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Parry reflects on city highlights

BY JEFF OSBORNE
Senior Writer & Editor

After originally being told by some people that he wouldn't be able to become a city manager, Bill Parry is on the verge of retiring after eight years of service as Gatesville's city manager.

His tenure in office includes helping the city navigate through a time of greater focus on improving infrastructure such as streets and water/sewer lines, and also a commitment to building and retaining outstanding city staff. Parry is officially retiring on Feb. 28, but will stay in Gatesville as a consultant until a new city manager can fill his post.

Parry said he initially found resistance to the idea that he could be a city manager.

"When I was getting ready to retire from the Army, I was garrison commander at Fort Hood, which is as close to a city manager as you can get," Parry said. He said he asked around about how to make the transition to city manager from the Army.

"Back then, in 2004, cities usually hired city managers from within the organization," Parry said. "I was told at the age of 48 that I was too old to be a city manager because you had to work your way up through the ranks."

Parry instead took a job as executive director of the Heart of Texas Defense Alliance, a regional organization that works to promote the importance and sustainability of Fort Hood and the defense industry in Central Texas.

"One evening at a farewell dinner at Fort Hood, I was sitting across the table from David Byrom, who was Gatesville's mayor at the time. He mentioned they were looking for a city manager and he thought I'd be a good fit. I was offered the job in October 2014 with a start date of May 2015.

"It was already something I was interested in, I just wasn't sure exactly how to get into it. David Byrom broke down a lot of those roadblocks."

Although there was a learning curve, Parry's experiences as garrison commander helped him build a foundation toward a smooth transition.

"Some components of the job weren't hard at all to understand, and some required me to really dig in," he said. "I knew how to do a budget for a large organization but in the Army you're appropriated money by Congress, with some restrictions on how it is spent. With a city, you don't get an appropriation of money from the state in Texas. So you've got to see what the tax rate and water and sewer rates need to be to effectively serve the community.

"I needed to dive deep into Texas statutes for cities. Basically we're allowed to do anything that isn't prohibited by the Constitution. I had to go through the city ordinances to make sure they were up to date and conformed to local government codes."

Parry said he has enjoyed "building a team and getting them focused on the objective of providing the best services we can to the community."

When Parry interviewed for the job, he said it was "clearly obvious that the city wanted a comprehensive plan for the future." The city was able to complete that



Bill Parry has served as city manager in Gatesville since 2015. A retirement reception is planned from 4-5:30 p.m. at Gatesville City Hall.

in May 2020.

"That's usually a very expensive effort, but we were able to complete the task at no cost," he said. "This is something that will influence the direction of the community for the next 20 years."

Repairing and replacing outdated and suboptimal infrastructure has been one of the city's biggest challenges, a task that Parry, the City Council and other city staff members have worked hard to address, he said.

"Many of the water and sewer lines in the city are old — everything has a useful life and you've got to know what it is and decide what to do about that."

He said much of the work needed to resolve that concern has been put off, which has only delayed efforts and increased the cost of making needed repairs and replacing old infrastructure. Although it will take an extended amount of time, Parry said the city is focused on addressing those issues.

"The biggest challenge we're attempting to address is finding the right balance between funding what needs to be done and also keeping (water, sewer and

tax rates) as low as possible," he said.

Improving the condition of streets is another priority, and this is best done in conjunction with replacing old water and sewer lines beneath those streets, Parry said.

"We have a list of streets where the road needs to be replaced and also areas to focus on preventive maintenance," he said. "A lot of these roads weren't put in well, which may have been the standard at the time."

Parry said the cost of redoing a 32-foot-wide street with two inches of asphalt is about \$8 per square yard, so replacing a mile of road would cost about \$150,000. In instances where roads can be repaired, rather than replaced, the cost for the same area would be about \$26,000.

Considering the poor quality of many Gatesville streets, Parry said there are about 60 miles of road that need to be replaced. The total cost would be about \$9 million.

"At our current rate, we bring in about \$2 million a year in taxes," Parry said.

PLEASE SEE **PARRY** | A2

City selects finalists for manager post

BY JEFF OSBORNE
Senior Writer & Editor

The Gatesville City Council selected four finalists for the city manager position during a special meeting on Feb. 21.

The names of the candidates could not be disclosed until each of them had an opportunity to communicate with their current employers.

"All are active city managers," said Gatesville Mayor Gary Chumley. He added that pending background checks, the city has to have each of the finalists attend a meet and greet session for the community sometime in the next two to three weeks.

The Gatesville City Council had narrowed the list of candidates from 31 to seven semifinalists earlier this month.

A recruiting brochure developed by the city in partnership with Strategic Government Resources included detailed information about the community. The brochure also listed details about expectations for the new city manager. These include:

- Providing, creating and executing strategic city planning and collaborative teamwork for internal and external customers for various regular and special projects.
- Analyzing and approving financial transactions ensuring adherence to state, federal and personnel laws, policies and procedures.
- Acting as city ambassador for private and public media events and providing conflict resolution by resolving issues and answering questions when the arise.
- Receiving inquiries, complaints and service requests for information from elected officials and resolving them within the framework of established policies and procedures.
- Preparing federal and state grant applications in compliance with organizational and municipal rules and regulations.

Opportunities and challenges were listed as:

- Fiscal sustainability, striving for continuity and constancy in department-level budgeting.
- Capital improvements planning
- Economic development
- Fee and rate assessments for city services
- Employee recruitment and retention
- Organizational growth, including the possibility of new hires in the areas of information technology, a staff engineer/public works director and a public information officer. It was noted the city manager currently oversees 13 departments.

Candidates are required to have a bachelor's degree in public administration or a related field, with a master's degree preferred. At least five years of successful experience in government administration was listed, along with a preference for 10 years or more of progressively responsible experience in city management.

Starting salary for the position was listed at \$130,000 to \$150,000, depending on experience and qualifications, along with insurance benefits, paid time off, a car allowance and cell phone, and free membership at the city's fitness center. Gatesville also participates in the Texas Municipal Retirement System with a 7% employee contribution and a 2-1 employer match.

PLEASE SEE **JAIL** | A2

County leaders present plan on jail overcrowding issue

BY JEFF OSBORNE
Senior Writer & Editor

While Coryell County continues to scramble to meet state mandates related to jail overcrowding, no additional actions were taken against the county by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards.

Coryell County Judge Roger Miller and Sheriff Scott Wil-

liams both appeared before the commission earlier this month to update officials on the steps being taken to resolve local jail overcrowding issues.

"Overall, I think it was a good meeting," Miller said. "A win was that the jail commission did not escalate actions they had previously taken. The focus was on continued enforce-

ment of remedial orders.

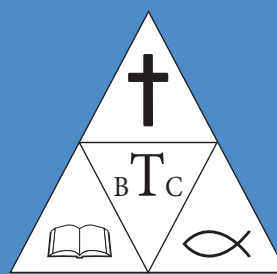
One negative was that the executive director of the commission, Brandon Wood, appears to be losing patience with the amount of time it is taking for the county to resolve



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GISD Student Spotlight



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Gatesville High School sophomore Kari Dudik, standing with Gatesville ISD Superintendent Barrett Pollard, was honored during the Student Spotlight presentation Feb. 20 at the school board meeting. Dudik is Buzz, the GHS mascot, who received the Major Mascot Award at a national contest in January. She has been named an All-American Mascot and performed at the Citrus Bowl in Orlando.

GISD Staff Spotlight



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Second grade teacher Mandy Dudik, standing with GISD Superintendent Barrett Pollard, was honored during the Staff Spotlight presentation at the Feb. 20 school board meeting. Principal Keegan Webb said she is "a ray of sunshine on the elementary campus. She has a heart for students and will do whatever it takes to help each one of them be successful."

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PARRY

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That amount funds all of the city's expenses, apart from grants.

"There are honestly streets that can't be salvaged," he said. "So we look at the capital plan to see what water lines will be replaced in the next five years, and which streets can be done. There is a balance and a tradeoff."

Parry said he is retiring now because he had a long-term plan to retire at age 68, and he believes he is leaving Gatesville at a time when progress is being made to improve the community.

"I look at what accomplishments have been made to improve the quality of life in Gatesville, and we're on the right track," he said. "I am proud of the employees. They are a great team and dedicated public servants. They are experts in the areas of specialization, and I listen to them. It's been up to me to provide them with the resources they need. We are as close as we've ever been to getting them the resources they need."

"I am proud of the City Council. There have been some tough arguments over the years but they generally give us the resources we need and are dedicated to doing their best for the community."

