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Remnant of the old West: Cattle rustlers are still on the prowl

BY JEFF OSBORNE
Senior Staff Writer

Although it may sound more like a problem for the Old West than modern times, cattle theft is still a recurring issue that involves millions of dollars, and the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association is at the forefront of livestock law enforcement.

Marvin Wills Jr., a special ranger for District 15, has worked for the association since 2008 after a long career as a Texas game warden, and helps to respond to cattle rustling

concerns in Texas and Oklahoma. He is part of a 30-member investigative force that responds to cattle theft crimes.

"The cattle raisers were formed in 1877 and are a primary enforcer when it comes to cattle theft," Wills said during a recent meeting of the Gatesville Lions Club. "There are 30 of us who work these cases. We respond to bank cases, property crimes - anything to do with stolen cattle."

He and other special rangers with the association assist sheriff's offices and other law

enforcement agencies in responding to these crimes. Last year, Wills said, \$9.4 million in stolen property associated with cattle theft was recovered.

"Something unique about the cattle raisers is there are 72 public auctions in Texas, and they cannot have an auction without one of our officers being there," Wills said. "We document the sex, brand, age and earmark of the cattle and it goes into a database with our office in Fort Worth."

Although some states require cattle to be

branded, it is not mandatory in Texas. However, branding the cattle helps to protect the owners and is highly recommended, Wills said.

"The brands have been around since the 1800s and that's the easiest way to recover cattle," he said.

He noted that two men who met in prison came up with a plan to steal unbranded cattle and struck 11 times.

PLEASE SEE RANGER/A2

For Esparzas, military service is a family tradition

By Jeff Osborne
Senior Staff Writer

Military service is a family tradition for the Esparzas of Gatesville: Manuel served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II, Stan served in the infantry during Vietnam and Allison served as a military nurse during Vietnam.

Stan, who was born on July 11, 1920 and celebrated his 101st birthday this year, was inducted into the military on Aug. 22, 1942.

He said he was a jack of all trades during his service in the Army Air Corps (before the Air Force was formed).

In addition to being a marksman, he worked as a carpenter and did whatever tasks he was assigned, from cooking eggs for breakfast to loading planes, delivering mail and doing laundry.

He earned a Bronze Star for valor, seeing action in New Guinea and the Philippines while the U.S. forces were battling the Japanese.

"Dad saw combat, and when they were building an airstrip in New Guinea was killed right next to him," Stan said.

The Japanese bombed the airstrip, and Manuel found a detonator which he kept as a souvenir.

"I was in the Army Air Corps, but I didn't fly airplanes," Manuel said. "I did everything else you could think of."

"He built a lot of buildings," Stan said.

It was when he was



Manuel Esparza (seated) and his son Stan Esparza were both drafted by the U.S. Army. Manuel served in New Guinea and the Philippines during World War II while Stan served in Vietnam.

stationed in Florida that Manuel met his wife and Stan's mother, Felda. Stan

said Manuel remains active, including repairing lawnmowers, and is a frequent

guest of El Tapatio restaurant.

It was Nov. 22, 1965



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Allison Esparza served as U.S. Army nurse during the Vietnam War, while her husband Stan was an infantryman who served in Vietnam.

when Stan became a draftee, and he went to Fort Polk (in Louisiana) for basic training.

"We were so happy to be there," he joked. "On a bus ride one of the soldiers flipped off a police officer, who stopped us and told the sergeant.

"Can you describe him?" the sergeant asked, and the officer, looking at a group of men wearing the same green uniforms and with the same haircut, dropped the issue and walked away.

After four months of training, which included basic as well as advanced infantry training, Stan served as part of the 4th Infantry Division and was sent to Pleiku, in Vietnam's Central Highlands in 1966.

Stan saw combat on

multiple occasions during his 13-month tour of duty, and was injured by shrapnel during one firefight. He earned a Purple Heart during his service.

"That was right before the Tet offensive (a massive attack by Viet Cong and North Vietnamese troops on more than 100 South Vietnamese cities and installations), so we were pretty busy," he said.

After his stint in Vietnam, Stan returned to California, and because he has been sick with malaria on multiple occasions, was sent to an Army hospital in Denver.

"I met a nurse there named Allison, who turned out to be a Vietnam veteran, too," Stan said.

PLEASE SEE ESPARZAS/A2

INTRODUCING Jeff's Reflections & Lu's Views

BY JEFF OSBORNE
Senior Staff Writer

Hello Gatesville, Coryell County and readers wherever you are! My name is Jeff Osborne and I am blessed and thrilled to be the new senior writer and editor of The Gatesville Messenger. I moved to Gatesville earlier this month and have enjoyed meeting several of you already.

I have more than 30 years of experience in the communications business, most recently in South Texas in a community located halfway between San Antonio and Corpus Christi. But I grew up in Central Texas and have spent more than half of my career for the Waco Tribune-Herald (13 years), the Temple Daily Telegram (3.5 years) and as an assistant public information officer

for the Brazos River Authority (3.5 years). So it's pretty accurate to say I'm a Central Texan at heart, whether I've lived in this area or in Waxahachie, Stephenville, Brazoria County, Fort Bend County or Live Oak County.

I am definitely looking forward to getting to know you, and I welcome your story and photo ideas, or just a chance to chat for a while. This is a great community with wonderful history, a vibrant present, and a future filled with fantastic possibilities. It's exciting to be a part of it!

A special thanks to my co-worker, David Scott, and his son Alex, for helping me unload a U-Haul truck at my new home. After a full day of loading that truck in South

Texas, and then driving up through heavy traffic, their help was definitely much appreciated! Y'all are heroes in my book.

I haven't moved up by myself - my dog, Tallulah, has joined me. She's a border collie/Jack Russell terrier mix and she's so smart that she will be contributing some of her thoughts to these pages as well.

It's your turn, Miss Lu ...

Daddy and I finally made it to Gatesville and are getting settled in, and what an exhausting few days it was!

For those of you who may not have heard yet, my Daddy is Jeff Osborne, the new senior writer and editor for

The Gatesville Messenger. My name is Tallulah, and while some might find it unusual for a dog to write a column, it's something I'm sure you'll get used to.

It's not the craziest thing I've ever heard of, and at the newspaper where Daddy worked before coming back to Central Texas there was even a cat named Frio who was writing a column. If a cat is smart enough to do that, you better bet your Milk-Bone biscuits that a dog can do it, too.

No one can accuse me of being a copy cat because I am not a cat. You can call me a "ditto dog," though, and that's OK. I'm not worried that someone else might have had the idea first. I just want to put my thoughts on

PLEASE SEE VIEWS/A2



DAVID SCOTT/THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Senior staff writer Jeff Osborne with Tallulah, also known as Lu. The two will co-author a weekly column in The Messenger. Lu was partly inspired to offer her views by a cat named Frio in Bee County.

QUESTION & ANSWER CORNER

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RANGER

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When they accidentally stole some branded cattle, they were caught and arrested.

"People historically don't steal branded cattle," Wills said.

Asked how big the problem of cattle theft was locally, Wills said it is not that widespread.

"I work eight counties in Central Texas, and average about 30 cases a year where someone backs up a trailer and steals cattle," he said.

One of the larger cases he worked was in Hill County, where about 1,500 cattle were stolen from three partners with H&B Packing.

"The bank got involved and it was a convoluted mess," Wills said, adding that the thief was apprehended.

"He's in the TDC (Texas Department of Corrections)," Wills said. "He won't be eligible for parole until this time next year. He was held for 535 days in jail on a \$4.25 million bond. The judge is a cattleman, and that didn't help (the rustler)."

After the accused had been arrested multiple times, "the judge got tired of seeing him and made an example of him."

