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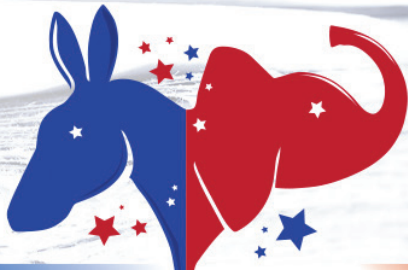
Sheriff Scott Williams leads in preliminary election results

BY KAYLEE DUSANG
Staff Writer

Following Super Tuesday on March 5, the primary election's final unofficial results are in for county and statewide seats.

Coryell County's ballot featured only two races in the Republican primary - Coryell County Sheriff and Constable Precinct 1. Since no Democrats filed to

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City Hall to roll out convenience fee for credit card payments

BY KAYLEE DUSANG
Staff Writer

The City of Gatesville plans to implement a new convenience or processing fee to transactions made with a debit or credit card in mid-April.

Gatesville Finance Director Mike Halsema said the fee will be 3.5% for all card types, which would equal \$3.50 for every \$100 transaction. The fees will mainly include payments on utility bills and court fines.

Gatesville City Council approved adding the convenience fees at a regular meeting on Feb. 27.

Halsema said there is no fee for paying utility bills or court fines by cash or

check in person, by mail, or by the drop box located at the drive-thru located on 803 E Main Street.

If customers pay by phone or online, they will be charged an additional \$1.25 per transaction in addition to the credit card fees. This charge is from the software system the city uses for their phone and website. This charge was already included for payments on court fines.

The public can also sign up for auto draft payments on utilities with their bank account information in person, which does not incur

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It's not history, it's *her*story

BY DARREN CLARK
Messenger Staff

March has been designated National Women's History Month. It's a month to celebrate the contributions of women throughout our nation's history, and those contributions are numerous. We all know the stories of Betsy Ross, Susan B. Anthony, Sally Ride, Rosa Parks and many other women who broke barriers, overcame hardships and faced challenges to create turning points in the path of our country.

What we often fail to realize, and by "we" I am referring to men like me, is the significance to women that this month holds. As a husband of one woman and father of another, my perspective has drastically shifted when it comes to the significance of the accomplishments of women in our history.

As a man, growing up in a male-dominated world in the late '70s, '80s, and '90s, I saw the world through the male perspective. My own efforts, intelligence,

and dedication were the only things that held me back in society. All doors were open to me, provided I could meet the minimum qualifications. The curriculum for my history classes was dominated by the accomplishments of men and the failures of other men.

Women are, in a historical sense, relatively new to the workforce, new to the voting booth, and new in political offices. Despite the accomplishments of some women, many women still face the male-centric viewpoint in television shows, movies, school curriculum, and policies within the workplace and other organizations.

In the workplace, women are paid roughly 84% of what their male counterparts are making, according to the National Women's Law Center. The NWLC also states that mothers working full time are paid roughly 74% of what fathers make.

Suffice to say, women still face battles for equality in all arenas. While laws

have changed to reflect their equality, standard practices and belief systems have been slow to embrace these changes. It is way past time for our society to truly treat women as the equals they are in our world.

Yes, we have made strides in our society. A woman sits as vice president of the United States. We have women in the Senate, House of Representatives, State legislatures, county commissioners courts, city councils, and school boards. We have women judges at every level of our court system. Women are excelling as CEOs, board members, entrepreneurs and in many other fields.

One of the struggles many women face is the expectation to be more like men in the workplace. Our various workplace cultures have unwritten rules that dictate the behavior of employees. These cultural guidelines tend to be more masculine in nature. Many businesses and corpora-

tions could benefit from a feminine influence in the boardroom, breakroom and showroom.

Throughout my lifetime, I have seen many women with different personalities excel in the workplace. They have been powerful leaders, compassionate coworkers and highly productive members of their respective organizations. I have admired many of my female supervisors for their natural leadership skills, but I have also seen them admonished for not being "tough enough."

We must even the playing field to the plethora of ideas, notions, and styles that we welcome in the workforce. After all, there is a lot of diversity among American and Texan consumers. When businesses recognize their customer base is diverse and seek to serve those customers in their diversity, they will only find increased success.

30 MORE DAYS...



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The Wild Bunch. From left to right: Sundance Kid, William Carver, Ben Kilpatrick, Harvey Logan, and Butch Cassidy.

Hollywood character based on Coryell native

BY DAVID SCOTT
Staff Writer

In September of 1969, a movie was released titled "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid" starring Paul Newman, Robert Redford, and Katharine Ross. The movie premiered in Gatesville on June 24, 1970, at the Town & Country Theatre with the opportunity to win Butch Cassidy's bike. An actor in the movie, Timothy Scott, portrayed a native of Coryell County, William Carver.

The movie tells the story of Wild West outlaws Robert LeRoy Parker, known as Butch Cassidy, and his partner Harry Longabaugh, and the Sundance Kid, who were on the run from a U.S. posse after a string of bank robberies.

Butch Cassidy's "Wild Bunch" of outlaws was considered one of

the most loosely-organized outlaw gangs operating out of the Hole-in-the-Wall, near Kaycee in Wyoming. The Hole-in-the-Wall hideout was a natural fortress of caves with a narrow entrance that was constantly guarded.

One of the members of the Wild Bunch gang was a young man named William "News" Carver. Carver was born in Coryell County on Sept. 12, 1868, to George Alfred Carver and Martha Jane Rigsby Causey. His father's family had settled in Coryell County in the 1860s.

Following his father's disappearance from the family, his mother remarried, and soon afterwards young Carver became employed with the

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Left: William "News" Carver



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Right: Timothy Scott, the actor who played William "News" Carver in the movie Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid.

NATIVE

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Half Circle Six Ranch in Tom Green County before venturing west to Wyoming and Utah.

He later met and married Viana E. Byler, who was the aunt to future female outlaw Laura Bullion. Viana died less than six months into their marriage and, it was at that time, that Carver entered his life as an outlaw.

By 1896, Carver was riding with the "Black Jack" Ketchum gang, taking part in numerous robberies in New Mexico, and becoming friends with outlaw Ben Kilpatrick.

Following a failed robbery, he fled to "Robber's Roost" in Utah where he began riding with Cassidy's Wild Bunch Gang. That was when he gained the nickname of "News" for supposedly seeing his name in newspaper stories about the gang's exploits.

On Aug. 29, 1900, Carver, Kid Curry, Cassidy, and the Sundance Kid robbed a Union Pacific train near Tipton, Wyoming, with a take that exceeded \$30,000. The gang then split up to avoid the advancing posses that were pursuing them. It was at that point that Carver fled south. He was later involved in the robbery of a Great Northern train near

Wagner, Montana.

A humorous story about one of Carver's robberies was included in True West magazine in a story written by Marshall Trimble. He wrote, "On Sept. 19, 1900, Butch Cassidy, the Sundance Kid, and members of the Wild Bunch were on their way to Winnemucca, Nevada to rob a local bank. On the way to town, they had to cut their way through a barbed wire fence. Bill Carver took a pair of wire cutters from his saddle bag and was cutting the fence when a skunk suddenly appeared on the scene. Bill drew his pistol, fired, and missed. The skunk fired back and hit. While the rest of the gang whooped and hollered, Carver attacked the skunk. The hairy critter's aim was deadly and when Carver tried to re-mount his horse, the animal shied away, wanting no part of him - neither did the Wild Bunch. Carver was forced to ride into town at the distant rear of the gang. Inside the bank, even the tellers held their noses when he approached. The clerk's kept sniffing, and finally Carver snapped, 'Dammit, I can't help it. He got me first.'"

Carver continued to ride with the Cassidy boys and

was included in the famous Fort Worth Five photograph, which included Cassidy, the Sundance Kid, Harvey Logan (Kid Curry), and Ben Kilpatrick.

Following Butch Cassidy's and the Sundance Kid's flight to South America, the remaining members of the Wild Bunch returned to Texas in hopes of escaping from a posse that was pursuing them.

Carver made a trip to Senora, Texas, where he planned on robbing the Senora bank, but was shot and killed while in a bakery in the town. On the night of April 2, 1901, Carver was shot six times. Before he died, he was heard to say, "Die Game, boys."

His humble beginnings in Coryell County ended in a barrage of bullets back in his home state.

Carver was buried in the Sonora Cemetery with a simple tombstone that does not include his name - only the date of his death, April 2, 1901.

In the 1969 movie, Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, William Carver's character is included and played by actor Timothy Scott who would later appear in the series Lonesome Dove.

Head-on crash in Coryell County leaves three injured

Staff Reports

The Texas Department of Public Safety responded to a head-on crash near Copperas Cove that left two drivers and one passenger severely injured, according to a Texas DPS press release.

The incident occurred on State Highway 9 on March 2 around 11:55 p.m. A 24-year-old Killeen male was traveling eastbound in a 2012 Honda Scion when

a 19-year-old Copperas Cove male in a 2018 Audi traveling westbound approached the Honda.

According to the lead Texas DPS trooper, the Honda crossed into the path of the Audi, and the vehicles collided head-on. There was also a 24-year-old female passenger in the Audi who was not wearing a safety belt, DPS troopers say.

The two drivers and the

passenger were transported to the hospital for "incapacitating injuries."

Both drivers are believed to have been impaired, according to Texas DPS troopers.

The crash investigation is still active and open.

Texas DPS would like to remind drivers to never drive impaired, and that it increases the risk of being seriously injured or killed in a crash.



STOCK PHOTO

Daylight saving time will begin at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 10. It will mean losing an hour of sleep and moving the clocks around your house forward one hour, though your cell phone will likely automatically adjust. The sun will rise and set an hour later. Don't forget to change out your batteries on your smoke alarms as well.

RESULTS

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run as opponents to Republican candidates in the county, winners will run unopposed in November.

Sheriff

As of press time, incumbent Sheriff Scott Williams appears to have won the re-election for his seat against his two opponents, Danni Suniga and John JC Buster.

Williams leads by 50.54% with a total of 3,005 votes. He needed to earn 50% plus one vote to avoid a runoff election.

Buster came in second to Williams with 31.53% or 1,875 of the votes. Suniga received 17.93% or 1,066

of the votes.

Williams was first elected in 2016 and will head into his third term as Coryell County Sheriff.

Constable Precinct 1

The incumbent for Constable Precinct 1, Guy Beveridge, won the majority of votes in the preliminary primary results against his opponent Robert Taylor.

Beveridge received 781 or 62.28% of the votes. Taylor followed with 473 or 37.72% of the votes.

Beveridge was first elected as Constable Precinct 1 for Coryell County in 2013.

Several county seats ran

unopposed and were re-elected in the Republican primary, including District Attorney Dusty Boyd, County Attorney Brandon Belt, County Commissioners Kyle Matthews and Ryan Basham, and County Chair Colton Buckley.

Just over 14% of Coryell County's 44,658 registered voters cast ballots during the election.

These numbers were updated on March 6. For current updates or to view the full primary election results, visit www.coryell-countytx.com/elections.

FEE

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any additional charges. Halsema said activities related to Gatesville Parks & Recreation and the fitness center will not include added fees for payments by credit card at this time.

Due to an increase in areas that now accept credit and debit card transactions, Halsema said

the city was absorbing the processing fees. According to the Feb. 27 city council agenda, the city has been one of the few businesses in Gatesville that does not pass along additional costs associated with using credit cards to the public.

As of the first quarter, the city has paid over

\$26,000 in fees mostly associated with large payments by credit cards for utility fees and hotel occupancy taxes.

For more information, please visit the City of Gatesville website for public notices on credit card convenience fees: <https://www.gatesvilletx.com/>



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FROM MY FRONT PORCH

Learning to tie your shoes



BY SAM HOUSTON

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

My older sister has a birthday this month, and this past weekend while I was sitting out on the deck enjoying some sun, I reflected on our lives as children. God blessed me with a wonderful mother, and she instilled a lot of very positive attributes in my sister Cynthia.

With me being five years younger, her name was nearly impossible to pronounce. About the best I could do was to call her

“Tia,” and so a nickname was born.

It’s hard to express how good Tia was to me. While a lot of sisters, especially

one five years older, would have wanted to distance themselves from a little annoying “goober boy,” she made sure I was always included. When I was on the playground, she made sure to have me be a part of whatever she was doing. When it came time for me to start my formal education, she would walk with me to and from school. She gave me my first nickname, “Bo,” which was short for Sambo, a popular children’s story at the time. She was a safety net and perhaps could even be described as a “second” mother.

