the kids did not feel good after the preliminaries," Sanchez said. "The parental support we had was absolutely fantastic and just amazing."

Gatesville is part of a band area that covers a significant geographic area, stretching from Fredericksburg in the south to Springtown in the north and east toward the Houston area. Sanchez said the area is also packed with several outstanding bands.

"This area generally puts three bands into the state finals," he said. "There are some truly outstanding bands in our area."

"It's been a mad dash trying to get everything ready," Sanchez said. He and other directors were scrambling to make arrangements for the state contest in the wee hours of the morning after returning from the area competition.

"I didn't leave (the band hall) until 2:45 a.m.," Sanchez said.

The achievement not only shows the talent and commitment of the band, color guard and Dazzlers, it showed that the Gatesville performers were able to successfully compete against larger schools for the honor of advancing to state.

Assistant band director Michael Hamilton noted that Gatesville was the only Division II school in the area contest to advance. The other bands were from schools in the larger



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Above: After close calls in the past, the Gatesville band, along with the GHS color guard and Dazzlers dance team, will be competing in the Class 4A UIL state marching band contest Nov. 9 at the Alamodome in San Antonio. Below: The Dazzlers have contributed precision and pageantry to performances.

Division I classification.

Sanchez said when results are announced, there is a countdown from the top 10 and Gatesville students became more and more excited as it progressed.

"When we got to No. 6, our kids were on the edge of their seats because we've been there — on the outside looking in — before," he said. "For them to hear somebody else was sixth and know we finally made it was amazing."

Sanchez said the program focuses on putting together the best musical and visual performance possible.

"We want to provide the best experience from the audience's perspective, and these kids have really worked hard," he said. "They knew they had done their very best and left it all out on the field. They performed their hearts out. They knew they had put together the very best performance they could have put on, and that was pretty special to me as the head director."

"This group of seniors was the first group I ever taught as seventh-graders at Gatesville. It was wonderful to see them lead that type of performance."

At an earlier competition this fall, Sanchez said the band didn't do as well as expected, but that only served as motivation for the area contest.

"That was probably the best thing that could have happened to us," he said. "After that they put their heads down and worked hard to get to that next level. The following

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Local veteran recalls Army service in Europe in 1950s

BY JEFF OSBORNE
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

George Oney of Pearl was just in his early 20s with his whole life ahead of him when he was drafted during the height of the Korean War in February 1952.

Oney, now 92, was one of 37 men the Coryell-Hamilton draft board sent to Abilene, and then to other areas for military basic training.

A story in a February 1952 issue of The Messenger noted it was the largest induction of men from the area since the Korean War had begun in June 1950. The war would continue until July 27, 1953.

Oney was not sent to Korea - after basic training at Camp Roberts in California he was then sent to Germany.

"I had worked in artillery repair (as a civilian worker at nearby Fort Hood) so I applied for that, but they sent me to a communication zone in Nancy, France. I spent about a

year and a half over there."

He said after that, he was assigned to the personnel department but not given assignments except to read Army manuals.

He said he was bored, and applied for Officer Candidate School (OCS) back in the United States. A superior officer saw the application, and offered him an alternative.

"He said he could approve that application and send me to OCS or that he could attend quartermaster school in Germany," Oney recalled. "He said there was a dire need for second lieutenants in Korea, and if I went to OCS, I would probably be sent over there. He told me they were shooting real bullets in Korea. I made up my mind to go to quartermaster school.

"I had a wonderful experience and saw a lot of the country. The whole shebang was a pretty interesting experience."



Left, George Oney holds his military yearbook. Above, a photo of Oney in the 1950s.

CITY

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Parry said the council is welcome to make changes to proposed policy before it is adopted.

"Can I request the street name be changed?" Williams asked. "I do not live on that street."

Parry said via the ordinance once it is adopted, Williams could request the street name be changed.

"With the predominantly Black community, where do we stand in the process?" Williams asked.

"Do you have to reside on a street to recommend a name change?" Burrow asked.

"No," Parry said. "The property owners will be notified because

they have the potential to be most impacted (regarding address changes)."

The ordinance originally suggested 50% of property owners on a street would be required to proceed with a name change, but that number was reduced to 25%.

"Why did you reduce the percentage?" Burrow asked.

"Because of the high number of renters," Parry said. "Many renters don't care one way or another (about renaming streets)."

Williams noted that if "six homeowners who moved into that area who are not Black and there's one or two who are, could it be a community decision?"

Burrow said telling property owners about the important historical

and cultural relevance of an area should be part of the petition process.

Williams said since Burrow represents the property owners and residents of that area, she should be involved in that process.

"That may not be a bad idea," Burrow said.

Parry asked if the council wanted a poll of property owners as part of the process.

"Yes, but I don't want to put too many restrictions on it," Williams said. "We want something in honor of a school that's no longer there."

Parry said if council approves the ordinance at a future meeting (which would require multiple readings and publication of the proposed ordinance in advance),

"the staff would develop a petition and send it out so there's accountability for who to send it to."

Asked about a cost for renaming streets, Parry said there is no specific fee attached to that yet.

"If the city initiates it, there's not a fee," Casey said. "If you want to rename a street, there's a movement behind that."

Williams said he thought the ordinance was well written, but added, "let's acknowledge there's not been a policy until I brought it up. Should there be such red tape involved in wanting to honor the community's heritage?"

"The red tape is a letter to the city manager," Parry said.

"As part of that community, I will bring it up to the council," Williams

said. "It's something for me, my culture, nieces and nephews and my family. It (recognition to the Carver School) should be there. It's significant."

Burrow said she looked forward to the renaming request being presented to the council.

"Councilman Williams, I think it's a wonderful idea, but we've got to have a standard," council member John Westbrook said. "If it's a city council initiative, that does away with the fees."

Williams asked the council to support his efforts to honor Carver School through the renaming process.

Parry said he will work to bring the council a draft of the ordinance by the Dec. 13 council meeting.

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FROM MY FRONT PORCH

Anticipating the challenges of life, and overcoming



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

Like a lot of things in life, anticipation can be categorized in two distinctly different ways. There is a "good" anticipation like the waiting to wake on Christmas morning and open presents. Or perhaps the anticipation of that first kiss from a special someone, or the arrival of a newborn after nine long months of waiting.

The "bad" sort of anticipation is the anxiety and fear created when a dreaded task lies before us. I imagine each one of us has shared those sorts of feelings. I am referring to the angst a person feels when they know they must spend the entire upcoming Saturday cleaning out the garage. The job has been put off, delayed, and ignored for as long as humanly possible, and the day of reckoning has finally arrived. The

job must be done, you have promised you would do it; you will feel better when it is over and behind you, but dread sets in. You hate to clean the garage, you would rather be fishing, or golfing, heck even going shopping with your wife would be preferable, but the job must be done. There will be no reprieve from the governor. It is time to shut up, roll up your sleeves and just do it.

This phenomenon occurs in the workplace as well as at home. When I ranched, one of the most dreaded days was when a semi-truck loaded with small bales of alfalfa would be delivered. Seventy-pound bales would need to be unloaded from the truck AND stacked in the barn. As I recall, each truck load contained exactly 708 bales. The bales were heavy, and the job was exhausting because of all the lifting involved. Frequently this took place during the summertime, and it was hot outside, which made the job even more difficult.

Several college interns worked on the ranch and once they learned a truck would be delivering a load of hay sometime during the week, the moaning would invariably begin. I would hear the ranch hands talk about how much time it took to unload, how difficult it was, and asking out loud why there wasn't a machine that could unload the truck instead of back-breaking human labor. Seems like everyone would want to volunteer to deliver

a mare to another ranch, or some other tasks that might have them away from home when the hay truck arrived. Anything to get out of unloading hay. The anticipation of the job was causing more issues than the actual performance of the task.

Upon the arrival of the next hay truck, I gathered up the hands and told them while we needed to unload the hay, we were going to handle the task a little differently. I advised we were going to divide into two teams. We would keep a tally of which team got the most bales unloaded. Whichever team unloaded the highest number of bales, would be excused from feeding on Sunday, while the losing team would have to do all the feeding that day.

