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## Arrests made in murder probe

Two Gatesville residents - Betsy Ayers Robinson and Cody Gene Ayers - have been arrested by Coryell County Sheriff's Deputies on charges related to the murder of Elizabeth Ann Romero.

Ayers Robinson, 57, of Gatesville, has been charged with murder and tampering with evidence. She remains in custody at the Coryell County Jail on over \$1 million in bonds.

Cody Gene Ayers, 42, of Gatesville, has been charged with tampering with evidence. He was released on Aug. 24 after posting a \$20,000 bond.

Robinson is the mother of Jessica Colleen Robinson, who was arrested May 19 on a theft of property charge. The younger Robinson was charged with the murder of Romero on May 20.

On Aug. 22, that murder charge was upgraded to capital murder and a charge of tampering or fabricating physical evidence was added. She remains in custody at the Coryell County Jail.

The arrests follow months of investigation by multiple agencies into the disappearance of Romero.

Gatesville Police had entered Romero's name into a missing persons' database in April after her family lost contact with her. Initially reported missing to Waco Police, she was a Waco resident who was known by her family to frequent Gatesville.

Romero's family members later received information that she might be at an address near Gatesville.

Coryell County Sheriff's Deputies conducted a welfare check at that residence following a request from the Waco Police Department, which was investigating Romero's

disappearance as a missing person.

The sheriff's office also began an investigation into the woman's disappearance.

In May, the sheriff's office received information that Romero had been murdered at the address deputies had checked and her body had been disposed of nearby.

Following a series of interviews and searches, the younger Robinson was arrested for the murder.

The sheriff's office has stated that more arrests are expected as the investigation continues.

## Helping Gatesville's poor find shelter



JEFF OSBORNE | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

With more than 150 units available, the Gatesville Housing Authority, led by Kerry Magee, works to help low income residents find affordable housing options. Demand is high, with a lengthy waiting list.

## Housing authority dedicated to helping people find affordable places to live

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

While housing options for lower income residents in Gatesville may seem to be few and far between, one option that provides a lifeline for both families and single adults is housing offered by the Gatesville Housing Authority.

Kerry Magee, executive director of the authority, recently gave a presentation to the Gatesville City Council. He said the nonprofit - which is a public entity that is not governed by the city - had 84 units under the direction of the Department

of U.S. Housing and Urban Development and an additional 72 units through Rural Development, part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

While more than 150 local units might at first glance seem to be plenty to house those needing that option, Magee said demand outpaces availability.

"We stay full," he said. "As fast as we can get one, it turns around (and is rented)."

Funding is provided through the federal government. "Our only income is rent and rural assistance," Magee said. "HUD gives you operational funds plus the rent you take in.

You can get a lot more funding from HUD (than the USDA provides through Rural Development).

"There are also captivated funds each year that we receive as a grant, and based on the age of our units, there is a constant need to remodel them. Also, the percentage of people who damage property is high. It didn't use to be that way."

Although units are available for elderly or disabled residents, "nearly all the applicants are young - younger than they used to be," Magee said.

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## GHS Fighting Hornet Band sets its sights on Disney World

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

Lingering COVID-19 complications caused plans for a trip to Disney World to fizzle out for the 2021-22 schools year, but a trip to the Magic Kingdom and other parts of Central Florida are back on the agenda for the Gatesville High School Band.

Jose Sanchez, director of fine arts for the Gatesville Independent School District and also director of the GHS band program, recently asked members of the GSD Board of Trustees for their blessing in making the trip to the iconic Florida destination in 2023.

Because of shakeups throughout the travel industry caused by the pandemic, Sanchez said there were too many uncertainties to proceed with the trip during the previous school year. However, as society learns how to cope more effectively with continued COVID issues, the travel and tour industry is beginning to stabilize, and Sanchez said that he hopes to take about 100 GHS band students - as well as other parents

and chaperones - to Disney World at the end of the school year.

One of the things which companies would not guarantee last year included a refund of money if a student became ill before the trip, and that was something he refused to risk.

He noted that several band members have already saved money for the trip, and that additional fundraising opportunities, such as coffee and mattress sales, will be held during the school year.

Sanchez said the mattress fundraiser "brought in \$10,000" the last time the GHS band program participated in the event.

Cost of the trip for students is expected to be about \$900 based on four students to a room "before any contributions by band boosters," Sanchez said, adding that the cost for students could be reduced to about \$750 each, including the cost of transportation.

The trip will be made via charter buses, and an exact itinerary will be determined at a later date.



Members of the Gatesville High School band perform during a community pep rally on Aug. 20. If all goes according to plan, several band members will have a chance to perform in Central Florida. DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

# A clash with COVID-19 is not for the faint of heart

It may take a while before I get over the exhaustion, but I am thankfully leaps and bounds ahead of where I was just a few days ago. Let me tell you - COVID-19 isn't for the faint of heart.

Many of you have also had your encounter with this pernicious ailment, which seems to affect everyone differently. It came on like a hurricane late on a Friday evening, had me on my back most of the next day, seemed to let up a little on day three only to come roaring back with a vengeance on day four.

The sore throat lingered non-stop for days - thank goodness for grapes, and orange sherbet/vanilla ice cream blend and Powerade, which helped me make it through the ordeal.

Thanks also to co-worker David Scott for dropping off the COVID test and a thermometer, and to him, Janice and other staff at The

Messenger for continuing to do a great job putting out the paper.

My best guess is that I caught the virus during the volleyball tournament that brought teams from as far away as Lubbock. While the participants were likely tested, there were still others (family members and fans) who might have unwittingly carried COVID.

Another possibility is I got the virus somewhere else. I did attend a Lions Club meeting on Aug. 17 and later learned at least one other club member had been diagnosed with COVID.

While the first few days were a rollercoaster, it's the fatigue that keeps on lingering. I know many have had a much tougher time with COVID than I did. A former co-worker was hospitalized for weeks and was fortunate to have survived. I also know people who lost family to this disease. As with any disease,

## 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.



those of us who have recovered can definitely count our blessings and

be thankful.

Oh, I definitely don't want to forget somebody who rode out the COVID storm with me - my dog, Tallulah.

Lu: It was definitely a rough few days and nights. Not only was I worried about you, but the table scraps were pretty meager for several days and I had to rely on food of the last resort (common dog food!). Also, our walks came to a screeching halt. Fortunately, you were still at least able to get up and let me visit the backyard whenever I needed.

Jeff: Right, Lu. You were a real trooper. I know it couldn't have been easy for you, either. COVID is a big disruption, and I'm thankful for you coming up and giving me emotional support while I was sick.

Lu: I was glad to - and so glad that it's over now. So how bad was it?

Jeff: Well, it reminded me an awful lot of the flu at times, and seemed like a bad cold at other times. Taking painkillers and decongestant helped quite a bit, and trying to make sure I moved around from time to time, even if I didn't particularly feel like it.

Lu: But you feel like it now?

Jeff: Well, I suppose. I'm still tired but can get around well enough.

Lu: That's what I like to hear. I'll go get the leash!

Jeff: Always keeping your eyes on the prize. I wish you could enjoy a good ride like many other dogs do.

Lu: But I am not those other dogs. I am me, for better or worse.

Jeff: Fair enough. But let's take it easy.

Lu: Oh, all right. I suppose you only have to walk me once today. Glad you are better!

Jeff: Me, too. Thanks, Lu!

