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New police chief sworn in



County funds construction with tax note

BY JEFF OSBORNE
Senior Writer & Editor

The Coryell County Commissioners Court approved a seven-year tax note on Feb. 14 that will pay for the construction of a new justice center and also for the expansion of the Coryell County Jail.

The county will receive \$6.7 million in funds on March 15 to go along with an additional \$7 million already set aside for the county in order to complete the projects.

Paul Jason with Specialized Public Finance said notices were sent to 50-60 banks nationwide, starting with local banks, asking about their terms for the seven-year loan.

"Webster Bank out of Connecticut had the best rate at 3.6% (interest)," Jason said. "The call date is Feb. 15, 2026, so you wouldn't be able to pay it off before that. There was a Houston bank that offered a higher rate, but with that you would be able to pay it off at any time."

Jason said Specialized Public Finance recommends the county select the bank with the lowest bid, adding that it would save the county \$51,000 over the seven-year term of the loan.

The first payment of the loan is scheduled for Feb. 15, 2024, with the last scheduled payment to be made on Feb. 15, 2030.

"I'm happy with the rate we got," Jason said. "The rates were at about 4% and have come down, so I'm extremely happy with that."

The commissioners' court unanimously voted to authorize Specialized Public Finance to proceed with Webster Bank on the tax note series.

County details demolition, building plan

BY JEFF OSBORNE
Senior Writer & Editor

With demolition of the old Coryell County jail — which currently houses justices of the peace, constables and their staff — scheduled for this spring, plans are being made to vacate the property.

County Commissioner Scott Weddle provided a timeline to the Coryell County Commissioners Court on Feb. 14, and said officials have been notified to remove sensitive materials (official documents) from the building.

Requests for bids for the demolition are scheduled to be posted, and an on-site review of the property is scheduled for March 2.

The demolition of the old jail will not only result in building a new facility (the justice center, or Leon Street annex) for the staff working there, but will also allow for the expansion of the current Coryell County Jail.

On April 4, construction firm Butler-Cohen is scheduled to submit a price to the county, and the guaranteed maximum price is scheduled to be finalized on April 11.

"There are topics we'll have to address eventually," Weddle said.

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JEFF OSBORNE | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER
Courtney Hunt, wife of new Gatesville Police Chief Brad Hunt, pins the badge on his uniform during a swearing in ceremony on Feb. 14 in the Gatesville City Council Chamber. Hunt's first day on the job was Feb. 3. For another photo of the event, see Page A2.

Brad Hunt welcomed to Gatesville community

BY JEFF OSBORNE
Senior Writer & Editor

Although he has been on the job since Feb. 3, new Gatesville Police Chief Brad Hunt was sworn in during a ceremony on Feb. 14 with his family attending. Hunt's wife, Courtney, pinned her husband's badge to his uniform.

"I appreciate y'all," Hunt told city staff and Gatesville City Council members. "It's an honor to be here today. There are lots of good people working for the city of Gatesville and I am thankful to be working with them."

Hunt said he has a 90-day plan for his first three months in office.

"The first 30 days is mainly to listen, days 30 to 60 are to participate and starting at 90 it's time to get things done," he said. "I am fortunate to come into a situation where there are people who are capable and dedicated."

City Manager Bill Parry said he is pleased to have Hunt lead the department.

"Don't be afraid to take the department to the next level," he said. "We're excited about the opportunity to build things here."

Hunt was previously police chief in Keene, Texas, where he served from April 2020 to January 2023. Keene is a community of about 6,500 in Johnson County.

Before that he worked for the Temple Police Department for 25 years, where he was division commander over special operations. His role involved helping to coordinate community police relations, traffic control, the school resource officer program, investigation of violent crimes, helping oversee Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) operations, hostage negotiations, honor guard and public information.

Hunt has worked closely with Texas police departments in helping them to identify the 168-170 standards that must be met during the Texas Police Chiefs Association's accreditation process. He has helped other departments obtain this designation, and said he hopes to be able to do that as chief in Gatesville.

He said one of his priorities will be working closely with other area law enforcement agencies, along with building on the strong foundation of law enforcement in place at Gatesville, where Nathan Gohlke served as chief for 17 years.



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Focusing on fitness, writing & adventure after 60

BY JEFF OSBORNE
Senior Writer & Editor

As an author, fitness trainer and senior athlete, John Clark has had some interesting experiences — many of which did not occur until after he reached the age of 60.

Clark, who lives in Kempner and is a member of one of Copperas Cove's three Exchange Clubs, shared his story of going from being apprehensive about aging to finally embracing the opportunities and embarking on new adventures. He talked to the Gatesville Exchange Club about his experiences on Feb. 9.

For much of his life, Clark worked as a reporter, including 13 years spent at the Temple Daily Telegram, before writing books. He has since written "about 20 books" on a variety of topics, including "Finally Fit," about his experience of becoming a pole vaulter for the first time at the age of 60, and competing in the National Senior Games.

Asked about his favorite book, Clark said it is probably "Camino: Laughter and Tears along Spain's 500-mile Camino De Santiago."

"That was life-changing," Clark said of his walking journey on the famous trail in Spain which takes people on a 500-mile pilgrimage to the shrine of the apostle St. James in northwestern Spain.

Clark said as a newspaper reporter, he learned that if he had a question about something, "probably somebody else has the same question."

One book he wrote was about seeking answers, finding out about people's spiritual beliefs and why they had those beliefs.

"I was on a spiritual journey, so



John Clark

I drove around Texas and would go up to people randomly and ask them questions (about their faith)," Clark said. "My first stop was in San Saba. I asked a man what he believed and why, and traveled around the country asking the same questions, about what people believe in and how they came to believe it."

Clark said he was partly inspired to write about those questions of faith by the loss of a loved one.

"My mother died in 2000, and that affected me in a lot of ways that I didn't understand at the time," he said. "I became disenchanted with life, so I decided to be a teacher."

Clark said he enjoyed the first three or four years, and then changed school districts to a job situation that proved to be difficult and frustrating for him.

"I did it for 18 years, although I didn't like it for most of the time. I started teaching at 45 and thought it was too late to change to something different then. I felt like I couldn't jump ship at that point."

As he grew older, Clark said that began to change on his mind.

"The summer before I turned 60 — in August — that really freaked me out," he said. "It really got to me. I was miserable with my job. I let myself go physically and would come home and drink to try to forget about the day and then go to bed. I was 50 pounds heavier then,

and I was miserable."

While viewing Facebook one day, Clark said he saw posts by a childhood friend, Bubba Sparks, whom he had grown up with in Houston. Those posts focused on Sparks' experiences as a senior athlete.

"He talked about winning a gold medal in master's pole vaulting at age 64," Clark said. "USA Track and Field has a masters division that starts at age 35 and goes up from there. One guy is 84 and he is still pole vaulting and getting world records — it's great. I decided I wanted to try pole vaulting."

Although he had been involved in athletics in junior high, Clark said he had quit his involvement in sports when he was in high school and "that had always been one of my huge regrets in life."

Clark reached out to Sparks and asked if he could also start pole vaulting. "With Sparks' encouragement, I ended up doing it," Clark said. "On Sunday mornings I would practice pole vaulting for a year. The first six months was kind of a mess. I hurt myself. I pulled every muscle from the waist down at least once."

