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County youth fair takes center stage



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Logan Simmons displays his first place ribbon from the roaster pullets competition at the Coryell County Youth Fair.

County takes aim at grants, hazards

BY JEFF OSBORNE
Senior Writer & Editor

County leaders learned they were not selected for one major federal transportation grant and got an update on the status of other grant applications during the Jan. 10 meeting of the Coryell County Commissioners Court.

The grant update was presented by Natural Resources Solutions, which has offices in Gatesville and Austin, and is assisting the county with navigating the grant application process and also with developing a local hazard mitigation plan.

"We are generally moving forward on several fronts," said NRS President Steve Manning.

Lillian Reed with NRS said the county did not receive the rural surface transportation grant it had sought.

"Coryell County was not selected," she said. "We asked for information from (from the U.S. Department of Transportation) on how to make the grant more competitive (when applying in the future). Twelve projects were selected nationwide, with an average amount of

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Emma-Cookie Rodriguez shows one of her poultry entries at the Coryell County Youth Fair.



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Stone Weaver (left) and Lacy Weaver exercise their dairy goats prior to show-time.



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Local youth show their Angora goats during the 2023 Coryell County Youth Fair.

City employee handbook reworked

BY JEFF OSBORNE
Senior Writer & Editor

The Gatesville City Council recently approved several changes to the city employee handbook-related items including to time records, working from home, sick leave and tuition reimbursement.

City Manager Bill Parry said issues resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic "drove a lot of those changes."

To keep up with the time city employees work, the city has implemented Executime, an electronic system that has replaced paper timecards.

"In the past, we had manual timecards, and we researched alternatives and found an incode-based automated system," Parry said. "With this, employees can log in or log out using their smartphone."

The system has made compiling the payroll more efficient, Parry said.

"Now it takes less than half a day to go over timecards," he said. "It used to take a full day."

Updates were also made to the city's drug and alcohol policy, including the impact on city employees with commercial driver's licenses (CDLs).

A memorandum given to Council members noted that the drug-free/alcohol-free workplace policy was revamped to add substance to the policy.

"Previously, only new hires in the police department were required to (have) a pre-employment drug/alcohol screening." The policy

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Mayor updates city concerns

BY JEFF OSBORNE
Senior Writer & Editor

Mayor Gary Chumley gave an update on the selection process for a new city manager, as well as several other items, during a recent meeting of the Gatesville Lions Club.

Gatesville is using the same firm - Strategic Government Resources - that helped the city with the selection of a new police chief. City Manager Bill Parry said he was pleasantly surprised by the depth and quality of candidates who applied for the police chief job. Parry selected Brad Hunt, the current police chief in Keene, Texas and a 25-year veteran of the Temple Police Department, to succeed Nathan Gohlke as police chief. Gohlke retired from that position and is now working as a funeral planner and director.

Next in the leadership transition for the city is Parry's departure. Parry is scheduled to retire at the end of February and is moving to North Texas.

Mayor Chumley said that as of Jan. 10, the city had received 11 applications and four inquiries about the city manager post.

"Candidates will be grouped into three categories based on their qualifications," Chumley said, adding that virtual interviews will be done with semifinalists. Finalists will be brought to Gatesville for a meet and greet session with community members and in-person interviews.

"We expect 15-16 candidates, and a current city manager of another city will help us with the process," Chumley said, adding that he expected the city manager of Copperas Cove or Harker Heights to offer their input.

"That will help us to make the right decision," Chumley said. "We have been fortunate to have some outstanding city managers serve Gatesville. The last several city managers we have had have all taken the city to the next level."

Infrastructure needs

Chumley said one of the biggest priorities for the city will be upgrading water and wastewater infrastructure.

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GARY CHUMLEY

have to be high enough to capitalize costs to replace and rehabilitate infrastructure," Chumley said.

During council meetings, Parry has talked about how some of the infrastructure used for water/wastewater is decades old and needs to be replaced with better equipment.

"We are behind the eight ball in making these changes, but everything we are able to do going forward is going to help," Chumley said.

"What we're going to have to do is bite the bullet and get water and sewer rates to the point where we can address these infrastructure needs, and we'll also probably need a bond to provide funds, as well.

Internet service

One of the complaints from residents is slow or spotty internet service in some areas, and the issue is one that both city and county officials have addressed.

"There are a lot of people wanting to move here but there's not adequate housing and not enough internet bandwidth," Chumley said.

One company that has expressed an intent to improve local internet service is Rise Broadband, which is expected to begin working in the area this spring.

"They will start a (public relations) campaign and plan to run fiber optics to every house in Gatesville if they can get a 55% saturation rate in the city," Chumley said. He added that the plan is for Rise to be "up and running" in a significant portion of the city by December 2023.

Enjoying the youth fair



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Aubree Long stands proudly with her entry during the Coryell County Youth Fair.

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also "required only 'periodic' drug testing for anyone holding a CDL or was a safety sensitive employee. Pre-employment alcohol/drug screening is now mandatory for any potential new hire. Previously, an employee could be tested for alcohol/drugs if there was a reasonable suspicion of the use. The updated policy clarifies 'reasonable suspicion' circumstances, and also requires automatic testing in the case of a motor vehicle accident and clarifies the procedures for alcohol and/or drug testing."

Added to the handbook is information "in accordance with DOT (Department of Transportation) regulations regarding mandatory random testing for all CDL holders."

Information in the handbook also now replaces "an ill-defined 'emergency closings' section with an inclement weather policy, to include notification and time accounting."

A section has been added to the handbook to address the city's work from home policy, which can be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and is approved at the discretion of the city manager based on specific circumstances and the ability of the job to be done effectively

"If you are a wastewater treatment plant operator, we're not going to pay for you to get a degree in culinary arts ..."

BILL PARRY

from home.

Procedures for reimbursing employee expenses for travel, meals and lodging and pay during travel times for training have been clarified.

Juneteenth (June 19), which is now a federal holiday, has been added to the city's schedule of approved holidays.

The sick leave policy, which allowed an employee to donate sick time directly to another employee, has been replaced with a more general sick leave pool. The policy requires a certain amount of time to have been already spent on the job and that the employee receiving sick leave from the pool must also have signed up to donate their own sick time to this pool.

Parry said one of the changes he is most excited about is a discretionary tuition reimbursement policy which can help pay expenses for employees to further their education in areas directly related to the jobs they do for the city.

"I think it's a retention incentive - people who work here can get reimbursed for

getting further education directly related to their job," Parry said. "It is something that is discretionary (city administrators can approve or deny the request based on the perceived benefits to the city) and department heads will have to budget for it."

The reimbursement rate is tied to grades received and will be paid to employees after they complete a course.

Parry said the idea is for employees to learn things that will directly impact their jobs, and not to explore new and unrelated things.

"If you are a wastewater treatment plant operator, we're not going to pay for you to get a degree in culinary arts, but if you are interested in pursuing an engineering degree, that directly relates to your job," he said.

Employees are required to remain with the city for at least two years after completing the coursework and receiving reimbursement (or will have to pay the city back).

"This enhances the performance of the city (staff)," Parry said.

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\$23 million. Coryell County had asked for \$2.2 million."

Manning said the Department of Transportation offers a debrief to let applicants know why they were not selected.

"The biggest thing to me is that we didn't ask for enough money," he said. "The smallest project selected was over \$10 million, so I'm not surprised we weren't selected. We didn't have a good enough CBA (cost benefit analysis) or ask for enough money. Very large projects were selected and the government was moving huge chunks of money."

Hazard Mitigation Plan

Maddie Todd, also with NRS, said an executive committee is being set up to implement a hazard mitigation plan (HMP). The committee will include County Judge Roger

Miller and representatives from Gatesville, Copperas Cove, Oglesby and Evant.

A public survey is available on the county's HMP website, www.coryellcountyhmp.com, through Feb. 12.

Public meetings are also scheduled to get input from county residents about their concerns. The first meeting will be from 5:30-7:30 p.m. today, Jan. 18, at the Gatesville City Auditorium.

Other meetings are scheduled from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday Jan. 19 at Evant City Hall, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 25 at the Copperas Cove Council Chamber, and from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 26 at Oglesby Community Center.

