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Offer to donate skate park gear gives boost to restoration

BY KRISTEN MERIWETHER Staff Writer

Thanks to a generous donation by Tony Zapata, owner of the Gatesville Flea Market, the Gatesville Skate Park is one step closer to being restored.

At Tuesday's Gatesville City Council meeting City Manager Bill Parry said Zapata offered to donate skate park equipment that has been sitting unused on his land. The \$117,000 worth of equipment came from the Fort Hood Bronco Youth Center, according to a bill of sale shown to Parry.

Parry and city staff went to Zapata's land to look at the equipment last week. They found parts and pieces scattered about the land. Some of the parts were bent or dented and the pieces were not put together. But Parry got in touch with a sales rep who offered

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TIMELY DONATION: A piece of skate park equipment leans against a car on Tony Zapata's land in earlier this month.

Some fees for city facilities may be raised

Move makes Gatesville pricing competitive

BY KRISTEN MERIWETHER Staff Writer

The Gatesville City Council voted to approve the first reading of a resolution on Tuesday that would set user fees for youth sports, civic center and auditorium rental, planning and zoning and cemetery

The city had been charging for these services but fees had not previously been included in the Gatesville Code of Ordinance. Some of the fees were raised to keep pricing in line with surrounding communities.

In an effort to help reduce noise

complaints from neighbors, help facilitate cleaning and offer competitive pricing the Gatesville Civic Center modified its fee schedule.

"We did a study on pricing and we were drastically underpriced, particularly for a weekend event," Convention and Visitors Bureau Director Cheri Shepherd told the council at Tuesday's meeting.

The resolution decreases the price of the large room Monday through Thursday from \$750 per day to \$350. But pricing on the weekend increases to \$1000 for

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Unopposed council members reelected

Will not be on ballot in November

BY KRISTEN MERIWETHER Staff Writer

Three Gatesville City Council seats were up for reelection in November, but without any candidates filing to oppose the incumbents the council voted to cancel the council election.

The approval of the tax rate will still be on the ballot in November.

Mayor Pro-tem Meredith Rainer, and council members Grey Casey and Claude Williams were the only residents to file for the open seats

by the Aug. 16 deadline. The deadline for write-in candidates was Aug. 20 and no one filed.

With all of the candidates unopposed the city has the authority to cancel the council elections. At Tuesday's meeting the council voted to approve the Certification of Unopposed Candidates and the Order of Cancellation. The Order of Cancellation will be posted at all polling places

on Nov. 2.



Casey

Following the approval of those documents the incumbents were reelected.

"As the Mayor of Gatesville, I hereby declare each one of these candidates elected," Mayor Gary Chumley said at Tuesday's council meeting.

The council members will not officially begin the new term until Nov. 2.

Rainer has served Ward 1, Place 3 since November 2015. Casey has served Ward 2, Place 5 since November 2019. Claude Williams finished an unexpired term beginning in November 2020. This November Williams will start his first full term on council.

Pickin' Pearl Bluegrass



SOUND CHECK: Participants rehearsing in a practice room prior to the show. The rooms were booked full in the morning and a storage closet had to be used.



🕇 riple G, House Arrest, Bass, Beards & Bromance and Pearl Jam performed at Saturday's Pearl Bluegrass event. Practice rooms were open in the morning for groups to rehearse, and they were all full. A storage closet became an additional practice room. For those wishing to come to the October Pearl Bluegrass event, please visit: www. pearltxcommunitycenter.com



BIG BASS: Anji Pearl Day and her bass fiddle. Day is the stage manager and books the groups that will be attending each month.

SPIRIT OF FALL: Historic Gazoway log cabin decorated for the fall season.

DAVID SCOTT THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

QUESTION & ANSWER CORNER

Q: When did train service end in

A: The last train ran to Gatesville on November 14, 1972. Two days later, the Cotton Belt Railroad company abandoned the line they had between Lime City and Gatesville.









'Trunk or Treat' set for Oct. 28

Stanley GM and Stanley CDJ of Gatesville will host "Trunk or Treat" on Thursday, Oct. 28 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Stanley Chevrolet and Stanley Dodge parking lot at 210 Hwy. 36 Bypass in Gates-

Local and area businesses can join in decorating a vehicle, passing out candy and giving the community a safe trick-or-treating

The auto dealerships will provide the vehicles and trick or treat bags for the participants.

For more information, call Kia Hugghins or Kandi Mills by Oct. 1, at 254-865-8941.

Mystery of the broken window

Crime Stoppers is seeking information in solving a case of criminal mischief which occurred in the 800 block of College Street between the hours of 5:30 p.m. on Aug. 27, and 5:30 p.m. on Sept. 3. During that

GHS class to celebrate 50-year reunion

The Gatesville High School Class of 1971 will be celebrating its 50-year reunion Saturday, Oct.9, starting at 6 p.m. at the Gatesville Civic Center.

