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These deputies have been everywhere



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HAVE INMATES, WILL TRAVEL: Lt. Debbie Brown has a map in her office in Gatesville that shows where she and her deputies have traveled to pick up inmates.

Moving inmates keep crew in Sheriff's Office busy

BY JEFF OSBORNE
Senior Staff Writer

The song "I've Been Everywhere" by Johnny Cash likely rings true for the deputies of the Coryell County Sheriff's Office who are constantly on the road – and sometimes in the air – either bringing inmates back to the county or transporting them elsewhere for court appearances.

"We've got seven or eight transport deputies and they are almost always on the road."

RON MORGAN

Ron Morgan, chief deputy for the sheriff's office, said part of the reason for the frequent travel is over-

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Preview of local, state elections

BY JEFF OSBORNE
Senior Staff Writer

Gatesville City Manager Bill Parry offered an overview of the upcoming election, which has three different areas for Gatesville residents to focus on – two local elections as well as voting on state constitutional amendments.

Early voting is underway and continues through Oct. 29. Early voting is available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays except Tuesday, when voting is slated from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. On Nov. 2, voting will also be from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Early voting takes place at the Coryell County Courthouse Annex, located across from the Gatesville Post Office.

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The Eagles' domination of the Mount Calm Panthers, 60-0, came on senior night. **DIVERSIONS**, A10

MAKING A DIFFERENCE... Senior center nutritionist fulfilling her dream

BY DAVID SCOTT
Staff Writer

Mornings come early for Danielle Villarreal, who is the Nutrition Manager and Assistant Director at the Gatesville Senior Center. Upon her early arrival at the center, she immediately begins preparing meals for the Meals on Wheels program that is provided through the center.

On any typical day, Villarreal prepares close to 80 meals.

"At the height of COVID, we were preparing about 120 to 150 meals per day so I would come to work super early in the morning and I would make pallets for my children on the floor and I would have to get to cooking," said Villarreal.

Her passion for cooking stemmed from an young age. Growing up, she credits her father as being a "fantastic cook," as well as her mother and her grandmother. "My first memories were of standing on a little tray at the counter watching my dad roll out biscuits."

In her senior year, she moved to Gatesville, where she graduated with her high school diploma and her certificate in culinary arts.

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PASSION FOR SENIORS: Danielle Villarreal as a teenager volunteered to help in a nursing home. "It was important to give back to seniors," Villarreal said.

GATESVILLE ISD School improvement plans presented

BY JEFF OSBORNE
Senior Staff Writer

Always striving to make the educational environment better for students, the Gatesville Independent School District has campus improvement plans for all five of the district's schools, and administrators presented their goals at a school board meeting on Oct. 18.

"Our campus goals are aligned with the district plan," said Gatesville Primary School Principal Mashara Streater. "We want to build a strong academic and social/emotional foundation to help ensure student success."

One of the casualties of the COVID-19 pandemic was class time, and Streater said educators are working to overcome the academic slide that resulted from that, as well as

to provide students with coping skills.

"There is a lot of support built into the day so students will have a strong foundation," she said. "Kids are also getting extra support in the literacy lab, and it's making a difference."

Elementary Principal Keegan Webb said for third-graders, their last "normal year" before the COVID-19 disruptions was kindergarten, and that second- and first-graders have never had a normal school year.

"It's been difficult for the teachers and the students," Webb said. "Our philosophy is 'every child counts and every minute matters. We really strive to meet students where they're at and we're targeting

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QUESTION & ANSWER CORNER

Q: Does The Gatesville Messenger have old newspapers the public can access?

A: Yes. The Gatesville Messenger office has archived newspapers dating back to 1936 and the public is welcome to come look through them during regular business hours.

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ELECTIONS

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CITY ELECTION

Because a rise in property values could result in additional revenue for the city of Gatesville, voters will have to either approve or reject an adopted tax rate of 56 cents per \$100 property valuation – the same rate that the city had last year, as well as the previous two budget years.

That tax rate means a homeowner who has a house valued at \$100,000 would pay \$560 a year for city services. Because the city will collect \$65,757 more than it did previously, the election was triggered.

“There is a no new tax rate and a voter-approved tax rate,” Parry said.

A presentation on the city’s website notes that Gatesville has a tax rate which is equal to that of McGregor and Hewitt, and less than the rate paid by residents of Belton, Temple, Harker Heights and Copperas Cove. Gatesville residents age 65 and older will not see any tax increase, because their tax rate is frozen.

The city’s website states that the council considered many factors before adopting the 2022 tax rate. Property values increased by 3.8 percent over the previous year, and 39.9 percent of that was from new personal property that had not been

listed on the 2020 tax rolls.

With the additional funding, the city plans to hire a narcotics investigator, add a comprehensive parks and recreation department that will oversee youth sports and adult recreation, the fitness center and the city’s swimming pool and splash pad. The money will also help pay for Gatesville’s portion for a grant to help develop an economic strategy.