Being excused from Sunday feeding was a big deal because it would mean a complete day with no chores. It also meant those young people who wanted to go out on Saturday night and dance and have a good time could sleep in without having their slumbers interrupted by having to take care of the livestock early Sunday morning.

I divided up the hands and included myself on one of the teams. When the competition started, it was wild and furious. You could not imagine the speed with which bales went flying off the truck! People encouraged their teammates and "trash-talked" the opposing team. The hands were laughing, cutting up, and working like madmen

in order to be victorious. No one stopped, took a break or looked up, they simply dug in and got it done.

We got that truck unloaded in about half the time it usually took. The winning team was celebratory, and the losers promised to win when the next truck load came in. The competition was the talk of the ranch for the next few days with a generous dose of good-natured kidding being expended to all involved, including at myself.

I spent Sunday morning feeding. My team had won, but I wanted to be with the team that lost and give them a little help. We got the chores done and told each other the result of the competition would be different, next time. We also talked about how many times in life there would be obstacles before us and difficult tasks to undertake. How it made sense to go into a task, even the ones we disliked, with a positive attitude and a smile. After all, those tasks still needed to be done. By complaining and dreading them, it just made it worse.

A new tradition was born, and the hay races became a part of the ranch tradition.

There may not always be an easy way, but there is the cowboy way.

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Aaron Smith runs for Gatesville City Council position

Aaron Smith has authorized The Gatesville Messenger to announce his candidacy for the office of Gatesville City Council in the upcoming Nov. 8 elections.

I am enthusiastically running for the position of Gatesville City Council, Ward 1 Place 2, in the upcoming local elections. Being born and raised in Gatesville gives me a strong familiarity with the townspeople, city workers and the town infrastructure. I have longstanding roots here, including my parents, Lewis and Eloise Smith, dating back many generations. Over the years my family members have been involved with town politics and entrepreneurship which has led to a community friendship with Gatesville for over 150 years.

I proudly served my country in the Marine Corps and am now committed to serving the community of Gatesville. Currently, I am providing support to our armed forces as a supervisory military contractor on North Fort Hood and have been at this post for 13 years. My wife, Shelly, serves our community as a sonographer and radiologic technologist in the imaging department at Coryell Health.

This is my first time in the political arena and is not necessarily an avenue I



Aaron Smith

ever thought to explore until recently, due to an overwhelming sense of duty to my community and fellow citizens. Priorities that will be addressed, once elected, will focus on street maintenance, water system improvements, crime prevention and drug rehabilitation. I will do my part to make sure Gatesville becomes more small-business friendly, while still maintaining traditional family values and keeping the "small town" feel. Decisions will always be based on ethics and integrity.

I am asking you to put your faith in me as your local conservative voice. Please cast your vote for Aaron Smith for Gatesville City Council. Thank you for your time and God bless!

The DISPATCH

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of Oct. 30-Nov 2. While there were many calls to the dispatcher, this is a partial list of more significant activity. Persons are reminded that only emergency calls should be made to 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. 30
12:00 a.m., a disturbance was reported in the 2500 block of Jackson Drive.
12:41 a.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of S. 6th Street.
7:58 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 8600 block of FM 1783.
8:30 p.m., an intoxicated driver was reported in the 100 block of S. 23rd Street.
10:04 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported on FM 931.
11:37 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2500 block of E. Main Street.
Oct. 31
1:28 a.m., a disturbance was reported in the 1300 block of Westview Drive.
10:35 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 300 block of CR 347.
11:38 a.m., an accident was reported in the 2500 block of

Business Highway 36.
12:20 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1900 block of E. Main Street.
1:06 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 2300 block of Business Highway 36.
9:29 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 500 block of Andrews Street.
Nov. 1
1:37 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1000 block of E. Main Street.
1:04 p.m., an accident was reported in the 2800 block of S. State Highway 36.
4:28 p.m., a theft was reported in the 1700 block of Waco Street.
5:06 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 600 block of State School Road.
5:39 p.m., reckless conduct was reported in the 2600 block of E. Main Street.
8:28 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2000

of Waco Street.
Nov. 2
8:51 a.m., a theft was reported in the 100 block of CR 385.
2:31 p.m., a burglary was reported in the 1200 block of Bridge Street.
2:25 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 500 block of Bridge Street.
3:27 p.m., an accident was reported in the 2400 block of Business Highway 36.
3:32 p.m., a theft was reported in the 2300 block of Business Highway 36.
10:25 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 11000 block of S. State Highway 36.

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Oct. 30
3:18 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported on FM 2412 at Dodd's Creek.
6:23 a.m., a minor accident was reported on S. Highway 36 and CR 327.
9:11 a.m., mailbox damage was reported in the 100 block of College.
5:15 p.m., a theft was reported in the 8600 block of E. Highway 84.
5:34 p.m., shots being fired were reported in the 200 block of CR 261.
5:35 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on FM 113.
Oct. 31
3:45 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported on FM 929 near Coryell City.
7:38 a.m., the burglary of a habitation was reported in the 3700 block of W. Highway 84.
10:41 a.m., a neighbor dispute was reported in the 300 block of CR 347.
1:19 p.m., criminal trespass was reported on CR 158 and FM 183.
3:39 p.m., a theft was re-

ported in the 2000 block of Old Osage Road.
9:43 p.m., the burglary of a habitation was reported in the 700 block of CR 4810.
Nov. 1
10:59 a.m., a theft was reported in the 6300 block of E. Highway 84.
1:05 p.m., animal cruelty was reported in the 200 block of Harrell Drive.
6:12 p.m., a civil matter was reported in the 400 block of CR 132.
7:22 p.m., an assault was reported in the 9300 block of FM 2412.
9:35 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on FM 2412 and Moccasin Bend Road.
10:37 p.m., an assault was reported in the 600 block of CR 345.
Nov. 2
7:27 a.m., a stolen vehicle was recovered on S. 21st Street.
10:00 a.m., a scam was reported in the 100 block of Dusty Lane.
11:00 a.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 600 block of CR 148.
12:13 p.m., a threat was reported in the 1000 block of CR 101.
3:37 p.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 1700 block of Oak Springs Road.

Mother Neff State Park hosts Fall Festival

Mother Neff State Park will have their annual Fall Fest on Saturday, Nov. 12. The festival will be held at Mother Neff State Park from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Visitors are asked to make sure to check-in at the visitor center for a map and information; admission is free.

There will be plenty of activities including a storybook trail, guided hikes, scavenger hunts, a Texas Forest Service by Smokey Bear, CCC history, children's crafts, and special programs. The Leon River Dutch Oven Gang will hold a demonstration, and will be giving out samples from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Mother Neff State Park Association and a Central Texas Master Naturalist will be at the event as well. Donations are appreciated for MNSPA to help provide for park improvements and other future events. Mother Neff State Park is located at 1921 Park Road 14 near Moody. For more information, call 254-853-2389.

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Tiffany Hoops-Turner enjoys her job as chamber director

BY DAVID SCOTT
Staff Writer

With her bubbly personality and contagious laugh, Tiffany Hoops-Turner became the ideal candidate to become the executive director of the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce in July, where she had been serving as assistant director.

A former resident of North Texas, Tiffany is enjoying her new career at the chamber. She came to the area with her husband and their two children in June 2017.

"I would like to get to know these businesses better and find out their wants and needs, so that I can build the chamber," she said.

Tiffany said that being director is very fun, yet very challenging - "a challenge because there's a lot of different personalities with different businesses, and I find it a big deal to like people and to have them like me," she said.

As far as her plans for the chamber's future, "I have events planned that might draw more people into the

chamber. We are doing more family nights for the holidays, and we're going to be working on a chili cook-off. With the Christmas parade coming up, we're going to serve hot chocolate to go along with the parade. We're going to have more family events for sure," she said.

After serving her country as a military spouse for over 15 years, Tiffany now calls Gatesville home. "I truly love living in Gatesville and all the people I have met. I look forward to working hard for all the businesses here."



DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Tiffany Hoops-Turner taking care of her daily duties as executive director at the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce.

