



Chronicling a local legend

BY DAVID SCOTT
STAFF WRITER

The collaboration of a book about hometown star athlete Cotton Davidson, who became well-known for his achievements in football and coaching, was first conceived back in 2018.

Wayland Corgill, a local author was approached by Davidson and asked if he would write a book about his life.

Carole Corgill, his wife, remembered "He (her husband) actually wrote the book in two years altogether. He would think of questions and write them down and then go out and interview Cotton and come home and write down the responses."

Corgill said that because of COVID, they lost a year in the production of the book. "Cotton had read a book about Wayland's life and there were a lot of similarities. That's how it all got started. Wayland did not pursue the idea (of Davidson's biography), but I'm glad he did," said Corgill.

Davidson, just a few days prior to his 90th birthday, was on hand for the official book signing at the Coryell Museum and Historical Center minus his co-author, Corgill, who died unexpectedly just days before. "Wayland and his wife Carole became very close friends of ours these past few years. I was honored to work together with him to bring this book to life and I am so deeply saddened at his sudden passing," Davidson said.

In the book, "The NFL Rifleman," it is written that Cotton Davidson spins a tale just as tight as any spiral he ever left. The book chronicles much of Cotton's amazing story from his growing up on the banks of Coryell Creek in Coryell County, through his many



Carole Corgill, wife of author Wayland Corgill, is pictured with Cotton Davidson at the recent book signing held at the Coryell Museum and Historical Center.

pro-football and coaching years, to settling back into the same area he came from, Gatesville. Davidson, a 1949 graduate of Gatesville High School, was inducted into the Texas High School Hall of Fame in 1999.

Davidson attended Baylor University and played professionally for the National Football League's Baltimore Colts in 1954 and 1957, and the American Football League's

Dallas Texans from 1960 to 1962, and the Oakland Raiders from 1962 to 1968.

He was selected in the first round of the 1954 NFL Draft by the Baltimore Colts where he played on the team for one year before being drafted into the U.S. Army, where he was named "All-Army quarterback" in 1956. Following his time in the Army, Davidson returned to Baltimore where he played backup quarterback to Hall of Famer Johnny Unitas. He would next play in Canada but was forced to depart midway through the season after suffering a shoulder injury.

He then returned to Baylor in 1959 where he became a member of the staff of head football coach John Bridgers. Later, he would sign with the Dallas Texans in 1960 for two seasons being named MVP in 1961. Davidson finished his professional career playing for the Raiders before returning to Central Texas with his wife Carolyn where he went on to coach at Baylor University for 21 years. While at Baylor, he was considered to be a major contributor to Coach Grant Teaff's Baylor Bear teams that won Southwest Conference championships in 1974 and 1980.

At the recent book signing, Gatesville Mayor Gary Chumley presented Davidson with a proclamation declaring Nov. 27 to be known as Cotton Davidson Day. "When I first met him (Davidson), my admiration of him grew even more because of his values - God, family, community, and he's been an example for my generation of how a Christian should live his life," Chumley said.

Copies of his book were on sale in the museum bookstore and at final count, well over 165 copies were sold on the day of the book

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Cotton Davidson signs a book during an event that took place on Nov. 27 at the Coryell Museum and Historical Center. Seated next to him is his daughter, Kelly Woods.

GHS grad provisions revamped

BY JEFF OSBORNE
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

A proposal to reduce the number of classes required for Gatesville High School students to graduate that would align with state requirements resulted in debate but was ultimately approved by the Gatesville Independent School District Board of Trustees during a recent meeting.

Shane Webb, assistant superintendent for academics for the district, said Gatesville ISD requires two additional credits beyond what the state requires, and proposed eliminating those requirements to allow for more flexibility for the students.

Those classes include health and speech. All eighth grade students in the district take health classes.

However, students who move to the district when they reach high school often face a challenge of meeting that requirement because they missed the opportunity by transferring to the district later.

Speech could still be offered as an elective, but students would earn their speech credit after completing three high school English courses.

Board Vice President Charles Alderson said the credit requirements are based on an outdated schedule from when students had six classes per day, noting that in the current schedule students have eight class periods.

He said he did not understand reducing the requirements by two credits.

Webb said the change would allow students to take more career and technology education classes in place of the health and speech requirements.

"For the students who are at risk, we have an additional barrier that the state is not requiring," GISD Superintendent Barrett Pollard explained. "Our enrollment has dropped at the high school. We had 45 students withdraw to homeschool. How many of those students will legitimately pursue a homeschool course and how many will simply drop out?"

He said aligning GISD's graduation requirements with the state's requirements could help reduce the loss of high school students.

"When they look at graduation plans, the students see obstacles," Pollard said. "We are going above and beyond what is being required by the state."

Webb recommended the changes begin with the 2022-23 school year.

"We are making it too easy," Alderson said. "I'd rather see us add two (credit requirements) than drop two."

Webb said by adopting the changes, students would be able to pursue more of the career and technical education classes that appeal to them and that would help prepare them for their future after high school.

Alderson said he agreed with the emphasis on CTE classes, which provide additional incentives for students to stay in school and prepare themselves for the workforce.

Deputy arrests women connected with drug, child porn

BY JEFF OSBORNE
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

A 21-year-old Lorena woman was recently arrested by a Coryell County Sheriff's deputy on outstanding warrants from McLennan County related to charges of possession of a dangerous drug and possession of child pornography.

Olivia Ariel Whitt was arrested on Nov. 19.

"She was found in the company of a runaway in Gatesville, and the child was missing from Gatesville," said Coryell County Sheriff Scott Williams. He added that it was a deputy in the criminal investigation department

that made the arrest.

