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Spreading Christmas Cheer



JEFF OSBORNE | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Members of the Gatesville High School choirs sang Christmas songs, as well as "God Bless the USA" during a meeting of the Gatesville Lions Club on Dec. 7. The performance was one of several concerts the choirs had held throughout the community this season. The choirs are under the direction of Cherith Wells.



Police chief prepares to bid farewell

BY JEFF OSBORNE
Senior writer & editor



Nathan Gohlke

A career in law enforcement is something that intrigued Nathan Gohlke since childhood, but after 31 years in that line of work - including 29 as a licensed peace officer - he will be hanging up the badge and working in an entirely different career.

Gohlke was sworn in as Gatesville police chief on March 8, 2005 and has worked for GPD since April 3, 1998. Before that, he worked as a jailer for the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office.

The 1989 Gatesville High School graduate said he has been blessed to serve his hometown.

"I was born and raised here, and I've been very fortunate to be able to serve in this capacity," Gohlke said. "Some people said it would be hard for me to serve as chief here because I know so many people, but it really hasn't been that way at all."

Although his parents tried to talk him out of going into law enforcement, they allowed him to sign up as a police cadet, which increased his desire to pursue a law enforcement career.

"It motivated me to work harder so I could be in this profession," Gohlke said.

After high school, Gohlke attended Sam Houston State University before deciding to move closer to home and finish his law enforcement degree at McLennan Community College in Waco.

"I didn't have any family in law enforcement, but doing this job was something I was set on and passionate about," he said.

"I was fortunate enough to be hired in Hamilton County, and I fell in love with law enforcement right away."

Although Gohlke had applied for jobs in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex and the Bryan-College Station area, he said he decided he would rather stay closer to home.

"I had been the DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) officer in Hamilton, Evant, Jonesboro and Hico, and at that

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Sam Crosby is following in the footsteps of his brothers

BY DAVID SCOTT
Staff Writer

Gatesville is proud to have one of its native sons return home to pastor at Trinity Baptist Church.

It could be considered a family tradition at Trinity - at least in the case of the Crosby brothers. A few months ago, Sam Crosby was named the pastor of the church following in the footsteps of two of his brothers, David Crosby and Tim Crosby.

In May of 1981, David Crosby was named the pastor of Trinity and remained there until 1987. He was followed by his brother, Tim, in 1997, who remained pastor until his retirement in 2021 after 24 years. Now, brother Sam Crosby has assumed the pastership.

Sam, son of Donna Crosby and the late Russell Crosby, comes from a family consisting of 13 brothers and sisters. Several members of his family were pastors including grandfathers and great-grandfathers. Today, members of the Crosby family are

part of churches across the state of Texas and beyond serving as children and student volunteers, Sunday school teachers, deacons, elders, and worship leaders, to name a few of the roles in which they now serve. Of the 13 Crosby siblings, four are pastors and 10 of the grandchildren are either serving in ministry positions or are preparing for them, and the importance of ministry continues to be evidenced among the Crosby great-grandchildren.

The same year he graduated from Gatesville High School, Sam began his ministry at the age of 18 when he pastored the Osage Baptist Church. While doing so, he continued his education at Baylor University, graduating in 1989 with a Bachelor of Science in Education. In 1993, he graduated from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity degree. He pastored in Osage for six years before moving on to

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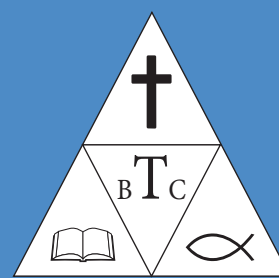
FAMILY TRADITION: Three of the Crosby brothers who have now pastored at Trinity Baptist Church, including from left, Sam Crosby, Tim Crosby and David Crosby.



Trinity Baptist Church

A Church That Cares

Sunday School 9:30 am
Worship 10:50 am
Bro. Sam Crosby, Pastor
1506 W. Main Street, Gatesville, TX
Church 865-8495 | Pre-school 248-0041



Mission Statement:

"The family of Trinity Baptist Church exists to love God and people, teach God's Word, and to help all mankind to follow the Lord Jesus Christ in absolute obedience."

CHIEF

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point Nicole (Gohlke's wife) and I decided it was best for me to come back home to Gatesville."

Nicole and Gohlke have been married for nearly 30 years, and have two children — Bailey, 23, who lives in Waco, and Brenden, 18, who is scheduled to graduate from Gatesville High School in 2023 and plans to attend Texas State University.

"Nicole has been with me the whole way for my entire law enforcement career," Gohlke said.

A conversation with Daren Moore, owner of Scott Funeral Home, prompted Gohlke to consider a new career as a funeral director.

"I've always liked helping people, and doing that will allow me to continue doing so, just in a different way," he said.

Gohlke has seen plenty of highlights and challenges during his law enforcement career, but said one of the things he remembers most was when he was a young officer.

"One of the scarier moments was when I was in Hamilton County and got a call about a man who was suicidal," Gohlke said. "I met

"This has been a great career and I have no regrets. I've enjoyed being a part of the Gatesville Police Department."

NATHAN GOHLKE
POLICE CHIEF

with the guy's brother, and the man had left his house and went off into the woods. He had me in his rifle sights, but it all ended peacefully."

As a young chief, one of Gohlke's police officers in Gatesville was involved in and arrested for robbing a bank.

And in 2018, Gohlke helped lead the response to an explosion at Coryell Health that killed one person and injured several others.

Gohlke said he is glad that he has been able to serve this community.

"One of the things about Gatesville is fortunately it's not a high crime area," he said. "We have a low crime rate. Yes, aggravated type crimes happen but they are

few and far between. Most of the crimes here tend to be property crimes.

"Gatesville is truly a great place to live, and our community has been good to the police department. We have a positive relationship between the city and the police, and that makes a huge difference in being able to do our jobs successfully."

Gohlke said it will be the people he works with that he will miss most, but he still plans to be an active member of the community. Part of his service to the community will continue to be as a member of the Gatesville Exchange Club.

"There will be things I've done for the community as a chief that I won't be involved with anymore, but I can still help people in other ways," he said. "I'll still be able to serve the community, just in a different way."

"This has been a great career, and I have no regrets. I've enjoyed being a part of the Gatesville Police Department, and I look forward to being a part of the selection process for the next chief. The department has come a long way over the years, and it will continue helping make Gatesville a great place to live. I'm really thankful to have been a part of that."



JEFF OSBORNE | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

After three decades in law enforcement, Nathan Gohlke is starting a new career with Scott's Funeral Home.