SCHOOL ELECTION

Three candidates are seeking election to the Gatesville Independent School District Board of Trustees, including Charles Alderson, Linda Maxwell and Pat Aslin.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

There are eight state constitutional amendments on the ballot. The following list contains information which originally appeared in the Texas Tribune.

Proposition 1 would allow charitable raffles at rodeo events. Unauthorized raffles can be considered illegal gambling under Texas law.

Proposition 2 would authorize counties to issue bonds or notes to raise funds for transportation infrastructure in underdeveloped areas. Already, cities and towns have the authority to fund projects with this financing method.

Proposition 3 would ban the state from prohibiting or limiting religious services, including those in churches and other places of worship. This proposal came about as a response to some limitations imposed during the COVID-19 crisis.

Proposition 4 would re-

quire candidates to have 10 years of experience practicing law in Texas to be eligible for election to the Texas Supreme Court, the Court of Criminal Appeals or a Texas court of appeals. Currently, the law requires 10 years of experience but allows for out-of-state experience.

Proposition 5 would allow the State Commission on Judicial Conduct to have oversight of candidates running for judicial seats by accepting complaints or reports, conducting investigations and reprimanding them. The commission, an independent agency created by the state Constitution, already has these powers over current judicial officeholders.

Proposition 6 would allow residents of nursing homes and assisted living facilities to designate one essential caregiver who cannot be denied in-person visitation rights. If the proposition passes, the Legislature would create further guide-

lines for these caregivers.

Proposition 7 would put a limit on school district property taxes incurred by the surviving spouse of a person with disabilities older than 65 who has died. The surviving spouse must be at least 55 years old at the partner’s time of death and still live in the home.

Proposition 8 would expand eligibility for residential homestead tax exemptions to include spouses of military members killed or fatally injured in the line of duty. Currently, the exemption is extended to spouses of military members killed in action. The new eligibility would include people killed in accidental vehicle crashes or non-hostile events.

TRANSPORT

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crowding at the jail.

“We’ve needed a new jail for 15 to 18 years,” he said.

But another reason is when suspects face charges and need to go before a judge, whether they are in San Antonio or San Francisco, Austin or Chicago, deputies are needed to bring them back.

“We’ve got seven or eight transport deputies and they are almost always on the road,” Morgan said. “If the court needs 20 people, we go wherever we have to and pick them up. We are limited to a certain number that we can keep in the jail, so if we bring 20 people in, we have to send 20 out. That means taking them to other jails that we have agreements with. Our deputies can stay on the road all day dealing with that.”

While most of the transporting of inmates is to and from Texas communities, there are times when deputies have to travel outside the state.

Lt. Debbie Brown, who helps to oversee transport operations, has a map in her

office with push pins showing the various locations that she and other deputies have traveled for the job. The pins mark locations from Maine to California and from Wyoming to Florida.

If a suspect has been detained outside the state and is facing charges in Coryell County, deputies must go wherever they are being held and bring them back to Gatesville.

“Wherever they are in jail, we have 10 days to go get them,” Morgan said. “Our deputies fly commercial airlines to pick up inmates.”

There is another option, but it is much more expensive.

“If we called a transport company, they would want \$6,000 to go get (the inmates),” Morgan said. “We can do it for \$2,500 or so.”

Brown said the money the county saves by sending deputies to do the job is usually at least \$2,000 to \$3,000 per inmate, and that’s including all travel expenses.

For out of state extraditions, the sheriff’s office must send two deputies. When picking up a female inmate, one male deputy and one female deputy are

sent. When picking up a male inmate, the sheriff’s office sends two men.

“In-state, there are times we have to go as far as El Paso or South Texas,” Brown said. “If it’s a long trip, the deputy spends the night there and drives back the next morning.”

While many in state trips require one deputy, picking up inmates considered potentially violent or with mental concerns, two deputies are sent, she said.

The out of state trips can be time consuming, but are an important part of the job.

“We usually have two to four trips a month that are out of state,” Brown said.

“We only go out of state if there is a felony charge involved. And of course, the deputies are making trips in state constantly. We go to Bell County five to six times a week.”

Morgan said four deputies are focused primarily on transport.

“We stay pretty busy,” Brown said. “We do what we have to in order to make sure (the inmates) are where they need to be when they need to be there.”

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intervention based on common assessments.

“There is a strong focus on phonics and our teachers are spending a lot of time on reading. We are seeing some amazing results. That’s very encouraging to us and showing we’re on the right track. There are hard days and challenges but we rise to meet them.”

Intermediate School Principal Bridget Register said reestablishing a routine has been important.

“We have tried to reiterate getting back to the basics,” she said. “We haven’t had anything normal the last couple years. We are motivating students to do better and are focusing on kids’ self-esteem. We are building a strong curriculum where everyone is on the same page, and we are working to improve on every level.

“Our kids are focusing on responsibility and respect, and there is a pep assembly for the sixth-graders. They are at an age where we are trying to treat them more as young adults.”

She said students are working to improve testing scores, which is one of the areas impacted by missed class time during the pandemic.

Junior High Principal Suzy Penrod said the staff members are working to build and improve relationships with students.

