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County working on plan to reduce disasters' impact

BY JEFF OSBORNE Senior Writer & Editor

Finding ways to protect Coryell County residents and their property — and also finding out what concerns people the most when it comes to natural disasters and how prepared they are — are the primary points of emphasis of the hazard mitigation plan (HMP) that Coryell County is working on with Natural Resources Solutions.

On Jan. 18, local residents had a chance to learn more about the plan, why it's important, and to give their input during a public meeting at the Gatesville City Auditorium. A

meeting was also held on Jan. 19 in Evant. County residents will have two more opportunities to talk to county leaders about their concerns or questions — from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Jan. 25 at the Copperas Cove Council Chamber and from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Jan. 26 at the Oglesby Community Center.

"This is being tailored to Copperas Cove, Gatesville, Oglesby, Evant and throughout the county," said County Judge Roger Miller. "A key point is trying to get your feedback to identify the hazards that are relevant to you based on your particular concerns in your geographic area of the county."

Maddie Todd with NRS, who is helping lead the efforts, said Coryell County is developing a comprehensive countywide plan that identifies dangers or threats and seeks a way to reduce or lessen their impact.

The county HMP focuses on natural disasters such as thunderstorms, flooding, tornadoes, extreme heat, drought, wildfire, winter storms, and dam failure.

"We are looking for projects or strategies to mitigate or lessen the impact (of disasters)," Todd said. "This is intended to be community-driven with the citizens' needs and concerns in mind." Once the plan is approved, it will be updated at least once every five years.

"Hazards may occur in the future that we're not currently experiencing," Todd said.

"There are two main benefits (to having an HMP) — we want to make sure county residents and property are protected, and we want to secure future funding opportunities. This is intended to make this the most disaster-resilient community possible."

Although the HMP is a county initiative,

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A new roof for the first time since the 1980s



TODD PIERCE | COURTESY PHOTOS

Workers replace the roof shingles on the Coryell County Courthouse roof Jan. 16-17 - reporetdly the first roof replacement in decades.



Historical legacy preserved

BY DAVID SCOTT Staff Writer

The Coryell County Courthouse recently underwent a slight facelift with the installation of a new roof. It was reported that the shingles on the structure had not been replaced since the mid-1980s during the \$1-million dollar restoration of the building that was authorized by the commissioners and the state historical commission.

Since that time, some 30plus years later, the roof of the courthouse had deteriorated to the point that, during heavy rains, a great amount of water was leaking through and causing damage. County Commissioner Ryan Basham described the roof as being in "bad shape." That fact was confirmed by courthouse senior maintenance technician Todd Pierce who said a great portion of the leakage was centered around the courthouse dome, which had last been patched about four years ago.

Basham said that before the

roof could be re-shingled, approval had to be obtained from the Texas State Historical Commission in Austin because the structure was under protection and listed as a State Antiquities Landmark as well as being listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 1977. According to Basham, the Texas Historical Commission granted its approval to have the roof replaced a little over 10 days prior and work on the roof began soon afterward.

gan soon afterward.

Running M Roofing company's bid was accepted and reroofing of the building began last week and was completed within two days. Brian Riddle, with Running M Roofing, said that replacing the flashing on the roof would take longer than the actual shingling since that process was more time consuming. "The actual shingling goes pretty fast," Riddle said. He also reported that approximately 210 bundles of shingles were used to replace

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School safety items ratified

BY JEFF OSBORNE Senior Writer & Editor

The Gatesville Independent School District Board of Trustees received updates during the Jan. 17 meeting on several items that are expected to help make campuses safer.

The board approved an opioid antagonist policy that ensures Narcan is available on each campus in case of a dangerous exposure to a potentially lethal drug.

"We've probably all heard how deadly fentanyl can be — in some instances it can kill you if you touch it," said GISD Superintendent Barrett Pollard. "We want to be proactive and have Narcan on hand, and only police, athletic trainers and nurses will be authorized to administer it."

The board and administration had previously discussed the presence of dangerous fentanyl pills becoming more of a common threat, including in areas such as schools.

Pollard noted that according to data provided by the Texas Department of Public Safety, 883 people in Texas died from fentanyl-related overdoses in 2020, and the number of fatalities from the drug rose to 1,672 in 2021 — an 89% increase.

"GISD wanted to have the opioid antagonist known as Narcan on hand to administer if someone were to overdose on this deadly drug," Pollard said. "Thanks to a grant, our district nurses were able to secure Narcan for each campus free of cost.

If a student is given Narcan during a medical emergency, he or she would be transported to the nearest emergency room.

Another concern campuses might face would be an extreme allergic reaction, and epinephrine devices — also known as epi-pens — can also provide a lifesaving counter action.

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GISD school board honored by county proclamation



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Coryell County Judge Roger Miller read a proclamation recognizing the Gatesville Independent School District Board of Trustees for their dedication in serving the students of the community at the board's Jan. 17 meeting. Pictured from left are: GISD Superintendent Barrett Pollard, Judge Miller, and board members Charles Ament, Charles Alderson, Linda Maxwell, Jimmie Ferguson, Mary Anne Leib and Calvin Ford. Not pictured is board member Cheyenne Kizer.

Todd said local municipalities can also benefit and apply for grants related to reducing threats to their communities.

"The main goal is to help make sure the public knows what we're doing with the HMP and why it's important to get their input," Todd said. She said the primary way people can make their concerns known is to fill out a public survey "that will take 5-10 minutes and is completely anonymous. The majority of the questions goes to the different hazards, people's level of concern about each of them, and also how prepared they feel to deal with different hazards."

The deadline for people to complete the survey, which can be found online at www. coryellcountyhmp.com or at the scheduled public meetings, is Feb. 12.

The plan is expected to be submitted to the state by April 13.

Judge Miller said that Coryell County is one of only 27 counties statewide — and the only county in the eastern half of the state — that does not have a hazard mitigation plan.

"The ultimate goal — rather than just reacting to natural disasters, hopefully we'll be proactive and reduce the impact these disasters have on people's lives and property," he said.

He added that because the county does not have an HMP, "we are prohibited from qualifying for hundreds of millions of dollars in grants every year — that's at least \$400 million has been ineligible to apply for in the last four years."

One resident attending the meeting asked about the evacuation of Flat in the spring of 2022 when wildfires threatened the com-

"People were asked to evacuate, and I looked online for information and there wasn't anything," she said. "Where are we supposed to go for information?"

Miller said that is one thing the HMP will allow the county to develop — a trusted source of information when disasters arise.

"We do not have a streamlined emergency response program, and we rely heavily on volunteers," Miller said. "That fire was going on for four or five hours before I knew about it. When we implement the plan, we'll look at (the best way to provide quick and accurate information)."

Todd said part of the HMP focuses on ways to "disseminate information so that everyone is aware of what to do in certain situations.'

Gatesville City Manager Bill Parry said along with the HMP, the county is also working on a separate wildfire protection plan that addresses what needs to be done to reduce risks.

"Emergency communication is very important, but a wildfire plan is being developed separately," he said.

Miller said the state spent about \$2.2 million fighting the Crittenberg Complex fire last spring, and that local fire departments spent an additional \$80,000 battling the

"There are potentially some things that can be done ahead of time to prevent fires from spreading," Miller said.

