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## Soaring into a bright future



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Recent Gatesville High School graduation ceremony which featured four graduates who participated in the WINGS program. From left to right are Joyce Cole, social worker, Matt Gibson, Alexis Scott, Angie Gomez, Erica Torres, and AEP administrator, Clayton Floyd.

## New gun laws can complicate crime scenes

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

New gun laws which took effect earlier this year in Texas - referred to as "constitutional carry" have been in effect for just over three months, but the rules can be confusing, even for law enforcement officers.

Cody Lee, criminal investigations lieutenant for the Gatesville Police Department, recently spoke to the Exchange Club and offered an overview of the law.

Signed by Gov. Greg Abbott, the Firearm Carry Act of 2021 allows legally eligible gun owners (those who have not been convicted of certain crimes or who don't have other disqualifying limitations) over age 21 to legally carry a gun in Texas without a license.

However, those carrying the firearm are required to have it secured in a holster or they can be convicted of a misdemeanor. It is also a criminal offense for someone to intentionally display a handgun to someone else in a public place, or to be in possession of the firearm if one is legally intoxicated and not on their own property.

There are also several places where people are not legally entitled to carry a handgun, including schools (or within 1,000 feet of a school), public buildings where meetings are taking place, and other venues such as sporting events, amusement parks, establishments which make 51 percent or more of their revenue from the sale of alcohol, racetracks, election sites, secure areas of an airport or hospitals.

Private businesses and entities, such as stores or churches, may also post signs prohibiting carrying firearms on their property.

A more detailed list of the sites where firearms are prohibited can be found by doing an internet search on Texas gun laws.

Asked if the new law has resulted in any difficulties locally, Lee said, "I haven't run into it this year. I'll call our county attorney and district attorney for their views on the law if there is a question."

When he was a young law enforcement officer, Lee said he had a lot of respect for game wardens because almost everyone they encountered out in the field was in possession of a firearm.

"I didn't have to worry about that as a young officer," Lee said. "Ninety percent of the people I encountered back then did not have a gun. Now, you have to consider that every (adult) person you come in contact with may have a gun."

GPD Patrol Lt. Georg Cleverley said she is concerned that someone who thinks they are doing the right thing at a crime scene by using their gun may in fact end up making a bad situation even more dangerous.

"What makes me nervous are people without any training or a license that may be carrying a gun," she said, adding that someone with good intentions may attempt to use their weapon, thinking they are doing the right thing but may end up getting hurt or unintentionally hurt someone else.

Lee said he receives regular reports on gun sales, and since the new law took effect, those sales have increased significantly.

"I used to get two or three (of the reports) a month, and now I'm getting two or three a day," he said. "Gun sales are very high right now."

Among those prohibited from carrying firearms are those convicted of assault and those with a court mandated restraining order against them.

Signs which may be displayed at businesses regulating the carrying of firearms include 30.06, which prohibits a concealed firearm, 30.07 in which open carry is permitted but concealed firearms are not, and 30.05 which prohibits firearms from being carried by those who are unlicensed.

But there are many places in which members of the public are prohibited from carrying firearms whether they are licensed or not.

"Government buildings are different from anything else," said GPD Chief Nathan Gohlke. "Firearms are prohibited in many areas of those buildings and cannot be carried where a city council or county commissioners meeting is being held."

"Churches can choose whether to limit the carrying of firearms, and businesses can decide to do different things."

Lee noted that with constitutional carry, the law only applies to Texas.

"If a gun owner is permitted, just about all the other states will recognize a permit (issued in Texas). But constitutional carry is only recognized (for Texans who

## WINGS class graduates

BY DAVID SCOTT  
STAFF WRITER

Gatesville High School recently hosted a special graduation ceremony for seniors who did not graduate last year but decided to come back and participate in a new program in order to receive their diplomas.

Scott Harper, the executive director of operations and student services, said the new program was designed to fill in gaps created by the pandemic, remote learning, and barriers to accessing traditional school. "With Intentional Navigation to Graduate Successfully (WINGS), qualifying students can recover credits and earn their high school diplomas to ensure more opportunities for future learning and wage-earning potential," Harper said.

According to Harper, the WINGS program is staffed with certified teachers and administered by Clayton Floyd, Joyce Cole and Christa Hitt, who comprise the Gatesville ISD School-Community Guidance Center. The Guidance Center monitors the WINGS students' attendance, credits, and next steps toward their brighter future. GISD's guiding purpose behind WINGS is to assist at-risk students to graduate from high school with a diploma. The program helps meet the challenges students may face who would otherwise drop out of school.

"Last year I think we had 26 [students] that didn't graduate.

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Graduate Erica Torres displayed her cap that she had decorated with the message "thank u all for believing in me."

## City seeks specifics on plan to rehab house

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

A Waco man hoping to complete repairs on a sister-in-law's property at 308 Fennimore St. will have to present his plan and timetable for bringing the house, which has been labeled a substandard structure, up to code at a December Gatesville City Council meeting.

During a public hearing on the house, city building inspector Robert Featherston said those receiving a substandard structure notice typically have 30 to 90 days to make necessary repairs, but the Council has the ability to grant more time if it determines an effective effort is being made and a viable plan is possible.

A letter was sent to the estate of Adelia

McDonald notifying those responsible that the "outside wall of the structure is buckling, the roof is sagging and there are broken windows," Featherston said. He added that there is also rotten wood on the front of the house, and the foundation is also buckling.

"The back room is an add-on, and there is no back wall, and you can also see through the roof," Featherston said. "In addition, the house has substandard plumbing, the ceiling has deteriorated due to the roof not functioning and an electrical panel in the closet is not up to code."

