



## Resale Shop rallies community support

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Plenty of things have changed over the past 10 years since the Boys and Girls Club Resale Shop first opened its doors, but one thing that remains the same is the community's strong support for the nonprofit thrift store.

Judging by the amount of people in the store on a recent weekday morning seeking and finding holiday bargains as well as the usual items for sale, that support will likely not slow down anytime soon.

"I am so thankful for the community's support," said Lisa Steward, who opened the shop at its original location on East Leon Street on Dec. 2, 2011. Since then, the store has expanded and relocated to 1706 E. Main St. Sam and Nancy Golden are credited with helping enable the club to move to its current spot.

While Coryell County residents are the store's most frequent customers, its reach goes far beyond local boundaries.

"We have people who come from as far as Bryan to bring us stuff, and from Waco, Hamilton, Lampasas and Temple," Steward said. "There are people who shop here from as far away as Dallas, and they've told us they time their visits through the area to make sure we're open."

Paula Adkins said there are many out-of-town customers who combine their appointments at Scott & White Hospital in Temple with visits to the Resale Shop.

The shop has transformed the way the Boys & Girls Club of Gatesville has been able to operate thanks to a steady and reliable income.

"We used to have multiple fundraisers for the club and it still wasn't enough," Steward said. "Now, we don't have any other fundraisers. This store has been able to provide for the club. We started out giving \$10,000 a month to the club, and now we're able to give \$15,000."

"As of Oct. 31, 2021, the shop has generated more than \$1 million for the club," Steward said. "It has also helped pay for the sport court in the club's activity building, the mortgage on that building, and other club needs. Thanks to our volunteers, our donors and our loyal customers, the shop will be able to continue providing an income to the club for many years to come."

The Resale Shop also has some items that are not displayed in the store, but are mar-



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**Paula Adkins works the cash register and Lisa Steward assists a customer at the Boys & Girls Club Resale Shop. The store is popular with community members and visitors alike and has raised more than \$1 million for the Gatesville Boys & Girls Club.**

keted online. This includes unique items such as a banjo dating from the 1920s.

"We get a lot of things that we don't even know are valuable, and sometimes customers

will let us know," Adkins said.

Those items are sometimes put in a closed display case that lets customers know they are more rare or unusual selections.

When the shop started, it was open two days a week and had one employee, Wanda Shelton. The store is now open five days a week - from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. There are now 15 paid employees and 17 volunteers, and Steward said more volunteers are welcome, but they must make a commitment.

"If someone wants to volunteer, we appreciate that but we need them to be committed long-term," she said. "We have to train people, and that takes time, so we need to make sure they are going to stick around. It can be hard work and time consuming, but for those who like to serve it's very rewarding."

The store features a variety of items, and because new donations come in frequently, the store inventory is constantly changing. Bargain hunters can nearly always find something worthwhile. On a recent day one woman

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**An assortment of Christmas ornaments and other holiday decorations is available at the shop.**

## GISD leaders renew deal for school police staff

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Although some Gatesville Independent School District Board of Trustees members questioned the cost and the format of GISD's interlocal agreement with the Gatesville Police Department for school resource officers (SROs), the board agreed to renew a five-year contract with the city.

The district had budgeted \$255,000 for five SROs, but that cost has increased to \$268,777 after the officers were given raises, and one was promoted to sergeant.

Yancey Sanderson, executive director of testing and federal programs for the district, said "the main duty (of the SROs) is to be visible" and provide security and deterrence.

Board Vice President Charles Alderson said he believed the district should consider offering those services on its own.

"My personal opinion - I'd like for the school district to have its own police department," he said.

Board member Jimmie Ferguson said his concern was that the district had budgeted \$255,000 for the SROs, but that amount was increased.

"It seems like a whole lot of money - a quarter of a million - but it's not enough," Ferguson said.

GISD Superintendent Barrett Pollard said he appreciates the services the Gatesville Police Department provides through the SROs and that the district was getting strong benefits for the agreement.

"They have been extremely helpful in assisting us in high stress situations," Pollard said. "The impetus for this was the massive amount of school violence we've seen nationwide. These officers provide so much support for the district and help in difficult situations, such as when two divorced parents are arguing over a child."

"Things can escalate very quickly. I think (the SROs) have been a great addition and I believe the principals do, too."

Gatesville Police Chief Nathan Gohlke said SROs accompany district staff to visit homes whenever concerns arise.

"Since this has been in place, we haven't had as many calls (about problems at GISD schools)," he said. "When there are irate parents on a campus, the SROs have been able to help the district handle that. It is a cost for the district, but we see it as a win-win for both sides."

"I feel so much better having them here. I appreciate all they do," said board Secretary Cheyenne Kizer.

