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City manager gives overview of water resources



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Water is a vital resource for any community, and the city of Gatesville is currently using about 67% of the water resources it has available.

BY JEFF OSBORNE
Senior Writer & Editor

One resource vital to any community is water, and earlier this month, Gatesville City Manager Bill Parry presented an overview of the city's water resources during a meeting of the Gatesville Exchange Club.

"Water will be - if it isn't already - the 'coin of the realm' - something that is valued like money," Parry said.

In addition to supplying Gatesville residents with water, the city also sells water to area water supply companies - such as Coryell City Water Supply District, South Mountain, Fort Gates and The Grove. The city also supplies water to North Fort Hood.

One local water supply company that does not receive water from the city of Gatesville is Multi-County, which has other water contracts.

Gatesville's water infrastructure stretches 27 miles and includes an intake site at Lake Belton and a ground storage tank at Pan-cake.

"The city charges a flat water rate to each of its wholesale customers, and that

includes the cost set by the BRA (Brazos River Authority), which has water rights throughout the basin and then sells the water), maintenance and operations, chemicals (to treat the water), debt services to pay for infrastructure and recapitalization costs," Parry said.

Gatesville has contracts with the BRA for 5,898 acre-feet of raw water in Lake Belton. This provides more than 1.9 million gallons of raw water - or 1.86 million gallons of treated water. Water contracts with the river authority expire between 2041 and 2050 and are projected to be renewable.

Historical usage not including North Fort Hood and federally reserved water rights for Gatesville is about 1.438 million gallons.

"There is a limited supply of water and there's been explosive growth in North Williamson County and South Bell County that is served by two reservoirs (Lake Belton and Stillhouse Hollow)," Parry said. "There's a lot of math that goes into this."

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Last train to Gatesville rolled through 50 years ago

BY DAVID SCOTT
Staff Writer

It was just over 50 years ago - on Nov. 14, 1972 - that the Cotton Belt train whistle blew, and the train slowly pulled away from the depot in Gatesville for the last time. This would leave Gatesville without a rail service for the first time since the train had started visiting in 1882.

It was announced that the Interstate Commerce Commission had approved the Cotton Belt's application to abandon the 19-mile branch line from Lime City to Gatesville. It was reported in The Gatesville Messenger that the local Chamber of Commerce "vigorously opposed" the decision. At that time, rumors were floating around town that some individuals were planning to form a corporation, buy the line, and maintain railroad freight service.

The beginning of the Cotton Belt's service to Gatesville finally became a reality in the early 1880's. Citizens organized together to persuade the Cotton Belt to extend its tracks to Gatesville with a cash offer of \$30,000. According to early sources, the money was easily raised, and land was donated to give the town two daily



COURTESY PHOTO

Late 1972 was the end of an era for Gatesville, as the last train pulled away from the depot that year, leaving the community without rail service since 1882.

trains, both passenger and freight.

Gatesville became the terminus of the line, making the town the feeder for the entire county. Gatesville began making strides

that nearly quadrupled the town's population in size and business within ten years.

Many years before the line was abandoned in 1972, passenger ser-

vice had stopped and only freight cars utilized the Cotton Belt tracks to Gatesville. Farmland was the Cotton Belt's major customer in Gatesville with traffic of about

300 carloads per year. It became the hardest hit by the ending of the Gatesville route. At the time

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Education has experienced many big changes over the years

BY MARSHA LEE
Contributing writer

"Who dares to teach must never cease to learn" was a statement made by John Cotton Dana over a century ago, but today his words seem as appropriate as they were in 1912.

The explosion of technology in just the past two or three decades has not left the education sector behind. With no other viable options, our education system has undergone many changes, and its teachers have ... adjusted.

I asked several retired teachers to reflect on some of these changes. Former GHS teacher Jan Wynn said, "Technology utilized in keeping up with grades, lesson planning and research is one positive aspect because it is especially helpful for parents keeping up with their children's grades and also eases up record-keeping for teachers."

Chantelle Elder from Texas State University said that "technology helped the university move all its records, budgeting, en-

rollment, course content, etc. online, which made our jobs infinitely more effectual, academically and financially, and freed up professors to spend more time on research and with students as needed."

Jan Wynn added that "more documentation is required, especially in the areas of special education. This helps support teachers' actions and responses to behavior and learning in case of parental questions or lawsuits, but it takes time away from teaching and is stressful for teachers."

