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## Gatesville tax rate election falls short; GISD trustees re-elected

BY **Jeff Osborne**  
Senior Staff Writer

The city of Gatesville will have to refund between \$12 and \$15 taxes to many local residents because a mandatory tax election failed by two votes, while two incumbents were re-elected to the Gatesville ISD school board on Nov. 2.

The city of Gatesville had planned to spend the funds for recreation and for law enforcement, but will have to give back a total of about \$67,000 because of the election results.

Gatesville's plans were defeated by a razor thin margin -- 202 residents voted against the measure, while 200 voted in favor.

Coryell County's tax assessor-collector will be charged with sending the refund checks to local residents.

"We will spend a good portion of what Gatesville gave up (in tax revenue) to refund the money," said County Judge Roger Miller, referring to the cost of the time and resources which will be used to send out the refund checks.

Linda Maxwell and Charles Alderson were re-elected to the Gatesville ISD Board of Trustees.

Maxwell received 537 votes and Alderson received 499. Also running was Pat Aslin, who received 323 votes.

Each of the eight state constitutional amendments on the ballot were approved by Texas voters. More details on the constitutional elections can be found online at: <https://apps.texastribune.org/features/2021/texas-election-results-2021-constitutional-amendments/>

## A commitment to country & county

BY **JEFF OSBORNE**  
Senior Staff Writer

A shortage of funds while financing his education at Baylor University led Roger Miller, currently serving as the Coryell County judge, to enroll in the U.S. Army and serve for more than two decades in the military.

"I grew up in Gatesville and my grandfather served a little stint in World War I, and Dad joined the reserves (later)," Miller said.

Although his family had that military background and Miller grew up in the shadow of Fort Hood, he said he originally did not intend on a military career himself.

"I honestly never thought I'd end up joining the military," he said. "After high school I went to Baylor from 1984 to 1989, and I ran out of money -- classes got more and more expensive. I had a part-time job working for a bank, but it wasn't enough to pay for college.

"I didn't want to have to move back home, so I decided to take a different path. My brother-in-law was in the Army -- he graduated from (Texas) A&M and was in the field artillery. I talked to him and decided to join."

Not content to sit back and have a role in the background, Miller said he wanted to be one of those at the forefront if any conflict arose.

"I was bound and determined, I wanted to be one of the trigger pullers if there was ever a conflict," he said. "I thought I was going to go into the infantry but my eyesight was so bad I didn't qualify. For me, the next best thing was in the field artillery. I joined on Oct. 12, 1989 and was sent to Fort Sill (in Oklahoma)."

Miller said the unit he was first assigned to was scheduled to be disbanded, but the



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**Coryell County Judge Roger Miller served in the U.S. Army for more than 23 years before seeking election to his current position.**

Army decided to keep the unit together.

"In February 1990 they had their first field training exercise in over a year. We were scheduled to go to the National Training Center in California in the fall and winter of 1990," he said. "Ironically, that unit was aligned as general support for the 3rd ACR (Armored Cavalry Regiment, now stationed at Fort Hood)."

Miller's unit was sent to Fort Bliss as part of its support role with the 3rd ACR and in August 1990 loaded up tracked vehicles to be shipped to El Paso.

"My unit was the lead unit for the convoy and we got a broken radio transmission -- we were almost out of range -- telling us to turn around and head back," he said.

At the time, Saddam Hussein had sent Iraqi forces into

Kuwait, and President George Bush was organizing an international coalition to oppose that action.

"I was real close to my sister, and I called her," Miller said. "She asked me if I had seen the news and I told her I had not, because we had been on the road all day. She said the 82nd Airborne had been sent to Saudi Arabia and asked if I thought my unit would be sent over there.

"I told her my unit was so ate up that they would never send us. We were just trying to figure out how to do artillery stuff again."

A short time later, Miller learned that his unit would be deployed to the Middle East in support of the 3rd ACR as part of Operation Desert Shield.

"We were the very first support unit to deploy," Miller said. He was stationed in Saudi Arabia, and his unit was to be part of a big sweep into Iraq if Saddam Hussein refused to withdraw Iraqi forces from Kuwait by Jan. 16, 1991.

"The overall battle plan for the coalition forces was to push north and establish a blocking position to stop Iraqi units from sending in reinforcements," he said.

American air power relentlessly hammered the Iraqis, and when Iraq agreed to a ceasefire, the Iraqi units in the field did not receive the message because communications had been devastated.

"Their soldiers didn't know there was a ceasefire, so that's an example of a ceasefire not always truly being a ceasefire," Miller said. "The constant bombing had really devastated their morale. A lot of those serving in the Iraqi military did not have a strong emotional connection to their country."

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## County unveils new districts following 2020 Census results

BY **JEFF OSBORNE**  
Senior Staff Writer

Redistricting will result in a few changes to Coryell County precincts in order to meet federal and state requirements and help to balance area voting rights and representation.

"Why do we redistrict? It's driven by equal protection guarantees of the 5th, 14th and 15th amendments (to the U.S. Constitution)," said Coryell County Judge Roger Miller during a hearing at the Gatesville City Auditorium to provide information about redistricting options.

Miller noted that U.S. Census information is usually available much earlier in the year, but the county did not get results until August.

"We had 60 days to come up with a solution to satisfy the state and federal requirements," Miller said.

County leaders worked with consultant Mike Morrison to formulate a redistricting plan, and he wrote that the "prime directive" of redistricting is to balance the population. Having two few residents in a precinct gives them increased influence, while having too many deletes that influence, he noted.

"While we seek to provide balance, there is no perfect solution," Miller said.

If Coryell County was to divide the four precincts based solely on population, each of them would ideally have 18,922.5 residents. However, county leaders are also required to make sure minority voters' rights are not diluted in the process, and often use physical boundaries such as the Leon River or the Farm to Market Road 116 corridor as guidelines.

Because of those and other factors, each precinct is not drawn to include exactly the same number of people. The maximum deviation allowed is a 10 percent variance between the population with the lowest population and the precinct with the most residents. Because population shifts occurred since the 2010 Census, the county had a 25 percent variance between the least populous and most populous precincts.

Under the changes proposed by the county's redistricting plan, the maximum variance will be 3.96 percent, which is considered to be "ideal," Miller said.

Although the county's prison population of 7,403 is not considered when determining precincts, that population is included in population figures. The county's population as determined by the 2020 Census was 75,690. Of these, 43,041 (56.6%) are White, 9,585 (12.66%) are Black, 14,481 (19.13%) are Hispanic and 8,583 (11.34%) are designated as "other."

Copperas Cove residents are the majority of the county's four precincts. Population breakdowns include:

\* Pct. 1: 70% Copperas Cove, 30% rural residents

\* Pct. 2: 53% Copperas Cove residents, 12% Gatesville residents, 35% rural residents

\* Pct. 3: 37% Gatesville residents, 63% rural residents

\* Pct. 4: 63% Copperas Cove residents,

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**DAVID SCOTT** | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

**Jean Morrison, sister of the late Judge Susan Stephens, stands with Judge John Lee next to the portrait that was recently installed in the courtroom.**

## Former judge honored as local female pioneer

BY **DAVID SCOTT**  
STAFF WRITER

The late Judge Susan Stephens was recently remembered when her portrait was installed in the County Court of Law courtroom where she presided for 18 years until her retirement in 2021. Judge John Lee conducted the ceremony and said that to his knowledge, Judge Stephens was the first female judge in Coryell County.

Stephens, a Gatesville native, graduated as a member of the class of 1965 from Gatesville

High School. From there, following in her father's footsteps, she attended Baylor University where she graduated in 1970. She continued on to complete her Juris Doctor at Baylor in 1973 and began her law practice in Post, Texas.

She later moved to Copperas Cove where she practiced law from 1976 until 1993 before serving as the County Court of Law Judge for Coryell County. She held that title for eighteen years before retiring in 2011.

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# MILLER

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connection to their country. Their ties were to their village, their family and their religion which were much more important to them."

Iraq agreed to withdraw its forces from Kuwait, and the conflict, commonly referred to as Desert Storm, was over a few weeks after it began.

Miller continued his military service, spending a total of 23 years, three months and 19 days in the army before retiring.

His service includes deployments to both Iraq and Afghanistan during the global war on terror that began after the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

After Desert Storm, Miller returned to Fort Sill before being deployed to Alaska in 1992.

"It was a tremendous experience," he said. "Going to Alaska helped set my career up for success." He was taught by a mentor with a strong knowledge of field artillery, which he said was an invaluable experience.

"That set my career on the right path," Miller said. "It was cold the day I got to Alaska and it was cold the day I left, but it was definitely a blessing for me to be sent there. There is a raw beauty there unlike anywhere else. The trade-off is the extreme cold."

After his stint in Alaska, Miller was assigned to Fort Bragg (in North Carolina). The day he arrived a renegade soldier attacked fellow soldiers, but Miller was not in harm's way himself.

"Fort Bragg turned out to be a great opportunity for me," he said. "They listened to my ideas and we had a great environment there. I worked with great soldiers and we worked



COURTESY PHOTO

Roger Miller during his Army days.

really well together."

It was while he was stationed there that Miller first began

jumping out of airplanes, something he said he actually enjoyed, although the landing part of the jump could sometimes be tough.

He was sent to Hawaii for his next assignment in 1998, and although the island was beautiful and had nice weather, he also experienced an ugly incident there.

"When I was in Hawaii I learned the true meaning of racism," Miller said. "Some of the locals ran us off from a beach because we were not Polynesian, and it's a sickening feeling to be discriminated against because of your race."

After 2.5 years in Hawaii, Miller was sent to Fort Polk (in Louisiana). While he was there, the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks occurred while his unit was preparing for a peacekeeping mission in Bosnia.

He and his fellow soldiers gathered around a TV with rabbit ears and watched the news.

"It was very surreal," he said.

After four years at Fort Polk, Miller returned to Fort Bragg. In December 2006, he was reassigned to Fort Hood and deployed to Iraq in 2008 and then to Afghanistan in 2010.

"Those were very unique experiences - I met some great people over there, but I knew when I got back in 2011 it was getting time for me to retire, and Dec. 31, 2012 was my last day of active duty."

The desire to continue public service led him to return to Gatesville and run for county judge.

"Serving in the military was a great experience, and something I'm glad I was able to do," he said. "It was great to be able to serve my country, and now I'm fortunate to be able to serve my county. I feel blessed to have had these opportunities."

# REDISTRICTING

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13 % Gatesville residents, 24 % rural residents.

Redistricting is scheduled to take effect Jan. 1, 2022, but the county was required to have a new plan in place by Nov. 13 because of filing dates for candidates for public office.

Current districts include 21,364 people in Precinct 1, 16,611 in Precinct 2, 19,938 in Precinct 3 and 17,777 in Precinct 4.

Under the new plan, there will be 19,221 in Precinct 1, 18,651 in Precinct 2, 18,534 in Pct. 3 and 19,284 in Pct. 4.