There is no charge for admission, although contributions are always appreciated. A class pho-

to will be taken at 7 p.m. and the music will start at 8 p.m.

Due to COVID, health and safety is of paramount importance. The Gatesville Civic Center is a large venue with plenty of room to spread out and has in place mitigation protocols. Peace officers will be on site for the duration of the event. For more information, call Penny Massingill at 254-493-8357 or Wayne Durham at 832-655-4337.

For Homecoming events, please visit Gatesville. Texas Class of 1971 50th Reunion on their Facebook page.

time, a window was broken from the outside of the Boy Scouts of America building located at Raby Park next to the park restrooms.

The estimated cost of repair is approximately \$150.

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dictment could earn a cash reward. Crime Stoppers, citizens, police and the news media working together can make our community a safer place to live. Together we can make a difference.

Ghagar graduates cum laude from Midwestern

Gatesville resident Katherine Elizabeth Ghagar received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree,

cum laude, from Midwestern State University in August.

MSU awarded 237 undergraduate and graduate students. Ghagar was one of 21 students to graduate cum laude.

MSU, located in Wichita Falls, was established in 1922. The university has a 255-acre campus which is nestled among the city's residential area, and comprises 70 buildings, numerous playing fields, and an outdoor recreational facility near Sikes Lake. It is one of 36 public institutions of higher education in Texas.

Gatesville students named to President's list

Three Gatesville students and nine Copperas Cove students were recently named to the Summer 2021 President's list at Southern New Hampshire University.

The Gatesville students named to the list include Jimmi Anderson, Natasha Gribble and Justin Hoover. Copperas Cove students include Douglas Menard, Kolby Gill, Edward Streeto, Len Nunez, Wilhelmina Pellegrin, Elizabeth Paulus, Elizabeth Leggett, Robert Bigford and Marcus Harris.

Full-time students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.7 and above are named to the President's List. Southern New Hampshire University is a private, nonprofit institution with an 89-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults.

to work with the city to determine what parts, if any, are needed to make the ramps functional.

"From what I could see, for the most part, some of that was in good shape," Parry said at Tuesday's council meeting. "Parts and pieces of it are bent up a little bit that might be able to be refabricated. But the salesman from Playgrounds US told me that once we knew what we had he would be willing to come in and say if Woordward still makes [the parts]."

Gatesville High School senior Ethan Branch started a petition last month to get the skate park repaired after the city closed it following vandalism in the spring. A rotting wood ramp that is falling apart, a hole in the middle of a box feature and multiple screws backing out on the ramps made the park dangerous for kids to ride.

Branch created a change.org petition which garnered over 800 signatures and started conversations in a Facebook group dedicated to the repair of the park. On Aug. 24 over a dozen residents came to the council meeting with resident Niki Foster speaking during the public forum to ask the city to fix

Foster and Branch are working together to get on the land to inspect the equipment.

"I think it's great that we have that sense of community in Gatesville where when there is a problem, or something the citizens don't agree with, we can all come together and figure out a solution really fast," Branch said by phone Wednesday. "Everyone is here to help each other out and I think that's great."

Once they take stock of the equipment it will be up to residents to put the equipment on trucks and trailers and haul it to the skate park.

"Right now we are just working on finding people who have trucks and trailers and are wiling to help us move everything," Branch said. "I'm sure there are plenty of people in Gatesville with trucks and trailers that are behind us."

Want to be a Texas game warden? Here's your chance



COURTESY PHOTO TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE

I SWEAR: Cadets are sworn in during the 64th Texas Game Warden Commissioning ceremony earlier this year.

BY KRISTEN MERIWETHER

Staff Writer

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is accepting applications now through Oct. 8 to be a cadet in the 65th Texas Game Warden class. The 33-week training program begins in Hamilton in October 2022.

Game wardens are responsible for protecting and conserving the State's natural resources. That includes the waterways, landscapes and wildlife.

"Not only are game wardens trained in a number of specialized fields like search and rescue and disaster response, we are members of the community," TPWD Law Enforcement Director Col. Chad Jones said in a press release. "We are out in our neighborhoods hosting fishing events, educating boaters, and encouraging another generation of Texans to enjoy and preserve the outdoors.'

Cadets and game wardens work extensively outdoors, during inclement and sometimes hazardous weather conditions, like during natural disasters. At times, wardens and cadets are required to work in highly stressful situations that may be hazardous to their health and safety, which could include working with people who are injured, violent, emotionally upset or otherwise pose a danger.

Applicants must be 21 years of age, have a bachelor's degree in any field of study and be a citizen of the United States. A comprehensive background check will be performed and a those with any Felony or Class A Misdemeanors or a Class B Misdemeanor in the past 10 years will not be accepted.

