



County identifies flood mitigation priorities for possible grants

BY JEFF OSBORNE
Senior Writer & Editor

Coryell County leaders, working in partnership with Natural Resources Solutions (NRS) consultants, have identified several projects to enhance the safety of the community and will submit grant applications in hope of getting state or federal funding for those improvements.

Members of the Coryell County Commissioners Court are seeking to address flooding concerns throughout the area, and plan to submit a list of 10 priorities to the Texas General Land Office (GLO) for consideration. "We are trying to inventory and address

some problem areas," said Coryell County Judge Roger Miller. "There are more than 70 low-water crossings and an additional 140 named streams and areas of concern. We are working so we can have infrastructure that is as safe as possible."

While additional work could be scheduled as funding becomes available, areas of concern that can be addressed through what the GLO refers to as "shovel-ready projects include:

- * County Road 174 at Plum Creek
- * County Road 182 at Plum Creek
- * County Road 182 at Dry Fork
- * Winters Road at Coryell Creek

* Greenbriar Road at North Greenbriar Creek

* Greenbriar Road at a branch of North Greenbriar Creek

* Big Valley Road at Clark Creek

* County Road 356 at Flint Creek

* Lutheran Church Road at Settlement Branch

* County Road 142 at a branch of Bee House Creek

The county road and bridge department helped to identify the priority areas and considered factors such as the frequency of flooding in an area, whether there have been fatalities attributed to flooding at cer-

tain locations, whether the crossings are on school bus routes, places where people have been trapped by flooding, and places where a high amount of impervious cover (such as asphalt or concrete) create heavy runoff. Areas where substantial future development is projected was also considered.

Justin Latham, director of the county road and bridge department said the proximity of one area to another that experiences flooding was also a factor in compiling the list.

"On Greenbriar Road, the two areas of concern are really close," he said. "If you fix

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GISD shines spotlight on outstanding achievement



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GISD Superintendent Barrett Pollard (left) and Coach Janey Weber stand with members of the GHS volleyball team, which was recognized on Dec. 12 during the Student Spotlight presentation at the GISD Board of Trustees meeting.

GISD volleyball team recognized for winning playoff games

BY JEFF OSBORNE
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In another tip of the cap to the Gatesville High School varsity volleyball team's best showing in a decade, members of the team were honored on Dec. 12 during the Student Spotlight presentation at the Gatesville Independent School District Board of Trustees meeting. "Before the start of the 2022-2023 school year, we chal-

lenged our team sports not simply to make the playoffs but to win a playoff game," said GISD Superintendent Barrett Pollard. "The volleyball team, like in most sports, had ups and downs in the season while facing some stiff competition.

"However, Coach Janey Weber's team peaked at the right time at the end of the season and went on an incredible winning streak. They

defeated the top ranked team in our district (Salado). They defeated Robinson in a tiebreaker game to get third place in district. Then they defeated Georgetown Gateway in the bi-district game and Caldwell in the area game."

Those on the team included: sophomore Vania Martinez, junior Barrett Boyd, junior Laura Trejo, sophomore Ally Penrod, senior Rachel Garrett, senior Charlee Barron,

freshman Emma Pollard, sophomore Tamiyah Miller, senior Kaleigh Haywood, senior Lola Barron, senior Khloe Matthews and freshman Taylor Sanderson.

"It was a very exciting season — they did a great job and won a lot of awards. Coach Weber is in her third year and next year we want you to go all the way to state," Barrett Pollard said.

Several of the Hornets received

District 23-4A honors, including Newcomer of the Year Emma Pollard, first-team selections Lola Barron and Haywood; second-team selection Charlee Barron; and honorable mention choices Barrett Boyd, Khloe Matthews and Tamiyah Miller.

Those earning academic all-district honors were Lola Barron, Boyd, Garrett, Haywood, Martinez, Matthews and Pollard.

GISD aces FIRST financial rating

BY JEFF OSBORNE
Senior Writer & Editor

Another year, another perfect score on the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) for the Gatesville Independent School District.

While superior ratings on the statewide educational accountability ranking have become a habit for the school district, it is not something to be taken for granted, Superintendent Barrett Pollard said during the Dec. 12 board meeting.

"I want to thank (GISD Chief Financial Officer) Darrell (Frazier) and the staff," Pollard said. "He's been short-handed, and the department has worked hard to get this done. It's great to get a 100 but we shouldn't take it for granted. Not all districts do that."

The FIRST report measures several financial as well as academic aspects of school districts. This is the 20th year for the ratings to be issued.

"The primary goal is to achieve quality performance

in the management of school districts' financial resources, a goal made more significant due to the complexity of accounting associated with Texas' school finance system," Frazier said.

"A 100 score puts us in the realm of superior achievement."

Among the criteria measured are a district's financial transparency — that is making financial data available to the public, often through a district's website. Details about a superintendent's contract, and the amount of reimbursement given to the superintendent and school board members are also reported.

"It's a great report, and you guys are used to that — everybody is doing a great job," Frazier said. "It starts with the board and the integrity you have and the direction you give to the superintendent and employees. It extends to the principals, staff and all departments. We have a great staff at the administration building to be able to do this year after year."

City approves street renaming policy

BY JEFF OSBORNE
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The Gatesville City Council approved a street renaming policy and procedure during its Dec. 13 meeting, ending a months-long process.

Council member Claude Williams proposed renaming Mill Street in honor of Carver School, a historically Black school in Gatesville which served generations of local residents. City Manager Bill Parry said the city did not have a formal process for renaming streets, and he worked with the city attorney and got input from Council members on what the policy should include.

As part of the process, notification letters will be sent to property owners along a street suggested for a name change to get their input.

In order to qualify for renaming a street for a person, that individual must be recognized as being exceptional or a dedicated supporter of the community; the person must have made a "lasting and significantly substantial contribution to the betterment of the city"; and "must have had a positive impact on the lives of local residents and

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Santa's Helpers lend a hand at Gatesville Care Center



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Members of the Gatesville High School National Honor Society and GHS athletes helped serve community members at the Gatesville Care Center during the annual gift-giving drive.



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one and not the other, you're really not resolving the issue."

He said that the area identified on County Road 174 "has 58,000 acres of drainage — that's a complicated one. It's a large creek and there would be a lot of engineering in-

olved (in fixing the issue)."

The area at County Road 182 is between 11,000 and 16,000 acres.

Big Valley Road is in the southern part of the county south of Copperas Cove. An analysis showed that nearly half of the area identified is in impervious cover, meaning there is a significant amount of runoff, which creates flooding in the area.

"There's not even a drainpipe in the middle of the subdivision," Latham said.

Steve Manning with NRS said that will help the GLO determine funding opportunities for the county.

"What they're looking for is a list of 10 potential projects with a prioritization list and we'll see what we can get funded," he said.

"I think that's exactly what they're look-

ing for with the projects — the scope — and working with the NRS they (the road and bridge department employees) have come up with about as good of a list as we could ask for," Judge Miller said.

