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A TRIBUTE TO VETERANS



DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER
(Top) MSG Colin Whyte, SFC Eric Steinman, SSG Edwin Medina and SSG Phillip Sharp present the colors during the Veterans Day ceremony in Gatesville. (Below) U.S. Army Major General Richard F. Johnson, commanding general Division West at Fort Hood, talks to Gatesville Elementary School students.



County gets a dose of good news regarding coronavirus pandemic

BY JEFF OSBORNE
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

A dose of good news regarding COVID-19 was delivered by Coryell County Emergency Management Coordinator Robert Harrell to Coryell County leaders during a commissioners court meeting Nov. 9.

"The good news is that we are going down on the infection rate right now," Harrell said. "There are 50 in the hospital and 12 in (the intensive care unit). Those are good numbers compared to what we've had the last six or eight months."

Since the pandemic began in March 2020, Coryell County has

had 10,779 cases of COVID-19 reported (with a county population of 78,371) and 163 deaths.

Harrell said recent information released by the Texas Department of State Health Services indicates those who have not been vaccinated for COVID-19 are 45 times more likely to test positive for coronavirus.

He said the DSHS also indicated those who were not vaccinated were 40 times more likely to die from the disease.

Locally, 43.86 percent of people have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine and 38.39 percent are fully vaccinated.

"At over 81 percent, that's excellent," he said.

Medical professionals have "new tools in the toolbox" to treat COVID-19, with new treatments such as an oral dose likely to come online soon, Harrell said.

At some point, an "endemic equilibrium" will be reached, he said, which means the disease will be considered a commonplace and recurring issue, like the flu.

"That means we're going to have to live with it," Harrell said. "It will be like the flu where you'll have to get an annual vaccine. There will be a combination of natural immunity and vaccinations."

Balancing endangered species, future economic development

BY JEFF OSBORNE
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

The Gatesville City Council has approved participation in an interlocal agreement with Bell and Coryell counties, as well as other area communities, in a Habitat Conservation Plan designed to balance economic development with protection of endangered species.

The Coryell County Commissioners Court also discussed participation in the plan, however; they did so in closed session and official results of that discussion were not available at press time.

"We are very interested," said Pct. 3 County Commissioner Ryan Basham. "There are a couple of things the county judge and county attorney wanted to check on (regarding the plan)."

City Manager Bill Parry said Gatesville and other area communities became aware that Bell County Judge David Blackburn had been notified that Bell County was a "county of interest" as related to karst invertebrates, an endangered species in the area.

Bell County issued a request for proposal to develop the habitat plan, and is seeking other interested non-federal partners that would be interested in joining their efforts, according to a Gatesville City Council memorandum.

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service would fund 75 percent of development of the habitat plan, with local entities providing 25 percent through either money, goods or services.

The memorandum states that "since the Edwards Aquifer plateau is a shared hydrogeological formation to both Bell and Coryell counties, it is probable that at some point in the future, the (fish & wildlife service) will notify the county judge that Coryell County is now an 'area of concern.'"



COURTESY PHOTO

The golden-cheeked warbler is among the animals on the endangered species list.

While a primary aim is to protect endangered species, city and county governments also have an interest in making sure economic development is not severely hampered in the process.

"An HCP (habitat conservation plan) is an 'insurance policy' - it tends to be less expensive at the earlier stages of life by signing on to a regional effort," the Council memorandum stated.

According to documents from the fish & wildlife service, a benefit of the HCP is it allows activity (land use) to proceed which might otherwise be considered unlawful.

"In developing habitat conservation plans, people applying for (permits) describe measures designed to

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Bare Bones BBQ offers music venue — but food's still the focus

BY JEFF OSBORNE
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

For nearly nine years, Bare Bones BBQ has been a destination for quality barbecue, with the addition as a country music performance venue for the past four years.

Owned by Ricky and Tana Snoddy, the restaurant is managed by Chad and Katy Hill, who enjoy providing outstanding entertainment in addition to great food.

"We started out with a 12 by 12 foot stage, and it's expanded to a 32 foot by 24 foot stage," Chad said.

"We've really grown over the last four years. We've been able to bring in a lot of top Texas performers including Tracy Byrd, John Conlee and Roger Creager, to name just a few."

While those entertainers draw big crowds, it's the food that keeps customers flocking to Bare Bones on a regular basis.

Depending on what you plan to



COURTESY PHOTO

The Brisket on Burger, or BOB, is among Bare Bones' best-sellers.

order, you might want to arrive early if you want to make sure your entire of choice is available.

"We sell out of our turkey all the time," Chad said. "Everybody loves our turkey. A lot of people have told us it's the best they've ever had, and with soldiers coming in from Fort Hood, that's people nationwide. It sells out pretty much every day."

He said he sent a note to "Texas Monthly" magazine telling them



Those dining at Bare Bones BBQ have plenty of items to choose from, including brisket, turkey, sausage, chicken and ribs.

to try Bare Bones' turkey and see for themselves if it's not the best they've ever had. He is still awaiting a reply.

Although the turkey may not be available when diners arrive, those who have a hankering for barbecue have some other top-notch choices,

including sausage, brisket, chicken and ribs.

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The black rail is among the birds on the endangered species list.

HABITAT

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minimize and mitigate the effects of their actions - to ensure that species will be conserved and to contribute to their recovery."

The interlocal agreement being developed includes Bell and Coryell counties, Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District, Middle Trinity Groundwater Conservation District, the cities of Gatesville Copperas Cove, Killeen, Harker Heights, Belton and Temple, the village of Salado, and the Brazos River Authority.

"We recommend participation for a couple reasons," Parry said. "We know there's endangered species in Coryell County including the golden-cheeked warbler, black rail and freshwater mussels found in the Leon River."

Parry said he has been informed that the monarch butterfly may also be added to the endangered species list, and it travels through Coryell County. He added that other species could also be added to the endangered list, including the spotted skunk.

Mayor Gary Chumley noted that 200 acres within the county had already been set aside for the monarch butterfly.

Addressing potential issues involving endangered species and

economic development now can help avoid problems in the future, Parry said.

"There was a project ... in Florence that was shut down for three years, and we don't want that to happen here," he said. "It's a complicated issue and probably a wise move to protect future development."

"If we don't get in on this, we'll have to do this on our own in the future. Doing this now will be much less expensive."

Councilwoman Barbara Burrow said she noticed that Fort Hood wasn't listed among the participating entities.

Parry said because Fort Hood is a federal entity, it has a different set of rules and guidelines.

"By participating in this, we're helping to sustain economic development," Burrow said.

The initial cost for different entities to participate in the plan, is:

Tier I entities, including Bell and Coryell counties, Clearwater UWCD and the Brazos River Authority, \$31,250 each.

* Tier II entities, including the cities of Killeen, Temple, Copperas Cove and Harker Heights, \$20,833.25

* Tier III entities, including the cities of Belton, Gatesville, village of Salado, Middle Trinity UWCD and Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization, \$8,333.20.

BBQ

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There's also the B.O.B. burger that Chad says is his personal favorite menu item, brisket on a bacon cheeseburger, that is another top seller.

Other popular items include Dr Pepper ribs and the Southwest turkey sandwich.

Chad's venture in the restaurant business began after a career as a healthcare provider and also working for a local veterinarian.

"My in-laws own the Feed Mill, and my father-in-law (Ricky Snoddy) had owned a barbecue place in Belton. He wanted to open another barbecue restaurant.

"This is the result of his vision. We use his recipes, and he's created the seasoning. He's taught me how to do things right and prepare the best barbecue possible.

"My mother-in-law (Tana Snoddy) is the business person, and my father-in-law is the meat person. He knows how to make everything so tender."

With Thanksgiving coming up, Bare Bones offers special holiday meals and also smokes turkeys for customers.

Chad said he is blessed to receive plenty of positive feedback from customers.

"They tell us they like the family atmosphere and like that we take the time to talk to people and make people feel welcome," he said. "I try to talk to everybody. People love the food, too,



COURTESY PHOTO

Katy and Chad Hill help run Bare Bones BBQ.

and that's always great to hear.

"I enjoy getting to know the people who come in, whether they're from this area or somewhere else.

