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Police chief finalists introduced



JEFF OSBORNE | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGE

The four finalists for Gatesville Police Chief are, from left, Matthew Briggs, Brad Hunt, Cody Lee and Carrie Ellis. They met with local residents on Jan. 4 at Gatesville City Hall.

Candidates have broad depth of experience, education

BY JEFF OSBORNE Senior Writer & Editor

During a meet the candidates session on Jan. 4, local residents had the opportunity to talk to the four finalists for Gatesville Police chief ahead of the selection of a new chief

The newly appointed chief will replace outgoing chief Nathan Gohlke, whose official last day will be Jan. 31. Gohlke served the department as chief for almost 18 years and has retired to work in a much different capacity — as a local funeral director.

With the assistance of Strategic Government Resources, led by Price Robinson, senior vice president for executive recruitment who is a former police chief himself, the city narrowed the list of candidates to four finalists.

"I was looking at two things pretty closely and that was clearly stated in our recruiting brochure — experience and education," said City Manager Bill Parry, who planned to interview each of the candidates on Jan. 5 and said he hoped to make a selection quickly.

"Administrative time as a chief, and experience in patrol and CID (criminal investigation department) are all important. Also, we took a look at education, which shows you have initiative to focus on professional development."

elopment." Parry said he was pleasantly surprised by the strong group of candidates, and also their experience level.

"We had to make some hard decisions to get down to four," he said. "There were some very well qualified candidates who were not finalists. The depth of experience we had in the candidates really surprised me."

Robinson said the fact that three of the candidates already have chief experience (the other is a longtime Gatesville Police Department employee) shows the quality of those who applied for the vacancy.

"They will have an opportunity to help build a new police station, which not many chiefs get to do," Robinson said. "It's important that they have vision to move the department forward and be able to recruit and retain quality officers."

Here is a look at each candidate and their goals for the department:

— Matthew Briggs is currently a recruiter/adjunct instructor at Texas A&M University-Commerce. Briggs previously served as police chief in Josephine from 2016-2021. Before that, he served 10 years in the Frisco Police Department.

He said his goal is to seek ways to work closely with the community, finding ways for a partnership between the police department and local residents to create a stronger community.

"There is a longstanding history in Gates-

ville where people have developed a way of life that they enjoy, and the police department should recognize and build on that to make things even better," Briggs said.

— Carrie West Ellis, is the current police chief in Willow Park, a position she has held since 2017. From 1995-2016, West served in the Corinth Police Department, where she advanced to the rank of lieutenant in charge of support services.

"I think the opportunity to build a new facility is great, and I would also like for the department to receive accreditation from the Texas Police Chiefs Association," she said. "I would spend a lot of time working on those priorities.

Ellis said the small town environment is something that led her to apply, "and the opportunity to build on what has already been done."

— Cody Lee currently serves as the operations lieutenant for the Criminal Investigation Department of the Gatesville Police Department. Lee's 25-year law enforcement career includes service with the Stephenville Police Department, and the Hamilton and Bosque County sheriff's departments. Lee joined GPD in 2010.

"One of the things I want to do if I am selected is to continue to build on the good things that Chief Gohlke put in place here," he said. "I don't think we need to make this

a completely different department. I don't

see a need for huge changes."

Lee said he will also work to help continue the strong relationship the department has with Gatesville residents, and to continue to prioritize that.

— Brad Hunt, is the current police chief in Keene, a position he has held since April 2022. Before that, Hunt was a police officer and division commander with the Temple Police Department, where he served for 20 years.

Hunt has worked closely with Texas police departments in helping them to identify the 168-170 standards that must be met during the Texas Police Chiefs Association's accreditation process. He has helped other departments obtain this designation, and said he hopes to be able to do that as chief in Catesville

"When you first start looking at the 170 different criteria — timelines, inspection of vehicles, calls, it can be very overwhelming," he said. "I know the process and can help officers and the department with that process.

"Also, one of the biggest things for me is collaboration with other departments. You have the prisons here, Fort Hood and other law enforcement agencies. It's important that we all work together for the best for our communities."

County leaders seek community input on hazard mitigation plan

BY JEFF OSBORNE

Senior Writer & Editor

In an effort to help the county prepare for — and potentially avoid — disasters, Coryell County leaders are working with Natural Resources Solutions (NRS) on a hazard mitigation plan and are seeking public input.

In addition to helping prevent or offset the consequences of disasters, the plan will also help the county qualify for additional grants.

"Within the Central Texas Council of Governments (which includes Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Milam, Mills and San Saba counties), Coryell County is the only county that

doesn't have a hazard mitigation plan," said Coryell County Judge Roger Miller. "Across the state, there are only seven or eight counties that don't have one.

"One of the reasons that is important is that there are millions of dollars available in grant funding but one of the requirements for those grants is to have a hazard mitigation plan. A great benefit is that this plan will help us prevent problems in advance instead of just reacting to them."

The Coryell County Commissioners Court reached an agreement with NRS on Dec. 13 to complete the hazard mitigation plan (HMP). The plan, which is updated every five

years, will help to identify concerns related to natural disasters and develop strategies to reduce the risks.

The county is looking for local residents to provide their concerns and priorities. Four public meetings are scheduled: *5:30-7:30 p.m. Jan. 18 at the Gatesville City Auditorium,

110 N. Eighth St. * 5:30-7:30 p.m. Jan. 19 at Evant City Hall

* 5:30-7:30 p.m. Jan. 25 at the Copperas Cove Council Chamber

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County youth fair begins soon

BY JEFF OSBORNE Senior Writer & Editor

One of the biggest local events of the year, the annual Coryell County Youth Fair, is scheduled from Tuesday, Jan. 10 through Saturday, Jan. 14. It will showcase the talents and commitment of local youths and give them an opportunity to earn rewards and recognition for their efforts.

This year, a record 418 exhibitors are scheduled to participate. In 2022, only 362 exhibitors took part in the event, which Keith Smart, president of the Coryell County Youth Fair Board of Directors, attributed to the lingering effects of COVID-19.

