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Hidden Gem offers help for those who are hurting

BY JEFF OSBORNE
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

Hidden Gem is at the forefront when it comes to making a positive difference in people's lives, whether they or loved ones were crime victims, recovering addicts, or those trying to get back on their feet after traumatic experiences.

Although the nonprofit has a prominent location at 115 S. Seventh St. in Gatesville - just across from the Coryell County Courthouse - it blends in with the surroundings and can be easy to miss.

Featherston is hoping to make more people aware of the services that are offered by Hidden Gem and also make people more aware of the location.

"Our focus is families in crisis, whatever that may be," she said. "A lot of our clients come from victim's services

through the district attorney's office, but we offer several different services. We can help someone who lost a loved one and who is overwhelmed.

"One client is in her 50s and is going through a divorce. Her husband had taken care of the finances and everything, so we are helping her get insurance and many other things.

"We help people from all walks of life. A lot of what we offer is peer to peer support. Sometimes people have gone through very difficult times and have overcome that, and can help others who are struggling, too. That can make a big impact on someone's life."

Classes are available to help people earn their GED, cope with relationship struggles and challenges, recover from addiction and its aftermath, and to help people secure housing.

"One of the biggest things that is new is that we have our first transitional housing client," Featherston said. "That is

one of our biggest projects. We were able to help her find a job, take GED classes and participate in our "Let Your Chains Fall" addicts program."

The client has made a commitment of at least six months to participate in Hidden Gem programs, and evaluate where to go from there.

"That's one of our biggest goals to get to a point where we can help people in need get housing," Featherston said.

A donor has made three houses in the Jonesboro area available to Hidden Gem for transitional housing. Although these houses need repairs, supporters of Hidden Gem are working to see if volunteers from the military might be able to provide assistance.

"We are in the beginning stages of that - it's very exciting,"

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Policing puppies, kittens in Gatesville



COURTESY PHOTOS

The Gatesville Animal Shelter always has plenty of cuddly canines and frisky felines looking for a home, and helping to protect those animals and the community is the key role of the department.

Man's love for animals leads him to career as full-time animal control officer for the city

BY DAN SMOCK
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

When Douglas Glimp went into law enforcement, he never thought to put his love for animals on his resume.

But that changed earlier this year, when he saw the job opening for animal control officer and saw the chance to work as a police officer and work with animals full time. He was working as a patrol officer in Hamilton, living in Gatesville, when the animal control position with the Gatesville Police Department became available.

"I've always loved working with animals, and I used to volunteer my time with shelters when I could," Glimp said, and this job turned out to be the perfect fit.

As Gatesville's only animal control officer, this is Glimp's busiest time of the year,

and during the summer months, he impounds anywhere from 12 to 16 dogs every month. "A lot of people dump dogs in the city from the country" around Gatesville, "because people know we'll pick them up and put them in the shelter."

Fortunately, not every call ends up with a dog getting impounded. Glimp also gets to reunite 20-25 lost dogs with their owners each month as well.

People always want to try and help lost dogs themselves, but Glimp recommends that they call him if the dog is acting aggressive in any way.

"If you think it's at all aggressive, call animal control. But if it's friendly and just jumps in your car, go ahead and bring it in to us," Glimp said. Gatesville city policy is that when someone finds a stray animal, they should let animal control know about

the animal as soon as possible.

Even though Glimp is the only full-time officer, he does have some help from four volunteers, who help Glimp find homes for shelter dogs, sometimes a long way from Gatesville. That was the case for Chloe, an impounded puppy with canine parvovirus, a highly contagious virus that is often fatal in dogs.

"We get a lot of parvo puppies like Chloe," Glimp said, "but we were able to get her healthy, and one of our volunteers found a shelter in Montana that could take her, and she's doing great with her new family there."

When asked how Chloe ended up so far from Gatesville, Glimp said that was all due to the efforts of volunteers. "We have a lot of great volunteers who reach out to shelters all over the country to try and get

animals adopted."

Glimp is working with the city on a more robust volunteer program, but if anyone is interested in helping at the shelter, Glimp said they could help with things like washing the dogs, taking the dogs for walks, cleaning the shelter and contacting rescues on the shelter's behalf.

And Glimp will be getting some more full time help soon, as the city is interviewing candidates for an additional animal control officer.

The shelter is funded through the police department, but can always use donations, especially food. And when Glimp takes dogs to the vet, donations can help with expanding the services that dogs receive while under veterinary care.

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Local nurse says skin protection is a key to good health

BY JEFF OSBORNE
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

A past history of not making the best choices when it comes to skin care, along with a desire to take better care of her skin and to help others do the same is one of the things that motivates Vicky Marwitz.

