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Gatesville Council honors Cotton Davidson

BY JEFF OSBORNE
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Cotton Davidson Day, scheduled for Nov. 27, will officially be celebrated in Gatesville as the Gatesville City Council issued a proclamation honoring the former coach during a recent meeting.

Davidson, who turns 90 on Nov. 30, has written his memoir, and the Coryell Museum & Historical Center, 718 E. Main St., will host a celebration in his honor from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27.

The proclamation reads:

"Whereas, Cotton Davidson is a native of Coryell County, Texas having been born in the Pecan Grove community, spending his early childhood in that area; and

"Whereas, Cotton Davidson graduated from Gatesville High School in 1949; and

"Whereas, Cotton Davidson was an outstanding athlete, lettering in four sports his senior year at Gatesville High School; and

"Whereas, Cotton Davidson continued to participate in sports at Baylor and, as quarterback, led the Bears football team to winning seasons in his junior and senior years before graduating in 1954; and

"Whereas, Cotton Davidson served his country from 1955 until 1957 in the U.S. army; and

"Whereas, Cotton Davidson was a nationally recognized, award-winning professional football quarterback in the AFL and NFL until 1969 for the Oakland Raiders, Baltimore Colts and Dallas Texans; and

"Whereas, Cotton Davidson coached Baylor quarterbacks and receivers for 21 years until 1992, through many of the best seasons and most memorable wins in the university's history; and

"Whereas, Cotton Davidson has consistently made numerous significant contributions of his time and influence to support causes and programs such as the Boys & Girls Club of Gatesville, for the betterment of Gatesville and Coryell County citizens; and

"Whereas, Cotton Davidson has published his memoir in which he highlighted his cherished connections to Gatesville and Coryell County and emphasized his high regard for the fine people there;

"Now therefore, I, Gary M. Chumley, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor

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Cotton Davidson, standing with Mayor Gary Chumley, was honored by the Gatesville City Council.

Righteous path to healing

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For Melanie Webb Diserens and Gladys Whitenburg, being able to help victims of abuse is a strong calling, an effort to help people rise above the pain and anguish they have experienced and grasp a better future.

Webb Diserens founded Righteous Roots Crisis Center in an effort to help people heal from the trauma of abuse, and says the power of faith is a key to recovery. The nonprofit organization's stated mission is "to see individuals suffering from abuse-related, life-controlling issues set free by the healing power of Jesus Christ."

Righteous Roots began in 2018, and the organization, now located on the Coryell County Courthouse Square at 503 E. Main St., continues to expand.

"We serve both those with a history of experiencing abuse and those who are currently dealing with abuse," Webb Diserens said. "This year, we had two major things happen that elevated us to the next level. We received our first state level grant which enabled us to hire Gladys as our full-time social services administrator. We are now able to offer classes during the day and in the evening."

Righteous Roots has cooperative agreements with Child Protective Services, the Coryell County attorney's office, the district attorney's office and the Gatesville Independent School District.

"Everything we offer is free, my heart and my goal from the very beginning is to bring more resources to Gatesville and to offer services they may not otherwise be able to receive," Webb Diserens said.

"We offer anger management, nurturing parenting and men's and women's substance abuse support groups. We are also planning a substance abuse support group for teenagers."

While some of the abuse people are recovering from may have happened recently or be ongoing, support is also offered to those who "need emotional healing from abuse they experienced long ago as children, but who are still affected by it," Diserens said.

Another class offered by Righteous Roots is a marriage strengthening class.

"It's a five-week class and we've had an excellent turnout," Webb Diserens said.

Providing stability and hope to those who have endured dark circumstances is a goal of the organization.

"We work to help people get back on their feet and into a safe environment," Webb Diserens said. "People can be referred to

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Melanie Webb Diserens and Gladys Whitenburg help provide healing through Righteous Roots.

Food drive slated for this Friday

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Renowned for their strong sense of charity, Gatesville residents will once again have an opportunity to lend a helping hand to others through the annual Food for Families food drive.

The program is a partnership sponsored by the Longhorn Council of Boy Scouts of America, the H-E-B Grocery Company and area television station KWTX News 10. Every year, Gatesville and Coryell County are among the strongest contributors to helping those in need.

"Who can wrap their mind around more than half a million pounds given by folks in Gatesville and the surrounding areas for Food for Families?" said Deral McWhorter, executive director of the Gatesville Care Center. "Evidently you can, and you get my competitive juices flowing, and you make me hopeful. Hopeful that we can surpass last year's whopping, gigantic, amazing, mind-boggling record."

"Now 507,774 pounds from last year is a tall order to match, but you are all about tall orders. I have been seeing your heart for a number of years by what you give, and have observed also your heart set on smashing each year's previous record. ... Doing the best we can to smash a record and at the same time giving to assist those in need is a win-win situation."

Food for Families began 1990 and has grown from an event that generated 84,435 pounds of food for area food pantries that first year to more than 2.6 million a year ago.

Gatesville residents can drop off items from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the Gatesville Fire Station, 109 S. 23rd St.

"Things will be hopping and popping and spirits soaring high," McWhorter said of the enthusiasm surrounding the drive.

Non-perishable items and monetary donations are welcome, and organizers say canned meats, vegetables, sugar, corn meal, pasta sauce, cereals, flour, baby food, peanut butter and beans are especially appreciated.

QUESTION & ANSWER CORNER

Q: What are your deadlines to submit an item for the paper?
A: 10 a.m. Friday is the deadline for the Wednesday paper and 10 a.m. Wednesday for Saturday's.

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CAFÉ group to attend Christmas show in Llano

The Christian Adult Fellowship Event group will travel to the Llantex Theatre in Llano for their Christmas show on Saturday, Dec. 11. The group will leave at 10 a.m. from the parking lot of First United Methodist Church, eat at Inmon’s BBQ and then attend the show at

2:30 p.m.

Some of the performers will include Tony Booth, Justin Trevino, Darrell and Mona McCall and Dotsy.

The cost of the tickets and transportation is \$35. The meal is self-pay.

If you have any questions, please

contact Ruth Jones at 254-865-

2112. If you pay through the church, please make sure to mark your check envelopes or check memos with CAFÉ. The deadline for ordering tickets is Nov. 30.

There will be no refunds given after the deadline.