Total number of entries expected in each category are:

- * Home economics, 1,462
- * Ag mechanics, 12
- * Angora goats, 19
- * Cattle, 26
- * Dairy goats, 33 * Market goats, 64
- * Horses, 134
- * Poultry, 90
- * Swine, 91 * Rabbits, 333
- * Sheep, 88

dren and teens.

There are also 136 pee wee entries from children in the first and second grades.

The number of entries is up nearly across the board, said Keith Smart, president of the Coryell County Youth Fair Board of Direc-"Poultry is up a good bit and horses are

up," Smart said. "Sheep and pig entries are about the same. Rabbits are up a little bit, and goats are also up." Judging for events will begin at 9 a.m. Jan. 10, with the home economics category kick-

ing off the competition. The fair will close with the annual auction sale, which begins at 6 p.m. Jan. 14. Last year, the auction generated more than \$300,000 in proceeds for participating chil-

"Community support has stayed strong," Smart said. "We do have a community that



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The Coryell County Youth Fair is one of the area's biggest annual events, with hundreds of participants in several categories.

is very giving. People also do a great show of coming to support the youth at the fair.

"I hope people will come out this year and watch the shows. We'll have a good concession stand and we're hoping for good weath-

Coryell County Youth Fair Schedule

Tuesday, Jan. 10 * 9 a.m.-5 p.m., judging of home econom-

- * 9 a.m., check-in for horse show
- * 9:30 a.m., horse show judging begins * Noon, record books for commercial cat-

tle due to superintendent

- * 2-4 p.m., arrival of rabbits; weight and classify at 5:30 p.m. or when judging is complete
- * 6-8 p.m., home economics open to the public; country store open for sale of baked goods only (except grand and reserve champion entries)
- * 8 p.m., release all baked goods with the exception of grand and reserve champion entries. These will remain for display.

Wednesday, Jan. 11

* 8:30 a.m., home economics open to the public

- * 9 a.m., judging commences in the following order: Meat pens, fryers, breeding rabbits (senior, then junior showmanship to follow)
- * Noon 5:00 p.m., All other livestock entries can be unloaded into Complex Pavilion
- 5:30-6 p.m., weigh/classify sheep 6-6:30 p.m., weigh/classify market
- goats/ commercial does/dairy goats to fol-
- * 6:45-8 p.m., weigh/classify swine * 6-7 p.m., weigh/classify market steers/
- check heifers

Thursday, Jan. 12

- * 8:30 a.m. 8:30 p.m., home economics division open to the public
- * 10 a.m., judging/interviews for commer-
- * 11:00 a.m., judging commences in the following order: Halter classes: breeding heifers, market steers to follow halter cattle (senior, then junior halter cattle showman-
- * Approximately 2 p.m., judging of Angora goats, following Angora show, (senior, then junior showmanship to follow)
- * Approximately $\hat{4}$ p.m., judging starts for breeding sheep, market lambs (senior, then junior showmanship to follow)

Friday, Jan. 13

- * 7:30 a.m., poultry check-in
- * 8:30 a.m. 6 p.m., home economics open
- 9 a.m., judging commences in the following order: Poultry - broilers, roasters, turkeys (senior, then junior showmanship
- Approximately 11 a.m., goat show (senior, junior doe/billy then billy showmanship to follow)
- * Approximately 1 p.m., goats commercial, market
- 4 p.m., judging commences in the following order: Swine - breeding, market
- Prior to showmanship, Coryell County 4-H Greased Pig Contest (second-graders
- Following pig contest, senior, then junior swine showmanship
- * Following market goats, release of livestock auction items with the exception of swine, which will be released after the swine show. Release of home economics entries and pee wee entries

Saturday, Jan. 14

- * 9 a.m., pee wee rabbit show (check-in at 8:30 a.m.)
- 10:30 a.m., pee wee goat show/lamb (check in 9:30 a.m.)
- * 11:30 a.m., home economics pictures for newspaper (grand and reserve only) and all home economic auction photos
- 11:45 a.m., all home economic auction items including freshly baked goods should be placed on auction exhibit table
- 5:30 p.m., announcements, auction dedication ceremony and special awards
 - * 6 p.m., auction sale

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The Coryell County Youth Fair gives local children and teens an opportunity to showcase their skills in raising livestock and showmanship, and also to display their talents in the home economics division, with entries ranging from artwork and making clothing to preparing baked goods.

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7:30 p.m. Jan. 26 at Oglesby Community Center

The county and NRS have also set up a website, www.coryellcountyhmp.com and will also have a Facebook page for the HMP that will provide updates and information and will have a survey for people to give their input on local

hazards and concerns.

"Both state and federal agencies look at community involvement, and we want to do our due diligence and involve the community and get their feedback," Miller

This process could help the county greatly multiply its efforts to improve local safety, Miller said.

"One of our priorities is replacing low-water crossing, but with limited funding available we've only been able to do two or three a year," Miller said. "There are grant funds available that would help us to do much more and getting the hazard mitigation plan in place is an important part of that.'

The process will potentially provide significant financial benefits for the county. "The return on the taxpayer in-

vestment (for the HMP) is astronomical," Miller said. "We are applying for \$14.5 million in grants and have budgeted \$500,000 for grant support. If we are able to get all of these grants, it would be a 3000% return for our taxpayers. I don't see how you cannot do that."

Miller said the county expects to be notified within the next 60 to 90 days which grants they will

The county is working to submit its HMP to the state this spring.

"The goal is that we have our hazard mitigation plan written for their approval by April 15," Miller said. "The Texas Department of Emergency Management is involved in the process. They have an interest and will give interim approval. Then it goes to FEMA (the Federal Emergency Management Agency) for approval. "We are working to see what we

and ready to submit to the state

can do to lessen the impact of disaster events before they happen."