Illegal drug use in the prior two years, including medical

marijuana, will not be accepted. Applicants must also undergo a hearing and vision test, and a psychological evaluation.

Applicants must pass a physical readiness test that includes a handgun stability drill, a

2,000-meter row and a swim test. Following graduation from the academy and receiving a commission, applicants must be willing to relocate to anywhere in the state of Texas.

Interested applicants can find the full list of requirements and the online application at twpd. texas.gov.

Saturday nights.

The security fees is required at events where alcohol is served, increased from \$35 per hour to \$45 per hour. A new security fee of \$200 per hour was added for events after 1 a.m.

The youth sports fee increased from \$45 per player to \$50 due to an increase in uniform costs. The ordinance also put field rental fees in writing, something not previously done.

Residents looking to rent the entire complex for non-city sponsored events can pay \$750 per day, \$125 per day for an individual field and \$25 per hour for a baseball field. All fees include lights.

The fee schedule is in line with surrounding cities such as Killeen, which also charges \$50 per player, Harker Heights, which charges \$45-\$55 per player and Copperas Cove, which charges \$62 for residents and \$72 for non-residents, according to data provided by Recreation Director Seth Phillips.

The city added a one-time \$250 maintenance fee to Restland Cemetery fees, bringing the total cost to \$500. While the increase does double the cost, it is still less expensive than cemeteries in Lampasas, McGregor, Lorena, Copperas

Cove, Hamilton and Clifton, according to data provided by the city of Gatesville.

Gatesville added a \$3 per lot platting fee at each phase of the platting process. The city had not previously charged anything. But the new fee is in line with surrounding cities like Belton, which charges \$3 per lot and Hamilton, which charges \$5 per lot.

The new ordinance will raise the zoning variance fee from \$75 to \$200. Belton charges \$100, but Hamilton and Nolanville charge

The Gatesville City Council unanimously passed the first reading of the ordinance. The ordinance will be read at the next two council meetings, Sept. 28 and Oct. 5, before being put into the Code of Ordinance.



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MOUND NEWS

Miss Ruby competed in a barrel race in Oklahoma

BY BARBARA HOPSON

Mr. Curtis Bankston died Monday, Sept. 6. Graveside services were held Friday at the Ater Cemetery. Mr. Bankston was the husband of Cindy Treadway Bankston and the stepfather of Jenni-

Miss Ruby Caroline Pullen of Rockwall, niece of Barbara Hopson, had a barrel race in Oklahoma over the weekend in McAlester. Ruby placed fifth in the 3D on her horse Stella.



Barbara Hopson

Diane Heavin was honored on her birthday, which was Tuesday, Sept. 21, with a dinner given by her family. Those attending were family and friends.

John Stephens visited Saturday afternoon with Richard and Holly Bryant. Ray and John Stephens visited Sunday afternoon with Martha Lawhorn.

Blayze Fisher played his very first junior high football game in Temple Friday evening against the Centex Chargers. The team played hard but lost in the last quarter. Blayze then played in a

soccer game Saturday afternoon against Austin Lonestar and assisted on a goal. His team won 1-0.

Brodie Fisher played football Friday evening in Temple against the Centex Chargers. Caymbri Fisher spent Saturday afternoon with her (Mimi) Debbie Piller (GG) and (Pop Pop) Helen and Joseph Piller.

Debbie Piller, Chris and Jennifer Miller, Ronnie, Kay, Neal, Amanda, Brodie, Slayton and Caymbri Fisher and Claudia Brown were at the

various sporting events supporting Brodie and Blayze Fisher.

Amanda Fisher celebrated her 38th birthday Wednesday evening with a family dinner Sunday at the home of Debbie Piller.

Little Mr. Hudson May was honored on his first birthday with a party at the home of Cheryl Ford with the O'Fishally One themed party with a hot dog cookout with family and friends given by his parents and sisters, Brett, Annie and Gracyn May.

Elizabeth Phillips and Carolyn Blakley had dinner in Waco Friday evening. Carolyn Blakley spent the day Saturday in College Station with her daughter, Emma Blakley.

Carolyn Blakley, Jerry and Brenda Helms had lunch and went shopping in Waco Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Bettie Blakley of Pearl was Sunday dinner guest of Robert and Carolyn Blakley.

Barbara's Notes: This coming Wednesday, Sept. 22, is the first day of the fall sea-

The DISPATCH

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through law enforcement dispatchers during the period of September 3 - 7. While there were many calls, this is a partial list of more significant activity. Persons are reminded that only emergency calls should be made to 9-1-1, while all other calls to the police department should be made to 865-2226 or to the Sheriff's office at 865-7201.

CITY OF GATESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

September 12

1:17 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1500 block of W. Main Street.

2:03 a.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 9000 block of State Hwy. 36.

9:13 a.m., harassment was reported in the 1600 block of St. Louis Street.