"Historically we get the Census date in February or March and this year we got it at the end of August," Miller said.

"We effectively had 60 days, which is not much time at all when you're talking about having to do something this significant."

# 1st Cavalry Division inaugurates reception company

BY SGT. MIRIAM ESPINOZA

The 1st Cavalry Division inaugurated Pegasus Troop, a reception company, in an effort to integrate and welcome troopers and their Families into the "First Team." On Nov. 3, the reception company held its first patch ceremony to welcome approximately 66 troopers into the division.

"You spent your first week in Pegasus Troop because we put our people first; troopers and families," said Maj. Gen. John Richardson, commanding general, 1CD. "We want to earn your trust by bringing you into the team the right way while also teaching you all the standards."

An average of 500 troopers arrive into the division every month, some are com-

ing from Advanced Individual Training, and this is their first duty station, and for some this is their third of fourth duty station. Regardless of where they and their families are coming from the 1st Cavalry Division's new initiative aims at ensuring every soldier is properly integrated into the unit.

"Our program is designed to make the troopers and their Families feel welcomed, and to take care of any problems that might have not gotten taken care of before," said Sgt. Maj. Kenneth Dyer, operations sergeant major, 1st Cavalry Division.

The reception company will serve as a way to minimize issues that troopers and their families often have during a perma-

nent change of station - problems like finance, housing or childcare.

"The trooper isn't the only person that will be part of the team, their family will also be part of the First Team," said Sgt. 1st Class Brian Brown, non-commissioned officer in charge, Pegasus Troop. "We want to make sure the troopers and their family are well settled in before they arrive to their units."

The troopers will go through an 8-day integration program, during those eight days, the soldiers will complete any administrative actions they need, participate in the Army Combat Fitness Test, a Leaders Reaction Course, and SHARP and EO Training among other online training and events.



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# “A Blissful Farewell for the Vehement of Carver”



Claude Williams

The recent demolishing of the Carver school building has been very disheartening for some residents in the area. For me, just to hear that a part of history, my history as an African American, has been visually erased from public viewing has been quite emotional. However, what I find disturbing, is when I questioned the city about the tearing down of Carver, I was informed that they had absolutely nothing to do with it, which technically, I believe, is not completely true.

Even though they shift the responsibility of Carver being no more to that of the owner, and in all fairness, it was indeed the owner who made the decision to have it torn down. However, given the cir-

cumstance along with placing my feet in the owners' shoes, makes me then wonder what reasonable solution I would make, given 10 days to make repairs in order to preserve the landmark, or pay a hefty fee that would certainly hurt my pockets.

In situations such as this, it is simply nothing more than what has occurred for years; especially with African Americans and other classes of people who live or reside in the low to moderate income area, they are the ones, who are often a targeted because the majority are not always vocally, politically, and certainly not financially equipped to question or challenge the motives of those who are making the demands, especially if they occupy positions of authority.

Yes, I completely understand that the city has code enforcement, but what I don't understand is the action that was taken in regard to a landmark.

With Carver, even though it was not in its best condition, it was still considered a benchmark that represented the history of Blacks that migrated from Lincolnville to this city. I feel that if other people such as the leaders in

the Black community, along with the organization “Taking Pride on Our Side,” and as well other citizens in this Gatesville that knows the significance of the square building, possibly knew that the school was in jeopardy of being destroyed, they would have come forth to see what possibly could have been done to help preserve such a legacy; and for the reason of not knowing, is why I hold the city to some accountability.

Even more so, I am not so uncertain if “undue Influence,” was not at the center of the forefront that ultimately led to the total destruction of what was once the site of George Washington Carver School.

“Undue Influence,” according to Webster, “is when an individual or entity, is able to use an advantage to coerce another party's decision. Often this coercion occurs to the detriment of the weaker party and the gain of the more powerful or influential party.”

I gather my conclusion, based on the fact that where the once historical Black school located on Mills Street, a street that has several vacant lots that once belonged to African Americans,

is now quickly being seized and bought by people who have never lived in the area; but are purchasing the land to build new homes. New homes attract new prospects, the prospects who are willing and able to pay top market prices. Yet, would those new houses be sold so quickly if an infrastructure that was in the “said condition” as Carver, occupied the space next to it?

So, my theory which makes the city accountable, is believing that they administered the code enforcement to get the owner of the property where Carver school was located, to fold. Which falls right into place with what is happening today in the once predominately Black community, gentrification.

Gentrification is considered “the process of repairing and rebuilding homes and businesses in a deteriorating area ... accompanied by an influx of middle-class or affluent people, which often results in the displacement of earlier, usually poorer residents.”

Sadly, across the country, historic and ongoing displacement, exclusion, and segregation continue to prevent people of color from obtaining and retaining their own homes or land and ac-

cessing safe, affordable housing. In research an article written on the website Americas Progress states, “In 1845, the term “manifest destiny” emerged to describe the commonly held belief that White settlement and expansion across North America was inevitable and even divinely ordained. But long before then, this ideology provided the justification for ethnic cleansing and systematic displacement. In many ways, it continues to inform policy-making to this day.

While Native Americans have long been the primary target of government-sponsored land redistribution, other communities of color—especially Black communities—have experienced and continue to experience displacement as well.” (Ruggles, 2019) For Black communities in urban areas, public policies have often been enacted under the guise of creating new public spaces, combating urban blight, or bolstering economic development; and over time, these policies have done nothing more than strip Black communities of the wealth and financial stability found in property ownership and affordable rental housing.

Understanding, but regrettably, I do know how easy and rather convenient it is for us as a society to gavel at the idea to erase or just not discuss the “sensitive” parts of America's history; because it can be considered uncomfortable specifically, the part

that reflect on the topic of slavery, inequality, and racism. Still, even if we tried to erase those painful and shameful parts of our past, what can't be erased are the emotional and mental scars that are consistently being passed down from generation to generation, solely due to the insensitive, unwarranted, uncaring, unfair, or unthoughtful acts permitted by others, who don't always consider the lasting effect that it can have on people of other cultures. We can say we've come a long way, but we can honestly admit that we still have quite a way to go?

Even though there were times that I would walk by the Carver School, and sometimes stop and imagine the walls inside the square shaped building encrypted with laughter, sighs, celebratory moments, and tears from the students who were victimized just for being Black, the reality now, is that we can never get Carver back. Sadly enough, those memories of the 50 students who once attended the place of higher learning now lay in a pile of twisted steel, metal, and shattered blocks of concrete, which I'm sure will someday soon be replaced by a new home that will stand in place of where once stood here, in the city of Gatesville, an African American symbol that commemorated a legacy for people of color.

Claude Williams  
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## Ongoing supply chain issues aren't a farm supply issue

By Jennifer Whitlock  
Texas Farm Bureau

What's happening at the grocery store? Why, months after people stopped COVID-hoarding, are grocery store shelves going unstocked and labeled with “temporarily unavailable” signs?

It's not because farmers and ranchers have quit growing and raising our food. Throughout the pandemic, farmers and ranchers have remained focused on their goal of providing safe, affordable food for their fellow Americans and themselves.

They've faced plenty of challenges, to be sure. From bottlenecks at livestock processing facilities to increasing feed prices to less availability of important crop inputs like fertilizer and herbicides,

farmers and ranchers have been impacted by supply chain issues.

But they're dedicated. Focused. And resourceful. Our bountiful food supply hasn't stopped growing in the fields.

Manpower at processing plants and food manufacturers—or rather, a lack thereof—seems to be the main culprit behind empty grocery store shelves.

Food and beverage companies have seen a dwindling labor supply for years, but the pandemic exacerbated those issues.

Employees that were let go or had their hours reduced at the height of manufacturing shutdowns and slowdowns are not returning, and not enough new people are coming in to take their place.

And without enough people, they're not making enough products to keep up with demand. From the manufactured food items to the packaging those goods go in, manufacturers are feeling the pinch of not having enough help.

The same labor issue echoes throughout the rest of the food supply chain. Truck drivers, food service workers and grocery store employees are in high demand.

We need each link in our food supply chain to be operating optimally in order to keep the steady, affordable food supply we're accustomed to in this nation.

It just may take a little longer to get back up to full speed.

So, remember when you can't find a certain food or household item your family loves, it's not because farmers quit growing the wheat and sugar or dairy farmers stopped milking their herds. It's more likely the manufacturer simply cannot keep up with demand.

Farmers and ranchers shop at the same grocery stores as the rest of us. They're disappointed when their favorite foods are out of stock, too.

Don't hoard. Be reasonable in your purchasing habits, and know that farmers and ranchers have been #stillfarming and #stillranching. And they'll continue to do so.

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## Turkey Teacher

Gatesville Intermediate to host Food for Families Contest

Gatesville Intermediate School is getting ready to participate in the Food for Families Contest, one of the favorite events of the school year. Home-room classes will compete against each other like normal, but this year there is an added piece of fun — Turkey Teacher.

If students would like to see their teacher or an-

other teacher dress like a turkey for the day, they can bring extra cash, coins or checks to school starting on Monday, Nov. 8. Jugs with teachers' faces will be set up on the stage in the cafeteria.

Money will be collected daily after 6th grade lunch ends to be counted and determine the winner. The money will go toward a student's homeroom for the overall total. The contest will end on Nov. 15.

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OFF THE SHELF

# Gather your family and enjoy a good book this month

BY FAYE NICHOLS  
Library Director



Faye Nichols

November is Family Literacy Month at the library, so gather the family and sit down to enjoy a good book!

Studies show that reading aloud from a young age is the most important activity when it comes to preparing children to read on their own and it has been proven time after time that good readers are better learners and more successful in their academic careers and beyond.

Reading helps with vocabulary, writing skills, attention span, memory, and teaches us about other times and places. Even

babies benefit from being read to because they can look at the pictures and listen to your voice as you read to them, which stimulates their cognitive ability.

If you are a family that already reads together, keep up the good work. If not, come by the library

and grab a few books, snuggle up, and let the learning and fun begin. The library has a variety of programs, reading challenges and story times for your family to take part in to reinforce the good habits that you begin at home.

The library offers some helpful services that you may not think about libraries providing. These include free public wi-fi, public access computers, printers for black and white and color copies, a document scanner and fax service. If you need a quiet place to study, there are study carrels and study rooms available as well as proctor service for exams.

For research, we have Ancestry.com that can be used in the library, and access to TexShare databases with full text articles from academic and professional journals. We can also borrow books and other items through interlibrary loan from libraries across the United States if you can't find what you need in our collection. Come by and see what else we can do for you.

**CONTEST**

Thank you to everyone who entered The Storybook Pumpkin Contest! Difficult decisions were made deciding the winners. Thank you to our judges — Starlet Harp, Kelsey Cole and Tyree

Richardson.