Parry said the Bureau of Labor Statistics indicates city managers stay on the job in one location for an average of two years.

"I like to say I beat the odds - beat the average," he said.

What's next on his agenda?
"I am the guardian and conservator for my mother, who is in her 90s in Missouri, and

"I look at what accomplishments have been made to improve the quality of life in Gatesville and we're on the right track."

BILL PARRY

Gatesville City Manager

it's hard to do that from 1,000 miles away," Parry said. "We wanted to get closer to family (in North Texas) so we can get help when we need it and it's not a burden to them. We are close enough to grandkids so I can watch them play sports more than once a season."

"We are also close to a major airport so we can travel if the mood strikes us."

A lifetime of service will continue for Parry and his wife, Stacye, in some form or fashion.

"It's important for us to volunteer for benevolent efforts," he said. "My wife has been involved in prison ministry since we've been here, and we'd like to do some volunteer work together."

"We'll be five minutes from the University of North Texas and they have a masters in public administration program. I've always envisioned one day maybe being a history teacher at a community college. I'm not going to sit around and watch soap operas."

"I'd like to continue to give back to the community and grow old gracefully."

JAIL

FROM PAGE A2

the concerns, Miller and Williams said.

"Mr. Wood seemed much less receptive (to county input) than he did at the November meeting," Miller said.

Coryell County is planning to expand the current jail, with groundbreaking scheduled for later this spring. The jail's capacity could potentially be increased by early 2024.

"They have received plans for the jail expansion, and still have concerns regarding medium security (inmates), which is the biggest concern for overcrowding," Miller said.

Sheriff Williams said other concerns voiced by the commission have already been resolved.

"The other issues they brought up were rectified 18

months or two years ago," he said. "Mr. Wood seems to be at the end of his rope, but the other committee members seemed to be receptive to what we're doing. We've tried everything in the world to pacify him."

The next meeting in which Williams and Miller are scheduled to appear before the commission will be in May.

"It's an eye-opening experience with some of the concerns people bring up statewide," Miller said.

One source of relief that the county is working to finalize is an agreement to house some of the county's jail inmates in Johnson County to reduce overcrowding.

"They sent us a template and their sheriff seems to think they can handle up to 30 of our inmates," Williams said. "We're at the mercy of their court and trying to get to their needs. Their go-

ing rate is \$120 a day (per inmate). There is a premium on feeding them and caring for them."

Commissioner Kyle Matthews said it was important to reach an arrangement with Johnson County. "I don't want to lose the opportunity," he said.

"Oh absolutely," Williams said. "We're working on a deal right now for at least 30 beds for males with the possibility of additional space for females. There's possibly an additional deal to house our inmates awaiting transfer to a (Texas Department of Criminal Justice state prison) facility."

"Johnson County would be a spectacular drive compared to the distances we're having to go right now."

Gatesville is about an hour and a half from Cleburne, where the Johnson County Jail is located.



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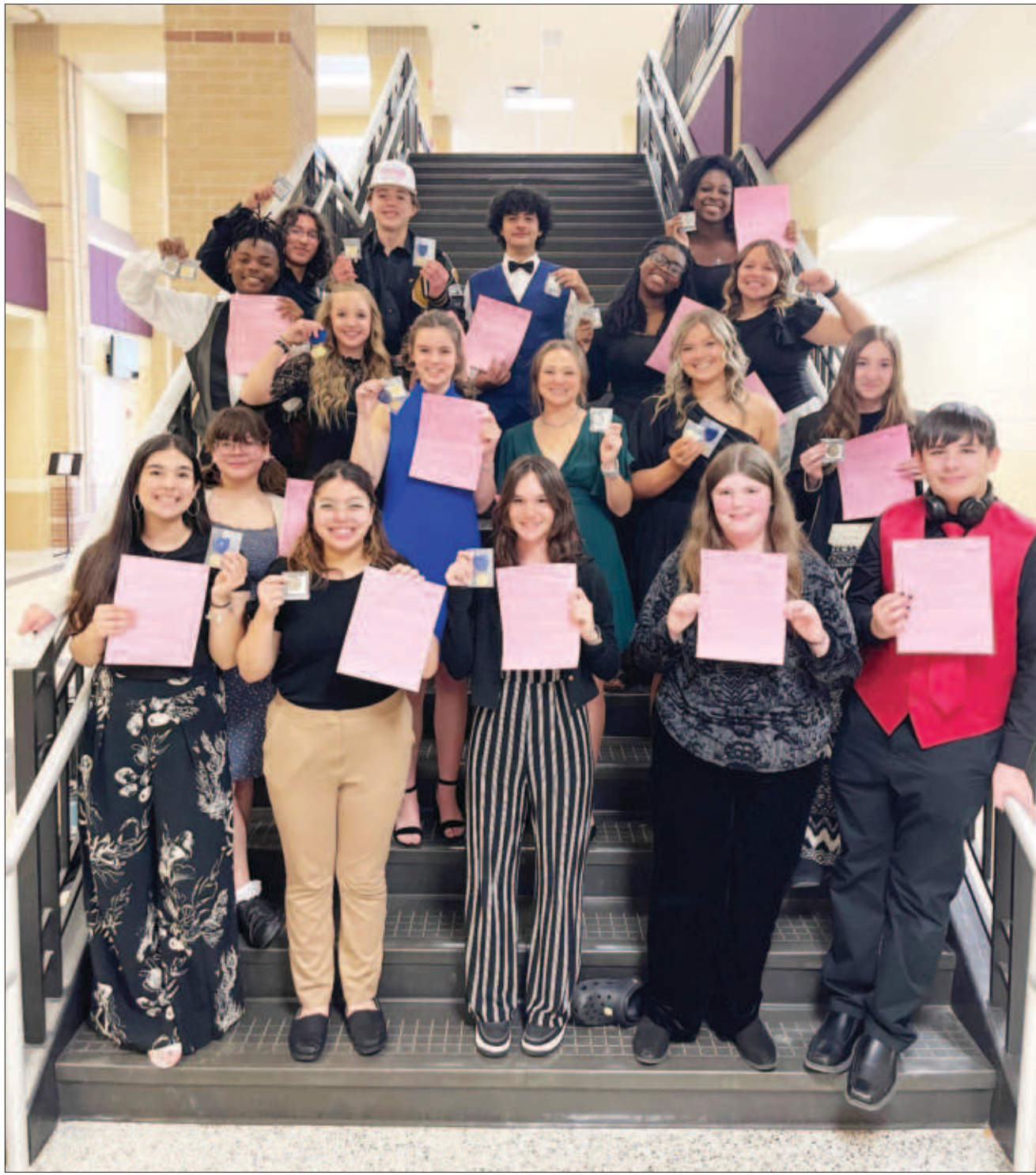
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SINGING PRAISES: Gatesville High School Choir earns 23 medals at UIL competition.

Gatesville High choir brings home 23 medals from UIL competition

Twenty-one students from the Gatesville High School choir recently participated in the UIL Solo & Ensemble Contest hosted at University High School in Waco. They competed with 21 solos and one ensemble, and brought home 23 medals. The results were:

Class 1 (Advanced) Solo:
 Anna Phillips - Superior rating, advances to state
 Paisley Wells - Superior rating, advances to state
 Aurelia Chavez - Superior

rating, advances to state
 Katie Hopson - Superior rating, advances to state
 Preslea Edmond - Superior rating, advances to state
 Memphis Wells - Superior rating, advances to state
 Coral Bryant - Superior rating, advances to state
 Vielka Gonzalez - Superior rating, advances to state
 Amelia Holden - Superior rating, advances to state
 Madison Johnson - Excellent rating
 Gracie Key - Excellent rating

Class 1 (Advanced) Ensemble:
 "The Silver Swan" - Katie Hopson, Anna Phillips, Paisley Wells, Nevin Benning, Memphis Wells
 Superior rating, advancing to state

Class 2 Solo:
 Eli Alvarez - Superior rating
 Nevin Benning - Superior rating
 Ranyah Garraway - Superior rating

Serenity Morrall - Superior rating
 Vanessa Robledo - Superior rating
 Roman Wallace - Superior rating

Class 3 Solo:
 Nahdiah Appleton - Superior rating
 Brooke Herry - Superior rating
 Katelyn Sanchez - Superior rating
 Devyn Ayala - Excellent rating

GHS Band students participate in UIL competition in Waco

On Saturday, Feb. 18, members of the Gatesville High School Band participated in the UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest at University High School in Waco. The students who earned honors, including superior and excellent ratings, were:

Students who advanced to State Solo and Ensemble in Austin:

Hayden Heck, Lena Clawson, Rachel Holden, Joshua Appelman, Nathan Elliott, Brenden Gohlke, Gracie Key, Leo Villagrana, Riley Malone, Charlie Breitinger, Jonathan Chavez, Jackson Evetts, Brianna Petrie, Hannah Bartlett, Rosa Castillo, Alex Johnson, Emily Kelly, Wyatt Dunbar, Kale Branum, Carvin Coppersmith, Kallie Featherston, Reagan Fitts, Amelia Holden, and Eason Johnson.

