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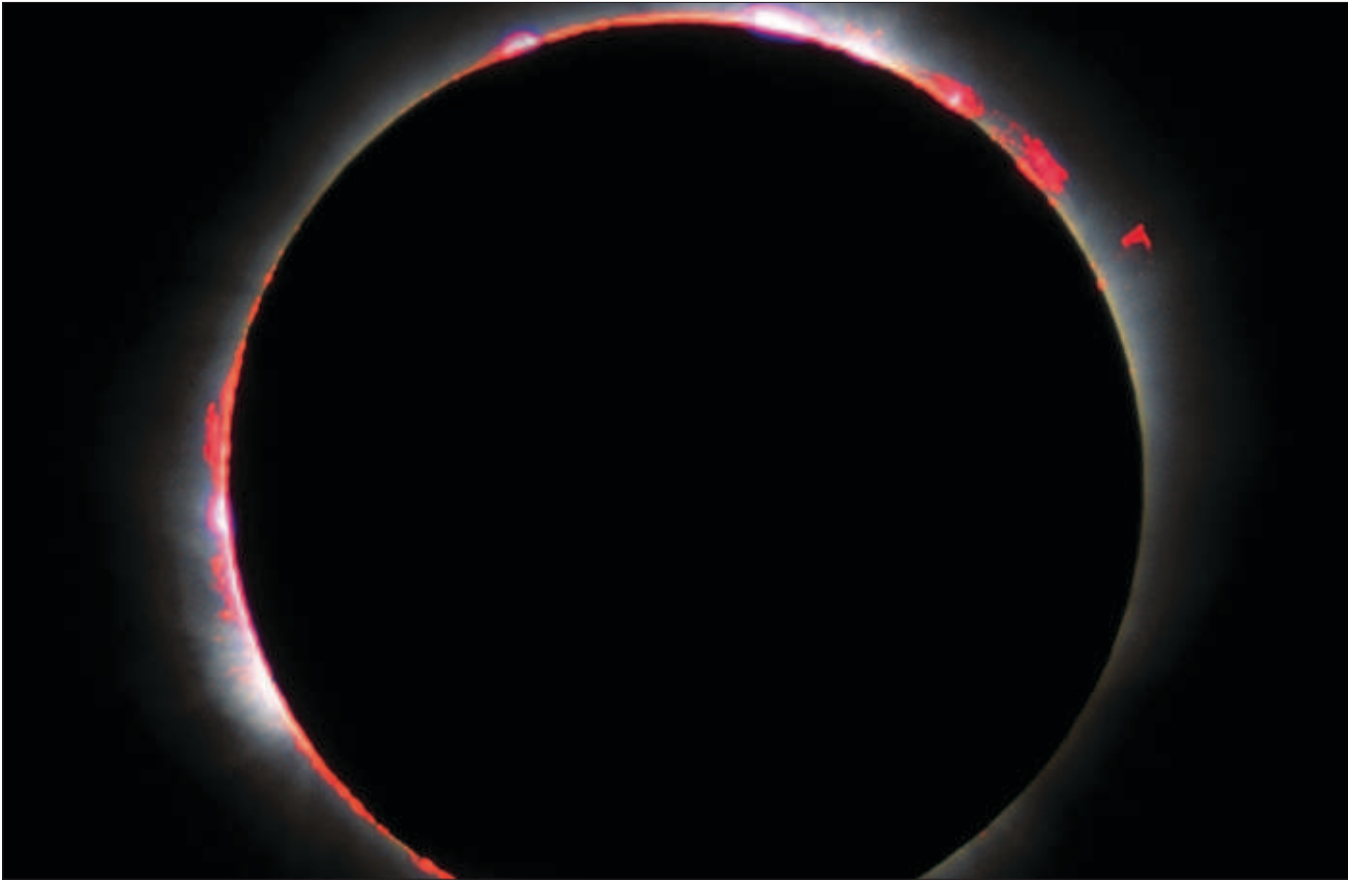
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Wonder in the heavens coming in 2024



Gatesville is prime spot for viewing solar eclipse

BY JEFF OSBORNE
Senior writer & editor

Gatesville is the perfect location for people wanting to experience a total solar eclipse in the spring of 2024, and Joyce Talbott offered a preview of what people can expect during a presentation to her fellow Gatesville Lions Club members.

