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Military, community focus on partnership opportunities

BY JEFF OSBORNE
Senior Writer & Editor

Soldiers stationed at North Fort Hood and Coryell County residents gathered Feb. 7 at The Feed Mill in Gatesville for the North Fort Hood Council to talk about upcoming events and opportunities for partnerships.

One upcoming event will be a Gatesville High School baseball game in March that will honor military personnel and first-responders.

"In the fall our football team has a military appreciation night, and this spring the baseball team wants to have an appreciation night," said Yancey Sanderson, executive director of testing and federal programs for the Gatesville Independent School District.

"We are planning this for March 21 and would like to have a military (dignitary) throw out the first pitch."

Sanderson also asked North Fort Hood personnel to see if there is anyone who works there or possibly at Fort Hood who might fill a specific job for the district.

"We are in desperate need of a diesel mechanic, so if anyone does that and is retiring

from the military, we would be interested in talking to them."

One event the community and North Fort Hood worked together on that took place Feb. 10 is a military appreciation fish fry at the Gatesville Civic Center. About 500 people were expected to attend the event, including up to 300 deploying troops.

The same weekend, North Fort Hood is hosting a Super Bowl party for soldiers, with many items being donated by the Gatesville community.

"This is an annual event at North Fort Hood, although we missed one year because of COVID," said Diana Fincher, director of the North Fort Hood Ministry. "The community has been supportive of this for 10 years."

"Our community is contributing a grill, and H-E-B is supplying donations of lots of sodas. Churches and the Gatesville Exchange Club are also part of this. This is a tradition and something our community strongly supports."

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COURTESY PHOTO

The Gatesville community hosted a Military Appreciation Concert and Barbecue in April 2022 at North Fort Hood, and has planned a similar event for this June.

Resident proposes pump track for Gatesville

BY JEFF OSBORNE
Senior Writer & Editor

When Lauren Morrell of Gatesville heard that a new city park is planned near the fitness center, one of the ideas that came to mind is the possibility of including a state-of-the-art pump track for bicycles.

While many may not even have heard of a pump track, Morrell said including such a facility at the new Gatesville park would not only be beneficial to local residents, but could also serve as a feature attraction for visitors from outside the area.

"It's something for your consideration," Morrell told the Gatesville City Council during its Jan. 24 meeting. "The closest ones in Texas are in the San Antonio area. A benefit is that people will come from different areas like Waco or Dallas for this type of feature. Something like this would actually bring a lot of people into the community. They are very rare but very popular. It goes well with a walking track."

Morrell said her husband is a cycling enthusiast, so their family has made special trips to enjoy the amenities of pump tracks.

A pump track is defined as "a looped sequence of rollers and berms — swoopy, banked turns — for bike riders. It's designed to maximize your momentum, so you can ride it with minimal pedaling," according to bicycling.com.

The Parkitect website says this about pump tracks: "Besides being an innovative play park amenity trending in more and more public spaces, a pump track is a track for wheeled sports equipment that, when ridden properly, does not require pedaling or pushing, but a 'pumping' action to maintain momentum."

As for the cost, Morrell said, "They can be built for \$250,000 and up. The one in Bentonville, Arkansas is 9,000 square feet and cost \$350,000."

Because the suggestion by Morrell was part of the visitor's forum, the Council took no action and had no discussion on the topic during the meeting.

A video showing the features of a pump track at Port Angeles in Washington state, as well as other tracks, can be viewed online at sites including YouTube.

The first pump track was built in Boulder, Colo. in 2004 by professional cyclist Steve Wentz. Paris, Texas is another location of a pump track within a four-hour drive of Gatesville.



COURTESY PHOTO

Cycling enthusiasts enjoy the amenities of a pump track in northern Arkansas. One local resident has asked the Gatesville City Council to consider building a pump track locally.

County approves measures to address fuel cost changes

BY JEFF OSBORNE
Senior Writer & Editor

Being able to have access to the materials needed — and also staying within the allotted budget — is crucial for being able to maintain streets throughout the county.

With that in mind, the Coryell County Commissioners Court recently focused on issuing bids for paving aggregate and also for hauling and trucking of those materials to areas where they are needed.

One of the items added to the county's contracts is a fuel price escalation scale. Be-

cause of fluctuating fuel prices, companies that bring materials to Coryell County may seek to increase the amount of compensation they receive to cover costs.

Justin Latham, director of the county's road and bridge department, said while that is a fair and expected adjustment, he also wants to make sure the county is also not overpaying in those situations.

"We added a fuel surcharge sheet," Latham said. "On the last Monday of the month, we look at whatever the fuel price is and that is set for the cost for the next month. We are

trying to do this in anticipation of (contractor price increases). No one will hold at a yearly price."

Addressing the possible price changes is something that helps protect the county, Latham said.

"This will avoid having a trucking company setting a price of \$8 (for a gallon of fuel) when the actual cost may be \$4," he said. "We will adjust the cost to cover anything over \$4. So at 25 cents per mile, at 16 to 20 miles, we would pay \$100 per load."

He said if fuel costs are set at \$5 a gallon,

the company hauling items for the county would have a percentage added to the base rate to cover the added cost.

"We are trying to make it equitable for them and for us," Latham said.

Without the added stipulations, Commissioner Keith Taylor noted that the county would lose money if the price of fuel decreases.

"And if it goes up, this would cover that," said County Attorney Brandon Belt.

The commissioners court unanimously approved the measure.



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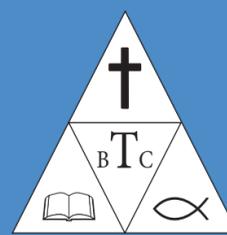
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Coryell County's Ryan Basham and Doug Davidson, representing the Oglesby Lions Club, invited soldiers and community members to attend the annual Oglesby Lions Club Rattlesnake Roundup Feb. 25-26 at the Oglesby Community Center.

Basham said four shows are scheduled for Saturday — at 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., and three shows are scheduled for Sunday — at noon, 2 and 4 p.m.

The event will include live music, games, children's train rides, fried catfish and rattlesnake, and of course, the opportunity to see rattlesnakes.

"One guy will have a king cobra, snakes will burst balloons and one person will get in a sleeping bag full of snakes," Davidson said. "There will be an opportunity to watch rattlesnake milking (of venom) or even to touch a snake."

Weigh-in for the snakes will start at 7 a.m. Feb. 25, and as many as 1,200 snakes are expected to be at the event.

Cost is \$5 to attend, although admission is free to children under 6 and also to military personnel and their families.

Gatesville Exchange Club member and soldier Lauren Morrell talked about another event scheduled for later this year — the Gatesville Exchange Club Fire Ant Bicycle Tour scheduled for June 10.

"The cost to enroll is \$35 through the end of March (with a price increase scheduled thereafter)," she said.

Fincher said the event is a popular one not only locally, but statewide.

"People come from all over the state to ride because it's such a challenge with our different terrain," she said. "Lance Armstrong (who won multiple Tour de France



GLADYS WHITENBURG | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Diana Fincher, center, greets two soldiers stationed at North Ford Hood during a military tailgate event before Military Appreciation Night at a Gatesville High School football game last fall.

bicycle competitions) trained here."

A new recreation center recently opened for soldiers at North Fort Hood. So far, more than 1,700 soldiers have used the facility. Donations are being sought for soundproofing materials for the building.

On June 4, the North Fort Hood Ministry will have the North Fort Hood Military Heroes Appreciation Concert and Barbecue.

This is the third time for the event, which had previously been held in April.

Other events planned include:

* March 4: The Gatesville Chamber Foundation Giveaway, which offers 200 people an opportunity to purchase raffle tickets to win \$10,000.

