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## Celebrating National Night Out



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Sparky the Fire Dog was on hand during the National Night Out celebration in Gatesville on Oct. 4. The event featured free food and activities.



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The Gatesville Fire Department ladder truck was among the vehicles on display during National Night Out at Gatesville's sports complex.

## Fire chief has ample experience

BY STEVE PETTIT  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER



Billy Vaden

Billy Vaden raises the glass and aluminum overhead door on the south side of the Gatesville Fire Department, a rambling, thrice-expanded metal building located between Taco Bell and 7-Eleven. Walking across the concrete floor, he pauses at a gleaming, red and white behemoth. "This truck," he says matter-of-factly, "cost over a half a million dollars."

And that's just one of the 20-plus pieces of firefighting vehicles that he oversees as fire chief. Tank trucks, transport vehicles, a dozer, rescue watercraft, maintenance units, various trailers - they're all part of the department's equipment inventory. Then there are the 33 full-time women and men volunteers under his watch.

Vaden, 75, joined the Gatesville Volunteer Fire Department in 1970. He was elected Chief in 1975 and has served in that role continuously since then, a tribute to his competence and skills. Fire Department members vote annually for their preference as Chief and have re-elected him for 47 years.

His Gatesville roots run deep. Vaden was born here and graduated in the class of 1965 at Gatesville High School. He was employed at Powell Supply Company after graduation, working in the metal shop. After a stint in the National Guard, he worked at Con Site, now known as MATES (Maneuver Area Training Equipment Site) at North Fort Hood, repairing heavy equipment and Army tanks. After two years at Powell Chevrolet Company, he and a partner opened an auto repair shop.

One morning, Vaden saw a notice in the Waco Tribune-Herald seeking firefighters. "I was 30 years old and I applied," he says. There were 270 applicants and he was selected to fill one of five vacancies at the Waco Fire Department. "It was 24 hours on and 48 off so I could continue to work on the side. I still was a member of the Gatesville VFD."

Over the years, Vaden kept busy with various enterprises. He built up an automotive hauling business, eventually owning five big trucks and coping with employee and other

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Members of the Gatesville Exchange Club serve ice cream during National Night Out festivities.



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The Gatesville Police Department sponsored the event.



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Military personnel from Fort Hood brought equipment to the event, including this Chinook helicopter.

## Gatesville Methodist votes to 'Go Global'

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

After voting earlier to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church, members of First Methodist Church of Gatesville voted on Oct. 3 to apply for membership to the newly formed Global Methodist Church.

The church membership had voted in August to officially leave the United Methodist. Other area Methodist churches - including ones in Pidcoke, Jonesboro, and Evant, also voted to disaffiliate from the UMC.

Although the issue of same sex marriages was often prominently featured in the media as the reason for the split, there were actually several factors leading many churches - 81 from the Central Texas Conference - to disaffiliate from the UMC. Among those are an adherence to traditional orthodox Christian beliefs and values and the authority of Scripture as well as the Methodist Book of Discipline.

Ronnie Sullins, chairman of the First Meth-

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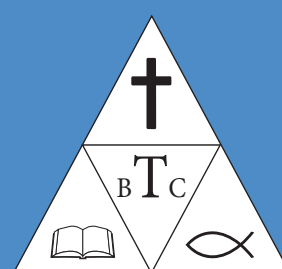


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trucks and coping with employee and other logistical issues.

"I was with Waco Fire for 25 years when I retired," he explains. "It was time to sell all those trucks and make some changes."

He'd been spending many of his off-time hours at the Gatesville Fire Station. "They asked if I'd just stay there 8 to 5 during the week and they'd pay me," he says, emphasizing that his wife Peggy was an essential element in his career. "She's always been very understanding of the time it takes to do this job." The couple were married in 1970 and have two daughters and five grandchildren.

Vaden reflects on changes over the decades. "Back when I started, the only equipment we were given was a pair of coveralls from the

Walls outlet store," he says. "No hats, boots, nothing. Today everybody has two sets; a structural set for entry into a building, as well as a dual-purpose set, which is good for everything else except entering a structure." He smiles as he remembers the trucks in use years ago. "Those old vehicles just don't compare. Most were old military trucks that were converted; lots of homemade jobs. Now they're all factory built."

The shift to a partly paid fire department is a change that Vaden predicts. Currently, he's the only paid employee, a situation that he's quick to point out "saves the City of Gatesville a terrific amount of money." The city allocated the department \$229,000 this year. Coryell County contributes an amount that varies each year based on several factors and this year's lump sum was \$144,000. Vaden mentions a Texas Forest Service grant received

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**Billy Vaden joined the Gatesville Volunteer Fire Department in 1970, and was elected chief in 1975. He has been re-elected to the post for 47 consecutive years.**

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five years ago and federal grants "since I don't know when."

Female and male volunteers are always needed and Vaden adds that it can be difficult to recruit them. "People sometimes don't realize that there's so much else to do around here besides fight-

ing fires," he explains. Applications are available online and at the fire station.

The area protected by the Gatesville Fire Department encompasses 287 square miles and the department receives an average of 700 calls each year. Vaden is effusive in

his praise of the women and men that serve as volunteers. "There are truly great people on our team," he stresses. "They are unflinching when given orders. They know that I've been there and done everything I'm asking them to do."

# CHURCH

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Methodist Church of Gatesville's Church Council, called the Oct. 3 congregational meeting to order, and the 63 church members who voted unanimously chose to seek membership in the Global Methodist family of churches. Another option that had been considered was alignment with the Free Methodist Church.

Before the vote, Pastor Stephen Schmidt prayed that the church would follow God's will and do "what's pleasing in your sight and best for our congregation, and that we are patient through the process."

Schmidt said the Gatesville church will have until Oct. 31 to get all the necessary documents submitted to the United Methodist Church, and that the official date of disaffiliation will be Nov. 1.

"I've had a lot of people ask me about what I'm going to do," Schmidt said. "I've served as a pastor in the United Methodist Church for 37 years and five months. I will retire from



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**Pastor Stephen Schmidt talks to members of First Methodist Church of Gatesville.**

the United Methodist Church, affiliate with the Global Methodist Church and end my career there."

Schmidt, who is from Moody, said he hopes to continue serving as the pastor of the Gatesville church. He said he has been asked to serve as one of the elders of the Western

District of the Global Methodist Church.