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The DISPATCH

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of November 10 - 13. 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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Slaughter Cows
 High Yielding 60-69
 Low Yielding 40-47
 Fats 60-68
 Thin & Shelly 15-30

Packer Bulls (1250-2075 lb.)
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 Young Fair 1100-1350
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Nov. 10
 12:31 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 2300 block of Business Hwy. 36.
 1:17 p.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 2400 block of Business Hwy. 36.
 1:42 p.m., a theft was reported in the 100 block of Cottonwood Drive.
 3:31 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 300 block of Old Waco Road.
 5:39 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 200 block of E. Main Street.
 6:44 p.m., a theft was reported in the 1400 block of Mills Street.

Nov. 11
 12:58 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 900 block of E. Main Street.
 10:32 a.m., a hazmat spill was reported in the 400 block of S. 34th Street.
 1:16 p.m., a burglary was reported in the 400 block of Woods Drive.
 3:41 p.m., harassment was reported in the 200 block of Old Osage Road.
 5:28 p.m., an accident was reported in the 14000 block of S. Hwy. 36.
 7:58 p.m., an assault was reported in the 9700 block of FM 929.

Nov. 12
 7:54 a.m., an accident was reported in the 1200 block of

E. Main Street.
 1:06 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 2500 block of E. Main Street.
 2:19 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2200 block of E. Main Street.
 2:21 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 500 block of Fieldstone Drive.
 5:11 p.m., a hit and run was reported in the 400 block of Bluestem Drive.
 7:56 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 3400 block of Crown Drive.

Nov. 13
 1:01 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2300 block of E. Main Street.
 1:56 a.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 800 block of CR 127.
 8:15 a.m., an accident was reported in the 4700 block of S. State Hwy. 36.
 11:40 a.m., a fire alarm was reported in the 100 block of Chicktown Road.
 1:56 p.m., harassment was reported in the 1600 block of St. Louis Street.
 5:21 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2200 block of E. Main Street.

CORYELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Nov. 10
 10:50 a.m., a theft was reported in the 400 block of Indian Springs Road.
 11:04 a.m., illegal dumping was reported on Lutheran Church Road.
 1:04 p.m., a reckless driver was reported on US Hwy. 84 East.
 5:16 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on Hwy. 84 and Greenbriar Road.
 6:25 p.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 1000 block of Winter Road.
 8:00 p.m., a theft was reported in the 500 block of E. Leon Street.

Nov. 11
 5:38 a.m., a traffic hazard was reported on Bald Knob Road.
 7:49 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported on FM 1783 W. of CR 136.
 9:19 a.m., criminal mischief was reported in the area around Pearl.
 3:43 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 17000 block of Moody Leon Road.
 7:15 p.m., a suspicious vehicle was reported in the 400 block of CR 341.
 8:01 p.m., an assault was reported in the 9700 block of FM 929.

Nov. 12
 8:40 a.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 5100 block of FM 1829.
 12:30 p.m., a reckless driver was reported on E. Hwy. 84 near Apple Creek Game Room.
 1:15 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 4300 block of FM 932.
 4:48 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1200 block of Strawmill Road.
 6:58 p.m., a theft was reported in the 11000 block of N. Hwy. 36.
 8:40 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on FM 215 before Turnersville.

Nov. 13

8:17 a.m., a minor accident was reported on S. Hwy. 36 near the N. Fort Hood Gate.
 10:40 a.m., a reckless driver was reported on S. Hwy. 36 near Walmart.
 12:06 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 100 block of Deer Run.
 12:53 p.m., found property was reported in the 500 block of N. 11th Street.
 5:46 p.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 5500 block of FM 215.
 6:27 p.m., a lost animal was reported in the 600 block of Whispering Oaks.

OBITUARIES

ROGER BARNETT

Dec. 23, 1936 - Nov. 10, 2021



the Texas Army National Guard and California Army National Guard. Roger and JoAnn moved back to Texas in 1960. He worked for a few years with his brother, Quinton, rebuilding cars until he went to work at Rock-etyne where he stayed until his retirement in 1991. Roger was known for his ability to build anything. If he could sketch it on a napkin, he could build it and always with precision. He enjoyed deer hunting with JoAnn, and his family. After retirement, he loved raising cattle and farming. He had the "fattest" cows in Coryell County. Roger was a member and deacon at White Hall Baptist Church and his faith in Jesus was evident in his daily life. He welcomed everyone into his home and treated them as family. Roger was preceded in death by his wife in 2007, and a brother, Quinton Barnett.

Roger Barnett, age 84, of Jonesboro, passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2021, at his home, surrounded by his family.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2021, at Scott's Funeral Home Chapel. Private family inurnment will be at Jonesboro Cemetery. Roger was born Dec. 23, 1936, in the Ater Community to the late Johnnie and Chlora Blacklock Barnett. He lived in the Slater Community until age three, when the family moved to Gatesville. He attended school in Gatesville, graduating from Gatesville High School in 1955.

He married JoAnn Gartman on Sept. 9, 1955. He began working in McGregor for Phillips Petroleum until moving to Chula Vista, CA in 1958, to work for Rohr Aircraft in the tooling and die department. While there, he completed classes specializing in Mathematics and Mechanics for Engineering. He served in

He is survived by his son, Joel Barnett and wife, Cynthia, of Robinson; daughter, Brenda Shirley and husband, David, of Jonesboro; eight grandchildren, sixteen great-grandchildren and one great-great grandson. He is also survived by multiple nieces and nephews, and family friend Patty Voss who tirelessly and lovingly cared for Roger over the past few months.

The family wishes to extend their sincere appreciation to Rhonda Manns and Beth Whitsell with Elara Hospice and Dr. Charles Johnson with Hamilton Healthcare. For those desiring, the family has requested memorials be made to Pearl Church of Christ, 6790 FM 185, Evant, TX 76525 or Meadowbrook Baptist Church Building Fund, 207 N. Robinson Rd., Robinson TX 76706.

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Historic Marker to be unveiled at Seaton Cemetery

A historic marker will be unveiled and dedicated at the historic Seaton Cemetery on Sunday, Nov. 28, at 2 p.m. by the Seaton Cemetery Association. The dedication service will be presided over by Mike Lam with the cemetery association. History of the cemetery will be read by Sherry Lawrence of the Coryell County Historical Commission.

Elijah B. Seaton moved with his family to Coryell County around 1872. Elijah B. Seaton accidentally shot his eleven-year-old son, John Madison Seaton, while the two were hunting. The child was buried on his parents' property, which was about one mile from the present-day cemetery. The child's burial was often attributed to the name of the current Seaton Cemetery. The first mention of the cemetery was found in a deed of sale for 219 acres of land in the George D. Gaylord survey in 1875. The deed excluded a one-acre tract of land from the sale and listed it as a "grave yard." Accord-

ing to the research of a Coryell County historian, Sherry Lawrence, the need for a cemetery in the Leon Junction area may have been realized when young John Madison Seaton was killed in 1872.