A registered nurse working for Coryell Health as well as a Mary Kay cosmetics consultant, Marwitz talked about the importance of skin care during a meeting of the Gatesville Exchange Club.

"I remember all the damage I did (to her skin) as a teenager, like lay-

ing out covered in Crisco or iodine which was definitely not good," she said.

It was a different time and not nearly as much information was readily available about the importance of skin care, but people still need reminders about the best way to care for skin, Marwitz said. She mentioned some "fun facts," including that skin is the largest organ in the body, with each person having an average of 21 square feet of skin. Skin also replaces itself about once every 28 days. It helps to regulate the body's temperature, disposes of waste and protects the

body.

While there are other things in the environment that can have a negative impact on skin, "the sun is your number one enemy when it comes to skin damage," Marwitz said. "It can be harmful on a sunny day or a cloudy day - it doesn't matter."

Different types of ultraviolet rays have different impacts on the skin, causing mutations that can be revealed only years later.

"As you age, those damaged cells come to the top," Marwitz said. "It

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Vicky Marwitz spoke about the importance of skin care to the Exchange Club.

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can sometimes take years and years before damage is revealed." Sunburns are not only painful but can cause long-term damage to skin. Marwitz said it's important not to peel skin after a sunburn, but instead to let the skin come off naturally. It's also important not to intentionally pop blisters, she added.

The best ways to treat a sunburn are with water and a light moisturizer, and aloe products can be beneficial as well. Products containing alcohol actually do more harm than good when it comes to treating sunburns, Marwitz said.

UV rays from other sources can be even more damaging to skin than sunlight, Marwitz said.

Tanning beds can increase one's risk of skin cancer by 75%, as the UV rays from those devices are 75% more intense than natural sunlight, she said.

UV rays not only can cause skin damage or lead to skin cancer, but can also be harmful for the eyes, causing cataracts, Marwitz said.

Other than staying out of the sun for prolonged periods, the use of

effective sunscreens can play an important role in protecting the skin.

Marwitz said dermatologists recommend people use sunscreen with a skin protection factor (SPF) of at least 15, and up to 30%. Sunscreens with an SPF of 15 block 93% of the sun's rays, while those with a 30 SPF block 97% of those rays. She said the benefit of higher SPFs than 30 is minimal, and is often used as a marketing technique.

Many times, sunscreen is not used effectively, Marwitz said: "One ounce of sunscreen should cover the body, and it should be reapplied every two hours."

Antioxidants which can be found in many foods (details are available on the internet) can help keep skin healthy as well, Marwitz said, and Vitamin C plays an important role in skin health.

She said gentle cleansers and toners can help keep facial skin healthy, and can be used by both women and men, and night creams can also help the skin.

But the easiest and most effective way to protect skin is found in a bottle and easily applied.

"Always make sure you wear sunscreen when you spend time outside," Marwitz said.

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Featherston said. One other option local residents will have through Hidden Gem are finance classes.

"We want to help people get on their feet," Featherston said. "The classes are open to anyone, but we are especially reaching out to

young singles and hope to help them before they get into debt." Featherston said Hidden Gem was able to help seven people get indigent health care, and works to connect people with the right resources.

Hidden Gem is funded through grants and donations, and frequently has fundraisers.

If you are interested in either the services Hidden Gem offers, or

want to make a donation, call 254-206-3003 or visit hiddengemfamilycenter.com. More information is also available on the Hidden Gem Family Center Facebook page.

The center is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday and from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

There will be an open house at the facility at 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29.

Raffles set to help Hidden Gem include getaways, gift card, gun

BY JEFF OSBORNE
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

Helping people overcome traumatic experiences, earn a GED or find housing is the goal of Hidden Gem Family Center, and four raffles are being offered to help raise funds for the non-profit.

Tickets will be sold until Sept. 29, when the raffle winners will be announced during the 6 p.m. open house at 115 S. Seventh St. in Gatesville.

For each raffle, tickets are \$10 each or \$50 for six. One raffle is for a weekend getaway at the Studio

Riverbend Cabin in New Braunfels, hosted by Schlitterbahn. Check-in date is Oct. 21 and checkout is Oct. 23.

A second raffle is for a \$150 gift card for four at the Cinergy Cinema in Copperas Cove.

The third raffle will be for a weekend getaway at The Cowgirl Vintage Airstream in Old Town Leander.

The fourth raffle is for an AR-15 rifle.

Those wanting to purchase tickets may go by the center during business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday or 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday). For more information, call 254-206-3003 or email hiddengemfamilycenter@gmail.com

Volunteers work to beautify downtown

BY SE'VETTE EARLY
STAFF WRITER

Keep Gatesville Beautiful, a community organization designed to educate and engage its citizens to take responsibility for a cleaner, more beautiful community, hosted a Day of Service event on Sept. 10 in downtown Gatesville.