The training regimen encouraged Clark to work on becoming fit.

"I told my wife there probably weren't a lot of drunken, fat pole vaulters, so after six months, I started working at it and got myself into shape," he said. "I started entering competitions. The first was the Senior Games and it was a disaster. He said he performed poorly on his first attempt, but the second was better. From there, things continued to improve."

Clark has since won five medals

for pole vaulting.

"I've enjoyed working with good coaches," he said. "No matter how bad a practice is, they'll find at least one thing you did right. My record is (8 feet, 6 inches) and I'm not happy with that. But once you reach the 8-foot level you start winning something. Last year, I was 17th in the country and 46th in the world, or something."

People have told him that what he has done is inspiring, which led him into another line of work.

"I decided to become a personal trainer — especially for seniors," Clark said. "The shape I was in, I was depressed and out of shape. I didn't care because I was depressed, I just wanted to get it (life) over with. I want to spread the message that it doesn't have to be that way."

"I now specialize in senior fitness training and have done that for about three years," Clark said. He works with people at a gym in Copperas Cove or in people's homes.

One of his clients is in his 80s and in a wheelchair but works to improve his fitness level.

"He inspires me because he works hard," Clark said. "I saw my dad get into a wheelchair and refuse to exercise, and he never got out."

After he retired from teaching, Clark began writing for the Killeen, Copperas Cove and Fort Hood newspapers. He wrote profiles on military veterans and their spouses, which led to another book.

His walk on the Camino De Santiago is among his most memorable experiences, Clark said.

"For some people it's a religious

pilgrimage, but for me it was mostly for adventure," he said. "At first I was terrified because I'd never been out of the country. We would walk all day and stay at hostels (inexpensive accommodations that often feature dormitory-style amenities)."

"I was scared when my wife took me to the airport (to fly to Spain), and I thought, come on, you're not going to prison."

Clark said he was still apprehensive about the journey when he arrived, so he looked up the cost of an airplane ticket home before beginning the walk. "It was like \$2,500 bucks, so I said, 'I'm not doing that.'"

Those walking on the trail carry backpacks with them, and the advice is to travel light. Clark said he had to learn the hard way to do that.

"The backpack is supposed to be no more than 10% of your body weight, but starting out, mine was like 50 pounds, because I thought I needed all that stuff," Clark said. "The first day, I went eight miles and thought I was dying."

Clark's books are available online and have no connection with Tom Clancy's fictional "John Clark series." To find books Clark has written, the internet search should focus on John H. Clark III, author and freelance writer. A website focusing on his books and writing services is www.johnhenryIII.com.

He is also available for seniors who are interested in fitness. More information can be found at www.fossilfit.net. Clark can also be reached at golfnman13@yahoo.com or by calling 254-290-1829.

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Swearing in the chief



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Gatesville City Secretary Wendy Cole administers the oath of office to Gatesville Police Chief Brad Hunt during a ceremony on Feb. 14.

COUNTY

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Whether to remove the AC units or replace them (is one issue). One is original to the jail so it's about 30 years old."

The location where those displaced by the demolition and construction will be moved temporarily remains to be finalized.

"I should have something to present to the court by the next meeting that I believe will be a suitable option," said County Judge Roger Miller.

Weddle and Commissioner Ryan Basham visited the old jail on Feb. 7 and looked at electronic devices, Weddle said. "We need to come up with an action plan to dispose of that property. My recommendation is that we do it as a lot and get a certificate of destruction. It's a massive amount of stuff that's been set aside, mainly obsolete electronics."

Miller said the county is still awaiting plat

approval from the city of Gatesville before work can begin.

"Regarding items in the old jail (that will be retained), is there any notice they'll need assistance with the storage of that?" Miller asked.

"We have a container the county owns that will work for it," said Commissioner Kyle Matthews. "It's currently being used for courthouse records so there's adequate space."

He said officials will tag materials with a label to determine whether the items need to be kept or disposed of.

"There's a lot of boxes — a lot of trash, actually," Weddle said.

Basham said that is because there are "30-something years" of materials being stored at the old jail. That won't be the case for long, however.

"Anything in the building as of March 15 is deemed disposable so we can get it cleared out and ready for demo," Weddle said.



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Mount Rushmore National Memorial.

Offices to close in observance of Presidents' Day Monday, Feb. 20

Businesses and governmental offices across Coryell County will join the rest of the nation on Monday, Feb. 20, celebrating Presidents' Day.

Presidents' Day was originally established as a national holiday in 1885 in recognition of President George Washington. The federal holiday is now popularly viewed as a day to celebrate all United States presidents, both past and present.

GOVERNMENT

The City of Gatesville, City of Oglesby, City of Evant, Coryell County Courthouse, and the Farm Service Agen-

cy will be closed on Monday, Feb. 20.

SCHOOLS

Oglesby Independent School District and the Boys and Girls Club of Gatesville will remain open. All other local schools will be closed on Monday, Feb. 20.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Extraco Bank, Cadence Bank, Educator's Credit Union, and the First National Bank of Gatesville, Evant, and Oglesby will be closed on Monday.

POST OFFICES

All local post offices will be closed on Monday, Feb. 20.

LIBRARY

The Gatesville Public Library will be closed on Monday, Feb. 20.

SENIOR CENTER

The Gatesville Multi-Service Center will be closed on Monday.

MUSEUM

The Coryell County Museum & Historical Center will be closed on Monday.

NEWSPAPER

The Gatesville Messenger will remain open on Monday, Feb. 20.

FROM MY FRONT PORCH

Valentine's Day has come and gone ... thank goodness!

SAM HOUSTON

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



Houston

This may come off as sort of a rant, but I do not like Valentine's Day.

Valentine's Day, which is celebrated annually on Feb. 14, originated as a Christian feast day honoring one or two early Christian martyrs named Saint Valentine. Through the years it has evolved into a significant cultural and commercial celebration of love and romance in many parts of the world. The U.S. greeting card industry has estimated approximately 190 million Valentine's Day cards are sent each Valentine's Day, and the number rises to more than a billion cards if the computation includes school-based activities, with teachers having the honor of receiving the most valentines. It is reported Americans spent \$21.8 billion on Valentine's Day in 2021 with the average amount spent being \$164.76.

So why do we celebrate Valentine's Day? To show people we love or care about them? I know there is a lot of money being spent on marketing to tell people they need to spend their cash to show their love on this one specific day. So why is this day more important or "special" than all the others? I

have never figured that out.

Mind you, I am all for treating loved ones well and letting them know how you feel, but shouldn't it be done year-round? I hope I show my people I care about them every day. Only a fool needs a reminder from the calendar to do something nice to those he is close to. Love should be demonstrated every day, in every way. Seems like in Sunday school, I learned of a famous leader of a major religion who focused his teaching on "love;" loving one another and even loving your enemy.

Listen up, guys. Valentine's is over for the year. Instead of waiting 364 more days, perhaps you should go and gas up your wife's car so she doesn't have to. Maybe bring her a cup of coffee while she is watching the morning news. Or, heaven forbid, stop and tell her how much you appreciate her for how she takes care of you and how happy you are she loves you back.