One resident asked why Coryell County can't simply copy Bell County's plan.

"For the (Federal Emergency Management Agency) grant to be implemented, there has to be local input," Miller said. He added that much of the same wording used in plans from Bell, McLennan, Hamilton, Milam, and other counties would also be in the Coryell County plan, but added, "we're trying to

tailor this to the needs of people in Coryell County."

Another question asked was to give examples of ways to mitigate disasters.

"We have 72 low-water crossings in Coryell County, and we experience flooding events," Miller said. "If we can improve those, that is one example of mitigation.

"Another example goes back to the wildfire protection plan. If it is approved by (the Texas Department of Emergency Management and the Texas A&M Forest Service), up to \$10 million is available for mitigation. You can do what Fort Hood did and cut firebreaks along the fence line. If funding is available to help, local residents might do

Miller said the county is "very fortunate to have NRS working with us and getting the word out."

He also asked community members to do their part.

"I ask you to do two things," Miller said. "Number one, take the survey. It will tell us how these hazards are impacting you. Number two, get five other people to take the survey. It's important for us to have your

the rooftop.

Riddle said that none of the credit belonged to him, but to the 11 workers who were perched high atop the roof who were doing the treacherous work. Riddle also commented that this was the oldest building he had ever worked on - soon to be 125 years old this year.

Built between 1897 and 1898, the structure was the county's third courthouse. Built by architect Wesley Clark Dodson, the building has been described as an Italian Renaissance Revival style building. Red sandstone Corinthian columns support white sandstone pediments, with the fivepointed star of Texas inset in contrasting carved stone.

In 1986, the million dollar restoration process began on the courthouse and was completed two years later. Replacing the eagle perched atop the building and two

The Coryell County Courthouse was named to the National Register of Historic Places in 1977.

statues that had been missing from the roof for many years were included in the restoration process. During that time, an elevator and a new handicap entrance were also installed.

The county judge, county commissioners and the Coryell County Historical Commission are making preparations for the 125th anniversary of the courthouse this summer. Tentative plans for the occasion will include having games, live music, and a countywide celebration on the courthouse lawn to mark the completion of the courthouse construction in 1898.



TODD PIERCE | COURTESY PHOTO

Renovations to the courthouse had to meet state historical commission standards.

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"Thanks to a grant, our district nurses were also able to secure unassigned epipens for each campus free of cost," Pollard said. "These items could save a child's life in the event of anaphylaxis (a severe lifethreatening allergic reaction). It is important to note that these epi-pens do not take the place of a student's doctor prescribed epipen. However, having a couple of extras on hand will be extremely helpful."

If a student is treated with an epi-pen during an emergency, he or she would then be transported to the nearest emergency room.

Following up on policies adopted by the board in July 2022 related to the Gatesville ISD police department, the board approved a policy on the use of tasers.

A memorandum to the Council noted that policies have been approved addressing topics that include the use of force, vehicle pursuit, professional conduct of officers, domestic abuse protocols, response to missing persons, supervision of part-time officers, impartial policing, evidence collection, and eyewitness identification.

"Since that time, we have purchased tasers for each of our officers and we needed to add a more specific taser policy that falls under the broader umbrella of use of force," the memorandum states. "Our lawyer reviewed and approved the wording of this policy. Hopefully, our officers will never have to use their taser, but it is good to have a non-lethal use of force option."

Pollard said, "the main thing we want to get across is that this is a last resort, and never for punishment."



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CELEBRATING 50 YEARS: Lynn and Penny Massingill on their wedding day, December 9, 1972.

Massingills celebrate 50 year wedding anniversary Dec. 9

Lynn and Penny Massingill recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Mr. Massingill and the former Penny Spencer were married Dec. 9, 1972, at the West Main Church of Christ in Gatesville, by minister Lewis Hunter. Their sons, Gavin and Chase, along with their wives, Holly and Diane, and children, hosted a reception in honor of the couple at The Knife & Cork in Gatesville. A catered meal was provided to more than 50 guests, as was a beautiful cake noting the 50-year milestone. As those attending approached the entrance, they viewed the Massingill's 1967 Chevelle Super Sport, which was purchased on their 10th anniversary and is identical to the one they dated in. Everyone enjoyed a video of the couple including many photos of their wedding. Their children spoke to the crowd and gave toasts to their parents. Cindy Haynes of Ft. Worth provided the photography for the evening.

Retirement reception for Police Chief Gohlke Jan. 24

the Gatesville Police Department since April of 1998. ment will host a come-and-City Hall.

forcement after 31 years in Waco. that line of work - includ-

The City of Gatesville and the Gatesville Police Depart-

A native of the area, Gohlgo farewell reception for ke was a 1989 graduate retiring police chief Nathan of Gatesville High School. Gohlke. The reception is Following his graduation, scheduled to be from 4 p.m. he attended Sam Houston until 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, State University before de-Jan. 24, in the City Council ciding to move closer to Chambers at the Gatesville home and finish his law enforcement degree at McLen-Gohlke is leaving law en- nan Community College in

In reflecting on his years ing 29 as a licensed peace in law enforcement, Gohlke officer. Gohlke was sworn said, "doing this job was in as police chief on March something I was set on and 8, 2005 and has worked for passionate about."



GOHLKE

The public is invited to drop by and express appreciation to Gohlke during his retirement reception.

FROM MY FRONT PORCH

Everyone fails, but failure does not necessarily equal a loss

SAM HOUSTON

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

his past Saturday I got up, went through my usual Saturday morning routine and then went to the office to get some work completed.

The day progressed swim- do it? How did he work HOUSTON mingly until I simply ran out of gas. It had been a long, trying week and I needed to clear my head. It seemed reasonable to call the workday short and retire to my house to relax for a spell. Fortunately, there was NFL playoff football on TV and the game I focused on was quite an experience.

The Jacksonville Jaguars were pitted against the Los Angeles Chargers. The Jags were led by Trevor Lawrence, an outstanding young quarterback who had been in the No. 1 selection in the NFL draft after winning a national championship in college. His season had been somewhat inconsistent as the Jags had lost five in a row at one point, but they had turned things around and were now amid a five-game win streak and making their first playoff appearance in some years.

The first half of the game could not have gone worse for the Jags and Trevor. The young quarterback managed to throw three interceptions in the first quarter alone; a record for failure that no NFL quarterback had ever managed to obtain. At one point the Jags were down 27-0 and I am pretty sure, most people turned the channel to a different show or simply went to bed. The fans and the sports media analysts were filling the airways with criticism. They were expounding what everyone in the world who had been watching the game already knew — that the first half was a total failure and the blame largely lay at Trevor Lawrence's feet.

in NFL history and certainly in the Pacific. a dramatic and entertaining game to watch.

through the agony of four first half interceptions, and then have the fortitude to come out in the second half and not only play better, and tell himself it simply was not his day? What mothe courage to keep moving forward even when the odds were so far against him?

There are hundreds of examples of great comebacks in history. Abraham Lincoln suffered a tremendous defeat in losing the 1858 Illinois Senate election to party's candidate for the nation's highest office. He was one of our greatest presidents.