As part of the process, NRS is working on a hazard mitigation plan for Coryell County, which will help the county when it comes to applying for state and federal grants.

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demonstrated an exceptional service record of volunteerism to the community."

A second category allows for the renaming of streets for historic events, places and persons "in recognition of local historical events or places; or city founders, pioneers, and other figures to commemorate the impact of those

events or individuals; or helps identify local community history."

A third category is related to community significance that "fosters a stronger sense of community pride" and "is easily recognizable to members of the community, such as a school mascot."

Guiding principles for renaming a street are that the name "have historical, cultural, or social significance for current and future generations; or the name symbolize a major achievement or ad-

vancement for the community. The name must engender a positive image for the community. The name must be suitable based on the location. The name must not have or contain any unintentional meaning."

As part of the process to rename a street, an initiation letter must be filed providing a detailed explanation for the desired name change and must also include an application. The Council has the right to charge an application fee and a

processing fee, but the amount of those charges was not specified as part of the initial policy directive.

The city manager and city staff will review the application, prepare a map of the specified area and notify property owners. A minimum of 51% of votes of property owners in the area must be in favor of the proposed name change for the proposal to go to the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council.

A public hearing will then be

held by the city before adopting a name change.

In some instances, a proposed name change may originate with the Council itself or through a Council member.

The Council can determine who will pay for the new street signs reflecting the name change.

After a motion to approve the policy by Council member Barbara Burrow, which was seconded by Claude Williams, the measure was unanimously approved.



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FROM MY FRONT PORCH

When at first it doesn't work ... sometimes we just have to call for help

SAM HOUSTON

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

As we age, certain tasks become more difficult to perform and certain problems become more difficult to diagnose. Sometimes it is understandable. After all, people who are in their 80s or 90s are not part of the computer generation, and learning computer lingo and understanding modern electronics can be a rather daunting task.



Houston

When something electronic is "on the fritz," it only seems natural for an elderly person to seek assistance.

When I called my dear sweet Miss Jayne one afternoon this past week, I got an earful. She is 91 and I would match her mental acuity against most anybody of a similar age. At the same time, she does become frustrated when things don't work properly, especially if they are electronic. When she answered the phone, she responded to my warm greeting with saying, "Oh Sam, this day has been hell." Upon hearing the tone of her voice, and the obvious frustration and despair, I was thinking her bad knee was hurting her and kept her from sleeping the night before. She must be in pain! When I asked what was wrong, I quickly learned I was mistaken.

"The TV is out in the living room. It is working in my bedroom, but not in the living room. I can't lie in bed all day watching TV. What am I going to do? I have been bored to death. I do not know who to call, what to do, or what the cable company might have done. Have you paid the bill? This is terrible!"

I immediately told her the bill had been paid, and it made no sense the TV in the living room would be out and the bedroom TV would be on, if the problem was with the cable system. As I made additional inquiry to have an accurate status, she responded that two different people from the assisted living center where she lives tried to make it work and they could not get the TV to come on either.

Being 75 miles away from Jayne and in the middle of the work week, it was impossible for me to simply jump in a car and go and try to rectify the problem. I got on the phone, reached out to the cable company and the soonest I could make an appointment for a diagnosis was for the following day. I relayed the information to Miss Jayne, and she was distraught. How could she survive an additional period with no living room TV? One would think the heavens above were falling.

I drove to see Miss Jayne the next day, arriving immediately after the repair-

man had made his appearance. The very first thing I asked was whether her TV was working. She nodded her head yes and then said, "Don't make me tell you what was wrong." I paused for a few moments. Knowing Jayne like I do, I knew she could not keep anything quiet for very long. "I am so embarrassed. There was nothing wrong with the cable. I had moved some knickknacks on the cabinet which holds the TV and when I did, I covered up the sensor which reads what the remote is telling the TV to do. There was nothing wrong at all. It was all my fault. I feel so foolish."

I did my best to persuade my friend that her mistake was one anyone could make. She seemed to have her spirits lifted to know her transgression was not something limited to the acts of a 91-year-old woman. I proceeded to tell her that just that week I had to have someone in my office demonstrate to me how to use a piece of software that I have used a couple of hundred

times previously. I simply could not remember what I needed to do to make the program do what I needed. She seemed to take comfort that all of us do silly things. We all make mistakes, and all have trouble adapting to new technologies and electronics.

I know things will eventually get even tougher for Jayne, and for me. It is part of the aging process, and simply a fact of life. Maybe the lesson to be learned is to accept our imperfections and laugh at our own silly mistakes. We all make them, no matter our age, and the sooner we can laugh at ourselves for our own transgressions, the better off we will be. Isn't that why they put erasers on pencils?

Thought for the day: No matter how many mistakes you make or how slow your progress, you are still way ahead of those who are not even trying.

Until next time.

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PATRIOT AWARD: ESGR Area 1 Chairman, Ron Rivers, presents Karen Woody with the Secretary of Defense Patriot Award.

Woody receives Secretary of Defense Patriot Award

The Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve routinely recognizes employers with the coveted Secretary of Defense Patriot Award to those who have provided their diligent and unwavering support by going above and beyond their call and scope of their duties to support service members

whom they employ. Employers are nominated by a service member who works directly under their supervision.

A Patriot Award and ESGR 50th year anniversary Commemorative coin was presented on Dec. 13 to Karen Woody who is an employee of The Texas Department

of Criminal Justice Crime Unit located at 1401 South State School Road. Woody was nominated by U.S. Army Reservist, Sergeant First Class Robert Walker who is assigned to The High-Tech Regional Training Site-Maintenance Tobyhanna Pennsylvania.

DISPATCH

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of December 12 - 14. 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. 12**
- 10:56 a.m., a disturbance was reported in the 2300 block of Business Hwy. 36.
- 12:10 p.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 2300 block of Business Hwy. 36.
- 2:30 p.m., an accident was reported in the 1500 block of W. Main Street.
- 3:59 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 500 block of Andrews Street.
- 4:54 p.m., a theft was reported in the 1600 block of W. Main Street.
- 7:02 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2300 block of E. Main Street.
- Dec. 13**
- 7:51 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2500 block of Business Hwy. 36.
- 11:04 a.m., a welfare concern was reported in the

- 1200 block of E. Main Street.
- 12:35 p.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 2600 block of FM 116.
- 12:45 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 2800 block of S. State Hwy. 36.
- 7:20 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 2300 block of Terrace Drive.
- 8:24 p.m., a noise disturbance was reported in the 200 block of N. 14th Street.
- Dec. 14**
- 1:01 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1900 block of E. Main Street.
- 2:02 a.m., a prowler was reported in the 2300 block of Bridge Street.
- 11:54 a.m., an accident was reported in the 2400 block of S. Business Hwy. 36.
- 3:26 p.m., a structure fire was reported in the 1200 block of Bridge Street.
- 4:08 p.m., suspicious ac-

- tivity was reported in the 100 block of Straws Mill Road.
- 6:46 p.m., an accident was reported in the 2400 block of FM 116.

