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Jail overcrowding continues to loom large over county

BY JEFF OSBORNE
Senior Writer and Editor

Representatives of Coryell County, including Sheriff Scott Williams, are scheduled to meet with the Texas Commission on Jail Standards to discuss continuing problems with non-compliance due to having too many inmates at the facility.

That was the case as of Feb. 3, when the jail had 97 inmates in a facility that is supposed to house no more than 92.

"We are still sitting at 97 after dropping off inmates" at state prison units, Williams told the Coryell County Commissioners Court. "We have a potential arrangement with Zapata County (located on the border with Mexico about six hours from Gatesville) that is pending. Milam County (located a little over an hour from Gatesville) hasn't taken any of our inmates in months, so we ought to revisit that contract."

Commissioner Scott Weddle asked what the process is for reducing the number of inmates at the jail in order to achieve compliance with state requirements.

"Every day we send emails out (to other jails asking if they have space available)." Williams said. "We send requests to each contractor asking if they have beds available. They look at the inmates' history, type of crime and medical con-

dition. If we have a list of 15 inmates, they might take two. "A lot of places just won't take them. Contract places don't want to deal with anyone that's a discipline problem. All that creates our overcrowding."

Weddle said the county has to work to try to send some of the inmates elsewhere to avoid overcrowding.

"We've got to send the ones that will stick (there) for a while the best we can," he said.

Inmates who are sentenced to prison often must wait the maximum number of days in the county jail — 45 — before they are admitted to state prisons, which also aggravates the crowding situation for the county.

"The commissioner doesn't care if it takes 10 hours to get inmates (to another facility that will accept them — you've got to get them out no matter what."

Transporting the inmates great distances reduces the number of jailers available locally, creating additional concerns.

"Even with a four-hour commute one-way, it's an all-day affair (to relocate inmates)," Williams said.

"I sent emails to all other 253 counties in Texas (seeking

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FILE PHOTO

Coryell County continues to struggle with jail overcrowding issues, and is working to alleviate this problem but is finding difficulty in the process.

Spur Nutrition: 'All the yumminess without the guilt'

BY JEFF OSBORNE
Senior Writer & Editor

(This is one local business that won an award at the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce Banquet on Jan. 28. Other stories are set to appear in a special section Feb. 15).

For nearly two years, people in search of an energy boost, looking for meal replacement options or wanting to lead a healthier lifestyle have turned to Spur Nutrition, located at 103 S. Seventh St. on the Coryell County Courthouse Square not far from the Place Law Office.

Jessie Jonasson opened the shop in June 2021 after successfully owning and operating The Healthy Hub in Copperas Cove since 2017. Jonasson grew up in Cove and has spent much of her life there, and she said she has been impressed by the way Gatesville residents have welcomed her to the community.

"I started out as a customer (of the Cove nutrition shop) and fell in love with the product, and that resulted in me growing a passion for it," Jonasson said. "I ended up purchasing it."

Seeing an opportunity to expand her business to Gatesville, Jonasson opened the store here just as the worst of COVID-19 was wrapping up.

Many of the customers of Spur Nutrition have a need in mind when they enter the shop.

"They're definitely either looking for a breakfast shake or getting an energy boost so they can make it through the day," Jonasson said.

One of the shop's employees is Quenby Dixon, a Gatesville High School graduate.

"Our most popular items are the energy teas," Dixon said. "Energy bars are also popular. The banana nut bread shake is a top seller, and we also have a honey nut Cheerio shake."

Being able to offer healthy options that provide a boost of energy is something Jonasson said she enjoys.

"We are able to give people a shot of clean energy with caffeine and vitamins but without the sugar," she said. "People are able to get their vitamins — B1 through B12. It is all the yumminess without the guilt."

Spur Nutrition is open from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

"Our busiest time is probably 6 to 9 and then again closer to lunch," Jonasson said. "It's all pretty much about offering healthy options on the go."

She and Dixon, as well as the shop's three other employees, are also wellness coaches.

"We help people who are interested in weight loss, enjoying more nutritious things and those who are just interested in fitness in general," Jonasson said. "We specialize in working with those who want to lose weight

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Spur Nutrition owner Jessie Jonasson and employee Quenby Dixon prepare a fruit-flavored energy tea at the shop. Spur Nutrition recently won the Customer Service Award at the annual Gatesville Chamber of Commerce banquet.

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In addition to working at Spur Nutrition, Jessie Jonasson (left) and Quenby Dixon are also wellness coaches.

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or just get in better shape.”

Jonasson said one of her favorite items offered at Spur Nutrition is the blue raspberry pina colada tea. Dixon said her favorite is the strawberry watermelon tea with N-R-G, which provides an energy boost.

Before working at Spur, Dixon was a personal trainer. Before she owned The Healthy Hub and Spur Nutrition, Jonasson worked as a nanny and personal assistant.

Jonasson said she is thankful for the community’s support, and also for the customer service award her business received.

“I am super grateful,” she said. “One of the things I always focus on is providing the best customer service I can. We get to know

our customers and I can remember their favorite drink. I have enjoyed getting to know the people here in Gatesville. It’s been fantastic.”

JESSIE JONASSON
Spur Nutrition owner

Learning lessons from a dog



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Randi Wilde, right, first vice district governor for the Lions Club in Central Texas, holds a picture of her pet dachshund, Chili Bo. Standing next to her is Gatesville Lions Club President Charles Talbott.

Area woman cherishes inspiration from her pet

BY JEFF OSBORNE
Senior Writer & Editor

Positive lessons learned from her dog was the focus of Randi Wilde’s recent presentation to the Gatesville Lions Club.

Wilde, who serves as First Vice District Governor for the Lions, said her dog Chili Bo, a dachshund, was a great teacher in many ways.

“I learned a lot from him,” she said. “Not only was he a best friend, he was a powerful teacher, loving and generous.”

One of the key lessons Chili Bo taught her was to live in the moment. While people are often preoccupied about what has happened in the past or what may happen in the future, she said her dog’s attention was firmly rooted in what was happening at the time.

“It helped teach me to live for the moment and enjoy the day,” Wilde said.

Another thing she learned from Chili Bo is to find peace in accepting the ways things are.

“I discovered that life could be easier if I’d learn to accept what comes our way,” Wilde said, noting that people often get stressed and fret over things, many of which cannot

be changed.

“I also learned it’s important to be happy go lucky — which was the way he always was” rather than to become preoccupied by life’s imperfections.

Another trait of Chili Bo was to share his love selflessly, and Wilde said that is something she also sees displayed in volunteer organizations such as the Lions Club, which work to help serve the community and make it a better place.

“He also taught me the importance of living in harmony with nature and with others,” Wilde said.

She then quoted American author Agnes Sligh Turnbull, who said, “Dogs’ lives are too short. Their only fault, really.”

Wilde also applauded the efforts of the Gatesville Lions, an organization founded in the 1930s.

“What wonderful contributions you have made to the community,” she said, noting the club had served more than 1,700 hours and helped more than 250 people locally so far in the club year, which still has six months remaining.

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Dr. James Townson, DPM

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jail space for inmates). There are plenty of beds, just not enough staff.”

Weddle asked if Coryell County might be able to address some of those staffing concerns.

“Crazy idea — what if we loaned them a jailer?” Weddle asked.

“We don’t have the staff to do that,” Williams said. “I think we’re seven short right now.”

Weddle said he thought

the jail commission would voice its displeasure with the continued overcrowding in the county.

“I imagine it’s going to be a very uncomfortable meeting,” he told the sheriff.

“You can’t squeeze blood out of a turnip,” Williams said, adding he is doing his best to address the chronic problem.

County Attorney Brandon Belt said the permit process is underway to expand the jail.

“That’s going to make more hay than anything,” Williams said.

