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# GISD to save \$331,593 thanks to refinancing option

BY JEFF OSBORNE

SENIOR STAFF WRITER

A nice financial windfall resulting from lower interest rates will enable the Gatesville Independent School District to save \$331,593 on a bond originally issued in 2013 and allow the district to pay off the bond a full year earlier than anticipated.

That good news was delivered by Darrell Frazier, chief financial officer for the district, during a school board meeting on

"Because of low interest rates we will be able to refinance and enjoy significant savings," Frazier said. "The average rates (when the bond was issued) were 2.02 to 3.03 percent, and the current rates are between 0.46 and 1.51 percent, which is a huge difference.



**Darrell Frazier** 

"It will also allow us to shave a whole year off of the term. We will now be able to complete the payments in 2028 instead of 2029. It is similar to the savings a homeowner can receive when refinancing a mortgage. Interest rates have been bouncing around at record low levels for quite some time, and we're now in a good position to take advantage of that.'

The financial principal is \$5.8 million which was used for school improvements that had an average interest rate

of 2.9 percent, Frazier said. As part of the debt restructuring, the district will spend \$500,000 to shorten the term of the bond.

"You will still be left with a very healthy fund balance," Frazier told the school board. "We're in a very good position."

"That's great news," said Charles Ament, the new school board president who was elected to that position by the board at the Nov. 15 meeting. Other officers for the board include Charles Alderson, vice president; and Cheyenne Kizer, secretary.

Road &

bridge

concerns

targeted

Coryell County's road and bridge

department took center stage at

permits issued, an update on com-

plaints and plans for expanded of-

fice space among the topics talked

Cody Wallace, a member of the

department, said 75 septic permits

were issued between May 18 and

Oct. 29. Of these, 64 are complete

and 11 remain under construction.

The department has responded

the Texas Commission on Environ-

mental Quality and six others from

community members. Wallace said

six of the complaints have been re-

solved, while the most recent one,

"We are working with Mr. (Bran-

don) Belt (the county attorney) and

County Judge Roger Miller noted

made in October, is still ongoing.

the sheriff's office to get better access than trying to spy over a neighbor's fence," Wallace said.

that at an average of 16 septic

mits per year.

permits issued each month, the

ment is additional office space.

wants," Miller said. "A project of

this scope was not in the budget

fices, and there are plenty of options (with temporary buildings)."

Miller recommended that the

county authorize up to \$25,000 be

spent to procure an office trailer to

not warranted in the future.

this year, but that's not saying it's

"The immediate need is two of-

county is issuing almost 200 per-

A pressing need for the depart-

"We are addressing needs versus

to seven complaints -- one from

a recent meeting of the Coryell County Commissioners Court, with the number of septic system

BY JEFF OSBORNE SENIOR STAFF WRITER

about.

# 4-year-old with a heart of gold

BY JEFF OSBORNE SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Brantley Schuetz may be one of the Gatesville Independent School District's youngest students, but when it comes to helping others he has proven to have a heart of gold.

A member of Mindy Marshall's pre-kindergarten class, Brantley was honored by GISD Superintendent Barrett Pollard and the school board for his fundraising efforts on behalf of a local family whose house was recently consumed by a fire.

"We had a family with two teachers whose home burned," Pollard said.
"Brantley heard about this at school, and then on his own started a fundraising effort for the family that generated over \$1,000. What a great heart of caring and compassion for this young man. It really makes you feel good about the future."

Although an initial hat fundraiser was held at Gatesville Primary School, Brantley, who was deeply moved by the plight the Graham family endured, asked, "Can we do more?"

His enthusiasm motivated his class to launch another fundraiser.

'Ms. Marshall came up and told me that after we had a hat fundraiser (for the Grahams), Brantley told her, 'That's not enough,' and that he wanted to do more. That's really amazing for a 4-yearold that he would think about that said Gatesville Primary School Principal Mashara Streater.

"Kindness is big on our campus, it's something that our guidance counselor emphasizes with the students, and Brantley exemplifies that."

Pollard said Brantley's actions and his concern for others is something the district wanted to celebrate.

"As a result of his idea and his big heart, they raised a substantial amount to help the Graham family," Pollard said, adding that the district was proud to honor Brantley for his servant's heart. Brantley is the son of Haley Snyder.

The fire that ravaged the home of Gatesville High School English teacher Cassie Graham and GISD behavioral specialist Chris Graham occurred on Sept.

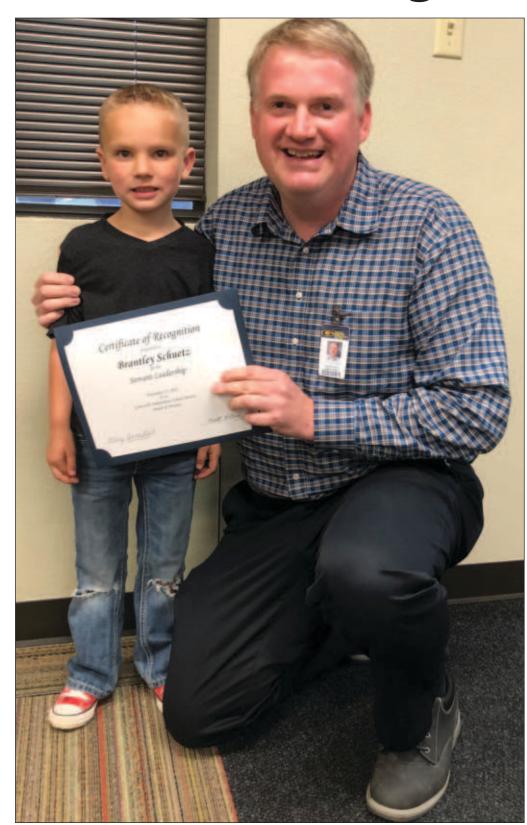
According to a post on the Go Fund Me website posted by Cassie's sister, Jessie Black of Louisiana:

"Around 1:30 a.m. Sept. 27, Cassie, my sister, woke up to a loud beeping. She quickly realized it was the fire alarm and woke up her husband, Chris. She ran out of her bedroom door and felt instant heat and smelled smoke. She ran to my 5-year-old nephew's room and grabbed him. They all managed to escape within minutes of the fire spreading across the whole house.