In addition to getting community input that will be helpful in identifying potential problem areas in Coryell County, developing an HMP will help the county qualify for grants that can help reduce the impact of disasters before they occur.



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Raffle set for 2022 GHS graduate's medical expenses

A medical raffle is underway for 2022 GHS graduate Dayne Zacha, who was recently diagnosed with leukemia.

Zacha is in his first year of college, majoring in nursing. He plans on being an oncology nurse to help others battling cancer. Zacha has a huge love for his family and for tennis.

Those wishing to contribute to the raffle can purchase a \$50 raffle ticket for a chance to win a half

of beef donated by Barnard Beef Cattle Company.

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raffle tickets, if their ticket is not selected, they can use their \$50 donation on any half or whole purchased in the next six months. One hundred percent of the proceeds go to the family.

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Coryell County Hazard Mitigation Plan meetings set for public input

Public input is sought in an effort to help the county develop a Hazard Mitigation Plan to prepare for, and

potentially avoid, disasters and help the county qualify for grants. Public meetings are being scheduled in cities around Coryell County.

Public meetings are scheduled for:

Gatesville - today, Jan. 18, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Gatesville City Auditorium, 110 N. Eighth St.

Evant - Thursday, Jan. 19, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Evant City Hall, 598 W. US Hwy. 84. Copperas Cove

- Wednesday, Jan. 25, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers Technology Bldg., 508 S. Second St.

Oglesby - Thursday, Jan. 26, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Oglesby Community Center, 118 Main St.

Check the Coryell County Hazard Mitigation Plan Facebook page for more information and updates or visit www.coryellcountyhmp.com.

To participate in an online survey, please follow this link, <https://s.surveypal.com/qyobvfqy>.



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THAT'S A WRAP: The Coryell County Youth Fair wrapped up on Jan. 14 and members of 4-H, FFA and FC-CLA were rewarded for their hard work and talents. Pictured is Mary Mitchell of Gatesville who received Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion for her broilers.

FROM MY FRONT PORCH

The computer age: what future wonders could be headed our way?

SAM HOUSTON

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

Growing up in the age of computerization has been a time of awe and amazement. How can a small machine change and enrich our lives so much?



HOUSTON

Technology gives us access to information and data at lightning speeds, all while enhancing our lives with the entertainment opportunities it provides.

The computer allows us to connect to people around the world, to have access to weather, news, and sports, and to store an endless number of photos and information. We can order goods and services, learn how to speak a different language, or find out the name of the first movie Cary Grant starred in. Truly remarkable stuff!

I often reflect on how a large metropolitan newspaper could produce both a morning and evening newspaper without the use of computers. The newspaper staff had to be twice as big and work twice as long as what we do now. The stress had to be palpable. Maybe that is why in old movies they depict newspaper editors as being tattered and worn while they seem to have three cigarettes burning in the ash tray and a bottle of booze in their bottom desk drawer! It would not have been a job for the faint of heart.

I venture to say, few if any people under the age of 40 even know what a "slide rule" is, much less know how to use one. The device was invented by mathematician William Oughtred in 1620 and until the electronic calculator was invented in 1973, it was the instrument of choice for engineers, scientists, and mathematicians for performing complex mathematical computations.

Just this past week I was showing someone a photo

of the Gateway Arch in St. Louis, taken while the project was under construction in the mid-60s. The stainless-steel arch is 714 feet high and was designed to be constructed so the legs of the arch grew from ground level to meet at the pinnacle 714 feet above the ground. Importantly, when the top and final piece was set in place, the two legs could not be out of kilter more than 1/2 of an inch. Think about that! Only 1/2 inch of variance over 714 feet! If I had been on the construction crew, we would have been off that much within the first five feet!

All of the Arch design and layout was completed by engineers and draftsmen who used a slide rule; there were no design computers in 1965. The same is true with the Great Wall of China, the Pyramids of Egypt, and the Brooklyn Bridge. Stop and think how much easier the job would have been if computers had been around on those projects to keep track of logistics, handle design issues, and schedule tasks for workers. Looking back through contemporary eyes, it is almost unconceivable how such monumental projects could be accomplished without computers.

I recently learned from a "bird watcher" friend that there is a new app to assist them in identifying different species. Basically, it allows a person to record the birds as they sing, and the computer app identifies the species of bird from the sounds they make. This allows a bird watcher to identify birds easily and accurately. Simply by hearing

the sounds they make, the computer can distinguish between a Golden Cheeked Warbler and a Black Capped Vireo. Fascinating!

It got me to thinking, will computer engineers eventually do the same thing with human voices? Suppose a computer could listen to someone's voice and identify the speaker's motive? What if somehow the computer could discern if they were telling the truth? Imagine entering a business agreement and the computer discerning if the other side would be a good partner? Will we ever get to such a point?

This could be taken to extremes. Suppose during the first date a computer could tell a young woman if the man she is having dinner with snores, leaves the lid up on the toilet, or leaves his towel on the floor of the bathroom. Perhaps it could tell the young man if the woman he is pursuing likes to shop incessantly, is consistently late, or if she will be a good mother. Would such an app be progress or a recipe for social disaster? If we live long enough, I am sure we will find out.

Thought for the day: The real danger is not that computers will begin to think like men, but that men will begin to think like computers.

Until next time... I'll keep riding the storm out.

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The DISPATCH

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of Jan. 12-15. 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

Jan. 12
10:08 a.m., an accident was reported in the 1300 block of E. Main Street.

12:01 p.m., a hit and run accident was reported in the 2800 block of S. State Hwy. 36.

12:32 p.m., a theft was reported in the 100 block of Chicktown Road.

2:46 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2400 block of Business Hwy. 36.

4:43 p.m., an assault was reported in the 300 block of Veteran's Memorial Loop.

9:10 p.m., reckless conduct was reported in the 3400 block of E. Main Street.

Jan. 13
2:48 a.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 4600 block of S. State Hwy. 36.

10:30 a.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 100 block of Thelma Drive.

3:55 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 1800 block of San Jose Street.

6:58 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 3400 block of Imperial Drive.

7:00 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 1200 block of Bridge Street.

7:33 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2500 block of Business Hwy. 36.

Jan. 14
2:19 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2300 block of E. Main Street.

8:27 a.m., a burglary was reported in the 2200 block of E. Main Street.

12:24 p.m., animal cruelty was reported in the 3400 block of Imperial Drive.

3:10 p.m., a theft was reported in the 1200 block of E. Main Street.

4:12 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of E. Leon Street.

6:10 p.m., a theft was reported in the 2300 block of Bridge Street.

Jan. 15
12:12 a.m., a missing person was reported in the 2400 block of Business Hwy. 36.

2:19 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of Mulberry Avenue.

6:58 a.m., criminal mis-

chief was reported in the 2000 block of Waco Street.

12:22 p.m., an accident was reported in the 2200 block of E. Main Street.

2:52 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 500 block of E. Leon Street.

8:36 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2500 block of Business Hwy. 36

CORYELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Jan. 12
4:24 a.m., a fire was reported on FM 929 at Coryell City.

8:24 a.m., a neighbor dispute was reported in the 1000 block of Lutheran Church Road.

1:40 p.m., an assault was reported in the 900 block of CR 323.

2:50 p.m., a major accident was reported on Hwy. 281 and Hwy. 84.

4:22 p.m., an assault was reported at the Gatesville Inn on E. Main Street.

4:47 p.m., a fight was reported at the fairgrounds on E. Hwy. 84.

Jan. 13
9:09 a.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 200 block of Harrell Drive.

9:12 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported on Hwy. 236 at the bridge.

12:31 p.m., a civil matter was reported in the 11000 block of S. Hwy. 36.

2:32 p.m., a grass fire was reported in the 5000 block of FM 116.

3:26 p.m., a theft was reported in the 700 block of Flintrock.

8:23 p.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 100 block of FM 1996.

Jan. 14
7:30 a.m., a case of fraud was reported in the 500 block of E. Leon Street.

8:39 a.m., trespassing was reported in the 300 block of CR 385.

10:52 a.m., a theft was reported in the 1200 block of CR 238.