On the other hand, much progress has been made in identifying students with learning disabilities at an earlier age.

Retired math teacher Barbara Hull said, "I can only remember having one child in my classes when I was teaching who was diagnosed as autistic, but I know many others have been diagnosed since then."

The same can be said for dyslexia, which began to draw attention in the 1970s. These LDs affect children in different ways and in

varying degrees, but with early diagnosis and help from appropriate teachers, their education can be modified so these students can learn, succeed and cope with their LDs rather than being labeled "slow learners/achievers" and being allowed to "slip between the cracks" academically.

Our former 2019 Miss Texas Alayah Benavides was dyslexic.

"She was told in school that she had dyslexia and it was a disability, and experts told her to take remedial classes and accept subpar academic performance," as reported in the April 29, 2019 edition of the San Antonio Express-News. She chose a different route, majoring in English and supporting reading programs. Tyler McNamer was autistic, but wrote a book about autism titled Population One. Then we have Gatesville's own Ed the Toonist, Duncan Clay, who has authored several books.

Former GJHS and GHS principal Roland Lambert used to say that "the library should

be the center of the school."

(As a retired teacher with decades of experience, Lee also has her own perspective on changes in education).

Today, it seems that libraries are fading out a bit. Libraries have embraced all sorts of technology —cataloging books, posting library collections online, and even checking out e-books. Students no longer need to select books from the shelves ... but how do they have any idea what new books are being written without a chance to peruse a library collection where they can pick up the books and look at them?

As reference and research centers, libraries are taking a backseat to the internet, which has clearly replaced traditional reference books and reference collections. If students can get access to an online library, they can study from anywhere, so libraries

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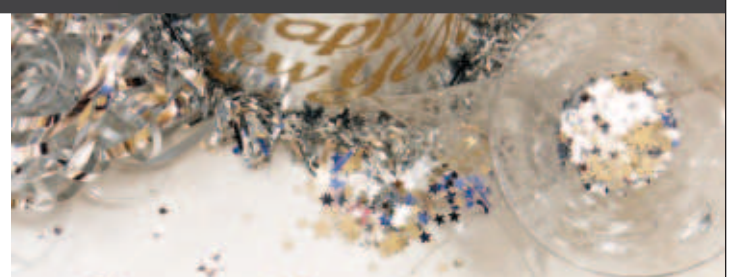
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Happy New Year

May you have a happy, prosperous and healthy new year!



TRAIN

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of the railroad's closure, J.W. McDonald, head of the Farm-land plant, said "We'll have to wait and see just what the effect will be, but we know our transportation costs will go up."

After the closure, the depot sat abandoned for many years. On that final day of rail service to Gatesville, a couple of freight cars and a caboose left the depot for the last time and plans were being made for the 75-pound rails to be sold for salvage.

Former employee of The Gatesville Messenger, John Frank Post, reported that the Cotton Belt tracks were cleared in 1973 as the "railroading boys" ripped up 19.33 miles of track from Gatesville to Lime City.

The Cotton Belt depot sat unused and neglected until the early 1980's when it was purchased by a commercial business. Title for the 21,375 square ft. (0.05 acre) of property was subsequently transferred to the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce. Since that time, the Chamber has operated from the historic Gatesville location, serving Gatesville and the surrounding communities by promoting commerce and assisting travelers and local citizens.

The closing of the rail service 50 years ago has become a positive influence in the community as the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce continues to provide travelers with the history of the Cotton Belt Railroad from the historic depot.



COURTESY PHOTO

This archival picture shows the Gatesville train depot in its heyday and is on display at the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce.

WATER

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At current levels, Gatesville is using about 67% of the water available to the city.

"Without water availability you can't grow and attract new businesses," Parry said. "We do have water available. The problem is (once the limit is reached), there is no more water available to us."

One area that can be adjusted is in reducing the amount of water that is wasted.

"In our area, and awful lot of water is wasted," Parry said. "You sometimes see people watering the concrete in front of their house. Water can be lost through leaky toilets or pipes. In rural areas, you may have a water main that runs through the middle of a field, and nobody checks it very often (to determine if there are leaks)."

Gatesville is able to monitor water use by customers within the city and will notify them if a continuous water use is detected that indicates a possible leak.

Another way to reduce water loss is to have better infrastructure in place.