"We will wait until all the checklist items for disaffiliation are complete and turned in to apply to be part of the Global Methodist Church and the Mid-Texas Conference," he said. "This has been a long, arduous journey but I believe the church is following God's

will."

The Mid-Texas Conference is based in Waco and is the first conference of the Global Methodist Church that is "up and running officially," Schmidt said. He added that the Mid-Texas Conference will accept churches all the way to Oklahoma in the north, to McAllen in the south, Winters and Abilene in the west and Lufkin to the east.

"Once we are officially affiliated with the Global Methodist Church, we will have a celebration. We believe that this is God's will for the church, and we believe it wholeheartedly."

While there has been division and disagreement within the United Methodist Church for decades, the timing of disaffiliation was led by a UMC decision to allow churches to disaffiliate within a certain time.

Nationwide, churches that want to leave the UMC must do so by Dec. 31, 2023.

Several Central Texas Methodist churches, including some of those in Waco, Killeen and Temple, are among the first to seek affiliation with the Global Methodist Church.

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# Columbus Day closings

Columbus Day is a holiday that commemorates the landing of Christopher Columbus in the Americas in 1492.

Although Columbus Day is no longer a mandated state or federal holiday in Texas, many businesses and governmental offices will observe Monday, Oct. 10, in celebration of Columbus Day.

Closings and openings in the immediate area include:

#### GOVERNMENT

The city offices of Gatesville and Oglesby will be closed Monday, Oct. 10 while the city offices of Evant will

remain open.

The Farm Service Agency will also be closed on Monday.

#### SCHOOLS

The Gatesville Independent School District, Jonesboro Independent School District, Oglesby Independent School District, and the Evant Independent School District will be closed Monday.

The Boys & Girls Club, Gatesville Branch, will remain open.

#### LIBRARY

The Gatesville Public Library will be closed Monday.

#### FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Extraco Banks, Bancorp-South, Educators Credit Union, and The First National Bank of Gatesville, Evant, and Oglesby will be closed on Monday.

#### POST OFFICES

The post offices of Gatesville, Jonesboro, Flat, Oglesby, Mound, Evant and Purmela will be closed Monday.

#### SENIOR CENTER

The Gatesville Senior Multi-Service Center will remain open on Monday.

#### NEWSPAPER

The Gatesville Messenger will remain open on Monday.

# Pruitt family reunion Oct. 15

The Pruitt family reunion will be held on Saturday, Oct. 15, at the Turnersville Community Center. Doors will open at 5 p.m., and a cov-

ered-dish dinner will begin at 6 p.m. The reunion brings together the descendants of Jesse Levy and Alice Fredonia Johnson Pruitt of Turner-

sville, including relatives and family friends.

The Turnersville Community Center is located at 8115 FM 182.

# Ogletree Gap Heritage Festival returns to Copperas Cove Oct. 15

The Ogletree Gap Heritage Festival returns Oct. 15 after an absence of more than a decade.

The Heritage Festival will be held at Ogletree Gap Park in Copperas Cove from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Ogletree Gap Park is located in the 1000 block of W. Business Highway 190.

The festival, which began in 1984, was presented by the Copperas Cove Chamber of Commerce until 2008, the last year the festival was held. The Copperas Cove Historical Society is bringing the festival back and a preview of the festival was held at the Copperas Cove Library last October.

The festival will feature historical demonstrations in and around the old stagecoach stop and post office in the park, which is the oldest



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Ogletree Gap old stagecoach stop and post office

building in Copperas Cove. There will be carriage rides by "Mr. and Mrs. Ogletree" and the First Cavalry Horse Detachment will perform at 1 p.m. Olaf the longhorn will also be on hand for photos.

Admission and parking at the event will be free.

For more information, call Joyce Hauk, president of the Copperas Cove Historical Society, at (254) 577-2443.

# Fall and Halloween happenings

## PUMPKIN DROP-OFF AT GATESVILLE CHAMBER

The Gatesville Chamber of Commerce is asking for pumpkins for their Fall Family Fun Night set for Oct. 22.

Those who drop off a pumpkin at the Chamber during regular business hours will receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win a free admission ticket to the Nov. 12 Corks & Kegs event. Donors will receive one raffle ticket for each pumpkin given.

After the pumpkins are used for photos on Oct. 22 and are no longer ripe, they will be donated to local farmers and ranchers for their animals.

For more information, contact Tiffany Hoops-Turner at 254-865-2617. The Gatesville Chamber of Commerce is located in the Cotton Belt Railroad Depot at 2307 S. Highway 36.

## GATESVILLE JR HIGH FALL FESTIVAL OCT. 18

Gatesville Junior High will be hosting a fall festival on Tuesday, Oct. 18, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

The festival will include Nipa Food Truck, Pretty Pig Boutique, Southern Dandelion, Haute and Gaudy, Thirty One, Dizzy Sweet Treats, Loaded Pig, Charlotte's Pies, Lawson's General Store, Rocking T, Coffee Saloon, Green Rooster Café, Heavin Cakes and Cookies, Cheerleaders, Science Club Table, Adopt-A-School, and Food, Fire, Fam-

ily. All families are welcome! Gatesville Junior High School is located in Gatesville at 307 S. Lovers, Ln. For more information, please call 254-865-8271.

## FALL FAMILY FUN NIGHT

The Gatesville Chamber of Commerce will host a Fall Family Fun Night on Oct. 22 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the parking lot of the Cotton Belt Railroad Depot, located at 2307 S. Highway 36.

Families will have an opportunity to take free pumpkin patch pictures and the chamber will sell hot chocolate and cider. A variety of local food trucks and a coffee truck will also be on hand to offer goodies. Vintage Royalty Boutique has partnered with the chamber for this event and will also be open for some holiday shopping.

For more information, contact Tiffany Hoops-Turner at 254-865-2617.

## HALLOWEEN HUSTLE OCT. 22

The Gatesville Fitness Center will host Halloween Hustle on Saturday, Oct. 22. There will be a 5K fun run as well as a costume contest. The first 50 participants to register are guaranteed a medal. Medals are awarded for the best costumes. This will not be a timed event.

Registration will be online at [runsignup.com/halloweenhustlefunrun](https://runsignup.com/halloweenhustlefunrun). For more information about this event, contact the Gatesville Fitness

Center at 254-865-4012.

## HALLOWEEN CANDY MAZE AND LOCAL FOOD DRIVE OCT. 29

The Halloween Candy Maze and Local Food Drive will be on Oct. 29, from 5 p.m. until 10 p.m. It will be sponsored by the VFW post 8577, Barnard Beef Cattle Company, and Liberators L.E.M.C.