City leaders narrowing down list of police chief candidates

BY JEFF OSBORNE
Senior Writer & Editor

With longtime Gatesville Police Chief Nathan Gohlke leaving that position soon, the city of Gatesville is working to find a new leader to take over that role.

Gohlke said the city received 31 applications for the post and had narrowed the list to nine semifinalists. On Dec. 13, the goal is to further narrow the search and decide on three

to five candidates to go through the interview process.

"It's important to hire the right person, and not everyone is the right fit for Gatesville," Gohlke said. "Around Jan. 5 we hope to interview candidates and a decision will be made shortly afterward. In theory we'd like for someone to be hired by Feb. 1. We have some very good applicants."

Strategic Government Resources (SGR) is helping to lead the search and working closely with the city to help find

a new chief is the former Midland police chief who has an extensive background in law enforcement.

Members of the Gatesville City Council, including Mayor Gary Chumley, have said they have been impressed with SGR and its search efforts. The Council also hired SGR to help fill the city manager post, which will be vacant when Bill Parry retires at the end of February.



PASTOR

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the First Baptist Church of Lometa in 1991 followed by pastoring at the First Baptist Church of Paducah in 1995. He was called to become the pastor of the First Baptist Church of San Saba in 1998 - serving there for 24 years.

Upon his recent departure from the First Baptist Church in San Saba, Sam stated "Our family is going through a time of transition and change as we uproot our comfortable lives in San Saba to move to Gatesville and pastor the Trinity Baptist Church. God has a way of shaking us up - stirring our spirits and shifting our focus for the next chapter of life. This decision was not something we planned or expected, but doors began to open, and the spirit of God began to nudge."

When asked if he had received any advice from his brothers who were two of the previous pastors at Trinity, Sam said "They really did not give me any advice. They assured me of their prayers. They were thankful that I was coming to the church. I have sought advice from them and will continue to do that."

Sam Crosby is married to Jan Davis Crosby, who graduated from Gatesville High School in 1980. They will mark 37 years of marriage this month. They are the parents of four daughters, Sarah, Hannah, Tarah, and Joannah, and the grandparents of 12.

"We are excited at what God has in store in the next phase of the journey," Sam said.

DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Sam Crosby stands outside Trinity Baptist Church of Gatesville, and is the third brother in his family to serve as pastor of the church.

GISD to purchase 3 new copiers for \$70,423

BY JEFF OSBORNE
Senior writer & editor

The Gatesville Independent School District will spend \$70,423 to replace three copy machines that are at the end of their service life.

"We have 35 Xerox machines that are owned by the school district," said Darrell Frazier, the district's chief financial officer. "In the fall of 2021, we entered into a contract with Benchmark - before that we were with Parsons (Office Systems)."

"This is a very important tool for teachers, and Benchmark is doing a much better job of maintaining our copiers. There was a sup-

ply chain issue which was unacceptable for the district. Benchmark found an alternative and it is working like a charm right now."

Frazier said the district typically purchases one of two copiers each year to replace aging machines.

"There are heavy duty machines that are meant to last," he said. The three that are being replaced were traded in to Parsons from Connally ISD, and they have a combined 20 million copies on them. They were giving us trouble."

Frazier said the new copiers will be placed at the elementary, intermediate and junior high schools.

On the Move



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1st Cavalry soldiers participate in a march on Fort Hood on Dec. 2.



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SPEAKING ON FOUNDATION: Jo Ann Sugg addresses members of the Coryell Retired School Personnel at their November meeting. The topic of discussion was the Foundation Program.

Retired teachers learn about Foundation Fund at meeting

MARSHA LEE
Contributing Writer

At their November meeting, CRSP (Coryell Retired School Personnel) members learned about the Foundation Program. November is traditionally recognized as "Foundation Month" by the state TRTA organization and its affiliated local chapters, but many members are not fully aware of what the Foundation actually does.

The local Foundation liaison, Jo Ann Sugg, presented a brief explanation of the functions of the foundation. There are six primary programs, which include:

1. Disaster relief - The Foundation assists public education employees and retirees who require emergency assistance for a short-term hardship resulting from a disaster.

2. Classroom assistance grants - The Foundation awards to Texas public school teachers who, on a daily basis, demonstrate commitment to public

education and Texas children through creation of programs, events, and other learning platforms. Grants of \$500 are given to 30 teachers each year.

3. Beginning teacher scholarships - Grants are given to reimburse applicants for certification tests and test results and to help applicants purchase materials for their classrooms during their first year of teaching. Two scholarships of \$750 are given each year to college seniors earning an undergraduate degree at a Texas college or university or first-year public school teachers.

4. A Helping Hand - Launched in 2010, this program provides public school retirees with charitable assistance for a one-time special need or other short-term hardship. The goal in 2022 was to set aside \$27,000 in grants for retirees in critical need.

5. Tutoring Program - This program provides online tutoring that will match retired Texas pub-

lic school teachers with students, families, and districts that need tutoring services. This gives retirees an avenue to give back to their communities and to provide critical help for pupils and practicing educators who need to navigate the challenges of virtual learning.

6. Support for the Lehr-Prichard Endowment Fund - The fund was set up to honor two great educators, Tom Prichard and Mike Lehr, who worked with the "A Helping Hand" program to help retirees in times of financial crisis. The endowment fund will solidify and expand the program and ensure TRTF's future as a fixture within the retired community.

The local chapter voted to make a donation to The Foundation. For more information on these programs, to look at requirements, to request application forms, and to check on deadlines, learn more at www.trtf.org.

OBITUARIES

ROB LOONEY June 2, 1943 - Dec. 1, 2022



Rob Looney, age 79, of Evant, passed away peacefully at his home on Thursday, December 1, 2022, after a long life of distinguished service to the State of Texas and the oil and natural gas industry. His attributes of kindness, generosity, and willingness to help others without recognition were legendary.

Graveside services were held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, December 9, at the Texas State Cemetery in Austin, with a reception following at The Gallery reception center on the cemetery grounds. Afterward, the Austin Club hosted a reception for family and friends.