'They watched their home, and everything they have worked so hard for burn. Cassie's Ford Expedition was engulfed as

Gatesville residents, as well as donors from Louisiana and other areas have responded by raising more than \$6,000 to help the Grahams.

Anyone wanting to make additional contributions may visit the Go Fund Me page on behalf of Cassie Graham.



**JEFF OSBORNE |** THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Brantley Schuetz receives a certificate from GISD Superintendent Barrett Pollard for his charity.



**COURTESY PHOTO** 

The Graham family's home was consumed by fire on Sept. 27.

# serve as temporary office space. "I recommend we not go with temporary - it's going to fall apart," said Pct. 1 Commissioner Kyle Mat-He instead suggested the item be

tabled so that a permanent option can be discussed at an upcoming meeting. Pct. 3 Commissioner Rvan Basham and Pct. 4 Commissioner Ray Ashby voted in agreement with Matthews. Pct. 2 Commissioner Daren Moore was not present at the meeting.

The commissioners court approved a bid of \$41,200 for the addition of a maintenance bay at the road and bridge maintenance

"It will be very beneficial," Wallace said. "All the work area is also the storage area and this will get things flowing a lot better."

#### **OUESTION** & ANSWER CORNER

Q: Will the Messenger have different hours for the Thanksgiving holiday?

A: The newspaper office will be closed Nov. 25-26.

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# Churches, community members join Operation Shoebox

Volunteers from local churches have been busy packing shoe boxes of gifts for shipment to children throughout the world for the annual Operation Christmas Child collection week.

Operation Christmas Child, a faith-based project of Samaritan's Purse, has the mission to "provide God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world" and to "share the good news of Jesus Christ."

In the summer of 1993, Samaritan's Purse President Franklin Graham received a call from a man in England asking if he'd be willing to fill shoeboxes with gifts for children in war-torn Bosnia. Graham agreed. Every year since, Samaritan's Purse has collected shoebox gifts filled with toys, school supplies, and hygiene items for children around the world.

Each November, volunteers fill shoeboxes then deliver them to the local collection point for travel to a Processing Center. Coryell Community Church is the local collection point for the Gatesville area. All week, volunteers at CCC have been collecting boxes from area churches and community members and preparing those boxes for worldwide distribution.

The project is an enormous undertaking and relies heavily on a network of volunteers in communities around the country.

As of this week, volunteers at CCC had received more than 470 shoeboxes with more arriving each day. The shoeboxes are then packed into cartons for shipping. "We already have thirty cartons



DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

 $Debra\,Smith\,moves\,crates\,filled\,with\,shoebox\,gifts\,for\,Samaritan's\,Purse.$ 

ready to be shipped," said volunteer Debra Smith. She said that last year 14 churches and other organizations, along with individuals, contributed to the shoebox effort.

Although Monday, Nov. 22, is the deadline to deliver shoeboxes to

the church, Smith said that you can go to the CCC website to build a shoebox online by visiting: https:// sampur.se/3CUtNkT

Individuals may also visit the Samaritan's Purse website to build a

# **GISD honors Graig Keeton**



 $\textbf{JEFF OSBORNE} \, | \, \text{THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER}$ 

Graig Keeton, in his 18th year of teaching and coaching for the Gatesville Independent School District, was recognized for his service by GISD Superintendent Barrett Pollard and the school board on Nov. 15. Keeton, a GHS graduate, was lauded for his "countless hours" of service as a coach and junior high boys athletic coordinator, and as "an outstanding role model for our young men with a work ethic that is second to none."

# Santa for Seniors program set

Hillside Medical Lodge is looking for cheerful and friendly people to be Santa for their seniors. Hillside's "Wish List" of gift ideas for their residents can be found by visiting: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1GZVN04R6A2ZB?ref\_=wl\_share

Some of the items included on the Wish List include sleeping pants, body mist, slippers, coin purses, Hershey's Kisses, drawstring backpacks, hand cream, candy assortments, women's Christmas socks and Brach's mini candy canes

Gifts can be shipped to the facility or delivered unwrapped by Dec. 13. Hillside Medical Lodge is located at 300 S. Highway 36 Bypass in Gatesville. Those interested in participating in Santa for Seniors can contact their Wellness Department for information. Hillside can be reached at 254-865-7575.

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# Pearl Thanksgiving raises money for Evant Volunteer Fire Dept.

On Sunday, Nov. 14, the Pearl Baptist Church and the Pearl Community Fellowship Church hosted their annual Community Thanksgiving celebration and Pearl Main Street Festival with a Thanksgiving meal, a silent auction, cake walk and various other activities.

All the proceeds from the event were donated to the Evant Volunteer Fire Department. Thanks to all the community members and local businesses who generously donated to the fundraiser. A special thanks was offered to the following businesses: The Elk Stop, Harrington's, Buena

Vista Wildlife Safari, Giovanni's, Evant Feed and Fertilizer, Stranded Salon, M&W Ag and Higginbotham's of Gatesville.

It was announced that the proceeds from the Community Thanksgiving totaled \$1,290, which was presented to the Evant Volunteer Fire Department.

# The DISPATCH

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of November 14 -16. While there were many calls to the dispatcher, this is a partial list of more significant activity. Persons are reminded that only emergency calls should be made to 9-1-1, while all other calls to the police department should be made to 865-2226 or to the Sheriff's office at 865-7201.

#### **CITY OF GATESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

#### Nov. 14

2:17 a.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 400 block of Bridge Street.

4:14 a.m., a noise disturbance was reported in the 5200 block of FM 1829.

3:33 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 2400 block of Business Hwy. 36. 7:37 p.m., a disturbance

was reported in the 1100 block of Bridge Street. 10:23 p.m., harassment was reported in the 100

block of Surrey Lane. 11:14 p.m., harassment was reported in the 1400

block of Pidcoke Street.

#### Nov. 15

9:41 a.m., a disturbance was reported in the 1800 block of E. Main Street.

12:11 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 1200 block of W. Main Street. 5:40 p.m., a noise distur-

bance was reported in the 200 block of E. Main Street.

9:37 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 200 block of Meadowview Lane.

2:29 a.m., an accident was reported in the 6400 block of FM 1783.

6:33 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2100 block of Saunders Street. 10:24 a.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 1300 block of Westview Drive.

