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Local brothers enjoy Honor Flight

BY JEFF OSBORNE
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

Two brothers from Gatesville – Dennis and Mike Myers – who both served in the military during the Vietnam era recently were able to enjoy the experience of a lifetime – an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. with tours of monuments and military sights through Honor Flight Austin.

The nonprofit group sends eligible military veterans to Washington, priority given to World War II and Korean War survivors, but is also open to Vietnam and Cold War era veterans. The trip that Dennis, a U.S. Army veteran, and Mike, a U.S. Marine veteran, took was April 22-23.

“I didn’t think we’d be able to see or do that much in that amount of time, but we really saw and did a lot,” Mike said. “One of the things that impressed me was all the young people who were there, and how respectful they were to all the veterans. There was also a World War II veteran who celebrated his 98th birthday on the flight, and we all sang ‘Happy Birthday’ to him.”

Dennis said he was unsure if he wanted to participate in the event. When he was on leave from Vietnam as a soldier visiting Los Angeles, he remembers protestors yelling at him, calling him things such as “baby killer.” Nearly five decades later, as part of the Honor Flight, he received a hero’s reception.

“I really didn’t know if I wanted to go, but Mike talked me into it,” Dennis said. “I’m really glad I did. It was fantastic. I’d recommend anyone who has the opportunity to



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Mike Myers (left) and Dennis Myers of Gatesville recently visited Washington, D.C. and were recognized for serving their country during the Vietnam era.

do this.”

Originally from Evansville, Indiana, the Meyers brothers eventually made their way to Gatesville. Dennis moved here 35 years ago after he retired from the military. He had been stationed at Fort Hood, and

his wife got a job working for one of the Gatesville prisons. Rather than having her commute, they found a place to live closer to her job. Mike visited Central Texas for about 30 years before finally relocating to Gatesville in 2014.

Dennis said his wife is from the East Texas community of Palestine, and he always liked the state, so staying here was an easy decision for them. Once Mike retired from working for the fire department, he too decided the Lone Star State was

the best option for him.

“I had enough of the cold,” Mike said.

Mike served in the Marines for four years and four months, while

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Keeping command of the Fort Hood skies



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Mark Vick (left) and Aristotle Ponder spoke about their job as Fort Hood air traffic controllers during a recent Gatesville Lions Club meeting.

BY JEFF OSBORNE
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Helping maintain order in the skies between Dallas and Austin – especially in the Central Texas region around Fort Hood is both a mission and a calling for Mark Vick and Aristotle Ponder, two air traffic controllers who work to help ensure safe flights.

Vick, who is the chief air traffic controller, and Ponder, who is a senior controller, have combined experience of more than 50 years. They recently spoke about their responsibilities at a May 4 meeting of the Gatesville Lions Club.

Vick was already an experienced air traffic controller when he came to Fort Hood in 1993. Ponder came to the U.S. Army post a few years later, in 1998.

Their purview extends to 60,000 feet, and several miles around the military installation. That also includes keeping an eye on the former President George W. Bush’s ranch in Crawford, which was dubbed the Western White House when Bush served as president from 2001 to 2009.

When Bush was president, any authorized craft that wandered into the restricted air-

space were quickly challenged by U.S. fighter pilots, who were able to notify air traffic controllers and others concerned with the words, “target acquired” within seconds, Vick said.

While things have changed in the little over 13 years since Bush left office, helping keep an eye on air traffic remains a vital job. Another area that is closely watched is the nuclear power plant at Glen Rose.

These days, those who have that responsibility are doing so in an upgraded facility, thanks to a \$5 million grant that was received for remodeling and improvements.

Fort Hood has a joint-use regional airport. Not only the Army, but other branches of the U.S. military frequently visit Fort Hood, and military from friendly nations also come to Central Texas for training exercises.

“The Dutch can fly over here and train cheaper than they can in their own country,” Vick said.

While their job can be demanding, Vick recommended young people who are coming out of high school and are unsure what

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4-H students focus on pork, rabbits at Exchange Club

BY JEFF OSBORNE
SENIOR WRITER AND EDITOR

Two Gatesville High School students and 4-H members gave presentations to the Gatesville Exchange Club on May 4.

Kinlee Gardner, a freshman, talked about “The Power of Pork” and Cayleigh Coursey, a sophomore, spoke about rabbit showmanship. They were introduced by Becky Coward, an Exchange Club member and the Coryell County AgriLife Extension agent who oversees 4-H programs. Both students advanced to state competition, where they will represent Coryell County.

Gardner has raised show pigs and went a step further by researching interesting facts about pork.

“Pork is the second most consumed meat product in the world,” she said, noting that only chicken ranks ahead of pork, while beef is third.

“There are 65,000 hog farms in the United States,” Gardner said. “Most are small farms with less than 100 hogs, but others can have as many as 5,000.”

The average production hog weighs 265 pounds and can generate 371 food servings, she noted, adding “that’s a lot of pork.”

Hog farming has changed significantly over the years,

Gardner said.