By 1895, deed records indicate that the Seaton Cemetery had grown in size and was listed as being two acres. Later, in 1914, F.P. Crouch deeded three acres of land to Coryell County, which included the cemetery, a parking area, and an entrance lane now known as Seaton Road.

The cemetery contains at least 303 identifiable burial sites - 31 of which are marked with illegible tombstones, field stones or ground indentations. The oldest known tombstone in the cemetery belongs to the infant son of S.W. and S.C. Fletcher, who died in 1878. The cemetery contains at least 28 military tombstones, which mark the graves of veterans of World War I, World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. In her historical narrative, Lawrence made



COURTESY PHOTO BY JIM LAM

HISTORIC CEMETERY GETS RECOGNITION: Seaton Cemetery, a historic cemetery located in a remote area near Leon Junction, had fallen into disrepair in recent years but has since been beautified thanks to the efforts of Sue Smith and Mike Lam as well as volunteers. On Nov. 28 the cemetery will be receiving long overdue recognition with a historical marker unveiling and dedication ceremony.



COURTESY PHOTO

SEATON CEMETERY: The grave of young John Madison Seaton who was accidentally killed in 1872.

mention of an interesting military tombstone for Wert Renfro Shelton, who served in the developing U.S. Air Force as a member of the Texas 98 Balloon Air Service during World War I.

In a March 2017 edition of The Gatesville Messenger, it was reported that the cemetery had fallen into disrepair and, due to its remote location outside of Leon Junction,

was used as a late-night hangout for people wanting to party. Sue Smith and Mike Lam organized the effort to clean, restore and improve the historic cemetery. Since that time, new fences, signs, security cameras, and a security light have been installed and the association is encouraging the public to become more involved in supporting the cemetery with donations

and volunteer maintenance assistance.

Seaton Cemetery can be reached by turning off Highway 36 South at Flat onto FM 931 and going about 5 miles to Leon Junction where there is a "Y" in the road, then one should veer to the right on CR 342 for about one mile where there will be a cemetery sign entrance on the right side of CR 342, identified as Seaton

Road, which will lead to the cemetery.

The public is invited to attend the historical marker dedication on Sunday, Nov. 28 at 2 p.m.

*(Information found in this article was gleaned from the historic narrative written by Sherry Lawrence).

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GHS releases A, A/B honor roll

Gatesville High School recently released its Honor Roll for the Semester 1, Cycle 1, Grades. Those students who qualified include:

"A" HONOR ROLL

9th Grade
Brianna Allen, Hannah Bartlett, Jeret Burks, Grace Carothers, John Davidson, Karilyn Dudik, Ryleigh Eaton, Reagan Fitts, Kasey Fitzer, Katherine Hopson, Alexander Johnson, Emily Kelly, Elaina Knobloch, Caleb Mannix, Emilie Moore, Logan Morgan, Dutch Nielsen, Malachi Olvera, Roman Perez, Gabriel Pollard, Lucy Pritchett, Ian Rainer, Jaycee Shelton, Liam Shoaf, Callie Smith, Avery Streetman, Cameron Thompson, Ricardo Villagrana, Mariah Votruba, Zayla Wisehart, Addison Woods, Royce Wright.

10th Grade
Blake Barnes, Barrett Boyd, Wyatt Dunbar, Brooke Herry, Anna Laskowski, Chase Lee, Hannah Martin, Carsyn Modisett, Jasmine Olivar, Bethany Penrod, Anna Phillips, Mikenna Reeves, Noah Smith, Olivia Walker, Harlie Wedding.

11th Grade
Thiele Alvarado, Payton Armstrong, Lola Barron, Charlike Breitingner, Korbrown, Lena Clawson, Kylie Cox, William Crozier, Lindsey Cummings, Rosalee Dilly, Cody Dotson, Slone Early, Brenden Gohlke, Evelyn Gregory, Kason Herbelin, Sara Hernandez, Mariana Hughes, Rachel Long, Benjamin Mabry, Khloe Mathews, John Meharg, Laura Mitchell, Mason Mooney, Aydan Necessary, Maria Olvera Rodriguez, Dawson Poliquin, Mattison Robinette, Trevor Smith, Ty Warren, Nathan West, Carter Williams.

12th Grade
Matthew Arrington, Samuel Belt, Ciera Billingsley, Adeline Carpenter, Rachel Conner, Peyton Dooley, McKenzie Feldman, Cheyenne Garcia, Kinsey Gardner, Jaiden Gomez, Evan Hanson, Brodie

Hughins, Jozy Jackson, Brooke Johnson, Pamela Johnson, Hailey Luensmann, Nicole McGinn, Kaitlynn Merritt, Cheyenne Miller, Anna Mitchell, Hayden Mooney, Tina Moran, Allison Pearce, Jorja Penny, Nolee Pickles, Evonna Pitrucha, Lexi Poston, Lyndi Poynter, Kalli Robi-nette, Enrique Rojas, Jessi Salas, Sarah Saunders, Johnnie Short, Ryan Smiley, Baylee Snoddy, Harlee Snoddy, Juleva Sun, Cooper Sutton, Tyler Sutton, Stormy Tatum, Riann Tippit, Mariana Uribe.

"A/B" HONOR ROLL

9th Grade
Taylor Alderman, Bo Ayers, Kannon Baker, Logan Biggs, Audrey Blanco, Romi Bomar, Roland Bowen, Mason Brizendine, Destiny Campbell, Kyle Casey, Rosa Castillo, Eli Charbonneau, Jonathan Chavez, Faith Choate, Teagan Comer, Carvin Coppersmith, Tyson Crawford, Bradley Crozier, Dillon Daniels, Jayden Davenport, Keyana Diserens, Jathan Dooley, Carley Dowling, Jackson Erwin, Kallie Featherston, Levi Featherston, Kloye Feldman, Kinlee Gardner, Ranyah Garraway, Raylee Glover, Dylan Granados, Max Healer, Kamren Hendrix, Jocelyn Hernandez, Madison Hester, Trent Hickman, Benjamin Hicks, Torri Hobbs, Kelsey Hoisington, Amelia Holden, Lilyana Huggins, Clayton Jones, Alyra Kilgore-Coalston, Sara Kiphen, Vincent Lira-Rodriguez, Jamie Lisenby, Jahaziel Martinez, Vania Martinez-Jaramillo, Ana Mata, Evan McCracken, Adrian McMurray, Frankie Medina, Jose Medrano, Avery Meelbusch, Tamiah Miller, Trae Miller, Brayden Mills, Serenity Morrall, Dana Myers, Jeny Dionz Obeda, Israel Ortega, Andrea Ortiz Saenz, Rexall Owen, Allyson Penrod, Laura Perez, Zayne Petrow, Naomi Renteria, Tyler Richardson, Danny Rodriguez, Domynek Romero, Keira Ruiz, Katelyn Sanchez, Paige Marie Sentillas, Santiago Servin,