The winners were: K-1st 1st place - Dean & Joshua Como for Curious George; 2nd Place - Radlee Nichols for Rainbow Fish; 3rd place - Delilah Stanfield for Steven Universe; 2nd and 3rd - 1st place - Blake Winkler for Bad Wolf; 2nd - Slater Steel for Cat in the Hat; 3rd - Max Powell for Pigeon in the books by Mo Willems.

Our winner in the Adult category was Bethny Comov- for Wilbur from Charlotte's Web. Last but certainly not least in the Most Authentic Overall category the winner was Colt Hukel for Gene Simmons from Nothing to Lose: the Making of Kiss!

All winners received a medal, and their pumpkins were on display at Boozaar!

**COMING EVENTS**

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I exaggerate saying every page, but that's what it felt like to me. I was no longer that black and shiny-haired Lab I was back in the day.

Do you think I should start using that stuff my mom puts on her hair to make it dark and shiny?

Worried,  
Finn

Dear Finn,

Dogs deal with aging in different ways. If having a black muzzle and paws would make you feel better about yourself, go for it. You might check with your vet, however, to see if there is a hair dye specifically made for dogs. And, of course, you will need to get your mom's permission. If she agrees, you might think of dyeing your hair on the same night. It could be one of your special times together.

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MOUND NEWS

# Brooke Natalie Dixon honored on her ninth birthday

BY BARBARA HOPSON

**M**iss Brooke Natalie Dixon was honored on her ninth birthday with a dinner given by her parents and sisters, Jeb, Desiree, Julia and Reese Dixon at the Olive Garden in Georgetown. Others attending were her grandmother, Nancy Dixon, and great-aunt, Barbara Hopson.



Barbara Hopson

Mrs. Pamela Wolff died Monday Oct. 25, 2021. Graveside services were held Saturday at The Wolff Family Cemetery at Leon Junction. Mrs. Wolff will truly be missed in our community.

Mrs. Sondra Rampy of Dallas spent a few days with Martha Lawhorn and family.

Mr. Bobby Carothers recently had knee replacement. He is having physical therapy. Mr. Carothers has been very successful and progressed quickly to full mobility.

Ruby Caroline Pullen and her horse, Stella, won first place in the 2D on Saturday. They ran barrels at the County Line Arena in Wills Point for the "Kicking for a Cause" barrel race. Ruby is the great-niece of Barbara Hopson.

Kathi Taylor and Carla Donaldson visited Sunday afternoon with Debbie Keeton. Kay Branham and Sue Jones went shop-

ping Monday afternoon in Belton.

Emma Blakley, of College Station, spent a few days with her parents, Robert and Carolyn Blakley. While here, Emma and her mother, Carolyn, went shopping Saturday.

Kathi Taylor visited in Gatesville Saturday with her mother, Sue Magee, who is recovering from her surgery. Carla Donaldson (a former resident of Mound) is having Sunday lunch with Kathi Taylor and Sue Magee.

Debbie Piller, Jennifer Miller, Neal, Amanda, Brodie, Slayton, Blayze and Caymbri Fisher attended the Oglesby School Fall Festival Friday evening.

Blayze Fisher played his last fall season soccer game in Austin and won (2-1). Neal, Amanda, Slayton, and Caymbri Fisher, Jennifer Miller and Debbie Piller were there to cheer him on and the rest of Center storm team.

Frank and Susie Hopson have returned home from a business trip to South Carolina.

Several people from Mound attended the Gatesville Intermediate School Sixth Grade Band program in Gatesville Tuesday evening.

Several people of Mound attended the 20th Annual Halloween Boozaar Saturday evening in Gatesville.

Several people from Mound attended the Trunk or Treat in Gatesville Sunday evening at the First United Methodist Church.

Barbara's Notes: It's time to set your clocks back one hour on Sunday, Nov. 7.

Coryell Museum

## Take a peek at our skeletons - they're not Halloween props

BY JAN DWORSKY  
Museum Volunteer

History.com tells us that in 609 A.D. Pope Boniface IV re-dedicated the Pantheon in Rome in honor of all Christian martyrs, and the Catholic feast of All Martyrs Day was established in the Western church. Pope Gregory III later expanded the festival to include all saints as well as all martyrs and moved the observance from May 13 to November 1.

Halloween was first celebrated in Scotland, Ireland, the Isle of Man, Wales, Cornwall, and the western part of France, and are listed as Celtic lands according to Google. Celts historically were pagans, but the effects of Christianity had spread.

By 1000 A.D. churches in these areas named Nov. 2 All Souls Day which honored the dead with big bonfires, parades and dressing up in costumes as saints, angels, and devils and of course, skeletons.

In 2021 A.D. we still celebrate in much the same way. Celebrations have morphed from religious celebrations honoring the dead to more Americanized celebrations hundreds of years later.

The Irish Potato Famine occurred from 1845-1852 and millions of Irish came to America and made a non-religious Halloween more popular. Halloween has become more about community and neighbors giving children candy and treats.

Gatesville certainly does a great job of celebrating Halloween with our own Boozaar. This year it was held on Oct. 30.



Coryell Museum & Historical Center

The dozens of downtown businesses provide a safe trick or treat area for all the children. It is also a place to view all the amazing costumes. Coryell Museum passes out candy at our front door to all ghosts and goblins and of course skeletons.

Several skeletons can be found in the Doctor's Office in the museum. Some of the skulls look amazingly real as they were molded out of plastic from real skeletons.

Medical Plastics Laboratory was founded in 1949 by Dr. Wendell and Elworth Lowrey, Dr. Thomas Williams and Jess Blakely. Many years ago, one of their first salesmen came into the museum and told me about some of his time on the road selling skeletons. He said he was afraid that a policeman would stop him on the road for some minor infraction, look in the trunk and see a skeleton and take him off to jail as a murderer.

Fortunately, that never happened. Michael Barr has written a book about Medical Plastics and their skeletons (which are not in the closet). The title is "The Wizards of OS—The Story of Medical Plastics Laboratory" which is for sale at Coryell Museum. The medical word for bone is "os".

Coryell Museum is open Wednesday thru Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and we welcome everyone seeking a peek at our skeletons. We welcome family, friends, and school groups to tour. Call if you would like to make a reservation. We have a trunk outfitted as a Pioneer Woman had, as well as a live cowboy packing a gun to tell about the cattle drive days. Our phone number is 254-865-5007.



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# OBITUARIES

## CHARLENE AMMERMAN

Mar. 24, 1927 - Oct. 30, 2021



Charlene Ammerman, age 94, went to meet her Lord and Savior, on Saturday, October 30, 2021, in Gatesville.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, November 3, 2021, at Scott's Funeral Home Chapel, with Dr. Lynn Parks officiating. Graveside services and burial, alongside her husband, will take place at a later date at Dallas - Fort Worth National

Cemetery.

Charlene Marie Beachboard Ammerman, was born in Kansas City, KS, to the late Thomas and Katherine Walker Beachboard. She grew up in Argentine, KS, along with three brothers. When she was fourteen years old, she met Jim Ammerman and three years later, they married on February 27, 1945. During sixty-six years of marriage, they traveled together to every state in the United States and every continent in the world, except Antarctica. Charlene dedicated her life to the Lord as a child and lived all her days in service to Him. As a military chaplain's wife, she was a mentor and confidante to countless soldiers, their wives, and families. After Jim retired from the Army after thirty years of service, they co-founded Chaplaincy of Full Gospel Churches, an endorsing agency which sponsors non-denominational chaplains into the military, hospitals, and prison systems. CFGC presently endorses about five hundred chaplains worldwide. When they founded the organization, Charlene's "office" was in a closet in their home. Later, they purchased the three

bedroom home next door, to house the offices. CFGC now occupies a commercial property. Charlene was the first in the family to master the Macintosh personal computer. She was an exceptional homemaker and raised four children: Carol Beth, James Mark, Steven Craig and Crystal Darlene. She was the family matriarch, a steadfast and loving grandmother of nine, great-grandmother of sixteen and great-great grandmother of four (with two on the way). Charlene was an avid reader, switching to audio books when her vision failed. She could name all the books of the Bible in one breath. She was an excellent cook and seamstress and was skilled in tole painting, cake decorating and flower arranging. Lest we limit her to these home-based activities, we must add that she enjoyed parasailing, water skiing, snorkeling and roller skating as well. She rode a camel, more than once and by the time she worked up her courage for bobsledding, she had missed her chance. She could stand on her head longer than any of her children. In 2002, she authored a book about her life called "Black Satin Bloom-

ers." Charlene met with the Pope and with the poor of Central America and shared her warmth and wisdom with them equally. Her husband, Jim Ammerman, Col. USA (Ret.), preceded her in death on March 17, 2011. In 2014, she moved to the Oaks at Coryell in Gatesville, where she spent her remaining years in an apartment that was filled with furniture, paintings and other souvenirs of her and Jim's trips around the world. In her last days, despite increasing frailty, she was content with life, characterized by gentle strength and quiet confidence.

She is survived and leaves to cherish her memory, children, Beth Dunn and husband, Tom, of Fate, TX, Mark Ammerman and wife, Kathy, of Geneva, NY, Steve Ammerman of Liverpool, TX, Crystal Leach and husband, Ed, of Gatesville and their families; brother, Paul Beachboard and wife, Darlene, of Bucyrus, KS; many nieces, nephews, and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made in her name, to Coryell Health Independent Living at the Oaks, 1507 W. Main St., Gatesville, TX 76528.

## WANDA HERRING

Jan. 16, 1928 - Oct. 29, 2021



Wanda Herring, age 93, of the Slater community, passed away on Friday, October 29, 2021, in Gatesville.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, November 3, 2021, at Scott's Funeral Home Chapel, with Pastor Charles McKamie officiating. Private interment followed at Ater Cemetery.

Wanda was born on January 16, 1928, in Flat, to the late Tom and Ollie Botkin Ingram. She went to school at Flat, where she was Valedictorian

of her 8th grade class. She graduated from Gatesville High School in 1945 and attended Durham Business College in Austin. She married John Thomas Herring, Jr. on January 13, 1951. She worked at Ft. Hood as hospital treasurer for Darnall Army Hospital, retiring in 1988. She loved to laugh and have fun with her family and friends. She hosted a musical get-together every Monday night for many years with friends and family, playing instruments and singing. She also loved dancing, playing her fiddle, 84 dominoes and oil painting. She was a member of King Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Herring, Jr., and a daughter, Debra Herring.

Wanda is survived by sons, Mike Herring, John J. Herring and wife, Barbara; daughters, Marcy Pitts and husband, Tim, Pam Herring; one grandchild, Kori Kortis and one great-grandchild, Kutter Kortis.

In lieu of flowers, the family has designated memorials be made to King Baptist Church, 601 CR 135, Gatesville, TX 76528.

## BELINDA IRELAND

Oct. 6, 1960 - Oct. 29, 2021



Belinda Ireland, age 61, of Gatesville, passed away on Friday, October 29, 2021, in Waco.

Memorial services will be held at 12:00 noon on Friday, November 12, 2021, at Scott's

Funeral Home. Private family inurnment will be held at Ater Cemetery.