"It's very rare to have a total solar eclipse," Talbott said, adding that conditions have to be exactly right with the positioning of the sun, moon and Earth for the astronomical event to occur. "It is a unique and amazing event."

The eclipse that will be seen in Gatesville will occur on April 8, 2024. Gatesville's geographic location indicates it should experience the eclipse for 4 minutes and 24 seconds, a condition known as totality.

"That's unusual," Talbott said.

She noted that half of the city of San Antonio is expected to experience the eclipse, while the period of totality in Austin is only expected to be 1 minute and 45 seconds.

"Houston is not in the path of totality," Talbott said.

The center of the path of totality in Gatesville is expected to be at the intersection of U.S. Highway 84 and Texas Highway 36.

"We are not far from the very center of totality," Talbott said.

The longest recorded period of totality experienced during an eclipse was about 7 and a half minutes, she said.

"There will be a light show like you have never seen,"

A rare astronomical event - a total solar eclipse - will occur in the spring of 2024 and Gatesville is expected to be a top viewing location.

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GISD recognizes Black Acre Title for its giving spirit



Company helps area families at Christmas

BY JEFF OSBORNE
Senior Writer & Editor

Community partnerships play a strong role in boosting the ability of the Gatesville Independent School District to improve the students' lives, and one of the local businesses making contributions is Black Acre Title Company.

Black Acre, which is part of Capital Title of Texas, was recognized during the Community Partner Spotlight presentation during the GISD Board of Trustees' December meeting.

"We want to recognize a local business and community partner for their generosity towards our students," said GISD Superintendent Barrett Pollard. "For the second straight year, Black Acre Title Company has sponsored students for the Christmas season. In other words, the employees donated their time and money to buy Christmas gifts for needy students. Specifically, each student received a pair of pants, a shirt, a coat, a pair of shoes and a toy or item of interest depending on their age."

Black Acre employees sponsored 15 students in 2021 and increased the number to 20 students this year.

"That's very significant in these difficult economic times," Pollard said. "That's quite a lot of money they donate. If it was not for the generosity of Black Acre, these students likely would

Gatesville ISD Superintendent Barrett Pollard stands with Black Acre Title Company employees Natasha Clary and Treva Bigham.

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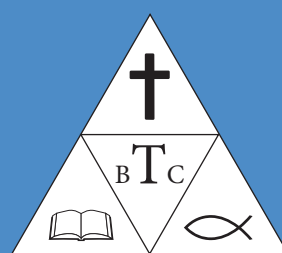
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Celebrating the 12 Days of Christmas

Holiday lights around the Coryell County Courthouse depict scenes from the song the 12 Days of Christmas.

PHOTOS BY JEFF OSBORNE



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Talbott said. "It is beautiful, but it is capable of rendering you blind."

Those wanting to view the eclipse should purchase special solar eclipse glasses. Several websites list the glasses for sale, and Talbott said there are better deals for ordering larger quantities, which may be helpful for those wanting to view the eclipse with groups.

Why are solar glasses needed?

"The sun can burn the retina of the eye, so wearing solar eclipse glasses is very important, even if there is just a partial eclipse," Talbott said.

The eclipse is expected to be visible in Gatesville starting

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JOYCE TALBOTT

about 1:27 p.m. on April 8, 2024.

Tips that Talbott suggested include: "Take the day off, watch the weather, be flexible, get your solar glasses in advance, bring chairs (to your viewing spot) and take pictures of the people you are with — not the eclipse. Also, record your memories of the experience."

Talbott said people should not try to photograph the eclipse unless they are a professional photographer.

"An eclipse can not only render you blind, it can also destroy your camera," she said, adding that specialized equipment is needed.

One book Talbott recommended is the children's book "Totality! An Eclipse Guide in Rhyme and Science."

Gatesville Mayor Gary Chumley said because of the community's favorable viewing location for the eclipse, some people from out of town are already attempting to make hotel reservations, and the city's population is expected to temporarily expand significantly.