# Outpost kiosk improves feeding options for Fort Hood soldiers

FORT HOOD — The Headquarters of the Department of the Army's Logistics office has approved for the permanent implementation of a new culinary initiative to maximize the feeding of soldiers and improve dining flexibility, with Fort Hood being one of the first to experience it. Culinary Outpost kiosks, as these facilities are called, have the appearance and function like a civilian convenience store. The major difference is, like in a dining facility, customers use their Basic Daily Food Allowance to purchase to purchase individual.

Soldiers seem to like it. "If everyone gets off for lunch at the same time, going through here is a lot faster," said Private 1st Class Devin Keener of C company, 2nd battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division. "It's a little bit quicker that eating at the [dining facility.] I don't like sitting down. I have a lot of stuff I want to do. It helps me get back to the tanks so we can get out sooner." He said he enjoys that it's similar to shopping at the Express convenience stores but that his Basic Allowance for Sustenance pays for it.

Fort Hood's kiosk is called "The Culinary Outpost," and operates independently yet in the same building as 1st Cavalry Division's Ironhorse Dining Facility. It is one of three that began their experimental phase in November of 2020. On June 13, of this year, the pilot program ended and the test locations here, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, and Fort Bragg became permanent. A new facility is being opened for service members in Daegu, Republic of Korea.

2nd Lt. John Suarez, a platoon leader for 553rd Field Feeding company said he understands why the Army saw a need. "There's a bottleneck inside the [dining facility]. Everybody is held up in line, and there's a set time for that. How the kiosk solves that is having extended business hours where they can come in, grab what they need, get back to the fight. Or they can come back later on to grab a snack. Because they're working 24/7, and we can't allot our time from twelve to one for lunch and have everybody come in all at the same time. So that's what we're trying to solve with the kiosk."

"Soldiers prefer items that are healthy and nutritious, but pre-packaged to grab and go," said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Heidi-Ann Wallace, command food advisor, Distributed Management Center 13th Expeditionary Sustainment Command. She considers the kiosk's permanent status a win, and said removing friction points tripled the headcount for customers from 300 to 900 per day since opening two years ago.

Initially, the Army contracted with a civilian vendor. Wallace said their catalogue of items was not meeting the demands of the customer base. The facility has since transitioned to direct ordering.

"We were continuously trying to refine the process where we'd just order a small amount just to prevent waste, but then we weren't meeting the intent to provide for the soldiers because their were days when we didn't have subsistence. COVID brought additional struggles with the prime vendor having difficulties finding distributors to maintain the inventory," said Wallace.

## HOUSING

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"They're all on disability or trying to get on disability."

Gatesville City Councilwoman Barbara Burrow asked about the status of the applicants.

"We don't get many applications from elderly couples," Magee said. "Most of those needing a two-bedroom unit are young women with children and nowhere to go."

He said the housing authority has a long waiting list for its units.

"Every housing authority has a waiting list," Magee said. "Ours is generally a year to three years. The number of units we have is the maximum (the federal government) would give us assistance on."

"To add more we would have to partner with the private sector - that's what HUD is trying to do now. We haven't done it. We haven't even looked at it because it's too

much uncertainty."

Councilman Claude Williams asked about upkeep requirements for residents.

"They come in and they've got kids - you can see toys all over the outside. It's a matter of how hard a line do I want to take."

Williams noted that a lack of residents keeping their units in an orderly state "has an effect on the entire neighborhood," adding it's not just toys that clutter some areas, but trash.

"We try to work with the housing authority," said City Manager Bill Parry. "We're not trying to enforce other than to get things cleaned up."

Magee said it's "a never ending deal with couches and chairs thrown out - it's a constant eyesore."

Williams said he understood the difficulty of the situation.

"I think you have a good heart caring about people and giving them a place," he said. "It just looks bad. We have an organization that

cleans up neighborhoods. What would you suggest we do?"

Magee said getting residents of housing authority units "involved in anything is pretty difficult to do. We had it cleaned up but we don't have time to chase those who have a messy front yard. Maintenance responds to emergencies. I hate to see it reflect back on me. I don't like it but don't want to evict them."

Poverty is a common condition among residents, Magee said, noting that most of them have only Social Security or disability payments and have \$12,000 or less annual income.

"There's programs available (for additional help) but many of them don't want that," Magee said. "A lot of people we take in wouldn't get in somewhere else. HUD inspected us one time and couldn't believe we had that many residents with that low of income. But isn't that what we're supposed to be?"

## Gatesville Council members seek re-election

Two Gatesville City Council members have signed up for re-election to their current posts - Billy Sinyard, who represents Ward 2, Place 4, and John Westbrook, who represents Ward 2, Place 6.

They join candidates Gary Chumley, Gates-

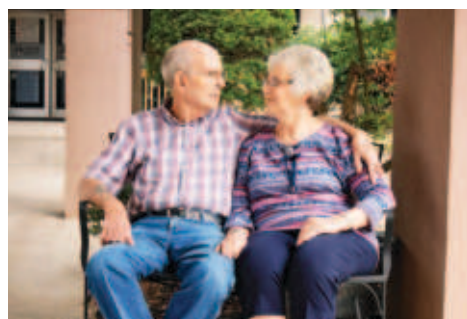
ville mayor, and incumbent Barbara Burrow, who will face challenger Aaron Smith for the Ward 1, Place 2 post.

Election day will be Tuesday, Nov. 8, with early voting set to begin in October.



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would like to welcome  
**Brother Sam Crosby and his wife, Jan.**

Please join us - his first sermon will be Sunday, September 4.



Sam & Jan Crosby

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## Hidden Gem to hold fundraiser Sept. 1

The Hidden Gem Family Center will be having a breakfast and goodies sale Thursday, Sept. 1, from 7:30 a.m. until noon. There will be plenty of goodies for sale including breakfast tacos, sausage cheese balls, pigs in a blanket, tamales, muffins,

cookies, cakes, and much more. There will be deliveries around the square as well. The Hidden Gem Family Center is located at 115 South 7th St., Gatesville, Texas 76528. For more information, please call 254-216-3160.

## Morris Federation to meet in September

The first meeting of the Morris Federation for the 2022-23 year will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 10, in the James Coryell Room at the Coryell Museum and Historical Center.

Dues may be paid at the meeting. Place your money or check in an envelope with your name on the front of it and give it to the treasurer, Sue Vernon.

Yearbooks detailing programs and activities for

the upcoming year will be distributed and briefly discussed.

The September program will be presented by Faye Nichols from the Gatesville Public Library. She will be speaking on the subject of "Banned Books Week."

After the program, members may enjoy a social time with refreshments provided by their hostesses, the newly-elected officers of The Morris Federation.

### FROM MY FRONT PORCH

## Circle of life is just one of many elements in the wonders of garage sales



**SAM HOUSTON**  
Sam Houston is a publisher, actor, author, playwright, performer and entertainment producer/promoter.

Have you ever considered the dynamics of a garage sale? On one hand, the seller is seeking to rid himself of miscellaneous "junk," which for the past few years has been cluttering the storage shed or making it impossible to park both cars in the garage. These items have not been used, or even been touched for several years, but the seller has held onto them because he "might just need them one day," or because they were simply "too valuable" to throw away.