"The city is trying to correct water loss by replacing old cast iron lines put in during the 1950s," Parry said. "Those weren't really put in right then, but we didn't have the equipment then that we do now. Water meters were also replaced. Some of the older ones weren't registering any water use at all."

"The problem is not the money, it's the water. We need to quit wasting water. For one thing, I see sprinkler systems on everyday watering grass in the middle of December, and that's not needed. If people aren't sure how to turn them off, they can call the city and we'll help them."

"Some people say we have plenty of water, but we don't - it's a limited resource and we sure don't need to be wasting it."

While Gatesville residents receive treated surface water, some of the wholesale providers in the area mix well water with surface water, which can affect the smell and taste of water. Parry said some wells might also have problems with arsenic being pres-

ent, which is the case in parts of McLennan County.

Projected growth in Coryell County means the limited resources of the Middle Trinity aquifer could become strained or tapped out. That is a concern that Coryell County leaders are working to address, along with

the Middle Trinity Groundwater District.

Parry said groundwater from the Middle Trinity will be expensive to treat.

"I'm not saying groundwater is not an option, but it can be costly," he said. "I like surface water and we have a superior treatment designation."

CHANGES

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are losing some of their status as quiet study places. I don't see libraries disappearing right now, but there is no question that technology is replacing many library functions.

Other changes? There are more extracurricular activities available for students now. Schools have taken a direct role in providing meals for students. Free and reduced-price lunches have been here for a while, but now schools provide meals (breakfast and lunch, or a combo) for all students under age 18 in the summers.

There has been a large increase in non-English speaking children coming into our education system, and language barriers are a big challenge to ESL teachers. Here, the predominant secondary language is usually Spanish, but occasionally other nationalities are involved.

The rise in number of charter schools and homeschooling are two additional changes. Charter schools are public schools that operate more freely than the traditional public schools. They set their own curriculum, hire their own teachers and receive private funding, although there has been much controversy over allowing free vouchers to charter schools, which would take some government funding away from regular public schools.

Homeschooling involves parents taking on the task of teaching their children rather than sending them to a school. Homeschooling is not for all students, but it is not bad if parents can manage the curriculum. Often, however, these students miss out on learning social skills, such as how to work with others.

Standardized testing arrived on the scene several years ago, and it has been a source of controversy both among teachers and parents. It has been questioned whether or not the same test can be valid for students in all 50 states, as curriculum and content may vary.

An effort to draw up a core curriculum for all education levels appeared, but not without difficulties. It has also been argued that the vocabulary used in test questions may have different meanings to students in different parts of the country or among the growing number of non-English speaking immigrants and various ethnic groups.

Jan Wynn mentioned that "teachers have had less control over lesson content and creativity in the classroom,



Marsha Lee

as these are more dictated and controlled by state testing of content. This is positive in that students are getting the required basic education, but negative in that teachers have less say over what they feel is important for students to learn and to make learning fun in creative ways."

When standardized testing in core subjects (grammar, composition, math, social studies, and science) began to require students to pass all these tests before they could graduate from high school, there was a major dilemma, and teachers had to find a way to help their students pass.

I can well remember being at a teachers' conference and hearing the key speaker (a member of Texas Board of Education) make the comment, "Forget the enrichment; teach the test!" I thought, "How sad it has come to this!" But that is basically what teachers of core subjects had to do.

Students were stressed out trying to pass, and teachers felt the pressure if students in their core classes did not pass the test (TAAS at that time). Students today are still required to pass five STAAR test assessments — Algebra I, English I, English II, Biology, and U.S. History—to earn a high school diploma from a Texas public or charter school.

Regarding course content and changes, Chantelle Elder made this observation: "One huge negative is refusing to teach certain parts of American history because it does not 'gee haw' with a certain political climate. Not teaching all facets of our history is a huge disservice to the previous generations of Americans who lived it. How can future generations learn from America's previous successes and failures if they don't know about all of them? All levels of academia should be above such nonsense and not turn our education system into a political theater."

Yet this is what is being done in some textbooks and

school curriculum.

Methods of teaching have changed as a result of our understanding of different learning styles. Years ago, teachers taught by their syllabus, quite often by using the lecture method, and expected all their students to learn.

Now we realize that students have different learning styles, and students with LDs need extra attention. New strategies had to be developed to address the needs of all students. Lecture still is important, but class discussion has become a major alternative learning tool. It is less formal and feels more natural to discuss as a group than for one person to lecture.