"People come in from San Antonio or Houston to see the music performances, but it's the food that keeps the locals coming back."

Bare Bones also hosts frequent fundraisers, usually at least four

times a year, to help raise money for community members in need.

Located at 4305 S. Highway 36, the restaurant is open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

For more information, visit <https://www.barebonesbarbeque.com> or to place an order call 254-248-1441.



JEFF OSBORNE | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Chad Hill, general manager of Bare Bones BBQ, and Wally Ellisor are two of the employees who work to provide tender, mouth-watering barbecue for local residents and visitors.



COURTESY PHOTO

The monarch butterfly might be added to a future endangered species list.

Whatever happened to...

20 YEARS AGO (2001)

A banner was hung at Gatesville Elementary School, announcing the campus had earned the "exemplary" rating from the Texas Education Agency. All five Gatesville campuses, as well as the school district, earned the state's highest ranking from TEA.

Gatesville High School seniors Lauren Whittle and Jordan Burch were named "Students of the Month" by the Gatesville Exchange Club.

Bonnye Wenzel, a third-grade teacher at Gatesville Elementary School, was named "Teacher of the Month" by the Gatesville Lions Club.

Cody Simmons and Kurt Pittman, both of Gatesville, were promoted to lieutenant in the Killeen Fire Department during a ceremony in Killeen.

Evant Elk Joshua Carswell qualified for his first-ever state meet with a fourth-place time of 17:34 at the Region II meet held in San Antonio.

30 YEARS AGO (1991)

Christopher Thetford, son of C.L. and Sue Thetford of Gatesville, was to be sworn in to the Texas Bar Association. He completed under-

graduate studies at Baylor University, graduating with honors, and graduated from The University of Texas Law School.

Janna Buster, a student at Jonesboro High School, was selected as a finalist in the South Texas National Teen-Ager Scholarship Pageant in San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Moore were honored on their 25th wedding anniversary with a reception at Eastwood Baptist Church of Gatesville. Hosts were their children. Eighty-eight guests attended.

The 1961 graduating class of Gatesville High School gathered at the Chateau Ville Restaurant for its 30th reunion. A total of 80 attended, of which 48 were classmates, and two who were teachers — Eva Bates, and Roberta Powell.

40 YEARS AGO (1981)

Solid support for the Lloyd Mitchell Scholarship Fund came out of pizza sales at the Pizza Hut in Gatesville. Owners of the Pizza Hut turned over \$635 to the fund in honor of the former Gatesville High football coach.

Nine-year-old Danny Edwards of Gatesville, hunting with his father, Billy Edwards, in an area southwest of Gatesville, scored one of the prize kills of the deer season's

opening day with a 10-point buck that field dressed at 127 pounds.

The youngest winner ever in The Gatesville Messenger's football contest was Veronica Taylor. The four-year-old Gatesville tyke admitted getting some help from her mother, Mrs. Vivian Brown.

The congregation of the Gateway Baptist Church of Gatesville had

called Rev. Lee Roy Kimbrell of Houston as the church's new pastor. He had been pastoring the Belmar Baptist Church in Houston.

James Wright, a Texas Ranger who had been a major figure in law enforcement work in Coryell County, had been promoted to Ranger sergeant and transferred from Waco to Company B in Dallas.

50 YEARS AGO (1971)

James Dixon, local lumber dealer and builder, was appointed a member of the Gatesville school board.

He filled a vacancy created by the resignation of Fred Koch Jr. The appointment was valid until the next school board election in April 1972.

B. M. Huckabee of Gatesville was awarded a pin during ceremonies at Fort Hood, denoting his 30 years of

federal service with the Department of Defense.

Guest speaker at the East Main Church of Christ was John Barnhill, a 1961 graduate of Gatesville High School and son of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Barnhill. He was serving as minister of the Arabi Church of Christ in Arabi, Louisiana, and was working on his doctorate in theology.

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Coryell County 4-H teams excel at District 8 contests

Coryell County 4-H members showed up in a big way at the District 8 4-H contests held Nov. 5th in Killeen with 35 youth competing. Livestock Quiz Bowl, Horse Quiz Bowl and Agriculture Product Identification contests were held. Coryell County 4-H had three Livestock Quiz Bowl, two Horse Quiz Bowl, and four Ag Product ID Teams competing.

The Quiz Bowl contests provide an opportunity for

youth enrolled in 4-H projects to demonstrate their knowledge on a specific subject matter in a competitive setting. The county livestock and horse teams have been studying for several months in preparation for the district contests adding to their knowledge of facts about their respective project areas.

In the Ag Product ID contests, 20 Texas agricultural products are selected and exhibited at separate stations.

Contestants select the correct identification of each raw ag product from four possible answers. Each station also has one multiple choice question pertaining to the product on display. Questions are general to the industry that produced the product, (i.e., Texas' national ranking, economic impact to Texas, general nutritional content, region of production) and specific to the individual product that is on display

(i.e., cooking method, use, growing season, specific nutrition of the cut or variety).

The Senior Horse and Livestock Teams both captured first place earning a trip to represent District 8 at the state contest, which will be held in June during State 4-H Roundup in College Station. Complete results from Friday's contest are as follows:

Livestock Quiz Bowl
1st place Junior Team — Lilly Kinsey, Thomas Belt,

Anna McPherson, Clancy Archie
3rd place Team — Kace Laster, Mary Mitchell, Emma Burks, Pete Wallace
1st place Senior Team — Jeret Burks, Cayleigh Coursey, Samuel Belt, Lane Kinsey
Horse Quiz Bowl
2nd place Junior Team — Kinsley McPherson, Mia Conley, Marcy Conley, Allie McPherson
1st place Senior Team —

Chase Janke, Irena Murphy, Kacy Maurer, Kylee Deason
Ag Product ID
3rd place Intermediate Team — Luke Forrest, Braydon Dossey, Wyatt Oglesby, Landri McFarlin
5th place Intermediate Team — Hunter Beaty, Antonell Rodriguez, Chloe Luck, Leonela Rodriguez
6th — Jacoby Smith, Zak Huckabee, Peyton Williamson
10th — Emma Treadway, Pete Wallace, Laine Rueter



1ST PLACE WINNERS: Members of the Coryell County 4-H team who won first place at the Senior Horse Quiz Bowl Team are, pictured left to right, Chase Janke, Irena Murphy, Kacy Maurer and Kylee Deason.



1ST PLACE WINNERS: Members of the Coryell County 4-H team who won first place at the Senior Livestock Quiz Bowl Team are, pictured left to right, Jeret Burks, Cayleigh Coursey, Samuel Belt and Lane Kinsey.

Thief hits storage unit

CENTEX CRIME STOPPERS
Centex Crime Stoppers can use your help in solving a case of burglary, which occurred in the 400 block of E. Main Street in Gatesville sometime within the last two weeks.

Unknown person(s) entered the property of Ideal Self Storage at 401 E. Main and forcibly removed the lock from a storage unit that contained several hundreds of dollars' worth of household items.

The stolen items listed by Crime Stoppers, with their estimated value, were:
One black Kenmore dishwasher, \$550; one white Kenmore washing machine, \$600; one white Kenmore dryer, \$600; one cream-color

Kenmore refrigerator (double doors), \$1,200; one yellow antique couch with four cushions and wooden ends, \$1,500; and boxes of seasonal decorations, \$250.

The total cost to replace these items is well over \$4,000

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'Indian Emily' legend created national historic site for Fort Davis

By Tumbleweed Smith
The historic military fort in Fort Davis has a legend about an Indian woman who was left behind during an attack on the fort by Apache Indians. She was sort of adopted by a military family and given the name Emily. Over time she fell in love with a young officer. But the officer had his own girlfriend and didn't pay any attention to Emily. Eventually she ended up going back with the Indians.

When the Apaches were planning another attack on the fort, so goes the legend, Emily went to the Fort to warn the young officer and the family that had cared for her. As she neared the fort,

a guard saw this Indian girl, so goes the legend, and asked for the password. She didn't know what it was, so he shot her.

Larry Francell, historian, and former county judge in Fort Davis, has spent years researching the legend and came up with some startling information about Indian Emily.