According to information obtained from the sheriff's office, Lt. Randall Hill and Sgt. Ronald Dayton were dispatched to Strawmill Road near the low water crossing in response to a report of a suspicious vehicle in which the occupants appeared to either be asleep or passed out.

Hill reportedly knocked on the driver's side window of the vehicle and asked the occupants if they were OK. He also asked the driver and a young male passenger in the vehicle for identification.

It was then determined that

the driver, Whitt, was wanted on criminal warrants out of McLennan County. The male passenger, a minor, had been entered into a missing juvenile database by the Gatesville Police Department.

The young man's parents were contacted, and they told the deputy that they would come to the location to pick him up.

According to the sheriff's office report, a bag containing four white pills were obtained.

It was later determined that these pills were quetiapine fumarate, also known as Seroquel, and that Whitt did not have the necessary prescription required

for the pills.

Additionally, the report stated, a small glass meth pipe was located in Whitt's property.

According to a story appearing in the Waco Tribune-Herald, Whitt was arrested in June 2021 after a 16-year-old boy said he was involved in a sexual relationship with her.

At that time, she was charged with a second-degree felony charge of sexual assault of a child.

Whitt was released from the McLennan County Jail in June after posting bail on a \$10,000 bond on that charge.

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Lessons from the past are still important to us today

No doubt 2020 and 2021 have been historic years of upheaval and change, but 92 years ago, there was a dramatic event which changed the course of the world and left an impact that still remains — the Great Crash of 1929.

My maternal great-grandmother and my paternal grandmother were both 21 when the stock market of the New York Stock Exchange tumbled, billions of dollars were wiped out and many people lost their fortunes and their livelihood either that day or over the coming months and years.

Those were hard times in America, and the nation suffered greatly. The impact was tragic and significant around the world, as people lost their economic security, and in some places, authoritarian governments rose partly in response to all the uncertainty.

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.



Things were a mess, but that didn't mean that everything was

completely bad for everyone. No doubt times were tough, but people pulled together in much of America to get through those times. If the majority of the 1920s seemed to be a celebration of excess and frivolous things, this shock to the system helped people to realize what was important and what was merely a flash in the pan.

I learned lessons of the importance of not being wasteful from my great-grandmother, and also of the need to maintain some sort of reserves because you never know when times will get tough. When things are going well, it can be pretty difficult to remember that the easy times can end in an instant.

For those of us who have endured 2008 and now 2020, it's much easier to see that life can change quickly, and in the middle of all the swirling uncertainty, it can be easy

to become overwhelmed.

But faith and resolve displayed by the generations that came before us helped them get through the tough times, and they offer us encouragement as well.

Just like there are seasons during the calendar year, there are cycles in our lives and in our world. Lessons passed down from generation to generation are important and can guide us through the sometimes stormy seas of life.

There is great value in learning from the experiences of those who have gone before us, from their successes, as well as their failures, and in keeping our faith no matter what challenges we face. That's what got our ancestors through, and it's what will help us persevere and allow us to offer our insight to future generations as well.

It's your turn, Lu.

When it comes to what really matters, most of us dogs -- and even cats -- have simple priorities.

Plenty of food, clean water to drink, shelter to help us feel safe and secure, and if we're lucky, people who love us and make us a priority in their lives.

I can't even tell you who my birth parents were, let alone grandparents or great-grandparents. For me, lessons learned are probably from last week, last month or at most, from a few years ago.

We depend on people to take care of us and to teach us, and we are thankful for those who are there for us - in the good times and the tough times.

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Coryell Health staff honored with lunch



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(Above) The Rev. Dewey "Buddy" Wheat of The Presbyterian Church in Gatesville, Feed Mill and Bare Bones BBQ owner Tana Snoddy, Coryell Health Chief Executive Officer David Byrom and the Rev. Stephen Schmidt of First United Methodist Church in Gatesville gather for a photo at the hospital. The local ministerial alliance recently served lunch to Coryell Health employees to show the community's appreciation for their service. (Below) Danielle Crowther, creative director for Coryell Community Church, serves meals to Coryell Health employees.



CTC real estate courses qualify for those seeking license

Central Texas College (CTC) recently announced courses in the school's real estate program are now listed on the Texas Real Estate Commission (TREC) website as qualifying courses for those seeking a real estate license.

Upon completing CTC's five real estate courses, students are eligible to take the Texas real estate sales agent license exam. After completing the internship course, students can then graduate with a certificate of completion in business management real estate sales agent.

"TREC has always ac-

cepted CTC courses as qualified training for the licensure exam," said Angela Reese, CTC online manager/program coordinator/professor - business management, business administration and paralegal. "Now being listed on their website makes it easy for students to find the required courses, enables students to prepare and map out a course schedule and also provides students with assurance the classes in our real estate program will give them the necessary and required training to take the state licensing exam."

The CTC courses listed on the TREC website students need to qualify for the licensing exam are law of agency, law of contracts, principles of real estate I, principles of real estate II, promulgated contract forms and real estate finance.

These courses along with the internship lead to a certificate of completion.

"Upon completing the certificate program, students can apply these courses to earn an associate of applied science degree in business management real estate specialization," Reese said.

"CTC offers property management, principles of selling, a real estate internship and other related courses as part of the associate degree program. "Both programs are designed to give students an in-depth, well-rounded approach to a career in real estate."

The CTC Real Estate program also includes an internship for both the certificate and degree programs. "The internship provides students real-world application in real estate," said Anthony Rodriguez, CTC adjunct real estate faculty member.

Local jailers indicted for tampering with records

BY JEFF OSBORNE
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Three jailers who worked for the Coryell County Sheriff's Office turned themselves in to face charges of tampering with government documents after an investigation by the Texas Rangers division of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

The investigation was launched after the death of jail inmate Castlee Noble, 55, who was found unresponsive at the jail and pronounced dead on Aug. 26.