City Manager Bill Parry said there are four specific areas in which the house does not meet code requirements.

"They have put a roof on it with no per-

mit, but it has been re-roofed," Parry said.

The structure, which is vacant, is valued at \$31,290, and the needed repairs are expected to cost at least \$10,000.

Featherston was asked if, in his opinion, the house could be repaired.

"It's going to take some work," he said.

"We've had a lot of complaints."

Dennis Berry of Waco, who said the house belongs to his sister-in-law, told the Council he plans to make the necessary repairs to fix the property.

"I've been coming over the last two years to work on it," Berry said. "I apologize for the appearance of the backyard. The exterior will be repaired soon. I plan to demolish the addition on the back.

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PLEASE SEE GUNS | A2

### QUESTION & ANSWER CORNER

Q: When is the Gatesville Christmas Parade?

A: 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 11 on Main Street from H-E-B to Lovers Lane.

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## HOUSE

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"It has been difficult to get a hold of contractors right now. I contacted one in Belton who could start work (soon). I believe it's repairable and I'm willing to spend the money to do it."

Berry asked for nine months to complete repairs.

"I believe it can be done sooner if I can find a contractor willing to do the work," he said. "It's my family's property, and we want to take care of it and restore it."

A contractor told Berry he thought the house could be repaired for \$10,000 to \$15,000, he said.

"I think it's a sound house, and the ballpark cost to fix it is probably around \$20,000," Berry said. "I'm willing to spend what it takes."

Berry apologized for the mess that has been on the property, conceding "it has been a terrible eyesore in back."

Councilwoman Barbara Burrow, asking whether or not the cost threshold was exceeded, said "where are we on that?"

"I can't say what the threshold is," Berry said. "If I had to spend \$30,000 (nearly the home's entire current value), I'd do it. If it can be salvaged, that's always a good thing."

Asked if the property taxes were up to date, Berry said they were. He noted that had been delinquent for 10 years, but that has been resolved.

Berry is scheduled to give the Council an update on plans to fix the house at the Dec. 14 meeting, which will include a scope of work needed and updated cost estimate.



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Work is underway at a Fennimore Street house the city has ruled needs repairs.

## WINGS

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We have recovered these six and have 10 more. We hunted them down. I went on the streets and pulled them in. We have 10 more working in the building right now and we have five on the waiting list. We only have 10 seats, so we have to wait until someone graduates," said social worker Joyce Cole.

Cole understands the circumstances that some of the students have experienced and often offers them words of encouragement. "These students should have graduated last year. Basically, COVID just took them out and they didn't come back. They all have potential, and they must find it and use it. What I tell these kids, 'Just don't quit,' just take what you can and keep going and just say I'm never going to stop until I get it," Cole said.

Gatesville High School Principal Marie Barrows spoke words of praise regarding the recent graduates. "They (the graduating WINGS students) wanted to be here, they had to overcome everything and I'm very proud of them. Hard work pays off."

During the graduation ceremony and reception, a large number of family members and friends were on hand to congratulate the students on their recent achievement. During the opening ceremony, GUSD Superintendent Dr. Barrett Pollard said, "These guys knew the importance of graduating. They wanted to get that diploma, so they persevered through a lot, worked hard, and got caught up, and now they're going to have a high school diploma."

The students participating in the graduation ceremony included Matt Gibson, Alexis Scott, Angie Gomez, and Erica Torres. Each student was given the opportunity to honor a person who influenced and encouraged them along the way. Each student expressed gratitude to former teachers, counselors, principals, coaches, and family members.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the very first WINGS graduate, Matt Gibson, expressed his thoughts. "I'm glad to be here and I'm glad I was able to achieve all of this. I'm glad to have had the opportunity to get my diploma."

## GUNS

FROM PAGE A1

are in Texas, and not visiting other states."

There are multiple laws which apply to carrying firearms, which can add to the confusion.

"You can run into situations where four or five different laws apply, and it's like a multiple choice test where all the answers are right, you just have to decide which is best."

Gohlke added that the constitutional carry law is specifically oriented to handguns, and that other laws pertain to shotguns and rifles.

He was asked what someone should do if they are at a crime scene and have a gun when police arrive.

"Put the gun down and raise your hands high in the air," Gohlke said.

## SANTA VISITS ELEMENTARY



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NEWS FROM PEARL

# December is a spiritual time of year

BY BETSY CLARK

Last week, I talked to you about how fast 2021 is slipping away. As I am typing the current Pearl News, it has occurred to me that it is December and that this is not only a magical time of year, but also a spiritual time of year as well. One of the delights of this season is driving through the local communities to see all the nativity sets adorning yards of the churches and residences.



Betsy Clark

You will be able to see nativity sets in Pearl as well. I hope you will plan a drive-by, and take your kids and grandkids along, too. I can remember my parents taking me to see the Christmas lights when I was a little girl, and what cherished memories they are. Isn't that what part of life is all about, making memories?

Speakers for the Pearl Community Fellowship Church for the remainder of December are Tony Cleaver for Dec. 12, Mike Randolph for Dec. 19, and Don Johnson for Dec. 26. Visitors are always welcomed. You will enjoy this friendly, historic church, and you can hear parts of their lessons on their Pearl Community Fellowship Church Facebook page.

Pearl Church of Christ has some changes in their speaker schedule for December. The second Sunday, Dec. 13, the church's speaker will be Chris Halpayne. Third Sunday, Dec. 19, is covered by Edward Schaub, and the fourth Sunday, Dec. 26, the church will welcome Roy

Harris. What a great lineup! You will be blessed by any and all of these speakers, and visitors are always welcomed.