As a kindergarten enrollee, I felt 10-foot-tall sitting on the bench with the fifth-grade boys when they were playing softball. Of course, I could not participate in their game because I was just too little, but Tia made it clear to the

“big guys” that it was cool for me to be there. My chest would swell with pride with being included. I would pick up the bats and hand the “guys” their gloves when it was time to take the field. It wasn’t until the upper grades of elementary school that I realized my sister’s good looks had a definite effect on her male classmates and why they were more than willing to accommodate her requests to allow a little pest to be in their midst. Admittedly, it made me feel very special when all the other kids in my grade expressed their jealousy for my being accepted by the older kids. It all happened because of Tia.

I’m not sure how old I was — 4 or 5, I would think — when Tia was the one who taught me how to tie my shoes. Everyone prob-

ably remembers the angst of being young and having your shoe come untied, and not being able to fix the problem by yourself.

Tia sat me down with my pair of black Keds and carefully explained to me the process — how to loop the shoelaces, pull everything tight and then loop and tighten again. She was patient and understanding, and when I would screw up, she never made me feel incompetent, but rather would simply start me over again until I finally got it right. I’m not sure how long it took, but I have a vague memory of seeing Tia’s excitement when I finally got it right. She was as excited as I was.

In the forthcoming weeks, I would tie my shoes without help, and, of course, after that it became second nature. Tia never helped

me with my shoes again. She didn’t need to. She had helped me grow and she knew I now needed to take responsibility for myself. That’s another lesson I learned that day and many times over as I grew up. It seems like nowadays there are a lot of folks who never learned that lesson and applied it to other lessons in life. Perhaps they were not fortunate enough to have a “Tia.” Thank God, I was.

Thought for the day: To the outside world, we all grow old, but not to brothers and sisters. We know each other as we always were.

Until next time. I will keep ridin’ the storm out!
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Closings in observance of Good Friday, Easter

Staff Reports

Businesses and governmental offices across Coryell County will join the rest of the nation on Friday, March 29 and Sunday, March 31 in celebration of Good Friday and Easter.

Closings in the immediate area include:

GOVERNMENT

The City of Gatesville, the City of Evant, and the Coryell County Courthouse will be closed on

Friday, March 29. The City of Oglesby will be closed on Friday, March 29 and Monday, April 1.

The Farm Service Agency will remain open.

SCHOOLS

Gatesville Independent School District will be closed on Friday, March 29 and on Monday, April 1. Jonesboro ISD, Oglesby ISD, and Evant ISD will be closed on Friday, March 29.

The Boys & Girls Club of

Gatesville will be closed on Friday, March 29.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

All local banks will remain open on Friday, March 29.

POST OFFICES

All local post offices will remain open.

LIBRARY

The Gatesville Public Library will be closed on Friday, March 29, Saturday, March 30, and Sunday, March 31.

SENIOR CENTER

The Gatesville Senior and Multi-Service Center will be closed on Friday, March 29.

MUSEUM

The Coryell County Museum and Historical Center will be open on Friday, March 29.

NEWSPAPER

The Gatesville Messenger will remain open on Friday, March 29.

NEWS FROM ECLIPSEVILLE

Get Ready!



BY CHERI SHEPHERD

City of Gatesville Eclipse Coordinator

The City of Gatesville has been working for the last year to prepare for an influx of visitors for the Total Solar Eclipse on April 8, 2024.

We anticipate that our population could double or triple for the weekend leading up to the eclipse, and that many more will travel to or through our community on April 8. Our Police and Fire Departments, along with other city departments, have worked with Gatesville ISD, Coryell Health, TxDOT, DPS and other agencies and organizations. Together, we have carefully thought through potential problems and have planned for how we can accommodate the increased numbers, control heavier than normal traffic, and provide a good experience for our residents and visitors. We’ve also been able to talk with communities that were on the path of totality in 2017 and have learned from their experiences. While it is inevitable that there will be some issues, we are confident that we are doing every-

thing we can to be ready to respond to those. We ask you to join us in preparing. Following are some tips for our residents for the days leading up to the Total Solar Eclipse:

To Do Now:

- Educate Yourself - This eclipse will be a once-in-a-lifetime experience for most of us. There is plenty of information online, in the news, and at our public library. Understanding what you will see and how to safely observe it is an important first step.
- Get Eclipse Glasses - You’ll need special glasses to safely observe the partial phases of the eclipse. Failure to use these can result in permanent damage to your eyes. The City of Gatesville has custom, commemorative eclipse glasses for sale at City Hall and the Gatesville Fitness Center. These and other designs are also available in various businesses in

town.

- Consider Your Schedule - Schedule non-emergency appointments on dates other than April 8, if possible. Traffic is expected to be heavy that Monday. You also don’t want to miss the eclipse while sitting in a waiting area.

- Make Necessary Travel Preparations - If you work outside of town or must drive that Monday, be aware that there may be significant traffic issues on Monday afternoon, particularly on Hwy 36 and US 84.

To Do Starting April 1st:

- Stock Up - Our stores are preparing for a heavier demand, but we could see shortages of some essential items between April 6-9 and the stores may be busier than usual during that time. It would be a good idea to shop early in the week of April 1. Fill prescriptions and purchase any necessities so that you aren’t running out on April 8 for these.
- Fuel Up - With the number of travelers in and through our area, there could be some fuel shortages by Monday, April 8. Help our local gas stations by fueling up your vehicles earlier in the week of April 1, so they can have enough on hand for travelers between April 6-9.
- Get Cash - It is possible that the higher demand on our cell and internet systems could cause credit card machine problems over this busy weekend.

ATM machines may also run low on cash. Please try to do this ahead of the weekend so that our banks and businesses have plenty on hand before they get busy with visitors.

To Do April 6-7:

- Get Out and Enjoy! - We are holding a downtown BLOCK (out the sun) PARTY on April 6-7. Admission is free, and there will be plenty for kids and adults. Come out to visit with your neighbors, meet our visitors, and make some memories as we wait and prepare for the Total Solar Eclipse. We do expect to have a good number of people in town over the weekend, but we don’t anticipate major traffic issues until Monday afternoon, so don’t be afraid to join in the festivities.

To Do April 8th:

- Stay home if you can and witness this amazing event. You’ll be able to see the partial phases with eclipse glasses starting around 12:15 p.m. Totality occurs at 1:36 p.m. and will last 4 minutes, 23.9 seconds. You’ll then be able to observe the partial phases again.
- If you must travel, expect that traffic will be heavier than normal Monday morning. Be prepared that the main roads and highways will likely be congested for several hours after the eclipse.

Folks around town



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Justin Carothers

Say hello to our neighbor, Justin Carothers!

Justin is the Tax Assessor Collector of Coryell County and has been serving the community for over 18 years now. He expressed that he enjoys serving the public, whether it be with property tax, vehicle registration, titling, or election needs. Born and raised in Gatesville, he finally settled down in his hometown after finishing high school 30 years ago. His favorite things about Gatesville are the people and the strong sense of community.

Justin reads The Gatesville Messenger to keep up with all the local activities and sporting events for the youth of the community.

If you happen to see Justin around town, say hello. He is one of us!



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WOMEN'S

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March is designated as Women's History Month

BY DAVID SCOTT
Staff Writer

The origins of Women's History Month can be traced to a celebration that was held in Santa Rosa, California in 1978 when the Education Task Force of the Sonoma County Commission on the Status of Women created a "Women's History Week." It was meant to correspond with International Women's Day. The

movement quickly spread across the country, and other towns and communities began their own Women's History Week celebrations.

The National Women's History Project lobbied congress for the week to be recognized by the entire nation. In February of 1980, President Jimmy Carter produced the first Presidential Proclamation declaring

the week of March 8, 1980, as the National Women's History Week. In his proclamation, Carter wrote, "Too often the women were unsung, and sometimes their contributions went unnoticed. But the achievements, leadership, courage, strength, and love of the women who built America was as vital as that of the men whose names we know

so well."

Following President Carter, other presidents continued the process of proclaiming National Women's History Week in March. It was not until 1987 that congress passed a public law which designated that the entire month of March would celebrate women's history and be known as "Women's History Month."

The National Women's History Alliance selects the yearly theme recognizing women during the month of March. The theme for 2024 celebrates "Women Who Advocate for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion."

According to the NWA, "The theme recognizes women throughout the country who understand that, for a positive future,

we need to eliminate bias and discrimination entirely from our lives and institutions. They (the women) know that people change with the help of families, teachers, and friends, and that young people in particular need to learn the value of hearing from different voices with different points of view as they grow up."

Mears recognized during Women's History Month

BY DAVID SCOTT
Staff Writer

In 1975, The Gatesville Messenger published an article praising the extraordinary life of Mildred Watkins Mears. The article states: "Few women in the history of Coryell County have made their lives so purposeful in the pursuit of public good and community and county strength as did Mrs. Mildred Mears."

Judge Byron McClellan was once quoted as saying, "Mrs. Mears was a doer. When she saw something that needed to be done for the betterment of her community or county, she did it."

Mears, a descendant of a pioneer Coryell County

family, was born Mildred Rosa Watkins on a ranch in Pidcoke on Aug. 25, 1888, the daughter of Henry Watkins and Rosa Belcher Watkins.

Education

She received her elementary education in the

one-teacher Belcher School at Pidcoke, later moving to Mound where she attended school there for two years before finishing her education at Gatesville High School where she graduated as the valedictorian of her class. The remainder of her education was at the University of Texas at Austin where her record of academic achievements was of the same high quality.

Career

Following college, Mears returned to Gatesville where she taught in the schools from 1910 until 1925. She was first employed as a second-grade teacher in 1910. The following year, she was transferred to Gatesville Junior High and, in 1912, to Gatesville High School, where she won statewide recognition as a teacher of mathematics for her thorough and progressive way of teaching. In 1918, she delivered a speech entitled "Can I Interest All the Children in Geometry?" at the Texas State Teachers Association convention.

Extracurricular

Her activities were not limited to the classroom. She helped organize the Camp Fire Girls and was leader of one of the groups, was sponsor of the literary society, coached girls basketball, and tutored the debating and declamation teams for participation in the University Interscholastic League contests.

In 1917, during a coaching shortage caused by the first World War, she was named coach of the GHS boys basketball team, accepting the post only after being petitioned to do so by the boys themselves. She coached this sport for five years, her 1917 team winning the district championship, her 1918 team

the bi-district title, her 1919 team the tri-district championship, and her 1920 team the county crown. Her 1921 team won its way to the state semi-finals, where it lost to Central High of Houston by three points.

Mears also coached the boys' track team in 1920 and 1921. Her team won the district championship in 1921, and several of the members placed high in events at the state relays.

In 1922, due to illness in the family, she resigned her teaching position. She returned to the faculty in 1923 and then retired permanently in 1925.

Historical Research

In 1926, she was married to Tom Mears, a Gatesville attorney who served as the city's mayor, as state representative, and then as county attorney for many years.

Mildred, who had done considerable study and research of local history, was a representative from Coryell County on the State Centennial Board in 1936. As a member of the advisory council of the Coryell County Centennial in 1954, she wrote the sketch of the history of Coryell County that was contained in the official program and was co-author of the script for the centennial pageant.

When Gatesville High School celebrated its centennial, she wrote the play produced by students in commemoration of the event. It was known as "Our Christian Heritage" and won a nomination for a national award from the Freedoms Foundation.

At the high school homecoming in 1963, she received the Norris Graves Award as a distinguished alumnus. She was the second person to receive this

annual award.

From time to time, she helped her husband with secretarial work in his law office and in 1939 was employed as secretary in the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce office. She became the C-C manager during World War II and was director of public and private housing in this area, supervising the assignment of Camp Hood soldiers and their wives to housing in Gatesville.

Mears was also a member of the board of directors of the Red Cross chapter and the Gatesville USO and served from 1940 to 1948 as a volunteer assistant to the draft board in registering men for military service. For her Red Cross and draft board service, she received four certificates of appreciation - two of which were signed by Present Harry Truman. She was also awarded a Selective Service medal.

Contributions

One of the most noted gifts to the county was when she compiled her years of research on the history of Coryell County and published "The Coryell County Scrapbook" in 1963. The book, considered to be an authoritative work, received an enthusiastic reception from the public and copies were sold out within a few weeks after its publication.