Wills said there is an estray law which requires people to notify their neighbors if



JEFF OSBORNE/THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Marvin Wills Jr., a special ranger with the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, talked about cattle theft during a recent meeting of the Gatesville Lions Club.

livestock end up on their property, in an attempt to find the owner. If none of the neighbors own the cattle, the property owner is obligated to notify the sheriff's office. Unclaimed cattle are eventually auctioned, the proceeds

going into the county's funds.

"I worked 29 years and 11 months as a game warden and when I retired I started doing this," Wills said. "It's a pretty gratifying job."

VIEWS

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paper, too.

Surviving the drive up here was quite the ordeal. Although Daddy and I made the trip in separate vehicles, I heard all about the journey. A four-hour drive (extended by a visit to the Buc-ee's in New Braunfels) was bad enough, but having to make that drive through Austin and San Antonio was doggone draining.

I heard from my brother, Sam, (he's a human but I still call him my brother) that Daddy was occasionally telling people to stay out of his lane. I completely agree. If that lane belongs to Daddy, why are people using it without his permission? Even a dog knows better than that, although when it comes to a chance to sneak an unwatched plate of food — especially a slice of pizza — all bets are off. It's not my fault if someone gives me

such an irresistible opportunity!

You'll hear from me from time to time when I have something important to say (or even when I don't) because humans need to be taught many things, including how important it is to look out for each other and to take good care of their pets.

You may see me and Daddy on walks or visits to the park from time to time but please remember I can be shy sometimes, and other times a bit loud.

I may be a medium sized dog, but when I see or hear somebody poking around near my house (or within a quarter mile or so) I do my best to sound like a dinosaur, and I do a pretty good job of that if I do say so myself.

My paws are getting tired, so it's about time to say goodbye. Just remember to always treat other people — and pets — the way you should, with kindness and understanding, and you'll do well.

Jeff Osborne and Tallulah can be reached at jeff@gatesvillemessenger.com.



JEFF OSBORNE/THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

This cart which is displayed in the Coryell County Museum & Historical Center is an example of 19th and early 20th century transportation. It was built by Manuel Esparza.

ESPARZAS

FROM PAGE A1

The former Allison McIntyre was in Vietnam from April 1966 to April 1967.

"I was in nursing school in San Francisco and the Army was recruiting nurses," she said. "Forty-two of us graduated, and six of us went into the Army."

Allison was sent to Fort Polk, and her roommate and friend met a soldier there that led to them going

to Vietnam.

"She was in love and she told me that we had to go to Vietnam," Allison recalled. "While we were over there her dad died so she left, and I stayed in Vietnam by myself."

After she and Stan were married, they spent 20 years in California and then moved to Gatesville in 1990. Allison worked as a nurse for the Veterans Affairs Hospital in Temple before working as an instructor in the nursing school at Central Texas College.

"I taught at CTC for 13 years," she said. "I taught a lot of nurses in this town during the very beginning of their careers."

Allison and Stan have a grandson, Gavin Williamson, age 11, who Stan described as "a big World War II buff."

"He goes over to Dad's and looks through everything, and one of the things he got was a footlocker from when Dad served that was marked '1943.' He just thought that was the coolest thing ever."

COVID-19 continues downward trend

BY JEFF OSBORNE

Senior Staff Writer

While COVID-19 has made its mark on Coryell County, recent numbers announced at the Coryell County Commissioners Court meeting indicate that the virus is on a downward trend.

Robert Harrell, emergency management coordinator for the county, said there were three new positive cases. Since the crisis began in March 2020, the county has had 2,097 confirmed cases, including 1,800 within

Texas Department of Criminal Justice facilities, and a total of 155 deaths attributed to the disease.

"We are seeing a slight increase in the number of fully vaccinated folks in our county," Harrell said.

"Last year at this time we were on a very definite upward swing," said County Judge Roger Miller. "It continued through the holidays. We anticipate another upward swing during the holidays this year and we hope it's manageable."

70 Years is a lot of saddle time, even for a real cowboy

It seems a lot of middle-aged folks reach a point where they think a change needs to happen in their life.

More and more people want to stop the life they are leading and reevaluate if the path they are on brings them joy. If during their evaluation, the answer comes up "no" they make a complete pivot in their life.

We all know someone who has been a career businessperson who resigns to go and teach or do volunteer work or spend time with perfecting their favorite art form. Sometimes the change manifests itself in a change of location and a move across the country.

Other times it may mean ending a long term personal or business relationship. While some people find themselves dissatisfied and wanting something else, a few are fortunate enough to find their peace at a young age and spend their life en-

From my front porch

joying it.

Mike Craig started riding a horse just about the first day he could walk.

His father, "Fat" Craig, was a horse trainer and it was only natural Mike would share his love for horses. Fat was one of the first AQHA judges and a friend of Roy Rogers who at the time was one of the greatest idols in America. I remember Mike telling of the time when he got to meet his father's friend and how the impression Roy made upon him was so impactful. Mike still idolizes Roy Rogers and the ideals Roy stood for, like kindness, fair play and honesty.

Mike showed horses as a youth and rode every time he could and began learning how to train horses, "Fat" told



Sam Houston

Mike in no uncertain terms it was very hard to make a living training horses and he needed to go to school and "make something of himself". Mike did just that. He got his degree and went to work in sales and was so successful it evolved into management in the food processing business. His affable nature and ability to resolve tough issues, lead to him having a national reputation

for excellence. Mike often indicated a lot of what he knew about business he learned on the back of a horse.

"People are like horses... they don't want to be bullied and forced to do things. A man can try and force his will on another, but in the long term it always fails. If instead we teach, and create a relationship based on trust, and a mutual understanding of what must be done and when to do it, the relationship becomes very special and lasts a long, long time."

While Mike climbed the executive ranks and managed hundreds of people, he still had a training stable where he worked horses of an evening and on weekends. The business started small with just a horse or two, but because of Mike's talent with horses and people, he soon had a barn full. Mike rode every night, every Saturday, week after week and year after year. His sons Cory and

David would eventually come ride with him, with Cory becoming a full-time professional trainer and partner. Later, the grandsons would also participate in the riding and barn chores.

There have not been many days in his life where Mike Craig was not on a horse. I hesitate to think of how many animals he has swung his leg over. Some were good stock, and some were complete "pickles", but Mike made each horse better, and usually their rider/owner too.

Mike is now in his 70's and this past week, he told me he was sending home the last training horse he would ever ride. The training barn is still going operating full steam as the Craig name has quite a reputation in the horse industry, but Mike determined he is not going to ride anymore. He told me, "It is time. I have gotten to the point where I need to stop. I do not

want to, but I know I should. It is something I have done nearly every day for over 70 years, and I do not regret a one of them. I feel like the horses may have taught me a whole lot more than what I ever taught them."

Few people find their love and passion and get to enjoy it for as many years as Mike. He is my friend. My dear friend, and one of the last of his kind. It matters little what his successes were in business, for Mike got to live his passion and be a cowboy. Being a cowboy is about the biggest compliment I can give a man. Mike, Roy Rogers would be proud of you! I know I am.

Thought for the day: You can tell a cowboy, but you can't tell him much!

Until next time.... Sam Houston is a newspaper executive and columnist. He is also an author, actor, playwright, and entertainment producer and promoter.

Rare human case of rabies under investigation; calling protocol is changing

BY GARY BORDERS

Texas Press Association

A Medina County child is being treated for rabies in a Texas hospital, the Department of State Health Services reported last week.

It is the first case of rabies in a human reported in the state since 2009.

The child was bitten by a bat, according to DSHS.

Public health officials have identified all the places where someone could have come into contact with either the bat or the child. Experts are assessing the risk to those peo-

ple and whether they should receive post-exposure vaccinations to prevent them from contracting rabies.

The department noted that rabies is almost always fatal once contracted, but is preventable if the vaccine and immune globulin are administered before symptoms begin.

In Texas, according to DSHS, skunks and bats account for most animal rabies cases. Nearly 600 animals in Texas tested positive for rabies last year, about half of them bats.