* June 2-3: The Gatesville Chamber of Commerce Shivarree, which will include carnival rides, vendors and live music performances.

* April 1: The Go Texan scholarship fundraiser at the Gatesville Civic Center to provide student scholarships. This is in partnership with the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

* July 4: Independence Day festivities to include a fireworks show

* Late July: The 86th Annual Gatesville Riding Club Rodeo.

Belt Buckle Fundraiser



JEFF OSBORNE | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Dr. Brit Clay, a local veterinarian and member of the Gatesville Lions Club, had the winning bid of \$300 for this belt buckle. Proceeds will benefit the Cody Stephens Foundation, which works to promote heart screening programs and to raise awareness of Sudden Cardiac Arrest.

Air Cav conducts aerial gunnery exercises

BY SGT. ALEX ROMEY
U.S. Army

The 1st Air Cavalry Brigade "Air Cav," 1st Cavalry Division are conducting aerial gunnery exercises to ensure they have proficient and well-trained aircrews throughout January and February at Fort Hood.

Aviation gunnery trains individuals, crews, and pilots on aviation proficiency, resupplying and refueling aircraft while validating the operational readiness of the unit. The brigade has been conducting various day-and-night tables to prove the capability of First Team troopers.

"The 1st Air Cavalry Brigade is conducting aerial gunnery operations to ensure that our pilots, crew members, and troopers are trained and disciplined in their profession," said Capt. Alyena Colbrook, a UH-60 Black Hawk pilot. "Conducting this training builds a cohesive team and strengthens unit readiness."

Troopers from across the brigade including pilots, mechanics, fuelers, medics, and downed aircraft recovery teams are perfecting their skills after recently



COURTESY PHOTO

Pilots from the 1st Air Cavalry Brigade demonstrate the aerial capabilities of an AH-64 Apache attack helicopter at Fort Hood.

returning from their deployments to Europe and the Middle East.

"Readiness is always at the top of our mind," said 1st Lt. Joshua Fernquist, AH-64 Apache pilot and platoon leader for Bravo Company, 1-227th Attack Battalion. "We just got back from Iraq, and we're right back into the swing of it right now."

The exercise included AH-64 Apaches, UH-60 Black Hawks and CH-47 Chinooks performing various tables while being rearmed, re-

fueled, and repaired with ground crews located at the Forward Arming and Refueling Points in the Fort Hood training area.

"One of the reasons why I and all the other aviators are always studying is because we need to make sure that we are absolutely the most professional aviators that the military has to offer anywhere in the world," Fernquist said. "So we need to make sure that we have a great understanding of situational awareness."





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

Grace Assembly Christian Church invites the community to dine at the King's Table today, Feb. 11. The meal will begin at 1 p.m. and will continue through 3 p.m. There will be fellowship, fun, song, and plenty of food.

The King's cooks will have baked ziti, salad, and garlic bread prepared for the meal. There will be a list of desserts from cheesecake to chocolate brownies. Appreciation bags will be given out for the King's guests.

Grace Assembly Christian Church has a long, proud history of serving the people of Gatesville. Through the dedication of leadership, staff members, and volunteers, impact in worship, fun, song, and plenty of food. The King's cooks will have baked ziti, salad, and garlic bread prepared for the meal. There will be a list of desserts from cheesecake to chocolate brownies. Appreciation bags will be given out for the King's guests.

Grace Assembly Christian Church is located at 1408 Waco Street in Gatesville. For further information on this event call 254-865-6949.



FROM MY FRONT PORCH

Icy winter weather creates a variety of unfortunate problems

SAM HOUSTON

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

We all know the weather last week caused upheaval in everyone's life. I do not really dislike cold weather per se, but the part of winter I have always detested is when poor weather prevents travel.



Houston

It makes me crazy to be in a situation where I am not sure if I can successfully drive someplace or can get back home without ending up stranded in a ditch. Traveling by plane is even more problematic. Flights get canceled and it is easy to end up in a far away airport for an extended period waiting for the weather to break.

Hyde Media prints not only our newspapers, but newspapers for a variety of different entities. We print and transport newspapers from as far as Gainesville, Bowie, Evant, and Comanche. With employees unable to make it to work, and the roads being impassable to deliver, we were unable to get newspapers out the door and have them arrive at their destination on schedule. Our newspaper's e-edition was posted online as were social media posts explaining the problems we were experiencing over the weather. As the weather broke at the end of the week, we worked through the weekend getting caught up and having papers delivered.

All these weather-related problems were almost too much for me. It was impossible to create a concrete plan of action for work because of the inability to know with certainty what the weather was going to do, and the status of roads that would allow staff to get to work.

When I got up on Tuesday morning I was determined to travel to the office and get something accomplished. I had parked my car out on the street to avoid issues with getting up my very downhill slanting driveway. Ice was defrosted and scrapped from my windshield and I took off. It was pleasing to find I was able to negotiate the roads with little difficulty. I made the 15-minute trip to the office, stopped my car and started to enter the building when I realized I had left my

phone at home!

I will never be able to print the words I shouted out at my incompetence for not being sure I had everything I needed when I left the house. I had no choice but to drive back home as I knew employees would be reaching out to me by phone seeking instructions. I turned the car around, drove home and started back to work. By now the sleet once again began to fall and the roads had deteriorated by 50% from the time of my first trip just a few minutes earlier. It was treacherous but I made it.

I got back to work and stayed there until midafternoon. All the staff had been sent home or had never attempted to brave the roads. The weatherman indicated more sleet would fall starting after lunch, so I decided to head home out of fear I would never be able to get there once the weather took another turn for the worse.

Driving home it seemed like everything in town was closed and there was very little traffic. Staying slow and steady, my car turned onto my street and I was thankful I had made it back without any issue. I had brought my laptop from the office so I could work from home if I was unable to get out the next day. Once parked, I gathered up my materials and started down the driveway. I took no more than two steps on the slanted driveway when my feet flew out from underneath me, and I fell on my backside and began a rather steady slide down the driveway toward the house. The items I was carrying flew everywhere as I began a slow descent on my backside. It was not pleasant.

The humiliation of the fall was overwhelming, and nearly matched by the pain I felt in my hip and lower back. It was a strategic nightmare to get myself gathered to the point where I could stand on the ice, pick up my materials, and

get in the house. The rest of the day my back reminded me of the travails of winter weather.

The bright spot of this silly weather situation was the way I saw people working together to overcome the problems the sleet and ice created. It seems everyone was accepting and understanding about the newspaper being late for delivery. Our staff was exceptional in helping every way they could to get us back on our normal production schedule. In the community, neighbors helped neighbors and we all made out the best we could.

My wife is still giggling about seeing me slide down the driveway on my backside while the items I was carrying flew all over the place. I am sure it created an image lots of our readers would enjoy seeing.

I hope you made it through the weather in good shape.

Would somebody please explain to me how they prefer the cold over the heat of summer?

Thought for the day: We should all take a lesson from the weather; it pays no attention to criticism.

Until next time I will keep ridin' the storm out.
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OGLESBY LIONS: Members of the Oglesby Lions Club including officers and directors.

ALEX MEELBUSCH | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Oglesby Lions Club to host 53rd annual Rattlesnake Roundup, Feb. 25-26

The Oglesby Lions Club will be hosting the 53rd annual Rattlesnake Roundup on Saturday, Feb. 25, and Sunday, Feb. 26. The Rattle-

snake 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 7-10 a.m. Concessions will be taken care of by the Oglesby Volunteer Fire Department and the Oglesby ISD.

World famous snake handler Jackie Bibby, known as "The Texas Snake Man," 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 also 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.

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.

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 on Facebook at Oglesby Lions Club Rattlesnake Roundup.