Her book also reached the desk of President Lyndon B. Johnson, and he placed it in his personal library. In 1964, President Johnson wrote to Mears that he was the proud possessor of her book. He stated, "It contains so much information on my mother's relatives that I am so glad to have. I know that this particularly complete record will be a valued ad-



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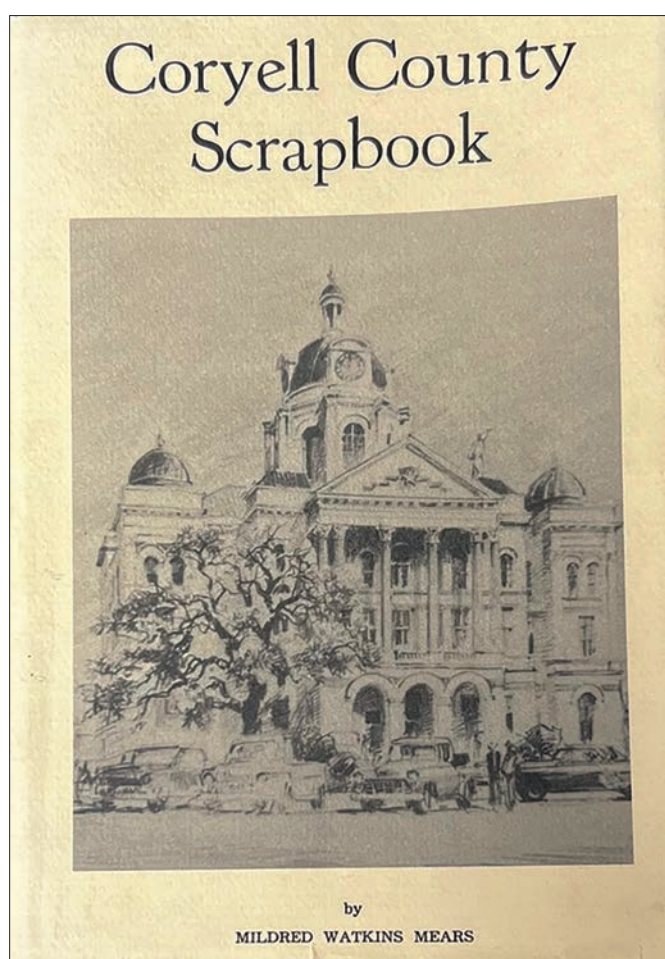
Mildred Watkins Mears

dition to my library. May I take this opportunity to extend warm wishes to you for health and happiness in 1964."

Following President Johnson's warm letter to Mears, she commented that the President's father had relatives living in the Oglesby community of Coryell County in addition to his mother's family, the Baines family.

Mildred Watkins Mears died at the age of 87 on Oct. 17, 1975, and was laid to rest by her husband in the Gatesville City Cemetery. Following her death, all her research papers, documents, and the historical material she possessed were donated to the Cushing Memorial Library at Texas A&M University. The publishing rights of her book, Coryell County Scrapbook, were donated to the Coryell Museum and Historical Center who later printed a revised edition including an index in 1986.

In describing her life and her impact on Gatesville and Coryell County, it was written that "she gave of herself."



COURTESY PHOTO

Whatever happened to ...

20 YEARS AGO (2004)

Hundreds of people gathered at the Coryell County Courthouse to celebrate Coryell County's 150th birthday.

A Gatesville school bus was rear-ended on Texas Highway 36 near Flat. There were only minor injuries among three bus passengers and the bus driver.

Gatesville anticipated the land acquisition getting underway for the city/county

airport.

Julie Russell was the recipient of a new fiddle at the monthly Pearl Day held at the Pearl Community Center.

Tickets went on sale for "Romeo and Juliet" to be performed by the Gatesville High School Theater Arts Department.

30 YEARS AGO (1994)

In observance of National Arbor Day, the Garden Club

furnished a Texas Red Oak to Mr. Baker's 5th grade class at Gatesville Elementary School.

Gatesville ISD superintendent Tracy Barnes resigned.

Gatesville ISD trustees hired Tommy Huckabee as architect for the district.

City Drug Store announced plans to close as Walmart set a tentative opening date for its new pharmacy.

The Coryell County Mu-

seum prepared to publish the Museum Cookbook.

40 YEARS AGO (1984)

Gatesville's Exchange Club named 19-year-old Gatesville senior Anna Svensson from Sweden the outstanding exchange student.

The first camel was born in Coryell County.

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church held a soup supper that was

prepared and served by the junior high students of the parish.

Signups began for the Gatesville Lions Club's 1984 Little League baseball program.

50 YEARS AGO (1974)

Road crews began dislodging and hauling off Cotton Belt railroad tracks in the Gatesville area.

A proposal was made to detach 877 acres of land

near King and annex it to the Gatesville Independent School District died.

A beer party in a pasture near FM 116 was broken up, and charges were filed against nine adults.

The Gatesville City Council was to consider a proposal for a new well submitted by Lane Texas Co. of Dallas.

Rates for electrical service in Gatesville went up.

Spring Forward: What you need to know to prepare for Daylight Saving Time

BY KAYLEE DUSANG
Staff Writer

On March 10, clocks move forward to provide extra hours of sunlight, but also cause one hour of sleep loss.

Emily Leib, a physician assistant and sleep specialist at Coryell Health, breaks down a few ways Daylight Saving Time might affect your sleep and how to prepare your body for the time change.

Leib explains that circadian rhythms are responsible for setting our internal sleep-wake clock, which is guided by the sunlight.

"The more sunlight we are exposed to, the more awake we typically feel," Leib said. "When daylight saving occurs we are waking up earlier, and while it is still dark outside, which can cause us to feel more tired in the morning. This causes us to become more vulnerable to sleep deprivation in March due to the delay in our sleep internal clock resulting from Daylight Sav-

ing Time."

Leib adds that research shows one way to help combat and realign the internal clock is to receive direct sun exposure at its lower solar angles, such as during a sunrise and sunset. "This can remind our brains when it is time to be awake and when we need to start getting sleepy," she said.

Leib offers a few additional tips on how people can prepare to lose one hour of sleep or for sleep loss in general:

- In the days leading up to the time change, try going to bed 15-20 minutes early. This will make it easier to adjust to one hour of sleep loss.

- On Sunday, go to bed one hour earlier to get enough sleep before Monday morning. Also, adjust mealtimes, exercise routines, and other daily schedules to one hour earlier.

- Avoid naps - sleeping during the day lengthens any adjustment to the time change for teenagers and

adults.

- Remove electronic devices like televisions, smartphones, tablets, and laptops from the bedroom. Charge them away from the bed or get an alarm clock that is not a cell phone to remove the temptation. Blue light is the most stimulating type of light that tells the brain it's time to wake up.

- Avoid all screens one hour prior to bedtime. Read a book, listen to music or an audiobook with limited light exposure.

- Make sure all clocks and devices with time displays are set the day before to adjust to Daylight Saving Time.

- Minimize any evening light exposure from the outside with light-blocking shades or curtains.

- Keep the bedroom cool and dark. The body temperature needs to drop 1-2 degrees to help with more restful sleep.

- Wake up with morning sunlight by opening blinds or curtains.

If you are having a difficult time falling or remaining asleep, Leib recommends avoiding caffeine products after noon, try exercising 30 minutes every day, and have a set bedtime and wake-up time even on the weekends.

"This can help train your brain and body to know when to expect sleep and when to expect to wake up," she said.

Leib emphasizes the importance of maintaining a healthy, consistent sleep schedule.

"Sleep is the foundation of health," Leib said. "Striving to get six to eight hours of sleep nightly is important to maintain a healthy weight, blood pressure, and blood sugar levels. It is well known that sleep helps fight infections, helps children grow, and helps with mental health stability. Adults, like babies and children, need consistent routines to help keep healthy sleep habits."



Emily Leib, PA, Coryell Health Sleep Specialist

COURTESY PHOTO



Practice rooms at the Pearl Community Center echoed with good old Bluegrass music.

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Vendors were located in the parking lot of the community center selling their wares.

DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Tapping your boots to Bluegrass music at Pearl

BY DAVID SCOTT
Staff Writer

The recent bluegrass festival at Pearl was deemed a success with four bands playing to a crowd of Bluegrass enthusiasts. The monthly Pearl Bluegrass event was held last Saturday at the Pearl Community Center. Several groups and individuals performed in the afternoon including House Arrest, Lee Billeck, Pat Whitten, Randy & Dana, and OFFC. Practice rooms were open in the morning

for groups to rehearse. The kitchen was open with a wide variety of homemade food and a table full of desserts to choose from.

Visitors came from far and near to attend the festival to listen to some good old Bluegrass music with some of the best players on stage to perform.

Next door to the facility is the Pearl Cottage Bookstore where several visitors spent time browsing through the massive

number of books on hand that now exceeds well over 6,000. Since books and other items are not priced, visitors are informed of the bookstore's slogan, "Take what you want and pay what you want." The proceeds from the bookstore support local charities in the area. The bookstore is open the first Saturday of each month with the exception of September when it is held on the second Saturday following Labor Day.

S TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE

April 8, 2024

PEARL NEWS

Solar eclipse coming to Pearl



BY BETSY CLARK

Pearl News Correspondent

The next big event in Pearl is the upcoming Solar Eclipse and Pearl Bluegrass weekend, April 5, 6, and 7.

To sign up for RV space, go to www.eventbrite.com/o/pearl-texas-community-center. You can see how much they cost and what is available there. Also on that Saturday, the Pearl Bookstore will be open from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. It will be a huge weekend in Pearl, so make your plans now.

We haven't checked in with the Pleasure and Profit Club in a while, so let's do that now: March 17, 1933—

The club met with Mrs. Fred Robinson. We spent a very pleasant evening cutting quilt pieces, hemming cup towels, whipping lace, tating, embroidering, and patching. The Vice President called the house to order. The minutes were read and approved. Thirteen members answered roll call. We had one visitor but no new members. The Club Rally was discussed, and ten members thought they

could go. But we decided to send in twelve names. We also decided to send Aunt Bitha Edmondson a card. With no other business, we adjourned to meet with Bessie Smith next club day. The hostess served pickles, sandwiches, cookies, grape juice, and homemade candy.

I surely would like to know more about that Club Rally that is mentioned so often in the early years of the Pleasure and Profit Club. If anyone has any information, please email me at betsyclark47@yahoo.com. Thank you.

This week's Bible verse comes from II Chronicles 16:9a—The eyes of the Lord search the whole earth in order to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to Him..." NLT

Be sure and like the Pearl Community Center, Texas Facebook page, and the Pearl Cottage Bookstore and Resale Shop Facebook page. Please submit any Pearl news to betsyclark47@yahoo.com

GOOD FRIDAY COMMUNITY CROSS WALK

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Questions? Contact Carlos Webb at 254-223-2444

TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Trouble with turkeys



BY TUMBLEWEED SMITH

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

Spatchcock is a new word to me, but it's been around for a long time. Research indicates it originated in Ireland in the 18th century and is a variation on the phrase "dispatching a cock."

The cock is a bird. In culinary terms, spatchcock simply means to split a bird open and lay it flat for cooking. It's supposed

to make it cook quick and even. Have you ever tried to split a turkey in half? It ain't easy. I watched my wife and a 350-pound man

wrestle with a turkey until they finally succeeded in removing the big bird's spine by carving, sawing, pulling and sweating. They spent nearly an hour working with the slick and unruly hunk of poultry.

Our friend, Margie Kendall of Montgomery, north of Houston, had a hard time spatchcocking a turkey. "I got on Google and watched how to do it," she says. "I bought some heavy duty and very sharp kitchen shears to cut through the ribs connected to the spine so it could be removed for making a delicious broth. It all looked so easy on the video.

"I could NOT cut the spine out with those expensive shears! Finally, I got out my big old ugly

butcher knife and sawed and SAWED with all my might until I got the spine free, although the rest of the bird was sort of bruised looking by then. No matter. Just Yay! I put the spine and neck bone into a pot to make broth for gravy.

"Next, I was to break the breastbone to flatten the body. I have done that to many a chicken. Only that turkey breastbone would NOT break. I worked up a sweat with my hair hanging down, and that breastbone stayed secure in that bird. There was only one thing to do: go primitive.

"I spread newspapers on the floor and put the turkey on it, breast up. I put a board over that bird and stood on the board. Nothing. So I gripped the

counter edge and jumped up and down on it like a maniac, throwing in some shrieks and epithets the bird did not hear because STILL the sucker would not crack.