Volunteers met at the Gatesville Library and chose from different projects such as cleaning up downtown curbs and sidewalks, refurbishing picnic tables in parks, and picking up litter on streets and roadways. Several community members came together for the "Fall Sweep" Day of Service event.

The Hornet varsity baseball team, led by head coach Chase Smith, and The Prospects select baseball team spent their Saturday morning picking up trash, sweeping sidewalks, and cleaning up downtown Gatesville

as a way of saying thank you and giving back to the community that has shown them so much support to the baseball players and program.

GHS baseball members Ethan Jones, Seth Finley, Antonio Osorio, William Crozier, Bralen Veazey, Ben Mabry, Breydan Mills, and Chad Ortiz participated in the event.

Hornets coach Smith said, "We always enjoy giving back to our community who supports us and all the other athletic programs in Gatesville. When we heard this community service event was looking for volunteers, we jumped at the opportunity to be part of it and lend a helping hand to Keep Gatesville Beautiful." "We plan on participating in events like these once a month."

Leaders of the Keep Gatesville Beautiful hope everyone who is downtown Sept. 17 for Spurfest, Cruzin Cruzers Car Show and Gatesville Old Time Fiddlers Contest will enjoy and appreciate the clean streets & sidewalks.



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Local baseball players clean up downtown.



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In addition to impounding, the shelter also handles surrenders, which happen when a family is unable to take care of their pet and has to give them up in the hopes that the animal will be adopt-

ed by another family. There are 11 adoptable dogs at the shelter now, and the shelter adopts out around eight dogs every month.

Glimp is also planning on providing microchipping services through the shelter in the future and is working with the city on making changes to the budget to

make that happen.

If anyone is interested in adopting an animal from the shelter, they can be viewed at www.gatesvilletx.com/police/page/animals-adoption, and for adoptions, contact the Gatesville Police Department at 254-865-2226.

Moth Night set for Mother Neff State Park

Texas Parks and Wildlife will be hosting "Moth Night" on Saturday, Oct. 15, from 7-9 p.m. at Mother Neff State Park. The gates will open at 6:45 p.m.

Mother Neff State Park is located at 1921 Park Rd. 14 near Moody. This will be a free event and there will not be a park entrance fee.

Saturday, Sept. 17 1pm-6pm
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Gatesville P.D. to host National Night Out

The Gatesville Police Department recently announced that National Night Out will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 4, at the Sports Complex from 5:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. National Night Out is designed to heighten drug and crime awareness, strengthen neighborhood

spirit and police-community partners, and send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. This event will be fun for all ages. There will be free food, safety demonstrations, educational materials, fun games, music, local city/

county information, free giveaways and a chance to visit with your local first responders. Don't forget to bring your lawn chairs. For more information, please contact the Gatesville Police Department at 254-865-2226.

GHS 50th class reunion

The Gatesville High School Class of 1972 50th class reunion will be held on Saturday, Sept. 24 from 6-10 p.m. at the Gatesville Civic Center at 301 Veteran's Memorial Loop. A light buffet of finger foods, tea and water will be provided. A class photo will

be taken at 7 p.m. Members of the 1971 and 1973 classes, former teachers, and other friends of the class are encouraged to attend. For further information, please contact Kathy Sievers at sievers2@aol.com or Keith Steward at keithstew53@gmail.com.

Music Hall of Fame set for Sept. 16

The Gatesville Country Music Hall of Fame will present a "Country / Blue Grass Special" featuring Jamie Graham on Friday, Sept. 16, from 7-9 p.m. Organizers say the goal of the presentation is to provide "good, wholesome music with a family-oriented flavor." There is no admission charge, and the public is invited to attend.

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M.A.T.E.S. and National Guard retirees to gather

The sixth annual M.A.T.E.S. and National Guard Retirees Gathering will be held Saturday, Sept. 17. The gathering will commence at 10 a.m. and will continue until 4 p.m. The location will be at the Mountain Community Center, at the end of Barton Lane. Lunch will begin at noon, and everyone attending is asked to bring at least one potluck dish. All spouses are invited to attend. Paper goods, cups and plastic ware will be provided along with tea. For more information, please contact Gene Martin at 254-865-7163.



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Pidcoke United Methodist Church's annual yard sale

Pidcoke UMC to host yard sale

Pidcoke United Methodist Church will have a "huge" yard sale on Saturday, Sept. 17, from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. There will be furniture, ap-

pliances, tools, collectibles, clothing, and much more. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the Community Mission Projects.