"We are expecting as many as 80,000 people may visit Gatesville that day," he said. Chumley added that planning committees will work to help organize local response.

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not have received these very important items."

Natasha Clary of Black Acre said the company tries to find local children who might not otherwise receive help and donations.

"I emailed Barrett (Pollard) and asked if there were kids that teachers or counselors

knew about that we might be able to help," Clary said. "A lot of parents work and don't get government assistance, but they don't have extra money to spend on Christmas."

Clary said the goal is to try to do even

more next year.

"Hopefully next year we're going to challenge the community starting in about September so we can sponsor even more kids," she said.



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HISTORIC RECORDS: Coryell County Clerk Jennifer Newton examines one of the many historic record books found in the clerk's office.

County Clerk to speak at Jan. Genealogical Society meeting

The Coryell County Genealogical Society's guest speaker for the Jan. 10, 2023, meeting will be Coryell County Clerk Jennifer Newton.

The program will cover the records available at the County Clerk's office for historians and genealogists. Basic records of birth, death, and marriage are the backbone of genealogical and historical research, but there are many other county

records that provide valuable information.

Coryell County Deed Records can provide unexpected family information, such as heirship affidavits and donation of family land to schools and churches. There are also public health records that provide an insight into the diseases our ancestors faced. Some very unusual records are included in the standard records. During the Civil War, county

officials faced a short supply of record books, and they made use of any space available. An example of this is a log of beef sales to the Confederacy included in the current marriage record book.

The public is welcome to attend the meeting at 6 p.m., in the Gatesville Library conference room. The Gatesville Public Library is located at 111 N. 8th Street.

DRT to meet in Waco Jan. 5

The Sterling C. Robertson Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas will meet at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 5. The meeting will take place in Waco at the First Methodist Church Downtown Campus at 1300 Austin Avenue in the Fellowship Hall.

The speaker will be Author Gerald Reading Powell. His books are "The Sporting House Killing" and "The Suspension Bridge Robbery."

The setting for both books is during the time when Waco was a growing town known as "Six Shooter Junction" and "Geyser City." The

public is invited to come and learn more about how the town was during that time period. Powell will have copies of his books available.

The meeting is free and open to the public.

Office closings for Christmas holiday weekend

In observance of the Christmas holiday, many local businesses and governmental offices will be observing special hours.

Closings and special hours in the immediate area include:

SCHOOLS

Gatesville ISD will be closed Dec. 19 through Jan. 2, and classes will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 3.

Jonesboro ISD will be closed Dec. 20 through Jan. 3, and classes will resume on Wednesday, Jan. 4.

Oglesby ISD will be closed on Dec. 22 through Jan. 4, and classes will resume on Thursday, Jan. 5.

Evant ISD will be closed on Dec. 22 through Jan. 9, and classes will resume on Tuesday, Dec. 10.

GOVERNMENT

The City of Gatesville, Evant, and Oglesby will be closed Friday, Dec. 23 through Monday, Dec. 26.

The Coryell County Courthouse will be closed Friday, Dec. 23 through Monday, Dec. 26.

The Farm Service Agency will be open on Friday, Dec. 23, weather permitting. The agency will be closed Dec. 24, 25, and 26.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Extraco Bank will be open Friday, Dec. 23 and will be closed Saturday, Dec. 24 through Sunday, Dec. 26.

Cadence Bank will be open Dec. 23 and 26. The drive thru will stay open on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, and will be closed on Sunday, Dec. 25.

Educators Credit Union will be open Friday, Dec. 23 and will be closed Dec. 24, 25, and 26.

The First National Bank of Gatesville, Evant, and Oglesby will be open on Friday,

Dec. 23 and will be closed Dec. 24, 25, and 26.

POST OFFICES
All post offices will be open Dec. 23 and 24 and will close Dec. 24 and 26.

LIBRARY
The Gatesville Public Library will be closed on Friday, Dec. 23 and will remain closed through Monday, Dec. 26.

SENIOR CENTER
The Gatesville Senior

Multi-Service Center will be closed Thursday, Dec. 22 and will remain closed until Monday, Dec. 26.