"I had bought a cooking sack that had holes in it so it wouldn't explode. I put a little flour in it, shook it until the inside of the bag was pretty well powdered. I got ready to put the turkey inside the bag; not knowing it was a two-person job. I struggled and struggled to get the big bird inside the flimsy plastic bag but the bag would not stay open. I tried to stand the bird up and slip the bag over it, but the bird kept falling down. I had been fooling with this thing a long time. The butter that had congealed on

the cold bird started falling off in chunks all over me, my clothes, the sink, the counter, the outside of the bag, everywhere. When I finally managed to shove the messy bird into the bag by holding one of its legs it was all twisty, one leg up and one down. The breast, fully intact, was hiding somewhere. To add a final insult, the breast didn't brown maybe because all the butter fell off or because it was under a leg. But after all that it tasted fine.

"It could have been worse. The bag could have exploded."



COURTESY PHOTO

Pictured is Robert Lay with his crown at the Night to Shine prom event sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation.

Meadows resident Robert Lay enjoys an evening at Night to Shine

Staff Reports

This past month on Friday, Feb. 9, Meadows resident Robert Lay attended the Night to Shine prom event which was sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation.

Night to Shine is a worldwide movement, led by churches, that shares the love of Jesus and celebrates the worth and value of those with special needs.

The Tim Tebow Foundation has provided support since 2010, along with resources that enable a church to host a prom night to reach people in different communities with special needs.

This year, the Night to Shine event was held at the Crestview Church of Christ in Waco, where the focus was on Lay, who was treated like a king.

He was pampered with a

shoeshine and boutonniere. Then he got to ride in a limousine to the red carpet, where he was then cheered on and greeted by members of the community and paparazzi.

Upon arrival at the main hall of the church, he had his photo taken, dined on catered snacks and treats, and danced the night away. He was very fond of the karaoke room and got to play

some games in the game room as well.

He was also able to meet one of his favorite television personalities: Channel 10 news reporter Julie Hays.

The highlight of the night was when he was named as one of the prom kings and was crowned.

For further details on the Night to Shine Prom Night, visit timtebowfoundation.org.

Roamin' Chariots Car Club to meet March 9

Submitted Item

The Roamin' Chariots Car Club will hold its second gathering of the month on Saturday, March 9.

This will be a spring forward cruise-in and will be held on the Coryell County Courthouse Square. As the days are getting longer, the meeting will be at 4 p.m.

Everyone is invited, and all vehicles are welcome. If your ride is not perfect, we do not care. If you love it, then bring it to the cruise-in.

As always, weather permitting.

For further details, contact Andy Cloud at 254-216-3201.

Gatesville Shivarree calls for vendors

BY KAYLEE DUSANG
Staff Writer

Heading into its 50th anniversary, the date for the 2024 Gatesville Shivarree has been set for May 31-June 1.

In anticipation of the annual downtown festival, the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce is calling for vendors who are interested

in participating in the event on June 1. Chamber President Mason Matthews said vendors set up will only be for June 1, since that is the only day the chamber can shut down the square.

Shivarree vendor pricing is as follows (member pricing differs from non-member

pricing):

- \$100 for a food truck (non-member)
- \$50 for a 10' X 10' space (non-member)

Additional spaces will be charged full price without a member discount.

To sign up for Shivarree, vendors can visit the web-

site below:

<https://www.gatesvillechamber.com/events/shivarree>

For updates, follow the chamber on their Facebook pages or website www.gatesvillechamber.com

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

Chicken Curry Tea Sandwich

BY DIANA MILLER

- 2 cooked whole chicken breasts, finely chopped
- Curry powder (or paste) to taste
- ¼ c. finely chopped nuts
- 16 slices best-quality white bread
- 4 stalks of celery, finely chopped
- ½ c. unsalted butter, room temperature
- Salt to taste
- mayonnaise (enough to moisten)



In a large bowl, combine chicken, nuts, celery, salt, and mayonnaise; stir until well blended. Add curry powder or paste (remember a little goes a long way with curry - be careful). Spread one side of each piece of bread lightly with butter. Top the buttered side of 8 slices of bread with some of the chicken mixture and top with the remaining bread slices, buttered side down. Carefully cut the crusts from each sandwich with a sharp knife. Cut the sandwiches in half diagonally and then cut in half again. Allow 4 to 6 sandwich servings per person. If needed, sandwiches can be made in advance. To keep them from drying out, cover them loosely with a sheet of wax paper and then place a damp kitchen towel over the wax paper. Refrigerate. When ready to serve, remove from refrigerator. Uncover sandwiches just before serving.

The Family of Aaron Dale Mohler

We appreciate all the prayers, phone calls, emails, letters, flowers and memorials we received in memory of Dale.

A special thank you to all who brought food and those who shared stories about how Dale had touched their lives.

Thanks to Dr. Bates and Dr. Matli and the staff at the Meadow's E & C Halls. Their kindness and loving care of Dale will always be remembered.

And thanks to Scott's Funeral Home for helping us through this emotional time.

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CITY HOSTS WORKSHOP BY THE RETAIL COACH



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Members of the community, small business owners, and city officials attended a presentation at the City Council Chambers on Tuesday, March 5, which was hosted by The Retail Coach. A representative of The Retail Coach team discussed the Gatesville Retail Trade Area, psychographics, and the retail sectors with the most demand potential. This was an opportunity for existing and future business owners in Gatesville to obtain a better understanding of the market and the opportunities that come with it.

MOUND NEWS

Ty Gallaway filled in again at church



BY BARBARA HOPSON

Mound News Correspondent

Mr. Ty Gallaway filled the pulpit Sunday morning March 3 in the absence of our pastor, Rev. Bruce Cox, from the Mound Cowboy Church and White Mound Baptist Church.

Don and Sue Jones had a birthday supper for Kelby Shults on Monday. Those attending were Scott and Sterlin Shults, Case, Kristen and Paxton Brack Jones.

Barbara's Notes: Birthdays this past week were

Cheryl Ford, Paul Hopson, Sherrie Barton, Beth Haines, Mary Sue Winkler, Lauren Goins, Keva Campos, Brance Spencer, Billye Rhudy, Jennifer Mann, and Pat Schoenewolf.

"Losing Sleep Over Time: The Daylight Savings Time Dilemma"

BY MICKY SHEARON
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As the calendar flips to March, the residents of Coryell County, and, indeed, the entire United States, prepare for a peculiar annual ritual: Daylight Savings Time (DST). At precisely 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 10, 2024, our clocks will leap forward to 3 a.m., gifting us an extra hour of sunlight in the evenings but stealing an hour of precious sleep. This time shift, as bewildering as it may seem, has a rich history, a blend of controversy, and a patchwork of pros and cons that continue to fuel debates on both its necessity and its permanence.

A Brief History of Time (Change)

Contrary to popular belief, DST wasn't concocted for the benefit of farmers. In reality, farmers have traditionally been one of the strongest lobbying groups against DST since it was first implemented. The factors that influence farming schedules, such as morning dew and

dairy cattle's readiness to be milked, are ultimately dictated by the sun, so the time change introduces unnecessary challenges.

DST was originally proposed as a wartime energy-saving strategy. First introduced in the US during World War I under the Standard Time Act of 1918, the concept was to extend daylight hours to conserve energy resources. Despite its repeal post-war, the idea resurfaced during World War II, leading to "War Time" - a year-round DST. After the war, local jurisdictions were free to choose if and when to observe DST. However, the period between 1945 and 1966 was marked by confusion, with no uniform rules for DST, causing chaos in transport and broadcasting until the Uniform Time Act of 1966 brought some order.

The 1973 oil embargo prompted Congress to extend DST to save energy, leading to a 10-month DST in 1974 and an 8-month period in 1975. Post-energy crisis, the DST schedule saw several revisions, with

the current schedule starting on the second Sunday in March and ending on the first Sunday in November, as established by the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

The Pros and Cons of DST

Pros:

- **Energy Conservation:** The original intent of DST was energy conservation, and longer daylight hours reduce the need for artificial lighting.

- **Economic Boost:** Retail, sports, and tourism industries benefit from extended daylight, encouraging more consumer activity in the evenings.

- **Health and Well-being:** More daylight encourages outdoor activities, potentially improving physical health and mental well-being.

Cons:

- **Health Risks:** The sudden change can disrupt sleep patterns, leading to health issues, including increased heart attack risk.

- **Safety Concerns:** There's an uptick in accidents just after the

time change due to sleep deprivation and darker mornings.

- **Questionable Energy Savings:** Critics argue that the energy savings are minimal or negated by increased use of heating and air conditioning.

- **The Debate on Making DST Permanent**

The debate on whether to make DST permanent is as old as DST itself. Proponents argue it would eliminate the bi-annual disruption to our biological clocks, while opponents worry about the long dark mornings in winter, especially for children going to school. Interestingly, most of Arizona and Hawaii have opted out of DST, citing minimal benefits and preferring to stick to standard time year-round.

As we "spring forward" this weekend, the conversation around DST is unlikely to settle anytime soon.

OBITUARIES

Doyle Holt

June 28, 1936 - Feb. 29, 2024

Doyle Holt, age 87, of Hewitt, passed away on Thursday, Feb. 29, 2024.

Graveside services were held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, March 6, 2024, at Restland Cemetery in Gatesville with Pastor Sam Crosby officiating.

Doyle Ray Holt was born on June 28, 1936, in Oglesby, to Waymon Arnold "Jack" and Era Autrey Holt. He grew up and attended school in Gatesville. On March 16, 1954, he married Betty Gilcrest, and the two made their home in Gatesville. Several months later, he enlisted in the United States Air Force and attended basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio. He was stationed in both Georgia and in Japan during his enlistment. After returning to the United States and leaving the Air Force, he went to work for Gulf States Telephone Company and worked as a lineman. Several years later, he joined the Waco Police Department and spent the next 32 years serving as a faithful public servant. He honorably retired from Waco PD in 1994. In his



spare time, he enjoyed tinkering with classic cars and collecting antiques.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jack and Era Holt.

Doyle is survived by his wife, Betty, of 70 years; daughters, Brenda Adcock and husband, Joe, of Round Rock, and Dee Ann Abel and husband, Franklin, of Crawford; grandchildren, Drew Walker, Angela Walker, Kristi Holmes, Dylan Adcock, and Kyle Adcock; great-grandchildren, Briella, Mallie, Oden, Jordan, and Kyra; and great-great grandchildren, Aniston, Evelyn, Laci, Scarlet and Kamila.

In lieu of flowers, Doyle's family request memorials be made to Fuzzy Friends Rescue, 6321 Airport Road, Waco, Texas 76702.



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WINNERS OF COTTON BELT DEPOT FOUNDATION ANNUAL \$10K GIVEAWAY



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Danny Valenzuela and Stacy "Bub" Summers were the winners of the Cotton Belt Depot Foundation's annual \$10K giveaway that took place on March 2. The goal of the foundation is to raise money for the continued restoration and upkeep of the historic Cotton Belt Depot that houses the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce. Numerous area businesses help sponsor the event by donating money, auction items, and raffle prizes. The foundation has several repairs planned for the building over the next 12 months.

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COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL

The DISPATCH

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of February 28 - March 5. While there were many calls to the dispatcher, this is a partial list of more significant activity. People are reminded that only emergency calls should be made to 9-1-1, while all other calls to the police department should be made to 865-2226 or to the Sheriff's office at 865-7201.

CITY OF GATESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Feb. 28
7:14 a.m., illegal dumping was reported in the 3100 block South State Highway 36.
9:10 a.m., a theft was reported in the 1200 block of East Main Street.
6:21 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 100 block of Green Acres Drive.
8:41 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1000 block of West Leon Street.

Feb. 29
9:11 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2300 block of East Main Street.
12:58 p.m., fraud was reported in the 1100 block of East Main Street.
3:58 p.m., harassment was reported in the 1700 block of Bridge Street.
5:59 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 1000 block of FM 107.

March 1
12:06 a.m., a disturbance was reported in the 2200 block of Bridge Street.
6:21 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 200 block of FM 1829.
7:53 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 2400 Osage Road.
10:38 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1600 block of Oak Park Circle.

March 2
1:53 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 300 block of South 8th Street.
2:18 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 1700 block of West Main

Street.
6 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 1600 block of East Main Street.
10:17 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 200 block of South Lovers Lane.