Board member Calvin Ford asked, "would it be easier to have our own (police force)?"

"There is a cost involved and it is more than what you're paying (GPD)," Gohlke said. "In addition to the officers you have the cars, the equipment, and the insurance. It's doable, but there's a cost."

Pollard said the district had explored the possibility of starting its own police force in the past but decided that partnering with GPD is a better option.

"If we ever have to cut back on expenses, it won't be with SROs, in my opinion," he said. "The way it's working now is good, and it's something our staff is comfortable with."

## FOOD FOR FAMILIES BRINGS BIG RESPONSE



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**Residents of Gatesville and Coryell County responded to the annual Food for Families drive sponsored by H-E-B, KWTX News 10 and the Longhorn Council of Boy Scouts of America. Partnering with the Care Center, Food for Families has become a staple of Central Texas in helping to provide assistance for those in need. On Friday, Nov. 19, local residents were able to drop off their donations at the Gatesville Fire Department from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. At left, Michael Bernquist weighs items brought by Melissa Thorn and Susie Meelbusch. Results of the food drive and additional photos will appear in the Nov. 27 issue of The Gatesville Messenger.**

### QUESTION & ANSWER CORNER

**Q:** When is this year's Gatesville Christmas parade?  
**A:** The parade starts at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 11 near H-E-B and will proceed to GHS.

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# Appreciating the many things for which we're thankful

Thanksgiving is one of my favorite times of year. It's a pause in the busy rush toward Christmas, a time to reflect on what is most important to us and the things we're thankful for.

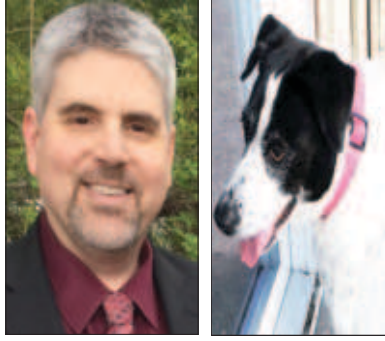
Over the decades of course, family celebrations change significantly as we all go through phases of life. Thanksgiving can also be a lonely time for those separated from friends and family. That's the case whether someone is serving in the military far from home, enduring life changes, or for those who may have to work on this holiday that so many others may take for granted.

Whether you are surrounded by a large group of people you are close to, blessed with a small group to celebrate with or even if you're on your own this Thanksgiving, it's important to be thankful for what you have -- or had -- the many blessings in your life.

## Jeff's Reflections & Lu's Views

**By Jeff Osborne & Tallulah**

*Jeff Osborne is senior staff writer and editor for the Gatesville Messenger and Tallulah is his trusted border collie-Jack Russell terrier mix.*



For example, while I could focus on the sadness of not being able to share Thanksgiving with my wonderful great-grandmother, who

lived to be 100 and a half, instead I choose to focus on appreciating the time we did have together. I am thankful that she was a part of the first 41 Thanksgivings of my life.

I appreciate the memories of being able to spend time with her and enjoy the many wonderful holidays -- and ordinary days -- we were able to spend together. Although she passed away in 2008, all these years later there's not a day that goes by that I don't think of her and the wonderful impact she had on my life.

If you are a person of faith -- and even if you are not -- it's important to be thankful for the good things, past or present. I've heard it said that a thankful heart is a happy heart, and that's definitely true.

Happy Thanksgiving to all of you. I hope it is a joyous and blessed holiday for you, whether it's spent with a noisy gathering or in quiet solitude.

Now, it's time for Tallulah's take.

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Like Daddy said, there are a lot of reasons to be thankful every day. I am thankful that Daddy spoils me so much, for the time he spends with me and that I am part of a loving home.

Not all people or animals get to experience that, and it's definitely not something to take for granted.

I have to admit, for me the best thing about Thanksgiving is the food, and I love it when I am able to share things like turkey, rolls and ham. It makes my mouth water just thinking about it!

That Thanksgiving feast is so much better than plain ol' dog food, although truth be told, I get to share some meals with Daddy almost every day. That's definitely something I am thankful for.

When he makes a sandwich, I am there and I am sure to let him know that it is OK to share with me. If he

has pizza, noodles, a burger or any number of items, I am happy to do my part to help make sure Daddy doesn't eat too much (because he shares the food with me).

It might mean I am a little bit bigger because of the food sharing, but that's a sacrifice I am willing to make!

The only thing I always am sure to turn down is when Daddy has a salad. Yuck! Why people eat food intended for rabbits, I'll never understand.

Happy Thanksgiving to all the people, doggies, kitty cats and others out there.

I hope you all have a terrific Turkey Day (or enjoy that ham, those tamales, brisket, or whatever else you put on your plate or in your bowl).