If I have one fear in life, it is someone I care about who will not know it. They deserve to know. They should

rejoice in learning that another human being cares about them deeply. There is no better feeling than knowing another human being cares enough to love you. Remember, it doesn't have to be your sweetheart, it can be a neighbor, a friend, a co-worker or a family member. Simply tell them and show them you care.

Don't take your loved ones for granted, for life would be nothing without them. Just ask anyone who is alone or unloved.

Thought for the day: You don't love someone because they are perfect, you love them fully knowing all their imperfections.

Until next time, I will keep riding the storm out!

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Skills Demonstration and Career Expo for Women in corrections held

On Jan. 18, in collaboration with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) and Central Texas College (CTC), Windham School District participated in the women's Skills Demonstration and Career Expo at the Crain and Hilltop campuses in Gatesville.

Through this opportunity, approximately 60 students from TDCJ's Manufacturing, Agribusiness and Logistics Division, CTC and Windham were able to network with approximately 14 different industry representatives from across the state, showcasing the skills they've learned through Windham's Culinary, Electrical, Truck Driving and Welding career and technical education

(CTE) programs.

"Windham School District is excited to give students the opportunity to present their talents and knowledge to a wide range of employers across a multitude of industries," Windham School District Superintendent Kristina J. Hartman said. "The district looks forward to increasing these events in collaboration with TDCJ and local colleges to not only provide critical resources for our students preparing to return to Texas communities, but to also aid in filling industry employment shortages with energetic, trained, qualified candidates."

Demonstrations included women portraying their electrical trade skills, truck

driver program participants engaging with the newly integrated truck driving simulator, welding presentations, a meal prepared and served by culinary arts students and much more. Along with this exhibition of skills, employers were given the opportunity to interact openly with students, providing them with recruitment resources, interview tips and industry information. Formal job interviews also took place at the Skills Demonstration and Career Expo. An interview room was available for employers to speak directly with students being considered for employment in their prospective trades.

"We are honored to have welcomed industry experts

to our campuses to view our students' skills firsthand. Our students have worked diligently in their programs and appreciated the opportunity to showcase their talents in preparation for securing employment upon reentry," Windham Central Texas Regional Principal Azure Mach said.

With more than 40 CTE programs across 11 career clusters, Windham provides students with realistic and hands-on instruction, with curriculum developed to meet industry needs. The district partners with several postsecondary institutions, like Central Texas College, as well as the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, to offer students the oppor-

tunity to earn industry-based certifications and prepare for licenses that correlate with workforce demands. In the 2021-2022 school year alone, 17,634 industry certificates were earned by Windham students, aiding students to develop career pathways as they prepare to return to their communities.

Windham, TDCJ and Lee College held a Skills Demonstration and Career Expo for men in October 2022 at the Wynne campus in Huntsville. By expanding similar skills demonstration events across the state, the district aims to provide the knowledge and tools students need in order to be confident in their abilities, further increasing students' employability and

contributing to the growth of the Texas workforce.

Windham School District (WSD) provides academic, career and technical education, and life skills programs to eligible individuals within the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ). WSD serves a unique population of individuals who were unable to complete their basic education in the past and others who need technical training and soft skills to better equip them for the future. With 85 campuses located in TDCJ facilities across Texas, WSD strives to prepare students with the necessary education and skills to successfully reenter the workforce within their communities.

Gatesville Chamber of Commerce Foundation set for \$10K Giveaway

On March 4, the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce Foundation will hold its annual \$10K Giveaway starting at 6 p.m. at the Gatesville Civic Center. All proceeds will benefit the continued restoration and upkeep of the historic landmark, the Cotton Belt Depot building, which houses the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce.

It will be an evening of fun,

food, door prizes, drawings, a gun and diamond raffle, auction items, and a chance to win \$10,000. Tickets will go on sale immediately, and there will only be 200 available. Each ticket will admit two people to the event for dinner and drinks.

If you would like to sponsor this event, sponsorships must be received by the Gatesville Chamber of Com-

merce by Monday, Feb. 20, in order to have name(s) and/or logo(s) on printed materials.

Sponsorship opportunities consist of five different options, the first being the V.I.P. Sponsor. This sponsorship will include the V.I.P. Bar, four tickets with reserved seating, an auction item sold under business/sponsors name(s), logo(s) or name(s) displayed at the event, and

recognition printed in the event's program. The cost is \$1,500 for this sponsor.

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The Gold Sponsor will include an auction item con-

tributor, logo(s) or name(s) displayed at the event, and recognition in the event's program. This sponsorship will cost \$500.

The Silver Sponsor will include a stretch ticket contributor, logo(s) or name(s) displayed at the event, and recognition in the event's program. This will cost \$250 as a sponsor.

The Bronze Sponsor will

include a door prize contributor and recognition in the event's program. This sponsorship will cost \$100.

For any questions or more information, call the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce at 254-865-2617. The Gatesville Chamber of Commerce is located at 2307 S. Highway 36. The Gatesville Civic Center is at 301 Veteran's Memorial Loop.



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Diana Wolcott and her daughter Casey are shown standing in front of their home, which was recently chosen as February's Yard of the Month by the Keep Gatesville Beautiful committee. The home is located at 2512 Mears Dr. The recent cold weather and ice was hard on local landscapes, so the Keep Gatesville Beautiful committee looked for other ways people were making their homes attractive. They thought this home, decked out in red roses, was perfect for February's Valentine's Day theme. There are also potted plants and a table and chair set that accent the front porch, along with lounge chairs in the yard that give it a welcome feeling.

The DISPATCH

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of February 13-15. While there were many calls to the dispatcher, this is a partial list of more significant activities. Persons are reminded that only emergency calls should be made to 911, while all other calls to the police department should be made at 865-2226 or to the Sheriff's office at 865-7201.

CITY OF GATESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Feb. 13
 4:37 a.m., reckless conduct was reported in the 1200 block of S. State Highway 36.
 5:31 p.m., a theft was reported in the 300 block of S. State Highway 36.
 7:24 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 1100 block of Baldrige Drive.
 8:08 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2300 block of Business Highway 36.
 9:11 p.m., an accident was reported in the 1500 block of Golf Course Road.
 9:20 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 400 block of River Oaks.
Feb. 14
 11:15 a.m., a disturbance was reported in the 2200 block of Osage Road.
 5:49 p.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 100 block of FM 116.
Feb. 15
 1:39 a.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 900

block of Old Osage Road.
 4:09 a.m., a noise disturbance was reported in the 200 block of N. 14th Street.
 6:32 a.m., an accident was reported in the 700 block of State School Road.
 11:42 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of S. 3rd Street.
 11:52 a.m., a theft was reported in the 2500 block of Lowrey Drive.
 7:33 p.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of N. 24th Street.