Officers of the Oglesby Lions Club include: Cody Miller, president; Ryan Basham, 1st vice president; Willie Smith, 2nd vice president; Nancy Kepple, secretary; and Ted Tatum, treasurer.

Coryell 4-H youth to participate in photography contest in March

District 8 of 4-H will be holding its 2023 photography contest during the month of March. The Coryell County online entry deadline will be March 2 at 11:59 p.m. The contest will be open to all Coryell 4-H youth in grades K-12.

This is a great opportunity for the 4-H youth to showcase their photography skills. No entry fee will be required. Winners at the county contest will



advance to district. The 4-H youth are encouraged to dig out those cameras and go find the beauty in their surroundings. This year's contest will open online March 6 and run through March 24. Please note that all photos entered in the district contest must have first qualified from their county contest. Students need to make sure they check with their CEA for their contest dates and deadlines.

All rules, guidelines and categories can be found by visiting:

<https://agrilife.org/.../events-and.../photography-contest/>



1854 Vendor Spotlight



At 1854 Mercantile, we believe that supporting SMALL business makes a BIG impact in the community. We love the fact that most of our vendors are local, either to Gatesville or to the central Texas area, and every now and then, we would like to shine the spotlight on them. Brandi Miller is a vendor at the Mercantile that makes soaps, bath bombs and lotions, by the name of The Stressed Out Mom. She also has a line for men called, The Stressed Out Dad. She started with making melt and pour soaps as Christmas gifts for friends and family. She loves what she does because she gets to choose what goes into the items and knows that anyone can pronounce the ingredients. Brandi has taken the time to research the benefits of each oil and butter used in her products. Brandi, originally from Tennessee, is married to Matt Miller, a Gatesville native, and moved here in 2013. A mom to two girls, Emmalie, 6, and Isabella, 3, Brandi is a homebody who enjoys spending time with her family. Her advice to anyone looking to try something new is, "Life is no fun without a little risk, but be smart about it, do your research and then just DO IT!" Come try her soaps and body butters out in person at 1854 Mercantile, because you never know, you just may find your new favorite thing!!

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OBITUARIES

ROBERT ALLEN (BOB) VALENCA

Sept. 27, 1948 - Feb. 1, 2023



Robert Allen (Bob) Valenca, age 74, of Gatesville, passed away Wednesday, February 1, 2023, at his resi-

dence. A graveside service with military honors will be Wednesday, February 22, at 2 p.m. at Dallas Ft. Worth National Cemetery.

Bob was born on September 27, 1948, in Danbury, Connecticut to the late Manuel and Elizabeth (Otis) Valenca. He joined the U.S. Navy and served proudly for 35 years, until his retirement in 1995. August 12, 1968, he married Joy Johnson in San Diego, California. Bob was a lifelong member of the VFW as well as the American Foreign Legion.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Beverly; and grandchildren, Isaac Bueno and Cameron Valenca.

Bob is survived by his wife, Joy; daughter, Kara Yo-

com and husband, Matt; son, Rob Valenca and wife, Donna; siblings, Ken, Manny, Al, Carol, Betty, Tony, Rick, and Keith; grandchildren, Bethany Hurtado and husband, Donovan, Christopher Bueno, Jr. and wife, Jennifer, Kaitlyn Yocom, Hannah Bueno, Matthew Yocom, Aaron Yocom, Shelbi Valenca, and Devon Valenca; and great grandchild, Laura Hurtado.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, www.afsp.org.



COURTESY PHOTO

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

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

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Gatesville will be celebrating its 75th anniversary as a church on 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. The Mass is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m.

Following the Mass, there will be a celebration at 1 p.m. at the Gatesville Civic Center with a meal, entertainment, social time, chil-

dren's games, a talent show, and Loteria (Spanish BINGO) will begin at 2 p.m. There will also be an Our Lady of Lourdes History Book and Directory available for \$35 per copy.

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

for Boys in Gatesville. The parish also served the many Catholics in the military who were stationed at Fort Hood during World War II.

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

Barn quilts are big in northeast Texas

TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Tumbleweed Smith of Big Spring, is a newspaper columnist and producer of The Sound of Texas radio series.



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

If you're anywhere near Bonham, the county seat of Fannin County, you see a lot of quilt patterns painted on barns and other buildings. The paintings represent one square of a quilt.

"The history of barn quilts came about some years ago when barns in Kentucky and Ohio and different areas were coming into disrepair and residents wanted to brighten up their communities," said Patti Wolf, who ranches near Ivanhoe north of Bonham. She created a barn quilt trail that winds through Fannin County.

"At any given time, we have 150 to 170 squares," Patti said. "It fluctuates because people are moving out or in and some are being repaired. It takes two days to see all of them. We provide maps."

Most of the quilt paintings are four feet by four feet square, but some are eight feet by eight feet.

"We have a few two feet by two feet, but I didn't go that direction because I wanted people to be able to see these from the road and enjoy looking at them."

Some are painted directly on the buildings. Others are

painted on wood or metal and screwed onto the structures.

"It's outdoor paint of course. We have a huge tourist attraction here and have people come here from all over the United States and Canada. We've even had some from Italy. My goal was basically to celebrate this community and its residents."

She says it's easy to paint a quilt square.

"It's all geometric. Get out your ruler and a pencil; draw your pattern on a board or something. It's all between lines and stuff. If you can color, you can paint a quilt square. It's great fun. We have several on our place and people are always driving by and looking at them."

It's also a great project for kids and family members to work together.

"Home schoolers can make them. At our high school in Bonham the geog-

raphy teacher had his students paint a quilt square. It's good for the kids because it's numbers and measuring stuff. It goes up on their agriculture barn."

Some people looking for ideas about quilt design turn to Google or other social sites. In earlier times the Kansas City Star newspaper put a quilt design in every edition published. Many early quilters relied on the paper for patterns.

"O my gosh, there's so many quilt patterns out there. Everybody has a quilt that grandma made and it's a wonderful way to make her memory last a long time."

The trail is 12 years old and is called The Fannin County Quilt Barn Trail, The Largest Barn Quilt Trail in The state of Texas.

Whatever happened to....

20 YEARS AGO (2003)

Carly McClellan of Gatesville was among the December graduates at Sam Houston State University. McClellan was awarded a bachelor of arts degree in journalism/public relations.

Homer and Jean Davis of Gatesville were pictured in The Gatesville Messenger being each other's Valentine for 55 years and counting. The couple said that living by Biblical principles had been the key for their longevity as a couple.

Long-time Gatesville teacher Gerald Poe was named the February Educators Credit Union Student Choice Award winner. He was nominated for the award by Evelyn Duran and Amanda Cheshire. Gerald had worked for the Gatesville school district for 40 years.

Gatesville residents Steven Dossman, a history major, and Graig Keeton, a multidisciplinary studies major, were named to the Dean's List at McMurry University in Abilene.

Gatesville Mayor Daren Moore proclaimed the week of Feb. 3-7 as "Energy Week" and urged local citizens to join with the Gatesville High School Student Council in observing the week. The student council was promoting energy conservation.

Mark Staton, who spent five years at the local Ford store, had been named a service advisor at the local car dealership Coleman Autoplex. Staton was available for automotive service needs.

30 YEARS AGO (1993)

Coryell County 4-H Club member Coy Chambers was among eight calf scramble winners during a Jan. 30 performance of the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show. Chambers was presented with \$500 for successfully catching, haltering, and leading a calf to the scramble judges.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Moore of Mound were announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Nicole, to Nathan Gohlke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gohlke of

Jonesboro.

Ron Chambers, park manager at Raby Park, reported that flowers were already starting to bloom at both Raby Park and Faunt Le Roy parks. Chambers said that some flowers had started to bloom in January, which was very unusual for the time.