11:46 a.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 200 block of Clay Street.

6:26 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 200 block of Sunny Lane.

7:35 p.m., a burglary was



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reported in the 1300 block of Baldridge Drive.

September 13

8:33 a.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 2900 block of S. State Hwy. 36.

9:22 a.m., an accident was reported in the 1200 block of E. Main Street.

10:16 a.m., criminal trespass was reported at Buck-

horn Cemetery. 11:10 a.m., a welfare concern was reported in the

2400 block of Bridge Street. 11:12 a.m., an accident was reported in the 2800 block of

S. State Hwy. 36. 9:15 p.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 3000 block of E. Main Street.

September 14

1:11 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 3400 block of Imperial Drive.

10:28 a.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 1500 block of State School Road.

3:43 a.m., a theft was reported in the 100 block of N. 27th Street.

5:53 p.m., harassment was reported in the 2500 block of Jackson Drive.

6:42 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 600 block of Andrews Street.

11:06 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 1800 block of Bridge Street.

CORYELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

September 12

3:25 a.m., an assault was reported in the 1700 block of CR 132.

10:40 a.m., a minor accident was reported in the westbound lane of Hwy. 190.

2:17 p.m., a threat was reported in the 1200 block of Straws Mill Road.

7:27 p.m., a report of shots being fired in the 300 block

of Gaylon Drive. 10:34 p.m., a neighbor

dispute was reported in the 1000 block of Twin Mountain Road.

10:41 p.m., harassment was reported in the 200 block of Lindas Lane.

September 13

1:28 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported on S. Hwy. 36.

2:25 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 700 block of CR 274.

5:35 p.m., harassment was reported in the 100 block of FM 1602.

6:19 p.m., animal neglect was reported in the 800 block of Kubitz Road.

7:07 p.m., trespassing was reported in the 100 block of Los Indios Drive.

September 14

8:29 a.m., illegal dumping was reported in the 800 block of Old Pidcoke Road.

5:43 p.m., a theft was reported in the 500 block of E. Leon Street.

6:10 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the

700 block of CR 102. 6:23 p.m., a suspicious vehicle was reported in the

13000 block of S. Hwy. 36. 6:30 p.m., a minor accident was reported in the 11000

block of E. Hwy. 84. 9:55 p.m., burglary of a habitation was reported in the 10000 block of N. Hwy.



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

EASTWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH: 2518 East Main; Sunday services - Sunday School 9:45 a.m., morning worship 10:50 a.m.; Wednesday night meal 5:30 pm, Wednesday evening services, 6 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF EVANT: Andrew Newton, pastor; Live Oak Street and Memory Lane; Sunday services - Sunday School 9:45 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m., evening worship 6 p.m.

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF OGLESBY: Jeremy Sanders, pastor; Sunday services - Bible study 9:45 a.m., morning worship 10:50 a.m.

GATEWAY BAPTIST CHURCH: Michael Bragdon, Pastor; Hwy. 36 East; Sunday services - Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m., evening worship 1:30

p.m.; Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m. HARMONY BAPTIST CHURCH: A.C. Painter, pastor; 1750 FM 215; Sunday services - Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m., evening worship 6:30

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

JONESBORO BAPTIST CHURCH: Matt Dossey, pastor; Sunday services - Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship 10:50 a.m.

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LIVE OAK BAPTIST CHURCH: Bro. Ken Laney, pastor; FM 107; Sunday services - Sunday School 9:15 a.m., morning worship 10:30 a.m., Wed. evening Adult, Youth and Children's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

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Do Something Nice for Someone



"So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets." –Matthew 7:12 NIV

The advice to do something nice for someone follows logically from the golden rule, i.e., to "do unto others as you would have them do unto you" (Matthew 7:12), and is, in effect, a summary of the Bible's teaching on morality. We all know how good it feels when someone does something nice for us, and so we should return the favor, or perhaps "pay it forward," as the saying goes. This can be done in so many simple ways, from helping someone with their chores, to inviting someone to eat with you or otherwise sharing your food, to just being there for others. It doesn't have to be expensive; sometimes the best gift is the gift of our time. A patient and understanding listener is often the best therapist. On the other hand, gifts are also nice. Who doesn't like to be the recipient of a thoughtful gift? And monetary gifts are always practical. Sometimes the nicest things we do are the things we do for those who don't expect it, or deserve it. If someone deserves to be forgiven, then it's not a big deal to forgive them. But if someone doesn't deserve to be forgiven and we forgive them, that is a big deal. Do something nice for someone each and every day and occasionally do something really nice for someone who doesn't necessarily expect it, or deserve it. – Christopher Simon

worship 11 a.m.

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SPANISH BAPTIST CHURCH: Ezequiel Casas, pastor; 113 Veazy Dr.; Sunday Services; Sunday School 10:00 a.m., worship 11:00 a.m., Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m.