Students today have changed, too: they are less reserved about speaking out and are not as shy about expressing their opinions and challenging what others, even the teacher, says. This is not all bad, but teachers must work as facilitators and guide the discussion so students do not become rude or disrespectful.

Course offerings have changed and expanded greatly. Would a student today know what to do with a manual typewriter? Would they even have an idea what shorthand was? Some courses have just become obsolete or have been replaced by technology.

In the early 1970s, GHS added a new Vocational Building with classes like Ag, CVAE, VOE, DE, general construction, and general mechanics. Educators began to realize that their job was not to prepare all students for college because not all students would go on to college and many simply did not want to do so. However, vocational courses would help them learn things in subjects that would be of interest and which might help them find a job after high school.

Even vocational offerings have literally exploded into more specific courses. For example, "Ag" is no longer just agriculture, but its offerings branch off into horticulture, equine science, small animal science, advanced animal science, greenhouse production, floral design, etc.

Just look online at the GISD website and look through the subject offerings. I can assure you that you will be amazed. Students can even work through prerequisites and end up in a practicum where they can have supervised practical applications in areas like pharmacology, law, public safety, corrections, education, or nurse training, to name only a few.

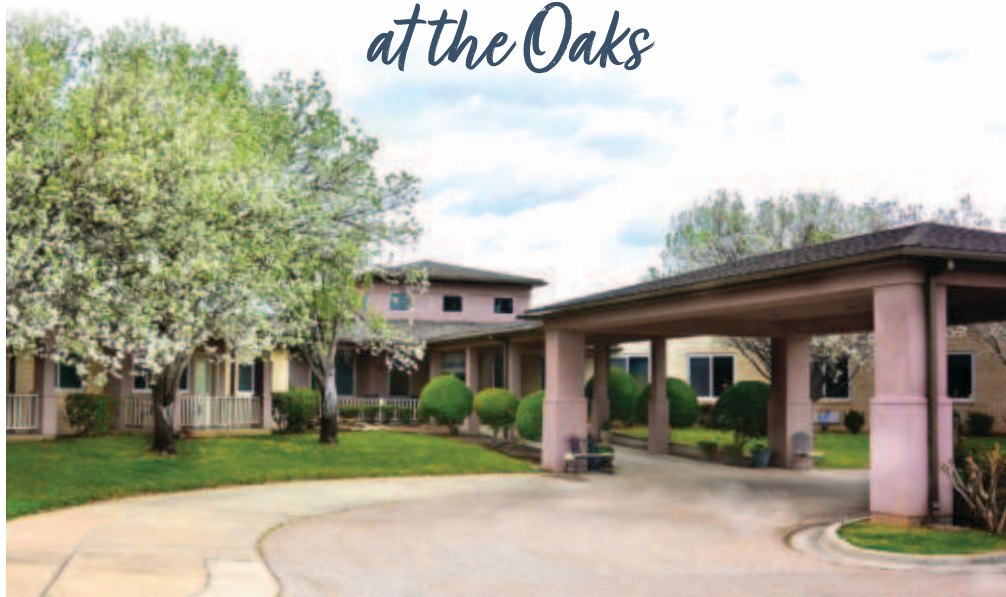


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FROM MY FRONT PORCH

Happy new year to all!

SAM HOUSTON

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

The new year is upon us and soon it will be 2023! It is hard for me to imagine how we could be starting 2023; what the heck happened to 2022, or even 2021 for that matter?



Houston

A friend of mine informed me time was all a sense of perspective. I think he may be on to something. If you were born in 1990, the 60s seem like ancient history. On the other hand, if you lived through the 60s, they are a very vivid part of your memory.

Reflect with me for a minute. When I was in grade school in the 60s, World War I occurred about 45 years earlier. It was a significant event, but to me it was as much ancient history as the Civil War. Heck, my grandfather was too young to serve during World War I, so it must have taken place a very long time ago, right? Counting back from this year to the 60s, it was more than 50 years ago. Oh my! Are the 60s ancient history? Guess time is all about your own individual perspective.

Not sure folks celebrate New Year's like they did 50 years ago. Back then it was the biggest night of the year. People planned extravagant parties, the restaurants were full, and the dance floors packed. I do not hear that sort of excitement about the start of the year nowadays. Some folks will go out and entertainment venues will be crowded, but people are more conscious about drinking and driving than they were years ago, and I speculate

that has slowed down some of the revelry. Maybe New Year's has lost its uniqueness and people choose other times of the year to celebrate. For me, I will be sitting on the sofa enjoying a quiet evening with my wife. After all, it is our anniversary.