Richard Nixon lost the 1960 presidential election, world considered former vice-president Nixon to be a the hard work and dedicacame back from political obcy in the election of 1968.

following the devastating defeat at Pearl Harbor there was genuine concern the Japanese might invade the mainland of the United States. With a damaged and depleted U.S. Navy, fear was months after Dec. 7, the U.S. military unleashed a devasting defeat upon the Imperial Japanese Navy at the Battle doors open. Keep your focompleted 15 of 17 passes 300 aircraft. The United and eventually, success will and threw three touchdown States suffered the loss of be yours. passes. The Jaguars came all 360 men and 145 aircraft the way back and won the during what some describe goal, 31-30. It was one of the victory in history. The battle continue that counts. biggest and best comebacks changed the tide of the war

Seems like all these examples involve strong-willed How did Trevor Lawrence people who had inherent 573-7066, ext. 260



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confidence in their abilities. Lincoln and Nixon knew they would not win every but play remarkably well single vote, and Trevor Lawand lead his team to vic- rence knew he would not tory? Why did he not give win every single play. The up, hang his head in despair U.S. military forces understood there would be regrettable, but expected losstivated him and gave him es. All of these examples played the "long game" and knew if they did their best, prepared and worked hard, eventually the table would turn in their favor.

Temporary defeats are to be expected. There is no one who has ever operated a business, been in love, or Stephen Douglas but rallied raised a child, who has not from the loss to become his had setbacks. I have never met a cowboy who can say he has never been thrown elected in 1860 and became from a horse. The question is not if the setbacks will come, but how a person deals with and works through the setbacks that and then lost the California matters. It is confidence in Senate election in 1962. The one's own skills and talents. It is maintaining faith that political "has been," but just tion will eventually pay off. a few short years later he It is having the courage and grit to compete no matter scurity to win the presidenthe obstacles or odds. These are the characteristics In the weeks and months that allow people to come through the darkest passages of life and bask in the sunshine of another day.

As this next week unfolds, there will be little setbacks in your life. It might be as small as the new puppy havrampant. Just a mere six ing an accident on the living room rug, to losing a major client at work and wondering if you can keep the of Midway. The Japanese cus, stay the course, be cool The second half was a lost more than 3,000 men, when others are losing their different story. Lawrence four aircraft carriers and head, do what you do best,

cess is not final: failure is game on a last-second field as the greatest U.S. naval not fatal. It is the courage to

Thought for the day: Suc-

Until next time I will keep ridin' the storm out.

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Raffle to benefit Dayne Zacha

way for 2022 GHS graduate of beef donated by Barnard Dayne Zacha, who was re- Beef Cattle Company. cently diagnosed with leukemia.

oncology nurse to help others battling cancer. Zacha hundred percent of the pro- 254-22-3297. has a huge love for his family and for tennis.

Those wishing to contribute to the raffle can purchase a \$50 raffle tick-

A medical raffle is underest for a chance to win a half ceeds go to the family.

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PAUL DAVID **BUCKLEY, SR.**

Nov. 22, 1946 - Jan. 14,



Paul David Buckley, Sr. of Gatesville, Texas went home to the Lord on January 14, 2023, surrounded by his loved ones. He was born dedicated service. At GISD, on November 22, 1946, on Paul was known to students, Lackland Air Force base in coaches, and teachers alike San Antonio to Evelyn and as "Mr. Bus Driver" and was by his parents, his sister

ley. Paul was 76 years old at the time of his passing. Growing up, he was an avid baseball player and was a 1965 graduate of Palo Duro High School in Amarillo. After graduation, he worked at Panhandle Fruit, before starting his career with the United States Postal Service. He married the love of his life and best friend, Kimberly Baldwin, on November 14, 1981, in Amarillo and recently celebrated their 41st wedding anniversary.

Paul was a proud letter carrier for the United States Postal Service, beginning his career with USPS in Amarillo in 1967 transferring to Copperas Cove in December 1983 and retiring after 40 years of service. After retiring from the Postal Service, he went on to work at the Gatesville Independent School District as a bus driver (route #14) and retired in 2018 after a dozen years of

Thomas Jefferson Buck- a favorite driver for numer- Marceil Higgins, and his ous extracurricular trips daughter Brandi Buckley. for Gatesville students. He also managed the Little J memories are his wife, Kim Ranch in Topsey for over Buckley; his son, Paul Dafive years prior to establishing the Lonestar B Ranch in daughter, Paula Morgan; his 2001. He was a true gentleman and was rarely seen Weston Walker (Chenoa), in anything other than a button-down shirt and jeans don Blocker: his grandcarrying a thermos, either daughters, Madelyn Beaver filled with coffee or tea depending on the time of day. Paul enjoyed playing mixedleague softball, bowling, and was an avid outdoorsman as he hunted, fished, and spent countless weekends at the lake with his family and friends. His true passion like to sincerely thank Dr. in life was spending time with his family, especially his wife, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. In his ryell Memorial Hospital for later years, his best buddy was his two-and-a-half-vear- loved one. great-granddaughter, Wrenlee. He was a devout will Saturday, January 21, Dallas Cowboys fan and looks forward to sitting next pel at Scott's Funeral Home. to Jesus to watch a future

game. He was a Baptist. Paul is preceded in death

Leaving to cherish his vid Buckley, Jr. (Tricia); his grandsons, Colton Buckley, James Walker, and Bran-(Dylan), Ashley Blocker, Brittany Blocker (Justin), and Trinity Smith; his eight great-grandchildren, and his trusted companion, Libby, along with a large, loving extended family.

The Buckley family would Bates, Dr. Battles, Dr. Bawduniak, and Dr. Korteweg, and the amazing staff at Cotheir excellent care of our

A Service of Remembrance 2023, at 10 a.m. in the cha-

United Women in Faith holds monthly meeting Jan. 10

quet Room of the Methodist Church in Gatesville, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Fourteen members were present. Hostesses were Kathleen Blankemeyer and Amber Featherston.

President Patsy Smart started the meeting by leading in the Blessing. Following refreshments, Smart thanked the hostesses and read the Purpose. Spiritual Growth Coordinator Mary Beth Rivers read from the Daily Prayer Guide. Vice President Velva Riddle read from the Response Magazine.

Kathleen Blankemeyer gave the program, beginning a new book, "Who Can We Be Together?" based on Luke 13. The first les-

United Women in Faith son was called "Repent or met on Jan. 10, in the Ban-Perish," using verses 1-5. Jesus spoke about sin, telling people to focus on their own because all have sinned. Everyone needs to repent from our sins. We cannot assume that bad things happen because the person sinned.

President Smart called the business meeting to order. Old business included the presentation of a Special Mission Recognition Pin for last year to Shirleen Chandler for her work in their unit. New business was the presentation of their new yearbooks and a big "thank you" to Amber Featherston for her hard work getting the yearbook together.

The meeting adjourned with the Benediction.



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HELEN LAVETA GARNETT FAHLSING

April 28, 1944 - Dec. 23,

Helen LaVeta Garnett Fahlsing of Flat passed away Friday, December 23, 2022, at the age of 78. No local funeral services will be held.

She will be laid to rest at Mt. in nursing and worked as ing. Hope Cemetery in Maquoketa. Iowa at a later date.