On the other hand, the Buyer — whose storage shed, or garage is similarly filled to the brim — cannot resist the opportunity to add to their incoherent collection of miscellaneous trinkets and debris. Buyers at a garage sale are sure they will find a hidden treasure, something they "needed," or an item that is worth hundreds of dollars more than what they pay for it.

Getting set up for a garage sale is tough work. Depending on what is going to be sold, the Seller needs tables on which to place the merchandise, and racks if there are hanging clothes. Each item must be priced, cleaned up and displayed properly. Posters and social media posts must be made to advertise the location and time of the event. Helpers must be found to assist for the onslaught of garage sale lookers and to answer questions from prospective buyers.

Pricing is a confusing and difficult assignment. Naturally, the seller wants to obtain the highest price possible for their treasure trove of goodies. But if they overprice an item, it might discourage a potential Buyer, thus leaving the rear end of the 2003 Ford to remain lying on the garage floor for time eternal. Of course, there will be. Helping. No matter how low an item is

priced, a Buyer is sure to offer less, leaving the Seller in the paradox of whether to accept immediate sale, or wait and risk the possibility of the item staying put. Seems that even when an item is priced as low as 50 cents, people want to haggle and offer a quarter.

This past weekend, I held a garage sale for my friend Miss Jayne. She had lived in the house for 65 years, and it was full to the brim with treasures. There was glassware, furniture, and more knick-knacks than you could shake a stick at. Decorating items, books, and of course closets upon closets of clothing and shoes. I have determined if you order clothes from QVC once or twice a week for 20 years, you can create quite a clothes ensemble to offer for sale. We offered items that had never been worn, now for sale for \$1.

It took hours upon hours to make everything ready for the sale day. I was up at 5 a.m. to be in place when early shoppers arrived as they tried to beat the crowd. The weather was cooler, the crowd was large, and the action was fast and furious. It was incredible to watch buyers act like ants at a picnic, feasting on a piece of cake that had fallen to the ground. They devoured the offerings and looked for more. By 1 p.m. it was all over.

Incredibly, a huge portion of the items sold. Shoes, clothes, earrings and costume jewelry seemed to be the biggest sellers. The house was picked clean, like a rooster feasting on an ear of corn. The "treasures" had found a new home.

Miss Jayne was a little saddened to see her goodies go out the door but was pleased friends and neighbors had made a lot of the purchases. It made her feel like her stuff was going to a good home. My helpers and I were dead tired, and it was difficult to find the energy to put the tables away and clean up. The sale had been a success for Miss Jayne, and people seemed to be satisfied they had bought something they needed at a bargain price.

I wonder how many of the items that were sold will end up in garage sales hosted by the buyers? My guess is quite a bit. Only time will tell. It is the garage sale circle of life.

Thought for the day: It is sad to know that today's Christmas gifts are tomorrow's garage sale items.  
Until next time.  
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Coryell Health hosts ribbon cutting at new clinic in Waco.

## Coryell Health cuts ribbon for new medical clinic in Waco

Coryell Health hosted a ribbon cutting at the Medical Clinic- Waco location performed by the Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce on Aug. 16. The new clinic location is on 5100 Franklin Avenue in Waco.

To serve the McLennan County community and greater Central Texas area, the Coryell Health Medical Clinic- Waco opened several years' prior, providing specialty care, and adding the full scope of primary care services on April 11. Local

community members, Greater Waco Chamber members, media, and Coryell Health board members and staff attended the ribbon cutting celebration.

"This ribbon cutting is another milestone for the Greater Central Texas community and Coryell Health," said David Byrom, Coryell Health CEO. "We are proud to extend the reach of our innovative care model to Waco and are dedicated to improving health outcomes of the patients in the communities

we now serve."

"Our family medicine team is available five days a week, providing comprehensive and preventive primary care and urgent care services including welcoming walk-ins, same-day appointments and scheduled appointments," said Dr. Jantzen Matli, Family Medicine, Coryell Health Medical Director- Waco.

"The Coryell Health Medical Clinic- Waco also provides specialty care services including bariatric medicine, dermatology, hepatology, or-

thopedics, and general surgery. We have been gaining the trust of patients in Waco, offering them exceptional care where they can get in quickly and feel at home. We are grateful to the team at Coryell whose collaboration and efforts have contributed to this achievement," Matli adds.

To learn more about Coryell Health services, please call (254) 865-2166 or visit [coryellhealth.org](http://coryellhealth.org).

## Ted Nugent to perform benefit concert

Bare Bones Barbeque will present classic rock star Ted Nugent on the Bone Yard Stage in Gatesville on Saturday, Sept. 10.

The show is sched-

uled from 7 p.m. to 11:45 p.m. and will benefit the Friends Helping Veterans organization.

Special guests will include Calvin Ross and the

Dirty Groove Noise featuring Lexxi Garza.

The show is scheduled rain or shine.

Bare Bones BBQ is located at 4302 S. Hwy. 36.

Tickets may be purchased online at <https://barebones-bbq.ticketbud.com/ted-nugent>

## GHS Class of 1972 plans 50th reunion


The Gatesville High School Class of 1972 are making plans for their 50th class reunion. It will be held on Sat-

urday, September 24, from 6-10 p.m. at the Gatesville Civic Center. Refreshments and snacks will be provided.


The class is also seeking contact information for missing class members.

For more information,

please contact Kathy Sievers at [sievers2@aol.com](mailto:sievers2@aol.com) or Keith Steward at [keithstew53@gmail.com](mailto:keithstew53@gmail.com).



**CORYELL CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT**  
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET**

The Coryell Central Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget for the 2023 fiscal year. The public hearing will be held on September 14, 2022 at 9:05am at 705 E. Main Street, Gatesville, Texas 76528.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget:	\$1,162,197
The total amount of increase over the current year's budget.	\$88,162
The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget.	11
The number of employees compensated under the current budget.	11

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

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Historic Eagle Springs Baptist Church gets facelift.

## Renovations begin on 1878 historic Coryell County church

The historic Eagle Springs Baptist Church recently began the early stages of a facelift. The church building, constructed in 1878, has been moved twice over the last 20 years and is constantly in need of repairs.

Recently, the church building was levelled by Waco Foundation Repair after funds were raised. The "leaning church" is located in the southeastern part of Coryell County a few miles from Mother Neff State Park. The small frame building was the boyhood church home of Governor Pat M. Neff. It was the off branch

of an earlier church, the Onion Creek Baptist Church, which was founded in 1858. When visiting the church, it remains much like it was at the turn of the century. The pews, pulpit, a kerosene lamp, and pulpit chairs are original to the building. When visitors leave the church, they often comment that it was like a building from "Little House on the Prairie."

The president of the Historic Eagle Springs Baptist Church Association, Martha Deeringer, recently commented on the leveling of the building, "You could

almost hear the old building sigh with relief when David Maddox and his expert team at Waco Foundation Repair finished putting new concrete pillars under the sagging west side of the building. Since its last move to its current location in 2007, the old building has settled, its original limestone block foundation has shifted beneath the hand-hewn beams that support it."

The two-door structure, fast approaching 145 years old, is "allowed a few complaints of aging," Deeringer said. The association that cares for the building has

more plans for its future. Upcoming needs include having rotten wood replaced and a new coat of paint which will require much more fundraising in the upcoming months.

"We are so thankful for all the past donations that have allowed us to come thus far. It's such an unusual church, one of the last of its kind in Texas, and we hope to keep it around so future generations can see how their ancestors worshipped when Coryell County was settled by the early pioneers," Deeringer said.

