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## Trash collection changes coming soon



DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER  
New trash carts and recycling carts will be delivered to Gatesville residents the week of Jan. 23.

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
Senior Writer & Editor

Starting Monday, Jan. 23, Gatesville residents will receive their new 96-gallon trash carts as well as 96-gallon recycling carts in anticipation of changes in trash collection service that will begin the week of Feb. 6.

Gatesville is the last community in Central Texas to move to an automated collection service. City residents will have once per week trash pick-up (either Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday depending on their zone) and every other week collection of recyclable materials (primarily plastics, aluminum cans, cardboard boxes and paper), once per month bulk pickup (large items that will not fit in a standard trash container) and at-your-door household hazardous waste collection. The hazardous material collection must be scheduled by contacting Waste Management.

Although a significant amount of trash can fit in the 96-gallon carts - especially when recycled items are separated - customers

who need additional carts can contact Centex Waste Management at 1-800-800-5804 to have them delivered. Additional carts will cost \$5 each per month.

"Each of you will have a slightly different trash schedule in the future," said City Manager Bill Parry. Some of the major dividing lines for the four different trash collection zones for Gatesville are Lutterloh Street and Lovers Lane.

Trash that is outside of the carts in other containers or in bags will not be collected.

"All of your trash has to fit in the cart and the lid has to close," Parry said. He added that people will be required to put their trash bags inside the carts, and loose materials should not be placed in the trash carts.

Mayor Pro Tem Meredith Rainer asked about recycling and was told that those items should be placed directly in the designated recycling cart rather than in bags.

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## Youth fair displays leadership, dedication



The annual Coryell County Youth Fair is always one of the most anticipated events of the year, drawing hundreds of entries from students in Gatesville, Oglesby, Jonesboro, Evant and Copperas Cove school districts. With entries ranging from rabbits to steers, swine, poultry, goats and more, there is a strong variety of entries. Home economic and ag mechanics are also a part of the showcase of youth talent.

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Above, Kayla Greenfield holds her rabbit, Gus. Below, best of show entries in home economics competition.



## County approves building financing

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
Senior Writer & Editor

The Coryell County Commissioners Court approved a \$13.6 million plan to finance the expansion of the Coryell County Jail and the construction of a justice center, the Leon Street Annex, during the Jan. 10 meeting.

Of the amount, county leaders agreed to fund \$7 million of the cost up front, but the vote was not unanimous. County Judge Roger Miller opposed the plan presented by Pct. 2 Commissioner Scott Weddle to transfer \$1 million from a fund dedicated to broadband internet planning to help pay for construction costs. However, Pct. 1 Commissioner Kyle Matthews and Pct. 3 Commissioner Ryan Basham both supported Weddle's proposal, which passed by a 3-1 vote. New Pct. 4 Commissioner Keith Taylor, who was attending training for new county leaders, was not present at the meeting.

"I have been examining every single alternative the county has available, and I consulted with the county auditor's office," Weddle said. "I'm of the opinion that when I spend my own money, I try to put as much down as I can because I hate paying interest."

Weddle said putting an extra \$1 million down would save the county an estimated \$125,000 in interest costs.

Miller was against transferring the \$1 million allotted for broadband studies "because it looks at areas that are underserved or unserved and that is an economic driv-

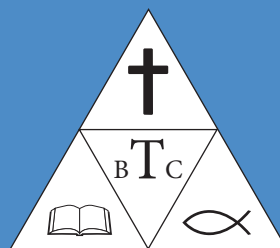
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# TRASH

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"The recycling specifically does not go in a bag," Parry said. "Those items remain loose in the recycling cart."

Getting community members used to once per month curbside bulk pickup will be an important part of the trash collection service changes, Parry said.

"The key thing becomes bulk pickup once per month in each zone," he said. "The city utility yard is also still open on the second and fourth Saturdays for people to bring stuff. It may be a challenge to keep people from putting bulk on the curb (when their collection is not scheduled) so it doesn't sit there for a month."

A detailed list of which items can be placed in recycling containers, which can be collected via bulk and household hazardous waste pickup (tires will not be collected) and other information will be provided in brochures that will be attached to the new trash carts.

Councilwoman Barbara Burrow said she plans to have a neighborhood town hall meeting, which in part is intended to encourage people to recycle.

"This needs to be a success for the city and for the people, too," she said.

Parry said the trash carts are intended to serve a specific address.

"What's really key and critical - when you live in Gatesville and move out of the house, you leave the trash cart," he said. "Each can has a serial number, so people can write it down and track it if something happens to it."

Asked by a resident attending the meeting if the cost for collection will go up, Parry said, "You'll pay more, but you'll get the recycling and household hazardous waste as added services."

During a December Council meeting, a representative from Waste Management noted that a cost increase would have been scheduled anyway. He added that the old system of collecting trash is being phased out, partly because less manpower is needed by using the automated system and partly because the new system is cleaner and more efficient.

Councilwoman Burrow said she was excited by the at-your-door collection of hazardous materials.

"I'm excited about trash collection in a can," Parry said, adding that when people put trash in loose bags on their curb, the bags are often torn by animals and trash is scattered on the street and in yards.

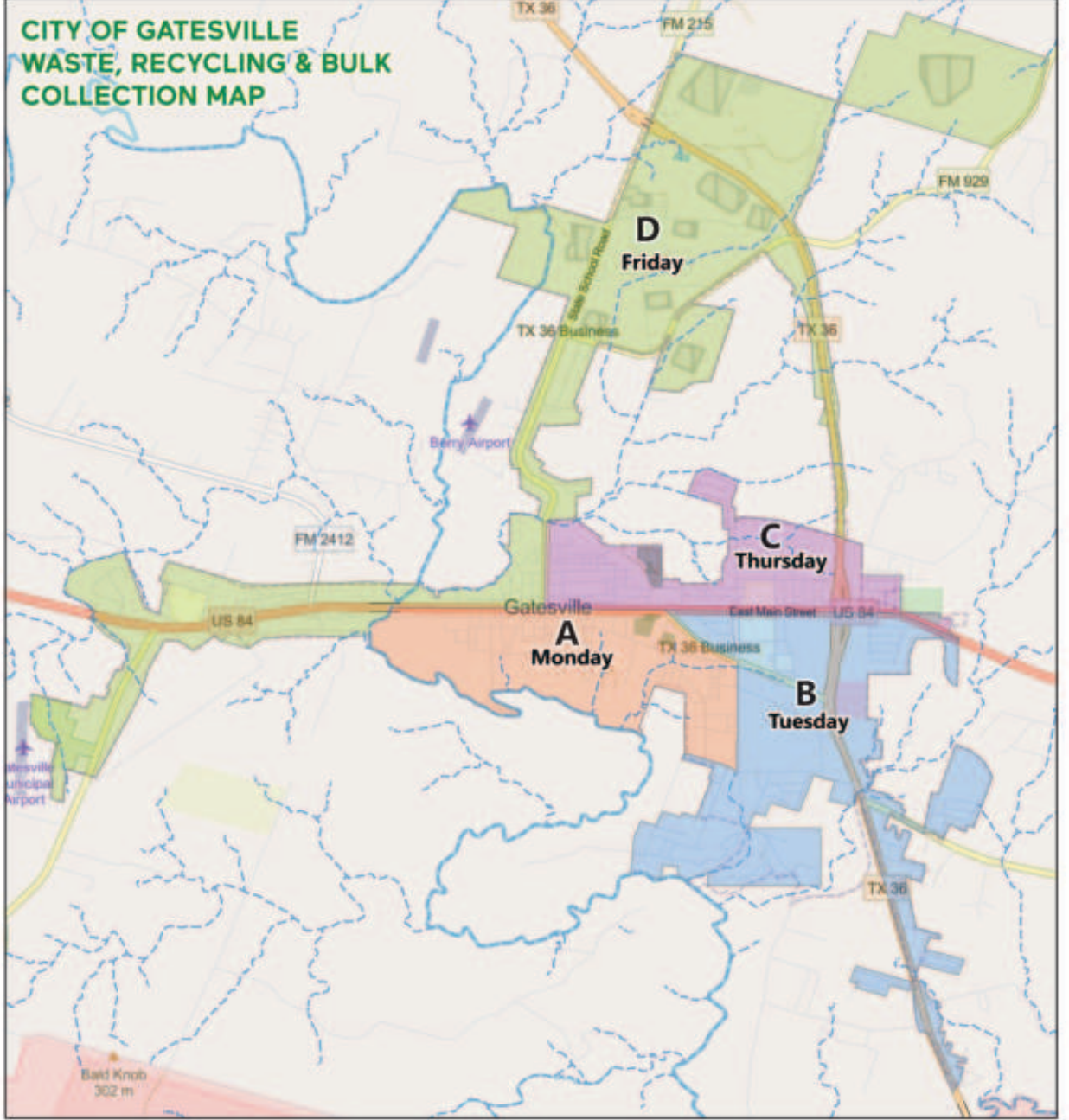
"I believe truthfully what Waste Management tells us, you'll see an immediate improvement in service and in the city's appearance," Parry said. "I think this will be a good thing."