Helen was born April 28, 1944, in Maguoketa to the late Edward Reed and Helen Elizabeth (Botkin) Garnett. Helen served in the U.S. Army, was active in the Women's Army Corp, Women's Army Nurse Corps, and the U.S. Navy Reserves. She the Director of Nursing for many years at TDCJ in Episcopal Church in Maquoketa, Iowa.

by her parents; former husband, Robert Fahlsing; and his sons, Joseph Michael Samantha. Fahlsing, John Robert Fahlsearned her master's degree ing, and Robert Clark Fahls-

She is survived by her sister, Bea Niblock of Iowa; Gatesville. Helen was also a brother, Lee Niblock of past member of St. Mark's Florida; niece, Alissa Spencer, her husband, Sam, and daughter Evelyn of Califor-She was preceded in death nia; former sister-in-law, Constance Cameron of Florida; and friends, Brenda and

LAVILLAS VERNON CLAWSON

Nov. 25, 1938 - Dec. 11, 2022



Lavillas Vernon Clawson. age 84, passed away on December 11, 2022, in League City. She was born November 25, 1938, to the late

Grady and Pauline Vernon. Lavillas grew up in Cory-

ell County, and in 1957 she married the love of her life, Jim Clawson, from Flat. Jim joined the military hoping they would travel the world, but he got stationed 10 minutes down the road in Ft. whom she considered close a large extended family of Hood, then later in Ft. Polk, friends and extended fam- nieces and nephews. Louisiana. Starting in the ily. One of her greatest plea-60s, they would take annual sures was having interesting held this spring for Lavillas trips to Acapulco, Mexico, conversations with people in the community she loved where she loved the beach. from different cultures and so much. Please follow Toni with their family interna- very well-read. She had a dates. tionally and in the States. hilarious and somewhat in-Even in her 80s, Lavillas appropriate sense of humor tions may be made to the would take road trips by herself to the Southwest and loved every minute of it. One place that held a special place in Lavillas' heart was the family ranch in Flat where the family has hosted Christmas celebrations for over 55 years.

30 years on Galveston Bay son. She is survived by her in the community of Bayview, Texas, and worked for the family business, Kemah Hardware, for many years. She was known for her daily Tres Clawson and Chandler walks and lengthy discussion with all her neighbors, traveled extensively backgrounds, and she was and would frequently laugh Clawson Endowed Chair until she cried. She will be at Shriners Burn Institute greatly missed by all who know her.

Lavillas was preceded in death by her husband, Jim Galveston, Texas. Clawson; parents, Grady and Pauline Vernon; and sisters, Joan Copeland Voss Lavillas resided for over and Jane Copeland Peter-

son, Jim Clawson Jr. and wife. Susan: daughter. Toni Clawson Randall and husband, Randy; grandsons, Randall; great-granddaughter, Addison Randall; and

A celebration of life will be Randall on Facebook for up

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Meals on Wheels America is the oldest and larg- Pam Rudolph at 254-865est national organization 8234.

rently in need of volunteer 5,000 community-based drivers. Meals on Wheels senior nutrition programs is a federally funded pro- across the country that are gram for older adults who dedicated to addressing seare homebound, unable to nior hunger and isolation. This network exists in virtually every community in America and, along with more than two million volunteers, delivers the nutritious meals, friendly visits, and safety checks that enable America's seniors to live nourished lives with drivers per day to drive independence and dignity. four different routes. The By providing funding, leadership, research, education, 10:30 a.m. The Meals on Meals on Wheels America empowers its local member proximately one hour to programs to strengthen their communities, one senior at a time

The Gatesville Senior Center is located at 208 N. Lutterloh in Gatesville. For more information contact the Senior Center Director,

Retired school personnel hold first meeting of 2023

nel (CRSP) will be on Thursday, Jan. 26, at Rancher's pies, breads, jams, and jel-Steakhouse. It will be an important meeting as the raising money for CRSP's scholarship fund. This will be accomplished through a "silent auction."

Members are asked to

gift cards, gift certificates, knives, books, and a wide variety of other items are acceptable, too.

Money from the silent education.' provide items for the auc- auction will be placed in

ryell Retired School Person-things as baked goods Chairman of the Scholar-(cakes, candy, cookies, ship Committee Velva Riddle explained, "Each year, lies for example). Items like retired school personnel present two scholarships primary activity will be dishes, hand-crafted items, to deserving high school apparel, jewelry, quilts, graduates from Coryell County who are planning to enroll in college in the fall and pursue a career in

She requests that scholarship committee members arrive a few minutes early to help set up the silent auction items. Members should bring their donated items at about 9:30 a.m., and they will have an opportunity to visit, socialize, get that all-important cup of coffee, look over items

cial donations are also acceptable.

begin at 10 a.m. The guest speaker will be Stephen Schmidt from the Methodist Church, who will be speaking on "Beginning a New Year.'

President Gail Johnson has announced a big legislative event coming up on April 12, "A Day at the Capitol." A bus will take retired school employees from Waco or Belton to Austin and drop them off on the Capitol steps. She explained, "We will visit with the House Gallery around 9:30 a.m. and the Senate

The first meeting of Co-tion by donating such the CRSP scholarship fund. and place a few bids. Finan-Amy's ice cream will be served on the East Lawn between 12:30 and 2:00 p.m. The regular meeting will Legislators will join us, and we can discuss retirees' needs."

Bus tickets are \$20.

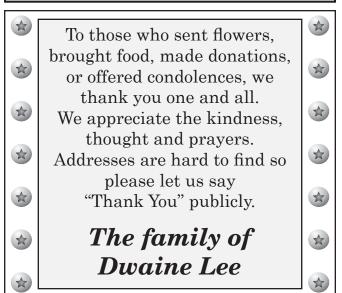
If any members are interested in going, Gail can be texted, emailed, or called at members: Debbie Grmela, 254-865-4388 or gg4johnson@yahoo.com.

There are only three meetings and a workshop remaining before the group's summer break. If members want to mark their calendar, they are as follows: (Feb. 22) "Bingo for Books" to support their Children's Book Project; (March 23) "Love Story of Elizabeth Gallery around 10:30 a.m. Barrett Browning" as pre-

sented by M.J. Wofford; (April 27) "What's New in 4-H?" with Becky Coward and members of 4-H; (May 16) District XII Spring Leadership Meeting at the Region 12 Service Center in Waco, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

One final reminder for chairman of Local Community Volunteer Services, requests, "Members who have not turned in ALL volunteer service hours for 2022, PLEASE turn them in at this meeting. Our chapter's total count is due very soon.' Members are also welcome to turn in their volunteer hours for this January, but keep them separate from

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DISPATCH

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of January 16 - 18. 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. 16

1:22 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 1200 block of E. Main

Street. 1:39 p.m., animal cruelty was reported in the 1400

block of Pidcoke Street. 1:50 p.m., an assault was reported in the 2000 block

of Waco Street. 2:10 p.m., a threat was reported in the 2100 block

of Waco Street. 8:19 p.m., an assault was reported in the 1300 block

of Green's Private Drive. 9:19 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of N. State Hwy. 36 Bypass.

Jan. 17 3:31 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1500 block of W. Main Street.