10-digit dialing mandatory in several new areas

The days of being able to just dial seven digits in seven Texas area codes are behind us.

In July 2020 the Federal Communications Commission approved 988 as the abbreviated dialing code for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

Several Texas area codes (254, 361, 409, 806, 830, 915 and 940) have numbers with a 988 prefix, and had to transition to 10-digit local dialing after the FCC order.

The Texas Public Utility Commission announced effective Oct. 25 that all local calls

dialing in those area codes with just seven digits will reach a recording that prompts the caller to redial using all 10 digits.

The change does not affect price, coverage area or other rates and services, according to the PUC.

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NEWS FROM PEARL

Free stage show at Pearl Bluegrass this weekend

BY BETSY CLARK

Mark your calendars for the next Pearl weekend, November 5th and 6th. Ronald Medart is going to fire up the barbeque 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 November 6th Pearl Bluegrass Event! Everyone is invited to attend.



Betsy Clark

a replay of those creative words to this day.) After the hayride continued through downtown Pearl, the kids did get to see an actual ghost. Standing outside the old downtown Pearl store (long gone since then) was an easily recognizable apparition. Kay and Linda had followed the hayride and heard a couple of the kids say, "Hey, that's Mrs. Adams. I recognize her shoes!" I bet Mrs. Maureen Adams got a kick out of the kids who saw her ghostly presence the next day at school! I can hear her chuckle now! That's what happens to the young and the rest of us from time to time in Pearl—and there's no place like it!

The closing verse for this week comes from Luke 6: 27,28— "But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, (28) bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse 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.

Ireland is a very neat, historic area, and you will enjoy your scenic trip to this little community.

Pearl Ghosts from Halloween Past

About twelve or so years ago, Linda Ray talked Kay Pruett into being a ghost for the kids who were going to go through the Pearl Cemetery on Halloween night on a hayride. The plan was for the pair to jump from out behind tombstones with flashlights under their chins to give the kids a frightening but fun experience. However, right in the middle of the cemetery, both flashlights burned out. The kids could not see the ghosts, but they might have heard ghostly Kay emit a string of expletives directed toward Linda. The now famous words that Linda always uses to get Kay to join her in her many ventures were then and still are go like this: "Won't this be fun?!" (Actually, that is how Linda convinced Kay to join her in opening the Pearl Cottage Bookstore and Resale Shop along with other ventures. You can, on occasion, hear

The November 6th 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!

The Pearl Cottage Bookstore will also be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on November 6th. The cottage houses over 6000 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!

There is an Estate Sale happening on November 6th in downtown Ireland, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The address is 7010 FM 932. You can find lots of antique furniture and other antique items like glassware.



COURTESY PHOTO

BLUEGRASS WITH A MISSION: The Family Sowell band will perform at the Pearl Bluegrass show on Saturday and then again on Sunday at the Pearl Community Center.

The Family Sowell, Bluegrass with a Mission, to perform at Pearl

Performing in Pearl will be "The Family Sowell, Bluegrass with a Mission" on Saturday, Nov. 6. The regular Pearl Bluegrass event begins at 1 p.m. at the Pearl Community Center. The Family Sowell will also be performing at the center the following morning, Sunday, Nov. 7, at 10 a.m. Both family-friendly performances are free to the public. Before their Sunday concert, there will be a pancake breakfast at the center from 7-9 a.m.

The Family Sowell is an all-sibling (six brothers and sisters) contemporary Bluegrass band from Knoxville, TN. They are referred to in part as Bluegrass entertainers and part Christian music evangelists. The siblings are Texas natives but moved to Tennessee in hopes of furthering their career in the music business. The siblings feature tight family harmony

and original songs written straight from their hearts. Their music melds passion and love together with a good dose of laughter, creating an authentic performance that inspires audiences every-

where. For those wishing to camp at Pearl for the weekend, camping sites range from \$20- 25 each. First come, first serve.

It's No Shave November at the Gatesville Police Dept.

Gatesville Police Officers will once again take on a new look this November. Their lack of hygiene will be used for a good cause.

They are laying down their razors to raise both awareness and donations for the Gatesville Area Food for Families Drive, which will be held on Nov. 19th.

Participating officers will pay a fee for the opportunity to forgo the razor during the month of November.

The public is also encouraged to sponsor an officer's beard by making a monetary donation at the Gatesville Police Department located at 200 N. 8th Street.

The officer sporting the most "profitable" beard will be allowed to keep his beard until January 1st. All proceeds collected will be donated to the Gatesville Care Center via the Food for Families Drive.



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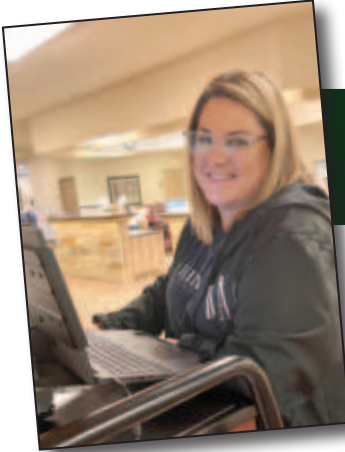
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Okrapalooza celebrates the strange veggie

By: Tumbleweed Smith

Gumbo is not the only use for okra, a vegetable brought to the US by slaves in the 1660s. Dallas has an event called Okrapalooza every year about the time okra is harvested. Elizabeth Dry turned a trashy vacant lot into a community garden 12 years ago and named it The Promise of Peace Garden. To raise money for the rent on the property she went to her computer and googled okra festivals in Texas.

"And there were none," says Elizabeth. "So, I started one. The first year there were just 3 chefs who prepared okra dishes on picnic tables and attendees paid 5 dollars to come in."

The fund-raising event has grown considerably and now attracts hundreds of people. It is an upscale event with an admission charge of 85 dollars. Guests get to sample gourmet okra dishes and custom-made wines and beers while listening to live music. They also get to hear about okra recipes and ways to eat healthy.

"We have several musical groups that play 45-min-

ute sets. During that time guests will be tasting the okra dishes, going from chef's table to chef's table and they learn about stuff. There are two prizes. One is a people's choice award and the other is a choice of 6 judges. The winner will be judged on presentation, complexity, flavor and all that."

This year's event was at the Cotton Mill in McKinney. Twelve chefs were on hand producing everything from pickled okra seeds to okra ice cream.

"We've got a very diverse group of cooks. There's personal chefs, there's chefs from 4-star restaurants, there's chefs that actually farm their own food."

Elizabeth says there are no big corporate sponsors. This is for the community.

"The chefs love it. It's one of the most down to earth, fun, love-filled events I've ever been to. And these chefs create masterpieces that have never been replicated. People told me that I need to ask the chefs what they'll be cooking. so nobody will be cooking the same thing. Well, they never

have in 12 years. And we've had an average of 15 chefs per festival since it started. And that's a lot of different dishes."

This year because of Covid the number of guests was limited to 150. Everyone seemed to like the Cotton Mill and it will probably take place there next year.

"We received so many compliments from guests, chefs, musicians and nearly everyone was pleased with the winners. The judges' favorite was Olivia Lopez who is cultivating heirloom red, yellow, and blue corn from Mexico to preserve her culture. For Okrapalooza she did an okra enchilada that was unbelievable. She used two different colors of corn, blue and red. The people's choice award went to Adam West who owns Local Yokel Restaurant in McKinney. He did a churro that was incredible. He folded okra into the flour and somehow made it sweet with a dipping sauce."

Winners get to forage once a month for 3 months on Elizabeth's farm.



COURTESY PHOTO

OPERATION STAND DOWN: Local residents recently volunteered in a program to help homeless veterans. Pictured are American Legion Post 42 members Alan Mathis, Gary Albers and James Marques.

