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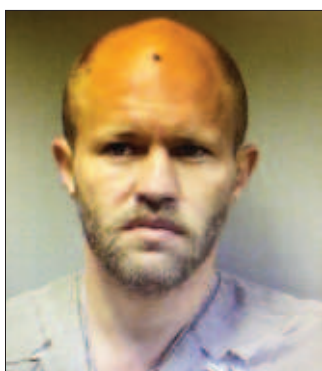
Fugitive named to Texas 10 Most Wanted list

BY JEFF OSBORNE
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

Fugitive Brandon Hogan, the Coryell County Jail inmate who escaped from a work detail at Seaton Cemetery on Sept. 26, is now on the 10 Most Wanted List, and rewards of up to \$7,500 are available for information leading to his capture.

That announcement was made during a joint press conference with Coryell County Sheriff Scott Williams and Texas Department of Public Safety Sgt. Bryan Washko on Oct. 14.

Hogan, a white male who is 5 feet, 9 inches tall and weighs an estimated 160 pounds, had been incarcerated in Coryell County since Aug. 1 on charges of continuous family violence, theft of a firearm, burglary of a habitat and criminal mischief, said Heather Ashley, a spokeswoman for the sheriff's office.



Brandon Hogan

"He is continuing to elude us," Williams said. "We have broadened our search." Williams noted there are agencies assisting with the search, including the U.S. Marshall's Office.

"We appreciate all area residents and landowners for their assistance. We have run down hundreds and hundreds of leads. They are still coming in and we appreciate

them. The guy is getting pretty desperate, I believe."

Directly addressing Hogan, Williams said: "We're going to look for you and never quit." He said Hogan would have to get lucky every day to avoid capture, "and we only have to get lucky once (to find him)."

There are thousands of people involved in the search for Hogan.

He urged anyone with information about Hogan's possible location to call the sheriff's office at 254-865-7201, ext. 0, or to call 9-1-1.

Sgt. Washko said people can also contact 800-252-TIPS or

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Going pink against breast cancer



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In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the employees at the Coryell County Courthouse recently showed their support for breast cancer awareness by dressing in pink. They were joined on the courthouse steps by Winston the therapy dog. Every October, people all over the world show their support for those affected by breast cancer. According to Coryell Health, 1 in 8 women in the U.S. will develop breast cancer in their lifetime. The American Cancer Society recommends women begin receiving annual screening mammograms at age 40.

Deadline set for progress on Bridge St. structure

BY JEFF OSBORNE
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

Six months after the Gatesville City Council addressed concerns about a substandard structure at 2006 Bridge St., the Council gave its owner until Nov. 15 to make substantial progress of making repairs or face the prospect that the house will be demolished.

Owner Josiah Wilson talked about his plans and reasons for delays during an Oct. 11 Council meeting, and although he did receive some sympathy and understanding for Council members - and the possibility of an extension of 90 days (until Jan. 10) to complete repairs, he was also informed the Council's patience on the matter is not unlimited.

Wilson, who resides in Buda, Texas - about 17 miles south of Austin - gave a recap of work done and an explanation for why rehab of the house is taking so long.

"We did get started on the property - the roof is completely redone and there have been electrical updates," he said. "There have been some delays with a contractor. I have been involved in other things in my business trying to put out fires."

Wilson, who also owns properties in other communities, said he prioritized other projects because they were costing him more "but we have not backed down from this project and we are going to get it done. We are two to three weeks away on another project before we can come back. 2006 Bridge Street is a large project and we were down to the studs. It was dilapidated. I don't want to put someone I don't have experience with on a project like this."

Councilwoman Barbara Burrow said she has heard that Wilson has indicated there are not local contractors available for his project.

"I have not found anybody at a cost I am willing to pay," Wilson said, explaining in one case there was a \$5,000 savings by not using a local contractor.

Councilwoman Meredith Rainer expressed disappointment that Wilson did not prioritize the Bridge Street property.

"We first saw you over 180 days ago - personally I would have put this project at the forefront," she said.

Wilson explained he has another property elsewhere that was "costing \$4,000 per month. This one is \$600 a month so I can float this one."

Meredith asked Wilson how many other properties he owned in Gatesville.

"A few - I have to go back and look at my sheet," he said.

City Manager Bill Parry later told the Council that Wilson owns four properties in Gatesville and that three of them are on the substandard structure list.

"The one at 312 State School Road is next on the list," Parry said. "Drive by it and it will take your breath away. Yes, you will probably be hearing from him again."

Wilson said he hoped to "wrap up other projects and bring those contractors here. I do like Gatesville and would like to get this done. I did not know it was on the city's dilapidated list when I bought it."

Mayor Gary Chumley asked Wilson "when can we expect to see some progress?"

"My goal is November 1st," Wilson said.

Burrow asked Wilson what's the worst case scenario regarding timeline.

"If you guys decide to demolish it," Wilson said, adding that once he sells

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Local farmers & ranchers recognized

BY JEFF OSBORNE
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

Gatesville resident Jonathan Ford has a strong appreciation for the contributions of farmers and ranchers, and during a recent meeting of the Gatesville Lions Club, he talked about their importance and asked for input from two local farmers.

National Farm Day is celebrated each year in October, but the impact that agricultural producers have on our lives is experienced every day, Ford said.

A local real estate agent, Ford said his own limited background with agriculture began when he was a student in Moody participating in Future Farmers of America, and continued when he helped his grandson with the necessary materials for raising rabbits for 4-H.

He said National Farm Day (which was Oct. 12) "was created so we as a nation would acknowledge the hard work farmers and ranchers do in feeding and supplying our nation with the necessary materials it needs to succeed."

Ford invited local farmers David and Sharon Westerfeld and Bob and Becky Phillips to the program, and asked for their comments later in the presentation.