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH: Tim Crosby, pastor; 1506 West Main; Sunday services - Sunday School 9:30 a.m., morning worship 10:50 a.m. Wednesday Services - Prayer Meeting/Youth Ministry 6:00 p.m., TBC Kids at 6 p.m. Email: trinitybctx@centurylink.net. Church: 254-865-8495 or Pre-school: 254-248-0041.

TURNERSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH: Jon Crosby, Pastor; Sunday services - Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m., Wednesday night Bible study, 6 p.m.

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WHITE HALL BAPTIST CHURCH: Mike Barron, pastor; 2040 CR 238, Gatesville; Sunday school at 10 a.m.; Sunday morning worship services 11 a.m.; Prayer & Devotional meeting fourth Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.; 254-865-2106.

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EVANT CHURCH OF CHRIST: Will Vann, Preacher; Sunday services-Bible Study 9:30 a.m., morning worship 10:20 a.m., evening worship 12:30 p.m., Wednesday Bible

FORT GATES CHURCH OF CHRIST: Hwy. 36 S.; Sunday services - Morning worship 10:30 a.m.

GATESVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST: Justin Hall, minister; 2417 E Main; Sunday Bible class 9:30 a.m., morning service 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday Bible classes

6:30 p.m.

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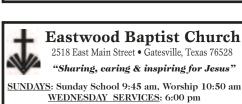
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OBITUARIES

ALAN BRANT MILLER July 22, 1944 - September 8,



Alan Brant Miller, age 77 of Gatesville, passed away on the evening of September 8, 2021 surrounded by his family.

The family will hold a private memorial service at later date.

Alan was born in Wichita, KS to the late Alexander Brant Miller and Dorothy Evelyn Watkins Miller. He grew up and attended school in Tulsa. OK and graduated from Tulsa High School. Weekends and summers Alan could be found on Lake Fort Gibson driving boats, water skiing and fishing. He attended one year of college before joining the United States Coast Guard. Alan served four years before being Honorably Discharged. He stayed in Long Beach, CA after his service where he started racing sailboats up and down the Pacific coast. This love of racing led to Alan racing powerboats for Carlson Boats, Eliminator and Laser Boats, also joining the "Power Boat Racing 100 MPH Club" in 1980. Alan was born again and baptized in Pirates Cove Newport Beach, CA in 1975. He married Jan "Jami" Allen on July 24, 1976 at Calvary Chapel in Costa Mesa, CA. Alan and Jan moved to Texas in 1981 and then to Gatesville in 1984 where they continued to live and raise their family. Alan worked at Medical Plastics for over 20 years in Research and Development. He was a member of Coryell Community Church and served as an audio/visual technician for over 20 years. Alan will be loved and missed by all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Alan is survived by his wife of 45 years, Jan Miller; sons, Seth Miller and wife, Lyndie, Sean Miller and wife, Katherine; daughters, Lisa Phillips and husband, James, Sara Marquez and husband, Josh; grandchildren, Jordan, Paxton, Charlotte, Alyssa, Mason, Trinity, Bryson, Lucy, Bonnie, and Marley.

RAYMOND KINDLE **PERKINS**

March 23, 1993 - September 9, 2021



Kindle Perkins, age 28 of Gatesville, passed away on Thursday, September 9, 2021 in Gatesville.

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m. Thursday, September 16, 2021 at Scott's Funeral Home with Rev. Jimmy Skiles officiating. Burial will follow at Restland

Kindle was born on March 23, 1993 in Killeen to Raymond and Jennifer Lanham Perkins. He grew up and attended school in Gatesville and graduated with the class of 2012. Kindle was an avid movie watcher and could quote many lines from movies. He worked at PCSI on Fort Hood in the food service industry. Kindle was a faithful member of Tabernacle of Praise in Gatesville. Gone way too soon, he will be loved and missed by all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Henry and Dorothy Perkins.

Kindle is survived by his parents, Raymond and Jennifer; brother, Tylor Perkins and wife, Alexis of Guam; grandparents, James and Dawn Lanham; uncle, Chris Lanham and wife, Christina; an aunt. Amy Kleckner and husband, Richard; and his cousins that he loved dearly.

CHRISTOPHER D. **PELTIER**

June 1, 1968 - September 10,



Christopher D. Peltier, age 53 of Gatesville, passed away on Friday, September 10, 2021 in Gatesville.

Memorial services will be held at 1:00 pm Saturday, September 25, 2021 at Harmony Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

Chris was born on June 1,

1968 in Killeen to Floyd Peltier Sr. and Sally Troutman Peltier. He grew up and attended school in Killeen. After high school Chris joined the Army National Guard and worked at M.A.T.E.S. in Gatesville for over 23 years. He met Kathy Byrd in October of 1998 and they were married on May 26, 2006 in Gatesville. He enjoyed wood crafting in his shop, taking care of his yard, remodeling his house, grilling and spending time with family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Floyd Peltier Sr. and Sally Peltier.