### PEARL NEWS

## Dear friend of Pearl Cottage Bookstore passed away recently



**BETSY CLARK**  
Pearl News Correspondent

We are so sorry to have learned of the passing of one of our dear friends at the Pearl Cottage Bookstore. Bob Johnson passed last week after a long battle with severe health conditions. Please keep his wife, Ruth Ann, and his children and grandchildren in your prayers. We will greatly miss Bob who was a wealth of knowledge and a dear friend, and we hope Ruth Ann will continue to visit us at the Bookstore. We love you, Ruth Ann!

Kay Pruett has finished moving to Gatesville as of Saturday, Aug. 27. Pearl just won't be the same without her, but we wish her happiness, health, and lots of good times in her new home. She and Linda have been movers and shakers in this community. As a matter of fact, Linda went "dumpster diving" at Kay's house during the move. She reports finding treasures that Kay thought were trash. I'm telling you, Linda really can make a silk purse out of a sow's ear. Kay said that now that she is in Gatesville, Linda will have tons more dumpster diving opportunities when she visits. However, Kay is concerned that Linda do so discreetly as she does not want to upset Judge McDonald in any way. Besides, Linda would not do well in jail. She must have her water-pik and a constant supply of hot coffee at all times. I don't think the deputies would oblige her, and that would not be good.

We thank Israel and Sandra Lozano for rescuing the Honor Guard that was stuck in the Beehouse Cemetery after an interment last week. The Honor Guard's vehicle would not start, and their phones had no signal. Thankfully, Sandra and Israel came along just in time to save them. It was hot out there, and there is no water or facilities. I'm sure the Honor Guard was so thankful to see the Lozanos.

It was so good to see Buddy Lewis last week when he dropped by the Pearl Church of Christ for a visit. Buddy was one of our VBS students for many years. This church hopes that Buddy and the other VBS alumni always feel free to drop by. We love seeing "our kiddos" and learning what they are up to these days.

The following is background information about the beginning of the Labor Day Weekend Silent Auction and Fish Fry at the Pearl Church of Christ since this day is coming up on Sept. 4. All proceeds go toward the Scholarship Fund for local seniors and His Kids seniors.

Everyone is invited to attend. Church begins at 10:30 a.m. The bidding closes at 1 p.m., and lunch is ready right after the church service. You are always welcome at Pearl Church of Christ. The auction items (over 1,500 of them) are out and ready to bid on, so stop by the church and find just the thing you have been looking for and contribute to a very worthy cause at the same time.

"Mary Jane and J. D. Atchley started the Pearl Labor Day Weekend Fish Fry 30 years ago. Their mission was scholarships for children. At first, their family caught the fish and fried it at church themselves. Through the years as Mr. Atchley grew older, our men took over the operation and still continue to do so to this day. Ronald and Chris Ray, Doug Atchley (J. D. and Mary Jane's son), Ron McDonald, Roy Harris, Trent Ray, Garrett Dickey and many others continue to prepare the fish and fry them, although the church now purchases the fish to cook.

The preparation is a time-consuming, tedious, and often very hot operation, and we greatly appreciate our men for donating their time and talents so generously. This church has continued this endeavor in memory of J. D. and Mary Jane and their love for the kids and there are no plans to stop in the forecast. The number of auction items has grown through the years, and Linda Ray continues to store and then prepare the items all year long. It takes weeks and hard work to set up the auction, and it is done so beautifully. It is hard to say how many dollars have been gleaned from the silent auctions, but we do know that God has blessed countless kiddos who have received college scholarships from Pearl Church of Christ, many of whom would have received nothing if it weren't for this special day begun by the Atchleys.

This auction has been blessed by very generous people throughout the community and surrounding areas who truly enjoy the fun of (sometimes competitive) bidding and the fellowship the event fosters. Every cent collected from the auction goes into the Scholarship Fund. The Pearl Church of Christ thanks everyone involved in keeping The Annual Atchley Labor Day Weekend Fish Fry and Auction a treasured tradition. We think J. D. and Mary Jane would be pleased to see how their love of children and their generosity in helping them prepare for a successful future has flourished through the years.

*This week's Bible verse comes from Titus 2:7,8— "Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us."*

Contact me at betsy-clark47@yahoo.com to submit any Pearl news.

Check out Jennifer Rush-ton's Facebook page, Pearl Community Center, Texas.

## Old Time Fiddlers Contest September 17

The Gatesville Old Time Fiddlers Contest is making a return appearance on Saturday, Sept. 17, at Gatesville's City Auditorium.

This Texas Old Time Fiddlers Association-sanctioned contest will begin at 1 p.m., drawing top fiddlers from across the state to compete for prizes.

Contestants will compete by age in categories ranging from under 10 years to 60-plus. There will also be competitions for twin fiddles and

accompanists, with the day culminating in the championship round, featuring the top fiddlers from the day.

The ending time is expected to be around 6 p.m. but is dependent on the number of overall entries.

Admission is free and spectators are welcome to come and go throughout the day.

The event is presented by the City of Gatesville with funding for fiddler prizes provided by community sup-

porters. Those interested in sponsorship opportunities or would like to be a supporter with a donation, please contact Sherry Hopson at 254-223-3939 or Cheri Shepherd at 254-499-0102. They can also be contacted for details about entering the contest.

The Old Time Fiddlers Contest is one of three free events in downtown Gatesville on Sept. 17.

Residents and visitors are encouraged to view the cus-

tom and classic cars that will line the courthouse square during the Cruzin Cruzers Car Show, visit the Coryell Museum for Spurfest activities, and drop in to hear some good old time fiddle music at the city auditorium.

For those wishing to become a financial supporter of the Old Time Fiddlers Contest, donations starting at \$50 will be accepted or ads can be purchased for the programs starting at \$100.

## Coryell County 4-H to sponsor Color Run

In an effort for 4-H clubs to recruit new members and

provide general information about Coryell County 4-H club meeting dates and times, the County Ambassador Team is hosting a Color Run on Saturday, Sept. 3 at the Gatesville Civic Center show barn area. The group thought it would be fun to promote good health, showcase their clubs, and have fun with the color run. Clubs will participate by having a booth. Some of the project groups may also have a

table to recruit members. They will not use the inside of the civic center so they don't make a mess after the run, but will set up on the inside of the barn where they usually pull through during validations. Rest rooms are available in the barn.

**SCHEDULE**  
7:30 a.m. Color Run registration  
8:30 a.m. Color Run begins (course is around the barn,

arena and on the side of the arena parking lot)

9:30 a.m. Booths will open for attendees to walk through the barn

10 a.m. Ambassador demonstrations in the arena (animal projects, CCYF, etc.)

11 a.m. Q & A about 4-H, door prize drawings, award prizes for Color Run

11:15 a.m. Free hotdog meal for all attendees  
12:15 a.m. Clean up and head out

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300-400 lb.	150-185
400-500 lb.	145-180
500-600 lb.	145-170
600-700 lb.	140-160
700-800 lb.	130-150

Slaughter Cows	
High Yielding	83-100
Low Yielding	65-75
Fats	80-93
Thin & Shelly	35-50

Packer Bulls (1250-2075 lb.)	
Yield Grade 1&2	65-121

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## Fish fry, auction to be held at Pearl CofC

Services at the Pearl Church of Christ will begin on Sunday, Sept. 4, at 10:30 a.m., followed by the annual Atchley fish fry. There will be an auction for "His Kids Lampasas" and local scholarships. Pearl Church of Christ is located at 6790 FM 183 in Pearl. They look forward to seeing visitors in Pearl for a day of celebration of kids.