"I thank them and others involved in farming and ranching for their lifelong contributions to the land, raising crops and livestock," Ford said. "Every time we take a

bite to eat, we should be thankful for those men and women who are farmers.

"Only 2% of our population is involved in farming, yet their contributions are way beyond that 2%. They are also responsible for 22.2 million jobs (including those who serve the ag industry)."

Ford said he encourages people "to support our local farmers and producers by buying locally produced goods that are farm fresh."

He asked Bob Phillips and David Westerfeld what it means for them to be farmers.

"I guess I would understand why just 2% do this kind of hard work," Phillips said. "You're out in the environment - hot or cold - and on call 24 hours. It can be

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other properties it will help him move forward on the Bridge Street house.

"The fundamental issue - Mr. Wilson appeared before you on April 12 and you gave him 90 days," Parry said. "By government code you can only give him 90 days. We need a date when this will be done. You need to make a decision whether you're going to allow him to continue to remodel the house and how long you'll give him, and the repercussions if it's not done."

Wilson said he has installed a new roof and had the electrical box upgraded but has not run new wires yet.

"We had to reframe because someone took out a load-bearing wall in the middle and the roof collapsed in," he said. "I went by there today - it's not the most friendly but there are ones that are worse. We'll have a fresh paint job, new flooring and a new bathroom."

Councilman Claude Williams asked Wilson when he thinks the work will be done.

"With the contractor I have in mind, I hope by the end of the year," Wilson said.

Burrow noted with the holidays coming up, that could have an impact on the timeline.

"It could potentially be the end of January to be finished," Wilson said.

"I think that's where we're in a pickle not getting things done," Rainer said.

"We've allowed you to invest the money by allowing the process to go on, and we're in a bind, too," Burrow said.

Parry said Jan. 11 was the maximum amount of time the Council can give and adhere to government



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Members of the Gatesville City Council have told Josiah Wilson that the house he owns at 2006 Bridge St. must soon have significant progress in repair work or the house will be demolished. Wilson has until Nov. 15 to get substantial work done and present a plan for further rehab, along with a timeline for completion.

code.

"If it's not done in January we have to decide whether to allow this to go on," Rainer said.

"I have no doubt I will get the project done - Jan. 10 is 90 days," Wilson said.

Rainer said she would like an update sooner and did not want to wait until January for an update.

"I'd personally like to know by Nov. 1 if you have a contractor," she said. "If not there's no way you can get it done. If he doesn't have a contractor, January is not even possible."

Mayor Chumley suggested getting an update at the Nov. 15 meet-

ing.

"There's been a lack of information," Burrow said.

Wilson said he could "do a better job updating you with emails and photos."

Councilman Greg Casey said another 90 days was "fine," adding, "I would make this your priority or it's going to be a hole in the ground." He added that significant progress needs to be made and city code inspector Robert Featherston or an expert should offer their feedback on work done.

"I want to see a good faith effort he's going to get it done," Casey said.

Wilson said electrical work "will definitely be done by then, we'll get windows ordered. There's broken glass and that needs to be resolved." He added that framing on windows and exterior doors would be done by the time he updates the Council in November.

"Are we going to feel bad he's put money into it and give him more time?" Rainer asked. "How long do we draw this out?"

Burrow said she would like to hold Wilson to the 90-day timeframe, contingent on significant progress being made by Nov. 15.

"If (Wilson) doesn't show up by Nov. 15, I think Jan. 10 is out the

window," Burrow said. "Any improvement is better than none. I would like to see that in a timely manner."

Parry said the Council has twice asked for a plan "and you still don't have a plan. A contractor needs to present that by Nov. 15."

Councilman Billy Sinyard said that the Nov. 15 deadline will be crucial in determining the next step.

"If no progress is made by Nov. 15, I think you're done," Sinyard said. "By the 15th if you're not rocking and rolling, there's no more time to waste."

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visit the Texas Top 10 Most Wanted website or Facebook page to report a tip.

He said some people might be afraid to reveal their identity to law enforcement but added: "You are protected by Texas law to remain anonymous. Your identity will never be revealed."

Echoing comments by Williams, Washko said that Hogan should be considered dangerous and urged people to avoid contact with him: "Desperate people do desperate things ... be a good witness."

Williams was asked if authorities believe Hogan had any help when he escaped.

"He did not have any help at first, based on what we've found," Williams said. "It was a very opportune time for him to escape. He is very intimate with that area. We are keeping a heavy footprint in the area he escaped from and reaching all over the U.S. with the help of other agencies."

Williams said that Hogan was not cleared to serve as part of a work crew outside the jail, and an error was made in allowing him to do so.

He said there is an internal investigation related to that issue, but at this point the priorities are protecting a victim of Hogan and also making sure that Hogan is captured.



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Sheriff Scott Williams (top photo) and Texas DPS Sgt. Bryan Washko provided an update on the search for Brandon Hogan.



FARMERS

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for very low pay. You do continue to do it whether you have a year of prosperity or not. This year I'm not sure if we'll show a profit. It can be not profitable at times. I'm hoping next year will be better.

"There's a calling on you (to be a farmer)."

Phillips said he got his start in agriculture by helping relatives with their crops. He added that farm-

ers often operate on a thin margin without room for extras.

"You can tell by my fingers we do our own mechanical work," he said. "If we can't fix it ourselves, we just have to throw it away. We enjoy getting out on the land and we like to hunt and fish, as well."

"It brings joy to your heart when things are well."

Phillips said his family farms about 200 acres.

Westerfeld farms with a group that works about 9,000 acres of property

in the eastern part of the county near Oglesby.

"I am very blessed to be a rancher or a farmer," he said. "I started working when I was 2 or 3, so I've been working on a farm for about 55 years now. "My dad turned over the land to us when we were in high school, although he still helped us."