“Kids want to go where they matter,” she said. “If they go to school, they are more likely to give a little

more effort (as compared to remote learning), even when learning is hard,” she said.

She said reinforcing positive behavior is also important.

“For kids, it’s kind of hard to be a jerk to an adult that treats them well,” Penrod said. “We don’t expect perfection but it helps to teach respect and responsibility.”

She said teachers are taking a 2 by 10 approach — spending at least two minutes a day 10 days in a row of extra time with students who are struggling or facing challenges.

“Whether that’s in the hall, at lunch, after school, we take extra time to talk about what the kids want to talk about, and a lot of teachers are providing extra attention” by attending the students’ extracurricular activities, Penrod said.

At the high school level, students are facing many of the same issues as younger students.

“I heard one student say, ‘they actually expect us to come to school and be in class on time,’” said Principal Marie Barrows, adding that educators have had to rebuild expectations after COVID-19 disrupted the learning environment.

To help meet the challenges, she said students are engaged in more hands-on projects and learning.

Social and emotional issues are an important focus, she said, as well as getting students involved in making a positive impact in their community.

Reducing disruptions

caused by cellphones is also making a difference, Barrows said.

“That’s really helped with students’ interaction,” she said. “It’s great to see them making eye contact and getting more involved.”

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Villarreal has also had a passion for senior citizens. She is now working on her second dream; to be involved in social work. She will soon be graduating with a bachelor of science degree in social work. “My first-time volunteering was at age 12 when I used to go and read books to the elderly at the senior center in Waco and at one of the nursing homes. I was in an after-school program, and I discovered that it was important to give back to the seniors.”

Villarreal credits her parents for allowing her to nurture her desire to help people. She genuinely loves her job and her interaction with seniors.

Her contributions at the

senior center have become a blessing in her life following the deaths of her fiancé, mother, both grandmothers and many other family members during the last year. After losing nearly her entire family during COVID, she says this has been “transformative in a way because they (the seniors) think that they’re getting something from me, but I’m getting back as much, if not more, from them.”

Concerning the meals, she said, “We’re able to provide them with a safely prepared hot meal that they literally don’t have to worry about fixing for themselves. We provide them with the ability to maintain some type of their own dignity, which is what is important to me. It’s more than just giving someone a meal; it’s giving them the right to feel like a valid

person.”

Because so many senior citizens subsist on a very limited and low income, some have resorted to eating dog and cat food. One senior told Villarreal that dog food was better to eat than cat food since cat food had bones in it. He told her that he uses seasoning when preparing the dog food to make it taste better. Villarreal mentioned that you could buy a small can of soup for 65 cents but could buy three cans of dog food for \$1. “This is the way a lot of senior citizens across this country have to live,” she said.

“About this job, you see the worst of it all, you see the best of it, you see the smiles, you get the hugs, and the appreciation,” said Villarreal.

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NEWS FROM PEARL

Awards handed out at the Pearl Church of Christ celebration

BY BETSY CLARK

Mark your calendars for the next Pearl weekend, Nov. 5-6. Ronald Medart is going to fire up the barbecue pit under the pavilion at The Pearl Community Center. Bring your own meats and a side dish to share. The grill will be ready at 6 p.m. Plan to stay, so bring your RV, camper, or tent. Then, you will already be there for the Nov. 6 Pearl Bluegrass Event. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Nov. 6 Bluegrass Event will be very special as The Family Sowell will be performing on the stage. If you would like to play on the stage, please contact Ronald Medart at 254-865-6013 to schedule your time. If you aren't a picker, you can be a grinner in the auditorium. The FREE stage show usually begins about 1 p.m., and all are welcome. Don't forget to stop by the kitchen for delicious, reasonably priced hamburgers, sandwiches, and pie.

Those attending the Oct. 18 quarterly meeting of the Pearl Community Center Board were Ronald Medart, Betty Blakley, Pam Bowers, Myrna Rice, Ruth Penny, Susan McPherran, David and Jennifer Rushton, Kay and Michelle Pruett,



Betsy Clark

and Chris and Linda Ray.

The Pearl Church of Christ enjoyed a wonderful 126th Anniversary on Oct. 17. Minister Edward Schaub gave an inspiring and uplifting message which was followed by a catered barbecue meal enjoyed by the 79 in attendance. Edward and Judi also received the "Longest Married" award at 55 years. They have been coming to Pearl once a month for over 40 years to preach. The church is very blessed to have them. Also receiving awards were Margie Cummings for the "Longest Attending Member." "Oldest Attending" was Jack Elam (104 years

old!). "Farthest Traveled" was Joel Chavez, and "Youngest Attending" was MacKenzie Campbell. Margie brought her famous Blueberry Delight, and as usual, everyone raved over it, if they were lucky enough to get some. It was a beautiful day in Pearl.

The Pearl Cottage Bookstore will also be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Nov. 6. The cottage houses over 6,000 books, and you can find all sorts of other treasures, too. Most items are "buy what you want, pay what you want!" It's the friendliest place in the county to shop. You'll leave there with treasures, smiles, and new friends, too.