MUSEUM
The Coryell Museum and Historical Center will be closed on Saturday, Dec. 24 and will remain closed through Monday, Dec. 26.

NEWSPAPER
The Gatesville Messenger will be closed Monday, Dec. 26.

FROM MY FRONT PORCH

Merry Christmas to all of our readers!

SAM HOUSTON

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

Tonight is Christmas Eve and I am 100% certain there will be a great many people scrambling around to make sure everything is ready for tomorrow morning. It may mean assembling toys, preparing food, or getting the house ready for incoming company.



Houston

On the other side of the coin, there will be a lot of children who will be anxious to get to bed tonight so the morning will come, and they can open their presents. It is a time of joy, of excitement and for family.

My daughter turned 40 years old a day or so ago. It seems unlikely I could have a daughter that is that old, but simple arithmetic establishes the number is correct. The day she was born was one of the happiest days of my life, and when she was placed in my arms in the receiving room, I promised her I would always treat her birthday as a separate event from Christmas. It seemed unfair for kids born during the holiday season to have their birthday to receive one gift for both events.

Perhaps my best Christmas Eve was the night she was brought home from the hospital. I had told her Mother I would get up for the midnight feeding so she could get some rest. When I got up and warmed a bottle, I noticed it was a bright and cold night. The temperature was

down in the teens and there was a brilliant full moon.

I placed a rocking chair in front of the window in the nursery and made sure the blinds were open. I picked up my daughter and gave her the bottle and stared out at the beautiful night. While she ate, I spoke out loud like she could understand all I said and explained from the bottom of my heart how much I loved her, and my expectations of how she would live her life. It is one of my most treasured memories. As a father, I am certain my experience is one shared by a great many other men. I will never have a Christmas Eve where I do not relive that night.

We all have Christmas memories. It may be a particular midnight mass or church service, a trip "back home" to be with family or watching the joy of children opening presents. Whatever the special memory is for you, stop and let your mind bring those memories into your present. Enjoy your holiday time and who knows, you might make even more special memories, or create a special memory for someone

else.

I am a blessed man. I have no need to receive a single gift because I already have more than I possibly deserve. I am honored to be able to lead a great bunch of people bringing you the best community newspaper in Texas. My "crazy" family makes me smile, my friends accept my shortcomings, and I have the honor of knowing I am a Texan. It doesn't get better than that. Who could need more?

Have a great holiday. Eat too much, drink in moderation, love your family and friends and reach out to those who are alone or not as fortunate. Thanks so much for reading each issue and sharing an occasional smile with me. My very best to all of you. It is Christmas!

Thought for the day: Nothing is as mean as giving a small child a practical, useful gift for Christmas.

Until next time.

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Mother Neff to host first day hike for eleventh year

Mother Neff State Park will be kicking off the new year and 100 years of Texas State Parks with the First Day Hike of 2023. Bring family and friends to participate in the 11th year of a national partnership with America's State Parks.

The First Day Hike will begin at 9 a.m. and will continue through 3 p.m. The program is free, but there will be a park entry fee of \$2 per person 13 years or older.

Children 12 years of age and under will be admitted free. Those wishing to participate can meet at park headquarters for information.

Be sure to bring water, wear sensible shoes, and dress accordingly to the weather.

The Leon River Dutch Oven Gang will be serving black-eyed peas beginning at 11 a.m. and will continue to serve them until the peas run out. Mother Neff will have interpretive stations

throughout the park, sharing the park's history and natural resources.

Mother Neff's First Day Hike is sponsored by H-E-B and Texas Parks and Wildlife. For more information call 254-853-2389 or visit TexasStateParks.org/100years. Mother Neff State Park is located at 1921 State Park Road 14 near Moody.

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SANTA SPRINT

The Gatesville Fitness Center held a 5K and 10K "Santa Sprint" race Dec. 17 that started and finish at the Gatesville City Pool. The race awarded the top three male and female runners and also included a Kids K race with two laps around the top half of Raby Park. Photos courtesy of Charles Wilson.