Although jail expansion has been approved, construction will take at least most of the rest of 2023, if not longer, before the expansion is complete.

“Even though we fast-tracked it, it’s going to be November, December or January before the jail is expanded,” Weddle said.

Belt said a May 1 groundbreaking for the expansion is possible.

“I hope they see these efforts as us busting our butts ... we’re trying everything we can (to resolve overcrowding).”

Black Jack Brigade assumes authority in Europe

BY ARMY CAPT. CHRISTOPHER BUYS
Fort Hood Press Center

DRAWSKO-POMORSKIE, Poland - The 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division “Greywolf” transferred authority of U.S. Army operations in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve to the 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team “Black Jack”, 1st Cavalry Division, during a transfer of authority ceremony at Drawsko-Pomorskie Training Area, Poland, Feb. 4.

Over the past seven months, 3ABCT participated in multi-national training exercises in Poland, Latvia, Lithuania, Finland, Greece,

Italy, the UK and Germany. The Greywolf Brigade also led in strategically important locations in the Baltics and the NATO Battlegroup Poland.

“Simply put, you’ve made a difference for your allies and the NATO Alliance and have done all your country asked of you,” said Col. John Gilliam, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team commander, 1st Cavalry Division. “I could not be prouder of all of your hard work, and you’ve earned a well-deserved break with your families who are eagerly awaiting your return to Fort Hood.”



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Mother Neff State Park to hold annual Back to Nature Trail Run

Mother Neff State Park will hold its annual Back to Nature Trail Run on Saturday, Feb. 25. There will include a 5K competitive run, a 2-mile fun run, and 1-mile kids run. The trail runs will wind through the nature trails and the park road allowing participants to take in the beautiful scenery of the park.

The 5K competitive run will begin at 8:30 a.m. Awards will be given out to the overall male and females, along with the top three males and females in each age group. Age groups will be 14 and under, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-69, 70 and up.

The 2-mile Fun Run and the 1-mile Kids Run will start at 2 p.m. These trails will not be as challenging as the 5K competitive run, so bring your family out to enjoy a trip through the park.

Kids' 1-mile run will be timed, and runners will receive medals for the top 12 finish-

ers in each category for the boys and girls.

Each race will be capped at 150 participants due to the parking restrictions. Be sure to secure your spot by registering early. The first 200 signups will receive Mother Neff State Park's commemorative medallion, and all participants in the 5K and 2-mile will receive a t-shirt if registration is com-

pleted by Monday, Feb. 6.

All proceeds will be donated to the Mother Neff State Park Association for needed upgrades to the park.

Packet pickup will be offered the week of the race at the park starting Monday, Feb. 20, through Friday, Feb. 24 at the park headquarters from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

If you sign up by Saturday, Feb. 18, your packet will be available for pickup. Otherwise, you may pick it up on race day. There will be no race day signups.

Registration is required for the trail runs, please register at <https://runsignup.com/Race/TX/Moody/BacktoNatureTrailRun>.

Mother Neff State Park is located at 1921 Park Road 14 near Moody. For any questions or further information contact the park at 254-853-2389.



FROM MY FRONT PORCH

Exciting News from the Gatesville Messenger!

SAM HOUSTON

Sam Houston is a syndicated columnist and newspaper executive. He is also an actor, author, playwright and entertainment producer/promoter.

After careful study and review, the Gatesville Messenger will be making a significant change in our coverage and the frequency of our publication. Beginning the week of Feb 25, we will no longer be a twice-a-week newspaper.

We will instead go to a once-a-week publication with a single Saturday paper being mailed to subscribers on Friday, and available over the counter on Friday afternoon.

Our staff and ownership are excited to make this announcement as this change will allow us to provide a bigger, more informative, and more localized newspaper. Our mantra is "The Gatesville Messenger- Your Community Newspaper!"

It is our intent to include more feature stories about your friends and neighbors with more coverage and photos of local events. The Messenger will continue to keep you informed on our city and county government, and connect you to the many wonderful things happening in our schools. If it is happening in Gatesville, we want

to share it with our readers.

We want to be your source for information on all things Gatesville! We are very confident when you see the March 4th edition, you will fall in love with the look, the feel, and information you receive. We will also be posting stories daily on our updated web site and providing you with accurate information you will not get anywhere else.

The Gatesville Messenger is evolving to meet the needs of the community we serve and are a part of. Our staff live in Gatesville, have children who attend school, and go to Church the same places you do. We care about our community and the friends and neighbors who live here. We recognize the important role a vibrant newspaper can play in a community. This



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is why we want to be your source for news for all things "Gatesville". We are committed to doing so.

Thank you to our loyal subscribers. We appreciate your patronage and support. Please be looking forward to the March 4th edition. A new era is beginning. It is the start of something of which you will want to be a part. You will not be disappointed. Our collective future is very bright.

Thought for the day: A new beginning requires something else to end. In special cases, it allows you to hold close memories of the past but look forward with keen anticipation of the memories that are yet to come.

Until next time....keep riding the storm out.

CHAMBER NAMES FEBRUARY'S BUSINESS OF THE MONTH



COURTESY PHOTO

The Gatesville Chamber of Commerce recently selected Vintage Royalty Boutique as its February Business of the Month. Vintage Royalty is owned and operated by Karen Blanchard George. The boutique has a large selection of women's and girl's clothing, jewelry, shoes, home décor, candles, furniture, goat milk soap and much more.

"I have so enjoyed seeing and working with customers over the last 17 years ... you are the reason we keep going," George said. Vintage Royalty is located at 2401 S. Hwy. 36, suite 100, just across from the historic Cotton Belt Depot. The business can be reached by calling 254-216-5040. George, pictured center, is shown with representatives of the Chamber of Commerce who presented her with a trophy and a certificate in honor of being chosen "Business of the Month."

The Business of the Month award is sponsored by Extraco Banks and The Gatesville Messenger. Each month, the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce recognizes an outstanding business, and those winners will also be in the running for Business of the Year, which is awarded each year at the annual chamber banquet. Nominees must be a member of the chamber.



Girl Scout cookie sales continue until Feb. 28

Girl Scout Cookies continue to be available for purchase in Gatesville. Local Girl Scout Mackenzie Stacher sets up her tent for business at Walmart every weekend from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Stacher sold 4,068 boxes of cookies last year. Her goal this year is to sell 5,000.

Currently in 10th grade, Stacher has been named a "senior" in the Girl Scouts. Next year, she will become an "ambassador." She said that she has learned so much from being in the organization for the past seven years. "Being a Girl

Scout has been a very good experience for me," she said.

By selling cookies, working at concession stands at Baylor, and by selling fall products (nuts, candy, and trail mix), Girl Scout participants can raise enough money on their own to help sponsor learning involved trips. Last year, area Scouts visited Hawaii, including a trip to Pearl Harbor. In 2023, participants will go on a cruise followed by a trip to Japan in 2024 and a trip to Paris, France in 2025.

Cowgirls To Lace to hold special shopping event on Feb. 11

Cowgirls To Lace invites the community to a wine and chocolate fountain shopping event on Saturday, Feb. 11. The event will last from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Other participating vendors will include the 1854 Mercantile, which will be serving spiked hot chocolate, fudge, and truffles. Every customer

that spends \$25 or more will automatically be put in a Valentine's Day drawing. Hinds Fine Jewelry will have adult punch, brownies, cookies, and homemade chocolates.

For each jewelry purchase you will be entered in a drawing to win a gift basket. The drawing will take place on Tuesday, Feb. 14. Vintage Royalty

will have hot chocolate and chocolate covered strawberries.

Cowgirls To Lace is located at 712 E. Leon Street; Hinds Fine Jewelry is located at 119 S. 7th Street; The 1854 Mercantile is located at 501-A East Main Street; and Vintage Royalty is located at 2401 South Hwy 36 Ste. 100.