"Fort Davis was never directly attacked by Indians," he said. "I think I have proved conclusively there was no Indian Emily."

Larry said the legend began when Carl Raht mentioned it in his 1919 book, "Romance of the Davis Mountains and the Big Bend Country." At

one time there was a café in Fort Davis called Indian Emily. Years ago, the fort had a historical marker on a grave where legend says Indian Emily was buried. It was quite a tourist attraction and visitors drove out to see it. In the 1960s, some researchers did some digging only to reveal the gravesite was empty.

Larry has written a book titled, "How Indian Emily saved Fort Davis."

"What is interesting is how the fort became a National Historic Site. Our representative at the time was J.T. Rutherford. He was a friend to both Lyndon Johnson and John Kennedy. Congressman Rutherford was head of the National Parks Committee in the House of Representatives. He was in Fort Davis for the fort's centennial celebration since Fort Davis was part of his constituency. He believed in the legend of Indian Emily and

talked about it on the floor of Congress.

"There is a file at Fort Davis that shows how John Kennedy, when he was President, wanted Cape Cod made a national seashore. The California delegation wanted Point Reyes to be a national seashore. So, Rutherford, being in sort of the driver's seat, brokered a deal where he got California to support the east coast and the east coast to support the west coast and made both of those entities national seashores. In doing so he just kind of put little old Fort Davis underneath and made it a National Historic Site."

Larry says the legend served its purpose.

"I don't necessarily want the legend to go away. I want people to understand that the legend had an important role in saving Fort Davis."

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Nita Baize



FORT DAVIS LEGEND: Grave marker of the legend of 'Indian Emily'.

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MOUND NEWS

Group celebrated Mrs. Pat Gilmer with pool party

BY BARBARA HOPSON

Teri, Nakoda, Canyon, Ian, Caleb, Eliza and Serene Miller of Woodland Park, Colorado, Pat Johnson of Austin, and Mrs. Pat Gilmer visited in Mound with Eric and Liz McCorkle. The group celebrated Mrs. Pat Gilmer's birthday with a pool party.



Barbara Hopson

Pat Johnson of Austin, Jan Johnson of Gatesville and Liz McCorkle had lunch with their mother, Mrs. Pat Gilmer, in Gatesville on Wednesday.

Mrs. Pat Quicksall Johnson Gilmer was honored for her 100th birthday with a birthday bash celebration in Gatesville on Saturday. The group enjoyed the Zoom Video Communication by Troy and Pat Johnson of

Austin.

Ruby Caroline Pullen of Rockwall, the great-niece of Barbara Hopson, competed in the Texas Junior High Rodeo Association Region 4 Rodeo this past weekend. Ruby and her horse, Stella, made two amazing runs. They are getting ready to go to Las Vegas to the Mike and Sherrylynn Johnson Vegas Tuffest Junior World Cham-

pionship.

Becky Coward took the Coryell County 4-H Club of Gatesville to the District Eight Quiz Bowl competition on Nov. 5, and all five teams medaled.

Anna McPherson won first place in the Junior Livestock Quiz Bowl team with Thomas Belt, Lilly Kinsey, Clancy Archie, Kinsley, and Allie McPherson teamed up with Mia and Marcy Conley to take second place in the Junior Horse Quiz Bowl. Emma Blakley of College Station was home for the weekend.

The Mann girls showed in Mineral Wells Saturday, and came home with third- and

fourth-place ribbons.

Caymbri Fisher had her royal reveal for competitive cheer Saturday in Temple. Blayze Fisher had his last sixth grade junior high football game against Dime Box and they played in Buckholts. Ronnie, Kay, Neal, Amanda, Slayton and Caymbri Fisher, Jennifer Miller and Debbie Piller were there to support the Oglesby Tigers.

Weekend visitors with Gary and Debbie Keeton were Jeremy Keeton of Colorado Springs, Colorado, Graig, Morgan, Gehrig and Grady Keeton, Caleb and Colin Magee of Gatesville, and Kathi Taylor.

Debbie Keeton visited with her mother, Mrs. Sue Magee throughout the week.

Happy second birthday to my great-nephew, Benjamin Travis Hopson.

Leib, Wuenschel wed October 16

Emily Rose Leib and Matthew Wuenschel were united in marriage on Saturday, Oct. 16, at Gathering Oaks in Crawford. The officiant was Michael Gienger of the Central United Methodist Church of Galveston.

The bride is the daughter of Tom and Mary Anne Leib of Gatesville and the granddaughter of Bill and Ollie Loggins of Gatesville and the late Tom and Pat Leib of Oshkosh, WI.

The bridegroom is the son of Peter and Debbie Wuenschel of Pearland and the grandson of Sandy McElroy and Mary Wuenschel.

The ceremony was performed beside a beautiful grove of Oak trees. The flowers were white florals with greenery and shades of blue. The bride was given in mar-

riage by her parents, Tom and Mary Anne Leib.

The bride wore an Ivory V-neck princess-style gown of organic lace, tulle and organza, beadwork, with a sequined layered skirt. Her veil was made by her mother and featured lace from her mother's wedding dress.

The bride's attendants included her sisters, Laura Landis who served as Matron of Honor, and Bethany Bond who served as Maid of Honor. Bridesmaids were her sister-in-law, Kendra Hammack, and friends Shelby Gonzalez, Brennan Calder, Kate Bouressa, Melanie Bivone, Skylar Wolf, and Charis Clawson.

The bridegroom's Best Man was his brother, Jeremiah Wuenschel. His attendants included his friend, Cody Clark, his sisters, Diedra Caraway

and Erica Wuenschel, and brother of the bride, James Hammack.

Wedding greeters included nieces of the groom, Mia Mora, Kylie Caraway, Luna Mora, and niece of the bride, Hannah Landis.

The Ushers were nephews of the Bride and Groom, Cason Hammack, Carter Hammack, Noah Landis, Lieben Wuenschel, Colton Caraway, and Carwyn Wuenschel.

Peter Wuenschel, father of the Groom, played the guitar. The Beatles song "In My Life" was sung by Diedra Caraway, Erica Wuenschel and Peter Wuenschel. Aunt and uncle of the bride, Mike Loggins and Laura Ferri, sang "Perhaps Love," by John Denver and Diedra Caraway sang "Marry Me."

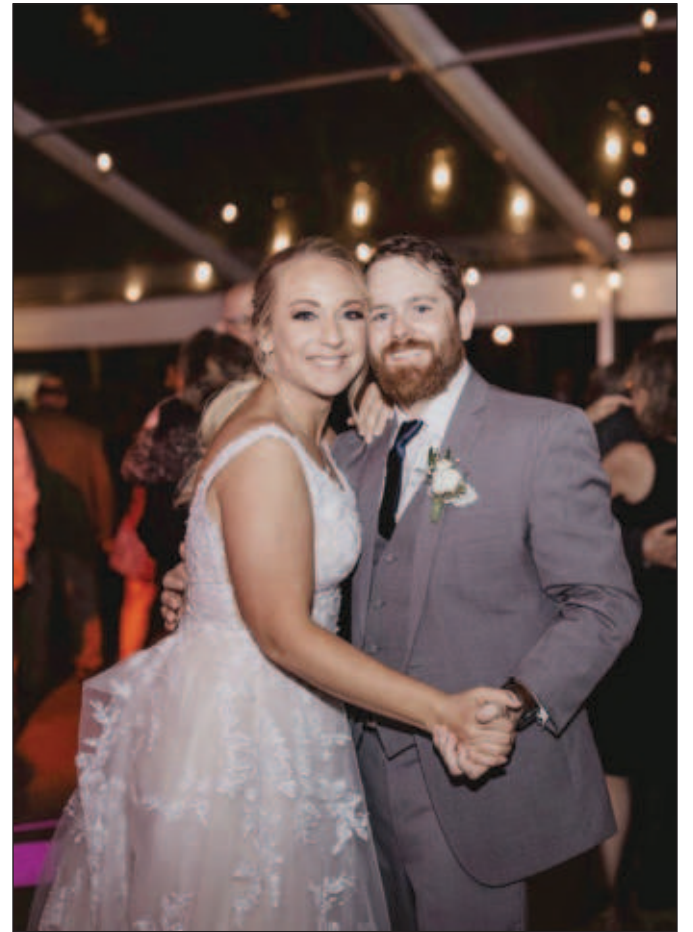
Following the ceremony,

guests were served a Fajita supper. Dance music was performed by "The Royal Dukes" wedding band.