The Pearl Cemetery Association is still accepting donations to build a pavilion to protect attendees from the often-harsh weather conditions during interments and services. You may send a personal donation or a donation in memory of a loved one to Pearl Cemetery Association, C/O Linda Ray, 1771 CR 152, Purmela, TX 76566. If you have any questions, you can contact Linda at 254-865-9282. Thank you in advance for your support.

I want to give a shout out to Lee Health Care of Hamilton for being such wonderful caretakers following a medical procedure I had at the

absolutely fabulous Coryell Health facility last week. These sweet, efficient, professional nurses who have come to my home have made after-care so much more comfortable than it could have been. I highly recommend Lee Health Care for any at-home treatments should the need arise. I also want to thank my friends and family who have suffered through this with me. I am not the best patient in the world, but "my people" are the kindest, most long-suffering souls you could possibly imagine. Bless you all.

BIKINI UPDATE

The absolutely atrocious attire has now been framed and is ready to be placed in a prominent place in the Pearl Cottage Bookstore and Resale Shop for all to view to their heart's content. It was decided that no admission will be charged, but quiet reflection is encouraged on its many strange adventures.

However, several have asked if they could borrow the bodacious bikini as they have a job for it which is to help deter traffic speed along Highways 281 and 84, especially where these two bi-ways intersect. Since very few motorists obey the speed limits along these

routes, the thought is that placing the saucy suit in a prominent place might just slow down traffic as drivers rubberneck in order to see what the disturbing distraction is.

Kay Pruett was offered the job of donning the dreaded suit and parading along those highways to foster safer driving conditions, but she politely declined. Okay, so it was not so much as a polite decline as it was a loud and definitive "no!" I guess we will just have to wait and see what happens next. There's no place like Pearl.

The closing verse for this week comes from Ephesians 4:31 and 32—Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another; tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. ESV

To keep up with the latest Pearl news online, you can go to the "Pearl Cottage Bookstore" Facebook page or the "Pearl Church of Christ" Facebook page. Or you can contact me at betsyclark47@yahoo.com for more information or to submit any Pearl news that you might have.

PEARL CHURCH OF CHRIST AWARDS



Jack Elam, age 104, oldest person attending.



MacKenzie Campbell, age 6, youngest person attending.



Margie Cummings, longest attending member.



Joel Chavez, travelled the furthest to attend, from Brazil.



Judi and Edward Schaub, married the longest, 55 years.

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Courthouse employees in pink



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CANCER AWARENESS: Employees showed their support for Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the employees at the Coryell County Courthouse recently showed their support for breast cancer awareness by dressing in pink.

Every October, people all over the world show their support for those affected by breast cancer. This year, over 44,000 American lives

and more than 685,000 lives globally will be lost to metastatic breast cancer. In 2021, an estimated 284,200 new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed in the United States along with 49,290 new cases of non-invasive breast cancer.

According to Coryell Health, 1 in 8 women in the

U.S. will develop breast cancer in their lifetime. Breast cancer treatment often involves surgery; and not all surgical wounds heal as expected. The American Cancer Society recommends women begin receiving annual screening mammograms at age 40.

Something always seems to be going on here in Gatesville

BY CHERI SHEPERD
Gatesville Convention & Visitors Bureau

Watch for this column during the last week of each month, then get your calendar out and mark all of the upcoming important dates so that you don't miss anything.

For many, the first holiday of November is Opening Day for deer season. Hunters will want to get signed up for CB Feedlot's Big Buck Contest. There are youth and adult divisions for free-range white-tail deer legally harvested in Coryell County. You must sign up ahead of time though, so go by to see Clint and his crew for all the details and get you some deer corn while you are there.

On Saturday, Nov. 6, Lupe and Carina at The Parrot Imports and Karen and her vendors over at Vintage Royalty Boutique are hosting the perfect event to kick start your holiday shopping. Both stores will hold their annual open house featuring sales, door prizes, refreshments and a Mariachi band at The Parrot.

Nov. 11 is Veteran's Day and Gatesville celebrates our veterans in a big way with Gatesville ISD holding an annual ceremony that brings

our students, community and veterans together at McKamie Stadium at 9 a.m.

On Saturday, Nov. 13, visit Chamber Market Days at The Depot from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Barbie Klecka is the chamber volunteer who organizes this and she has done a great job of finding new and unique vendors. Go see what they have for fall décor and/or get started on your Christmas shopping.

Gatesville prides itself on being a giving community and there is no better example of that than the annual Food for Families food drive. This year's event will be held on Friday, Nov. 19. Take your non-perishable food items and cash contributions to the Fire Station that day. Everything collected here stays here, benefitting the Care Center. If you've never seen the way the Care Center provides services to our community, stop by some time and ask Derrel and Deb for a tour. They always welcome donations and volunteers.

An autographed book by Gatesville's own Cotton Davidson would make a great Christmas gift for someone you know. The Coryell Museum and Historical Center will host a book signing for "The Rifleman: a memoir of Cotton

Davidson, NFL & AFL Quarterback, Baylor Player and Coach and Coryell County Texas Rancher" on Saturday, Nov. 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Stop by to visit with Cotton and get your copy of his book.