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Feb. 13
 9:54 a.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 500 block of Self Road.
 11:28 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 3200 block of FM 1113.
 1:16 p.m., trespassing was reported in the 500 block of E. Leon Street.
 5:24 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on N. Highway 36 near CR 194.
 6:50 p.m., a reckless driver was reported on Cactus and FM 116.
 9:23 p.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 400 block of River Oaks Drive.
Feb. 14
 6:56 a.m., an out-of-control child was reported in the 800 block of Thomas Street.
 11:02 a.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 1300 block of Straws Mill Road.
 12:43 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on

E. Highway 84.
 1:59 p.m., a neighbor dispute was reported in the 1000 block of Lutheran Church Road.
 4:46 p.m., the theft of a firearm was reported in the 500 block of Nathan Drive.
 10:19 p.m., shots being fired was reported in the 1600 block of Oak Springs Road.
Feb. 15
 7:57 a.m., a theft was reported in the 4600 block of Harmon Road.
 8:23 a.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 1000 block of CR 127.
 9:46 a.m., a theft was reported in the 6800 block of E. Highway 84.
 4:03 p.m., harassment was reported in the 100 block of CR 347.
 7:01 p.m., a minor accident was reported near the Oglesby Fire Department.
 10:53 p.m., a stolen vehicle was reported in the 2200 block of FM 930.

CRIME OF THE WEEK

CENTEX CRIME STOPPERS

Crime Stoppers can use your help in solving a crime. On Jan. 28, between 6:45 p.m. and 7:15 p.m., three shots were fired at a residence in the 6400 block of FM 1783 near Gatesville. The victim said that she had observed a dark colored pickup truck drive past her house traveling westbound and then come back heading east. The vehicle then pulled into her driveway and stopped.



The victim said that she observed a white male who was clean shaven and had short hair. The victim said that the male driver pointed a handgun with a red laser out of the driver's side window and fired three

rounds toward the unoccupied singlewide mobile home on the property. 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

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LETTER

Texas Independence

I am writing to express my strong support for the Texas Independence Referendum Act, which would allow Texans to vote on the question of Texas independence. This is a fundamental right of self-determination that all Texans should have. As a resident of Coryell County, I believe that it is important for our state to have the ability to make decisions that are in our best interest. The Texas Independence Referendum Act would give us the opportunity to vote on whether we want to remain a part of the United States or become our own sovereign nation. Many argue that Texas becoming an independent nation is a radical idea, but it is important to remember

that Texas was once its own sovereign nation before it joined the United States in 1845. The right to self-determination is a fundamental right that is protected by the Texas Constitution, and it is time for us to exercise that right. I urge our legislators to support the Texas Independence Referendum Act and give Texans the opportunity to vote on our future. The people of Texas deserve to have a say in the direction of our state and the future of our children and grandchildren. If anyone would like to learn more about this important legislation, I'd urge them to go to www.Texit-Now.org.

Will Kacy Jonesboro

Keep Gatesville Beautiful to host litter clean up Feb. 25

Keep Gatesville Beautiful will host a litter clean up day on Saturday, Feb. 25. Volunteers would be greatly appreciated by the organization. Those interested in helping clean up the roadways are asked to meet at the Gatesville Public Library located at 111 N. 8th Street at 9 a.m.

on Feb. 25. Visit the Keep Gatesville Beautiful website to register for the event at keepgatesvillebeautiful.com. The mission of Keep Gatesville Beautiful is to educate and engage Gatesville citizens to take responsibility for a cleaner, more beautiful community. It is a community driven non-profit organization that works to improve the community's environmental awareness. From improvement projects to educational presentations, Keep Gatesville Beautiful is 100% volunteer run.



Meals on Wheels program in need of volunteers

Meals on Wheels is in need of volunteer drivers. Meals on Wheels is a federally funded program for older adults who are homebound, unable to prepare a meal, don't drive, and have no one to cook for them. The program provides home-delivered nutritious meals to seniors in our community on local routes only. The Gatesville Senior Center is looking for four drivers per day to drive four different routes. The shifts will be Monday through Friday, starting at 10:30 a.m. The Meals on Wheels run will take approximately one hour to complete. Volunteers can build their own schedules with no contract necessary. If you are a volunteer age 55 or older, you may be eligible for different perks. Meals on Wheels America is the oldest and largest national organization supporting the more than 5,000

community-based senior nutrition programs across the country that are dedicated to addressing senior hunger and isolation. This network exists in virtually every community in America and, along with more than two million volunteers, delivers the nutritious meals, friendly visits, and safety checks that enable America's seniors to live nourished lives with independence and dignity. By providing funding, leadership, research, education, and advocacy support, Meals on Wheels America empowers its local member programs to strengthen their communities, one senior at a time. The Gatesville Senior Center is located at 208 N. Lutterloh in Gatesville. For more information contact the Senior Center Director, Pam Rudolph at 254-865-8234.

Central Texas Travel Club to meet Feb. 21 in Salado

The February meeting of the Central Texas Travel Club will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 21, beginning at 11 a.m. at Johnny's Steaks and Barbecue in Salado. The meeting is open to anyone interested in travel, with no membership dues or requirements. The club members will discuss up-

coming trips including Tulipalooza in Waxahachie, Branson, France, Hawaii, and others. For more information contact Peggy Stewart at central-texas-travel-club@outlook.com or like us on Facebook. Johnny's Steaks and Barbecue is located at 301 Thomas Arnold Rd. in Salado.

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RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL BOOK DONATION



COURTESY OF MARSHA LEE

The Coryell Retired School Personnel (CRSP) organization has been busy distributing free books across the county in conjunction with a statewide Children's Book Project. The project is aimed at placing free books in the hands of children, ages 12 and under, who otherwise might not have books of their own. Pictured above are (from left) Rose Chambers and Alyssa Villegas with Head Start, going through a box of books donated by the CRSP organization.

CRSP to hold meeting Feb. 23

The next regular meeting for CRSP (Coryell Retired School Personnel) will be Thursday, Feb. 23 at Ranchers' Steakhouse. Members may come at 9:30 a.m. to visit and socialize, and the meeting will start at 10 a.m.

One of the main activities for the meeting will be playing "BINGO for Books." Members can make a donation or choose to pay per card per game. All money collected will go into the Children's Book Project Fund. The organization needs to replace lots of

books given away in 2022 -- about 2,320 books. Members are asked to help by bringing small gifts to use as bingo prizes.

Members are also reminded to bring in their count of volunteer hours for Debbie Grmela. Next month is dues payment month, but members may make their payments at this meeting (total dues are \$45, which includes \$35 for the state and \$10 for our local chapter).

Upcoming dates to remember include:

March 23: the meeting program will feature M.J. Wofford as Elizabeth Barrett Browning; April 12: "A Day at the Capitol" with four local members attending (Gail Johnson, Cheri Braziel, Gerald and Gayla Linton); and May 16: the district meeting in Waco at the Region XII Education Service Center. Any number of delegates may attend the district meeting, where JoAnn Sugg will be presiding as President.

Local students named to Dean's List at Stephen F. Austin State University

Stephen F. Austin State University recently recognized the outstanding academic achievements of a select number of students by adding them to the Dean's List for fall 2022. Among them were Gatesville students Alyssa Molina and

Katrina Thoms, and Jonesboro student Mackenzie Suggs.

To qualify for the Dean's List at SFA, students must have earned a semester GPA over 3.5 in 12 or more semester hours while a full-time, degree-seeking under-

graduate student.

SFA offers more than 80 undergraduate majors and 120 areas of study withing six colleges - business, education, fine arts, forestry and agriculture, liberal and applied arts, and sciences and mathematics.