Tricks on unicycles



TUMBLEWEED SMITH
Newspaper columnist and producer of The Sound of Texas radio series

When RD Vordick was growing up in Millersview, a town of a few dozen people near San Angelo, the school only went through the seventh grade. "There was no baseball or any kind of sports, so the principal Mr. King bought 25 unicycles and told the kids to just ride them any way they wanted to," said RD. "Mr. King paid for those himself. Later he bought a 6-foot unicycle. My friend Charles Hogan and I got to where we could get on that six-footer in the middle of the gymnasium floor without any help and take off on it."

The kids got to be very good at riding unicycles and devised all sorts of maneuvers. They became well known throughout the region and performed their

unique presentations in parades, schools and colleges. They were a popular favorite during halftime at basketball games.

"One of our tricks was called The Rattlesnake. We'd take a dozen eggs and spread them out on the gym floor spaced about three feet apart and ride unicycles in and out between the eggs. There was probably about 25 of us doing that. I don't have a clue as to how many shows we did, but we only broke one egg. As a finale, Charles would be on the six-footer, and I'd be on the smaller one. I'd go by, pick the egg up and throw it up to him. He'd put it in the carton. We'd get the whole dozen eggs in the carton then he'd hand it to me, and I'd go put it up. Sometimes we'd ride piggyback. I'd be on the six-footer and Charles would be on my shoulders. We'd ride around and do some tricks and to dismount, I'd ride under the basketball goal, and he'd grab hold of the goal, drop to the floor and I'd just keep riding out from under him. Sometimes we'd play football or basketball on the unicycles."

They would also jump rope on unicycles. "We'd have two people on unicycles twirling the rope and we'd come in with a unicycle, grab hold of the front and back of the seat and we

could pick that unicycle up and skip the rope just like people would do but we were doing it on unicycles."

Sometimes they put on light shows. "We had red and blue lights on the spokes. They'd turn the lights out and all we'd have was just out lights on our unicycles and we'd go in all directions all over the gym floor."

The school had a stone wall around the building about 8 inches wide. "Charles and I rode our unicycles on that wall just to see if we could do it."

After graduating from the school at Millersview, students went to high school at Paint Rock. "We'd ride our unicycles in the hall, downstairs and just all over. We never did figure out how to go up the stairs on our unicycles." RD and Charles rode their unicycles to and from high school in Paint Rock. "Seventeen miles one way. We were a little bit saddle-sore by the time we got home."

For RD, those were some of the best memories of his growing up years. He got to keep his unicycle and rode it long after he finished high school in the mid-1960s.

"I always wanted to ride a bicycle without holding on the handlebars but I never learned how to do that."

Feastmode 5K to be held Nov. 19

The Gatesville Fitness Center will host a 5K run to prepare everyone for the upcoming Thanksgiving feasts. This event will be held on Saturday, Nov. 19 starting at 8 a.m. The race will start and finish at the Gatesville City Pool.

The age groups will consist of 19 and under, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, and 60 and up. Prizes will be awarded to the top overall male

and female finishers, as well as the top three age group finishers.

Early registration will end on Wednesday, Nov. 16 at 11:59 p.m. The cost will be \$25 plus the \$2.50 sign-up fee. Early packet pickup will be Friday, Nov. 18 at the Gatesville Fitness Center from noon to 5 p.m. Registration the morning of the race will be at the race site from 7-7:30 a.m., costing

\$30 plus a \$2.80 fee. Payment options of cash, card, and check will be accepted. T-shirts will be guaranteed to anyone who registers by Friday, Nov. 11.

The Gatesville Fitness Center is located at 203 N. 34th St. in Gatesville. The Gatesville City Pool is at 300 S. 8th St. For more information on this event call 254-865-4012.

MOUND NEWS

Church, trick or treating and birthday celebrations among Mound resident's recent activities



BARBARA HOPSON
Mound News Correspondent

Mound Cowboy Church and White Mound Baptist Church had a fish fry for a Pastor Appreciation Luncheon Sunday for Rev. Bruce and Suzy Cox.

Mrs. Neva Ann Hopson Groat of Concord, California, Gloria Shaffer of Clayton, California, Celeste Polensky of Beaverton, Oregon, Hal and Martha Hopson and Maria Aggen of Cedar Park, visited in Mound over the weekend with the Hopson family.

Jacy Toole was baptized Sunday, Oct. 30, after the worship service at White Mound Baptist Church.

Lillie Mann and Eve Fulton lead the music for the Sunday worship service in the absence of Robert Fowler.

Ray and John Stephens spent Thursday night in Pearland with Donald Scott Stephens and family.

Several people of Mound attended the 21st annual Halloween Boozaar on Saturday evening in Gatesville.

Several of the Coryell Baptist Churches and the Presbyterian Church in Gatesville had their annual Trunk or Treat Saturday evening.

Lillie and Matti Mann showed Saturday in Clifton at the Crawford FFA show. Lillie won Intermediate Showmanship. Matti won Champion on her Duroc.

Saturday night we celebrated Lillie's 13th birthday party at the Junction.

Brodie Fisher was recognized Friday evening at the Oglesby football game

against Calvert. Brodie is a senior this year, and it was his last game at the Oglesby school field.

Cora and Caymbri Fisher spent time Saturday with their Mimi, Debbie Piller.

Those who had birthdays in the month of October were Elizabeth McCorkle, Torrey Boyd, Carol Jones, Olivia Long, Amie Gowen, Dylan Cobb, Chrissy Franks, Kathryn Warren, Amanda Long, Allie McPherson, Chelcie Ayres, Daniel Wood, Sherry Hopson, Desiree Dixon, Felton Thompson, Richard Mitchell, Bailey

Barnard, Grace Tennison, Sherrie Sheets, Lizzi Howell, Debbie Drever, Debbie Dyer, Rose McCorkle, Kathi Taylor, Donna Kuykendall, Macy Winters, Natasha Dahl, Brooke Dixon, Raymie Moore, Frank Hopson, Charles Comb Jr, Nathaniel Eberlein, Chase McGhee, Henry Brim and Phillip Winters.

Barbara's Notes: It's time to set your clocks back one hour on Sunday, Nov. 6 at 2 a.m.

Morris Federation meet Nov. 12

The next Morris Federation meeting will be at 10:15 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 12, in the James Coryell Room at the James Coryell Museum and Historical Center. The guest speaker will be local artist, Wendy

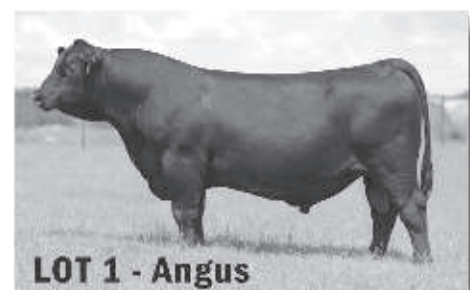
Bye, who will be presenting a program entitled "What's My Line?" Her presentation will involve some hands-on activities for all the members. They will also have two ladies submitting applications for

membership.

Hostesses/greeters for this meeting will be Natha Thompson, Grace Tennison and Laura White. Organizers hope to see a large turnout for this meeting.

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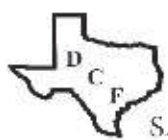
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REHAB PIRATES



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Employees at Coryell Health RehabLiving joined in on the Halloween fun and dressed as a crew of pirates. Pictured left to right are Sheila Roedler, Christie Cox, Kami Sibley, Diana Shell, Denise Fueston, Morgan Frieden and Lisa Moore.

TRICK OR TREAT



ALEX MEELBUSCH | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Members of our community lined up for Hillside Medical Lodge's annual Halloween event which allows children the opportunity to trick or treat from residents and employees.

RehabLiving costume winners

Coryell Health RehabLiving held its annual Tiny Tot costume contest on Monday, Oct. 31. The contest was for children up to 3 years of age. The winning categories included best costume, most creative and resident's choice.

Winning the best costume category was Colter Lee, age 1, who was dressed as a scarecrow. His prize was a \$100 gift card. Winning the resident's choice was Garret Smith, age 6 months, who was dressed as a baby

vampire. His prize was a \$25 gift card. The most creative award went to Leonardo Rojas, age 1, who was posing as a food vendor, driving his own vending truck called Leo's Tacos. He received a \$25 gift card as well.



PHOTOS BY DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Above: the most creative award went to Leonardo Rojas who was posing as a food vendor.