Robert Leroy Looney was born on June 2, 1943, in Hutchinson, Kansas, and grew up in Lola, Kansas. Rob's determined nature was evident from an early age. While attending Lola High School, he competed on the football and basketball teams, and was an All-American Track and Field athlete. He performed off the field as well, winning a state award for an article in the school newspaper, and graduating in the top ten percent of his class in 1961. He leveraged his athletic skills to win a full scholarship to the University of Kansas, where he received a B.S. in Education. He went on to complete his graduate work at the University of Kansas School of Law,

distinguishing himself as a Member of the Law Review and securing a Doctorate of Jurisprudence. All while married with two small children and working part time. Immediately upon graduating from law school, Rob began his long career in the oil and gas industry with Phillips Petroleum Company, serving in the company's legal departments in Denver, Colorado; Juneau, Alaska; Austin, Texas and Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

Rob left Phillips in 1976, to settle his family in Austin and joined the Texas Association of Business to represent corporate and business interests before the State Legislature as Senior Vice President. In 1982, Rob embarked on a private legal practice for the next six years, further cementing his reputation as a skillful attorney and lobbyist.

In 1988, Rob came on board the Texas Oil and Gas Association (TXOGA). During his 26-year tenure as President of TXOGA, Rob proved himself to be a capable and natural leader, steering the association on its successful course through historic technological changes, establishing industry safety and responsible production of natural resources, while empowering the Texas Economy. In partnership with Texas Mutual Insurance Company, he established the TXOGA Insurance Agency and the TXOGA Workers' Compensation Safety Group, a model program in the state. Through real estate investments, Rob secured the location where TXOGA continues operations in downtown Austin. Rob served on the Interstate Oil & Gas Compact Commission and the U.S. Oil and Gas Association, in addition to other state and national industry boards. Upon his retirement in 2014,

TXOGA bestowed its highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award, acknowledging his lifetime achievements by the leaders of the oil and natural gas industry.

Rob served as an Austin Club Board Member for 34 years, 19 of which as President, from 1988 to 2007. Rob chaired the committee in selection of the Historic Millet Opera House as the future home of the Austin Club. In 2019, the Austin Club honored Rob's years of dedicated service with the redesign and dedication of The Looney Suite. The Austin Club was a place where Rob was surrounded by friends and colleagues.

Rob retired to Evant with his wife Charlotte in 2014. He became an active member of the community, serving as president of the Evant Chamber of Commerce, along with spearheading projects to improve the community that he loved, including the Evant I.S.D. Heritage Foundation.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Helen Smith Looney; sister, Janice Weldin; brother, Charles Looney; and beloved hunting dogs Jeb and Harry.

Rob is survived by his wife, Charlotte Bennight Looney; daughters, Stacy Looney, Krissy Lilledahl and their mother, Linda Strang Looney; son-in-law, Bobby Lilledahl; grandchildren, Lila Grace, Jace and Elli Lilledahl; Charlotte's children, Sheldon Bennight and wife, Jessica and their son, Jackson; Shelley Barrett and her children, Gracie and Jett; brothers, Walter Looney and wife, Lyndeen, Larry Looney and wife, Jenel, Donald Looney and wife, Sue, Harold Looney and wife, Chris.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Evant I.S.D. Heritage Foundation, P.O. Box 113, Evant, TX 76525.

MICHAEL DAVID JACKSON May 2, 1958 - Nov. 29, 2022



Michael David Jackson, age 64, of Brownwood passed away on Tuesday, November 29, 2022, at his residence.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m., Monday, December 5, at New Beginnings Church with Pastor Kelly Crenshaw officiating. Graveside services were held at 2 p.m., Monday at Restland Cemetery in Gatesville. Arrangements are under the direction of Blaylock Funeral Home of Brownwood.

Michael was born on May 2, 1958, in Odessa to Charles Elmer Jackson and Wilda Louise (Whisenhunt) Jackson. He married Lorenna (Lori) Stanley on September 22, 1975. Michael served his country in the Navy from 1975 - 1981. He worked as a route salesman for Roy-sales Company and Jackson Distributing and was active

in the Jaycees from 1989 - 1998. Michael was very much a family man and enjoyed playing computer games.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Lorenna (Lori) Jackson; his son-in-law, Todd Vanmeter; and his grandsons, Chance C. Vanmeter and Adam Y. Vanmeter. He is also survived by nephews, many cousins, and friends.

Michael was preceded in death by his parents, Charlie

and Wilda Jackson; his brothers, Roy Nelson Jackson, Elmer Jackson, and Clois Jackson; his daughter, Kimberly Michele Vanmeter; and his grandparents, Elmer and Ollie Jackson, and Robert and Minnie Whisenhunt.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial donations be made to Corrine T. Smith Animal Center.

Online condolences for the family are welcome at www.blaylockfuneralhome.com.

County, District Clerk offices hours to change in January

The Coryell County Clerk's Office, joined by the District Clerk's Office, will be changing their hours of operation beginning Tuesday, Jan. 3. The County Clerk's office, normally closed for lunch 12-1 p.m., will now remain open. The office will close early at 4:30 p.m. each weekday. After-hours

appointments can be made for those needing to come in between 4:30 and

5 p.m. The District Clerk's Office will also remain open during their scheduled lunch hour and will close each day at 4 p.m.

"I think this will be beneficial for all concerned," Coryell County Clerk Jennifer Newton said.



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MILK AND COOKIES WITH SANTA: Gatesville Public Library with host a 'milk and cookies with Santa' day on Dec. 14.

Milk, cookies with Santa set for Dec. 14

The Gatesville Public Library will be presenting "Milk and Cookies with Santa" on Wednesday, Dec. 14, at 11 a.m. Children will be able to enjoy milk and cookies while listening to a story read by Santa Claus. The event is free, and the entire

family is welcome to attend. Those planning to attend should remember to bring a camera/phone so that they can have their photo made with Santa.

The Gatesville Public Library is located at 111 N. 8th Street.



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DONATION PRESENTED: Members of the VFW Post 8577 presented a donation check to Sharon Meyers for the funding of Winter Wonderland to assist Hidden Gem during the holiday season. Seated is Sharon Meyers, while standing, from left, are commander of the post, Ron Abrahamson; quartermaster, Michael Anastasio; president of the auxillary, Lucy Anastasio; and senior vice commander, Bill Abel.



COURTESY PHOTO

GATESVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY: The modern Gatesville Public Library opened its doors for operation on January 21, 2003.

Winter Wonderland walkthrough and toy drive to get underway Dec. 17

DAVID SCOTT
Staff Writer

The 2022 Gatesville Winter Wonderland Walkthrough and Toy Drive will be held on Saturday, Dec. 17, from 5 p.m. until 10 p.m. Pictures can be made with Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus, the Grinch, Krampus and more. A new attraction this year

will be a train ride that will cost \$1 per rider. Winter Wonderland Walkthrough will take place at 1518 Golf Course Road.