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- CORYELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**
- Dec. 12**
- 2:23 a.m., livestock was reported missing in the 8600 block of FM 182.

- 8:20 a.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 200 block of Tom Sawyer.
- 1:15 p.m., a minor accident was reported on N. 1st Street and FM 116.
- 2:14 p.m., a theft was reported in the 5300 block of E. Hwy. 84.
- 5:47 p.m., vandalism was reported in the 100 block of Slater Road.
- 7:55 p.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 2600 block of State Hwy. 236.
- Dec. 13**
- 1:29 a.m., an assault was reported in the 2700 block of Tanglewood Drive.
- 7:16 a.m., a minor accident was reported in the 1500 block of CR 274.
- 10:05 a.m., a theft was reported in the 800 block of Estate.
- 12:06 p.m., a possible fire was reported in the 1000

- block of Blue Stem Drive.
- 2:01 p.m., animal neglect was reported in the 400 block of CR 143.
- 7:44 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 100 block of W. Mooney Avenue.
- Dec. 14**
- 1:53 a.m., an attempted break-in was reported in the 2300 block of Bridge Street.
- 8:50 a.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 100 block of Avenue C.
- 10:14 a.m., a civil matter was reported in the 2100 block of Circle Drive.
- 3:30 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 100 block of Leisure Acres.
- 4:36 p.m., a major accident was reported near H.E.B.
- 6:46 p.m., a minor accident was reported in the 2400 block of FM 116.

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MOUND NEWS

Mound celebrates many birthdays in December

BARBARA HOPSON
Mound News Correspondent

Weekend before last, the Mann girls showed at the Jonesboro Jackpot Pig Show. Matti won champion Duroc and Lillie won showmanship.



Hopson

Lillie Mann had her Christmas Choir Concert Friday evening in Gatesville.

Shelby Mann graduated from Stephen F. Austin State University.

Charlotte McGhee will be honored by her parents, Chase and Kelsey McGhee, on her first birthday Saturday, Dec. 17.

Devan, Staci, Elli, Jenson, and Molli Kinnear Brase traveled to Waco on Dec. 9 to see the Christmas lights at Harris Creek.

Several people from Mound attended The Christmas Celebration held Tuesday evening in Gatesville at the Central Texas Hospital-ity House.

Several Mound residents attended the annual Christmas Open House Friday evening at the First National Bank in Gatesville.

Several people from Mound attended the annual

Christmas Parade Saturday morning. This year's theme was "Tis the Reason for the Season."

Those who had birthdays in the month of December were Joshua Tatum, Vivian Moore, Emma Blakley, Brad Barnard, Truett Pullen, Jacklyn Pullen, Bailey Gohlke, Robert Poynter, Gail Weaver, Blayn Smith, Kelli McPherson, Jill Winkler, Aspen Watts, Cilli Brookshire, Katie Hopson, Sarah Turner, Hellen Piller, Hollie Jones, Connie Montgomery, Debbie Tatum, Jacqueline Jones, Tammy Pruettt Russell, Joshua Cole, Richard Bryant, K.T. Botkin and Renee Leon.

Barbara's Notes: Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. I will start back with my news in January of 2023. And I want to wish a happy anniversary to my brother and sister-in-law, David and Pam Hopson.

DAV DELIVERS GIFTS



COURTESY OF REBEL BROWN

The Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Post 74 recently delivered Christmas gifts to local nursing homes where veterans reside. The gifts were very well received by the veterans and even more appreciated that the gifts came from the members of the DAV. Pictured, seated, is veteran Burney Baize who received a gift from, standing, from left, Commander Tim Palmer, Steve Bowyer, Melody Atchley, and Loretta Braucci.

Hidden Gem Family Center presents the Tree of Giving for those in need

The Hidden Gem Family Center is asking the community to join them in spreading the love this Christmas for children in need.

The Tree of Giving has individual ornaments with children's profiles and items needed. Items include

shoes, toys, and clothes. Gifts and items will need to be returned to the Hidden Gem Family Center by Monday, Dec. 19.

The family center is also in need of wrapping paper, bows, and Scotch tape in order to get the gifts wrapped

for families. The Hidden Gem Family Center is a Non-Profit Organization that focuses on the restoration of families who have been victims of crime, experienced loss, or devastation in their life. As well as striving to provide

programs and services that will strengthen families. The Hidden Gem Family Center is located at 115 S. 7th Street in Gatesville. For any further information contact 254-206-3003.

Centex Crime Stoppers offers safety tips for holiday shoppers

Continuing with the holiday safety tips, this week we would like to address personal safety for those that are doing their shopping in person. This time of year is especially inviting to thieves in public spaces looking for easy to steal items. Whether at the mall or a local department store, please use caution in how you advertise your purchases. Be aware of your surroundings and trust your instincts. If making multiple trips to different stores, please put your purchases out of sight in your vehicle and be aware of those that may be watching where you are placing those items. A good idea can be to get into your vehicle and drive to another entrance of the store, making anyone watching believe you have left. Park, walk and stay in well-lit areas with

populated pathways and pay attention to your surroundings when using your electronics. If you see suspicious activity, please contact your local law enforcement agency. If you have any information 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, and 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.

RehabLiving to host Cowboy Christmas

The RehabLiving at the Meadows will have their annual Christmas party on Wednesday, Dec. 21. This year's theme is Cowboy Christmas. Residents' families will need to bring

two presents for their loved one. One gift will be for the Cowboy Christmas party, and the other will be for Christmas day. RehabLiving asks that all presents are delivered to

the business office. The Memory Care Christmas party will be held Wednesday, Dec. 21 at 10 a.m., and the RehabLiving's Christmas party will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 21, be-

ginning at 2 p.m. All Christmas gifts donations are welcomed and appreciated. RehabLiving at the Meadows is located at 110 Chicktown Road and can be reached at 254-404-2500.

United Women in Faith met on Dec. 6

United Women in Faith met on Dec. 6 in the Banquet Room of the Methodist Church in Gatesville, beginning at 5:30 p.m. There were 14 members present. Hostesses were Kay Smiley and Linda Klontz. The meeting date was moved up a week so members could attend a Christmas party at the Presbyterian Church. President Patsy Smart started the meeting with the Blessing. Following refreshments, Smart thanked the hostesses. Velva Riddle presented the program with a Christmas Story, including prayer from the Response Magazine. Shirleen Chandler led the group in singing "Bless Be The Tie That Binds." Carol Dildine led the installation of the officers

for 2023, which included reading The Purpose. Officers include President Patsy Smart; Vice President Velva Riddle; Secretary Shirleen Chandler; Treasurer Linda Shirley. Mission Coordinators will include Spiritual Growth, Mary Beth Rivers; Education and Interpretation, Carol Dildine; and Membership, Nurture and Outreach, Kathleen Blankemeyer. Other officers will include the Nominations Chair, Linda Klontz; Historian/Yearbook, Amber Featherston; Special Activity Chair, Marilyn Decker; and Telephone Committee, Carol Dildine. The meeting adjourned with the benediction.