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## RESALE

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who collects old books raved about the selection available, and said she visits the store at least once a week to find different items in the store.

Others had baskets filled with Christmas holiday decor priced at a fraction of what people would pay for new items.

"We sell name-brand clothing for \$4 per item," Steward said.

"We also sell a lot of clothes of lesser quality for \$1 per item. Each month we change the color of our price tags. Items with the previous month's color tags are reduced in price throughout the month until they are only 25 cents the last week of the month.

"We put out new items every day we are open so it's fun for our customers to come back again and again."

Many of the items which aren't sold are donated to various organizations, including the Care Center, the Gatesville Senior Center, veterinary clinics, the Gatesville school district, Woodman State Jail, Hillside Nursing Home and The Meadows, Steward said.

The shop's volunteers spend several hours often working behind the scenes "sorting clothes, shoes and household items, cleaning donations, organizing the warehouse, pricing items and displaying them in the shop, caring for the outside of the building and grounds, hauling off and recycling items that can't be sold at the shop and anything else that needs to be done," Steward said.

"It's a labor of love. We get an awful lot of joy knowing we are making a big difference in our community."

The Resale Shop started partnering with the Hill Country Retired



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The Resale Shop is geared up for the Christmas season, offering plenty of decor to brighten the holidays.

and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) in 2017, which tracks volunteer hours and uses that data to apply for community grants.

While all shoppers are welcome, Steward said cash payments are especially appreciated because the shop is charged a fee for debit and credit card transactions which it is not currently passing on to the customers. For October, accepting credit and debit card payments ac-

tually cost the shop \$612.

A mid-November report notes that October 2021 was the second best all-time for monthly sales at the shop (the best month was July 2021). Sales for both of those months exceeded \$49,000.

The shop will close at noon today (Nov. 24) and reopen at 8 a.m. Friday. The store will also close at noon Dec. 24 and reopen at 8 a.m. Jan. 4.

While the store is closed, Steward said, staff and volunteers will work to catch up in their departments. Steward said it is requested that people not leave donations at the store the week that it is closed.

For more information, visit the Resale Shop's Facebook page @BoysGirlsClubResaleShop or call 254-248-1250. Those interested in online sales can visit the shop's Facebook page @bgcresaleshop1.



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Books for both children and adults, as well as DVDs, are among popular items.



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 1:44 p.m., a threat was reported in the 1200 block of W. Main Street.  
 4:27 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 800 block of S. 7th Street.  
 6:36 p.m., a theft was reported in the 2800 block of S. State Hwy. 36.  
 7:20 p.m., harassment was reported in the 2200 block of Bridge Street.  
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**Nov. 18**  
 3:38 a.m., a fire alarm was reported in the 200 block of Old Osage Road.  
 4:47 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 100 block of FM 116.  
 7:04 p.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 2800 block of S. State Hwy. 36.

## CORYELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

**Nov. 17**  
 2:18 a.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 1800 block of FM 580.  
 7:46 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the

6500 block of CR 3300.  
 3:02 p.m., a stranded motorist was reported in the westbound lane of E. Hwy. 84.  
 3:34 p.m., a theft was reported in the 300 block of E. Avenue E.  
 3:56 p.m., a stolen vehicle was reported on N. FM 116.  
 5:31 p.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 100 block of CR 347.  
 6:50 p.m., a minor accident was reported in the 6000 block of FM 116.  
 9:30 p.m., a welfare concern was reported on W. Hwy. 84 at the CEFCO station.

**Nov. 18**  
 12:08 p.m., a civil matter was reported at The Grove.  
 4:16 p.m., a threat was reported on Sierra Vista Drive.  
 4:51 p.m., an out-of-control child was reported in the 100 block of FM 116.  
 7:10 p.m., a reckless driver was reported on S. Hwy. 36 southbound.  
 7:42 p.m., a welfare concern was reported on FM 929 near the Hughes Unit.  
 7:48 p.m., a reckless driver was reported on FM 107 past Old Fort Gates Road.

# Local closures for Thanksgiving holiday

Business and governmental 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 will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 25.

**SCHOOLS**  
 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. 26.

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.

**POST OFFICES**  
 All local post offices will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 25, and no box service will be provided.

**LIBRARY**  
 The Gatesville Public Library will be closed Thursday, Nov. 25 through Saturday, Nov. 27.

**MUSEUM**  
 The Coryell Museum and Historical Center will be closed Wednesday, Nov. 24

through Friday, Nov. 26.  
**SENIOR CENTER**  
 The Gatesville Multi-Serivce Center will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 25 and Friday, Nov. 26.