In the walkthrough, there will be numerous decorated Christmas trees, inflatables, and many Christmas decorations. The 2021 event also had live actors, including Santa Claus and The Grinch. Approximately 1,500

visitors came to last year's event, and the number of toys collected ensured that more than 70 children in the Coryell County area had presents to open on Christmas morning.

The admission price for the Winter Wonderland is a new unwrapped toy. Monetary donations will also

be accepted. All toys and proceeds will be donated to families of Coryell County through the Hidden Gem Family Center.

The Winter Wonderland Walkthrough and the Halloween Candy Maze were ideas first conceived by Sharon Meyers and her husband, John, to benefit children in the community.



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WPA CORNERSTONE: Judge Miller displays the Work Projects Administration (WPA) stone, which was located on the old Coryell Hospital.

Old hospital's WPA marker stone to be given new home

The Work Projects Administration cornerstone, which had been attached to the old Coryell Memorial Hospital building for 80 years, was recently removed during the demolition of the building and given to Coryell County Judge Roger Miller. Miller said that the stone would either be given to Coryell Health Hospital for display or to the Coryell Museum

and Historical Center. The hospital was constructed between 1942 and 1943 by the Work Projects Administration (WPA), originally known as the Works Progress Administration. Over its eight years of existence, the WPA put roughly 8.5 million of Americans to work. The WPA workers built more than 4,000 new school buildings, erected 130 new hospitals, laid

roughly 9,000 miles of storm drains and sewer lines, and built 29,000 new bridges.

In constructing the hospital in Gatesville, the WPA workers quarried Coryell County Limestone to construct the walls of the structure. A few other WPA buildings still remain in Coryell County.

Benefit Dec. 17 for Wade Key

From Staff Reports

On Saturday, Dec. 17, a benefit will be held for Wade Key and his family. Join the community in supporting the Key family in its fight against cancer. The benefit will be held at the Gatesville Civic Center.

There will be a barbeque lunch at 11 a.m., and the cost will be \$10 per plate or donation. At noon, a cornhole tournament will begin

and will cost \$50 per team. Contact Payton George for more information about the tournament.

A raffle, door prizes, and an auction will also take place at the event. The items will include gift baskets, a \$200 Leon River Gift Certificate, a Glock 43X 9mm, an AR-15 223/ 5.56, Tokarev 12-gauge shotgun, a deep freeze, a fire pit and grill, a Management Buck Hunt and a Black Buck/Axis

Doe Hunt.

Sponsors of the benefit will be Mid-Tex Plumbing, TJ Electric, Stone Creek Ranch, S&S Fencing, Guns Unlimited, Sugar & Spice Catering, J&M's Hill Country BBQ and Diamond C Ranch.

Payton George can be contacted at 254-223-0207. The Gatesville Civic Center is located at 301 Veterans Memorial Loop in Gatesville.

MERRY Christmas!

Christmas Celebration

CENTRAL TEXAS
HOSPITALITY HOUSE

Offering Hope & Encouragement to Families

DATE: DECEMBER 13, 2022
TIME: 6:00pm-8:30pm
WHERE: 708 Hwy. 36 West
Gatesville, TX 76528

Family Event With:
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PERSONAL STRUGGLES: Family members and friends may be isolated or dealing with loss around the holidays.

Centex Crime Stoppers asks citizens to be aware of those who may be suffering with personal struggles during holidays

As many of us are preparing to gather with friends and family this holiday season, let us take a moment to be aware of those who may be suffering with personal struggles. Please be cognizant of family members, friends, and those around us who may be isolated or dealing with loss. While the Coryell County Sheriff's Office has a Crisis Intervention Unit, they are often unavailable due to high call volume during the holidays.

An additional option for assisting someone you know experiencing a mental health crisis is the Mobile Crisis Outreach Team (MCOT).

This is a team of Qualified Mental Health Professionals (QMHP) who are available to assess those in need either in person (if available) and by apps such as FaceTime. You can contact them by dialing 1-800-888-4036 where a certified intake specialist will take the initial information. If further assessment is needed, a QMHP will return your call for more specific information and to assist in forming a plan of action.

This time of year can be especially difficult for many but, as always, the more we watch out for each other the safer we all are.

If you have any informa-

tion about any case or any local crime, call Centex Crime Stoppers 24 hours a day at 1-254-865-8477 (TIPS) or visit our website at www.centexcrimestoppers.org or by downloading the "P3" mobile app available on both the Apple app store and Google Play Store. You never have to give your name. If your information leads to an arrest, you may be eligible for a cash reward.

Crime Stoppers, citizens, police, and the media working together can make our community a safer place to live. Together we can make a difference.

First Methodist Church to hold Christmas musical Dec. 11

First Methodist Church representatives are asking that residents prepare their hearts for the holiday season as the First Methodist Chancel Choir, joined by other talented singers in the community, perform

Glorious Impossible on Sunday, Dec. 11, at 6 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

The musical, written by Russell Mauldin, sings of the miracle of Christmas. The director will be Charles Ament, accompa-

nied by Rosemary Whittle and soloist Mary Kafer.

Admission will be free. First Methodist Church is located at 2600 E. Main Street in Gatesville.



COURTESY PHOTO

COUNTRY CLUB CHRISTMAS: Gatesville Country Club to host Christmas party.

Gatesville Country Club hosts Christmas party

From Staff Reports

The Gatesville Country Club will hold a Christmas party on Saturday, Dec. 17, at 7 p.m.

The country club will provide live music, plenty of drink specials, karaoke,

dancing and lots of finger foods. There will be door prizes for everyone to have a chance to win.

The Gatesville Country Club Santa will be at the party as well for picture-taking. There will be an ugly sweater contest, and

the winning prize will be \$100.

Be sure to RSVP at the clubhouse. The Gatesville Country Club is located at 1308 Golf Course Road in Gatesville and can be reached at 254-965-6917.

DISPATCH

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of December 4 - 7. While there were many calls to the dispatcher, this is a partial list of more significant activity. Persons are reminded that only emergency calls should be made to 9-1-1, while all other calls to the police department should be made to 865-2226 or to the Sheriff's office at 865-7201.

CITY OF GATESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Dec. 4

2:10 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 4100 block of S. State Hwy. 36.

1:20 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 6300 block of FM 116.

2:03 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 3400 block of Imperial Drive.

3:21 p.m., an intoxicated driver was reported in the 9000 block of S. State Hwy. 36.

5:53 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 800 block of S. 7th Street.