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES				
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS				
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2022				
Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds	
REVENUES:				
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 8,797,387	\$ 2,299,295	\$ 11,096,682	
5800 State Program Revenues	16,662,147	200,963	16,863,110	
5900 Federal Program Revenues	905,684	5,628,668	6,534,352	
5020 Total Revenues	26,365,218	8,128,926	34,494,144	
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
0011 Instruction	14,324,804	2,747,603	17,072,407	
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	307,860	83,226	391,086	
0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	195,695	395,091	590,786	
0021 Instructional Leadership	220,033	66,532	286,565	
0023 School Leadership	1,682,463	79,211	1,761,674	
0031 Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services	677,039	296,837	973,876	
0032 Social Work Services	240,304	7,241	247,545	
0033 Health Services	310,911	725	311,636	
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	997,127	45,020	1,042,147	
0035 Food Services	45,399	1,615,742	1,661,141	
0036 Extracurricular Activities	1,440,291	111,379	1,551,670	
0041 General Administration	1,293,702	13,064	1,306,766	
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	3,047,165	107,572	3,154,737	
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	320,669	13,184	333,853	
0053 Data Processing Services	564,237	4,299	568,536	
0061 Community Services	11,447	-	11,447	
Debt Service:				
0071 Principal on Long-Term Liabilities	-	1,340,000	1,340,000	
0072 Interest on Long-Term Liabilities	-	652,806	652,806	
0073 Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	-	94,919	94,919	
Capital Outlay:				
0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	146,297	1,890,582	2,036,879	
Intergovernmental:				
0099 Other Intergovernmental Charges	178,931	-	178,931	
6030 Total Expenditures	26,004,374	9,565,033	35,569,407	
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	360,844	(1,436,107)	(1,075,263)	
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
7911 Capital Related Debt Issued	-	5,250,000	5,250,000	
7912 Sale of Real and Personal Property	2,677	-	2,677	
7915 Transfers In	-	14	14	
7916 Premium or Discount on Issuance of Bonds	-	189,280	189,280	
7917 Prepaid Interest	-	4,083	4,083	
8911 Transfers Out (Use)	(14)	-	(14)	
8940 Payment to Bond Refunding Escrow Agent (Use)	-	(5,845,444)	(5,845,444)	
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	2,663	(402,067)	(399,404)	
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
7918 Special Item - Resource	-	1,880,582	1,880,582	
8912 Special Item - (Use)	(1,880,582)	-	(1,880,582)	
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	(1,517,075)	42,408	(1,474,667)	
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	14,300,143	1,138,652	15,438,795	
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 12,783,068	\$ 1,181,060	\$ 13,964,128	

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

4-H Ambassadors decorate iron bridge for Christmas



COURTESY PHOTOS
The Coryell County 4-H Ambassadors recently decorated the old iron bridge at Freedom Park near the Gatesville Civic Center. The iron bridge is now adorned with garland, lights, and a Christmas tree. Pictured above on the bridge are, from left, Cayleigh Coursey, Becky Coward, Lane Kinsey, Thomas Belt, Lilly Kinsey, Makaylie Williams, and Anna McPherson.

Enjoying milk & cookies with Santa



Local children recently descended on the Gatesville Public Library to visit with Santa, enjoy milk and cookies, and listen to a story read to them by Old Saint Nick. This year, he read to the children from a book called "Santa's Socks."

DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER



Hillside resident Matt Ware celebrated his 100th Birthday on Dec. 12. Matt says the love between him and his wife is what got him to 100 years. He is a veteran and has been married to his wife for 77 years!

Happy Birthday  **HILLSIDE**
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HISTORICAL COMMISSION HOSTS LUNCHEON



DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Coryell County officials recently joined the Coryell County Historical Commission for their Christmas luncheon. County Commissioner for Precinct 3, Ryan Basham, and Coryell County Judge, Roger Miller, were on hand to visit with members of the historical commission. Pictured, from left, are Ryan Basham, Scott Alexander, Nancy Ashcraft, Sherry Hopson, Janis Barnhill, Danny Corbett, Sherry Lawrence, and Judge Roger Miller.

OBITUARIES

JAMES H. MORRIS, JR.

Oct. 25, 1936 - Aug. 5, 2022

James H. Morris, Jr., age 85, of Gatesville, passed away on Friday, August 5, 2022. James was born on October 25, 1936, in Hal-

tom City. He was the son of the late James H. Morris, Sr., and Theda Leora Porter Morris. James was raised by his grandparents, the late Willard and Mabel Porter. He went to school in Birdville. James joined the U.S. Navy and spent twenty years serving his country. James and

Peggy Griffin were married on June 7, 1960, in Brewton, Alabama.

He is survived by his wife, Peggy Morris, four children, nine grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at a later date.

ANITA MCLEAREN

Feb. 1, 1950 - Dec. 10, 2022



Anita McLearn, age 72, of Oglesby, also known as "Nene," passed over to Heaven on Saturday, December 10, 2022.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, December 17, 2022, at First Baptist Church of Oglesby, with Bro. Aaron Tyler officiating. Interment will follow at Post Oak Cemetery in Oglesby.

Georgia Anita McLearn was born on February 1, 1950, in Gatesville, to the loving parents of the late Irvin and Loveda Riddle Jackson. Anita, her parents, and sisters spent their early years living on the family farm in the Leon Junction community. Prior to her school years, the family moved to the town of Oglesby. She attended Oglesby Independent School District where she met the love of her life, Kenneth McLearn. On September 10, 1966, Anita and Kenneth were married. They were married for 56

years, raising three children, and being blessed with six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She retired from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice in Gatesville. After her retirement, she was employed by Trane in McGregor, where she worked for several years. Later, her love for children led her to a different career and she became employed by the Oglesby Independent School District, where she served children for many years, and this was the most favorite time in her career.

Anita served her community as an Emergency Medical Technician for the McGregor Volunteer Emergency Medical Service and was a member of the Oglesby Volunteer Fire Department. Following in the steps of her mother, she became a member of the Order of Eastern Star in McGregor and served as Worthy Matron. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Oglesby. Anita loved all people that she encountered, and her smile and laughter was contagious. Her home was always a welcoming place for her family, friends, and her children's friends. Anita loved her family fiercely and they were the meaning of life to her.

She was preceded in death by her parents; mother-in-law, Dorothy Rhodes; father-in-law, Frank Rhodes; sister-in-law, Jeanette Rhodes; granddaughter, Kayla Beth; nephews, Aaron Brady Gomez and Bobby Collins.