Belinda was born on October 6, 1960, in Santa Ana, CA, to the late Robert and Lola Hale. She has resided in Gatesville all of her life. She enjoyed spending time with family and great food. Belinda was excited about the twin grandchildren and great-grandchild, due early next year.

Belinda is survived by her fiancé, Michael Holden; children, Heath Bruton, Jared Bruton, Tannon Bruton and wife, Shelly, Heath Holden, Kayla Miller and boyfriend, James Young, Chancy Lay and husband, Daniel; brothers, Robert Hale, Jr., Billy Hale and wife, Cindy; grandchildren, Tucker Bruton and wife, Jayme, Dylan Bruton and wife, Jillian, Randi Bruton, Barrett Lay, Ruby Kate Lay, Layton Miller; and one great-grandchild, Shawna Bruton.

## MYRTICE WHITE BOHNE

Oct. 18, 1934 - Nov. 1, 2021



Myrtice White Bohne, age 87, of McGregor, passed away on the morning of November 1, 2021, at Westview Manor in

McGregor.

A visitation with the family took place on Friday, November 5, 2021, at Scott's Funeral Home Chapel.

Myrtice was born on October 18, 1934, to Dee and Myrtle Dunlap White in the Fort Hood area of Coryell County. The family moved to Gatesville where she attended school through the fourth grade. In 1945, the family moved to McGregor. While in school Myrtice loved to play sports and was a majorette in the band. Myrtice married Wilbur Bohne and together they raised two sons, Dale and Keith Bohne.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Keith; and sisters, Doris Thomas and Lynda Melton.

Myrtice is survived by her son, Dale Bohne; brother, Joe White and wife, Joann; and four grandchildren.

## RAYMOND HAROLD HAMILTON

Dec. 31, 1934 - Oct. 30, 2021

Raymond Harold Hamilton passed into eternity on October 30, 2021, at the good old age of 86.

Raymond was remembered at a memorial service held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, November 2, 2021, at the Meadows. Burial followed at Turnersville Cemetery.

Ray was born December 31, 1934, near the White Hall community in Coryell County. He grew up working with his father on the farm and later at cotton gins throughout the West Texas plains. He moved back to Gatesville and worked at several

iconic Gatesville businesses,

including Sellers Grain and Hale Feed and Seed. He was a member of Eastwood Baptist Church. Raymond loved farming and agriculture, gospel singings and old cowboy Western movies. He received wonderful care in his late years at the Meadows. Everybody loved Raymond!

He was preceded in death by parents, Louis and Lucille Huskerson Hamilton; wife, Roberta Goodwin; and brother, Kenny Hamilton.

He is survived by a sister, Alice Boley and husband, Sherman, of Broken Arrow, OK and brother, Carroll Hamilton of Gatesville.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made in Raymond's name, to RehabLiving at The Meadows, 110 Chicktown Road, Gatesville, TX 76528.

## JIMMY NEAL DYSON

Aug. 29, 1940 - Oct. 4, 2021

Jimmy Neal Dyson, formerly of Gatesville, passed away in Temple on October 4, 2021. Jimmy was born in Waco on August 29, 1940, to Herbert Neal and Edna Frances Estes Dyson. He was preceded in death by his parents and a nephew, James Edward Brown. He is survived by his sister and brother-in-law, Doris and Steve Brown, of Bur-

net; nephew, Jeremy Brown and wife, Amy, of Troy, MI; great-nephew, Stephen Brown and wife, Staci, and family of McKinney; great-nephew, Harold Brown and wife, Ana, of Corpus Christi; and numerous cousins. Jimmy attended school in Plainview, Arnett, and Gatesville. He was a member of the Pidcoke Methodist Church. As his final act of kindness, Jimmy donated his body for medical research. At Jimmy's request, no memorial service was held.



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# Exchange Cub honors 'Students of the Month'

The Gatesville Exchange Club recently named their September and October GHS "Students of the Month." The September students honored included Jaiden Gomez and Jorja Penny, while the October students being recognized were Evan Hanson and Stormy Tatum.

Jaiden Gomez was nominated by chemistry teacher Lisa Truss. She described Gomez as being a very well-mannered and respectful young man who works diligently to complete work in a class that can present challenges. Truss mentioned that with all his time-consuming extra-curricular activities, he's still able to maintain good grades.

Gomez has played in the band, solo and ensemble state, since the ninth grade. He has also played football and basketball since the ninth grade and has received honorable mention and All District Academic in both sports. He has also participated in baseball and track. Gomez has been a member of the National Honor Society since he was a junior and received the Honors Award 2020, Spanish Award 2019, and has his ASE certification for electric/electronic systems for 2019. Following graduation, he plans to attend college and pursue an engineering degree. He is the son of Gelis Tobias.

Jorja Penny was nominated by world geography teacher Michele Fast and by social studies teacher Jeannie Collins. They described Penny as being dedicated to educational excellence throughout her high school career. Fast described Penny as being thoughtful, analytical, resourceful and mentioned that she cares about the words she uses and how she answers questions. Collins said that Penny is a fine example of what an exemplary student should be and that her honesty shines through, without

being insulting.

As a junior and senior, Penny has been on the student council where she has served as the senior class treasurer. She has also been in the GHS Jazz Band in 9th and 10th grade and has been Color Guard captain during her junior and senior years. In addition to being in the National Honor Society for the past two years, Penny has been a part of the Health Science Program. She volunteers a great deal through band and student council by working the concession stand at games and has helped students in Peer Tutoring. She is the daughter of Jackie and Jennifer Penny.

Stormy Tatum was nominated by speech and yearbook teacher Jenny Mabry. She described Tatum as being one of the most straight-forward, honest young ladies in school who exhibits a high amount of integrity. Mabry said that Tatum strives to excel in both the classroom and on the tennis court - where she is a fierce force to be reckoned with. She said that Tatum takes all advanced classes and is in the top 10 of her class.

Tatum has served on the student council and at one time held the office of historian. She has been involved in yearbook where she has served as the editor. She has been on the tennis team since she was a freshman and serves as the team captain. She was on the First Team All-State in tennis and was a state finalist in tennis. Tatum has also been involved with the National Honor Society since she was a junior. Unrelated to school activities, she has contributed 13 hours of volunteer work this year. She is the daughter of Justin and Marla Tatum.

Evan Hanson was nominated by world geography teacher Michele Fast. She described Hanson as a person that leads



**GHS STUDENTS HONORED:** The Exchange Club of Gatesville recently honored four students from Gatesville High School. Those students, pictured left to right, are Jorja Penny, Jaiden Gomez, JoAnn Sugg (Exchange Club member), Stormy Tatum and Evan Hanson.

COURTESY PHOTO

with his heart and leads with kindness and love. She spoke of his dedication to educational excellence throughout his high school career. Fast said that Hanson is an extraordinary young man who will succeed in any environ-

ment he is placed in. Fast said that in the classroom, Hanson strives for his best as he is analytical, resourceful, and has an amazing work ethic.

Fast said that his greatest wish is to go to college on either a football or a track and

field scholarship. Hanson has served on the Student Council as well as participating in band since his freshman year. He has also participated in football being a three-year captain and served as a member of the unity council. His

sports activities have included being a regional discus finalist and being involved in power lifting during his junior and senior years. He is the son of Stephen and Kristi Hanson.

## It's the Annual 'No Shave November' at Gatesville Police Department

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

They are laying down their razors to raise both aware-

ness and donations for the Gatesville Area Food for Families Drive, which will be held Nov. 19.

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.

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hearts and we topped a half-million pounds. There are no words to truly capture that! 507,774 pounds were given! I love living among you! You send me to heights that make me dizzy.

I am competitive, and I love being successful, but I am totally honest when I tell

you that I am thrilled for you when I see you wanting to do better each year, and then having your goal reached. I want you to soar when your high and lofty goal is realized. That has been a rich thrill for me year after year.

Okay, Food For Families will be held Friday, November

19 from 6 a.m. until 8 p.m. at the Gatesville Fire Department. I have said for several years that you just tell the people of Gatesville and the surrounding area when and where and then let 'em go. I am excited in my anticipation of this year being another great year. We need you to

make it happen. We need everyone joining hands with everyone else to make this happen. Let's make it happen. And, I thank you so much for all you have done to help the needy since we opened our doors in 1987, and what you have done in Food For Families since it began in 1990.

## The DISPATCH

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of October 31 to November 3. 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. 31**  
12:52 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2300 block of Business Hwy. 36.  
11:26 a.m., a disturbance was reported in the 100 block of Pecan Drive.  
1:04 p.m., a missing person was reported in the 200 block of N. 8th Street.  
6:23 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 100 block of Surrey Lane.  
7:30 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2100 block of E. Main Street.  
7:37 p.m., a fight was reported in the 200 block of Surrey Lane.

**Nov. 1**  
10:10 a.m., a theft was reported in the 2200 block of E. Main Street.  
10:27 a.m., harassment was reported in the 6100 block of

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FM 36.  
10:34 a.m., a theft was reported in the 200 block of N. 14th Street.  
12:53 p.m., an assault was reported in the 200 block of Surrey Lane.  
1:21 p.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 2500 block of Osage Road.  
1:42 p.m., a theft was reported in the 500 block of E. Main Street.

**Nov. 2**

1:35 a.m., a threat was reported in the 2300 block of Business Hwy. 36.  
7:30 a.m., an accident was reported in the 300 block of Hornet Way.  
1:03 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 300 block of Old Osage Road.  
1:12 p.m., a theft was reported in the 2400 block of Business Hwy. 36.  
4:25 p.m., an accident was reported in the 2800 block of S. State Hwy. 36.  
8:01 p.m., a burglary was reported in the 1400 block of Westview Drive.

**Nov. 3**  
5:24 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 3900 block of E. Hwy. 84.  
11:08 a.m., a threat was reported in the 300 block of Valley View Drive.  
1:43 p.m., animal cruelty was reported in the 1800 block of San Jose Street.  
3:51 p.m., a hit and run was

reported in the 800 block of S. Lovers Lane.  
6:34 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 7300 block of FM 107.  
7:41 p.m., harassment was reported in the 1500 block of W. Main Street.

### CORYELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

**Oct. 31**  
3:31 p.m., animal neglect was reported in the 1000 block of FM 932.  
5:48 p.m., a reckless driver was reported on S. Hwy. 36 at Fort Gates.  
6:55 p.m., a suspicious vehicle was reported in the 3400 block of Oglesby/Neff Park Road.  
7:53 p.m., a propane leak was reported in the 2900 block of Willow Loop.  
8:39 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on FM 217.  
11:41 p.m., a stranded mo-

torist was reported on Hwy. 190 at the county line.

**Nov. 1**  
5:55 a.m., a minor accident was reported on FM 116 south of Airport Road.  
10:05 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 1700 block of Moody-Leon Road.  
12:23 p.m., a reckless driver was reported on FM 116.  
12:44 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 200 block of Fowler Street.  
2:53 p.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 500 block of CR 360.  
3:16 p.m., an explosion was reported in the 2000 block of CR 220.