Pidcoke United Methodist Church is located at 11230 FM 116 between Gatesville and Copperas Cove.

Meals on Wheels in need of volunteer drivers for program

Meals on Wheels is currently in need of local volunteer drivers. Meals on Wheels is a federally funded program for older adults who are homebound, unable to prepare a meal, don't drive and have no one to cook for them. The Meals on

Wheels program provides home-delivered nutritious meals. Gatesville is in need of volunteer drivers Monday through Friday with meals picked up at the Senior Center at 10:15 a.m. Drivers are needed for four different

routes. Volunteers will be reimbursed for their mileage - 62 cents per mile. To volunteer, contact the Senior Center Director Pam Rudolph at 254-865-8234. The Gatesville Center is located at 208 North Lutterloh Avenue in Gatesville.

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Jamie Graham

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.0073 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of MIDDLE TRINITY GROUND WATER.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.0073 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.0072 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.0077 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2022 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for MIDDLE TRINITY GROUND WATER from the same properties in both the 2021 tax year and the 2022 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that MIDDLE TRINITY GROUND WATER may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that MIDDLE TRINITY GROUND WATER is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2022 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON September 22, 2022 AT 1:00PM AT 930 WOLFE NURSERY RD, STEPHENVILLE TX.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, MIDDLE TRINITY GROUND WATER is not required to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the MIDDLE TRINITY GROUND WATER of MIDDLE TRINITY GROUND WATER at their offices or by attending the public hearing mentioned above.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

$$\text{Property tax amount} = (\text{tax rate}) \times (\text{taxable value of your property}) / 100$$

- FOR the proposal:** RODNEY STEPHENS, BARBARA DOMEL, FRED PARKER, CHARLES FERGUSON, JERRY HINSHAW, JOE ALTEBAUMER, SHANE TUCKER, GARY KAHER
- AGAINST the proposal:** KENNETH BULLINGTON
- PRESENT and not voting:**
- ABSENT:** ROBERT PAYNE, FRANK VOLLEMAN, WB MAPLES

Visit Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by MIDDLE TRINITY GROUND WATER last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by MIDDLE TRINITY GROUND WATER this year.

	2021	2022	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.0085	\$0.0073	decrease of -0.0012, or -14.12%
Average homestead taxable value	\$154,356	\$183,228	increase of 28,872, or 18.70%
Tax on average homestead	\$13.12	\$13.38	increase of 0.26, or 1.98%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$929,777	\$955,930	increase of 26,153, or 2.81%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for MIDDLE TRINITY GROUND WATER at 254-965-6705 or , or visit . for more information.

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Spurfest set for Saturday

The 21st edition of Spurfest at the Coryell Museum and Historical Center is set for Saturday, Sept. 17. 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. Visitors can view about 6,000 out of a collection of 18,000 spurs that are on permanent display on two floors of the

museum. The collection includes spurs worn by Pancho Villa and Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis. The spur collection is recognized as the largest collection of spurs in the United States and perhaps in the world.

Spurfest activities will include Old Time Demonstrations, the Shriners Karem Cowboys, a quilt raffle, fresh churned butter, chuck wagon biscuits and gravy, several activities for children, along with live music in the morning and afternoon.

There is a vintage doctor's office to visit, a beauty shop, general store, post office and a blacksmith shop. Visitors to the museum can also see antique cars, the soda shop, the historic 1854 log jail and view the large collection of spurs.

Coryell Museum and Historical Center is located at 718 E. Main St. For more information about Spurfest, contact museum president Erv Adams at 254-865-5007 or email coryellmuseumhc@yahoo.com.

Old Time Fiddlers Contest is set for Saturday at city auditorium

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 supporters.

Cruzin Cruiser car show Saturday

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

This year the Cruzin Cruzers will have more than 65 award plaques. Registration

will be from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday. No vehicles will be judged after noon. Entry fee is \$25.

The event is free to spectators who want to come see classic cars and trucks and will offer vendors and food.

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.

Rabbit Extravaganza at Expo Center

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office announced that the Texas 4-H will be presenting the 2022 State-wide Rabbit Extravaganza on Saturday, Sept. 17 at the Bell County Expo Center.

This statewide competition is open to enrolled Texas 4-H members of official 4-H age. The extravaganza will include educational workshops, rabbit shows, rabbit photography, art contests and youth

contests. The Expo Center is located at 301 W. Loop 121 Belton, Texas 76513. For further information regarding this event, visit texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/rabbits/

Slater Cemetery workday is Oct. 1

Slater Cemetery will have a workday, meeting and lunch on Sat, Oct. 1, at 9 a.m. Make sure to bring your work gloves, a chair

and a dish to share. If you will not be able to attend, you may donate to the Slater Cemetery Association, Bancorp South, P.O. Box

779, Gatesville, TX 76528. For any further information contact Lee Campbell at 254-216-3642.