4-H to hold photography contest

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 photogra-

phy 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/>

Miss Spring Fest Pageant March 25

The first "Miss Spring Fest Pageant" will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 25, at the Texas Station Event Center. The ages for contestant entries include Baby Miss, infant to 2 years of age; Tiny Miss, ages 3-5; Little Miss, ages 6-9; Ju-

nior Miss, ages 10-13; and Queen, ages 14-18. There will also be other categories including Most Photogenic and People's Choice.

The early deadline to enter will be March 1 with an entry cost of \$30. The late deadline will be March 15 at

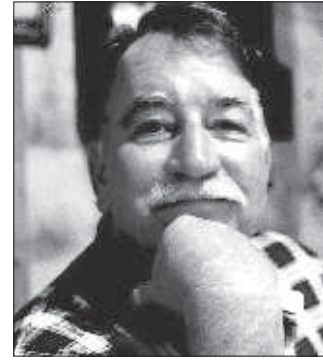
a cost of \$50.

For more information about the pageant, please contact Susie at 254-383-2307. Texas Station Event Center is located at 4604 Hwy. 36.

OBITUARIES

JAMES THOMAS KILDOW

Feb. 6, 1950 - Feb. 12, 2023



James Thomas Kildow, age 73, of Gatesville, passed peacefully on February 12, 2023, surrounded by his beloved family. Viewing for his family, friends and all that loved him will be held February 22, from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. at Scanio-Harper Funeral Home in Temple. Tom graduated from Black Rock High School in Black

Rock, Arkansas. He served in the Army in Korea during the Vietnam War from 1969-1971.

His favorite pastimes were hunting, fishing, gardening, basketball, and automobiles. He had the biggest heart and treated everyone like family. Besides his best friend and soulmate, Brenda Hendren Kildow, his grandkids were the light of his life. He was a businessman and had many talents. He could fix anything, and up until he couldn't he had no problem supervising to make sure his boys did it right. He worked for Woodard Construction until he retired.

He was preceded in death by his parents Theodore Eugene "TK" Kildow and Tona Vada Ring Kildow, his siblings Charles David Kildow, Theodore Eugene "Gene" Kildow Jr. and Mary Ann Kildow Wagner.

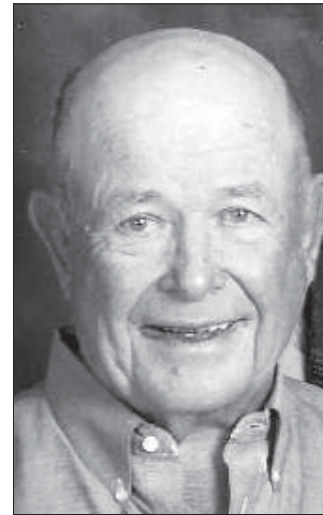
He is survived by the love

of his life, Brenda Hendren Kildow, his children, Rebecca Renae Sims (Van), Jennifer Marie Sutura (David), Benjamin Kildow, Glenn Eugene "Ditto" Kildow (Rachel) and Kenneth W. Johnson; his grandchildren Khristian Kelly Ganson, Katelyn Ashley Sims, Kyle Aaron Sims, Avery Elizabeth Sutura, Kaden Gage Johnson, Michael David Sutura, Kye Thomas Gary Johnson, Tanner Remington Sutura, Corbin Taylor Sutura, Declan Wyatt Kildow and Smith James Kildow; his siblings Sharon Kildow Bearer, Jerry "Buzz" Kildow (Rosemary) and Rena Jo Kildow; numerous nieces and nephews and the love of many close friends; including his best friend, David Whittenburg.

A celebration of life will be held at a later time to celebrate his life with friends and family.

KENNETH LEE HAEDGE

July 15, 1939 - Feb. 11, 2023



Visitation services for Kenneth Lee Haedge, age 83, of Killeen, were held on Friday, Feb. 17, at 10 a.m. at LifeWay Fellowship in Killeen. Funeral services followed at 11 a.m. at LifeWay Fellowship. Burial followed in the Piddock Cemetery on FM Road 116. Pastor Jimmy Towers officiated the funeral and burial.

Mr. Haedge died Feb. 11, 2023, in Temple. He was born at home on July 15, 1939, in the Willow Springs Community near Killeen. He was the only son of Joe Adolph Haedge and Edna Earl (Deorsam) Haedge. Kenneth was a third generation

Texan. Both sides of Kenneth's family emigrated from Germany.

When Kenneth was one year old, the family moved to the Antelope Community, which is now Fort Hood. After the attack on Pearl Harbor, the family and all the other families were forced by the government to move and sell their land to make way for Camp Hood. The government gave the former landowners and their descendants rights for the continued use to graze their cattle on the land, as compensation. Kenneth raised his cattle on the Fort Hood range for many years. He also raised sheep, goats, and cattle on his personal farmland. He lived his life and ranched in Bell, Coryell, and Lampasas Counties.

He graduated from Lampasas High School in 1957. While attending high school Kenneth was in the FFA (Future Farmers of America.)

After graduating high school, he was employed by the U.S. Civil Service with DEH (Directorate of Engineer and Housing as Chief of the Supply Operation Section.) He retired after 29 years.

One marvelous day Kenneth met the love of his life, Miss Marjory "Marge" Ann Fraunhofer. They met by the oak tree in his family's front yard on a blind date. They soon fell in love and were

married on June 12, 1964, at the Concordia Lutheran Church in San Antonio. They were married for fifty-eight blessed years.

He was a former member of the Central Texas Cattleman's Association. In 2013, Kenneth was named one of the Bell County Ring of Honor Ranchers. He was a founding member of LifeWay Fellowship in Killeen. He was a faithful member of the church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his sisters Joretta Deloris (Haedge) Frank and Lanelle Ida (Haedge) Butts.

Survivors include his wife, Marjory "Marge" Haedge of Killeen, his sister, Sharon Erwin and husband Robert of Kempner, brother-in-law, Harold "Hal" Fraunhofer and wife, Joyce, of New Braunfels.

Nephews Brad Butts, Alan Erwin, Mark Frank and Peter and Steven Fraunhofer. Nieces Amy Erwin Aldridge, Janine Rothman, Cindy Rum. Marianne Seider and Lisa Dawn Singleton.

He is also survived by a host of friends and his beloved dog, Calvin Earl Haedge.

The family requests that memorials be made to the LifeWay Fellowship Church building fund at P.O. Box 10250 in Killeen, Texas 76542.

Oglesby Lions Club to host 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 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 7-10 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 cor-

rect 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.

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Local student learns the advantages of hard work

BY DAVID SCOTT
Staff Writer

When students get a break from school, they often tend to find more exciting things to do with their free time. That does not apply to 15-year-old Mackenzie Stacher, the Gatesville representative selling Girl Scout cookies.

On her two-day break from school last week, joined by her mother, Shelia, the 10th grade student decided to hit the road and visit various businesses in Gatesville. Her adventure began by visiting the courthouse square. With two wagons full of cookies in tow, the pair walked around the square visiting businesses and even the employees on three floors of the courthouse.

When asked why she was out selling cookies instead of taking advantage of her break from school, she said, "I am opening doors for myself that others couldn't

open if they are lounging around the house on their day off." She continued by saying, "I've always noticed that I work harder than the average person. Between my extracurriculars and school, I hardly have any time to relax. I suppose that is no different for Girl Scouts. I work and work because I know that what I'm working for could impact my future."