Left: the best costume award went to Colter Lee who was dressed as a scarecrow.



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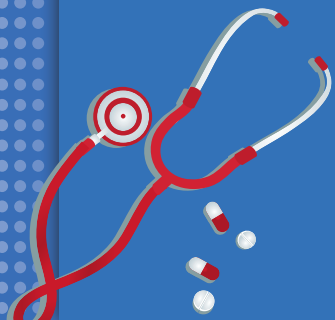
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OBITUARIES

BARBARA DIANE CONLEY

Nov. 14, 1951 - Oct. 28, 2022



Barbara Diane Conley, 70, lost her long battle with breast cancer on Friday, October 28, 2022, and went to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. She passed away at her home in Gatesville. Barbara was a Christian, wife, mother of seven children and grandmother of 15.

Funeral Services are scheduled for Monday, Nov. 7, at 1 p.m., at Grace Bible Church in Gatesville. She will be laid to rest Tuesday, Nov. 8, at 9 a.m., at Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Killeen.

Barbara was born to Archie A. Lee III and Betty L. Lee on Nov. 14, 1951, in Los Ange-

les, California. Her childhood years were spent in Manhattan Beach, California. She attended El Camino College and graduated with an AA degree. In 1975, she met and fell in love with David Conley and called him the love of her life. In 1977, they welcomed their first son (Brian) and in 1979, had their first daughter (Sarah). In 1984, she became a born-again Christian. Her love of God caused her to want more children and five more children followed in rapid succession: Charles (1990), Charlotte (1991), Margaret (1993), Katherine (1995) and Peter (1997).

During the early years of her marriage Barbara worked as a bank teller, aerobics instructor, school crossing guard, bookkeeper, licensed real estate saleswoman and crisis pregnancy center counselor but her most rewarding profession was being a stay-at-home mom and homeschooling all of her children. Three of them are teachers in the public school system, one is an engineer, one is an operations manager of a major AC service company and one is a stay-at-home mom with four children. She must have been a good teacher to have all her children be successful. She taught Sunday school class-

es, led Women's Ministry and Awana at the three churches she attended over her many years as a Christian. Barbara was a fun person, always up for a new adventure such as backpacking on her honeymoon, camping at the beach or mountains, taking cross country RV trips, sailing, parasailing, snorkeling, kayaking, waterskiing, snow skiing, running a marathon, ocean cruises to Alaska and Panama or moving to a ranch in Texas where she could have cows and chickens and muck out horse stalls.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Archie and Betty Lee, and her son, Peter Samuel Conley. She leaves behind her husband of 47 years, David Conley; children, Brian Conley and wife, Rachel, Sarah Knutson and husband, Sven, Charles Conley and wife, Cassie, Charlotte Conley, Margaret Thurman and husband, Thomas, Katherine Slaton and husband, Jacob; grandchildren, Breck, Bridey and Dolan Conley; Magnus, Stig, Hilde and Kirsti Knutson; Mia, Marcy and Peter Conley; Emma and Liam Thurman; Freya and Griffin Slaton; and brother, Jeff Lee and wife, Pat, of Redondo Beach, California.

She will be missed by the many people who loved her.

DOUGLAS LEE SMITH

Aug. 6, 1998 - Oct. 28, 2022



Douglas Lee Smith, age

24, formerly of Elgin, Texas, was born on August 6, 1998, in Odessa, Texas. Shortly before his seventh birthday, he was adopted by Chris and Peggy Smith of Elgin. Doug lived the majority of his life in Elgin. He played sports, attended school, and enjoyed life in Elgin. Doug could catch a fish in a water puddle! That probably explains why he was such a good swimmer.

After high school, Douglas began a life in the workforce building fences and framing houses. The days of playing football and basketball with his little brother, Howie, were over and life had be-

gun.

On Oct. 28, Douglas passed away in Hawley, Texas. He will be missed by many people. He is survived by his dad, Chris Smith, of Elgin; brother, Howie Smith, of Austin; and sister, Sharday Nykole, of White Settlement, Texas. He was preceded in death by his mother, Peggy Smith, and grandmothers, Jean Jenkins and Bea Smith.

Services for Douglas will be held on Saturday, Nov. 5, from 10 a.m. to noon at Lost Pines Cowboy Church, 334 Roemer Rd, Elgin, Texas. Travis Early and Larry Gibb will be officiating.

DONALD WAYNE WHITE

June 7, 1948 - Oct. 26, 2022



Donald Wayne White passed away on Wednesday, October 26, 2022, at the age of 74. Funeral services will be Monday, Nov. 7, at 11 a.m. at Scott's Funeral Home with burial to follow at 3 p.m. at Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Killeen. Visitation will be Sunday, Nov. 6, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the funeral home.

Donald was born June 7,

1948, to Merville Howard White and Dorothy Juanita Coston White. He was the seventh of 10 children and is survived by four of them: Phillis Jones, Howard White, Lonnie White and Clydene Leos.

He proudly served in the U.S. Army from 1968 to 1977 with two tours into Vietnam and acquired the rank of E5. He was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with four Bronze Stars, RVN Vietnam Campaign Medal w/Device 60, two Overseas service bars, Expert M16 medal, two service stripes, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm (Unit), good conduct medal twice, and Army Commendation medal. He was always very proud of his military service. Donald was a strong supporter of wounded warriors, DAV and the VFW.

He was a "jack of all trades" and did things his way. If it was not done his way, he would let you know it was the wrong way. He

worked in refrigeration, heating and cooling while in the Army and continued to work with AC and heating when he got out. He was stubborn and bullheaded, but a kinder or more loving man would be hard to find.

Donald is survived by his wife of 16 years, Lisa Ginn-White; his son, Donnie White and wife, Cleda; and his stepchildren, Crystal Cockrell and her husband, Charles Cockrell, Robin Stafford, Samantha Hernandez and her husband, Jacob Hernandez, and Jonathan Ginn and his wife, Camy Ginn; 12 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Harmony Hernandez.

If desired, in lieu of flowers, donations to the Wounded Warrior Project, support.woundedwarriorproject.org/, Disabled American Veterans, www.dav.org, or to the VFW, Olan Forest Smith Post 8577, 1506 Veterans Ave., Copperas Cove, TX 76522.

Meeting set for Hemmeline Cemetery Association

The Hemmeline Cemetery Association will hold their annual meeting on Sunday, Nov. 6, at 2 p.m. The meeting will be held at Bethel Heights Baptist Church, located at 3915 CR 127 down the road from Hemmeline Cemetery. All interested persons are encouraged to attend.

There was no annual workday held this year. All work that was needed to be done was completed by small volunteer work crews. A big thanks is sent to all those that helped. The cemetery association hopes to get back to normal next year for their annual workday get

together.

Memorials or donations for upkeep of the cemetery may be mailed to the Hemmeline Cemetery Association, in care of Sheila Necessary, 1050 FM 1783, Gatesville, TX 76528.

How to reduce the risk of Alzheimer's disease

Considering that November is National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month, it might be time to start thinking about how to prevent Alzheimer's in your daily lifestyle choices. As we know, there is not a known cause of Alzheimer's, nor has a cure

been found.

Here is what you can do to help prevent this disease:

- Prevent and manage high blood pressure. Johns Hopkins University researchers found that the use of potassium-sparing diuretics reduced the risk of Alzheimer's by

nearly 75 percent.

- Manage blood sugar. A normal blood sugar level is 99 mg/dL or lower. A blood glucose meter can be used to track your sugar levels.
- Be physically active. Aim to do 150 minutes of moderate exercise every week, such



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Pictured are some of the items to be given away during the Coryell Health RehabLiving Food for Families fundraising raffle.

Coryell Health RehabLiving holds raffle for Food for Families

Coryell Health RehabLiving at the Meadows is holding a Food for Families raffle. The drawing for the raffle will be held on Friday, Nov. 18.

All single tickets will cost \$3 each, or four tickets for \$10 and 10 tickets for \$20.

Tickets can be purchased at The Meadows or the Coryell Café.

The raffle items will include a Sawdust & Splinters rocker and table, a 50-pound corn feeder station, a 24x30-inch canvas painting, and a king

size (90x100 inch) handmade quilt.