Other communities in Central Texas have already made the transition to the automated service, and after communities adjust to the changes, the response has been positive, Waste Management representative Paul Daugereau told the Council.

Belton, Robinson, Harker Heights and Bellmead are among the communities served by Waste Management that have made the change.

"I had this service (the automated collection) in Carlsbad, New Mexico in 1981, and it worked great," said Mayor Gary Chumley.

## CITY OF GATESVILLE 2023 COLLECTION MAP



"A" ZONE	"B" ZONE	"C" ZONE	"D" ZONE
Waste: Monday	Waste: Tuesday	Waste: Thursday	Waste: Friday
Bulk: 1st Tuesday	Bulk: 2nd Tuesday	Bulk: 3rd Tuesday	Bulk: 4th Tuesday

RECYCLING = Every Other Week, Same Day as Waste Collection Day

# Veteran honored with Purple Heart, Bronze Star presentation

FORT HOOD — III Armored Corps and U.S. Army Garrison Fort Hood leadership formally recognized a retired Soldier for his gallantry during the Vietnam War. Lt. Gen. Sean Bernabe, commanding general, III Armored Corps and Fort Hood, presented Staff Sgt. (Ret.) John Footman the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star for valor in a ceremony Jan. 11.

Footman, a Vietnam War veteran, was presented his awards 33 years after his retirement from the Army.

Footman, who retired from active-duty service after 20 years, was deployed to Vietnam twice

in his career. Footman was never formally presented his awards for his service and gallantry during combat. Upon hearing the story, Fort Hood leadership stepped in to change that.

The Bronze Star Medal with Valor was presented to Footman, for distinguishing himself by outstanding meritorious service in connection with ground operations against a hostile force on July 15, 1970, in the Republic of Vietnam.

"I feel really great right now," Footman said following the ceremony. "This was a great ceremony, a great event and something that I

waited for longer than I thought."

The ceremony was hosted by the Fort Hood Garrison commander, Col. Chad Foster. The awards were presented by the III Armored Corps commanding general, Lt. Gen. Sean Bernabe.

Footman is a native of Tallahassee, Florida. He was drafted into the Army in June 1967 as an infantryman and served as a cavalry scout throughout the remainder of his military career.

Footman's assignments included serving in Germany, Vietnam and various U.S. assignments. He retired in July 1987 at Fort Benning, Georgia.



Staff Sgt. (Ret.) John Footman was honored at a recent awards ceremony.

COURTESY PHOTO

# City approves tax note sale for financing future city hall site purchase

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
Senior Writer & Editor

Gatesville City Council authorized issuing tax notes for the purchase of property at 803 and 805 East Main St. for a future city hall location during their Jan. 10 meeting.

The current city hall building was built in 1936, and in a

memorandum to the Council, City Manager Bill Parry noted "normal maximum life of a facility is between 50 and 75 years. We are beginning to experience sub-system failures - plumbing, electrical, et cetera - and any renovations to the existing city hall would require we bring the building into compliance with current city codes."

The Council authorized Parry to negotiate with Cadence Bank to purchase the properties for \$650,000 - the combined appraisal value for the properties.

Because there was not enough in the city's capital fund to make the purchase, the city will use tax notes to pay for the purchase. Ryan Cunningham with SAMCO

Capital Markets said the city has already obtained a purchaser for the tax notes - Presidio Tax Exempt mutual fund.

"The markets have been pretty volatile in the past year or so, and we negotiated a rate for 3.73%," Cunningham said.

City Councilwoman Barbara Burrow asked about the city's option

to pay off the note early.

"It's the city's option if you have the cash available," Cunningham said.

Mayor Gary Chumley voiced his support for the measure.

"I believe this is the right step forward," he said.

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and that is an economic driver." Miller said rising property values should also help offset costs.

"I'm in agreement with Mr. Weddle on making that change," Matthews said. "I'd like to buy down ahead of time."

Weddle said it made sense financially for the county.

"My good business sense tells me that you take any opportunity to reduce the cost up front," he said. "That reduces the payments per month and it reduces the interest. I don't believe funding broadband is a primary function of county government. The people I've talked to, broadband is not at the top of their list. Security and mainte-

nance of transportation are two key areas for county government. We could look for specific grants for broadband."

Basham said he also favored reducing the tax burden by increasing the county's up-front funding to \$7 million.

"The more we can put down up front, the more we can save in the long-term," he said.

Miller took issue with shifting priorities from the budgeting process.

"Why do we have a budget? The county agreed..." Miller said.

"We've agreed to budget amendments, too," Matthews said.

"We make budget amendments throughout the year," Weddle said. "Both of these allocations (construction funding and broadband) are in the same fund (category). I think the citizens of the county want us to get these projects done, and with the cost

savings it is a better conversation with my constituents."

"I agree," Matthews said, "and according to our county attorney, it can be done."

Weddle said the strong need for jail expansion and a new justice center arguably rises to the level of an emergency.

"I think action by the court is imminent," he said. "It is almost an emergency. A, we are out of compliance at our county jail (because of overcrowding) and B, we have employees working in substandard conditions (which the Leon Street Annex would resolve). In my opinion, it's crunch time."

Multiple funding options were presented to the commissioners court by Vince Viaille with Specialized Public Finance, each of which has an estimated 4% interest rate.

He said the cost of funding the jail expansion only would be nearly \$4.9 million,

which would have a 2.2 cent tax impact over a seven-year period. The cost of funding construction of the Leon Street Annex would be just over \$8.7 million. The cost of both projects combined - with the \$7 million initial payment, is expected to have a tax impact of 2.9 cents over seven years. If only \$6 million had been paid up front, as Miller favored, the tax impact would have been 3.4 cents over seven years.

Following approval by the commissioners court, the plan will now go to the state Comptroller's Office and the Texas Attorney General's Office for approval.

Viaille said the item should come back to the commissioners court with a list of bidders on Feb. 14, and the closing date for the county to receive construction funds is anticipated on March 15.



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## Dine at the King's Table with Grace Assembly Christian Church

Grace Assembly Christian Church invites the community to dine at the King's Table today, Jan. 14. The meal will begin at 1 p.m. and will continue through 3 p.m. There will be fellowship, fun, song, and plenty of food.

The King's cooks will have baked ziti, salad, and garlic bread prepared for

the meal. There will be a list of desserts from cheesecake to chocolate brownies. Appreciation bags will be given out for the King's guests.

Grace Assembly Christian Church has a long, proud history of serving the people of Gatesville. Through the dedication of leadership, staff members,

and volunteers, and impact in worship are committed to the teachings of Jesus Christ, and are here to spread his message.

Grace Assembly Christian Church is located at 1408 Waco St. in Gatesville. For more information on the event call 254-865-6949.