Do you make New Year's resolutions? Research shows that more than 141 million Americans will make a resolution this year, but unfortunately only 9% are successful in obtaining their resolution goals. With that information in hand, I want to share some resolutions that are reasonable, obtainable, and measurable. I thought it was important to not set a bar where I was destined to fail.

In 2023:
I resolve to eat more pie.
I resolve to fish regularly.
I resolve to spend more time with the group of friends referred to as "the band."

I resolve to continue to watch my granddaughters grow up, smiling at both their adventures and growing pains.

I resolve to continue to drink aged rum, eat spicy Mexican food, love my neighbors, support my community, and enjoy quiet evenings at home with my sweet wife.

I feel good that I can accomplish these resolutions.

For those of you folks who are trying to lose weight, eat healthy, learn a new language, or exercise, I wish you the best of luck. I have set my goals and I am confident my expectations can be fulfilled. These are my goals, and I am sticking to them!

Perhaps in 2023 we will see people come together and work to solve problems rather than continue to bicker. Perhaps we will all take the time to reach out to help one another, to serve our communities, and enjoy our shared life experiences. Maybe I am a cock-eyed optimist, but I believe 2023 is going to be our best year ever! You just wait and see.

Happy new year to all of you, from all of us at the newspaper. We look forward to bringing you the very best in 2023 and reporting on all the events and special moments of our collective lives.

May God bless us all!
Thought for the day: Jan 1 is the first blank page in a 365-page book. Write a good one!
Until next time.

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Gatesville Senior Center celebrates Christmas



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CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS: Pictured left to right: Camilla Edge, Nutrition Manager, Dorothy Pruett and Pam Rudolph, Senior Center Director with their poinsettias given in appreciation.



ALEX MEELBUSCH | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

WARM PRESENTS: Members got to choose their favorite blanket as a Christmas gift.



ALEX MEELBUSCH | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP: Those in attendance of the Gatesville Senior Center's Christmas party enjoyed their homemade Christmas meal with dessert and as well as the company of other local residents. They also gathered to sing Happy Birthday to Dorothy Pruett.

DISPATCH

The following is a partial breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of Dec. 22-24. Only emergency calls should be made to 911, while all other calls to the police department should be made to 865-2226 or to the Sheriff office at 865-7201.

CITY OF GATESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Dec. 22
6:31 a.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 2300 block of Bridge Street.
10:34 a.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 4200 block of S. State Highway 36.

2:57 p.m., animal cruelty was reported in the 1400 block of St. Louis Street.

5:10 p.m., an accident was reported in the 6000 block of FM 1829.

6:25 p.m., a structure fire was reported in the 4300 block of E. Highway 84.

Dec. 23
7:49 a.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 100 block of S. 23rd Street.

9:53 a.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of FM 116.

3:03 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 200 block of N. 8th Street.

6:10 p.m., animal cruelty was reported in the 500 block of Andrews Street.

6:38 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 500 block of Bridge Street.

Dec. 24
10:57 a.m., a burglary was reported in the 100 block of Magaldi Street.

2:11 p.m., animal cruelty

was reported in the 100 block of N. 29th Street.

3:22 p.m., an assault was reported in the 700 block of Old Pidcoke Road.

3:50 p.m., an accident was reported in the 900 block of FM 182.

11:15 p.m., a missing person was reported in the 1500 block of W. Main Street.

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Dec. 22
8:14 a.m., a civil matter was reported in the 100 block of Old Osage Road.

10:21 a.m., a fire was reported on Highway 36 at Fort Gates.

11:34 a.m., a minor accident was reported on Bald Knob Road.

11:55 a.m., a livestock

complaint was reported on Lutheran Church Road.

5:33 p.m., harassment was reported in the 200 block of Harrel Drive.

Dec. 23
9:29 a.m., a theft was reported in the 6100 block of W. Highway 84.

9:54 a.m., a fight was reported in the 100 block of FM 116.

5:47 p.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 300 block of FM 107.

7:01 p.m., a suspicious vehicle was reported in the 200 block of Julia.

9:30 p.m., a reckless driver was reported at Grimes Crossing near FM 1113.