FROM MY FRONT PORCH

What fuels the fascination many of us have with stockpiling 'collectibles'?



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

For some reason, human beings like to collect. It stands to reason a person might attempt to collect and store food so they would have something to eat at a future time. It makes sense for someone to collect money so they can provide for themselves when they are too old or infirmed to work. But why do we collect items? There is something in our inherent nature that drives people to gather associated items. Maybe it is the power in "ownership" and the thought of having an item others covet.

There are people who collect because of the potential for profit. People who collect cars, guns, comic books, antiques or baseball cards often buy with the expectation their purchase will appreciate.

My brother-in-law has a huge collection of Springfield rifles and is considered as an expert by many in their valuation and his knowledge of their workings. I have sat and listened to him describe

a small screw for a particular sight from a Springfield, and why the screw he owned was valuable and sought after by fellow aficionados. I could see the pleasure in his eyes that he had obtained something that others treasure. He fully believes his collection will provide well for his children when he passes, and from what I know about it, he is probably right.

Any time a group of people are interested in collecting the same type of items, the potential exists for the price of a collectible to go up. Remember Beanie Babies? They were simple, small stuffed toys, but amid the Beanie Baby craze, the cheaply made creatures were traded for hundreds and sometimes thousands of dollars. Nowadays, they seem to end up in garage sales or thrown out in the trash.

My wife collects old match books. Some folks collect souvenir shot glasses. I guess the nearest thing I have to a collection is a bunch of old poker chips from casinos around the country. If the items do not have a true monetary value, perhaps it is because the mementos take us back to another place in time. My poker chips remind me of trips made with friends to Las Vegas, Atlantic City and other places, and the good times we shared. While serving as a good paper weight at my work desk, when I pick up the chips and jingle them in my hands and I can hear the "clicking of the chips," it conjures up a good memory. It is that feeling, that memory,

that makes me keep them.

My mother collected a certain type of china. She spent thousands of dollars, "investing" her time and money, mainly because she thought the china was so beautiful. She also thought it would continue to appreciate and we kids would have a "jackpot" when she passed. Unfortunately, when sold the china never brought anywhere close to what she thought it would. I did save a few pieces because they reminded me of Mom.

I think some folks collect just so they will have a purpose. Their desire to add a special piece to a collection keeps them motivated and inspired to keep searching. I have also witnessed the quiet satisfaction of the person who has completed a collection. Curiously, there seems to be a portion of sadness that comes with the end of the search. Satisfaction of course, but a degree of sadness in knowing the hunt is over.

I would love to hear what it is you collect. Is it imprinted golf balls, old cookbooks, marbles, or what? Send me a note by email (see below) and tell me what items you collect and why you collect them. I may give the most unique collector my inherited collection of Captain Kangaroo photos.

Thought for the day: Often the story of an artifact's journey is more remarkable and entertaining than the object itself.

Until next time.
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The DISPATCH

The following is a partial breakdown of activity reported during the period of September 7-10. Persons are reminded that only emergency calls should be made to 9-1-1, while all other calls to the police should be made to 865-2226 or to the Sheriff's at 865-7201.

CITY OF GATESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT Sept. 7

8:22 a.m., a disturbance was reported in the 2300 block of Business Highway

36. 9:25 a.m., a threat was reported in the 500 block of State School Road.

5:17 p.m., harassment was reported in the 200 block of N. 8th Street.

9:47 p.m., a theft was reported in the 100 block of Mulberry Avenue.

Sept. 8 12:48 a.m., an intoxicated driver was reported in the 200 block of Cedar Lane.

9:43 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of FM 116.

5:55 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of Kim Street.

6:34 p.m., an assault was reported in the 100 block of Mulberry Avenue.

Sept. 9 6:10 a.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 2500 block of E. Main Street.

7:47 a.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 2300 block of Business Highway 36.

7:39 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 3300 block of CR 139.

10:00 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 3200 block of FM 929.

Sept. 10 3:24 p.m., an accident was reported in the 1800 block of Bridge Street.

5:11 p.m., suspicious activ-

ity was reported in the 2100 block of Waco Street.

11:58 p.m., a theft was reported in the 100 block of N. State Highway 36.

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Sept. 7 8:22 a.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 100 block of CR 231.

2:40 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on CR 127 and CR 136.

5:11 p.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 11000 block of S. Highway 36.

5:51 p.m., harassment was reported at Texas Station RV Park.

Sept. 8 4:12 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 6400 block of FM 1783.