## Mattress fundraiser to benefit GHS Band set for Feb. 4

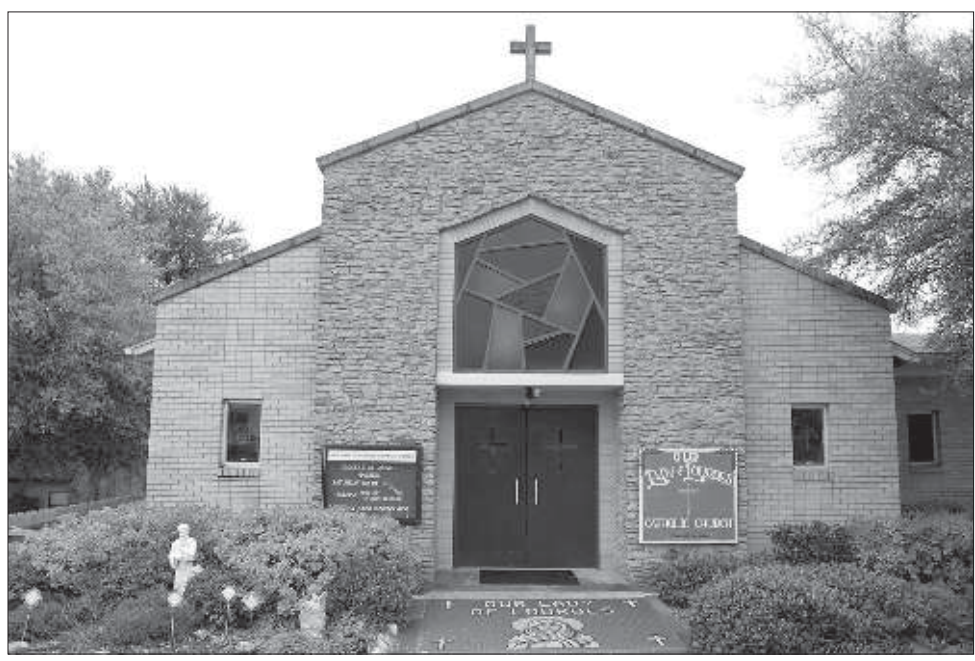
The Gatesville High School Band will have a fundraiser on Saturday, Feb. 4, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. at Gatesville High School located at 205 S. Lovers Lane. The event will be a "mattress fundraiser" and every purchase will benefit the

school's band program.

The Beautyrest mattresses sold will include an adjustable base, luxury pillows, and mattress protectors. All sizes will be available, with 25 styles on display. The mattresses are brand new with full factory

warranties including the offer of delivery.

All forms of payment are accepted with financing available. Those purchasing mattresses can save an extra \$50 off on any set over \$299.



STAFF PHOTO

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church located at 1108 West Main Street.

## Our Lady of Lourdes to celebrate 75th anniversary in February

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Gatesville will be celebrating its 75th anniversary as a church on Feb. 12.

Bishop Joe S. Vasquez, the Bishop of the Diocese of Austin, will come and celebrate Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes at 1108 West Main St. in Gatesville with the parishioners and anyone who would like to attend.

After the Mass there will be a celebration at 1 p.m. at the Gatesville Civic Center with a meal, entertainment, social time, children's games, a talent show, and

Loteria (Spanish BINGO). There will also be an Our Lady of Lourdes History Book and Directory available for \$35 per copy.

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish was established in 1943 as a mission church under St. Mary's in Lampasas. It was the first Catholic Church in Coryell County. Five years later, Bishop Reicher designated Our Lady of Lourdes a separate parish with the responsibility of ministering to the Catholics at the State School for Boys in Gatesville. The parish also served

the many Catholics in the military who were stationed at Fort Hood during World War II.

The church would like to invite the public to the celebration. They are encouraging those who want to attend the meal to purchase meal tickets ahead of time at the cost of \$5 each so that a head count can be taken. Tickets may be purchased after Sunday Masses, or you may call the church office at 254-865-6710 for more information.

## Courthouse anniversary discussed

Due to the annual decision not to hold a December meeting, the last gathering of the Coryell County Historical Commission was held in November at the Commissioners Courtroom at the Main Street Annex. Presiding over the meeting was Danny Corbett with members Nancy Ashcraft, Janis Barnhill, Sherry Hopson, David Scott, and Sue Vernon in attendance.

In old business, commission members discussed the upcoming 125th anniversary celebration for the Coryell County Courthouse. Tentative plans for the occasion include having games, live music, and a county-wide celebration on the courthouse

lawn to mark the completion of the courthouse construction in 1898.

Marker Chairman David Scott reported that he had spoken with Gatesville Chamber of Commerce director Tiffany Hoops-Turner, and she expressed readiness by the chamber to acquire an official Texas historical marker for the Cotton Belt Depot.

In the November meeting, Sherry Hopson moved to renew the commission's membership in the National Trust for Historic Preservation, which was approved by the commission.

In November's current business, the commission discussed the upcoming

re-dedication of the historical marker at Mother Neff State Park sometime during the month of May in 2023. Mother Neff State Park was reported to be the first state park in Texas, being originally dedicated in 1923.

A roster of current Coryell County Historical Commission members was also introduced at the meeting including 2023 members Danny Corbett, chairman; David Scott, marker chairman; Sue Vernon, Bob Meharg, Sherry Lawrence, Sherry Hopson, Janis Barnhill, Nancy Ashcraft, and Scott Alexander.

FROM MY FRONT PORCH

## College fraternity procedure provided valuable life lessons in scrutiny, criticism

SAM HOUSTON

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



Houston

It seems like many years ago, (which of course it is), but while at college I joined a fraternity. There are those of you who may think being in a fraternity is nothing more than a drunken four-year party, but my experience was far from such.

I attended a small men's college, and the fraternity houses were the source of all college life. Admittedly there was drinking involved, but for my experiences in a fraternity house, there were a lot of positives that helped shape me and my future.

For one thing, it brought a bunch of young men together who had different values, different backgrounds, and different beliefs and by the very nature of living together, compelled them to learn how to get along and survive their collegiate experience. Many times, it was peer pressure in a good way. If a guy did not clean his room, do his laundry, or study, there were a host of "brothers" to let him know he was off the beaten path.

It forced all of us to learn about the world other than the limited one we knew from our high school experiences and home. It broadened our horizons and helped us to make choices about what we wanted to do with our lives and make of ourselves. We were supportive of each other when one of us was down, tough on each other when we needed to be, and always emotionally tied to one another. Some 45 years later I look back and know there will never be people in my life to whom I am closer.

One of the unique and special things about our chapter meetings is we had a time that was called Scrutiny and Criticism. It came at the end of the meeting. The roll was called and each man in turn, had to

take the center of the room and stand there while the rest of the group could say anything they wanted; and I mean anything. It was a time of confrontation for bad behavior and special recognition if you had performed admirably.

You would be told you acted like a horse's behind at the last social, you regularly left the bathroom counter a mess, your personal hygiene was a wreck, or a host of other things. It also offered the opportunity to say something personal and supportive. The person being criticized could not respond, only listen. This process continued until everyone in the room had taken a turn in the center.

This system could be purifying while at the same time it was both humbling and terrifying. It gave men a chance to speak man to man, in front of each other, and deal with problems straight out. When it was my turn to stand, there were times when I was told of transgressions. Initially I may have thought the comments were unfair or undeserved, but upon reflection I realized the words were not said to wound, but to resolve disputes or make me a better person and a better man.

I cannot express how frank and direct some of these confrontations would be, and when the roll had been called and the exercise was completed, we would all say in unison, "What you see, what you hear, when you leave, leave it here." In other words, no grudges, no

backstabbing or infighting, just reflection and growth.

I have come to know of the power of Scrutiny and Criticism. I wish in today's world, such a process would be replicated and utilized. It would compel people to be honest with each other, it would correct a lot of behavior in folks, and teach people to accept and learn from criticism. Maybe people would not be so sensitive and have their feelings hurt when everything does not go their way. Maybe people would be told when their behavior was inappropriate or destructive.

There are those who might say social media allows us to do this, but they would be incorrect. Social media is exactly the opposite of what Scrutiny and Criticism was about, because it allows people to say just about anything without having to have the fortitude to say it to someone's face. All too often the posts are self-serving or demeaning, rather than intended to promote good and harmony.

Social media has its place, but we would all be better off if we spoke eye to eye when there is an issue, rather than speaking through the prism of social media.

Thought for the day: Remember to not only say the right thing in the right place, but far more difficult still, to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.

Until next time, I will be ridin' the storm out.

Sam Houston | 817-573-7066, ext. 260

## Gatesville Lions Club hosts annual chili supper Friday, Jan. 27

The Gatesville Lions Club will host its 46th annual Homer Davis Chili Supper on Friday, Jan. 27, at the Gatesville High School cafeteria. The supper will begin at 4 p.m. and continue through 7 p.m.

There will be a choice of chili or soup served with beans, a drink, and dessert. The cost for adults is \$7

per person, and \$4 for children. Tickets for the supper are available at Extraco Bank or can be purchased at the door.

The Gatesville Lions Club is a strong supporter of many Gatesville community functions and humanitarian programs. Weekly meetings are held at the

Junction on Route 36 every Wednesday starting at noon.

Gatesville High School is located at 205 S. Lovers Lane in Gatesville. For more information about the event contact the Gatesville Lions Club at 254-865-4626, or by email at gatesvillelionclub@gmail.com.