Dec. 24
9:30 a.m., a major accident was reported in the 14000 block of FM 580.

10:27 a.m., trespassing was reported in the 300 block of E. FM 931.

10:37 a.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 3400 block of FM 1113.

3:51 p.m., a minor accident was reported in the 900 block of FM 182.

4:32 p.m., an explosion was reported on FM 931.

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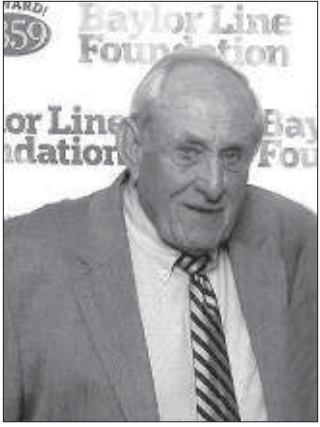
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OBITUARIES

COTTON DAVIDSON

Nov. 30, 1931 - Dec. 23, 2022



Cotton Davidson, age 91, of Gatesville passed away to be with our Heavenly Father on Friday, December 23, 2022, in Waco. His beloved wife of 68 years, Carolyn, was at his side.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., Monday, January 2, 2023, at First Baptist Church in Gatesville, with Rev. Neal Jeffrey of Prestonwood Baptist Church in Dallas officiating. Private family interment will be at Davidson Cemetery, with Dr. Levi Price officiating.

Francis Marion Davidson, otherwise known as "Cotton," was born on a cattle and goat ranch outside of Gatesville on November 30, 1931. He was the son of the late John Thomas (J.T.) and Alyne Davis Davidson. Cotton was raised in Gatesville and graduated from Gatesville High School in 1949. He attended Baylor University, where he played football and met Carolyn Mabery. He graduated from Baylor in 1954 and married Carolyn

on June 5, 1954.

Cotton Davidson loved Coryell County, his football and coaching career. Because of his career, he was forced to leave his hometown, but always returned knowing that this is where he was happiest. His career led to many accomplishments and achievements, but none were valued greater than his family. His wife Carolyn supported and followed him through his career with their family. He was drafted in the first round of the 1954 NFL Draft to the Baltimore Colts, where he played quarterback and punter. Shortly after, he was drafted into the United States Army, where he would receive the All-Army Quarterback in 1955. He briefly returned to the Baltimore Colts, to find friend Johnny Unitas in his stead, so he joined the Calgary Stampede with the Canadian Football League. Following Calgary, he coached at Baylor University for one year, played quarterback for the Dallas Texans for two, and found a home with the Oakland Raiders for seven years. He played for the AFL All-Stars in 1961 and 1963 and was the AFL All-Star Game MVP in 1961. After his career as a professional football player, Cotton returned to Baylor University to become an Offensive Coach for 21 years.

Cotton was a great man of great faith. He was a former member and Deacon of First Baptist Church and a faithful member of Pecan Grove Baptist Church. He was an advocate of the Boys and Girls Club of Gatesville, where he served on the Board of Directors for many

years. He never missed any of his twelve grandchildren's sporting events, whether home or away, and found his utmost joy in family. Cotton is remembered by loved ones for his kindness, former players for his fairness, and fans by his tight spiral.

He was preceded in death by his parents, J.T. and Alyne Davidson; son, Dr. Tommy Davidson; and brother, Hiram Davidson.

Cotton is survived by his wife, Carolyn Davidson; children Kelly Wood and husband, Dr. E. Greg Wood III, Tracy Sage and husband, Randy, Dr. Ty Davidson and wife, Samantha; daughter-in-law, Nina Davidson; sisters Anita Carr and Sandra Robinson; twelve grandchildren, Dr. Casey Davidson and wife, Ericka, Claire Bostic and husband Gable, Will Davidson and wife Jasmine, Carolyn Richtarsic and husband Jon, Marion Wise and husband Neal, Gene Wood and wife Anne Clark, Cal Sage, Kelsey Sage and spouse Natalie Gonzalez, Suzannah Sage, Nate Davidson, Ruby Davidson and Stella Davidson; ten great-grandchildren Lily Davidson, Kate Davidson, Collins Davidson, Rebecca Richtarsic, Charles Richtarsic, Mabery Wise, Carolyn Wise, Louis Wise, Davie Sage and Patrice Davidson.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be directed to the Boys and Girls Club of Gatesville, 2533 E. Main Street, Gatesville, TX 76528, or Pecan Grove Baptist Church, 1110 Old Fort Gates Rd., Gatesville, TX 76528.

death by daughters Anita Jones and Coleta Morris; granddaughter Faith Coward; siblings, Eunice Campbell Patrick, Johnnie Boswell, Charlie Boswell, Raymond Boswell, Mildred Sturdivant, Mary Jo Spradley and Frankie Glaze.