10:58 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2400 block of Business Hwy.

11:45 a.m., a threat was reported in the 200 block of Fowler Street.

5:59 p.m., harassment was reported in the 2000 block of Waco Street.



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### **CORYELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

# Nov. 14

9:20 a.m., trespassing was reported in the 1000 block of Twin Mountain Road.

10:42 a.m., a reckless driver was reported on E. Hwy. 84 at Coryell Creek.

11:55 am a theft ported in the 100 block of

Roberts Street. 12:44 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 1100

2:40 p.m., a reckless driver was reported on Highway 36.

2:41 p.m., a suspicious vehicle was reported South of Harmon on Table Rock Creek.

#### Nov. 15

12:20 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 13000 block of FM 107.

8:24 a.m., an animal complaint was reported on CR 196 East.

8:53 a.m., a burglary of a vehicle was reported in the 500 block of Nathan Drive.

11:55 a.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 1200 block of W. Main Street. 2:41 p.m., an assault was

reported in the 2500 block of CR 114. 4:34 p.m., suspicious persons were reported on CR

#### Nov. 16

12:45 a.m., a suspicious vehicle was reported on FM 1113 and Duncan Road.

6:10 a.m., a reckless driver was reported on FM 116 southbound near Pidcoke.

8:21 a.m., an animal complaint was reported in the

100 block of Sarah Lane. 8:26 a.m., identity theft was reported in the 800 block of Chicktown Road.

9:24 a.m., a scam was reported in the 4000 block of FM 1113.

7:04 p.m., a complaint on an employee was reported on



presents a check for \$1,290 to the Evant Fire Chief Chuck Weeks and volunteer fireman James Lovell.

# Local closures for Thanksgiving holiday

Business and governmental will be closed on Thursday, offices across Coryell County will join the rest of the nation in celebrating the Thanksgiving holiday.

In 1789, George Washington set aside a National Day of Thanks.

Abraham Lincoln issued a proclamation calling for a federal Thanksgiving holiday in 1861, writing that the country's gifts from God "should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American people."

Closings in the immediate area include:

# **GOVERNMENT**

The City of Gatesville, City of Evant, City of Oglesby and Coryell County Courthouse will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 25 and Friday, Nov. 26. The Farm Service Agency

Nov. 25.

The Independent School Districts of Gatesville, Oglesby and Evant will be closed Monday, Nov. 22 through Friday, Nov. 26. The Jonesboro Independent School District will be closed Wednesday, Nov. 24 through Friday, Nov.

The Boys and Girls Club of Gatesville will be closed Wednesday, Nov. 24 through Friday, Nov. 26.

# **FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS**

BancorpSouth, Extraco Bank, and Educator's Credit Union will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 25. The First National Banks of Gatesville, Evant and Oglesby will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 25, and will close at 2 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 26.

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#### **MUSEUM** The Corvell Museum and

Historical Center will be closed Wednesday, Nov. 24 through Friday, Nov. 26.

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# **GHS** Choir students advance in competition

On Saturday, Nov. 6, Gatesville High School choir students, Memphis Wells and Addie Carpenter, competed in the second round of the All-State audition process which is called the Pre-Area. In addition to singing prepared cuts, the students also had to compete in sight-read-

Only the top eight students will be able to advance in the third and final round, which is in January. Both Memphis and Addie advanced to the Area (State) level as they continue to chase the dream of making the All-State Choir.

As a result of their first round audition in October, they made the All-Region Choir and recently spent the day at Rudder High School in Bryan where they participated in the Clinic and Concert. The final song had five solo opportunities, and both Memphis and Addie were chosen as soloists.



COURTESY PHOTO

CHASING THEIR DREAM: Choir students, Memphis Wells and Addie Carpenter, advance in competition and will perform in January with the hopes of making All-State Choir.

DEAR FRANKIE

# Sanitation and Dogs

#### BY GENEVA WOODRUFF

Frankie is a rescue dog and an emotional support animal for Geneva Woodruff. Woodruff is a retired educator.

# Dear Frankie,

My name is Bernadette. My friends call me Bernie. I'm a chicken and live with three siblings. We live cooped up in a crate like the one Buster the puppy wrote to you about in an earlier column.

I'm writing on behalf of my siblings because I'm the oldest and have the most experience with life. My egg cracked 3 days before the others. One of the problems we have is having such a small coop when nature calls. The other problem is several close runins with mean neighborhood

Any advice on how we can deal with either situation would very much be appreciated.

Anxious, Bernadette

Dear Bernie,

Am I to understand that you are using the term cooped up to indicate the four of you live in tight quarters? If that is correct, I'm assuming you guys are living up to your wings in chicken manure.

What do I advise? Call the Department of Public Health and request an inspection. From what you describe, it sounds like you



are living in squalor. You say you have had run-ins with neighborhood dogs. I gather from that statement you are running free at times, and that's where you encounter these dogs?

Before I address the dog issue, I think being out of the crate might be a solution for your nature calls. Doing your business outside should significantly help with your sanitation issue and avoid the need to involve local authori-

FROM MY FRONT PORCH

# Living Through Your Worst Day Ever

#### **BY SAM HOUSTON**

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

Rolling through life a man learns it has its ups and downs. No matter how well he believes his life is going, it is inevitable there will come a day where dark clouds will appear, storms arise, and you simply feel like nothing is going right. I had a day like that a couple of Mondays ago.

I had slept very poorly the night before. There was no specific reason why, just a lot of thoughts on my mind and it seemed like I tossed and turned for an eternity. I had not been at work more than a few minutes when I inadvertently spilled coffee on the front of my shirt. There was a pile of work on my desk, and it desperately needed to be addressed, but my phone kept ringing and one person from the staff after the other had an issue which required my immediate attention. I became so preoccupied with handling those issues. I forgot to go to my scheduled haircut appointment that morning! In the afternoon, a client who I had worked relentlessly to schedule an appointment called and cancelled which wiped out a week's planning and preparation. On my way home I stopped at the clean-

Regarding unsavory ca-

nines: What measures have

you taken to survey the sur-

rounding area for escape

routes? I know you don't

fly, but if you flapped your

wings, vigorously, it should

be sufficient to propel you

high bush.

to a tree branch, a fence, or a

Your best chance for sur-

vival is to get to a place dogs

an expression: "I'm running

can't reach. Humans have

ers and found my shirts were not ready as promised. I arrived home and went out to my deck to look at the water, relax and let the cares of the day drift away when I sat down in the chair only to find the seat cushion, though dry on top was wet through and through from the rain the day prior, and left a large, round wet spot on the seat of my trousers!