"I've enjoyed it all my life, through hard times and better times. I am blessed to work on a farm with my family."



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DUTCH OVEN LUNCH: The Leon River Dutch Oven Gang will be at Eagle Springs Baptist Church on Saturday serving up a menu to include Sloppy Joe sliders, cow-boy potatoes, baked beans and Apple Dump Cake – all cooked on location in genuine old-time dutch ovens.

Dutch Oven Gang to host fundraiser for local historic church

The locally known “Leon River Dutch Oven Gang” will be providing some down-home cooking to benefit the ongoing restoration process of the historic Eagle Springs Baptist Church located in southeastern Coryell County. The event will take place on Saturday, Oct. 22. The gang will begin serving lunch around 11 a.m., and provided on the menu will be Sloppy Joe sliders, cow-boy 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 17 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 professionally leveled, the building continues to slant to the east. 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 worshiped nearly 150 years ago, she said. There will be no need to bring a rifle -- the Comanche aren't on the warpath 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.

FROM MY FRONT PORCH

Where do you stand on pumpkin spice? Yes or no?



SAM HOUSTON
Sam Houston is the publisher of the Hood County News. He is also an actor, author, playwright, performer and entertainment producer/promoter.

Seems like only a couple of weeks ago I'd walk out of the front door of the newspaper and jump in my car, and the steering wheel would be too hot to touch. Once the car was started, I would turn the air conditioning on full blast, and then roll down the windows to let some of the hot air which had previously been trapped, escape. Such was my routine for what seems like a great many months.

This past weekend I made a trip to visit a friend who resides north of Denton. I left early in the morning and as I departed; I never paid much attention to the day's weather forecast. After all, for months the weatherman had recited the same tired old lines, “hot and miserable” followed by “hot and miserable.” Why would I check now?

When I arrived about 8 a.m., it was a little overcast

and the wind was blowing about 15 mph. My chosen attire for the day was shorts and a T-shirt. When the car door opened and I stepped out, I released an audible gasp. The temperature was only 54 degrees and with the wind factored in, it was cool! Remember cool? It is that temperature that exists when it is not 105. I could not believe it! It was livable outside! Where did this phenomenon come from? Somewhere in the dark recesses of my memory bank I could remember cool days, but they had been so long ago I was not sure. Could this refreshing feeling indicate the seasons are changing and summer may be headed out the door?

There are other telltale signs of fall. There have been advertisements for people attempting to sell firewood. Municipalities all over the state are having community events with names like Octoberfest, or Harvest Moon. I am seeing Halloween items in the stores, and Heaven forbid, even some Christmas items. Is the long, hot, miserable summer finally leaving us?

I must admit I was not sure if Mother Nature had looked at the calendar, seen it was October and decided it was time to act, or if perhaps I was being taken in and the heat would reappear in a day or so. Then something happened that told me without a doubt, fall was here. When I walked through the grocery store, I saw a multitude of pumpkin spice flavored

products on the shelves, ranging from coffee creamers to baked goods. The appearance of pumpkin spice is the ultimate signal of the change of seasons.

Pumpkin is one of my favorite pies and I have always enjoyed the spicy cinnamon flavor associated with the fall. The flavor lets my taste buds know the heat — which I have complained about for weeks on end — is finally on the way out the door. No longer will the air conditioner be running non-stop. I can turn off the ceiling fans which have run non-stop since late April, and I can look forward to having a fire in the outdoor fireplace on my deck. I can picture myself enjoying a cup of coffee while sitting around the fire, flavoring it with pumpkin spice, and wrapping a blanket around me while I enjoy the absence of mosquitoes and the incessant heat.

I know I am ready for the fall and winter to get here so I can enjoy all the good things associated with cooler weather. Besides, the sooner it happens the sooner I can start complaining and wondering when spring is going to get here, and it will finally warm up. The circle of life continues.

Thought for the day: Fall is the time when the world explodes with its last beauty, as if nature had been saving up all year for the last show of the season.

Until next time.

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NATIONAL REGISTER PLAQUE UNVEILED



Gatesville Adaptive Sports hosts field day Nov. 5 at park

Gatesville Adaptive Sports invites everyone to learn how to play their favorite sport. On Saturday, Nov. 5, starting at 12 p.m., Gatesville Adaptive Sports will be hosting a field day coming together with the surround-

ing communities for those wanting to learn how to play soccer, baseball/softball, and practice cheerleading for our league in January 2023.

The event will be held at Faunt Le Roy Park located on

S. 7th St. in Gatesville. For more information, contact Kara Dotson at 254-206-0064 or visit the Gatesville Adaptive Sports Facebook page.



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Chairman of the Coryell County Historical Commission, Danny Corbett, recently presided over the unveiling of the National Register of Historic Places plaque during the Ogletree Gap Heritage Festival held near Copperas Cove.

The NRHP plaque, which is now attached to the original historical marker post, was placed on the National Register in 1979 in front of the stone structure known as the Ogletree Gap stagecoach stop. The stage stop, post office and mercantile store were located in the building, which was built in 1878 by pioneer Marsden Ogletree. The family lived in one room of the two-room structure while the stage stop, post office and mercantile store were located in the adjacent room.

A one-man movie show



TUMBLEWEED SMITH
Tumbleweed is a newspaper columnist and producer of The Sound of Texas radio series

I met Mike Robertson at a restored theater in Spur, where I did my new one-man show Outrageous Texas Women of Character. Before the show started, I saw this man in the audience who looked a lot like Santa Claus. He had a white beard and jolly eyes, and when I visited with him for just a few minutes, I was convinced that he is genuinely as friendly as the real thing. He does Santa Claus stuff around the end of the year.