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CHAMBER HOSTS RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY



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The Gatesville Chamber of Commerce recently held a ribbon cutting ceremony in conjunction with the grand opening of the Hummingbird Boutique at 600 E. Leon Street in Gatesville on the historic courthouse square. The boutique offers gifts, boutique items, clothing, cupcakes, cake pops, pastries, cookies, and chocolate dipped treats. The Hummingbird Boutique is owned by Margaret Burch.

PEARL NEWS

Wonderful day in Pearl

BETSY CLARK
Pearl News Correspondent



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The Pearl Cottage Bookstore reported having a wonderful day this past first Saturday. The ladies there said that they were so happy that the weather was warmer and drier, which afforded their beloved friends both former and future to venture forth to Pearl for a much-needed dose of the happiest bookstore in existence!

However, several people told Linda and Corlisa that they surely missed the "itsy bitsy teeny tiny turquoise greeny stringy bikini" stories. For those of you who are also missing updates on the cantankerous cossie, please be patient as this terrifying two piece hibernates in winter much like bears or the fat-tailed dwarf lemur. I was told that one gentleman misses bikini stories so much that he offered to buy the framed phantom, which resides above the Christian section of the cottage! For now, the nice man decided to wait and see what happens in the future. Well, for right now, not even this slightly twisted storyteller is for certain sure what direction that abhorrent beach costume will take. I guess we will all have to just stay tuned and

hope the groundhog from up north is wrong about six more weeks of winter. Ugggg... It is now silent auction time again at Pearl Church of Christ. The annual Valentine Auction benefiting Lampasas His Kids Youth Ministry will be Feb. 12 following morning services, which begin at 10:30 a.m. Items for the silent auction are out in the dining room and the kids' room beginning. 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 of the proceeds go to His kids, which they use to send their group to His Hill Ranch Camp each summer.

The DISPATCH

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of Feb. 2-5. 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

Feb. 2
6:52 a.m., a utility pole was reported down in the 11000 block of E. Hwy. 84.
7:53 a.m., a structure fire was reported in the 1500 block of Saunders Street.
10:45 a.m., a theft was reported in the 2800 block of S. State Hwy. 36.
12:27 p.m., an accident was reported in the 3000 block of FM 183.
12:36 p.m., a hit and run accident was reported in the 2500 block of Business Hwy. 36.
3:53 p.m., an assault was reported in the 2500 block of Mears Drive.

6:25 a.m., an accident was reported in the 10000 block of E. Hwy. 84.
10:33 a.m., a burglary was reported in the 100 block of Sandy Lane.
11:29 a.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 2200 block of E. Main Street.
4:12 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 200 block of N. 8th Street.
4:48 p.m., a hit and run accident was reported in the 2400 block of Business Hwy. 36.
5:53 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 700 block of Park Street.

2:12 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 100 block of Sandy Lane.
2:12 p.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 2300 block of Business Hwy. 36.
6:23 p.m., a threat was reported in the 500 block of Lovers Lane.
8:22 p.m., a theft was reported in the 2000 block of Waco Street.
9:30 p.m., a noise disturbance was reported in the 2400 block of S. Business Hwy. 36.
Feb. 3
2:00 p.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 1400 block of Pidcocke Street.
3:56 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 100 block of Petsick Lane.
5:20 p.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 1100 block of Golf Course Road.
5:20 p.m., a hazmat spill was reported in the 1000 block of W. Main Street.
9:38 p.m., suspicious ac-

tivity was reported in the 200 block of Spindletop Street.
10:39 p.m., a theft was reported in the 2000 block of Waco Street.
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Feb. 2
6:49 a.m., electric wires were reported down on CR 267 and E. Hwy. 84.
9:31 a.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 9700 block of FM 929.
9:48 a.m., suspicious activity in the 100 block of Slater Road.
11:19 a.m. a domestic disturbance was reported in the 2900 block of S. FM 116.
1:31 p.m., a minor accident was reported on S. FM 183.
Feb. 3
4:07 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2800 block of Connell Street.
10:40 a.m., illegal dumping was reported in the 1100 block of Lutheran Church Road.
12:21 p.m., a fight was reported in the 4300 block of

FM 1113.
3:29 p.m., the burglary of a habitation was reported in the 300 block of CR 102.
9:13 p.m., a suspicious vehicle was reported in the 300 block of CR 347.
10:46 p.m., a possible fire was reported in the 3300 block of CR 318.
Feb. 4
8:33 a.m., a stranded motorist was reported in the 10000 block of W. Hwy. 84.
9:16 a.m., illegal dumping was reported on FM 183.
11:18 a.m., an assault was reported in the 2100 block of CR 127.
5:00 p.m., missing livestock was reported in the 300 block of CR 266.
5:04 p.m., a possible fire was reported in the 100 block of College Avenue.
6:28 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 1700 block of Fort Panic Road.
Feb. 5
7:42 a.m., a major accident was reported on S. Hwy. 36.
10:19 a.m., a stolen vehicle was reported in the 5200 block of FM 1829.
11:23 a.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 100 block of Oak Ridge Road.
2:08 p.m., a missing person was reported in the 100 block of Mooney Avenue.
3:05 p.m., a controlled burn was reported in the 1800 block of S. US 281.
4:42 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 1600 block of CR 341.

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Remember when little ol' ladies carried around something called a "Grandma's Brag Book?" I don't have such a book, but I've sure got a smart phone full of pictures and stories to tell. I can't show you any pictures, so please indulge me some "bragging rights" for a minute. My oldest granddaughter scored the most points in her final basketball tournament for the season this past Saturday ... three games spread hours apart in Garrison, Texas!! (She was also the cutest...did I say that?) My middle granddaughter celebrated her sixth birthday on the 3rd, and I enjoyed spending time with her on Facetime. For her party, she was going to a Princess Spa party complete with the bedazzling of toes and fingernails. I asked her what exactly was going to happen at the spa, and she replied, "You know, where they give your feet a bath." I couldn't have explained it any better myself!

From "The Pleasure and Profit Club" compilation of minutes, which explains where the name came from: "The club met with Mrs. Toral Oney. There being no work to be done, we spent a very pleasant afternoon in talking and walking contests everyone enjoyed. We were then invited into the dining room, where we were served cake and grape juice. The president called the house to order. Minutes were read and approved. Thirteen members answered roll call and six visitors were present. Mrs. Nollie Robinson and Miss Ona Jones had their names put back on the roll. Another date was set for making flower beds at the schoolhouse. Changing the club's name then came into discussion. Several names were suggested and voted upon. The name "Pleasure and Profit Club" was selected on Feb. 17, 1933! This was 90 years ago, and what this group of industrious, loving, civic-minded ladies and their successors accomplished are still evident in the community to this day! If you would like to purchase a copy of this historic book, call Linda Ray at 254-865-9282.

This week's Bible verse comes from Psalm 25:4-5: Show me Your ways, Lord, teach me Your paths. Guide me in Your truth and teach me, for You are God my Savior, and my hope is in You all day long. (NIV)

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



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GHS band program holds mattress sale

The Gatesville High School Band recently held a fundraiser in the school's band hall. The event was a mattress fundraiser to benefit the school's band program. The band hall, which was turned into a "mattress showroom," was stacked from corner to corner with various sizes, shapes, and styles of mattresses.

Pictured is the president of the band boosters, Teresa

Johnson, trying out one of the many mattresses. She was joined by GHS senior, Jordan Underwood, who was dressed in a mattress costume out on the street trying to boost mattress sales. GHS Band Boosters has a long record of financial service to the band. All revenue from the sales is designated for use by the band program only.