**NEWSPAPER**  
 The Gatesville Messenger will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 25 and Friday, Nov. 26.



COURTESY PHOTO BY RHONDA MOHLER

**GOBBLE! GOBBLE!** Gatesville's Lurch is back in town and ready for Thanksgiving. He is currently displaying his holiday attire at his new home in the Main Street window of the Coryell County Museum and Historical Center. Following Thanksgiving, he will probably start preparing for the Christmas holidays by wearing a little red and white.

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# Cotton Davidson to have book signing Nov. 27



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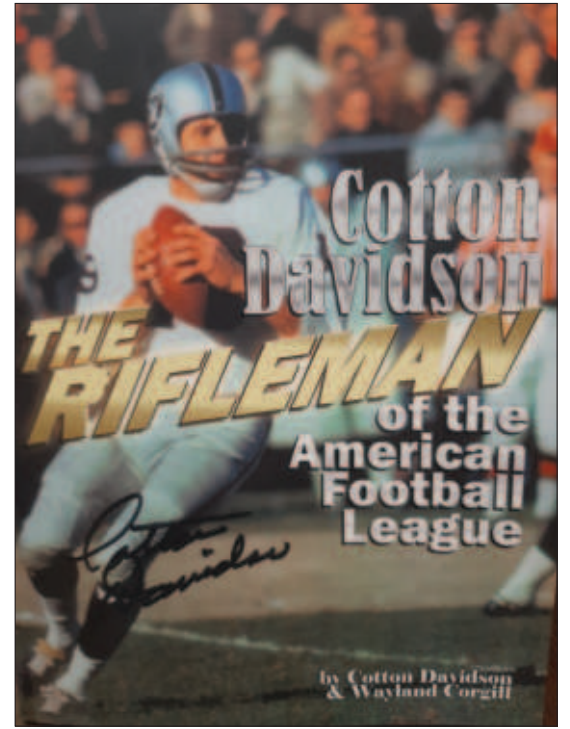
Gatesville's own, Cotton Davidson, will be participating in a book signing event at the Coryell Museum and Historical Center on Saturday, Nov. 27, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

His book, *The Rifleman*, has made it through the lengthy production process and a special printing has been made to coincide with his 90th birthday. The book was written by Cotton Davidson and Wayland Corgill.

The book is a handsome edition that chronicles much of Cotton's amazing story from his growing up years in Coryell County, through his many pro-football and coaching years, to settling back into the same area he came from, Gatesville.

At the book signing, there will be food and entertainment with two videos running. One video is a 1963 Raiders game film with Cotton in action and the other is a 1994 "Cotton Roast" by his Baylor friends. The museum has a spacious area for visiting with old friends. The public is invited to come and help celebrate this special occasion and this exceptional citizen of Gatesville.

Early next year, the book will be released to customary book outlets. Until then, it will only be available at the Coryell Museum and Historical Center located at 718 E. Main Street in Gatesville.



## NEWS FROM PEARL

# Dr. Jones rode a horse to help deliver Kay Pruett

BY BETSY CLARK

This week, I made an informational and fun discovery about the birth of Kay Pruett from an old article in an August 27, 1984, *Gatesville Messenger*. It was written by Jan Dworsky for the "Coryell Museum & Historical Center" page. It was so delightful that I just must share:



Clark

"Kay Pruett is also a long-time resident of Pearl and write the articles, 'News from Around Pearl' which I enjoy very much. She was kind enough to agree to an interview. It was delightful to meet her and hear her stories about Pearl today and long ago.

Her parents were Henry Glenn and Laveail Ballard

Hermann. Kay was born right in the middle of World War II and gasoline was scarce. Dr. Kermit Jones was coming from Gatesville on a horse to help with her birth. It had rained the night before and the creek was full and running fast. Dr. Jones hung on to his bag and let the horse swim the creek. He made it just in time for the delivery."

Thank the good Lord that Dr. Jones braved the elements in time to make sure Kay entered this world safe and sound! She is so dear to me and to countless others. Just think, if Kay had never made it into this world, we would have had no Pearl Cottage Bookstore, no "partner in crime" for Linda Ray, no Russell or Michelle to do the

heavy stuff and fulfill those partners' visions, nor would we have had "the dreaded bikini story!" Kay may talk tough and put up a braver than brave exterior, but we all know that she is a softy with a generous, kind heart and a wonderful sense of humor. And, Kay knows that there's no place like Pearl!

In other news.... The next two Pearl Bluegrass events and Pearl Cottage Bookstore days will be December 4th and January 1st. What great ways to celebrate the holiday season than right here in Pearl, Texas! Everyone is invited to attend and to bring your friends and family with you!