The bride is a 2010 graduate of Gatesville High School and a 2018 graduate of Texas State, University of Texas Medical Branch. She is currently employed as a Physician Associate at Coryell Health.

The bridegroom is a 2004 graduate of Pearland High School and a 2011 graduate of Digital Animation and Visual Effects School. He is currently employed as a software engineer.

Following a wedding trip to Orlando, Florida and New York City, the couple are now residing in Belton.



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MR. AND MRS. WUENSCHEL: Emily Rose Leib and Matthew Wuenschel were married October 16 at Gathering Oaks in Crawford.

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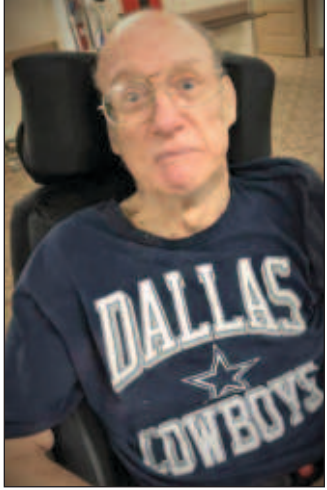
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OBITUARIES

RUDY DOUGLAS BRANNON

July 14, 1956 - Oct. 28, 2021



Rudy D. Brannon, age 65, of Gatesville, passed away on the afternoon of October 28, 2021.

A memorial service is scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, 2021, at Scott's Funeral Home with Bro. Kenneth Wells officiating. Visitation with the family will be one hour prior to the service.

Rudy was born on July 14, 1956, to James and Linda Gibbs Brannon. He grew up and attended school at Arcata, CA where he studied wood working and auto shop. Soon after he graduated, he met and married Lorraine

Kay Barber from Eureka, CA on July 16, 1977. They had two sons, Christopher and Nicholas.

Rudy was a local truck driver, umpire, and coach for baseball and softball where his team won many local and state tournaments. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing, and helping his son Nick be a better football player in high school.

Since his stroke in 2005, Rudy spent his time in different nursing facilities where he never met a stranger. If anyone knew Rudy, they knew he was the Biggest Dallas Cowboys fan and never missed a game.

He was preceded in death by his parents; James Brannon and Linda Spring; wife, Lorraine Kay Brannon; and other aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Rudy is survived by his sons, Nicholas Brannon and wife, Jenna, Christopher Brannon and wife, Christina; grandchildren, Adyson, Mikenna, Morgan, Ryan, Il-eah, and Steven; sister, Pansy Brannon; cousins, Angela, Bryce, Lane, Richard, Rene, Steve, and Larna.

Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise." Luke 23:4

SAMMIE JO SKINNER

Oct. 3, 1942 - Nov. 2, 2021

Retired teacher, lover of Jesus, devoted to family and friends. Sammie Jo Skinner will be remembered long after her passing.

Sammie Jo Skinner (Clem-sons) passed away November 2, 2021, at the age of 79 after a brief yet courageous battle with cancer.

She loved reading, working crossword puzzles, volunteering at the resale shop,

and visiting with her family and friends. Her friends were like family to her.

Sammie was preceded in death by her parents, Josephine and William G. (Bill) Scott, and Sam Clemons.

Sammie is survived by her brother, Jim Scott and his wife, Dolly; her son, Joe Skinner and his wife, Theresa, and their children, Samantha and Monica; her daughter, Robyn DePalma and her daughter Terri Bowden and her husband, Zach, and children Faith and Lily.

REBECCA "BECKY" LYNN WILKINS

Nov. 4, 1954 - Nov. 1, 2021



Rebecca "Becky" Lynn Wilkins, 66, went to be with the Lord on November 1, 2021. She was born November 4, 1954, in Galveston, Texas, the first of four daughters, to the late Dr. William Floyd and Neta Floyd. In addition to her parents, Becky was preceded in death by her sister Bonita "Bonny" Billings and husband Wayne Billings.

A Celebration of Life Service for Becky was held in Belmont, NC on Sunday, November 7, 2021, with Pastor Jeff Taylor officiating. Interment will follow at a later date.

A proud Baylor Bear, Becky graduated with a bachelor's degree in education. She played French horn in the Golden Wave Marching Band where she met her future husband, Wayne. Her home has always been filled with bears, representing both her love of Baylor and the part it played in her upbringing as well as the fun, playful heart she had toward children. Upon having her own children, Becky dedicated her life to raising her sons, but was called back into the workforce later in life. Becky insisted on working with law

enforcement out of her great respect for them. She worked for the District Attorney's office in Lubbock, TX for 10 years before moving with her husband Wayne to North Carolina where she worked for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department for 15 years, serving in many roles.

Becky delighted in her husband, children, grandchildren, family, and friends. She was loving, joyful, fun, caring, thoughtful, patient, and kind, the best gift giver. Becky was a loving and involved mother and grandmother. She brought light to every room. Becky also blessed countless souls as she sang with the Sweet Adelines for decades. She was a member of the Finders Keepers quartet and Queen Harmony chorus in North Carolina and a member of the Prairie Winds chorus and Crystal Collection quartet in Lubbock where she was crowned region #25 champion in 1994 earning a trip to the Sweet Adelines International Competition.

Becky is greatly missed already by her loving husband of 44 years Wayne Wilkins; sons, Ben Wilkins and wife, Amy, of Melissa, Brady Wilkins of Alpine, and Bryan Wilkins and wife, Jessica, of Lubbock; her 11 grandchildren, who knew her as "Nana," Bradley, Britney, Bruce, Brooke, Liam, Connor, Savannah, Ivy, Violet, Haven, and River; sisters, Beverly McNeal and husband, Scott, of Bolivar, MO, and Elizabeth "Betsy" Berry and husband, Clayton, of Gatesville.

Memories and condolences can be shared on the Tribute Wall at www.mcleanfuneral.com. Donations in Becky's memory can be made to St. Jude's, where Becky was a long-time supporter.

The DISPATCH

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers. 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.

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CITY OF GATESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Nov. 7
12:09 a.m., harassment was reported in the 2300 block of E. Main Street.

10:32 a.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 600 block of Park Street.

1:13 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1100 block of E. Leon Street.

1:46 p.m., a structure fire was reported in the 1900 block of Bridge Street.

10:23 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 2200 block of E. Main Street.

Nov. 8
8:22 a.m., a burglary was reported in the 100 block of Avenue C.

9:04 a.m., animal cruelty was reported in the 900 block of Golf Course Road.

12:35 p.m., a threat was reported in the 400 block of N. 16th Street.

2:15 p.m., a burglary was reported in the 400 block of E. Main Street.

Nov. 9
1:56 a.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 200 block of N. 8th Street.

10:31 a.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 2500 block of Osage Road.

11:42 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the

1700 block of St. Louis Street. 6:01 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of N. State Hwy. 36. 8:20 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 200 block of Spindletop Street.

CORYELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Nov. 7
1:14 a.m., suspicious activity was reported on E. Hwy. 84.

2:51 a.m., sign damage was reported on Hwy. 84 and CR 161.

2:56 p.m., a threat was reported in the 300 block of FM 107.

6:09 p.m., shots being fired was reported in the 900 block of CR 338.

7:27 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on Hwy. 84 at South Mountain.

Nov. 8
11:35 a.m., an animal complaint was reported on FM 3640 and 115.

12:14 p.m., shots being fired was reported in the 200 block of Beedle Road.

3:27 p.m., missing livestock was reported in the 1100 block of Old Osage Road.

6:14 p.m., shots being fired was reported in the 200 block of Old Pidcoke Road.

6:15 p.m., a minor accident was reported in the 5000 block of E. Hwy. 84.

Nov. 9
12:48 a.m., an assault was reported in the 400 block of Memory Lane.

12:50 a.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 400 block of Tom Sawyer.