Admission cost will be any canned or non-perishable food items, which will be donated to the Gatesville Care Center and to the Hidden Gem Family Care Center. The newest attraction this year will be the one-dollar train ride.

The food drive will include a children's maze, adult/big kid scary maze, and live actors. The Halloween Candy Maze will be held at 1518 Golf Course Road in Gatesville.

## BOOZAAR OCT. 29

Gatesville's annual Boozaar Halloween Celebration around the square in Gatesville will be held on Saturday, Oct. 29, from 6-8 p.m.

This free, family event is the most well attended event of the year and provides fun for the citizens of all ages from Gatesville and the surrounding area. Those attending can participate in the costume contest and make their way around the square trick-or-treating at local businesses and play games set up by local businesses and organizations. There is no admission



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charge, and most treats and attractions are free.

There are always vendors selling food and drinks if you choose to take advantage of some of the authentic and delicious items that are available.

Interested businesses and organizations are invited to participate as one of the following:

Treat Stops are businesses

located on the square or the Boozaar route that encompasses several blocks around the downtown area. They hand out treats to kids as they make their way around the route.

Treat stations are businesses and organizations who are not located downtown but set up booths around the square to provide free candy, games, and activities for families.

There is no charge to set up a Treat Station.

Vendors can host a food booth, sell Halloween related items or charge for a game or activity. Vendor booths are \$55 each for commercial businesses and \$25 for non-profit. Any items sold must be Halloween related.

The costume contest will include categories for all ages.

# Mount Calvary Church of God in Christ to celebrate 100 years

Mount Calvary Church of God in Christ will celebrate their 100th anniversary on Sunday, Oct. 16, at 3:30 p.m.

There will be preaching, testimonials and a reading of the church history.

Bishop Maurice Green, of Lily of the Valley Church of God in Christ, will be the guest speaker at the special

event. Green is the bishop of the Southwestern Jurisdiction First. The theme for the celebration is "We've come this far by faith," Hebrews 10:23.

The church was established in 1922 with Rev. Dennis Williams as the first pastor. The first church building was described as a

small frame building. In later years, records show that the church moved to North 12th Street where Dennis Williams had donated land. That church was constructed in 1945 by the members with a visiting evangelist, J.E. Boswell, of Chicago in charge.

In 1992, Elder Lee O. Ford became the pastor and continues in that capacity today. In 1995, Ford said the Lord gave him a vision and a dream to build the current church.

In 2011, Gatesville Mayor David Byrom declared October 16 as Mt. Calvary Church of God in Christ Day in Gatesville.

The public is invited to attend the celebration. The church is located at 128 N. 12th Street in Gatesville.

## Mound News

# Miss Olivia Lois Long was honored on her fifth birthday with a party



**BARBARA HOPSON**  
Mound News Correspondent

Miss Olivia Lois Long was honored on her fifth birthday with a party in Gatesville at the Hillside Medical Lodge. The party was given

by her parents and sister, Zach, Amanda and Aubree Long. Those attending were family and friends.

Martha Lawhorn and her grandson, Benjamin Phillips, went to a cattle sale in Groesbeck Saturday.

Kathi Taylor and her mother, Mrs. Sue Magee, attended the Pecan Grove Baptist Church for the church's 140th Anniversary celebration Sunday.

Frank and Susie Hopson were weekend visitors in Roanoke. They were guests of McKenzie and Zack David. They were treated to an Old West biscuits and gravy breakfast at Lonesome Dove.

Ray and John Stephens spent the weekend in Chan-

dler with Ray Stephens's sister and her husband Rayland and Shirley Hamilton.

Valerie Terrell and Carolyn Blakley had lunch in Gatesville Thursday.

Carolyn Blakley attended the Heart of Texas BBQ Cookout Saturday in Waco.

Barbara's Notes: Happy Birthday to Amanda Long and Allie McPherson.

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# Dutch Oven Gang helping Eagle Springs church

The locally known "Leon River Dutch Oven Gang" will be providing some down-home cooking to benefit the on-going restoration process of the historic Eagle Springs Baptist Church located in southeastern Coryell County. The event will take place on

Saturday, October 22. The gang will begin serving lunch around 11 a.m. and provided on the menu will be Sloppy Joe sliders, cowboy potatoes, baked beans, and Apple Dump Cake - all cooked on location in genuine old-time Dutch Ovens. The meal can

be paid for by simply making a love donation to the church restoration. Charlotte Weiss, a member of the Leon River Dutch Oven Gang said, "we love helping out as well as teaching about Dutch Oven cooking." The Eagle Springs Baptist

Church, an offspring of the Onion Creek Baptist Church, was built in 1878 in the community of Eagle Springs. The church was constructed primarily from Cypress wood which was hauled to the location by oxen drawn wagons from Galveston. The small, one-room church is considered to be a rare type of architecture due to the two front doors - one for the men to enter through and one for the women. Very few of these historic churches are still in existence in Texas today. The inside of the church remains much the same as it did when Governor Pat Neff attended there as a child. The church pews, pulpit, and pulpit chairs are original to the building.

About seventeen years ago, the Historic Eagle Springs Baptist Church Association was formed in order to raise funding to have the church repaired and restored. Repair work remains continuous on the soon to be 145-year-old structure. Although funds were recently raised to have the floor of the church pro-



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Leon River Dutch Oven Gang skillet breakfast.

professionally levelled, the building continues to slant to the east and the siding, windowsills, and parts of the eaves of the church need to be replaced and, of course, the building needs to be painted. Association member, Martha Deeringer, said "The Leon River Dutch Oven Gang is a group of amazing folks who can cook up culinary magic in Dutch Ovens." The church will be open to visitors who can see how their ancestors worshipped nearly 150 years ago, she said. There will be no need to bring a rifle, the Comanche aren't on the war-

path anymore, although early day parishioners once attended services with rifles across their knees to guard against Indian attacks.

The public is strongly encouraged to attend this worthwhile fundraising event. "Don't miss your chance to taste some delightful cooking, have a great lunch, and help out a historic Coryell County church at the same time," Deeringer said.

The historic Eagle Springs Baptist Church is located at 14225 FM 107 a few miles from Mother Neff State Park.



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Historic Eagle Springs Baptist Church on FM 107.