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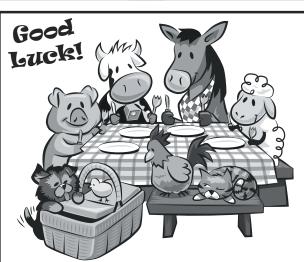












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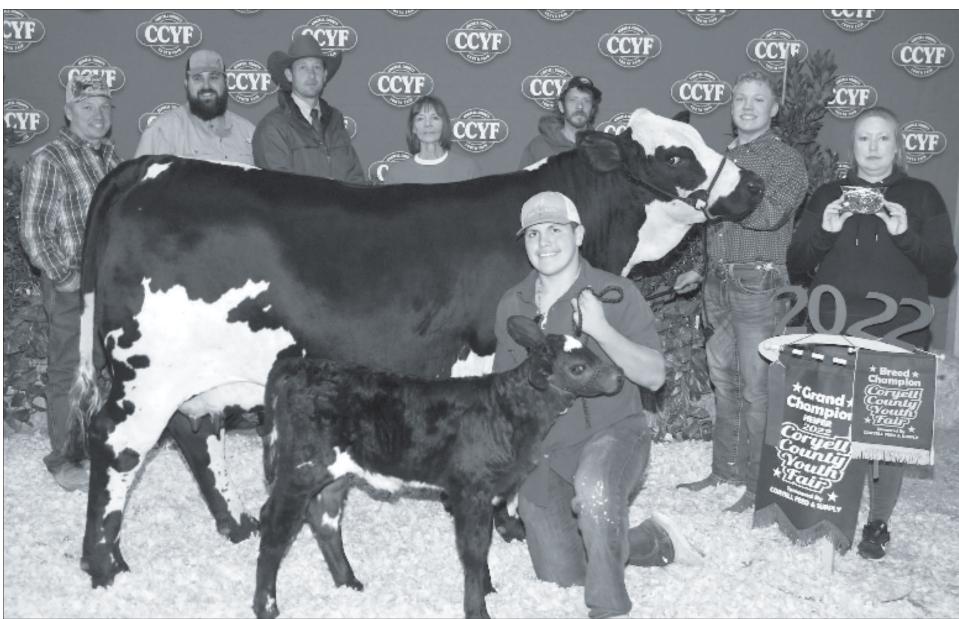
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SAM HOUSTON

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

The start of the new year gives cause for a lot of self-reflection. In many cases a survey of the past and frequently a projection for the future.

search engine on my computer, the screen is flooded out of time, and the game with promotions for weight simply ended before he has loss. If we all had a dollar the last chance to bat and for every person who starts a diet on Jan. 1, we could about putting off things one all go to Belize and sit on wants to accomplish. Perthe beach with nothing to haps it creates an interestdo but figure out how we ing challenge, doesn't it? are going to spend all that money. Talk of weight loss myself is to finish another every advertiser ramps up its promotions, attempting of people resolve to take better care of themselves. have it for sale this fall, pribut I cannot help but think most of the "resolutions" wind blows.

for 2023, but I resist calling them resolutions. To me they are goals, and the and strive to get to where I want to be. I am upbeat and many things at work as well convinced 2023 is going to be one of the best years of my life.

Perhaps I feel that way not ever attain them. Some- shortcomings and lessons 573-7066, ext. 260

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I know when I open the times a man doesn't want to think he lost; he simply ran go ahead. Makes one think

One goal I have set for is everywhere! Seems like book. I have something I have been working on called "Tales from the Trail." It is to get a piece of the weight a collection of short stories loss sales dollar, as millions similar in style and tenor to my column. My goal is to Goodness knows I could or to the Christmas season. I stand to lose some weight, will keep you posted when it is available, because I think a lot of you will really enjoy it. will be gone and forgotten Having the freedom to tell a by the time the first March story without the restriction of the size of a newspaper I am making lots of plans column makes for a better story. Some are funny, some are poignant, and others will touch somewhere deep inonly way I know to achieve a side you. You readers keep goal is to dig in, go to work my feet to the fire to get this task completed!

As I look back at life, I encouraged about a great know I can't change the times when I have failed; as in my personal life. I am where I fell short or disappointed myself and others. Still, I think it is positive to remember those times and situations. By doing so, perbecause I am a little older, haps we are not as likely to and I realize my time keeps step into the same "snare." drawing shorter. If I do not The tough part of lookhit my goals soon, I might ing back is accepting those

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This year, I will spend more time with friends. I will be sure to take every opportunity to be kind and forgiving to those in need. I will give my family all the attention they deserve, and I will support those at work with kind words and the opportunity to reach their own

My hope for all of you is to be excited about the life we are living, mindful of your choices, and thankful for all you have. Don't set a goal that drives you away from all you treasure, or keeps you from enjoying "the ride" as you go through life. It is a long road, and it takes a whole lot of turns in the road to get to the end. Together we can all make it. I think 2023 is going to be

one heck of a "party." Thought for the day: there are far better things ahead than what we leave behind. Until next time, I will be riding the storm out.

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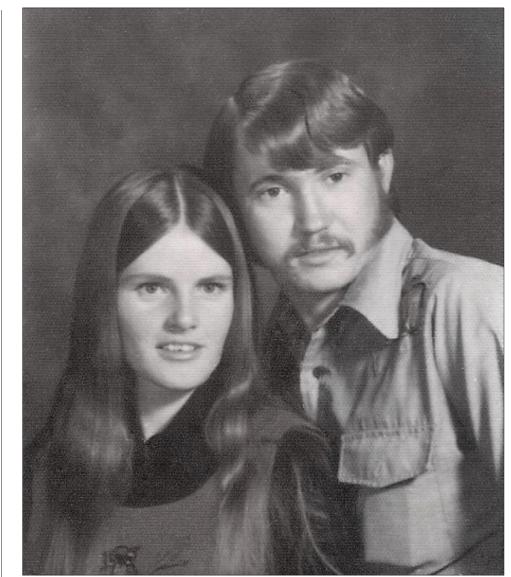
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Bud and Lauralee Jenkins

Jenkins to celebrate 50th anniversary

Bud and Lauralee Jenkins will be feted with a luncheon to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Jan. 7, 2023, at Pappadeaux Seafood Kitchen in Austin. Bud Jenkins and the former Lauralee Small were married on January 6, 1973, at Col-

lege Avenue Baptist Church in McGregor with the Reverend Dewey Baldwin officiating. Bud and Lauralee have two sons, Bobby Jenkins and wife, Melissa, of Gatesville and Tim Jenkins and wife, Darcie, of San Antonio. They have two grandsons and one greatgranddaughter.