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# OBITUARIES

## DOLLIE GILBREATH SHEPHERD

March 19, 1937 - Dec. 23, 2022



Dollie Gilbreath Shepherd went to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Friday, Dec. 23, 2022.

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, January 14, 2023, at Scott's Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Stephen Schmidt officiating. Interment will follow at a later date at Davidson Cemetery.

Dollie was born in Coryell County on March 19, 1937, to the late Elliot Lee and Clara Mae Fletcher Gilbreath, the seventh of eight children. She was the proud mother of son, Robert Henry Shepherd III and

daughter, Danita Shepherd Rasmussen. She loved being a grandmother to both Tyler and Travis. She enjoyed attending their athletic events and graduations. When they married their wives Erica and Katie, she said she finally had granddaughters. Her joy was complete when her newest grandson, Erik Robert, was born. When she became a great-grandmother to Whitney, she couldn't wait to hold her new great grandbaby. She loved her nieces and nephews and always wanted to know what was happening in their lives. She enjoyed her girlfriends, weekends at the lake, birthdays, holidays, vacations, and football games, especially the Cowboys. Born on a farm in Leon Junction, she had a green thumb and always had a garden. Her parents raised her to be a hard worker. She used this background to become an accomplished businesswoman. Starting off as a file clerk at Employers Insurance, she continued to obtain the designations of Certified Life Underwriter and FLMI. She always wanted a college degree. Keeping that as her focus, she went to college for six years at night and worked during the day. At the age

of 47, she received her B.S. in Business and Public Administration from the University of Texas at Dallas. She always said that education was the key to success. Her hard work and thirst for knowledge resulted in many promotions and finally the position of Project Manager. As the Assistant Secretary, she was the third female officer in the history of Employers Insurance.

She was preceded in death by her parents, sisters Doris Alene Wall and Ruth Gilbreath Jones, brothers Travis Lee, Elliot Leonard "Sis," Wallace Adrian "Cotton," Byron Alexander "Bub," and Wesley Benton Gilbreath. She is survived by her son Robert Henry Shepherd III of Humble, Texas and daughter Danita Shepherd Rasmussen with husband, Dane, of St. Augustine, Florida; grandchildren Robert Tyler Rasmussen and wife Erica of Friendswood, Texas, Travis Clayton Rasmussen and wife Katie of Winter Garden, Florida, and Erik Robert Shepherd of Houston; great granddaughter Whitney; and beloved nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, if desired, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society @ donate3.cancer.org.

## LOU CROSS (L.C.) MAYBERRY

Jan. 21, 1936 - Nov. 9, 2022

Graveside memorial services for Lou Cross (L.C.) Mayberry will be held on Saturday, Jan. 21, 2023, at the Mound Cemetery, Mound Community, Coryell County, at 11 a.m.

Lou Cross (L.C.) Mayberry, beloved husband, father,

grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend joined His Heavenly Father on Wednesday, November 9, 2022. He was 86 years old. L.C. was born January 21, 1936, in Mound to John and Hazel Mayberry and lived in Flat. He married Mike Nell Poston on November 29, 1956, and they had four children, daughters Terri Lynn, Karri Beth, Kay, and son David.

L.C. is survived by his wife, Mike Nell; his daughters, Terri Lynn Mayberry

Drennan and husband, Doug; Karri Beth Mayberry Sliwa; Kay Mayberry Adkins and husband, Clayte; son, David Mayberry; Pat Tims; grandchildren John Marcus Sliwa, Tyler Matthew Sliwa, Kara Drennan Slover, Dana Drennan; great-grandchildren Devyn Patterson, Evelyn Sliwa, Rahely Slover, Keaton Slover, Jade Slover; and a large number of family and friends whom he loved.

## REGINALD (REGGIE) SCHOENEWOLF

Nov. 23, 1950 - Jan. 2, 2023



It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Reginald Edward Schoenewolf (Reggie) on Jan. 2, 2023, in Bullard,

Texas at the age of 72.

Reggie was born on November 23, 1950, in Gatesville, Texas to Edward and Wanda Schoenewolf. He grew up in Gatesville and went on to receive a bachelor's degree from Baylor University.

Reggie was a vibrant and beloved individual whose presence brought joy to everyone around him. His quick wit and love of practical jokes kept those close to him constantly entertained. A passionate sports fan, he particularly loved cheering on his Baylor Bears and Dallas Cowboys.

Above all, Reggie was a devoted father, husband, brother, and friend who will be deeply missed by all who were lucky enough to know him. His light will continue

to shine in the hearts of those he leaves behind.

Reggie leaves behind a loving family, including his daughter Regan Jackson, her husband Gary, and their two children Saylor and Tripp. He also leaves behind his stepdaughter Steely Schnase, her husband Matt, and his cherished dog Bo.

Reggie was preceded in death by his wife Donna Schoenewolf; mother, Wanda Faye Schoenewolf; father, Edward Schoenewolf; brother, Randal Schoenewolf; and sister, Suzanne Schoenewolf.

A memorial service for Reggie will be held within the coming weeks.

Rest in peace, Reggie. Your memory will live on in our hearts forever.

## MOUND NEWS

### Three-year-old Davie's birthday celebration included fireworks

BARBARA HOPSON  
Mound News Correspondent

Liz McCorkle and Sue went to Temple for lunch Friday. Davie and Cal Sage of Austin spent the weekend with Kelsey Sage and Natalie Gonzalez.

A backyard picnic and fireworks Sunday evening celebrated Davie's third birthday. Those attending were Scott, Caroline, Eva and Sadie Sage from London, England; Jeff and Patty Sage from Midland; Randy and Tracy Sage from

McGregor; Mark and Colleen Ducklow from Waco; Carolyn, Nina, Jasmine, Will, Patrice and Hal Davidson from Gatesville; Jason Bucy, Abby Spencer, Joe and Julie Disco from Austin; and neighbors Frank and Susie Hopson.



Hopson

### Chamber to name 2022 Gatesville Citizen of the Year at banquet

The "Citizen of the Year" award has been presented each year since 1959 to an outstanding citizen of the Gatesville community. Every adult citizen of our community is eligible to nominate one or more persons who have made outstanding contributions to 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. 28.

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 who makes a nomination should be available to assist with the presentation of the award.

For further information about the banquet, 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 Hamburg; 1995 Charlie Streetman; 1996 Linda Moten; 1997 Virginia Schito-

sky; 1998 Sam Cockrell; 1999 Raymond Leonard; 2000 Allen Jones; 2001 F.W. Jack Straw; 2002 Billy Vaden; 2003 Laura White; 2004 Homer Davis Jr.; 2005 Wilbur "Bud" Davis; 2006 Rosy and Dwain Place; 2007 Bill Ament; 2008 Deral McWhorter; 2009 Don Wolske; 2010 David Barnard; 2011 Nancy Ashcraft; 2012 Mike and Peggy Lam; 2013 Marvin Dean and Jackie Whitteburg; 2014 Gwen Zeigler; 2015 Bob Brown; 2016 Larry Kennedy; 2017 Ronnie Sullins; 2018 Keith and Lisa Steward; 2019 Rhonda Mohler; 2020 Diedra Wuen-schel; 2021 Gary Don and R'Lue Gribble.

### Hamilton County Electric Cooperative Association offers scholarships for 2023

Hamilton County Electric Cooperative Association will be awarding scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each for the 2023-2024 school year (\$500 per Fall and Spring Semester).

To be eligible you must:

- Be a senior attending a high school within the HCEC service area and graduating in May 2023.
- Be a dependent of an ac-

tive HCEC member.

- Reside full-time in the home of a parent or guardian who is a full-time student in a HCEC's service area.

- Must have applied for admission as a full-time student in a technical school, college, or university.

- Please visit the link below to receive more information and to download

the scholarship application: <https://www.hamilton-electric.coop/news-and.../scholarship/>

Applications are now available and will be accepted until March 31, 2023. Scholarship winners will be chosen by a committee independent of Hamilton County Electric Cooperative Association.

### Turnersville Community Center to hold meeting, Jan. 16

The Turnersville Community Center will have 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 open

to the public. Election of new officers is one item on the agenda.

The community center is a family-friendly gathering place for recreation, education, and the arts. It is

located at 8115 FM 182 in Turnersville.

For more information about the quarterly meeting, please call 254-494-0110.