No, it had not been a good day! It had been a frustrating day or an aggravating day at a minimum. It did make me think of a time when I was a young man and I mentioned to my Grandfather I was having "the worst day ever" and he looked up from whittling and said, "Remember, you have already survived your worst day ever. This day will pass too".

Lot of wisdom in that statement. We all have bad days. Days where things do not go the way we want. You might remember the worst day of your life; it might be the day your mother died, or you lost a child, or the day of some other tragedy. But if I asked you to name the 5th worse day of your life, I bet you could not do it, could you? Nope, we humans want to feel sorry for ourselves sometimes when we do not get our way, usually to the point of making things much worse in our head than the reality of the situation.

For me, getting sent to the principal's office in the 7th

Houston

grade for fighting Charles Snyder, getting turned down for a date in high school by Pam Lovan, or losing to Mercy High at Regionals in basketball, was never in the top 5 of worst days..ever...I just thought they were the day they happened! I was scared, or hurt, disappointed or ashamed, and for a day or a week circumstances might have stung, but then life went on. Perspective is everything!

My Monday may have been a little out of sorts, but my wife still loves me, and we love our home. I work with the best people at the best community newspapers in Texas. I live in a great town in the great state of Texas. Now how in the heck could I ever say I had a bad day?

Thought for the day: Nothing is as bad as it seems nor does it last as long as you think!

Until next time!

around like a chicken with my head cut off." It appears you may be taking this expression to its max. Are you aware this expression means chickens are airheads who function without a thought for the consequences of their behavior?

Fortunately, one can overcorrect instinctive behaviors if they involve life-death issues, like dogs looking for a chicken dinner.

So, here's the plan. When

the four of you are out of the crate, one of you has to stand guard, watch for the dogs and call the alarm at the first sighting. That's when all of you have to immediately stop whatever you are doing and head for the coop. Of course, a sentry rotation schedule should be set up, so everyone gets equal time watching and exercising. After all, Fair is fair.

Best, Frankie



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# Residents gathered, visited and celebrated last week

BY BARBARA HOPSON

ittle Mr. Benjamin Travis Hopson was honored for his second birthday with a party Sunday evening at the home of his grandparents, David and Pam Hopson. Those attending were family and friends.

Brooke and Reese Dixon of Liberty Hill spent a few days with their grandparents, Kenneth and Nancy Dixon.

Joy Bennett, a childhood friend of Kari Hopson, came and spent the day in Mound on Monday and enjoyed lunch followed by a guided tour of Mound. Joy also spent time visiting with Barbara Hopson at her home. Gary and Debbie Keeton attended the funeral of Peggy Westerfeld Thursday afternoon at Canaan Baptist Church

naan Baptist Church. On Wednesday, Nov. 10, the Carothers family gath-

ered to take yearly family pictures and celebrate three November birthdays. B.J. cooked steaks. Everyone enjoyed a great meal and a birthday cake. Canyon, Caleigh, and Nelda



Barbara Hopsor

are the November birthday honorees.

Visitors with Don and Sue Jones this week were Holly Jones, Grace Gerdel, Bruce Cox, Tony and Judy Cullar.

Sue Jones and Liz Mc-Corkle went shopping and had lunch Monday in Temple.

Ruby and Jacklyn Pullen of Rockwall, great nieces of Barbara Hopson, participated in the second annual Cowgirl gathering in Fort Worth at Cowtown

Coliseum. They did not place but were happy to compete against some amazing barrel rac-

Nathaniel and Natalie Eberlein of San Antonio, Andrew Eberlein of Dallas, Caleb and Annalee Terrell of Waco, Philip Moffatt and his girlfriend of Austin, Alison Moffatt and Wendy Allman of Waco visited during the weekend with Christopher and Jennifer Eberlein, James and Polly West.

Brodie Fisher played in the bi-district championship Thursday evening against Calvert Trojans. The Oglesby Tigers team won, supporters for Brodie and the Oglesby Tigers team were Tony, Jill and Jennie Ross of Troy; Joseph, Helen and Debbie Piller; Chris and Jennifer Miller; Claudia Brown, Ronnie, Kay, Neal, Amanda, Blayze, Slayton and Caymbri Fisher.

Several people of Mound attended the annual Veterans Day program Thursday morning at McKamie Stadium in Gatesville.



COURTESY PHOTO

WE ARE ALL CONNECTED: The winner of the Gatesville Lions Club's Peace Poster Contest was recently announced. This year's theme was titled "We Are All Connected". The winning entry belonged to sixth grade Gatesville Intermediate student, Matti Medley, age 11. Her winning poster entry (pictured above) has now been sent to district competition in Waco.

# Historical marker dedication planned for Seaton Cemetery

A historical marker dedication ceremony will be held at the Seaton Cemetery on Sunday, Nov. 28, at 2 p.m. The marker will recognize the founding and the history of the cemetery. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be moved to the Leon Junction Church.

Elisha Seaton and his family moved from Alabama to Texas by 1850 and acquired land in Coryell County by 1866. An 1875 deed from Seaton to A.H.S. Daugherty includes the first documentation of a one-acre "graveyard" that served the area near the present-day Leon Junction. Seaton Cemetery became the community's primary burial ground.

The cemetery contains more than 300 burial sites, including dozens of military veterans and many pioneer settlers and their descendants.

# Group asking for donations

Righteous Roots is hoping to bless 10 to 12 single mothers this Christmas season. They plan to offer 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, televi-

sions, 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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# **OBITUARIES**

## **WAYNE MICHAEL GEORGE**

Dec. 19, 1958 - Nov. 12, 2021



Wayne Michael George, age 62, of Pidcoke, passed away at home on Nov. 12, 2021. Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 17, at Crawford Bowers. Interment services followed at Pidcoke Cemetery.