7:35 a.m., harassment was reported in the 1200 block of Corvell City Road.

10:19 a.m., a disturbance was reported in the 2300 block of Business Hwy. 36.

3:27 p.m., a theft was reported in the 100 block of FM 107.

5:03 p.m., a burglary was reported in the 1200 block

6:51 p.m., harassment block of River Oaks. was reported in the 100 11:22 a.m., a ne block of Pate Drive. Jan. 18

1:15 a.m., suspicious ac-

36 Bypass.

was reported in the 100 block of College Avenue.

11:30 a.m., an accident was reported in the 3100 block of S. State Hwy. 36.

6:15 p.m., a theft was reported in the 1100 block of E. Leon Street.

8:47 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 500 block of State School Road.

11:48 p.m., an industrial accident was reported in the 1000 block of Straws Mill Road.

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Coryell County Sheriff's Office Jan. 16

7:43 a.m., suspicious persons were reported on S. Hwy. 36 at Smith Creek.

10:20 a.m., illegal burnof N. State Hwy. 36 Bypass. ing was reported in the 600

11:22 a.m., a neighbor dispute was reported on FM 931.

12:53 p.m., a minor activity was reported in the cident was reported in the 100 block of N. State Hwy. 7500 block of E. Hwy. 84.

2:21 p.m., a civil mat-

8:20 a.m., a structure fire ter was reported in the 500 block of Mountain Drive.

2:43 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on FM 1829 and South Hwy. 36.

6:56 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 4100 block of Greenbriar

11:08 a.m., trespassing was reported in the 200 block of Dodds Creek.

2:54 p.m., a neighbor dispute was reported in the 1000 block of Lutheran Church Road.

4:13 p.m., a civil matter was reported in the 1200 block of W. Ave. D.

6:53 p.m., suspicious activity was reported at the Flat Post Office.

9:39 p.m., a stranded motorist was reported in the 11000 block of E. Hwy. 84 near CR 267.

Jan. 18

9:55 a.m., a theft was reported in the 2800 block of S. FM 182.

11:02 a.m., a stranded motorist was reported on Hwy.

4:28 p.m., a threat was reported in the 2800 block of 5:15 p.m., a civil matter

was reported in the 9300 block of FM 183. 6:26 p.m., an animal com-

plaint was reported in the 1500 block of CR 132.

11:46 p.m., a road hazard was reported on Watts Lane and Straws Mill Road.

CENTEX CRIME STOPPERS

Criminal trespass of a business in the 1200 block of N. SH-36 Bypass

forced entry to the property tary surplus equipment. of a business in the 1200

Centex Crime Stoppers the subject(s) gained entry pers.org or by downloading can use your help in solv- by forcing the gates to the the "P3" mobile app availing a case of criminal tres- property open. As of this able on both the Apple App pass. Between Jan. 16 at writing, it is unknown what Store and Google Play Store. approximately 5 p.m. and Items may have been taken. You never have to give your Jan. 17 at approximately 8 The business specializes in name, and if your informaa.m., an unknown person(s) secondhand tools and milition leads to an arrest, vou

If you have any informa- reward. block of N. SH-36 Bypass. tion about any case or any An open door leading to local crime, call Centex police, and the news media the inside of the business Crime Stoppers 24 hours working together can make was found as well. No sus-pect description is avail- (TIPS) or visit our website place to live. Together we able. The victim reported at www.Centexcrimestop- can make a difference.

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Don't mess with Texas Scholarship Contest is underway

as Scholarship Contest is The 2023 scholarship now accepting applications contest awards are sponfor the 2023 school year.

Any Texas high school Ozarka. senior currently attending gible to apply.

projects or efforts focused on educating communities about the importance of has been educating Texlitter-free.

the Don't Mess with Texas Beautiful, annual "Trash-Scholarship Contest will Off" community outreach award a total of \$9,000 in events and the Adopt-a-

sored by iHeart Media and

"It's imperative that fupublic, private or home ture generations underschool, and planning to at- stand they are empowered tend an accredited Texas to create long-term solucollege or university in the tions that can transform fall 2023 semester is eli-their environment and tible to apply. communities into ones Judges will select win- that are litter-free," said ners based on the students' Martha Martin, section diproven results in leading rector of services, projects, and campaigns.

Don't Mess with Texas keeping the state clean and ans about litter prevention since 1986. The program Presented in partnership includes a grassroots partwith Keep Texas Beautiful, nership with Keep Texas

The Don't Mess with Tex-scholarships in May 2023. 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.

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Murder and mystery set for Gatesville Chamber of Commerce Banquet

of Commerce members and members of the community are invited to the annual Chamber Banquet, to be held on Saturday, Jan. 28, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. The banquet will be held at Windmill Hill located at 1808 Bridge Street in Gatesville.

Tickets for the event can be purchased by visiting Chamber's Facebook

The Gatesville Chamber website and can also be purchased at the door. Individual tickets will cost \$33.81 and for those preferring seats eight), the cost will be \$219.79.

> This year's banquet theme theme, Cajun food will be 2617.

There will also be a raffle with proceeds going to the Chamber Scholarship fund. to reserve a table (which Door prizes will also be presented throughout the evening.

more information For will be a "Murder and Mys- about the 2023 Chamber tery" and will be based with Banquet, please stop by the a vintage New Orleans set- Chamber at 2307 S. Hwy 36, ting. To go along with the or call the office at 254-865-



Annual Homer Davis chili supper.

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

The Gatesville Lions Club The cost for adults is \$7 per are held at the Junction on 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.

Tickets for the supper are starting at noon. available at Extraco Bank

is a strong supporter of There will be a choice of many Gatesville community Lions Club at 254-865-4626, chili or soup served with functions and humanitarian or by email at gatesvillelionbeans, a drink, and dessert. programs. Weekly meetings sclub@gmail.com.

person, and \$4 for children. Route 36 every Wednesday

Gatesville High School is or can be purchased at the located at 205 S. Lovers Ln. in Gatesville. For any fur-The Gatesville Lions Club ther information about the event contact the Gatesville

Bell County Master Gardener Association to host special event

Gardener Association and 24. at the Harker Heights register at the email link bit. the Harker Heights Activi- Activities Center, 400 Indi- ly/3CbSuLc or use the QR ties Center presents "Spring an Trail, in Harker Heights. Code on the BCMGA Face-Gardening Starts Now." The The class is limited to the book page. seminar is scheduled for 6 first 30 people. Those in-

The Bell County Master p.m. on Tuesday, January terested in attending may

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church to celebrate 75th anniversary Feb. 12

olic Church in Gatesville Feb. 12, 2023. 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

Our Lady of Lourdes Cath- under St. Mary's in Lampasas. It was the first Catholic invite the public to the celwill be celebrating its 75th Church in Coryell County. ebration. They are encouranniversary as a church on Five years later, Bishop aging those who want to at-Reicher designated Our tend the meal to purchase Lady of Lourdes a separate meal tickets ahead of time parish with the responsi- at the cost of \$5 each so that bility of ministering to the a head count can be taken. parish also served the many may call the church office at Catholics in the military 254-865-6710 for more inwho were stationed at Fort formation. Hood during World War II.