Do you enjoy live music? There is no need to travel out of town for great entertainment. Bare Bones BBQ features the country sounds of Ed Leonard each Thursday evening at 6:30. Chad and Katy Hill also frequently bring big names and local favorites to their outdoor stage at "The Bone Yard." Gatesville's Billy Latham and the Bad Habits will be there on Nov. 13. You can find a concert schedule at barebonesbarbeque.com.

The Junction on 36 also has a Thursday night performance with various artists each week. Music starts at 6:30 p.m. so you can enjoy the music during dinner in a family-friendly setting or stay later. There is no cover charge. Debbie, Shelby and their crew will make you feel right at home.

Check VisitGatesvilleTX.com for more information about these and other upcoming events. There is always something going on in Gatesville!

The Vietnam Wall memorial to be in Sulphur Springs Nov. 4-7

BY TUMBLEWEED SMITH

A three-quarter-size replica of the Vietnam Wall will be in Sulphur Springs Nov. 4-7.

"We're the only site in Texas," said Mandy Kennedy, who works with veterans' organizations in Sulphur Springs. "There's only 28 sites this year. In fact, we're the only site in the entire southern states area. The closest ones are Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico."

Mandy said she is expecting a large crowd from a wide area.

"They told us to expect 25,000 visitors over the four days. This has been designated nationwide as the year to welcome home Vietnam veterans. Our goal is to have the streets lined with people and yellow ribbons and banners. We're doing student tours and planning on a hundred kids every 30 minutes. That means about 1,200 kids in two days."

There is no admission charge. The wall will be on display at the high school track 24 hours a day.

"There's a big command center that will be in the concession stand

area and there will be plenty of parking. It's just a perfect place to set it up. It takes a lot of space because it's 375 feet long and nearly 8 feet tall. Our athletes are helping to carry the granite wall sections. We're responsible for putting it up."

Visitors will be able to do rubbings of names on the wall.

"The staff will provide the paper. We provide the pencils. Our volunteers will help people get their etchings. There will be a kiosk there so family members can look up their

veteran's name and they can print out a photo of the loved one and get details about where they died and other information."

A detailed education station accompanies the wall that has the history of the war and personal stories.

"There are printed materials, videos, maps, even shadow boxes that contain memorabilia such as photos, testimonials and things like that. There's just so much to see."

Students have been involved throughout the process. A resi-

dent, Carol Dunn Vernon, donated \$10,000 to get the wall to Sulphur Springs.

"We truly have a community that rallies and supports our veterans." Mandy has a personal interest in the wall.

"I have a cousin on that wall. A lot of my family was in the Vietnam War, so I've kept up with veterans' issues nearly my whole life. It's a privilege to be able to help handle the hundreds of volunteers and other factors that go into getting the wall here."

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CITY OF GATESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Oct. 21
6:06 a.m., an accident was reported in the 6000 block of FM 116.
8:03 a.m., a burglary was reported in the 2100 block of Saunders Street.
9:47 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1500 block of St. Louis Street.
12:23 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 1900 block of Saunders Street.
4:23 p.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 2700 block of Business Hwy. 36.
11:23 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 2400 block of Business Hwy. 36.

Oct. 22
8:22 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 3200 block of E. Main Street.
10:03 a.m., an accident was reported in the 2300 block of E. Main Street.
12:35 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 1500

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8:51 p.m., a burglary was reported in the 100 block of S. 7th Street.
9:49 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 2500 block of Osage Road.

Oct. 23
1:32 a.m., a disturbance was reported in the 2000 block of E. Main Street.
6:39 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100

block of N. 19th Street.
6:50 p.m., a theft was reported in the 1500 block of Mills Street.
8:13 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 7700 block of E. Hwy. 84.
9:02 p.m., an accident was reported in the 15000 block of Old Georgetown Road.
9:43 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 1500 block of W. Main Street.

CORYELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Oct. 21
12:15 a.m., a stranded motorist was reported on Hwy. 190.
12:40 p.m., a reckless driver was reported on North Hwy. 36.
3:57 p.m., suspicious activity was reported on Hidden Valley Road.
4:53 p.m., a reckless driver was reported on Hwy. 190.
6:15 p.m., shots fired was reported in the 100 block of Western Ridge Road.
9:04 p.m., a domestic is-

sue was reported in the 2600 block of Snow Road.

Oct. 22
5:58 a.m., a civil matter was reported in the 3500 block of FM 217.
6:19 a.m., a fire was reported on Highway 22.
4:28 p.m., a theft was reported in the 200 block of FM 1783.
5:39 p.m., illegal dumping was reported in the 600 block of CR 245.

Oct. 23
9:28 a.m., the burglary of a habitation was reported in the 100 block of Fowler Street.
3:33 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on Hwy. 236 and FM 107.
7:03 p.m., electric wires down were reported in the 90 block of Boone Avenue.
9:47 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 1800 block of CR 251.