Mackenzie also devotes her weekends to selling cookies. She sets up her tent for business at the Gatesville Walmart every weekend from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. Last year, she sold 4,068 boxes of cookies. This year, her goal is to sell 5,000, and she's well on her way to reaching that record. She has endured a few setbacks along the way due to the recent cold weather, high winds, and ice, but she remains steadfast about reaching her goal.

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.

"My other motivation for my work ethic is the life

changing experiences I will get to be a part of," she said. "This summer, I am going on a cruise to the Bahamas. I will be going to Japan in 2024 and lastly, in 2025, my last year as a Girl Scout, I'll get to go to Paris. I know if I work my tail off, I can go to

the Bahamas, Japan, and Paris," she said. The Girl Scout cookie sale was originally scheduled to end on Feb. 26, but has now been extended to end on March 5 due to the recent ice storm that hampered cookie sales.

Stacher is considered 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.



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GIRL SCOUT COOKIES: Mackenzie Stacher stopped by The Gatesville Messenger on her trip around the courthouse square selling Girl Scout cookies to business owners and employees.

TEAM GATESVILLE ATTENDS "A NIGHT TO SHINE"



COURTESY PHOTO

Team Gatesville, Special Olympics Texas, attended the Tim Tebow Foundation's "Night to Shine" prom on Feb 10. The prom was held at Crestview Church of Christ in Waco, and in person for the first time since 2020. Night to Shine is a worldwide prom for people with special needs. Crestview Church of Christ partnered with the Tim Tebow Foundation with help from Elite Therapy Group and HOCTIL (Heart of Central Texas Independent Living) to host the event, which was an unforgettable prom night experience, centered on God's love, for people with special needs and disabilities who are 14 and older. Each guest received a crown or tiara because they are all kings and queens. The event was held simultaneously around the world. Night to Shine has become a worldwide movement benefitting and celebrating people with special needs. Gatesville's attendees included (front row, from left) Haley Garcia, Staci Lewis, Caitlin Clough, and Hope Lacefield; back row (from left) are Tristen Tidrick, Jack Butler, and Stephen Bush.

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DESSERT COMPETITION: Dessert winners included (from left) Becca Searls Castello, first place; Sandie Spelce Brooks, second place; and Lisa Curtis Moore, third place.

Coryell Health RehabLiving competes in Ultimate Dessert Challenge

Staff members of Coryell Health RehabLiving competed in an Ultimate Dessert Challenge for Valentine's Day on Feb. 14.

The Coryell Health RehabLiving staff asked Coryell Health staff members to be judges. They included Vickie Martinez, R.N., employee health nurse and safety officer; Nicole Vega, nursing administrative assistant; Lindsey Trotter, central supply; Rachel Garcia and Francine Antonowsky, surgical

nurses.

The first-place winner was Becca Searls Castello, and she made a peanut butter lasagna. Second place was Sandie Spelce Brooks, who made a pecan sandie dessert. Lisa Curtis Moore came in third place with her Italian cream cake.

Coryell Health RehabLiving staff members said, "We chose today for the competition so that our sweet residents could enjoy them during their Valentine's Day

party!" Coryell Health RehabLiving is a nonprofit skilled nursing facility that provides rehab to your loved ones before returning home, and long-term care for those who need assistance due to medical conditions or memory loss.

Coryell Health RehabLiving is located at 110 Chicktown Road in Gatesville and can be contacted by calling 254-404-2500.

Senior Center to hold Heart Health Month presentation Feb. 22

The Gatesville Senior Center invites the community to come to a free one-hour session that will educate the public on how to take better care of your heart. The presentation will begin at 10 a.m. with speaker Donna Schwausch, who is with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension of Coryell County. The session advocates for the prevention

and control of risks associated with heart disease and strokes. Heart disease is the leading cause of death for men and women in the United States. According to the CDC, one person dies every 34 seconds in the U.S. from cardiovascular disease. In 2020, it was reported that cardiovascular disease and strokes killed more than

697,000 Americans.

Schwausch, CEA-FCH, Coryell County can be contacted by calling 254-865-2414, or by email at Donna.Schwausch@ag.tamu.edu. The Gatesville Senior Center is located at 208 N. Lutterloh Ave. in Gatesville and the phone number is 254-865-8234.

RECIPE

This recipe appeared in the "Methodist Best" cookbook in 2008. The Gatesville Messenger is running 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 editoratgatesvillemessage.com.

QUICK PUMPKIN BREAD
 1 1/2 c. all-purpose flour
 1 c. mashed pumpkin
 1 tsp. baking soda
 2 lg. eggs
 1 tsp. ground ginger
 2 T. finely grated orange peel
 1/2 tsp. ground nutmeg
 1 tsp. vanilla extract
 1/2 tsp. salt
 1/2 c. raisins
 1 c. granulated sugar
 1/2 c. chopped pecans
 1/2 c. butter, melted and cooled

ing soda, ginger, nutmeg and salt. In a large mixing bowl, combine butter sugar, pumpkin, eggs, orange peel and vanilla. Beat on medium speed of a hand-held mixer until light and creamy. Stir in flour mixture, a little at a time, until moistened (do not over-mix). Stir in raisins and pecans. Spoon batter into the prepared loaf pan. Bake for 1 hour or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool in the pan on a wire



rack for 5 minutes, then turn bread out onto the rack to cool completely. If bread has browned quickly but isn't done, cover with a lightly buttered sheet of aluminum foil.

SHOWING SOME LOVE



COURTESY PHOTO

In honor of Valentine's Day, Gatesville Senior Center spokesman Rebel Brown, pictured center, presented boxes of candy and chocolate roses to Senior Center Director Pam Rudolph, pictured right, and Camilla Edge, the center's nutrition supervisor. Those who attend the senior center wished to show their appreciation for all of the hard work and concern shown by the two.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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MOUNTAIN BAPTIST CHURCH: Rev. Kurt Fuessel, pastor; 6319 US-84, Gatesville; Sunday services - Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m., evening worship 6 p.m.

The Incredible Things We Believe

"Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?"
—1 Corinthians 3:16 KJV

Christians believe a lot of things which many non-Christians find incredible, starting with the fact that God became man in the form of Jesus. That an all-powerful, all-knowing God would take the form of a human being is a stumbling block for many. Christians also believe that Jesus was perfect, never sinning during his thirty-plus years here on earth. At the end of this sojourn, Jesus allowed himself to be executed, and after dying, and being dead for three days, we believe that he rose from the dead and that he walked and talked and ate with his followers for a brief time before ascending bodily to heaven. Christians believe that God then sent the Holy Spirit to minister to us, and literally to enter into us. We believe that God is inside of us because we hear the still small voice of conscience, and believe that this is the voice of God. And we believe that we are guided by that voice, the Holy Spirit. Sometimes our faith is troubled by these things. They are indeed incredible in the literal sense that they can be hard to believe. But perhaps we believe them because we have God's spirit within us. And perhaps that spirit within us is what makes us enthusiastic about these incredible things, and perhaps they ring true to us because they are true to our inmost being.