Foster Shirley, Ariel Short, Joziann Smith, Yeri Solano, Owen Sorel, Rhya Spann, Mackenzie Stacher, Maryjane Stevens, Hunter Swindall, Carolmarie Szustak, Craig Talley, Addison Taylor, Luis Valencia, Jade Villegas, Kaitlyn Walden, Myia Walpole, Hayleigh Webb, Brian Wightman, Emery Wood, Alaynah Wrisk.

10th Grade
Riley Aaron, Tommy Aaron, Sean Aguilar, William Allman, Juan Almandariz, Hadleigh Ament, Madison Ayres, Elizabeth Bales, Charlee Barron, Kale Branum, Caden Brister, Christine Brown, Cory Burns, Cheyenne Bushong, Max Carpenter, Lilyana Carrillo, Gabriel Charles, Cayleigh Coursey, Taylor Coward, Nathan Elliott, Natalie Fast, Katrina Ferris, Kaitlyn Gamble, Karma Germain, Jaynee Green, Clayton Gregory, Zoe Gribble, Danelle Gutierrez, Jimmy Hall, John Hall, Isabell Hamilton, Hayden Heck, Rachel Holden, Ray Jones, Ellie Kelley, Gracie Key, Leo Land, Raisa Leon, Matti Mann, Sherylin Martinez, Hannah Matherson, Vesta McMasters, McKenzie Merritt, Lawson Mooney, Jaiden Muff, Devin Nashif, Wyatt Nichols, Andi Pitrucha, Stetson Rhymes, Carla Rivas Diaz, Vanessa Robledo, Jaeda Rodriguez, Xzavier Rodriguez, Lillianna Romero, David Sims, Le'Yah Smith, Raylie Snively, Layton Stone, Garrett Sullivan, Elara Sumrall, Yodfah Sun, Michael Tawater, Tatum Taylor, Ryan Tesar, Bralen Veazey, Luke White, Alanda Wimberley, Ashley Yuchasz.

11th Grade
Banner Allman, Katherine Arnold, Mya Ayers, Conner Ayres, Grayson Baker, Walker Barnes, Steven Bomar, Cooper Boyd, Brookelynn Byrd, Brady Carothers, Jackson Carroll, Joshua Coalston, Elena Contreras, Kaitlyn Darby, Payton Dowling, Preslea Edmond, Jeremy Featherston, Ariel Findley, Chesnea Ford, Camden Galindo, Lucas Gar-

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12th Grade
Briyana Alexander, Jacob Baker, Megan Barcroft, Rivers Breshears, Jacob Briede, Carson Brizendine, Wesley Brown, Olivia Brownlee, Ella Burns, Chelby Bushong, Christian Buster, Brett Byler, Joao Francisco Cerqueira Lima Chaves, Bradyn Cullley, Ryan Darby, Clara De La Torre, Zane Diaz Brown, Hazlee Edwards, Logan Edwards, Zane Foster, Mathew Gomez, Javon Hall, Jimmy Hall, Lacie Herry, Sarah House, Tyler Hutts, Sunnie Jeter, Christopher Johnson, David Kennon, Scout Key, Jordan Kinkade, Levi LeBlanc, Luis Macias Ayala, Cayden Mata, Alyssa Molina, Paige Monroe, Shandiin Monroe, Cooper Mooney, Breanna Okruch-Montgomery, Isabella Perry, Georgia Rogers, Kagan Saunders, Shaylie Smart, Bella Smith, Brenon Smith, Kensley Smith, Sophia Solano, Dylan Steffey, Zachary Swindall, Natasha Thoms, Camron Tindell, Cera Touchet, Ethan Velasquez, Alyssa Villegas, Bailee Williams, Eric Wise, Dayne Zacha.

Introducing turkey to Japan

By: Tumbleweed Smith

Chloe Steinhagen of Georgetown spent ten years in Japan singing on cruise ships and in clubs. She also did some work translating equipment instructions from Japanese to English. She lived in a small town not far from Tokyo.

"I was sharing a home with two other Americans and my two housemates, and I decided that since it was around Thanksgiving, we would have some of our Japanese friends over and introduce them to turkey, which is a rare bird in Japan. If anything, it's sort of a novelty."

It took Chloe a bicycle ride, a train ride, two subway rides and a long walk to get to an American market in Tokyo. It took hours to get there. She bought a frozen turkey. It was placed in a paper bag.

"I rode my first subway and there was no problem, and everything went swimmingly on the second subway ride and finally I got on the train headed for home. As I was sitting on the train I looked down and I see this little rivulet of pink, watery stuff running down the aisle of the train.

"I could see the bottom of the paper bag was wet and the turkey was beginning to thaw. I watched as the pink liquid was traveling down the middle of the train, which was packed with Japanese passengers. I looked at them, but they didn't look at me. They were looking at the pink stream. I wondered what must have been going through their minds. This was an awful

situation. When the train got to my stop, very rapidly I picked up the bag so I could get off with my turkey and the bottom of the bag was soaking wet by now and my turkey fell out and landed right in the middle of the aisle. In America it would have been a comedy scene but on that train, nobody laughed, nobody said a word. So, I gathered up my cold wet turkey, got off the train and rode my bicycle to my house."

I thought that would be the end of a funny story. But it wasn't.

"In Japan they generally don't have ovens in their kitchens. They do most of their cooking on the top of the stove. And most of my Japanese friends had never tasted turkey. The home I was in was on the modern side and had a very small oven, perhaps the world's smallest.

"When we got the turkey to the house, we couldn't get the turkey in the oven. It wasn't a very big turkey, but it was a very small oven. It could have been in a dollhouse. We took everything out, all the shelves, everything we could find. And we literally stood there and shoved that turkey in the oven, shoving it in with our feet to get it to go on there. It finally went in and was cooked. Of course, it was black in a few places on the outside but all together they turkey turned out well. It was a tasty turkey and the Japanese, if they didn't enjoy it, they acted like they did. They are very polite."