The next Pearl Bluegrass and Pearl Book Cottage Day will be Jan. 1. A wonderful way to welcome in the New Year is listening to some great music at the Community Center and selecting a good book or two (or other items) at the bookstore. The Pearl Community Center opens at 7 a.m., and the Book Cottage opens at 10 a.m.

A Bit of History: The land that became the Pearl Cemetery was owned by J. H. Keeton. He had fenced off about five acres of his land and offered to sell lots to people for family burial plots. The first grave in the cemetery was that of Lillian Keeton in June 1896. She was the second person buried in Pearl as the first grave is that of Lottie May Manning whose grave is in the Pearl Community Fellowship Church yard. Lottie May was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Manning. Lillian was the daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. Leander Keeton, and there is a special marker on her plot, #437. In the 1930s, Hardy Nabors was employed to build a rock fence across the south side of the cemetery. In 1965, Mrs. Effie Manning Lauder-milk donated a chain link fence on the other three sides. Those fences are still there today, and Mr. Olson is presently restoring that structure. You can find this and more information in the Pearl Cemetery Book which can be purchased at the Pearl Cottage Bookstore.

The closing verse for this week comes from Lamentations 3:22-23: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. ESV

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



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**NEIGHBORS SUPPORTING NEIGHBORS:** A car show and toy drive was held over the weekend at Bare Bones BBQ. The event brought in people from near and far and collected many toys to be donated for Christmas. The car show included trophies awarded for several different classes and door prizes. Santa Claus was also on hand for photo opportunities as well as a guest judge. Event hosts included Bare Bones BBQ, The Feed Mill, S&W Productions and Roaming Chariots Car Club.

## Milk and cookies with Santa

The Gatesville Public Library will be hosting "Milk and Cookies with Santa" on Wednesday, Dec. 15 from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. The event is completely free and the entire family is welcome to attend. Milk and cookies will be served.

Santa will be on hand to read a story and crafts will be available. Those planning to attend should bring a camera so that they can have their photo made with Santa.

Gatesville Public Library is located at 111 N. 8th Street.



## Corks & Kegs event scheduled for downtown

The Gatesville Chamber of Commerce will host Corks & Kegs on the Courthouse Square on Saturday, Dec. 11 from 5-9 p.m.

Sample wine and beer offerings from area wineries and brew pubs, shop with local vendors, and enjoy food and music in the shadows of

the beautiful Coryell County Courthouse.

Corks & Kegs on the Square cost is \$25, Dec. 1-10, and \$30 on the day of the event.

Admission includes a souvenir beer mug or wine glass and tastings with each winery or brewery.

Additional glasses, bottles

or cases of wine or beer can be purchased directly from the vendor. They cannot guarantee glasses on same day purchases to the event.

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# The DISPATCH

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of December 2 - 5. 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

**Dec. 2**  
8:34 a.m., a disturbance was reported in the 2500 block of Osage Road.  
11:59 a.m., a threat was reported in the 200 block of S. Lovers Lane.  
3:51 p.m., a theft was reported in the 2300 block of Business Hwy. 36.  
8:29 p.m., a burglary was reported in the 100 block of N. 29th Street.  
9:53 p.m., a prowler was reported in the 1000 block of CR 305.  
10:20 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 1300 block of Westview Drive.

**Dec. 3**  
12:29 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 4600 block of S. State Hwy. 36.  
12:40 p.m., a theft was reported in the 2200 block of E. Main Street.  
1:59 p.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 1500 block of State School Road.  
6:29 p.m., an accident was reported in the 1600 block of E. Main Street.  
8:11 p.m., a noise disturbance was reported in the 100 block of Avenue C.

**Dec. 4**  
3:15 a.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 2200 block of E. Main Street.

10:54 a.m., a disturbance was reported in the 2300 block of E. Main Street.  
1:43 p.m., an accident was reported in the 2000 block of E. Main Street.  
6:49 p.m., a threat was reported in the 3400 block of Empress Drive.  
11:05 p.m., a fight was reported in the 2200 block of E. Main Street.

**Dec. 5**  
2:20 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of Elm Street.  
5:15 a.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 500 block of State School Road.  
12:28 p.m., an accident was reported in the 600 block of Park Street.  
4:17 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 1400 block of W. Main Street.  
6:49 p.m., a theft was reported in the 4600 block of S. State Hwy. 36.

## CORYELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

**Dec. 2**  
8:50 a.m., animal neglect was reported in the 2600 block of Snow Road.  
2:15 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on FM 929 at Coryell Creek.  
2:45 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1100 block of Sierra Vista Road.  
3:59 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 200 block of Allan Street.  
10:20 p.m., an abandoned vehicle was reported in the 900 block of Twin Mountain Road.

**Dec. 3**  
6:45 a.m., a minor accident was reported on CR 3295 and CR 3270.  
7:06 a.m., mailbox damage was reported in the 1200 block of Lutheran Church Road.  
3:05 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on FM 1113.  
6:08 p.m., a suspicious vehicle was reported in the 600 block of Jordan.  
8:05 p.m., a scam was reported in the 1100 block of

CR 3640.

**Dec. 4**  
12:52 a.m., a suspicious vehicle was reported on Cedar Lane.  
5:26 p.m., a theft was reported in the 6300 block of E. U.S. Hwy. 84.  
8:33 p.m., shots being fired was reported in the 800 block of Pheasant Circle.  
9:42 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 1100 block of CR 132.  
11:11 p.m., a minor accident was reported on FM 1783 and CR 127.