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would like to attend.

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Our Lady of Lourdes Par-Bishop of the Diocese of ish was established in 1943 Austin, will come and cel- as a mission church under ebrate Mass at Our Lady of St. Mary's in Lampasas, to attend the meal to pur-Lourdes at 1108 West Main It was the first Catholic chase meal tickets ahead St. in Gatesville with the pa- Church in Coryell County. rishioners and anyone who Five years later, Bishop Reicher designated Our can be taken. Tickets may After the Mass there will Lady of Lourdes a separate be purchased after Sunday be a celebration at 1 p.m. at parish with the respon- Masses, or you may call the the Gatesville Civic Center sibility of ministering to church office at 254-865with a meal, entertainment, the Catholics at the State 6710 for more information. social time, children's School for Boys in Gates-

at Fort Hood during World War II.

The church would like to invite the public to the celebration. They are encouraging those who want of time at the cost of \$5 each so that a head count

Martin Guadalupe Pelayo III Steven Brodie Frayer and

Morris Federation to meet Jan. 14

Members of The Morris Federation will have their first meeting of the new year on Saturday, Jan. 14, at 10:15 a.m. in the James Coryell Room of the Coryell Museum and Historical

program, "Things Seniors Need to cooperates with many other Know," will be presented doctors and specialists in by David Myers, Clinical the medical group at Coryell Social Worker Specialist in County Memorial Hospital Gatesville. Myers has more Authority. than seven years of diverse

titled, Clinical Social Work, and he

games, a talent show, and ville. The parish also served experiences, especially in

TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Tumbleweed Smith is a newspaper columnist and radio producer

o many good things developed during the COVID pandemic. One of them originated at the University of North Texas in Denton and is called Raise Up Radio. Dr. Sarah Evans, an ex-librarian, was visiting with her colleagues about ways to increase sharing information from libraries in small communities during the shutdown.

One solution was radio. "People in rural areas depend on radio," she said. "It's a perfect medium for libraries to use."

She managed to get a government grant to launch the program. It started in the community of Pottsboro, 60 miles from Denton. "We met with the library staff and residents to find out what they would like to learn more about. Students got involved and the thing

was raising chickens. They decided to interview experts in the business and create a 4-segment series of radio heart of the program is getprograms, each about 8 or 9 minutes long. These would be on the library's web site, with the ultimate goal of getting them on radio stations."

Dr. Evans sent me the 4 segments on raising chickens. They all start with a for libraries to get audio young voice saying, "Wel-

the egg-ceptional Pottsboro Area Library and Raise Up Radio." Dr. Evans said the ting community members together, exploring different topics and then creating audio programs. "We want the programs to be meaningful to the communities."

Grant money is available production equipment. "We come to a chicken fact have a tool kit for libraries and audio production."

that was mentioned most broadcast brought to you by who want to do this."

Raise up Radio becoming a popular way to share information

The students who did the programs in Pottsboro were in grades 4 through 12. Some parents got involved learned something themselves. "We had a mom and her teenage daughter who were part of the program. The daughter was really interested in learning about chickens, but the mom was actually interested in learning about podcasting

Some libraries that signed up for the program are doing oral histories, getting stories and experiences from older residents, and exploring how the school systems and other entitles got started. Dr. Evans said that to keep interest up, each segment has a science experiment that families can do together. "We'll be exploring how to fit an egg into a bottle," said the student narrator.

Sarah said it took about three months to get the project started. "There was really a lot of excitement about it. A couple of family members asked, 'when will we do another series of programs and what are they going to

be about?'" She said that so many good things have come



from Raise Up Radio. "Kids get experience in meeting different people and interviewing them, then editing the recorded interviews and producing a finished audio product.

HOUSES OF WORSHIP

Ten Tips for a Better Life in the

BAPTIST

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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

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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.

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HARMONY BAPTIST CHURCH: A.C. Painter, pastor; 1750 FM 215, Gatesville; Sunday services -Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m., evening worship 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday evening worship 6:30 p.m.

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1. Smile more, even when you don't feel like it. 2. Do something nice for someone every day. 3. Start and end your day by remembering what you have to be thankful for. 4. Protect your health—it's your most cherished asset, and without it nothing else matters.

Whether you have given up on New Year's resolutions or

are chomping at the bit to put your new self-tracking device

into operation, there are many simple and easy ways to

improve your life in the New Year. Here are ten tips that

will make your life happier and healthier this year:

5. Save something for a rainy day; you'll be glad you did when you need it.

6. Learn something new every day; knowledge is power. 7. Exercise every day, even if it's only going for a short

8. Cultivate your friendships and remember that friendships don't grow in isolation.

9. Cultivate better relationships with your family. 10. Cultivate a good relationship with God; pray and read scripture daily.

Over the coming weeks, we will examine each of these tips in more detail, giving practical advice on how to make them part of our everyday lives. - Christopher Simon

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OSAGE BAPTIST CHURCH: Chris Thomas,

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give thanks in all circumstances; for

this is God's will for you in Christ

-1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 NIV

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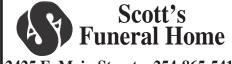
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The following is a partial breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of December 28 -3. Persons are reminded that only emergency calls should be made to 9-1-1, while all other calls to the police dep should be made to 865-2226 or to the Sheriff's office at 865-7201.

City of Gatesville Police Department

4:00 a.m., suspicious activblock of Pecan Drive.

12:28 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 300 block of N. 10th Street.

3:11 p.m., a burglary was reported in the 600 block of Straws Mill Road.

9:21 p.m., an assault was reported in the 200 block of N. 8th Street.

Dec. 29

8:37 a.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 3000 block of S. State Hwy. 36.

4:19 p.m., a missing person was reported in the 1600 block of W. Main Street.