8:30 a.m., a road hazard was reported on Old Pidcoke Road.

9:16 a.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 500 block of CR 214.

5:36 p.m., a reckless driver was reported on N. Hwy. 36 near FM 182.

Sept. 9 7:07 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 11000 block of FM 929.

7:28 a.m., a suspicious vehicle was reported on Hwy. 36 at Moccasin Bend Road.

12:52 p.m., a threat was reported in the 2500 block of E. FM 931.

Sept. 10 12:02 a.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 6000 block of E. Highway 84.

12:59 a.m., a suspicious vehicle was reported in the 100 block of Harrell Drive.

12:52 p.m., illegal burning was reported in the 100 block of Sarah Lane.

10:55 p.m., a minor accident was reported on CR 142 near Evetts Road.

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If you want to live and be well, then you should be generous, calm, and virtuous. Being generous can be difficult for those of us who have the virtues of the squirrel, storing up food for the winter by burying our acorns. It's good to save some of what we earn, but it's also important to be generous with what we have. It can be difficult to be calm in the noisy, jangling disarray of modern life. We live in a technological pandemonium of buzzers and bells that seem designed to sabotage our equanimity. There are many ways to cultivate calmness, from prayer and meditation, to time management and a firm resolve to practice patience. And while we have to cultivate and practice that inner quietude of spirit in order to be truly calm, it really does help to quiet the outer bells and whistles. Turn off the television and silence the cell phone, and you will begin to understand why "silence is golden." Finally, the surest and most direct route to living well and truly being well is by living virtuously. Only those who are kind, and generous, and genuinely trying to be the best that they can be are truly living well.

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GHS tennis beats Stephenville in district opener



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Jack Armstrong returns the ball in Gatesville's 15-4 win over Stephenville on Sept. 9.



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London Kizer maintains focus in the Hornets' district-opening victory over Stephenville.

Hornet cross country wins in Waco

Gatesville High School's cross country program continued its string of success with a top finish by the boys in a 19-team field and a seventh-place finish for the girls in a 20-team field at the Waco Midway-Hewitt Kiwanis Club Invitational on Sept. 8 in Waco.

Vania Martinez won the girls division with a time of 12:13.

Carlo Martinez led the boys with a first-place finish and a time of 15:03, followed by Justin Muegge who was seventh overall with a time of 17:10 and Abraham Almandariz who was 15th with a

time of 17:31.

Gatesville will host the Bill Bradley Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 17. The high school teams will begin running at 10 a.m., while the junior high teams will start at 9 a.m. The event will be held at the Gatesville ISD course, near the GISD tennis courts.

Tigers, Eagles earn victories in game 3

Two of Coryell County's three Class A football teams won their games on Sept. 9, which included the Oglesby Tigers improving to 3-0.

The Tigers outscored the Covington Owls, 50-34. Hunter Walter led Oglesby in passing, completing seven of eight throws for 192 yards and a pair of touchdowns. His longest throw of the night was a 70-yard completion.

Kyler Fossett led the Tigers with 218 yards rushing on 18 carries and scored five touchdowns for OHS.

Johnny Gomez was Oglesby's leading receiver with three catches for 55 yards and a touchdown, with Fossett hauling in two receptions for 92 yards and a touchdown.

Fossett also led the defense with 12 tackles and an interception, followed by Joel Gonzales with 11 and Brodie Fisher, Jack Hendricks and Johnny Gomez with nine each.

Oglesby is next scheduled to face the Koperl Eagles on the road at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 16.

JONESBORO 52, ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL 37

The Jonesboro Eagles bounced back from their first loss of the year with a 52-37 win over St. Stephen's Episcopal of Austin on Sept. 9. Jonesboro improved to 2-1 with the victory.

Nathan Forrest led the Eagle passing attack with two completions for 74 yards and two touchdowns, while Caleb Christel added a completion for 14 yards.

Layden Nichols led Jonesboro rushers with 118 yards and two touchdowns on seven carries, followed by Christel with 69 yards and a touchdown on 14 carries, Jacob Cisneros with 57 yards and a touchdown on four carries, Tyler Wilson with 54 yards and a touchdown on one carry, and Jaden Domel with 34 yards on four carries.

Demarcus Acoff caught two passes for 74 yards and two touchdowns for JHS, while Garrett Young had one catch for 14 yards.

Jacob Cisneros had 12 tackles for the Eagles, with Garrett Young compiling 11 tackles and an interception, Jaden Domel adding nine and a fumble recovery, and Tyler Wilson adding six tackles.

Jonesboro will travel to Greenville Christian for a 2 p.m. Sept. 17 contest.