The jailers were identified by the Coryell County District Attorney's Office as Thad Vincent, 29, Jordan Evans, 20 and Raymond Cain III, 36. Sheriff Scott Williams said that

the three jailers had previously not been responsible for any problems.

"None of them had been in trouble a day in their life," he said. "It's painful but we have got to do what's right every time. It's now up to the courts to make a decision on whether or not they are guilty."

District Attorney Dusty Boyd said the three "were indicted on several counts of tampering with government documents. Those offenses were discovered as a result of the investigation of the death of Mr. Noble."

Boyd said it has not been determined whether the offenses were related to Noble's death, and that additional information could not be released at this time because an investigation remains ongoing.

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signing with long lines of people waiting for his autograph. Davidson and his wife were very touched by the outpouring of

people.

"Thanksgiving is a time to reflect and show gratitude and that is what I felt at the book signing. This community means the world to me and seeing these friendly faces and getting to

talk to them and share memories was such a great experience for me," Davidson said.

Copies of the book can be purchased in the gift shop at the museum which is located at 718 E. Main St. in Gatesville.

Santa Fun run underway

The Gatesville Fire Department began its Santa Run on November 26 and are scheduled for neighborhood drive-by visits on the evenings of Dec. 3rd, 4th, and 10th starting at 6 p.m. Approximate times the fire truck will arrive on each street cannot exactly be determined, but Santa Claus and his elves will make plenty of noise entering each neighborhood.

In case the neighborhood visits are postponed due to weather or alarm calls, the make-up days will be scheduled for Dec. 11, 17-18.

A reminder to children and adults alike, the fire truck and Santa will not be able to make stops on any street due to safety and time constraints.

Each Sunday, until Dec. 19, Santa Claus will be sitting stationary at the fire station to allow for pictures to be taken. Santa will be available from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m.

The neighborhood drive-by visits are scheduled as follows:

December 3:

Baize Dr., Barnes St., Bauman St., Brown St., Byrom Ct., Carroll Dr., Church St., Depot St., Inwood Ln.,

Jackson Dr., Lowrey Dr., Mary St., Mears Dr., N. Lovers Ln., Northern Ave., Oak Dr., Osage Rd., Powell Dr., Saunders St. (east of Lutterloh), St. Louis St. (east of Lutterloh), Stillhouse Rd., Sun Valley Ave., Venus Ave., Waco St. (east of Lutterloh), Westwood Park, Willow Way, and numbered streets from N. 12th St. through N. 31st St.

December 4:

Andrews St., Bridge St. (west of 23rd St.), College St., Fennimore St., Fouts St., Leon St., Live Oak St., Park St., Pidcoke St., Pleasant St., S. Lutterloh Ave., South St., Spindletop St., and numbered streets from S. 3rd St. through S. 21st St.

December 10:

Airport Rd., avenue Street from Ave. B through Ave. E, Baldrige Dr., Chicktown Rd., Coryell Health, Creek Cliff Dr., Dodds Creek Dr., Highland Dr., Memorial Dr., Mesa Dr., Myrtle Dr., N. Levita Rd., Saunders St. (west of Lutterloh), St. Louis St., (west of Lutterloh), Tanglewood Dr., Waco St. (west of Lutterloh), Wells Park, Westview Dr., and numbered streets from N. 5th St. through N. 11th St.

Christmas parade set for Dec. 11

The Gatesville Chamber of Commerce will be hosting its annual Christmas Parade on Saturday, Dec. 11, starting at 10 a.m. This year's theme is "Gingerbread House."

The parade will have floats and performers who will be making their way down Main Street starting behind H-E-B and heading east on Hwy. 84 (Main Street) ending at Lovers Lane.

Following the parade, Santa will be at the Depot and available for photos.

For those wanting to participate in the parade, the early bird entry fee is \$25 until noon Dec. 3, with a fee of \$35 thereafter.

Judging for the parade and the people's choice awards will continue from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on the day of the parade. There are multiple divisions which will be judged at the event.

For more information about the parade, please contact the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce at 254-865-2617.



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Texas A&M to conduct Farm and Ranch Seminar in Gatesville

The annual multi-county Farm and Ranch Seminar for farmers and ranchers conducted by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in District 8 is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 9, 2021. The District 8 Farm and Ranch Seminar will be offered at numerous locations across Central Texas.

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IN-PERSON: Coryell County Commissioners Courtroom 801 E. Leon St. - Gatesville, TX 76528
Registration will begin at 7 a.m. with programs from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Please RSVP by calling 254-865-2414. The cost will be \$50 per person needing hours or \$20 for those wishing to attend and not receive hours. Checks may be made to Coryell Ag Industries Committee. Those attending will need to bring their pesti-

cide license number to the program.

VIRTUAL: There is also a virtual option for those not wishing to attend in-person, register by using the link below. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/district-8-farm-and-ranch-virtual-seminar-tickets-204063889587>
The seminar will include a host of subjects including: General Herbicide and Pesticide Update, Feral Hog Management Strategies and Control Methods, Managing Pesticide Drift and How to Do Your Part, TDA Laws and Regulations Compliance, Pest Management in Forage and Row Crop Operations, 2021 TDA Laws and Regulations Update, Controlling Disease and Insects in Fruit and Nut Trees, Turf Grass Management for Homeowners, Evaluations and CEU Certificates.
For more information about the seminar, please call 254-865-2414.