5:07 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 5400 block of FM 107.

6:16 p.m., an intoxicated driver was reported in the 15000 block of E. Hwy. 36. Dec. 30

1:36 a.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of Magaldi Street.

4:44 p.m., a threat was reported in the 2800 block of S. State Hwy. 36.

5:02 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 7000 block of N. State Hwy. 36.

11:50 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 2400 block of Osage Road.

Dec. 31

4:04 a.m., an accident was reported in the 1900 block of N. State Hwy. 36.

10:36 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 800 block of Jack Butler Road.

11:18 p.m., a hit and run

accident was reported in the 300 block of Old Waco Road.

5:52 a.m., an accident was ity was reported in the 100 reported in the 4000 block of FM 182.

3:30 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 1900

block of CR 138. 6:51 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 2300

block of Business Hwy. 36. 11:40 p.m., animal cru-

elty was reported in the 100 block of E. Leon Street. Jan. 2

12:12 a.m., a noise disturbance was reported in the 1800 block of Saunders

Street. 5:02 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 1400 block of Saunders Street.

6:45 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 2400 block of Osage Road.

1:04 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2400 block of E. Main Street.

11:07 a.m., a vehicle fire was reported in the 2400 block of Business Hwy. 36.

5:58 p.m., a vehicle fire was reported in the 1500 block of Golf Course Road.

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6:07 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 200 cle was reported in the 100 block of S. 34th Street.

Coryell County Sheriff's Office Dec. 28

12:24 a.m., a minor accident was reported in the 1700 block of FM 215.

1:20 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 900 block of CR 188.

3:16 p.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 500 block of Rock Creek.

Dec. 29 10:38 a.m., illegal dumping was reported in the 2900 block of Moccasin Bend

Road. 12:38 p.m., deadly conduct was reported in the 3000 block of Straws Mill Road.

3:31 p.m., a theft was reported in the 2800 block of CR 137.

4:41 p.m., a missing person was reported in the 3800 block of FM 1783.

Dec. 30

p.m., a livestock 2:17 complaint was reported on Tablerock and Harmon Roads.

5:02 p.m., a grass fire was reported on Hwy. 36. 7:02 p.m., a missing person was reported in the 100

block of Julia Drive. 9:22 p.m., a stolen vehicle was reported in the 300 block of Valley View Drive.

Dec. 31 2:20 a.m., an assault was reported at the corner of Hwy. 84 and FM 116.

1:10 p.m., a major accident was reported on FM 116 at FM 1783.

5:10 p.m., a stolen vehi block of High Mesa Drive.

11:38 p.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 800 block of CR 337. Jan. 1

12:56 a.m. an out-of-control child was reported in the 200 block of Jack Butler Road.

1:00 p.m., a scam was reported in the 2100 block of

CR 127. 4:35 p.m., trespassing was reported in the 2100 block of

CR 258. 6:58 p.m., a suspicious vehicle was reported on S. Hwy. 36 and River Oaks.

Jan. 2

9:38 a.m., a stolen vehicle was reported in the 200 block of Lazy Ridge Drive.

11:15 p.m., a possible fire was reported in the 8500 block of FM 182.

12:40 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 1100 block of Holden Loop.

8:25 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the

4300 block of FM 1113. 10:16 p.m., a prowler was reported in the 4100 block of FM 929.

8:19 a.m., criminal mis-

chief was reported in the 500 block of E. Leon Street. 11:15 a.m., a case of fraud

was reported in the 7100 block of CR 142. 3:04 p.m., the theft of

a firearm was reported in the 1200 block of Lutheran Church Road.

5:45 p.m., trespassing was reported in the 12000 block of FM 929.

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r, good views, electricity running across the property. \$252,000 res west of Purmela, TX on CR 181. Stock tank, good exterior fencing on 3 side will need to be fenced, coastal and native grasses. \$275,000

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s south of Evant TX, Coryell County, CR 154. Rolling terrain, d views, electricity on northeast corner of property. \$425,000 2171 CR 49, Evant, TX. Rolling terrain, 40% being being open pasture, great views. \$675,000 52.73 acres 3/2.5 barndominium, 1197 CR 404, Hamilton, TX. 1 water well, metal ng terrain, 2 tanks, good fences. \$899,000 c Dr., Gatesville, TX. Approx. 2900 ft. of arpet in the bedrooms, vaulted ceiling, rock ar, garden tub, metal building approx. 45 ft cattle pens, 1 stock tank, approx. 48 acres

> l 1241 & CR 181. Stock tank, barn, cattle es with coastal & native grasses. \$556,980 ft. x 30 ft. metal barn, electricity, 1 tank, ee cover, good hunting. \$720,000

K, Coryell County. Rolling terrain, good tree 850.000 Rd. Good tree cover, rolling terrain, small

esville, TX. FM 116 frontage, great views, cover. \$1,230,000 oor plan, wood burning fireplace, breakfast

a & bathrooms. Lamanite wood flooring in pet in 2 bedrooms, inground pool with slab that was pour 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

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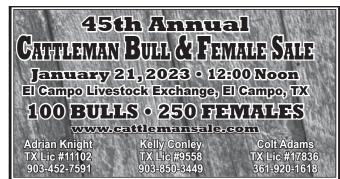
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GENE ARNOLD

June 8, 1942 - Dec. 16, 2022



Gene Arnold, age 80, of Gatesville, passed away Fri-

day, December 16, 2022, surrounded by his loving family.

Gene was born June 8, 1942, in Gatesville, to the late R.M. (Bob) and Birdie wife, Suzie Dyer Arnold; Tippit Arnold. He was a lifeand attended Gatesville High en Pratt and husband, David; School, Class of 1960. Gene brother, Bobby Arnold and was a jack of all trades professionally. His passions throughout his life included Kerins and husband, Brahim golfing, deer hunting, and Farah, Robert Kerins, Landon drinking coffee with friends. Holden and partner, Camer-He loved his pets, especially riding his mules at Parrie lyn Holden, Latham Loecken Haynes Equestrian Center, and Jace Pratt. even at the age of 80. He had a gentle and kind soul who ily has requested that memomade a lasting impression rials be made to the Johnny on most everyone he crossed Watkins Sunday School paths with. He was a de- Class, c/o Jerry Giebler, 7915 voted member of the Johnny East U.S. Hwy. 84, Gatesville, Watkins Sunday School Class TX 76528. in Gatesville.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Bradley Arnold.