2:38 p.m., a reckless driver was reported on FM 116.

5:28 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on FM 185.

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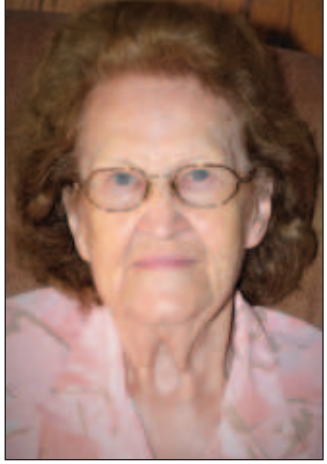
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OBITUARIES

MARGARET "PEGGY" LORD WESTERFELD

Oct. 16, 1924 - Nov. 9, 2021



Peggy "Blueberry" Westerfeld, age 97, of Crawford, went to be with her Lord and

Savior on Tuesday, November 9, 2021.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m., Thursday, November 11, at Canaan Baptist Church with Bro. Jerry Walters and Bro. Butch Duty officiating. Burial followed at Canaan Baptist Cemetery.

Peggy was born on October 16, 1924, in Barnum, Minnesota to the late Sherman and Hilma Lord. She graduated from Barnum High School and afterward she furthered her education in various fields. She worked several jobs in the U.S. and Japan before moving to Dallas where she met the love of her life, Clodius. They married on July 28, 1962 and raised three sons on a farm west of Crawford.

Peggy, known as "Grandma," for the last 29 years, was a great wife, mother, grand-

mother, and great-grandmother. Her faith in Christ sustained her through the years and was extremely evident in these last few weeks.

Peggy was preceded in death by her husband of 52 years, Clodius "Cowpoke" Westerfeld. She is survived by her three sons, Mark and wife, Katy, David and wife, Sharon, and Richard and wife, Rhonda; 18 grandchildren: Isaac, Faith, Peter, Stephen, Matthew, Michael, Andrew, Ruth, Joshua, Bethany, Nathan, Rebekah, Micah, Mary, Levi, Daniel, Elizabeth, and Julia; 9 great-grandchildren and numerous friends. She will be greatly missed.

Memorials may be made to the Canaan Baptist Cemetery Association, c/o Donna Grimstad, P.O. Box 664 Hewitt, TX 76643 or the charity of your choice.

AUDREY "SUE" GARTMAN LITTLE

Feb. 4, 1954 - Nov. 6, 2021



Audrey "Sue" Gartman Little, age 67, of Gatesville, passed away on the evening of Nov. 6, 2021, in Waco.

Services are scheduled for Monday, November 15, 2021, at 2 p.m. at Scott's Funeral

Home Chapel. Burial will be at Pidcocke Cemetery. The family will receive visitors from 1 to 2 p.m. prior to the service.

Sue was born on February 4, 1954, to the late Aubrey Doyle Gartman and Jessie Faye Pendleton Gartman. Sue was raised in Gatesville and graduated from Gatesville High School. She then went to Baylor and obtained her BBA from the Hankamer School of Business in 1976. Sue became secretary to the Dean of the Business School where she worked a short time before becoming a Medical Records Administrator and Quality Assurance Coordinator at hospitals in Dallas, Houston, and Waco. Upon moving to Gatesville, she started working as secretary to the Coryell County Attorney where she worked for nineteen years before retiring. After retirement, Sue could not sit at home. So, she went and

found a job as a cashier at Wal-Mart.

Sue loved growing up on her parents' place. She learned her faith in God through their teaching, the land, and the animals they raised. She enjoyed horseback riding, bicycling, fishing with her mother and going lamb buying with her father. Sue also loved her mother's piano playing and her father singing gospel songs as he worked about the place. One of Sue's greatest moments was when her daughter was born, the other was when she married her husband, Wes.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Sue is survived by her husband of 37 years, Wes Little; daughter, Laura Little and numerous cousins.

Memorials may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation at www.jdrf.org.

Hemmeline Cemetery officers elected

The Hemmeline Cemetery Association recently held its annual meeting on Sunday, Nov. 7, with 13 people in attendance.

Alvin Kiphen and Dale Smith were re-elected as

trustees, and Billy Bartlett was nominated and elected as a trustee. Malcolm Mallett, an acting trustee, was nominated and elected as vice president. All positions are for a two-year term.

Contributions for upkeep and memorials may be mailed to Hemmeline Cemetery Association, or in care of Sheila Necessary, secretary/treasurer, 1050 FM 1783, Gatesville, TX, 76528.

Righteous Roots seeks Christmas gifts

Righteous Roots is in the process of preparing for the upcoming Christmas season.

This year, they plan to bless 10 to 12 single mothers with some giveaways at a special event planned for December. They are asking the public to consider picking

up a gift or two and donating them to their cause. There will be no limit on gifts that can be donated including towel sets, picture frames, sound bars, televisions, gift cards, and other items.

Righteous Roots hopes to make this a special Christ-

mas these mothers will never forget. Gifts can be dropped off at their office located at 503 E. Main Street, Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Gifts can also be shipped to: Righteous Roots, 462 CR 327, Gatesville, TX, 76528.

CONNIE ALEXANDER

Aug. 4, 1941 - Nov. 6, 2021



Connie Alexander, age 80, of Evant, passed away on Nov. 6, 2021. Visita-

tion will be on Sunday, Nov. 14, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Stacy-Wilkins Funeral Home in Goldthwaite. Graveside services will take place on Monday, Nov. 15, at 11 a.m. at the Hurst Ranch Cemetery in Star with Thomas Taylor officiating.

Connie was born on Aug. 4, 1941, in Rapid City, SD, to Joe DeGarlais and Bonnie Reeves DeGarlais. She was married on April 23, 1960, in San Antonio to Lloyd Alexander. She was a homemaker, artist, and a youth leader at Evant Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her father, Joe DeGarlais; her mother, Bonnie Reeves Hudson; her husband, Lloyd Alexander; and her stepfather, Robert Hudson.

She is survived by her children, Robert R. Alexander of League City, Troy L. Alexander and wife, Yvette, of Holland, Lawrence Owen Alexander of Gatesville, Lloyd Alexander of Evant and Lynn Callan and husband, Raymond of Evant; her siblings, Judy DeGarlais of Brownsville, OR, Virgil DeGarlais of North Bend, OR, Linda Jo Walton of North Bend, OR, Mary Crafton of Springfield, OR; and her stepmother, Ida DeGarlais.

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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.

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

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Living With Uncertainty

"Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come." Matthew 24:42 NIV

If the pandemic of 2020 and 2021 taught us anything—and it should have taught us many things—perhaps one of the most important lessons is that life is uncertain. We really do not know what tomorrow will bring, let alone next week, next month, or next year. This drives home the importance of living each day to its fullest, doing your work carefully and conscientiously, and treating others with kindness and respect. Some may feel that this great uncertainty gives us license for a moral holiday, to not worry too much about doing our work with care, but this lazy attitude almost guarantees that the quality of our lives and work will be poor. Even amidst the uncertainty of life it is still possible to plan. "Eat, drink and be merry" may be good advice for enjoying life and maintaining a cheerful countenance, but it is not



likely to be helpful when it comes to career planning, planning for retirement, or building a life. A wise person considers the uncertainty inherent in every endeavor and knows that some things are inherently more uncertain than others (your chance of winning the grand prize in most lotteries is less than one in a billion, while your chance of making money by carefully investing in the stock market is considerably better than that). It is a mark of maturity to not expect or demand more certainty than each situation allows. Embrace the uncertainty with hope and a sense that life is an adventure. —Christopher Simon

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

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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.

CORYELL FELLOWSHIP CHURCH: Doran Belknap

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION-FC 103.010 SAPCR
THE STATE OF TEXAS:
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CAUSE NO. DC-20-51858
IN THE 52ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS

TO: ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, Respondent, Greeting NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 AM on the Monday next following the expiration of 20 days after the date you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you. The Original Petition of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, Petitioner, was filed in the Court of Coryell County, Texas on the 29th day of December, 2020, against CHRIS HELLIUM Respondent, numbered DC-20-51858, and entitled "In the interest of BROOKE MCDOWNEY, PENELOPE MCDOWNEY, and GIANNA CHERRY, children." The suit requests termination of the parent-child relationship. The date and place of birth of the child who is the subject of the suit:
PENELOPE MCDOWNEY, (Born July 26, 2016 in Killeen, Texas).