Kenney and Sadie Shelburne were about to celebrate their 49th wedding anniversary. Kenney Shelburne and the former Sadie Mae Betros were married on Feb. 14, 1943, at Columbus Avenue Baptist Church in Waco.

Gatesville Hornet Jeb Waters, who was a senior at Gatesville High School, was participating in a tennis tournament against Troy High School. Waters qualified to participate in the regional tournament the prior year.

The Gatesville VFW was hosting a dance with music by "Country Attractions" with Billy Spencer playing the fiddle.

40 YEARS AGO (1983)

Three Gatesville Junior High School choir members, Clay Hunt, Lori Branham, and Todd Jones, were placed on the All-Region Choir in competition at Killeen High School. The choir director was Diana Fincher.

Larry McDonald was one of 145 justices of the peace attending a Texas Justice of the Peace Training Center seminar held in Huntsville. McDonald was the justice of the peace for Coryell County's Precinct 3.

Harel Montgomery assumed duties as the new manager of Barnes Lumber Inc. in Gatesville, succeeding H.W. (Man) Kellogg. Montgomery's appointment was announced by Clayton Ray, who was the general manager of the Barnes corporation.

The First Baptist Church in Flat was to be torn down making way for a new \$90,000 church facility. The old church was built in the 1940s. Church pastor David Johnston said the new church would be slightly larger than the old one.

Sports Afield, a nationally circulated outdoor maga-

zine, had announced the appointment of Gary's Marine in Gatesville as an Official State Fishing Awards Station.

Harel Montgomery was voted into the Gatesville Lions Club, becoming the 320th member brought into the local club by R.M. Arnold over a period of more than 30 years. Arnold was one of the top-ranking Lions in Lions International in securing new members.

50 YEARS AGO (1973)

Steve Davis, a popular Gatesville High School student-athlete, was picked by the Gatesville Hornette squad as the school's basketball "beau" for 1973. Davis was listed as the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur T. Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill Martin were being honored on their golden wedding anniversary. Hill Martin and the former Vera Craddock were married on Valentine's Day in 1923 in Gatesville. Both were born and raised in Coryell County.

Roger H. Miller was honored by Gulf Oil Corporation officials. Miller was cited for the 49 years he was associated with Gulf. He was awarded a plaque at an appreciation luncheon at the Chateau Ville restaurant.

The Stingettes, members of Gatesville High School's colorful precision drill team, had chosen Diane Tatum and Debbie Magee as their leaders for 1973-74. Diane was listed as the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Tatum while Debbie was listed as being the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Magee.

Joy Lavern Barton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Barton of Gatesville, was a candidate for a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Texas School of Communication in Austin. She was a 1968 graduate of Gatesville High School.

A trio of Gatesville High School drill team leaders — Diane Tatum, Pam Richards, and Mary Jo Crow — had won a Top Division 1 rating in the East Texas State University Blue and Gold Drill Team Contest held at Commerce.

One More Time

*If I had just one more time!
If I only knew this would be the last time!
Sometimes you're not given one more time!
If I had one more time to tell you I love you!
If I had one more time to tell you I'm sorry!
If I had one more time to hold you!
If I had one more time to hug you!
If I had one more time to kiss you!
God does not promise us one more time!
Life is not promised to us for one more time!
So we must use our one more time wisely.
So tell those you love, "I love you!"
So tell those you have hurt that you are sorry.
So hug those that need comfort!
So kiss those you hold dearly!*

*Always remember there may not be one more time!
Always remember this might be the last time!*

*God promised you "eternal life," not "one more time."
Don't waste your "one more time."*

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A McDonald's anniversary...

BY DAVID SCOTT
Staff Writer

On Feb. 1, 1975, a tradition that would last for 48 years began following the marriage of Gatesville couple Ed and Eileen Stacy.

The couple were married at the Antioch Baptist Church in New Hope, Tennessee. Following their wedding ceremony, the newlyweds started out for their honeymoon in the Great Smoky Mountains of Tennessee. Along the way, they stopped to eat at a McDonald's, where Ed ordered a Quarter Pounder with cheese, fries, and a Dr Pepper. Eileen ordered a Big Mac, fries, and a chocolate shake. Little did they realize that this would become an anniversary tradition that would continue for years to come.

Later in their marriage, even when they were apart from each other when Ed had to make business trips, on their anniversary Ed would find a McDonald's to eat at, ordering the same meal, and Eileen would do the same back home. Even though they were sometimes apart, they chose to carry on their tradition.

Upon hearing their story, the manager at a local McDonald's where they were living in Bay City, treated the couple to a free meal. The couple resided in Bay City for 23 years before moving to Gatesville three years ago to be near their two daughters and two

grandchildren.

They began to visit the Gatesville Senior Center for meals and activities that the center offers. The director of the center, Pam Rudolph, and Camilla Edge, the nutrition supervisor, heard the story of the Stacys' tradition and decided to do something special for them at the Senior Center. They contacted Grace Hudson at the H-E-B bakery, and she created a cake in the exact image of a Big Mac, fries, and a shake to surprise the couple.

Due to the recent ice storm, the surprise came a few days late after their actual anniversary. The couple were very surprised by the cake and the recognition of their annual anniversary tradition. They were also approached by the manager at the Gatesville McDonald's who offered them a free meal in honor of their anniversary.

Reflecting on their wedding and marriage, Eileen Stacy said "God didn't give me the man of my dreams, but gave me the man of my needs." In two years, the couple will celebrate their 50th anniversary — and chances are, it will be at the Gatesville McDonald's.



Ed and Eileen Stacy pose with their "McDonald's hamburger" cake they were surprised with at the Gatesville Senior Center.

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A closer look at the "McDonald's hamburger" cake presented to the Stacys at the Gatesville Senior Center. The couple were surprised with the cake by center director Pam Rudolph and nutrition supervisor Camilla Edge after learning the Stacys celebrate their anniversaries with a meal from McDonald's. The cake was complete with an order of fries and a shake.



Gatesville Junior High Class of 2027 to hold T-shirt fundraiser

Gatesville Junior High School's class of 2027 is holding a T-shirt fundraiser. All T-shirts must be pre-ordered by Wednesday, Feb. 15, at a cost of \$25 each.

All proceeds will directly benefit the class of 2027 as it prepares to host the 8th Grade Gala. The gala will

be on Friday, May 5 at the Gatesville Civic Center.

The T-shirts can be pre-ordered by picking up a form at the junior high and returning it with the payment, or by going to the website <https://checkout.square.site/buy/NKHECXZBGM64LVFOQ7BDHAF>. The T-shirts will

be delivered to students at school in early March.

Gatesville Junior High is at 307 S. Lovers Ln. in Gatesville. For more information about the fundraiser visit GHS.Hornets2027@gmail.com or call 254-223-1224.

Cookie sales continue until Feb. 26

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 prod-

ucts (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.

Morris Federation to meet today

The Morris Federation will hold its next meeting today, 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.

Coryell County Youth Livestock Judging Team to hold bake sale today

The Coryell County Youth Livestock Judging Team will hold a bake sale today, 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 254-233-3502.

For further information about the bake sale call 254-223-3888.

NOVEMBER EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Department Head of the Month:
Lorri McDaniel



Lorri is our Business Office Manager and she goes above and beyond for our residents and their families on a daily basis. She steps up when needed and does so in a very professional manner.

Employee of the Month:
Brenda Rupe



Brenda is in Housekeeping and always stops whatever she is doing to help our residents. She works extremely hard and pays attention to all details while cleaning.