Gene is survived by his daughters, Gena Kerins and time resident of Gatesville husband, Doug, Dawn Holdwife, Carol; grandchildren, Douglas Kerins, Mary Kate on Lyons, Lane Holden, Madi-

In lieu of flowers, the fam-

MARY ELLA DANIELS

Aug. 14, 1961 - Dec. 10, 2022

Mary Daniels passed away on Saturday, December 10, 2022, in Palestine.

Mary Ella Daniels was born on August 14, 1961, to the late Alfred Wayne and Daisy Mae Jones Hamilton. She grew up and went to school in Oglesby, graduating from grandchildren, Austin, Ary-Gatesville High School in annah, Isabelle, Alex, Gracie, loved fishing with the boys 1979. She later earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration, Gavin, Gracie; and many that she was very proud of from Kaplan University at the age of 57. She married Roy (Red) Cleaveland Daniels, II on January 13, 1997. Mary was a waitress for 40plus years at local restaurants, she loved her job and the relationships that she built over the years with customers. She loved her children and grandchildren very much and considered her mom her best friend. She also loved gardening, fishing, and canning. She was a member of Pearl Country Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; grandparents, Louis Hamilton, Emma Harvel, Odel and Violet Jones; and a brother, Michael Clarke.

Mary is survived by her 1960, in Jacksonville, Florida daughters, Susan Blaser, to the late Roy Cleaveland ilton and wife, Karen, Jimmy Hamilton and wife, Liz; Jacob, Aaron, Travis, Zachary, Ethan, Nathan, Hank, nieces and nephews.



ROY (RED)

Sept. 12, 1960 - Dec. 27, 2022 Roy (Red) Daniels, passed away on Tuesday, December 27, 2022, in Gatesville.

Kristy Stockman, Alison Bry- Daniels, I and Sally Tingen ant; sons, Justin Estredge Daniels. He entered the Unitand wife, Stephanie, Eric ed States Army at a young Klecka and wife, Barbie; sis- age and served in Iraq. He ters, Deborah Hamilton and was a Purple Heart recipient spouse, Larry Locke, Brenda and retired after thirty years Watson and husband, Joe, of service to his country. He Kimberly West and husband, married Mary Ella Hamilton Curtis; brothers, David Ham- on January 13, 1997, and she preceded him in death on December 10, 2022. Roy was an avid pool player and and grandkids. He was a member of Pearl Country Church. Roy is survived by his

daughters, Susan Blaser, Kristy Stockman, Alison Bryant; sons, Justin Estredge and wife, Stephanie, Eric Klecka and wife, Barbie; sister, Debbie Garcia; grandchildren, Austin, Aryannah, Isabelle, Alex, Gracie, Jacob, Aaron, Travis, Zachary, Ethan, Nathan, Hank, Gavin, Gracie; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial services for Mary and Roy (Red) Daniels will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, January 7, 2023, at Pearl Country Church in the Pearl community, address: 6795 FM 183, Gatesville. Rev. David Booth will be officiating. Military honors will be rendered at Roy Cleaveland Daniels, II the church for the service of was born on September 12. Mr. Daniels to our country.

ROBERT RAY

"BOB" SHOAF June 24, 1929 - Jan. 2, 2023



Robert Ray "Bob" Shoaf, age 93, of the King community, passed away Monday, to Coryell County where they ily has designated memori-January 2, 2023, in Gates-

was held on Friday, January Hood as a butcher for nearly 76528.

6, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 11 20 years, retiring in 1974. a.m. at King Baptist Church He also worked as a farmer with graveside services fol- and rancher and did mainlowing at King Cemetery. tenance and electrical work. The Rev. Charles McKamie From 1987 to 2005 he ran officiated.

1929, in the King community, to the late John and Bessie (Ray) Shoaf. He was the Gunsmoke and rarely missed youngest of eight children. an episode. Bob attended school in the Plainview community, right outside of King. He worked at a drug store in El Paso one summer where he met Joan Louise Hanek, the love of his Cruces, New Mexico. After their marriage, they moved resided in the King com- als be made to King Cemmunity most of their mar- etery, c/o Mike Dickie, 7604 Visitation with the family ried lives. Bob worked at Ft. FM 1783, Gatesville, Texas,

Shoaf Deer Processing. He Bob was born June 24, enjoyed playing penny ante poker and dominoes. In his later years he loved watching

> Bob was preceded in death by his parents and wife of nearly 72 years, Joan Shoaf.

He is survived by his sons, Robbie Shoaf and wife, Becky, Ray Shoaf and wife, life. They were married soon Tammi, and Ricky Shoaf; after on April 29, 1950, in Las eight grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the fam-

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The Gatesville Senior Cen-

Gatesville Adaptive Sports to offer soccer league starting in February

recently announced that reg- 22. istration for their Adaptive Soccer League is now available online.

Gatesville Adaptive Sports

The soccer league will begin in February and will be the same site as well. free of charge.

To sign up for the soccer the Gatesville Fitness Center is an organization which league, visit http://www. at 254-865-4012. helps children and adults teamsideline.com/sites/

Gatesville Adaptive Sports with special needs ages 5 to GatesvilleTx/current-programs. Volunteers are always needed and can register on

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Turnersville Community Center to hold meeting January 16

The Turnersville Community Center will hold its quarterly meeting on Monday, Jan. 16, at 6 p.m. The meeting is scheduled to take place at the community center and will be

tion of new officers is one Turnersville. item on the agenda.

ering place for recreation, 0110. education, and the arts. It

open to the public. Elec- is located at 8115 FM 182 in

For more information The community center about the quarterly meetis a family-friendly gath- ing, please call 254-494-

Chamber seeks nominations for 2022 Gatesville Citizen of the Year

The "Citizen of the Year" who makes a nomination award has been presented should be available to aseach year since 1959 to an outstanding citizen of the Gatesville community. Every adult citizen of our submitted by Friday, Jan. community is eligible to nominate one or more persons who have made out- is located at 2307 S. Hwy standing contributions to 36 in Gatesville. this community over a significant period. The 2022 Citizen of the Year will be presented at the 2023 Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting and Banquet on Saturday, Jan. 21.