Anita is survived by her loving family, husband, Kenneth McLearn; children,

Curtis McLearn and wife, Kim, of Gatesville, Sheila McClinton and husband, Randy, of Oglesby, Paula Bodnar of Keller; grandchildren, Kristin Coleman and husband, Leslie, Dustin McLearn, Kaitlyn McLearn, Ryan McClinton and fiancé, Dominique, Claire Bodnar; great-grandchildren, Max, Kye, Jasey, Barrett, Oliver; sisters, Frances Wehrmann and husband, Roger, Brenda Jackson, Jannette Dawson and husband, Johnnie, sister-in-law, Diane Gomez; brother-in-law, Rick Rhodes; nephews, Lonnie Collins, Paul Gomez, David Collins, Brandon Gomez, William Dawson, Andy Gomez, Nick Gomez; nieces, Chrisie Rhodes, Stefanie Gomez; several great-nephews & nieces; and her fur baby, Paisley. She is also survived by her extended family, the children she cared for in her home and loved as her own, Kreece Castro, Brody Martinez, Briley Martinez, Maya Martinez, and Ana Spark.

John 11:25-26. Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never die."

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that memorials be directed to First Baptist Church of Oglesby, 120 College Ave., Oglesby, TX 76561, or St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105, www.stjude.org/donate.

day-McCrone passed away. Brooke was born on February 26th, 1970, in Las Vegas, Nevada. Brooke is survived by her husband of 15 years Joe McCrone; mother, Susan Smith and husband, Dwayne of Gatesville; father, Richard Loveday and wife, Delores, of Sandy Valley Nevada; sister, Pam Williamson and husband, Byron, of Amarillo; and brother, Brad Loveday and wife, Shana, of Las Vegas, Nevada.

Brooke was a self-described 3rd generation hippie who lived life to the fullest every day! Brooke was a pediatric CNA for 10 years and worked in home health-care as well. Brooke was also loyal employee at the local Cefco here in Gatesville for the last three years.

Brooke was a soccer fan and played for 20 years. She had a heart for helping people in all walks of life. She ministered at the women's

prison here in Gatesville. Brooke loved animals and was well known for helping any animal that needed it, even if it meant opening her home to them.

Brooke traveled recently with her husband Joe seeing Mt. Rushmore, the New York Halloween Day parade, and Niagara Falls. She got to see her favorite live show in New York and visit her old friends on the coast. Her unique love for the Grateful Dead and Dallas Cowboys was unmatched! Brooke loved her animals more than most people, so in lieu of flowers, please donate to your local animal shelter.

Memorial services will be held at Scott's Funeral Home, 2425 E. Main Street in Gatesville, on Monday, Dec. 19, at 10 a.m. Immediately following the service there will be a celebration of Brooke's life at First Baptist Church in Flat.



COURTESY PHOTO

HOMETOWN ANGELS: A small example of all the Christmas gifts that are to be delivered to children in the Gatesville community.

Hometown Angels makes a huge difference in the lives of children

DAVID SCOTT
Staff Writer

"Hometown Angels" began as a dream and collaboration of three Gatesville women some 21 years ago. Lorri McDaniel, Michele Holden, and R'Lue Gribble saw the need to make a difference in the lives of children during the holidays.

Each year, a tree is placed at Rancher's Steak House with cards attached with the names of children whose parents may be facing difficult times during the holiday season. The cards contain the first name of a child and their "wish list." The names are provided by a reliable source and with the approval of parents. Gatesville residents choose a card from the tree, purchase the gifts, and return

them to Rancher's in time for the holidays.

There are so many kids in the Gatesville community with parents who lose jobs, and they just can't afford Christmas gifts. That's why the three ladies decided to step in and help. They try to divide it up so that each child gets five gifts - two clothing outfits, three toys, and a coat.

Often using money out of their own pockets, Hometown Angels also furnishes stockings filled with candy, small toys, and Bibles. They wrap everything and deliver the gifts to families who put the gifts away for Christmas and let Santa Claus bring them.

Hometown Angels look to provide gifts for between

100 and 125 children each year. Every day when the trio get off work from their regular jobs, they go back to work until 9 or 10 p.m. in the evening separating gifts and getting stockings ready, because they must have everything delivered by a certain date. It's hard work, but they wouldn't change it for the world.

Hometown Angels has been busy during the last week getting the gifts delivered to families in the surrounding area. Last year, one of the three co-founders, Michele Holden said, "It really makes you feel good, especially when you can tell the family is appreciative. Sometimes we walk away with tears in our eyes."

4-H NEWS

Junior Leaders 4 Life Team captures second place at the District 8 Contest

BECKY COWARD

Extension Agent for 4-H Youth Development

Congratulations to our Junior Leaders 4 Life

Team for beating two other teams and capturing second place at the District 8 Contest this past week.

Leaders 4 Life is a competition that allows 4-H youth to demonstrate their knowledge of parliamentary procedure. Team members include Lillie Mann, president; Thomas Belt, vice president; Lilly Kinsey, secretary; and Callie Smith, treasurer.

All 4-H members are reminded that each family is asked to sell 10 raffle tickets for the county-wide 4-H fundraiser. The tickets are \$10 each and the winner of the drawing gets over \$1,200 worth of gift cards and certificates to area restaurants and retailers. The drawing will be held at the pee-wee shows during the Coryell County Youth Fair.

The Texas 4-H Foundation Scholarship portal is open. Applications are due Feb. 15. Seniors are asked to submit their applications for review to Agent Becky Coward by Jan. 13 for feedback and revisions.



COURTESY PHOTO

LEADERS 4 LIFE: Team members are, from left, Lilly Kinsey, Callie Smith, Lillie Mann, and Thomas Belt.

Last year, Coryell County 4-H members were awarded \$61,000 in 4-H Foundation Scholarships alone.

Other notable dates: The County 4-H Ambassador Team will have their annual Christmas Party on Dec. 19. The County Extension Of-

fice will be closed Dec. 23-26 for the Christmas holidays.

The Coryell County Youth Fair kicks off Jan. 9 and will be a week full of fun for our members. The public is invited to attend.

BROOKE RENEE LOVEDAY-MCCRONE

Feb. 26, 1970 - Dec. 5, 2022



On Monday December 5th, 2022, Brooke Renee Love-

HOUSES OF WORSHIP

BAPTIST

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

BETHLEHEM PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH: Elder, Hugh Montgomery, pastor; Peabody community 5 miles south of Pearl, 4555 FM 1690, Gatesville; Sunday services - Morning worship 4th Sunday each month at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

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

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.