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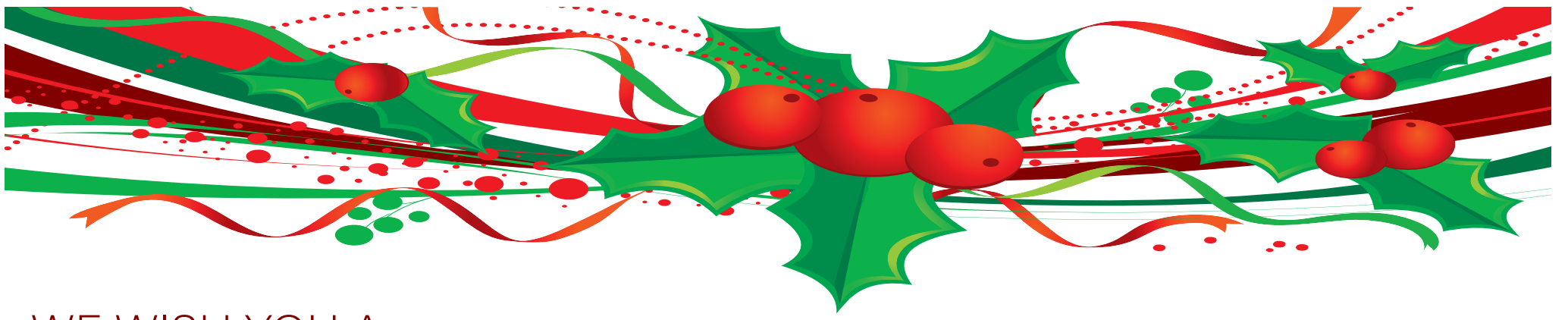


Merry Christmas

Enjoy the holiday season with friends and family!

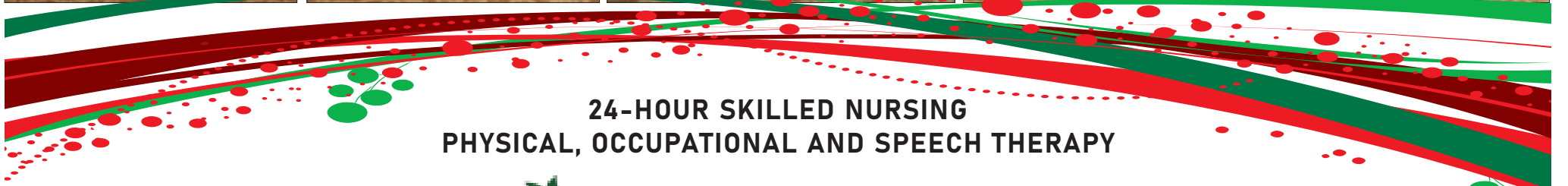


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CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH: Steven L. Bogan, pastor; Hwy. 84 and FM 116; Sunday services - Bible study 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m., evening worship 6:30 p.m.

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 services - Sunday School 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: Roylee 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



“As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, ‘I will follow you wherever you go.’ Jesus replied, ‘Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.’”
—Luke 9:57-58 NIV

Christianity is a religion of paradoxes, and one of the most paradoxical elements of Christianity is the incarnation, the idea that God became man, being born as a helpless child in the humblest of circumstances. Nativity scenes memorialize this event, showing a baby lying in a manger, which is nothing more than a feeding trough for domesticated animals. But Jesus's birth is only the first of many paradoxes. At the other end of Jesus's life is the paradox of the almighty God letting himself be taunted and tortured, and ultimately letting himself die an ignominious death by hanging on a cross. We do well to remember that Christianity turns many virtues on their head. Strength, pride and wisdom are replaced by weakness, humility and a kind of naivete or simple-mindedness. At this time of year when we celebrate Christ's birth with lavish spending and gift-giving, we do well to remember that material things are golden fetters and that poverty makes us free to live a simpler, more spiritual life. The Son of God was born in a manger, and as He himself told a potential follower, he still had nowhere to lay his head. Jesus appears to be telling this man to count the cost of becoming his follower. Christmas might make us think that Christianity is nothing but sweetness and light when in fact it's incredibly difficult to be a good Christian. — 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 McConaughay, 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.

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.