8:07 p.m., an accident was reported in the 100 block of S. 23rd Street.

Dec. 5

4:26 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 10000 block of S. State Hwy. 36.

7:10 a.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 4000 block of W. Hwy. 84.

9:10 a.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 300 block of Carroll Drive.

12:01 p.m., a theft was reported in the 100 block of River Place West.

12:10 p.m., an assault was reported in the 300 block of N. 14th Street.

1:49 p.m., a threat was reported in the 2600 block of Powell Drive.

Dec. 6

6:03 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 200 block of Lutterloh Avenue.

9:00 a.m., a theft was reported in the 1400 block of Mill Street.

1:13 p.m., harassment was reported in the 100 block of N. 30th Street.

3:10 p.m., an accident was reported in the 300 block of E. Main Street.

3:57 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of E. Leon Street.

7:08 p.m., an accident was

reported in the 1400 block of E. Main Street.

Dec. 7

10:29 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of Gateway Circle.

12:30 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 15000 block of FM 107.

3:03 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 2000 block of Waco Street.

4:10 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 3300 block of E. Main Street.

6:09 p.m., a theft was reported in the 400 block of Park Street.

7:00 p.m., reckless conduct was reported in the 4400 block of S. State Hwy. 36.

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Dec. 4

2:11 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 4100 block of S. Hwy. 36.

10:06 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported on FM 2657.

1:20 p.m., a possible fire was reported in the 6300 block of FM 116.

3:57 p.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 100 block of Spotted Fawn Road.

5:20 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 10000 block of Hwy. 36.

6:40 p.m., a missing person was reported in the 700 block of Bluestem Drive.

Dec. 5

9:47 a.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 9600 block of S. Hwy. 36.

11:18 a.m., a dog bite was reported in the 14000 block of S. Hwy. 36.

12:09 p.m., harassment was reported in the 900 block of Straws Mill Road.

3:09 p.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of Mulberry.

6:25 p.m., a fatality was reported in the 3800 block of FM 1829.

9:28 p.m., poaching was reported in the 2700 block of Pine Circle.

Dec. 6

7:53 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 1600 block of FM 1996.

9:24 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of Tally Road.

10:10 a.m., a major accident was reported on FM 929 at CR 245.

1:43 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 6300 block of E. Hwy. 84.

4:12 p.m., harassment was reported in the 1000 block of Lutheran Church Road.

6:24 p.m., the burglary of a habitation was reported in the 3400 block of CR 318.

Dec. 7

7:15 a.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 100 block of Old Fort Gates Road.

9:36 a.m., a scam was reported in the 600 block of E. Hwy. 84.

11:52 a.m., identity theft was reported in the 300 block of FM 107.

12:30 p.m., an out-of-control burn was reported on FM 107 and CR 339.

6:06 p.m., a possible fire was reported in the 1000 block of Twin Mountain Road.

6:45 p.m., a minor accident was reported in the 12000 block of E. Hwy. 84.

'Christmas on the Square' in Evant set for Dec. 17

The Evant Chamber of Commerce will host "Christmas on the Square" on Saturday, Dec. 17 from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend and enjoy Christmas carols and a visit with Santa. Shop for holiday treats, crafts, funnel cakes, cookies and

much more.

Payment methods will include cash, Venmo, and PayPal.

Vendors are wanted as well with no vendor fee required. Food trucks, TABC licensed beer and wine, home décor, Christmas décor, sweets, scents and

novelty items.

If interested in attending, visit www.evantchamber.org or email EvantChamberinfo@gmail.com for the map and vendor apps. The Evant Christmas on the Square will be located on Hwy. 281 in Evant.

Gatesville Adaptive Sports offer soccer league

Gatesville Adaptive Sports recently announced that registration for their Adaptive Soccer League is now available online starting Monday, Dec. 5. Gatesville Adaptive Sports is an organization which helps

children and adults with special needs ages 5 to 22.

The soccer league will begin in February and will be free of charge. To sign up for the soccer league, visit <http://www.teamssideline.com/sites/GatesvilleTx/>

current-programs. Volunteers are always needed and can register on the same site as well.

For more information, call the Gatesville Fitness Center at 254-865-4012.

Susan P. Pitts Memorial essay Scholarship underway

The time has come for the release of the 2023 Susan Patricia Pitts Memorial Scholarship, sponsored by the John H. Reagan Chapter 325 in Gatesville.

Noting their 10th anniversary of the scholarship, the chapter started the scholarship fund, but some of the ladies decided to personalize the scholarship by naming it after the mother of one of the charter members whom they also knew

while growing up.

Mrs. Pitts was very devoted and a big cheerleader for her daughter's education. Together, she and her husband made not only their daughter's educational experiences more memorable, but they also spread the love by including her classmates as well, when able.

The scholarship is open to any high school or collegiate (vocational or schol-

arly) students who either attend school in Coryell and Hamilton counties or have the home residency of Coryell or Hamilton counties.

There is an essay requirement. For information about the requirements and rules, please email johnhreagan325udc@yahoo.com.

The scholarship essay will be due by 11:59 p.m. on April 15, 2023.



HOUSES OF WORSHIP

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BETHEL HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH: 3835 CR 127, Gatesville; Sunday services - Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m.

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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.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF EVANT: Dane Barron, pastor; 200 Live Oak Street, Evant; Sunday services - Sunday School 9:45 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m., adult Bible study 6 p.m.; Wednesday services - kids' and youth Bible study 6 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF FLAT: 9775 TX-36, Gatesville; Sunday School 9 a.m.; Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.; Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study 7 p.m.; Wednesday Youth Group & Kid Knights 7 p.m.; Wednesday Supper first Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m.; Men's Breakfast second Saturday of each month at 7:30 a.m.

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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF OGLESBY: 120 College Ave., Oglesby, Tx 76561; Sunday morning services - Sunday School 10:00 am, Worship 11:00 am; Wednesday evenings - supper at 5:40 pm, Kids & Youth Group 6:00 pm, Prayer meeting 6:00 pm; Jeremy Sanders, Pastor.

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.

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

JONESBORO BAPTIST CHURCH: Matt Dossey, pastor; 11420 North State Hwy. S, Jonesboro; Sunday services - Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship 10:50 a.m.

KING BAPTIST CHURCH: Charles W. McKamie, pastor; 6730 FM 1783, Gatesville; Sunday services - Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m., evening worship 6 p.m.