### Bell County Master Gardener Association to host special event

The Bell County Master Gardener Association and the Harker Heights Activities Center presents "Spring Gardening Starts Now." The seminar is scheduled for 6

p.m. on Tuesday, January 24, at the Harker Heights Activities Center, 400 Indian Trail, in Harker Heights. The class is limited to the first 30 people. Those in-

terested in attending may register at the email link [bit.ly/3CbSuLc](mailto:bit.ly/3CbSuLc) or use the QR Code on the BCMGA Facebook page.

### Morris Federation to meet Jan. 14

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

"Things Seniors Need to Know," will be presented by David Myers, Clinical Social Worker Specialist in Gatesville. Myers has more than seven years of diverse experiences, especially in Clinical Social Work, and he

cooperates with many other doctors and specialists in the medical group at Coryell County Memorial Hospital Authority.

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# Recipe

This recipe appeared in the "Methodist Best" cookbook in 2008. The Gatesville Messenger plans to run a series of recipes from that cookbook. If your church has a cookbook or if you would like to submit your own recipe of a favorite dish for possible publication, please email it to: editor@gatesvillemessenger.com

**BREAKFAST CASSEROLE**  
by Doris Nichols

- 1 lb. regular sausage
- 1 tsp. dry mustard
- chopped onion to taste
- 2 c. milk
- chopped green pepper to taste
- 6-8 med. eggs slightly beaten
- chopped celery to taste
- 6 slices white bread
- chopped green chilies to taste
- 1 c. sharp cheddar cheese grated
- 1 tsp. salt

In a skillet, fry sausage and crumble. Drain, reserving 3 tablespoons of grease to sauté onions, peppers, celery, and green chilies. Mix all ingredients and place in a 9X13 greased casserole dish. Bake at 350 for one hour. Yield: 10 servings.

## BARE BONES BBQ NAMED CHAMBER MEMBER OF THE MONTH



**The Gatesville Chamber of Commerce recently selected Bare Bones BBQ as its January Member of the Month. For nearly 10 years, Bare Bones BBQ has been a destination for quality barbecue, with the addition as a country music performance venue. Owned by Ricky and Tana Snoddy, the restaurant is managed by Chad and Katy Hill, who enjoy providing outstanding entertainment in addition to great food. Located at 4305 S. Highway 36, the restaurant is open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. The business can be reached by calling 254-248-1441. The Business of the Month award is sponsored by Extraco Banks and The Gatesville Messenger. Each month, the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce recognizes an outstanding business, and those winners will also be in the running for Business of the Year awarded each year at the annual Chamber Banquet. Nominees must be a member of the Chamber.**

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## Gatesville Primary students recognized for perfect attendance



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Gatesville Primary School Principal Mashara Streater is shown with kindergarten student Juna Lea, the perfect attendance student who became the winner of a gift card.

As an incentive to encourage attendance at Gatesville school campuses, the schools are rewarding students with prize drawings and special recognition.

At the end of the first semester, 20 pre-k and kindergarten students at the Gatesville Primary School were recognized for their amazing record of perfect attendance.

At the Gatesville Primary school, those students honored were entered into a drawing for a \$150 H-E-B gift card.

Among the 20 students entered into the drawing, Kindergarten student Juna Lea was selected as the winner.



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Twenty pre-k and kindergarten students who were recognized for perfect attendance.

## Veterans Service has new phone number

The Coryell County Veterans Service office has a new phone number, which is 254-248-0676. The office has two locations to serve veterans. One office is located at 312 S. Main St. in Copperas Cove and the other office is located at 800 E. Main St. in Gatesville. Their office hours of operation are from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. Other hours are available by prior arrangement. All services are by appointment only. The Veterans Service Officer is Richard W. Smith.

### NOVEMBER EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Department Head of the Month:  
**Vickie Cox**



*Vickie oversees Transportation with scheduling and transporting. She is always on the run! She even helps the residents and their families by transporting them home for visits! She never complains and is a very hard worker with a sweet disposition!*

Employee of the Month:  
**Emily Finke**



*Emily works in Dietary and she works hard. She is very kind and has received compliments from co-workers and residents for always being helpful with a smile. She is also the first to volunteer to work for her co-workers if needed!*

*Congratulations and thank you both for all you do! We appreciate you!*

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# Coryell County Youth Fair 2023



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Rabbit judging took place Jan. 10. A total of 333 local youths were scheduled to enter rabbits in the contest.



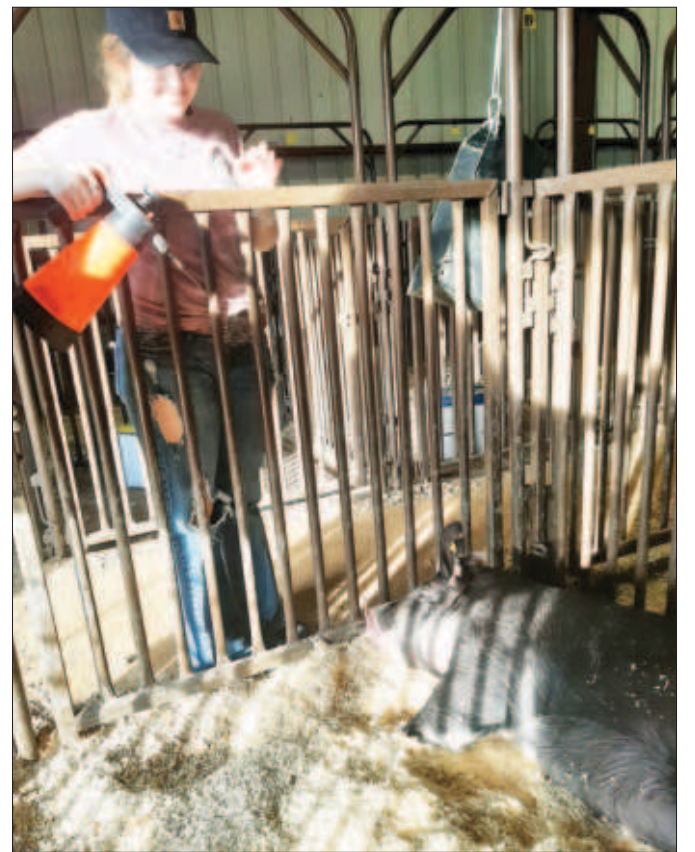
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Addison Price, 9, stands next to her horse.



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Charles Belt was recognized for showing cattle.



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Matti Mann cools down her pig with a spray container.



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Laci Weaver works to prepare her Nubian goat.



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Landri McFarlin stands with her cross market lamb.



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Hollianna Tassin holds her dwarf goat.



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Joslin Duncan competed in the horse division.

# HOUSES OF WORSHIP

## BAPTIST

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

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

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

**CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH:** Jim Keever, senior pastor; 177 Coryell City Road, Crawford; Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m., Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

**COLD SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH:** Bob Phillips, pastor; Sunday services - Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m., evening worship 5:30 p.m.

**EASTWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH:** Lynn Parks, pastor; 2518 East Main, Gatesville; Sunday services - Sunday School 9:45 a.m., morning worship 10:50 a.m.; Wednesday evening services, 6 p.m.

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

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

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

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

**GATEWAY BAPTIST CHURCH:** Michael Bragdon, Pastor; 2819 South Hwy. 36, Gatesville; Sunday services - Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m., evening worship 1:30 p.m.; Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Rising to the Occasion



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

— Christopher Simon

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

worship 6 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thursday services, 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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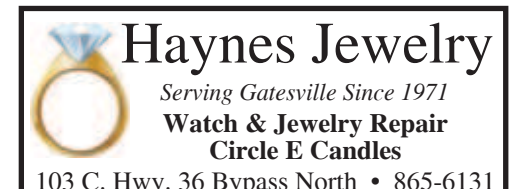
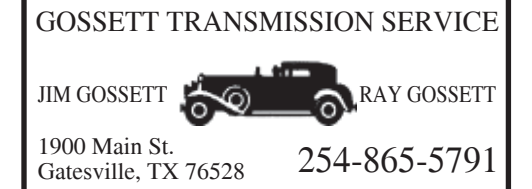
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**CORYELL VALLEY CHURCH:** 4995 FM 929, 3.5 miles from S.H. 36; Worship Saturdays at 5 p.m., Bible study Sundays at 5 p.m. www.coryellvalleytexas.com.