March 3
1:10 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 600 block of East Leon Street.
12:35 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 1600 block of East Main Street.
9:56 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1700 block of East Main Street.
11:51 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1500 block of West Main Street.

March 4
9:15 a.m., a theft was reported in the 300 block of Woods Drive.
11:55 a.m., a theft was reported in the 200 block of FM 116.
1:46 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1700 block of Bridge Street.
7:45 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 200 block of Carroll Drive.

March 5
2:43 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 800 block of South 7th Street.
12:03 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 100 block of Camino Del Rio.
1:23 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 100 block of North 27th Street.
5:39 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 1800 block of East Leon

Street.

CORYELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Feb. 28
7:23 a.m., electric wires down were reported on FM 107, north of FM 1996.
8:23 a.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 2700 block of Mulberry.
9:37 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported on County Road 321.
1 p.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 3700 block of Greenbriar Road.

Feb. 29
6:14 a.m., a reckless driver was reported on FM 116 at Pidcoke.
9:57 a.m., a theft was reported in 9600 block of South Highway 36.
11:25 a.m., a grass fire was reported on County Road 327.
5:10 p.m., a telephone pole down was reported between the 600 and 700 blocks of Barton Lane.

March 1
6:22 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported on FM 1829.
4:24 p.m., theft of a firearm was reported in the 800 block of Cedar Mountain Road.
4:28 p.m., identity theft was reported in the 100 block of Vista Circle.
10:09 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 400 block of County Road 160.

March 2
9:42 a.m., an assault was reported in the 2400 block of County Road 337.
9:46 a.m., an animal complaint was reported in

the 100 block of Harrell.
1:55 p.m., a domestic dispute was reported in the 100 block of Mooney Avenue.
3:23 p.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 300 block of FM 107.

March 3
1:12 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 500 block of Nathan Drive.
1:22 a.m., shots fired reported in the 1600 block of King Country Road.
2:55 p.m., illegal burning was reported in the 700 block of Flintrock Drive.
6:26 p.m., shots fired reported on Harrell Drive.

March 4
2:37 p.m., a structure fire was reported in the 2500 block of County Road 337.
3:40 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 2700 block of Sikes Drive.
5:09 p.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 2700 block of Vigilante Road.
10:11 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 500 block of Nathan Drive.

March 5
11:35 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 600 block of Mocassin Bend.
12:32 p.m., a lost animal was reported in the 300 block of County Road 79.
2:11 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on County Road 344 and the Leon River Bridge.
5:31 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on FM 2412 in the Plum Creek area.

ZED by Duane M. Abel



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KGB to host Spring Clean-up March 23

Staff Reports

The volunteers of Keep Gatesville Beautiful have decided it is time to clean up the community in preparation of the upcoming Total Eclipse weekend-long event.

The clean-up will be held on Saturday, March 23 from 9 a.m. to noon. All volunteers and participants will need to meet at the Gatesville Public

Library. Volunteers of the organization will provide trash bags and gloves for the event. If you are planning to attend the event, be sure

to RSVP by text to 254-865-3675. The Gatesville Public Library is located at 111 N. 8th Street.

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Turnersville CC to host yard sale and 42 tournament March 16

Submitted Item

The Turnersville Community Center will host a community-wide yard sale as well as a 42 tournament on Saturday, March 16.

The yard sale will begin at 8 a.m. and will cost \$20 per booth.

The 42 tournaments will commence at 2 p.m. and will be \$20 per player.

To register for either event or for further information, email turnersvillestampede@gmail. In-person registration for both will be from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. at the event.

Lunch will be provided from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., which will include sausage wraps, barbecue sandwiches, various sides, a drink, and a dessert for \$12. Children who are six years old and under will cost eight dollars each.

There will be a raffle and a bake sale as well from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Each ticket will cost five dollars for the raffle or \$20 for five tickets.

This is a BYOB event. The Turnersville Community Center is located at 8113 FM 182 in Gatesville.



Cen-Tex Crime Stoppers seeking sponsorship for Donut Dash

Submitted item

Cen-Tex Crime Stoppers is seeking sponsorships for the 2024 Donut Dash which will be held Saturday, May 18. This event raises funds for the administration of rewards to people submitting tips that result in an arrest or recovery of stolen property.

Sponsorship costs range from \$100 to \$1,000. For more information about sponsor-

ship opportunities, please call or email Jo Ann Sugg at 254-493-7938, or email josugg@embarqmail.com

To report knowledge of a crime for a cash reward, call or text, 254-865-8477.

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To register for the race, visit, runsignup.com/Race/TX/Gatesville/CrimeStoppersDonut-Dash.

February marriage licenses filed at the Coryell County Clerk's office

Staff Reports

Marriage licenses filed during the month of February 2024 at the Coryell County Clerk's Office included:

Jeffery Lynn Ayers and Jakie Marie Ayers
Juan Antonio Bolanos and Rita D. Valenzuela Villanueva
Dustin Ronald Coleman and Autumn Cheryl Ander-

son
Michael Richard Dunagan and Josie Wonnell Negrete
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Zachary Shawn Robuck and Journey Raelynn Robinson
Travis Boyd Semmel and Bethany Renee Barker
Ivan Anthony Shepard Jr. and Tasha Marie Rodriguez

Alexander Wade Simpson and Jennifer Michelle Blanchard
Kelton Kase Smith and Erin Morgan Signs
Eric Scott Stephens and Kaylyn Elizabeth Jennings
Jai'lyn Daquawn Thompson and Kelli Brianna Jackson
Charles Christian Vaughn and Jane Evvie Pitts
Aaron Nathan Wiley and Megan Michelle Faust

Applications open for Miss Springfest pageant

Staff Reports

The Texas Station Event Center will host its annual 2024 Miss Springfest pageant on Friday, March 22, and Saturday, March 23.

The categories for the pageant include:

- Baby Miss, infant

to 12 months.
- Tiny Miss, 13 months to two years.
- Little Miss, three years to five years.
- Sweetheart, six years to nine years.
- Junior Miss, 10 years to 14 years.
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IN THE COUNTY COURT OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Beverly Ann Washburn Logan, Deceased, were issued on February 14, 2024, in Cause No. 24-10950, pending in the County Court of Coryell County, Texas, to: Curtis Dean Logan.

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.

BAIRD, CREWS, SCHILLER, & WHITAKER, P.C.
c/o: STEPHEN T. BRISCHKE
Attorney at Law
15 North Main Street
Temple, Texas 76501

DATED the 28th day of February, 2024.

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TO: DECEDENT'S UNKNOWN HEIRS UNKNOWN ADDRESS UNKNOWN STATE

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF CORYELL

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF ROBERTA SUE COLE, DECEASED. CAUSE NO 24-10970, COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS. STANLEY C. LORENCE FILED IN THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS ON THE 27TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2024, APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP SAID ROBERTA SUE COLE, DECEASED.

SAID APPLICATION SHALL BE HEARD AND ACTED ON BY SAID COURT ON OR AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY NEXT AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF TEN DAYS FROM DATE OF POSTING THIS CITATION, THE SAME BEING THE 11TH DAY OF MARCH 2024, AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN GATESVILLE, TEXAS.

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JENNIFER NEWTON CORYELL COUNTY CLERK
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BY: K. PALLEY

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Yulan Michalski, Deceased, were issued on 12-21-2023 in Cause No. 23-10925, pending in the County Court-at-Law of Coryell County, Texas, to: Lynn P. Cantwell.

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: Dori Ray Mistic
Attorney at Law
907 S. Main St.
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DATED the 23 day of Feb., 2023.

Dori Ray Mistic
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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF MARSHALL W. AMIS, JR., AKA MARSHALL WILSON AMIS, JR., DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Marshall W. Amis, Jr., aka Marshall Wilson Amis, Jr. were issued to DOUGLAS VICTOR AMIS on February 28, 2024, in cause No. 24-10954 pending in County Court at Law of Coryell County, Texas.

Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate addressed as follows:

DOUGLAS VICTOR AMIS
c/o Madison P. Kuczynski
Brackett & Ellis
100 Main Street
Fort Worth, Texas 76102-3090

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.

DATED the 4th day of March, 2024.

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Gatesville Hornet varsity basketball standouts earning All District honors include, pictured left to right, West Allman, Kase Cox, John Hall, Scout Hall, Rayshon Smith, Graceson Stewart, Charlie Winkler, Taylor Coward, Riley Higginbotham, Emma Pollard, and Paige Sentillas.

Hornet hoopers collect all-district honors

BY CHRIS ALLMAN
Contributing Writer

Gatesville basketball collected their fair share of spots on the recently-released 23-4A All District teams. In total, 11 players were recognized including four first-teamers and one superlative.

After narrowly missing the postseason, the Lady Hornets were awarded four spots highlighted by senior Taylor Coward's first team

selection.

Coward averaged 11.6 points and 8.7 rebounds per game on the season, and her numbers were even better in league play. She scored just under 14 points per game and grabbed 9.4 rebounds in district play. She had four double-doubles on the year including a 27-point, 13-rebound performance against China Spring on Jan. 9.

Sophomore Emma Pollard

was named to the second team after 13.1 points and 8.4 rebounds per game in district. Her best game of district - and the season - came on Jan. 30 against regional semi-finalist Connally when she scored 26 points, hauled in 18 rebounds, and blocked six shots.

Paige Sentillas and Riley Higginbotham were each named to the all-district honorable mention team. Sentillas

handled the point guard duties for Gatesville this season and dished out 2.7 assists while also grabbing 3.8 rebounds per game and picking up 1.8 steals per game. Higginbotham averaged just under two rebounds and two assists per game for the year.

After a slow start to the district slate, the Gatesville boys basketball team charged back in the second half of the league schedule

and made the postseason for the third straight year. They had three first-team selections in West Allman, Rayshon Smith, and Kase Cox with Allman picking up the Co-Offensive Player of the Year award.

Allman, a junior, averaged 16.1 points per game and 6.7 rebounds per game and was at his best in the Hornets final two must-win district games. In a road win

over Robinson, he had 19 points and 9 rebounds then followed with 16 points in a playoff-clinching win over China Spring. Allman shot over 60% in the wins.

Allman was also named the Most Valuable Player in Gatesville's tournament championship runs in Cameron and Brownwood and was a nominee for the Mr.

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GHS baseball battles in Stephenville tournament

BY CHRIS ALLMAN
Contributing Writer

Gatesville baseball turned in a 2-2-1 record in the prestigious Stephenville tournament last weekend - a result that was both pleasing and frustrating for head coach Chase Smith.

Three of their five games were against teams ranked in the state's top 20, and they went 0-2-1 including a 4-3 walk off loss to 4A No. 14 Stephenville, a 4-3 loss to 3A No. 17 West, and a tie against 4A No. 16 Godley.

Heading into the tournament, a 2-2-1 mark seemed like a solid showing. In retrospect, Smith lamented the ones that got away.

"Going into that tournament, I knew we were playing really good teams, and that it was going to be really tough," he said. "But I look back at it and think that we really should have gone 5-0."

The Hornets (6-4-1) opened the tournament with a 6-4 in over Snyder that featured the best of what the Hornets can be with excellent pitching and a late offensive explosion.

Sophomore Bradey James and sophomore Kaleb Howie

combined to scatter seven hits and allow just two earned runs in the game with Howie getting the win. In the bottom of the sixth inning, Gatesville scored four runs with two outs to turn a 4-2 deficit into a 6-4 lead.

James started the rally with a two-out double, then Bralen Veazey walked. Lawson Mooney ripped a triple to right that scored James and Veazey. Then sophomore Gehrig Keeton launched his first career homer to left to give Gatesville a lead that they would not relinquish.

In their 6-6 tie against Godley, Miles Tull threw six innings and allowed four earned runs. He also had a pair of hits, drove in one run, and scored another on his own. Mooney had two hits in the game and James had two RBI.

The Hornets did late damage in that game as well taking a lead in the top of the seventh inning when Tull's single scored Kaleb Howie and Cayden Brister. Godley came back for one run in the bottom of the seventh to

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Pictured in the front row from left to right is Coach Jenna Clough, Hope Lacefield, Caitlin Clough, Addison Van De Water, and Kaisen Robinson. In the back row, pictured from left to right, is Head of Delegation and Coach Heidi Clough, Haley Garcia, Jon Hannold, Tristen Tidrick, Coach Hannah Clough, and Coach Michelle Robinson.