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Gatesville Junior High School UIL competition results announced

Gatesville Junior High School recently announced the results of the 2023 UIL contest. They include:

- 7th Ready Writing**
Anna Gutierrez, 5th; Jaelee Thornton, 3rd
- 8th Editorial Writing**
Daniela Lee, 4th
- 7th Calculator**
Collin Rainer, 5th; Elijah Tyson, 2nd
- 8th Calculator**
Graham Barron, 3rd; Hunter Martin, 5th
- Imp. Speaking prelims**
Kate Campbell, 2nd; Riley Higginbotham, 6th
- 7th Spelling**
Kenlee Daniels, 4th; Lilly Goins, 5th; Emily Boose, 3rd

- 8th Spelling**
Amelia Langenstrass, 1st
- 7th MG&C**
Callen Webb, 4th (tie); Camden Webb, 4th (tie); Draven Henderson, 3rd
- 8th MG&C**
Bo Kelley, 2nd; Aiden Holt, 1st; Avery Koen, 5th
- Art**
Anna Gutierrez, 3rd
- Modern Oratory Prelims**
Callie Earls, 4th; Ashlynn Slaughter, 3rd; Sandra Quintero Saenz, 5th
- Math**
Alyssa Saxon, 6th
- 7th Social Studies**
Jaelee Thornton, 5th; Gavin Williamson, 1st; Emily Boose, 4th

- 8th Social Studies**
Braxton Boyd, 1st
- 7th Listening**
Callie Smith, 4th
- 8th Listening**
Faith McDaniel, 5th
- 7th Chess**
Elijah Tyson, 5th (tie); Quinton Ivy, 1st
- 8th Chess**
Gabriel Hall, 2nd; Graham Barron, 1st
- 7th Science**
Breanna Sharp, 1st; Kenlee Daniels, 4th
- 8th Science**
Braxton Boyd, 2nd; Cody Norwood, 3rd; Wyatt Baker, 1st



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The Hammack Building located at Main and North 7th Streets.

Bell County Master Gardeners to meet in February

The Bell County Master Gardeners Association recently announced their events schedule for the month of February. For those interested in gardening, the events held during the month are as follows:

Feb. 16
The Bell County Master Gardener Association will host "Honeybees and Native Bees" presented by Master Beekeeper, Greg Oermann, at 6:30 p.m. Feb 16, at the Texas Agrilife Extension Office Learning Center; 1605 N. Main St., Belton. The seminar is free but limited to the first 50 people to sign-up. Donations will be accepted to support continuing education opportunities in Bell County. Register at bcmgaspeakers@gmail.com

Feb. 18
The Bell County Master Gardeners Association will

be at the Harker Heights Activities Center Outdoor & Science Expo, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Feb. 18, 400 Indian Trail, Harker Heights. Activities will include presentations by Master Gardeners, Ask A Master Gardener, Kids' Zone, and Seed Table.

Feb. 23
The Bell County Master Gardeners Association will host "Spring Gardening Starts Now" presented by Wayne Schirner, at 6 p.m. Feb 23, at Christ Episcopal Church; 300 N. Main St., Temple. The seminar is free but is limited to the first 100 people to sign up. Donations will be accepted to support the Community Garden. Register at bcmgaspeakers@gmail.com. Parking available on the West side of the church.

Feb. 25
The Bell County Master Gardeners Association will

host "Spring Gardening Starts Now" presented by Wayne Schirner, at 10 a.m., Feb 25, at the Salado Museum; 423 S. Main St., Salado. The seminar is free but is limited to the first 40 people to sign up. Donations will be accepted to support the Salado Museum and College Park. Register by calling 254-718-0820. Parking located behind the museum.

Feb. 25
The Bell County Master Gardeners Association will be at the Bell County Home & Garden Show, Feb 25, 10 a.m. 301 West Loop 121, Belton. Activities will include presentations by Master Gardeners, Ask A Master Gardener, Kids' Zone, and Seed Table.

CORYELL COUNTY HISTORICAL MARKER "SPOTLIGHT"

The Hammack Building

Marker Text:

The Hammack Building is located on property once owned by John Chrisman, who helped survey the town of Gatesville in 1854. The building was constructed by W.W. Hammack (1860-1913) in the late 1800s. Over the years, the Hammack family leased the structure, which has housed the Gatesville National Bank, a saloon, a drugstore, and other commercial establishments. The Italianate style building features elaborate brickwork. Recorded Texas Historical Landmark - 1985

Location: The marker is located on East Main Street (U.S. 84) in Gatesville near North 7th Street on the courthouse square.

THE AWARD-WINNING PRINT & ONLINE FAMILY FEATURE

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February 17 is National Cabbage Day

CABBAGE

About how many different types of cabbage are grown throughout the world? Do the math to find out!

25 + 13 + 7 + 25 + 30 = _____

Head of Cabbage History

Replace the missing words in this article.

Nearly 3,000 years ago, wild cabbage from Asia and the Mediterranean was _____ to Northern Europe by the Celts and later the Romans.

Able to be stored for long _____ of time, cabbage was a staple item of Europeans in the Middle Ages. Its juice was commonly used to heal wounds and as a _____ remedy. In 1541, French _____, Jacques Cartier, introduced cabbage to North America.

Since cabbage contains lots of vitamin C, other explorers, including Captain James Cook, _____ with it in order to prevent scurvy. Scurvy is a terrible _____ caused by a diet lacking in vitamin C. Cabbage rapidly spread across the North American _____.

Cabbage Crunchers

Rabbits love cabbage. Help this rabbit find the cabbage patch.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Cooling with Cabbage

One of the greatest baseball players in the history of the game had an unusual trick for keeping cool. He would place a chilled cabbage leaf under his hat on hot days to beat the heat! He would replace the cabbage leaf with a new one every two innings. Circle every third letter to reveal this famous baseball player's name.

R D B C J A T M
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Kid Scoop Together

Cabbage Confetti

Gather the ingredients for a healthy dish.

Work with an adult to make this refreshing, crunchy, sweet treat!

- 1 small green cabbage
- 1 small red cabbage
- 20 oz can of crushed pineapple with 100% juice
- salt & pepper

Chop cabbages into thin strips.

Drain pineapple, reserving 1/4 cup of juice.

Mix cabbage strips with pineapple and juice.

Add salt and pepper to taste, toss and chill for 30 minutes.

Double Double Word Search

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

ARUGULA	LSWTVAISAH
ASIA	JDAUVRCEIEH
CABBAGE	ARSRIUPLML
DIET	LOANTGLUAC
GOOD	RWBIAUAJKA
JUICE	ADIPMLNUBB
KALE	DRISIATIGB
PLANTS	ILAENPSCOA
RADISH	SZIOTHNEOG
TURNIPS	HNVWORLDE
VITAMIN	
WASABI	
WILD WORDS	
WORLD	

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

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Healthy Mealtime

Look at the grocery ads in the newspaper. Select items and make a healthy meal menu. Cut out the pictures and names of the foods in your meal, and paste them on a sheet of paper to display on your refrigerator.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension. Follow written directions.

Write On!

What's the best way to eat cabbage?

In coleslaw? As sauerkraut? Roasted? Or? Give other kids ideas on how to best enjoy eating cabbage!

Crunchy, Cruciferous Cabbage

Crunchy cabbage is full of good things your body needs. It has vitamin C and vitamin K. It's a **cruciferous** (crew-si-fur-us) vegetable.

Cruciferous vegetables are plants that contain phytochemicals with possible anti-cancer properties. Other cruciferous vegetables are bok choy, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cauliflower, collard greens, kale, Swiss chard and turnips.

Do the math to label each cruciferous vegetable.

11 = ARUGULA	22 = HORSERADISH
15 = BOK CHOY	18 = KALE
14 = BROCCOLI	17 = KOHLRABI
16 = CABBAGE	19 = RADISH
26 = CAULIFLOWER	21 = WASABI
20 = DAIKON	23 = WATERCRESS

Extra! Extra!