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- Store matches, lighters and volatile chemicals in their original containers in a locked cabinet out of the reach of children.
- Place space heaters away from combustibles and turn them off when leaving the room.
- Keep candles away from combustibles and out of the reach of children, and extinguish the flames when leaving the room.
- Stay in the kitchen or at the grill while cooking and keep combustibles away from the stove- or grill-top.
- Install smoke detectors on each floor and bedroom in your home, and test them regularly.
- Douse cigarette butts with water before throwing them into the trash.
- Arrange for a professional cleaning and inspection of wood stoves, fireplaces and furnaces prior to the start of each heating season.
- Place fire extinguishers throughout your home and learn how to use them.
- Keep combustibles away from wood stoves, fireplaces and furnaces.
- Burn wood only in wood stoves and fireplaces, and use a fireplace screen when possible.

In addition to following these safety tips, you should devise a fire escape plan with two exits out of every room and practice it often with your family. You should also arrange for everyone to take a fire safety course. That way, in the event that a fire happens, your family will know how to react.

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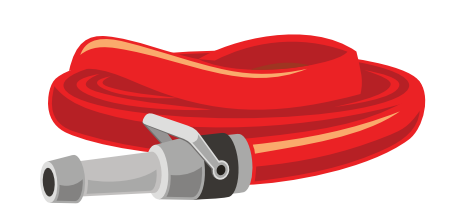
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**INCOMING OFFICERS:** New officers for the Coryell Retired School Personnel include, back row, left to right, Gerald Linton, Yvonne Dutschman, Debbie Grmela, Kathy Smith, Gayla Linton, and Gail Johnson. Front row, left to right, Marsha Lee, Anne Byrom, and Sue Vernon.

## Coryell retired teachers meet

The first meeting of CRSP (Coryell Retired School Personnel) was held on Thurs., Sept. 22, at Eastwood Baptist Church. The social period began around 5:30 p.m. so members could catch up on summer activities, pay dues and pick up a yearbook for 2022-2023. The theme of the meeting was "Cruising Back."

Guest speaker Dr. Barrett Pollard addressed the group of retirees before the planned "potluck dinner" so he could leave early and attend the Thursday night homecoming bonfire. He delivered a short message on the opening of schools this year. He indicated that students do not seem to be fearful about safety issues and returning to school this fall. Security measures have been addressed this summer (such as keeping classroom doors locked during class), and he reported that GISD now has its own police department with an officer on each campus. School activities are starting off in great shape with students excelling in football, volleyball, cross country, tennis, choir, and band to name only a few. This kind of success fosters teamwork and builds spirit among students. Enrollment is up this year, and necessary teachers are in place and subs are available. It seems that

GISD is off to a good start.

Following Dr. Pollard's presentation, a "potluck" dinner was followed by a short business meeting.

First item on the agenda was introduction of officers. These included Gail Johnson, President; JoAnn Sugg, Immediate Past President; Gayla Linton, First Vice President; Marsha Lee, Second Vice President; Kathy Smith, Secretary; and Anne Byrom, Treasurer. Committee Chairmen included Debbie Grmela, Volunteer Services; Frances Wise, Health Care; Gerald Linton, Informative/Protective Services; Yvonne Dutschman, Legislative; Stella Wiegrefe and Terri Phillips, Technology Contacts; Gayla Linton, Membership; Marsha Lee, Public Relations; Mary Bruton, Local Retirement; Sue Vernon, Local Benefits Representative; JoAnn Sugg, Foundation; Debbie Grmela and Kathy Smith, Yearbook; Betty Brown, Telephone; Velva Ridle, Scholarship; and Gayla Linton, Social Activities.

Programs planned for the coming year include the following: Gatesville Fire Department (Oct. 27); Dr. Rev. Buddy Wheat, "Count Your Blessings" plus Foundation Month (Nov. 17); Trip to Cleburne for lunch and a performance of "A Christ-

mas Carol" (Dec. 3); "Silent Auction" to raise money for Scholarship Fund and speaker TBA (Jan. 26); "B-I-N-G-O for Books" to raise money for children's books project (Feb. 23); M.J. Wofford, "The Love Story of Elizabeth Barrett Browning" (Mar. 23); Ride the bus for "Day at the Capital" (Apr. 12); and Becky Coward with "What's New in 4-H?" (Apr. 27).

Johnson briefly thanked various members for passed offices held in CRSP: Ann Eubanks, Bill and Nancy Ashcraft, Frankie Stephens, and Mary Kafer. A tribute to members lost in the last year - Martha Ann Yows, Carol Smith and Sammie Skinner - was given by Gayla Linton. Members were reminded to pay their dues to Anne Byrom if they have not already done so. If interested in subscribing to "The Inside Line," an email newsletter from Tim Lee, members were instructed to go to "trta.org" to sign up. Members may also look up the Coryell CRSP website, "trta.org/districts-and-local-units/Coryell-rta/" or they may go to Coryell Retired School Personnel on Facebook. Following these announcements, the meeting was adjourned, followed by giving away door prizes.

## OBITUARIES

### WILLIS DALE WARNER

Feb. 29, 1940 - Sept. 29, 2022



Willis Dale Warner, age 82, passed away on September 29, 2022, in Lampasas, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born on February 29, 1940, in Izoro, to Charles Everett Warner and Ada Elizabeth Hammett Warner.

Funeral services will be held at Sneed-Carney Funeral Chapel on Saturday, Oct. 8, at 10 a.m. with interment to follow at Hines Chapel Cemetery in Adamsville.

Willis began the first grade with Miss Holly Parsons, he then attended grade school in Levita and graduated from Jonesboro High School in 1959. After high school, he moved back to Izoro and began his own business as an independent contractor, installing plumbing, heating, and air conditioning in new construction homes in Copperas Cove. Two years later in 1961, he joined the Air Force, where he served for four years. While there, he completed Heating Specialist Training at U.S. Naval Schools Construction in Port Hueneme, California. He then served at Osan Air Base in South Korea at the Hospital as the Boiler Plant Operator. In 1963, he was assigned to 65th Strategic Aerospace at Walker Air Force Base in Roswell, New Mexico. He was a

member of the AeroClub and completed his first solo flight in 1964.

After serving in the Air Force, he attended several aeronautical training schools, receiving diplomas and certificates from Spartan School of Aeronautics in Tulsa, Oklahoma, Piper Aircraft Corp. in Lockhaven, Pennsylvania, General Electrical Aircraft Engine Sectional Maintenance, Evendale Technical Training School in Cincinnati, Ohio, Lycoming Service School in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, General Motors in Indianapolis, Indiana. He worked in Beaumont, Texas, Olathe, Kansas and Dallas in aeronautics as a mechanic, inspector and trainer. He wrote a training manual on the CF-6 jet engine and taught training school at Southwest Airmotive, Dallas Love Field, where he was promoted to foreman of the CF-6 product line. Students from all over the country came to take his classes there.