CHEROKEE 60, EVANT 6

The Evant Elks fell to 0-3 with a 60-6 loss to Cherokee on Sept. 9. Stats for the Elks were not available.

NOTE: All stats are from the MaxPreps website unless otherwise noted.

Gatesville Junior High teams sweep McGregor

7B vs. Brownwood

	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Gatesville	14	8	6	6	34
Brownwood	0	0	0	0	0

Information about the team's leading rushers, passers, receivers, and tacklers/defensive players were not available for the seventh grade B team.

8B vs. McGregor

	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Gatesville	8	6	0	6	20
McGregor	6	0	0	8	14

Leading Rushers: Andrew Ballantine- 9 rushes for 171 yards, 2 TD; Branson Hodges- 6 rushes for 52 yards, 2 pt conversion

Leading Passers: Case Wendeborn- 3/7 for 46 yards, 1 TD

Leading Receivers: Jaiden Ducette- 1 catch for 19 yards, TD; Tucker Melton- 1 for 16; Ivan Resendiz- 1 for 11

Leading Tacklers/Defensive players: Ballantine- 8 tackles; Resendiz- 6 tackles; Tucker Melton- INT; Branson Hodges- INT

7A vs. McGregor

	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Gatesville	19	6	0	14	39
McGregor	0	0	0	0	0

Leading Rushers: Grady Keeton- 3 for 66, 1 TD; Aiden Zachary- 2 for 71, TD; Eli Phillips- 4 for 25

Leading Passers: Keeton- 3/5 for 43 yards, 2 TD; Phillips- 2 for 2 for 23 yards, 1 TD

Leading Receivers: Draven Henderson- 2 for 28, 2 TD; Talon Miller- 1 for 15; Kaydon Buster- 1 for 17; Grady Keeton- 1 for 6, TD

Leading Tacklers/Defensive players: Miller- INT w/ 48 yard return for TD; Buster- 4 tackles, fumble recovery; Henderson- 8 tackles; Phillips- 6 tackles; Keeton- 4 tackles; Stephen Walker- 4 tackles; Braxton Brown- 5 tackles; Jaxon Shepherd- 4 tackles; Camden Webb- 3 tackles

Leonardo Leon made 3 extra points.

8A vs. McGregor

	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Gatesville	8	0	8	0	16
Brownwood	0	0	0	0	0

Leading Rushers: Brady Gist- 10 for 64, 1 TD, 2 pt conversion; Wyatt Baker- 6 for 41

Leading Passers: Gist- 9/12- 65 yards, 1 TD, 2 pt conversion

Leading Receivers: Trey Howard- 5 for 47, 1 TD, 2 pt conversion; Graham Barron- 2 for 14; Seth Baize- 1 for 4

Leading Tacklers/Defensive players: Carson Griffith- 5 tackles; Baker- 7 tackles; Aiden Holden- 4 tackles; Nick Shafer- 5 tackles; Brody Brown- 3 tackles; Trey Howard- 6 tackles

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

GATESVILLE HORNETS
#9 **Mason Mooney**
12 tackles
2 tackles for loss
1 forced fumble

JONESBORO EAGLES
#7 **Tyler Wilson**
1 carry for 54 yards
3 solo tackles; 3 tackle assists
1 touchdown

EVANT ELKS
Unavailable as of press time

OGLESBY TIGERS
#32 **Kyler Fossett**
18 carries for 218 yards
92 receiving yards; 12 tackles
6 touchdowns

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Hornets beat Bulldogs, off to best start since 2017

BY CHRIS ALLMAN
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

Though separated by less than 20 miles, the Gatesville Hornets and McGregor Bulldogs faced each other in football for the first time since 2005 on Friday night in McGregor.

The results were the same as they were 17 years ago.

Jimmy Hall rushed for two touchdowns, Kason Herbelin intercepted two passes, and the Hornet defense held off a late McGregor push to beat the Bulldogs 27-20 on the road Friday.

The win was the third straight over the Bulldogs. They defeated the Bulldogs 34-0 at home in 2005 and won the 2004 matchup 36-21 in McGregor. It also pushes the Hornets to 2-1 on the season, their best start since 2017.

It was a win that featured the best – and worst – of head coach Aaron Hunter's relatively inexperienced football team.

The Hornets forced five turnovers on defense. On offense, the duo of Jimmy Hall and Rayshon Smith combined for 155 yards rushing and three scores, and quarterback Jacob Newkirk completed 11 of his 15 pass attempts and threw his sixth touchdown pass of the season.

But the Hornets were nearly undone by a slew of penalties and a handful of big plays – particularly in the second half. They led 27-7 midway through the third and looked like they were going to run away with the win.