## Hall memorial benefit set for September 10

The "Big" John Hall Memorial Cornhole Tournament and the Jennifer Hall Scholarship Dance are scheduled to be held Saturday, Sept. 10, at the Jayson Harris Pavilion at Fair Park in Hamilton.

The cornhole tournament will begin at noon with registration opening at 11 a.m. The entry fee for the two-person teams will be \$50 per team. There will also be a silent auction.

The Jennifer Hall Schol-

arship Dance will be from 6:30 p.m.-11 p.m. It will cost \$20 per adult and \$10 for children age 12 and under. The doors will open at 5:30 p.m. The music lineup will be Hard Luck Band, Clayton Landua and headliner Bart Crow.

For more information or to donate items, please contact either Roseann at 254-372-4408, email roseann\_hall@yahoo.com or Chelsi at 254-493-7909, email chelsihall32@gmail.com.



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**PRAYER AT THE FLAGPOLE:** Optional, student-led prayer-at-the pole will be held Friday mornings this school year at Gatesville's high school and junior high campuses. The sessions will begin at 7:30 a.m. at each of those school's flag poles. Local pastor Lynn Parks, youth minister EJ Davila, and other adults will be there to facilitate if needed.

## “Day of Service” September 10

September 11 is a nationally recognized Day of Service and Remembrance, honoring those who were tragically impacted by the 9/11 attacks and to honor the first responders who put their lives on the line. Citizens are encouraged to come together in acts of

service on this day. Since September 11 falls on a Sunday this year, Gatesville will hold our Day of Service on Saturday, Sept. 10.

Keep Gatesville Beautiful encourages individuals and community organizations to come together on Saturday, Sept. 10 for a Day

of Service. Volunteers will assemble at the Gatesville Public Library parking lot starting at 8:30 a.m. to receive assignments ranging from litter pick up to park beautification projects. Volunteers can sign up ahead of time at [www.keepgatesvillebeautiful.com](http://www.keepgatesvillebeautiful.com).

## Dove Season to commence Sept. 1

Dove hunting season in the Central Zone of Texas will begin on Thursday, Sept. 1 and will continue to Oct. 30, and then from Dec. 17, 2022 until Jan. 15, 2023. The daily bag limit for doves statewide is 15 and the possession limit will be 45.

During the early two weeks in the Special White-winged Dove Days, hunting is allowed only from noon to sunset and the daily bag limit is 15 birds, to include not more than two mourning doves and two white-tipped doves. During the general season in the special area, the aggregate bag limit is 15 with no more than two white-tipped doves.

Texas Parks and Wildlife recently posted their

thoughts concerning dove season this year. “Unless conditions change drastically over the next few weeks, hunting near water will be key for opening day this year,” said Owen Fitzsimmons, TPWD Dove Program Leader. “Hunters will likely see larger concentrations of birds at watering holes and food sources than they have in the past due to limited resources. Agriculture production has been hit hard by drought so birds may be more reliant on native foods this September. Look for stands of common sunflower, croton, and other native annual forbs and grasses.”

Doves are well-adapted to dry conditions, particularly white-winged doves, which

are a sub-tropical species. “Our spring surveys indicated a decrease in breeding abundance, which is a carry-over from poor hatch-year production last year,” added Fitzsimmons. “However, doves kick reproduction into high gear in dry years like this, and we’re seeing a lot of young birds this summer, based on our banding efforts.”

TPWD officials remind hunters to prepare for the extreme heat and make sure they are packing all the essentials for a day in the field. They should bring plenty of water to stay hydrated and take measures to stay cool in a shaded area. The same is true for canine hunting partners.

# The DISPATCH

The following is a partial breakdown of significant activity reported through dispatchers during the period of Aug. 24 - 27. 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

**Aug. 24**  
 12:22 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1900 block of E. Main Street.  
 11:37 a.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 2600 block of Business Highway 36.  
 4:49 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of N. 27th Street.

5:13 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 1000 block of E. Main Street.  
**Aug. 25**  
 12:51 a.m., an armed suspect was reported in the 2900 block of S. State Highway 36.  
 2:51 p.m., a theft was reported in the 400 block of N. 14th Street.

5:11 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1300 block of St. Louis Street.  
 6:33 p.m., an accident was reported in the 2300 block of FM 116.

**Aug. 26**  
 2:18 p.m., a hit and run accident was reported in the 1200 block of E. Main Street.  
 3:48 p.m., a theft was reported in the 100 block of Austin Street.

8:44 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 2300 block of E. Main Street.  
 10:27 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported on FM 183.  
**Aug. 27**  
 5:45 p.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 2000

block of Wigeon.  
 6:03 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 200 block of N. 34th Street.  
 6:50 p.m., a structure fire was reported in the 800 block of CR 337.  
 8:20 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1700 block of Bridge Street.

36 after CR 197.  
 3:48 p.m., the burglary of a habitation was reported in the 200 block of Cammie Drive.  
 8:14 p.m., shots being fired was reported in the 100 block of Bruton Lane.  
 10:57 p.m., a break in attempt was reported in the 500 block of Mountain Road.

**Aug. 26**  
 9:37 a.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 200 block of Wood Glen Drive.  
 11:01 a.m., a civil matter was reported in the 8300 block of FM 107.  
 12:53 p.m., a theft was reported in the 2600 block of Twin Hills Road.  
 7:40 p.m., a burglary was reported in the 2900 block of S. FM 116.

11:14 p.m., a major accident was reported on Hwy. 36 and CR 357.  
**Aug. 27**  
 12:25 a.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 1600 block of Oak Springs Road.  
 8:12 a.m., a neighbor dispute was reported in the 1000 block of CR 334.  
 10:32 a.m., illegal burning was reported in the 1100 block of CR 102.  
 5:57 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on CR 133 at Highway 84.  
 10:07 p.m., a major accident was reported in the 600 block of CR 82.

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### CORYELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

**Aug. 24**  
 9:46 a.m., a threat was reported in the 100 block of Smith Lane.  
 4:24 p.m., suspicious persons were reported in the campground bathrooms at Mother Neff State Park.  
 5:36 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on FM 1783.  
 6:54 p.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 2000 block of FM 116.

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## Museum to hold quilt raffle

The Coryell Museum and Historical Center is currently selling tickets for a quilt raffle which will be held during Spurfest on Sept. 17. Local resident Grace Dallimore donated a

YoYo Quilt to the museum to help raise money for the museum during Spurfest. Tickets will be \$10 each and can be purchased from any Museum Board member or in the Museum Gift

Shop. Any volunteer interested in selling tickets can contact Erv Adams at 254-223-0014. The Coryell Museum is located at 718 E. Main St. in Gatesville.

## Cruzin Cruiser show Sept. 17

The Cruzin Cruiser Club will be holding its 36th annual car show on the courthouse square in Gatesville on Sept. 17.

There will be a \$100 cash drawing for pre-registering. Pre-register online ([cruzin cruisers.com](http://cruzin cruisers.com)).

The Cruzin Cruiser Club, formerly known as Coryell County Pickups Unlimited, held its first show on the Coryell County Train Depot parking lot with only 22 entries. This year the Cruzin Cruisers will have more than 65 award plaques.