The three churches in Pearl all welcome visitors anytime that they meet. The Pearl Community Fellowship Church meets at 9 a.m., the

Pearl Baptist Church at 10 a.m., and the Pearl Church of Christ at 10:30 a.m.

Reminder: 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 verses for this week come from Psalm 50:23 and John 3:16 (which we can never read often enough)— "The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies Me; to one who orders his way rightly I will show

the salvation of God," and "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life."

I hope and pray that everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving whether giving thanks and enjoying a feast with family or serving others in their professions. Wherever you may be or whatever you may be doing, God be with you all! Happy Thanksgiving!

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](mailto:betsyclark47@yahoo.com) for more information or to submit any Pearl news that you might have.

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# OBITUARIES

## BULA MAE JONES BARTEK

Oct. 20, 1936 - Nov. 17, 2021



Bula M. Jones Bartek, age 85, of Gatesville and the Owl Creek community, was called home on the afternoon of November 17, 2021.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, 2021, at Scott's Funeral Home with Mike Wilie officiating. Burial followed at Flint Creek cemetery.

Bula was born on Oct. 20, 1936, in Hattiesburg, MS to

the late Ebb Jones and Kathleen Bufkin Jones. She grew up and attended school in Oak Grove, MS. Bula married Gary W. Bartek, Sr. on Feb. 3, 1959 in El Paso. They moved to central Texas in 1978. Bula worked as a Registered Nurse for 40 years before retiring in 1998. She was a member of the Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gary Bartek, Sr.; parents; son, George Thomas Bartek; sisters, Gladys Lack, Sue Lovelace, Lilly Hendrix, Betty Amacker and Mary Stuart; and one brother, Robert Jones.

Bula is survived by her daughters, Deborah Dwinell and husband, Geno, Sandra Wilie and husband, Michael; sons, Gary Bartek Jr. and Robert Bartek and wife, Kathryn; sister, Lola Faulkner; brother, William E. Jones; 10 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church of Flat, P.O. Box 87, Flat, TX 76526.

# Whatever happened to...

### TWENTY YEARS AGO (2001)

George Bailey, played by Thomas Bone and Uncle Billy, played by Mark Henson were rehearsing a scene of "It's a Wonderful Life," that was being presented by the Gatesville Civic Theatre Association and the Gatesville High School Theatre Department.

Members of the Gatesville High School Class of 1961 met for their 40-year reunion. Two former faculty members joined the group: Robert Powell, who taught the students in sixth grade, and Al Langford, who was the head football coach.

Duane Galligher, an aide to State Representative Sid Miller, was the guest speaker at a quarterly luncheon sponsored by the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce.

Richard Mackay and Homer Davis were in charge of updating the donation board for the Food for Families drive. When the drive ended, 144,320 pounds worth of food had been collected.

Violet Badger and Katie Webb earned high honors in separate choir competitions at Midway High School. Badger advanced to the area round of the Texas Music Educator Association All-State Choir competition, while Webb was named to the Ninth and Tenth Grade All-Region Choir.

Coryell County Sheriff Roger Faught hosted a blood spatter class at the Texas Army National Guard Armory. The class was taught by one of only a handful of

blood spatter instructors in the state.

### THIRTY YEARS AGO (1991)

Kim Gilbert, owner of "A Glamorous You" Hair and Nail Salon, conducted a Grand Opening with a ribbon cutting conducted by the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce and Agribusiness.

Mrs. Martha Williams was honored with a surprise birthday lunch at J.D.'s Restaurant. She was born Nov. 9, 1904, in Lampasas County. Mrs. Williams' children, grandchildren, and one great-grandchild were hosts for the lunch, along with the traditional balloons and cake.

Gwen Plentl, daughter of Ms. Kathy Plentl of Gatesville, had been selected as a finalist in the 1992 South Texas National Teenager Scholarship Pageant to be held in San Antonio.

First Baptist Academy observed Children's Book Week with guest storytellers including Ann Bates, Laura White, Dr. Jay Riley, Pat Aslin, Nina Davidson, Bill Donaldson, Dr. Tommy Davidson, and Miss Jo Lee.

Janelle Heiner of Gatesville shot a 10-point buck on opening day of the regular deer hunting season. Heiner landed the 125-pound buck on the Heiner Ranch near Leon Junction.

Tara Gellash, freshman student at McLennan Community College and a 1990 graduate of Gatesville High School, was awarded a Distinguished Spirit of America

Medal at the Fifth Annual Spirit of America Awards banquet held in Waco.

### FORTY YEARS AGO (1981)

Connie Franks, secretary at the office of County Agent Jim Vanstory, displayed a sampling of some 80 entries in the annual Coryell County Pecan Show.