— Christopher Simon



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

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

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No. 23-10774

ESTATE OF
MICHAEL WOODSON TERRY
DECEASED

IN THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW
OF
CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Michael Woodson Terry, Deceased, were issued on January 25, 2023 in Cause No. 23-10774 pending in the County Court at Law of Coryell County, Texas to: Joyce Carroll Terry Independent Executrix of the Estate of Michael Woodson Terry.

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

Joyce Carroll Terry
c/o: Karen C. Matkin
Attorney at Law
PO Box 407
Waco, Texas 76703-0407

DATED the 26th day of January 2023.

Karen C. Matkin
Attorney for Independent Executrix
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Lydia Rodriguez, Deceased, were issued on February 13, 2023, in Cause No. 23-10781, pending in the County Court-at-Law of Coryell County, Texas, to: David Rodriguez.

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

c/o: Allen D. Place, Jr.
Attorney at Law
109 S. 7th Street
Gatesville, Texas 76528

DATED the 14th day of February, 2023.

Allen D. Place, Jr.
Attorney for David Rodriguez
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Hon. County Judge Roger A. Miller
Coryell County Main Street Annex (SEALED BID)
800 E. Main Street, Suite A
Gatesville, Texas 76528

Bid will be awarded at the Commissioners' Courtroom on Tuesday, February 28, 2023, 9:00 a.m., Main Street Annex Building, 801 E. Leon St., Gatesville, Texas.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City Council of the City of Gatesville, in the Regular Meeting held on February 14, 2023 did pass and approve on the third and final reading the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2023-02:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GATESVILLE, TEXAS ABANDONING AND VACATING A PORTION OF 26TH STREET AND BIGHAM DRIVE RIGHT-OF-WAY, SITUATED IN THE E NORTON SURVEY, CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS, ORIGINALLY DEDICATED BY THE BARTON ADDITION PART THREE PLAT

Complete text of this ordinance is available for inspection, during regular business hours, at City Hall, 110 N. 8th Street.

Wendy Cole
City Secretary
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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Thomas Jason Walden, Deceased, were issued on February 13, 2023, in Cause No. 21-10516, pending in the County Court-at-Law of Coryell County, Texas, to: Angela Walden.

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

c/o: Allen D. Place, Jr.
Attorney at Law
109 S. 7th Street
Gatesville, Texas 76528

DATED the 14th day of February, 2023.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Administration for the Estate of Alan Andrew Hennessy, Deceased, were issued on February 13, 2023, in Cause No. 22-10747, pending in the County Court-at-Law of Coryell County, Texas, to: Fantu Hennessy.

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

c/o: Allen D. Place, Jr.
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DATED the 14th day of February, 2023.

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Hauling

Hauling of gravel, crushed rock, and other materials.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Howard Eugene Arnold, Deceased, were issued on February 13, 2023, in Cause No. 23-10783, pending in the County Court-at-Law of Coryell County, Texas, to: Suzanne Arnold.

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

c/o: Allen D. Place, Jr.
Attorney at Law
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DATED the 14th day of February, 2023.

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- ▶ 10.01 acres, Lot 28, Phase 4, Rio Escondido, north of Evant, TX. Good tree cover, great views. \$200,000
- ▶ 10.01 acres, Evant, TX, Buffalo Creek Ranch Subdivision, Lot No. 53, Langford Branch. Nice home site, scattered tree cover, native pasture. \$225,000
- ▶ 11 +/- acres at Arnett, TX in Coryell County. Good tree cover, nice home site, the property will need to be fenced on the east boundary. You will need to drill a water well for water. \$179,500
- ▶ 11.64 acres, 3/2 home south of Evant, TX in Coryell County. Nice porch, large master bedroom and bath, barn, workshop, seasonal creek, Hwy. 281 frontage. \$850,000
- ▶ 20.02 acres, Evant, TX, CR 421, Hamilton County, Lot No. 21, Mulberry Creek. rolling terrain, good tree cover. \$250,000
- ▶ 20.02 acres, Evant, TX PR 42107, Hamilton County, Lot 43, Phase 6, Rio Escondido. Rolling terrain, good tree cover, season creek. \$265,000.
- ▶ 21 acres south of Evant TX, CR 154 W, Coryell County. Rolling terrain, scattered tree cover, good views, electricity running across the property. \$252,000
- ▶ 25 acres west of Purlmela, TX on CR 181. Stock tank, good exterior fencing on 3 sides, 1 side will need to be fenced, coastal and native grasses. \$275,000
- ▶ 25.06 acres, Pottsville, TX Hamilton County, Paloma Vista Subdivision, Lot 31. Rolling terrain, scattered tree cover, great views. \$275,000
- ▶ 33.43 acres near Coryell City, Coryell County, FM 929 & CR 260 frontage. Rolling terrain, good views. \$295,000
- ▶ 36 +/- acres west of Evant, TX, Hamilton County. Scattered tree cover & rolling terrain, Fiber Optic Internet Service, you will need to drill a water well. \$387,000
- ▶ 47.332 ac. south of Ireland, TX. Good tree cover, rolling terrain, good fencing on 3 sides, southside will need to be fenced. \$395,000
- ▶ 50.07 acres 8 miles south of Evant TX, Coryell County, CR 154. Rolling terrain, good tree cover and good views. \$425,000
- ▶ 50.28 acres 8 miles south of Evant TX, Coryell County, CR 154. Rolling terrain, good tree cover, good views, electricity on northeast corner of property. \$425,000
- ▶ 50.24 acres, 3/2.5 home, 2171 CR 419, Evant, TX. Rolling terrain, 40% being good tree cover, the remaining balance being open pasture, great views. \$675,000
- ▶ 52.73 acres, 3/2.5 barndominium, 1197 CR 404, Hamilton, TX. 1 water well, metal building, nice porch, good tree cover, rolling terrain, 2 tanks, good fences. \$899,000
- ▶ 68.9 acres, 3/2.5 rock home 101 Mac Dr., Gatesville, TX. Approx. 2900 ft. of Leon River frontage, ceramic tile floors, carpet in the bedrooms, vaulted ceiling, rock fireplace, granite countertops, breakfast bar, garden tub, metal building approx. 45 ft x 24 ft, older barn approx. 50 ft. x 30 ft., cattle pens, 1 stock tank, approx. 48 acres of coastal. \$1,375,000
- ▶ 74.264 acres west of Purlmela, TX, FM 1241 & CR 181. Stock tank, barn, cattle pens, good exterior fencing. approx. 65 acres with coastal & native grasses. \$556,980
- ▶ 88.007 acres, 36 ft. Travel Trailer, 25 ft. x 30 ft. metal barn, electricity, 1 tank, seasonal branch, water well, scattered tree cover, good hunting. \$720,000
- ▶ 100.054 acres 8 miles south of Evant TX, Coryell County. Rolling terrain, good tree cover, good views, Electric on property. \$850,000
- ▶ 105 acres south of Pearl, TX on Self Rd. Good tree cover, rolling terrain, small branch, barn, rain harvest system. \$743,775
- ▶ 179.562 acres 1.6 miles south of Gatesville, TX. FM 116 frontage, great views, stock tank, rolling terrain & scattered tree cover. \$1,230,000
- ▶ 252.87 acres, 3 Br, 2 Ba home, open floor plan, wood burning fireplace, breakfast bar, ceramic tile in kitchen, breakfast area & bathrooms. Laminite wood flooring in living room & carpet in 2 bedrooms, inground pool with slab that was pour for a future outdoor kitchen, 3 car attached carport with 12 ft. x 13 ft. storage building, a 60 ft. x 66 ft. metal building with 24 ft. x 60 ft. lean-to, there is also approx. 900 sq. ft. that has been framed out for living quarters inside the main part of the building, good exterior & interior fencing, set of cattle pens near the center of the property, rolling terrain with scattered tree cover and great views. \$2,150,000



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Eagles soar to victory over Tigers, Lions



ANGELA ASHBY | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Maddox Stroud scored 12 points for the Jonesboro Eagles, including a pair of crucial free throws late in the game, to help lift JHS to a 51-49 win over Cranfills Gap on Feb. 14.