**Nov. 2**  
7:50 a.m., a missing person was reported in the 2700 block of CR 197.  
9:26 a.m., a major accident was reported on N. Hwy. 36 before FM 1602.  
12:50 p.m., an abandoned

vehicle was reported in the 7100 block of FM 183.  
1:31 p.m., a hit and run was reported on CR 318 at FM 107.  
4:52 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on S. Hwy. 36 at FM 184.  
6:13 p.m., a civil matter was reported in the 2400 block of N. FM 116.

**Nov. 3**  
5:29 a.m., a prowler was reported in the 3900 block of E. Hwy. 84.  
7:26 a.m., a major accident was reported on S. Hwy. 36 before the county line.  
9:11 a.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 1200 block of Duncan Road.  
11:23 a.m., a scam was reported in the 3400 block of CR 318.  
6:00 p.m., harassment was reported on CR 360.  
6:37 p.m., a suspicious vehicle was reported in the 7300 block of FM 107.

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**BETHEL HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH:** Hemmeline Cemetery Rd.; Sunday services - Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m.

**BETHLEHEM PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH:** Elder, Hugh Montgomery, pastor; Peabody community 5 miles south of Pearl on FM 1690; Sunday services - Morning worship 4th Sunday each month at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

**CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH:** Steven L. Bogan, pastor; Hwy. 84 and FM 116; Sunday services - Bible study 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m., evening worship 6:30 p.m.

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

**EASTWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH:** Lynn Parks, pastor; 2518 East Main; Sunday services - Sunday School 9:45 a.m., morning worship 10:50 a.m.; Wednesday evening services, 6 p.m.

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

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF FLAT:** Sunday School 9 a.m.; Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.; Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study 7 p.m.; Wednesday Youth Group & Kid Knights 7 p.m.; Wednesday Supper first Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m.; Men's Breakfast second Saturday of each month at 7:30 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**KING BAPTIST CHURCH:** Charles W. McKamie, pastor; Sunday services - Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m., evening worship 6 p.m.

**LIBERTY BAPTIST CHURCH:** Royse T. Cockrell, DMin., Pastor; Corner of FM 107 & HWY 36 in Gatesville; Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Morning Service 11:00 a.m., Second Service 1:00 p.m., Family Bible Study Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.

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

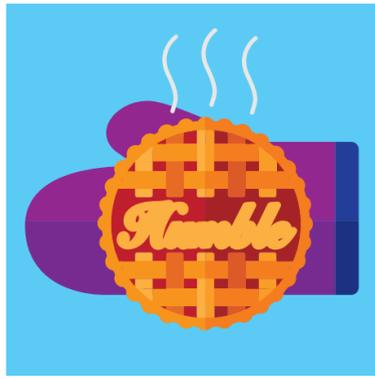
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**OSAGE BAPTIST CHURCH:** Chris Thomas, pastor; Sunday services - Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m.

## On Having a Humble Opinion of Oneself

*"Better to be lowly in spirit along with the oppressed than to share plunder with the proud." Proverbs 16:19 NIV*

Our egos are fragile things. How easy it is to have our egos bruised simply by someone pointing out some flaw that we have. Unfortunately, most of us have plenty of flaws, and if our friends and family members, not to mention our coaches, teachers and coworkers are honest with us, they will sometimes point them out. Instead of getting upset about this, we should really thank them and consider how we might work on these flaws. The truth is, most of our friends and family members don't know the half of it when it comes to our flaws. Besides the obvious ones, most of us also have hidden flaws that run deep. And even our positive attributes often stem from some character flaw. I may consider myself a simple man with simple tastes and say that I am



frugal when in fact I'm really just a cheapskate. We often make a virtue out of necessity, and all of this is just to say that we ought to have a very humble opinion of ourselves. Thinking that others are better than ourselves, even when they are not, is a good way to avoid having your ego bruised.

-Christopher Simon

**PEARL BAPTIST CHURCH:** Sunday services - Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m.

**PECAN GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH:** Sunday services - Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m.

**PIDCOKE BAPTIST CHURCH:** Donald McConnaughay, pastor; 11125 FM 116, Gatesville; Sunday services - Sunday School 10 a.m., worship service 11 a.m. www.pidcokebaptist.com

**PLEASANT VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH:** Chris Post, Pastor; CR 301, Jonesboro, TX; Sunday school at 10 a.m. and Sunday worship at 11 a.m.

**PRIMERO IGLESIA EMANUEL:** One mile north of Evant on Hwy. 281; Sunday services - Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m.

**PURMELA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH:** Sunday services - Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m.

**SWEET HOME BAPTIST CHURCH:** 511 North 14th; Sunday services - Sunday morning worship 10 a.m., church school 5 p.m., evening worship 6 p.m.

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

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

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

**WESTVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH:** Hwy. 84 West; Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m.

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

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**CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**CEDAR RIDGE CHURCH OF CHRIST:** Deral McWhorter, minister; Osage Road and Cedar Ridge Drive; Sunday services - Morning worship 10 a.m., evening worship 6 p.m.

**EVANT CHURCH OF CHRIST:** Will Vann, Preacher; Sunday services-Bible Study 9:30 a.m., morning worship 10:20 a.m., evening worship 12:30 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

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

**GATESVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST:** Justin Hall, minister; 2417 E Main; Sunday Bible class 9:30 a.m., morning service 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday Bible classes 6:30 p.m.

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servicios en Español, 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m., Solamente en domingos.

**MIDWAY CHURCH OF CHRIST:** 1955 CR 3640, Copperas Cove, TX 76522; Sunday 9:30 a.m. Bible Study, 10:30 a.m. Worship; Wednesdays 5:30 p.m. Bible Study; Royce 512-734-5390 or Steve 254-865-3559.

**PEARL CHURCH OF CHRIST:** Sunday services - morning worship 10:30 a.m.

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**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH:** David Reedy, International Interim Pastor; 922 Lutheran Church Rd. in Copperas Cove; Sunday morning Bible Study at 9:15 a.m.; Sunday morning worship at 10:30 a.m.

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

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH:** Rev. John Heckmann, pastor; Hwy. 36 and FM 1114 in The Grove; Sunday services - Sunday School 9 a.m., worship 10:15 a.m.

**METHODIST**  
**BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Sunday services - 11 am. 2nd & 4th Sundays. 2 miles north of Ireland on FM 932

**EVANT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Judith Sellers, Pastor; Sunday services - Sunday School 9 a.m., morning worship 10 a.m.

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF GATESVILLE:** 2600 E. Main St.; Stephen Schmidt, pastor; Sunday worship - 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. WEDNESDAY WORD: Meal at 5:30 p.m. \$3; youth, Children and Adult Bible Studies at 6:00 p.m. AA meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6:30 p.m. Visit us at fumcgatesville.org for more information.

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**NON-DENOMINATIONAL**  
**CHRISTIAN LIFE CHURCH:** Frank Rosenstern, pastor; Hwy. 84 West; Sunday services, 10:30 a.m.; Thursday services, 7:00 p.m.

**CORYELL COMMUNITY CHURCH:** Daniel Crowther, Pastor; 115 N. Levita Rd., Gatesville, 248-0849. Sunday Worship services 9am & 10:30 a.m. Wednesday services 6pm; Adult Bible Study, Children's Ministry and C3 Student Ministry.

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**MOTHER NEFF FAITH TABERNACLE:** William Bertelsen, Pastor; 1415 Texas Hwy. 236; Sunday services - 10:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study at 7:00 p.m.

**PEARL COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP:** 6735 FM 183 in Pearl. Sunday Services- 9:00 a.m.

**THE HOUSE THAT GOD BUILT:** Bill Trotter, pastor; 3412 E. Main St.; Sunday service 11 a.m., Wednesday service 7 p.m.

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**MOUNT CALVARY CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST:** Rev. Lee O. Ford, pastor; 128 North 12th Street; Sunday services - Sunday School 9:45 a.m., worship 11 a.m., weekly services, Wed. Bible Study 6:30p.m.-7:30 p.m., Wed. night service, 7:30p.m.

**PRESBYTERIAN**  
**THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH:** Rev. Dr. Buddy Wheat, pastor; 1110 E. Main, Gatesville; Sunday services - Sunday School 9:45 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m.

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Coryell County Sheriff's Office is currently accepting applications for communications officers/dispatchers and jailers. High school diploma required. Must pass background check. Pick up and return application at the Coryell County Sheriff's Office.

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**GARAGE SALE**

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Moving Sale, Must Liquidate: 103 Cedar Lane West (5 miles East, off Hwy. 84), Sat., Nov. 6, 8am-6pm. 00028890

Yard Sale — Downsizing! 11121 E. US Hwy. 84, Sat., Nov. 6, 8am-? 00028892

Living Estate Sale of Nellie Sheldon, Fri. & Sat., Nov. 5th & 6th, 7:30-3pm. Sale will be at the Hardbargin Market Building, 250 FM 116 in Gatesville. Nice furniture, bedroom sets, dining sets, couch, chairs, and more. Lots of household items. 00028893

This is our BIGGEST garage sale we've ever had—SALVAGE SISTA'S—THE one you've been waiting for! Saturday, November 6th beginning at 6AM. Rain or Shine! CHEAP and Most all items under \$20! If you've been to our sales...you KNOW they're legendary and you don't want to miss it. If raining, stay off grass! Home/kitchen/bath decor, furniture, yard items, vintage, clothes, shoes. **TOO MUCH TO LIST!** 228 Reno Road, GPS correct—follow signs! 00028894

Evant, TX: Yard Sale — Sat., Nov. 6, 8am-1pm, 249 N. Bell St. (Behind the Methodist Church). **NO EARLY BIRDS!** Clothes, knick knacks, Christmas, etc. Little bit of everything! 00028908