**Dec. 5**  
7:50 a.m., shots being fired was reported in the 3800 block of Scheele Road.  
11:41 a.m., an out-of-control child was reported in the 100 block of Herb Road.  
1:23 p.m., a grass fire was reported on FM 116 south of 580.  
2:43 p.m., a civil matter was reported in the 200 block of Kathy Street.  
3:33 p.m., a theft was reported at the Headquarters of Mother Neff State Park.  
4:08 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on FM 930.

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# Crime of the Week

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# Christmas events at Mountain Baptist

Mountain Baptist Church will be hosting several Christmas programs this year. On Sunday, Dec. 12, the church will have a holiday musical beginning at 11 a.m.

Also on Sunday, Dec. 12, at 6:30 p.m., the church will have a drive-through live nativity event featuring Biblical characters in costume, as well as live animals depicting the

story of Christmas. On Sunday, Dec. 19, the church will have a candlelight service. Mountain Baptist Church is located at 6319 E. U.S. High-

way 84 in South Mountain. For more information about these holiday events, call 254-383-2634.

# Howard Payne's winning debaters



**By: Tumbleweed Smith**  
Newspaper columnist and producer of *The Sound of Texas* radio series

Speech and debate are big deals at Howard Payne University in Brownwood.

"We're one of the few colleges or universities in Texas or other states that guarantees scholarships for our competitors," says Dr. Julie Welker, who heads up the university's Department of Communication. "Our students must go through an audition process to be on our debate team."

Julie coaches the speech and debate teams and last year was recognized as the Texas Intercollegiate Forensics Association Educator of the Year. She is a HPU grad and has taught there 22 years. She has been coaching the speech students since 2005. Her teams have been competing all over the nation and annually in Oxford, England. She recruits just like coaches of athletic teams. As a result, her students have won outstanding awards.

"Last year was an interesting year because of COVID. All our tournaments were online, which changed the atmosphere of each tournament. Instead of being in a room and having that face-to-face interaction they were all virtual. I was pleasantly surprised at how well the interaction occurred between the students and judges, too. However, the situation with the pandemic allowed us to compete at different schools in different parts of the U.S., which made us a lot stronger because each region has its own style of debate. We got some really great practice

tournaments in and last fall we won the Texas Intercollegiate Forensic Association's debate sweepstakes and overall sweepstakes, which was something that had never been done at Howard Payne. This past spring, we won debate sweepstakes overall and have done tremendously well on the national scale as well." The debate students have to be well-versed in a variety of subjects.

"In the team debate the topic is announced and the participants are given just 15 minutes to prepare. Teams are assigned either affirmative or negative."

Her students are involved in at least half a dozen tournaments every school year.

"For the past 11 years prior to COVID, we have been going to Oxford and competing. We hope to be able to go back soon depending on whether England is open to foreign travelers. Those events are not just open to undergraduates. They are open to schools all over the world and some students have eight years of eligibility. We are competing against students who are in PhD programs, law programs from Yale, Cambridge, Oxford, you know the biggest universities in the world. So, for our students to be able to compete in that arena, it's a great experience. After the debate competition, we go to Parliament and watch debates in the House of Lords and the House of Commons. That's where the style of debate we use originated. It's just fun to watch and sometimes there are famous people there and that's even more exciting. We do some sight-seeing, too. It's just a great cultural experience for the students. They're gregarious and meet people well. They are good ambassadors."



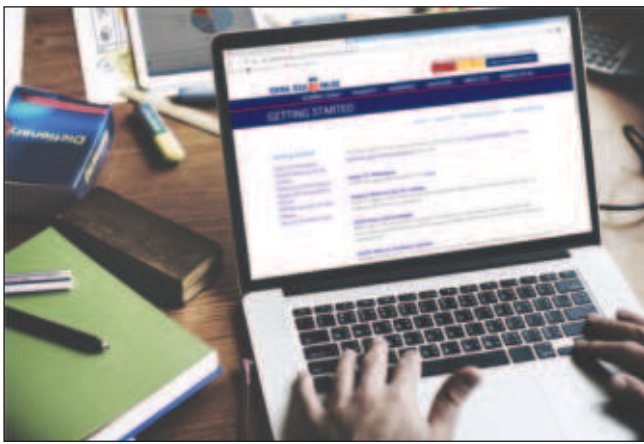
# Morris Federation next meeting is December 11

The December meeting of The Morris Federation will be a Dutch treat luncheon at Prima Pasta Italian Restaurant on Saturday, Dec. 11, beginning at 11:30 a.m. If anyone is in the Christmas Parade earlier that morning, they can join the rest of the members at Prima Pasta when the parade is over.

The program will be provided by Craig Pender, who

will accompany himself on guitar, and will include Christmas music.

Members are encouraged to bring "stocking stuffer" type items and toys for children ages 12 and under. These will be given to the Gatesville Care Center to help provide Christmas gifts for children of families that they may serve.



# Central Texas College to host virtual info session December 13

Central Texas College will host a live, virtual information session on its Facebook page Monday, Dec. 13 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. to assist prospective students considering attending the local community college. Recent high school graduates, high school seniors, military personnel, parents seeking information about the college for their children and anyone else thinking of

pursuing higher education or career change can receive information on admissions, advising, registration and other relevant information on how to get started. Attendees will also have the opportunity to ask questions and get answers in real time. The information session is free and open to the public online by registering at <https://ctc4.me/InfoSessions>.