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

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

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

Messenger releases early deadlines

The Gatesville Messenger would like to remind readers that news and advertising deadlines will change for upcoming issues due to the holidays. Deadline for the Saturday, Dec. 31 edition will be Tuesday, Dec. 27 at 10 a.m. Deadline for the Wednesday, Jan. 4 paper will be Wednesday, Dec. 28 at 10 a.m. The Gatesville Messenger office will be closed Mon-

day, Dec. 26 and Monday, Jan. 2. 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.

DISPATCH

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of December 17 - 19. 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. 17
 11:40 a.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 1900 block of FM 932.
 11:52 a.m., animal cruelty was reported in the 500 block of Andrews Street.
 12:07 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 900 block of Bridge Street.
 6:40 p.m., an accident was reported in the 5000 block of FM 217.
 8:33 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 500 block of Bridge Street.
 9:53 p.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 3300 block of E. Main Street.
Dec. 18
 8:19 a.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 3400 block of Imperial Drive.
 2:38 p.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 2500 block of E. Main Street.
 3:24 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 2500 block of CR 267.
 4:21 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 100 block of Trails Private Drive.
 4:42 p.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 7100 block of S. State Hwy. 36.
 11:35 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 300 block of S. State Hwy. 36 Bypass.
Dec. 19
 12:20 a.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 100 block of N. State Hwy. 36 Bypass.
 3:07 p.m., animal cruelty was reported in the 100 block of Cottonwood Drive.
 3:48 p.m., animal cruelty was reported in the 500 block of Andrews Street.
 4:25 p.m., a theft was reported in the 100 block of Trails Private Drive.
 6:41 p.m., an accident was reported in the 2800 block of S. State Hwy. 36.
 8:40 p.m., a noise disturbance was reported in the 500 block of Straws Mill Road.

block of Cattle Drive Trail.
 9:24 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 2400 block of CR 127.
 5:11 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 200 block of Indian Creek Road.
 6:57 p.m., harassment was reported in the 2500 block of CR 267.
 9:48 p.m., a reckless driver was reported on Hwy. 84 at South Mountain.
 11:59 p.m., a dog bite was reported in the 7800 block of FM 185.
Dec. 18
 4:45 a.m., a minor accident was reported on S. Hwy. 36.
 12:18 p.m., an out-of-control child was reported in the 100 block of E. Walker.
 1:01 p.m., an out-of-control burn was reported in the 400 block of Blakely Road.
 3:25 p.m., trespassing was reported in the 2500 block of CR 267.
 3:26 p.m., a threat was reported in the 2700 block of FM 116.
 3:33 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 2500 block of CR 267.
Dec. 19
 8:29 a.m., a domestic disturbance was reported at Leon Junction.
 9:29 a.m., illegal dumping was reported on CR 248 at Cave Creek.
 9:45 a.m., harassment was reported in the 1000 block of Lutheran Church Road.
 10:03 a.m., a scam was reported in the 3000 block of Carrol Drive.
 11:56 a.m., a minor accident was reported in the 8300 block of N. Hwy. 36.
 12:17 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on FM 580 near Topsey Ranch.

CORYELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Dec. 17
 12:37 a.m., shots being fired reported in the 300

SPREADING HOLIDAY CHEER



Coryell County Sheriff's Office Deputies recently delivered approximately 200 treat bags filled with candy for the kiddos at the Boys and Girls Club Gatesville Branch. Pictured from left, Deputy Oliver Magallon, Deputy Jimmy Gasaway, Sgt. Chris Spencer, along with Boys and Girls Club workers, Ramona Romero, Brittany Romero, Alyssa Villegas, Gabi Robles, and Ruben Romero.

CHRISTMAS AT HILLSIDE

Residents and their families recently celebrated Christmas at Hillside Medical Lodge. Photos by David Scott.



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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:

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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.

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25 acres west of Purluma, 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/condominium, 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 Purluma, TX, FM 1241 & CR 181, stock tank, barn, cattle pens, good exterior fencing, approx. 65 acres w/coastal & native grasses. \$556,980
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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
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Gatesville topples Llano 59-41, keeps rolling

BY CHRIS ALLMAN
Sports Correspondent

Thanks to a 59-41 win over Llano on Monday, the No. 23 Gatesville boys basketball team will head into Christmas the winners of 14 straight games.