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MOUNTAIN BAPTIST CHURCH: Rev. Kurt Fuessel, pastor; 6319 US-84, Gatesville; Sunday services - Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship

Seek Holiness First

Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. —Hebrews 12:14 NIV



Joy can be had without the psychological feeling of happiness. A deeper sense of joy is often the result when we know that we have done the right thing, despite things not working out happily. Sometimes in the midst of tragedy the most that we can hope for is that we have done the right thing and that our integrity is intact. Our culture is so focused on the shallowest version of happiness, i.e., the psychological or emotional feeling of happiness, that we sometimes lose sight of holiness. Seek holiness first, not happiness, and realize that sometimes happiness is just not part of the plan. This can be hard to accept, because we think that justice and fairness should reward virtue with happiness. But remember that virtue is the very thing that makes us deserving of happiness and there are many seemingly happy people who are lacking in virtue. — Christopher Simon

11 a.m., evening worship 6 p.m. Prayer meeting 7:00 p.m. Wednesday.

OSAGE BAPTIST CHURCH: Chris Thomas, pastor; 7505 FM 185, Gatesville; Sunday services - Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m.

PEARL COUNTRY CHURCH: 2082 FM 1690, Gatesville; Sunday morning worship 10 a.m.

PECAN GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH: 6545 FM 107, Gatesville; Sunday services - Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m.

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

PLEASANT VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH: Chris Post, Pastor; CR 301, Jonesboro, TX; Sunday school at 10 a.m. and Sunday worship at 11 a.m.

PRIMERO IGLESIA EMANUEL: One mile north of Evant, Hwy. 281; Sunday services - Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m.

PURMELA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH: 875 FM-932, Purmela; Sunday services - Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m.

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

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

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH: Bro. Sam Crosby, Pastor; 1506 West Main, Gatesville; Sunday services - Sunday School 9:30 a.m., morning worship 10:50 a.m. Wednesday night services - activities for adults, youth, and children 6:30 p.m. Email: trinitybctx2@centurylink.net. Church: 254-865-8495 or Pre-school: 254-248-0041.

TURNERSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH: Jon Crosby, Pastor; 8120 FM 182, Gatesville; Sunday services - Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m., Wednesday night Bible study, 6 p.m.

WESTVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH: Interim Pastor: Eddie Taylor; 1102 West Main Street, Gatesville; Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m.

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

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worship 6 p.m.

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EVANT METHODIST CHURCH: 235 US-281, Evant, Dennis Dutton, Pastor; Sunday morning worship 10 a.m.

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CORYELL FELLOWSHIP CHURCH: Doran Belknap III, Pastor; Sunday service 11:00 a.m., 8205 FM 182, Turnersville; (254) 218-5901.

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New pickleball courts have been installed at Raby Park near pool

BY DAVID SCOTT
Staff Writer

The Gatesville Parks and Recreation Department recently installed two regulation Pickleball courts at Raby Park. The courts are located adjacent to the City Pool and Skate Park and were opened for public use on Nov. 30.

Parks and Recreation Director, Seth Phillips, said that Pickleball is “the fastest growing sport in the United States.” Phillips said that future pickleball leagues and tournaments will be announced at a later date.

For those asking what pickleball is, Gatesville Parks and Recreation Department explained that pickleball is a fast-growing and fun sport that combines many elements of tennis, badminton, and ping-pong. It is played both indoors and outdoors on a badminton-sized court with a slightly modified tennis net. Players use a paddle and plastic ball with holes.

The game is played as doubles or singles.

Pickleball was “born” in Bainbridge Island, Washington. The founders were Joel Pritchard, Bill Bell, and Barney McCallum. Pritchard’s wife, Joan, a rower, named the game after the poorest performing rowers who populated what crew aficionados called the pickle boat. Many reports that the sport was named after the family dog, Pickles, turned out to be incorrect as the dog was born five years after pickleball was first played in Pritchard’s vacation backyard.

Thousands of pickleball players comprise a wide cross section of the population. Seniors, juniors, adults, men, and women enjoy the physicality as well as the feelings of camaraderie the sport invokes.

With the recent creation of the two pickleball courts, Gatesville has now joined the rest of the country in the fun recreational sport.



DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

PICKLEBALL COMES TO GATESVILLE: Two regulation Pickleball courts have now been installed at Raby Park.



COURTESY PHOTO

THE RED NAIL: Sandra Tatum reflects on her childhood and a red nail used to hang her clothing on.

The Red Nail

Reflections of Sandra Tatum as told to her daughter, Se’Vette Early

BY SE’VETTE TATUM
Contributing Writer

Mother has had compliments on her article titled “The Eggs Froze Under the Bed” which appeared in the Sept. 16 issue of The Gatesville Messenger.

I took it upon myself for more stories from her. She said she did not feel she was a really great writer, but she would tell me stories and I could write them down – so here goes.

I asked her if they were embarrassed when visitors came to see them, and their clothes could be seen hanging on a nail. She said that they didn’t have that many clothes to begin with and actually no nail was crowded, but she decided to use her mom’s red fingernail polish and painted her nail red so it would be pretty. Sister dear was determined to do something with her nail, so she used Christmas ribbon

and made streamers to hang down. “Now at least everyone knew our nails!”

She also said if we watch the cowboy movies you will notice those people used nails in their homes back then; customs are passed on, as they still are about different ways of living. For instance, we don’t say icebox, we say refrigerator and deep freezer. She continued on that subject about, she can still see in her mind the huge, thick quilt her mama used to wrap a block of ice in to bring the ice home from Gatesville to put in the bottom of their icebox to try and keep some foods at least cool. Even in the

winter months she did this; actually the ice lasted quite awhile even though the fireplace was still roaring – “remember, we had to be kinda warm.”

Thought for the day: “Yes, I do love my refrigerator and am so thankful for modern conveniences – as I think most of us are. I’ve read that red is not to be used when decorating a room because it might make some people feel angry, but my red nail made us happy, or at least it did me – and no I didn’t get in trouble for using mom’s red fingernail polish, and I did not spill any of it either! Lucky me and my pretty red nail!”

Fitness Center sets Santa Sprint Dec. 17 at Gatesville city pool

From Staff Reports

The Gatesville Fitness Center will hold a Santa Sprint race on Saturday, Dec. 17. The Christmas-themed race will begin at 7 a.m. and will start and finish at the Gatesville City Pool.

The 5K and 10K will have prizes awarded to the top three male and female runners in each age group. The

Kids K will complete two laps around the top half of Raby Park (0.76 miles). The Kids K will include the ages of 12 and under. Christmas-themed medals will be given to each participant.