# Ways to give this holiday season

## Tiger Angel Christmas at Oglesby ISD

There is a tree located in Misti Sander's office at Oglesby ISD from which those interested can pick an angel paw that will have a list of specific wants and needs (names will not be provided). If you want to donate money instead of adopting a child, you may drop off monetary donations at the Oglesby ISD front office. All gifts purchased should be delivered to Mrs. Sander's office by Wednesday, Dec. 15.

## Righteous Roots Christmas

Righteous Roots is asking the public to consider picking up a gift or two and donating them to their organization so they can bless 10 to 12 single mothers with some giveaways at a special event planned this month. 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. or shipped to: Righteous Roots, 462 CR 327, Gatesville, TX, 76528.

## Santa for Seniors at Hillside Medical Lodge

Hillside Medical Lodge has a "Wish List" of gift ideas for their residents that 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 list include sleeping pants, body mist, slippers, coin purses, drawstring backpacks, hand cream, candy assortments, and women's Christmas socks. 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 more information call 254-865-7575.

# Santa run ends drive-by visits Dec. 10

The last Gatesville Fire Department neighborhood drive-by visits will be Dec. 10 starting at 6 p.m.

Santa Claus and his elves will make plenty of noise entering each neighborhood.

Each Sunday from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m., until Dec. 19, Santa Claus will be sitting at

the fire station for photo opportunities.

The neighborhood drive-by visits are scheduled in separate areas of town.

For more information or to see Santa's last scheduled neighborhood visit, check the Gatesville Fire Department's Facebook page.

## Kid Scoop

THE AWARD-WINNING PRINT & ONLINE FAMILY FEATURE

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### Meet the Peacock

People call them peacocks, but that's the correct name for only the male **peafowl**. Females are called **peahens**.

#### Fancy Feathers

Peacocks have long, colorful tail feathers that trail behind them to form a **train**. To attract females, they lift and spread out the tail feathers like a big fan that can change color and seem to sparkle in the light.

When spread out like a fan, you can see **eyespots** on the feathers. The colors and eyespots attract females.

#### Color By Numbers:

1 = dark green    2 = blue  
3 = orange        4 = light green

#### Peafowl have 11 different calls, but the peacocks are the ones that really yell. They have a loud call that carries for a long distance and sounds like "may-AWE! may-AWE!"

#### Peahens: Fewer Colors = Safety!

Cut out each part of this paragraph and paste them in the correct order.

hatched, she stays on the ground with them until they can fly into the trees.

her eggs on the ground and sits on them until they hatch. It is safer for her to be a color that

Peahens are mostly brown and tan. This keeps them and their peachicks safe. The peahen lays

blends in with ground colors so she is harder for predators to see. Once the peachicks are

#### Bird Words

Do the math to match each word with its definition.

21 = FOWL    7 = TRAIN  
10 = PARTY    12 = ROOST  
15 = CREST    24 = HATCH

11 + 4 = a crown of feathers on a peafowl's head

12 + 12 = when a baby bird comes out of its egg

18 - 6 = where a bird settles to rest for the night

8 + 2 = a group of peafowl — also called a "pride"

9 - 2 = long tail feathers of a peacock

7 + 14 = another word for a bird

#### What's for dinner?

Peafowl eat grain, insects, small reptiles, mammals, berries, figs, leaves, seeds, and flowers. This means they are:

Omnivores eat plants and animals.

Herbivores eat only plants.

Carnivores eat only meat.

ANSWER: Omnivores

#### The Eyes Have It

Look through the newspaper and count all of the eyes you can find. Categorize the eyes. Are some animal eyes? People eyes? Eye decorations? Other? Make a graph to show the kinds of eyes you found in the newspaper.

Standards Link: Organize data and display as a graph.

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

Peafowl have sharp eyes. When they see a predator, they make a loud call which alerts other wildlife.

Use your sharp eyes to find where each of these images came from on this Kid Scoop page.

Standards Link: Spelling: Spell grade-level words correctly.

### Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

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S	E	R	O	V	I	N	M	O	E

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

### FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

#### Dressing Up

Peacocks aren't the only animals that like to look bright and flashy. Look through the newspaper for some examples of ways people dress up for special occasions.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written instructions.

#### Write On!

## My Hero

Write about someone who is your hero. Why is this person special to you?

ANSWERS: 1. True 2. False 3. True 4. True 5. False 6. False 7. True 8. True 9. False 10. True

### Kid Scoop Together:

## Peacock True or False?

Read today's Kid Scoop page and then answer the following True or False questions.

- Only males are called peacocks.  TRUE  FALSE
- Peahens are mostly red and yellow.  TRUE  FALSE
- A crown of feathers on a peafowl's head is called a crest.  TRUE  FALSE
- Peacocks shed their feathers every year.  TRUE  FALSE
- Peacocks only eat plants.  TRUE  FALSE
- Peacocks are tiny birds.  TRUE  FALSE
- A peacock's train can grow to be 5 feet long.  TRUE  FALSE
- Peacocks sleep in trees.  TRUE  FALSE
- Peacocks can't fly.  TRUE  FALSE
- Peacocks fan out their tail feathers to attract females.  TRUE  FALSE

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DATED the 3rd day of December, 2021.

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c/o: Renate Ella Haney  
 Estate of Elton Wayne Haney  
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DATED the 3rd day of December, 2021.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS: IN THE INTEREST OF KAMIALYS DIAZ

CAUSE NO. DC-20-51802 IN THE 52ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS

TO: HECTOR R. GONZALEZ PEREZ, Respondent, Greeting:

**NOTICE TO RESPONDENT:** "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 AM on the Monday next following the expiration of 20 days after the date you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you."