Wayne was born on Dec. 19, 1958, in Fort Hood and resided in Copperas Cove. There, he graduated from high school and secured a degree in Electronics from Central Texas College. He then embarked on a career in avionics that spanned 30 years. In 1987, he began with Beech Aerospace, later known as L3 Communications, as an avionics manager for the Rover Program based out of San Antonio. During his 17 years with Beech, he became a Beechcraft Service Technician for the T-1A aircraft and spent a year on assignment in Iraq. Upon his return stateside, he provided service for the Navy UC-12B in Corpus Christi. He ended his avionics career with Boeing at Fort Hood providing service to the 747. When asked about his career, Wayne was fond of saying he had visited 38 states, 17 countries, and five continents fixing broken air-

planes. After settling into his current residence in Pidcoke, Wayne began a career with the State of Texas Prison System in Gatesville.

An avid horseman and outdoorsman, Wayne was active in the Randolph Brooks Air Force Base riding community, participated in numerous trail rides and competed in Cowboy Mounted Shooting with his trusted horse and friend, Fancy. He also enjoyed fishing and hunting and would go any chance he got. He had a love for all things mechanical and was a regular at car shows showing off his pride and joy, the 1934 Ford Coupe, and was in the process of building a 1966 Chevy

Wayne was preceded in death by his parents, Allen M. and Johnnie M. George, and his sister, Barbara S. Bowen.

He is survived by a nephew, John D. Bowen and his wife, Chris, of Lampasas and a

niece, Teressa Hattaway and Duke Moore of Granger. He is also survived by his brotherin-law, Larry W. Bowen, of Lampasas along with numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, and life-long friends.

Wayne forged many lifelong friendships as we were witness to the lasting nature of those friendships in his last months and he will be deeply missed by all those that knew and loved him.

Wayne wanted to ensure that the associates of the TDCJ knew how much he appreciated them for all they did during his time of illness.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.crawfordbowerscopperascove.com with the George family.

Services were entrusted to the care of Crawford Bowers Funeral Home of Copperas

# **TIMOTHY EARL**

ALLEN June 9, 1991-Nov. 6, 2021



Timothy was born at Deleon Hospital. He was the son to Steven and Wendy Allen, brother to Amanda Arjon, Anthony Allen and Kalyn Dubs, grandson to Don and Betty Allen.

He was preceded in death by grandparents, Elizabeth Stewart and Charles Stewart as well as uncles Bill Dunn and Charles Stewart.

Tim, as he was known by all who knew him, had 30 years of life and died unexpectedly. Tim had an amazing heart, many friends and he was an amazing uncle to three nieces and three nephews. He worked for TDCJ for many years, only recently resigning his position in order to change his direction in life and see what was out in the world. Tim enjoyed cooking and helping others understand the way things worked. He will forever be loved and missed as we continue on this journey with him as another guardian to help us along the

In loving memory, we will be gathering at Faunt Le Roy Park in Gatesville on Saturday, Nov. 20, from 2 to 5 p.m. and would love for any and all to come and celebrate his life with us all.

## ARLIS LINDBERGH "LYNN" LOVE

March 4, 1932 - Nov. 13, 2021



Arlis Lindbergh "Lynn" Love, age 89, of Valley Mills, passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, Nov. 13, 2021. On March 4, 1932, he was born in Gatesville, son of Raby and Eva (Hurst) Love.

Lynn married the love of his life, Shirley Smith, on July 26. 1952. and was a beloved husband for 69 years. He was a devoted Daddy to Donna and Lisa and a proud Pop to five grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, one great-great granddaughter, and was excited about the upcoming arrival of a greatgreat grandson. In addition, he was a loyal brother to his siblings and a caring uncle to several nieces and nephews.

Drafted into the United States Army in 1952, Lynn served our country during

the Korean War until he was honorably discharged in 1954. He was a valued community member, driving a truck for Central Freight lines for over 45 years.

After retirement, Lynn was an avid outdoorsman and loved to country dance, often stopping the car to dance when Waltz Across Texas played on the radio. He was known as the "can man" of Valley Mills for his commitment to recycling soda cans and was happiest surrounded by family. A visitation celebrating the life of Lynn Love was held on Wednesday, November 17, 2021, at Connally Compton Funeral Home in Waco followed by a graveside service on Thursday, November 18 at 10 a.m. at Waco Memorial Park.

Mr. Love was preceded in death by his parents, Raby and Eva Love, and his brothers, George Love, Curtis Love, and Billy Love.

Mr. Love is survived by his wife of 69 years, Shirley (Smith) Love of Valley Mills, daughter, Donna (Love) Bank head and husband, Jerry, of McGregor, daughter, Lisa (Love) Plemons of Waco, sister, Mary (Love) Brooks and husband, Dave, of McGregor, several grandchildren, greatgrandchildren, great-greatgrandchildren, and nieces and nephews.

# CAFÉ group to attend Christmas show

The Christian Adult Fellowship Event group will be traveling 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 will be \$35.

The meal will be 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 will be Nov. 30.

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"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

—1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18 NIV

hat the Pilgrims who came to America considered it right and proper to honor God with a feast of thanksgiving, despite losing nearly half of their numbers to disease and lack of proper shelter during their first year speaks volumes about their character.

That many present-day Americans see the holiday as little more than a chance to indulge the vices of sloth and gluttony perhaps says more about our character than we would wish. But we should not imagine that there was no grumbling among the Pilgrims. Surely some of them grumbled and complained about the conditions and rued the day they left European shores, and it is likely that some of them felt more like cursing God than thanking Him. But the better angels of their nature won the day, and in November of 1621 the Pilgrims celebrated a

harvest with the natives, in what was the first Thanksgiving. We should take this as counsel to give thanks in all things, both in good times and in bad, in times of plenty and in times of scarcity, and to share our harvest with our families, friends and neighbors, no matter the size of the harvest or our relations with our families, friends and neighbors. - Christopher Simon

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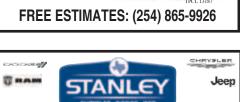
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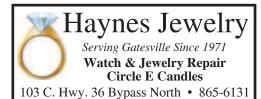




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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City Council of the City of Gatesville, in the Regular Meetings held on October 12, 2021 and October 26, 2021 did pass and approve on the third and final reading the following ordinances:

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2021-

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GATESVILLE, TEXAS CREATING A NEW SECTION 28-1, RESERVE PO-LICE FORCE, TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; AUTHO-RIZING A RESERVE POLICE FORCE; **ESTABLISHING** QUALIFICATIONS; TING THE MAXIMUM NUM-BER OF RESERVE POLICE POSITIONS; GRANTING AU-THORITY FOR THE CHIEF OF POLICE AND PROVIDING FOR THE OPERATION OF A RESERVE POLICE FORCE

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2021-

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GATES-VILLE, TEXAS, CHANGING 319A VALLEY VIEW DRIVE, OF THE CITY OF GATES-VILLE FROM A PLANNED DEVELOPMENT ZONING DISTRICT TO A RESIDEN-TIAL SINGLE FAMILY ZON-ING DISTRICT

Complete text of these ordinances are available for inspection, during regular business hours, at City Hall, 110 N. 8th Street. Wendy Cole, City Secretary

# **PUBLIC NOTICES**

JENNIFER NEWTON CLERK OF THE COUNTY COURT P.O. BOX 237 GATESVILLE, TEXAS 76528

ING CAUSE DORI RAY MISTIC 907 S. MAIN STREET COPPERAS COVE, TX 76522

TO: DECEDENT'S UNKNOWN **HEIRS** UNKNOWN ADDRESS UNKNOWN STATE

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF CORYELL

TO ALL PERSONS INTER-ESTED IN THE ESTATE OF DECEASED. CAUSE NO 21-10562, COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS. RICHARD ALAN HOPPE FILED IN THE COUN-TY COURT AT LAW OF CO-RYELL COUNTY, TEXAS ON 25 cent Sale Tues., 11/23-Sat., THE 1ST DAY OF NOVEM-11/27! Closed Wed., 11/24 BER, 2021, APPLICATION TO at noon and all day Thurs., DETERMINE HEIRSHIP SAID CAROLYN COLEEN HOPPE, DECEASED.

SAID APPLICATION SHALL 3-family Nov. 20, 8am-4pm, BE HEARD AND ACTED ON BY SAID COURT ON OR AFland. 2-story house, antique TER THE FIRST MONDAY NEXT AFTER THE EXPIRAer, headboards, tables, clocks, TION OF TEN DAYS FROM lamps, metal, primatives & DATE OF POSTING THIS CI-TATION, THE SAME BEING THE 29TH DAY OF NOVEM-Big Estate Sale: Fri.-Sat.- BER, 2021, AT THE COUNTY Sun., 8am-4pm, 116 Leisure COURTHOUSE IN GATES-VILLE, TEXAS.

ALL PERSONS INTERshoes, and barn full of good- ESTED IN SAID ESTATE ARE HEREBY CITED TO AP-PEAR BEFORE THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORY-ELL COUNTY AT THE SAME ABOVE MENTIONED TIME AND PLACE BY FILING A WRITTEN ANSWER CON-TESTING SUCH APPLICA-TION SHOULD THEY DESIRE TO DO SO.

AND THE SEAL OF THE COUNTY COURT OF CORY-COUNTY COURT OF CORY-ELL COUNTY IN GATES-VILLE, TEXAS THE 16TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2021. JENNIFER NEWTON

713-298-9368 for informa- CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS BY: MORGAN BUSTER

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TO ALL PERSONS INTER-ESTED IN THE ESTATE OF CAROLYN COLEEN HOPPE, KARLA ANN CHARETTE, DE-CEASED, CAUSE NO 21-10531. COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS JASON CHARETTE FILED IN THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS ON THE 3RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2021, AP-PLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP SAID KARLA ANN CHARETTE, DECEASED.

SAID APPLICATION SHALL BE HEARD AND ACTED ON BY SAID COURT ON OR AF-TER THE FIRST MONDAY NEXT AFTER THE EXPIRA-TION OF TEN DAYS FROM DATE OF POSTING THIS CI-TATION, THE SAME BEING THE 29TH DAY OF NOVEM-BER, 2021, AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN GATES-VILLE, TEXAS.

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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

▶ 10.01 acres, Lot 28 Phase 4 Rio Escondido, north of Evant, Tx, good tree cover, great views, electric pole set on the property & an area has been cleared that would be an idea location for a home, Fiber Optic Internet available, \$150,000

■ 14.89 acres east of Evant, TX, located on CR 160. Good tree cover & rolling terrain. Known as Lots 66 & 67 in the Indian Creek Ranch Subdivision, \$150,000 ▶ 22 acres north of Purmela, 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 Purmela, TX, CR 102, good tree cover, rolling terrain, electricity at the road & a water meter is available, Jonesboro ISD \$264,500

■ 24.85 +/- acres south of Evant, TX in Lampasas County. barn, 1 stock pond & scattered tree cover with good views. \$310,625

▶ 26 acres south of Pearl, TX in Coryell County on Blakely Rd. rolling terrain, good tree cover. South Bee House creek runs through the property, great views.

\$250,000 37.28 acres east of Evant, Tx in Indian Creek Subdivision, Indian Creek runs through the property, 60 ft. of change in elevation, good tree cover, \$466,000

▶ 43 acres 3 Br 2 Ba brick home, detached garage, barn-workshop & 1 water well, open floor plan, granite counter tops, vaulted ceilings, 8 ft. front porch across the front & back of the house, wood burning stove, well-maintained yard & a rain harvest system at the barn, rolling terrain with scattered tree cover. \$625,000

▶ 74.7 acres west of Purmela, FM 1241, barn, cattle pens, good fences, nice view. centrally located. \$511,695. ▶ 105 acres south of Pearl, TX on Self Rd. good tree cover, rolling terrain, small branch that run through the property, barn that is approx. 38 ft. x 42 ft. in size with

a rain harvest system that collects rain water from the roof of the barn. Electricity is along the property line in the northwest corner of the property \$743,775 ▶ 115.59 acres north of Purmela, TX, Coryell County. Rolling terrain, good tree

cover, great views. 1 tank, small seasonal creek along the north boundary, 20 ft. storage contain. \$795,000 ▶ 166.94 acres east of Hamilton, TX. The ranch is secluded with a nice 2 Br 1 Ba frame home with a windmill water well, small equipment barn, grain bin & 2 stock

tanks. The property has rolling terrain with scattered tree cover. \$749,000 179.562 acres 1.6 miles south of Gatesville, TX FM 116 frontage, great views, stock tank, rolling terrain & scattered tree cover. Multi-County Water & City of Gatesville have water line running down the front of the property on FM 116. \$1,230,000

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# 6-Man Football Showdowns



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Above: Oglesby coach Jeb Dixon talks to Blake Thompson during a game earlier this season. Left: Jonesboro playmaker Nat Hilliker is one of the reasons the Eagles have been so dominant this season.