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The DISPATCH

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of February 6 - 8. 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. 6
12:11 a.m., a noise disturbance was reported in the 2500 block of E. Main Street.
1:37 p.m., a burglary was reported in the 400 block of N. State Hwy. 36 Bypass.
2:21 p.m., a theft was reported in the 700 block of N. State Hwy. 36 Bypass.
2:51 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 2800 block of S. State Hwy. 36.
6:06 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 600 block of Golf Course Road.
8:19 p.m., a theft was reported in the 1200 block of E. Main Street.

Feb. 7
6:22 a.m., a threat was reported in the 3400 block of Royal Drive.
2:04 p.m., an accident was reported in the 1200 block of E. Main Street.
4:25 p.m., a theft was reported in the 2000 block of Waco Street.
5:45 p.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of E. Main Street.

5:48 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 4400 block of S. State Hwy. 36.
5:59 p.m., a theft was reported in the 1600 block of Golf Course Road.
Feb. 8
10:20 a.m., an accident was reported in the 12000 block of E. Hwy. 84.
1:02 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 200 block of Old Waco Road.
3:33 p.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 8000 block of S. Hwy. 36.
3:28 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 100 block of Valley Circle.

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8:58 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 900 block of Bridge Street.
9:10 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 1000 block of E. Leon Street.

CORYELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Feb. 6
12:19 p.m., harassment was reported in the 200 block of Tippit Lane.
12:21 p.m., a missing person was reported on Hwy. 84.
6:05 p.m., a civil matter was reported in the 300 block of FM 107.
6:41 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 4900 block of CR 107.
9:47 p.m., a major accident was reported on FM 116 at Courtney Lane.
10:01 p.m., shots being fired was reported on Lutheran Church Road.

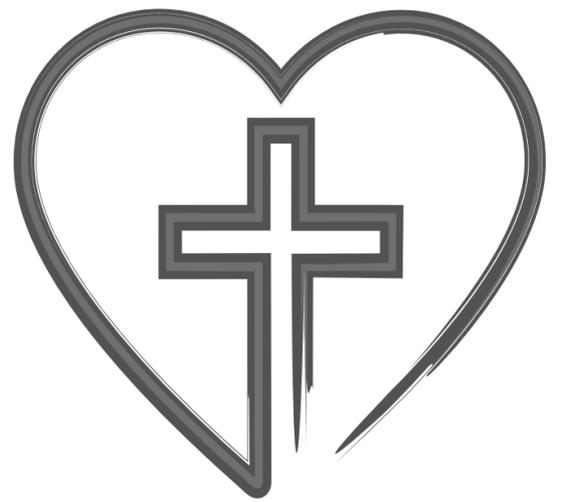
Feb. 7
6:27 a.m., a threat was reported at the Gatesville High School.
12:00 p.m., a theft was reported in the 100 block of

Mulberry Avenue.
1:15 p.m., a major accident was reported in the 3700 block of W. Hwy. 84.
2:19 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on FM 116 at Courtney Road.
3:01 p.m., identity theft was reported in the 200 block of Cedar Mountain Road.
6:35 p.m., a dog bite was reported in the 1500 block of Quail Creek Drive.

Feb. 8
5:20 a.m., an electric pole was reported down in the 100 block of CR 303.
9:08 a.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of E. Leon Street.
10:19 a.m., a major accident was reported on N. Hwy. 36 at Hay Valley Road.
3:50 p.m., harassment was reported in the 500 block of CR 232.
4:15 p.m., identity theft was reported in the 900 block of Chicktown Road.
6:43 p.m., a runaway was reported in the 1400 block of Dunkin Road.

Local stores to hold shopping event Feb. 11

Cowgirls To Lace invites the community to a wine and chocolate fountain shopping event today, Feb. 11. The event will last from 10 a.m. through 4 p.m. Other participating vendors will include the 1854 Mercantile, which will be serving spiked hot chocolate, fudge, and truffles. 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; 1854 Mercantile is located at 501-A East Main Street; and Vintage Royalty is located at 2401 South Hwy 36 Ste. 100.



Valentine auction in Pearl to benefit "His Kids"

The annual Valentine Auction benefiting "His Kids" ministries will be held on Sunday, February 12, at the Pearl Church of Christ following the morning worship service held at 10:30 a.m. Items for the silent auction will be set out in the dining room and the kids' room of the church. Proceeds from the auction will be for "His Kids" scholarships in memory of Richard Williams. For more information about the silent auction, please contact Linda Ray at 254-865-9282.

Jacob Austin Band to perform at Gatesville Country Music Hall of Fame, Feb. 17

The Gatesville Country Music Hall of Fame is proud to announce that The Jacob Austin Band will be performing on the Gatesville City Auditorium stage on Friday, Feb. 17, starting at 7 p.m. Admission will be free. Jacob Austin has been singing since age 3. He became an active member of Brazos Valley TROUPE in the Bryan-College Station area and began performing in public at the age of 10. Soon the director of TROUPE began to give him solos in various productions. As he got older, Austin

began to discover that he enjoyed singing and vocalized his desire to take voice lessons. From singing karaoke style as a member of TROUPE, Jacob branched into live music forming a duet with his father, David (who was in a band back in the "old" days). David plays the 12- and six-string rhythm guitars and is learning the resonator guitar. One thing led to another, and the duo began to sing at Jamborees, opry's, churches, and jubilees around Texas. Austin began playing the mandolin, mountain

dulcimer, guitar, and the harmonica (all self-taught) to add more texture to the sound. During the summer of 2006 they recruited his Mom to join them playing the autoharp, adding another dash of bluegrass flavor to the band's already unique sound. Currently, The Jacob Austin Band continues to play all over the United States. They love to play traditional country, ballads, spiritual/traditional gospel music, oldies, and show tunes as well as some of their original material. Jacob Austin has written several original songs and has co-written others with his father and mother on all their albums — Fresh Hay in 2008, Renewed in 2012, Jacob Austin Band Original Selections (digital only), in 2018, and Step Inside in 2020. All are available at live performances (except for "Original Selections"). Their newest release is also available worldwide on digi-

tal media stores. The group has performed with or alongside many well-known acts such as Jim Ed Brown, Terry Smith, The Redhead Express, Bobby Awe, Jack Langley, Michael Martin Murphy, Matt Boone, and Rayne Magill. In 2012, they were recognized for several honors. The group has been awarded Best Bluegrass Gospel Group of the Year twice by the Coastal Bend Gospel Music Association, and Traditional Gospel CD of the Year by the Rural Roots Music Commission. Austin also placed first in the mandolin contest held at the Traditional Country Music Festival in LeMars, Iowa, twice. The public is invited to come and hear The Jacob Austin Band. The Gatesville Country Music Hall of Fame seeks to provide good, wholesome music with a family-oriented flavor at their free concerts. The programs are held on the third Friday of each month. The Gatesville City Auditorium is located at 110 n. 8th St. in Gatesville just across from the Gatesville Public Library.

Suspect sought in theft of copper in building

Centex Crime Stoppers can use your help in solving a case of theft of copper under \$30,000. Between Dec. 31, 2022, and Feb. 7, 2023, an unknown person(s) forced entry to a building in the 500 block of E. Main St. Suspect(s) stole several lengths of copper wire from throughout the building as well as a detachable busi-

ness sign, which had been attached to an exterior wall. No suspect description is available. If you have any information about any case or any local crime, call Centex Crime Stoppers 24 hours a day at 1-254-865-8477 (TIPS) or visit our website at www.Centexcrimestoppers.org or by downloading the "P3" mobile app available on both the Apple app store and Google Play Store. You never have to give your name, and if your information leads to an arrest, you may be eligible for a cash reward. Crime Stoppers, citizens, police, and the news media working together can make our community a safer place to live. Together we can make a difference.