4:30 p.m., a theft was reported in the 300 block of Thackston Road.

5:24 p.m., trespassing was reported on FM 930.

5:42 p.m., a minor accident was reported on FM 116 at Fieldstone.

Jan. 15
8:42 a.m., shots being fired was reported in the 4700 block of Harmon Road.

10:16 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported on FM 1783.

3:10 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 500 block of E. Leon Street.

3:44 p.m., a civil matter was reported on CR 238.

7:02 p.m., a reckless driver was reported on E. Hwy. 84.

7:50 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 4600 block of CR 142.

Coryell County Historical Marker Spotlight

Marker Text: Born in Chicago, Illinois, Emma Barker (1865-1955) was reared in Wisconsin and moved to Copperas Cove between 1885 and 1887 when her father obtained a land patent from the state.

Jouett Allin (1868-1936) was born in Kentucky. He arrived in Texas at age 17 and worked for the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railroad. They married in 1890 in Copperas Cove. Both Emma and Jouett continued to work for the railroad for several years.

The Allins eventually settled in Copperas Cove and Jouett Allin became the town's first mayor when it was incorporated in 1913. He and Emma built their first home that same year on land she inherited from her mother.

Designed by architect H.D. Pampel of Temple, this structure is an excellent example of the craftsman style, with features such as a frame construction bungalow plan with a three-bay front porch with box columns, a gable roof and a palladian window. The house was among the most



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ALLIN HOUSE: Historical home located in Copperas Cove.

prominent homes in Copperas Cove.

In addition to his mayoral service, Jouett Allin was a banker, city alderman, landowner and member of several fraternal organizations, serving as both worshipful

master and grand master in area masonic lodges. Emma Barker Allin worked as an attorney and schoolteacher. She was well known in Copperas Cove as a church, civic and social leader. The Allins are interred in the

Copperas Cove city cemetery. Their house was sold to cousins in 1953 and remained in the family until it was purchased by the city in 1986. (1998)

PEARL NEWS

Pearl's annual Valentine auction benefiting 'His Kids' ministry is quickly approaching

BETSY CLARK
Pearl News Correspondent

The next quarterly meeting of the Pearl Community Center Board will be on Monday, Jan. 23, at 6:30 p.m., at the Pearl Community Center. All are invited to attend.

There are still many items available at the Carrie Self Estate, the sale of which benefit the Pearl Church of Christ Scholarship Fund. Below is a list of some of the many things for sale:

Quilt frame and stands; Victorian sofa side chair; China cabinet; Kenmore sewing machine in cabinet; Singer sewing machine in cabinet; large four-poster bed; record player in cabinet; cedar quilt box; sets of dishes; miscellaneous chairs, glassware, crystal vases, dishes, fruit jars, lamps, pictures; double knit quilt tops, cotton pieced quilt tops; pieces of material and several quilts; older appliances/deep freeze; washer; dryer; two refrigerators; large farm equipment; a barn full of various kinds of equipment; a safe; a life-size cement deer; and a garage full of everything.

To see these items is by appointment only. Contact Linda Ray to make an ap-

pointment, or if you have any questions at 254-865-9282 or 254-206-1999. Cash and carry on the day of purchase.

It's almost silent auction time again at Pearl Church of Christ. The annual Valentine Auction benefiting Lampasas His Kids Youth Ministry will be Sunday, Feb. 12, following morning services that begin at 10:30 a.m. Items for the silent auction will be out in the dining room and the kids' room beginning Jan. 26. Please be sure and drop by

the Pearl Church of Christ to view the many auction items and to place your generous bids. If you want to donate auction items, please call Linda Ray at 254-206-1999 or 254-865-9282. Remember, all proceeds go to His Kids, which they use to send their group to His Hill Ranch Camp each summer.

This week's Bible verse comes from Proverbs 19:21 — "You can make many plans, but the Lord's purpose will prevail." (NIV) Be sure and like the Pearl



CLARK

Community Center, Texas Facebook page and the Pearl Cottage Bookstore and Resale Shop Facebook page! Please send any Pearl news to betsyclarck47@yahoo.com.

Gatesville Lions Club hosts 46th annual Homer Davis chili supper

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 any further information about the event, contact the Gatesville Lions Club at 254-865-4626, or by email at gatesvillelionsclub@gmail.com.

Hamilton County Electric Cooperative Association offering 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).

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- 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.hamiltonelectric.coop/news-and.../scholarship/>

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400-500 lb.	170-210
500-600 lb.	160-185
600-700 lb.	140-165
700-800 lb.	120-155

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DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Thiele Alvarado, a GHS senior, is shown taking care of his livestock.



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Corbin Ray of Copperas Cove poses with his Nigerian and Dwarf Angora entry named "Precious".



DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Home Economics "Best of Show" winners pictured left to right are Colt Brookshire (Junior), Campbell Gustin (Intermediate), and Romi Bomar (Senior).



DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Jonesboro student Michella Martinez is pictured tending to her entry in the swine competition.



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JIM HALL

1949 - 2023



Jim Hall, age 73, passed from this life on Monday, January 9, 2023, in Gatesville.

Memorial services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, January 14, 2023, at Gatesville Church of Christ in Gatesville, with Ministers Austin Wright and Kent Jobe.

Jimmy Dwayne Hall was born in March of 1949, to the late Donald and Ann Hall in Comanche. He married Jan Nickel in June of 1970 and started preaching that summer. He continued in full time ministry until 2021. He preached in Gordon, Granbury, Valley Mills, Comanche, Gorman, Ranger, Early, Terrell, again in Ranger, Clyde, and Gatesville. Jim spent many years in summer Christian camps, beginning at Thorp Springs and later at Lake Cisco Christian Camp. His life was blessed in so many ways by the staff and campers with whom he worked, played, and worshiped.

While in Comanche he was able to teach and coach at Comanche Jr. High and High School. Many have heard his stories of those years and he continued to stay in touch with some of the boys on those teams. Jim was always active in the communities he served. He worked as an EMT in Granbury, Ranger Volunteer Fire Department, and rode regularly with the Early Police Department. While in Terrell, he went to the police academy and graduated head of his class. He obtained a master peace officer certification and worked with police and sheriff's departments in multiple locations. Jim's law enforcement experience provided him a way to be a loving messenger to share the love of God.

He was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Natalie Grace Hall and niece, Debra Fox.

Jim is survived by his wife, Jan Hall; three children, J.J. Hall Anderson and husband, Brett, Justin Hall and wife, Michelle, and James Hall and life partner, Erik; sister, Donna Hall Moore and husband, Tim. He was a loving PawPaw to Ryan Anderson and wife, Kassidy, Andy Anderson and wife, Sabrina, Lesli Anderson Jacoby and husband, Eli, Jimmy Hall, John Hall, and one great-grandson, Samuel Anderson. Jim also loved two special people that were added

to his family through life circumstances, Hope Mayfield Skibitsky and Doug Johnson. He is Uncle Jim to Will Moore and wife, Jessica, Wes Moore and wife, Monica, and two great-nieces, Holland and June. Jan's family loved him also: Winona and Sonny Balch, Winston and Nona Nickel, and Richard and Renéé Nickel; nieces and nephews, Danny Balch and wife, Tania, David Nickel and wife, Kristi, Charley Nickel, Eric Nickel and wife, Jenny, Carissa Hernandez and husband, Joey, and Emily Nickel; and many great-nieces and nephews he loved. He was loved by many aunts and uncles while growing up in Comanche.

In lieu of flowers, please direct memorials to Jim's lifelong passion of sharing Christ to young people at Lake Cisco Christian Camp, c/o of Nocona Church of Christ, 311 Cooke St., Nocona, TX 76255.

There is no way to acknowledge or even know all the lives he touched and changed through his love, kindness, and generosity. If Jim's love touched your life, acknowledge that love by living your life following Christ, loving one another as you, WALK WITH THE MASTER.

PAULA WHEAT GILLEN

Oct. 3, 1952 - Jan. 2, 2023



Paula Wheat Gillen was born on October 3, 1952, to G.R. and Patsy Wheat. She was a sister to Nancy Wright, Gary Wheat, and La Claire Diamond. She grew up in Gatesville where she graduated and went on to attend Sam Houston State University as well as Tarleton State University. Paula dedicated most of her life to being a mother to her three daughters, Shelby Briggs, Stacy Cook, and Steely Bray.