The Pidcoke United Methodist Church held its Lord's Acre Day and part of the event was an auction which featured quilts made by Gladys Saunders, Callie Carroll, and Edna Dyson.

Dorothy Barker was named employee of the month at Coryell Memorial Hospital. She received her recognition from hospital Administrator Wallace Cooper. Barker had been a hospital employee in Gatesville for 20 years.

Founded in 1881, Levita Baptist Church was celebrating its 100th anniversary. An all-day centennial program was planned featuring addresses by five former pastors and special music by visiting choirs.

Cloyce Duncan of Gatesville, Precinct 2 commissioner in Coryell County, was elected secretary-treasurer of the Central Texas Council of Governments for 1982 at a general membership meeting at Fort Hood.

Three-year-old Elissa Taylor, daughter of Woody and Jacque Taylor of Purmela, won the first prize in the American Heart Association Turkey Walk. Her award was a \$100 savings bond donated

ed by the National Bank of Gatesville.

### FIFTY YEARS AGO (1971)

Creston Brazzil, business manager at the Mountain View School for Boys, had been named the new manager and secretary-treasurer of the Gatesville Savings and Loan Association.

A. J. Gordon, a Gatesville merchant, was all smiles after shooting a husky 8-point buck deer. It was only the second deer Gordon ever killed. He bagged the prize on his place near the city-county airport southwest of Gatesville.

Capt. Douglas M. Wendt, son of Mrs. Ida J. Wendt of Oglesby, received the U. S. Air Force Commendation Medal at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Capt. Wendt was cited for his meritorious service as a combat crew commander.

Mrs. Mae Burt was honored on her 91st birthday with a family gathering in the home of a daughter, Mrs. Roy Lee Gray, with whom Mrs. Burt was making her home.

Army Sgt. Billy J. Carter, son of Rev. and Mrs. Willie M. Carter of Gatesville, was assigned to the 75th Infantry. He was serving at Fort Carson as a patrol leader in the Infantry's Company B.

A deer hunter on Mr. and Mrs. Lee Carroll's place near Izoro, decided he liked to fish better than stalk, so he caught a 12-lb. catfish in their stock tank.

## Santa for Seniors

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](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.

Hillside wants to make it a very Merry Christmas for their residents. Gifts can be shipped directly to the facility or delivered unwrapped by December 13.

Hillside Medical Lodge is located at 300 S. Highway 36 Bypass in Gatesville. For those interested in participating in this year's Santa for Seniors can contact their Wellness Department for more information. Hillside can be reached by calling 254-865-7575.

## Letters to Santa due Dec. 3

The Gatesville Messenger will once again print 'Letters to Santa' from local children in our special Christmas issue on December 25.

Students up to the third grade are encouraged to write a letter for submission. All local school campuses have been notified. If your child does not attend school and you would like your child's letter printed in The Gatesville Messenger, please turn in to our office at 116 S. 6th Street or email [circulation@gatesvillemessenger.com](mailto:circulation@gatesvillemessenger.com).

Deadline for all letter submissions is Friday, December 3.

For more information, please call The Messenger office at 254-865-5466.

## Central Texas Hospitality House to host Open House

Central Texas Hospitality House will be hosting a Christmas Open House on Tuesday, Dec. 7, from 6 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

This will be a family event with a live nativity, bounce house, bean bag toss, live music, angel tree, door prizes and refreshments - including free hot dogs.

The Central Texas Hospitality House offers hope and encouragement to families visiting incarcerated family members at our local prisons. They ask the public to join them for a fun filled night of an appreciation celebration for their friends, supporters, and community.

They are located at 708 Hwy 36 North in Gatesville.

## Schmitz to autograph recent book

The Gatesville Public Library will be hosting a book signing on Saturday, Dec. 4, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Award-winning author, Kaye D. Schmitz, will be signing her most recent novel "The Road Remembered," which is about love, humanity, and triumph amid the atrocities of World War II.

Kaye Schmitz is the author of award-winning novels, The Consort Conspiracy and On Deadly Grounds, winning both the prestigious Literary Titans award and Florida Authors and Publishers Award. Active in the writing commu-

nity, she is a member of the Florida Writers' Association, Sisters in Crime national, Northeast Florida Sisters in Crime, International Thriller Writers, and Women's Fiction Writers' Association. She is also an active speaker and teaches a writer's workshop.

Ms. Schmitz makes her home in St. Augustine, FL, where she lives with her husband, Michael, and close to their two grown children and four grandchildren.

The public is welcome to attend the book signing at the Gatesville Public Library which is located at 111 N. 8th



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## Tigers top Eagles in 6-man shootout

BY MARK GOODSON  
STAFF WRITER

Jonesboro High School's dream of making a deep run in the six-man football playoffs was halted Thursday in the Eagles' 84-55 loss to the May Tigers at Dublin Lions Stadium.