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

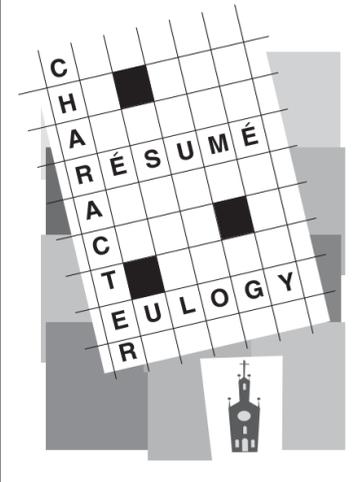
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LIVE OAK BAPTIST CHURCH: David Crosby, Interim Pastor; 113 FM 107, Gatesville; Sunday services - Sunday School 9:15 a.m., morning worship 10:30 a.m., Wed. evening Youth and Children's Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

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

The Importance of Character



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—Proverbs 28:6 ESV

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— Christopher Simon

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

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Dr. David Myers speaks to Morris Federation on 'What Seniors Need to Know'

BY MARSHA LEE
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When people mention terms like "advanced directive," "medical power of attorney," "health care agent," "living will," and "do-not-resuscitate orders," they often have no desire to hear about or discuss such issues. They are not quite ready to face mortality; after all, that seems so far away. But we need to discuss them and take action on them, not waiting until we get old someday.

Why? Myers offered several reasons: "(1) None of us knows our future or when we may wish we had made these decisions before we became incapacitated; (2) In these documents, we can make our own decisions as to what we want — or do not want — done as we face health issues and life-threatening situations and are no longer able to communicate our wishes; (3) it avoids leaving tough decisions on family or friends who do not know what you want or may have ideas that differ significantly from yours concerning your health care; and (4) it helps take the 'guilt' away from the ones who must make those decisions because you have already made them yourself."

An advanced directive is a legal document that explains how you want medical decisions about your care to be made if you cannot make those decisions for your-

self. They may include documents for a medical POA, a health agent, a living will, a DNR, a DNI, or an AND. Let's briefly look at each of these.

A medical POA (power of attorney) is a legal document to name a person to make medical decisions for you in case you can't make them for yourself. For example, if you were in an accident that left you unable to speak or had a major stroke, this person could make choices that honor the kind of care you wish to receive. This person can be a family member, a friend, or lawyer perhaps, but he/she should be someone you trust with your life, and you should discuss in detail what your feelings are about handling health care issues for you.

It is advisable to choose only one person; choosing more than one is a bad idea (even if they are your spouse and/or children) because there is no way to guarantee that all agents will agree in a crisis. You may choose one alternate, in case an immediate decision needs to be made and your agent is not available. In most states, the person you choose may not be your doctor or someone who works for your doctor, hospital, or nursing home.

Your health agent can speak for you only about health care (not money or other legal issues). Also, they can only make decisions for you if the doctor determines that you are not able to make your own decisions. They are legally required to act in your best interest if you are unable to communicate your wishes.

Laws about what health care agents can decide vary from state to state, but they usually include such things as choices about life support; starting, stopping, or trying a different treatment; having surgery; what tests to run; drug treatments; disconnecting life support; how aggressively to treat brain damage or disease; and whether to

focus on comfort and quality of life or do everything possible to extend your life. You may give your agent full authority (as a durable medical POA agent) if you do not set any limitations or time frames on their power. But you do have the option of setting limits on your agent's power; and you can change the documents in the future, if desired.

When your medical POA is filled out, you need to sign it in front of a notary. Some states may also require two witnesses to sign it as well. Then you should put it in a safe place and tell someone where it is. Do not place it in a safety deposit box but choose a place where the designated person can get to it in a hurry if necessary. You also need to provide copies of the POA to others, such as your primary care physician, medical specialists you use regularly, your medical POA agent, close family members or friends, administrator of your assisted living facility, and any hospital or medical clinic where you receive treatment.

You may also change your mind about the medical POA, and you may even change your agent. Be sure to keep your medical POA updated. Remember, too, that if you change anything, you must get the new document signed and notarized (and signed by witnesses if required), and you need to give a copy of the changed document to all those who have copies of your old one.

Some people wonder if they should have a medical POA in place now. Consider this: If you wind up in a serious medical situation someday and do not have a medical POA in place, your family could end up having to fight in court for the right to make those calls. This is something you certainly would not want to put your family through when they are having to deal with a medical crisis. Taking care of things now can as-

sure that all the legal issues are already settled.

A living will (or directive to a physician) is a document that allows you to instruct your physician to administer or withhold life-sustaining treatments after it has been determined that you have an irreversible or terminal condition, and you are not able to communicate your desires yourself. It must be notarized or signed by two witnesses (competent adults and at least one of them not being your medical agent, a relative by blood or marriage, one who has a claim on part of your estate or stands to inherit something from you, your attending physician, or an employee of his, or an employee of a health care facility where you are staying).

The difference between a living will and a medical POA is that the living will only concerns situations where you are terminally ill or have an irreversible condition and are unable to communicate whether you desire life-sustaining treatments to be continued. A medical POA is much broader and covers all health care decisions for you, whether or not you have a terminal illness or irreversible condition. Neither the POA nor the living will has anything to do with resuscitation.

You can have both a living will and a medical POA. There may be some overlapping, depending on how your medical POA was written. However, if you were to become terminally ill and unable to speak for yourself, then it would be best for you to have your desires concerning the continuation of life-sustaining treatments spelled out in a living will. You can specify if you want all life-sustaining efforts to be used, none to be used, or anything in between.

The living will takes effect when two things occur: (1) your physician certifies that you have a terminal illness or an irreversible condition; and (2) you must not be competent to make health care decisions for yourself. And finally, you can revoke your living will at any time regardless of your mental state or competency by stating orally or in writing that you wish to revoke it. But you must notify your physician of your decision so he can record your revocation in your medical records.

A Do-Not-Resuscitate Order (DNR) is a formal medical order between a patient and his doctor, stating that he does not want to have CPR or have the heart resuscitated in the event that his heart stops. The DNR does not affect life-saving measures (like feeding tubes, etc.); it only applies to resuscitation after the heart has stopped. Why have a DNR? Usually, the individual requests a DNR because he believes resuscitation is unlikely to be successful or is unlikely to prolong his life for very long, he fears the resuscitation could endanger his quality of life, or he has a terminal illness and does not



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Dr. David Myers speaks to Morris Federation.

expect to live much longer. He just wants to "let nature take its course."

DNRs are usually sought by aging and terminally ill patients. It is possible for a healthy person to have a DNR, but it is not always a good idea. If you don't fit any of the criteria above, you may be putting yourself at risk of facing a preventable death when effective interventions are available, such as CPR or an external defibrillator.

A living will differs from a DNR in that it covers ventilators, feeding tubes, blood transfusions, dialysis, and other interventions attempted in a health emergency, but the living will does not cover resuscitation. DNR orders strictly focus on resuscitation using measures like CPR, cardiac drugs, and defibrillation; DNR orders say that medical personnel will not try to revive you if your heart stops. Remember, too, that if a DNR order is not in place, the doctor will always try any resuscitation measures available to save a life.

A Do-Not-Intubate order (DNI) prohibits doctors from inserting a breathing tube to prolong a patient's life. It does not apply to resuscitation.

An Allow-Natural-Death order (AND) is used by some hospitals in place of the DNR. It dictates that medical personnel should only use comfort measures to control pain and other symptoms.

A doctor is bound to honor a patient's wishes in the event of a DNR, and no family member has the authority to override those wishes if the order is in effect at the time of the emergency. The only exception is if the DNR was requested by someone like the healthcare agent or a guardian on the patient's behalf; then, they generally would have the authority to request that the order be revoked (but only if they are officially recognized as caretaker for a patient unable to take care of himself). It's not enough to simply be a

spouse or a relative.