The petition of Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, Petitioner, was filed in the 52ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF Coryell County, Texas on 12/29/2020 against Helliium, Chris, Respondent and entitled in the above entitled cause. The date of birth of the child/children who is/are the subject of the suit is/are:
CHILD'S/CHILDREN'S NAME(S): PENELOPE MCDOWNEY

PLACE OF BIRTH
DATE OF BIRTH: 07/26/2016
The Court has authority in this suit to render an order in the child's (children's) interest that will be binding on you, including the termination of the Parent-child Relationship, the determination of paternity, and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's (children's) adoption." ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT AT GATESVILLE, CORYELL, COUNTY, TEXAS THIS THE 5th day of November, 2021.
Attorney for Petitioner or Petitioner:
BELT, BRANDON
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- 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
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- 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 Purnela, 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 Purnela, 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
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- 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 Purnela, 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
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GHS 2021-22 basketball schedules

Gatesville 2021-22 Hornets basketball

Thursday, Nov. 11 at Clifton (scrimmage), 5:30 p.m.
 Saturday, Nov. 13 Lorena, 1:30 p.m.
 Tuesday, Nov. 16 at Rogers, 7:30 p.m.
 Friday, Nov. 19 at Jarrell, 7:30 p.m.
 Monday, Nov. 22 Lake Belton, 2:15 p.m.
 Tuesday, Nov. 23 Austin Navarro, 12:15 p.m.
 Tuesday, Nov. 30 at Academy, 7:30 p.m.
 Thurs.-Sat., Dec 2-4 at Salado varsity tournament, TBA
 Thurs.-Sat., Dec 2-4 at Burnet sub-varsity tournament, TBA
 Tuesday, Dec. 7 Taylor, 7:30 p.m.
 Thurs.-Sat., Dec 9-11 at Academy varsity tournament, TBA
 Thurs.-Sat., Dec 9-11 at Hamilton sub-varsity tournament, TBA
 Tuesday, Dec. 14 at West, 7:30 p.m.
 Friday, Dec. 17 McGregor, 6:30 p.m.
 Tues.-Wed., Dec. 28-29 at Reagan County Tournament, TBA
 Tuesday, Jan. 4 at Burnet, 6:30 p.m.
 Friday, Jan. 7 Robinson, 7:30 p.m.
 Friday, Jan. 14 at Brownwood, 7 p.m.
 Tuesday, Jan. 18 Stephenville, 7:30 p.m.
 Friday, Jan. 21 at Glen Rose, 7 p.m.
 Tuesday, Jan. 25 at Lampasas, 7:30 p.m.
 Friday, Jan. 28 at Lorena (JV, freshmen)
 Saturday, Jan. 29 Kennedale, 12:15 p.m.
 Tuesday, Feb. 1 Brownwood, 7:30 p.m.
 Friday, Feb. 4 at Stephenville, 7 p.m.
 Tuesday, Feb. 8 Glen Rose, 7:30 p.m.
 Friday, Feb. 11 Lampasas, 7:30 p.m.
 Tuesday, Feb. 15, OPEN

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Saturday, Nov. 6 Burnet, 12:30 p.m.
 Thurs.-Sat., Nov. 11-13 at Jarrell Tournament, TBA
 Friday, Nov. 12 at Salado, 5:30 p.m.
 Tuesday, Nov. 16 Belton, 7:30 p.m.
 Thurs.-Sat., Nov. 18-29 at Mertkel Tournament, TBA
 Monday, Nov. 22 Lorena, 11:15 a.m.
 Tuesday, Nov. 30 at Whitney, 6:15 p.m.
 Thurs.-Sat., Dec 2-4 at Lorena varsity tournament, TBA
 Tuesday, Dec. 7 at McGregor, 6:15 p.m.
 Thurs.-Sat., Dec 9-11 at Fairfield varsity tournament, TBA
 Tuesday, Dec. 14 Robinson, 6:15 p.m.
 Friday, Dec. 17 at China Spring, 6:15 p.m.
 Tuesday, Dec. 21 Jarrell, 11:15 a.m.
 Friday, Dec. 30 at Brock, 2:15 p.m.
 Saturday, Dec. 31 San Saba, 2:15 p.m.
 Tuesday, Jan. 4 Connally, 7:30 p.m.
 Friday, Jan. 7 Lampasas, 6:15 p.m.
 Friday, Jan. 14 at Brownwood, 5:45 p.m.
 Tuesday, Jan. 18 Stephenville, 6:15 p.m.
 Friday, Jan. 21 at Glen Rose, 5:45 p.m.
 Tuesday, Jan. 25 at Lampasas, 6:15 p.m.
 Tuesday, Feb. 1 Brownwood, 6:15 p.m.
 Friday, Feb. 4 at Stephenville, 5:45 p.m.
 Tuesday, Feb. 8 Glen Rose, 6:15 p.m.

Evant leads All-District selections

BY MARK GOODSON
 STAFF WRITER

Seniors Emileigh Burton and Caeleigh Burkham led the Evant Elks All-District 11-1A volleyball picks as selected by the district coaches.

Burton was voted over-all Most Valuable Player of the district, while Burkham earned Offensive MVP.

The Elks were 19-12 for the season and earned The District 11-A title and bi-district championship. They bowed out of the playoffs in the area round, losing to Prairie Valley, 25-22, 25-11, 25-19.

"The girls worked hard all season long and showed an extreme amount of dedication, character and hard work," said Evant coach Jo-Anna Vaden. "I'm extremely proud of all that these girls accomplished this season."

District 11-1A
 2021 All-District selections

MVP - Emileigh Burton, Evant
 Offensive MVP - Caeleigh Burkham, Evant
 Defensive MVP - Jocelyn Trussell, Three Way
 Setter of the Year - Aliea Gallardo, Three Way
 Libero of the Year - Joselin Alvarado, Three Way
 Newcomer of the Year - Bree Ramirez, Evant

First team All-District:
 Kodi Hatfield, Bluff Dale
 Harley Weeks, Evant
 Lily Emeyabbi, Hamilton
 Fernanda Olalde, Hamilton
 Cortland Mehaffey, Hamilton
 America Ramirez, Meridian
 Imelda Torres, Three Way
 Haylee Burt, Tolar

Hope Grivette, Tolar

Second team All-District:
 Nicole Morris, Bluff Dale
 Luwi Rodriguez, Evant
 Karah Niemann, Hamilton
 Averi Poe, Hamilton
 Angela Aponte, Hico
 Kacee Walters, Hico
 Mariana Panigua, Meridian
 Cara Harris, Three Way
 Ava LeCluyse, Tolar
 Trinity Rousseau, Tolar

Honorable Mention:
 Isabel Gandy, Evant
 Molly Waldrum, Evant
 Haily Neri, Evant

Evant Academic All-District:

Caeleigh Burkham
 Emileigh Burton
 Isabel Gandy
 Bree Ramirez
 Luwi Rodriguez
 Molly Waldrum
 Harley Weeks

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Evant girls open basketball with fast pace in win

BY MARK GOODSON
STAFF WRITER

After just one day of practice, the Evant Elks girls basketball team hit the hard-court with a 49-30 victory over the Cranfills Gap Lions Tuesday at Evant.

"They did a good job, they looked good for the first time out," Evant coach Chad Baker said. "They are only going to get better."

Evant's team has eight girls this season as the program bounces back from missing last season because of COVID-19.

Two seniors and six freshmen are returning this season for Evant.

Evant's six-foot post Emileigh Burton started fast with 21 points and also led the team in rebounds.

Senior Caeleigh Burkham and freshman point guard Luwi Rodriguez were able to push the pace en route to 10 points each.

The Elks were able to take control early with some inside shots from Burton. The Elks played at a good tempo and controlled the pace against the visiting Lions.

Rodriguez was the team's best in penetrating and getting good shots off the glass on nifty moves in the lane.