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BOOK REVIEW

Easy escape, nostalgic trip back with 'American Comics'

BY TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

A towel worked pretty well.

If Mom got mad about you stealing one of her bath towels, then a folded sheet was good, or even an old shower curtain. Superheroes never worried about the fabric of their capes, and you didn't, either. As long as kid-you could leap and climb and fight crime, you were happy. Even better: having "American Comics: A History" by Jeremy Dauber in your hands today.

Though, in a way, the history of American comics started with Egyptian hieroglyphics, you can also easily state that political cartoons were really this nation's first cartoons. By 1827, comics without words, or the "picture-story," was recognized as something valid that even semi-literate colonists could enjoy in books.

Early newspapers eventually found cartoons, or the other way around, but those first comics were meant for adults. Still, turn-of-the-last-century children were savvy enough to understand the mischief of the Katzenjammer Kids and soon, comics were beloved by the whole family as they held up a mirror to what Americans were doing or dreaming about. That included conquering the Great Depression and the Fuhrer: by 1939, fourteen new superheroes had appeared in the nation's comic books.

American GIs were voracious consumers of comics during World War II, as Sad Sack and Dick Tracy joined Barney Google in the service and Daddy Warbucks became a three-star general. Comic book publishers also joined the War Effort when forced to use just a single staple to

keep their product together, something a superhero surely could've helped do.

WWII comic lovers returned home to some controversy: shortly after the wars' end, comic books were said to contribute to juvenile delinquency.

The 1950s saw the heyday of horror comics and satire magazines that were not necessarily meant for consumption by children. Racism and sexism had always existed in comic books, but the 1960s saw a rise

in strips by African American artists and more comic books with a feminist angle. And by the 1970s, comics had become "comix" and nearly everything changed...

Once upon a time, you had piles of comic books. Well-loved, well-thumbed-through, you even read the ads on the back, didn't you? Yeah, and with plenty of nostalgia and cultural touch points, "American Comics" will remind you of those rainy Saturdays spent fighting pixelated crime in POWs, BAMS, and WHAMS.

But here's the thing: author Jeremy Dauber never lets readers forget that comic book history is inseparably American history. We can trace this country's past almost entirely through comics like Crazy Kat, Lil' Orphan



Annie, Captain America, Sad Sack, Archie, and Wee Pals, and we can see how American opinions changed according to our favorite funny pages. That makes this book perfect for comic book collectors, unusual-history buffs, and anyone who thought they were wasting time all day when (ha!) they were just reading comic books.

Dear Mom: We forgive you for throwing out all our comic books so long ago. We'd rather have them back, but this book is a warm reminder of them. For sure, "American Comics" is a great e-escape.

"American Comics: A History" by Jeremy Dauber c.2021, WW. Norton \$35.00 / \$47.00 Canada 592 pages

Gatesville Police Department participates in 'No Shave November'

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

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

Participating officers pay a fee for the opportunity to forgo the razor during the

month of November.

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

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

Righteous Roots asks for Christmas gift donations for single mothers

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 Christmas 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.

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Whatever happened to...

20 YEARS AGO (2001)

Gatesville High School students in Jan Wynn's class were donating their time and

energy to work at the Care Center. Although limited to only a brief time each Monday morning, center director Deral McWhorter reported the students could box 38 boxes of food in a mere 38 minutes.

Officers of the Coryell County Genealogical Society were being installed. The officers included Ginger Dossman, Lalla Rookh Ward, Nell Yates, Carol Smith, Charles Reeve, Beth Hodges, Bobby Hodges, Luzane Curry, and Faye Nichols.

L.J. and Anetta Nichols were celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary at the Belton Lake Outdoor Recreation Area (BLORA) hide-away pavilion overlooking Lake Belton. L.J. Nichols and the former Anetta Renfrew were married Nov. 7, 1951, in Chickasha, OK with Elder D. Ramsey officiating.

Kutter Jack Saunders celebrated his first birthday with a "Winnie the Pooh" birthday party. The honoree is the son of Mike and Crystal Saunders of Gatesville and the grandson of James and Chery Harris of Jasper and Stanley and Rhonda Williams and David and Shauna Saunders.

Joe Frank Holder proudly displayed an eight-point buck he killed on the Jack Davidson ranch near Pecan Grove. The buck was shot with a .243 from approximately 50 yards.

Gatesville Masonic Lodge 197 recently completed their most successful coat drive since the program started. Members raised enough money to purchase more than 20 children's coats to be distributed through the Care Center.

THIRTY YEARS AGO (1991)

Dr. Stephen Norris, surgeon at Coryell Memorial Hospital, was elected to the board of trustees of the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor in Belton during the annual meeting of the 2.5 million-member of the Baptist General Convention of Texas in Waco.

Winners of The Gatesville Messenger's Holiday Recipe contest were: Lourenia Young, \$65 HEB gift certificate; Lottie McDonald, \$35 Wal Mart gift certificate; and Jo Ann Carothers, \$35 Thrift-

mart gift certificate.

Two trustees were elected during the annual business meeting of the Hemmeline Cemetery Association held at Bethel Heights Baptist Church. Elected to serve two-year terms were Alvin Kippen, vice-president, and Lewis Lengefeld, secretary-treasurer.

The 1991 Coryell County Hay Show received 57 entries. Joe Loden came out the big winner, exhibiting the overall Grand Champion bale with a champion small grains entry. He also exhibited the Champion Coastal Bermudagrass bale.

Ginger Petty of Evant finished 49th at the Class 1A state cross country championships held at Southwestern University in Georgetown.

Melody Palmer was recognized for her performance with the Texan Stars dance team at Tarleton State University. A senior Interdisciplinary Studies major at Tarleton, Melody was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Palmer of Gatesville.

FORTY YEARS AGO (1981)

Doug Barton, former Hornet football star and son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Barton of Gatesville, was to be a starting linebacker on the Cisco Junior College Wrangler squad that was to play in the annual Wool Bowl Game in Roswell, N.M.

R. E. (Bob) Lee of Fort Gates was awarded a custom-made, hand tooled roping saddle valued at around \$1,300 after emerging as the National Old Timers Rodeo Association's champion team roper for the second straight year.

Former Gatesville resident, William Blankenship, an operatic tenor of international renown who was residing in New York City, took an acting role in a daytime television serial. Blankenship became a member of the cast of "All My Children," an ABC-TV soap opera.