Locals participate in Operation Stand Down Central Texas

Gatesville American Legion Post 42 members helped at the recent Stand Down of Operation Stand Down Central Texas held at the Killeen Civic and Conference Center. This event was to help home-

less veterans in the Killeen, Gatesville, Copperas Cove and Harker Heights areas with clean clothing, toiletries, medical and psychiatric screening, and haircuts; plus, a meal and a lot of fellowship

and camaraderie with their fellow veterans. First Baptist Church of Gatesville also helped with the operation and in addition donated the use of their vans.

Whatever happened to....

20 YEARS AGO

(2001) The Gatesville High School marching band earned three first division ratings from judges at the Region 8 University Interscholastic League Marching Contest held at the Waco ISD stadium.

After hearing President Bush comment on each child sending a dollar to help feed refugee children from Afghanistan, the Evant students responded. First graders Jonathan Hernandez and Brittany Paul were among the first to send off their donations.

Approximately 100 Texas National Guardsmen from San Antonio loaded onto charter buses at North Fort

Hood for a trip to their new duty station in Arkansas.

Boy Scouts from Troop 272 were "trick or treating" for non-perishable foods to be donated to the Gatesville Care Center. Chris Rhudy, a member of Troop 272, was coordinating the event as part of his Eagle Scout requirements.

30 YEARS AGO

(1991) Medical Plastics Laboratory of Gatesville this unveiled its newest line of CPR manikins, developed in part with Draegerwerk Aktiengesellschaft of Luebeck, Germany.

Marine Private First-Class Lisa Lopez, daughter of Ev-

elyn J. Riegle of Gatesville, had completed recruit training and was promoted to her present rank. Her training cycle took place at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, South Carolina.

Kandi King was chosen as the Gatesville High School 1991 band sweetheart during halftime of the GHS-Troy football game. Miss King, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Terry King, was chosen from a field of eight other senior girls.

Brian Edwards was awarded the Shotwell Scholarship and the Racel Louise Hayes Scholarship at Hardin Simmons University in Abilene for the 1991-92 academic

year. Edwards, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Edwards of Gatesville, was a 1990 graduate of Gatesville High School.

40 YEARS AGO

(1981) Tim Eary, 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Delton Eary, was one proud rabbit raiser at the triple header rabbit show at the Community Barn. He won Best of Breed in the Open Show with his Lynx Palomino rabbit.

George C. (Tucker) Austin of Evant was to be honored on his 90th birthday with a reception in the community room of the First National Bank of Evant.

Ann Kuykendall, the

17-year-old daughter of Mrs. Waldeen Kuykendall, was picked Pepiteer of the Week.

Jim Buth of Gatesville, district agent for the Lutheran Mutual Life Insurance Co., had surpassed the \$1 million mark in life insurance sales for the year according to the company president in Waverly, Iowa.

50 YEARS AGO

(1971) Leland Dyess, assistant superintendent of the Live Oak unit at the State Schools for Boys, had been elected to the board of directors of the Coryell County Red Cross chapter.

City police officers who

were patrolling Gatesville streets during the Halloween celebration confiscated 180 dozen eggs, a 15-lb. bag of persimmons and a box of lettuce from some teenage and older celebrants.

Three local attorneys—Bob Salter of Gatesville, John Duren of Copperas Cove and Edwin Powell of Gatesville—had purchased an abstract plant from Judge Robert W. Brown of Gatesville. They formed a firm called Central Texas Abstract and Land Company.

Mrs. Raymond (Vesta) Leonard, county treasurer, had been appointed chairman of the 1971 Salvation Army fund drive in the Gatesville area.

THE AWARD-WINNING PRINT & ONLINE FAMILY FEATURE

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Leonard has a goal. He wants to buy a pair of sneakers that cost \$25. But he only gets \$3 a week for his allowance. Help Leonard make a plan to buy the shoes.

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Week 2	\$	\$	\$
Week 3	\$	\$	\$
Week 4	\$	\$	\$
Week 5	\$	\$	\$

Each week, Leonard could save \$_____

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Following your plan, how many weeks would it take Leonard to reach his goal? _____ weeks

Make a plan to reach one of your goals!

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Imagine that you get \$3 per week for allowance. What would you do with your money?

Pretend you want to buy three of the items at right. Come up with a plan, like Leonard's, that will help you reach your goal.

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Extra! Extra! Twenty Big Ones

Look through the newspaper or your newspaper's website for numbers that add up to exactly 20. Then write them out in order from largest to smallest.

Standards Link: Number Sense: Calculate numbers to 20.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

What is a numismatist?

Use the coin code at right to reveal the answer.

= A
 = C
 = E
 = I
 = L
 = N
 = O
 = R
 = T

Standards Link: Vocabulary: Learn the definition of grade-level appropriate words.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

ALLOWANCE
OBSTACLES
NEIGHBORS
ENDLESS
LIMITED
SUPPLY
CHORES
WISDOM
SHOES
SOARS
SPEND
POWER
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

ABCDad

Find words in the newspaper that start with each letter in your dad's name (or an uncle, grandparent, or a friend's name). Use these words to write a poem about that person.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write in a variety of forms and genres including poetry.

Write On!

A penny saved is a penny ...

How would you finish this sentence?

N		M
	M	
M	O	N
	E	
E		O

Kid Scoop Together:

A Phrase That Pays

Complete the quote below by replacing the missing vowels. Use the lines below the quote to write what you think this quote means. Then, share what you wrote with a parent and talk about it.

"It is g _ d to h _ ve m _ n _ y and the th _ ngs that m _ n _ y can b _ y, but it's g _ d too, to ch _ ck up once in a wh _ le and m _ k _ s _ re _ y _ u hav _ n _ t l _ st the th _ ngs m _ ney c _ n _ t b _ y."

— George Lorimer

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow multiple-step written directions.

Kid Scoop-doku™

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word MONEY in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

OBITUARIES

William Carl Bradley, Jr.

Oct. 13, 1931 - Oct. 26, 2021



William Carl Bradley, Jr., age 90, of Gatesville, passed away quietly on Oct. 26, 2021, with his family at his side. Funeral services were held at First Baptist Church of Gatesville on Friday, Octo-

ber 29.

He was born on Oct. 13, 1931, in Temple, the only child of William Carl Bradley, Sr., and Frances Abernathy Bradley. He attended schools in Gatesville and then attended Schreiner Institute in Kerrville on a tennis scholarship. He completed both his Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in education at Baylor University where he played basketball and lettered in tennis.

William participated in the Reserve Officer's Training Corp (ROTC) at Baylor and after graduation, he received his 2-year commission as a second lieutenant at Parks Airforce Base in Hayward, California. He was a Crew Weapons Instructor, and later a captain in the Reserves. Before leaving for his post, he proposed to his sweetheart, Shirley Anne Schaub, and her family quickly planned a

wedding that commenced on May 30, 1954. This marriage lasted until Anne's untimely death in November 2000.

The Bradley's began their life of service to education with Bill teaching at the State School for Boys in Gatesville and then serving as Principal/Superintendent and Coach at Oglesby High School for four years. In 1962, he accepted the challenge of becoming the first superintendent of Robinson High School, previously an eight-grade school, and also fulfilling the task of building the new high school. He remained at Robinson until 1975 when he became the High School Principal and Girl's Coach at Gatesville, (the community of his childhood) until his retirement.

Perhaps best known as Coach Bradley, he is considered a legendary Central Texas Girl's Coach. Coach Bradley (along with local colleagues) was instrumental in organizing girls track as an interscholastic sport in Texas and assisted with the planning and executing of the first state track meet for girls. He served as a director and president of the Texas High School Girls Track Association and served two terms on the board of directors of the Texas Girls Coaches Association. In 1990, he was named the Honorary Track Coach by the same TGCA and was inducted into the Hall of Fame. In his retirement, he continued to participate in the sport by officiating at Baylor and Gatesville Track events.