“It’s a lot different than when my granddad was raising hogs,” she said. Those pigs were fattened using slop, often a combination of several different leftover items, and the pigs mainly stayed outside.

Now, most production hogs are given a nutritious balanced diet and stay in climate-controlled barns, she said.

Fear of contracting trichinosis – a food-borne illness that occurs when a consumer eats infected pork has significantly diminished because of the improved hog raising techniques,

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she said. "You can cook most pork like a steak," Gardner said. One exception is ground pork, which like ground beef, has to be cooked at higher temperatures to ensure food safety.

"Pork fits perfectly into USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) healthy eating plans and myplate.gov," Gardner said.

She said there are various cuts of meat from different parts of the pig, and shoulder cuts are among the most popular.

"In 2011, the American Heart Association labeled pork tenderloin a heart healthy food, and in 2016, the American Heart Association certified pork sirloin roast as an extremely lean meat," Gardner said.

"It's an excellent source of nutrients, including potassium which helps to regulate blood pressure and phosphorus which is good for bones. Its most powerful punch is protein, which helps build blood and helps the body fight infections and reduce fatigue.

"Today's pork is really

good for you. It's not only nutritious but there are a variety of ways to cook it."

Coursey has specialized in raising and showing rabbits, so that was the topic of her presentation. She said she chose the topic to gain a better understanding of rabbit showmanship.

Those who compete should be knowledgeable about their rabbits, and also know how to properly hold, handle and display the animals according to the American Rabbit Breeders Association standards, she said.

She talked about the five body types rabbits have: those with a fully arched back, which have longer legs and can stand up like a cat; semi-arched, which are bigger and shorter, so they can't stand up as high; compact, with smaller bodies that are easier to push to show their backsides; commercial, which is similar to semi-arched and compact mixed together; and cylindrical, with long bodies and short legs.

"There is only one breed in the world" that is cylindrical, Coursey said - the Himalayan. Those rabbits are laid out to display for judging.

To help her show differ-



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Kinlee Gardner, a Gatesville High School freshman, presented information about pork's nutritional value.

ent ways rabbits are checked and displayed during judging, Coursey brought out a stuffed toy rabbit, Flopsy, during the presentation.

During a head-to-tail check of the rabbits, judges examine teeth, feet and toenails,

stomach, tail and gender.

Judges pull competitors aside and ask questions about their general knowledge of rabbits and specific breeds.

"Rabbit showmanship is all about skill and knowledge,"



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Cayleigh Coursey, a Gatesville High School sophomore, talked about rabbit showmanship.

Coursey said. "You have to work with your rabbit every day in order to compete.

"Good sportsmanship is important, and also being kind to fellow competitors," she said, adding that those who show rabbits can also meet people and develop

lasting friendships.

Asked how many rabbits she has, Coursey said "close to 30 - maybe more."

She said she also talked to the rabbits to help keep them calm.

Challenge riders visit Ft. Hood

BY BLAIR DUPRE
FORT HOOD PUBLIC AFFAIRS

FORT HOOD - More than 20 cyclists participating in the Project Hero: Ride 2 Recovery Texas Challenge were greeted by Soldiers at III Corps and Fort Hood Headquarters before making their way to Waco, Texas, April 28.

The 1st Cavalry Division Band played fun, upbeat music as the riders made a few laps around the flagpole circle, saying hello to the Soldiers.

The non-profit, Project Hero, was founded in 2008 to help veterans, service members and first responders, suffering with both physical and mental injuries, in the hope of bettering their quality of life.

One of the ways they carry out their mission is with the Ride 2 Recovery, and more specifically, the Texas Challenge. Their route begins in San Antonio, and over the course of a week, they bike all the way to Fort Worth.

Many cyclists participate in the event yearly, including Rosalind Roger who has taken part in the Texas Challenge four times. The Army veteran was excited for the pitstop, specifically at Fort Hood, since she was stationed here in 1985.

"It's an amazing experience," she stated. "For some of us, it's therapy. For some of us, it's just to get our minds in a good place and be surrounded by our comrades. It's just a blessing to be here."

Roger said the Texas Challenge is therapeutic because the veterans are among their peers, sharing similar experiences and challenges.

"Depending on what you're going through in life, the ups and downs, the challenges that we (face), distractions and

everything, it puts you in a mindset. For me it's a very peaceful mindset," she explained.

"It amplifies the fact that you're with other Soldiers that are going through their own struggles and everything," Roger said. "We're here for one another, to empower one another, and make (each other) better every day."

Veteran Demetrio Arroyo, who was participating for a fourth time, rode along with his friend and fellow veteran, Tarrelle Steward, who was riding in the Texas Challenge for the first time.

"He helped me get through some struggles and difficulties," Steward said about Arroyo. "He said, 'Hey, this is a good way to start dealing with some issues.' So, I started training with him."

Maj. Gen. Steven Gilland, deputy commander of III Corps and Fort Hood, welcomed the bikers and commended them for taking on the Texas Challenge.

He also said even though they're individual riders, it's still about togetherness.