"Oh, man, I like that we won. I don't like how we're still making a ton of mental mistakes, little things that are going to end up costing us in big games," Hunter said. "But the kids fought, and, man, they find a way to win somehow and I'm proud of that."

Coming into the season, the Gatesville coaching staff had often referenced the "1-2 punch" that Hall, a junior, and sophomore running back Rayshon Smith would provide the Hornet offense. On Friday, the duo delivered.

While Smith dealt the majority of the punches in the Hornets 22-21 win over Taylor it was Hall who pounded the Bulldogs into submission on Friday. The junior averaged 6.5 yards per carry en route to 71 yards on the night.

He punched in a five-yard touchdown run for a 6-0 first quarter lead that was extended to 12-0 in the second quarter when Newkirk hit Theron Stone for a 26-yard score. The 12-0 lead lasted into the half – the second time in three games the Gatesville defense has pitched a first-half shutout.

"Defensively, they played lights-out in the first half. We're going with the shutout in the first half, which is huge," Hunter said. "But then in the third quarter, offense got going and gave us some big scores."

McGregor finally got on the scoreboard in the third to cut the deficit to 12-7. The Hornets responded and pushed the lead to 20-7 on a scoring drive that was capped by Smith's 16-yard touchdown run and a Newkirk two-point conversion run.

The Hornets forced a punt on McGregor's next possession and took full advantage as Hall raced 49 yards for a touchdown and a 27-7 lead.

"He turned it on tonight," said Hunter. "I've been saying it the whole time, both those running backs can play, and we just got to give them the gaps ... give them some creases. We finally did, and you saw what happened."

McGregor's Sebastian Torres scored on a long run to cut the Gatesville lead to 27-14 in the fourth quarter, and then the Bulldogs recovered a surprise outside kick. The ensuing drive resulted in a turnover on downs, and their next drive was thwarted by Herbelin's second red zone interception of the game.

"The receiver bled the end of his route so whenever I reacted I was able to jump in front of him and get the pick," Herbelin said. "Since we watched tons of film I knew that the quarterback likes short routes so that helped as well"

Herbelin has battled injuries and missed significant time in each of the last three seasons. Now healthy, the senior is contributing on both sides of the ball. He leads the team in interceptions (two), pass break ups (four), and is tied with five other teammates for the lead in fumble recoveries. He also has three catches for 75 yards and a score on offense.

"It feels great to be playing again. It's the best experience I could ever ask for. I've been waiting so long," Herbelin said.

Hunter also expressed satisfaction in seeing Herbelin producing on Friday nights.

"Kason is a kid that has been through so much," Hunter said. "He has fought extremely hard, and he's fought injuries, and he found a way to come back and be a player this year ... he is finding ways right now to be one of our best players, and he's a captain, and he's earned that. I'm just proud of how much he's grown."

McGregor added a late score to make it 27-20 but the Bulldogs' final outside kick attempt sailed out of bounds and the Hornets closed out the win in victory formation.

Smith finished the game with 84 yards rushing while Hall had 71. Newkirk hit six different receivers on the night, with Sean Aguilar and Trevor Smith leading with three catches apiece.

Defensively Mason Mooney and Aydan Necessary led the team with 11 tackles apiece. Mooney had two tackles for a loss and forced a fumble that was recovered by Ashtyn Culley, who had eight tackles including six solo and a tackle for a loss. Aguilar



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Linebacker Mason Mooney talks with coach Austin Cole on the sidelines during Gatesville's 27-20 win over McGregor on Sept. 9.



Jimmy Hall



Kason Herbelin



Rayshon Smith



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Coach Ryan Dillion instructs quarterback Jacob Newkirk on the sidelines during the Hornets' victory over McGregor.

and Lawson Mooney each had nine tackles.

The 2-1 start gives the Hornets their first winning record through three games since the 2017 Hornets went 3-0 on their on their way to a 7-0 start. Since then the Hornets have had three 1-2 starts (2018, 2020, and 2021) and one 0-3 start.

The Hornets next travel to Mexia to face the winless Black Cats. But Hunter is less concerned with Gatesville's opponents than he is with his team taking care of business.

"We are always going to be about us doing what we do and learning how to win. We've got to start building our confidence," he said.

According to Hunter, the win at McGregor will only add to the Hornets' confidence and contribute to the emergence of a winning culture.

"Our kids... they are 100 percent bought in to our culture. That is being family and grinding through those hard moments. And

they have continuously showed that they are 100% bought in and they find a way to win (in) the end."

Sub-varsities split

The Hornets junior varsity dismantled the Bulldogs 40-14 while the freshmen were dealt their first loss of the season with a 22-8 setback.

All three Hornets squads sit 2-1 through 3 games.