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

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

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## KEEP GATESVILLE BEAUTIFUL NAMES YARD OF THE MONTH



COURTESY PHOTO

Keep Gatesville Beautiful recently chose the home and yard of Candi and David Garvin as their January Yard of the Month. The home, located at 206 Creek Cliff Dr., has pleasant landscaping. January can be a difficult month on yards and the recent cold snap took out so many plants in Central Texas, but this home's foliage held out well. Their landscape includes Nandinas, Yaupon Holly, Crepe Myrtle, Japanese Yew, Boxwoods, Bradford Pear, and St. Augustine grass. David does his own yard work for their beautiful home. The photo includes their daughter Brynn.



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Martin Luther King, Jr.

### Notable works by Martin Luther King, Jr.

Martin Luther King, Jr. was one of the most influential Americans of the twentieth century. A scholar and minister who played a leading role in the civil rights movement of the 1950s and 1960s, King was tragically assassinated on April 4, 1968, less than three months after he turned 39. Though King's life was far too short, he left behind a host of notable works. These works can provide significant insight into who King was and the legacy he left behind.

Stride Toward Freedom: The Montgomery

Story. Published in 1958, this is King's account of the Montgomery bus boycott that began in 1955 and ended in 1956. The book includes information about the planning of the boycott as well as King's thoughts about it after it ended.

The Measure of a Man. A short book, The Measure of a Man is actually two sermons King delivered in August 1958. The sermons are titled "What is Man?" and "The Dimensions of a Complete Life." The Cornell University Library credits The Measure of a Man for offering insight into the theological roots of King's philosophy of nonviolence.

Strength to Love. A more extensive version of King's sermons, Strength to Love focuses largely on racial segregation in the United States. King wrote the sermons in Strength to Love during the struggle for civil rights, even composing some of them while in jail.

Why We Can't Wait. Published in 1964, Why We Can't Wait focuses on the nonviolent fight against racial segregation in 1963 in Birmingham. The book includes King's "Letter from Birmingham Jail," which remains one of his most famous writings.

Where Do We Go from Here: Chaos or Community? This was King's last book before he was assassinated. King wrote the book from a rented house in Jamaica in 1967 after isolating himself from the civil rights movement. In the book, King contemplates where things stand for the civil rights movement and what must be done to ensure equality for all Americans in the future.

The collective works of Martin Luther King, Jr. provide unrivaled insight into the minds of the one of the most influential figures in American history.

## North & East Texas Press Association and Texas Press Association to award two \$1,500 scholarships

### Press Release

The North & East Texas Press Association, in conjunction with the Texas Press Association, will once again award two \$1,500 scholarships to eligible candidates at its April 27-29, 2023 convention held in Nacogdoches.

Over the years, NETPA has helped college-bound journalism students with tuition and books through this scholarship program which is funded by private donations and through the annual auction held at the convention.

Scholarships will be pay-

able to the registrar of the college/university upon proof of enrollment as a full-time student majoring in journalism and the deadline for applying is no later than March 25.

Applicants must be from the geographic area served by NETPA and have a de-

clared major in journalism/communications/photojournalism. Preference is given to print majors.

Applications may be downloaded from the NETPA website: [www.netpa.org](http://www.netpa.org).

High school applicants should submit the following materials in the scholarship application

submission, while college applicants should submit only (b) and (c).

1. Complete the attached application and include a resume that includes scholastic, athletic and community activities.

2. Provide a current official transcript certified by school or college registrar.

3. High school applicants should submit letters of recommendation from two of the following:

a) senior, junior or dual credit college English instructor

b) publication adviser or local newspaper supervisor student has been employed

c) from a person of the applicant's choice

4. All applicants should submit digital or print clips of published work. Include publication dates.

May send photocopies of work as published in yearbook or magazine. Please mount all photocopies and newspaper clippings on paper and place in folder or binder IF submitting hardcopy.

Also, please include a cover sheet with the following information:

Student's Name, Address, Phone number and email

Send the completed print application to:

Jim Bardwell, Gladewater Mirror, 211 North Main St., Gladewater, TX. 75647.

Please call Jim Bardwell at 903-845-2235 with any questions.

Jim Bardwell  
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**099 PUBLIC NOTICES**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Richard Ray Gardner, Deceased, were issued on 1-6-23, in Cause No. 22-10761, pending in the County Court-at-Law of Coryell County, Texas, to: Mary Janice Gardner. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. c/o: Mary Janice Gardner 1319 High Chaparral Dr. Copperas Cove, Texas 76522 DATED the 9 day of Jan., 2023. Dori Ray Mistic Attorney for Mary Janice Gardner State Bar No.: 04091800 P.O. Box 246, Copperas Cove, Texas 76522 Telephone: (254) 547-6000 or 6800 Facsimile: (254) 547-4157 E-mail: [doriraymistic@hotmail.com](mailto:doriraymistic@hotmail.com)

**Notice of Public Meetings**

Coryell County is developing a Hazard Mitigation Plan, which identifies natural hazard risks and develops long-term strategies to reduce impacts to people, property, and the environment. Four public meetings will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 PM on January 18 (Gatesville City Auditorium), January 19 (Evant City Hall), January 25 (Copperas Cove Council Chambers), and January 26 (Oglesby Community Center). A public survey will be open January 12 to February 12 that focuses on public awareness and concern about natural hazards that can or have occurred in the County and their impacts on the community. Scan the QR Code or visit <https://s.surveypal.com/qyobvfyq> to take the survey. Hard copies will also be available at all public meetings and county offices. For more information, please visit [www.coryellcountyhmp.com](http://www.coryellcountyhmp.com).

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**TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE GUARDIANSHIP OF TYLER GARRISON SERFASS. CAUSE NO 22-385, COUNTY COURT OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS.** CINDY GAIL SERFASS FILED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS ON THE 4TH DAY OF APRIL 2022, AN APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF PERMANENT GUARDIAN OF THE PERSON OF TYLER GARRISON SERFASS. SAID APPLICATION SHALL BE HEARD AND ACTED ON BY SAID COURT ON OR AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY NEXT AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF TEN DAYS FROM DATE OF POSTING THIS CITATION, THE SAME BEING THE 23RD DAY OF JANUARY 2023, AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN GATESVILLE, TEXAS.

**ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID GUARDIANSHIP ARE HEREBY CITED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE COUNTY COURT OF CORYELL COUNTY AT THE SAME ABOVE MENTIONED TIME AND PLACE BY FILING A WRITTEN ANSWER CONTESTING SUCH APPLICATION SHOULD THEY DESIRE TO DO SO.**