"It's not just about riding a bike. It's about being with others. It's about team effort. It's about learning about other people, and they learn about you," he said. "It's not just a bike ride. It's therapy. It's assistance. It's recovery, and that's important."

Gilland listed statistics to show the positive impact Project Hero has on veterans.

"Project Hero (has) built more than 200 adaptive bikes for injured veterans, donating more than 2,500 bikes to veterans and logging more than 30,000 bicycling miles in 30 states and six countries," he said. "Their record of elimination and a decrease in prescription drugs is as much as 65%."

If they want to work at another airport, "you have to go through training all over again. Of course, you know the basics, so it's not quite like going it through the first time again."

That initial training takes 156 days over a nine-month period, Vick said.

One of the things complicating security these days is the presence of a variety of drones. Except for approved military drones, other drone flights are prohibited within a certain radius of Fort Hood. In fact, there is even a chip embedded in drones that render them inoperable if they are flying too close to Fort Hood or other restricted areas.

While some people have the knowledge to bypass that security restriction, authorities are able to quickly determine that those trying to circumvent security protocol are up to no good.

"There are systems that are used to detect drones," Vick said.

Asked how many aircraft are based at Fort Hood, he said there are about 230, which is expected to increase to about 500.

"In the 1990s, there were 540 aircraft based at Fort Hood," Vick said.

There are also about 200 to 300 military UAVs (unmanned aerial vehicles) and every unit at the post will be receiving smaller UAVs to use.

"Some are the size of a bee or a bird," Vick said.

National Day of Prayer observed

The National Day of Prayer was observed on Thursday, May 5, by area churches and community members who came and prayed at or with the First Methodist Church in Gatesville.

This is an annual event which strives to raise the awareness for the need of prayer, not only on specific day or for certain events, but on a continual basis.

This year, the National Day of Prayer organization encouraged prayer for seven areas of influence: government, military, media and entertainment, business, education, church and family. One participant confessed they came to just give praise for the rain.

The National Day of Prayer is observed annually on the first Thursday of May, but those of faith encourage prayer every day.



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career path to choose should consider becoming air traffic controllers.

"You can make \$180,000 a year after five or six years and there's early retirement," Vick said. "You get paid while you are training on the job. Retirement age can be at 50 - or any age after 25 years of service. For that reason, you have to be 31 or younger to start training. Mandatory retirement is at age 56."

There are an average of more than 1,000 takeoffs and landings that the Fort Hood air controllers monitor daily, Vick said. Controllers work eight to 10 hour shifts, and are prohibited from working more hours than that on a daily basis.

In addition to Gray Army Airfield, with its airplane traffic, Fort Hood also has Hood Army Airfield, used by Army helicopters. There is also Killeen-Fort Hood Regional Airport, used by civilians.

Among the memorable and unusual landings at Fort Hood was the space shuttle, which was piggy-backing on another aircraft at the time, Vick said.

"I compare routes in the area to highways in the sky," Vick said

One of the interesting things that air traffic controllers encounter is that their license is only good for the facility where they work.



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Morris Federation to elect new officers

The last meeting of The Morris Federation for the 2021-2022 calendar year is scheduled for Saturday, May 14, at the Junction at 11:30 a.m. The luncheon will be Dutch treat, with members ordering items individually

from the menu. Election of new officers for 2022-2024 will be on the agenda. The program will be presented by Mary Anne Leib. The Junction is located at 1216 N. Highway 36 Bypass.

Central Texas Travel Club to meet May 17

The Central Texas Travel Club will be meeting on Tuesday, May 17, at Johnny's Steaks and Barbecue in Salado, beginning at 11 a.m. Future trips will be discussed including day trips and trips to South Dakota, Scotland, Ireland and Swit-

zerland. The meeting is open to anyone interested in travel with no dues or membership requirements. For more information, please contact the club at centraltexastravelclub@outlook.com.

Hefner graduates from Utah State

Forrest Hefner, a 2012 graduate of Gatesville High School, recently graduated from Utah State University with a Bachelor of Science in Aviation Technology - Professional Pilot. Hefner was among the 6,588 students eligible to receive degrees and certificates from USU's statewide campuses or USU Online. The 2022 graduating class includes graduates from summer and fall 2021 and spring 2022 semesters. Since its founding in 1888, Utah State University has

evolved from a small agricultural college tucked away in the northern Utah mountains to a thriving, multi-campus research university known throughout the world for its intellectual and technological leadership. Utah State is a premier student-centered land-grant and space-grant university that fosters the principle that academics come first by cultivating diversity of thought and culture, and by serving the public through learning, discovery, and engagement.

Raffle to benefit Kizer

Make a Wish Cancer Fundraiser is holding a raffle for Teri Kizer in her fight against cancer. Two hundred raffle tickets are available at \$20 each and can be purchased at Gatesville Sporting Adventures at 2514

S. Hwy. 36. The winner of the raffle will receive a T-6 AR15 5.56 NATO 8:1 Twist Operator Series firearm. It has a modified triggering system and muzzle brake and is valued at \$1,199.