Tickets for the 10K and 5K will cost \$25, and the prices will increase after Wednesday, Dec. 14, at 11:59 p.m. The Kids K will cost \$15 per ticket, and registration will close on Dec. 14 at 11:59

p.m. It will reopen for the Kids K on Saturday, Dec. 17, at 12 a.m.

Tickets can be bought by visiting runsignup.com/gatesvillesantasprint. The Gatesville City Pool is located at 300 South 8th Street in Gatesville. For more information on the Santa Sprint, contact the Gatesville Fitness Center at 254-865-4012.

Central Texas Hospitality House to host public Christmas Celebration

The Central Texas Hospitality House will host their Christmas Celebration on Tuesday, Dec. 13 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

The celebration will include various family activities. There will be a special nutcracker exhibit, a bounce house, live music, door prizes, refreshments, a tour of the Central Texas



Hospitality House, and a live Christmas story with a free giveaway for the kids.

The Christmas Celebration is given as an appreciation celebration with the Gatesville community, families, and surrounding

areas for their support of the Central Texas Hospitality House.

The Central Texas Hospitality House is located at 708 Highway 36 in Gatesville. For more information, contact 254-404-2260 or email cthospitalityhouse@gmail.com.

NOVEMBER EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Department Head of the Month:
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Courtney is one of our Assistant Directors of Nursing. She has recently been working overtime and is helping cover shifts! Through it all, she has stayed positive and is always helpful!

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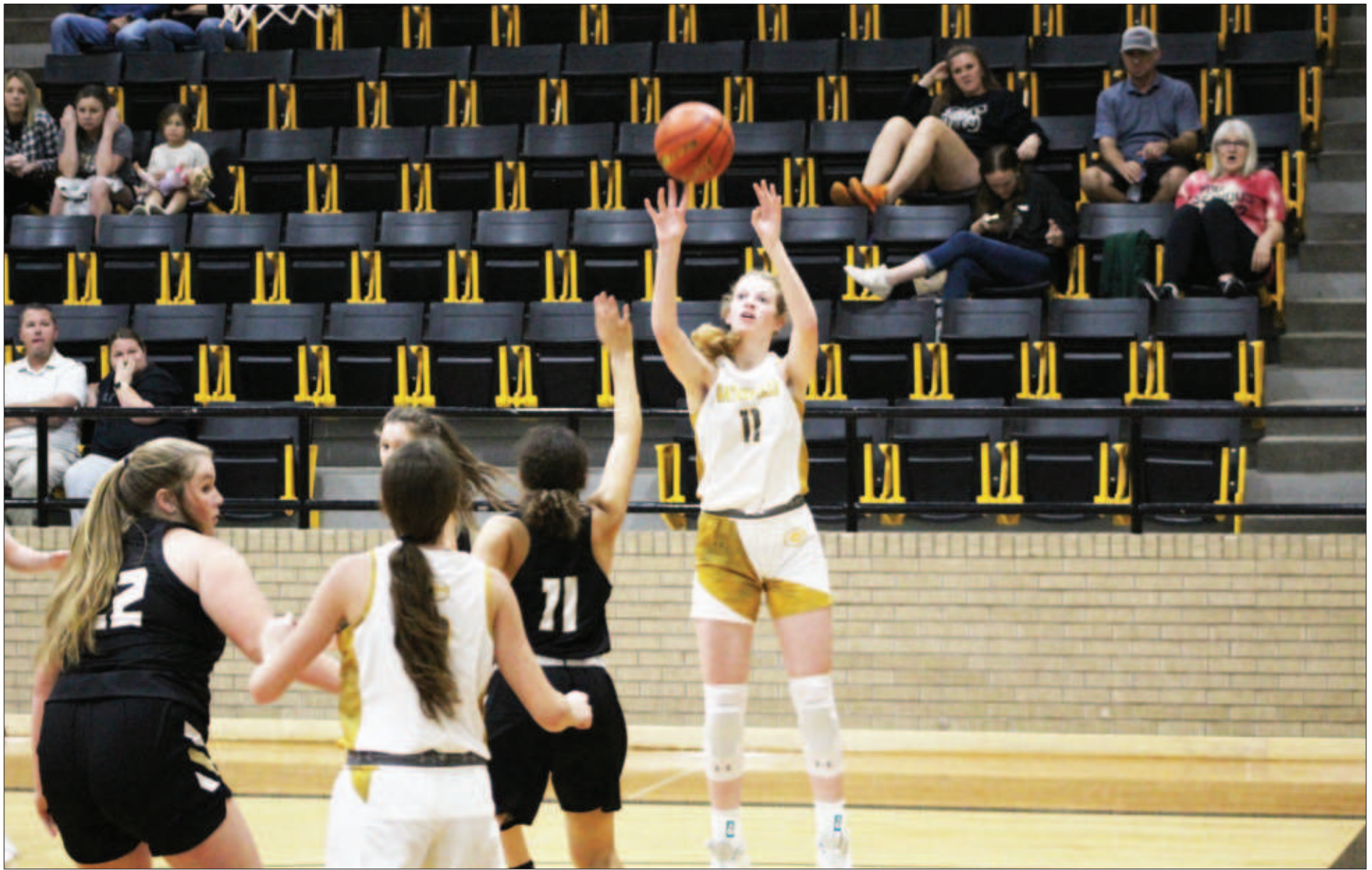
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- ▶ 33.43 acres, near Coryell City, Coryell County, FM 929 & CR 260 frontage, rolling terrain, good views. \$295,000
- ▶ 36 +/- acres west of Evant, TX, Hamilton County. Scattered tree cover & rolling terrain, Fiber Optic Internet Service, you will need to drill a water well. \$387,000
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Hornets bounce back vs. McGregor



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Kagen Hunt races down court for the Hornets in Gatesville's 34-17 home victory over the McGregor Bulldogs on Dec. 6.



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Emma Polard takes a shot in the Gatesville Hornets' win over the McGregor Bulldogs on Dec. 6.

Hornet boys 9-1 heading into Hamilton basketball tournament



COURTESY PHOTO

Gatesville sophomore West Allman looks to pass the ball in a game vs. Academy. The Hornets were 9-1 heading into the Hamilton Tournament.

Oglesby Junior High basketball teams split with Abbott Panthers

By Tom Norrell
Contributing writer

The Oglesby Junior High School A team captured its first win of the season Dec. 5, taking down the Abbott Panthers A team in a home game, 32-28.

Holdyn Goff got back in rhythm, pumping in a team-high 23 points for the Tigers, and also pulled down seven rebounds and had one assist and one steal.