Boots is survived by her son, Jimmy Coward Sr.; grandchildren, Zane Streeter, Sonja Nickle, Felix (P.J.) Morris Jr., Melanie Morris, Sam Coward and Jimmy Coward, Jr.; and four great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Turnersville Community Center, P.O. Box 701, Gatesville, TX 76528.

BONNIE BOOTS COWARD

Aug. 13, 1923 - Dec. 23, 2022



Boots Coward, age 99, of McGregor, passed away on Friday, December 23, 2022, at her home.

Graveside services were

held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, December 29, 2022, at Turnersville Cemetery.

Bonnie Boots Coward was born on August 13, 1923, on the Foote Ranch in Turnersville. She was the daughter of the late Carey and Hazel Foote Boswell. She went to school in Turnersville, graduating from Turnersville High School in 1941. She married Noble Sam Coward in 1941. She was a Registered Nurse for Coryell Memorial Hospital and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Her husband Noble preceded her in death, and she later married Curtis Watson in 1997, and he preceded her in death in 2012. She was a member of First Baptist Church of McGregor. She was also preceded in

NANCY WARREN

May 16, 1960 - Dec. 22, 2022



Nancy Warren, age 62, of Gatesville, went to be with her Heavenly Father on Wednesday, December 22, 2022, surrounded by her family in Houston.

Memorial services were held at 10 a.m., Thursday, December 29, 2022, at Coryell Community Church, with Rev. Bruce Cox officiating.

Nancy Diane Warren was born on May 16, 1960, in Gatesville to Jackie Bankhead Whittenburg and the late Marvin Dean Whittenburg. She grew up in Gatesville, where she met and married her husband of 47 years, Donnie Warren. Together, she and Donnie created a beautiful life centered around their family. She was a loving wife, wonderful "Mama" and enjoyed every single moment of being a "Nana" to her family and friends. Nancy had a unique way of making everyone she met feel like part of her family, welcoming them with her big, beautiful smile and contagious laugh. She spent many hours shopping with her girls, attending any event her grandchildren were involved in and spoiling them every chance she had. She had the ability to make anything beautiful. She took great joy in decorating many weddings, homes and Christmas trees for her family and friends.

She was a member of Coryell Community Church and attended Mound Cowboy Church.

She was preceded in death by her father Marvin Dean Whittenburg; grandson Max Warren Moffett; father and mother-in-law, Sam and Betty Warren.

Nancy is survived by her husband Donnie Warren; daughters Amy Best and husband Daniel, Dee Moffett and husband, Jason; son Jason Warren and wife Whitney; mother Jackie Whittenburg; her pride and joy of nine grandchildren Caylee Schiff and husband Hunter, Caydon Best, Emily Moffett, Sofee Moffett, Lucas Moffett, Jace Warren, Tyler Warren, Austin Warren and Cole Best.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to the Max Warren Moffett Scholarship Fund, c/o Gatesville ISD, 311 S. Lovers Lane, Gatesville, TX 76528.

WANDA JOHNSON

Aug. 28, 1964 - Dec. 23, 2022



Wanda Johnson, age 58, of Gatesville, passed away unexpectedly and peacefully on Friday, December 23, 2022.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, December 31, 2022, at Scott's Funeral Home Chapel, with Pastor Mike Johnson officiating.

Interment will follow at Oak Grove Cemetery. For those unable to attend, Miss Johnson's funeral services will be livestreamed at the link below; her obituary is at www.scottsfh.com.

Wanda Gale Johnson was born on August 28, 1964, in Gatesville. She was the daughter of the late Mose and Hannah Jean Hainesworth Johnson. She attended school in Gatesville, graduating from Gatesville High School in 1982. She attended the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, where she received a bachelor's degree in Accounting and Business. She received her master's degree in Education in Curriculum and Instruction. She began and continued her teaching career for Waco ISD in the Career Technical Education (CTE) Program, as well as coaching the Scarlet Line drill team, until her passing. At a young age, she gave

her life to Christ and was a member of Harvesting Souls International Church. She became the first Elder in the Church and was the Director of the Youth and Children's Department for 25 years. She was a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers Mose Johnson and Eddie Johnson; and a nephew Kevin Johnson Sr.