Nominees who function within the guidelines and requirements of their paid position(s) are not considered. Only one nomination per individual will be considered regardless of the number of letters or signatures received nominating any individual. Anyone sist with the presentation of the award.

Nominations were to be 6 at the Cotton Belt Depot Visitors Center. The Depot

For further information contact the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce at 254-865-2617.

Previous Citizen of the Year Honorees include: 1987 John Ward

1988 Belva Knight 1989 Dr. E.E. Lowery 1990 Mike Kuzenka 1991 John Ward

1992 Ruth Jon Smith 1993 Robert Lee Powell 1994 Bobby Humburg 1995 Charlie Streetman

1996 Linda Moten 1997 Virginia Schitoskey 1998 Sam Cockrell 1999 Raymond Leonard 2000 Allen Jones 2001 F.W. Jack Straw

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Jackie Whittenburg 2014 Gwen Zeigler 2015 Bob Brown 2016 Larry Kennedy

2017 Ronnie Sullins 2018 Keith and Lisa Stew-2019 Rhonda Mohler

2020 Diedra Wuenschel 2021 Gary Don and R'Lue Gribble



Gatesville Adaptive Sports to hold bake sale fundraiser January 8

Sports program will hold a

The Gatesville Adaptive J&M Hill Country Bar-B-Q.

This program allows cheerleading. bake sale on Sunday, Jan. 8. special needs children to The bake sale will begin at participate in sports and is located at 2601 East Main 11 a.m. and will be held at activities such as baseball, Street in Gatesville.

soccer, flag football, and

J&M Hill Country Bar-B-Q

Angelo State announces Fall 2022 graduates and Dean's List honorees

Angelo State University in Interdisciplinary Studies. ogy. conferred 643 undergradu- Harrimon was also listed the 2022 fall commence- two other Gatesville stuville, who received her Mundkowsky who is work-Bachelor of Science degree ing on a degree in psychol-

Angelo State University, ate and graduate degrees on the Dean's List for fall founded in 1928, is a thrivon 640 graduates during 2022 and was joined by ing four-year public school in Texas. The school's famment exercises on Dec. 10. dents - Kenli Cummings, ily environment helps stu-One of the graduates was who is working on a degree dents feel at home, a place Lorna Harrimon of Gates- in social work, and Sydney where they know faculty and staff care deeply about their success.

Berry receives degree from SHS

2022 Fall graduation.

Named for a Texas hero, paring students for mean- youd its Huntsville roots.

Peyton Berry of Gatesville Sam Houston State Uni- ingful lives of achievement. recently received a Bachelor versity (SHSU) continually Its motto, "The measure of of Science degree in Animal honors its historical roots a life is its service," reso-Science from Sam Houston through academic excel- nates among its approxi-State University during the lence. For more than 140 mately 21,612 students, years, SHSU has been pre- eight colleges and well be-

Genealogical Society to meet Jan. 20

The Coryell County Ge- other county records that records. During the Civil speaker for the Jan. 10, meeting will be Coryell

search, but there are many included in the standard

nealogical Society's guest provide valuable informa-Coryell County Deed Re-

County Clerk Jennifer New- cords can provide unexpected family information, The program will cover such as heirship affidavits the records available at and donation of family the County Clerk's office land to schools and churchfor historians and gene- es. There are also public alogists. Basic records of health records that provide birth, death, and marriage an insight into the diseases are the backbone of genea- our ancestors faced. Some logical and historical re- very unusual records are

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, located at 111 N. 8th Street.

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Hornets battle Badgers in nondistrict basketball



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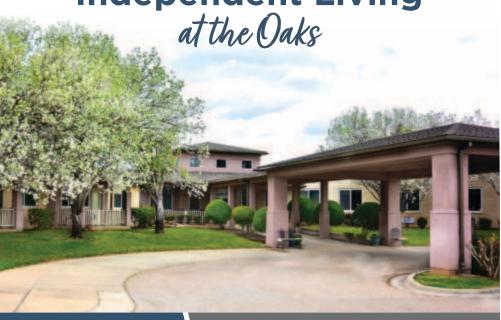
Kameron Higginbotham races downcourt for the Hornets in action Jan. 3 against the Lampasas Badgers. The Badgers defeated the Hornets 46-36. Gatesville is now 9-14 and began district play on Friday.



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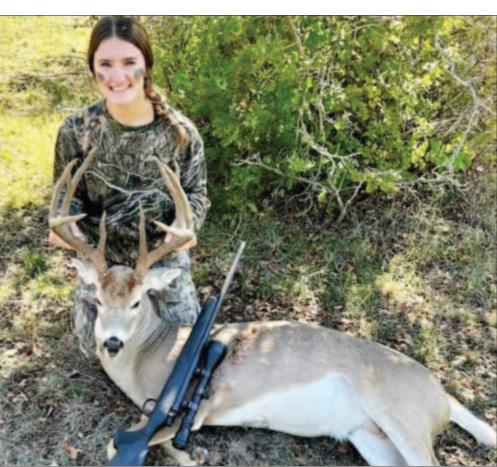


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Laci Heiner (above) and her cousin Nicholas O'Neal (below) and their 10 point and 9 point bucks shot on $their grand parents' ranch in southeastern {\it Coryell County. Laci, daughter of Duane and Shannon Heiner}$ of Oglesby, is a freshman studying animal science at Tarleton State University. Nicholas, son of Brian and Mindy O'Neal, attends school in Montgomery, Texas. Laci and Nicholas are grandchildren of Clarence and Donna Heiner.