Coryell County Farm Bureau delegates going to the state convention were Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Pruitt, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Littlefield, Mr. and Mrs. Don Rhoades, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Loden, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Cheatham and Mr. and

Mrs. Gordon Brown.

Pvt. Charles L. Sims, son of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Sims had completed a parachute packing, maintenance and airdrop course at the U. S. Army Quartermaster School, at Fort Lee, Va.

The Mitchell Scholarship Fund, established to honor Lloyd Mitchell, was enriched by a \$1,000 contribution by Wes Gilbreath, owner of the SignAd Company in Houston and a Gatesville developer.

FIFTY YEARS AGO (1971)

Authorities at Panola Junior College in Carthage honored Mrs. Merle Glass of Gatesville by naming a dormitory after her on their campus. Glass, a retired teacher, was a member of the Panola faculty or several years.

Curtis Davis, associated locally with the George Painter Realtor firm, was notified by the education director of the Texas Association of Realtors, that he had successfully completed Course III of the San Antonio Realtors Institute.

U. S. Air Force Senior Master Sergeant Jimmie Peveto, son of Mrs. T. J. Peveto Sr. of Oglesby, arrived for duty at Carswell Air Force Base in Fort Worth. He had previously served at Clark Air Base in the Philippines. He was a 1948 graduate of Gatesville High School.

Ronnie Sullins of Oglesby, a junior at Tarleton State College in Stephenville, had been named to "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges" for 1971. Sullins was a 1969 graduate of Oglesby High School.

Mrs. Roger (Jo Ann) Barnett displayed an 8-point rack and head of a buck deer she bagged on opening day of deer season, on the Jack Saunders place near Pidcoke. She repeated the performance on the same day by bringing down a handsome 9-pointer.

The new president of the Gatesville High School Ex-Students Association was Bob Boyd, local mortician. Bobby Jones was vice president for 1971-72 and Mrs. Catherine Healer was re-elected secretary.

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NEWS FROM PEARL

When Santa Claus visited church

BY BETSY CLARK

Everyone I know is busy preparing for the holiday season right now which reminds me of a personal story that happened about 30 years ago when my own kiddos were about six and seven years old. We were leaving the service at Pearl Church of Christ one Sunday morning in November when one of my boys said that Santa Claus was at church that day.

He was positive that Santa had been in one of the pews. I scanned the pews in my mind's eye, trying to "see" a man with a beard. Knowing where everyone always sits (like we have assigned pews which we don't, but we are creatures of habit), and not one portly, bearded man came to mind. I decided that my child had a very active imagination and that I would just acknowledge that he did see Santa in his own mind's eye. This same thing happened a couple more Sundays, and I continued acknowledging that he really was seeing something that reminded him of Mr. Claus. About the same time this was happening, my child was suddenly "in the money." First, he had a quarter in his sock

drawer, then fifty cents, etc. I assumed one of his grandparents was giving him money as they were prone to do and never questioned it. Finally, one Sunday, my son introduced me to Santa! Santa's name was Glen Conner! He had been giving this sweet boy a quarter each Sunday morning, telling him it was from dear old Santa, and instructing him to use that money to buy his mama a Christmas present when he got enough. I cannot even type this without getting tears in my eyes! Now, Glen looked absolutely nothing like Santa. When I brought this to my child's attention, he explained that Santa is magic and can look like anybody he wants to. Yes, he can! Through the years, I would



Betsy Clark

come home from the school where I taught and would find different things hanging on my back doorknob such as plums or garden produce. I knew they were from Glen. He surely was one of Santa's helpers, and I will never forget the kindness of this Pearl Santa Claus! There's no place like Pearl!

Please keep the families of Sue Gartman Little and Roger Barnett in your prayers. Mrs. Little passed away on November 6th, and Mr. Barnett on November 10th. Both have strong ties to Pearl, and we send our love to their family members and friends.

The next Pearl Bluegrass and Pearl Cottage Bookstore Day will be December 4th. Doors of the Pearl Community Center open at 7 a.m., and the book cottage opens at 10 a.m. The Bluegrass kitchen opens at 11 a.m. Full hookup

RV parking is available on the Community Center grounds: 20 Amps-\$20 and 50 Amps is \$25. Everyone is welcome!

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

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

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

Coryell County producers urged to consider risk protection coverage

The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds producers to review available USDA crop risk protection options, including federal crop insurance and Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage.

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The deadline to purchase a NAP policy for 2022 grasses and mixed forages for haying and grazing is Dec. 1.

USDA has partnered with Michigan State University and the University of Illinois to create an online tool at www.fsa.usda.gov/nap that allows producers to determine whether their crops are eligible for federal crop insurance or NAP and to explore the best level of protection for their operation. NAP basic

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For more information on NAP, service fees, premiums and sales deadlines, contact the Coryell County FSA office at 254-865-7012 or visit the web at www.fsa.usda.gov/nap.

GOOD LUCK IN THE PLAYOFFS!



Jonesboro Eagles (11-0) vs No. 1 state-ranked May Tigers (11-0) in the second round of the Class 1A, Division I Playoffs Thursday, November 18 in Dublin

(Top row) Demarcus Acoff, Dakota Riley, Caleb Christel, Jimmy Lee Whatley, Jaden Dome, Ian Shoaf, Tyler Wilson, Jacob Cisneros and Manuel Torres. (Bottom row) Zach Chapman, Cooper Blanchard, Garrett Young and Nat Hilliker. **This is Jonesboro's 12th year in a row in the six-man playoffs.**



Oglesby Tigers (9-2) vs Richland Springs Coyotes (8-1) Area Round Class 1A, Division II Matchup 7 p.m. Friday, November 19 at Comanche

(Back row) Ian Philip, Cash Lee, Jorge Gonzalez, Matthew Castillo, Rain Chapman. (Middle row) Aiden Deskins, Kyler Fossett, Cash McCown, Aydan Anderson, Brodie Fisher, Ronaldo Gonzales, Tanner Brinkley, Landon Robinson. Kneeling, Jakson Tippitt, Hunter Ewing, Hunter Walter, Johnny Gomez, Joel Rodriguez, Alex Castillo and Blake Thompson.

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: **Allen D. Place, Jr.**
Attorney at Law
109 S. 7th Street
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DATED the 10th day of November, 2021.

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Leopards outpace Hornets in basketball lid-lifter

BY MARK GOODSON
STAFF WRITER

The Lorena Leopards handed the Gatesville Hornets a 59-34 loss in their season-opening basketball game at Gatesville Saturday.