I found out later that he is a speaker, does magic, creates music, sings and is a Baylor grad. That's what really bonded us. During the pandemic, Mike went around the

state taking pictures of old theaters. Some of them were in poor condition while others had been restored. He put his photos on his website and people seemed interested in the old movie houses. Some suggested he needed to do a coffee table book but that proved too costly. He took thousands of photos and selected 256 of them and developed a one-man show titled The Show Must Go On. It was held at the 157-seat AFS Cinema, 6259 Middle Fiskville Road in Austin on Tuesday, Oct. 18.

"I had a lot of friends ask if I was going to record it or stream it live," said Mike. "I told them no, that I was not

going to do that. We are losing the importance of going out and doing things. Not just movies but music, restaurants and other stuff. It's so easy to stay home and order food or watch a movie or listen to music on your laptop or phone. We've lost the fun and the joy and the community of going out and being with other people. I think it shows in our society. We've gotten too sedentary as a nation. So, I tell people the only chance to see this is to be there in a seat."

Mike has used a few of his many talents in putting the show together.

"I thought, well, I'm a speaker so I should do some-

thing where I get to talk. I also design cool slide presentations so I should do some kind of cool slide presentation. I created an original song that will be part of the presentation. I'm excited and terrified because I've never rented out a theater and been completely responsible for selling the tickets. I've been actively working on the show for three months but like this mooning I spent three hours on one slide. It's got to do some pretty important things and convey a lot of information. It'll be on the screen for about 50 seconds. It's filled with some good stuff. And there's a little bit of comedy in the show, too. It'll be a real

surprise." When you think of slide shows, you think of dull, boring events where the speaker reads words that are projected on a screen. Forget that. His slide presentations are works of video art. He'll grab a letter from the screen and place it somewhere else. It looks like magic. Other speakers have asked him to help with their slide presentations.

His show, The Show Must Go On, is just over an hour. There will be popcorn, a full concession stand and bar. Tickets are \$20 and are available at his website mytexas-pictureshows.com.

Painting Fundraiser set for Landonkind Scholarship fund

There will be a painting fundraiser on Saturday, Oct. 22. All proceeds will be donated directly to the Landonkind scholarship fund. Painting will start at 1 p.m. There

will be two painting options including hocus pocus and a pumpkin. For the smaller children wanting to participate, there will be easier designs as well. Entry will cost

\$35 for adults and \$25 for children.

This event will be held at Fort Gates Water Supply Corporation, which is located at 103 Gateway Circle.

OBITUARIES

TOMMY CHARLES COLE

March 3, 1944 - Oct. 3, 2022



Tommy Charles Cole, age 78, passed away peacefully at his home in Kingwood, Texas, on the morning of Monday, October 3, 2022. He is survived by his loving wife of 44 years, Trisha, and his children, Josh, Beth and Jesse.

Tommy was born to John Dude (J.D.) and Trudie Bell Cole on March 3, 1944, in Gatesville. He graduated from Gatesville High School in 1962 and then from Baylor University with a degree in accounting in 1972. He went on to have a long and successful career in roles as a Controller, CFO, and count-

less others over the following 40 years.

Tommy loved to fish and while he was quite good at the fishing part, the catching part often eluded him. He also loved ice cream and enjoyed a bowl almost every night. He ate fast. He loved deep. He lived life fully.

Tommy was extremely sociable and would strike up a conversation with anyone, whether they wanted it or not. We're pretty sure he talked the ears off more than one brick wall. He was also known for his sense of humor. He'd tell you jokes all day and seemed to have an endless number of them, though if you let him talk long enough you were sure to hear them more than once. He was quick-witted, kind, and generous and used his humor as a way to connect with others and put them at ease.

His real passion was people. He loved and supported his family with a ferocity that was second to none, with his love for his friends and their families a close second. He served as a mentor, confidant and role model to countless people throughout his

life. He was always willing to make himself available to serve others and that service lives on in the lives of those lucky enough to have known him. He volunteered to coach youth soccer and basketball teams, even doing so long after his own children had quit playing. He was then able to pass on those acts of service to his family by coaching with his children. He was a giver, and we are all the better for the gifts he so freely gave.

His family meant everything to him, and he sacrificed every day of his life to support, love and guide them. He only ever wanted for his kids to be happy; it was important to him. He loved making memories with and for others, and we are blessed to have so many with him.

Dad, TC, Tommy, Tom, Tommy Cole, Tommy Charles... however you knew him he undoubtedly left a positive mark on your life. He will be dearly missed.

Who loves you? You do. Always have... Always will...

The family of Tommy Cole will be holding a small family gathering in his memory.

away on Friday, Oct. 14, 2022 peacefully at her home surrounded by family.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19, at Scott's Funeral Home Chapel, with Ryan Rodriguez officiating. Interment will follow at Restland Cemetery.

Lydia "Ama" "Lita" Rodriguez, was born on October 4, 1942 in Skidmore, Texas to the late Agustin and Adelfina Gonzales. She was raised in Texas, and eloped with the love of her life Teodoro Rodriguez. They married in 1958 and raised their four children in Texas, Oklahoma, Nebraska and California. In 1979, her family settled in Gatesville, where she backboned the family to good and

hardworking members of the community. She worked cleaning houses for wonderful folks in and around Gatesville and was considered more a close friend than an employee. She met the true definition of a "Shepherd" when it came to her family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Teodoro Rodriguez, in 2002 and a daughter, Angie Murdoch in 2021.

Lydia is survived by her sons, David Rodriguez and wife, July; Robert Rodriguez and wife, Diane; Alex Rodriguez and wife, Sharon, stepdaughter, Margarita Martinez; and chingos of grandkids and great-grandkids and great-grandkids.