BUSINESS OF THE MONTH



COURTESY PHOTO

The Gatesville Chamber of Commerce recently selected Grace Bible Church as May's Business of the Month. Pictured above are representatives of the chamber presenting the trophy and certificate to church officials. Grace Bible Church is located at 4012 U.S. Highway 84 and can be reached by calling 254-248-0053. Each month, the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce selects and recognizes an outstanding business, and those winners will also be in the running for Business of the Year awarded at the annual chamber banquet. Nominees must be a member of the chamber. The Business of the Month award is sponsored by Extraco Banks and The Gatesville Messenger.

PEARL NEWS

Pearl Cottage loses long-time supporter

BETSY CLARK

We are so sad to report the passing of our dear friend, Judy Vernon, on Thursday, May 5. Judy was a long-time visitor and supporter of the Pearl Cottage Bookstore, and she will be greatly missed by everyone who knew her. A memorial service will be planned for her in Evant at a later date. Judy requested that memorials be made to the Pearl Cottage Bookstore in care of Linda Ray at 1771 CR 152, Purmela, TX 76566. What a blessing Judy was to the Book Cottage and continues to be. Her memorials will be used for the scholarship program. Please keep Judy's family and friends in your

prayers. The annual Pearl Church of Christ Vacation Bible School begins on May 30 and goes through June 3 from 9 a.m. until noon each day. Everyone is invited to attend and encouraged to bring lots of family and friends with you. The theme for this year is The Chosen—Let Us Be Fishers of Men. In case you like to plan ahead, here is a list of each day's theme for VBS:

- Monday--USA or Red/White/Blue T-shirt for Memorial Day
 - Tuesday--The Chosen T-shirt day (will be given out at VBS to all who attend)
 - Wednesday--Tutu day/Cowboy day
 - Thursday--Hero T-shirt day
 - Friday--Camo/Kilt day
- Of course, you can always wear whatever is cool and comfortable if you don't have theme day apparel. We just hope to see you there at our annual VBS and that you invite others, too. The Pearl Cottage Book-

store would like to thank everyone who came out to visit/shop during the May 7 Bookstore Day. They reported visits by Ilene Mitchell and her mom, Bob and Ruth Ann Johnson, Jerry Pool, and Marilyn McDonald as well as a host of other friends, new and old. It was also reported that people still come in to "view" the Itsy Bitsy, Teeny Tiny, Turquoise Greeny, Stringy Bikini. It was asked for by name, and viewers were pleased to see that it is still in its frame in its assigned location (ummm) above the Christian Book Section—for now. Yes, I'm shrugging my shoulders.

The Flea Market/Junk in Your Trunk event was enjoyed by all attendants on May 7. It was great to have Chris Ray and his forging talent among the participants. Chris brought his equipment and made the Christian fish symbol out of old horseshoes while the customer watched. We hope he will come back



Clark

again next month. Check out the pictures on the Pearl Community Center, Texas Facebook page to view Chris in the process. This week's Bible verse comes from I Thessalonians 5: 16-18, "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." NIV Contact me at betsy-clark47@yahoo.com to submit any Pearl news.

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- Race-day registration and packet pick-up will be race morning 7-7:45am at the race site.
- Packet pick-up will also be available Friday, May 20, at Gatesville Fitness Center
- Race-day registration is \$30 (Cash/Check)



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OBITUARIES

JUDY VERNON

May 6, 1941 - May 5, 2022



Judy Vernon, age 80, of Evant, passed away on Thursday, May 5, 2022, at her home, as a result of ALS.

Memorial services in Evant will be announced at a later date. Interment will be at Memorial Park Cemetery in Enid, Oklahoma.

Judith Ellen Cruikshank Vernon was born on May 6, 1941, in DeQuincy, Louisiana, to the late Louis and Helene

Cruikshank. On her maternal side, she was a descendant of the LeBleu family, the first European settlers in Southwest Louisiana. On her paternal side, she was a descendant of the Stanfield family that fought in the Revolutionary War and were early settlers in Texas. Her Cruikshank ancestors were settlers in the Alexandria/Cofax area in Louisiana.

Judy graduated from DeQuincy High School in 1959 and received a B.A. degree from Rice University in 1963. In 1973, she received a M.A. from Louisiana State University, and in 1981, a Juris Doctorate from South Texas College of Law. She taught math in Louisiana and Texas from 1963 until 1981. She was in-house counsel for Armco Inc. and National Oilwell in Houston from 1981 through 1989.

In 1986, she married Leon N. Vernon and in 1989, they moved to the Vernon Ranch in Evant. She was appointed by then Gov. George W. Bush to serve on the board of di-

rectors of the Brazos River Authority. She was elected in 1999 by the board members as the only woman president since the board was established in 1929. After her tenure on the Board, she served as chair of the Coryell County Republican Party for five years. Since then, she has enjoyed being a full time "ranch hand."