Hard C and Soft C

Sometimes the letter C is a *soft C* and is pronounced as an S, as in *cell* and *celery*. Sometimes the letter C is a *hard C* and is pronounced as a K, as in the word *cabbage*. Look through the newspaper and cut out six words starting with the letter C. Group them into **Hard C** and **Soft C** groups.

Standards Link: Identify letter sounds.

Bake sale Feb. 11 to benefit 4-H Livestock Judging Team set to compete in Scotland

The Coryell County Youth Livestock Judging Team will hold a bake sale on Saturday, Feb. 11. The team qualified to compete at the 2023 Royal Highland International Livestock Judging Contest in Scotland.

Make sure to stop by the bake sale to support our Coryell County Livestock Judging Team so they can make their way to Scotland this year. The bake sale will be held at Vintage Royalty and will begin at 10 a.m. There will

be plenty of goodies including lemon bars, pecan toffee bars, and fudge. Pre orders are available by contacting 254-223-3502. For further information about the bake sale call 254-223-3888.

Morris Federation to meet Feb. 11

The Morris Federation will hold its next meeting on Saturday, Feb. 11, at 10:15 a.m., in the James Coryell Room at the Coryell Museum and Historical Center. The program will be titled

“Off the Beaten Path.” It will be presented by Dona Gallagher, based on her personal experiences and interesting observations from some of her many travels. Morris Federation members are en-

couraged to attend and may bring guests. The Coryell Museum is located at 718 E. Main Street in Gatesville.



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Rattlesnake Roundup

Oglesby Lion's Club to present annual Rattlesnake Roundup

The Oglesby Lion's Club is scheduled to hold its 53rd annual Rattlesnake Roundup on Saturday, Feb. 25, and Sunday, Feb. 26. The Rattlesnake Roundup will include a snake show and vendor fair, which will take place at the Oglesby Community Center. General admission will be \$5. Children under six years of age are free to enter. Oglesby Independent School District will provide breakfast on Saturday and Sunday mornings from 7 a.m. through 10 a.m. Concessions will be taken care of by the Oglesby Volunteer Fire Department and Oglesby ISD. Snake registration will be on Saturday morning, Feb. 25. Registration will open

at 7 a.m. with a fee of \$5. There will be no professional snake hunters, and snakes will not be registered after 10 a.m. on Feb. 26. A Safety Pledge will need to be signed, and a correct hunter's license will be required. World famous snake handler Jackie Bibby will perform live demonstrations at 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m., and 4 p.m. Bibby has more than 50 years of snake handling experience. Bibby is known for taking risks to break records. In 2006 Bibby held 10 western diamondback rattlesnakes in his mouth for 12.5 seconds, setting the Guinness World Record in the “Most Live Rattlesnakes Held in Mouth” category. The Vendor Fair will be

Saturday from 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday from 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m. There will be live entertainment from “Ed Leonard & Friends” on Saturday from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. On Sunday, “Tell Runyan” will perform from 1-4 p.m. A car/motorcycle show will take place on Feb. 25, and a community blood drive. For more information call 469-450-4973, or email oglesbyrattlesnakeroundup@gmail.com. Information can be found online at <https://oglesbyrattlesnakeroundup.com/> or on Facebook at Oglesby Lions Club Rattlesnake Roundup.

Brown Bag Ministry will feed the homeless with weekly program

Brown Bag Ministry will be helping the homeless and those in need by passing out brown paper bags full of non-perishable food items every Thursday morning at 9 a.m. at Raby Park beginning January 26. The brown bags will be distributed in the half circle entry

of the park. All bagged items will be non-perishable such as pop-open canned goods, packets, crackers, etc. There will be no forms to be filled out or questions asked to receive the bags. There will be a max of two sacks per person. First come, first served.

The bags will be bigger than a typical brown lunch bag, but smaller than a grocery bag in size. The Brown Bag Ministry appreciates the outpouring of support of those helping this ministry to feed the homeless.

OBITUARY

PATRICIA DENISE GRIFFITH

July 30, 1964 - Feb. 1, 2023



Patricia Denise Griffith, age 58, of Gatesville, passed away Wednesday, February 1, 2023. Visitation will be Friday,

February 10, from 6:30 - 8 p.m. at Scott's Funeral Home in Gatesville. Graveside services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 11, at Moffat Cemetery with Rev. Tim Crosby officiating. Denise was born on July 30, 1964, in Midland. She grew up in Midland and graduated from Midland High School in 1982. Denise moved to Gatesville in 1987 and worked at Gatesville ISD from 1998 until her recent retirement on January 1, 2022. Denise worked hard to be a good employee of the school, and she was blessed by the kindness and patience of Brian Reeder and the faculty and staff of Gatesville ISD. Denise loved John Wayne, the mountains, horseback riding, and her

beloved dogs: Cheyenne, Missy, Cherokee, and Kayene. Although she experienced a number of challenges over the course of her life, Denise loved her family and friends and worked hard to maintain her independence. Denise was preceded in death by her mother, Patricia Ann Griffith; her grandparents, Raymond and Ruby Griffith and Henry David and Ruby Lightsey. She is survived by her father, Dennis Griffith and his wife, Peggy; her sister and brother-in-law, Debra and Troy Keel; and her niece, Kaitlan McKenna Keel. Serving as pallbearers will be Steven Lovelady, Jayson Lam, Paul Griffith, David Griffith, and Troy Keel.

Turnersville Cemetery Association to hold meeting Feb. 9

The Turnersville Community Cemetery Association will be having a special meeting on Thursday, Feb. 9 starting at 6 p.m. The topic of the meeting will be the Turnersville Tabernacle. The meeting will take place at the Turnersville Community Center and will be open to the public. The Turnersville Cem-

etry serves residents of the rural community of Turnersville (originally Buchanan Springs). Those interred at the cemetery include many past residents, with ranchers, farmers, merchants, physicians, teachers, ministers, and military veterans among them. A cemetery association formed by 1900 but disbanded in the 1930s.

The Turnersville Cemetery Association reorganized in 1953 and continues to care for the burial ground. Today, the cemetery is one of the few remaining vestiges of the Turnersville community. The community center is located at 8115 FM 182 in Turnersville.

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

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Dorothy Lovelace

- 1 c. brown sugar
- pinch of salt
- 1 c. white sugar
- 1 c. oatmeal
- 1 c. oleo or shortening

- 2 c. cornflakes
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- ½ c. coconut
- 2 eggs
- ½ - 1 c. pecans or chocolate chips
- 2 c. sifted flour
- 1 tsp. soda

sugar, white sugar and oleo or shortening. Beat eggs and vanilla into creamed mixture. Sift together flour, soda, and salt. Then add oatmeal, corn flakes, coconut, and pecans. Drop onto cookie sheet and bake at 350 until golden brown.



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NATIONAL SIGNING DAY *Texans add 28 football players*

Tarleton Sports Information

STEPHENVILLE — Last year, with an already young football team entering 2022, Tarleton State University went after veterans in the transfer portal and wanted just a few to complement the roster, announcing seven additions on National Signing Day. This year was a little different — multiplied by four. On Wednesday (Feb. 1), National Signing Day for the 2023 season, Tarleton announced the addition of 28 football players to its 2023 roster.

The Texans have added six defensive linemen, six offensive linemen, five linebackers, three defensive backs, three quarterbacks, two wide receivers, two tight ends and a running back. That's an even split of 14 defensive players and 14 on offense.

Several players have plenty of NCAA Division I experience from the likes of Mississippi State, Washington State, Florida State, and even fellow Western Athletic Conference foe Utah Tech.