Chris is survived by his wife of 15 years, Kathy Peltier; sons, Matthew Peltier and wife. Debbie of Whitney, James Peltier of Gatesville, Brandon Kneeland of Hamilton; daughter, Ashley Kneeland of Grove, Oklahoma; six grandkids with another one on the way; sister, Patricia McHatton; brothers, Floyd Peltier Jr. and Jeffery Peltier.

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scattered tree cover with good views. \$310,625 ▶ 29 acres South of Pearl, TX in Coryell County on Blakely Rd. The property has rolling terrain with good tree cover. South Bee House creek runs through the property, great views. \$275,500

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SEASON	W	L	PF	PA	
JONESBORO	3	0	172	34	
EVANT	3	0	175	61	
LOMETA	2	0	138	58	
ZEPHYR	0	3	49	117	

AUG. 27 JONESBORO 67, COOLIDGE 26 EVANT 68, CRANFILLS GAP 49 LOMETA 74, LINGLEVILLE 40 SIDNEY 21, ZEPHYR 18

SEPT. 3 EVANT 51, MORAN 6 JONESBORO 47, PERRIN-WHITT 0 VERIBEST 31, ZEPHYR 12

SEPT. 10
JONESBORO 58, JOHNSON COUNTY SPORTS ASSOCIATION 8
EVANT 56, BROOKESMITH 6
STEPHENVILLE FAITH 65, ZEPHYR 19
LOMETA 64, RANGER 18

SEPT. 17
MAY AT EVANT, 7:30 P.M.
BLUM AT JONESBORO, 7:30 P.M.
LOMETA AT CRANFILLS GAP, 7:30 P.M.

EAGLES

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The Eagles have won a

The Eagles have won at an 81 percent clip with Gallegos as head coach. Gallegos has won 125 games since he took over the program in 2009.

Through three straight wins in 2021, the Eagles have rose to a No. 7 ranking in the six-man ranks. The team has shown the

ability to strike for big plays rushing and passing. Senior Nat Hilliker has

been a deep threat in the passing game.

"He knows how to get open and he's got great hands," said teammate Manny Tor-

Gallegos is always up to challenges from the state's best.

With the temperatures getting that fall feel of late, the Eagles are turning in some crisp performances.

On Sept. 17, they took

on the Blum Bobcats in the

renewal of a solid rivalry in

recent years.
When Eddie Gallegos gathered with his team after a



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BIG FELLA CAN RUN: Manny Torres runs for big gainer for the Eagles.

resounding 58-8 victory over Johnson County Sports Association last week, he reminded his team of the challenge upcoming against Blum.

It's simply a game that gets circled on the schedule. This year, the two squads met for the fifth time since 2018.

The matchups have been a measuring stick for both programs.

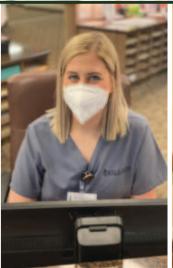
Blum won 48-6 in a 2018 regular season game.

Jonesboro retaliated in 2019 with a 20-6 regular season win, but fell to the Bobcats in a state semifinal match in Hico.
Blum won 52-30 and went
on to claim the state title.
In 2020, Jonesboro

bounced Blum, 53-18.

This years' battle will certainly be a barometer for both programs again.







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on the water. I have learned to have these items to be prepared for whatever the day should bring on. I generally fish for striped bass and hybrid striped bass in fresh water. However, many of these items are used in most fishing/boating applications.

First for safety, I keep a first-aid kit on board. Band-Aids are required on occasion, and you don't want to get caught on the water without one especially if you are far from the dock. Minor cuts and abrasions happen quite often when handling fish. Some medicines like Tylenol, Aleve and an antidiarrhea medicine of some sort is a good idea to keep on hand for obvious reasons. Not many folks get seasick on freshwater, but if you are prone to this you may want to take some Dramamine before you head out. Many of these medicines can be kept in your vehicle at the launch if you are not too far away.

A clean towel is useful as well, especially when handling fish. Some fresh clean water is also a good idea. A change of clothes in your vehicle just in case is also a good idea.

An ice chest for water, refreshments and food is a necessity in the summer. I keep an ice chest for the fish and one for the condiments. I never put fish in my ice chest for the condiments and you can probably guess why.

Some additional items that are used all the time include an extra rope for tying the boat off and bumper pads to protect the hull. Extra batteries for your remotes and/or fish scales, or flashlight will come in handy. Don't head

keep a five-gallon bucket on board, for many different uses including bailing if necessary.

A back-up starting battery on board is a good

idea, as well as jumper cables. Extra rain jack-

ets will come in handy on some days. I also

out without a compass, as this is generally needed for navigation and is commonly used with a GPS.