For more information about the event contact Tracy Semmel at 254-216-3319 (after 5 p.m.), Lavinia

Shelton at 254-493-1371, or the Gatesville Chamber

of Commerce at 254-865-2617.



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NOTICE OF CALL FOR BIDS, DEMOLITION, CLEARING, AND CLEANING OF PROPERTY

The objective in issuing this Notice of Call for Bids is to solicit bids from qualified companies that have the experience and capability to effectively complete the demolition project.  
Coryell County is requesting proposals from interested and qualified performance contractors for demolition, clearing, and cleaning of a County building at 207 N. Lutterloh Ave., in Gatesville Texas 76528 as fully described in paragraph 10 of this Notice of Call for Bids.  
BID START DATE: August 23, 2022  
BID CLOSING DATE: September 23, 2022

CONTRACTOR SELECTION: September 27, 2022, at Commissioners' Court Session

All qualified firms interested in providing bids for specified performance contracting services should respond with a written proposal to the County. Final selection will be made in accordance with the policies and administrative directive of the County and other statutory provisions. Responses must be received by September 23, 2022, 9:00 a.m., to Coryell County, Office of the County Judge, 800 East Main Street, Suite A, Gatesville, TX 76528 after which time and date they will no longer be accepted. Late responses will be returned and will not be considered. Responses may be mailed or delivered. Submit your "Intent to Bid" by mail or fax at (254) 865-1355 to Coryell County before 10:00 a.m., September 16, 2022, stating your intent to bid. The complete bid documents are available on the Coryell County website at: www.coryellcounty.org or in the Office of the County Judge. Telephone number is (254) 865-5911, ext. 2221.  
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THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF CORYELL

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF MICHAEL PAUL TALLON, DECEASED. CAUSE NO 22-10637, COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS. JENNIFER ALICE DOUGAN FILED IN THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS ON THE 19TH DAY OF APRIL 2022, AN APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP SAID MICHAEL PAUL TALLON, DECEASED.  
SAID APPLICATION SHALL BE HEARD AND ACTED ON BY SAID COURT ON OR AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY NEXT OR AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF TEN DAYS FROM THE DATE OF POSTING THIS CITATION, THE SAME BEING THE 5TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2022, AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN GATESVILLE, TEXAS. ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID ESTATE ARE HEREBY CITED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY AT THE SAME ABOVE-MENTIONED TIME AND PLACE BY FILING A WRITTEN ANSWER CONTESTING SUCH APPLICATION SHOULD THEY DESIRE TO DO SO.  
GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY IN GATESVILLE, TEXAS THE 25th DAY OF AUGUST 2022.  
JENNIFER NEWTON  
CORYELL COUNTY CLERK  
CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS 00029553

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
The City Council of the City of Gatesville, in the Regular Meeting held on August 22, 2022 did pass and approve on the third and final reading the following ordinances:

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2022-05:

AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF GATESVILLE, TEXAS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2022, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2023, APPROPRIATING MONEY TO A SINKING FUND TO PAY INTEREST AND PRINCIPAL ON THE CITY'S INDEBTEDNESS; ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF GATESVILLE, TEXAS FOR THE 2022-23 FISCAL YEAR, AND RATIFYING THE PROPERTY TAX INCREASE REFLECTED IN THE FY 2022-23 BUDGET.  
ORDINANCE NUMBER 2022-06:

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING A TAX RATE FOR THE CITY OF GATESVILLE, TEXAS FOR THE TAX YEAR 2022: \$0.56/\$100 TOTAL TAX RATE  
Complete text of these ordinances are available for inspection, during regular business hours, at City Hall, 110 N. 8th Street.  
Wendy Cole  
City Secretary 00029551

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THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF CORYELL

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF VIRGIL JOE DOUGAN, DECEASED. CAUSE NO 22-10637, COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS. JENNIFER ALICE DOUGAN FILED IN THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS ON THE 24TH DAY OF MARCH 2022, AN APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP AND APPLICATION FOR ADMINISTRATION SAID VIRGIL JOE DOUGAN, DECEASED.  
SAID APPLICATION SHALL BE HEARD AND ACTED ON BY SAID COURT ON OR AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY NEXT AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF TEN DAYS FROM DATE OF POSTING THIS CITATION, THE SAME BEING THE 12TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2022, AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN GATESVILLE, TEXAS. ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID ESTATE ARE HEREBY CITED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY AT THE SAME ABOVE-MENTIONED TIME AND PLACE BY FILING A WRITTEN ANSWER CONTESTING SUCH APPLICATION SHOULD THEY DESIRE TO DO SO.  
GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY IN GATESVILLE, TEXAS THE 22nd day of August, 2022.

JENNIFER NEWTON  
CORYELL COUNTY CLERK  
CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS 00029546

Notice of Public Sale

Pursuant to Chapter 59 of the Texas Property Code, Ideal Self Storage 425 Texas 36, Gatesville, Texas 76528 will have an online auction. The property is being sold to satisfy the landlord's lien. The sale will be at www.storageauctions.com beginning 9/5/22 @11 a.m. Seller reserves the right to withdraw any property from the sale upon payment in full. Units to be sold: Kristina Robinson, Keith Webb, Sharon Brown, Adam Shuemake, Elisa Philips, Jimmie Watson, Nicole Vicks, Karri Goleman, Michael Wiley, Pamela Wolff, Jordan Register, Robbie Lynch, Alisha Hamilton, Sherry McCoy, Henry Anthony, Cynthia Bryant, Nancy Jane New: furniture, clothing, electronics, household items, misc boxes/ tote. 00029547



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# Jonesboro, Oglesby earn season-opening victories

The Jonesboro Eagles and Oglesby Tigers both started the year on a high note, with season-opening football victories to build on the teams' previous success.

The Eagles rolled to a 68-20 triumph over the Coolidge Yellowjackets on Aug. 26, led by a sensational performance from Caleb Christel, who ran for 229 yards and a trio of touchdowns for Jonesboro.

Nathan Forrest threw for a team-high 68 yards for JHS,

while Christel added 48 passing yards in the victory.

Laydon Nichols was a scoring machine for Jonesboro, connecting on seven point-after attempts and also tallying 56 receiving yards for the Eagles.

Jonesboro will host the Westbrook Wildcats in a 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 1 showdown in Jonesboro. In their opener, the Wildcats hammered the Happy Cowboys, 62-16.

The Oglesby Tigers tripped up the Penelope Wolverines,

46-38, on Aug. 26. Stats from that game were not available at presstime.

Oglesby will travel to Walnut Springs for a 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 1 showdown with the Hornets.

Evant fell to Stephenville Faith, 64-24, to open the season on Aug. 27. The Elks will look to get on track against the Gorman Panthers in a 7:30 p.m. contest scheduled for Friday, Sept. 2 in Evant.

## Hornet freshmen overwhelm Lions



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Carson Bailey heads downfield after making a catch in the Gatesville freshman team's 48-0 win over the Dublin Lions on Aug. 25 at Tommy Davidson Field at McKamie Stadium.



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Cy Burns breaks loose for the Hornet ninth-graders' in their season-opening 48-0 win over Dublin on Aug. 25.