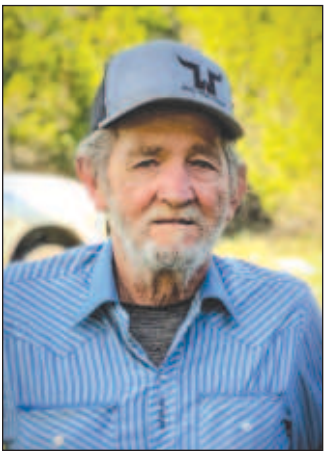
She was preceded in death by her parents, Louis and Helene Cruikshank in 1979 and 1999 respectively, and a son, Louis Henry Caskey in 1977.

Judy is survived by her husband, Leon, of Evant; son, Wayne Caskey of Katy; daughter, Ellen Bedingfield and husband, Russell Galbreath, of Houston; three brothers, Bob Cruikshank of Houston, Tom Cruikshank and wife, Ann, of Dallas, Bill Cruikshank and wife, Cindy, of Destrehan, Louisiana.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to Pearl Book Cottage, c/o Linda Ray, 1771 CR 152, Purmela, TX 76566.

TEDDY JOE WRIGHT

Dec. 12, 1949 - May 4, 2022



Teddy Joe Wright, age 72 of Gatesville, passed away on Wednesday, May 4, 2022.

Funeral services will be

held at 2 p.m. Friday, May 13, at Scott's Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at Smith Cemetery in Purmela. The family will receive visitors from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 12 at the funeral home.

Ted was born on Dec. 12, 1949, in Gatesville, to the late Vernon and Clara Blankenship Wright. He grew up in and attended schools in Purmela, Pearl and Gatesville. His early adult life consisted of construction work and later, custom farming with his brother, Bill Wright, and construction superintendent, with Jerry Wright Homes. For the last 15 years of his life, he and his dog, Boots, operated his son Jerry's cattle operation. Ted enjoyed fishing on the Leon River and spent his

whole life playing dominoes with his brother Bill Wright, until his death.

He was preceded in death at a young age by his father, Vernon Wright; mother, Clara Wright Durham; brother, Bill Wright; and a sister, Patsy Marriott.

Ted is survived by his daughter, Christi Smalley and husband, Cory; sons, Jerry Wright and wife, Tammy, Jason Wright; grandchildren, Kelsie Smalley and fiancé, Dylan Cosper, Payden Smalley, Lexie Smalley, Cadence Smalley, Jace Wright, Jordy Haigood and husband, Clay, and Jett Wright; and one great-granddaughter, Delanie Smalley; and soon to be on June 19, great-grandson, Hayes Haigood.

HARVEY WHITE

Feb. 2, 1934 - May 5, 2022



Harvey White, age 88, of Gatesville, passed away on Thursday, May 5, 2022, in Gatesville.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Monday, May 9, at Scott's Funeral Home Chapel, with Pastor Mike Bragdon and Rev. Tim Crosby officiating. Interment followed at Restland Cemetery.

Harvey Gene White was

born on Feb. 2, 1934, in Coryell County to the late Floyd and Ora Bales White. He spent his early childhood in the Spring Hill community, now part of Ft. Hood and graduated from Gatesville High School in 1951. Harvey spent his childhood and early adult years traveling back and forth from Gatesville to Ft. Worth, developing his "horse trading" skills at the Ft. Worth Stockyards. He later worked at Watt's Meat Market delivering meat. He married Linda Barton on June 27, 1964. They have enjoyed 57 years of marriage and were blessed with a daughter, Greta.

Harvey worked at TYC and TDCJ for a combined period of 28 years, mostly as a laundry manager. He enjoyed reading Louis L'Amour books, antique car shows and talking with friends about old times. He also enjoyed watching his grandkids and

great-grandkids play ball. His greatest joy was listening to his daughter play the piano in church. He was a member of Gateway Baptist Church. He was a true southern gentleman.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Juanita Dixon and her husband, R.A. Dixon.

Harvey is survived by his wife, Linda White; daughter, Greta Casas and husband, Ezequiel; six grandchildren, Ezequiel Casas and wife, Malissa, Daniel Casas and wife, Alison, Joshua Casas and wife, Leslie, Nicholas Casas, Josiah Casas, Stephanie Montalvo; and three great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Gateway Baptist Church, 2819 SH 36 S, Gatesville, TX 76528 or Trinity Baptist Church, 1506 W. Main Street, Gatesville, TX 76528.

The DISPATCH

The following is a partial breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of May 5 - 8. Persons are reminded that only emergency calls should be made to 9-1-1, while all other calls to police should be made to 865-2226 or to the Sheriff's at 865-7201.

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May 5
9:00 a.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 600 block of College Street.

11:24 a.m., animal cruelty was reported in the 1300 block of Mills Street.

1:03 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 5600 block of FM 1783.

7:48 p.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 6000 block of N. State Hwy. 36.

May 6
10:10 a.m., a disturbance was reported in the 2000 block of Waco Street.

11:14 a.m., a theft was reported in the 200 block of N. Lutterloh Avenue.

4:28 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 2300 block of Bridge Street.