While at Robinson, Coach Bradley led the track girls to a string of state meet successes, including the 1974 state title. At both Gatesville and Robinson, from 1972-88, he amassed numerous district and regional titles.

Bradley also coached girls' basketball, leading the Rob-

inson Rockettes to the 1970 state championship and two other state tournament appearances. Following the state championship, he was selected to coach the girl's South All-star Team. In his first year at Gatesville, he led the Lady Hornets to a berth at the State Semi-finals. His teams won eight district titles as well.

First and foremost, Billy Carl, as his mother affectionately called him, was a devoted Christian. Her influence was noted in his receiving a 13-year pin for perfect attendance in the Sunday School Program at First Presbyterian, Gatesville. As a young adult, he became a member of the Baptist Church and later became a Deacon at First Baptist Gatesville. He was a 50-year member of the Lion's Club and was a Mason. His passion for service was further evident in his many volunteer efforts: the Gatesville Care Center and the annual Food for Families Drive, the Gatesville Booster Club, and Emergency Medical Technician. Being the competitive spirited person that he was, one could always be assured that if there was fund raising involved, he was going to strive to be the top seller or surpass the previous year's record.

The family is appreciative that his legacy and Anne's have been preserved through the Norris Graves Alumni Award and the Bill Bradley Cross Country Meet.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife Anne, of 46 years, and wife Derry Jean Marris, whom the family remembers fondly for her care of him until the onset of his dementia.

He is survived by a son, William Paul Bradley and wife, Carolyn, of Gatesville; daughters, Debbie Bradley

Mann and husband, Mark, of Henderson, and Beverly Bradley Blanchard and husband, Greg, of Lorena; six grandchildren, Bradley Blanchard (spouse Lindsey), Rex Mann (spouse Kylee), Russell Mann (spouse Kayla), Kelli Blanchard Tipitino (husband Demic), Meredith Mann Reddy (husband Shawn), and namesake William Mann; and sixteen great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be his grandsons and grandsons in-law. Honorary pallbearers are members of his morning coffee club, and members of the Lion's Club.

A special thank you to Shirley Davidson, Krisna Gilbert, and Monica Garza of Visiting Angels and the staff of Heart-is Memory Care and Compassus Hospice Care for their loving care in his final days.

In lieu of flowers, memorials be made to the "Anne and Bill Bradley Baylor Women's Athletic Scholarship" in care of First National Bank of Gatesville, P.O. Box 659, Gatesville, TX 76528, or the charity of your choice.

The family invites you to share a message or memory on our "Tribute Wall" at www.WHBfamily.com.

Marylyn Jean Richter

Sept. 13, 1949 - Oct. 27, 2021



Marylyn Richter, age 72, of Gatesville, passed away on Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2021, in Gatesville. Visitation with the

family was held on Saturday, October 30, 2021, at Scott's Funeral Home.

Marylyn was born September 13, 1949, in Truth or Consequences, NM to Harold A. Richter and Rebecca P. Lightsey Richter. She attended school in Gatesville. Marylyn worked for Walls, HEB and TDCJ. She loved gardening and quilting.

She was preceded in death by her parents and by a stepdaughter, Teresa Walker.

Marylyn is survived by son, Jesse Ray Bundrant; sister, Harolyn Sims and family; step-son, Jimmy Bundrant and family; step-granddaughters, Sheena Tyrock and family, Brandi Garcia and family, and Courtney Moore and family.

Free semester possible during spring enrollment

Registration for the spring 2022 semester at the Central Texas College (CTC) Central, Fort Hood and Service Area campuses and distance learning classes is now open. Most students will receive a free semester as several emergency aid grants are available to cover the cost of tuition and books. Classes will be offered in eight- and 16-week sessions in face-to-face in-classroom, traditional online courses and in the synchronous real-time virtual (SVL) formats. Students who have completed admissions and advising may register using the school's Eagle Self-Service system. The online registration deadline is January 17 as spring semester classes start January 18.

One of the emergency aid grant options is the American Rescue Plan (ARP) grant which covers the cost of tuition and fees as well emergency costs such as food, housing, health care or child-

care. New and returning students enrolled in three credit hours at CTC can receive \$1,000. Students enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours at CTC or have equivalent enrollment status in a CTC-designated non-credit program may receive up to \$2,000. Dual credit students are eligible for up to \$500.

Students needing assistance with degree or certificate plan advising can visit the Enrollment Center (Bldg. 209) to speak with an advisor or schedule an appointment (virtual or in-person) by emailing academic.advising@ctcd.edu. Students can also reach an advisor through the online live chat feature or by calling 254-526-1226. New students can complete the admissions application online and view the various programs of study options at www.ctcd.edu/explore. Students at the Fort Hood campus can call 254-526-1917 for assistance.

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BOOZAAR AT THE COURTHOUSE SQUARE: Businesses and organizations handed out candy and provided games as trick-or-treaters packed the downtown area around the Coryell County Courthouse.

Gatesville Halloween Candy Maze



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A-MAZE-ING FUN TIME: Local residents provided a free candy maze to kids and also offered a scarier detour for those looking for a fright. Parts of the maze included Michael Myers and a pirate ship.



Hillside's Trunk or Treat

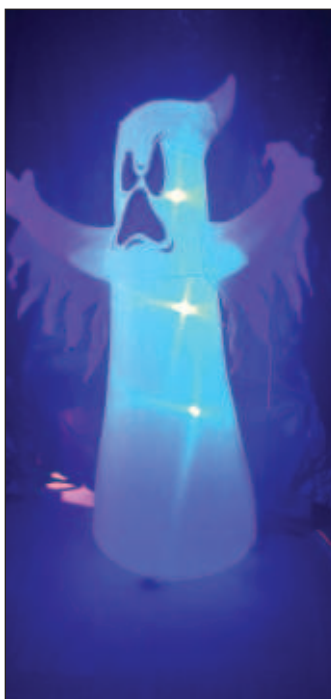


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CURBSIDE SERVICE: Hillside Medical Lodge offered a drive-thru trunk or treat for the public. Employees dressed in character and handed out candy as residents watched from the lodge's entrance.



Gatesville Intermediate Fall Festival



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TOO COOL FOR SCHOOL: Gatesville Intermediate School offered plenty of fun activities for students at their Fall Festival. Activities included games, a haunted house, cake walk, dunking booth and more.

RehabLiving's Tiny Tots Costume Contest



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ELVIS HAS LEFT THE BUILDING: RehabLiving at Coryell Health hosted a costume contest for children and the entries were adorable. Winner of the contest was "little Elvis" shown above.

Live Oak Baptist Fall Festival



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HAY RIDES AND FALL FUN: Live Oak Baptist Church offered food, candy and games to attendants of their Fall Festival. Other churches who offered activities over the weekend include The Presbyterian, Gatesville Church of Christ, First Baptist and First United Methodist.

The DISPATCH

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of October 27-30. While there were many calls to the dispatcher, 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

Oct. 27
4:32 a.m., an accident was reported in the 2300 block of N. Hwy. 36.
4:51 a.m., a disturbance was reported in the 4200 block of S. State Hwy. 36.

11:30 a.m., an assault was reported in the 2300 block of Business Hwy. 36.
12:38 p.m., a theft was reported in the 1600 block of W. Main Street.
12:43 p.m., a hit and run was reported in the 1500 block of W. Main Street.
1:49 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 1400 block of CR 155.

Oct. 28
10:45 a.m., an accident was reported in the 3300 block of E. Main Street.
2:29 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 23000 block of E. Main Street.
4:49 p.m., a burglary was reported in the 2500 block of Jackson Drive.
6:16 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 4800 block of S. State Hwy. 36.
6:21 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 200 block of S. 3rd Street.
9:07 p.m., an accident was reported in the 16000 block of S. State Hwy. 36 at Flat.