Abram Shaw had four points, three rebounds and three steals. Jaxon Markum posted three points, four rebounds and one

steal. Javon Howard scored two points and grabbed six rebounds. Aiden Oxford had four rebounds. Kayson Campbell and Mason Marquez each had three rebounds. The Tigers are scheduled to travel to Live Oak Dec. 12.

The Oglesby Junior High B Team dropped a

game to the Abbott Panthers B team, 14-0.

Logan Ewing pulled in five rebounds and had three steals for the Tigers, while Ashton Thompson had four rebounds. Rylan Hughes and Couper Wulfkhule each had two rebounds.

Mooney named co-MVP in district



BY CHRIS ALLMAN
Sports Correspondent

Lawson Mooney was named the Co-Defensive MVP and eight Hornets were named to the First Team as the 11-4A All-District selections were recently released.

Mooney, just a junior, adds another superlative to an already long list. He was a First Team All-District selection in District 6-4A in 2021 and was named the Defensive Newcomer of the Year in 2020. In 2022 he had a remarkable 161 tackles including six for a loss. He shares the 2022 award with Connally's Jamarie Wiggins.

Mooney had a pair of interceptions, four pass breakups, and a sack on the defensive side and scored a receiving touchdown in the Hornets season opener. There is no official record for "opponents who needed help off the field" but Mooney is likely in contention to be the all-time leader.

"You never have to tell him 'giddy up,'" head coach Aaron Hunter said. "He sets the energy of our team. He has one speed and I'm not going to be the one to tell him to slow down."

The Hornets' defense had three players named to the first team in seniors Lucas Garcia, Mason Mooney, and Kason Herbelin.

Garcia anchored the Hornets' defensive line with 12 tackles for a loss, four forced fumbles, and three sacks. Mooney had 130 tackles - five for a loss - and forced three fumbles.

Herbelin turned in a near-record year for a Gatesville cornerback by intercepting six passes including two each in wins over McGregor and Robinson. He also teamed with Sean Aguilar for the Hornets epic goal line stop to beat Mineral Wells 30-29.

On the offensive side, seniors Trevor Smith, Kyle Shafer, Steven Bomar, and Carter

Williams and junior Jacob Newkirk were named to the first team.

Smith finished the season with 60 catches for 733 yards and six touchdowns. The three-year letterman also wraps his career as the Hornets all-time leader in career receptions - a feat made even more notable when considering that Smith played with three different starting quarterbacks in three seasons.

Shafer, who filled the Hornets' tight end role, finished tied for the team lead in receiving touchdowns with six and added a pair of two-point conversion catches as well. None bigger than his touchdown receptions and conversion catch with 22 seconds left to push the Hornets past Taylor in their season opener.

Those scores were made possible thanks in part to the arm of Newkirk, who threw 21 touchdown passes on the season. His defining district game was the Hornets win over Salado when he threw six touchdown passes and one two-point conversion score.

Bomar was the anchor of a young offensive line while Williams averaged 33 yards per punt with a season-long of 52 yards.

Gatesville posted six to the all-district second team. Senior Thiele Alvarado, senior Ashtyn Culley, and junior Sean Aguilar were defensive selections while senior Tyler Shea and juniors Zach Bryant and Gabe Charles were chosen from the offensive side.

Seven Hornets received honorable mentions: senior Tatum Taylor, juniors LJ Hall, Adrian Smith, Colton Taylor, Tommy Aaron, and Tookie Jones and sophomore Rayshon Smith.

Connally running back Kiefer Sibley was named district MVP while his teammate Jelani McDonald was the Offensive MVP. Connally also swept the lineman superlatives while Madisonville's Tristan Whaley was the Offensive Newcomer of the Year.

The Cadets led all teams with 16 superlatives or first team selections followed by Madisonville with twelve. The Hornets had nine while Salado had six picks. Robinson had a pair of first team selections.

JEFF OSBORNE | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER
Lawson Mooney, who has had a strong impact on the Hornet defense for two seasons, was named the co-MVP on defense for District 11-4A. Good news for Gatesville football fans is that Mooney will be back for his senior year in 2023.

Send your sports items to jeff@gatesvillemessenger.com

Next stop: ULM



Gatesville High School senior Carlo Martinez (center, seated) officially signed a letter of intent to continue his education and athletic career at the University of Louisiana-Monroe. Martinez will be a member of the Warhawks cross country team.

Gatesville 7th A team tops La Vega

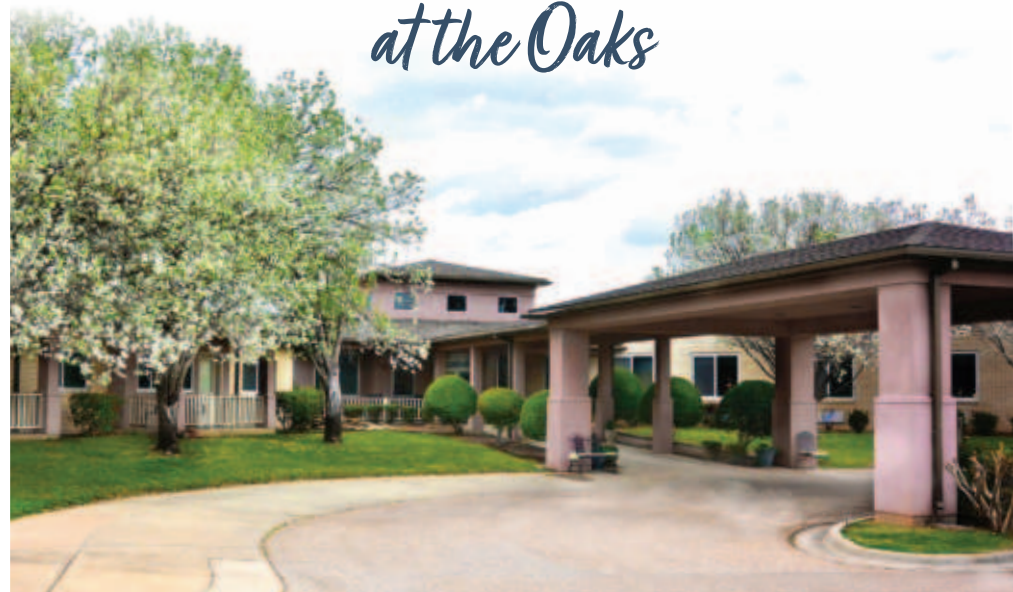
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