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

LIVE OAK BAPTIST CHURCH: Bro. Ken Laney, pastor; 113 FM 107, Gatesville; Sunday services - Sunday School 9:15 a.m., morning worship 10:30 a.m., Wed. evening Adult, Youth and Children's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

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

Rising to the Occasion



A modicum of stress in our lives is to be expected, and may even be a good thing. Rising to the occasion to meet a challenge at work or school almost always makes us mentally and emotionally stronger, just as exercise stresses the body and makes us physically stronger. But sometimes we are overtaxed by problems which are seemingly beyond our abilities and then stress can wear us down. Sometimes the problem is too big to handle by ourselves, and we need to ask for help. At other times problems keep coming one after the other, until we just can't cope any longer. Often it's the little annoyances at the end of a long day that trigger the meltdown, not the big problems that came early on. We are usually better able to meet challenges early in the day, before fatigue sets in, and thus it may be wise to plan your day and its potential problems accordingly. It helps to know that in the grand scheme of things, most of our day-to-day problems won't be remembered a year from now, and certainly not in a hundred years. It also helps to know that God "has our back" and should be called on to help with all of our problems, both large and small.

— Christopher Simon

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding."
—Proverbs 3:5 NIV

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: trinitybapt2@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.

WHITE MOUND BAPTIST CHURCH: Bruce Cox, pastor. Sun. services - Sun. School 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m. 642 CR 320. Mailing address: P.O. Box 103, Mound, TX 76558. **MOUND COWBOY CHURCH** Bruce Cox, pastor; Sunday services - morning worship 9 a.m., Sunday school 9:30 a.m. Men's breakfast every third Saturday of the month at 8 a.m. Inside: 3075 FM 931, outside: 2000 CR 321. Mailing address: P.O. Box 103, Mound, TX 76558. For more info. and location, call 254-865-5908.

CATHOLIC
OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC CHURCH: Rev. Jayaraju Polishetty; 1108 W. Main, Gatesville; Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m. (English) & 12:00 p.m. (Spanish Mass), Weekday Mass: Tuesdays at 12:15 p.m. and Wednesday through Friday at 7:00 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
CEDAR RIDGE CHURCH OF CHRIST: Deral McWhorter, minister; 104 Cedar Ridge, Gatesville; Sunday services - Morning worship 10 a.m., evening

worship 6 p.m.

EVANT CHURCH OF CHRIST: Will Vann, Preacher; 310 West Brooks Drive, Evant; Sunday services-Bible Study 9:30 a.m., morning worship 10:20 a.m., evening worship 12:30 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

FORT GATES CHURCH OF CHRIST: 4605 St. Hwy. 36 South, Gatesville; Sunday services - Morning worship 10:30 a.m.

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

LA IGLESIA DE CRISTO: 2413 East Main, Gatesville; clases y servicios en Español, 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m., Solamente en domingos.

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

PEARL CHURCH OF CHRIST: 6790 FM 183, Pearl; Sunday services - morning worship 10:30 a.m.

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

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

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH: Rev. Christopher Richman, PhD; 10801 FM 929, Gatesville, Coryell City; Sunday services - Morning worship 9 a.m., Sunday School 10:15 a.m.

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

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

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

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

OGLESBY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: Kent Berry, pastor; 109 College Street, Oglesby; Sunday services - morning worship 9:00 a.m.

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

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

NON-DENOMINATIONAL
CHRISTIAN LIFE CHURCH: Frank Rosenstern, pastor; Hwy. 84 West; Sunday services, 10:30 a.m.;

Thursday services, 7:00 p.m.

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

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

COVER2COVER MINISTRIES: Pastor: Rev. Brandy Spiker, Sunday morning service 10 a.m., Sunday evening service 6 p.m., Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. 407 SH-36, Ste. 4 & 5, Gatesville.

GATESVILLE REVIVAL CENTER: Wes Covey, Pastor; Sunday school 10:00 a.m., Sunday morning 11:00 a.m., Sunday evening 6 p.m., Thursday evening 7 p.m. 2518 Bridge St., Gatesville, 254-392-9472.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MOUNT CALVARY CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST: Rev. Lee O. Ford, pastor; 514 N. 13th Street, Gatesville; Sunday services - Sunday School 9:45 a.m., worship 11 a.m., weekly services, Wed. Bible Study 6:30p.m.-7:30 p.m., Wed. night service, 7:30p.m.

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

SPANISH
BIENVENIDOS AL HOGAR DE DIOS: Horario de servicios: Domingos a partir de las 2:00 p.m. Te esperamos! 6226 E. Hwy. 84, Gatesville, Texas 76528.

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

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

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

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- ▶ 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
- ▶ 8.5 Acres, 2 Br, 2 Ba Home, Gustine TX, 2 car attached carport, 2 living areas. 1 water well, metal build with concrete slab & an older wooden barn. \$255,000
- ▶ 10.01 acres east of Evant, TX. Lot 8 Phase 5 Rio Escondido Subdivision, good tree cover, rolling terrain, great views to build a home, gated subdivision. \$119,900
- ▶ 10.01 acres north of Evant, TX. Lot 85 Phase 4 Rio Escondido, Rolling Terrain, Good tree cover, good views. \$129,500
- ▶ 10.01 acres west of Hamilton, TX, CR 607. Electricity, great views, rolling terrain, scattered tree cover, Lot no. 1 in the Bluff View Subdivision. \$139,500
- ▶ 10.01 Acres, Lot 20 Phase 4 Rio Escondido north of Evant, TX. Good tree cover, great views. \$150,000
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- ▶ 10.01 acres, Evant, TX, Buffalo Creek Ranch Subdivision Lot No. 53. Langford Branch, Nice Home Site, scattered tree cover, native pasture \$225,000
- ▶ 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. \$275,000
- ▶ 25 acres west of Purnela, 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 barn/minihome, 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 Purnela, 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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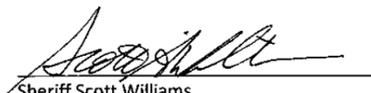
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COUNTY OF CORYELL §

and issued pursuant to judgment decree(s) of the 52nd District Court of Coryell County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date, in the hereinafter numbered and styled suit(s) and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff or Constable of said County, I have on 11-15, 2022, seized, levied upon, and will, on the first Tuesday in January, 2023, the same being the 3rd day of said month, at the North side, 620 E Main St of the Courthouse of the said County, in the City of Gatesville, Texas, between the hours of 10 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m., on said day, beginning at 10:00 a.m. proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit(s) in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Coryell and the State of Texas, to-wit:

Sale #	Cause # Judgment Date	Acct # Order Issue Date	Style of Case	Legal Description	Judgment Amount
1	CTX-21-03693 February 18, 2022	114191 October 19, 2022	THE COUNTY OF CORYELL, TEXAS v. ELAINE KINNEY, ET AL	LOT 2, BLOCK 82, ORIGINAL TOWN GATESVILLE, CITY OF GATESVILLE, CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS.	\$32,813.02 plus penalties and interest at a rate of 16.9% that has accrued from February 18, 2022

any volume and page references, unless otherwise indicated, being to the Deed Records, Coryell County, Texas, to which instruments reference may be made for a more complete description of each respective tract.) or, upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion of the property described above shall be sold to satisfy said judgment(s) interest, penalties, and cost. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment(s) rendered in the above styled and numbered cause(s), together with interest, penalties, and costs of suit, and the proceeds of said sales to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

Dated at Gatesville, Texas Nov 15, 2022


Sheriff Scott Williams
Coryell County, Texas

By: _____
Deputy

Notes:

ALL SALE SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of CHARLES VINCENT JORDAN, Deceased, were issued on November 9, 2022, in Cause No. 22-10657, pending in the County Court at Law No. 1, Bell County, Texas, to: DELIA DANIXZA BUCKRAM.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: Mary Wiley
Attorney at Law
100 W. Central Texas Expressway, Suite 302
Harker Heights, Texas 76548
DATED the 14 day of December, 2022.