# 2022-23 TPWD hunting, fishing licenses now on sale

The beginning of a new hunting season is quickly approaching and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) reminds hunters and anglers to purchase their new licenses for 2022-23. Texas hunting and fishing licenses (except the Year-from-Purchase All-Water Fishing Package) for the current year expire at the end of August. The new licenses for the 2022-23 season are now on sale.

Annually, Texans purchase more than 2.7 million hunting and fishing licenses and directly fund a multitude of conservation efforts and recreational opportunities, helping make Texas one of the best places in the country to hunt and fish. Some of the many projects made possible by license sales include fish stocking, wildlife management, habitat restoration, public hunting leases, river fishing access and Texas Game Wardens.

Outdoorsmen and women can purchase a variety of licenses online through the official TPWD website, by phone at 1-800-895-4248 during regular business hours or in person at more than 1,800 retailers across the state. Anyone planning to buy their license from TPWD's Austin Headquarters is reminded

to make an advance appointment. Appointments may be scheduled up to one week in advance. Call 1-800-262-8755 or 512-389-4828 to schedule.

Brand new for this year, Texas residents can purchase a digital Super Combo license (Items 111, 117 and 990) that will authorize digital tagging of harvested deer, turkey and oversized red drum. The digital license option is available through online purchase only when licenses go on sale Aug. 15. A digital license holder will not receive a printed license or tags but must keep their digital license available while in the field. The license can be viewed through the TPWD Outdoor Annual and My Texas Hunt Harvest (MTHH) mobile apps.

TPWD encourages repeat license buyers to use the expedited checkout process, which speeds up re-purchasing the same license bought in recent years.

Customers can access their past and current licenses in several ways: (1) an electronic photo of your license, (2) an emailed receipt of your purchase; (3) your account in the online license sales system; (4) via License Lookup in the Outdoor Annual app or in the My Texas Hunt Harvest app.

Hunting and fishing regulations for the 2022-23 season are available online at outdoorannual.com, on the Outdoor Annual mobile app. The mobile app is free, and once downloaded, it works without internet connectivity which makes it easy for hunters and anglers to view regulations in even the most remote locations. Other features include license lookup, location-based functionality such as "Hunting Seasons and Regulations by Location," "Where to Fish," and more. Thanks to partners at Chevrolet, a limited supply of printed booklets will be available at select TPWD offices. Hunters and anglers are encouraged to call their local offices to check availability.

The My Texas Hunt Harvest app enables electronic submission of mandatory harvest reports, including alligator gar harvest reporting, and new this year, supports digital tagging of harvested deer, turkey, and oversized red drum for certain license holders. The app also allows hunters to complete their on-site registration for many TPWD public hunting lands. Hunters can hunt on more than one million acres of public land with the purchase of an Annual Public Hunting Permit.

When buying their license, resident hunters and anglers may wish to purchase an entry in the Lifetime License Drawing. Three lucky winners will each win a Lifetime Super Combo License and never need to buy a Texas hunting or fishing license again. Entries are \$5 each and can be purchased online, by phone or at any license retailer. The first entry deadline is Sept. 30.

When making their purchase, license buyers can also add a donation of \$1, \$5, \$10 or \$20 to help support the Hunters for the Hungry program or the Fund for Veterans Assistance. Donations to the Hunters for the Hungry program provide hunters with a way to donate legally harvested deer to participating processors. The processed meat goes to local food banks to feed Texas families in need. Donations to the Fund for Veterans Assistance program provide grants to veteran service organizations and nonprofit charitable institutions, assisting veterans and their families at the community level throughout Texas.

For frequently asked questions about Texas hunting and fishing licenses, visit the TPWD website.

## GHS volleyball team travels to Athens

The Gatesville Hornet volleyball team headed to East Texas Aug. 25-27, defeating Grand Saline and Bullard Brook Hill in two games each before falling to Central Tex-

as power Lake Belton 2-1 on Aug. 25.

In Saturday action, the Hornets defeated Whitehouse and lost to Sunnyvale and Kaufman.

Gatesville was scheduled to host the Killeen Kangaroos on Tuesday. The Hornets will host Temple at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 2.

## Lions, Exchange Club schedule golf scramble

Gatesville's Exchange and Lions Clubs will be hosting their 22nd Annual Golf Scramble on Saturday, Sept. 10 at the Gatesville Country Club. Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. and there will be a shotgun start at 9 a.m.

Team prizes (based on 14-team field) will be \$500 for first place, \$400 for fourth place, and \$200 for eighth place. Those interested can form their own four-person team or sign-

up for a team list which will be \$200 per team or \$50 per member. The price includes green fees, golf cart, and food.

There will be a \$5,000 Hole-in-One contest plus three other Hole-in-One prizes sponsored by First National Bank.

For more information, contact Alan Mathis at 254-289-1651 or Tom Creek at 254-774-5933.

## Spurfest celebration scheduled for Sept. 17

The 21st edition of Spurfest at the Coryell Museum and Historical Center is set for Saturday, Sept. 18. The event is free and runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., drawing attention to the city's

designation as the "Spur Capital of Texas."

The designation commemorates the massive spur collection of the late Lloyd and Madge Mitchell, which is on display in the museum.

Activities will include Old Time Demonstrations, the Shriners Karem Cowboys, a quilt raffle, fresh churned butter, chuck wagon biscuits and gravy, activities for children, and live music.

## Area Fishing Report

**Belton**  
GOOD. Water lightly stained; 85 degrees; 8.43 feet low. Fishing is similar but should improve as the weather moderates and the surface temperature begins to cool.

White bass fishing continues to be very tough and difficult to pattern. Small schools are chasing the abundant young of the year shad in above the thermocline, occasionally showing themselves as they burst to the surface to feed on shad, then disappear again. Best chances are to look for brief topwa-

ter action at first light and last light, and anticipate this activity to be short-lived. MAL Original Lures work well when white bass are feeding on mature shad, but the #13 Pet Spoons cast on light braid or mono with a fully-spooled spinning reel work well when fish are feeding on young of the year shad. Downrigging will produce bonus fish in the first three hours of the morning and the last 90 minutes of the day. Report by Bob Maindelle, Holding the Line Guide Service.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK			
	<b>GATESVILLE HORNETS</b> <b>#5 Lawson Mooney</b> Led in tackles; One reception for 12 yards; One 7-yard rush; Combined total of 14 tackles		<b>JONESBORO EAGLES</b> <b>#14 Caleb Christel</b> 48 passing yards; 229 rushing yards; 3 touchdowns
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## Hornets fly past Ducks in thriller

BY CHRIS ALLMAN  
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

The rallying cry for the Gatesville Hornets football program is “on the anvil” – a reference to an unformed piece of metal being thrown into the fire then pounded and shaped into a tool ready for work or a weapon ready for battle.

It’s meant to be an image of how this 2022 version of the Hornets would have to be shaped and formed by the heat that comes with the loss of a stellar senior class and the introduction of a new head coach and the infusion of a new culture.

No one could have imagined that the fires would come as quickly or burn as hot as they did on Friday in Taylor. But they did and the result was a Hornets team that started the move from unformed and unknown to potentially dangerous in the span of just one night.

Running back Rayshon Smith had 159 yards rushing, quarterback Jacob Newkirk threw for three scores, and senior safety Ayden Necessary picked off a pass with 22 seconds left to seal a 22-21 win over the Ducks – the first of new head coach Aaron Hunter’s career.