Special Olympics Team Gatesville brings home several medals

BY ALEXANDRA MEELBUSCH
Staff Writer

Team Gatesville competed in an area 12 basketball competition this past week. Awards were given to the following athletes:

Caitlin Clough won a

gold medal.

Haley Garcia won a silver medal.

Jon Hannold won a gold medal.

Hope Lacefield won a gold medal.

Kaisen Robinson won a

silver medal.

Tristen Tidrick won a gold medal.

Addison Van De Water won a silver medal.

Next up for Team Gatesville will be their annual track season.

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Gatesville High School golf teams ace recent invitational at Glen Rose

BY ALEXANDRA MEELBUSCH
Staff Writer

At a recent invitational held in Glen Rose on Tuesday, Feb. 27, the Gatesville High School girls and boys golf teams each had a varsity team post runner-

up finish in the final team standings.

The results for the girls team include a varsity score of 458, as well as Junior Avery Streetman placing as the runner-up medalist with a round of 93.

The results for the boys team include a varsity score of 317. The Hornets had three golfers in the top five medalist race, which included Gage Ford, fourth place with 78; Kasen Bankhead and Max Healer both ended

with 79 and tied for fifth place.

For further details regarding the GHS golf teams, contact Gatesville High School at 254-865-8281.



Gatesville High School boys golf team.

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Gatesville High School girls golf team.

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STREETMAN EARNS GOLD AT SQUAW VALLEY TOURNAMENT



PHOTO BY GHS GOLF COACH GUY DEAN

Gatesville High School junior Avery Streetman with her gold medal after placing first at the Squaw Valley golf tournament in Glen Rose this past week. She had a shot of 82.

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Texas Basketball player of the week award after a 27-point, 13-rebound performance over Lake Belton in December.

Smith, also a first-team all-district selection in football, adds a third straight all-district honor to his resume. He was the District 6-4A newcomer of the year in 2022 and was a 23-4A second team selection in 2023. He averaged 9.3 points per game in 2024 and was outstanding in Gatesville's playoff loss to Jarrell.

Cox averaged 10.6 points and grabbed 6.7 rebounds and was the catalyst in Gatesville's road win over Robinson on Feb. 9 when he scored 20 points with 16 coming inside the paint. He also had a 22-point outing against the Aussie Travelers in a tournament win in December.

Charlie Winkler and Graceson Stewart were second team selections. Winkler averaged 8.1 points per game and led the Hornets in three-pointers made (56) and percentage (29%). He hit

five three-pointers in an early season loss to Lampasas and hit four three-pointers in tournament wins over Maine-Endwell and Pflugerville.

Stewart averaged 4.2 points and 5 rebounds per game while leading the Hornets in field goal percentage at 56%. He had a 17-point, 8-rebound night in the season opening win over Lago Vista and also grabbed a season-high 11 rebounds in a loss to Salado.

Hall had his best game of the season in a must-win game against Salado when he went for ten points and had seven rebounds. Phillips averaged 5.5 points and 5.6 rebounds per game on the year. In a tournament win over Wylie, the sophomore had 16 points, eight rebounds, and a game-winning layup just before the final buzzer.

Allman, Smith, Cox, Winkler, and Phillips will all return from a Hornets team that finished 25-11 winning 25 or more games for the second straight season.

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force the 6-6 tie.

In their 4-3 loss to West, the Hornets got a sparking pitching performance from senior Clayton Gregory who allowed just one-run through five innings before West broke through with one-run in the sixth and two in the seventh.

Gatesville was held scoreless until the bottom of the seventh when they scored three runs. Gregory drew a one-out walk and moved to second when John Ibarra reached on an error. Justin Muegge groundout scored Brister to make it 3-1. Then James singled to cut the lead to 4-3.

Keeton and senior Justin Johnson teamed up for a six-hit, four run pitching performance in the 4-3 loss to Stephenville and were backed by three hits from Mooney and two from Gregory. The Hornets scored all three of their runs in the top of the fifth inning thanks to RBI doubles from Gregory and Mooney.

Mooney tore through just about every pitcher he saw in Stephenville picking up nine hits and driving in five runs over the five-game stretch and raising his average to .390 for the year.

Gatesville wrapped the tournament with a decisive 6-1 win over Iowa Park. Veazey struck out six over five innings of work and did

not allow a run. The senior Temple College commit has fanned 24 hitters in three starts this season. Mooney and James had two hits each, and Ibarra had a two-run single.

Smith's message after the tournament - and since the start of the season - has been very clear and very direct as he continues to harp on the elimination of mistakes - in the field, on the bases, and in his player's heads.

"I was always taught that you coach the best teams hard, and that is what I am doing with this team. I keep telling them how good we can be if we just eliminate the mistakes," Smith said. "There is no reason for us not to be sitting here undefeated and in the top 20 in the state ourselves. We have a really, really good program, but I keep telling our guys that people still might not respect us. And, if we want them to, then we are going to have to clean up the mistakes and finish games."

The Hornets travel to Franklin this weekend for their final tournament of the year. They open with games against Cameron (6-4) and Smithville (2-6). Then they face Waxahachie Life (7-4) and Lorena (5-6).

They will return home to host Palestine on March 13 at 1p.m.

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GISD to hold free heart screenings March 25

Staff Reports

The Athletics Department of Gatesville Independent School District has partnered again this year with the Cody Stephens Foundation to offer free heart screenings (ECC's/EKG's) to students.

The free screenings will be done on Monday, March

25, at Gatesville High School's Sidney L. Pruitt Gymnasium during school hours; parents will not need to be present during the time of the screenings.

This offer is available to all current Gatesville ISD student athletes, sixth grade pre-athletic students, and to any high school or

junior high school student that participates in any other extracurricular activities.

Consent forms will be sent home during the next few days for students to complete the forms. The forms should be returned to your child's coach or the athletic trainer.

For any further questions or additional information, contact Gatesville ISD athletic trainer Tatianna Navarro by email at tnavarro@gatesvilleisd.org.

The Cody Stephens Go Big or Go Home Memorial Foundation was founded in memory of Cody Stephens, who died from an unde-

TECTED heart condition just weeks before graduation from Crosby High School.

After Stephens passed away, his family established a screening effort to prevent other tragedies. It has been a big effort in a big state, with more than 40 percent of all Texas schools now offering heart screen-

ings.

Texas House Bill 76, which is Cody's law, was passed in 2019 by state legislature and gives parents in every school district the right to choose a heart screening for their child.

Gatesville High School is located at 205 S. Lovers Lane.

Jonesboro Eagles honored with All-District awards

BY ALEXANDRA MEELBUSCH
Staff Writer

As the Jonesboro Eagles are in the midst of basketball season, many athletes were selected to All-District

teams.

Being selected to an All-District team shows an athlete's capability to work hard on the field and in the

classroom.

The five student athletes that were honored with the award include: Freshman Kayden Craft,

Newcomer of the Year.

Junior Maddox Stroud, 1st team All-District.

Senior Garrett Young, 2nd team All-District.

Junior Layden Nichols, Honorable Mention All-District.

Senior Kyson Smith, Honorable Mention All-District.

For further details regarding the All-District awards, contact Jonesboro Independent School District at 254-463-2111.



Jonesboro Eagles basketball players earning All-District honors are, pictured left to right, Kayden Craft, Newcomer of the Year All-District, Layden Nichols, Honorable Mention All-District, Kyson Smith, Honorable Mention All-District, Maddox Stroud, 1st team All-District, and Garrett Young, 2nd team All-District.

Track season begins for Oglesby ISD

BY TOM NORRELL
Contributing Writer

On Monday, Feb. 26, student athletes of Oglesby Junior High competed in multiple track and field events.

In the girls' division, Abigail Insall won fifth place in the 400-meter dash.

In the boys' division, Kegan Redford won sixth place in the 100-meter dash, sixth place in the

200-meter dash, and second place in the 400-meter dash. Evan Williamson won first place in the 400-meter dash. Jayce Aaron won third place in the 800-meter dash, fourth place in the long jump, and fifth place in the triple jump. Couper Wulfkhule won third place in the 1600-meter dash. Holdyn Goff won second place in pole vault, second place

in the 300-meter hurdles, and sixth place in the 110-meter hurdles. Mason Marquez won first place in shot putt and fifth place in discus.

For further details, contact Oglesby Independent School District at 254-456-2271.

Oglesby ISD is located at 125 College Ave. in Oglesby.

GHS soccer continues to show strength

Submitted Item

Gatesville High School boys' soccer beat Lampasas, 3-0, March 1, with two goals from Angel Almendariz, and a goal from Hector Silva. Jack Armstrong had two assists and Asa Hardcastle provided another.

On Tuesday, the boys secured a third-place finish and a trip to the post season with a 6-1 win over China Spring. Angel Almendariz, Silva,

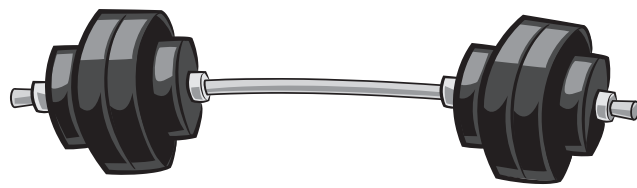
and Oswaldo Leon each provided two goals. Armstrong, Alex Bueno, Leon, and Almendariz each had an assist. The Hornets once again got outstanding defensive play from midfielders Armstrong and Abraham Almendariz, and from defenders Ryan Tesar, Hardcastle, Damian Guerrero, Malichi Olvera, and Hayden Blanchard.

Gatesville High School girls' soccer tied Lampasas, 0-0, in regulation, but were able to secure a pen-

alty kick shoot-out win, 4-3. Making their kicks were Ally Penrod, Bethany Penrod, Andrea Ortiz, and Cayleigh Coursey.

On Tuesday, March 5, the girls played a hard-fought game against China Spring, but came up short, 1-3. The girls got a goal from Andrea Ortiz, and strong play from Senior Captain Bethany Penrod in the loss.

Both teams will be in action Friday at Brownwood, and Tuesday at Salado.



GHS powerlifters push through regional competition

Staff Reports

The Gatesville High School girls powerlifting team has powered through a tough meet by taking home the gold.

On Friday, March 1, Gatesville High School had 11 lifters compete at the THSPA girls' regional

meet in Dublin. The lifters included Zoey Arnold, Emma Davidson, Kinsley Eary, Kasey Fitzer, Isabela Mondragon, Bayelyn Roberts, Alyssa Saxon, Marin Segraves, Shaylie Teague, Keyana Webb, and Paisley Wells.

Concluding the regional meet, lifter Emma Davidson

won a gold medal, and lifter Shaylie Teague took home a silver medal in their respective weight classes.

Other medalists included Zoey Arnold, fourth place; Kasey Fitzer, fifth place; and Bayelyn Roberts, fifth place.

The girls powerlifting state meet will be held on

Friday, March 15, in Frisco.

The Gatesville High School boys powerlifting team will compete at the THSPA boys regional meet on Saturday, March 9, at home in Gatesville.

The lifters will include Sergio Bucio, Caden Brister, Zach Bryant, L.J. Hall, Ray Jones, Dutch Nielson,

Brayden Mills, and David Sims. The alternates will be Corey Burns and Aiden Pankow.

The athletes who finish in first place, second place, or reach a predetermined lift amount at the regional meet will advance to the state competition.

For further details regard-

ing the Gatesville Hornets powerlifting team, contact Gatesville High School at 254-865-8281.

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TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY™

Tarleton State ties program record with 15 conference wins after victory at Southern Utah

Tarleton State University

CEDAR CITY, Utah — Tarleton State Men's Basketball concluded its final road trip of the regular season a perfect 2-0 to complete its quest of knocking off each WAC team this season Saturday, March 2 against the Southern Utah Thunderbirds in America First Event Center.

The Texans (22-7 overall, 15-3 WAC) extend the nation's second-longest active winning streak to 10 games. Following a pair of losses by Merrimack and St. Mary's, the Texans 10-game streak is tied with James Madison and behind only South Florida's 14-straight wins. With the victory over the Thunderbirds (9-20, 4-14), Tarleton State ties its pro-

gram record for most conference wins in a season in any league, 15.

"It's a great honor to have won 15 conference games and it has been a successful season so far," commented acting head coach Joseph Jones. "I am proud of our team for working hard and coming out on top when we have been faced with adversity. However, the job is not done yet. We have two more home games this week and we want to keep it up. We want the fans to come and show the appreciation for our guys and how hard they worked this year."