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Winter Wonderland to get underway Dec. 17

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.



County Clerk / District Clerk office 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.

Cover2cover ministries to host Christmas meal

Cover2cover ministries held a Thanksgiving meal last month, and since it was success, the church decided to provide a Christmas meal as well.

A traditional Christmas meal will be held on Thursday, Dec. 22 at 5:30 p.m. and will be served with all the fixings.

Cover2cover ministries will provide dine-in, pick-up, and delivery in Gatesville.

Santa will be in attendance, so guests are reminded to bring a camera/phone to take photos. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served as well.

For more information, or if anyone is interested in receiving a Christmas meal by delivery, contact 254-392-9472 by phone or text message.

The Cover2cover Ministries is located at 407 S. Hwy 36 in Gatesville.

FBC of Gatesville to present Christmas musical Sunday

First Baptist Church of Gatesville will host a Christmas musical program on Sunday, Dec. 18, at 5 p.m. The program will be directed by Tyler Castaneda.

Songs will consist of Advent and Christmas classics to bring in the holiday joy. This program is open

to the public and everyone to the attend.

The program will also include children dressed in manger scene costumes.

First Baptist Church is located at 912 E. Main St. in Gatesville. For more information contact 254-865-2014.

Gatesville Senior Center is holding blanket drive

The Gatesville Senior Center is holding a blanket drive this holiday season. The center will be accepting blanket donations until Tuesday, Dec. 20.

The center's goal is to receive at least 75 blankets for the Meals on Wheels and Congregate clients.

Meals on Wheels has been around for many years and is a thoughtful way to give back to the community. Volunteers go

from doorstep to doorstep of the elderly and deliver fresh homemade meals to those who cannot prepare a meal for themselves.

Be sure to deliver your blanket donations to the Gatesville Senior Center, located at 208 N. Lutterloh Ave. in Gatesville.

For more information about blanket donations or Meals on Wheels, contact the Gatesville Senior Center at 254-865-8234.

Oglesby ISD cheer team holds "Sox Drive"

The cheerleaders of Oglesby ISD are hosting a "Sox Drive" this Christmas for the homeless. The community is welcome to donate new socks for the sock drive. All sizes are accepted for men, women, and children.

There will be a drop box

in the front foyer of Oglesby Independent School District for the socks to be collected. The cheer team will be collecting socks until Wednesday, Dec. 21.

Oglesby ISD is located at 125 College Ave. in Oglesby. For more information call 254-456-2271.

Spur Nutrition presents the "Gifting Tree"

Spur Nutrition understands how difficult it can be during the holiday season, and they believe that no one should go without presents. This year there will be a "Gifting Tree" at Spur Nutrition. The tree will be no questions asked, and no purchase necessary.

Spur Nutrition will constantly add gifts under the tree until Friday, Dec. 23. The community is welcome to join in by spreading the

holiday cheer this Christmas. Items range from pajamas for kids, clothes, stuffed animals, beauty products, etc.

If anyone would like to donate to the tree, stop by Spur Nutrition anytime Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m., or Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Make sure all the items are new or in boxes. Spur Nutrition is located at 103 S. 7th St. in Gatesville.

Early deadlines set

With Christmas just around the corner, The Gatesville Messenger would like to remind readers that news and advertising deadlines will change for some upcoming issues.

Deadline for the Saturday, Dec. 24 edition will be Tuesday, Dec. 20 at 10 a.m. Deadline for the Wednesday, Dec. 28 paper will be Wednesday, Dec. 21 at 10 a.m.

The Gatesville Messenger

office will be closed Monday, Dec. 26.

If you have any questions, please call Janice Velasquez at 254-865-5212 ext. 305. If you prefer to email your inquiry, please send to advertising@gatesvillemessenger.com for advertising or jeff@gatesvillemessenger.com for news.

The Gatesville Messenger office is located at 116 S. 6th Street in Gatesville.

GHS tennis banquet honors sensational season



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Members of the Gatesville High School varsity tennis team recently celebrated a sensational season in which the team won the district championship with a banquet at Rancher's Steak House & Grill. Pictured are the entire team at left. Pictured in the photo at right are the seniors, including Alex Scott, Carlo Martinez, Preslea Edmond, Slone Early and Ty Warren, along with Coach Wendell Jones.

OJHS falls to Live Oak

BY TOM NORRELL
Contributing Writer

The Oglesby Junior High Tigers boys fell to the Live Oak Falcons 42-10 on Dec. 12 at Live Oak in Waco. This was the Tigers' second loss this season to the Falcons.

Poor shooting and turnovers led to the loss for Tigers. Jaxon Markum led scoring with four points, one steal and three rebounds. Teammate Devon Howard scored two points, and recorded two rebounds and one steal.

Holdyn Goff scored two points and had three rebounds and one assist. Abram Shaw rounded out the scoring with two points and added two rebounds. The Tigers will be idle for the Christmas holiday until Jan. 9, when they are scheduled to travel to Cranfills Gap for their next contest.

Area Sports Roundup

* The Gatesville High School girls wrestling team tied Killeen 2-2 while the varsity boys defeated Cameron 2-1 and lost to Killeen 6-3. The JV boys beat Cameron 2-0 and defeated Killeen 2-1.

* The Oglesby varsity girls basketball team defeated Jonesboro, 33-24, on Dec. 13.

Matti Dixon led the Lady Tigers with 13 points, followed by Addison Hamilton with eight, Lacie Luckie with 7, and Hailey Meyers with five points.

* The Gatesville varsity girls basketball team fell to Marble Falls, 51-4 on Dec. 13. The JV also lost, 33-24.

Lake Belton

GOOD. Water lightly stained; 60 degrees; 13.08 feet below pool. The water temperature has been stable over the last week, and the fishing has risen and fallen with the cycle of cold fronts and warming trends. As the fronts come in, the fishing spikes until winds reach peak velocity, then the fishing plateaus as the winds do likewise. The fishing then drops off as the wind speed declines off. Fishing is very tough under the clear, calm, cold, post-frontal conditions, then returns to average with returning south winds and the resulting warm up until the next front moves in and the cycle repeats itself. Fishing under birds is productive, but the birds have mainly been focused on highly active, highly mobile fish. Finding large concentrations of bottom-oriented white bass and hybrid bass will likely produce more fish, more consistently. Go-to bait now is the Bladed Hazy Eye Slab in white color and either 5/8 or 3/4 ounce. Morning fog has been making the early morning bite very tough until the fog clears. Crappie fishing is fair us-

Area Fishing Report

ing minnows. Fish were scattered after the warmer weather, but should stack up with the weather cooling back down.