# Oglesby, Jonesboro second round playoff coverage upcoming

The Jonesboro Eagles and Oglesby Tigers both advanced to the second round of the Texas High School 6-man football playoffs.

Because of early deadlines in advance of the Thanksgiving holiday, coverage of the Jonesboro game against topranked May, which was played Thursday, is scheduled to appear in the Nov. 24 edition of The Gatesville Messenger.

Coverage of Oglesby's Friday night game against Richland Springs is scheduled to appear in the Nov. 27 edition of The Messenger.

**OUTDOORS** 

# On fishing and preparing for the cold temperatures about to arrive

# **MICHAEL ACOSTA**

As a licensed professional fishing guide, Michael Acosta shows you how to find them. He has been fishing all of his life, and has been a licensed quide since 1998.

If you think it's cold when you come out of your home, you know it will be even colder on the water or out in the field. At least it always seems that way. It is definitely colder as you run down the lake with no wind protection. Remember to dress appropriately for the conditions, as your day will become miserable the longer you are in the

When you get on the water, even temperatures in the 50s and 60s will be cold. When you are in the elements for several hours, the conditions will wear on you. Over

prepare as you can always take off layers if you don't need them. The extra prepa-



hunting as well. The cold weather fishing bite on artificials is some of the best action of the year and hunting season is upon us. Insulated coveralls with insulated boots and gloves are a necessity on those cold days. Your extremities are usually the first to get cold. Protection against the cold wind

for your body and your face is

necessary. The cold air rushing in

your sinuses can bring on pain and headaches. Some fishermen will wear a shielded helmet to protect their head and face from the wind. Some type of headgear or hood should be used, as this is where you lose a large percentage of the heat from your body.

Cold weather will also stress your equipment and/or boat. It is a good time now to service your equipment before the first freeze. For outboard boat owners, servicing your lower unit is critical. As vou well know, water freezing in the lower unit is not good for the seals. Remember also to lower your motor so that any trapped water in the prop/exhaust area runs out. This is a good idea year-round. Plastic parts and hoses become more brittle when real cold. If you have an inboard or inboard/outboard you must not forget to drain those areas that hold cooling water as damage could occur if the water

Extreme cold can put ice on the boat on the fishing decks just from spray of water on the lake. Special precautions should be taken because of the slip hazard. You definitely do not want to fall into the cold water with your entire heavy winter gear and boots on. This could potentially take someone's life. Make every move a slow thought-out process, which is good, safe common sense on any slippery surface.

Your hands will get real cold real quick if you get them wet when landing a fish or baiting a hook. This can be avoided with a good set of gloves, but handling the equipment with gloves can be difficult.

A good set of neoprene gloves may make your life a little easier. Insulated waterproof hunting gloves are my favorite. Neoprene does not hold the heat in as well as good hunting gloves do, in my opinion. You may have to take them off to tie your knots, but you should be able to fish with them on.

If you are planning on doing some fishing this winter, be pre-

Old man winter has not arrived yet, but he is sure to show his face soon. Bring a thermos with a warm beverage and don't forget hand warmers as they are fairly inexpensive. Your fishing trip will definitely be more enjoyable if you are comfortable.

michael.acosta@att.net | 254-396-

# Texas Parks & Wildlife Department fishing report

# **Belton**

GOOD. Water lightly stained; 64 degrees; 1.63 feet

Lots of bird action chasing the shad around the lake and pointing out where the fish are. White bass fishing is

good with a few largemouth bass mixed in. Success will come with frequent location changes to follow fish using a three-fourth ounce Bladed

Stillhouse GOOD. Water lightly

Hazy Eye Slab.

stained; 68 degrees; 0.83 feet low. The fall patterns continue. White bass are schooling in 45-53 feet of water. When the bite is aggressive, drop MAL Heavy Lures with silver blades and whitetails to fish vertically, and when the bite

is holding to the bottom, allow the MAL Heavy Lure with a white blade and chartreuse tail to fish horizontally.

Crappie are good on minnows and jigs in brush piles and timber. Blue catfish are good with fresh-cut bait and live bait.

Waco GOOD. Water lightly stained; 63 degrees; 2.13 feet low. Largemouth bass are good on topwaters and plastic frogs early in the

day, Carolina rigged plastic worms, shad like crankbaits, and football jigs working the timber, creek ledges, and rocky shorelines.

Look for schools white bass in the main lake using crankbaits. Crappie are fair on minnows working bridge pilings and brush piles.

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

Whitney GOOD. Water lightly stained; 72 degrees; 2.06 feet low. Striped bass are good on live bait, and down rigged jigs from the Island to Bear

Follow the bird actions to locate schooling fish. Report by Michael Acosta, Unfair Advantage Charters.

# We invite you to join us for a

# Historical Marker Dedication **Ceremony of Seaton Cemetery**

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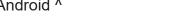
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# DIVERSIONS

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SATURDAY, Nov. 20, 2021

# Hornets defense improves in loss vs. Rogers

BY MARK GOODSON

Gatesville jumped out with some impressive defense and shot selection to take an early 14-4 lead against Rogers Tuesday.

Rogers bounced back to down the Hornets, 70-59, in the first of two road games for the Hornets for the week.

Gatesville (0-2) travelled to Jarrell Friday, Nov. 19.

Rayshon Smith and Tyler Shea

paced the attack with 16 points each. Xander Botkin added eight points on inside shots.

"We played some good defense," Gatesville coach Britt Campbell

"We made some good shots in

the offense, but we're still not hitting from outside. They started

slow and then got hot... "I'm happy with our effort, we're getting better."

Leading the rebounding were Shea and Carter Williams.

The JV Gold won 32-25 and JV Black lost 39-35.

The Hornets host Austin Navarro Nov. 23.

The JV Gold/Black will combine for an 11 a.m. tipoff with the varsity to follow at 12:15 p.m.