May 7
1:27 a.m., suspicious activity was reported on Harmon Road.

10:44 a.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 2000 block of Waco Street.

9:11 p.m., harassment was reported in the 1000 block of E. Leon Street.

11:24 p.m., a theft was reported in the 300 block of FM 107.

May 8
10:28 a.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 1800 block of E. Leon Street.

3:12 p.m., animal cruelty was reported in the 2800 block of S. State Highway 36.

6:44 p.m., an assault was reported in the 800 block of S. 7th Street.

11:03 p.m., harassment was reported in the 100 block of Avenue C.

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SHERIFF'S OFFICE

May 5
10:42 a.m., suspicious activity was reported on Old Georgetown Road.

5:54 p.m., a civil matter was reported in the 3900 block of CR 318.

7:03 p.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 700 block of Herzog Mountain Road.

May 6
10:56 a.m., a grass fire was reported in the 2600 block of FM 1783.

11:53 a.m., an out-of-control burn was reported in the 3700 block of PR 42111.

3:43 p.m., identity theft was reported in the 800 block of Gorman Road.

10:20 p.m., the burglary of a habitation was reported in the 9600 block of N. Hwy 36.

May 7
2:55 a.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 100 block of Rainer Road.

2:00 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 1800 block of Straws Mill Rd.

6:43 p.m., livestock complaint was reported in the 1700 block of Fort Panic Rd.

11:05 p.m., the burglary of a habitation was reported in the 300 block of FM 107.

May 8
7:36 a.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 1200 block of CR 269.

3:11 p.m., an out-of-control child was reported in the 600 block of Thomas Street.

5:29 p.m., trespassing was

reported in the 1000 block of Winter Road.

7:18 p.m., a major accident was reported on Highway 84 near Quinton's.

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A fundraiser benefit to help defray the medical expenses of Hershhal Mooney will be held on Sunday, May 29, at 4 p.m. at Texas Station Event Center. Tickets will be \$50 per person and will include a crawfish plate. The tickets are pre-sale and can be purchased at Vintage Royalty.

Entertainment will be provided by Waylon

Thibodeaux, "Louisiana's Rockin Fiddler." Those planning to attend are asked to bring lawn chairs and coolers. It will be a BYOB fundraiser event.

Doors will open at 3 p.m. and food will be served at 4 p.m.

Texas Station Event Center is located at 305 Old Fort Gates Road.

MASONIC LODGE 50-YEAR AWARDS



COURTESY PHOTO BY MARK SPANGLER

The Maples Masonic Lodge #791 A.F. & A.M. recently joined with the Gatesville Masonic Lodge #197 A.F. & A.M. to honor seven members who had been Masons for 50 years. All combined, these seven men represent 350 years of service to the Masons. Pictured above, from left to right, William Truss (of the Maples Lodge), Larry McDonald, Carl Kietzer, John Hitt, Zonnel Haynes, Jerry Casey and Robert Arnold. The 50-year Masons were joined at the ceremony by their families and friends who came to witness the achievements these men had made during their involvement with the Masons. Masons are described as a fraternal and charitable organization. Freemasonry is built upon three basic tenets or principles – Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. Brotherly Love is the practice of the Golden Rule. Relief embodies charity for all mankind. Truth is honesty, fair play and adherence to the cardinal virtues of Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence, and Justice.

JUNIOR AMBASSADORS HELP HOST "SENIOR" PROM



COURTESY PHOTO

The Gatesville Chamber Junior Ambassadors recently helped to host a Senior Masquerade Prom at Hillside Medical Lodge. They have been helping to host the prom event since 2015. The Junior Ambassadors decorated, furnished refreshments, provided a DJ, styled the ladies' hair, did their make-up and helped them choose jewelry to go along with their outfits. The ambassadors then voted on a king and queen of the prom and danced the night away with the residents. Pictured on the top row, left to right, is Zane Foster, Avery Streetman, Lindsey Cummings, Hailey Luensmann and Anna Mitchell. Seated, left to right, Kallyn Moreland, and Cayleigh Coursey.

Gatesville Adaptive Sports to host Field Day

Gatesville Adaptive Sports will be sponsoring a Field Day on Saturday, May 14, from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. at Faunt Le Roy Park's walking trail.

The group invites Gatesville residents and those in the surrounding areas to join them for a little baseball fun. Special needs children of all

ages are welcome to participate.

For more information about Field Day or Gatesville Adaptive Sports, please con-

tact Kara Dotson at 254-206-0064 or visit their Facebook page.

Whatever happened to....

TWENTY YEARS AGO (2002)

The annual Special Olympics Torch Run passed through Gatesville. Runners from the local Texas Department of Criminal Justice units pass the torch to members of the Coryell County Sheriff's Office at the courthouse.

Newly-elected City of Gatesville Mayor Daren Moore performed his first official duty by administering the oath of office to council members Carl Kietzer, Billy Landua and Ollie Inmon.

The Gatesville Masonic Lodge presented the Lamar Award to Alan Ivy and Amie Chambers, both seniors at Gatesville High School.