Oct. 29
3:23 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 400 block of S. 8th Street.
8:24 a.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 2300 block of Bridge Street.
10:23 a.m., a disturbance was reported in the 2800 block of S. State Hwy. 36.
5:43 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 100 block of Elm Street.
6:37 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 300 block of S. State Hwy. 36 Bypass.
9:01 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1400 block of Bridge Street.

Oct. 30
12:07 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 400 block of S. 8th Street.
7:31 a.m., an accident was reported in the 4400 block of N. State Hwy. 36.
10:37 a.m., a structure fire was reported in the 200 block of Meadowview Lane.
1:04 p.m., a theft was reported in the 1000 block of W. Main Street.
4:05 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 200 block of Fowler Street.
7:23 p.m., an accident was reported in the 700 block of N. State Hwy. 36 Bypass.

5400 block of FM 215.
3:38 p.m., suspicious activity was reported on FM 116 at Pidcoke.
10:38 p.m., a theft was reported in the 1300 block of CR 137.

Oct. 28
9:44 a.m., a scam was reported in the 3400 block of CR 318.
11:05 a.m., a phone line was reported down in the 800 block of FM 107.
2:56 p.m., illegal dumping was reported in the 4200 block of FM 184.
4:46 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on S. Hwy. 36 at The Grove.
5:10 p.m., a minor accident was reported in the 400 block

of Old Osage Road.
7:11 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 200 block of Fowler.

Oct. 29
6:57 a.m., a hit and run was reported in the 1700 block of Oak Springs Road.
11:02 a.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 800 block of Greystone Drive.
11:28 a.m., a minor accident was reported on E. Hwy. 84 by Rolling Hills.
3:34 p.m., animal neglect was reported in the 900 block of Kellogg Road.
5:35 p.m., a noise complaint was reported in the 1500 block of Quail Point Drive.
9:33 p.m., phone harass-

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

Oct. 30
5:02 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 1900 block of FM 107.
9:58 a.m., a theft was reported in the 800 block of Onyx Road.
12:40 p.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 300 block of Tippit Lane.
4:01 p.m., vandalism was reported in the 200 block of Harrell Drive.
9:24 p.m., suspicious activity was reported on FM 3046 at FM 2657.
10:47 p.m., a major accident was reported in the 200 block of Ray Road.

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Oct. 27
7:25 a.m., a major accident was reported in the 7000 block of N. Hwy. 36.
8:48 a.m., a theft was reported in the 100 block of College Ave.
9:37 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported on S. Hwy. 36 and CR 931.
1:51 p.m., the burglary of a vehicle was reported in the

CENTEX CRIME STOPPERS Crime of the Week

Centex crime stoppers can use your help in solving a case of theft which occurred in the 1600 block of W. Main St. sometime within the last six months. A U-Haul representative stated that the trailer was first noticed to be missing approximately six months ago and at the time it was believed to be an inventory mishap. After further review, it was determined that it was in fact stolen. The trailer is described as a 4X8 enclosed box trailer with the serial number 3980UV2590 inscribed on the sides. The value of the trailer

is upwards of \$2000. The trailer was equipped with an Alabama license plate at the time of the theft. If you have any information about any case or any local crime, call Centex Crime Stoppers 24 hours a day at 1-254-865-8477 (TIPS) or visit our website at www.centexcrimestoppers.org or by downloading the "P3" mobile app available on both the Apple app store and Google Play Store. You never have to give your name, and if your information leads to an arrest, you may be eligible for a cash reward. Crime Stoppers, citizens, police, and the media working together can make our community a safer place to live. Together we can make a difference.

Hemmeline Cemetery Meeting Set

The Hemmeline Cemetery Association will hold their annual meeting on Sunday, Nov. 7, at 2 p.m. The meeting will be held at Bethel Heights Baptist Church, located at 3915 CR 127 down the road from Hemmeline Cemetery. All interested persons are encouraged to attend. Memorials or donations for upkeep of cemetery may be mailed to the Hemmeline Cemetery Association, in care of Sheila Necessary, 1050 FM 1783, Gatesville, TX. 76528. There will be no scheduled workday at the cemetery this year. A few volunteer crews will do what needs to be done. Hopefully next year the schedule will be back to normal.

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THOR VISITS GATESVILLE INTERMEDIATE



COURTESY PHOTO

Gatesville Police Department officer Jason Yarbrough and his furry partner, Thor, recently visited the Gatesville Intermediate campus. Yarbrough shared information with the students about Thor's job working in the Narcotics K-9 Unit and demonstrated training procedures that Thor endures. Thor is a two-year-old pure-bred German Shepherd from the Czech Republic. Thor started his training in his home country shortly after he was weaned. He was then brought to Liberty Hill to be specially trained in searching for narcotics.

Free admission to state parks Nov. 14

In honor of both active and retired military, daily entrance fees at Texas State Parks will be waived for all day-use visitors Sunday, Nov. 14.

"The dedication, sacrifice and service displayed by the women and men that serve in our country's military is unparalleled and is a source of pride throughout the country," said Rodney Franklin, Director of Texas State Parks. "Their commitment to service undoubtedly inspires us at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. To celebrate their service, Texas State Parks would like to once again invite everyone to spend the day at any

one of our beautiful State Parks for free. I am glad that we are able to encourage families to get outside in honor of our veterans."

Anyone planning a trip to a Texas State Park is encouraged to reserve their day passes in advance since some parks are expected to reach their capacity limit. Day passes can be reserved online through the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department website or over the phone by calling (512) 389-8900.

When purchasing a hunting and fishing license, buyers can add a donation of \$1, \$5, \$10 or \$20 to help support the Veterans Commission's Veterans Assistance Fund.

Annie, her horse Tarzan take 'The Ride of Her Life'

BY TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

They said it couldn't be done. You were too old, too frail, too young, too inexperienced, too female. You lacked the know-how to do it right. You just plain couldn't, which was all the impetus you needed, all the catalyst required to make sure you at least tried. In the book "The Ride of Her Life" by Elizabeth Letts, just a little effort was all it took ...

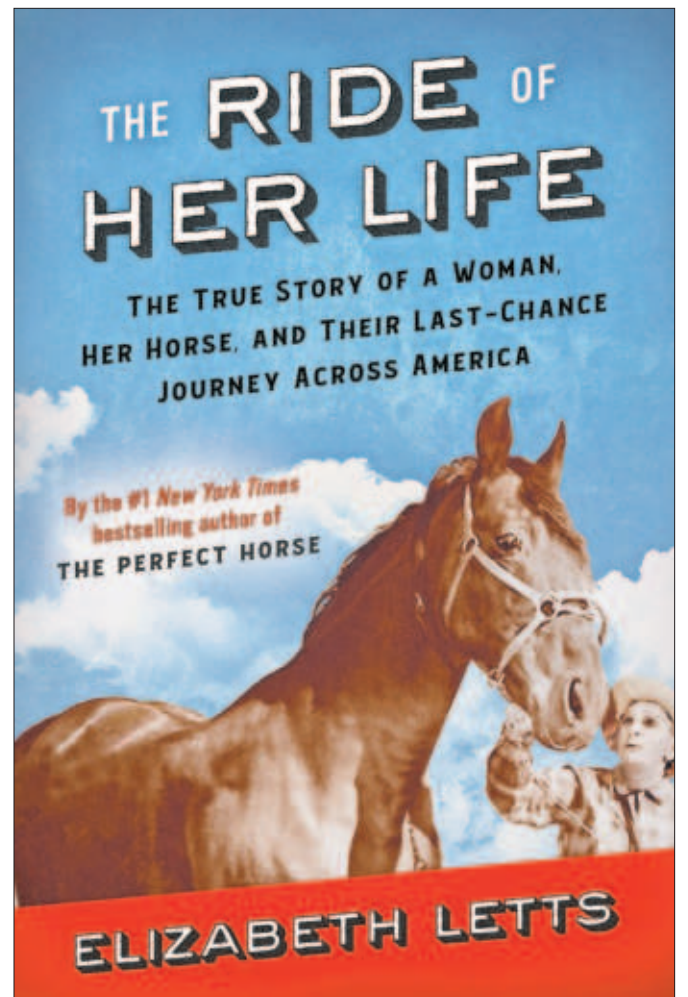
Things seemed to be looking up, that fall of 1953.