Coryell Health RehabLiving at the Meadows is located at 110 Chicktown Road in Gatesville. For more information, call 254-404-2500.

Corks & Kegs set for Nov. 12

The Chamber of Commerce will have its annual Corks and Kegs event on Saturday, Nov. 12 on the courthouse square in Gatesville. It will begin at 5 p.m. and will continue until

8 p.m. There will be plenty of beer, wine, coffee, shopping, and entertainment.

One ticket plus a choice of one beer mug or one wine glass will cost \$25. Admis-

sion without the mug or glass will cost \$15. Corks and Kegs donations are welcome.

For more information, contact the Gatesville Chamber at 254-865-2617.

LEGACY COMES TO LIFE

James Gore Wilkinson, Jr Hero of the Battle of San Jacinto

RANDALL LEACH

EDITOR'S NOTE: The story of James Wilkinson, Jr. is told by his fourth great-grandson Randall Leach. Leach and his wife, Gina, have lived in Granbury since 1983. Leach retired from Granbury ISD after 38 years of service, and is a grateful and proud member of the Sons of the Republic of Texas.

My name is James Gore Wilkinson, Jr. and I am the son of James and Sarah Gore Wilkinson. I was born on March 5, 1805, in Harding County, Kentucky. I married Lucinda Harris on July 17, 1827, and we had one son, but just a year later, Lucinda passed away.

My father received a league of land in Austin's Fifth Colony, so in 1831, I moved from Kentucky to San Felipe de Texas. My parents and brothers also moved to Austin's Colony. In 1832, I married Amanda Hope whose family was in Stephen F. Austin's Original 300 Colony. Amanda and I lived in San Felipe de Texas where we raised our family.

In the spring of 1836, the Texian Revolution was escalating and Texian Army Volunteers were needed after the battle at Gonzales, the massacre at Goliad and the fall of the Alamo. Just five days after the fall of the Alamo, I was recruited to serve in the Texian Volunteer Army and served in Colonel Edward Burleson's 1st Regiment.

General Houston was moving his Texian army eastward and was under criticism for not attacking Santa Anna. Houston understood that he

needed time to train his inexperienced volunteer army and get them ready for battle.

On April 18, 1836, General Houston received excellent news. Scouts Deaf Smith and Henry Karnes had captured a Mexican Army courier carrying documents. The papers indicated the locations and future plans of the Mexican troops. Houston realized the advantage and moved the Texian Army swiftly to Lynchburg near San Jacinto



Bay. We were ready to fight!

On April 21, near Buffalo Bayou, General Houston met with his war council and finalized the attack plan. Houston recognized that now was a time to attack. General Cos's Mexican army had arrived the same morning to join Santa Anna's army. The Mexican Army swelled to 1,400 men. Houston ordered Deaf Smith to destroy Vince's bridge to prevent any escape by the Mexican Army.

Our Texian camp was about 500 yards from the Mexican Army. My regiment under Colonel Burleson was stationed on the right wing. Colonel Sherman's on the left and the artillery was in the middle. Our infantry weap-

ons included a rifles, pistols and knives.

At 4:30 p.m. the Texian Twin Sister cannons fired volleys, beginning the battle. Our regiment moved forward with the battleground topography shielding us from the front line of the Mexican Army. We were 300 yards away when the Mexican Army fired its first volley.

With swiftness and resolve caused by anger and revenge, we charged Santa Anna's Army and shouted "Remember Goliad," "Remember the Alamo." Our Texian forces overwhelmed Santa Anna's army. The Mexican Army retreated without success. In 18 minutes, the fight was over and the world changed.

I was not a professional soldier. I considered myself a citizen soldier that fought to have freedom, to raise my family and farm the land. After we were relieved of duty, I returned home to Washington County.

I served Texas for the rest of my life in many positions, including the following: officer in the Congress of the Republic of Texas, Justice of the Peace in Washington County, and Chief Justice in Burleson County.

Footnote: This article is in honor my great grandmother, Texas Elizabeth Harrison Salyer. Texas Elizabeth was born in 1892, and died July 4, 1973 in Georgetown, Texas. She was a past president of the Rebecca Jane Fisher Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas in Wichita Falls. Texas Elizabeth kept many letters and documents of our Texas family ancestry.

Turnersville BBQ and Buffalo Stampede is set for tomorrow

The Turnersville Barbeque and Buffalo Stampede will be held on Sunday, Nov. 6. This event will take place at the Turnersville Community Center. Children's activities will begin at 10 a.m., including arts and craft vendors. A barbeque lunch will commence at 11:30 a.m. Children eight and under will be \$8 and adults will cost \$15.

At 1:30 p.m., there will be a Jell-O eating contest for age groups seven and under and eight through twelve. There will be an information booth to sign up for door prizes. Prizes include boy's and girl's bikes and two \$50 Visa gift cards. One male and a female adult will receive a gift card. Other activities will include a bake

sale, a buffalo drawing contest, a coloring contest, a general store, a petting zoo, a car show, a buffalo train, and live and silent auctions. The Turnersville Community Center is located at 8115 FM 182 in Turnersville. For more information on this event please visit www.tvil-lecc.com.

CRSP learns about fire safety for seniors from fire chief

On Thursday, Oct. 27, members of the CRSP (Coryell Retired School Personnel), heard a program presented by Fire Chief Billy Vaden addressing the topic of fire safety tips, especially for seniors. He explained that the Gatesville Fire Department protects a 287-square mile of Coryell County, which includes the city, six TDCJ prisons and surrounding areas. They have mutual agreements with Fort Hood, Copperas Cove and seven other volunteer fire departments. GFD became an official organization on Feb. 6, 1884.

Each year in the United States, fire claims over 6,000 lives and causes about \$6 billion in damages. Many of these victims are senior citizens over 60 years of age. According to FEMA, adults over 65 are 2.6 times more likely to die in a fire, and this increases to 3.8 times for those 85 and above. This is possibly due to physical limitations that restrict ability to take quick action in an emergency, medication that affects decision-making ability, living alone without others to assist and excessive accumulation of possessions. However, everyone (not only seniors) should be prepared to prevent fires and to know what to do in case of a fire.

Some of the measures he listed include the following:

- Have ample smoke alarms installed in your house. Check monthly to see that they are working and remember to change the batteries. Especially for seniors, it is good to have a smoke alarm on all floors of the house, including one in each bedroom and hallway. Many smoke alarms now have carbon monoxide detectors with them.
- Watch use of space heaters. Don't use them as a main source of heat, and don't leave them running at night when you are asleep. Don't



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Billy Vaden has been with the Gatesville Fire Department since 1970. He recently told the retired teachers gathering, "It's the greatest job in the world. For all the bad things that may happen, it's the good things you achieve that stay with you."

place them at exits or stairways, where they can block exit or can be tripped over.

- Have a fire escape plan for your family. Be sure to take into consideration anyone who is limited in ability to get out. Practice your plan, and make sure everyone knows what to do. In case of a fire, make sure everyone is out before dialing 911.
- If you are cooking food, stay with it and do not leave it unattended (especially seniors who may be forgetful). Do not leave cords dangling off the counter or handles of cooking equipment hanging away from the oven.
- Careless smoking is the leading cause of deaths and the second leading cause of injuries among people 65 and older. Smoking and relaxing can be a deadly combination.
- Do not leave matches

- and lighters where children can reach them.
- Check all electrical outlets and extension and appliance cords. Do not overload sockets, and make sure wires are not frayed or exposed. Don't let machines overheat.
- Don't leave burning candles unattended.
- Close bedroom doors at night.
- Be careful when using equipment such as grinders that cause sparks.
- Fire extinguishers can be helpful for small fires. Know how to use them. If a fire occurs, ensure everyone is escaping, and call 911 before using the extinguisher. An ABC-type extinguisher is good for general home protection, and the BC type with a sodium bicarbonate extinguishing agent cleans up relatively easy for kitchen fires.