THIRTY YEARS AGO (1992)

The 1992 Crescent student yearbook was dedicated to Mrs. Anne Bradley during a GHS Academic Awards Banquet. Mrs. Bradley, who was retiring, had worked 17 years at Gatesville ISD.

Two-year-old Chance Watson of Gatesville was featured in the May edition of Woman's World magazine. He appeared in the "Your Beautiful Babies" segment. He is the son of Joe and Lois Watson.

Brandon Belt was a new member of the International Junior Brangus Breeders Association (IJBA) which was announced by the executive vice president J. Neil Orth.

(1982)

Mike Kuzenka's Country Sound band brought music to a Band Boosters Carnival on the courthouse square. The toe-tapping beat of the band touched off the dancing spirit in the crowds who had thronged to the event.

Gatesville golfer Corine Homan captured the flight honors in the Lampasas Ladies Invitational Gold Tournament held at Hancock Park. Mrs. Homan was awarded a brass bowl.

Teresa Wolf, a senior at Evant High School, participated in the State FHA/HERO meeting held in Fort Worth. Wolf had served the previous year as state corresponding secretary and national com-

mittee member from Texas.

FIFTY YEARS AGO (1972)

Mrs. Wade (Marvel) Dyer of the King community was one of 25 graduates of the Central Texas School of Nursing who received school pins at the Lady Bird Johnson Center for Performing Arts.

E.E. Curry was honored with a special dinner to celebrate his 83rd birthday. The birthday dinner was held at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Spencer of Gatesville.

Fred A. Schloeman, a May graduate of Sam Houston State University, had been selected to attend Officers Candidate School at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio.

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Your state, city, town or community has a rich heritage. Do some research to discover some local history and visit locations that have evidence of a rich cultural past. Take a photo of an old building, statue or tree and do a rubbing or a sketch.

SPLASH IN THE WATER

Visit a local lake, river, stream or a nearby ocean. Observe the wildlife around you and list them in your notebook with notes on where, when and what was happening.

LEARN TO SWIM

Swimming is great exercise and will improve muscle strength and flexibility. Your local pool will provide lessons throughout the summer months. If you can't swim, sign up now. If you can swim, enjoy some time at a pool.

CAMP UNDER THE STARS

Camping out takes organization. If you are going to a campground, you probably need to book your space. Make a list of the things you'll need to take. If you can't go away, camp in your backyard. Take time to look at the stars. Can you spot the North Star and the Big Dipper?

FOLLOW A TRAIL

Make a map of a local trail or bike path. As you follow the trail, mark points of interest along the trail. The next time you take that hike, see what's changed at your points of interest.

GO FISHING

Sit quietly on the banks of a river, lake or stream. You may not catch a fish but what do you see? Are there tadpoles or frogs, water striders, dragonflies?

PLAY ON A TEAM

Playing on a team is a good way to make new friends and get some exercise. If there are no organized sports in your area, make your own team and create a game of Frisbee or catch.

PLAY IN A SAFE PLACE

Find a local park with playground equipment. Take a picnic and enjoy the sunshine.

CELEBRATE SUMMER

Pick one feature of your outdoor summer and draw a picture showing the event. Mail it to a friend.

EXPLORE NATURE

Be a nature detective. Look at a field guide or go online to identify birds, wild flowers, insects and trees. List them in your notebook.

Scavenger Hunt

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- A picture of someone playing a sport
- A place to exercise
- A local park
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- start with the letter i
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- contain the letter m

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BLACK	SWIM	IGLOO
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070 LAND & LOTS

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c/o: **Allen D. Place, Jr. Attorney at Law**
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DATED the 4th day of May, 2022.

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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF MARTHA L. SCHLORMAN, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the ESTATE OF MARTHA L. SCHLORMAN, DECEASED, were issued on April 27, 2022, in Cause No. 22-10644, pending in the County Court of Coryell County, Texas to MICHAEL EVANS HORN as Independent Executor.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Such claims should be addressed as follows:

ESTATE OF MARTHA L. SCHLORMAN, DECEASED
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Dated April 28, 2022.

MICHAEL EVANS HORN
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Gatesville Primary has a Field Day

BY DAVID SCOTT
STAFF WRITER

Gatesville Primary School recently celebrated their Field Day on the Tommy Davidson Field at McKamie Stadium. This was the first Field Day event at the stadium since COVID and the first one that parents could attend.

There were a total of 15 stations for the students to partici-

partate. High school students from PALS (Peer Assistance and Leadership Program) guided the students through each station. Participating in Field Day were 10 Kindergarten classes, 4 pre-K classes, and the ECSE class.

The principal at the Gatesville Primary, Mashara Streater, said "I am so happy we were able to have it at the stadium this year. There were about 83 student helpers, and they were fabulous. I heard many positive comments from teachers

and parents about how well everything was laid out and how helpful all the students were. Teachers were very appreciative that there were PALS running the stations this year. I've had a couple of teachers tell me that the high school students were especially kind and helpful to some of their students who were struggling."