4-H NEWS

50 youth compete in County 4-H Food Contests



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Even though school was closed for the Thanksgiving break, on Monday, November 22nd, the Gatesville Intermediate School Cafeteria had plenty of activity, with fifty 4-H youth competing in the Coryell County 4-H Food Show and Food Challenge event. The Junior (ages 3rd-5th grade) Food Challenge contest had the most team entries with seven teams competing, while the Intermediate (ages 6th-8th grade) division had six entries. There were three entries in the food show.
In the Food Challenge contest, teams of 3-4 students receive a list of ingredients and have 40 minutes to create a dish. The teams then present their dish to judges and are scored on preparation, serving size, food safety concerns, nutritional value, and general nutrition knowledge. This allows teams to develop teamwork skills, as well as test their creativity and knowledge of food preparation.

In the Food Show contest, individual members choose a recipe from the contest categories and then prepare and present it to a panel of judges. Contestants are interviewed by a panel of judges, explaining how they prepared it, the nutrients and ingredients in their dish, personal dietary needs, healthy substitutions, and complete a cost analysis. They take a multiple-choice quiz about food and nutrition facts and properly demonstrate a kitchen skill they have learned in their food and nutrition 4-H project.

A big thank you goes out to the 4-H volunteer leaders who coach the teams. The first and second place winners at the county-wide event will represent Coryell County at the District 8 4-H Food Challenge and Food Show to be held in Belton on December 8th. Complete re-

sults from both contests are listed as follows:

FOOD CHALLENGE JUNIOR DIVISION-
1st place Team- Dino Nuggies: Gracie Klecka, Lyla Nichols, and Hadley Hopson
2nd place Team- Impossible Impasta: Madilyn Smith, Olivia Hendrix, Caroline Langenstrass, and Jayde Muegge
3rd place Team- Cooking Cajuns: Taylor Webb, Ava Rodriguez, and Preston Barron
4th place Team- The Witch Cooks: Bobbi Tubbs, Emily Wolff, Anna Belle Walls, and Hannah Ashley
Also participating were: Golden Chefs: Bryson Stevens, Maddox McAndrew, Ryan Rutherford, and Prudence Jackson; Fighting Chefs: Mary Mitchell, Jo Langenstrass, and Landri Stevens and Cooking Cowgirls: Emma Pruett, Ava

Shaw, and Piper Beck

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION-
1st place Team- Sauce Sisters: Kinsley McPherson, Anna McPherson, Makaylie Williams, and Kayla Mabry
2nd place Team- Cactus Crew: Willow Holland, Zak Huckabee, and Jacob Ellerbe
3rd place Team- Cowgirl Cookers: Lexi Miller, Callie Smith, Jaelee Thornton, and Emily Webb
4th place Team- Cooking Chaos: Annabelle Lea, Lucas Appelman, Rogan Smith, and Colin Rainer
Also participating were: Ain't Got Muffin on Us: Hunter Beaty, Peyton Williamson, and Leonela Rodriguez and Sweet & Sour: Madison Manning, Madison Cohn, and Emma Treadway

FOOD SHOW
Senior Division- 1st place Healthy Dessert- Cayleigh Coursey
Junior Division- 1st place Appetizer- Mary Mitchell
Clover Kid- 1st place Healthy Dessert- Charles Yarbrough



For more information about Coryell County's 4-H programs, contact Becky Coward at 303 Veterans Memorial Loop, Gatesville, TX 76528 or call 254-865-2414. She can also be reached by email at Becky.Coward@ag.tamu.edu.



COURTESY PHOTO

FIRST PLACE FOOD SHOW WINNERS: Pictured left to right, Cayleigh Coursey, first place senior division, healthy dessert; Mary Mitchell, first place junior division, appetizer; and Charles Yarbrough, first place Clover Kid division, healthy dessert.

FUMC to host Christmas musical

The First United Methodist Church invites the community to attend its Christmas musical "Why Can't It Be Christmas All Year Long," on Sunday, Dec. 5, at 6 p.m. in the sanctuary.
The music pianist and director will be Charles Ament. Choir conductor will be guest Nathan Cook. Soloists will be Mary Kafer and

Karen Schmidt. Narration will be by the pastor, Stephen Schmidt.
There is no admission charge, but an offering for local missions will be taken.
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Whatever happened to...

20 YEARS AGO (2001)

A giant snowman, entered by J&M Barbecue, was judged the top entry in the annual Gatesville Chamber of Commerce Christmas parade.

Lisa Dews opened her home to visitors as part of the Christmas Tour of Homes sponsored by the Gatesville Garden Club and the Delta Kappa Gamma Society.

Susan Curtis of Leon Junction was making red and black ribbons to remind people of the firefighters who lost their lives in the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center in New York City. Curtis had shipped more than 900 ribbons to New York.

Kelcy James, the 8-year-old daughter of Robbie and Kelly James of Gatesville, was the recipient of the fiddle giveaway at the Pearl Blue Grass Music Festival.

Mickey Chandler, known as an evangelist, became the new minister at the Downtown Church of Christ in Gatesville.

9,250 turkeys perish as the result of a fire, thought to be electrical in nature, that destroyed a barn at the Leon River Turkey Farm just outside The Grove.

THIRTY YEARS AGO (1991)

Weldon and Geneva White Thomas were honored with a 50th wedding anniversary reception at the Red Oak Community Center in Red Oak. Weldon Thomas and Geneva White were married Nov. 15, 1941, in Killeen.

The Women of St. John Lutheran Church held their annual Christmas party at Peveto's Buffet in Clifton. The group sang several Christmas carols before exchanging gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Cole, of Mound, honored their daughter, Joy, with a party on the occasion of her first birthday.

Baron Pate, Keith Blackman, Bubba Bates, and Richard Mitchell were competing in five events at the American Cowboy Ranch Rodeo World Finals at Will Rogers Coliseum.