RETIRED TEACHERS GIVE AWAY FREE BOOKS AT BOOZAAR



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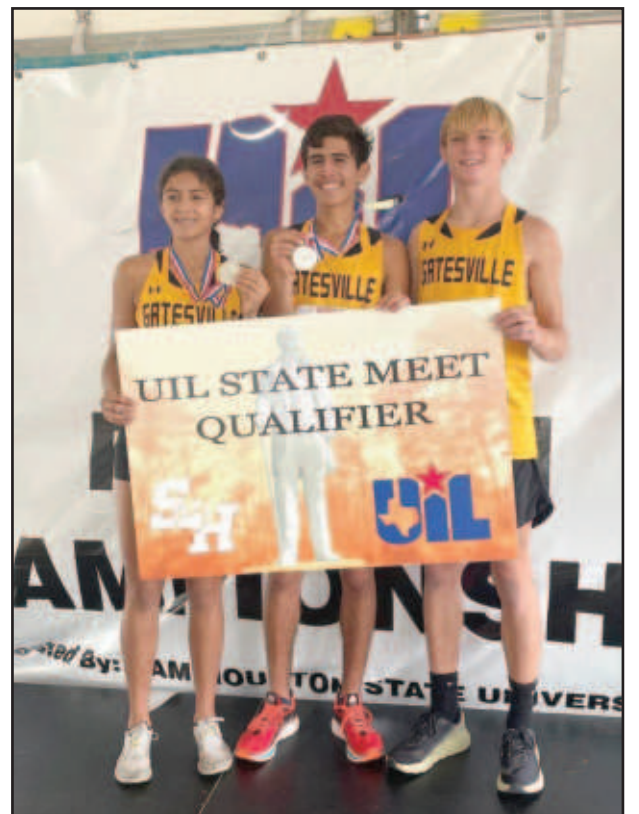
One of the projects of retired teachers across the state is to put books in the hands of children ages 12 and under. Recently, the local chapter of CRSP set up three tables of free books and candy at the Presbyterian Church parking lot during Boozaar. Approximately 200 books were given out.

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK!



GATESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL BI-DISTRICT CHAMPIONS • AREA QUALIFIERS

Gatesville beat Gateway Preparatory School of Georgetown Tuesday to advance to the Area Playoffs. Area game was played last night against Caldwell at Academy High School. Those results were unavailable as of press time but the winner of that game will advance to the regional semi-finals.



GATESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY STATE QUALIFIERS

VANIA MARTINEZ, CARLO MARTINEZ AND JASTIN MUEGGE Results from yesterday's state meet will be reported in next week's paper.

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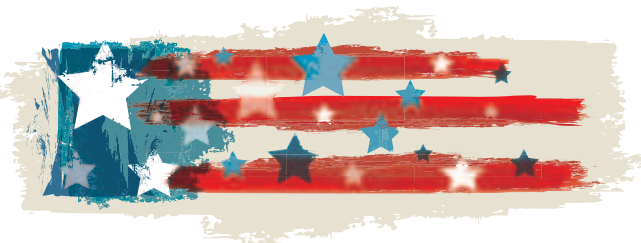
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CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH: Steven L. Bogan, pastor; Hwy. 84 and FM 116; Sunday services - Bible study 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m., evening worship 6:30 p.m.

CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH: Jim Keever, senior pastor; 177 Coryell City Road, Crawford; Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m., Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00 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, Gatesville; Sunday services - Sunday School 9:45 a.m., morning worship 10:50 a.m.; Wednesday evening services, 6 p.m.

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GATEWAY BAPTIST CHURCH: Michael Bragdon, Pastor; 2819 South Hwy. 36, Gatesville; 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, Gatesville; 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.

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c/o: Maureen Immer
Estate of Janet Merle Alexander
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DATED the 14 day of Oct., 2022.
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c/o: Bonnie Roberts
3201 W. Hwy 84, Gatesville, Texas 76528
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0.87 Acres, 2 Br, 2 Ba Home, Gustine TX, 2 car attached carport, 2 living areas. 1 water well, metal build with concrete slab. \$154,900

2/1 brick home, 560 W. Hwy. 84, Evant, TX, recently painted, updated shower, garage/workshop, fenced in backyard, utility shed-boat shed. \$169,500

1.064 Acres, 4/2 Doublewide Home, 509 W. Brooks Dr., Evant, TX. Open floor plan, fireplace, kitchen island, garden tub, walk-in closet, 2 car carport, shed. \$182,500

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11 +/- acres at Arnett, TX in Coryell County. Good tree cover, nice home site, the property will need to be fenced on the east boundary. You will need to drill a water well for water. \$179,500

11.64 acres 3/2 home south of Evant, TX in Coryell County. Nice porch, large master Br and Bath, barn, workshop, seasonal creek, Hwy. 281 frontage. \$850,000

20.02 acres, Evant, TX, CR 421, Hamilton County, Lot No. 21, Mulberry Creek, rolling terrain, good tree cover. \$250,000

21 acres south of Evant TX, CR 154 W, Coryell County, rolling terrain, scattered tree cover, good views, electricity running across the property. \$252,000

25 acres west of Purlmela, TX on CR 181. Stock tank, good exterior fencing on 3 sides, 1 side will need to be fenced, coastal and native grasses. \$275,000

25.06 acres Pottsville, TX Hamilton County, Paloma Vista Subdivision Lot 31, rolling terrain, scattered tree cover, great views. \$275,000

33.43 acres, near Coryell City, Coryell County, FM 929 & CR 260 frontage, rolling terrain, good views. \$295,000

36 +/- acres west of Evant, TX, Hamilton County. Scattered tree cover & rolling terrain, Fiber Optic Internet Service, you will need to drill a water well. \$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. \$395,000

50.07 acres 8 miles south of Evant TX, Coryell County CR 154, rolling terrain, good tree cover and good views. \$425,000

50.28 acres 8 miles south of Evant TX, Coryell County CR 154, rolling terrain, good tree cover, good views, electricity on northeast corner of property. \$425,000

50.24 Acres, 3/2.5 home, 2171 CR 419, Evant, TX, rolling terrain, 40% being good tree cover, the remaining balance being open pasture, great views. \$675,000

52.73 Acres, 3/2.5 barndominium, 1197 CR 404, Hamilton, TX. Water well, metal building, nice porch, good tree cover, rolling terrain, 2 tanks, good fences. \$899,000

68.9 Acres, 3/2.5 rock home, 101 Mac Dr., Gatesville, TX, approx. 2900 ft of Leon River frontage, ceramic tile floors, carpet in the bedrooms, vaulted ceiling, rock fireplace, granite countertops, breakfast bar, garden tub, metal building approx. 45 ft x 24 ft, older barn approx. 50 ft. x 30 ft., cattle pens, 1 stock tank, approx. 48 acres of coastal. \$1,375,000

74.264 acres west of Purlmela, TX. FM 1241 & CR 181, stock tank, barn, cattle pens, good exterior fencing, approx. 65 acres w/coastal & native grasses. \$556,980

88.007 acres, 36 ft. Travel Trailer, 25 ft. x 30 ft. metal barn, Electricity, 1 tank, seasonal branch, water well, scattered tree cover, good hunting. \$720,000

100.054 acres 8 miles south of Evant TX, Coryell County, rolling terrain, good tree cover, good views, electric on property. \$850,000

105 acres south of Pearl, TX on Self Rd. Good tree cover, rolling terrain, small branch, barn, rain harvest system, \$743,775

179.562 acres 1.6 miles south of Gatesville, TX, FM 116 frontage, great views, stock tank, rolling terrain & scattered tree cover. \$1,230,000

252.87 Acres, 3 Br, 2 Ba home, open floor plan, wood burning fireplace, breakfast bar, ceramic tile in kitchen, breakfast area & bathrooms. Laminite wood flooring in living room & carpet in 2 bedrooms, inground pool with slab that was poured for a future outdoor kitchen, 3 car attached carport with 12 ft. x 13 ft. storage building, a 60 ft. x 66 ft. metal building with 24 ft. x 60 ft. lean-to, there is also approx. 900 sq. ft. that has been framed out for living quarters inside the main part of the building, good exterior & interior fencing, set of cattle pens near the center of the property, rolling terrain with scattered tree cover and great views. \$2,150,000

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GLADYS WHITENBURG | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Fantastic halftime shows are a staple of Friday nights in Gatesville, and this year the band will be taking its performance to the state marching band contest in San Antonio. A community sendoff for the band is scheduled for 8:45 p.m. Nov. 7 at McKamie Stadium.