Wanda is survived by her brothers, Mike Johnson and wife Martha, and Phill Johnson; sister Charlotte Smith; nieces and nephews Kischiane, Torie, Tasha, Hannah, Chris and Dewayne; and a host of great nieces, nephews, family and friends.

The family requests that memorials be directed to the Children's Department at Harvesting Souls International Church, P.O. Box 1175, Gatesville, TX 76528.

JANICE DYE

Feb. 26, 1940 - Dec. 22, 2022



Janice Dye, age 82, of Gatesville passed away on Thursday, December 22, 2022, in Waco.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, December 28, 2022, at Scott's Funeral Home Chapel. For those unable to attend, Mrs. Dye's services were livestreamed at the link below her obituary at www.scottsfh.com. A private interment was held at Restland Cemetery.

Janice Marie Dye was born on February 26, 1940, in Chillicothe, Missouri, to the late Clyde and Pauline Gash Cranmer. She married Don Dye in 1966, and they resided in Waco until moving to Gatesville in 1998. She worked for Waco ISD as a clerk for twenty years, until her retirement. She was a member of Trinity Baptist Church and was a firm Christian who loved to

tell stories from the Bible to all her family members. She was a prime example of how to build a firm foundation with the Lord and demonstrate family values.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Don Dye in 2018; son John A. Boone; brother Thomas M. Cranmer; and a sister Shirley Ashlock.

Janice is survived by her daughter Yvonne Williams and husband Clayton; son Scott Boone; brother Jerry L. Cranmer and wife Ruby; sister Donna K. Baker and husband Mark Gratton; grandchildren Monica Neang and husband Sam, Stephen Sowders Jr., Whitney Sowders; and a great-grandson Koa Neang.

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The Gatesville Senior Center is looking for four drivers per day to drive four different routes. The shifts will be Monday through Friday, starting at 10:30 a.m. Each route will take approximately one hour to complete. Volunteers can build their own schedules with no contract

necessary. If you are a volunteer age 55 or older, you may be eligible for different perks.

The Senior Center is located at 208 N. Lutterloh in Gatesville. For more information contact the Senior Center Director, Pam Rudolph at 254-865-8234.

Genealogical Society to meet Jan. 20

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 re-

ords 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.

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.

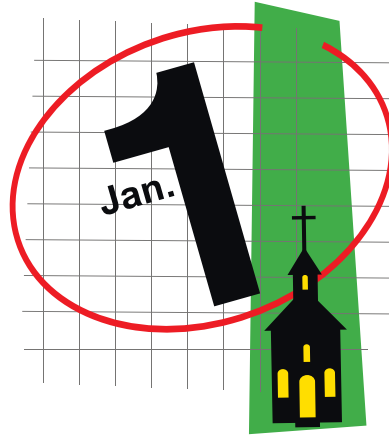
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Preparing for the New Year

"Let us examine our ways and test them, and let us return to the Lord." Lamentations 3:40 NIV

The start of a new year is an ideal time for quiet and prayerful reflection about our lives. What have we experienced in the previous year, and what have we accomplished? What were our successes, and how might we build on them in the year to come? Conversely, where did we fail, and how might we repair those failures, or at least avoid them in the new year?

Surely all of us would benefit from a more faithful prayer life and a commitment to treat our fellow man with more kindness. New Year's resolutions are notoriously short-lived, despite good intentions. The gyms which are full of eager exercisers in January are often half empty in February. One way to improve the odds that we will follow through on our resolutions is to ask God for help in keeping them. As the psalmist advises, "Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain." (Psalm 127:1 NIV) Ask God for help in keeping your resolutions, and consider offering them up to God. It



may also help to track your progress in a diary, a notebook, or on your phone or computer. Keep your resolutions simple and realistic and realize that you're probably going to slip up occasionally on things like dieting and saving money, so don't fret about occasional slip-ups. Finally, if there are things you want to do but dread doing, such as exercise, try to pair them with something you enjoy, like listening to music, or give yourself a reward, such as allowing yourself to watch your favorite show after exercising.

—Christopher Simon

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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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.

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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

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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.

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

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