ANGELA ASHBY | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Layden Nichols scored 13 points, including three three-pointers, in the Jonesboro Eagles 60-53 win over the Oglesby Tigers on Feb. 10.



ANGELA ASHBY | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Jacob Cisneros scored 10 points in Jonesboro's game against the Cranfills Gap Lions.

GISD Sports Roundup

Girls Soccer: Varsity lost at Brownwood 3-0. District 5-4A standings: Stephenville 5-0, Salado 4-1, Brownwood and China Spring 3-2, Gatesville 2-3, Lampasas 1-5, Academy 0-5. GHS (8-4 overall) traveled to Salado on Friday.

Boys Soccer: Varsity lost to Brownwood 3-0. District 5-4A standings: Salado 5-0, Stephenville 4-1, Gatesville and Brownwood 3-2, China Spring 2-3, Lampasas 1-4, Academy 0-4. The Hornets (8-2-2 overall) played at Salado on Friday.

Softball: Varsity defeated McGregor 16-5 in the season opener. JV won 16-5 as well. Varsity will play in the Killeen ISD Invitational Thursday through Saturday.

The Hornets' Thursday pool schedule will be: 9 a.m. - Georgetown Gateway; noon - Round Rock McNeil, 3 p.m. - Killeen Chaparral (all games will be played at Harker Heights Community Park).

Tennis: Hornet JV results from GHS tournament - Carolmarie Szustak and Daniela Caminero Garllardo finished third in girls doubles, Zach Stevens won consolation in boys singles.

Girls Basketball: GHS had five players/managers named to the District 23-4A all-academic team - Kylie Cox, Ruby De La Torre, Kamryn Higginbotham, Kagen Hunt and Paige Sentillas.

Area Fishing Report

Lake Belton

GOOD. Water lightly stained; 52 degrees; 13.79 feet below pool. The water temperature roller coaster continues. 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. Catfishing is excellent. Drifting old river channels that are 20-35 feet deep using fresh cut bait has produced great numbers of eating size as well as trophy blue catfish. Flatheads have been caught near shorelines with timber on live bait. Crappie are fair most fish are in 18-35 feet of water using hand ties and plastics. Fish still haven't made the push to the shallows.

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Cougars upend Hornets in regular season finale



JEFF OSBORNE | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER
Banner Allman drives toward the basket in the Hornets first meeting with China Spring this season. Although GHS won that contest, the Hornets fell to the Cougars in the rematch on Feb. 14.

Gatesville to face Georgetown Gateway Academy in bi-district playoff game

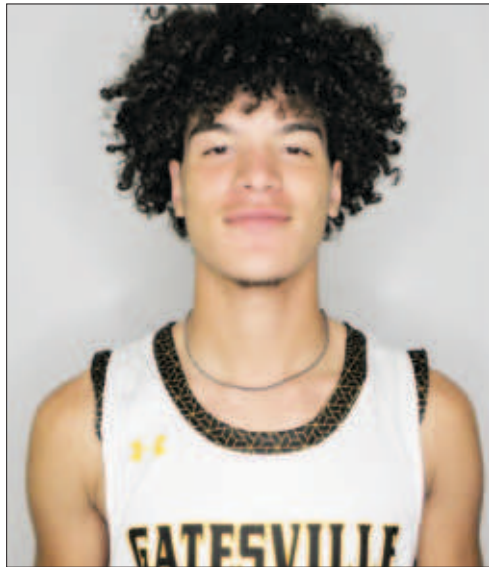
BY CHRIS ALLMAN
Sports Correspondent

The Gatesville Hornets basketball team wrapped their regular season on Tuesday with a 55-39 loss at China Spring and now turn their attention to winning their first playoff game in a decade.

The Hornets - the No. 3 seed out of District 23-4A - will face the Georgetown Gateway Gators in the bi-district playoffs on Feb. 21 at Temple High School. The Gators finished as tri-champs in District 24-4A with Marble Falls and Lampasas but enter the postseason as the No. 2 seed by virtue of tie-breaker.

Gatesville will try to take advantage of a full week between games as they looked tired and sluggish in the loss to China Spring. After leading 14-12 after one quarter, the Hornets managed just 25 points the rest of the game.

The Cougars outscored Gatesville 30-14 over the second and third quarters - a stretch the Hornets usually dominate. Coming into the game they outscored opponents



Tyler Shea

by an average of ten points over the second and third quarters this season. Tyler Shea scored a game-high 25 points

and pulled down a team-leading eight rebounds in the loss. Banner Allman, Rayshon Smith, and Trae Miller each had four points while West Allman scored two.

The loss also prevents the Hornets from tying the school-record for wins in a season at 28. It was previously believed that the record for regular season wins in a season was 27 and that the Hornets had tied that record with their win over Robinson.

But it was later discovered that the 2007-08 boys basketball team won 28 regular season games but lost their only playoff game in the area round. A win over Gateway would officially tie the record for wins in a season at 28.

The Hornets' last playoff victory came in February of 2013. They beat Glen Rose 35-33 in the bi-district round of the 3A state playoffs before falling 62-48 to Kennedale in the area round. The Hornets did not appear in the postseason again until 2022 where they lost 67-41 to eventual state-finalist Wichita Falls Hirshi in the bi-district round.

Gateway will be looking to snap a drought

of their own as they have not won a playoff game since the school opened in 2009 though they have made the postseason five times in their school's history. They made their first postseason appearance in the in the 1A playoffs in 2012 then had three straight appearances in the 3A playoffs from 2018-2020. In 2021 the lost in the first round of the 4A playoffs.

Gateway is in their third season of 4A competition and finished the regular season with a record of 16-18 and 6-4 in district play. The Gators average just under 52.8 points per game and allow an average of 52.7 points per contest. The Hornets have scored 69.6 points per game this season while allowing 53.9.

This season they have shared four opponents with Gatesville: La Vega, Salado, Jarrell, and Lampasas. The Gators went 4-2 in games against those opponents while the Hornets went 5-1 with their one loss being a 64-62 loss to La Vega.

Powerful Stuff



COURTESY PHOTO

Members of the Gatesville High School powerlifting team recently competed in the McGregor powerlifting meet. The boys took second place while the girls finished third. Isabella Mondragon and Brookelynn Byrd won gold medals, Lena Clawson won silver and Emma Davidson and Shaylie Teague won bronze for the girls. Caden Brister, L.J. Hall, David Sims and Zach Bryant won gold medals and Cooper Jones and Tookie Jones earned bronze for the boys.