He married Betty Ann Wilkie in Westville, Oklahoma on April 2, 1966. In 1975, he left the aeronautics industry to move home to Izoro to his ranch where he raised cattle and worked at Evant ISD as the school bus maintenance mechanic and as a bus driver where his daughter Annette began kindergarten. He later worked as the plant maintenance supervisor at Deck Boat in Gatesville and was then owner/operator of Warner's Garage in Evant. From there he worked for Santa Fe Oil and Pipeline on the Tonkawa barge maintaining the diesel engines. He worked as an auto mechanic and service manager for Benny Boyd Dodge Chrysler Jeep, Hoffpauir Chevrolet, Hoffpauir Ford, Gene Jones Ford, and Hal Harton Ford all of Lampasas. Also, Highland Autoplex, Maxwell Auto, and Sue Har-

ton Chevrolet, where he retired at age 62. He had earned training certifications from Dodge, Ford and Chevrolet. Later he worked part-time for Tommy Foster, Norris Monroe, Jeff Cockburn and Tom York in Lampasas. He had rebuilt engines on cars, trucks, boats, heavy equipment, airplanes and helicopters. He was fascinated with all things mechanical and electrical and meticulously broke them down and put them back together.

He loved bluegrass, country and rock and roll, and he played the acoustic guitar, electric guitar, bass, mandolin, harmonica, and balalaika. For many years he played music at the annual Sausage Fest at the Lutheran Church in Copperas Cove, and he enjoyed playing music at the Oatmeal Music Fest, Adamsville Music Hall and the Pearl Bluegrass Jam.

He was a proud native Texan, whose third great-grandfather (Captain Andrew Bell Caddell) fought at the Battle of San Jacinto.

He loved his children and grandchildren, his cousins and his dear neighbors in Lampasas. He was preceded in death by his wife, his parents and his aunts and uncles.

He is survived by his daughter, Annette Moore, and husband, James Moore; a son, Dale Everett Warner; a grandson, James Edwin (Jem) Moore and a granddaughter, Torri Alexis Gutierrez Warner.

Memorial donations may be made to the Pearl Community Center, Bluegrass Jam, C/O Bettie Blakley, 2082 FM 1690, Gatesville, TX, 76528 or Baylor Scott and White Vasicek Cancer Treatment Center, 2401 S. 31st, Temple, TX, 76508.

### FROM MY FRONT PORCH

## When the pressure is off, the pressure is on



### SAM HOUSTON

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

This past week I was fortunate to be scrolling through social media when I saw a notice that a young man I knew was celebrating his birthday. Jeff is now 43 years old and lives in New York.

A little more than 20 or so years ago, he arrived on a bus after traveling from the northeast to Texas over a period of two full days. He was interested in learning about horses and had reached out to me looking for a place to work and learn. Since Jeff had very little background in terms of ranching or equines, I was more than a little reluctant, but I finally told him if he could get to Texas, I would give him a chance.

When the bus came to a stop, the doors opened and out walked a long, tall string bean of young man, wearing a hat that was right off a cowboy caricature photo. To say Jeff did not look like a

cowboy would be a vast understatement. I had him toss his stuff into my truck and got him back to the ranch and settled in. I am pretty sure I was shaking my head in dismay, as I navigated the road back home. What had I gotten myself into?

I dropped Jeff at the bunk house and gave him the rest of the day off to catch up on some sleep he had lost while traveling. I made it clear the day started at 7, and he needed to be at the barn ready to go.

Early the next morning, my new ranch hand met me with a smile and began attending the "school of hard knocks." He learned how to saddle horses all day, wash them, turn them out, take care of tack, and a thousand other tasks. Though he was ignorant of how to do things the "cowboy" way, his knowledge quickly grew, and he was never short of enthusiasm as he went about his work.

Jeff worked from 7 to 6, six days a week. Many times, on Sunday I would have him join my son and I as we went to church. Afterward, we would return home and I would cook. Though he was very slender, he had a tremendous appetite, which led to me teasing him, "Jeff this is all you can eat, not eat it all."

There were many times we talked about life, manhood, the future, and the proper way to handle yourself. Jeff always listened closely, though a man trying to spread wisdom never really knows if those kinds

of lessons stick. The test is through observation over the years.

At the end of the internship Jeff went back to New York. He served a tour of duty in the military, and now works as a farrier and from all outside observations, has a nice life. When I sent him a "Happy birthday" greeting on Facebook he sent me a nice note back, telling me he had never forgotten some of the things I had told him. His favorite was "When the pressure is off, the pressure is on," which in cowboy language means if you stay on top of your life and take care of business daily, there will never be any pressure because you worked, planned and thought ahead and anticipated all the things that could go wrong. Jeff told me he tried to practice that phrase every day.

A man never knows what effect he might have on someone. I am proud that Jeff demonstrates the character I always wanted to see be a part of him. He was a hard-working young man, and I was proud to know him. I am even prouder of him now.

Learning about life the way Jeff did is not the easiest way, but it is the "cowboy" way.

Thought for the day: The people around us impact us. Be intentional about how you associate with others and who you let be around you.

Until next time.

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## Help sought in burglary case

### Centex Crime Stoppers - Crime of the Week

Centex crime stoppers can use your help in solving a case of burglary of a habitation. On Sept. 25, 2022, between the hours of 9 and 10 p.m., unknown person(s) attempted to forcibly make entry to a residence in the 1300 block of Westview Drive in Gatesville while armed with a handgun. The suspects were described as a Hispanic male wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt, and a white male.

There is no further description provided. The homeowner drew his weapon just as the suspects were trying to climb through the window causing both to flee on foot. Police arrived moments later but were unable to locate the suspects.

If you have any information about any case or any local crime, call Centex Crime Stoppers 24 hours a day at 1-254-865-8477 (TIPS) or visit our website at www.Centexcrimestoppers.org

or by downloading the "P3" mobile app available on both the Apple app store and Google Play Store. You never have to give your name, and if your information leads to an arrest, you may be eligible for a cash reward.

Crime Stoppers, citizens, police, and the media working together can make our community a safer place to live. Together we can make a difference.