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- Admissions Clerk - FT & PRN
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- ▶ 10.01 acres east of Evant, TX. Lot 8, Phase 5, Rio Escondido Subdivision. Good tree cover, rolling terrain, great views to build a home, gated subdivision. \$119,900
- ▶ 10.01 acres north of Evant, TX. Lot 85, Phase 4, Rio Escondido. Rolling Terrain, good tree cover, good views. \$129,500
- ▶ 10.01 acres, Lot 20, Phase 4, Rio Escondido, north of Evant, TX. Good tree cover, great views. \$150,000
- ▶ 10.01 acres, Lot 28, Phase 4, Rio Escondido, north of Evant, TX. Good tree cover, great views. \$200,000
- ▶ 10.01 acres, Evant, TX, Buffalo Creek Ranch Subdivision, Lot No. 53, Langford Branch. Nice home site, scattered tree cover, native pasture. \$225,000
- ▶ 11 +/- acres at Arnett, TX in Coryell County. Good tree cover, nice home site, the property will need to be fenced on the east boundary. You will need to drill a water well for water. \$179,500
- ▶ 11.64 acres, 3/2 home south of Evant, TX in Coryell County. Nice porch, large master bedroom and bath, barn, workshop, seasonal creek, Hwy. 281 frontage. \$850,000
- ▶ 20.02 acres, Evant, TX, CR 421, Hamilton County, Lot No. 21, Mulberry Creek. rolling terrain, good tree cover. \$250,000
- ▶ 20.02 acres, Evant, TX PR 42107, Hamilton County, Lot 43, Phase 6, Rio Escondido. Rolling terrain, good tree cover, season creek. \$265,000
- ▶ 21 acres south of Evant TX, CR 154 W, Coryell County. Rolling terrain, scattered tree cover, good views, electricity running across the property. \$252,000
- ▶ 25 acres west of Purlmela, TX on CR 181. Stock tank, good exterior fencing on 3 sides, 1 side will need to be fenced, coastal and native grasses. \$275,000
- ▶ 25.06 acres, Pottsville, TX Hamilton County, Paloma Vista Subdivision, Lot 31. Rolling terrain, scattered tree cover, great views. \$275,000
- ▶ 33.43 acres near Coryell City, Coryell County, FM 929 & CR 260 frontage. Rolling terrain, good views. \$295,000
- ▶ 36 +/- acres west of Evant, TX, Hamilton County. Scattered tree cover & rolling terrain, Fiber Optic Internet Service, you will need to drill a water well. \$387,000
- ▶ 47.332 ac. south of Ireland, TX. Good tree cover, rolling terrain, good fencing on 3 sides, southside will need to be fenced. \$395,000
- ▶ 50.07 acres 8 miles south of Evant TX, Coryell County, CR 154. Rolling terrain, good tree cover and good views. \$425,000
- ▶ 50.28 acres 8 miles south of Evant TX, Coryell County, CR 154. Rolling terrain, good tree cover, good views, electricity on northeast corner of property. \$425,000
- ▶ 50.24 acres, 3/2.5 home, 2171 CR 419, Evant, TX. Rolling terrain, 40% being good tree cover, the remaining balance being open pasture, great views. \$675,000
- ▶ 52.73 acres, 3/2.5 barndominium, 1197 CR 404, Hamilton, TX. 1 water well, metal building, nice porch, good tree cover, rolling terrain, 2 tanks, good fences. \$899,000
- ▶ 68.9 acres, 3/2.5 rock home 101 Mac Dr., Gatesville, TX. Approx. 2900 ft. of Leon River frontage, ceramic tile floors, carpet in the bedrooms, vaulted ceiling, rock fireplace, granite countertops, breakfast bar, garden tub, metal building approx. 45 ft x 24 ft, older barn approx. 50 ft. x 30 ft., cattle pens, 1 stock tank, approx. 48 acres of coastal. \$1,375,000
- ▶ 74.264 acres west of Purlmela, TX, FM 1241 & CR 181. Stock tank, barn, cattle pens, good exterior fencing, approx. 65 acres with coastal & native grasses. \$556,980
- ▶ 88.007 acres, 36 ft. Travel Trailer, 25 ft. x 30 ft. metal barn, electricity, 1 tank, seasonal branch, water well, scattered tree cover, good hunting. \$720,000
- ▶ 100.054 acres 8 miles south of Evant TX, Coryell County. Rolling terrain, good tree cover, good views, Electric on property. \$850,000
- ▶ 105 acres south of Pearl, TX on Self Rd. Good tree cover, rolling terrain, small branch, barn, rain harvest system. \$743,775
- ▶ 179.562 acres 1.6 miles south of Gatesville, TX. FM 116 frontage, great views, stock tank, rolling terrain & scattered tree cover. \$1,230,000
- ▶ 252.87 acres, 3 Br, 2 Ba home, open floor plan, wood burning fireplace, breakfast bar, ceramic tile in kitchen, breakfast area & bathrooms. Lamanite wood flooring in living room & carpet 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 & interior fencing, set of cattle pens near the center of the property, rolling terrain with scattered tree cover and great views. \$2,150,000

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## Don't mess with Texas Scholarship Contest is underway for the 2023 school year

The Don't Mess with Texas Scholarship Contest is now accepting applications for the 2023 school year. Any Texas high school senior currently attending public, private or home school, and planning to attend an accredited Texas college or university in the fall 2023 semester is eligible to apply. Judges will select winners based on the students' proven results in leading

projects or efforts focused on educating communities about the importance of keeping the state clean and litter-free. Presented in partnership with Keep Texas Beautiful, the Don't Mess with Texas Scholarship Contest will award a total of \$9,000 in scholarships in May. The 2023 scholarship contest awards are sponsored by iHeart Media and Ozarka.

"It's imperative that future generations understand they are empowered to create long-term solutions that can transform their environment and communities into ones that are litter-free," said Martha Martin, section director of services, projects, and campaigns. Don't Mess with Texas has been educating Texans about litter prevention since 1986. The program in-

cludes a grassroots partnership with Keep Texas Beautiful, annual "Trash-Off" community outreach events and the Adopt-a-Highway volunteer program. To apply for the Don't Mess with Texas Scholarship Contest, visit [dontmesswithtexas.org](http://dontmesswithtexas.org) online. Applications must be received via online submission by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 31.

### CENTEX CRIME STOPPERS

## Burglary suspect sought in storage unit theft

Centex Crime Stoppers can use your help in solving a case of burglary of a building. Between Dec. 19 and Dec. 24, 2022, an unknown person(s) forced entry to a storage unit in the 100 block of Magaldi Street. No suspect description is available. The victim reported household items, fishing equipment, elec-

tronics, luggage (including a zebra print hard suitcase), a custom king and queen of hearts cornhole board and toys (including in-box vintage Barbie dolls) among the stolen items. Most of the stolen items were stored in red and yellow tote boxes ranging from 27 gallon to 64 gallon in size. If you have any informa-

tion about any case or any local crime, call Centex Crime Stoppers 24 hours a day at 1-254-865-8477 (TIPS) or visit our website at [www.Centexcrimestoppers.org](http://www.Centexcrimestoppers.org) or by downloading the "P3" mobile app available on both the Apple app store and Google Play Store. You never have to give your name, and if your informa-

tion leads to an arrest, you may be eligible for a cash reward. Crime Stoppers, citizens, police, and the news media working together can make our community a safer place to live. Together we can make a difference.

## Mother Neff State Park to host program on history of Buffalo Soldiers and the frontier

Mother Neff State Park will host its first program of the new year today, Jan. 14.

The public is invited to join Lt. Ricky Dolifka as he takes a walk-through hike of Mother Neff while explaining the history of Buffalo Soldiers and the frontier.

There will be two opportunities to participate in the hike. The first hike will begin at 10 a.m. and

the second hike will take place starting at noon. The hikes will be at a beginner skill level.

There will be no fee for the hikes, but a park entrance fee of \$2 is required. Children under 12 years of age can enter free of charge. Mother Neff State Park is a 259-acre state park located on the Leon River west of Moody. As well as hiking, park visitors can picnic, camp, geocache and observe nature. Those interested can also enjoy the wildflowers in the prairie and explore the canyon trails. Due to river conditions, swimming and fishing are not allowed at Mother Neff. The park is located at 1921 Park Road 14 near Moody. For any further information contact the park at 254-853-2389.



Join Lt. Dolifka of the Buffalo Soldiers program as he takes a walk-through Mother Neff state park.

# The DISPATCH

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of January 8 - 11. While there were many calls to the dispatcher, this is a partial list of more significant activity. Persons are reminded that only emergency calls should be made to 9-1-1, while all other calls to the police department should be made to 865-2226 or to the Sheriff's office at 865-7201.

### CITY OF GATESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

**January 8**  
 10:21 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2500 block of Lowrey Drive.  
 11:41 a.m., an assault was reported in the 300 block of S. State Hwy. 36 Bypass.  
 11:50 a.m., an assault was reported in the 600 block of FM 2412.  
 1:00 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 1500 block of Moccasin Bend Road.  
 2:38 p.m., a noise disturbance was reported in the 300 block of Woods Drive.  
 3:05 p.m., a theft was reported in the 400 block of S. 7th Street.  
**January 9**  
 5:47 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2200 block of E. Main Street.  
 1:18 p.m., a theft was reported in the 300 block of E. Leon Street.  
 3:04 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 9700 block of FM 929.  
 4:04 p.m., a vehicle fire was reported in the 3700 block of FM 929,  
 7:37 p.m., a missing person was reported in the 300 block of Lovers Lane.  
 9:19 p.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 500 block of Bridge Street.  
**January 10**  
 3:00 a.m., a disturbance was reported in the 300 block of Shady Lane.  
 7:59 a.m., a theft was reported in the 1400 block of Pidcoke Street.  
 12:36 p.m., a theft was reported in the 300 block of Straws Mill Road.  
 3:59 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of N. 34th Street.  
 4:07 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 1400 block of Saunders Street.