Of the 28 additions to the 2023 roster, 21 are transfers, with seven joining straight out of high school.

THE FULL LIST OF TARLETON'S 2023 NATIONAL SIGNING DAY CLASS, IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER, IS BELOW:

Kariem Al Soufi (6-3, 335, OL, junior. Previous: Ellsworth CC)
Steve Albert (6-2, 215, LB, freshman. Previous: Ellison HS)
Luke Anderson (6-1, 215, LB, freshman. Previous: Fort Worth Christian)
Nathan Baker (6-5, 285, OL, junior. Previous: West Virginia Wesleyan)
Javian Bellamy (6-1, 185, WR, senior. Previous: Glenville State)
Kayvon Britten (5-7, 190, RB, junior. Previous: Arkansas-Pine Bluff)
Tramaine Chism (6-3, 300, DL, junior. Previous: Hinds CC)
Rikter Connally (6-5, 300, OL, freshman. Previous: Seminole, Texas, HS)
Ahmir Crowder (6-3, 295, DL, senior. Previous: Washington State)
Victor Gabalis (6-3, 218, QB, sophomore. Previous: Utah Tech)

Daniel Greek (6-4, 225, QB, sophomore. Previous: Mississippi State)
Josh Griffith (6-4, 255, DL, junior. Previous: Jackson State)
Jake Hall (6-3, 290, OL, freshman. Previous: Southlake Carroll HS)
Dabari Hawkins (6-4, 190, DB, sophomore. Previous: Trinity Valley CC)
Dawson Hearne (6-3, 230, TE, sophomore. Previous: Texas A&M-Commerce)
Markell Johnson (6-5, 190, LB, freshman. Previous: Edmond Memorial HS)
Caimyn Layne (6-0, 235, LB, junior. Previous: Navarro JC)
Rikter Love (6-2, 290, OL, redshirt sophomore. Previous: Kennesaw State)
Amechi Ofili (6-3, 225, LB, freshman. Previous: Sachse HS)
Benjamin Omayebu (5-10, 200, WR, junior. Previous: Idaho State)

Dawson Otto (6-6, 245, TE, sophomore. Previous: Garden City CC)
James Paige (6-0, 195, QB, freshman. Previous: Newnan HS)
Charles Perkins (6-3, 250, DL, junior. Previous: Coffeyville CC)
Ty Rawls (6-0, 215, DB, junior. Previous: Jones College)
Dylan Reyes (6-3, 190, DB, junior. Previous: Iowa Western CC)
A.J. Sargent (6-1, 285, DL, sophomore. Previous: Coffeyville CC)
Senituli Teuhema (6-2, 300, OL, junior. Previous: Fort Hays State)
Amadeu Vital (6-1, 270, DL, senior. Previous: Norfolk State)

Mason Miller returning to TSU to be OC under head coach Whitten

Tarleton Sports Information

STEPHENVILLE — Tarleton State University's football program has added a familiar face to the coaching staff — someone who has spent the last few years coaching in the Southeastern Conference. Mason Miller has been hired to be the Texans' offensive coordinator entering 2023, the team announced on Jan. 31.

Miller is returning to Stephenville and Tarleton, where he coached for three seasons from 2014-16. He was the offensive coordinator and offensive line coach all three years, serving under head coach Todd Whitten in



COURTESY PHOTO

Mason Miller

2016. He was most recently at Mississippi State University the last three seasons as the offensive line coach, adding the title of run game coordinator for the Bulldogs last year.

"I think so much of Mason Miller, he's a first-class person who I've worked with in the past," Whitten said. "Our players really enjoyed his coaching style, and he has a knack for coaching, teaching and working with young

men. He's a really smart, creative football coach. He's been with some of the best football minds out there, with Mike Leach and Hal Mumme and guys like that. He'll be good for our program and he'll be good for our players."

Miller has guided different offenses to among the best in the nation at every level of NCAA football, including the best offense in the nation at Southeastern Louisiana (2004). He's also helped produce top-five offenses nationally at Tarleton, New Mexico State and McMurry.

Miller joined the late Mike Leach's staff upon his arrival to Mississippi State in 2020.

Over his final two years with the Bulldogs, Miller's offensive line ranked No. 2 in the SEC and No. 15 in the FBS in offensive line efficiency.

At Tarleton, Miller led his side to third nationally in total offense in 2014, averaging 522.8 yards per game, scoring 43.7 points per game. Exceptional offense continued in 2015, as the Texans averaged 38.1 points and 451.2 yards per contest.

"Our family is very excited about returning to Stephenville where we spent three wonderful years with friends and family," Miller said. "We are grateful for our time at Nevada, Washington State, as well as Mississippi

State. However, we are glad to be home."

Miller will inherit a successful offense from a season ago, a Texan group that led the WAC in yards per game (436.7) and rush yards per game (174.6), and was second in scoring average (31.0 PPG). Tarleton is also set to return 1,000-yard running back Derrel Kelley III, 1,000-yard wide receiver Darius Cooper, and 800-yard wide receiver Jaden Smith.

Whitten, who engineered that offense, will hand over play-calling duties for the first time in his Tarleton tenure, in what will be his 14th season at the helm in

Stephenville.

"I think it's time to turn this over to somebody else, and Mason Miller, to me, is the perfect guy to do that," Whitten said. "I'm going to step away from being the offensive coordinator and being the play caller. It will be the first time that I've ever done this, so it will be an adjustment for me, but I think it's the best thing for our team and best thing for our offense."

Miller began his full-time collegiate coaching career in 2000, and has since been a part of eight collegiate programs across 21 seasons.

Texans hold off Utah Tech comeback, stay perfect on home court

Tarleton Sports Information

STEPHENVILLE — Tarleton State University's Texans remain undefeated at home on the season with a 74-72 men's basketball victory over Utah Tech on Jan. 26.

Tarleton remained one of only two teams that were perfect at home this season, along with Seattle University.

The Texans got off to a hot start with the first four points of the game. Utah Tech responded quickly, earning its first lead of the game after four minutes had passed.

It took less than a minute for Tarleton to regain the lead and not look back for the duration of the competition. The Texans went on a 15-3 run to earn a 10-point lead with 10 minutes left in the first half.

Tarleton ended the half dropping 50 points and earning a 22-point lead over the Trailblazers, led by Lue Williams with 16 points. The Texans shot 20-of-32 (.625) from the field in the first half.

Both teams had a slow start to the second half. After three minutes, the Trailblazers had the only two points of the half.

Tarleton and Utah Tech traded buckets back and forth as the Trailblazers gradually cut away at the Texans' lead. With 12 minutes left in the game, the Trailblazers reduced their deficit to 10 points.

The Texans built their lead back up to 12 points with three minutes remaining. The second half comeback attempt by Utah Tech fell short, and the Texans continued their home winning streak with the two-point victory.

The Texans were led in scoring by Lue Williams, the Fireside District Player of the Game, with 25 points, six rebounds and four steals. Garry Clark earned 13 points coming off the bench and had five rebounds to boot. Javontae Hopkins scored eight points and Shakur Daniel had seven points with four assists.

Freddy Hicks picked up seven points (3-4 FG) and four assists. KiAndre Gaddy scored six points and grabbed a team-high seven rebounds on the game. Tiger Booker came off the bench in the second half to record six points late.

TSU WOMEN SUFFER 70-44 ROAD LOSS TO UTAH TECH UNIVERSITY



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The Tarleton State University's women's basketball squad turned in a strong defensive third-quarter performance on Jan. 26 versus Utah Tech at Burns Arena in St. George, Utah, but the Texans ended up suffering their ninth loss in 10 games, 70-44. Nyajah Mitchels came off the bench to pace Tarleton in scoring, with 12 points. TSU slipped to 1-7 in Western Athletic Conference play, and 7-12 overall.