The church would like to Catholics at the State School Tickets may be purchased for Boys in Gatesville. The after Sunday Masses, or you



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Coryell County 4-H Greased Pig Contest at the Youth Fair

The greased pig contest is held each year during the swine show at the fair. According to Coryell County Extension agent, Becky Coward, the children's division is non-competitive, and everyone gets a blue ribbon. The pig scramblers each received a certificate to cash in for \$100 towards the purchase of their first official CCYF project to show at the 2024 youth fair. Participating this year were: Ashby Barnett, Bliss Buckner, Rylie Cooley, Elli Kinnear, Mia Varona, Elizabeth Whisenhunt, Mason Williams, and Charles Yarbrough. Photos by Gina Ament.













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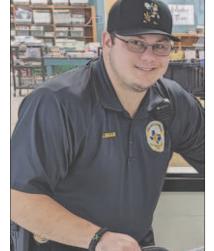
National Law Enforcement was brought to light in 1991 with the goal of protect- Stiles, who has served at Appreciation Day is cel- in order to provide the high- ing all children, so they can Gatesville Elementary since 2019; Officer Justin Burgan, Independent who has served at Gatesville 2015 as a tribute to men and ment. School-based policing School District formed its Intermediate since 2020; Ofwomen across America who is the fastest-growing area of own Police Department in ficer Bobby Cole, who has tion to each officer. have made the sworn com- law enforcement. With more October 2022, and their served at Gatesville Junior High since 2022; and SGT Officer Carol Brown, who Damian White, who has The National Association guarantees a safe learning has served at Gatesville Pri-served at the Gatesville High enforcers during difficult

"thank you" posters along the hallways and by presenting certificates of apprecia-

officers in the Unites States, law. it is essential to support law times — and a holiday dedi-

The students of GISD hon- cated to them does exactly ored their SROs by hanging that. The day also raises awareness on the importance of understanding that the difficult decisions taken by officers are in the best With more than 900,000 interests of citizens and the





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Officer Carol Brown

Officer Justin Burgan

Officer Bobby Cole

Chief Gary Stiles

SGT Damian White

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Tippit recognized at Temple College

graduate of Gatesville High School, was recently placed on the President's Honor List at Temple College for the fall 2022 semester. Tippit is in of the joint efforts of civic, now offers day and evening her first year at Temple College where she is pursing a leaders. In the early years, force training; on-campus, degree to become a dental hygienist.

The college's criteria for a student to be placed on the President's Honor List is that a student must complete at least nine hours a semester average.

founded in 1926 in response technical education, commuto the need for a postsec- nity education, career and ondary institution in Tem- workforce training, and culple. The college is a result tural activities. The college business, and educational classes; technical and workthe college was operated by online, hybrid, and weband classes were held in the tinuing education classes. basement of the old Temple The campus in Temple now High School building.

In 1996, the name of the 27 buildings. college was changed to Temand earn a 4.0 grade-point ple College to reflect its role as a comprehensive college,

Temple Junior College was offering transfer programs, the public school system enhanced courses; and conexceeds 108 acres, including

GHS Band program to host mattress fundraiser Feb. 4

Gatesville High program. School Band will hold a Feb. 4, from 10 a.m. until an adjustable base, luxury available. Those purchas-Lovers Lane. The event will available, with 25 styles on over \$299. be a "mattress fundraiser" display. The mattresses are and every purchase will brand new with full factory

The Beautyrest matbenefit the school's band warranties including the

offer of delivery.

All forms of payment are fundraiser on Saturday, tresses sold will include accepted with financing 5 p.m. at Gatesville High pillows, and mattress pro- ing mattresses can save School located at 205 S. tectors. All sizes will be an extra \$50 off on any set

Gatesville Junior High releases A, A/B honor roll students

School recently released the Emily Webb, Bracyn Wise. names of students who qualified for the A and the A/B Honor Roll. The students included:

A HONOR ROLL 7th Grade

Olivia Aguilar, Lucas Appelman, Thomas Belt, Brooke Blanchard, Emily Boose, Kiley Branum, Tristin Campbell, Casey Comstock, Kenlee Bailey Wolff. Daniels, Annalina Gutierrez, William Heath, Donnovan Herrera, Gabriella Horton, Quinton Ivy, Grady Keeton, Lilly Kinsey, Annabelle Lea, Reagan Lea, Lila Long, Joseph Lonzetta, Alexis Mill-Pope, Colin Rainer, Sophia Thornton, Elijah Tyson, Caliels, Kylee Davenport, Isa-zie Wright.

8th Grade

Isabella Algood, Wyatt Bak-Blanchard, Thomas Dean, Bradyn Gist, Riley Higginbo-Kelley, Anna McPherson, Lily Nielsen, Cody Norwood, Paisley Patterson, Fielder Shirley, Joshua Stephens, Levi Vil-

A/B HONOR ROLL

7th Grade

Omar Aguiar, Brycen Ashby, Aspyn Austin, Lila Ayers, Jaelie Bajovich, Allison Barer, Austyn Pickle, Brensyn Barron, Evelyn Bernquist, Jeremiah Breed, Braxton Brown, Salinas, Payton Sanderson, Kaydon Buster, Tomas Car- nandez, Callie Smith, Rogan Mia Schenk, Adalyn Shelton, rillo, Jacob Chambers, Kay-Jaxon Shepherd, Elliot Shoaf, leigh Cizek, Robert Conway, Torres, Logan Waters, Jaycob Charlene Sutton, Jaelee Isaac Crawford, Kevin Dan- Webb, Ryley Worster, Maken-

Junior High len Webb, Camden Webb, bella Davis, Bentley Dayton, 8th Grade Payton Dubay, Martin Foster, Braylynn Fritze, Giovanni Gamez, Paydon Garrett, Auer, Trinity Barrow, Brooklyn brianna Gilson, Lillian Goins, Julianna Harman, Draven Henderson, Hunter Hill, Abitham, Samuel Howard, Bo gail Hogan, Elizabeth Isaacks, Jaci Janisch, Krystiana Jimenez, Jordan Johns, Jennifer Johnson, Riley Kennedy, Jillianna Kim, Angelique lagrana, Makaylie Williams, Knox, Leonardo Leon, Asa Lynn-Hilton, Elizabeth Manczak-Taft, Kynlee Mangum, Lillian Mann, Maria Martinez Jaramillo, Preslee Mayberry, Yazlin Mejia, Jordan Miles, Seth Morris, Sofi Moya, Genesis Ortiz, Elijah Phillips, nett, Abigail Barron, Anabel Kegan Redford, Wacey Saunders, Honor Searcy, Brenna Sharp, Eduardo Silva Her-Smith, Hailey Sutton, Leah

Abrahamson, Giovanni Arerson, Jaiden Ducette, Cal-

Colby Aaron, Christine Gabriel Hall, Noah Hill, Branson Hodges, Aiden Holden, jon, Seth Baize, Graham Bar- Robin Johns, Brooklyn King, ron, Kyndal Beeman, Holton Madelyn Kiphen, Carlee Bolfing, Braxton Boyd, Kai- Klutts, Amelia Langenstrass, den Brennan, Caleb Bruschi, Ethan Lara, Daniela Lee, Corp, Emily Courson, Kala Kayla Mabry, Hunter Martin, Davenport, Bradley Dick- Dominik Medina, Meghan Mehaffey, Jadan Moore, lie Earls, Jason Eaves, Ja- Jimmy Navejas, Christopher cob Ellerbe, Charlee Ferris, Newman, Braylen Nichols, Cheyenne Geiken, Maygen Elihu Ortiz, Aiden Pankow,

Glennon, Carson Griffith, Lextin Perkins, Kaylee Prince, Brooke Reavis, Javier Resendiz, Gerardo Rodriguez, Braxton Ruiz, Alyssa Saxon, Galileah Segura, Brylie Spencer, Payton Steel, Blake Stifflemire, Kaylen Thomas, Katelyn Campbell, Chloe Kayleen Lira, Justin Lowe, Chloe Thompson, Lana Nicole Tyson, Daniel Uriarte, Brooklyn Wallace, Nathan Watson, Haeven Whitenburg, Kylie Williams.