BAND

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week we went to another contest and were beating 5A and 6A schools. We finished right behind Kennedale (which had advanced to state several years in a row)."

A busy schedule that was disrupted multiple times by thunderstorms the week leading up to the contest made preparation more challenging, but that only helped

the band push through when adversity arose during their first performance.

"These kids are super resilient," Sanchez said. "They've been great in understanding and dealing with change and very flexible. They kept going no matter what challenges arose."

"This is something we're super proud of. We're the ones who came up with the concept (based on celebrating Hispanic heritage via music, dance and visuals) and put

it all together. It's definitely been a passion project. We helped come up with the idea of a Homecoming Fiesta this year as part of the process."

"It's also been exciting to see the parents and members of the community get so excited and involved and the passion they have. I am super proud of them and the kids."

Assistant director Victor Garza said the idea for this year's state qualifying production arose from the disappointment of a near miss

in advancing to state a year ago.

"The day after we did not make it to state last year, it fueled the fire to make sure we got over that hump," Garza said.

Sanchez said he initially wanted to take a week off from focusing on band competitions after last season's area contest, but also found himself being drawn into preparing for this year.

"The next day we were back at it," he said. "It's been huge and a lot of commitment. We had mini camps

in June to talk about concepts.

We're the largest spirit organization on campus and we're pulled in so many different directions. We're not just a competition marching band."

As for the closeness of the program, "We're family," Sanchez said. "The support we get here is incredible. It has taken a lot to get to this point, but it's been worth it. Hopefully, this is just the first of many (trips to state)."

2022 GHS Marching Band, Color Guard & Dazzlers

2022 state qualifying band, color guard and dance team performers/assistants include:

- Noah Smith, drum major
- Serenity Hajdik, color guard
- Jessa Henry, color guard
- Lillie Modgling, color guard
- Emery Wood, color guard
- Alaynah Wrisk, color guard
- Nahdiah Appleton, Dazzler
- Romi Bomar, Dazzler
- Coral Bryant, Dazzler
- Dallas Clough, Dazzler
- Josiline De Los Santos, Dazzler
- Jaynee Green, Dazzler
- Gracee Isaacks, Dazzler
- Alianna Longoria, Dazzler
- Kameryn Mooney, Dazzler
- Laura Trejo, Dazzler
- Madison Ayres, flute
- Savanna Glenn, flute
- Jordyn Manning, flute
- Jahaziel Manning, flute
- Valeria Rocha, flute
- Persephone Romero, flute
- Maryjane Stevens, flute
- Brianna Allen, clarinet
- Destiny Campbell, clarinet
- Lena Clawson, clarinet
- Dylan Granados, clarinet
- Hayden Heck, clarinet
- Chancie Hicks, clarinet
- Rachel Holden, clarinet
- Danny Rodriguez, clarinet
- Mackenzie Stacher, clarinet
- Lucas Ayers, bass clarinet
- Teagan Comer, alto saxophone

- Preston Davidson, alto saxophone
- Nathan Elliott, alto saxophone
- Brenden Gohlke, alto saxophone
- Gracie Key, alto saxophone
- McKenzie Merritt, alto saxophone
- Amaya Gomez, tenor saxophone
- JC Shelton, tenor saxophone
- Myia Walpole, tenor saxophone
- Joshua Appelman, bari saxophone
- Caleb Mannix, bari saxophone
- Macee Ayres, trumpet
- Rosa Castillo, trumpet
- Lyddian Corp, trumpet
- Ben Hicks, trumpet
- Emily Kelly, trumpet
- Ellie Knobloch, trumpet
- Jordan Underwood, trumpet
- Leo Villagrana, trumpet
- Trinity Wallace, trumpet
- Audrey Blanco, French horn
- Alex Johnson, French horn
- Laura Mitchell, French horn
- Breanna Pospisil, French horn
- Natalie Retana, French horn
- Abigail Boose, trombone
- Charlie Breitinger, trombone
- Jeremiah Dove, trombone
- Jackson Evetts, trombone
- Brianna Petrie, trombone
- Ronnie Raley, trombone
- Eric Risley, trombone
- Jozi Smith, trombone
- Ramon Alamilla, baritone
- Jonathan Chavez, baritone
- Benjamin Garcia, baritone
- Kain Malone, baritone

- Gracie Summers Lewis, baritone
- Nicky Thomas, baritone
- Hannah Bartlett, tuba
- Hunter Key, tuba
- Dominyk Romero, tuba
- Levi Webb, tuba
- Max Carpenter, drumline
- Kaitlyn Darby, drumline
- Rosalee Dilly, drumline
- Wyatt Dunbar, drumline
- Kallie Featherston, drumline
- Jacob Baker, front ensemble
- Kale Branum, front ensemble
- Carvin Coppersmith, front ensemble
- Reagan Fitts, front ensemble
- Nessa Henson, front ensemble
- Trent Hickman, front ensemble
- Eason Johnson, front ensemble
- Easton Keeney, front ensemble
- Zach Stevens, front ensemble
- Orion Williams, front ensemble
- Garrett Sullivant, front ensemble
- Kiley Branum, band aid
- Madelyn Kipphen, band aid
- Daniela Lee, band aid
- Madilyn Manear, band aid
- Elizabeth Manzack-Taft, band aid
- Conner Wendeborn, band aid
- Jose Sanchez, director
- Victor Garza, director
- Michael Hamilton, director
- Corbin Myers, director
- Jeanette Collins, director
- Kaylah Williamson, director
- Helen Gonzales, director

Oglesby Junior High Tigers blast Buckholts, win district

BY TOM NORRELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Oglesby Junior High Tigers defeated the Buckholt Badgers 30-0 on Nov. 3 to capture the district football championship.

Oglesby went undefeated in district play, 7-1-1 for the season. Oglesby got on scoreboard on the first play from scrimmage.

Aiden Oxford took the first handoff from Holdyn Goff and dashed around the right end for a 25-yard touchdown score. The point after try failed, making score 6-0 for Tigers.

Oxford scored again on his third and final carry, going 43 yards to pay dirt.

The PAT failed making it 12-0 Tigers. Oxford had three carries for 63 yards and two touchdowns.

Kayson Campbell scored on a 20-yard end around pitch from Goff, making the score 18-0 Tigers, and the PAT failed.

Holdyn Goff hit Mason Marquez on a 20-yard strike to the end zone making the score 24-0 Tigers, and the PAT failed.

Jayce Aaron led all rushers with 10 carries for 76 yards, including a 20-yard run

for first down, and 30-yard touchdown run, making the score 30-0 Tigers.

Couper Wulfkuhle led all receivers with two catches - one for eight yards and a 40-yard reception to the Buckholts 1-yard line for 48 yards total.

Blayze Fisher threw a pass to Ashton Thompson for a 10-yard reception.

Defensively for Tigers:

* Kayson Campbell led tacklers with four solo tackles, five assists, one QB sack for a 12-yard loss, and two fumble recoveries.

* Mason Marquez had three solo tackles, three assists, and one fumble recovery.

* Aiden Oxford had two solo tackles, one assist and a QB sack for a 10-yard loss.

* Holdyn Goff, had one solo tackle, one interception, and two knocked down passes.

* Jaxon Markum had two solo tackles and one assist.

* Jayce Aaron, had two assists.

* Blayze Fisher had one assist.

* Logan Ewing had one assist.

* Ranger Dalton had one assist.



The district champion Oglesby Junior High football team.

COURTESY PHOTO

Hornets battle past Gators in bi-district

Gatesville overcomes early Gateway lead

BY JEFF OSBORNE
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

In a pressure-packed situation with their backs to the wall, the Gatesville Hornet volleyball team delivered one of its finest performances of the season, battling back from a 2-1 deficit to clinch a 3-2 bi-district playoff win over the Georgetown Gateway Prep Gators on Nov. 1 in Belton.

Although every member of the team played a role in the hard-fought win, a trio that stepped up and cast long shadows for the Hornets were senior Kayleigh Haywood, freshman Emily Pollard and junior Barrett Boyd.

When the match was on the line, it was often one of those three stepping up in a big way with stellar play that helped elevate Gatesville's competitive spark and take control.