Jakorie Smith extended the Texans' streak to 13 games with at least one player scoring 20-plus. Smith ended the night with 22 points, led the team with three steals and

pulled down three boards.

The Texans had four score in double figures. KiAndre Gaddy posted 18 points and a team-high eight rebounds. The WAC's leading offensive rebounder pulled down five on the offensive glass. Lue Williams notched 15 and Adam Moussa scored 13 off the bench. Moussa led the squad with six assists, a game high. The senior has scored at least 10 points in two of the last three games.

In a half that saw two ties and four lead changes, the Texans faced an obstacle in the early part of the first half. Southern Utah's Zion Young scored the Thunderbirds' first 23 points in the first nine minutes of action. Young remained in the game for the remainder of the half but did not score



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in the final 11 minutes. All five Texan starters scored during the SUU run, ending with a Thunderbird 23-19

lead with 11:11 remaining. Traivar Jackson sparked momentum for the Texans converting on an alley-oop

off an inbound pass from Moussa to cut the deficit to 28-26 with 7:50 remaining.

Texans dispatch Thunderbirds in home finale, on doorstep of WAC Tournament berth

Tarleton State University

STEPHENVILLE — Tarleton State is on the verge of a WAC Tournament berth after taking care of business on Senior Day Saturday, March 2, dispatching Southern Utah 69-63 in a crucial conference game.

This was the home finale for the Texans (9-18, 6-12 WAC), who entered the contest tied with the Thunderbirds (7-20, 5-13 WAC) in the WAC standings at seventh. Tarleton State now sits in seventh place alone in the standings, a full game up on Nos. 8 Southern Utah, UTRGV and Seattle U at 5-13, and two games up on No. 11 Utah Valley at 4-14. Eight teams make the tournament in Las Vegas, and due to multiple tiebreaking scenarios,

the Texans are in great position if it comes to that. The Texans can officially clinch a berth Thursday with a win and losses by UTRGV and Seattle U.

Tarleton swept the week after beating Utah Tech Thursday. This marks the first winning streak by the Texans this season, as they finish 5-8 at home.

It was another solid crowd at Wisdom Gym Saturday who helped celebrate Tarleton's lone senior student-athlete Teresa DaSilva at halftime. As for the game itself, Tarleton led most of the way, although it was a fairly competitive affair throughout the 40 minutes. The Texans held the lead for 30 minutes compared to just five minutes that the Thunderbirds were

ahead.

"I thought our team showed toughness and determination today as we had to battle through early foul trouble and played most of the first half with our two starting post players on the bench," head coach Bill Brock said. "Our guards did a good job of handling the ball again today and we made good basketball decisions on the offensive end of the floor. These two victories this week put us in the conversation for the postseason conference tournament. Now we have to prepare and get ready for our last road trip next week."

Southern Utah jumped out to a quick 5-0 lead, and Brock saw enough, calling a timeout to regroup his team. It worked, as the Texans settled

down and proceeded to go on a 13-2 run, seven points by Elise Turrubiates and five by Lexi Bull. The Thunderbirds closed the gap from there and ended the first quarter up a point, 20-19.

Tarleton won the second quarter 18-12, forcing Southern Utah to go 0-of-7 from distance. Jakoriah Long led with seven points in the frame, and the Texans had just two turnovers, heading to the break up 37-32.

In the middle of the third quarter, Tarleton turned a six-point lead into a 15-point advantage with an 11-2 run over three minutes of action, with five points from Turrubiates and four from Faith Acker. Acker played just 59 seconds in the first half as she picked up two quick

fouls, proceeding to play the entire third quarter and dominating, shooting 5-of-6 in the frame for 10 points with four rebounds.

In the fourth quarter, the Texans held a double-digit lead most of the way, although Southern Utah didn't give up. The Thunderbirds cut it to eight with two minutes left, but Tarleton was never in danger. Southern Utah drained a three at the buzzer to lose by six.

The Texans had consecutive games shooting well, going 26-of-59 (.441) to Southern Utah's 25-of-62 (.403) clip. They also had just 10 turnovers, a combined 16 over their past two games.

Turrubiates led the team in scoring for a second straight games, pouring in 16 points

on 5-of-8 shooting. Acker finished with 14 points on 7-of-11 shooting, adding six rebounds, two assists and two steals. Long totaled 13 points, five rebounds and three assists. Bull led the reserves with nine points and six rebounds. Da Silva, on her Senior Day, returned to the starting lineup and finished with six rebounds and two steals.

The Thunderbirds used a seven-woman rotation and had three score in double figures. Ava Uhrich had a game-high 17 points, adding five rebounds. Daylani Ballena finished with 16 points and four rebounds. Shiho Isono came off the bench to tally 13 points (6-10 FG), five rebounds, four assists and two steals.

Women's Golf rounds up final day of the GCU Invitational

Tarleton State University

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Tarleton State Women's Golf concluded its first of two events in Arizona this spring, the GCU Invitational at the GCU Golf Course Wednesday, Feb. 28.

Tarleton finished 18th in the 22-team field ahead of fellow WAC member Southern Utah. TSU finished third of the four participating WAC teams.

The highlight of the first round was Mathilde Brogens' eagle on the 18th hole. The junior from Denmark carded a three on the par five for her first eagle of the spring and third this season.

Lou Deltombe led the Texans and carded a two-under, 70, in the first round. The

sophomore transfer finished in a tie for 42nd place carding a 220 (+4), 70-76-74. Brogens turned in a 73 in the final round, her best of the week, to finish with a nine-over par, 225.

After not playing in the Texans' first event of the spring, Rebeca Fernandez shot a pair of two-over pars on the first day. Fernandez finished 12-over par shooting a 228 and finishing in a tie for 85th place. Elle Fox and Sofia Rodriguez rounded out the Purple and White's five carding a 232 and 233, respectively to finish tied for 96th and tied for 104th place.

Quedesha Golledge turned in her best performance as a Texan carding a 77-79-74 (230), to be 14-over par and

finish in 90th, competing as an individual.

New Mexico State took home the team title shooting 16-under par, edging Grand Canyon by a stroke (-15). Cal State Fullerton rounded out the podium with a 12-under par performance.

NMSU's Emma Bunch took home the individual crown carding a 14-under par. Montana State's Scarlet Weidig finished second totaling a -11 and a three-way tie occupied third place at nine-under par.

Tarleton State will play in a pair of events in March beginning at the HCU Husky invitational on March 11 and 12 in Sugar Land. The two-day invitational will be held at Riverbend Country Club.



COURTESY PHOTO

The Texans made quick work of the Panthers (2-13) in Stephenville, winning 6-1 to remain perfect at home, now 4-0.

Texans make quick work of Panthers, remain perfect at home

Tarleton State University

STEPHENVILLE -- If someone wasn't actively watching all courts at once, they might have missed a chance to see some Texans in action, as Tarleton State zoomed by Prairie View A&M Friday, March 1.

The Texans (8-1) made quick work of the Panthers (2-13) in Stephenville, winning 6-1 to remain perfect at home, now 4-0. They also avoided back-to-back losses, something they haven't suffered since the first two matches of 2023.

The doubles point quickly went to the Texans as they swept the Panthers 3-0. Martha Makantasi and Maretha Burger won 6-1 at No. 1 over Victoria Castillo and Andrea Pascual Blanca.

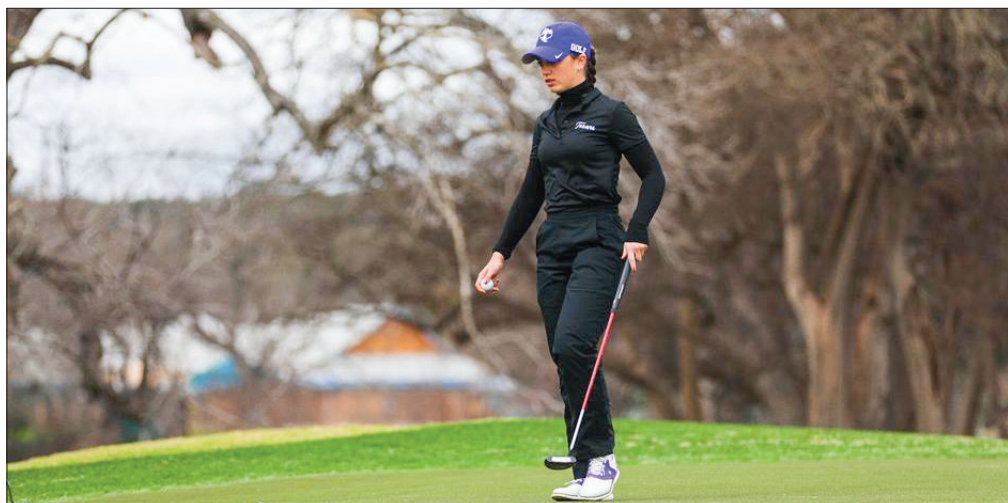
Then Noelia Lorca and Clarra Sobius dispatched Amaya Bobadilla and Cierra Garcia 6-2 on Court 3. Elsa Boisson and Ximena Morales finished the doubles sweep on Court 2 6-4 over Ainara Rodriguez and Francesca Duca.

The Texans are now 22-5 (.815) across doubles play, as Burger and Makantasi improved to 8-1 together. The other two pairs played for the first time together, starting 1-0 each.

In singles action, two Texans shut out their opponents, and the five Texans who won did so in straight sets. Burger rolled through Garcia on Court 6 to start things off, winning 6-0 6-0 to improve to 6-3 on the year. Makantasi followed suit with a 6-0 6-0 win of her own on Court 2

over Duca to improve to 8-1. Sobius then clinched the team victory with a 6-1 6-2 win over Pascual Blanca on Court 4, improving to 6-3. Tarleton's Adeliya Mukhutdinova played her first singles match of the season and won in convincing fashion, knocking off Bobadilla 6-1 6-2 on Court 5. Boisson took the lone loss for Tarleton State in her first ever match on Court 1, falling 3-6 6-2 0-1[6-10] to Castillo.

Lorca cemented the day for the Purple and White with a 7-5 6-4 win over Rodriguez on Court 3 to remain perfect in singles play on the year, now 9-0. Across 54 completed singles matches as a team, Tarleton now sports a 40-14 (.741) record.



COURTESY PHOTO

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Evant ISD's ACE program to hold free guitar lessons

BY ALEXANDRA MEELBUSCH
Staff Writer

Evant Independent School District is home to many extracurricular activities and programs to keep their students involved. One of the programs is held after school each day and is called the Afterschool Centers on Education (ACE).

The ACE program is led by two coordinators, Jaime Hanson and Dyani Nettles. Both educators have been involved with the program since August of 2023.

In early February, 30 guitars were donated to the program by a non-profit organization called Free Guitars 4 Kids. The organization believes that every child should have the opportunity to play, compete, or perform songs regardless of their ability to purchase an instrument.

With the donated guitars, Nettles expressed that the ACE program will be holding free guitar lessons to students who are members of the program.

"As of right now, we do not have music classes at our school," Nettles said.

"We believe that this will open up new doors for our musically-inclined students and give them even more incentive to be at school."

The first class was held on Wednesday, March 6. All future classes will be held each Wednesday and Thursday at Evant ISD from 5:15 - 6:15 p.m.

The program has two volunteers that will teach the classes with the help of resources that have been provided by Free Guitars 4 Kids.

"We are opening up 10 spots for elementary students and 10 spots for junior high and high school students for this semester," Nettles said. "Our hope is to continue to grow the program next year with the help of Free Guitars 4 Kids."

To become a member of the ACE program, you must be enrolled at Evant ISD and go through the registration process.

Currently, there are approximately 120 students who are in the program from prekindergarten through twelfth grade.

"Our goal is to help foster

our students' academic goals and to also have our students learn new skills," Nettles said. "We offer lots of different groups and activities such as cooking classes, art projects, science experiments, and even coding."

This summer the program will be introduced to a new drone course, which will allow students to obtain their TRUST certification. The certification is an aeronautical knowledge and safety test which all drone flyers who are flying under the Exception for Limited Recreational Operations of Unmanned Aircraft must take to pass this course.

"We believe that the ACE program is important for our students because it gives them a chance to try new things," Nettles said.

For further information, contact Dyani Nettles by email at dnettes@evantisd.org or Jaime Hanson by email at jhanson@evantisd.org.

Evant ISD is located at 339 Memory Lane in Evant.