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

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

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

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

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

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: Royse 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: David Crosby, Interim Pastor; 113 FM 107, Gatesville; Sunday services - Sunday School 9:15 a.m., morning worship 10:30 a.m., Wed. evening Youth and Children's Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

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

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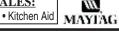


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The shooting and killing of nine people engaged in a Bible study this past June in a Charleston church basement was horrific on many levels. How anyone could do such a thing was beyond comprehension for most of us. But what strained our comprehension even more was the reaction of love and forgiveness by family members of the slain victims. Forgiving such a heinous crime requires a deep and abiding faith, and was so morally and spiritually beautiful as to bring many of us to tears. Out of tragedies such as this, God works miracles, and the miracle here was how a young man hoping to bring strife and division to our country actually brought a show of love and unity. There will always be hate and haters among us, but love is stronger and more pervasive, and ultimately more effective in overcoming hate. We are reminded of Jesus' words on the cross: "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." (Luke 23:34 NIV) And remember, it's easy to forgive the little stuff; the real task is to forgive the seemingly unforgivable

Christopher Simon

"Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." -Romans 12:21 NIV

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

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107. Gatesville; Sunday services - Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m.

McConnaughhay, 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**

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14th, Gatesville; Sunday services - Sunday school 9:30 a.m., Sunday morning worship 11 a.m.; Wednesday services - Wednesday evening worship

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.

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

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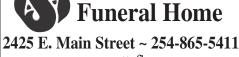
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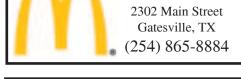
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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within 120 days of this notice.

c/o: LYNITA SALTER 410 State School Road Gatesville, Texas 76528

DATED the 4th day of January, 2023.

James Rainey Attorney for LYNITA SALT-

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> All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within in the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: Frank D. Thomas, Jr. 6613 Sanger Avenue Waco, Texas 76710

DATED the 9th day of January, 2023. Frank D. Thomas, Jr. Attorney for Muriel Rose Payne State Bar No.: 19880500 6613 Sanger Ave.

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Regional Water Supply Clarifier No. 2 Rehabilitation consists of the rehabilitation of the existing clarifier mechanism and grout bed of Clarifier No. 2 by on site fabrication and recoating and will be awarded to proposal providing best value to Owner based on a number of factors including cost, experience of contract, and prior work performance.

Proposals must be submitted on forms provided in Proposal Documents and accompanied by a Proposal Security in the penal sum of not less than five percent (5%) of base proposal amount, payable without recourse to Owner. Proposal Security may be in either form of a cashier's check or Offeror's Bond from a security company approved to conduct business in State of Texas as a guarantee that offeror will enter into a contract and execute a 100% payment bond within fifteen (15) days after issuance of a notice of award to that Offeror. Proposals not accompanied by such Security or received after designated proposal time will not be considered. Refer to other proposal requirements described in Document 00 21 13 - Instructions to Offerors.

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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, meta 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 Purmela, 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 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

Hamilton County Electric Cooperative Association offers scholarships for 2023

Hamilton County Electric Cooperative Association will admission as a full-time stube awarding scholarships in the amount of \$1.000 each for the 2023-2024 school vear (\$500 per Fall and low to receive more infor-Spring Semester).

To be eligible you must: Be a senior attending a

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· Must have applied for dent in a technical school, college, or university.

· Please visit the link bemation and to download the scholarship application:

https://www.hamiltonelectric.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.

Coryell County Hazard Mitigation plan meetings in Copperas Cove, Oglesby

county develop a Hazard Mitigation Plan to help the county qualify nity Center, 118 Main St. for grants. Public meetin cities around Coryell County.

Public Gatesville and Evant were held earlier this week.

are scheduled for:

Copperas Cove Wednesday, Jan. 25, 5:30

Public input is sought - 7:30 p.m. in the Counin an effort to help the cil Chambers Technology Bldg., 508 S. Second St.

Oglesby - Thursday, prepare for, and poten- Jan. 26, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. tially avoid, disasters and in the Oglesby Commu-Check the

Coryell ings are being scheduled County Hazard Mitigation Plan Facebook page for more information and meetings at updates or visit www.coryellcountyhmp.com.

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Press Associations offer two \$1,500 scholarships for 2023

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-

The North & East Texas able to the registrar of the lowing materials in the lastic, athletic and commu- of the following: college/university 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 downloaded from the NET-PA website: www.netpa.org.

High school applicants should submit the fol-

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

1. Complete the attached

application nity activities.

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

3. High school applicants application and include a should submit letters of resume that includes scho- recommendation from two

b) publication adviser or local newspaper supervi-

sor where student has been employed c) from a person of the

a) senior, junior or dual

credit college English in-

applicant's choice

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



GHS soccer teams continue success



 $\textbf{GLADYS WHITENBURG} \hspace{0.1cm} | \hspace{0.1cm} \text{THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER}$

Morgan Clary works to move the ball past an opposing defender. In their Jan. 17 game, the Hornets tied Mexia, 1-1. The Gatesville boys soccer team has a 4-0-2 record this season.



GLADYS WHITENBURG | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Andrea Ortiz kicks the ball for the Gatesville girls soccer team. The Hornets defeated Mexia 5-0 on Jan. 17 - their fifth straight victory.

Showing Gatesville grit



SE'VETTE EARLY | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Kamryn Higginbotham works the ball down court for the Hornets against Salado. The Gatesville girls were defeated by the Eagles, 52-35, on Jan. 17.

Eagles battle Bulldogs



ANGELA ASHBY | COURTESY PHOTO

Truett Foote scored 12 points for the Jonesboro JV Eagles in a 39-33 loss to the Hamilton Bulldogs. Jeremiah Forrest scored 11 for JHS.

GJHS boys beat Cadets, Oglesby falls to Mount Calm

Gatesville 8th grade A beats Connally

1 2 3 4 OT FINAL Gatesville 9 7 6 11 5 38 Brownwood 12 6 10 5 2 35 Leading Scorers: Howard 11, Baker 8, Gist 7, Barron 7, Resendiz 2

Oglesby JH fall to Mount Calm Standouts for Oglesby were: Holdyn Goff with 10 points, Jaxon Markum with 10 points and Abram Shaw with four points. Aiden Oxford had four rebounds and two assists. Kayson Campbell had five rebounds.