5:33 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2500 block of E. Main Street.  
**January 11**  
 3:24 a.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 1200 block of W. Main Street.  
 7:29 a.m., an accident was reported in the 7100 block of S. State Hwy. 36.  
 1:29 p.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 16000 block of E. Hwy. 84.  
 6:09 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 600 block of E. Main Street.  
 9:39 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 200 block of Meadowview Lane.  
 11:14 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 1300 block of Pidcoke Street.  
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**January 8**  
 1:24 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported on CR 267 and CR 268.  
 10:35 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported on E. Hwy. 84 at the first rest stop.  
 11:39 a.m., a grass fire was reported in the 1200 block of CR 197.  
 11:50 a.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 600 block of FM 2412.  
 1:51 p.m., a possible fire was reported in the 100 block of Mooney Avenue.  
 2:40 p.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 200 block of FM 1783.  
**January 9**  
 4:04 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 500 block of Old Fort Gates Road.  
 9:13 a.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 500 block of E. Brooks Drive.  
 10:43 a.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 2700 block of Mountain View Road.  
 12:55 p.m., a scam was reported in the 200 block of Cedar Mountain Road.  
 2:40 p.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 8100 block of FM 2412.  
 4:06 p.m., an out-of-control burn was reported in the 3700 block of FM 929.  
**January 10**  
 8:55 a.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 1500 block of Waco Street.  
 3:27 p.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 15000 block of S. Hwy. 36.  
 4:45 p.m., the burglary of a habitation was reported in the 3000 block of Harmon Road.  
 5:41 p.m., a threat was reported in the 3300 block of CR 318.  
 5:47 p.m., a possible fire was reported on Live Oak at FM 183.  
 11:17 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of CR 347.  
**January 11**  
 6:03 a.m., a minor accident was reported in the 1600 block of FM 107 at CR 339.  
 7:25 a.m., a reckless driver was reported on S. Hwy. 36 near Flat.  
 2:10 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 800 block of CR 174.  
 3:33 p.m., stolen property was reported in the 200 block of FM 1783.  
 6:51 p.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 500 block of Nathan Drive.  
 9:19 p.m., a welfare concern was reported on South Bound Hwy. 281.

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# Soccer teams continue early success



**SE'VETTE EARLY** | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER  
Daniel Gonzalez puts the ball in play for Gatesville, which defeated the Connally Cadets 5-0 on Jan. 10. The Gatesville boys soccer team remains unbeaten with a 3-0-1 record.



**GLADYS WHITENBURG** | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER  
Andrea Ortiz controls the ball for Gatesville, which defeated Conally 3-0 on Jan. 10 to improve their season record to 3-1. The Hornets hosted Harmony Science Academy on Friday.



**GLADYS WHITENBURG** | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER  
Ellie Kelley works to get the ball past a defender during a contest against Florence in the GHS Invitational.

## GHS wrestlers battle Badgers



**SE'VETTE EARLY** | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER  
Gatesville's Tookie Jones takes down an opponent from Lamapas during a wrestling match on Jan. 11 in Gatesville. During the competition, the GHS boys tied the Badgers 3-3 while the girls won, 4-1.



**SE'VETTE EARLY** | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER  
Gaven Lee works to pin a teammate during wrestling competition in Gatesville on Jan. 11.

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## Oglesby teams top Gholson

A trio of Oglesby High School basketball teams registered wins over the Gholson Wildcats on Jan. 10.

**JV Boys: 30-16**  
Ashton Hooker and Jordan Smith both led the team with nine points, Jack Hendricks scored seven points, and Jackson Tippit had five points.

**Varsity Girls: 56-26**  
Matti Dixon led the team with 23 points and four assists, Lacie Luckie had 13 points and seven assists, Hailey Meyers scored 12 points, Andrea Licea-Perez had three points, Addison Hamilton and Charolette Ritchie both had two points.

**Varsity Boys: 58-34**  
Kyler Fossett led the team

with 21 points, Johnny Gomez had nine, Hunter Walter had eight points and nine assists, Aiden Gomez scored six points. Alex Castillo had eight assists and four points, Brodie Fisher, and Hunter Ewing both had four points and two assists, and Cash Lee scored two points.

- Submitted by Kara Helms

## OJHS boys defeat Cranfills Gap

**BY TOM NORRELL**  
Contributing Writer

The Oglesby Junior High Lady Tiger basketball team beat the Cranfills Gap Lions 32-23 on Jan. 9 in Cranfills Gap.

Holdyn Goff hit one three-pointer, and was 100% from free throw line, connecting on two shots for the Lady Tigers. Goff had five steals, seven rebounds and two assists. Aiden Oxford scored two points and had

four rebounds. Kayson Campbell scored two points and had five rebounds. Mason Marquez was one for two on free throws and had three rebounds.

Jaxon Markum had eight rebounds and two assists. Javon Howard played well with four rebounds and two steals.

Oglesby will play at home against Mount Calm at 6 p.m. Monday Jan 16.

## Hornets upend Yellow Jackets



SE'VETTE EARLY | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Tyler Shea, shown here in action against Brownwood, and a team of seasoned veterans have led Gatesville to an impressive 21-3 start to the season heading into district competition.

## GHS improves record to 21-3 before district competition

BY CHRIS ALLMAN  
Sports Correspondent

Gatesville used a 29-6 second quarter burst to offset a sluggish first quarter en route to a 58-39 win over Stephenville on Jan. 10.

Gatesville actually trailed 14-8 after one quarter and then did what they've done all season long to get back in games - they cranked up the defensive pressure allowing just 12 points over the second and third quarters.

Down 16-12 with 5:12 remaining in the second quarter the Hornets erupted for a 21-4 run to essentially put the game away by halftime.

West Allman hit a three to make it 16-15 then scored on a layup and was fouled. He connected on the free throw to give the Hornets an 180-16 lead - their first since a 2-0 lead to start the game.

Carter Williams scored in transition to provide the first double-digit lead of the night at 29-18 and another West Allman bucket and foul shot later made it 34-18. Banner Allman's rebound and putback made it 37-20 going into the

break.

West Allman scored all 11 of his points in the second quarter while Tyler Shea had nine points in the frame. Shea led all scorers with 17 points and added four rebounds and five steals.

The Hornets forced 13 turnovers over the second and third quarters alone and converted 59% of their field goal attempts over that stretch.

They pushed the lead up over twenty points in the third at 47-26 when Trae Miller connected with Shea on an alley-oop dunk. Miller threw the lob from almost 30 feet from the basket and Shea's sky-high finish elicited a significant amount of fanfare from the Stephenville students seated under the basket.

"I felt like I jumped out of the gym," Shea said.

Banner Allman finished with 13 points and 9 rebounds and Williams had 10 as four Hornets scored in double figures. Williams had five rebounds and Miller had five assists on the night.

The win gave the Hornets a 21-3 mark in non-district. Their 21 victories featured two tournament championships, a 17-game win streak, and a perfect 4-0 record against opponents from former 6-4A opponents. They defeated Lampasas twice and Brownwood once before taking down the Yellow Jackets.

The Hornets began district play at home against Connally on Jan. 13 and begin the district slate just seven wins away from tying a school-record for wins in a season at 28. Gatesville entered the game with the highest scoring offense in the district at 71 points per game while the Cadets were allowing just 45 points per game.

Following the Connally game they will host Salado on Jan. 17 before hitting the road for their first district road contest against La Vega on Jan. 20.

Connally (17-4), China Spring (15-9), and La Vega (13-8) all finished non-district with winning records while Salado (7-17) and Robinson (6-15) enter with losing records. The Cadets are widely considered the district favorite.

## China Spring tops Gatesville girls in basketball contest on the road



SE'VETTE EARLY | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Aliyah Trotter, shown during a game against Lampasas, bring the ball down court for Gatesville. The Hornets fell to China Spring, 49-21, on Jan. 10.

## Area Fishing Report

### Lake Belton

GOOD. Water lightly stained; 55 degrees; 13.60 feet below pool. The recent weather warmup has improved the white bass and hybrid fishing. Bird action by gulls and terns is slowly making a comeback. The smallest Bladed Hazy Eye Slab, 3/8 ounce, in white with a stinger hook is a good default bait. A slow-smoking retrieve or a long, slow pull upward off

bottom works well for active fish, and snap-jigging on bottom works well for inactive fish. If immobile, suspended fish are found on sonar, deadsticking is a good approach for such fish. Mid-morning and just before sunset seem to be the most consistently productive times. Focus on 24-34 feet depths. Report by Bob Maindelle, Holding the Line Guide Service. Catfish fishing has been fair to good. With warmer weather and

rising water temperatures schools of eater catfish have been found in shallow water under 20 feet. Trophy catfish have been caught near wind blown banks using live and cut shad. Report by Brian Worley, B&S Catfishing. Crappie are fair with undersized catches in shallow and deep water. Report by Zach Minnix, JigNJerk Guide Service.