“That was ‘OTA’. That’s what our culture is about. When things get hard, and things get difficult – and they did. There was a lot of difficult. There was a lot of yelling. A lot of bad. But you found a way,” Hunter told his team after the game. “You did that. For each other.”

The difficult, the bad, and the yelling started quickly for Gatesville when Taylor’s Jackson Meller returned the opening kickoff 77 yards for a touchdown and gave the Ducks a 7-0 lead.

After a short kickoff return of their own the Hornets’ first offensive possession featured two fumbles and ended with punter Carter Williams booting his first effort of the season with his heels on his first own end zone.

“I did not like how we started,” Hunter said after the game. “But what I did like was that they embraced the fight. Being OTA is fighting through adversity.”

After being staggered offensively and on special teams on their first two possessions, the Hornet defense took the field and punched back. Led by a stellar, swarming group of returners they went to work holding down the fort until the offense could find a groove.

Prior to the game defensive coordinator Jose Aguirre said the key to stopping Taylor was to contain the Ducks’ speedy and experienced skill position players. His defense more than came through disrupting the Ducks at the line of scrimmage and preventing big plays.

Senior defensive lineman Lucas Garcia was a menace with a sack and four tackles for a loss while junior Lawson Mooney led the team with 14 tackles including two for a loss, a sack and two pass break ups.

“Our defense played lights out all night. Coach Aguirre had a phenomenal plan in place,” Hunter said.

As the defense kept the Ducks’ scoring at bay, the offense began to click thanks to the feet of one Smith then found the end zone thanks to the hands of another Smith.

Down 7-0, the Hornets put together a



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Kyle Shafer celebrates his go-ahead two-point conversion catch with teammates Trevor Smith and Steven Bomar.

scoring drive that featured Rayshon Smith dragging Ducks down the field on each carry then culminated when wide receiver Trevor Smith hauled in a 25-yard touchdown pass from Newkirk. Smith’s reception featured an adjustment on the ball mid-air that he snagged just before getting a foot down in the end zone.

Rayshon Smith ran in the two-point conversion attempt to give Gatesville an 8-7 lead they would hold into the third quarter when Newkirk hooked up with Lawson Mooney for a 12-yard scoring strike. On the score, Mooney took a quick strike then weaved past one Taylor defender and through another to give Gatesville a 14-7 lead.

“We looked like a totally different team from the first half to the second half,” Hunter said.

The Hornets looked poised to punch in another score and cushion their lead late in the third as they drove deep inside of Taylor territory. But a fumble inside the five-yard line gave the Ducks the ball back.

A subsequent, questionable roughing-the-passer penalty eventually led to a Taylor score and a 14-14 tie. The Ducks would score again to make it 21-14 midway through the fourth quarter.

Then, after trading scoreless possessions in the fourth, the Hornets got the ball back with a chance to tie.

Facing fourth and long with just over a minute to play, Newkirk attempted to hit Trevor Smith in the end zone and Smith was able to draw a pass interference penalty and a fresh set of downs inside the Taylor five-

yard line.

The Hornets wasted no time in finding the end zone as Newkirk sprinted left and hit senior Kyle Shafer, who stepped just inside the pylon to cut the deficit to 21-20. Faced with the chance to kick the game-tying extra point or go for the win, offensive coordinator Jacob Hunter dialed Shafer’s number again as Newkirk rolled right, then threw back to Shafer in the corner of the end zone, giving the Hornets a 22-21 lead.

Shafer, who has moved from wide receiver to A-back for the Hornets this season, has speed and size that has created enthusiasm amongst the offensive coaching staff. The senior had three catches for 24 yards and two scores – all in the second half.

“I challenged him in the first half. He responded,” Hunter said.

Down 22-21, the Ducks bid for a miracle comeback was quickly snatched away by Ayden Necessary, who hauled in quarterback Ryan Valdez’s heave with 22 seconds left, sending the Hornets on the field, sidelines, and stands into a frenzy.

“I saw that the quarterback was looking to throw it deep and that I needed to get over the top of the receiver. As the ball was in the air, I realized I had a chance to go pick it,” Necessary said. “Then when I caught it the first person to me was Lawson (Mooney) and he was screaming as loud as he could and going crazy. In the moment it all felt like a crazy dream, and I couldn’t believe it just happened.”

In addition to clinching a 1-0 start to the season, Necessary’s pick provided a bit of personal redemption. A knee-injury in the

first quarter of last year’s season opener against Llano cost him his entire junior season.

“I was so happy to be back out there with all my friends and to cap it off with the game sealing interception made that game so much more special. And for it to be Coach Hunter’s first win as head coach made it more special,” he said.

On the night, Gatesville tallied three sacks and nine tackles for a loss in holding Taylor to just 87 yards of rushing offense and 216 yards of total offense. Tatum Taylor picked up the Hornets third sack and forced a fumble while Necessary, Thiele Alvarado, and Corey Burns added their own tackles for a loss. Daniel Chism also had a fumble recovery for the Hornets.

Offensively the Hornets had 357 yards of offense. Newkirk completed 15-30 passes for 141 yards. He found six different receivers on the night. Trevor Smith had five catches for 37 yards and a score while Sean Aguilar had three catches for 53 yards.

In addition to Smith’s 159 yards on the ground, Newkirk added twenty yards rushing while LJ Hall chipped in 19 yards on the ground. For Smith, it was quite the debut.

“What’s scary is that he is still figuring it out. He’s young but he is a phenomenal kid,” Hunter said. “Right now, he’s not very well-known. But he’s about to be.”

The Hornets will look for win number two of the Hunter era on Friday as they welcome state-ranked Glen Rose to McKamie Stadium. The Hornets have lost to Glen Rose in each of the last three seasons including 41-10 in 2021.

## Necessary comes full circle with game-ending interception

BY CHRIS ALLMAN  
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

For Gatesville senior defensive back Ayden Necessary, there were some very odd similarities to be found when comparing the season openers of his junior and senior football seasons.

Both were Gatesville wins. Both were punctuated with game-sealing interceptions. Both ended with Necessary on the turf surrounded by teammates.

That’s where the similarities stop

and the differences abound in the best way possible.

In 2021, Necessary suffered a first quarter knee injury in the Hornets 27-7 win over Llano that forced him to miss his entire junior football, basketball, and baseball seasons.

On Friday, his pick of Taylor’s Ryan Valdez left Necessary flat on his back, surrounded by screaming teammates and it sealed the Hornets 22-21 win over the Ducks.

The win happened 364 days after his injury against Llano.



Ayden Necessary

“Ever since I learned last year that I wouldn’t be able to play anymore I had been waiting on this game and sometimes I questioned if I would ever make it back,” Necessary said.

For head coach Aaron Hunter, there was never a question of whether Necessary would be back or be effective.

“Ayden is exactly what I think of when I think of what it means to be a ‘Fighting Hornet’. His effort, enthusiasm, and attention-to-detail are second-to-none,” Hunter said.

In addition to his interception, he

had nine tackles including one for a loss in the win against Taylor. A healthy, effective Necessary will be necessary – no pun intended – for the Hornets to feature the smart, sound, physical defense they like to play.

For Necessary, Friday was more than a win on the scoreboard. It was a win for him and for a program that preaches family.

“All in all I was really glad to be able to be out there again and play the game I love with the people I love,” he said.

### Celebrating a first victory



Gatesville High School head football coach Aaron Hunter celebrates the team’s win over the Taylor Ducks on Aug. 26 in Taylor.

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