Aside from being a moth-

er, she was also a loving wife to her husband, Paul Gillen. Paula was known as "Mimi" to her many grandkids. Paula loved being a grandmother and spent most her days with the kids around, always having a full house. In her spare time, she enjoyed sewing, quilting, gardening, and painting. Paula also found passion in antiques, owning an antique mall in downtown Corsicana for 14 years.

Paula was kind, generous, loving, and selfless. She cared for many and enjoyed being surrounded by friends and family. Paula practiced a strong faith throughout her life and found peace through God in her final days.

She is survived by her husband of 20 years, Paul Gillen; daughters and sons-in-law, Chad and Shelby Briggs, Marvin and Stacy Cook, Robert and Steely Bray; stepsons and daughters-in-law, John Paul and Angela Gillen, Heath and

Tiffany Gillen, and Clay Gillen; brother and sister-in-law Gary and Teresa Wheat; sisters and brothers-in-law Doyce and Nancy Wright, and Steve and La Claire Diamond; grandchildren, Tatum, Reece, and Gentry Briggs; Belton and Barron Armstrong; Brint, Devan, Corben Bray; Elli Bray; Morgan Martin, Miller and Judson Cook; Bryson, Tyler, Jady, Hannah, Owen, Gunner, and Phoenix Gillen; great-grandchildren, Brian, Samuel, and Caleb Martin; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A graveside memorial service was held on Saturday, January 7th at Rose Hill Cemetery.

An online guest book is available at www.griffinroughton.com

Arrangements by Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Corsicana.

BERNICE OVON MCDONALD HEMPHILL

Sept. 17, 1922 - Jan. 11, 2023



Bernice Hemphill celebrated her 100th birthday with family and friends on September 17, 2022. After that milestone and two bone-fracturing falls, she passed away peacefully on January 11, 2023.

Bernice (Bunt) was born at home near Red Rock, in Bastrop County, Texas on September 17, 1922. The family lived on and worked several farms along the Colorado River while Bernice was growing up. The middle of five children and always eager to learn, Bernice skipped two grades. In order to graduate from high school, she roomed with and worked for a family in Bastrop. She graduated at 16, and then married William Lenon Hemphill on November 11, 1939. They moved to Austin and had their first child, Jerry, in 1941. Later, they moved to the Luling area where Lenon worked in the oil field and trained calf roping horses and Bernice worked at Dismukes

Pharmacy. In 1947, Linda Sue was born after Lenon competed at a calf roping that evening. He dropped Bernice at the Luling Hospital and then took the mare home.

In March of 1952, The Hemphill family of four, a quarter horse mare, and a milk cow moved to the Crouch Ranch near Markham in Matagorda County, Texas. Danny was born that December. Lenon managed that wonderful ranch (home for his children) for 33 years, and Bernice worked at the First National Bank & Production Credit Association in Bay City while Jerry, Sue, and Danny attended and graduated from Sam Houston State, the University of Texas, and Texas A&M, respectively.

While in Matagorda County, the Hemphills began building their own cattle herd on leased properties. Bernice also developed a love and competitiveness in tennis. In 1985, Lenon retired from the Crouch Ranch, and he and Bernice bought 200 acres near Purlmela. They later bought the 800+ acre Brooks Ranch there, which had been owned by Wylie P. Grubb, a Texas Ranger. Bernice and Lenon celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1989 on their ranch with a catered bar-be-cue for family and friends. Lenon passed away in August 1995. Bernice remained in their Purlmela home making countless beautiful quilts until she moved to Gatesville's The Oaks in May 2021.

Along with Jerry, Sue, and

Danny, Bernice is survived by one daughter-in-law, Charlotte, seven grandkids, and 15 great-grandkids. (Danny's beloved wife Susan passed away in the spring of 2022.) Bernice is also survived by several McDonald and Hemphill nieces and nephews as well as their progeny and countless brothers and sisters in Christ.

Bernice's family members attribute her active, healthy longevity to a lifetime of hard work, abstinence from tobacco and any over-indulgences, raising and eating good food, exercise, and good Christian living. She was an active member of the Church of Christ her entire life; she loved God, Jesus, the Church, her family, and friends. Her kids commented, "Mom was the hardest working human being we ever knew. She set an unattainably high bar for us to follow, and she dedicated her life to making ours better. She and Dad left us a legacy beyond our expectations, thanks to their hard work, good timely decisions, and frugal lifestyle. No day-working cowboy ever went away hungry since Mom always prepared chicken fried steak and the trimmings when we worked cattle."

Bernice will be sorely missed but remembered well. On Monday, January 16th, she was laid to rest beside Lenon and near her parents and many other relatives in the Bateman Cemetery in Bastrop County — returning to the area of her beginning — going home.

FRED D. MARTIN

Feb. 11, 1928 - Jan. 10, 2023



Fred D. Martin, age 94, of Gatesville, formerly of Angleton, passed away on Tuesday, January 10, 2023, in Gatesville.

Graveside services were held at 3 p.m. Monday, January 16, 2023, at Angleton Cemetery in Angleton, with Stephen Head officiating.

Fred D. Martin was born on February 11, 1928, in Arkadelphia, Arkansas to the late Fred D. and Bessie Lou Earle Martin. He graduated from Arkadelphia High School and Quachita Bap-

tist College. He served in the United States Army at the close of WWII and was honorably discharged. He married Patsy Ray in 1950 and they resided in Arkadelphia. They moved to Texas in 1955, settling in Angleton in 1956 where he worked for Dow Chemical. At Dow Chemical, he traveled the world instructing other companies and was recognized for four different U.S. Patents. He worked for Dow for over 30 years, until his retirement. He then became a consultant for chemical companies for analyzer instrumentation. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Angleton for 57 years, until moving to Gatesville in 2012. He was currently a member of First Baptist Church of Gatesville. He was actively involved as a Deacon, choir member and Sunday School teacher in both churches. Fred had many interests to include music, playing musical instruments, riding horses and projects around their home.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Jeffrey

R. Martin; grandson, Austin Frederick Martin; granddaughter, Katherine Elizabeth Martin; and a brother-in-law, Larry Ray and wife, Sheila.

Fred is survived by his wife of 72 years, Patsy Martin; son, Dan Martin and wife, Kim; daughter, Jenny Gellasch and husband, Richard; grandchildren, Madeleine Eckert and husband, Josh, Lacy Gellasch, Taitte Gellasch and wife, Kristina, Kipp Gellasch; nieces, Laura Tucker and husband, Chris and Lesley Harvey and husband, Daina; great-nieces and nephews, Joshua, Jacob, Matthew, and Finch.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to Boys and Girls Club, 2533 E. Main Street, Gatesville, TX 76528 or Angleton Christian School, a ministry of First Baptist Church of Angleton, 976 Anchor Rd, Angleton, TX 77515.

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, January 21, 2023, at the Mound Cemetery, Mound Community, Coryell County, at 11 a.m.

Lou Cross (L.C.) Mayberry, beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfa-

ther, 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.

How to prevent being a victim of scams and fraud

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Scams and fraud are more deceiving these days, reaching you in more ways than ever before. The FTC reported 2.8 million fraud reports from consumers in 2021 alone, with reported fraud losses increasing 70% from 2020 and more than \$5.8 million.

Identity theft protection expert Carrie Kerskie says being aware of what new cyber and phone fraud trends to look out for is your biggest defense against unwanted fraud.

"The more that we can get this information out there the better," Kerskie recently told T-Mobile Stories, "Un-

fortunately when it comes to technology, privacy and identity theft, the same old advice that was given 10, 15 years ago is still the gospel of what you're supposed to do. And that is outdated. None of it works. It's not true, it's not relevant anymore."

Scammers have expanded from targeting consumers with only traditional email and phone calls. The most recent trending scams are occurring using person-to-person payment platforms or P2P, remote access software and even public Wi-Fi.