Donna Kennedy of Evant was among the country's top cowgirls during the Womens' Pro Rodeo Association National Finals Rodeo that was taking place in Las Vegas.

Coryell County Tax Assessor/Collector Joan Blanchard announced that 17,384 new voter's registration certificates were being mailed out from the county tax office.

FORTY YEARS AGO (1981)

Holice A. Davidson of Mound had part of the job of cracking some 3,600 pecans that made up 90 entries in the Coryell County Pecan Show held in Gatesville. Davidson was named Grand Champion in the shelling pecan division with his Sioux variety.

December's picks for students of the month, selected by the Gatesville High School Freedoms Council, were Howard Carroll Jr., and Marion Gartman.

Dorothy Carroll was hostess for the regular meeting of the Pleasure and Profit Club at Pearl with 13 members in attendance.

Mrs. Herbert Gaskamp was honored with a surprise birthday party Coryell City. Hostesses for the party were her sisters and nieces.

Members of St John American Lutheran Church Women held their annual Christmas party. A short program entitled "What is Christmas?" was given by Mrs. Roger

Yows and Mrs. Henry Reinhardt.

Rev. Harvey L. Ozmer of Arlington was appointed as the new pastor of Gatesville's First United Methodist Church. As the local Methodist pastor, Rev. Ozmer succeeded Rev. Jack Hopkins, who was going to Brownwood as pastor of the Central United Methodist Church.

FIFTY YEARS AGO (1971)

Jerry (Nub) Donaldson of Gatesville announced his candidacy for the District 34 seat in the Texas House of Representatives.

Mike Williamson became a business associate of Carl Drake, owner of Drake's Furniture Co. located at 814 Main St. A 1967 graduate of Gatesville High School, Williamson earned a Bachelor of Science degree in economics from Texas A&M University in December of 1970.

Jackie and Barbara Terrell posted a 67 1/2 score to win the handicap division of the husband-wife golf tournament at the Gatesville Country Club.

James L. Brown downed an 11-point buck southeast of Sweetwater. He killed the deer with a Remington 270 pump gun and it field dressed at a thumping 200 lbs.

Ivy Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Young Jr. of Rt. 2, Jonesboro, had been chosen as the "beau" of the Jonesboro FHA chapter.

Pvt. Douglas I. Bates, age 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie R. Bates, Rt. 3, Gatesville, was assigned to Fort Ord, Calif., where he was training under the modern volunteer army field experiment.

OBITUARIES

WAYLAND CORGILL

April 18, 1938 - Nov. 21, 2021



Wayland Corgill, age 83, of Gatesville, passed away on Sunday, November 21, 2021.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2021, at First United Methodist Church of Gatesville, with Rev. Stephen Schmidt officiating. Interment will follow at Restland Cemetery.

Eric Wayland Corgill, was born on April 18, 1938, in Childress, C.V. Route. He began work as a lineman for Community Public Service Company in 1956. He graduated from Southern Methodist University in 1965, with a degree in electrical engineering. In 1975, he married Carole Gordon and they moved to Austin, where he was employed with Austin Meter, Inc. While there, the company manufactured equipment for Saudi Arabia, and he wanted to work there. At that time, Saudi Arabia was a rather "young" country. Wayland loved the thought of

an adventure and in 1980, he and his wife moved to Southern California, where he went to work at Ralph M. Parsons Corporation in Pasadena. He yearned to move to Saudi Arabia, where the company had many jobs. His wish materialized and in 1982, he and Carole moved to Yanbu, Saudi Arabia. He later became manager of the engineering department.

He lived and worked there, not consecutively, for 18 years and created a popular Texas-Style Chili Cook-off. While in Saudi Arabia, he and Carole traveled all over the world. Traveling was in his genes. However, he didn't always travel by air. During many weekends, he and his friends camped in the desert, and it was known by the Saudis, that he knew the backroads better than the native Saudis. One of his favorite pastimes was roasting and peeling fresh green chilies purchased in New Mexico. In fact, he and his wife made an annual trip to New Mexico in their RV, in order to bring back the fresh chilies.

He retired in 2004, but because of his knowledge of the job, the Saudis called him back numerous times. His last stint in Saudi Arabia was in 2014. In his retirement, writing became his favorite pastime. He put to good use his ability to tell a story, by writing and publishing two books: Strippers, Hoers & Heroes, and The Rifleman of the AFL, A Memoir by Cotton Davidson. He's also written three books about Saudi Arabia.

Wayland was a member of the First United Methodist Church for ten years. He served his community as a loyal member of the Gatesville Lions Club for nine years, where he was past President, member of the Board of Directors and Assistant Tail-Twister. He also was a steadfast supporter of the Boys & Girls Club and Gatesville Care Center.

Wayland loved his family and friends and was always wanting to do something for them; never thinking of himself first.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ruben and Lillian Martin Corgill; and a daughter, Kathryn (Kathy) Jane Williams in 2013.

Wayland is survived by his wife of 46 years, Carole Corgill; three children, Jimmy Weldon Corgill of Cedar Park, Thomas (Tommy) Gene Corgill of Gatesville and Michelle Aldridge of Georgetown; brother, W. D. (Wortham) Corgill of Tomball; two grandchildren: Kristen Black of Liberty Hill, Meghan Wardle of Georgetown, and two great-grandsons, as well as many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family has designated that memorials be made to the Gatesville Lions Club, P.O. Box 208, Gatesville, TX 76528; Boys & Girls Club of Gatesville, 2533 E. Main Street, Gatesville, TX 76528; First United Methodist Church, 2600 E. Main Street, Gatesville, TX 76528; or Gatesville Care Center, 105 N. 7th Street, Gatesville, TX 76528.

Letters to Santa deadline Friday

The Gatesville Messenger will print "Letters to Santa" in our Dec. 25 issue.