Superior Rating on a solo:
 Easton Keeney, Hayden

Heck, Daniel Rodriguez, Mackenzie Stacher, Jaycee Shelton, Joshua Appelman, Leo Villagrana, Riley Malone, Breanna Pospisil, Wyatt Dunbar (marimba and snare drum), Kale Branum, and Carvin Coppersmith.

Superior Rating in an ensemble:
 Lena Clawson, Hayden Heck, Rachel Holden, Joshua Appelman, Nathan Elliott, Brenden Gohlke, Gracie Key, Charlize Breitinger, Jonathan Chavez, Jackson Evetts, Brianna Petrie, Hannah Bartlett,

Rosa Castillo, Jackson Evetts, Alex Johnson, Emily Kelly, Kale Branum, Carvin Coppersmith, Kallie Featherston, Reagan Fitts, Amelia Holden, and Eason Johnson.

Excellent Rating on a solo:
 Rachel Holden and Max Carpenter.

Excellent Rating in an ensemble:
 Madison Ayres, Savanna Glenn, Maryjane Stevens, Riley Malone, Laura Mitchell, and Noah Smith.

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MY FRONT PORCH

The Hope and Anticipation of Spring!

BY SAM HOUSTON

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



Houston

Though still a couple of weeks away from the official first day, I am beginning to sense Spring is just around the corner.

There are a lot of folks who feel like I do and believe spring is the best season of the year. There is something about seeing the world around you changing from the grey of winter into the explosion of spring color, which offers hope for the future.

When spring rolls around, baseball begins. Major league players are already in Florida and Arizona, and Spring training has started. Baseball fans who have somehow managed to weather the winter absent baseball, are keen with anticipation of what the season may bring. Fans longing for the sound of a ball being hit with a wooden bat or the smell of leather gloves and horsehide baseballs are soon to have their wishes fulfilled.

Expectations are never higher than just prior to the start of baseball season. Every team is in first place, and fans can daydream and image their team ending up in the playoffs or even the World Series. Will the young rookie turn out to be a star? Will the old, veteran fan favorite still have one more good season left in him? There is hope. There is excitement and anticipation. There is joy!

A very similar mindset happens with gardening. Many gardeners have been counting the days to when they can set their potted plants back outside and no longer be afraid of a freeze. Hours are spent looking through seed catalogs and determining what flowers, herbs and vegetables to plant in this year's garden or flowerbed. An eagerness grows inside the gardener as he imagines getting his hands in the soil, putting out preemergent to fight those nasty weeds, and what the yard and garden will look like in its mid-summer glory. There is excitement and joy as seeds turn

into plants, plants create blooms, and flowers bud.

With the coming of Spring, fishing enthusiasts are going through their tackle box preparing for the season. Old fishing line is discarded and new installed. The weather and water temperature of the lake is checked daily, boats are made ready to hit the water, and the anticipation of catching a "big one" is on every fisherman's mind.

Of course, not all of us fish or garden. Some folks want to golf, boat, ski, or a thousand other things one can do outside once the weather gets warm. Whatever the activity, enthusiasts bide their time though winter and fantasize about the upcoming season. The absence of being able to participate in an activity makes us hunger for the time when we can.

We have all heard the phrase, "absence makes the heart grow fonder." Seemingly there is something in the human soul which compels us to look to the future in a positive way, especially when the future will allow us to get back to doing the things which bring us joy and satisfaction.

So, on those days when your baseball team loses 10-1, your flowers burn up in the Texas heat, and the big fish you dreamed of catching breaks your line and escapes back into the lake, remember the joy your activity brings you. Remember it's the "journey" and not always the destination which is rewarding. Hope for the best outcome, enjoy participating, and the memories the activities create. This is your life, live it!

Thought for the day: Hobbies are a contradiction: They take work and turn it into leisure, and they take leisure and turn it into work. Until next I will be ridin' the storm out.

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OBITUARIES

DENIECE CLIFTON

May 5, 1962 - Jan. 30, 2023



Deniece (Niece) Clifton, age 60, of Gatesville, passed away on Monday, January 30, 2023, in Temple.

Funeral services were held

at 11 a.m. on Monday, February 6, at Scott's Funeral Home Chapel. Immediately following the services, her family attended a celebration of Deniece's life held at Texas Station Event Center.

Patti Deniece Clifton was born on May 5, 1962, in Lovington, New Mexico to the late Clifford and Loretta Cole Bills. She grew up in Denver City, Texas and graduated from Denver City High School. She married Randy A. Clifton March 17, 1992. They have resided in Gatesville since 1998. She worked locally for Nolte Construction and the Nolte Family. Deniece had the ability to light up every room she entered. Her children and her grandchildren were her world. She gave everything she had, and never took more than she needed.

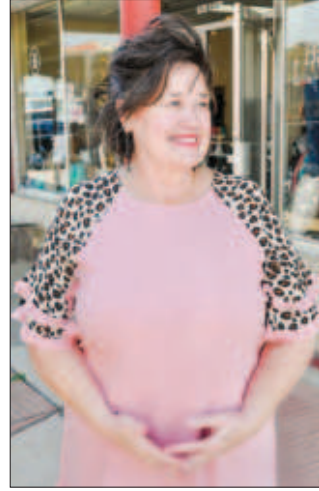
She will be greatly missed.

She was preceded in death by her parents; mother and father-in-law, O.A. and Kathy Clifton; late husband, James Green; and mother and father-in-law, Bill and Joann Green.

Deniece is survived by her husband, Randy A. Clifton; children, Austin Clifton and wife, Kim, Cyndi Clifton, Randall Green and significant other, Michele Evans, Starla Smith and husband, Chris, Alan Clifton, Kyle Clifton and partner, Whitney Billings; two sisters, and many beloved family members; grandchildren, Elijah, Jamie, Haylea, Jaynee, Ha'Ane, Tasi'Ana, Mai'Ana, Sean, Jackson, Liam, and Kennedy.

NANCY DIXON

Nov. 28, 1953 - Feb. 20, 2023



Nancy Dixon, age 69, of Gatesville, passed away on Monday, February 20, 2023, in Mound on "Hopson Hill," surrounded by her family and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, February 25, 2023, at White Mound Baptist Church Tabernacle, with Rev. Bruce Cox and Rev. Richard Creech officiating. Interment will follow at Mound Cemetery.

Nancy Lois Hopson Dixon was born on November 28, 1953, in Gatesville, to the late Truett and Lois Cole Hopson. She attended grade school at Mound and Gatesville, graduating from Gatesville High School in 1972. She married Kenneth Dixon on August 4, 1973. As a young girl, Nancy accepted Christ as her savior.

Nancy earned her bachelor's degree in Business Communications in 2010 from Texas A&M-Central Texas. After taking care of her dad, she decided that she loved caring for others. She got her CNA and CMA certifications and thoroughly enjoyed her patients at Coryell Memorial Hospital Welcome Program. It was very important to her that the residents had a special Sunday meal. Nancy made sure their tablecloths were ironed, napkins coordinated and that the salt and pepper shakers matched each week. After her mother passed, she took care of her baby sister, Barbara Sue "Fudge." Together, they started baking and preparing meals. Her love for all things of the heart and home soon turned into a business, "Marmi's MudPie Kitchen." She set up and shop and worked at Bakers Market in Gatesville, where she quickly became famous in her hometown for her protein balls.