The showdown of unbeaten lived up to an expected night of big plays, but three lost fumbles and an interception helped the No. 1-ranked May team take control on a chilly night in Erath County.

The decisive play came in the second quarter when Jonesboro allowed a late touchdown pass in the final seconds before halftime.

"That was the scouting report that their quarterback could throw it deep," Jonesboro head coach Eddie Gallegos said. "They caught us in a blown coverage. That was big. We had cut the lead to two scores (32-16) and were going to get the ball to start the second half. But they went up 40-16...I'm real proud of the way we battled back and never quit."

May, which has held the No. 1 spot in the Six-Man Class 1A, Division I rankings all season, led 40-16 at half. The Tigers mixed up the run and the pass, and led 56-24 with 9:41 left in the game.

Avery Williford led the charge for the Tigers with big runs and plenty of tackles.

The 6-1, 198-pounder was a force for the Tigers, but he ended the game on the bench with a shoulder injury.

In the second half, Jacob Cisneros showed his speed on a long run and a kickoff return of 75 yards.

Jonesboro forced a turnover with 9:15 left when senior Manny Torres pounced on a fumble.

"I thought we were going to make a comeback," Torres said.

Torres said that losing to May twice in consecutive years is tough.

"I just want this bunch to keep up the tradition," he said. "I hope they



A quartet of Tiger defenders jar the ball loose from Jonesboro's Ian Shoaf during the Nov. 18 playoff game between the Eagles and No. 1 ranked May in Dublin. Jonesboro finished the season with an 11-1 record, including a district championship and a bi-district playoff win.

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keep on working hard like we have the last four years."

Jonesboro junior Caleb Christel led the way for the Eagles with plenty of tough runs. He excited the crowd early with a 46-yard touchdown run down the right sideline just two minutes into the game. Torres booted the conversion for an early 8-0 lead.

On May's second possession of the game, the Tigers tried a deep pass that looked like a potential interception by senior Nat Hilliker. Hilliker had owned most "50-50"

balls this season, but the Tigers came down with the catch to set up the Tigers' first score.

The explosive Tigers' top point total this season was a 104-80 win over defending state champion Sterling City.

May, which kept its season record perfect at 12-0, will face the winner of the playoff game between Turkey Valley-Lometa for the Region IV title.

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Caleb Christel tries to avoid the oncoming pass rush in Jonesboro's second round playoff contest against the May Tigers.