Children 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, please turn letters in to our

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The DISPATCH

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 Gatesville Police Department should be made to 865-2226 or to the Coryell County Sheriff's Office at 865-7201.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT
Nov. 23
 2:32 a.m., an accident was reported in the 9000 block of E. Hwy. 84.
 8:41 a.m., a theft was reported in the 107 block of Mulberry Avenue.
 6:02 p.m., a burglary was reported in the 400 block of N. State Hwy. 36 Bypass.
Nov. 24
 12:10 a.m., an accident was reported in the 1700 block of E. Main Street.
 1:54 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 3400 block of Royal Drive.
 2:34 p.m., a theft was reported in the 2800 block of S. State Hwy. 36.
Nov. 25
 9:12 a.m., animal cruelty was reported in the 1800

block of San Jose Street.
 12:52 p.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of Oak Lane.
 5:40 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported on Private Road 305.
 9:31 p.m., animal cruelty was reported in the 100 block of E. Leon Street.
Nov. 26
 8:12 a.m., a structure fire was reported in the 1700 block of E. Leon Street.
 9:04 a.m., a hit and run was reported in the 100 block of Gateway Circle.
 3:02 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 2800 block of S. State Hwy. 36.
Nov. 27
 12:19 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 200 block of CR 274.
 6:14 p.m., an accident was reported in the 2500 block of S. Business Hwy. 36.
 7:45 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 2400 block of Business Hwy. 36.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Nov. 23
 11:54 a.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 1000 block of Spring Road.
 2:00 p.m., the burglary of a vehicle was reported in the

500 block of Nathan Drive.
 2:57 p.m., a minor accident was reported on CR 272 at FM 185.
Nov. 24
 1:42 a.m., a major accident was reported on FM 116 one half mile south of FM 580.
 9:51 a.m., property damage was reported in the 8800 block of FM 2412.
 6:41 p.m., a minor accident was reported in the 10000 block of E. Hwy. 84.
Nov. 25
 1:40 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 2600 block of FM 930.
 3:37 p.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 400 block of Thomas Street.
 5:43 p.m., a grass fire was reported in the 600 block of Private Road 305.
Nov. 26
 11:05 a.m., a grass fire was reported in the 600 block of Dove Lane.
 11:38 a.m., a major accident was reported on Old Copperas Cove Road.
 1:45 p.m., an assault was reported in the 500 block of E. Leon Street.
Nov. 27
 11:24 a.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 4800 block of CR 137.
 3:22 p.m., shots being fired was reported in the 300 block of Hunter John.
 5:07 p.m., a minor accident was reported on N. Hwy. 36 near CR 197.



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SEATON CEMETERY RECEIVES HISTORICAL MARKER: A recent dedication ceremony was held at Seaton Cemetery, near Leon Junction, with the unveiling of a historical marker. The cemetery contains at least 303 identifiable burial sites with the oldest dated 1878. Pictured are Sue Smith (secretary/treasurer) and Mike Lam (president) of the Seaton Cemetery Association, along with Coryell County Historical Commission researcher/writer Sherry Lawrence.

Hillside Medical Lodge releases 'wish list' for senior residents

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.
 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.
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Hornets earn first hoops win of season

BY MARK GOODSON
STAFF WRITER

The Gatesville Hornets (1-4) picked up their first victory of the season with a solid showing against the Austin Navarro Vikings on Nov. 23 in Gatesville before breaking for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Junior Tyler Shea scored 24 points in the 47-41 victory. The 6-4 post player has been solid rebounding and emerging as a go-to player for the Hornets.

Shea has averaged double-digit rebounds for the Hornets.

"My timing on my second jump is where I get most of them," said Shea, who is a move-in from Las Vegas.

In the Hornets' back-to-back games against Lake Belton and Navarro last week, Shea had quick starts on the boards.

In the Salado Tournament this weekend, the Hornets will open Thursday with a 9:30 a.m. game versus Salado and a 3:30 p.m. tip with China Spring. They play Navarro

at 5 p.m. Friday in the tournament.

The Lady Hornets (1-8) are competing in the Lorena Tournament Thursday through Saturday.

The Jonesboro and Evant girls compete in the Walnut Springs Tournament, starting Thursday. Evant is off to a quick start with senior Emileigh Burton leading the Lady Elks inside attack.

Basketball
Tuesday, Nov. 30 - Gatesville boys at Little River Academy

Gatesville girls at Whitney Evant open

Moody at Jonesboro girls Thursday, Dec. 2 - Gatesville boys at Salado Tournament

Gatesville girls at Lorena Tournament

Evant and Jonesboro girls at Walnut Springs Tournament

Tuesday, Dec. 7 - Blanket at Evant girls

Taylor at Gatesville boys
Gatesville girls at McGregor

Jonesboro at Bruceville Eddy



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Gatesville basketball coach Brit Campbell. The Hornets are 1-4 at the Thanksgiving break. They will be at the Salado Tournament this week.

Whooping cranes arriving for winter in Lone Star State

AUSTIN — With the first sightings of iconic, endangered whooping cranes along the Texas coast being reported, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) is reminding Texans to be on the lookout for these impressive birds as they move through the state.

Whooping cranes are the tallest, rarest birds in North America. Currently, there is a population of around 506 individuals. Thanks to coordinated conservation efforts, whooping cranes are slowly returning from the brink of extinction.

Whooping cranes make a 2,500-mile journey from their Canadian breeding grounds in northern Alberta's Wood Buffalo National Park to the coastal marshes of Texas each year. The migration south to Texas can take up to 50 days.

During their migration, whooping cranes seek out wetlands and agricultural fields where they can roost and feed. The birds often pass large urban centers like Dallas-Fort Worth, Waco and Austin.