The petition of JESSICA AND BENJAMIN DIAZ, Petitioner was filed in the 52ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT of Coryell County, Texas on the 12/09/2020 against HECTOR R GONZALEZ PEREZ Respondent and entitled in the above entitled cause.

The date and birth of the child/children who is/are the subject of the suit is/are:

CHILD'S/CHILDREN'S NAME(S)  
 KAMIALYS DIAZ

DATE OF BIRTH  
 11/4/2011

The Court has authority in this suit to render an order in the child's (children's) interest that will be binding on you, including the termination of the Parent-child Relationship, the determination of paternity, and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's (children's) adoption."

ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT AT GATESVILLE, CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS, ON THIS THE 2ND DAY OF DECEMBER, 2021.

Attorney for Petitioner or Petitioner:  
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 Dori Ray Mistic  
 By: Linda Franks, Deputy

# Remembering Dec. 7, 1941 - 80 years later

Yesterday was Dec. 7, and 80 years ago the Dec. 7, 1941 attack was launched by Imperial Japanese forces which brought the U.S. into World War II.

While most Americans at the time were looking ahead a few weeks until Christmas or keeping an eye on the situation in Europe, where Nazi Germany was waging war against the British and the Russians, few outside the military or top levels of government probably envisioned a war with Japan breaking out.

I was fortunate to interview a Central Texas man who survived the attack on Pearl Harbor, J.C. Alston of Troy, who was a sailor aboard the U.S.S. California when Japanese planes dropped bombs and torpedoes and used machine guns against the unsuspecting American fleet and launched a new war that would take nearly four years and two atomic bombs to finish.

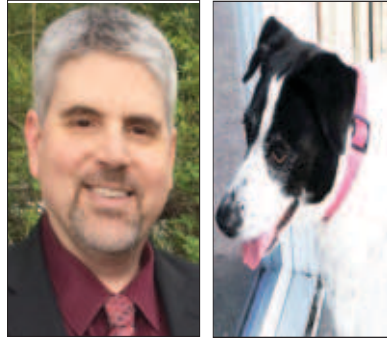
Alston died earlier this year at the age of 98, so he was blessed with a life far longer than many of those who were at Pearl Harbor that day.

He recalled that he had just finished his morning watch respon-

## 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.*



sibilities and was headed to eat breakfast when the chaos and carnage began.

"I hadn't gotten down to eat when the attack happened," Alston told me. "They still owe me a breakfast. Reckon I'll ever collect it?"

The USS California returned to port and Battleship Row on Thursday, Dec. 4, three days before the

attack.

The Japanese were eager to sink America's aircraft carriers, but those ships were absent from Pearl Harbor on the day of the attack.

"I watched the Lexington pull out when I was on my 4 to 8 a.m. watch a couple days before the attack," Alston said.

The California was docked further back from other American battleships, so the sailors aboard the California watched as other ships were hit first.

Much of the ammunition was locked up for safekeeping, and boxes had to be broken open so sailors could man antiaircraft guns, Alston said.

"There was a ship next to us that was filled with high-octane aviation fuel, but it was docked at an angle, so it didn't get hit," Alston said. "If it had been hit, a lot of sailors would have been burned when we abandoned ship, I'm telling you."

The Japanese had planned their attack well, Alston said, noting that they placed wooden fins on torpedoes because the harbor was shallow.

"They'd been planning it for a long time," he said. "For us, it was

a big surprise. Nobody was expecting it."

He was aboard the USS West Virginia at the end of the war, seeing action at Iwo Jima, where he "watched the flag being raised twice," and Okinawa.

"We lost 48 ships at Okinawa, and I forgot how many were damaged," Alston said.

The West Virginia, with Alston aboard, eventually sailed into Tokyo Bay for the Japanese surrender, after atomic bombs were dropped on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

"Those two bombs stopped it, or else a lot more people would have died," Alston said.

The Japanese signed the surrender treaty on Sept. 2, 1945.

"It was unreal," Alston said. "A lot of people had been praying for that day, and it finally came. We had all our carriers out to sea in case they tried to pull something."

The next major sneak attack on America took place almost 60 years later, on Sept. 11, 2001, a reminder that we must always be prepared because there are those in the world who would destroy us if they could.

It's important that we remem-

ber and honor those who served and also those civilians who were harmed or threatened because of an enemy dedicated to diabolical intentions.

Now for Tallulah's take.

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It's hard for a dog to even imagine such a thing, let alone the reasons behind it. Although this happened a long time ago, it underlines just how important are those people (and military dogs, too) that keep us safe every day.

I don't know how many if any dogs were also hurt or killed on that terrible day 80 years ago, but just like people dogs have served this country over the years.

I wrote a little about that in the Veterans Day column, but one thing I forgot to mention: there is a Military Working Dog Teams National Monument at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland in San Antonio.

It's a reminder that while grown-up people are the ones who make the decisions regarding war or peace, many others, people and animals alike, are affected.

Thank you to those who keep us safe, and for those who have served recently or long ago. You are appreciated.

## SANTA MAKES THE ROUNDS



Santa Claus enjoys a ride on a Gatesville fire truck over the weekend as he made rounds through local neighborhoods.

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## Whatever happened to...

### 20 YEARS AGO (2001)

Kenneth Smedegard modeled the type of garments typically worn in Afghanistan when he was stationed there from 1964 to 1967. While in Afghanistan, Smedegard met and married his wife, Louise, who was a secretary to the American ambassador.