DNR orders are primarily for medical personnel. There are also Out-of-Hospital Do-Not-Resuscitate forms (OOH DNR) some individuals may carry. However, if Emergency Rescue Personnel are sent out to help someone, they will attempt resuscitation unless OOH DNR forms are shown to them. Sometimes bystanders may attempt resuscitation measures like CPR on an individual who has a DNR form. Every state has some sort of "Good Samaritan Law" which is designed to protect untrained laypersons who provide life-saving assistance in good faith, regardless of the outcome. Generally, there is one instance in which this law will not protect you: in instances of negligence. You are expected to respond with as much care and competence as any reasonable person would.

Medical planning and preparation for our care in our later years, after unexpected accidents, or in the event of terminal illnesses are very complicated. There are many decisions to make and many documents to consider. However, if we want to have any say in how our medical treatment is handled, then we need to make sure our decisions and desires are fully stated in appropriate legal documents. Forms may be picked up from your primary care physicians or other doctors who treat you. Counseling, advice, and explanations are also available.

We never know what the future holds, and it is far better to have our decisions in place and on paper before we suddenly need them and wish we had made those decisions earlier. These forms and documents will follow you from state to state if you move; but some of the specifics in the documents may vary slightly. Therefore, you might need to check into these documents in the event you move elsewhere. And remember, your decisions and these forms can be revised.

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Schmidt speaks to Retired School Personnel

BY MARSHA LEE
Contributing Writer

The first meeting of the year for Coryell Retired School Personnel (CRSP) was held Jan. 26 at Rancher's Steakhouse. Major items of business included approval of minutes and treasurer's report, committee reports on community volunteer service hours and the Children's Book Project, discussion of the April 12 "Day at the Capitol" and the May 16 District XII Leadership Meeting in Waco, and the silent auction held to raise money for scholarships for two graduating seniors enrolled in college in the fall to pursue a career in education.

The speaker for the program was Rev. Stephen Schmidt, who had served as a pastor in the Central Texas Conference for 41 years before God called him to serve in Gatesville as pastor of the Global Methodist Church. He said he looks forward to laying the groundwork for a church that reclaims the Wesleyan values and feels that the most exciting days of his ministry are yet to come. He and his wife, Karen, have been married 41 years and have three daughters who are married and now have families of their own.

Rev. Schmidt's topic was "Starting a New Year." He began by remarking how difficult it is to believe that we are already almost one month into 2023. However, the arrival of a new year has always been exciting to him. He explained, "It is a chance for a 'do-over,' a new beginning, a fresh start, and a time to make amends. I've always looked forward to opening a box that contained a fresh, new, blank calendar - that's 365 days with no commitments or schedules at all! Of course, as we begin to fill in special dates, appointments, events, meetings, and other activities, we all realize that that there's actually plenty to do!" But, Rev. Schmidt added, "If we love and trust

God, He will give us strength to help handle all things." He then quoted from Isaiah 43:18-19: "Do not call to mind things of the past. Behold, I am doing a new thing. Look ahead, and I will even mark a way through wilderness and rivers in the desert."

The idea of New Year's resolutions is not something new. It actually dates back around 4,000 years to the time of the ancient Babylonians. After cutting down plants and harvesting crops, the people made new resolutions as to planting and planning projects for the coming year. Many of us make resolutions for the new year, whether we take them seriously or not. Rev. Schmidt then listed the top 10 resolutions, according to recent polls, which are: (1) Exercise more; (2) Eat less or eat healthier; (3) Get organized; (4) Save money; (5) Spend more time with family and friends; (6) Try to be happy; (7) Pay off bills; (8) Improve relationships with others; (9) Learn something new every day; and (10) Live life to the fullest and make the most of every day. He then noted that "not one out of these 'Top 10' most popular resolutions involved God!"

As far as fulfilling or sticking to our resolutions, the following poll results prove very interesting: 9% gave up in just a few days; 23% quit within a week or maybe two (in fact, the second Friday of January is called "Quitters' Day"); 43% gave up their goals by February (32 days is about the average length of time spent trying to reach a goal); and 68% admitted they had given up earlier.

Why is this? "First," Rev. Schmidt said, "we lose faith in ourselves, even though the Lord does not." Lamentations 3:23 says, "The Lord's mercies and compassion fail not; rather they are new every morning." And Isaiah 40:31 adds, "They



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CRSP President Gail Johnson pictured with guest speaker Rev. Stephen Schmidt

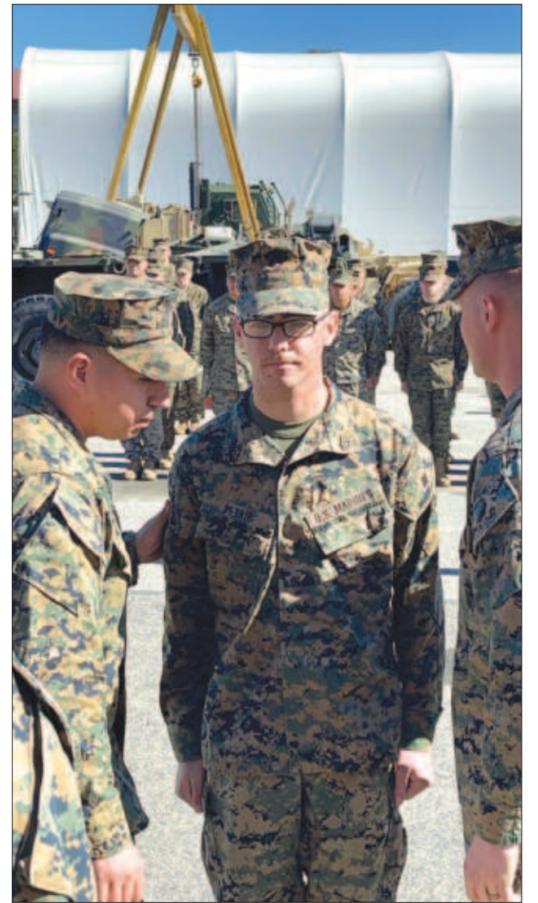
who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength, mount up on the wings of eagles, run and not be weary, walk and not be faint." The Lord is always there to give strength and help us along the way.

"Second," Rev. Schmidt explained, "we are impatient. We don't want to have to wait for anything, not even for our resolutions to be fulfilled." He went on to explain, "The word 'wait' from the Greek translates to English as 'patient, confident, and trusting.' If we have faith, we can trust God to help us achieve those goals. After all, we still have the rest of the year to work on them." In Philippians 3:8-14, Paul said, "I count not myself to have apprehended, but this one thing I do, forgetting those

things which are before. I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

In other words, don't focus on the past, pick yourself up, dust yourself off, and press on to the goal.

"Isn't this when we need God's strength the most?" asked Rev. Schmidt. "Without it, we're prone to lose confidence in ourselves, become impatient, or just decide to give up. Resolve to grow closer to God and get to know Jesus this year. Turn to them and trust in them to give you the patience, the strength, and the guidance you need to attain your goals."



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U.S. Marine Zane Petrie promoted to Sergeant

Zane Petrie recently promoted to Sergeant in U.S. Marine Corps

Zane Petrie, a 2018 graduate of Gatesville High School, serving as a corporal in the U.S. Marine Corp, was recently promoted to the rank of Sergeant at a ceremony held at Camp Pendleton near San Diego, California.

Petrie is the husband of Carlee Petrie and the father of their four-month-

old son, Severus, of Gatesville. He is the son of Brian and Lisa Petrie of Flat and Amanda Petrie of Ft. Worth. He is the grandson of Jerry and Cecilia Petrie of Flat and Chuck and Karen Porter also of Flat.