United Women in Faith recently met at the Methodist Church

The regular meeting of the United Women in Faith was held Oct. 11 in the Banquet Room of the Methodist Church in Gatesville at 5:30 p.m. Fourteen ladies were present including one new member, Linda Maxwell, and one visitor, Cindy Martin. The hostesses were Kathleen Blankemeyer and Shirleen Chandler.

President Patsy Smart called the meeting to order by leading in the Blessing. Following refreshments, President Smart thanked the hostesses and read The Purpose. Velva Riddle read from the Daily Prayer Guide and the Response Magazine. Chandler led the group in singing "Pass

It On." Carol Dildine presented the program called "Celebrate the Little Stuff." She began with an activity celebrating each one present. The scripture was Luke 15: 8-10, a story Jesus told about a woman who lost a coin and rejoiced when it was found. Celebrating helps us fill our cups with joy, and Carol challenged the group to be more intentional to notice when something good happens to friends. They picked members who are unable to come to the meetings and wrote cards to them, spreading joy!

President Smart called the business meeting to order. Riddle spoke about their

Special Mission Recognition recipient, Jane Harvey, sharing all the things she has done for the church. Chandler asked the group to consider a donation to the District Mission Project, the Un-included Club of Temple. She was able to visit the club recently and explained some of the projects they are working on with youth in East Temple. President Smart presented certificates the group had earned this year through their studies and donations. Vice-President Riddle passed around sign-up sheets for programs and hosting for next year.

The meeting adjourned with the Benediction.

PEARL NEWS

Teeny weeny, turquoise greeny, stringy bikini put out a strange vibe at the Book Cottage



BETSY CLARK
Pearl News Correspondent

We would like to thank Garrett and Cooper Dickey, T Bob Cole, Chris and Ronald Ray, and Jeff and Sandra Carswell for working so hard during the Pearl Cemetery Workday last week. Many have remarked upon how wonderful everything looks. The new Pavilion and the well-kept grounds honor our loved ones gone before us and provide for future needs - even though

we don't like to think about such times. It really does the heart good to know how very much people care about this sweet community and are willing to give of their time and effort to see that it remains the peaceful, beautiful place that it is.

Since the busyness of last week, things have been quiet in Pearl so far this week.... except for that darned teeny weeny, turquoise greeny, stringy bikini. Some of the Book Cottage patrons noticed that it put out a strange vibe during the Flea Market last weekend, and they sure let me know that something is rotten in Denmark... well, Pearl, actually. It seems that there was a strange hissing, a slight rumble and a bit of rustling in the vicinity of the framed atrocity. Kay said she just stayed away from the "grazze-frack-ed" thing as she was sure it was going to jump off the wall and envelop her like a hysterical spider. In checking my records, I've noticed a pattern. It happens every October. That blasted bikini seems to

know that it's spooks and goblins season, and then it quivers and quakes until it gets loose and wreaks havoc on Pearl. Folks, this is fair warning. That squalid suit is most likely on a Halloween Haunt, and who knows what mayhem will transpire. I've done my part as best as I could from all the way in East Texas—I've warned Kay, Linda, and Corlisa to be on guard for UBA (Unusual Bikini Activity). I will keep you posted, so stay tuned.

This week's Scripture: "Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable — if anything is excellent or praiseworthy — think about such things." Philippians 4:8 NIV

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

Check out Jennifer Rushon's Facebook page, Pearl Community Center, Texas.

There's no place like Pearl!

LYDIA RODRIGUEZ

Oct. 4, 1942 - Oct. 14, 2022



Mrs. Lydia Rodriguez, age 80, of Gatesville, passed

GISD presents Gathering Gatesville

Gatesville Community Outreach is hosting an event to spotlight students and teachers from the Career and Technology Education (CTE) Classes. This event will be held Thursday, Nov. 10, from 5:30-7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

In 2021, 69 percent of companies reported difficulty hiring. Employers are struggling to obtain qualified applicants. CTE provides students with career and academic skills, as well as soft skills that are needed for the modern workplace. Research shows that students in CTE courses perform better, are more engaged, and have higher graduation rates.

CTE Classes will include Floral Design, Animal Sciences, Certified Nursing Aide, Welding, Automotive repair, Culinary Arts and more.

Gatesville High School is located at 205 S. Lovers Lane in Gatesville. For more information about this event, contact 254-865-7251 ext. 5855, or by email at mmartin@gatesvilleisd.org or pwilliams@gatesvilleisd.org.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HOSTS RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY



The Gatesville Chamber of Commerce recently held a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Cowgirls to Lace boutique located at 712 Leon Street in Gatesville just a block off the historic courthouse square. The shop, known as a "women's western-style boutique with a flair," is owned by Gwen and Jamie Miller.

Ogletree Gap Festival celebrates origins of Copperas Cove

The Ogletree Gap Heritage Festival was recently held at the Ogletree Gap Park located in Coryell County near Copperas Cove after

an absence of more than a decade. The festival, which began in 1984, was presented by the Copperas Cove Cham-

ber of Commerce until 2008. The Copperas Cove Historical Society brought back the festival this year, which included historical demon-

strations in and around the old stagecoach stop and post office located in the park. The stagecoach stop,

which is honored with a state historical marker, is noted as one of the oldest buildings in the area around Copperas Cove.

The solitary two-room structure was built of stone by Marsden Ogletree in 1878.



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Visitors were treated to buggy rides around the park.



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Doc Powell spoke on early medicine during the festival.



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Left to right: Retired Captian Hilary Schwarz, Joe Simmons and Ellen Schwarz raise the Texas flag.



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Emma Gill demonstrates spinning yarn on an antique spinning wheel.



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A demonstrator paints a glimpse of what preparing a meal was like in the 1800's.



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An actor portrays Marsden Ogletree, builder of the stagecoach stop, during the festival.