The Gatesville Exchange Club honored Than Dossman and Cayla Chambers as the "Students of the Month" for November.

The Gatesville Civic Theatre Association had scheduled auditions for their spring production of "Don't Drink the Water."

Kitti Harris was honored on her first birthday with a party given by her parents, Ronnie and Vonny Harris, at the home of Dennis and Nancy Harris.

Lanelle Hopson Petty, with her fiddle, accompanied the Gatesville High School Varsity Choir on "Christmas in the Straw" during the Gatesville ISD Choral Department's free concert.

Coryell County residents were invited to "Meet the Sheriff" at Andy's Restaurant in Gatesville. Sheriff Roger Faught planned to answer questions and concerns regarding law enforcement issues that affect senior citizens.

### 30 YEARS AGO (1991)

Thelma Jones of Gates-

ville was the lucky recipient of the \$500 "Spend Christmas at Home" award given by the Chamber of Commerce. Beverly Waters won a second prize of \$250 in Christmas vouchers.

Mr. and Mrs. Royal A. Hill were honored on their 50th wedding anniversary with an informal reception in their home in Flat. Royal Hill and the former Ida Mae Sherwood were married in the Browns Creek community with Rev. W.B. Keener officiating.

Six of the newest election candidates were Joan Blanchard, Hy Davidson, John Carlton, Larry McDonald, Mike Copeland, and Shawn Camp. The candidates planned to run in upcoming party primaries slated for March.

Carroll P. Smith was awarded the Golden Trowel Award at a special Masonic ceremony held in Gatesville. The ceremony, held at the Gatesville Masonic Lodge, awarded a worthy lodge member for continual service to and for the lodge.

Coast Guard Petty Officer 3rd Class Neim Shelton, son of Jim and Velva D. Shelton, completed the Basic Aviation Structural Mechanic Course and was promoted to his present rank. He was a 1983 graduate of Gatesville High School.

Gatesville High School's head basketball coaches Tommy Fadal and Guy Dean were scheduled to be the hosts for the Gatesville

Lions Club Classic. Eight teams made up the tournament.

### 40 YEARS AGO (1981)

Pvt. Kenneth W. Cline had graduated as an armor reconnaissance specialist under the One Station Unit Training Program at the U.S. Armor School, Fort Knox, Ky.

Three members of the Gatesville High School choir—Kimberly Keech, Janet Farr and Monty Hudspeth—sang Christmas songs for Gatesville Lions Club members during their December meeting. Accompanying the vocalists was Greta White, pianist.

Army Staff Sgt. Carlos E. Johnson, Jr. took part in a training exercise entitled Bright Star, designed to test U.S. ability to deploy troops in the Middle East.

B.M. Paul Jr. of Gatesville, had recently completed work on a sound recording of popular country entertainer Willie Nelson's song, "Pick Up the Tempo." The young musician, a 1980 graduate of Gatesville High School, was attending South Plains College in Levelland.

James W. McDonald of Gatesville had been named deputy grand master for the 69th Masonic District of Texas. Active In Masonry since 1958, McDonald served as master of Gatesville Masonic Lodge No. 197 in 1974-75.

The Gatesville Jaycees

had elected Gail Ussery as their new vice president. Ussery was manager of Gatesville Cable TV.

### 50 YEARS AGO (1971)

Roy K. Robb, age 28, of Gatesville, a former case-worker at the State Schools for Boys, had been appointed to the new position of probation officer for the 52nd Judicial District.

Donald W. Cantrell was congratulated by Judge Byron McClellan after the judge had administered the attorney's oath to the new Gatesville lawyer in a special session of 52nd District Court.

Hiram A. (Hy) Davidson, a 43-year-old Gatesville rancher, announced he was a candidate for county commissioner in Precinct 3. Davidson was to be opposing Roland Wright.

Mrs. Victor (Bobbie) Harper of Oglesby, who had been associated with Federal Land Bank associations in the area for 26 years, announced that she was retiring.

Lynn Barnett, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Quinton Barnett, had scored his first deer kill of the season with a respectable 7-point buck he bagged on the Jack Saunders place.

Mrs. Ella Edwards was honored on her 90th birthday with a celebration held at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C.A. Beverly of Route 4, Gatesville.

## Public access offered for winter trout fishing

Anglers have the opportunity to target rainbow trout during the peak of cold-weather stocking and fishing season thanks to a Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) "no fee" public access lease on the Guadalupe River.

"This lease location provides great bank angler access to river trout fishing coupled with gorgeous Guadalupe River scenery," said Patrick Ireland, TPWD Inland Fisheries Division San Marcos and Austin District Supervisor.

The site is at Camp Huaco Springs, which is located between New Braunfels and Sattler, featuring nearly a half-mile of bank access along alternating pools and riffles on the Guadalupe River. Anglers can utilize the bank, which is gently sloped and rocky, or wade fish both upstream and downstream. There is a low-water dam at the upper end of the property and deep pool at the lower end.

Public access to the site is open from 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset through Saturday, March 5, 2022, for angling from the banks and launching non-motorized boats, canoes, kayaks, or other floatable devices for the purpose of fishing.

TPWD will stock this and other sections of the Guadalupe River, also known as the Canyon Reservoir Tailrace, with more than 20,000 rainbow trout during weekly stockings from early December through late-February. Be sure to check the 2021-22 Trout Stocking Schedule online before you go fishing to confirm the stocking date and to find other winter trout stocking program angling locations and tips.

Camp Huaco Springs falls under the statewide trout regulations so, anglers may keep up to their daily bag limit of five trout with no minimum length limit. Trout anglers 17 years of age and older will need a valid fishing license that includes a freshwater fishing endorsement.