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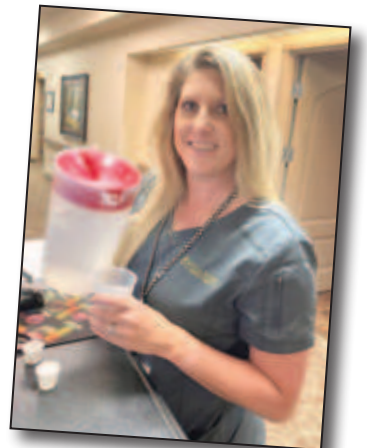
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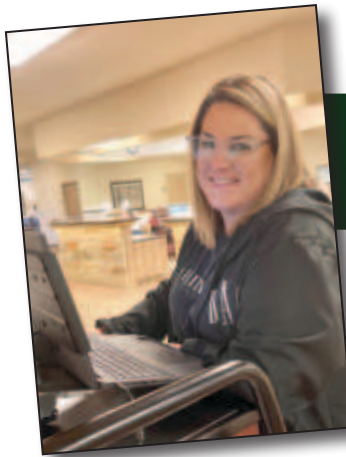
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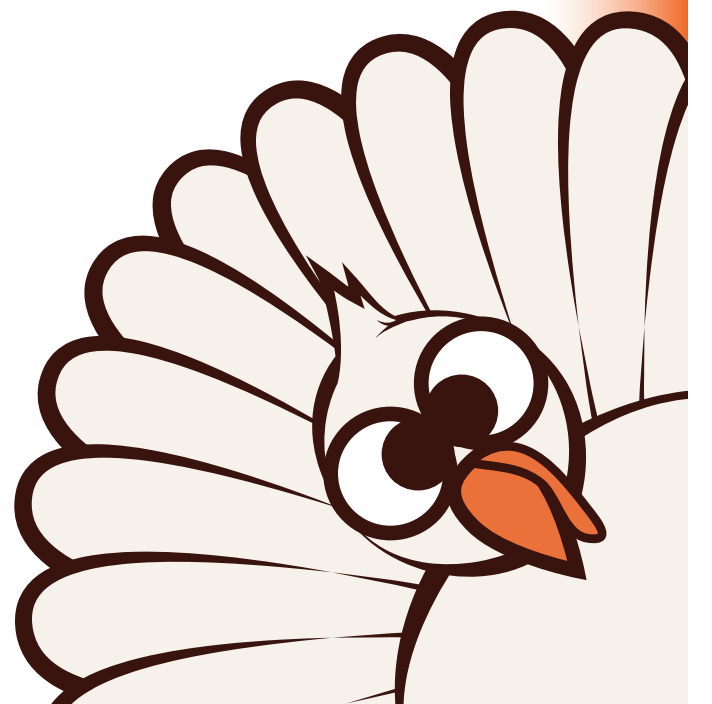
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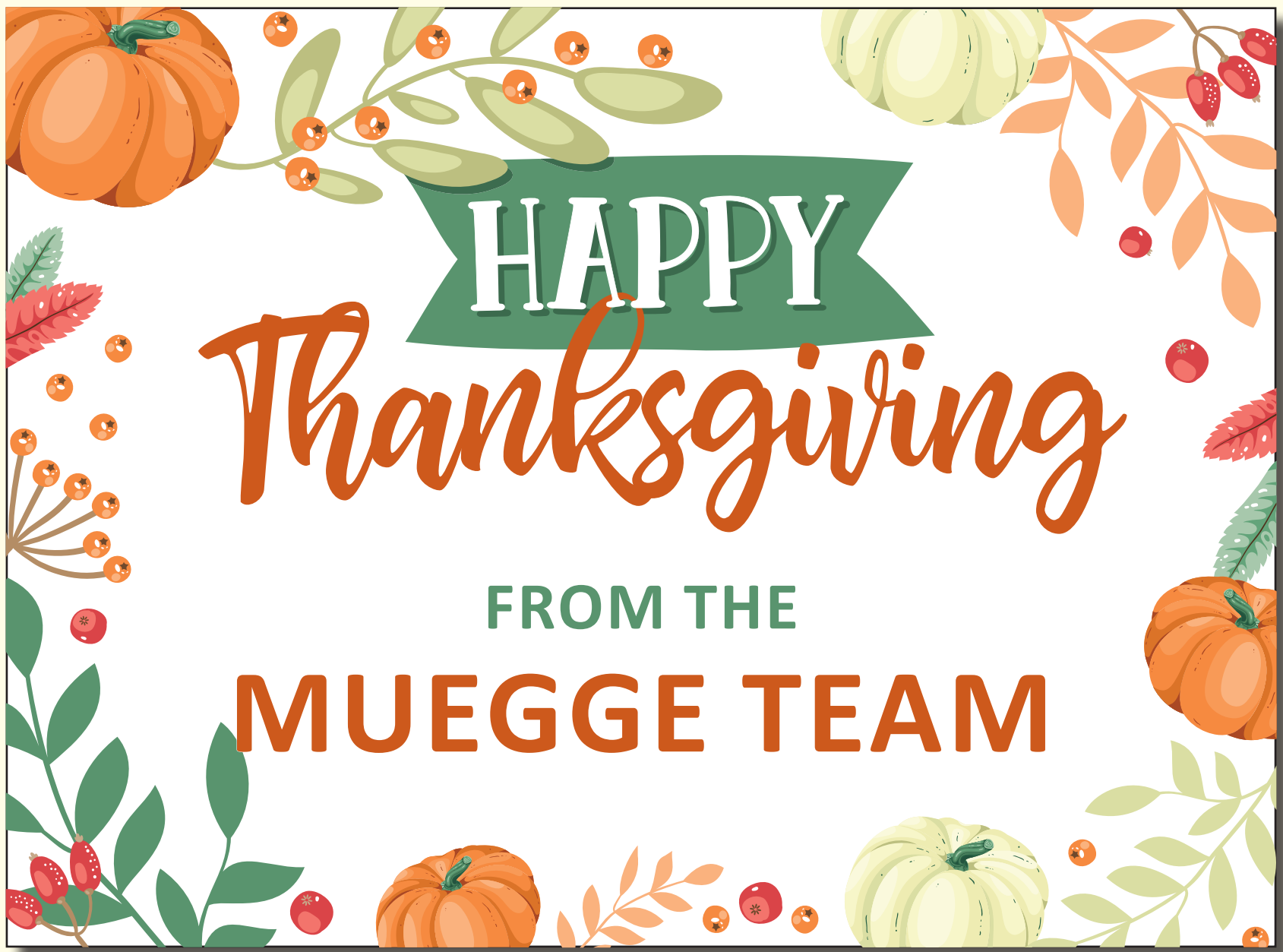
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