Sixty-two-year-old Annie Wilkins and her eighty-five-year-old Uncle Waldo were "just about to get ahead" on their little farm near Minot, Maine. Their livestock were thriving, there was enough feed to last the winter and though Waldo wasn't in very good health, Annie could split wood to keep them warm. It would've been enough but when winter hit hard, Annie caught the flu and while she was bedridden, Waldo died.

Life had never been easy for Annie, but she knew no different. An only child, she'd left school "at the end of sixth grade" and went to work on the farm then. But now there wasn't much to work - the barn was empty, "the farm was always hungry," and she only had her little dog, Depeche Toi, to keep her company. She tried growing crops for a local factory but really, she had "few and stark choices."

Years ago, her parents dreamed about traveling. Annie's mother always wanted to see California, but never lived long enough. Annie had a little money but what she lacked was guts.

But not for long. She began to plan. Though it'd been decades since she'd been astride a saddle, she sent a postcard to a nearby stable in search of a "tough horse"; there, she found a gentle ex-race horse



named Tarzan who took to Depeche Toi right off. Annie fixed up an "ancient" saddle that was left in her barn, packed what she figured were essentials, and chose "several layers of clothing" to wear.

And on Nov. 4, 1954, Annie Wilkins pointed her horse's nose westward ...

Hard to imagine, isn't it? In today's world, it would be pure folly to even try. And yet, author Elizabeth Letts gives readers so much insight that we're captivated and even charmed by this tale, and "The Ride of Her Life" becomes the book we need now.

In a way, in fact, it's a dual pleasure.

The tale of Annie Wilkins (whom Letts consistently, warmly calls by her first

name) is so pure of heart that you simply have to love it. Wilkins didn't know what she didn't know, but she still managed to travel by horseback more than 2,600 miles, all through the kindness of strangers. That that was possible is the second appeal here, as Letts tosses in reminders of America, 1954. It's idyllic, gracious, and wonderfully sentimental.

Readers who'd love an easy, gentle story that's entirely true will want to cozy up with this one for a long winter's read. "The Ride of Her Life" is so good, you'll never want it done.

"The Ride of Her Life" by Elizabeth Betts c.2021, Ballantine Books \$28.00 / \$37.00 Canada 321 pages



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Texas woman joins Testers Hall of Fame

BY MICHAEL NOVOGRADAC

A Texas woman was honored here as the newest inductee into the Operational Testers' Hall of Fame for her 40 years supporting the Army and equipment testing. Myra L. Baugh of Frisco, Texas, became the 43rd Hall of Fame member during ceremonies Oct. 29.

"I appreciate this great honor today from my peers, and it has brought me back to where I felt like I always belonged — the OTC Family. And like they say, "There is no place like home," a teary-eyed Baugh said.

A native of Joplin, Mo., she began her service to the Nation in 1972 as a secretary at the German/American Military Elementary School, Bad Kreuznach, Germany.

Baugh's distinguished civil service career supporting operational testing began in 1975 when she served as a Budget Clerk/Budget Analyst in the Directorate of Industrial Operations at Fort Hood.

Her first position with OTC was in 1981 as a Budget Analyst/Program Analyst.

At OTC she went on to become one of the first women Military Test Plans Analysts/Test Officers from 1992 to 2000.

During the ceremony, OTC Commander Brig. Gen. David W. Gardner called Baugh a

"trailblazer."

"Not only as one of the first women operational testers, but as one of the first Civilians who did not have military experience," said Gardner. "Again; a trailblazer."

"Dedicated and innovative, she focused her early career on creating foundational budget and resourcing processes for operational testing," he said.

He described how her efforts became the foundation for operational test budgeting today.

To prepare for his remarks, Gardner turned to Baugh's former colleagues.

"One described her as an expert with a 'can do attitude' that 'inspired and motivated others' beyond what they thought capable," he said.

"Others mentioned her creativity and attention to detail; two qualities that made her capable of solving any and every problem presented to her."

Many offered the same recollections of their time working with Baugh.

"The value each and every person highlighted without fail was her integrity," Gardner said.

"She threw herself at the most difficult problems the organization had, and solved

them with both efficiency and ethics in mind."

When it came time for Baugh to speak, she reflected on two mottos which drove her over the years.

She said, "I first want to start by telling you that my motto adopted early in life was written by John Greenleaf Whittier, and it says, 'Of all sad words of tongue or pen, The saddest are these, 'It might have been.'"

"In plain English: 'If you don't try you will never know,'" she explained.

"This phrase made her realize challenges can become opportunities and motivated me during my lifetime," she said.

After being notified of the honor as an inductee to OTC's Hall of Fame, she told how she came upon another phrase that rang true.




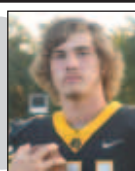



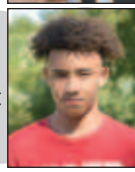
"It said, 'Don't look back unless it's to see how far you have come,'" said.

"So if you will bear with me for just a little while, I am going to do exactly that."



Then, she told of how her "trip through life" and career began as a military wife.

"My career — none of it planned — took twists and turns and when I look back, I realized how each job qualified me for the next one," she said.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

 <p>GATESVILLE HORNETS Hayden Mooney 17 tackles, blocked field goal</p>		 <p>JONESBORO EAGLES Caleb Christel Completed six of seven passes for 235 yards and four touchdowns</p>	
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Hornets' fight does not fade in loss

Gatesville's stirring comeback falls short versus Connally, 47-45

By Mark Goodson
Staff Writer

Gatesville High School junior Trevor Smith said Friday's football battle against Waco Connally was like being in a fight that wasn't going to end.

It ended wrong for the scrappy Hornets when Smith hauled in an apparent two-point conversion that was called short of the end zone with 1:06 left in the game.

Waco Connally prevailed 47-45 in the key District 9-4A, Div. II contest between two teams battling for playoff seeding.

"That was tough," said the 5-10, 150-pound receiver. "I was in, the zebras got it wrong. It was just a little out route."

A gang-tackling Connally squad held off Gatesville with the stop.

The Hornets trailed 40-15 early in the fourth quarter, but battled back with some inspired play.

"Phenomenal effort and fight by our kids," Gatesville coach Luke Howard said. "They could have laid it down when it was 40-15. They kept playing and made plays down the stretch to give us a chance."

The Hornets chance at the end came on a short field after a bad snap gave the Hornets the ball at the Connally 12-yard line with 2:24 left.

The Hornets took six plays to cover the distance.

Senior quarterback Wesley Brown, who had a big night with 274 yards of offense, ran for the score from four yards out.

Next came the rollout pass attempt for the two-point try.

"The (extra point) play at the end was tough to swallow," Howard said. "We know Trevor caught it in the end zone, but the call didn't go our way. We don't have time to pout about it. We have to get ready to go on the road and punch our ticket against a good Jarrell team."

Despite the 30-point fourth quarter, the Hornets (3-6, 1-3) can still clinch a playoff berth the Friday at Jarrell — either with a win, or a loss by 10 or fewer points gets the Hornets into the postseason as the fourth seed from the district.

In the rally, the Hornets had some huge swings that included two onside kick recoveries, by Lawson Mooney and Thiele Alvarado.

Smith had a career game with six catches for 28 yards and one score.

"It was nice to get the touches," said Smith, who has made a late-season switch to the split end position from the slot. "It makes you feel good when the ball is coming your way."