Moving Sale: 10am-4pm, Sat., Nov. 6, 115 N. 10th St. 00028909

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► 9.24 acres in just south of Pearl, TX in Coryell County in Cross Timber Subdivision. The property has had the cedar removed & is ready to build on, scattered tree cover, nice views & paved county road. \$101,640.  
► 10.01 acres east of Evant, Stone Creek Ranch Subdivision, great tree cover, good elevation to build a home overlooking Langford Branch. The property also has a second branch that runs along the east side of the property with rock bluffs along the branch. Electricity is at the property; you would need to drill a water well for water. \$199,900  
► 10.01 acres, Lot 21 Phase 6 Rio Escondido, corner lot, rolling terrain, scattered tree cover, great views to the south. Fiber Optic Internet service is available. \$128,000  
► 10.01 acres, Lot 28 Phase 4 Rio Escondido, north of Evant, Tx, good tree cover, great views, electric pole set on the property & an area has been cleared that would be an ideal location for a home. Fiber Optic Internet available, \$150,000  
► 14.89 acres east of Evant, TX, located on CR 160. Good tree cover & rolling terrain. Known as Lots 66 & 67 in the Indian Creek Ranch Subdivision, \$150,000  
► 22 acres north of Purlmela, TX, CR 102 & FM 932, has good tree cover, rolling terrain, electricity at the road, & water meter is available, good views to the southwest, Jonesboro ISD. \$253,000  
► 23 acres north of Purlmela, TX, CR 102, good tree cover, rolling terrain, electricity at the road & a water meter is available, Jonesboro ISD \$264,500  
► 24.85 +/- acres south of Evant, TX in Lampasas County. barn, 1 stock pond & scattered tree cover with good views. \$310,625  
► 26 acres south of Pearl, TX in Coryell County on Blakely Rd. rolling terrain, good tree cover. South Bee House creek runs through the property, great views. \$250,000  
► 37.28 acres east of Evant, Tx in Indian Creek Subdivision, Indian Creek runs through the property, 60 ft. of change in elevation, good tree cover, \$466,000  
► 43 acres 3 Br 2 Ba brick home, detached garage, barn-workshop & 1 water well, open floor plan, granite counter tops, vaulted ceilings, 8 ft. front porch across the front & back of the house, wood burning stove, well-maintained yard & a rain harvest system at the barn, rolling terrain with scattered tree cover. \$625,000  
► 74.7 acres west of Purlmela, FM 1241, barn, cattle pens, good fences, nice view, centrally located. \$511,695.  
► 105 acres south of Pearl, TX on Self Rd. good tree cover, rolling terrain, small branch that run through the property, barn that is approx. 38 ft. x 42 ft. in size with a rain harvest system that collects rain water from the roof of the barn. Electricity is along the property line in the northwest corner of the property \$743,775  
► 115.59 acres north of Purlmela, TX, Coryell County. Rolling terrain, good tree cover, great views. 1 tank, small seasonal creek along the north boundary, 20 ft. storage contain. \$795,000  
► 166.94 acres east of Hamilton, TX. The ranch is secluded with a nice 2 Br 1 Ba frame home with a windmill water well, small equipment barn, grain bin & 2 stock tanks. The property has rolling terrain with scattered tree cover. \$749,000  
► 179.562 acres 1.6 miles south of Gatesville, TX FM 116 frontage, great views, stock tank, rolling terrain & scattered tree cover. Multi-County Water & City of Gatesville have water line running down the front of the property on FM 116. \$1,230,000

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**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**NOTICE OF BID FOR ERECTION OF METAL PRIVACY FENCE**

**The Board of Trustees of the Jonesboro Independent School District ("JISD") hereby serves notice that it will accept sealed bids FOR ERECTION OF A METAL PRIVACY FENCE with the following specifications:**  
1000 Linear Feet  
6 Feet Tall  
Green R Panel  
2 3/8" pipe Every 10 Feet - Driven or Set 3 Feet in the ground  
Kicker Every 100 Feet  
Three 4 Inch Pearlings - Spaced Accordingly  
J Trim on Top and Bottom  
**Structure to be completed by and in use by January 1, 2022. Bids will be opened on November 18, 2021 at 7:00 PM in Board Meeting**

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 [mattdossey@jonesboroisd.net](mailto:mattdossey@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: Jonesboro Independent School District

Attn: Mr. Matt Dossey  
Superintendent of Schools  
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Mailing: 14909 E. State Hwy. 36  
Jonesboro, Texas 76538-0125  
Phone: 254-463-2111  
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**REAL ESTATE**

# Exceptional white-tailed deer season expected

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) biologists say hunters can expect an exceptional 2021-22 white-tailed deer season. The statewide white-tailed deer population is estimated to be around 5.4 million deer and while it is down slightly from previous years, fawn recruitment (fawn survival rates) predictions indicate an overall robust population increase headed into the season.

Most often deer hunting forecasts and expectations are driven by habitat conditions the white-tailed deer herd are experiencing in the eight to ten months prior to the season's start. Even though dry conditions existed throughout much of the state at the end of 2020, coupled with the early 2021 winter storm, the late spring rains provided needed relief and accelerated forb (weeds and flowering plants) and grass production have helped to bolster deer body conditions ahead of the fall and winter.

This season, biologists expect the highest hunter densities will lie in the Cross Timbers, Edwards Plateau and the Pineywoods ecoregions, with an estimated eight to nine hunters per 1,000 acres. Although more deer may be on the landscape this fall, harvesting one may be challenging with a good acorn crop expected and good native forages likely available into November. Harvest rates vary dramatically depending on region, along with the quality and quantity of native habitat available to attract and hold white-tailed deer.

The Edwards Plateau has the highest deer population in the state with an estimate of more than two million deer. Hunter success in this region runs about 79 percent with an estimated 12.7 deer harvested per 1,000 acres. Within the Hill Country, hunters should expect to see more bucks in the mature age class (5.5 years or older) relative to other age classes due to good fawn production in 2013-2016. Hunters looking for older age class bucks should focus on the area between Hondo to Del Rio and north of Highway 90.

The South Texas Plains are known for mature bucks and above average antler quality relative to many other areas of the state. Hunter success was estimated to be 79 percent with an estimated

harvest of 7.9 deer per 1,000 acres in 2020. Hunters are likely to see a repeat of this in 2021-22 season.

Estimated deer densities in the Post Oak Savannah ecoregion range from 32 to 89 deer per 1,000 acres. Areas along the Interstate 10 corridor from San Antonio to Houston have population estimates of 89 deer per 1,000 acres. Deer densities gradually decrease moving north with lowest deer densities in the area north of Interstate 20 and east of Dallas. Age and antler surveys indicate 66 percent of the buck harvest was represented by bucks 3.5 years old or older in 2020. Hunters should expect this trend to continue in 2021.

Survey data from 2020 estimated the Pineywoods deer population at more than 280,000, which is higher than the previous three years. Though the area has been plagued by relatively low fawn production, in the last five years population growth has remained stable. Fawn production is expected to be above average going into the 2021-22 season, potentially bolstering the overall population. Buck harvest trends indicate 53.3 percent of the previous year's harvest were bucks 3.5-years-old or older, a byproduct of the antler restriction regulation in this region. Hunters should expect the same trend for 2021. Habitat management is critical in the Pineywoods and TPWD biologists continue to work with numerous landowners and timber companies to restore and maintain good deer habitat in the region.

The Cross Timbers region in north Texas has the second highest deer population in the state with more than 800,000 deer. Fawn recruitment in 2021 is expected to be around 60 percent based on exceptional habitat conditions and early reports of fawns being observed in July. However, above average fawn crops in 2016 and 2017 suggest the region may have more bucks in the 4.5 to 5.5-year-old age groups relative to younger age classes.

The Eastern and Western Rolling Plains regions generally have lower deer populations compared to other ecoregions. Trends indicate population increases in 2021, however. Harvest success is slightly higher in the Eastern Rolling Plains with a 69 percent success rate in 2020 and 65 percent in the Western



COURTESY PHOTO

**A BANNER YEAR: TPWD biologists forecast a 'robust' white-tailed deer season.**

Rolling Plains.

Statewide, antler quality is predicted to be well above average. Native forages, vital to providing the quality nutrition needed to produce large antlers, were plentiful during the critical antler growing months of April and May. These conditions were perpetuated into early August from additional early summer rains and should help bucks maximize antlers as they finish out the growing season.

The general season runs from Nov. 6 through Jan. 2, 2022 in the North Zone and Jan. 16, 2022 in the South Zone. A special youth-only gun deer season is set for Oct. 30-31 and Jan. 3-16, 2022.

For additional late season deer hunting opportunities, county specific regulations and information on how to properly tag and report a harvest, consult the 2021-22 Outdoor Annual, which was made possible in part by support from Chevy Silverado.

Hunters taking advantage of Texas Public Hunting Lands must also have the Annual Public Hunt-

ing Permit. It's also important for public land hunters to consult the Public Hunting Lands Map Booklet to review regulations that may apply to specific areas. The My Texas Hunt Harvest app can be used to complete on-site registration electronically at a public hunting area.

The discovery of new cases of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) has prompted TPWD to establish new containment and surveillance zones to mitigate the potential spread of CWD. TPWD recommends hunters review information about testing requirements and carcass movement restrictions in the CWD zones for the 2021-22 season before heading out to the field.

CWD is a slow, progressive and fatal neurological disease found in certain cervids, including deer, elk, moose and other members of the deer family. Due to long incubation periods, affected cervids do not show visible signs of illness until years after they are infected.

CWD was first discovered in Texas in 2012 in free-ranging mule

deer along a remote area of the Hueco Mountains near the Texas-New Mexico border. Since then, it has been detected in 261 captive or free ranging cervids in 14 counties, including white-tailed deer, mule deer, red deer and elk. To date, 168 of those of those positives are from captive breeding facilities or associated release sites and 68 are from free-ranging populations.

Landowners and hunters play a critical role in managing CWD. The most effective way for them to help slow the spread of CWD is to report sick deer to a TPWD biologist, properly dispose of inedible carcass parts, and to voluntarily test their harvests by taking them to a local check station or contacting a TPWD biologist in their area.

By adhering to CWD regulations and recommendations, hunters, landowners, and communities are helping to ensure that native deer populations remain healthy and plentiful for years to come, allowing for the conservation of the species and preservation of Texas' hunting heritage and traditions.

## Texas Parks & Wildlife Fishing Report

**Belton**  
GOOD. Water lightly stained; 72 degrees; 1.39 feet low. White bass fishing is fantastic. Fish are chasing shad around the lake, looking to the gulls to point out the direction. Success will come with frequent location changes to follow fish. MAL Heavy Lures with silver blades and white tails fished vertically in 20-40 feet of water.

**Stillhouse**  
GOOD. Water lightly stained; 68 degrees; 0.94 feet low. The Fall patterns continue. White bass are schooling in 45-53 feet of water. When the bite is aggressive, drop MAL Heavy Lures with silver blades and whitetails to fish vertically, and when the bite is holding to the bottom, allow the MAL Heavy Lure with a white blade and chartreuse tail to fish horizontally. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs in brush piles and

timber. Blue catfish are good with fresh-cut bait and live bait.

**Whitney**  
GOOD. Water lightly stained; 72 degrees; 1.98 feet low. Whitney striped bass limits continue to be consistent on live bait and down-rigging pony head jigs with white/chartreuse worm trailers. Look for fish Midlake around McCown.

**Waco**  
GOOD. Water lightly stained; 73 degrees; 1.77 feet low. Largemouth bass are good on topwaters and plastic frogs early in the day, Carolina rigged plastic worms, shad like crankbaits, and football jigs working the timber, creek ledges, and rocky shorelines. Look for schools white bass in the main lake using crankbaits. Crappie are fair on minnows working bridge pilings and brush piles. Sunfish are good on cut earthworms, crickets, and

dough bait working structures such as fallen timber, rock piles, and weeds. Channel and blue catfish are good on chicken liver, punch, and cut bait.