## The DISPATCH

The following is a partial breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of October 2 - 4. 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

**Oct. 2**  
5:16 a.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 400 block of Park Street.  
9:05 a.m., a theft was reported in the 2300 block of Business Highway 36.  
1:54 p.m., a hit and run accident was reported in the 1200 block of E. Main Street.  
2:20 p.m., a theft was reported in the 800 block of Cedar Mountain Road.  
4:46 p.m., a theft was reported in the 200 block of S. Lovers Lane.  
10:42 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 1600 block of St. Louis Street.  
**Oct. 3**  
7:59 a.m., a theft was reported in the 2700 block of E. Main Street.  
9:14 a.m., a threat was reported in the 200 block of S. Lovers Lane.  
12:03 p.m., a burglary was reported in the 100 block of Old Pidcocke Road.  
1:40 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 15000 block of S. State Highway 36.  
2:54 p.m., a theft was reported in the 400 block of S. Lutterloh Avenue.  
7:02 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 3400 block of Crown Drive.  
**Oct. 4**  
10:09 a.m., an accident was reported in the 2800 block of S. State Hwy. 36.  
11:36 a.m., a theft was reported in the 1200 block of

Saunders Street.  
3:32 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 8100 block of Harman Road.  
4:25 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 600 block of Fieldstone Drive.  
5:35 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1100 block of Golf Course Road.  
9:17 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 2300 block of E. Main Street.

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### CORYELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

**Oct. 2**  
9:34 a.m., a dog bite was reported in the 1400 block of Duncan Road.  
2:11 p.m., the burglary of a building was reported on CR 214.  
3:24 p.m., missing livestock was reported in the 1200 block of FM 2412.  
8:24 p.m., an assault was reported in the 500 block of E. Leon Street.

10:13 p.m., the theft of a firearm was reported in the 6300 block of E. Highway 84.  
10:35 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 4200 block of CR 107.  
**Oct. 3**  
1:14 p.m., a stolen vehicle was reported in the 1300 block of Golf Course Road.  
2:16 p.m., a civil matter was reported on Slater Road.  
6:16 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on Hwy. 84 at Arnett.  
6:31 p.m., a theft was reported in the 5100 block of FM 107.  
7:33 p.m., deadly conduct was reported in the 200 block of Benoit Drive.  
9:47 p.m., shots being fired was reported in the 1100 block of Golf Course Road.  
**Oct. 4**  
4:30 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported on Sierra Vista before Skyline Circle.  
10:08 a.m., a theft was reported in the 100 block of Canyon Drive.  
11:11 a.m., a theft was reported in the 1200 block of Saunders Street.  
11:39 a.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 200 block of Vista Drive.  
3:32 p.m., a grass fire was reported in the 2900 block of CR 114.  
3:47 p.m., suspicious persons was reported on 14th Street and Waco Street.



# HOUSES OF WORSHIP

## BAPTIST

**BETHEL HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH:** 3835 CR 127, Gatesville; Sunday services - Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m.

**BETHLEHEM PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH:** Elder, Hugh Montgomery, pastor; Peabody community 5 miles south of Pearl, 4555 FM 1690, Gatesville; Sunday services - Morning worship 4th Sunday each month at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

**CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH:** Steven L. Bogan, pastor; Hwy. 84 and FM 116; Sunday services - Bible study 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m., evening worship 6:30 p.m.

**CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH:** Jim Keever, senior pastor; 177 Coryell City Road, Crawford; Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m., Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

**COLD SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH:** Bob Phillips, pastor; Sunday services - Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m., evening worship 5:30 p.m.

**EASTWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH:** Lynn Parks, pastor; 2518 East Main, Gatesville; Sunday services - Sunday School 9:45 a.m., morning worship 10:50 a.m.; Wednesday evening services, 6 p.m.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF EVANT:** Dane Barron, pastor; 200 Live Oak Street, Evant; Sunday services - Sunday School 9:45 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m., adult Bible study 6 p.m.; Wednesday services - kids' and youth Bible study 6 p.m.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF FLAT:** 9775 TX-36, Gatesville; Sunday School 9 a.m.; Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.; Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study 7 p.m.; Wednesday Youth Group & Kid Knights 7 p.m.; Wednesday Supper first Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m.; Men's Breakfast second Saturday of each month at 7:30 a.m.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF GATESVILLE:** 912 E. Main Street, Gatesville; Sunday services - Sunday School 9:30 a.m., morning worship 10:45 a.m.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF OGLESBY:** 120 College Ave., Oglesby, Tx 76561; Sunday morning services - Sunday School 10:00 am, Worship 11:00 am; Wednesday evenings - supper at 5:40 pm, Kids & Youth Group 6:00 pm, Prayer meeting 6:00 pm; Jeremy Sanders, Pastor.

**GATEWAY BAPTIST CHURCH:** Michael Bragdon, Pastor; 2819 South Hwy. 36, Gatesville; Sunday services - Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m., evening worship 1:30 p.m.; Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.

**HARMONY BAPTIST CHURCH:** A.C. Painter, pastor; 1750 FM 215, Gatesville; Sunday services - Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m., evening worship 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday evening worship 6:30 p.m.

**HAY VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH:** 3110 Hay Valley Road, off Hwy 36 North. Sunday morning services - Sunday School 10:00 am, Worship 11:00 am. AWANA children's ministry Sunday evening 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Bible Study for men and women on Wednesday at 6:30 pm.

**JONESBORO BAPTIST CHURCH:** Matt Dossey, pastor; 11420 North State Hwy. S, Jonesboro; Sunday services - Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship 10:50 a.m.

**KING BAPTIST CHURCH:** Charles W. McKamie, pastor; 6730 FM 1783, Gatesville; Sunday services - Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m., evening worship 6 p.m.

**LIBERTY BAPTIST CHURCH:** Royle T. Cockrell, DMin., Pastor; Corner of FM 107 & HWY 36, Gatesville; Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Morning Service 11:00 a.m., Second Service 1:00 p.m., Family Bible Study Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.

**LIVE OAK BAPTIST CHURCH:** Bro. Ken Laney, pastor; 113 FM 107, Gatesville; Sunday services - Sunday School 9:15 a.m., morning worship 10:30 a.m., Wed. evening Adult, Youth and Children's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

**MOUNTAIN BAPTIST CHURCH:** Rev. Kurt Fuessel, pastor; 6319 US-84, Gatesville; Sunday services - Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m., evening worship 6 p.m. Prayer meeting 7:00 p.m. Wednesday.