Cranfills Gap senior guard Jacey Wilson led the Lions with 25 points, including seven 3-pointers.

Evant scored the game's first eight points before Wilson hit a perimeter shot six minutes into the contest. Cranfills Gap closed the opening quarter with a run to pull within one point by

the end of the quarter.

Evant never trailed and took control with a 11-4 run in the second quarter.

Evant had six players score in the opener. Other contributors were Harley Weeks with four points, and Izzy Gandy and Bree Ramirez with two points each.

Rounding out Evant's team are Molly Waldrum and Haley Neri.

The Elks will play at home against Walnut Springs Friday, Nov. 12 before having road games Tuesday, Nov. 16 at Morgan and Friday, Nov. 19 at Lometa.

The Evant girls competed in the volleyball playoffs a few days before the season-opener.

The Elks boys' team will open its season Nov. 12 at Bluff Dale.



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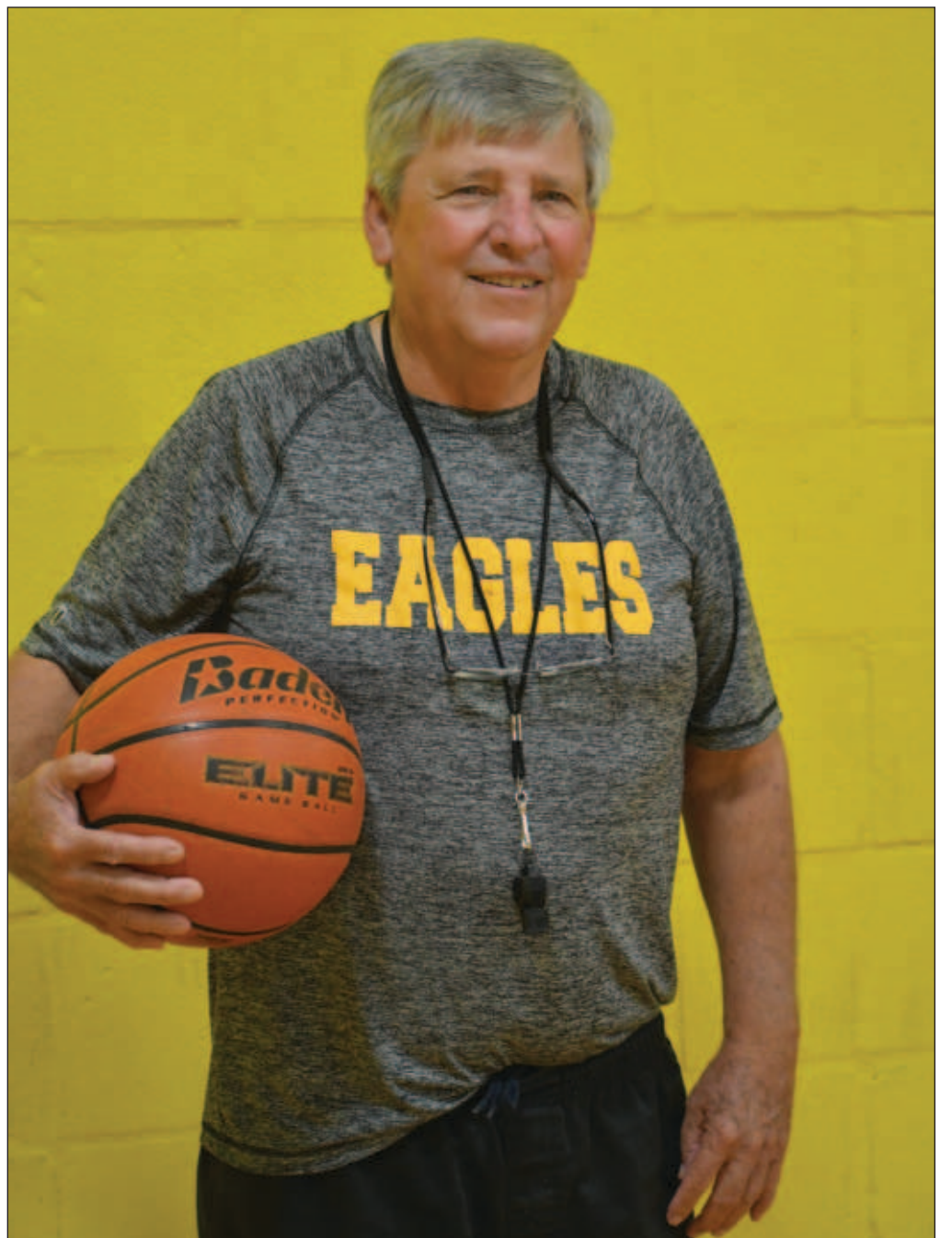
Luwi Rodriguez brings the ball down court for the Elks in their victory over the Cranfills Gap Lions on Tuesday in Evant.

ELK INTENSITY



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Caeleigh Burkham concentrates on a free throw for the Evant Lady Elks.



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Billy Wayne Massingill is the new head coach of the varsity Jonesboro Eagles girls basketball team.



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Emileigh Burton pushes the ball on a fast break Tuesday in win over Cranfills Gap. The Evant girls won the season-opening contest.

Jonesboro Eagles hope to soar with new coach

BY MARK GOODSON
STAFF WRITER

Billy Wayne Massingill has stepped in as the varsity girls head basketball coach at Jonesboro High School.

This is his 11th year to coach in Jonesboro in two different stints.

The Jonesboro Eagles dropped their season opener at Clifton Tuesday, but Massingill expects the team to battle this year.

Senior Katie Snoddy scored 17 points and

junior Alissa Shumate added 15 points for the Eagles in the opener.

Jonesboro returns to the court Tuesday with a game at Walnut Springs.

Massingill said the team will have to rely on solid defense and he expects to raise the intensity.

"We'll be a team that plays hard," he said. "They'll work at getting better and better."

The Eagles new head coach has more than 20 years experience, all in Central Texas.

He is a 1973 graduate of Evant High School.

That's why they play the games

BY MARK GOODSON
STAFF WRITER

Gatesville went into the playoffs as a heavy underdog to the eight-time state champion Carthage Bulldogs.

For the Hornets, they were taking the "why not us" approach for their first playoff game under Luke Howard.

They were supposed to face Carthage last year, but Covid-19 forced a forfeit by the fourth-place Hornets.

This year's match had the Hornets' senior leader Wesley Brown saying ahead of the game "we're not scared."

Personally, this matchup brought back memories of 1980 when a 3-6-1 Sherman Bearcat team faced Odessa Permian at a 3-6-1 Sherman Stadium.

The young Bearcat team battled the mystique of the Mojo Panthers to a 0-0 stalemate in the mud in Abilene.

Permian went on to win state 28-19 over Todd Dodge and Port Arthur Jefferson.

The Hornets will find out what it's like to lineup

against a state caliber team. It's a big step to gain experience on the big stage.

Gatesville had already faced some powerful and potent Central Texas football teams, including the China Spring Cougars, ranked No. 5 in the state after finishing the regular season with a 48-7 thumping of the Connally Cadets in their season finale.

Another high-powered opponent on the Hornets non-district slate was No. 5 ranked Class 3A Division I Lorena, which won eight straight games to close out the year, including a 56-0 victory over Rockdale.

Jonesboro and Oglesby are both expecting wins in their six-man football playoff openers, but anything can happen.

If the Eagles win against Leakey they will likely face No. 1 state-ranked May.

Undefeated May has torn through its season while Jonesboro has been impressive through 10 games.

Oglesby won its coin flip to play at home in its opener against Calvert. Richland Springs lumps in the second round of the six-man Division I playoffs.

Thoms selected as top district setter

Gatesville High School's Tasha Thoms earned the top setter award on the District 6-4A All-district volleyball squad.

The team was announced Wednesday by the district coaches.

Thoms took the lone superlative award while the Hornets garnered five awards total.

While Thoms took the setter honor, outside hitter Kaleigh Haywood was named to the first-team all-district list. Middle blocker Barrett Boyd was named to the second team.

Teammates Avery Mullins (libero) and Kalli Robinetto (defensive specialist) received honorable mention.