Kerskie says the most desirable accounts to criminals include bank accounts, mobile phone accounts, credit

card accounts and Amazon accounts. Now, with P2P payment platforms, criminals can get access to your bank account and use it to transfer money within moments.

The latest tactic that concerns Kerskie is using remote access software to gain access to everything on your computer without having to directly ask you for things like your social security number, bank account or credit card number. While many workers use remote access software safely from their companies' IT departments, criminals are also using this software in their scams.

Criminals also try to access your information in settings

like coffee shops or libraries using public Wi-Fi. A laptop or smartphone using public Wi-Fi can easily fall victim to scams. An easy fix is to use your smartphone's wireless data and hotspot to help keep your personal information secure.

Kerskie says there are ways to keep scammers and fraud at bay.

Prioritize Privacy: Kerskie says, if it's easy for you, it's easy for a criminal. Privacy means having strong and unique passwords with a minimum of 12 characters, and for pins using random numbers and taking advantage of extra security. Enabling multi-factor authenti-

cation on your various apps and accounts will also protect yourself from potential threats.

Use Available Resources: Take advantage of the free anti-fraud safeguards offered by your mobile carrier. In the case of T-Mobile's Scam Shield, services include enhanced caller ID, scam ID and blocking, which flags suspicious calls and gives customers the option of blocking those numbers. Additionally, customers can get a free second number to keep their personal number personal, or even change their primary number completely.

Validate or Eliminate:

Whatever potential threat you come across via email, text message, letter or even a phone call, try to validate the information. If you cannot confirm the information is true or confirm the senders' validity, throw it away, block the phone number or email address and report it as spam or junk mail.

As potential cyber threats and fraud evolve, it's important to understand how they work. Doing so will help you stay safeguarded and protected.

SCHOOL

Miller, Moore named to UMHB Honor Roll for fall 2022

The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor announced that 576 students have been listed on the fall 2022 Provost's Honor Roll. Among those named were two Gatesville natives, Cheyenne Miller, and Mindy Moore. To receive this recognition, students must achieve a 3.85 grade point average (GPA) or better on a 4.0 scale.

In conjunction with this, 535 students were named on the Dean's Honor Roll for fall 2022. To receive this recognition, a student must achieve a 3.5 - 3.849 grade point average (GPA)

on a 4.0 scale. UMHB is a private Christian university located in Belton. UMHB was chartered by the Republic of Texas in 1845 as Baylor Female College, the female department of what is now Baylor University. It has since become its own institution and grown to 3,914 students and awards degrees at the baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral levels. It is affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Texas and accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

SNHU names students on Dean's and President's Lists

Gatesville students were recently honored by being placed on the Dean's List and the President's List at Southern New Hampshire University.

Layton Bannister and Cheyanna Rivera were placed on the fall 2022 Dean's List. Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the Dean's List.

Jesse Friend, Robert Hunter, and Lesleah Byford were named on the fall 2022 President's List. Being placed on that list re-

quires that undergraduate students must have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 or above for the reporting term.

Founded in 1932, Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) began as a two-room business school above a nondescript storefront in downtown Manchester, New Hampshire. Originally named the New Hampshire Accounting and Secretarial School, the tiny enterprise enrolled fewer than 10 day students and 35 evening students in bookkeeping, accounting, and secretarial courses.

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 2023. 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 includes 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 online. Applications must be received via online submission by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 31.

North & East Texas Press Association to award two \$1,500 scholarships in April

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

Applications may be downloaded from the NETPA website: 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 where student has been em-

ployed

- 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.

Mattress fundraiser set Feb. 4 to benefit GHS band program

The Gatesville High School Band will hold a mattress fundraiser on Saturday, Feb. 4, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

at Gatesville High School located at 205 S. Lovers Lane. Every purchase will benefit the school's band program.

Among the Beautyrest mattresses sold will include an adjustable base, luxury pillows, and mattress pro-

tectors. 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.

What Happened and Why: Cause and Effect

News articles tell about the cause and the effect of things that happen. News articles report on something that happened and explain why. The headline tells what happened—or the effect. The article gives more details and tells why it happened—or the cause. A good headline sparks your curiosity and makes you want to read the article to learn more.

Caution! This article is not real news! It is just for fun!

Dragon Burp Burns Ball

BLAZETON — Karly Kindling sparked surprise in the people watching last night's basketball game between the Southside Scorchers and the Eastside Embers at Flaming Torch High School.

"I ate a burrito just before the game," said Karly. "I overdid it with the hot sauce I added. The burrito caused my stomach to be a bit upset when I started the game."

The burrito caused stomach gas to form in the belly of the star forward for the Eastside Embers. Just as she caught the ball from a teammate, she burped.

The burp caused a burst of flame to shoot out of her mouth, burning the basketball to a crisp.

"Karly took it well. She took a big breath and got right back in the game, shooting a three-pointer with a new ball moments later," said coach Coalsworth.

"But from now on," said Coalsworth, "our players will be sticking with orange slices and ice water before a game!"

Discovering Cause and Effect

Read this silly article to answer these questions.

WHAT happened? This is the EFFECT.

WHY did it happen? This is the CAUSE.

Think about something that happened at your school this week. What was the CAUSE and EFFECT?

CAUSE: _____

EFFECT: _____

Scrambled Story

Look at the pictures below. They tell a silly story of cause and effect. But they are out of order. Number the pictures to show the correct order.

Extra! Extra! Before and After

The cause of something happens before the effect. Look at a photograph in the newspaper. Try to imagine what happened before the picture was taken. Why do you think that?

Standards Link: Identify cause and effect using visual cues.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Dragon Doubles

Only two of these dragons are exactly alike. Can you find them?

Double Double Word Search

BASKETBALL Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

BURP
CAUSE
DETAILS
DRAGON
EFFECT
EMBERS
FLAMES
HAPPEN
NEWS
ORDER
READ
THINK
WATER
WHY

J C A U S E J G K O
X L D E T A I L S R
I W A T E R E K S D
S R E B M E F N E E
H A P P E N F I M R
K Y S Q J F E H A S
J H D A E R C T L W
S W B U R P T X F E
Z L H N O G A R D N
B A S K E T B A L L

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Kid Scoop Together

Cause and Effect Matchup

Work with a family members to draw lines to connect each CAUSE with its EFFECT.

- My cousin told me a funny joke.
- I was late for school.
- I left my popsicle in the sun.
- Birds splashed and chirped happily.
- I had a bad dream.
- I missed the bus.
- I got an A!
- I read a spooky story last night.
- I laughed and told it to my friends.
- I filled the bird bath with fresh water.
- I studied each night before the big test.
- It melted.

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Noah McDavid (1), a 6-5 sophomore guard from Dallas, congratulates teammate Garry Clark (33), a 6-7 sophomore forward from St. Louis, during Tarleton State University's 68-65 men's basketball home victory over Southern Utah on Jan. 5. Clark scored a team-high 20 points, and McDavid contributed 10 points.

Texans grab three-point win, remain unbeaten at home

Tarleton Sports Information

STEPHENVILLE — Tarleton State University's Texans remained undefeated at home this season as 38 points from the bench propelled the Texans to a 68-65 men's basketball victory over Southern Utah on Jan. 5.

Fireside District Player of the Game, Garry Clark, played a pivotal role on both offense and defense in the Texan win. Clark led the Texans in scoring with season-highs in points (20, 4-6 3PT) and rebounds (8). Lue Williams picked up 15 points for the Texans, also grabbing three boards and two assists.

Shakur Daniel, the lone Texan to play in all 40 minutes of the game, scored

13 points, along with having eight rebounds and a team-high six assists. Noah McDavid was deadly accurate for the game earning his 10 points off 4-of-5 shooting and sinking his only attempted three-pointer. McDavid also recorded four each of rebounds and assists.

Tiger Booker picked up six points, scoring a clutch pair of free throws near the end of the game to help seal the

Thunderbirds' fate. Shamir Bogues earned two points and was instrumental in disrupting the Southern Utah offense throughout the game. Bogues also recorded two steals. KiAndre Gaddy recorded two points and Rod Brown grabbed two steals.