COURTESY PHOTO

Pictured are the donated guitars which are ready to go for students to use.

GHS BAND FUNDRAISER



DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Gatesville High School recently held its sixth annual mattress fundraiser to benefit band students. Twenty-five plus styles of mattresses were on display. The event was hosted by Custom Fundraising Solutions, which works with schools who would like to get involved with band fundraising. The company, which is part of a national chain, has 95 businesses in the United States. A member of Custom Fundraising solutions is shown displaying one of the many mattresses that were sold at the GHS Band Hall.

Moore placed first in choir solo

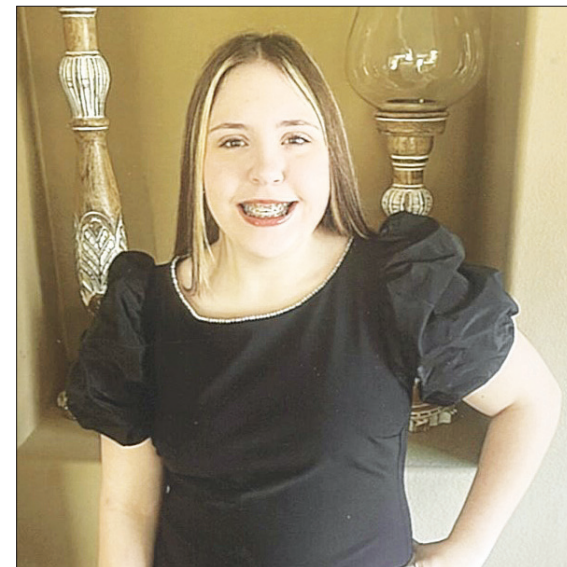
Submitted by Lola Lam

Lillie Alexandria Moore won first place in the Texas Association of Private Schools choir solo.

Moore is an eighth-grade student at the Lutheran South Academy in Houston. She is the daughter of Mark and Melanie Moore, of Shore Acres, the granddaughter of Mark and Lola Lam, of Gatesville, the granddaughter of Betty and the late Charlie Carter, of Deer Park, and the niece of Phillip and Alisa Gregory, of Gatesville.

COURTESY PHOTO

Lillie Alexandria Moore placed first in the Texas Association of Private Schools choir solo.



UW announces Fall Honor Roll

Staff Reports

The University of Wyoming has recently announced the students who have been selected to the 2023 fall semester President's Honor Roll. Jake Healey, of Purmela,

was chosen to be listed on the Honor Roll.

The President's Honor Roll consists of regularly enrolled undergraduates who earned a 4.0 grade point average (GPA) for the semester. To be eligible,

students must have been enrolled for a minimum of 12 credit hours taken for letter grades.

For further information, visit uwyo.edu.

Congressional Institute to sponsor annual art competition

Staff Reports

The Congressional Institute will sponsor its annual Congressional Art Competition which celebrates the artistic achievements of the nation's high school students.

Each Member of Congress may choose to host the program in their individual districts. Many offices ask a panel of local artists, such as artists-in-residence, art teachers, or gallery owners to act as judges.

The winning artwork will hang in the Cannon Tunnel of the United States Capitol for one year. The tunnel is the most highly traveled access point between the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Capitol. Every day, Members of Congress,

distinguished visitors, and tens of thousands of tourists walk through the tunnel and admire the artwork.

The competition is now in its 43rd year. Each year, a republican and democratic member of the House are selected to serve as co-chairs. The 2024 competition will be co-chaired by Congresswoman Beth Van Duyne (R-TX-24) and Congresswoman Dina Titus (D-NV-01). The competition is truly bipartisan and one of the highlights of the congressional calendar.

At the beginning of the summer, the Office of the Architect of the Capitol begins the process of removing the previous year's winners and displaying the new pieces to be showcased. That work

takes place over the course of about a month. Each picture is carefully hung and labeled with the name of the artist, the title of the work, and the congressional district. The artwork is organized alphabetically by state and then nu-

merically by district.

The Congressional Institute has sponsored the art competition since 2009. Each congressional office is responsible for getting the winning artwork to Washington, DC, and the Congressional Insti-

tute facilitates the process of handing the pieces over to the Architect's Office for hanging. The institute also oversees the annual awards ceremony, which features a prominent artist from the district of each congressional co-chair. The winning artist from each district is invited to attend the awards ceremony with one parent or guardian. It is their first opportunity to see their artwork displayed in the Cannon Tunnel.

High school students must enter the competition for the congressional district in which they live. If you do not know your Member of Congress, visit the website and use the Find My Representative tool in the upper right corner of the webpage.

To enter in the competition, complete the follow-

ing tasks:

- Contact your representative to confirm your district's participation and obtain specific guidance.
- Review the 2024 Rules for Students and Teachers.
- Complete the 2024 Student Release Form.
- Submit the Student Release Form and any other required materials to your representative by the deadline specified on their website.

A digital edition of this year's exhibition catalog will be sent to you after the sign-up process is completed.

For any questions, email info@conginst.org.

For further details, visit www.congressionalinstitute.org.





Pat Hunt is pictured placing two boxes of children's books on display at the Hospitality House.

CRSP members busy raising money

Submitted by Marsha Lee

Members of the Coryell Retired School Personnel (CRSP) have been busy since the start of this year raising money to finance several of their yearly statewide projects. First, a

silent auction was held to raise money for scholarships. These will be awarded to two deserving seniors who will be graduating this spring and who are planning to attend college this fall, pursuing careers in education.

Then members played "Bingo for Books" at a recent meeting to gather money to purchase books to be presented to children ages twelve and under. Members donated a wide variety of Bingo prizes. Some members paid to

play Bingo by the game, while others simply made a donation and enjoyed playing Bingo. This money will help purchase books for TRTA's Statewide Children's Book Project.



Pictured above: Cherry Braziel and Jean Grimsley are looking over two rocking chairs donated by Sonja Tatro for the Silent Auction. Sonja recovers and restores furniture.

Left: Stella Wiegrefe was just one of many lucky Bingo prize winners.

Right: CRSP President, Gail Johnson, called out letters and numbers for "Bingo for Books."



Books donated to Hospitality House

Submitted by Marsha Lee

Pat Hunt received two boxes of children's books donated by members of Coryell Retired School Personnel (CRSP) to the local Hospitality House. The books were donated for children of parents who come to Gatesville on weekends to visit friends or loved ones

who are incarcerated at TDC. The family can stay at the Hospitality House at no charge, and they can use the books to help entertain their children if they bring them along. If children wish to take a book home, then CRSP will gladly provide the Hospitality House with more books as needed.



NATIONAL Meatball DAY

March 9, 2024

Hooray for National Meatball Day on March 9th! It's a day to celebrate the scrumptious and roll-y goodness of meatballs. These tasty little wonders come in all shapes and sizes, making them the superstar of dinner tables worldwide.

Kids can join the fun by helping make meatballs

with their families. From mixing ingredients to shaping the perfect balls, it's a hands-on adventure in the kitchen. Whether they prefer classic meatballs or veggie versions, National Meatball Day is a chance to explore new flavors and enjoy a delicious meal together.

Restaurants may offer special meatball dishes,

giving families the opportunity to taste unique creations. Teachers can turn this day into a learning experience, exploring the cultural diversity of meatball recipes around the globe.

So, on March 9th, let's savor the joy of National Meatball Day, where every bite brings a burst of flavor and a celebration of the beloved, bouncy meatball



MEATBALLS WERE BORN OF NECESSITY

The truth about meatballs is that they are a clever way to dress up tough, cheaper cuts of meat. Meatballs also use stale bread, extending the meat portion of the recipe. And so, the meatball was traditionally a great way to stretch ingredients and serve a hungry family. Waste not, want not.



Recipe To Try

Easy to Make Meatballs

Ingredients:

- 2 TBSP Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 cup bread crumbs
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1.5 lbs. ground beef
- 2 tsp dried oregano
- 2 eggs beaten

Instructions

1. Preheat Oven to 350 degrees.
2. In a large bowl, mix Parmesan cheese, salt, oregano and bread crumbs. Add eggs and meat and combine, being careful to not over-mix.
3. Using an ice-cream scooper (or even a spoon), form meatballs, aiming for the size of a golf ball. Place about 1 inch apart on a foil-lined baking sheet. Bake for 15 minutes; flip and cook for 5-7 more minutes, or until crispy on the outside.




To sponsor the Coryell Kids pages, call Kaitlyn at 254-865-5212.

GATESVILLE FIGHTIN' HORNET BAND EARNS SWEEPSTAKES AWARD



COURTESY PHOTOS

Over the past few days, the Gatesville High School Symphonic and Concert Bands have performed at the annual UIL Concert and Sight-Reading Evaluations. The Concert Band received an excellent rating for their evaluation. The high school symphonic band received a superior rating for their evaluation resulting in a Sweepstakes award for the band. This will make the 10th consecutive Sweepstakes award for the band program. Pictured left: Gatesville High School Symphonic Band standing with trophy after being awarded with Sweepstakes. Pictured right: Gatesville High School Concert Band pictured with trophy after competing at the UIL Concert and Sight-Reading Evaluations.

Gatesville Band program competes at UIL Solo & Ensemble

Staff Reports

As it is the season of contests within the band program, 46 students traveled to a Solo & Ensemble contest on Saturday, Feb. 17.

Out of the 46 students who competed, 21 of those students will be heading to the State contest later this year in May.

Listed are the students who received superior ratings:

Hayden Heck, Clarinet

solo and advancing to state.
Ethan Arthur, Trumpet solo.

Kain Malone, French Horn solo and advancing to state.

Jonathan Chavez, Euphonium solo and advancing to state.

Mady Manear, Euphonium solo.

Jason Eaves, Snare solo.

Wyatt Dunbar, Snare solo and advancing to state.

Eason Johnson, Timpani solo and advancing to state.

Kale Branum, Marimba solo and advancing to state.

Carvin Coppersmith, Marimba solo and advancing to state.

Wyatt Dunbar, Marimba solo and advancing to state.

Logan Navejas, Marimba solo and advancing to state.

Orion Williams, Marimba solo and advancing to state.

Brent Hudson, piano solo and advancing to state.

Ethan Arther, Rosa Castillo, Emily Kelly, Ellie Knobloch, Trumpet quartet and advancing to state.

Alex Johnson, Brooklyn King, Kain Malone, Matthew

Yocom, French Horn quartet and advancing to state.

Brianna Petrie, Jozi Ann Smith, Garrett Sullivant, Aaron Yocom, Trombone quartet and advancing to state.

Listed are the students who received Excellent ratings:

Kaylen Thomas, Flute solo.

Easton Keeney, Oboe solo.

Rachel Holden, Clarinet solo.

Daniela Lee, Clarinet solo.

Danny Rodriguez, Clari-

net solo.
Mackenzie Stacher, Clarinet solo.

Caleb Bruschi, Clarinet solo.

Sandra Quintero Saenz, Alto Saxophone solo.

Josh Appelman, Baritone Saxophone solo.

Reagan Fitts, Timpani solo.

Carvin Coppersmith, Snare Drum solo.

Hayden Heck, Rachel Holden, Danny Rodriguez, Clarinet trio.

Josh Appelman, Pres-

ton Davidson, Gracie Key, Jaycee Shelton, Saxophone quartet.

Hannah Bartlett, Jonathan Chavez, Madilyn Manear, Levi Webb, Tuba/Euphonium quartet.

Morgan Chapman, Kallie Featherston, Reagan Fitts, Logan Navejas, Orion Williams, Percussion ensemble.

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Pictured left: GHS choir students who will be advancing to the state level. Pictured right: GHS choir students who participated in the UIL Solo & Ensemble competition.

Gatesville High School choir students compete at UIL contest

Staff Reports

On Saturday, Feb. 17, Mrs. Wells and Dr. Klingler took 21 Gatesville High School choir students to the UIL Solo & Ensemble Contest. This will be the largest group to ever compete at state level in Gatesville High School history.

The students include: Class 1 (Advanced) Solo: Anna Phillips, superior rating, advances to state. Paisley Wells, superior rating, advances to state. Nevin Benning, superior rating, advances to state. Katie Hopson, superior rating, advances to state. Roman Wallace, superior

rating, advances to state. Memphis Wells, superior rating, advances to state. Coral Bryant, superior rating, advances to state. Nahdiah Appleton, superior rating, advances to state. Ranyah Garraway, superior rating, advances to state.

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