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BY: M. WALLACE

A youth movement on the basketball court

Gatesville Youth Sports get kids moving

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KNCT celebrates Black History

KNCT-FM, public radio for Central Texas housed on the campus of Central Texas College (CTC) will celebrate Black History Month with a series of shows.

On Wednesday, Feb. 8 at 7 p.m. is baritone Robert Sims, the gold medal winner of the American Traditions Competition in 1999. He is also noted for giving the first all spiritual and folk song recital at Carnegie Hall in 2005. On Sunday, Feb. 12 at 8 p.m., "Music and the Spoken Word" features Alex Boyé. Known for his dynamic African-infused songs, Boyé was named YouTube's Cover Artist of the Year in 2014 and the 2017 Rising Artist of the Year in a music contest sponsored by Pepsi and Hard Rock Café.

"The Big Band Sunday" program offers an amazing lineup of artists on Feb. 12. At 12 p.m. is Ella Fitzgerald. Count Basie is at 1 p.m. followed by Billie Holiday at 2 p.m., Louis Armstrong at 3 p.m., Sarah Vaughn at 4 p.m. and concludes at 5 p.m. with the Mills Brothers.

On Monday, Feb. 13 at 7 p.m., "Like it Is" offers a two-part discussion opening with "Crossing Bridges" which discusses the effects of poverty, racism and violence in Birmingham, Alabama with civil rights leader Dr. Abraham Lincoln Woods. He helped coordinate the 1963 March on Washington and stood behind Martin Luther King Jr. during his historic "I Have a Dream" speech. The second discussion fea-

tures a conversation with Larry Gossett, the last surviving member of the "Gang of Four." He along with local activists Roberto Maestas, Bob Santos and Bernie Whitebear joined together to give voice to Seattle's minority communities as marches, boycotts and civil unrest began across the state of Washington.

Black History Month programming continues Feb. 15 at 7 p.m. on "Music and the Spoken Word" with "Heart and Soul" featuring a Martin Luther King, Jr. special with the Tabernacle Choir, Orchestra and Bells at Temple Square and special guest Alyson Cambridge - one of the world's leading opera and stage concert performers. On Sunday, Feb. 19 at 7 p.m., "Music and the Spoken Word" presents "Messenger of Peace - Tribute to Nelson Mandela."

"Right Man for the Time - A Tribute to Jackie Robinson" is the subject of "Music and the Spoken Word" on Wednesday, Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. On Sunday, Feb. 26, "Music and the Spoken Word" concludes its Black History Month tribute with "Building Our Roots" at 7 p.m.

On Tuesday, Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. is the award-winning "Still Going On" - a four-part, hour-long documentary saluting William Grant Still and other African-American composers. Still, often referred to as the "Dean" of African-American composers, composed more than 150 works including five

symphonies and eight operas.

In addition to these shows, regularly scheduled weekly shows on KNCT-FM - "The Softer Side with Carl Rossi" (Fridays at 5 p.m.) and "Voice of Texas Veterans with Julia Conner" (Sundays at 3:30 p.m.) will also feature special episodes during Black History Month.

Earlier in the month, KNCT started the Black History Month series with the award-winning documentary "A Portrait of William Warfield." The hour-long profile includes the 80-year old Warfield candidly discussing the impact his life and career in music and theater have had on contemporary American society.

Acclaimed as one of the great vocal artists of our time, Warfield is known worldwide for his work as a soloist, recitalist, actor, narrator and activist and is a Grammy Award-winner in the "spoken word" category for his narration of Aaron Copland's "A Lincoln Portrait" accompanied by the Eastman Philharmonic Orchestra. Two of his most famous and memorable roles were the lead character in George Gershwin's opera "Porgy and Bess" and his performance in 1957 and 59 on NBC-TV's Hallmark Hall of Fame production of Marc Connelly's "The Green Pastures" in the starring role of De Lawd. The documentary aired Feb. 1 at 7 p.m.

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GHS tennis players excel in tournaments



SE'VETTE EARLY | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Ty Warren and Alex Scott (left and right) teamed up to win boys doubles competition in Madisonville on Feb. 3. Slone Early (center) was the boys singles champion.



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Slone Early, left, won boys singles and Callie Smith won girls singles at the Anna Tennis Tournament in North Texas.



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Olivia Walker, left, and Preslea Edmond won girls doubles competition for the Hornets in the Anna Tennis Tournament in North Texas.

Area Sports Roundup

GHS Sports Results

Girls Powerlifting: Gatesville's Hornets finished fourth overall at the GHS Invitational. Brookelyn Byrd won a silver medal, while teammates Balyn Roberts, Kasey Fitzer, Kensley Eary and Vielka Gonzalez took bronze. GHS will compete at the McGregor meet on Saturday.

Boys powerlifting: Hornets finished fifth overall at the GHS Invitational. David Sims and Gabe Charles pocketed gold medals in their respective weight classes, while L.J. Hall earned a silver medal. GHS will compete at the McGregor meet on Saturday.

Tennis: Varsity results from the Madisonville tournament: Slone Early won first place in boys singles, and Alex Scott and Ty Warren won the boys doubles. The GHS Invitational will be held here Friday.

Girls wrestling: GHS finished 7th overall and qualified three wrestlers for this week's regional tournament during Saturday's District 10-5A tourney. Brianna Allen (3-1) earned a silver medal while Taylor Shea (1-1) garnered a bronze medal. They will be joined at regional by Hannah Aguilar, who placed 5th and is advancing as an alternate. The Class 5A Region III tournament is scheduled to be held

Friday and Saturday at Anna High School.

Boys wrestling: GHS finished 12th overall and qualified two wrestlers for regional competition during Saturday's District 10-5A tournament. Cameron Baker (3-2) finished 4th and advanced to regionals, while David Manear (2-2) was 5th and will go as an alternate. The regional meet will be held Friday and Saturday at Anna High School.

Boys soccer: Varsity fell to Stephenville 4-1.

Girls soccer: Varsity lost to No. 7-ranked Stephenville 7-0.

Girls basketball: Varsity lost at Salado 64-33.

Boys basketball: Varsity clinched a playoff berth with 59-45 win at Salado. (See story on Page A12).

7A beats Robinson

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OJHS splits tourney games

The Oglesby Junior High Tigers beat Cransfills Gap Lions, 34-20.

Holdyn Goff led all scorers with 22 points, three steals and six rebounds. Jaxon Markum had six points, three rebounds and one steal. Mason Marquez had three points and four rebounds. Kayson Campbell had two points and three rebounds. Javon Howard made one free throw and had two rebounds.

Game 2

The Oglesby Junior High Tigers dropped a close game to the Abbott Panthers, 23-19, in their final game of the basketball season.

Holdyn Goff led scoring with 16 points, and added two steals, and seven rebounds. Jaxon Markum had two points and three rebounds. Abram Shaw had one free throw, one steal and two rebounds. Kayson Campbell had six rebounds. Blaze Fisher grabbed three rebounds.

The Tigers finished with a 4-8 record.

Former Oglesby coach Chris Villareal's team the Mount Calm Panthers won, the tournament and the district championship.




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Hornets clinch playoff spot with win over Eagles

BY CHRIS ALLMAN
Sports Correspondent

A bounce-back road win capped an eventful week of basketball for the Gatesville Hornets that culminated with the clinching of another playoff berth.

The freezing weather that blew through Central Texas forced the Hornets to endure three days of school cancellations and two game postponements before finally getting back on the court and suffering a near-miss double overtime 68-65 road loss to Connally Feb. 2. The following night, they traveled to Salado and took down the Eagles 59-45 to wrap up a postseason spot for the second straight season.

"It's huge first off to clinch - especially in this district. It's like the Big 12 of high school in that you better show up and play every night. So clinching is huge," head coach Brit Campbell said. "And it's a big deal for the program. We've gone back-to-back now in two different districts."