Nancy made every occasion special, whether she was decorating a table, baking a pound cake, or taking the grandkids to Chick-Fil-A. Her attention to detail was impeccable and she truly put the "extra" in extraordinary! She was always on the go, never missed an event, and made everyone feel special and loved. To know her was to love her. Throughout her life, she shared her love of Christ by serving

others. She truly had a servant's heart and put others before herself. Nancy was diagnosed with stage four brain cancer in July of 2022. We rejoice in knowing that because of her faith, she is now fully healed. We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord. 2 Corinthians 5:8

Nancy is survived by her husband, Kenneth Dixon; children, Sara Jo Poynter and husband, Chad, Kari Ellen Belt and husband, Brandon, Holly Ann Pullen and husband, Kyle, Jeb Caley Dixon and wife, Desiree; twelve grandchildren, who called her by her favorite name "Marmi," Jaryn Cole and Lyndi Nicole Poynter, Samuel Truett, Charles Robert and Thomas Allen Belt, Joshua Lane McBee, Ruby Caroline, Truett Rose, and Jacklyn Pearl Pullen, Julia Kay, Brooke Natalie, and Reese Kelly Dixon; her "favorite" brothers and sisters, Margaret Jo Hopson, David Hopson and wife, Pam, Frank Hopson and wife, Susie, Loyd Hopson and wife, Kari, Barbara Sue Hopson; and numerous nieces and nephews who lovingly called her "Aunt Marmi."

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to the children's camp fund at White Mound Baptist Church, P.O. Box 103, Mound, TX 76558.

ROBERT GOHLKE

Nov. 4, 1938 - Feb. 19, 2023



Robert Gohlke, age 84, of Gatesville, went to be with his Heavenly Father on Sunday, February 19, 2023, surrounded by his children.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Thursday, February 23, 2023, at St. John Lutheran Church in Coryell City, with Pastor Christopher Richmann officiating. Burial followed at St. John Lutheran Cemetery.

Robert James Gohlke was born on November 4, 1938, the last of three children to the late Walter Henry and Olga Neuman Gohlke of Coryell City. He was brought by his parents for

Holy Baptism to St John's Lutheran Church in Coryell City as an infant on December 25, 1938, where he also confirmed his faith on April 6, 1952. Robert was raised in a strong Christian family. Church was an integral part of his life, raising his children in the faith and serving many roles including church council and Sunday School superintendent. He was raised on a farm and was not a stranger to hard work. He was a proud member of the Gatesville Graduating Class of 1956 and enjoyed many lifelong friendships. Robert voluntarily enlisted in the Army in April 1959, served at Fort Polk, Louisiana, and Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and worked at M.A.T.E.S. in North Fort Hood. He was honorably discharged in April of 1969. He met Sarah O'Neil Stubbs, the love of his life, at a St. John's Lutheran Church Luther League social event in the fall of 1960. They married on March 17, 1962. He began his career at the Texas Department of Transportation in Gatesville in 1971 and was promoted to Assistant Maintenance Foreman in 1976. He moved to Hamilton County when

he became the TxDOT Maintenance Foreman in 1987. He retired in 1997 and he and his wife, moved back to Gatesville. He loved spending many years of retirement with Sarah, watching their grandchildren grow, working with wood and refinishing many antiques, playing dominos with friends, gardening and watching the wildlife on their place, traveling, and serving others in his community through Meals on Wheels and in-home Communion Ministry through his church.

He was preceded in death by his wife Sarah of 59 years; brother, Curtis Gohlke; and a sister, Dorothy Gohlke Kellerman.

He is survived by his three children, Melissa Bendele and husband, Randy, of San Antonio, Stephanie Condojani and husband, John, of Telluride, Colorado, and Nathan Gohlke and wife, Nicole, of Gatesville; six grandchildren, Amber Bendele Brown and husband, Brandon, Colton Bendele, Bailey Gohlke, Kendra Condojani, Shelby Condojani and Brenden Gohlke.

In place of flowers, the family has designated memorials to be given to St. John Lutheran Church, 10801 FM 929, Gatesville, TX 76528.

WILLIAM DEAN RUFF

Aug. 24, 1950 - Feb. 18, 2023



William Dean Ruff, age 72, of Gatesville passed away Saturday, February 18, 2023, surrounded by his sons and family. Graveside services with military honors were held at 9 a.m. on Friday, February 24, 2023, at Central Texas State Veterans

Cemetery in Killeen. Pastor Wray Nunn officiated.

Bill was born August 24, 1950, in Great Falls, Montana to Daniel and Lora Fae Ruff. After high school he joined the United States Army and served in Vietnam. He later finished his long military career at M.A.T.E.S. After retirement Bill enjoyed spending his time restoring old cars, fishing, camping, and hanging out with his dogs. He loved spending time with his sons when they weren't giving him a hard time.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents and by his brother, Pete Ruff.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Ruff; sons, Gary Ruff and wife, Lonna, and Shawn Ruff and wife, Tonya; grandchildren, Gary Ruff, Jr, Michelle, Heiler, Lance, and Layden; siblings, Faye, Mary, Diane, Pam, Mike, Clayton,

Steve, and Mark; and numerous nieces and nephews and dear friends.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, <https://www.vvmf.org>.



1950 Census and Federal Census Review Program to be presented by Coryell County Genealogy Society set for next meeting

Staff Reports

The Coryell County Genealogical Society will meet on Tuesday, March 14, at 6 p.m. at the Gatesville Public Library.

Local historian, Sherry Lawrence, will present a program, featuring the 1950 U.S. Federal Census, with a review of previous Federal Census reports.

Census reports are vital to genealogists in their pursuit of establishing family relationships. The latest census available to the public is the 1950 U. S.

Federal Census, and many people will now be able to see themselves in a census for the first time. Since 1850, the Federal Census reports contain the names of all members of a household, making these reports most useful. The earlier census reports only gave the name of the head of household, with household members identified by age groups and sex. Even with this limited information the early census reports give valuable information, establishing location of a family and proximity to ex-

tended family members.

Although intended for much different purposes, census information has proven to be a genealogist's gold mine.

Meetings are open to the public, so, if you are interested in local history or want to learn more about genealogy, please join the group.

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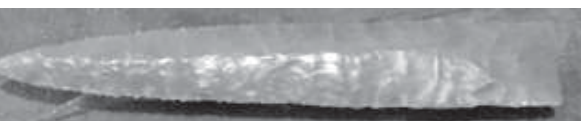
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Retirement reception Tuesday for Gatesville City Manager Bill Parry

A reception honoring retiring Gatesville City Manager Bill Parry is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 28.

The reception, hosted by the City of Gatesville staff and city council members, will be held from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. at the city council chambers, located at 110 N 8th Street.

Parry has spent the last eight years as Gatesville's city manager. His official retirement date is Feb. 28 but he has agreed to stay in Gatesville as a consultant until his position has been filled.

The public is invited to stop by and extend their well wishes to Mr. Parry.



Parry

BOOK REVIEW

'Oscar Wars' provides fun, in-depth look behind the scenes of Academy Awards

BY TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

Terri Schlichenmeyer is an award-winning, self-syndicated book reviewer.

You've often wondered what ended up on the cutting room floor.

What Easter eggs or tiny secrets never made it into your favorite movie? Which budding star's debut role will you miss because someone decided it wasn't worthy? What will never be seen on-screen? So much celluloid, so many scripts slashed, plots mashed, dreams dashed, as in "Oscar Wars" by Michael Schulman, natural upheaval, and politics. The movies hold up a mirror to us and our society, but what happens behind-the-scenes with the Awards is rarely known by the public.

Nearly a year ago, you almost couldn't go anywhere without hearing about The Slap. Everyone, it seemed, had an opinion about both action and Academy.

As for the latter, Schulman said, the Academy Awards are "a vaunted tradition celebrating a great modern art form. They're an industry party ... the closest thing America has to royalty ... a marketing ploy ... the Gay Super Bowl." And "they're something else, too."

The Oscars, in a way, are a battlefield where "it can take years to see what the real battle lines were." There's conflict in the Awards, cul-

The first Awards were held quietly, because that's how the Academy began: members at the first meeting were carefully-chosen VIPs, bona fide stars, direc-

careers trashed.

Through the years, there were many times when the Academy was almost disbanded and the Awards show deleted. And yet, it always rallied because who

didn't want that statue gracing their mantle or bathroom shelf? Frank Capra did everything imaginable to get one. So did Bette Davis, even going so far as to have an abortion. Judy Holliday narrowly missed getting the role that gained her an Oscar. Dennis Hopper didn't care if he had one or not, though, and Dalton Trumbo got his very, very late.

In the near-century of the Oscars, there were comebacks and come-from-behinds, a Red Scare and Snow White. Indeed, the ceremony has thrived despite a ratings system, racism, rock & roll, 1969... and a Slap heard 'round the world.