Though whooping cranes rarely stay in one place for more than a day during migration, it is important that they not be disturbed or harassed at these stopovers. As a federally protected species, it is illegal to disturb or harass these birds.

With sandhill crane and waterfowl hunting seasons opening and whooper migration in full swing, TPWD urges hunters to be extra vigilant. Whooping cranes are sometimes found in mixed flocks with sandhill cranes, which are gray and slightly smaller.

With their all-white body plumage and black wing-tips, whooping cranes may also resemble snow geese, which are much smaller and have faster wing beats. A video detailing the differences between snow geese and whooping cranes can be



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Whooping cranes have made the journey to the Texas coast.

found on the TPWD YouTube Channel.

There are several other non-game species that are similar in appearance such as wood storks, American white pelicans, great egrets and others, but a close look will reveal obvious differences. More information on look-alike species is available online.

Wade Harrell, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Whooping Crane Coordinator at the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge (NWR), says the first of the season was a family group consisting of two adults and a juvenile on the Aransas NWR, along with another tracked bird that arrived in the Port O' Connor area, both on Oct. 29.

Harrell says typically most all of the tagged Whooping Cranes he studies are on the move in November as they head for their wintering grounds. The majority of the birds arrive on the Texas Coast in December.

Once whooping cranes arrive on their wintering grounds, many stay in the same general area. Younger birds, however, often haven't paired yet and may wander a little off their usual flight path, using areas quite distant from the Aransas NWR area.

Harrell says due to the

La Niña weather pattern forecast for this winter, the Southwest is in for a drier, warmer season. While this past summer was relatively wet and freshwater wetlands currently have water, a dry winter may require the use of freshwater wells on the Aransas NWR and surrounding areas to provide freshwater to the whooping cranes later in the winter. The USFWS is encouraging landowners to consider providing freshwater on their properties as well to aid the birds during their migration and wintering period.

The public can help track whooping cranes by reporting sightings to TPWD's Whooper Watch, a citizen-science based reporting system to track whooping crane migration and wintering locations throughout Texas. More information about Whooper Watch, including instructions for reporting sightings, can be found online and by downloading the iNaturalist mobile app. These observations help biologists identify new migration and wintering locations and their associated habitats.

Biologists remain optimistic that continued research and restoration work will ultimately lead to improved numbers of whooping cranes.

Info sought on rabbit deaths

AUSTIN — In early 2020, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) received test results confirming that Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease (RHDV) was found in several species of wild rabbits in Texas.

Since April of this year, TPWD, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) have not confirmed any new cases in wild rabbit populations in the state. However, TPWD is seeking input from the public, especially hunters, asking that they report any dead rabbits found this fall and winter, similar to practices encouraged last year.

Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease (RHDV) is a highly contagious viral disease that can affect both domestic and wild rabbit species.

RHDV has been known to exist in all

biological tissues and fluids within rabbits. In addition, RHDV has been known to survive on the landscape for more than 120 days and can withstand freezing temperatures. This disease is usually fatal and primarily affects adult rabbits.

The disease can spread between rabbits through direct contact with other infected rabbits or carcasses, contact with their meat or fur, contaminated food or water or other contaminated materials.

To date, counties with known mortality events include the following: Brewster, Cottle, Culberson, El Paso, Gaines, Hale, Hockley, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Lubbock, Pecos, Potter, Presidio, Randall and Ward counties. Reports of dead rabbits should be made to a local biologist in the county in which they were found.

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Jonesboro dominates all-district squad

BY MARK GOODSON
STAFF WRITER

Jonesboro dominated the District 15-1A, Division I team as selected by the district coaches.

Leading the selections for the 11-1 Eagles were Offensive Player of the Year Caleb Christel and Defensive Player of the Year Nat Hilliker.

Sophomore Demarcus Acoff was Newcomer of the Year and Eddie Gallegos was Coach of the Year.

The Eagles rolled through their season before falling to the No. 1 ranked May Tigers in the second round of the playoffs.

Jonesboro had 11 first-team players.

The first teamers were tight end Layton Blanchard, tight end Hilliker, center Demarcus Acoff, quarterback Garrett Young, running back Jacob Cisneros, fullback Ian Shoaf, kicker Manny Torres, noseguard Christel, lineman Zach Chapman, lineman Acoff, cornerback Jaden Domel, safety Shoaf, and safety Cisneros.

Making second team for the Eagles were Chapman as tight end, Torres as running back and defensive lineman and Young on special teams.

The Evant Elks had Luis Arellano make first team running back.

The Elks second-team choices were Canyon Smith at spread center, Kenny Jones at quarterback, Arellano at linebacker and Damian Honea as utility.

First team Offense

Tight end - Layton Blanchard, Sr., Jonesboro; Nat Hilliker, Sr., Jonesboro

Wide receiver - Dyllen Workman, Sr., Lometa; Leunel Caso, Jr., Lometa

Center - Demarcus Acoff, Soph. Jonesboro



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Jonesboro's Eddie Gallegos was named District 15-1A Coach of the Year, while Nat Hilliker earned recognition as the district's Defensive Player of the Year.