Zane Petrie will be stationed in Japan in May of this year.

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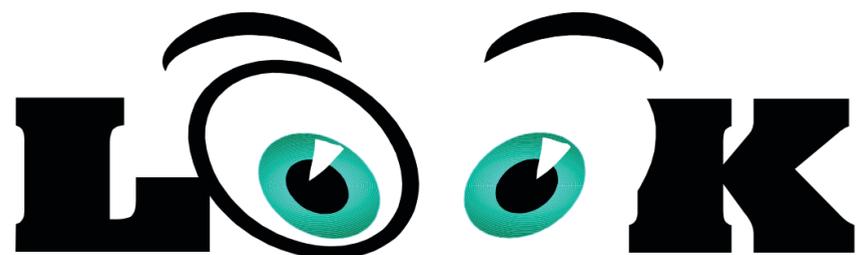
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Hornet girls end basketball season with loss to La Vega Pirates



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Gatesville's Paige Sentillas works her way past a La Vega defender on Feb. 7. The Hornets fell to the Pirates, 83-23, to end the season.

Gatesville High Sports Roundup

Girls basketball: Varsity lost to No. 3-ranked Waco La Vega 83-23. The Hornets ended the season 10-24 overall and tied for fifth place in league play. District 23-4A final standings: La Vega 10-0, Waco Connally 7-3, Salado 6-4, China Spring 5-5, Gatesville 5-5, and Robinson 1-9. JV lost 74-18.

Boys basketball: Varsity lost to Waco La Vega 64-62, forcing a two-way tie for second place between the Hornets and Pirates. District 23-4A updated standings: Waco Connally 8-0, Gatesville and La Vega 5-3, China Spring 4-4, Salado 2-6, and Robinson 0-8. Playoff-bound GHS hosted Robinson here Friday in its home finale, then will end the regular season at China Spring on Feb. 14. JV Gold won 57-39.

Boys golf: Varsity shot 353 to finish third overall at the Lampasas Invitational. Max Healer finished in the Top 10 among medalists with a round of 82, while Gage Ford shot an 87. GHS' next appearance will be at the

regional preview Feb. 17 in Huntsville.

Girls soccer: Varsity beat Lampasas 2-0. GHS (8-2 overall, 2-1 district) hosted China Spring here Friday. Here are District 5-4A standings: Brownwood, Salado and Stephenville 2-0, Gatesville 2-1, China Spring 1-2, Little River Academy 0-3, and Lampasas 0-3.

Boys soccer: Varsity defeated Lampasas 2-1. GHS (7-1-2 overall, 2-1 district) hosted China Spring here Friday. Here are the District 5-4A standings: Brownwood, Salado and Stephenville 2-0, Gatesville 2-1, Lampasas 1-2, Little River Academy 0-3, and China Spring 0-3.

Upcoming events

* Gatesville boys basketball visits China Spring on Feb. 14

* Gatesville softball team opens the season at McGregor on Feb. 14

* Feb. 23: Gatesville High School Hornet Relays will be Feb. 23, with the Gatesville Junior High Hornet Relays on Feb. 24.

Gatesville duo earns mention on State team

Two members of the Gatesville High School varsity football team, junior Lawson Mooney and senior Kyle Shafer, both earned Honorable Mention recognition on the Texas Sports Writers Association Class 4A All State football team.

Mooney was recognized for his talent at the defensive back position, while Shafer earned notice for his performance as a tight end.

The All State team is voted on by sports writers from throughout the state at daily, bi-weekly and weekly newspapers.



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GHS powerlifters pose for a photo after the Gatesville Invitational.

Jonesboro basketball teams defeat Abbott



ANGELA ASHBY | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Alyssa Shumate scored 18 for the Jonesboro Lady Eagles in a 41-27 win over Abbott on Feb. 7.



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Braden Ashby heads for the hoop in the Jonesboro junior varsity's 34-21 win over Abbott on Feb. 7.

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Close loss puts Hornets in tie for 2nd place



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Gatesville's West Allman tries to work his way past a tough La Vega defense on Feb. 7 in the Hornets' tough loss to the Pirates. GHS had beaten La Vega in their first district showdown.



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Rayshon Smith brings the ball downcourt for the Hornets in their Feb. 7 contest against the Pirates.

Shot in last seconds disrupts GHS' efforts to sweep La Vega

BY CHRIS ALLMAN
Sports Correspondent

La Vega got a runner from Qwae Willis in the closing seconds of regulation to sneak past Gatesville 64-62 on Tuesday.

The Hornets (26-6, 5-3) took a 62-59 lead with 39 seconds left on a layup from Tyler Shea before the Pirates scored the final five points of the game for the win. La Vega's Eythan Thompson converted a three-point play with 26 seconds left to tie the game at 62-62 and the Hornets missed their shot a game-winner with six second left.

Following a timeout, Willis took the inbounds pass, scooted down the left sideline, and hit a running ten-footer for a 64-62 lead. Gatesville's final desperation attempt at a game-tying bucket came up short.

For the second time in three games, the Hornets found themselves on the opposite end of last-minute magic after falling to Connally in double overtime on Jan. 31. They've also picked up three district wins by virtue of their own last-minute heroics. The Hornets rallied from nine-points down in the final minute to beat Salado in January, beat La Vega on a last second bucket in the first matchup, and held off Robinson's last second game-winning at-

tempt in their first encounter.

Banner Allman scored 26 points and grabbed seven rebounds in the loss. It was his fifth 20-point game of district and the senior guard leads 23-4A in scoring at 20.5 points per game.

Shea scored 19 points, pulled down six rebounds, and had five assists in the loss. Trae Miller turned in his second straight spectacular effort scoring six points and dishing out eight assists against just one turnover.

The loss dropped the Hornets to a tie for second place in District 23-4A play with the Pirates (18-11, 5-3) after the Hornets fifth district game. Should both teams win their remaining two district games they will play one-game playoff to determine the district's No. 2 seed for the playoffs.

A win over Robinson on Friday coupled with a China Spring loss to Connally would assure the Hornets of finishing no worse than third in the district. Losses to Robinson and to China Spring in the district finale would mean the Hornets would finish fourth in the district.

The Hornets honored departing seniors in Shea, Allman, Carter Williams, and Ethan Nichols prior to Friday's game against Robinson.



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MESSENGER

Tyler Shea takes a jumpshot for the Hornets in the Feb. 7 game against La Vega. Shea scored 19 points for GHS, second most for the team behind Banner Allman's 26-point performance.

Area Fishing Report

Lake Belton

GOOD. Water lightly stained; 52 degrees; 13.89 feet below pool. The water temperature roller coaster moves on as Winter Storm Mara dropped the surface temperatures to the lowest point "winter-to-date" and then three days of 70 degree weather pushed the surface temperature back up to just over 52 degrees. Fish are both tight to the bottom on breaklines in distinct schools as well as parallel to and just off of the main river channel in very large, slowly moving, suspended schools. The fish on bottom were temperamental, typically responding well as soon as our presentations arrived at bottom, then losing interest quickly. We caught these on white 3/8 or 5/8 ounce Bladed Hazy Eye

Slabs using a combination of easing, slow-smoking, and occasional snap-jigging. The suspended fish near the channel were aggressive when they were seen moving horizontally on sonar and, during such times, would hit a slab worked with a slow-smoking tactic. However, if the fish were not moving, they would typically only respond to a dead-sticked soft plastic with jighead positioned horizontally. Report by Bob Maindelle, Holding the Line Guide Service. Cat-fishing has been great with eater fish being caught in 20-40 feet. Trophy blue catfish have been caught on shallow points near ledges using fresh cut bait. Channel catfish have been slow to fair around brush piles in warmer water areas.