Of course, it is a good idea to have that cell phone available if you can keep it dry. On a rainy day, you may want to leave it in the truck if you think it will get wet (a ziplock freezer bag or two will keep those items dry). I also have a marine radio. Many of the bigger lakes have folks monitoring the emergency channels.

Other items that are critical for the type of fishing that I have in my boat include: several buoy markers, several pairs of long nose pliers/cutters, two anchors with lots of rope, binoculars and a large net to land fish. I like to keep long-nose pliers in the front of the boat and in the back when the fishing gets real good. Binoculars are used frequently when trying to locate fish when the birds are flying, or when trying to view any surface action in the distance. When you do need them, you will want them there.

Other items I keep on board based on previous needs include a few tools and electrical connectors. I like to keep some crimpable lugs, wire nuts and butt splices to rework failed electrical connections. Some extra fuses on board may get you back to the dock or keep you fishing.

Every angler I know has a knife on board. It is a necessary tool. Many folks like carrying a multitool device that has most of the essential standard tools included.

A back-up starting battery on board is a good idea, as well as jumper cables. Extra rain jackets will come in handy on some days. I also keep a five-gallon bucket on board, for many different uses including bailing if necessary. I also carry several cast nets for bait catching, so that if you tear one or lose one you will have a backup.

Depending on the type of fishing/boating you are doing, you may require some of these additional items to be prepared on the water. You should try to beat Murphy's law by being prepared. As soon as you leave something at home you will most certainly need it when you get out there.

FISHING REPORT

Striped bass on other Brazos lakes, namely Possum Kingdom and Whitney, are good on live shad fished on the lower ends. Limits are common. Crappie action is reported as good to excellent on Aquilla, Benbrook and Whitney. Largemouth bass action is also reported as good on soft plastics on Lake Whitney.

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EVANT FOOTBALL

Elks sprint past **Mustangs**

BY MARK GOODSON

Staff Writer

Luis Arellano had a breakout game with five touchdown runs and 213 yards rushing to lead the Evant Elks to a 56-6 football rout over the Brookesmith Mustangs Friday at Brookesmith.

Evant scored eight touchdowns in the game and caused three turnovers to pave the way to the Elks' third straight win.

The Elks (3-0) will face powerhouse May this week at Evant.

Hunter White added two scoring runs and finished with 124 yards rushing. White has more than 600 yards rushing on the season.

Edgar Morales scored once to up the team total to eight for the game. Kenny Jones passed for 33 yards.

The defense was solid. The leaders on defense were Morales with six tackles and one forced fumble, Arellano six tackles, Damien Honea seven tackles and one forced fumble, Canyon Smith four tackles and two fumble recoveries, and Kenny Jones two tackles, one interception.

Hornets warm up for home meet

Gatesville's cross country teams showed well at Midway this week and carry momentum into the annual Gatesville Bill Bradley Invitational, Sept. 18.

Gatesville freshman Vania Martinez finished seventh in a time of 19:17.0 in the 3-mile Class 5A-6A Division at the Hewitt Kiwanis Midway Invitational cross country meet Sept. 9 at the HOT Soccer Complex.

The varsity girls were sixth as a

Ella Perry of Killeen Harker Heights won in 18:19.3.

Other Hornets were: 7 Vania Martinez Gatesville

19:17.0

16 Bethany Penrod Gatesville

38 Grace Penrod Gatesville 23:03.0 65 America Rodriguez Gatesville

31:27.4 **GIRLS TEAM SCORES**

PLACE TEAM POINTS 1 BELTON 48 2 KILLEEN HARKER HEIGHTS 65 3 KILLEEN ELLISON 89 4 WACO MIDWAY 100 5 ROBINSON 119 6 GATESVILLE 134 7 WACO HIGH 186 8 CORSICANA HIGH SCHOOL 198 9 A&M CONSOLIDATED INC.

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Gatesville's Carlo Martinez won his third race of the season for the Hornet boys. He edged out Maximus Austin of Eagle Christian Academy. He clocked a 16:04.7 in the Class 1A-4A division.

Teammate Luis Macias was sixth in a time of 17:09.1.