**OSAGE BAPTIST CHURCH:** Chris Thomas, pastor; 7505 FM 185, Gatesville; Sunday services - Sunday

## The Radical Nature of Faith

*"Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me."*  
—Luke 9:23 NIV



The story of Abraham is often told as an example of the radical nature of faith. Abraham accepted on faith that his wife Sarah would give birth to a child in her nineties, and then after this actually happened, he accepted on faith that God required him to sacrifice this very son, Isaac. God relented of this demand after seeing Abraham's willingness to do so, but the philosopher Kierkegaard wondered what effect this whole experience must have had on Abraham. Can we go through such experiences and not be radically altered? Look at any of the Old Testament prophets and you see how radical faith can be. Isaiah went barefoot and naked for three years as a prophetic gesture. Hosea married a harlot in order to show how God was similarly yoked to the unfaithful people of Israel. Jesus's message must have been extremely radical in his day, enough for it to get him executed. The early Christians practiced their faith in secret because they too were in danger of being executed for it. Faith can be comforting, but if all it does is let you sleep well at night, then perhaps you aren't taking it far enough. As David Platt says in the book Radical, "I could not help but think that somewhere along the way we had missed what was radical about our faith and replaced it with what is comfortable." Consider whether you have made an idol of comfort and have in the process watered down your faith.

— Christopher Simon

School 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m.

**PEARL COUNTRY CHURCH:** 2082 FM 1690, Gatesville; Sunday morning worship 10 a.m.

**PECAN GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH:** 6545 FM 107, Gatesville; Sunday services - Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m.

**PIDCOKE BAPTIST CHURCH:** Donald McConnaughay, pastor; 11125 FM 116, Gatesville; Sunday services - Sunday School 10 a.m., worship service 11 a.m. www.pidcokebaptist.com

**PLEASANT VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH:** Chris Post, Pastor; CR 301, Jonesboro, TX; Sunday school at 10 a.m. and Sunday worship at 11 a.m.

**PRIMERO IGLESIA EMANUEL:** One mile north of Evant, Hwy. 281; Sunday services - Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m.

**PURMELA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH:** 875 FM-932, Purmela; Sunday services - Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m.

**SWEET HOME BAPTIST CHURCH:** 511 North 14th, Gatesville; Sunday services - Sunday school 9:30 a.m., Sunday morning worship 11 a.m.; Wednesday services - Wednesday evening worship 7 p.m.

**SPANISH BAPTIST CHURCH:** Ezequiel Casas, pastor; 113 Veazy Drive, Gatesville; Sunday Services; Sunday School 10:00 a.m., worship 11:00 a.m., Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m.

**TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH:** 1506 West Main, Gatesville; Sunday services - Sunday School 9:30 a.m., morning worship 10:50 a.m. Wednesday night services - activities for adults, youth, and children 6:30 p.m. Email: trinitybaptist@centurylink.net. Church: 254-865-8495 or Pre-school: 254-248-0041.

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**WESTVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH:** Interim Pastor: Eddie Taylor; 1102 West Main Street, Gatesville; Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m.

**WHITE HALL BAPTIST CHURCH:** Mike Barron, pastor; 2040 CR 238, Gatesville; Sunday school at 10 a.m.; Sunday morning worship services 11 a.m.; 254-679-3200.

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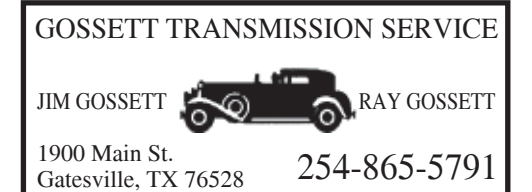
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The Gatesville varsity tennis team captured their fourth straight district championship, fending off a challenge by the Lampasas Badgers, 10-9. Whichever team earned 10 wins first in the contest captured the title, and Olivia Walker's winning match put Gatesville over the top for the victory. Also earning wins for Gatesville were Ty Warren, Alex Scott, Slone Early, Carlo Martinez, Kasey Fitzer, Callie Smith, Madeline Fast and Abraham Almendariz. The Hornets are scheduled to face Decatur on Oct. 11 in a bi-district playoff match in Cleburne.

## Oglesby Junior High Tigers fall to Gustine

BY TOM NORRELL  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Oglesby Junior High Tigers lost their first game of the year on Sept. 29 to the Gustine Tigers, 49-32.

Both teams scored often, with Oglesby Tigers scoring first, but too many missed tackles led to the Gustine Tigers pulling away for the victory in the end.

The Oglesby Tigers were without Holdyn Goff, their starting running back and safety, who was sidelined with an injury.

The young Tigers played tough all night long, but just couldn't stop the Gustine Tigers on defense.

For the OJHS offense:

- Aiden Oxford had his best game of the year scoring four touchdown runs of 15, 36, 45 and 42 yards. Oxford also scored two extra point conversions. He had 15 carries, for 193 yards.
- Kayson Campbell had a 32-yard touch-

down run and seven carries for 61 yards.

- Couper Wulfkuhle had one carry for a nice 20-yard run and first down for the Tigers.
  - Jayce Aaron had two carries for 11 yards.
  - Blayze Fisher had one carry for four yards and had five kickoffs.
- Defensively for Oglesby:
- Abram Shaw led all tacklers with two solo tackles, five assists, two point after try interceptions and 1 knocked down point after an attempted pass.
  - Kayson Campbell had one solo tackle and five assists.
  - Mason Marquez had one solo tackle and four assists.
  - Javon Howard had one solo tackle and three assists.
  - Jayce Aaron had one solo tackle and two assists.
  - Ranger Dalton had two assists.
  - Blayze Fisher had one assist.

## A Bandtastic performance



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The Gatesville Hornet Band performed during the Hornet volleyball team's Oct. 4 home game against Salado, adding excitement, energy and some great tunes to the evening. After the game, members of the volleyball team went and thanked the band for their support.

## Cross county competes in Stephenville

Gatesville High School's boys cross country team won first place in a 20-team field Oct. 5 in Stephenville.

It was the fifth first place trophy for the Hornets this season.

Gatesville's Carlo Martinez won first place overall with a time of 15:31, followed by

Abraham Almendariz who finished eighth, Ian Rainer who was 14th and Malachi Olvera who was 15th.

The Gatesville girls finished seventh.

The teams will complete in the District 23-4A meet on Oct. 10.