Tarleton (8-7, 2-1 WAC) started off the game hot with a 9-2 run over the first four-and-a-half minutes. Southern Utah (10-6, 2-1 WAC) and the Texans traded buckets for the majority of the first half, with Tarleton maintaining its lead. The Thunderbirds slowly closed the gap and tied the game at 24 with four minutes remaining in the half. A pullup three-pointer from Southern Utah earned the Thunderbirds their first

lead of the game with just over three minutes left before halftime. Tarleton's Garry Clark responded by sinking a three-pointer to gain a one-point lead. The Texans and Thunderbirds traded the lead six times in the last three minutes of the half, but a buzzer-beater jumper by Tarleton's Noah McDavid earned the Texans a one-point advantage heading into the locker room.

Much like the first half, the Texans came out hot with an 11-0 run that consisted of back-to-back-to-back three pointers from Lue Williams and Garry Clark. The Thunderbirds didn't get their first points of the second half until nearly four minutes had expired. Southern

Utah wasn't out of the fight yet, however, as they answered with a 9-2 run to cut Tarleton's lead to five. The Texans built an 11-point lead with just over seven minutes left to play. The Thunderbirds responded with a quick 9-0 run to reduce Tarleton's lead to two, as five minutes remained on the scoreboard. Another round of battling back and forth resulted in Southern Utah regaining its lead with a mere 90 seconds left in the game. The fans in Wisdom Gym looked stunned until a put-back layup by Lue Williams pushed the Texans back in front, reviving the home fans. Tarleton made shots when it counted the most and was perfect from the free throw line in the final

minute of play to secure the win.

Coming into the game, Southern Utah was ranked No. 2 in the nation in scoring at 89.5 PPG and 10th in rebounds per game at 41.4. The Texans not only delivered the Thunderbirds their first WAC loss in school history, but they also tied their lowest scoring competition of the season and outrebounded them 33-31.

The Texans have now won eight straight home games dating back to last season. Tarleton hasn't had a home-court advantage like this since the 2016-17 season, the last time the Texans won as many sequential home games.

TSU women can't overcome slow start in loss to Grand Canyon

Tarleton Sports Information

PHOENIX — Tarleton State University's women's basketball players had their work cut out for them going into GCU Arena, and the start to the Jan. 5 game did them no favors.

The Texans fell behind 11-0 over the first five minutes and never could find their way back into the game, losing 70-51 at Grand Canyon. Tarleton dropped its fifth straight contest to fall to 6-8, 0-3 in WAC play. GCU improved to 10-4, 2-1 in the conference.

Teresa Da Silva led Tarleton with 19 points (4-9 3PT) in 30 minutes. Nyajah Mitchels tallied eight points on 4-of-7 shooting and four rebounds. Mayra Caicedo recorded five assists and three

points. Chloe Callahan led off the bench with six points on two late three-point makes. Also off the bench were Elise Turrubiates with four points and five steals, and Starr Omozee, who finished with four points, six rebounds and three steals.

Tarleton forced a season-high 28 turnovers, but the Texans were outshot 26-of-47 (.553) to 16-of-50 (.320). The Texans were also outrebounded, 39-25.

Da Silva was the only Texan to score in the first quarter, draining two three-pointers to cut Tarleton's 11-0 deficit to 11-6 with three minutes left. GCU ended the frame on a 9-0 run to lead 20-6 going into the second quarter. Da Silva ended up scoring the first 11 points for Tarleton. Mitchels hit a

jumper at the 3:50 mark for the first points by someone else. GCU led 40-22 at the break.

Like the UTA game, Tarleton's energy in the third quarter paid dividends, getting the Texans as close as 13 with three minutes left in the frame. However, GCU ended the quarter on a 7-0 run to go up by 20 points entering the fourth, 53-33. Tarleton never stopped fighting in the final frame, but the result was never in doubt.

Aaliyah Collins paced the Lopes with 14 points on 7-of-8 shooting, to go with three rebounds and three steals. Olivia Lane led Grand Canyon's reserves with 10 points on 3-of-3 shooting, to go with three rebounds.



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Karolina Szydłowska, a senior forward from Wroclaw, Poland, fights for position between two Grand Canyon University players during Tarleton State University's 70-51 women's basketball road loss on Jan. 5.

Tarleton continues to show academic success in latest NCAA APR report

Tarleton Sports Information

Following the latest release of the NCAA Academic Progress Rate (APR), Tarleton State University continues to thrive in the classroom and maintains its elite standard in the second year of reclassification.

With two years now on the Division I ledger, Tarleton maintained its 976 multiyear APR score and recorded a 987 single year APR score in 2021-22. In addition to the overall scores, seven individ-

ual programs secured perfect 1,000 APR scores: men's and women's cross country, women's golf, men's and women's track and field, tennis, and softball. Four of the seven programs have now recorded back-to-back 1,000 APR scores in each of Tarleton's first two years of reclassification (softball, women's cross country, women's golf, and tennis).

"Our top priority since we made the move to NCAA Division I has always been compliance and academ-

ics," said Vice President for Intercollegiate Athletics Lonn Reisman. "Our coaches, staff, and student-athletes have continued making this a priority every day. We set an incredible standard with our record scores as a first-year program and I'm ecstatic to see the same dedication in our second year.

"We have shown a first-class dedication to academics," he continued. "We opened a new, top-of-the-line facility in our Athletics

support staff has been incredible. We have a tremendous group of dedicated faculty and staff working very hard to support our student-athletes," he continued.

The APR, created to be a more real-time measurement of academic success than graduation rates, is a team-based metric in which scholarship student-athletes earn one point each term for remaining eligible and one point for staying in school, graduating, or transferring to another school while meeting

eligibility standards. Every Division I sports team calculates its Academic Progress Rate each academic year, and the NCAA reports both single-year rates and four-year rates.

Teams must compile a multi-year score of 930 or higher to avoid penalties, including losing eligibility to compete in NCAA postseason championships.

The most recent score continues an elite standard set by Tarleton Athletics last year. Tarleton set an unprecedented benchmark in its first

year in Division I with a score that has since been adjusted to 990. That score was and remains the highest of first-year reclassifying schools since 2011 — excluding those whose began in 2019 or 2020 due to COVID-19's delay in the publicity of the scores. Prior to 2019, the highest score of a first-year reclassifying school since 2011 was 977 by UMass-Lowell in 2013-14.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION-TRC109 & 114 THE STATE OF TEXAS: FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION

V.
ANDREA LEE ALLEN; DANA MARIE REED; AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF ROBERT LARRY MURRAY, DECEASED
Cause No: DC-22-54191
IN THE
52ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS

TO: AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW ROBERT LARRY MURRAY, DECEASED

Defendant - GREETING
NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with a clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 A.M. on the Monday next following the expiration of 42 days after the date you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you. In addition to filing a written answer with the clerk, you may be required to make initial disclosures to the other parties of this suit. These disclosures generally must be made no later than 30 days after you file your answer with the clerk. Find out more at TexasLawHelp.org."

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before 10:00 o'clock AM on the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation before the Honorable 52ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT of Coryell County at the Courthouse in said County in Gatesville, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on the 11/10/2022 in the above entitled cause.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: THIS PROCEEDING CONCERNS THE FORECLOSURE OF A LIEN ON THE FOLLOWING REAL PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS COMMONLY KNOWN AS 914 LAURIE LN, COPPERAS COVE, TX 76522, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS, LOT SEVEN(7), BLOCK NINE (9), MEADOW BROOK ESTATES SECTION THREE, COPPERAS COVE, CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS, AS PER PLAT RECORDIN VOLUME 3, PAGE 20 AND/OR CABINET A, SLIDE 141, PLAT RECORDS OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS. REFERENCE TO WHICH IS HEREBY MADE FOR ALL PURPOSES as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Gatesville, Texas, this 29th day of December, 2022.

Attorney for Plaintiff or Petitioner
BRADLEY CONWAY
5601 DEMOCRACY DRIVE, SUITE 265
PLANO, TX 75024

Clerk of the Court:
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JOINT NOTICE OF SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF CORYELL

BY VIRTUE OF ORDERS OF SALE issued pursuant to judgment decrees of the District Court of Coryell County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date in the hereinafter numbered and styled causes, and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said Court, I have on the 11th day of January, 2023, seized, levied upon, and will on the 7th day of February, 2023, at the Courthouse Steps, at 10:00 A.M. on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, as provided for by the TEXAS PROPERTY TAX CODE.