CORRECTION

A Jan. 14 article about an Oglesby Junior High School boys basketball game incorrectly listed Holdyn Goff's point total. He scored 27 points.

Hall of Fame nominations sought

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

All nominations are due by Friday, Feb. 10 and inductees will be announced the week of Feb. 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.

Copies of the nomination form can be requested by emailing GISD Athletic Director Rickey Phillips at rgphilli@gatesvilleisd.org. Completed forms can be returned via email to Phillips or by mail to 215 South Lovers Lane, Gatesville Texas 76528.





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Improbable comeback leads Hornets past Eagles



SE'VETTE EARLY | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Tyler Shea (23) and Rayshon Smith (1) team up to provide a smothering defense for the Hornets in their Jan. 17 win over Salado.

Gatesville erases 9-point deficit in thrilling OT victory

BY CHRIS ALLMAN Sports Correspondent

In what was arguably one of the best games and undoubtedly the most remarkable finish esville basketball history, the Horne erased a nine-point deficit over a 38-second stretch in the final minute of the fourth quarter to defeat Salado 95-84 in overtime on

West Allman buried a three-pointer from the top of the key with 10 seconds left to tie the game at 76-76 and the Hornets survived a potential game winner from Salado's Noah

Self to force overtime. In the extra period, Gatesville (22-4, 1-1) outscored the Eagles by a 19-8 margin to secure the Hornets' first

district win. The Eagles (8-18, 1-1) led 76-67 with exactly one minute to play after Salado's Darius Wilson made the first of his two free throw attempts. He missed the second, giving Gatesville the ball and beginning the process

of the most unlikely of finishes. Below is a play-by-play of the furious final

Banner Allman converts a driving layup and is fouled with 48 seconds left. He misses the free throw attempt. Salado leads 76-69.

West Allman steals the ensuing inbound pass and lays it in with 42 seconds left. Salado leads 76-71.

Following a Gatesville timeout, Kase Cox picks up a steal and passes to West Allman. Allman tries to hit a cutting Rayshon Smith but Salado knocks the ball out of bounds and Gatesville retains possession

with 32 seconds left trailing 76-71. Banner Allman scores on another driving layup with 29 seconds left. Salado

leads 76-73. Salado calls timeout with 22 seconds left to avoid a backcourt violation. After the timeout, Salado mishan-

dles the inbound pass and the ball goes out of bounds and back to the Hornets. West Allman tries to hit Banner Allman at the top of the key but the ball is

knocked out of bounds by the Eagles. The Hornets retain possession trailing 76-73 with 18 seconds left.



Banner Allman

West Allman

West Allman takes the inbound pass from Smith, takes two dribbles to his right, slips to a knee, regains his footing, and hits a three-pointer with 10 seconds left. Game tied

Allman said he was intent on getting a game-tying shot away, he just needed the room to do it.

"I knew that I was going to shoot the ball so all I was trying to do was create a little space and shoot," he said.

"That was crazy," Banner Allman said. "The first thing I thought (when the game-tying three went in) was 'oh my gosh he just made that' but then I realized there was still time on the clock and I was just trying to get everybody to realize that and get back.'

Admittedly, most hope seemed lost by the time Wilson's free throw put the Eagles up

"I really didn't think we had much of a chance and I think everybody kind of thought that but we didn't act like it," said Banner Allman. "We still played as hard as we could and didn't show any signs of doubt."

"I know how good our team is and that we had a chance to win but I also knew how hard it was going to be to win that game," added West Allman.

In the overtime period the Eagles scored first to make it 78-76 but Smith responded with a driving layup to tie it.

After Salado went up 80-78, Smith struck again with another penetration and score to tie the game at 80-80. The sophomore guard was terrific for the Hornets scoring seven points in the opening frame and then getting six of his 18 points in overtime.

Gatesville seemed to create some breathing room when Banner Allman knocked down two free throws to make it 84-81 with 2:04 to play, but the Eagles came right back and tied the game at 84-84 on a three-point play from

On the ensuing possession, Shea drove and passed to West Allman, who hit a threepointer that turned out to be the game-winner. It gave the Hornets an 87-84 lead that

they would not relinquish as they scored the

line for the 95-84 win. That the Hornets were even in a position to need a comeback was a bit of a surprise.

final eight points of the game from the foul

For starters, Salado came into game with a record of 8-17 and had lost five straight before squeaking past Robinson 57-54 in their district opener. Then they found themselves down 29-21 after the first quarter and trailed 39-25 early in the second quarter before

mounting a charge thanks to Self's hot hand. The senior guard scored eight points in the quarter - including a pair of three-pointers to pull the Eagles to within 10 points, 46-36, at

The Eagles continued their three-point barrage into the second half.

In the third quarter, junior Luke Law hit a pair of threes for the Eagles as they cut the deficit to 57-52 after three quarters. To open the fourth quarter Self hit a three to make it 57-55, then the Eagles tied it at 57-57 thanks to two free throws from freshman Levi Ball.

A three from Self gave Salado the lead at 60-57 and he extended it to 63-58 with his fifth three of the game. The Eagles' final three-pointer from Darius Wilson later extended the lead to 66-60.

The Eagles made 11 three-pointers and shot 44% from behind the arc. They also picked up 22 offensive rebounds that led to 16 second-chance points.

The Hornets shot just 26% from the threepoint line but forced 20 turnovers - while committing just nine of their own - and converting those turnovers into 28 points. They also scored 52 points in the paint.

Banner Allman led all scorers with 26 points and grabbed 10 rebounds for his eighth double-double of the season. West Allman finished with 24 points, six rebounds, and six steals. Smith had six rebounds and four assists to go with his 18 points and Shea scored 16 points - 12 of which came in the fourth quarter and overtime.

The Hornets join the Eagles, China Spring and Waco La Vega at 1-1 in District 23-4A. Connally leads the district at 2-0 while Robinson is 0-2. Gatesville travels to La Vega on Jan. 20 while Salado hosts China Spring.

Area Fishing Report

Belton

GOOD. Water lightly stained; 55 degrees; 13.75 feet below pool. The recent weather warmup has improved the white bass and hybrid fishing in 24-34 feet of water. Bird action is not consistent enough to plan a trip around, but rather enough to provide a bonus. 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. Eater catfish are good in depths under 20 feet of water. Larger blue and flathead catfish have been caught on shallow points near ledges using fresh cut bait. Channel catfish have been fair around brush piles in warmer water areas. Report by Brian Worley, B&S Catfishing. Crappie are fair with a few catches in deep water off the river channel with ATX lures.

Stillhouse

GOOD. Water lightly stained: 55 degrees: 11.62 feet below pool. The recent warmup and stable weather has improved

white bass fishing. As is often the case on Stillhouse, these January and February fish are of high quality in length and girth. As a bonus, quality largemouth bass are also beginning to show up in the catch.

Bird action by gulls and terns is slowly making a comeback. Just a handful, under a dozen birds, seen working a patch of water is worth investigating, as only low numbers of gulls and terns typically use this lake in the winter. Use the smallest Bladed Hazy Eye Slab, 3/8 ounce, in white with a stinger hook. A slow-smoking retrieve or a long, slow pull upward off bottom works well for active fish.