As addictive as a large popcorn, extra butter, and more fun than a trailer for that next big flick, "Oscar Wars" is a star-powered fan's book, all the way - but it also has something for not-particularly-avid sometimes-watchers, too.

With a heavy tip toward Hollywood, author Michael Schulman adds history and pop culture to his stories, showing how world events affected the movies and vice versa. The Academy hasn't always followed along, though, leaving fans screaming "WHAAAT??" at their televisions once a year on a Sunday; on this, Schulman subtly explains the unexplainable, in a way that anyone can appreciate. His anecdotes put the shiny, sparkly "tinsel" in these Tinsel Town tales.

This is a hefty tome but don't let that be daunting; "Oscar Wars" is so much fun to read that you'll barely notice its size. If you're truly mad for movies, Hollywood, the Red Carpet, or cultural history, this book makes the cut.

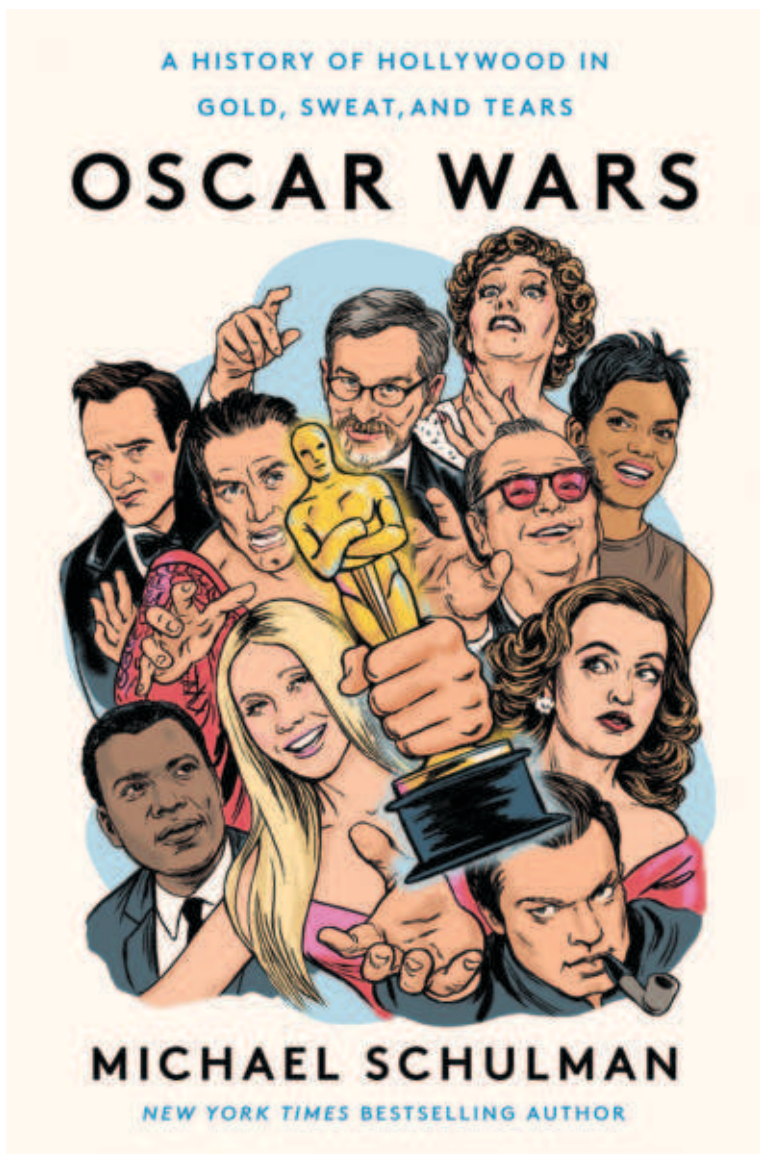


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Michael Schulman, author



"Oscar Wars: A History of Hollywood in Gold, Sweat, and Tears" by Michael Schulman. c.2023, Harper, 608 pages, \$40.00



COURTESY PHOTO

Bill and Ollie M. (Flake) Loggins on their wedding day, March 5, 1948.

Loggins to celebrate 75th wedding anniversary March 5

Bill Loggins and Ollie M. Flake were married on March 5, 1948, after meeting in their classes at Baylor University. They were married at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Waco.

Their four children are Sherry Edwards and husband, Malcom, of Lewisville, Linda Garvey and

husband, Jamie, of Gatesville, Mary Anne Leib and husband Tom, of Gatesville, and Mike Loggins and wife, Laura Ferri of Seattle. Bill and Ollie have numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Bill and Ollie both had teaching careers in Gilli-

land, Bremond, Dawson, Malakoff, Plano, and Prosper before retiring and moving to Gatesville in 1992.

They have been members of the First United Methodist Church of Gatesville for more than 30 years.



COURTESY PHOTO

Bill and Ollie M. (Flake) Loggins to celebrate 75 years of marriage.

Deadline to enter Miss Spring Fest Pageant is March 1

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.

Cookie sales continue until March 5

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.

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.

it's cookie time!



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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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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF GATESVILLE: 912 E. Main Street, Gatesville; Sunday services - Sunday School 9:30 a.m., morning worship 10:45 a.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF OGLESBY: 120 College Ave., Oglesby, TX 76561; Sunday morning services - Sunday School 10:00 am, Worship 11:00 am; Wednesday evenings - supper at 5:40 pm, Kids & Youth Group 6:00 pm, Prayer meeting 6:00 pm; Jeremy Sanders, Pastor.

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

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

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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

Crooked Timbers

"We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check."

—James 3: 2 NIV

The 18th century philosopher Immanuel Kant commented somewhat cynically on the inherent flaws in human nature: "Out of timber so crooked as that from which man is made nothing entirely straight can be built." Perhaps this is why no human institution, whether social or political, can be without its flaws, and why corruption is so ingrained and hard to eliminate in human institutions. As individuals we are all inherently flawed, and this realization should make us more tolerant of the flaws of others. We are usually disposed to be tolerant of our own flaws and limitations because we understand where they come from—our disordered souls, our less than perfect upbringings, and our baser instincts—but we don't always extend this same tolerance to others, preferring to judge them harshly. We are all inherently imperfect beings and keeping this in mind should help us to treat others with kindness and understanding. —Christopher Simon



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

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TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH: Bro. Sam Crosby, Pastor; 1506 West Main, Gatesville; Sunday services - Sunday School 9:30 a.m., morning worship 10:50 a.m. Wednesday night services - activities for adults, youth, and children 6:30 p.m. Email: trinitybctx2@centurylink.net. Church: 254-865-8495 or Pre-school: 254-248-0041.

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WHITE HALL BAPTIST CHURCH: Mike Barron, pastor; 2040 CR 238, Gatesville; Sunday school at 10 a.m.; Sunday morning worship services 11 a.m.; 254-679-3200.

WHITE MOUND BAPTIST CHURCH: Bruce Cox, pastor. Sun. services - Sun. School 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m. 642 CR 320. Mailing address: P.O. Box 103, Mound, TX 76558. **MOUND COWBOY CHURCH** Bruce Cox, pastor; Sunday services - morning worship 9 a.m., Sunday school 9:30 a.m. Men's breakfast every third Saturday of the month at 8 a.m. Inside: 3075 FM 931, outside: 2000 CR 321. Mailing address: P.O. Box 103, Mound, TX 76558. For more info. and location, call 254-865-5908.

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worship 6 p.m.

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ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH: Rev. Christopher Richman, PhD; 10801 FM 929, Gatesville, Coryell City; Sunday services - Morning worship 9 a.m., Sunday School 10:15 a.m.

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Residents of RehabLiving at Coryell Health Meet the Hornets

The Gatesville High School varsity boys basketball team was recently visited by a group of ladies who reside at RehabLiving at the Meadows. All of the visitors were former basketball players during their youth. One of which, Rachel Bundrant, age 100, recalled playing basketball on a dirt court with a net made by her mother.

The ladies truly enjoyed watching the team practice before their first playoff game, a bi-district contest in Temple against Georgetown Gateway College Preparatory School. According to Kami Williams, the activity director at RehabLiving, "All the ladies played basketball in the past and they love their Gatesville Hornets." The ladies in attendance were Marcy Rowen, Wanda Slade, Rachel Bundrant, and Gale Ralston. The ladies look forward to following the future success of the team. As a token of good luck, they presented the team members with goodie bags.