This group of Gatesville Primary School students is all smiles while competing in the tug o' war, the first Field Day for GPS since 2019.

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GETTING THEIR KICKS: GPS students line up to kick a ball during the recent Field Day.

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A variety of fun activities were enjoyed by GPS students.

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HONOR

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Dennis served in the Army for 21 years. Mike was a corporal when he left the military, while Dennis was a sergeant.

"I was in Vietnam for four and a half years - I kept extending," Dennis said. "I was in different places around Saigon, including during the Tet Offensive. I got to Vietnam in 1965 and stayed until March 1968, then I went back in 1970 and left in 1971."

Dennis said he received a shrapnel injury in his neck during one patrol and was sent to a military hospital in Japan where he stayed about two and a half months.

"It seemed like a lot longer - it felt like forever," he said. "I didn't feel like I was ever going to leave."

He received a Purple Heart, awarded to troops injured in the line of duty.

On another occasion, while he

was recovering from hepatitis and prohibited from going out in the field, his entire platoon was attacked and killed while Dennis had radio duty.

"My entire platoon was wiped out in '67," he said. "They went out on patrol, but they had me on convalescence. The unit was caught in an ambush and everybody in the platoon died. I was blessed to survive but I felt really bad about it, too. I wanted to go with my men."

"I was in several battles. Every day, you never knew what you were getting into."

Mike joined the Marines about six months before Dennis joined the Army, but never saw combat.

"I didn't want to go into the Army or the Air Force, and I didn't want to be on a ship so I didn't join the Navy," he said. "After I joined, I found out that Marines were basically the soldiers of the sea."

"I spent about two years on the USS Bennington, an aircraft carrier, as part of an anti-submarine task

force. We hunted submarines, and I went to Hong Kong, the Philippines and Japan.

"We were in the South China Sea about to come back to America, and our escort was late. We started heading for Vietnam, but then met up with the rest of our battle group and turned back toward the United States. That's the closest I ever got to combat, except for being sent out from Camp Lejeune during an insurrection in the Dominican Republic. Instead of going there, we went to Cuba (to the Guantanamo Bay Naval Base)."

Mike said he was surprised that he was never stationed in Vietnam.

"I had always expected to be sent to Vietnam but I never was," he said. "I thought the war would be over pretty quick, and I didn't want to spend years shuffling from one military base to another in the United States, so I got out. I never imagined the war would last that long."

Mike said his best experience was

meeting people during his service.

"I didn't want to go aboard that aircraft carrier, but once I got on it, I was able to walk around and meet sailors and learned a lot about the ship from them, and it was interesting," he said. "We went to Hawaii three times."

"I had a chance to go aboard a submarine - the Nautilus - but I wasn't interested in that at the time. Now I wish I had done that."

Dennis said despite the dangers he faced in Vietnam, he also had some good experiences there.

"I liked it most of the time - some of the things we had to go through I didn't like," he said. "I was a platoon sergeant for two years. I liked the Army most of the time and met a lot of people."

While opposition to the war grew in America, Dennis said he was told not to wear his uniform when he returned to the U.S. either during leave or at the end of his service in Vietnam.

He said the reception veterans

were given during the Honor Flight has helped ease some of the bad memories he had about how fellow Americans treated him and other military personnel during and immediately after the war.

That opportunity to have a good experience was the reason Mike urged his brother to participate in the Honor Flight.

"I heard it was good for people who have PTSD, which Dennis does," Mike said.

Both raved about having the chance to visit different monuments, seeing the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and Korean War Memorial, World War II monument, the U.S. Navy and Air Force museums, the Pentagon, and Arlington National Cemetery, and getting to interact with people who thanked them for their service.

"Two friends have asked me why I didn't go on an Honor Flight, and I didn't even know what that was," Mike said. "I'm really glad we found out about it."

Area Special Olympics athletes shine



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Team Gatesville takes time for a photo at the Area 12 Track & Field Competition at Panther Stadium in Hewitt on April 20. On the back row: Jon Hannold, Jack Butler and Haley Garcia. On the front row: Tristen Tidrick, Kaisen Robinson, Caitlin Clough.



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GETTING THE GOLD: In his first year as a Special Olympics athlete, Kaisen Robinson, age 8, receives a gold medal in track & field at the Area 12 competition March 26 in Killeen.



BOCCE BALLERS: Members of Team Gatesville rest after awards at Area 12 bocce competition in October 2021 in Temple. From left are Jack Butler, Wacey Corley, Caitlin Clough and Haley Garcia.

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Team Gatesville during Area 12 basketball competition at Baylor University in Waco on Feb. 25. On the back row are: Heidi Clough, HOD, Michelle Robinson, Coach, Wacey Corley, Jon Hannold, Jack Butler, Haley Garcia, Charles Hatcher, coach. On the front row: Kaisen Robinson, Caitlin Clough. Missing: Tristen Tidrick.



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BOCCE COMPETITORS: Team Gatesville holds the banner during Area 12 bocce competition in October 2021 in Temple.