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Coryell City/Osage VFD to host fish fry and drawing Oct. 22

The Coryell City/Osage Volunteer Fire Department will host a fish fry and drawing on Saturday, Oct. 22, from 5-8 p.m. There will be a southern fried fish meal with all the fixins'. The cost for the meal will be \$10 for adults, and children 12 and younger will be \$6. The drawing will be for a set of lawn furniture. Tick-

ets for the drawing may be purchased from Coryell City/Osage Volunteer Fire Department prior to and during the event. One ticket is \$5 or six tickets are \$20. The drawing will be held at the fire department during the fish fry. Takeout orders will also be available. There will be homemade salsa for sale as

well. All proceeds from the fish fry and drawing will benefit the Coryell City/Osage Volunteer Fire Department. The event will take place at the fire department which is located at 301 CR 255 in Coryell City. For more information, contact 254-248-1177.

BOOK REVIEW

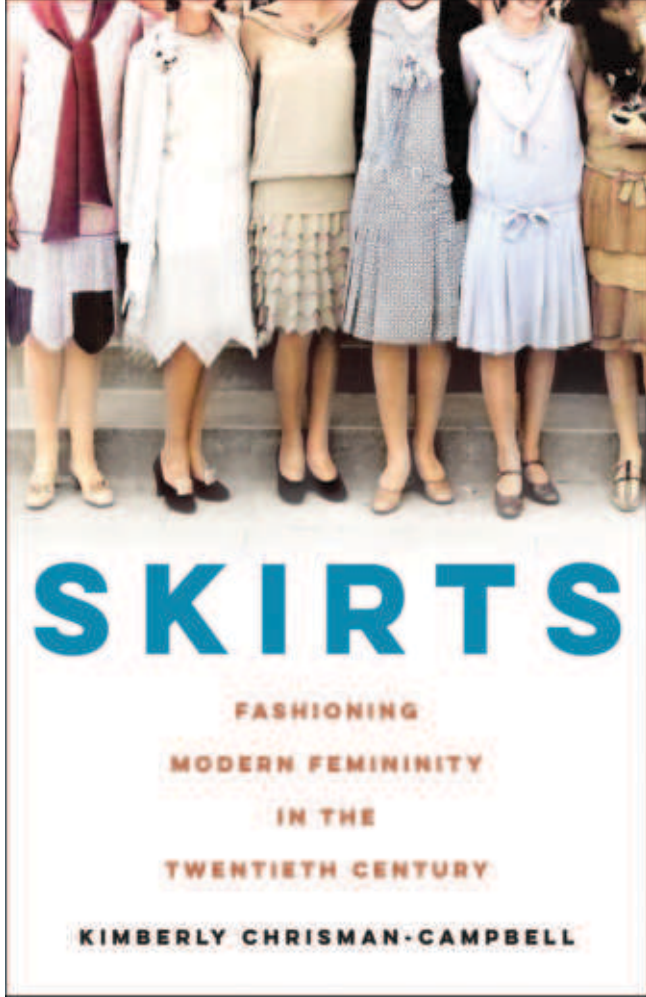
'Skirts' shows history of the passion for fashion



TERRI SCHLICHEN-MEYER

A lady always sits with her knees together, ankles discreetly crossed. A hundred years ago, that's the advice great-great-grandma might have whispered. A lady always moves quietly and demurely but purposefully, uses discretion in her costume, never raises her voice and never, ever allows too much of her leg to show. Knees together, but covered. And if great-great-grandma could read "Skirts" by Kimberly Chrisman-Campbell, wow, would she be surprised. Many hundreds of years ago, everybody wore a skirt, though it wasn't called a skirt then. It was a toga, kilt, tunic, robe that could be embellished to reflect one's status; it was mostly unisex and quite egalitarian. Then came the Middle Ages, and a double-standard in fashion: men's clothing allowed more showing off, while women were deemed immodest for doing the same. As years passed, women wore whatever they wanted, as long as it was a gown or dress. Even well into the last century, pants-wearing in public was generally frowned-upon. Today, says Chrisman-Campbell, many women still choose skirts, though great-great-grandma might have worn a flowy silk dress from designer Mariano Fortuny that harked back to togas and Grecian goddesses. If she played tennis, she may have started out in long dresses that caught in her heels as she dived for a ball, until 1919 when tennis pro Suzanne Lenglen stepped onto the court in a calf-length sleeveless dress. Coco Chanel introduced women to the anytime LBD ("little black dress"), which could be embellished up or down, while Elsa Schiaparelli did the same with the wrap dress. Hollywood made the strapless gown glamorous and teenagers made it popular. Marilyn Monroe put the "naked dress" in the gossip columns. Hemlines have gone up, thanks in part to Mary Quant, and they went down, thanks to a mini backlash and the "prairie look." They swept the ground in everyday wear before settling into a whatever-works-for-you length. And now, according to Chrisman-Campbell, we've come full circle and "pants are no longer the only option for men, either."

Lift "Skirts" and you may notice that leg-baring attire isn't the only thing you'll learn about. Author Kimberly Chrisman-Campbell is more expan-



sive, with the story of several styles of dresses, designers, a good bit of cultural history, and to some extent, women's history. Those things widen what could have been a hemmed-in story. Despite that, this book is chock-full of little-known information for the average fashionista, and though what's here is interesting, you might wonder about what's not included. Big-closet owners may notice holes in the narrative here or there; there's not much about some rather influential fashions and too much about others, and a lot about specific designers that the average reader might not recognize. Moreover, the impact of it all on society and women's rights sometimes seems frustratingly brief. The reader who makes

fashion a passion may find this book too shallow in its coverage and missing a few stitches overall. The reader who loves clothes and wants a lively, fun and light read, though, will think that "Skirts" is the bee's knees.