The boys' team was sixth overall. The Hornet finishers were:

1 Carlo Martinez Gatesville

6 Luis Macias Gatesville 17:09.1 34 Jack Armstrong Gatesville 18:38.6

54 Morgan Clary Gatesville 19:13.9

61 Braeden Shuemake Gatesville 19:35.0

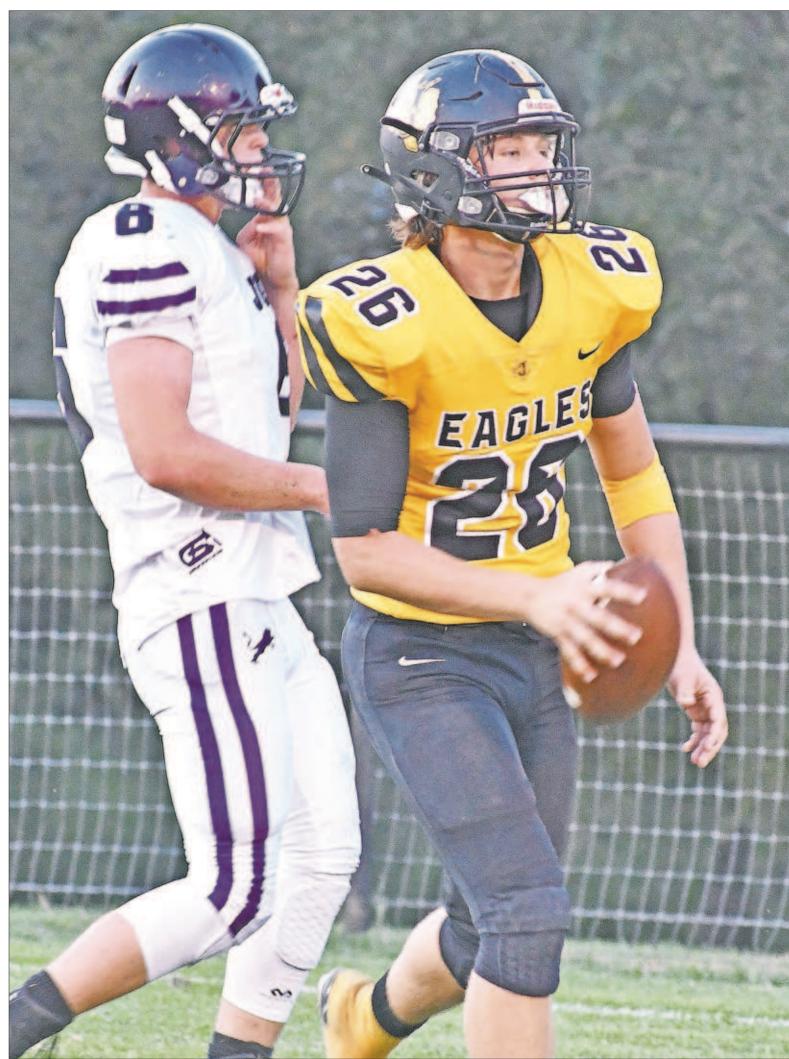
75 Damien Guerrero Gatesville 20:11.1

77 Ian Rainer Gatesville 20:14.0 88 Wallace Marty Gatesville 21:08.9

BOYS TEAM SCORES

2 HILLSBORO 87 3 PALESTINE 102 4 RIESEL 127 5 ROBINSON 143 6 GATESVILLE 145 7 LAKE BELTON HIGH SCHOOL 148 8 WACO LA VEGA 244 9 RIVER OAKS CASTLEBERRY 246 10 GROESBECK 255 11 LITTLE RIVER ACADEMY 270 12 BRUCEVILLE-EDDY 336 13 MOODY 356 14 BOSQUEVILLE 385 15 WACO MEYER 393

Jonesboro's success rate early has Eagles flying high



PHOTOS BY MARK GOODSON I THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

TD DANCE: Nat Hilliker celebrates a touchdown reception in Jonesboro's win against Johnson County Sports Association.

BY MARK GOODSON Staff Writer

■ he Jonesboro Eagles have raised their football program to the elite level during Eddie Gallegos's tenure. In 13 seasons, he has centered his team around toughness and speed.

"That's the way we like to play," Jonesboro senior running back and defensive back Ian Shoaf said. "It's always a good intense game against Blum."

The Jonesboro coaching staff spend a lot of time teaching blocking and tackling.

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TEACHING MOMENT: Coach Eddie Gallegos shares some strategy with receiver Nat Hilliker.

ON FISHING

These key accessories can come in quite handy

MICHAEL ACOSTA

As a licensed professional fishing guide, Michael Acosta shows you how to find them. A Granbury resident of more than 35 years, he has been fishing all of his life, and has been a licensed guide since 1998.

■ here are certain items you are required to have on your boat, and there are other items that are optional that can make your life easier. Many of these optional items are for safety, to protect the boat or to have the right tools for the job. Having what you need on the boat will make your day go smoother for

The required equipment on most



boats include life jackets, a safety throw cushion/life preserver, a horn, paddle, fire extinguisher and lights, to name a few. There is

different equipment required depending on the size of the boat or the water in which you use the boat. Consult the Texas

Parks and Wildlife Outdoor Annual

for the requirements for your vessel. There are many more requirements to go offshore.

Some of the other equipment that I have on my boat is important for safety. Other items you can't just live without when fishing.

Of course, I bring poles and tackle as needed, but the items I will discuss here cover other accessories generally needed for a day

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