Gatesville man found guilty of kidnapping

From Staff Reports

Terry Michael Turner, 37, of Gatesville was found guilty of aggravated kidnapping by a Coryell County jury on Oct. 21. The jury deliberated less than 20 minutes before reaching the verdict. Sentencing is scheduled for Nov. 30. Gatesville Police Department officers received a call in September 2019 from concerned neighbors about a domestic dis-

pute. When law enforcement arrived at the scene, Turner's victim said she had been bound, gagged and raped before eventually being released. Turner was arrested and charged with multiple felony offenses. He was indicted in November 2019 for aggravated kidnapping, a charge that was enhanced by a previous conviction in 2007. The trial was held in the Gatesville Civic Center.

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breathing room and extended GHS' lead to 30-20 with 4:38 left with a 35-yard touchdown scamper. It was Brown's third TD run of the night, following scoring runs of 51 and 12 yards. Gatesville sealed the win when quarterback Brown lofted a pass to Logan Edwards and they connected on a 30-yard touchdown reception. Luis Macias added the extra point kick for the game's final score. "We had a little lull to start the second half but the kids came together and put in a phenomenal effort to get the win," said Coach Luke

Howard. "Robinson also had a great effort in the second half last week, so we knew we'd have a battle. "We have another big game coming up against Connally and we are already in play-off mode, knowing we have to give our best effort each week." Brown's balanced running and passing prowess helped pace the Hornets' attack. Earlier, he connected with Kyle Shafer on a 79-yard touchdown strike, and threw a 2-point conversion pass to Parker Allman. Brown completed 6 of 15 passes for 145 yards with no interceptions. And also ran for 145 yards on 12 carries. Hayden Mooney ran for 35 yards on 11 carries.

Shafer caught two passes for 96 yards and Edwards made four receptions for 49 yards. Thiele Alvarado led the Hornet defense with 9.5 tackles, followed by Lawson Mooney with 6.5, Cayden Mata with 5.5 and Lucas Garcia, Cooper Sutton and Hayden Mooney each with 4.5. Ryan Smiley made four tackles, with Evan Hanson and Mason Mooney each with three and Kason Herbelin and Ashtyn Culley each

with one. Mata, Sutton, Hanson and Mason Mooney each had one sack for GHS. UP NEXT Gatesville will host the Waco Connally Cadets in a contest that will be crucial to determine playoff seeding. The game will be at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 29 at Tommy Davidson Field at McKamie Stadium in Gatesville.

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Interested parties with questions concerning specifications of the building that may not be listed or need further explanation, may contact Mr. Matt Dossey, Superintendent of Schools, at the address below, by phone, or at matt.dossey@jonesboroisd.net. JISD reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in bids received. Bids received after the deadline or faxed and/or electronic bids will not be considered.

Sealed bids will be received until: November 12, 2021 at 3:00 PM.

Address:
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Attn: Mr. Matt Dossey
Superintendent of Schools
P.O. Box 125
Mailing: 14909 E. State Hwy. 36
Jonesboro, Texas 76538-0125

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No. 21-10469

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of SHIRLEY ANN BODIN, Deceased, were issued on the 13th day of October, 2021, in Docket No. 21-10469, pending in the County Court of CORYELL County, Texas, to BONNY ANN LAUREL.

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

BONNY ANN LAUREL, INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATRIX
ESTATE OF SHIRLEY ANN BODIN, DECEASED
MICHALK, BEATTY & ALCOZER, L.P.
3106 SOUTH W.S. YOUNG DRIVE
BUILDING D, SUITE 401
KILLEEN, TEXAS 76542

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 this 19th day of October, 2021.

JAY R. BEATTY
Attorney for the Estate
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OBITUARIES

THOMAS "TOM" H. WOLFF SR.

Nov. 7, 1946 - Oct. 19, 2021



Thomas "Tom" H. Wolff Sr. age 74 of McGregor, passed away on the evening of Oct. 19, 2021.

Visitation will be held Friday, Oct. 22 followed by a memorial service at 2:30 p.m. Both will be at First Baptist Church McGregor.

Tom was born on Nov. 7, 1946, in Gatesville, to the

late Huey T. and Alta Ballard Wolff. He grew up and attended school in Flat and Gatesville, Texas. On Feb. 19, 1966, Tom married the love of his life, Lola Mae Weir. They toured the country arm in arm, and loved the open road. Tom lived his life serving God, loving his family, and enjoying his friends. Everyone who knew Tom was impacted by his smile, his energy, and his love for others.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Tom is survived by his wife of 55 years, Lola Wolff; son, Tommy H. Wolff Jr. and wife, Danna; daughter, Terri Lewis and husband, Jim; 4 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. He was a devoted husband, loving father, and doting grandfather.

JACK NEAL BURT

Aug. 8, 1956 - Oct. 20, 2021



"Memorial services for Jack Neal Burt, 65, of Pancake, are scheduled for Friday, Oct. 29 at 11 a.m. at the Turnersville Tabernacle, with graveside and luncheon to follow.

Jack passed away Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2021, in a Temple hospital.