COURTESY PHOTO
Campbell

The DISPATCH

The following is a partial breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of October 12-15. Persons are reminded that only emergency calls should be made to 911, 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

October 12
8:22 a.m., harassment was reported in the 100 block of Pamela Drive.
10:10 a.m., a theft was reported in the 1200 block of Saunders Street.
2:53 p.m., an assault was reported in the 100 block of 23rd Street.
5:54 p.m., a burglary was reported in the 2400 block of E. Main Street.
8:53 p.m., a threat was reported in the 2600 block of Powell Drive.
10:09 p.m., a threat was reported in the 3400 block of Empress Drive.

October 13
7:46 a.m., a burglary was reported in the 400 block of N. 16th Street.
3:00 p.m., a theft was reported in the 1200 block of Bridge Street.
3:13 p.m., a theft was reported in the 100 block of Dora's Lane.
3:56 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 200 block of Carroll Drive.
4:54 p.m., an accident was reported in the 2000 block of E. Main Street.
5:25 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 2500 block of E. Main Street.

October 14
1:29 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 4600 block of S. State Highway 36.
8:59 a.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 2300 block of E. Main Street.
3:22 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 500 block of FM 932.
4:14 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of N. 30th Street.
5:03 p.m., illegal dumping was reported in the 1300 block of W. Leon Street.
7:29 p.m., harassment was

reported in the 300 block of Regal Lane.
October 15
6:43 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 10000 block of S. Highway 36.
12:22 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 2200 block of E. Main Street.
12:46 p.m., a theft was reported in the 1300 block of Westview Drive.
2:11 p.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 1400 block of Baldrige Drive.
5:13 p.m., a threat was reported in the 2500 block of S. Business Highway 36.
7:30 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 1400 block of Old Pidcoke Road.

October 13
1:45 a.m., an assault was reported in the 2700 block of Pine Circle.
11:14 a.m., illegal dumping was reported on Lutheran Church Road.
1:12 p.m., the burglary of a habitation was reported in the 100 block of Dora's Lane.
2:57 p.m., a threat was reported in the 300 block of FM 107.
5:21 p.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of College Avenue.
7:36 p.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 500 block of Nathan Drive.

October 14
10:02 a.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 100 block of CR 332.
3:23 p.m., a fire was reported in the 500 block of FM 832.
3:48 p.m., a reckless driver was reported on S. Hwy. 36 near MATES.
4:04 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on FM 2412 and CR 176.
9:10 p.m., suspicious activity was reported on CR 315 at CR 322.
9:28 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 400 block of CR 143.

October 15
10:44 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported on Old Georgetown Road at Riverbend Lane.
11:28 a.m., a stolen vehicle was reported in the 5500 block of Baldknob Road.
12:30 p.m., a theft was reported in the 500 block of E. Leon Street.
1:17 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 500 block of E. Leon Street.
4:28 p.m., an explosion was reported in the 3400 block of FM 1113.
8:04 p.m., harassment was reported in the 200 block of S. Highway 281.

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October 12
9:02 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported on CR 3900.
10:15 a.m., fraud was reported in the 100 block of Harrell Drive.
2:19 p.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 1800 block of CR 180.
2:39 p.m., a neighbor dispute was reported on FM 1783.
3:20 p.m., animal neglect was reported in the 200 block of Bobcat Lane.
6:30 p.m., suspicious persons were reported on Moccasin Bend Road.

Purmela Baptist Church revival to be held Oct. 20-23

Purmela Baptist Church will be having a revival Oct. 20-23, Brad Newman will be preaching. The Thursday service will begin at 6:30 p.m., and a desert and beverage social will follow. On Friday, there will

be a pizza dinner held at 5:30 p.m., and services will begin at 6:30 p.m. Saturday services will begin at 6:30 p.m. and there will be an ice cream social to follow. Sunday services will begin at 11 a.m., followed

by a covered dish lunch. Purmela Baptist Church is located at 875 FM-932 in Purmela. For more information, call 903-651-3916.

Levita VFD hosts BBQ, raffle

The Levita Volunteer Fire Department will host a barbecue meal and raffle starting on Friday, Nov. 4, and continuing the following day on Saturday, Nov. 5, from 7 a.m. until they run out. There will also be a gun raffle which

will be \$20 per ticket for a "T6 5.56 AR-15." There will only be 200 tickets available. To purchase tickets, contact Jason Shepard or they can be purchased at the barbecue. This event will be located at Hometown Floors in Gates-

ville. Hometown Floors is located at 1101 W. Main St. in Gatesville. For more information about purchasing tickets, contact Jason Shepard at 254-223-2126.

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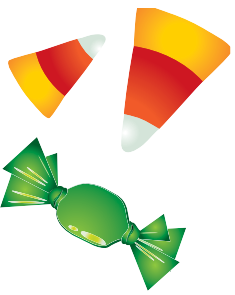
PUMPKIN DROP-OFF AT GATESVILLE CHAMBER

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.



GJHS 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, Family. 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.

STORYBOOK PUMPKIN CONTEST OCT. 19-26

The Gatesville Public Library will be hosting their fourth annual Storybook Pumpkin Contest. Age categories for judging will be pre-K through first grade, second and third grade, fourth through sixth grade, seventh grade through adult. There will be prizes for first, second and third place in each category.

The rules are:

- One entry per person.
- No entry shall exceed 24 inches tall or three pounds.
- All entries must be based off a book character.
- Art supplies that are permitted: paint, yarn, clay, wigs, glitter, etc.
- Absolutely NO carved pumpkins.
- On an index card have the following: name, age, phone number, and the title of the book that is being used.

Entries may be submitted Oct. 19-26 at the Gatesville Public Library. The winners will be on display during Boozaar.