The Hornets (16-1) got double figures from Banner Allman, Tyler Shea, and West Allman and Kase Cox provided a first half spark that helped fuel a 22-7 run that helped separate an early close game.

The game tipped off at 11:15 a.m. at Llano and the early going certainly lacked any type of playoff atmosphere. Llano also tried to dramatically slow the game down and limit possessions and transition baskets. It worked to a certain degree as the Hornets finished the game thirteen points under their season per-game average.

Gatesville led just 11-9 after one quarter thanks to



Tyler Shea brings the ball down court for the Hornets in a game earlier this season. Against Llano on Dec. 19, Shea scored 16 points.

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Kase Cox

eight points from Banner Allman in the period. In the second quarter, Shea came alive scoring 12 of his 16 points and Gatesville led 28-16 at the half.

Cox, a sophomore who came in averaging nine minutes per game, played eight minutes in the first half and 15 for the game. He scored three points, had two re-

bounds, two assists, a steal, and forced two more Llano turnovers. He played most of the second quarter as the Hornets extended their lead.

In the second half, the Hornets were simply the better team - even playing their second game without their fantastic senior forward Carter Williams, who will be back in the Hornets lineup

after Christmas. They forced 24 turnovers in the game and committed just eight fouls. Llano shot five free throws in the game compared to 15 for the Hornets.

Banner Allman finished the game with 21 points and 7 rebounds while Shea had 16 and eight rebounds. West Allman scored 14 points - 12 in the second half - and Ray-

shon Smith had three points in the game. Graceson Stewart had two points in the win.

Gatesville returns to the court on Dec. 28 for a final round of tournament play in Brownwood. They will open tournament play with Dublin before a second-round game against Wall. Their opponent in their final game of the tournament will be either

Brownwood, Big Spring, or a third matchup with Little River-Academy.

They will play three more non-district games before opening the district slate on Jan. 13 at home against the No. 18 Connally Cadets. The Hornets will also play their second district contest - on Jan. 17 - at home, taking on the Salado Eagles.



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The Texas Parks & Wildlife Department is stocking rainbow trout at several locations, including Central Texas.

TPWD to stock rainbow trout

The annual Texas winter tradition of rainbow trout stocking is heading back to waterbodies across the state. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) will continue stocking thousands of rainbow trout through early March.

"TPWD stocks catchable sized fish during winter months to create unique winter angling opportunities throughout Texas," said Carl Kittel, TPWD Rainbow Trout Program director. "Rainbow trout love cold water and can be caught on a variety of baits and lures (worms, commercially available pastes, corn, spinners, spoons, flies and more), and are great to take home and eat. Our winter rainbow trout program has been a favorite of anglers for over 40 years."

TPWD plans to stock 337,469 rainbow trout. Because rainbow trout are unable to survive in Texas after winter, anglers are encouraged to keep up to their daily bag limit of five trout. In Texas, children under 17 fish for free, but adults must have a fishing license with a freshwater fishing endorsement. An angler fishing in a Community Fishing Lake or from

a dock, pier or jetty within a Texas State Park may use no more than two poles. The statewide bag limit is five trout, except on parts of the Guadalupe River where special limits are in effect.

The dates and locations are subject to change due to inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances. Be sure to check the 2022-23 Trout Stocking Schedule online (on the TPWD website) before you go fishing to confirm the stocking date and check fishing regulations.

Among the area sites that will be stocked are:

- * Amsler Park in McGregor, Feb. 7.
- * Buena Vista Park Lake in Waco, Jan. 6, Jan. 20, Feb. 3, Feb. 17 and March 3.
- * Carl Levin City Park Pond in Harker Heights, Jan. 11.
- * Copperas Cove City Park, March 5.
- * Meridian State Park, Jan. 12.
- * Miller Park Pond in Temple, Feb. 26.
- * Nolan Creek in Belton, Dec. 30.
- * W.M. Brook Park Lake in Lampasas, Jan. 5.

Other dates and sites statewide can be found at www.tpwd.texas.gov.

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