He was born, Aug. 8, 1956, in Fort Worth, to Buck and Lucille (Knoblock) Burt. He was a veteran, serving in the United States Army. A man of many trades, he loved being a welder and mechanic,

building and fixing anything, oftentimes going out of his way to help anyone in need. Jack loved to fish and spend his time outdoors. He really enjoyed being with his grandchildren and was sure proud of them.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Davina Burt and a sister Barbara Sharon Haun.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn Burt; five sons, Duane Johnson, Versile Johnson, Mikel Johnson, John T. "Burt" Johnson and Zeb Burt; two daughters, Shanna Ramirez and Christina Studer; one brother, Steven Gordon Burt and sisters, Diane Stephenson, Melba Jean Steele, Adrina Louise Callahan; and his grandchildren: Logan Mayberry, Kali Mayberry, Zeb Johnson, Zoey Johnson, Zayn Johnson, Lucille Johnson, Zackary Johnson, Preston Reed and Jacob McSwain."

ASHLEY BOYCE CONNER

Nov. 7, 1952 - Oct. 7, 2021



Ashley B. Conner, age 68, of the Bee House community passed away on the morning of Oct. 7, 2021, in Burleson. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 29, 2021, at First United Methodist Church of Evant. Burial will follow at Bee House Cemetery. Visitation with the family will be 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 28 at Scott's Funeral Home.

Ashley was born on Nov. 7, 1952, in Lampasas to Burnard Boyce Conner and Pauline Keeley Conner. He grew up and continued to live in the

Bee House community the majority of his life. Ashley farmed and ranched for over 50 years. He was a member of the Bee House Methodist Church and later the First United Methodist Church of Evant. Ashley greatly loved his family, his home in Bee House, and the community. He enjoyed going for bike rides on country roads and also passed the time doing latch hook, making rugs and pictures.

He was preceded in death by his father and grandparents.

Ashley is survived by his mother, Pauline Conner; sister, Bernadine Mariott and husband, Rick; brother, Paul Andrew Conner and wife, Lori; nieces and nephews, Susan Corley, Douglas Doyle and Candace Yancy.

Memorials may be made to the Bee House Cemetery Association, c/o Sandra Conner Lozano, 2143 CR 155, Gatesville, TX 76728, or First United Methodist Church of Evant, PO Box 146, Evant, TX 76525.

Evant falls 51-6 to Lometa

Evant dropped a 51-6 decision to the Lometa Hornets Friday.

The loss pushes Evant to 4-5 overall and 0-2 in District 15-1A, Division I.

Evant closes its season

with Zephyr Friday.

Evant scored on a 10-yard pass from Kenny Jones to Edgar Morales.

Hunter White led the Elks in rushing with 37 yards.

Luis Arellano had 21

yards rushing and 13 passing yards.

Tackle leaders were Morales, Arellano and Cason Ingram with six each.

EAGLES

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the district title and seeding.

The Eagles spread out its scoring with three rushing touchdowns, three passing touchdowns and the two defensive touchdowns.

Zephyr falls to 0-9 and 0-2. Caleb Christel carried the ball once for a 27-yard score and completed both of his pass attempts for touch-

downs.

He connected with Hilliker for 42 yards and to Shoaf for 25 yards.

Garrett Young completed a 20-yard touchdown pass to Layton Blanchard.

Shoaf scored on a 4-yard scoring run and Jacob Cisneros added a score from six yards out.

Hilliker led the defense with a pass breakup, two interceptions (one for a TD) and five tackles.

Christel had six tackles and a forced fumble.

Other tackle leaders were: Zach Chapman- 9 tackles Jacob Cisneros- 5 tackles Ian Shoaf- 3 tackles Demarcus Acoff- 3 tackles Jaden Domel- 2 tackles Manny Torres- 2 tackles Jimmy Whately- 1 tackle Trey Harbor- 1 tackle Dakota Riley- 1 tackle

TIGERS

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everybody coming back," said Thompson. "we want to make a run in the playoffs and win."

Johnny Gomez's 38-yard run with 1:42 on the clock pushed the lead to 46-0.

Kyler Fossett, a freshman, had two touchdown runs of 30 and 41 yards.

The Tigers had 12 carries in the game for 240 rushing yards. Fossett finished as the leading rusher with three carries for 79 yards. Gonzales and Gomez had three touches each for 53 and 44 yards, respectively.

Thompson's two runs were for 62 yards total.

The lone pass attempt was for 26 yards to Castillo.

The defense was led by Aiden Anderson with a fum-

ble recovery.

The tackle leaders were: Fossett, seven; Cash Lee and Castillo, six each; and Thompson, Jakson Tippit, and Joel Gonzalez with four each.