**Brownwood**  
GOOD. Water lightly stained; 65 degrees; 0.77 feet low. The water is beginning

## STEPHENS

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"She handled her courtroom in a professional manner, but if you had the opportunity to know her on a personal level, she was just a special person and she really cared about the community," said District Judge Trent Farrell.

Coryell County District Attorney, Dusty Boyd, not only described her as being very professional, but said that she had a person-

al touch with anyone that came into her courtroom. "One thing I take away from her is the commitment to the community. "Every decision she made, that was her compass. Her compass was the community - doing what was right and she never was swayed by any other thing than by her inner compass in connection with the community," said Boyd.

She has been remembered for her love of all things Baylor, her dry, wit-

ty sense of humor, love of family and friends, and of course, the Law. "I know that she was proud to serve the citizens of Coryell County and she took that very seriously," said her sister, Jean Morrison.

At the end of the program, Judge Lee commented that when he first took the bench, Judge Stephens gave him some words of wisdom to remember - "it's not about you, not about me, it's about the people."

**Proctor**  
GOOD. Water clear; 67 degrees; 1.14 feet low. White bass and hybrid stripers are slow on slabs. Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair at Copperas Creek and the dam. Catfish are slow drifting.

### CORRECTION:

In a photo caption for a Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting appearing in the Oct. 16 edition, a portion of Gatesville Therapeutic Massage & Spa's name was inadvertently omitted. Also, some of the services listed are not available. For a list of those services, visit the business' Facebook page.

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## Oglesby School Honor Roll

The Oglesby Independent School District recently released the A and the A/B honor rolls for the first nine weeks of school. Students receiving mention include:

**A HONOR ROLL**  
1st grade  
McKynzlynn Brand, Maddie Champman, Ariel Crell, Kinzlee Gray, Braxton Herry  
2nd grade  
Bentley Goff  
3rd grade  
Brook Hamilton, Joe Hamilton  
4th grade  
Abigail Insall, Hunter Insall  
5th grade  
Scarlet Aaron, Gracie Russell  
6th grade  
Holdyn Goff  
7th grade  
Caitlyn Battreal, Sydney Felan, Presley Robinson  
8th grade  
Andrea Licea, Madison Russell, Taetyon Sanders  
9th grade  
Victoria Cardenas, Drake

LeBlanc  
10th grade  
Matti Dixon  
11th grade  
Aiden Gomez, Lacie Luckie, Hailey Meyers  
12th grade  
Matthew Castillo, Kelly DeLaTorre, Adrian Herrings, Nataly Salas, Blake Thompson  
**A/B HONOR ROLL**  
1st grade  
Peyton Coleman, Seattle Donaldson, Caymbri Fisher, Maverick Hughes, Kynnidee Martin, Briley Martinez, Thomas Riley, Kimberly Uribe  
2nd grade  
Calvin Cooper, Abram Gomez, Alexandria Thompson, Judd Wulkuhle  
3rd grade  
Slayton Fisher, Bradley Garrett, A.J. Martin, Barrett Miller, Rainie Owens, McKayla Regan, Peyton Schu, Gracie Thompson, Fernando Uribe  
4th grade  
Liam Ammerman, Perla

Coca, Adelyn Gomez, Brody Martinez, Victoria Mejia, Keelyn Riley  
5th grade  
Brynley Puryear, Paisley Sanders, Anthony Silva-Ramirez  
6th grade  
Jayce Aaron, Blayze Fisher, Couper Wulkuhle  
7th grade  
Kayson Campbell, Alisa Contreras, Jaxon Markum, Autumn Meyers, Kelsey Ritchie, Abram Sawh, Allisson Uribe, Zarah Wischart  
8th grade  
David Mejia, Gracie Reed, Jordan Smith, Kaylee Stanford  
9th grade  
Hunter Ewing, Kyler Fosssett, Grace Sherrill  
10th grade  
Addie Hamilton, Charollette Ritchie  
11th grade  
Alyssa Castillo  
12th grade  
Lizette Castillo, Kaylee Garcia, Ronaldo Gonzales, Summer Newman

## Future looks bright for Hornets' football

BY MARK GOODSON  
STAFF WRITER

Excitement for Gatesville's overall football program burst out Tuesday night with a celebration at McKamie Stadium with teams from youth programs and the subvarsity squads joining the Hornet varsity for a special night.

The evening was a fun night to let the youth of Gatesville meet the Hornets players and coaches. It attracted a big crowd.

The night began with a scrimmage between Draper's Dragons and Campbell's Soup, two junior high squads made up of players off the C-team roster.

Larry Schwertner made a big impression with several tackles and a long touchdown run for the Campbell's Soup team in the rapidly paced scrimmage game. Soup won, 20-0. Josh Tijerina had a crowd-pleasing return for a defensive touchdown.

The Campbell's Soup team had several players, acting like Dallas Cowboy Zeke Elliott on the sideline with their "feed me" antics.

It turned out to be a night to remember for the kids.

Running through the football helmet onto the field got a lot of energy flowing.

The varsity players' autograph session was popular, too.

"I thought it went well," Gatesville Junior High School coordinator Graig Keeton said. "The scrimmage against the Dragons and the Soup was quite intense and the kids had fun with it. It was good to see our community show up and support the future Hornets."



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**GRIDIRON CELEBRATION:** Charlie Winkler greets youth football players during a celebration of Gatesville football programs on Tuesday. Youth programs, subvarsity teams and the Hornet varsity squad all participated in the event.

## Gatesville spikers close season with strong effort

BY MARK GOODSON  
STAFF WRITER

Gatesville gave Graham a battle Tuesday night in the Hornets' Class 4A volleyball playoffs.

The Hornets lost to the Graham girls, 23-25, 25-20, 19-25, 24-26, in the bi-district matchup at Joshua High School.

"We came out with a lot of fire and played our hearts out until the game was over," Gatesville coach Janey Weber said. "I am so proud of what these girls have accomplished this season. I couldn't ask for harder working athletes. They push themselves every day in our workouts and showed a lot of determination and grit."

The Hornets end their season 29-10 overall.

Gatesville was the No. 3 seed from District 6-4A.

Members of the Hornet team are Tasha Thoms, Avery Mullins, Kalli Robinette, Marlee Williams, Evonna Pritrucha, Lola Barron, Charlee Barron, Kaleigh Haywood, Khloe Mathews, Rachel Garrett, Barrett Boyd, Wendi Perez, Emily Turner, Tamiah Miller and Ally Penrod.

GHS has earned a spot in the playoffs 19 straight years.



Members of the GHS team are (kneeling, from left) Tasha Thoms, Avery Mullins, Kalli Robinette, Marlee Williams, Evonna Pritrucha. (back row, from left) Lola Barron, Charlee Barron, Kaleigh Haywood, Khloe Mathews, Rachel Garrett, Barrett Boyd, Wendi Perez, Emily Turner, Tamiah Miller and Ally Penrod.

## Gatesville runners ready for state

Penrod seeking to give best effort in annual Class 4A showdown

BY MARK GOODSON  
STAFF WRITER

The Class 4A cross country runners for Saturday's state meet will not be allowed to walk the course before hand because of the recent rains.

For the four Gatesville runners (two each in girls and boys races), they are carrying a lot of momentum into the big meet.

"I just want to run my best and not worry about where I finish," said Bethany Penrod, a sophomore who will be making her first race on the state course at Old Settlers Park in Round Rock.

Penrod turned in one of the best efforts at the Mae Simmons course in Lubbock last week. Penrod was 20th overall and ran a 12:59.5 time.

Her best time this sea-



Gatesville High School is sending four athletes to the state cross country meet Saturday, Nov. 6 at Old Settlers Park in Round Rock. Competing in the girls Class 4A race starting at 10 a.m. will be Vania Martinez and Bethany Penrod. Carlo Martinez and Luis Macias will run at 10:30 a.m. in the boys state competition.

son is 12:46 in the two-mile event at Gatesville.

"That (Lubbock) was my redemption race," Penrod said. "I ran my worst race ever there last year. I had to do better."

Penrod, a multi-sport athlete, said she credits the workouts that have

led the Hornets to success.

"Coach (Elliott) Kelley worked us on distance earlier in the season, but here at the end we've stressed sprinting," Penrod said. It's helped all of us improve."

Finishing fast and ahead of the pack all

season has been freshman Vania Martinez in the girls.

Carlo Martinez and Luis Macias are the Hornets' qualifiers this season.

Results from the meet will appear in an upcoming issue.

## Hornets to add athletes to boys basketball mix

BY MARK GOODSON  
STAFF WRITER

Brit Campbell wants to add some gold basketballs to the trophy case this year.

The third-year Gatesville boys head basketball coach expects good things from the Hornets on the hard-court this season with a good mix of height and athleticism.

The Hornets have opened drills and hold their first scrimmage Thursday, Nov. 11 at Clifton.

The season opener is set for a 1:30 p.m. tip Saturday, Nov. 13 against Lorena at Gatesville.

"We're starting on Saturday because we anticipated the football team being in the playoffs and we want to be able to support them," Campbell said.

The Hornets' top senior is Logan Edwards, a two-year varsity veteran. Edwards is one of a number of athletes who will hit the court straight from football.

"He's been up and down the court," Campbell said. "He's somebody we can rely on that has some experience."

The players have worked hard in the spring and summer to improve their skills.

"We're excited about this season," Campbell said. "We've got a picture of one of those gold balls in the locker room."

"We are excited about earning one for the playoffs and a district championship."

Jack Carroll is a returning shooting guard while Carter Williams gives the Hornets some depth.

Campbell is excited about freshman Rayshon Smith and move-in Tyler Shea from Las Vegas.

"Rayshon is athletic and has really good skills," said Campbell.

Shea gives the team a solid post player.

Campbell said the Hornets expect a dogfight every night in District 6-4A facing Stephenville, Glen Rose, Brownwood and Lampasas.

"We've got a schedule that is going to challenge us," he said.

"Last year, we got hit by COVID pretty hard right before district. This year, we are hoping to return to some normalcy. We have tournaments again and we haven't had to wear masks... We're looking for a good year."

# Exceptional white-tailed deer season expected

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) biologists say hunters can expect an exceptional 2021-22 white-tailed deer season. The statewide white-tailed deer population is estimated to be around 5.4 million deer and while it is down slightly from previous years, fawn recruitment (fawn survival rates) predictions indicate an overall robust population increase headed into the season.

Most often deer hunting forecasts and expectations are driven by habitat conditions the white-tailed deer herd are experiencing in the eight to ten months prior to the season's start. Even though dry conditions existed throughout much of the state at the end of 2020, coupled with the early 2021 winter storm, the late spring rains provided needed relief and accelerated forb (weeds and flowering plants) and grass production have helped to bolster deer body conditions ahead of the fall and winter.