Lorena jumped out to an early 5-0 lead and led 14-4 just six minutes into the game.

Lorena led 17-6 after the first quarter and built the margin to 32-18 at half. The Leopards outscored the Hornets 27-16 in the second half.

The Hornets' top scorer in the game was Tyler Shea with 17 points. Carter Williams added five points.

"We had really good effort, and (I am) proud at the way they competed," Gatesville coach Brit Campbell said. "It's always tough to play a game with the transition from football being so sudden. Lorena is always a tough game, with how hard they play and how good they are

on defense, especially when some of our guys have been on the football field and not in the gym, and they are a really tough team for the first game of the season. This group is only going to improve and I'm excited to see their growth."

The Hornets are on the road for two games this week at Rogers (Tuesday) and Jarrell (Friday).

MARK GOODSON | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Trae Miller lobs the ball to a Hornet teammate in Gatesville's season-opening basketball game against the Lorena Leopards on Nov. 13.



MARK GOODSON | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Gatesville basketball coach Brit Campbell motions during the Hornets' season-opener against the Lorena Leopards on Nov. 13.

New artificial reefs, habitat structures installed at Lake Belton

BELTON - Anglers have more spots to search for the perfect catch at Lake Belton thanks to some recently installed artificial reefs and habitat structures. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) Waco and Forth Worth Inland Fisheries Districts partnered with multiple organizations and volunteers to complete the project which will significantly enhance the fishery.

"We were very excited when the opportunity arose to partner with Texas B.A.S.S. Nation and our local bass clubs to enhance the fishery at Lake Belton," said John Tibbs, Inland Fisheries Waco District Supervisor. "Thanks to support from our partners, this project became a reality and anglers will benefit from these improvements for many years to come."

The design of the project called for four large artificial reefs and was one of the largest collaborative projects the Waco Inland Fisheries District has done to date. Numerous partners and contributors supported TPWD to make this initiative possible. Texas B.A.S.S. Nation, Tincup Whiskey, Texas Anglers Bass Club and Centex Bass Hunters volunteers, Baylor University student volunteers, Brazos River Authority, U.S. Army Corp

of Engineers, Mossback Fish Habitat, and Quality Brick Works.

Artificial reefs provide cover for bass, catfish, crappie and other species. Lake Belton is a popular spot for anglers in Central Texas and this project is part of an overall plan to improve the fishery. Most of the shoreline provides very steep, rocky fish habitat. Majestic tall bluffs and long rocky points are most common, although sand and mud flats can be found up the Leon River and Cowhouse Creek arms. The lake has little aquatic vegetation and timber is limited in many areas, so these new reefs are a welcome addition.

Texas B.A.S.S. Nation Conservation Director Dave Terre, who recently retired from TPWD after 35 years of service, said they were blessed with a grant from Tincup Whiskey and reached out to TPWD to support this project.

"When this grant came in, my first thought was to do a habitat project on a reservoir that needed it," said Terre. "We met as an organization and decided that Belton Lake was a place where we would love to do a project like this. The first phone call I made was to John Tibbs, TPWD Inland Fisheries Waco Dis-

trict supervisor. I worked with John for many years at TPWD and knew he would be excited to partner with us on this project. The Brazos River Authority had also reached out to John with some funds to partner on this type of a project and it all came together for Belton Lake."

Texas B.A.S.S. Nation is made up of affiliated bass clubs across the state in multiple regions and Lake Belton falls into the North-central Region. The organization worked with several of its clubs to select habitat deployment sites and provide the labor, in partnership with TPWD on this project.

"I think what this project shows is a way that anglers can partner with a state agency and private business to improve habitat for fish and make fishing better for anglers," added Terre. "This project is a shining example, and we hope to continue helping with more of these type initiatives into the future. We can be so much more effective on restoring degrading fish habitats in our reservoirs if we work together in partnership with the state's anglers to get the work done."

TPWD constructed and placed Georgia cubes which are a 4'x4'x4' frame of 1 1/2" schedule 40 pvc with 100' of flexible black

perforated pvc drainage pipe contained within. The project team also assembled and placed 60 Mossback "Trophy Trees," 24 Mossback "Safe Havens," and 2 Mossback "Conservation Cubes." A total of four fish reefs were created, three of which consisted of six Georgia cubes, 15 Trophy Trees, and six Safe Havens. The other reef was made up of five Georgia cubes, 15 Trophy Trees, six Safe Havens, and two conservation Cubes.

With the new structures in place, TPWD biologists followed up to see the early results. The evaluation used sonar and discovered that fish were using the structures less than two weeks after installation.

Coordinates for these new spots are:
Reef 1: N 31.14600, W -97.51780
Reef 2: N 31.14142, W -97.50919
Reef 3: N 31.14196, W -97.50539
Reef 4: N 31.14517, W -97.48168

These new habitat structures along with existing structures on other lakes are publicly available online. Anglers can punch these coordinates into their GPS or download the coordinates for use in GPS devices.

Anglers can learn more about fishing in the state of Texas through the TPWD fishing website.

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Tigers trip Trojans in bi-district battle

BY MARK GOODSON
STAFF WRITER

Oglesby High School sophomore running back Johnny Gomez said the harder someone hits him the better he likes it.

Gomez came up with some big runs Thursday as the Tigers, the champions of District 14-A, Div. II, played some hard-hitting football to claim a 48-30 bi-district win over the Calvert Trojans Thursday in Oglesby.

"I like it when the game gets going like that," Gomez said after carrying the ball 16 times for 177 yards and four touchdowns. His longest run was 43 yards.

Oglesby will take on the 8-1 Richland Springs Coyotes in the area playoff round. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 19 at the high school field in Comanche.

The Tigers improved to 9-2 on the season with their victory at home Thursday.

"My kids played hard," Oglesby coach Jeb Dixon said. "Defensively, we played great other than a couple jump balls. The kids did a really good job."

Gomez's 43-yard run in the second quarter helped the Tigers reclaim the momentum for good.

The Tigers' night started with a score from 25 yards by Blake Thompson on just



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Johnny Gomez, a sophomore, ran for 177 yards and 4 touchdowns.

the second play from scrimmage. It looked like a blow-out early.

Calvert hit with two scores including a scoop and score of 55 yards to battle back.

Oglesby had four fumbles in the contest.

"I thought we were the most physical team which helped set the tone. We had too many turnovers and we will clean that up," Dixon said. "Their athleticism hurt us, jumping gaps and firing off the ball."