All of the following properties being located in Coryell County, Texas and each property being more particularly described on an instrument recorded in the Volume and Page reference (V/P) or document number of the Deed Records, Coryell County, Texas. The approximate property addresses reflected herein are the addresses on the tax records and may or may not be completely accurate.

PROP #	CAUSE #	STYLE	PROP DESCRIPTION, ADDRESS, ACCT #	MIN BID
1	CTX-14-03135	Coryell County v Tim Sullivan	Lot 5, Block 6, Town of Leon Junction (V468/P37), CR 347, #000000116464	\$15,946.83
2	CTX-19-03559	Coryell County v William Hamey, et al	A Manufactured Home only, L#RAD1069837, S#OVJ0028, located on Cedar Grove Estates Mobile Home Park, #53, 53 Locust Drive, #147243	\$2,774.88
3	CTX-21-03711	Coryell County v Prime Choice Properties, LLC	Lot 11, Block 8, Northern Hills Addition, 1st Extension (Instrument #273355), 507 Traci Dr. #123326	\$5,940.69
4	CTX-22-03752	Coryell County v Lidia Chacon, et al	Part of Lot 14 & 15, Block 13, Lutterloh Addition (Instrument #322737), 409 N 14th St, Gatesville, #113140	\$6,666.67
5	CTX-22-03760	Coryell County v Christie Romero, et al	Lot 16, Block 1, Anlo Addition (Instrument #331976), 2108 Saunders St. #111132	\$4,325.60

This sale will be conducted to satisfy the judgment(s) for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interests due on the properties described herein, and for all costs of court and sale.

I do hereby verify that true and correct copies of the foregoing Joint Notice of Sale have been delivered by United States Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, and by regular mail, to each of the Defendants named in each of the numbered and styled causes.

DATED the 11th day of January 2023, at Gatesville, Texas

[Signature]
MIKE GONZALES
Chief Deputy, Coryell County, Texas

You may contact the attorney for the taxing units at (254) 756-7755.

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.surveypplanet.com/qyobvfqy> 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.



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Whatever happened to....

TWENTY YEARS AGO (2003)

Charles Niemeier, a 1975 graduate of Gatesville High School, was named acting chief of an accounting oversight board for the Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington, D.C. Niemeier had received an accounting degree from Baylor University and a law degree from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.

Thomas Bone was named "Teacher of the Month" by the Gatesville Lions Club. He was a sixth-grade math teacher at Gatesville Intermediate School. Bone had attended the University of Texas and the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor.

Larry Secrest was named "Firefighter of the Year" at a banquet held at the Gatesville Volunteer Fire Department. Secrest joined the department in September 1995 and earned an advanced certification as a firefighter.

Mason Jones, age 8, of Gatesville, brought home a seven-point buck from the Jones and Son Ranch in Co-

ryell County. Jones shot the big deer with a .243 from about 120 yards. He is listed as the son of Philip and Hollie Jones.

Dr. William F. Floyd was the guest speaker for the January Live Longer and Like It Club of the First Baptist Church in Gatesville. Floyd recalled the hard times America experience during the Depression when people with bad physical problems relied on family members to care for them.

THIRTY YEARS AGO (1993)

Charles A. Reeve was installed as vice-president of the George B. Erath Chapter of the Sons of the Republic of Texas. The object of the organization is to perpetuate the memory and spirit of the men and women who achieved the independence of Texas.

Navy Seaman Recruit Derek S. Amberson, son of James and Linda Greene of Gatesville, was selected as the Academic Award Winner of his recruit company. Am-

berson was a 1992 graduate of Evant High School.

New officers were elected to posts at the Evant Fire Department. Those assuming new duties were Ricky Richardson, assistant chief, David Rainbolt, chief, and Randy Rigney, deputy chief. Rigney had stepped down as chief to assume new duties as the mayor of Evant.

Petty Officer 3rd-class Ronald Harris of Mound graduated from the Naval Nuclear Field "A" School in Orlando, Florida. Harris began his training in May of 1992. He was a 1991 graduate of Gatesville High School and was the son of Dennis and Nancy Harris of Mound.

The Gatesville Independent School District's new \$250,000 administration building was listed as one of the largest building permits issued by the city of Gatesville. Building permits had reached the highest since 1989.

FORTY YEARS AGO (1983)

Guaranty Bank and Trust

Co. stockholders, at their annual meeting, voted places on the board of directors for two members of the bank's management team - Ronnie Sullins, age 31, and Gary L. Wood, 29. At the time, both were senior vice presidents at Guaranty.

Gatesville High School's S.L. Pruitt Chapter of the National Honor Society had nominated two of its members, seniors Lisa Davis and Paul Foust, as candidates for national scholarships. Davis was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Davis. Foust was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Foust.

Freeman Vise of Pearl and Jim Gebhardt of Copperas Cove were guests at an awards program of the American Farm Bureau convention in Dallas. The two men were able to hear the addresses made to the convention by President Ronald Reagan and by Sir Henry Plumb, president of the British Farmers Union.

Randy McClinton, the 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald McClinton of

Oglesby, showed the Grand Champion Suffolk buck ram at the Coryell County Youth Fair. McClinton won Grand Champion honors with his Suffolk at the previous year's Youth Fair.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Hollingsworth were planning to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Jan. 29, with a reception. Hostesses for the reception were the couple's daughters, Mrs. Leon Kirchmeier and Mrs. Charles Fisher.

FIFTY YEARS AGO (1973)

Charles Rogers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Rogers of Gatesville, was accepted for membership in the American Society of Professional Engineers. A 1951 graduate of Gatesville High School, Rogers held degrees in petroleum engineering and business administration from Texas A&M University.

Several homes were damaged and one mobile home severely damaged at Purmela when the area was hit by a tornado. Telephones and

electricity were knocked out for some time due to many poles being snapped off.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Thrasher returned home from a six-day business conference in Hawaii. They won the trip by reaching sales goals and recruiting new distributors for Rosebud Sales. The Thrashers spend the week at the Kui Lima Hotel on the island of Oahu.

Charles Wise, general manager of Medical Plastics Laboratory, addressed members of the Morris Federation. Wise opened his address by complimenting Federation members for keeping alert and being willing to work for advancement.

Mrs. John Shoaf Sr., was honored on the occasion of her 80th birthday. Hosting the event were two daughters, Mrs. Clifford Maxwell and Mrs. Leta Nicholas. Those attending enjoyed refreshments of fruit punch and a birthday cake, which had been baked by her daughters, Fern and Leta.

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.

Branding Crew Meat Loaf

Paula Melbern Weeks

- 1 ½ lbs. ground beef
- ¼ c. tomato soup (optional)
- Onions to taste
- ¼ c. ketchup
- Salt, pepper, savory salt
- 3 T. brown sugar
- 1 c. cracker crumbs
- ¼ tsp. nutmeg
- 1 c. milk
- 1 tsp. dry mustard
- 1 egg, slightly beaten
- little water

Mix beef, onions, seasonings, cracker crumbs, milk, eggs and tomato soup and place in loaf pan. Mix remaining ingredients and pour over top of meat loaf. Bake at 350 for 1 hour.



Hornet Power in action



Gatesville High School wrestler David Manear works to pin his opponent during a recent match with Lampasas. The Hornets are scheduled to participate in a quad match at 6 p.m. today (Jan. 18) against Harker Heights, Killeen and Round Rock McNeil in Harker Heights.

Alumni baseball game set

Gatesville Hornets baseball will host their annual alumni game on Saturday, Jan. 21 at Ryan Powell Memorial Field. The contest will feature the 2023 Gatesville varsity facing off against Hornet alumni and there will also be an intrasquad scrimmage between Gatesville's junior varsity teams.

The junior varsity intrasquad scrimmage will begin at 1 p.m. with first pitch for the alumni game set for 3 p.m. Any alumni wishing to participate are encouraged to email head coach Chase Smith at csmith@gatesvilleisd.org.