This season, biologists expect the highest hunter densities will lie in the Cross Timbers, Edwards Plateau and the Pineywoods ecoregions, with an estimated eight to nine hunters per 1,000 acres. Although more deer may be on the landscape this fall, harvesting one may be challenging with a good acorn crop expected and good native forages likely available into November. Harvest rates vary dramatically depending on region, along with the quality and quantity of native habitat available to attract and hold white-tailed deer.

The Edward's Plateau has the highest deer population in the state with an estimate of more than two million deer. Hunter success in this region runs about 79 percent with an estimated 12.7 deer harvested per 1,000 acres. Within the Hill Country, hunters should expect to see more bucks in the mature age class (5.5 years or older) relative to other age classes due to good fawn production in 2013-2016. Hunters looking for older age class bucks should focus on the area between Hondo to Del Rio and north of Highway 90.

The South Texas Plains are known for mature bucks and above average antler quality relative to many other areas of the state. Hunter success was estimated to be 79 percent with an estimated

harvest of 7.9 deer per 1,000 acres in 2020. Hunters are likely to see a repeat of this in 2021-22 season.

Estimated deer densities in the Post Oak Savannah ecoregion range from 32 to 89 deer per 1,000 acres. Areas along the Interstate 10 corridor from San Antonio to Houston have population estimates of 89 deer per 1,000 acres. Deer densities gradually decrease moving north with lowest deer densities in the area north of Interstate 20 and east of Dallas. Age and antler surveys indicate 66 percent of the buck harvest was represented by bucks 3.5 years old or older in 2020. Hunters should expect this trend to continue in 2021.

Survey data from 2020 estimated the Pineywoods deer population at more than 280,000, which is higher than the previous three years. Though the area has been plagued by relatively low fawn production, in the last five years population growth has remained stable. Fawn production is expected to be above average going into the 2021-22 season, potentially bolstering the overall population. Buck harvest trends indicate 53.3 percent of the previous year's harvest were bucks 3.5-years-old or older, a byproduct of the antler restriction regulation in this region. Hunters should expect the same trend for 2021. Habitat management is critical in the Pineywoods and TPWD biologists continue to work with numerous landowners and timber companies to restore and maintain good deer habitat in the region.

The Cross Timbers region in north Texas has the second highest deer population in the state with more than 800,000 deer. Fawn recruitment in 2021 is expected to be around 60 percent based on exceptional habitat conditions and early reports of fawns being observed in July. However, above average fawn crops in 2016 and 2017 suggest the region may have more bucks in the 4.5 to 5.5-year-old age groups relative to younger age classes.

The Eastern and Western Rolling Plains regions generally have lower deer populations compared to other ecoregions. Trends indicate population increases in 2021, however. Harvest success is slightly higher in the Eastern Rolling Plains with a 69 percent success rate in 2020 and 65 percent in the Western



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**A BANNER YEAR: TPWD biologists forecast a 'robust' white-tailed deer season.**

Rolling Plains.

Statewide, antler quality is predicted to be well above average. Native forages, vital to providing the quality nutrition needed to produce large antlers, were plentiful during the critical antler growing months of April and May. These conditions were perpetuated into early August from additional early summer rains and should help bucks maximize antlers as they finish out the growing season.

The general season runs from Nov. 6 through Jan. 2, 2022 in the North Zone and Jan. 16, 2022 in the South Zone. A special youth-only gun deer season is set for Oct. 30-31 and Jan. 3-16, 2022.

For additional late season deer hunting opportunities, county specific regulations and information on how to properly tag and report a harvest, consult the 2021-22 Outdoor Annual, which was made possible in part by support from Chevy Silverado.

Hunters taking advantage of Texas Public Hunting Lands must also have the Annual Public Hunt-

ing Permit. It's also important for public land hunters to consult the Public Hunting Lands Map Booklet to review regulations that may apply to specific areas. The My Texas Hunt Harvest app can be used to complete on-site registration electronically at a public hunting area.

The discovery of new cases of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) has prompted TPWD to establish new containment and surveillance zones to mitigate the potential spread of CWD. TPWD recommends hunters review information about testing requirements and carcass movement restrictions in the CWD zones for the 2021-22 season before heading out to the field.

CWD is slow, progressive and fatal neurological disease found in certain cervids, including deer, elk, moose and other members of the deer family. Due to long incubation periods, affected cervids do not show visible signs of illness until years after they are infected.

CWD was first discovered in Texas in 2012 in free-ranging mule

deer along a remote area of the Hueco Mountains near the Texas-New Mexico border. Since then, it has been detected in 261 captive or free ranging cervids in 14 counties, including white-tailed deer, mule deer, red deer and elk. To date, 168 of those of those positives are from captive breeding facilities or associated release sites and 68 are from free-ranging populations.

Landowners and hunters play a critical role in managing CWD. The most effective way for them to help slow the spread of CWD is to report sick deer to a TPWD biologist, properly dispose of inedible carcass parts, and to voluntarily test their harvests by taking them to a local check station or contacting a TPWD biologist in their area.

By adhering to CWD regulations and recommendations, hunters, landowners, and communities are helping to ensure that native deer populations remain healthy and plentiful for years to come, allowing for the conservation of the species and preservation of Texas' hunting heritage and traditions.

## Texas Parks & Wildlife Fishing Report

**Belton**  
GOOD. Water lightly stained; 72 degrees; 1.39 feet low. White bass fishing is fantastic. Fish are chasing shad around the lake, looking to the gulls to point out the direction. Success will come with frequent location changes to follow fish. MAL Heavy Lures with silver blades and white tails fished vertically in 20-40 feet of water.

**Stillhouse**  
GOOD. Water lightly stained; 68 degrees; 0.94 feet low. The Fall patterns continue. White bass are schooling in 45-53 feet of water. When the bite is aggressive, drop MAL Heavy Lures with silver blades and whitetails to fish vertically, and when the bite is holding to the bottom, allow the MAL Heavy Lure with a white blade and chartreuse tail to fish horizontally. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs in brush piles and

timber. Blue catfish are good with fresh-cut bait and live bait.

**Whitney**  
GOOD. Water lightly stained; 72 degrees; 1.98 feet low. Whitney striped bass limits continue to be consistent on live bait and down-rigging pony head jigs with white/chartreuse worm trailers. Look for fish Midlake around McCown.

**Waco**  
GOOD. Water lightly stained; 73 degrees; 1.77 feet low. Largemouth bass are good on topwaters and plastic frogs early in the day, Carolina rigged plastic worms, shad like crankbaits, and football jigs working the timber, creek ledges, and rocky shorelines. Look for schools white bass in the main lake using crankbaits. Crappie are fair on minnows working bridge pilings and brush piles. Sunfish are good on cut earthworms, crickets, and

dough bait working structures such as fallen timber, rock piles, and weeds. Channel and blue catfish are good on chicken liver, punch, and cut bait.

**Brownwood**  
GOOD. Water lightly stained; 65 degrees; 0.77 feet low. The water is beginning

## STEPHENS

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"She handled her courtroom in a professional manner, but if you had the opportunity to know her on a personal level, she was just a special person and she really cared about the community," said District Judge Trent Farrell.

Coryell County District Attorney, Dusty Boyd, not only described her as being very professional, but said that she had a person-

al touch with anyone that came into her courtroom. "One thing I take away from her is the commitment to the community. "Every decision she made, that was her compass. Her compass was the community - doing what was right and she never was swayed by any other thing than by her inner compass in connection with the community," said Boyd.

She has been remembered for her love of all things Baylor, her dry, witty sense of humor, love of family and friends, and of course, the Law. "I know that she was proud to serve the citizens of Coryell County and she took that very seriously," said her sister, Jean Morrison. At the end of the program, Judge Lee commented that when he first took the bench, Judge Stephens gave him some words of wisdom to remember - "it's not about you, not about me, it's about the people."

minnows and jigs in brush piles and near bridge pilings. White bass and hybrids are good on slabs, swimbaits, and live bait along the main lake channels, humps, and ridges. Look for birds diving over feeding schools of white bass. Catfish are good on shrimp, chicken liver, and live

bait.  
**Proctor**  
GOOD. Water clear; 67 degrees; 1.14 feet low. White bass and hybrid stripers are slow on slabs. Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair at Copperas Creek and the dam. Catfish are slow drifting.

### CORRECTION:

In a photo caption for a Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting appearing in the Oct. 16 edition, a portion of Gatesville Therapeutic Massage & Spa's name was inadvertently omitted. Also, some of the services listed are not available. For a list of those services, visit the business' Facebook page.

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## Oglesby School Honor Roll

The Oglesby Independent School District recently released the A and the A/B honor rolls for the first nine weeks of school. Students receiving mention include:

**A HONOR ROLL**  
1st grade  
McKynzlynn Brand, Maddie Champman, Ariel Crell, Kinzlee Gray, Braxton Herry  
2nd grade  
Bentley Goff  
3rd grade  
Brook Hamilton, Joe Hamilton  
4th grade  
Abigail Insall, Hunter Insall  
5th grade  
Scarlet Aaron, Gracie Russell  
6th grade  
Holdyn Goff  
7th grade  
Caitlyn Battreal, Sydney Felan, Presley Robinson  
8th grade  
Andrea Licea, Madison Russell, Taety Sanders  
9th grade  
Victoria Cardenas, Drake

LeBlanc  
10th grade  
Matti Dixon  
11th grade  
Aiden Gomez, Lacie Luckie, Hailey Meyers  
12th grade  
Matthew Castillo, Kelly DeLaTorre, Adrian Herrings, Nataly Salas, Blake Thompson  
**A/B HONOR ROLL**  
1st grade  
Peyton Coleman, Seattle Donaldson, Caymbri Fisher, Maverick Hughes, Kynnidee Martin, Briley Martinez, Thomas Riley, Kimberly Uribe  
2nd grade  
Calvin Cooper, Abram Gomez, Alexandria Thompson, Judd Wulkuhle  
3rd grade  
Slayton Fisher, Bradley Garrett, A.J. Martin, Barrett Miller, Rainie Owens, McKayla Regan, Peyton Schu, Gracie Thompson, Fernando Uribe  
4th grade  
Liam Ammerman, Perla

Coca, Adelyn Gomez, Brody Martinez, Victoria Mejia, Keely Riley  
5th grade  
Brynley Puryear, Paisley Sanders, Anthony Silva-Ramirez  
6th grade  
Jayce Aaron, Blayze Fisher, Couper Wulkuhle  
7th grade  
Kayson Campbell, Alisa Contreras, Jaxon Markum, Autumn Meyers, Kelsey Ritchie, Abram Sawh, Allisson Uribe, Zarah Wisehart  
8th grade  
David Mejia, Gracie Reed, Jordan Smith, Kaylee Stanford  
9th grade  
Hunter Ewing, Kyler Fosssett, Grace Sherrill  
10th grade  
Addie Hamilton, Charollette Ritchie  
11th grade  
Alyssa Castillo  
12th grade  
Lizette Castillo, Kaylee Garcia, Ronaldo Gonzales, Summer Newman