MEETING THE TEAM: watching the practice (from left) Marcy Rowen, Wanda Slade, Rachel Bundrant, Gale Ralston

MEETING THE HORNETS: Pictured with the Gatesville Hornets Varsity Basketball team include the RehabLiving residents along with Activities Director, Kami Williams, GHS team manager Nick Patel, and coaches Brit Campbell and Ken Campbell.

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SEND OFF: The Gatesville High School varsity basketball team was recently treated to a sendoff on their way to their bi-district playoff game in Temple. As the bus pulled onto Main Street, the street was lined in front of the Gatesville Elementary School with parents, friends, and students who were cheering the team. Many of the well-wishers held up signs and posters encouraging the players to do their best.

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK!



GATESVILLE HORNET BASKETBALL 2023 BI-DISTRICT CHAMPIONS

Varsity defeated Georgetown Gateway Prep 62-47 in the 4A Bi-district playoffs. GHS (28-7 overall), which tied a school record for most wins in a season, advanced to the area round and faced No. 3 Houston Washington. That game was played Friday night in the Bryan/College Station area. Results were not available as of presstime.

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- CNA-PRN all Shifts
- CMA - PRN

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 • PCA PRN – for Gatesville, Copperas Cove, and Hamilton

Infection Prevention:
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 • LVN – FT
- Certified Medical Assistant/CCMA – FT
- Outpatient Admission Clerk – FT, Mon.-Fri., 8am-5pm
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 • Cook – FT (Food Handlers Certification preferred)
- Cook Assistant – FT

EMS:
 • Paramedic – FT
- ***\$8,000 BONUS**

Emergency Department:
 • RN – FT Nights
- ***\$10,000 BONUS**
- RN – PRN all shifts

Health Information Management:
 • Certified Medical Coder – FT

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 • MLT – PRN

Material Management:
 • Housekeeper – FT & PRN

Med Surg:
 • RN House Supervisor – FT
- RN House Supervisor – FT
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- CNA – FT All Shifts
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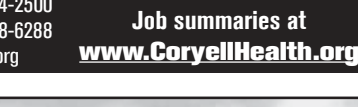
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060 GARAGE SALE

Multi-family Garage Sale Saturday, Feb. 25, 8am-? 8765 FM 2412 (Levita). 00029921

Weekly Feature is ACCESSORIES! Tues, 02/28 - Sat, 03/04. The Boys & Girls Club Resale Shop, 1706 E. Main. Tuesday-Friday, 8a.m.-5p.m. & Saturday, 9a.m.-3p.m. 00029922

GATESVILLE PICKERS: Estate Sale at old Gatesville Printing building, 817 E. Main St., Fri.-Sat., 9am-4pm. Furniture, home decor, tools, lawn equipment, lots of everything. 00029930

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070 LAND & LOTS

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSALS
Sealed proposals addressed to City of Gatesville will be received at Gatesville City Hall, 110 N. 8th Street, Gatesville, TX until 3:00 PM, on March 15, 2023 for the Regional Water Supply Clarifier No. 2 (RE-BID). Proposals will be opened publicly and read aloud shortly thereafter on the same date at City of Gatesville City Hall. Copies of the proposal documents can be obtained electronically via CivCast (www.civcastusa.com). For more information, contact Amy Jo Moreno at 254-714-1402.
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**NOTICE OF CALL FOR BIDS
DEMOLITION, CLEARING, AND CLEANING OF PROPERTY**

The objective in issuing this Notice of Call for Bids is to solicit bids from qualified companies that have the experience and capability to effectively complete the demolition project.
Coryell County is requesting proposals from interested and qualified performance contractors for demolition, clearing and cleaning of County buildings located at 410 E. Leon, 418 E. Leon, and 508 E. Leon, Gatesville, Texas 76528, as fully described in paragraph 11 of this Notice of Call for Bids.

BID START DATE:
February 25, 2023
BID CLOSING DATE:
March 13, 2023

CONTRACTOR SELECTION: March 14, 2023, at Commissioners' Court Session

All qualified firms interested in providing bids for specified performance contracting services should respond with a written proposal to the County. Final selection will be made in accordance with the policies and administrative directive of the County and other statutory provisions. Responses must be received by noon on March 13, 2023, to Coryell County, Office of the County Judge, 800A East Main Street, Gatesville, TX 76528, after which time and date they will no longer be accepted. Late responses will be returned and will not be considered. Responses may be mailed or delivered in person. Submit your "Intent to Bid" by mail or fax at (254) 865-2040 to Coryell County before noon, March 8, 2023, stating your intent to bid. The complete bid documents are available on the Coryell County website at: www.coryellcounty.org or in the Office of the County Judge. Telephone number is (254) 865-5911, ext. 301.
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INVITATION TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS**
The City of Gatesville (Owner) is requesting Competitive Sealed Proposals for the Regional Water Supply Clarifier No. 2 Rehabilitation (RE-BID) (CDV21-0304) from, qualified contractors, to be received until **3:00 PM on March 15, 2023** in its offices located at City of Gatesville City Hall, 110 N. 8th Street, Gatesville, Texas 76528. Sealed competitive proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud at shortly thereafter at same location. Proposals are invited for furnishing all labor, equipment, and materials necessary for construction of the following:

RFP No. 2-01650 - City of Gatesville - Regional Water Supply Clarifier No. 2 Rehabilitation (RE-BID)

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

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

Copies of the bidding documents can be obtained electronically online from CivCast (www.civcastusa.com). All questions must be submitted in writing through CivCast's Question and Answer feature. For more information, contact Amy Jo Moreno at (254) 690-1478 or amoreno@walkerpartners.com.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than, the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon and Related Acts) wage rate, as issued by the Texas Department of Agriculture Office of Rural Affairs and contained in the contract documents, must be paid on this project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual identity, gender identity, or national origin. The City is an Equal Opportunity Employer. The City strives to attain goals for compliance with Federal Section 3 regulations by increasing opportunities for employment and contracting with Section 3 residents and businesses where feasible.

The (City of Gatesville) reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding. Bids may be held by (City of Gatesville) for a period not to exceed 60 days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the bidder's qualifications prior to the contract award.

City of Gatesville
William Parry, City Manager
(February 15, 2023)

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**NOTICE TO BID—
CORYELL COUNTY
Timeframe: March 14, 2023 - March 13, 2024**

Coryell County is seeking bids for Crushed Rock

Contact the Road and Bridge Department, 254-865-5021 and visit the Coryell County website: www.co.coryell.tx.us for the bid sheets and any further information. The Commissioners' Court has the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Bids addressed to the Honorable County Judge and the Commissioners' Court of Coryell County, Texas will be accepted in the office of the County Judge until 9:00 a.m. on March 10, 2023. Mail, bring your bid or FAX to:
Hon. County Judge Roger Miller
Coryell County Main Street Annex
800 E. Main Street, Suite A
Gatesville, Texas 76528
PH; 254-865-5911 ext. 301

FAX: 254-865-2040

Bid will be awarded at the Commissioners' Courtroom on Tuesday, March 14th, 2023, 9:00 am in the Commissioners' Courtroom, 801 E. Leon Street, Gatesville, Texas.
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**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
CITY OF OGLESBY**