Spread center - D. J. Smart, Sr., Lometa
Quarterback - Garrett Young, Soph., Jonesboro
Running back - Jacob Cisneros, Soph., Jonesboro; Luis Arellano, Jr., Evant; Jayden Millican, Jr., Zephyr
Fullback - Ian Shoaf, Sr., Jones-

boro
Spread back - Tim Juarez, Jr., Lometa
Utility back - Alonso Caso, Sr. Lometa
Kicker - Manny Torres, Sr., Jonesboro
Special teams - Ethan Gowin, Jr. Zephyr

First team defense
Noseguard - Caleb Christel, Jr., Jonesboro
Lineman - Zach Chapman, Sr., Jonesboro; Demarcus Acoff, Soph., Jonesboro; Dylan Workman, Sr., Lometa
Linebackers - Donnie Smart, Sr. Lometa; D.J. Smart, Sr., Lometa

Cornerbacks - Jaden Domel, Jr., Jonesboro; Leunel Caso, Jr. Lometa
Safeties - Ian Shoaf, Sr., Jonesboro; Alonzo Caso, Sr. Lometa
Utility player - Jacob Cisneros, Soph., Jonesboro
Punter - Alonso Caso, Sr., Lometa

Oglesby's Thompson named district MVP

BY MARK GOODSON
STAFF WRITER

Oglesby senior Blake Thompson was selected the Offensive Most Valuable Player in District 14-1A, Division II as picked by the district coaches.

Teammate Matthew Castillo earned the Defensive Player of the Year.

The Tigers (9-3) were the district champions and advanced to the second round of the playoffs before losing to Richland Springs.

The Coach of the Year was Jeb Dixon and his staff.

Newcomer of the Year was Oglesby freshman Kyler Fossett.

Offense

Tight Ends - Matthew Castillo, Sr., Oglesby; Cash Lee, Soph., Oglesby

Wide receivers - Colten Blaine, Soph., Mount Calm; Luke Lorenz, Fr., Buckholts

Center - Ayden Anderson, Jr., Oglesby

Spread center - Kennedy Brown, Jr., Mount Calm

Quarterback - Brodie Fisher, Jr., Oglesby

Running backs - Jonny Gomez, Soph., Oglesby; Chevo Luciano-Castillo, Jr., Buckholts

Fullback - Ronaldo Gonzales, Sr., Oglesby

Spreadback - Flavio Morales, Jr., Mount Calm

Utility Back - Hayven Godenas, Fr., Mount Calm

Kicker - Brodie Fisher, Jr., Oglesby

Special teams - Jackson Tippit, Fr., Oglesby

Defense

Noseguard - Joel Gonzalez, Jr., Oglesby

Line - Cash Lee, Soph., Oglesby; Ayden Anderson, Jr., Oglesby; Jackson Tippit, Fr., Oglesby

Linebackers - Flavio Morales, Jr., Mount Calm; Chevo Luciano-Castillo, Jr., Buckholts

Cornerbacks - Jonny Gomez,



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Oglesby senior Blake Thompson was named the District 14-1A Offensive Most Valuable Player.

Soph., Oglesby; Colten Blaine, Soph., Mount Calm
Safeties - Blake Thompson, Sr., Oglesby; Anthony Solomon, Fr., Buckholts
Utility Player - Ronaldo Gonzales, Sr., Oglesby
Punter - Christian Aguirre, Fr., Mount Calm

Second Team Offense

Tight ends - Joel Gonzalez,

Soph., Oglesby; Tanner Brinkley, Jr., Oglesby; David Martinez, Jr., Mount Calm
Wide receivers - Martin Rojas, Sr., Mount Calm; R.J. Vega, Jr., Buckholts
Center - Hunter Ewing, Fr., Oglesby
Spread center - Emanuel Duran, Sr., Buckholts
Quarterback - Hunter Walter, Soph., Oglesby

Spread back - Alex Castillo, Fr., Oglesby
Running backs - Christian Aguirre, Fr., Mount Calm
Fullback - Ivan Baez, Jr., Buckholts
Kicker - Peyton Morales, Sr., Mount Calm

Defense

Noseguard - Kennedy Brown, Jr., Mount Calm
Linemen - Tanner Brinkley

Jr., Oglesby; David Martinez, Jr., Mount Calm; Peyton Morales, Sr., Mount Calm
Linebackers - Brodie Fisher, Jr., Oglesby; Ivan Baez, Jr., Buckholts
Cornerbacks - Hunter Walter, Soph., Oglesby; Hayven Godenas, Fr., Mount Calm
Safeties - Alex Castillo, Fr., Oglesby
Utility player - Luke Lorenz, Fr., Buckholts

Texas Parks & Wildlife announces grants to enhance angler access, fish habitat

AUSTIN - The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's (TPWD) Inland Fisheries Division has selected 21 projects to be supported by the new Habitat and Angler Access Program (HAAP).

The program, which launched in June 2021, is primarily funded by the purchase of freshwater fishing licenses.

Among the area projects selected are an enhancement for small craft and shoreline access on the Middle Bosque on Lake Waco.

Another project selected is along the Paluxy River in Dinosaur Valley State Park

near Glen Rose.

"The Habitat and Angler Access Program offers us a new opportunity to support much needed fish habitat enhancement initiatives and shoreline-based access improvements that will improve conservation of fisheries resources and quality of angling for Texans," says Michael Homer, Abilene District fisheries biologist and HAAP coordinator.

"We anticipate these projects will be successful for increasing fishing access, expanding and restoring crucial habitat for

important fish populations, as well as developing and fostering partnerships with local partners who can benefit from this new program in the future."

HAAP grants of up to \$50,000 are awarded to support individual fish habitat improvement and angler access projects on public ponds, large reservoirs, creeks, and rivers.

These projects include the development or improvement of fishing piers, installation of underwater dock lighting, bank and shoreline stabilization, the creation of jetties, installation of erosion control features,

native plant restoration, deployment of artificial fish attractors, dredging of excessive silt and organic materials from waterbodies with a high potential for quality fishery development, as well as the construction of non-motorized boat launches for kayaks, canoes, and other small watercraft for fishing access.

This first round of projects is expected to be completed by summer of 2023. The next request for proposals for fiscal years 2024-25 will be announced in the spring of 2023.