Stillhouse Hollow

GOOD. Water lightly stained; 61 degrees; 10.78 feet below pool. With the water temperature stable over the last week, the fishing has risen and fallen with the cycle of cold fronts and warming trends. As the fronts come in, the fishing spikes until winds reach peak velocity, then the fishing plateaus as the winds do likewise. The fishing then drops off as the wind speed drops off. Fishing is very tough under the clear, calm, cold, post-frontal conditions, then returns to average with returning south winds and the resulting warm up until the next front moves in and the cycle repeats itself. Fishing under the few birds currently present is productive. Finding large concentrations of bottom-oriented white bass will likely produce more fish, more consistently. Go-to bait now is the Bladed Hazy Eye Slab in white color and either 5/8 or 3/8 ounce. The upper third of the lake nearest the Lampasas River is still off-color thanks to

flood waters from Trimmer Creek and, to a lesser extent, the Lampasas River. Largemouth bass continue to relate to the more lush, green, deep hydrilla in the lower half of the reservoir with a few now showing up in deep timber, away from any hydrilla. Dark jigs with dark trailers allowed to fall vertically along the outside edge of deep hydrilla is accounting for solid largemouth bass results in the grass. The Bladed Hazy Eye Slab with stinger hook in 5/8 oz. or 3/4 oz. white color is effective for the bass moving to deep timber.

Lake Waco

FAIR. Water stained; 64 degrees; 11.24 feet below pool. Crappie are good in 20-25 feet of water on minnows. Report by Zach Minnix, JigNJerK Guide Service. Crappie are very good with the fish feeding up and aggressive.

Snacky lures FS200 paired with eye hole jig in 1/16 ounce have been a staple the entire year. Switching between a snacky flash and black and chartreuse throughout the day. Report by Robert Stover, Workingman Crappie Guide.



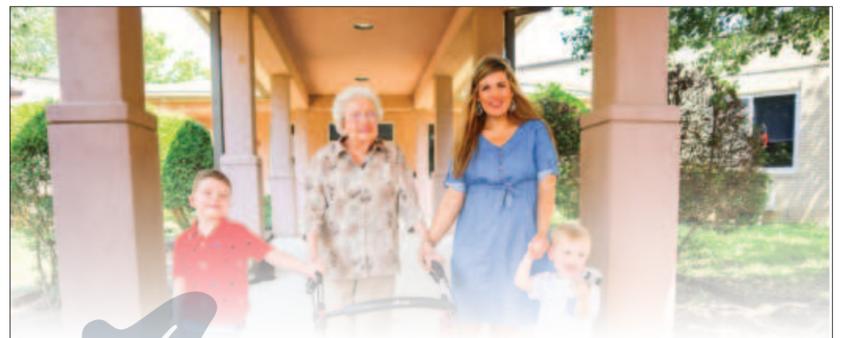
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Hornets wallop West to improve to 14-1

BY CHRIS ALLMAN
Sports Correspondent

Gatesville raced to a 24-6 first quarter lead and led 50-17 at the half en route to an 83-36 win over West on Tuesday in Gatesville.

The Hornets (14-1) swarmed the over-matched Trojans from the opening tip and ripped of a 20-2 run to turn a 4-2 advantage into a 24-4 lead just before the end of the quarter.

In the second, they outscored West 26-11 thanks to eight points from Rayshon Smith and six points apiece from Banner Allman and West Allman. West Allman hit four three-pointers in the first half and scored all 14 of his points in the first two quarters.

In the first half, Gatesville shot 72% from

the field including a sizzling 67% from behind the three-point line. Eighteen of their first half points came off West turnovers and 30 of their 50 first half points came in the paint.

On the defensive end, they had 13 first half steals and outrebounded the Trojans 15-8.

"We're diverse. We have multiple guys who can guard multiple positions and play multiple positions. That's why when we are playing as a team really well, we are tough to guard and we're tough on the other end," head coach Brit Campbell said.

Though the game was in-hand by the break, Campbell added that the second half was no less significant - for the current game

and other ones down the road.

"We still have to work on and learn to do things the right way," he said. "We don't need to pick up bad habits and we need to make we are working and getting better and focusing on the little things."

He also noted that a large lead allowed him to integrate his reserves into the game more liberally than normal.

"We kept telling guys that if you are on the court then you need to compete. And they did. We had a little let up in the third quarter but other than that they competed," he said.

West managed to prevent the Hornets from significantly extending their lead in the third quarter as Gatesville led 64-26 after three

quarters.

In the fourth, the Hornets' hot shooting night continued as Smith, Shea, Carter Williams, and Scout Hall all connected from beyond the three-point arc.

Shea finished with 21 points and was followed by Smith's 18. West Allman scored 14 points and Carter Williams added 11 points, nine rebounds and five assists. Banner Allman had 10 points and seven rebounds in just 17 minutes of action.

Gatesville traveled to McGregor on Friday to play a much-improved Bulldog program that had won three straight to push their season record to 8-5.



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Gatesville Junior High seventh grade A team rolls to victory in Brownwood

Special to The Messenger

The Gatesville varsity basketball team isn't the only team on a roll as the Gatesville Junior High School 7th grade A Team is now 7-0 after winning the Brownwood Tournament.

The Hornets dropped Wall in the championship game after disposing of Zephyr and Early and were led by Grady Keeton's 23 points per game on the way to the title.

7th A vs Zephyr

1	2	3	4	FINAL
Gatesville	8	10	8	9
Zephyr	3	9	10	8

Leading scorers: Grady Keeton 23, Callen Webb 5, Camden Webb 5, Eli Phillips 2.

7th A vs Early

1	2	3	4	FINAL
Gatesville	15	8	8	13
Early	2	0	2	3

Leading scorers: Grady Keeton 18, Eli Phillips 12, Camden Webb 7, Callen Webb 2, Kaydon Buster 4, Draven Henderson 1.

7th A vs Wall

1 2 3 4 FINAL

1	2	3	4	FINAL
Gatesville	10	11	15	6
Wall	10	4	4	1

Leading scorers: Grady Keeton 28, Eli Phillips, 6, Draven Henderson 3, Callen Webb 3, Cam Webb 2.

7th A vs Robinson

1 2 3 4 FINAL

Gatesville	16	15	16	16
Robinson	5	6	6	5

Leading scorers: Grady Keeton 30, Kayden Buster 11, Draven Henderson 10, Braxton Brown 5, Eli Phillips 3, Camden Webb 2, Callen Webb 2.