Oglesby led 32-18 at half-

time and went on to secure the victory with a 42-yard run by Gomez and a 10-yard touchdown strike from Thompson to Hunter Ewing.

Ewing snagged the pass in the corner of the end zone for his first touchdown of his high school career with 7:18 left in the game.

"It was a perfect dime. Right in there," said Ewing, a freshman.

The completion was the only one in six attempts between Thompson and Brodie Fisher.



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Senior Blake Thompson breaks free for a big gain in Oglesby's victory over Calvert.

Thompson finished with 17 carries for 109 yards. Gomez and Kyler Fossett were the other big threats.

Fossett finished with nine carries for 75 yards.

Tackle leaders were

Thompson with seven and Matthew Castillo with six.

Cash Lee, Fisher, Jakson Tippit and Fossett had four tackles each.

"We have a Goliath this week and their number of

state titles speaks for itself," Dixon said. "We will have to be very physical and fundamental. We need to win the turnover battle and be very sound. I love my team."

Jonesboro blasts Leakey to set up big showdown

BY MARK GOODSON
STAFF WRITER

Jonesboro High School's players put in a lot of work to get to their anticipated football showdown with the May Tigers this week.

The date has been circled on the Eagles' calendar for a year.

The battle of unbeaten in the six-man, Division I ranks is scheduled to have a 6 p.m. kickoff on Thursday, Nov. 18 in Dublin.

Both teams come into the game at 11-0. They met in the second round of the playoffs a year ago in Dublin.

This year, they have two common opponents.

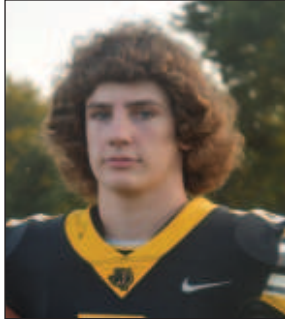
Jonesboro shut out Blum, 45-0, and May trounced Blum, 77-14.

Against Evant, the Eagles rolled 70-8 in district. May beat Evant, 63-6.

Against the Leakey Eagles in last Thursday's opening-round bi-district playoff clash, the Eagles put up 12 touchdowns in a 90-40 blowout victory in the first game of a twinbill at Fredericksburg's Battlin' Billie Stadium.

The veteran players who have led the way are Caleb Christel, Ian Shoaf, Jacob Cisneros, Nat Hilliker and Manny Torres.

"They've had a lot of varsity reps. Been in a lot of big games," Jonesboro coach Eddie Gallegos said.



Ian Shoaf

"We expect them to set the tone."

Christel and teammates Shoaf, Torres and Cisneros shared the big plays in the running game against Leakey.

Junior Christel had three touchdown runs, with 12 carries for 80 yards overall. Shoaf had 11 carries for 101 yards and three TDs.

Torres scored twice and finished with eight carries for 73 yards.

Cisneros finished with 10 carries for 68 yards. Jaden Domel had two carries for 19 yards.

The team combined for five completions in seven attempts passing.

Christel was two of three for 33 yards and one score.

Garrett Young was perfect in two attempts and one score for 44 total yards.

Cisneros was one for two and a 28-yard scoring pass to Zach Chapman.

Others with big catches

were by Nat Hilliker with a 25-yard TD, and DeMarcus Acoff two catches for 44 yards and a score. Layton Blanchard caught one pass for eight yards.

They had several big plays on defense.

Shoaf had a fumble return for a score, a pass breakup and 10 tackles.

Other defensive leaders were:

Domel- 17 tackles, one forced fumble

Hilliker- nine tackles, one pass breakup

Chapman- eight tackles, two fumble recoveries

Christel- eight tackles, one forced fumble

Cisneros- seven tackles

Acoff- six tackles, one forced fumble

Young- three tackles

Torres- two tackles

THE SEASON

Jonesboro (11-0)

Jonesboro 67, Coolidge 26

Jonesboro 47, Perrin-Whitt 0

Jonesboro 58, Johnson County Sports Association 8

Jonesboro 45, Blum 0

Jonesboro 64, Saint Jo 50

Jonesboro 70, Turkey Valley 26

Jonesboro 56, Greenville Christian 6

Jonesboro 70, Evant 8

Jonesboro 59, Zephyr 0

Jonesboro 62, Lometa 14

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Bi-district

Jonesboro 90, Leakey 40

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Tyler Shea looks for a teammate to pass the ball to in Gatesville's season-opener against the Lorena Leopards. The Hornets suffered a loss in the game. For more on the game, see the story on Page A9. After a road game at Rogers on Tuesday, the Hornets will travel to Jarrell for a contest on Friday night.

In Class 4A playoffs, Hornets learn from Carthage battle

BY MARK GOODSON
STAFF WRITER

Friday's season-ending clash with The Carthage Bulldogs served as a learning experience for the Gatesville Hornets football program.

The Hornets went toe to toe with the state's No. 1 team in Class 4A, Div. II and came away feeling good about the experience despite a 35-0 score Friday in the bi-district playoff matchup at Athens High School.

"I am proud of our kids and how they competed Friday night," Gatesville coach Luke Howard said. "Our defense played well and got after them. I thought it was great experience for our program to be in that environment. To see we could make



plays against the No. 1 team in the state."

Carthage recorded its fourth shutout of the season and limited the Hornets to 122 yards while rolling up 296 yards in total offense.

Parker Allman had an interception for

the Hornets and Hayden Mooney led the team in tackles, with six.

Carthage scored two first-quarter touchdowns and led 21-0 at halftime. The Bulldogs had a 3-yard run for the first score at the 8:29 mark of the quarter. Six minutes later the Bulldogs scored on a 59-yard pass to go up 14-0.

Both teams were scoreless in the third quarter.

Carthage added two fourth-quarter scores.

Hornets' quarterback Wesley Brown, the season rushing leader for the Hornets, finished the game with 16 carries for minus-14 yards.

Brady Culley had eight carries for 24 yards to lead in the game. Cayden Mata added two carries for 10 yards.

Brown was eight of 28 passing for 105 yards.

Brown's receiving leaders were juniors Trevor Smith with three for 83 yards and Tyler Shea with one for eight yards.

Carthage was 14 of 29 passing for 204 yards with three touchdown strikes through the air.

"This team battled all year," Howard said. "Cannot say enough about their effort and fight. Super proud of all they accomplished. We have some major holes to fill this offseason."

"I am looking forward to see our young guys develop and become guys we can count on Friday nights."

Gatesville punted nine times for a 42-yard average while forcing Carthage to punt once for 29 yards.