The Hornets' comeback started with a 10-play, 55-yard drive that Brown engi-



MARK GOODSON/THEGATESVILLE MESSENGER

Gatesville's Bradyn Culley fights to shake off a Connally tackler in the Hornets' shootout against the Cadets on Oct. 29.

neered. Smith caught a slant pass for 12 yards to cut the lead to 40-21.

A pair of onside kick recoveries fueled the Hornets to more scoring.

Connally outgained the Hornets by 498 yards to 318 overall. The turnover count was even, with one Cadet fumble and one Hornet interception.

Scoring summary
First quarter

Connally 10:53 — Kiefer Sibley 37 run. Erick Lara kick.

Gatesville 6:07 — Wesley Brown 2 run (Brown run)

Connally 2:06 — Jelani McDonald 4 run (Lara kick)

Second quarter
Gatesville 9:15 — Wesley Brown 11 run (Luis Macias kick)

Connally 4:19 — Jamarie Wiggins pass complete to Kobe Black for 25 yards/ (Lara kick)

Connally 1:25 — Tre Wisner 48 run (Lara kick)

Third quarter
Connally 7:43 — Jelani McDonald pass complete to Jy'lon Nobles for 84 yards/ (Lara kick blocked)

Connally 2:33 — Jelani McDonald pass complete to Jack Johnston for 44 yards (Lara kick)

Fourth quarter
Gatesville 4 11:28 — Wesley Brown pass complete to

Trevor Smith for 12 yards (kick failed)

Gatesville 8:34 — Luis Macias 26 field goal

Gatesville 7:15 — Wesley Brown 29 run (Logan Edwards pass from Brown)

Connally 7:00 — Tre Wisner 80 run (Lara kick)

Gatesville 3:40 — Wesley Brown 3 run (Macias kick)

Gatesville 1:06 — Wesley Brown 4 run (pass failed)

Hornet spikers build intensity in win

Gatesville girls build momentum after playoff warm-up game against Robinson Rockets

By Mark Goodson
Staff Writer

Gatesville High School senior Tasha Thoms spent a lot of energy hustling and flying around Friday night in the Hornets playoff warm-up game with the Robinson Rockets.

"It was just like any other game," said the front-line player. "That's me (bouncing off the floor). This is a fun bunch, we do a lot of things together."

The atmosphere was intense for the Hornets in posting a 25-19, 21-25, 25-18, 25-15 victory over the rival Robinson Rockets.

Sophomore Barrett Boyd had a big night serving the ball and Kaleigh Haywood and Khloe Mathews helped power the attack.

Lola Barron and Charlee Barron also played well as the Hornets battled the Rockets. Rachel Garrett was also active at the net.

The Hornets improved to 29-9 overall.

The squad opens the Class 4A play-offs Tuesday, Nov. 2 against the Graham Steers, at Joshua High School.

With a win, the Hornets would advance to the area round to play Benbrook or Krum.

"Graham is going to be a strong



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Gatesville volleyball players (from left) Charlee Barron, Barrett Boyd, Rachel Garrett, Kaleigh Haywood and Tasha Thoms celebrate during their win over Robinson. The Hornets played a first round playoff game on Tuesday against Graham. Gatesville has compiled a 29-9 record and extended its longstanding playoff tradition.

team," Gatesville coach Janey Weber said. "We know we have to walk in and set the tone early. The girls have been working non-stop preparing for this time."

Gatesville has advanced to the volleyball playoffs 19 consecutive seasons.

The winner of Tuesday's playoff will face Benbrook or Krum next.

Eagles whip Lometa to win district again

By Mark Goodson
Staff Writer

Jonesboro captured its 12th straight district football title in 13 seasons under Eddie Gallegos Friday.

The unbeaten Eagles played opportunistic football in posting a 62-14 win over the Lometa Hornets in the team's home finale.

The victory featured plenty of star players, with five touchdown passes and two runs for scores in the Eagles' seventh mercy-rule victory of the season.

The unbeaten Eagles carry a 10-0 record into the playoffs.

The Eagles will face the second place team from District 16-1A, Division I in the bi-district round. Going into that regular-season finale Nov. 5, Nueces County faced Medina with second place on the line in that district. Leakey is in first place.

The Eagles stood at No. 5 in the six-man Division I rankings through nine weeks. May is ranked No. 1 and looming in week two of the playoffs.

Also atop the rankings are No. 2 Turkey Valley, No. 3 Abbott, No. 4 Westbrook, then Jonesboro at No. 5. Defending state champion Ster-

ling City is at No. 6.

On Friday, Caleb Christel completed six of seven passes for 235 yards and four touchdowns.

Nat Hilliker had four catches for 152 yards and two scores.

Demarcus Acoff had two catches for 82 yards for two touchdowns.

Ian Shoaf added two receptions for 53 yards and one score.

Garrett Young was one of two passing for 12 yards and one touchdown.

Jacob Cisneros completed one pass for 50 yards.

Leading rushers were Christel with six carries for 24 yards and one score. Shoaf had one carry for five yards and Manny Torres two carries for one yard and a score.

On defense, Hilliker and Shoaf combined for six pass breakups.

Hilliker also had four tackles and two interceptions. Jaden Domel led in tackles with 11.

Other defensive leaders were Christel with six tackles, Cisneros four, Zach Chapman five, 1 forced fumble, DeMarcus Acoff five tackles and Shoaf three tackles.

Oglesby blasts Buckholts 68-0, sets sights on 1st round playoff

By Mark Goodson
Staff Writer

The Oglesby Tigers put away the Buckholts Badgers, 68-0, in a mercy-rule win Thursday to claim the District 14-1A, Division II football title.

The Tigers will play either Calvert or Oakwood in the bi-district round of the playoffs at a time and site to be determined.

Oglesby had seven rushes for 172 yards and one pass for 27 yards in the road game. Tyler Fossett scored on a 69-yard run and a 27-yard punt return.

Blake Thompson had scores of 16 and 35 yards.

Brodie Fisher hit Cash Lee for a 26-yard score.

Lee added a 15-yard interception return. Johnny Gomez had a 25-yard interception return for a score.

Jackson Tippitt had scoring runs of eight

and 22 yards.

Matthew Castillo, Aydan Anderson, Lee and Fossett led in tackles.

A look ahead

One of the Tigers' possible playoff opponents, the Calvert Trojans, defeated Apple Springs on the road, 46-0, in an Oct. 29 contest.

Calvert, which is 5-2, also wins over Allen Academy, Penelope, Buckholts and Chester Calvert's losses were to St. Joseph Catholic, Covenant Christian.

The Oakwood Panthers were 5-3 heading into their regular season finale against Calvert, with a 71-31 win over Chester on Oct. 28.

Oakwood's other wins were against Union Hill, Trinidad, Allen Academy and Apple Springs.

Oakwood's losses were to Coolidge, Leverett's Chapel and Christian Heritage.

Evant closes season with big win

By Mark Goodson
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The Evant Elks closed their football season in style with a 71-21 victory over the Zephyr Bulldogs Friday at Zephyr.

Hunter White provided the big-play threat and finished with five touchdowns and 289 yards of offense.

Evant snapped a four-game losing streak to finish 5-5 overall and 1-2 in District 15-A, Div. I play.

Zephyr finished its sea-

son 0-10 overall and 0-3 in district.

White had 239 rushing yards including four long touchdown runs.

He also added 50 receiving yards and one touchdown catch.

Luis Arellano had four TD passes and threw for 140 yards.

Arellano added 32 rushing yards and one rushing touchdown.

Edgar Morales had one rushing touchdown, 44

receiving yards and one receiving touchdown.

Cason Ingram had 34 receiving yards and one receiving touchdown.

Canyon Smith added 12 receiving yards and one receiving touchdown.

On defense, Arellano recorded 12 tackles and one fumble recovery.

Ingram added six tackles and one fumble recovery. White had 11 tackles and Morales six tackles.

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