The Hornets were 29-10 losing to Graham (25-23, 20-25, 25-19, 26-24) in the bi-district playoff.



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WEDNESDAY, Nov. 10, 2021



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SAM HOUSTON
Sam Houston is the publisher of the Gatesville Messenger. He is also an actor, author, playwright, performer and entertainment producer/promoter.



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The origin of Veterans Day can be traced back to World War I. The Armistice with Germany, which formally ended the war, went into effect at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918. That is the origin of Veterans Day.

Veterans Day is not to be confused with Memorial Day. While Memorial Day honors those who died while in military service,

Veterans Day honors all American veterans, living and dead.

Veterans may have been members of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, or the Merchant Marines, but all are brave men and women who have risked their personal safety and their very lives so our country might live.

As we reflect on Veterans Day and celebrate their sacrifice and

as we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to do our best to live by them and honor the lofty human aspirations of our founding fathers to insure life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

God bless our veterans and God bless these United States!

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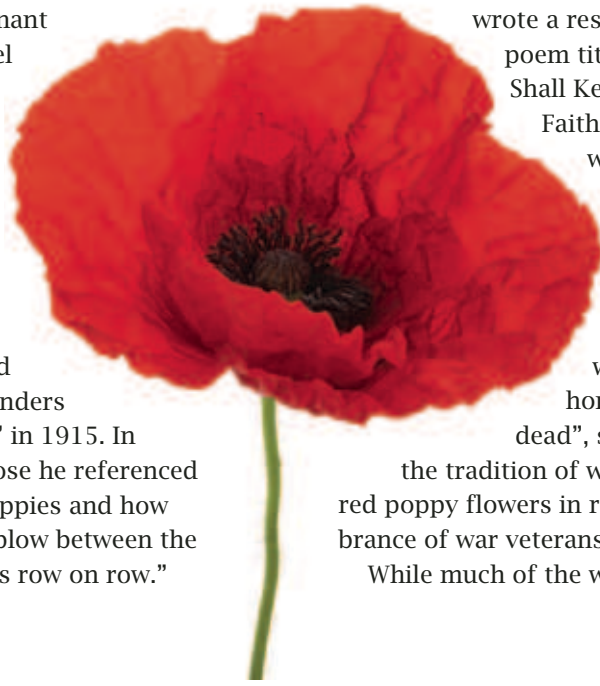
BY DARREN CLARK
Staff Writer

The red poppy flower is known world-wide as a symbol of hope and remembrance. At the end of the Napoleonic wars in the early 19th century and again after the fierce fighting of World War I in the early 20th century, the battlefields of those wars were desolate. One of the first signs of life following these wars were the red poppy flowers that decorated the locales of fighting and sacrifice. In fact, the flowers often grew around the bodies of the fallen before the dead could be interred. The flowers grew to symbolize hope,

consolation, and remembrance.

The symbolism grew from a poem by Canadian Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae who

penned "In Flanders Fields" in 1915. In his prose he referenced the poppies and how they "blow between the crosses row on row."



In 1918, the year of McCrae's death, University of Georgia

Professor Moina Michael

wrote a response poem titled "We Shall Keep the Faith." Her

words, "and now the torch and poppy red / we wear in honor of our dead", solidified

the tradition of wearing red poppy flowers in remembrance of war veterans.

While much of the world

wears red poppy flowers on Nov. 11, Americans generally reserve that action for Memorial Day, a holiday for honoring the fallen veterans. Veterans Day in America is typically for recognizing the living veterans of our armed forces; however, in these pages we choose to recognize those servicemen and women who made the great sacrifice in furtherance of freedom and liberty. Throughout the pages of this special section, we used the red poppy flower to show that we received information that the veteran shown had been killed in action.



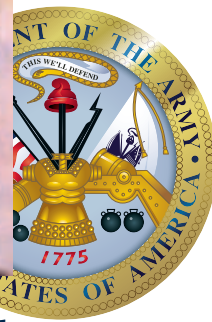
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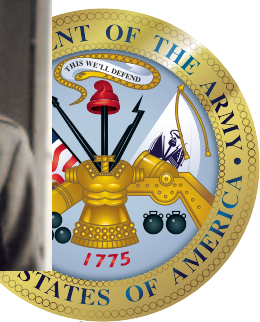
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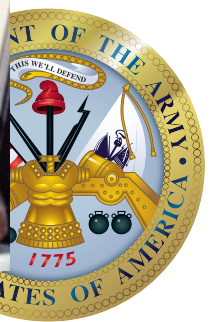
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years unknown (pictured in 1946)



Milton Duane Keele
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The roles of the different branches of the U.S. military

The United States military is one of the most comprehensive, effective and respected armed forces in the world. Without the tireless commitment of military personnel — from the soldiers on the ground to the support staff behind the scenes — America could not be the world power it is today. Each branch of the U.S. military has a unique mission, and here is a brief rundown of what those missions entail, courtesy of Military.com and the U.S. Department of Defense.

United States Army

The Army is one of the three military departments that reports directly to the Department of Defense. The Army conducts operational and institutional missions around the world, typically handling land-based missions. The Army also guards U.S. installations and properties throughout the world.

United States Navy

Serving to protect the freedom of the seas, the Navy is another branch of the military that reports directly to the Department of Defense. Among its many missions, the U.S. Navy serves to make the seas safe for travel and trade.

United States Air Force

The Air Force also reports directly to the Department of Defense and trains for and maintains global superiority in air, space and cyberspace. Air Force personnel fly planes, helicopters and even satellites.

United States Marine Corps

The Marine Corps is a component of the Department of the Navy. It carries out global missions on both sea and shore, and serves as an expeditionary force. Marines are a rapid-reaction team and are usually the first boots on the ground in a conflict.

United States Coast Guard

The Coast Guard safeguards maritime interests through both civil and military missions. The Coast Guard operates around the world and in domestic waterways and ports.

United States Army National Guard

The oldest branch of the U.S. military, the National Guard serves as a complementary force to active duty. Those in the National Guard are trained to be versatile, providing for humanitarian aid, domestic emergencies, combat missions, and homeland security operations.

The Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard, Army Reserve, Coast Guard Reserve, and Navy Reserve are the other branches made up of servicemen and servicewomen who primarily work civilian jobs but may be called to full-time military duty if necessary.

The U.S. Armed Forces are headed by the President of the United States. The Secretary of the Department of Defense reports directly to the Commander-in-Chief. The DOD controls each military branch, except for the Coast Guard, which is overseen by the Department of Homeland Security.

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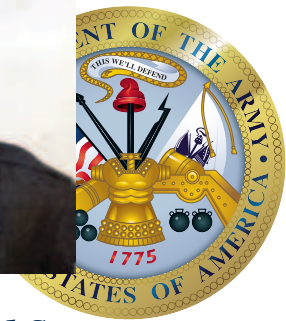
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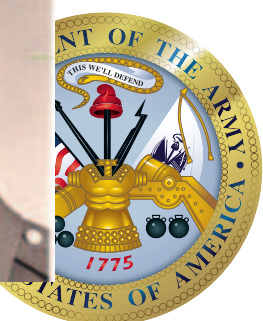
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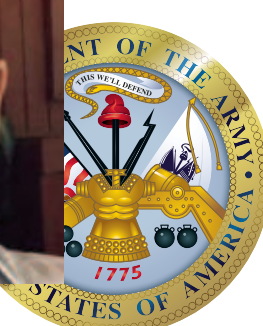
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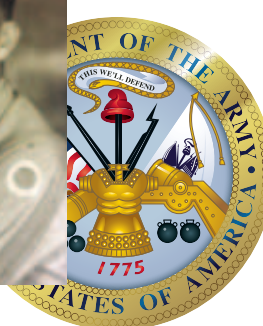
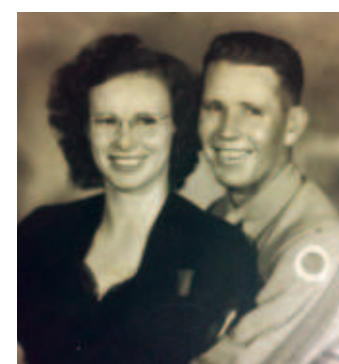
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