The Tigers will face Buckholts on the road 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 28.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK			
<p>GATESVILLE HORNETS Wesley Brown 290 yards total offense, five TDs</p>		<p>JONESBORO EAGLES Nat Hilliker A pass breakup, two interceptions (one for TD), five tackles, 42-yard touchdown reception</p>	
<p>EVANT ELKS Edgar Morales 10-yard TD reception</p>		<p>OGLESBY TIGERS Blake Thompson Four TDs, two rushing, one pass and pick six interception, four tackles</p>	
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GATESVILLE 37, ROBINSON 20

Hornets survive Fighting Knights' furious comeback

BY JEFF OSBORNE
Senior Staff Writer

A strong start, a fizzle in the middle and a powerful finish lifted the Gatesville Hornets to a 37-20 football win over the Robinson Rockets in a district road game Oct. 22.

Gatesville took advantage of big plays to take a 23-6 halftime lead and seemed to be on its way to a commanding win when Robinson started to claw its way back.

After a wide open Gatesville receiver saw a sure touchdown pass slip right past his fingers in the third quarter, Robinson mounted a furious comeback bid.

The Rockets responded with an impressive 98-yard scoring drive followed by a long touchdown run to cut the Hornets' lead to 23-20.

With their backs to the wall, Gatesville responded with an impressive offensive display of its own, as quarterback Wesley Brown gave the Hornets some

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JEFF OSBORNE | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER
ROAD WARRIORS: Gatesville's Wesley Brown kept the Hornets in the game.

Jonesboro clinches playoff berth

BY MARK GOODSON
Staff Writer

Jonesboro scored off two interceptions Friday in its football clash with the Zephyr Bulldogs.

The No. 3 ranked Eagles seniors Nat Hilliker and Ian Shoaf scored on the two defensive plays in a 59-0 mercy-rule victory at Jonesboro.

Jonesboro (9-0 overall and 2-0 in district) will close the regular season with a 7 p.m. home contest with the Lometa Hornets Friday, Oct. 29. Both teams have clinched playoff spots. Friday's game will determine

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Oglesby's seniors lead romp over Panthers

BY MARK GOODSON
Staff Writer

Oglesby's four seniors are starting to read each other's minds.

It's like finishing a sentence for someone because you know what they are going to do next.

Blake Thompson and Matthew Castillo hooked up on a 26-yard pass to the pylon with 6:15 left in the first quarter of the Tigers' senior night.

"I called it, he was going to catch one down there," said running back Ronaldo Gonzales, who carried the ball three times for 58 yards including a 24-yard score to cap off a big night for the Tigers.

The Tigers put away the Mount Calm Panthers, 60-0, in a mercy-rule win to open District 14-1A, Division II play. It was a very predictable outcome.

Oglesby (7-2, 1-0) came into the matchup with plenty of firepower to handle Mount Calm (3-3, 0-1). Mount Calm suited up seven players while Oglesby had more than 20 players to take into the contest.

The game got out of hand quickly with Thompson racing 35 yards on the first play from scrimmage for a quick 8-0 lead after Brodie Fisher's PAT kick just 10 seconds into the game.

Thompson found the end zone twice on runs, once on a 65-yard pick six and also on his pass to Castillo.

"I just want to set an example for

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MARK GOODSON | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER
GAINING GROUND: Oglesby's Ronaldo Gonzales finds a hole in the Mount Calm defense to gain a few yards in the Tigers' impressive win.

Playoff-bound Hornets to play Stephenville in finale

BY MARK GOODSON
Staff Writer

The Gatesville High School volleyball team (28-8) fell in three straight to Glen Rose Friday on the road.

The Hornets and Glen Rose are tied for second place, with the Hornets heading into the season's final match against state-ranked Stephenville.

The match is at Stephenville, the No. 1 seed from District 6-4A.

The Class 4A playoffs will begin Nov. 1-2. Prior to that, the varsity team will host Robinson in a playoff warmup game on Friday, Oct. 29 at 4:30 p.m.

EVANT LOSES TO TOLAR

Evant fell to Tolar, 25-15, 14-25, 25-18, 25-6, Friday in a district clash.

Leading the team was Emileigh Burton with 12 kills, 12 digs and two blocks.

Caeleigh Burkham had three kills and 11 digs.

Luwi Rodriguez had seven digs.

Harley Weeks had five assists, one ace and seven digs.

FINDING THE CORNER



MARK GOODSON | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER
Donnovan Herrera turns the corner for the CB Feedlot team in their battle with Muegge Air Saturday in fifth and sixth grade football at the Gatesville sports complex. Defending on the play is Paydon Garrett. Muegge Air won.

Special night slated for youth football

From Staff Reports

A special night for Gatesville Youth Hornet Football is scheduled for 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 2 at Tommy Davidson Field at McKamie Stadium.

All Gatesville Youth football players (flag football and tackle football) are invited to attend along with their teams and coaches. Players are encouraged to wear their team uniforms.

All current seventh and eighth grade football players will be in attendance, too.

The big run-through Hornet helmet will be set up and all kids in attendance will get to run through the helmet with their teams starting at around 6 p.m.

Parents will be allowed on the field to take pictures, etc., during this time as well.

There will be some Hornet High School football players there signing autographs and taking pictures with kids throughout the night.

Admission is free.

At about 6:30 p.m., junior high teams that don't have a game that week will hold an intrasquad scrimmage.