Last season the Hornets clinched their playoff spot in District 6-4A with a win on the last day of the season. This season, they have three games remaining to improve their potential playoff seed.

The Hornets currently sit in second place in the district standings with three games to play. Should they win out they would finish 8-2 and as the district runners up. In the event that they were to lose their remaining games and end up in a tie with Salado for the fourth and final spot, the Hornets would hold the tie-breaker by virtue of their two head-to-head wins over the Eagles.

Against Connally, the "Heart Stopper Hornets" were on full display. They led 12-11 after one quarter but eventually found themselves down 44-32 late in the third quarter before flipping the switch and almost pulled off their fourth come-from-behind win of district play.

Their run began with a three-point play from West Allman just before the end of the period that made it 44-35 in favor of the Cadets. Gatesville scored the first four points of the fourth to cut the deficit to 44-39 before a quick 5-2 run pushed the Cadet lead to 49-41 with four minutes to play. From there, the Hornets finished regulation on a 12-4 run to send the game to overtime.

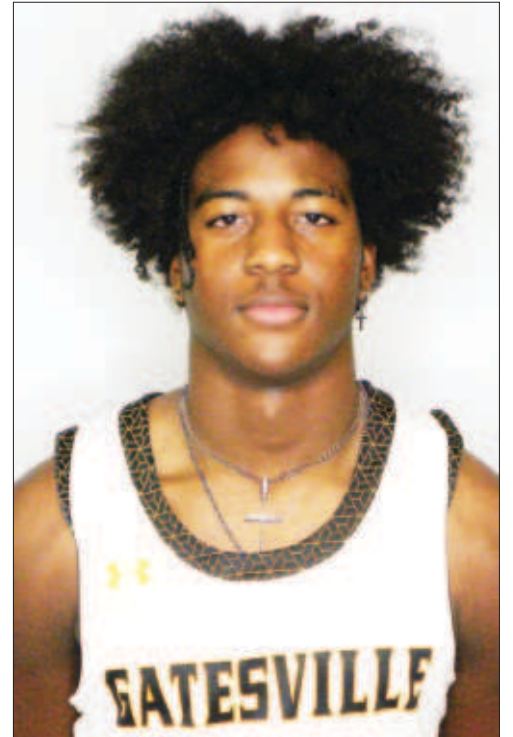
After Connally's Jylon Nobles made a pair of free throws to give Connally a 53-50 lead, the Hornets ran a play to get West Allman a look at a game-tying three pointer. Allman's contested attempt bounced off the rim and appeared to be headed out-of-bounds but Rayshon Smith gathered the long rebound, set his feet, and buried a three-pointer from



Trae Miller



Carter Williams



Rayshon Smith

the right corner just before the buzzer to tie the game at 53-53 and send the game to overtime.

In the first overtime period, Gatesville scored the first five points and took a 58-53 lead but Connally charged back and sent the game to second overtime tied at 60-60 thanks to a runner from Nobles in the closing seconds.

Gatesville took their last lead at 65-64 on a corner three from West Allman but that was quickly countered by another bucket for Nobles and a 66-65 Connally lead. The Hornets would not score again and the Cadets would hit a pair of free throws late for the final 68-65 win.

"We continue to show that we can show up and play with anybody. It gave our guys one more affirmation that that is true," Campbell said.

Banner Allman led all scorers against Connally with 21 points and also pulled down seven rebounds. Tyler Shea had 18 points, 6 rebounds, and five assists. Smith finished with 9 points and grabbed seven rebounds.

Following such a tough loss, Campbell knew that the possibility of an emotional letdown against Salado - especially considering the Eagles fell victim to an historic comeback in the two teams' first meeting. But that was quickly to rest in the locker

room at Connally.

"I had a good feeling after talking to them (after the game). It seemed like they were alert and ready and re-focused," he said.

Campbell said his confidence grew during the school day and in the lead up to tip-off at Salado.

"It was very relaxed - which I have come to find out with this group is a good thing. You could tell that they were ready and confident," he said.

Salado led 15-13 after the first quarter thanks to ten quick points from Noah Self. Gatesville stayed close thanks to seven first-quarter points from Carter Williams.

In the second quarter, the Hornets were sparked by West Allman on the offensive end and Trae Miller on the defensive side of the ball.

Allman scored all ten of his points in the quarter while Miller guided a Hornet defense that allowed just four Salado points in the period. The Eagles shot 0 for 8 from the three-point line in the first half and made just 3 of 18 in the game. In their prior meeting, the Eagles made 11 of 25 from beyond the arc.

Campbell said that his team didn't change anything schematically, they just changed their effort.

"I thought they would shoot more but part of it was that we did a better job defensively

not letting them have those open looks," he said. "We just kind of elevated the stuff we were doing and were more aggressive and once we got going we just played with momentum."

The momentum carried over into the third quarter as the Hornets extended their lead to as large as 52-28 late in the period. After a relatively quiet first half, the third quarter belonged to Shea and Banner Allman as the duo combined to score 21 points on 10 of 12 shooting in the frame.

Banner Allman led all scorers with 18 points and had five rebounds. Through seven games of district play, the senior guard leads District 23-4A in scoring at 19.7 points per game. Shea had 18 points while Carter Williams finished with ten points, six rebounds, and four assists.

The Hornets hosted La Vega on Feb. 7 then welcome Robinson on Friday for senior night. Wins against the Pirates and Rockets would secure second place in the district standings - something that's less of a concern to Campbell than continuing to improve.

"We kind of got into a little slump but we got ourselves out of it. There are still little things to improve on but I think we are in a really good place right now."

Determination in drive for Gatesville during final stretch of season



JEFF OSBORNE
THE GATESVILLE
MESSENGER

Paige Sentillas drives downcourt for the Hornets in a home game earlier this season. After back-to-back road games Feb. 2-3 (one of which was delayed by icy weather conditions), Gatesville was scheduled to host the La Vega Pirates on Feb. 7.

GHS send 5 wrestlers to region

The Gatesville Hornets wrestling team will send five athletes to the regional tournament thanks to their finishes at the District 10-5A tournament.

On the girls side, Taylor Shea (1-1) garnered the silver medal, while Brianna Allen (3-1) also earned silver. They will be joined at regionals by Hannah Aguilar, who placed fifth and advances as an alternate.

The boys team qualified two wrestlers for regional competition. Cameron Baker (3-2) finished fourth and advanced to regionals, while David Manear (2-2) was fifth and will go as an alternate.

The 5A-Region III tournament will be held Friday and Saturday, Feb. 10-11, at Anna High School.

After a January kickoff with record attendance at First Day Hikes across the state, Texas State Parks' Centennial Celebration continues with a new round of special community events this month.

In February, state parks in North Texas, East Texas, Huntsville and San Antonio will host a variety of events, including several that commemorate Black History Month.

At Ray Roberts Lake State Park in North Texas, find out how to be part of

the next 100 years of Texas State Parks at a career fair on Feb. 18. Visit with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department staff from all divisions to learn about current job postings.

Visitors to Huntsville State Park can walk in the footsteps of the young men in the Civilian Conservation Corps who built the park in the late 1930s.

In San Antonio, Government Canyon State Natural Area park staff are going all out on Feb. 18. Try a special geocache challenge, learn about the

wonders of Texas' native plants and Government Canyon's history, take a guided hike to see dinosaur tracks and visit the savannah restoration area.

Celebrate Black History Month at a variety of events across the state, including Cedar Hill State Park and Hill Country State Natural Area on Feb. 11, Brazos Bend State Park and Atlanta State Park, Caddo Lake State Park and Ray Roberts Lake State Park on Feb. 18 and Lake Livingston State Park on Feb. 25.

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