7th A wins

The Gatesville Junior High School seventh grade A boys basketball team remains undefeated (10-0) after a big win over Connally, with seven games left on the schedule.

	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Gatesville	22	8	8	9	47
Connally	6	2	1	6	15

Leading scorers: Grady Keeton 18, Eli Phillips 12, Calen Webb 7, Draven Henderson 6, Camden Webb 2, Braxton Brown 2.

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Hoops competition continues



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Gatesville's Tamiah Miller looks to pass the ball to Taylor Coward during a basketball game vs. Lampasas. In district action on Jan. 13, the Hornets fell to Connally High School 46-22.

Hornets topped by Cadets in district basketball opener

BY CHRIS ALLMAN
Sports Correspondent

Gatesville fell into an early hole and wasn't able to get out in dropping its first district boys basketball game of the season, 63-47 to Waco Connally on Friday.

The Cadets (18-4) jumped out to a 12-0 lead and never led by less than 10 points. The Hornets fell behind 34-20 at the break and were undone by another slow start to the second half. They trailed 45-24 before putting together a fourth quarter that looked like the kind of play that had led to 21 non-district wins.

After making just five of their 25 field goal attempts over the first three quarters, the Hornets hit eight of 16 attempts in the fourth and scored 23 points.

"The bright spot was definitely the fourth quarter but even throughout the game the opportunities we had that just missed ever so slightly on," said head coach Brit Campbell "After they jumped out on us 12-0, it was a four-point game the rest of the way."

The Hornets missed their first eight shots of the game - six of which came inside the paint. Coming into the game, the Hornets were shooting 57% and averaging 42 points in the paint per game.

The slow start could be attributed to a number of things - not the least of which was the talented, athletic, and well-coached Cadets.

"It took us some time to settle in. I think part of it was we were amped up and ready but we didn't play like us for a while, part of it was the amount of pressure and the athleticism they had took us a bit to get used

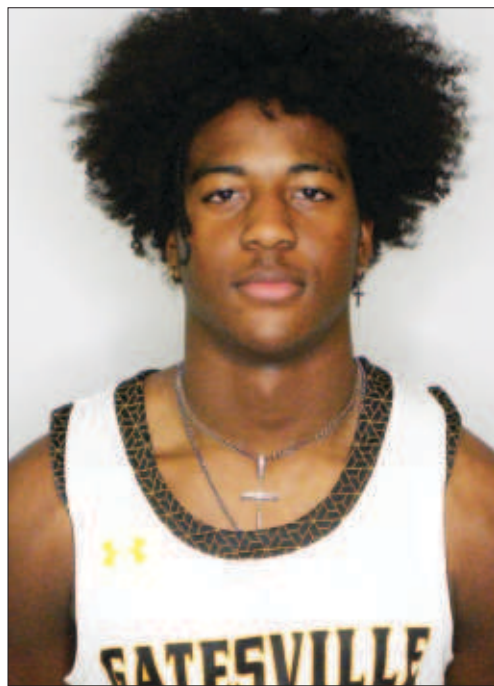


Banner Allman

to," said Campbell. "Then the way the game started meant it just took us some time to get back to playing as well."

A buzzer-beating three-pointer from Banner Allman made it 18-7 in favor of the Cadets after one quarter. The Hornets scored 10 of their 13 second-quarter points from the foul line. Their only field goal of the quarter - a three-pointer from Rayshon Smith - cut the lead to 25-15.

Tyler Shea scored eight of his team-high 14

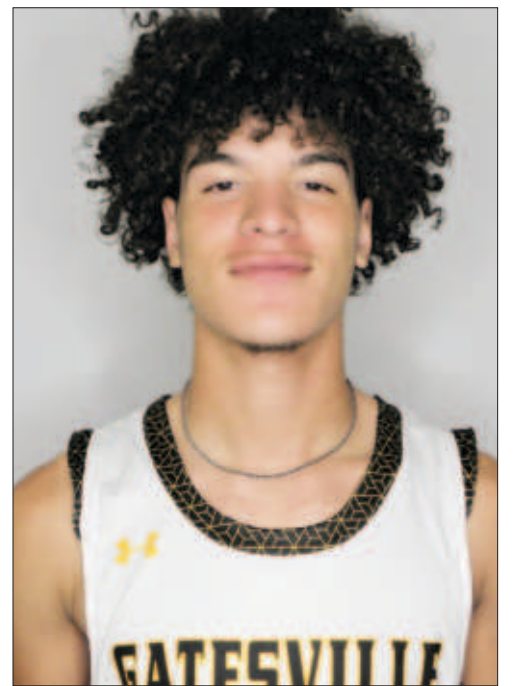


Rayshon Smith

points in the fourth quarter and also had a game-high 10 rebounds. Banner Allman had 11 points and five rebounds. Smith finished with eight points, West Allman had seven, and Carter Williams scored six points.

For Campbell and his squad, turning the page to the Hornets' next district opponent was the first order of business the morning after the loss.

"We talked after the game about the feeling we all had, how we knew we didn't play



Tyler Shea

our game or our best, and how we needed to let that feeling be there that night," Campbell said. "But then we had to move forward the right way and focus on Salado. We talked about using this game to learn and use for down the road."

The Hornets hosted Salado on Jan. 17, then will travel to Waco La Vega on Jan. 20. The Eagles and Pirates are both 1-0 in district play after wins over Robinson and China Spring, respectively.

GHS Athletic Hall of Fame submissions sought

Nominations are now being taken for the Gatesville High School Athletics' Hall of Fame Class of 2023.

The Hall of Fame recognizes:

- Athletes that excelled at GHS and received significant recognition
- Coaches with significant achievements during their career at GHS
- Teams that won state championships, advanced to state-level competition, or attained other significant playoff/postseason achievement.
- Friends of the program that contributed extraordinarily to GHS Athletics in a capacity other than a coach or athlete (i.e. faculty, administrator, media, tournament official, community leader, program supporter, etc.) or other meritorious service to the athletic program.

All nominations are due by Friday, February 10 and inductees will be announced the

week of February 13-17.

The most recent class of inductees in 2022 featured Becca Whittle Wilhite, Jerry Sullivan, Larry Moore and the late Tommy Davidson, along with basketball and track coach Gerald Poe and the 2009 Lady Hornets powerlifting team, which won the state championship.

The inaugural Hall of Fame Class of three was inducted in 2014. The honorees in the first class were Dora Jean Patterson Dyson, John Frank Post, and the late Cotton Davidson.

Copies of the Athletics' Hall of Fame nomination form can be requested by emailing GHS Athletic Director Rickey Phillips at rphilli@gatesvilleisd.org.

Completed forms can be returned via email to Phillips or by mail to 215 South Lovers Lane, Gatesville, Texas 76528.

GHS athletes earn postseason honors

BY CHRIS ALLMAN
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Junior Lawson Mooney was named to the Second Team of the Waco-Tribune Herald's 2022 Super Centex football team released on Jan. 15.

Mooney, the District 11-4A Co-MVP, did it all for the Hornets this season - particularly on the defensive side. He had 161 tackles, six tackles for a loss, four pass break-ups, two interceptions and also picked up a fumble recovery, a forced fumble, and a quarterback sack. He recorded a receiving touchdown in the Hornets' season-opening 22-21 win over Taylor.

Teammates Jacob Newkirk, Trevor Smith, Kyle Shafer, and Steven Bomar were Honorable Mention selections on the

offensive side while Lucas Garcia, Mason Mooney, Kason Herbelin, and Carter Williams were honorable mention choices on the defensive side.

The Herald's Super Centex Volleyball team was released on Dec. 10 with Emma Pollard, Kaleigh Haywood and Lola Barron all picking up Honorable Mention nods.

Barron, Smith, Williams and Bomar will also represent Gatesville in the Heart of Texas FCA Victory Bowl All-Star games in June. Williams was selected as a basketball all-star and will be joined by Banner Allman and Tyler Shea along with head coach Brit Campbell who was chosen as a coach for the Red squad.

Lauren Stuard will represent Gatesville softball in in the Victory Bowl festivities.

Submit your scores & stats to jeff@gatesvillemessenger.com