## Athletic Hall of Fame inductions slated

Several new members will be inducted into the Gatesville Athletic Hall of Fame during a ceremony at 6 p.m. today (Oct. 8) at the Gatesville Civic Center.

Those being honored include:

- Tommy Davidson
- Larry Moore
- Jerry Sullivan

- Becca Whittle Wilhite
  - Gerald Poe
  - The 2009 girls powerlighting team
- Tickets will be available at the door. The cost is \$15 for adults and \$10 for students. Light snacks will be served. Doors open at 5 p.m., with the program starting at 6 p.m.

## Area Fishing Report

**Belton**  
GOOD. Water lightly stained; 78 degrees; 11.18 feet low. The cold front which pushed in on 25-26 September was reinforced by another front on 29th has begun a net cooldown which will lead to turnover shortly. In the meantime, fish are still primarily suspended above the thermocline in splinter groups with inconsistent topwater action about the only game in town. Successful anglers will work to quickly identify the size of shad the fish are feeding on and throw artificial baits to match. Lures which are too large will typically be ignored. Report by Bob Maindelle, Holding the Line Guide Service. Lake Belton crappie are in 8-20 feet of water, picking singles off timber while running along tree lines using jigs tipped minnows. Brush piles should produce as well.

**Stillhouse**  
GOOD. Water lightly stained; 78 degrees; 9.94 feet low. The cold front which pushed in on 25-26 September was reinforced by another front on 29th and has begun a net cooldown which will lead to turnover shortly.

White bass continue to concentrate on both breaklines and slow-tapering bottoms in the 38-48 foot range, but are now much more willing to chase and bite. Using side-imaging over large tracts of bottom to find fish, then using MAL Dense Lures vertically at first, then horizontally after the vertical bite cools off continues to produce morning limits of fish. Small largemouth bass begin schooling on the surface around 8:30 a.m. and go strong until around 11 a.m. Small, unweighted flukes cast quickly and accurately get bit.

**Waco**  
FAIR. Water stained; 81 degrees; 10.63 feet low. The bite can be tough this time of year while the fish are transitioning to the fall pattern. The fish are on the move to either deep water along creek channels, or shallow timber. To locate the fish follow the bait fish, where there is bait fish there will be predatory fish that follow. Bass are fair chasing roaming fish suspended in the creek channel. The afternoon bite will start to outshine the morning bite, as fish can be lethargic in the cool mornings. The fish are

not acclimated to the switch in the weather temperatures, so once the sun begins to warm the water the fish will begin to feed. Report by Robert Stover, Workingman Crappie Guide. The fall brawl is on with crappie stacking up in brush between 10-17 feet of water on the main lake. Throw jigs tipped minnows.

**Whitney**  
GOOD. Water lightly stained; 79 degrees; 7.27 feet low. The fishing patterns will remain similar, with the fish biting picking up in pace as the water temperatures decline. Striped bass are good trolling umbrella-rigs with white or chartreuse grub tails or swim baits attached throughout the reservoir in 12-40 feet of water. Live minnows are working as well, but fresh live shad is still preferred. Top water lures work as well, if you can find the fish schooling, but the strippers don't stay up long and are moving fast. Report provided by Kraig Sexton, Sexton's Guide Service LLC, Fishing Charter, Marine Electronics & Accessories Installation. Striped bass are really good on topwater early.

### EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Department Head of the Month:  
**Steve Fisher**

*Steve is our Lifetime Wellness Director. He goes above and beyond for our residents daily and has an amazing relationship with each one.*

Employee of the Month:  
**Heather Penny**

*Heather is our Dietary Cook. She has really shined this month by always having a positive attitude and she has been great with our residents.*

*Congratulations and thank you to these amazing employees. We appreciate all you do!*

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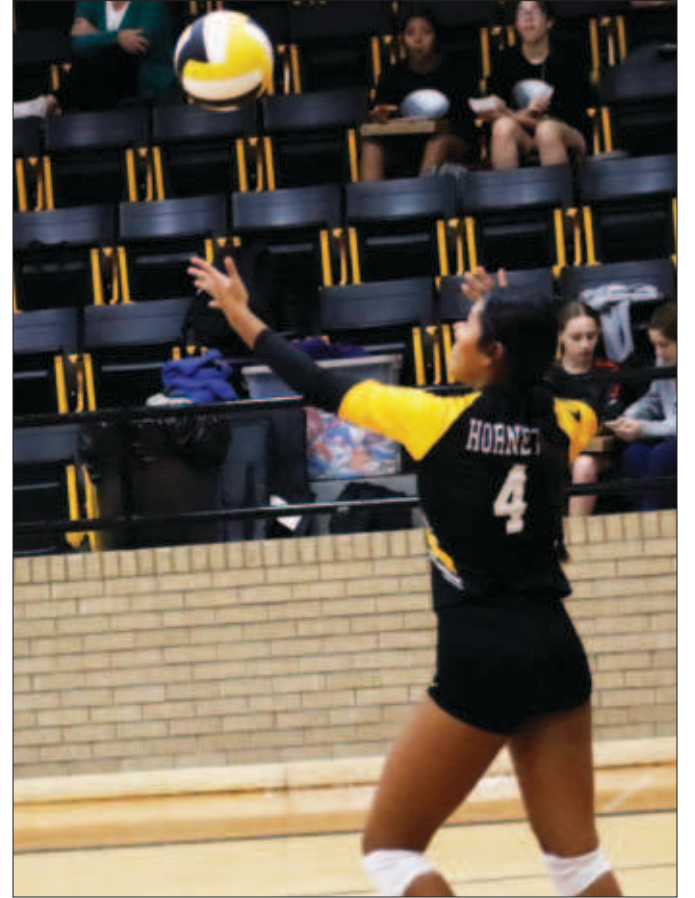
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## Hornets battle, fall to Eagles in district volleyball



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Barrett Boyd hits the ball over the net in the Gatesville Hornets' district volleyball game against the Salado Eagles on Oct. 4. The Hornets fell in three games and are now 1-3 in district competition.



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Laura Trejo serves the ball for the Hornets vs. Salado. The next home game for GHS will be Oct. 14 against China Spring.



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Team members celebrate a great play by the Hornets against the Salado Eagles in a district volleyball contest on Oct. 4.



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Lola Barron defends at the net for the Hornets.



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Emma Pollard hammers the ball for Gatesville against the Eagles.



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Lola Barron, Khloe Mathews, Barrett Boyd and Rachel Garrett watch as a ball sails past Salado defenders.