The City of Oglesby plans to apply for the upcoming 2023/2024 TXCDGB from the Texas Community Development Block Grant (TXCD-BG) Program of the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA). Accordingly, the City of Oglesby is seeking to contract with a qualified Engineering/Architectural/Surveying Firm(s) (individual/firm) to prepare all preliminary and final design plans and specifications, and to conduct all necessary interim and final inspections. These services are being solicited to assist the City of Oglesby in its application preparation and project implementation of a TxCD-BG contract, if awarded, to support eligible activities in the City of Oglesby. Please electronically submit your SOQs in .pdf format via email to jthompson@oglesby-texas.com. SOQs must be received by the City of Oglesby no later than 2 pm on March 10, 2023, which must be at least ten (10) days after this publication and contact dates of the RFQ. The City of Oglesby reserves the right to negotiate with any and all individuals or firms that submit SOQs, as per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Uniform Grant and Contract Management Standards. Section 3 Residents and Business Concerns, Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises are encouraged to submit SOQs. The City of Oglesby is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Servicios de traducción están disponibles por petición
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- 2/1 brick home 560 W Hwy 84 Evant, TX, recently painted, updated shower, garage/workshop, fenced in backyard, utility shed-boat shed. \$169,500
- 10.01 acres east of Evant, TX Lot 8 Phase 5 Rio Escondido Subdivision, good tree cover, rolling terrain, great views to build a home, gated Subdivision. \$119,900
- 10.01 acres north of Evant, TX Lot 85 Phase 4 Rio Escondido, Rolling Terrain, Good tree cover, good views, \$129,500
- 10.01 Acres, Lot 20 Phase 4 Rio Escondido north of Evant, TX. good tree cover, great views. \$150,000
- 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.
- 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
- 38 +/- acres, south of Pearl, TX, Coryell County, FM 183 frontage, rolling terrain and scattered tree cover, nice views and would make a great home site, Centrally located, about 20 minutes from Evant & Gatesville and about 45 minutes from Coppars Cove-Killeen, Waco & Temple. \$372,400
- 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
- 50.24 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 barn/condominium, 1197 CR 404 Hamilton, TX. 1 water well, metal building, nice porch, good tree cover, rolling terrain, 2 tanks, good fences, \$875,000
- 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. \$1,275,000
- 82.43 acres west of Evant, TX, Mills County. Open pasture, scattered mesquite tree cover, native grasses, 1 stock tank & is fenced on 3 sides with approx. 1910 ft that needs to be fenced on the south side of the property. \$560,524
- 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
- 105 acres south of Pearl, TX on Self Rd. good tree cover, rolling terrain, small branch, barn, rain harvest system, \$743,775
- 179.562 acres 1.6 miles south of Gatesville, TX FM 116 frontage, great views, stock tank, rolling terrain & scattered tree cover. \$1,230,000
- 252.87 Acres, 3 Br 2 Ba home, open floor plan, wood burning fireplace, breakfast bar, ceramic tile in kitchen, breakfast area & bathrooms. Lamanite wood flooring in living room & carpet in 2 bedrooms, inground pool with slab that was pour for a future 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

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: editor@gatesvill messenger.com

YA-YA'S SHRIMP AND GRITS

BY ANNE RAMMINGER

- Shrimp
- 2 T. Louisiana style Cajun seasoning
- 1 ½ lbs. large shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 1 T. paprika
- 2 T. salted butter
- 1 T. dried Italian seasoning
- 1 T. minced garlic
- Freshly ground black pepper
- Prepare shrimp: in a small bowl, combine Cajun seasoning, paprika, Italian seasoning, and a pinch of pepper. Add shrimp and toss until combined. Set aside.
- Cook shrimp: Melt butter in a large skillet. Add garlic and cook approximately 30 seconds. Add shrimp and cook until opaque, 1 ½ minutes per side. Transfer shrimp to a medium bowl and set aside.
- Grits
- 2.04 oz. chicken bullion cubes
- 1 T. tomato paste
- 2 T. salted butter
- ¾ c. heavy whipping cream
- 1 c. quick cooking

- white grits
- 3 ½ oz. extra-sharp cheddar cheese, shredded
- Prepare grits: Fill a medium saucepan with 2 cups of water. Add bullion cubes and butter and bring to a boil. While whisking, gradually add grits. Cook, whisking often, about 5 minutes. Stir in tomato paste, cream, and cheese. Continue cooking, whisking until creamy, 2 to 3 more minutes. Set aside.
- Sauce
- 3 T. all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 1 c. low sodium chicken stock
- ½ tsp. hot sauce
- ½ c. heavy cream
- Prepare sauce: Stir flour

into remaining butter in skillet that shrimp were cooked in. Cook, stirring occasionally until thickened and medium-tan color, 5 to 10 minutes. Whisk in chicken stock and cream. Let cook, whisking constantly 2 minutes. Whisk in Worcestershire sauce and hot sauce. Set aside. Heat a medium skillet over medium heat. Add ham and cook, turning once, until browned. Transfer ham to a cutting board and cut into ½ to ¾ inch pieces.

To serve, divide grits evenly among six plates. Top with shrimp and drizzle with sauce. Serve garnished with ham.



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Hornet softball's hot start has team ranked

BY CHRIS ALLMAN
Sports Correspondent

Thanks to a 7-2 start to their season, the Gatesville Lady Hornets softball squad is ranked No. 18 among all Class 4A teams in the state in the latest poll released by the Texas Girls Coaches Association.

Gatesville picked up its seventh win of the season on Feb. 21 with a 13-9 victory over Clifton to snap a two-game losing streak. The Hornets began the season 6-0 but dropped their last two games of the Killeen ISD Tournament, to Leander Glenn and Harker Heights.

In the Killeen Tournament, the Hornets' offense was on full display as they collected 45 hits, stole 26 bases, and hit five home runs – three from Brilee Ford. GHS pitchers tallied 34 strikeouts in seven games.

The Lady Hornets began play in the Gatesville Varsity Invitational on Feb. 23 with games against Academy and Ellison. On Feb. 24 they played Troy and Shoemaker before wrapping up the tournament with games against Moody and Valley Mills on Feb. 25.

GHS Sports Roundup

Girls Powerlifting: GHS has qualified 13 lifters for the upcoming regional meet, which will be held March 3 at Dublin High School. The Hornet qualifiers include: Zoey Arnold, Brookelynn Byrd, Lena Clawson, Lindsey Cummings, Emma Davidson, Kensley Eary, Kasey Fitzer, Vielka Gonzalez, Isabela Mondragon, Baylyn Roberts, Marin Seagraves, Shaylie Teague, Paisley Wells.

Girls Soccer: Varsity defeated Academy 4-0.

Boys Soccer: Hornets defeated Academy 2-0.

Boys Golf: GHS shoots team score of 385, finishes 16th in 30-team field at Hutto Invitational.

Registration underway for GHS summer sports camps

Gatesville High School will have a variety of summer sports camps which start May 30, and registration has begun. Cost for most of the camps will be \$40.

The first camps of the summer will include:

- * Football for grades 1-6 from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. May 30-June 1

- * Girls basketball May 30-June 1 for grades 1-9 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

- * Baseball from June 5-7, with sessions for grades 1-2 from 8:30-10:30 a.m., grades 3-5 from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and grades 6-9 from 1-3:30 p.m.

- * Tennis from June 5-7 for grades 1-9 from 8-11 a.m.

- * Softball from June 5-7, with sessions for grades 1-5 from 8-10 a.m. and grades 6-9 from 10:30-12:30 p.m.

More details can be found at gatesvilleisd.revtrak.net.

GHS Tennis in Action



SE'VETTE EARLY | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Gatesville's Callie Smith stretches during her recent tennis match at the Waco Regional Tennis Center.



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Gatesville senior Ty Warren was among the Hornet athletes competing recently at the Waco Regional Tennis Center.

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Hornets top Gators in playoffs, 62-47

BY CHRIS ALLMAN
Sports correspondent

For the first time in 10 years, Gatesville will add a gold basketball to the trophy case.

Behind 26 points from Tyler Shea, 14 points from Banner Allman, and an inspired all-around performance from Rayshon Smith, the Hornets took down Georgetown Gateway Prep 62-47 in Temple on Tuesday for their first playoff win since February of 2013. They will now move on to the area round to face Houston Washington, the state's No. 3 ranked 4A team.

"I am just so extremely proud of these guys and the fact that we are bi-district champs," head coach Brit Campbell said.

The Hornets led for almost the entirety of the game but were not able to pull away until the second half.

A slow start found the Hornets down 6-2 and 8-5 in the first quarter before they found their footing. Campbell noted that the environment may have contributed to the uneven start.

"We were excited and the atmosphere was definitely elevated and we let that get us a little bit to speed up early on," Campbell said.

A putback from Shea cut the Gator lead to 8-7. Smith then ripped off seven straight points to give the Hornets a lead they would not surrender. The junior guard scored on a layup, drew a charge on Gateway's Asher Eddins, converted a three-point play, then capped the run with another layup to make it 14-8.

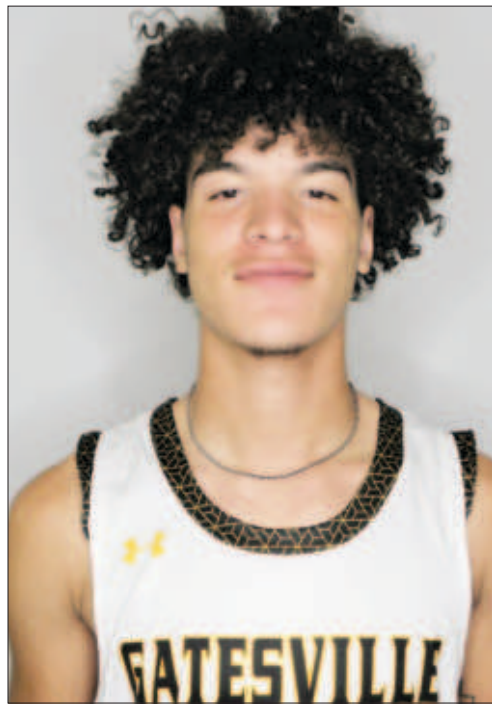
Banner Allman opened the game with a layup but Smith and Shea scored the Hornets remaining 12 points of the quarter.