Anglers may find public access to the river in other areas being stocked with trout - including Guadalupe Park, operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - but should note that special regulations and limits are in effect starting 800 yards downstream from the Canyon Dam release to the second bridge crossing on River Road. Camp Huaco Springs is located at 4150 River Road in New Braunfels. For more information visit the RACA program website.

## Evant wins 2 of 3 in Walnut Springs tournament

BY MARK GOODSON  
STAFF WRITER

The Evant Lady Elks took second place in the Walnut Springs Tournament, Dec. 2-4. They won two of three games, losing to Gordon 31-22 in the championship game on Dec. 4.

Guard Luwi Rodriguez and center Emileigh Burton both earned all-tournament honors.

Burton scored 12 against the Longhorns and paced the Elks on the boards.

Rodriguez scored five and Hailey Neri added four points.

Evant (3-3) will open district this week.

Gordon rolled through the tournament with three wins and knocked off Jonesboro in the semifinals.

On Saturday, Evant and Gordon started slow. Gordon built the lead to 19-8 at halftime.

Havens led Gordon with 13 points.

Members of the Evant team are: Burton, Rodriguez, Molly Waldrum, Caeleigh Burkham, Izzy Gandy, Bree Ramirez, Hailey Neri and Harley Weeks.



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In Game 1, Evant rolled against Walnut Springs, 50-25.

Evant took control with a 17-6 second quarter run.

The Lady Elks kept a solid pace to build the lead to 46-23 entering the fourth quarter.

Burton scored 26 points against Walnut Springs.

Other scorers were: Burkham with nine, Rodriguez seven, Ramirez four and Gandy and Weeks with two each.

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**Luwi Rodriguez dribbles up court for the Lady Elks in Evant's game against the Gordon Lady Longhorns in the championship game of the Walnut Springs Tournament. Evant finished second in the tournament, and Rodriguez and teammate Emileigh Burton were both named to the all-tournament team.**

In a Friday matchup with Kopperl the Lady Elks prevailed, 47-12.

Evant rolled to a 17-0 first-quarter lead and 27-8 at halftime.

Scorers were: Burton 19, Rodriguez 10, Ramirez six, Burkham four, Weeks four, Neri three and Gandy one.

"The girls came out really focused and played very well," coach Chad Baker said.

"We pushed the tempo on offense most of the game and ran the floor well against Kopperl."

The Lady Elks' next game was a home contest against the Blanket Lady Tigers on Tuesday in Evant, a district showdown.

Results of that game will appear in an upcoming edition of The Messenger.

## Lady Eagles win 2 of 3 contests in Walnut Springs

BY MARK GOODSON  
STAFF WRITER

Jonesboro senior Katie Snoddy earned all-tournament in helping the Lady Eagles take two of three games in the Walnut Springs Tournament.

Jonesboro plays Chilton Friday.

Jonesboro only scored three points and missed 15 layups in the first half against Gordon in the second round. Gordon won that game, 32-21. Snoddy had nine points against the Longhorns.

Jonesboro 53, Bluff Dale 32: In the tournament opener Paiton Green scored 15 points and Alissa Shumate added 13 points.

Flores and Snoddy had nine points each. Kylie Deason had three.

Jonesboro 41, Kopperl 14: Snoddy scored 16 points to earn the win in Saturday's morning game.

## LOOKING FOR AN OPENING



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Gatesville's Kagen Hunt surveys the Lorena defense in a recent game played on the road in Lorena. The Lady Hornets are 1-1 this season against the Lady Leopards.

## Gatesville shines in wrestling event at Killeen Ellison

BY MARK GOODSON  
STAFF WRITER

The Gatesville wrestling team swept Salado and Cameron Yoe with 50 match wins at the Killeen Ellison Invitational over the weekend.

The team earned 11 medals in the competition.

Respective winners were first place: Taylor Shea (girls), Brett Byler, John Hall, Jayden Kieltyka, Jordan Kincade, and David Manear (boys); second place: Romi Bomar and Kaylie Tippit (girls), Eason Johnson and Tatum Taylor (boys); third place: Cameron Baker (boys).

On Dec. 4, Gatesville wrestlers swept both Cameron Yoe and Salado in head-to-head competition.

The Hornets will face Copperas Cove, Killeen High and Harker Heights today (Dec. 8) at Harker Heights.

## Hornets go 3-1 in Salado tourney

The Gatesville boys basketball team (5-6) was poised to climb to .500 on the season with a home victory over the Taylor Ducks Dec. 7.

The Hornets took third place in the Salado Invitational over the weekend.

The varsity finished 3-1 in the Salado Invitational, including a 64-55 win over Class 5A Bastrop in the 3rd-place game. Hornets had beaten Navarro 57-32 and LASA 48-30 in Friday pool games.

The boys JV Gold wrapped up its appearance in the Burnet tournament with a pair of wins to claim the consolation title. Hornets bested Wimberley 47-33 and Llano 41-29. JV Black lost to Wimberley and Llano.

The Gatesville girls 'varsity' finished 0-4 in the Lorena tournament after los-



ing to Boerne Champion 60-15, Brownwood 42-22 and Robinson 46-36 in its final three outings.

Lorena defeated the Hornets, 72-19, in the tournament opener. Leading the scoring were Charlie Sommerfeld and McKenzie Feldman with four points each.

The girls travel to McGregor on Tuesday.

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**Keyleigh Ocheskey, daughter of coach Ryan Ocheskey, shows a cheer sign at a recent Hornets' home game.**