DIVERSIONS

Hornets finish second in Brownwood tourney

BY CHRIS ALLMAN

Sports Correspondent

The 23rd-ranked Gatesville Hornets boys basketball team suffered its first defeat in 29 days on Dec. 30, falling to eventual tournament champion Abilene Wylie 67-54 in their final game of the Texas Bank Holiday Classic in Brownwood.

The tournament champion was determined by two rounds of pool play. The Hornets won both games in the first round of pool play $defeating\ Dublin\ and\ Wall-- and\ advanced$ to the championship pool along with Abilene Wylie and Little River Academy. Their 58-51 win over Academy coupled with Academy's 54-45 loss to Wylie meant the Hornets finished second in the tournament.

Playing their fourth game in three days and third morning start, the Hornets ran out of steam against the depth of Wylie's Class 5A

"I thought fatigue was a factor but I thought all the teams showed fatigue," said Gatesville head coach Brit Campbell. "Us coming off of a break with only one day of practice then playing four games as well also played a part as did the way Wylie played, rotating in a new five guys every so often."

The Hornets trailed 17-15 after one quarter before the Bulldogs opened up a 10-point halftime lead at 40-30. In the third quarter the Hornets suffered their lowest-scoring quarter of the season and tallied just seven points to make their deficit 17 after three

Banner Allman scored 27 points in the loss while Tyler Shea was the only other Hornet in double figures with 10. Allman averaged 22.5 points per game in the tournament.

No coach likes to lose, but Brit Campbell acknowledged that there were takeaways from the loss that will benefit the Hornets with the start of district less than two weeks

"I learned that we need to refocus and get back to doing the little things correctly. We have had some really good games and wins lately, but a loss like this against a quality team gets us back to focus on ourselves to do



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West Allman, shown here in action earlier this season, had a career high 26 points against the Dublin Lions in a basketball tournament in Brownwood.

better in preparation for big games coming up," he said.

The Hornets opened the tournament by adding three more wins to their streak. They routed Dublin 94-53, defeated a very good Wall team 63-49, then beat the Bumblebees for the third time this season to run their record to 19-1.

Against Dublin the Hornets exploded over the middle two quarters, outscoring the Lions 58-26 during that span. They were led in scoring by West Allman's career-high 26 points and Banner Allman's 24-point, 10 rebound performance. Tyler Shea added 16 points, while Carter Williams had seven points, nine rebounds, and seven assists, and Trae Miller had 10 points, dished out eight assists and had five rebounds with just one

In the win over Wall - champions of its district in eight of the last nine seasons - the Hornets jumped out to a 13-0 lead. Banner Allman led with 19 points and 13 rebounds while Shea had 14 points and 12 rebounds. Carter Williams added 11 points and Miller had five steals.

The win over Academy was marked by two different tones. Facing each other for the third time in a month, the teams seemed moderately disinterested in playing each other again throughout the first half.

But the second was a different story. The Bees looked like a team that badly wanted to avenge their two earlier losses - the most recent without standout Colt Shackelford and the Hornets responded like a team trying to keep a streak alive.

Banner Allman scored 16 first half points while Shackelford was held to two points as the Hornets led 27-23 at the break. In the second half, Shackelford got loose for 13 points but was countered by a terrific half from Shea who scored 13 points of his own.

The Hornets led just 52-48 with less than a minute to play before icing the game from the foul line down the stretch to win 58-51.

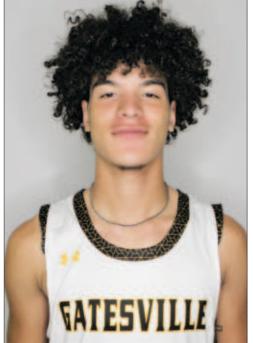
The Hornets hosted Australian travel team Diamond Valley on Jan. 2 and were then scheduled to play former district foe Brownwood on Friday. They travel to Stephenville for a final non-district matchup on Jan. 10 before opening league play Jan. 13 against No. 19-ranked Connally.



Trae Miller



Banner Allman



Tyler Shea

pportunities to catch rainbow trout continue

The annual Texas winter tradition of rainbow trout stocking is heading back to waterbodies across the state to kick off the holiday season. 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 in Texas through March 5. 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. Rainbow trout are an attractive, tasty fish and anglers can easily find recipes to prepare them online.

The Neighborhood Fishin' program offers some outstanding opportunities to catch rainbow trout for fami-

lies and new anglers in and around major cities. TPWD manages 18 Neighborhood Fishin' lakes statewide in most major urban centers. including Austin, the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, Houston and San Antonio. These lakes are frequently stocked with rainbow trout during the winter stocking season and offer plenty of amenities so family members of all ages can enjoy a fun and relaxing day fishing and connecting in nature.

Tailrace fishing is popular during trout season. TPWD will stock rainbow trout into the Canyon Tailrace on the Guadalupe River below Canyon Lake, and the Possum Kingdom Tailrace on the Brazos River below Possum Kingdom Lake for anglers willing to try their hand in tailrace fishing. Those locations often have very cool water and provide excellent conditions for trout fishing.

Other stocking locations include dozens of local city and county managed park ponds, the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center casting pond, and several rivers including the Frio, South Llano and Guadalupe rivers and the Clear Fork of the Trinity

In addition, anglers can pursue a fish in a Texas State Park from a bank, dock or

pier for free without a fishing license. TPWD recommends anyone planning a trip to a park reserve a day pass in advance. Day passes can be reserved online though the TPWD website or over the phone by calling (512) 389-8900.

The good news is it doesn't take a lot of sophisticated fishing equipment to reel in a rainbow trout. They can be caught using simple, light tackle or on hand-tied flies using a fly rod. However, anglers should keep an array of baits and lures nearby as well as ice to keep trout fresh. For more tips on how to catch rainbow trout, gain some insight from TPWD staff on the TPWD YouTube channel.

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

site) before you go fishing to confirm the stocking date, check fishing regulations, and to find other winter trout stocking program angling tips.

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.

* Miller Park Pond in Temple, Feb. 26.

* W.M. Brook Park Lake in Lampasas, Jan. 5.

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





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