"I thought those two stepped up and had a great game for sure. Tyler had a good inside presence on both ends, and I thought Rayshon was aggressive on offense," Campbell said. "He also had some huge stops with the charges he took. Both guys had some plays that got us going and gave us some positive momentum."

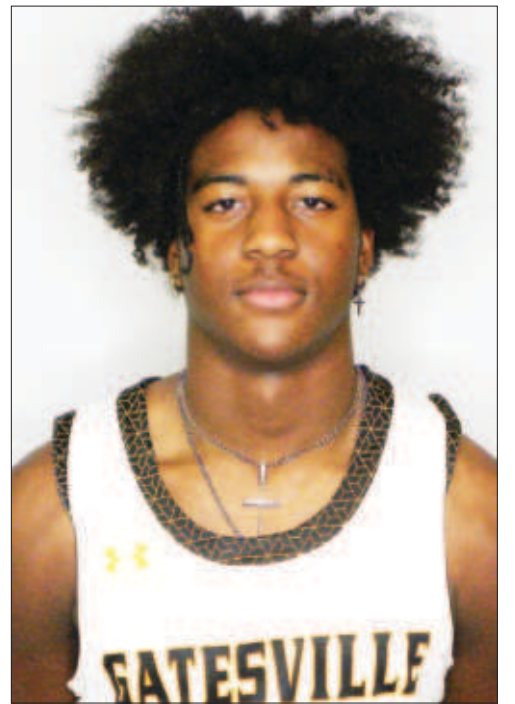
In the second quarter, the Gators cut the lead to 14-12 but 12-2 run - capped by layups from Carter Williams and from Shea -



Banner Allman



Tyler Shea



Rayshon Smith

gave Gatesville their biggest lead of the first half at 26-14.

Six straight points from Gator guard Gavin Ndubisi made it 26-20 but a West Allman three-pointer stopped the bleeding and pushed the lead back to 29-20. The Hornets led 31-24 at halftime.

The second half began and essentially ended with punctuation marks from Shea. In between the Hornets fended off repeated Gateway comeback attempts with runs of their own thanks to timely defensive stops and buckets from five different players.

The Hornets opened the second half with an alley-oop dunk from Trae Miller to Shea to stretch the lead to 33-24 but four points from Ndubisi and a three-pointer from Eddins made it 33-31.

Gatesville countered with six straight points from Banner Allman - the Hornets' leading scorer this season. The senior guard scored on a three-point play then buried a corner three-pointer to quickly extend the

lead back to eight at 39-31. Then, back-to-back layups from Shea and Kase Cox pushed the lead to 43-31.

Gateway cut the lead to single-digits when a three-pointer from Westin Hartness made it 48-39 but a steal by Shea and layup from West Allman made it 50-39 after three quarters.

In the fourth, the Gators were able to get as close as nine points again when a three-pointer from Eddins made it 56-47 but on their next possession, Miller drew a charge on Eddins. Gatesville countered with a layup from Banner Allman on the next possession to make it 58-47 and the Gators would not threaten again.

The win was punctuated by a three-point play from Shea with 1:37 to play that embodied the Hornets defensive efforts in the second half. The senior forward batted away an errant pass and dove for the loose ball. As Ndubisi attempted to make a save for the Gators, Shea snagged the ball, dunked, drew

a foul, and sealed the Hornets' victory.

"In the second half we picked up the pressure and that gave us some momentum and we also got out in transition well," Campbell said.

Shea led all scorers with 26 points while Banner Allman had 14 points. Shea passed the 1,000 point mark for his career in the first quarter and Allman needs 13 points in the area round game to set a new single-season scoring record for the Hornets. The record of 656 was set in 2009 and Allman currently has 644 points on the season.

The Hornets, ranked No. 23 in the most recent Max Preps rankings, faced Washington - No. 4 in the TABC rankings and No. 5 in the Max Preps rankings - on Friday. A win would mean a trip to the regional quarterfinals for the first time since 2009 and a matchup against the winner of the area round game between Houston Yates and La Vega.

Gatesville baseball opens season with run-rule rout of Jarrell

BY CHRIS ALLMAN
Sports Correspondent

Bralen Veazey struck out 10 batters and Gatesville racked up nine hits as the Hornets rolled to a five-inning 10-0 mercy-rule victory over Jarrell on Monday.

After losing his sophomore pitching season due to injury, Veazey looked healthy against the Cougars. He walked two batters in the first inning and gave up back-to-back singles in the third inning, but was virtually untouched throughout the rest of his four innings of work.

Veazey struck out the side in the second and third innings and had two strikeouts in the first inning and the fourth inning. All 10 of his strikeouts were swings and misses.

"He looked good for his first outing. There were a ton of swing and misses so that is a good sign that he had pretty good stuff (on Monday)," GHS head coach Chase Smith said. "As good as he was last night he is only going to get better. It's exciting having him back."

The Gatesville offense put four runs on the scoreboard in the first inning but did it on just one hit. Kason Herbelin and Lawson Mooney opened the game with walks and both advanced a base on a passed ball. A balk scored Herbelin to make it 1-0 and moved Mooney to third. He scored on a sacrifice fly from freshman Brady James to make it 2-0.

Veazey and Mason Mooney then drew consecutive walks and Veazey later scored on a passed ball to make it 3-0. A line-drive



Bralen Veazey



Sean Aguilar

double from Grant Erwin scored Mooney to make it 4-0 after the first inning.

Gatesville batted around in the second inning and added another six runs in the frame. The Hornets opened the inning with five consecutive hits.

Sean Aguilar and Herbelin both singled to start the inning and Aguilar later scored on an error to make it 5-0. Herbelin scored on a Lawson Mooney triple to make it 6-0 and

James scored Mooney with a single to make it 7-0.

Veazey singled again and Mason Mooney reached on an error to load the bases and James came in to score and make it 8-0 on a sacrifice fly from Justin Johnson.

After John Ibarra singled to load the bases once again, Aguilar singled to center to score Veazey and Mooney to make it 10-0. "We also were hitting the ball the opposite

way pretty well and took what they gave us. I think our bats will keep getting better and our guys are slowly getting more aggressive and comfortable taking the extra base and stealing third base at any given time which is going to make opposing pitchers pretty uncomfortable when we get people on base," Smith said.

Aguilar and James each had two hits and two RBI while Herbelin, Lawson Mooney, Veazey, Erwin, and Ibarra each had one hit. The Hornets drew five walks in the game with just one strikeout.

Defensively, the Hornets made just one error in 17 total chances. Smith said that shutouts by both the varsity and junior varsity (6-0 winners) were the highlights of the night.

"I liked that our JV and varsity didn't give up any runs. That's been a big emphasis for us focusing on pitching and defense. Our pitchers threw well and when you strike guys out it always helps the defense look better," he said.

Gatesville opened play in the Salado Tournament on Feb. 23 against Killeen, then faced Troy and Gateway Prep on Feb. 24. They will wrap up the tournament with a rematch against Jarrell on Feb. 25.

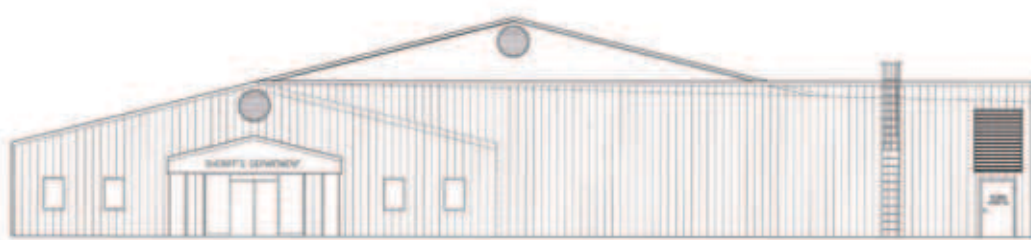
Both Jarrell and Gateway Prep are members of District 24-4A, whom the Hornets and their 23-4A counterparts will matchup with in the bi-district round of the playoffs.

"It's nice getting some games against Jarrell and Gateway who we could possibly matchup with in the playoffs."

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