# Lady Hornets fall to Class 6A Belton Lady Tigers

BY MARK GOODSON

STAFF WRITER

Gatesville had a rough night taking care of the basketball Tuesday in the team's home opener against the Belton Lady Tigers.

The Lady Hornets fall to 0-3 on the season after the 67-31 loss to the 3-2 Belton

Belton scored on its first two possessions and led 9-2 just two minutes into the

Gatesville had more turnovers than points.

"That's the trend for us so far, we're averaging 30 turnovers a game," said coach Ryan Ocheskey.

"On defense, we were getting where we wanted and they were still able to score. Maybe we can get it going in the Merkel tournament.'

Gatesville trailed 39-10 at

In the third quarter, the

Hornets were able to cut the momentum, but still trailed 52-18 entering the fourth

quarter. Gatesville's top scorer was Taylor Coward with nine

Aliyah Trotter and Kagen Hunt added six points each.

Kamryn Higginbotham scored five points and hit an outside jumper in the final seconds to get the Hornets to 31 points as a team.

Rounding out the scoring were Kylie Cox with two, Tamiah Miller two and McKenzie Feldman one point.

Belton had 11 players

Belton also won the two

sub-varsity games. The JV Black lost 39-15, followed by the JV Gold defeat of 45-24.

The Hornet varsity and JV Gold will compete in the Merkel tournament Thursday through Saturday.



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Aliyah Trotter races down the court for Gatesville in action against Belton

# GHS tennis players honored at fall banquet

BY DAVID SCOTT STAFF WRITER

The Gatesville Hornet's varsity tennis team recently held their fall banquet at Ranchers Steakhouse where awards were presented to the athletes. "It has been an honor to coach these 14 team members. For district recognition, Gatesville has dominated," tennis coach Wendell Jones said.

District 7-4A All-District and bi-district honorees were selected by district coaches in which the Gatesville team was notably recognized for their winning achievements. The MVP Girl award was presented to Stormy Tatum who went undefeated in district in team tennis singles and doubles and only lost to a top-rated player in singles. The MVP Boy award was presented to Slone Early, who is expected to continue to excel and dominate toprated opponents. The Newcomer of the Year was presented to Callie Smith who continued winning challenges with her teammates and finished in 5th place for district play. Ironically, Stormy Tatum, Slone Early and Callie Smith happen to be cousins.

First Team All-District awards for girls recognized Anna Mitchell who

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(Above): The Gatesville tennis team displayed their trophy for winning the District 7-4A Championship and for being bi-district champs. (Below): MVP Girl, Stormy Tatum; MVP Boy, Slone Early; Newcomer of the Year, Callie Smith. All three are cousins.

remained undefeated in singles and doubles, and Olivia Walker who remained undefeated in singles.

First Team All-District awards for boys recognized Ty Warren and Alex Scott who both remained undefeated in doubles and singles, and Dayne Zacha who remained undefeated in singles.

Second Team All-District awards included Tyler Hutts who was 3 & 1 in singles and doubles.

Honorable Mention in All District awards included Julee Sun, Bri Alexander, Kasey Fitzer, Carlo Martinez and Jesse Strange.

In speaking of his athletes, Jones said. "I couldn't ask to coach a better bunch of kids." Jones went on to give special recognition to those in the community who willingly share their time and talents to help the tennis players. Jones credited David Christian who strings the tennis rackets for the players sometimes going out of his way to have the rackets ready for competition. Jones also praised Glenn and Sue Vernon for the countless hours of work they have done to help advance the players to a higher level.

Jones also gave praise and recognition to his assistant coach, Tammy McCulloch, who continues to help develop the JV team and the junior high players.



# Matchups get bigger in 6-man football

BY MARK GOODSON STAFF WRITER

The Jonesboro Eagles own three victories over the field of 16 teams heading into the area round of the six-man Division I ranks.

The Eagles took on the unbeaten May Tigers Thursday, Nov. 18 at Dublin.

Eddie Gallegos' Eagles have a string of 12 straight playoff appearances this season.

This year's squad has answered all the challenges it's faced. The May Tigers program is second to none.

The 16 teams headed into this weekend round are familiar with the post-season.

Notable in the field are Borden County and Hap-

py in Region I. Region II is the home of defending state champi-

on Sterling City. Abbott is the favorite in Region III.

Jonesboro owns wins over Saint Jo and Coolidge in non-district

Region IV, has May versus Jonesboro and Lometa facing Water Valley. Jonesboro also beat Lo-

meta in district action. In Division II of the sixman ranks, Oglesby faces the championship tradition of Richland Springs

for the second straight year in the second round. This time they square

Oglesby has turned the corner with its program the last two season un-

off in Comanche instead

der Jeb Dixon. The big names in the Division II bracket are Richland Springs, Balmorhea, Strawn and Jay-

Class 1A, Division I football playoffs

Region I Valley vs Spur Borden County vs

Happy Region II Van Horn vs Sterling Westbrook vs Rankin Region III Saint Jo vs Coolidge Abbott vs Newcastle Region IV

Jonesboro vs May Lometa vs. Water Val-

Class IA, Division II Follett vs. Anton Klondike vs. Groom Region II Balmorhea vs. Motley

County Jayton vs. Lorraine Region III Throckmorton vs.

Strawn Gordon vs. Gold-Burg Region IV Richland Springs vs. Oglesby

Oakwood vs. Cherokee

**CORRECTION:** 

forget that one."

BY MARK GOODSON

"We're going to get a lot

Jonesboro coach Billy Wayne

play Tuesday. We're trying to

Massingill said. "We didn't

of games in a few days,'

STAFF WRITER

Winters to face Klondike on Tuesday. The Jonesboro girls' bas-Jonesboro lost, 50-23. ketball team goes into the "We didn't move the ball," Hamilton Tournament ex-Massingill said. pecting to get in a rhythm.

Jonesboro girls busy in

Hamilton hoops tourney

"They were in a matchup zone and we just never got going."

The Eagles travelled to

Paiton Green scored 10 points to lead the JHS.

The Hamilton Tournament runs through today.

Billy Wayne Massingill is a 1967 Jonesboro High School graduate. His first job in coaching was at Evant High School in 1973. He has more than 40 years in education and coaching, including two stints at Jonesboro. Most of his career is in Central Texas. He is currently the head girls' basketball coach and boys' golf coach at Jonesboro.