In the first game, the Hornets took an early lead but could not completely seize the momentum. In a seesaw battle, the Gators surged back and grabbed the early triumph, winning 25-22.

Undeterred, the Hornets responded by grinding out a tough 25-22 win in game two to knot the score.

Gateway played its best ball in the third set, grabbing a 3-0 lead before Gatesville settled down and battled back. The Hornets led 14-12 at one point, but the Gators went ahead 16-15 and never again trailed in set three, although there were plenty of ties and 1-point leads. The Gators controlled momentum late and won the third set, 25-21.

Gatesville needed back-to-back wins to survive and advance to the area playoffs, and with the pressure on the Hornets responded with inspired play. Some outstanding shots by Haywood and Boyd set the tone, and an ace by Pollard gave GHS a 20-13 lead. After what had been a close struggle, Gatesville pulled away with a 25-17 victory, with the game-winning shot coming on a kill by Haywood.

The fifth set was another close battle early on, but the Hornets seized control and earned a 15-10 win to get the playoff victory.

Gatesville and Gateway appeared to be evenly matched, but strong fan support helped elevate the Hornets' gameplay, and following the win students rushed the court to celebrate with the team.

Gatesville improved to 23-19 with the victory, while Gateway ended the season with a 21-9 record.

Gatesville will next face Caldwell at 7 p.m. Friday at Academy High School in the area round of the playoffs.

Members of the varsity include:

- * Vania Martinez, sophomore
- * Barrett Boyd, junior
- * Laura Trejo, junior
- * Ally Penrod, sophomore
- * Rachel Garrett, senior
- * Charlee Barron, senior
- * Emma Pollard, senior
- * Tamiah Miller, sophomore
- * Kaleigh Haywood, senior
- * Lola Barron, senior
- * Khloe Mathews, senior

The team is coached by Janey Weber and has qualified for the playoffs for 20 consecutive seasons.



Setting up a spike

GLADYS WHITENBURG | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Senior Lola Barron puts the ball in the air for freshman Emma Pollard to deliver a thunderous spike for the Hornets. After an 0-2 start in district play, Gatesville won five of its last six district games, including a victory over previously unbeaten (in district) Salado. GHS then defeated Robinson for third place in district on Oct. 28.

Area Fishing Report

Belton

GOOD. Water lightly stained; 69 degrees; 13.20 feet low. The action is kicking off after sunset and going strong until around 11:30 AM. Target fish in 24-42 feet of water, shallower early and under low light conditions, deeper during the late mornings and early afternoons. Using MAL Original Lures with white tails fished vertically at a fast pace and in conjunction with Garmin LiveScope so as to gauge fish response and know when schools are nearby. A few mature hybrid, large-mouth bass, and freshwater drum are now showing up in the catch regularly. Days with winds from a southerly component and pre-frontal weather days are excellent. Calm, clear, cold post-frontal conditions are to be avoided. No helpful bird activity has yet materialized. Crappie are starting to transition to deeper water for the winter pattern. Target fish in 30 feet of water using Slab City jigs, minnows and hand ties.

Stillhouse

GOOD. Water lightly stained; 60 degrees; 11.03 feet low. If history is any teacher, white bass fishing at Stillhouse will moderate between now and mid-to-late-

December, then pick up once again when the water drops to around 58 degree, birds arrive, fish begin to consolidate into large schools, and the fish begin to relate to near-channel topography. Days with winds from a southerly component and pre-frontal weather days are excellent. Calm, clear, cold post-frontal conditions are to be avoided. No helpful bird activity has yet materialized.

Waco

FAIR. Water stained; 70 degrees; 11.36 feet low. Crappie are starting to transition to deeper water for the winter pattern. Target fish in 15-22 feet of water using Slab City jigs, minnows and hand ties. Report by Zach Minnix, JigNJerK Guide Service. Water is slightly stained on the upper and lower ends. Largemouth bass are in brush piles on the bank out to 20 feet of water. There is not much available cover, so what cover there is is holding fish. Baits and techniques will be all over the place this time of year, but you can count on a good bite when there is wind, cool nights or clouds. If the weather is stable and warm you will usually struggle during most of

the day with shorter bite windows. For moving baits try topwaters, squarebill crankbaits, chatterbaits and spinnerbaits. For fishing slow try a jig, drop shot shaky head or a wacky rig. Like I said you can catch them on 10 different baits in a day right now though. Crappie are in every brush pile anywhere there are steep drops and clearer water. Minnows, blue jigs and chartreuse and white jigs have all worked great. White bass and hybrids are schooling early and sometimes throughout the day. They are moving around a bunch right now so trolling is the best way to pull a lot in. Little George's and crankbaits for trolling.

Whitney

GOOD. Water lightly stained; 63 degrees; 7.81 feet low. Fishing patterns remain similar. Whitney bass fishing is good in the backs of creeks on artificial baits. The slower the presentation the better or you can get lucky and catch them schooling every now and then. triped bass are good throughout the reservoir in 12-40 feet of water trolling umbrella-rigs with white or chartreuse grub tails or swimbaits attached.

Gatesville Junior High Football

Judd's Juggernauts vs. Campbell Soup (Monday night football)

	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Juggernauts	0	0	0	0	0
Soup	0	8	0	0	8

Robinson did not have a 7B team, so the Gatesville 7B and some of the 8B were divided into teams and played in an epic battle. The kids played very hard and had a lot of fun.

Cash Heath scored on a 45 yard run in the 2nd quarter and also ran in the 2 point conversion, and the defense did the rest for the Soup on their way to the 8-0 victory.

Players of the game for both sides were: Cash Heath, Wacey Saunders, Havik Appelton, Aiden Pankow, Doug Blanck, and Blake Perry.

8B vs. Robinson

	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Gatesville	0	0	0	6	6
Robinson	0	0	8	6	14

Leading Rushers: Preston Seager- 7 for 33; Branson Hodges- 3 for 28, TD; Tucker Melton- 1 for 17; Tyler Ward- 3 for 11

Leading Passers: Preston Seager- 4/11- 53 yards
Leading Receivers: Bo Kelley- 3 for 53 yards

Leading Tacklers/Defensive players: Charles McLeod- 3 tackles, 1 TFL; Bo Kelley- 1 tackle, 1 PBU; Kaiden Brennen- 1 Fumble Recovery; Braxton Boyd- 2 tackles
Season Record: 4-4

7A vs. Robinson

	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Gatesville	20	7	6	7	40
Robinson	0	0	0	0	0

Leading Rushers: Eli Phillips- 2 for

51; Aiden Zachary- 2 for 58, TD; Grady Keeton- 2 for 46, TD; Draven Henderson- 1 for 18; Braxton Brown- 1 for 1, TD; Camden Webb- 1 for 7

Leading Passers: Grady Keeton- 3 for 4, 13 yards, TD; Eli Phillips- 2 for 2, 30 yards, 2 TD

Leading Receivers: Draven Henderson- 2 for 23, TD; Caydon Buster- 2 for 18, TD; Austyn Pickle- 1 for 2

Leading Tacklers/Defensive players: Braxton Brown- 5 tackles; Stephen Walker- 4 tackles; Austyn Pickle- 4 tackles, 1 TFL, 1 PBU; Draven Henderson- 4 tackles, 3 TFL, 1 PBU; Aiden Zachary- 3 tackles; Jacob Webb- 3 tackles; Isaac Crawford- 3 tackles; Callen Webb- 2 tackles, 1 TFL, 2 PBU; Eli Phillips- 3 tackles; Camden Webb- 3 tackles
Season Record: 7-1

8A vs. Robinson

	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Gatesville	0	0	6	0	6
Robinson	6	14	6	2	28

Leading Rushers: Trey Howard- 11 for 26; Carson Griffith- 6 for 35, TD

Leading Passers: Graham Barron- 2/3, 11 yards, INT; Trey Howard- 4 for 6, 40 yards

Leading Receivers: Seth Baize- 3 catches for 38 yards; Trey Howard- 2 for 11 yards
Leading Tacklers/Defensive players: Trey Howard- 5 tackles; Gorge Carmona- 4 tackles; Seth Baize- 4 tackles; Ivan Resendiz- 4 tackles; Nick Shafer- 4 tackles; Andrew Ballantine- 3 tackles
Season Record: 3-5