Gatesville Public Library is located at 111 N. 8th Street. For more information, call 254-865-5367.

FALL FAMILY FUN NIGHT OCT. 22

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. For more information about this event, contact the Gatesville Fitness Center at 254-865-4012.

GATESVILLE PRIMARY FALL FAMILY NIGHT OCT. 25

Gatesville Primary School will host a Fall Family Night on Tuesday, Oct. 25, from 5:30 p.m. through 7 p.m. Fall Family Night will be held on the playground of the school. This will be an evening of family fun, costumes, and candy. Dressing up is encouraged but not required.

There will be games, crafts, a book fair, a concession stand, Kona Ice, The Coffee Saloon Truck, Halloween movies, and much more.

The Gatesville Primary School is located at 308 Hornet Way in Gatesville. For more information you may contact the Gatesville Primary School at 254-865-7264.

HILLSIDE MEDICAL LODGE TRUNK OR TREAT OCT. 27

Hillside Medical Lodge will host their annual Trunk-or-Treat on Thursday, Oct. 27. The Trunk-or-Treat will begin at 6 p.m. and will continue until all the candy is gone. There will be trunks set up around the parking lot filled with candy for everyone.

Hillside Medical Lodge is located at 300 South Highway



TIS THE SEASON: As Halloween nears, jack-o-lanterns can be spotted decorating porches as well as contest tables.

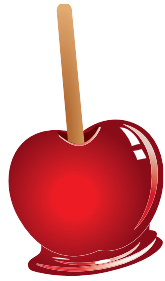
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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TRUNK OR TREAT OCT. 29

The Presbyterian Church of Gatesville will be hosting a Trunk or Treat on Saturday, Oct. 29, from 6-8 p.m. There will be food, a bounce house for the kids, and a dunk tank. Local ministers will be participating in the dunking booth - the public is invited to come and dunk their favorite pastor. All proceeds will go to the Ministerial Alliance. Everything will be paid for on a donation basis.

The Presbyterian Church is located at 1110 E. Main Street in Gatesville.



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.

ANNUAL 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 areas. 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 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.

REHABILIVING TINY TOT COSTUME CONTEST OCT. 31

Coryell Health RehabLiving will host their annual Tiny Tot costume contest on Monday, Oct. 31. The contest will begin at 3 p.m. Children up to three years of age can participate. There will be three prizes given out this year, with the top prize being \$100.

Coryell Health RehabLiving can be located at 110 Chicktown Rd. in Gatesville. For more information, call 254-404-2500.

Gatesville Halloween Boozaar 2022 COLORING CONTEST



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Entries must be received by Wednesday, October 26, 2022. Turn in entries at Gatesville Public Library, Gatesville Fitness Center or City Hall.

Entries will be judged in the following categories:
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Gatesville Primary School presents awards to pre-K, kindergarten students at ceremony

The Gatesville Primary School recently held an assembly for an awards ceremony for students to recognize their achievements during the first nine weeks of school.

The pre-K students received awards for "Good Citizenship" as well as perfect attendance.

Kindergarten students received "Kindness Awards" along with perfect attendance certificates.

Several students from both grades were recognized during the ceremony.



Gatesville Primary awards assembly for Pre-K.

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Gatesville Primary awards assembly for Kindergarten students.

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Sat., Oct. 22, 8-5 & Sun., Oct. 23, 12-4 one mile north of Ireland on left corner of FM932&CR435. Many antiques: mantle, tables, old bottles, Christmas decor, saddles, avon, couch, dishes, & more!
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HOUSES FOR SALE

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APARTMENTS

APARTMENT FOR RENT. 2BD/IBA. Fenced yard, laundry facilities, off-street covered parking, water paid. References required. Call 254-865-2138 for more information.
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COMMERCIAL FOR LEASE

Office Space for Lease
2 units, 1 restroom, storage space, and covered parking. Call (254) 223-0722 after 4 p.m. to schedule a visit.
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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF UNIT AUCTION

Notice is hereby given by Gatesville Storage of the sale contents, by public auction, of the following units, pursuant to the assertion of a manager's possessory lien against them, in order to collect the amounts due on them:

TENANT	UNIT
Powell, Ann	A20
Waller, Alvin	F02
Waller, Alvin	H15
Waller, Alvin	H07
Waller, Alvin	J09
Whigham, Cody	D16

The auction will be held at 9:00 a.m., Saturday, October, 2022, (weather permitting), at Gatesville Storage, 2215 E. Main St., Gatesville, Texas. Terms: Cash 00029653

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Gatesville, TX is soliciting proposals from Executive Search Firms to assist the City Council in selecting a replacement for the City manager who is retiring in February 2023. Please submit a proposal of services and/or a statement of qualifications to:
Mike Halsema
Finance/HR Director
110 N. 8th Street
Gatesville, Texas 76528
Submissions are due by Nov. 10, 2022. See gatesvilletx.com for more information.
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NOTICE OF FOUR NEAREST COUNTYWIDE POLLING PLACE LOCATIONS
AVISO DE LOS CUARTO LUGARES DE VOCACION MAS CERCANOS DEL CONDADO OGLESBY ISD
Notice is hereby given to the registered voters of Coryell County that the four nearest countywide polling place locations from this polling place by driving distance that are open on Election Day are:

Por la presente se notifica a los votantes registrados del Condado de Coryell County que los cuatro lugares de votacion mas cercanos de este lugar de votacion por distancia de conduccion que estan abiertas el dia de las elecciones son:

- Oglesby Community Center 0 miles
118 Main Street
Oglesby, TX 76561
- Gatesville Civic Center 15 miles
303 Veterans Memorial Loop
Gatesville, TX 76528
- Flat Community Center 17 miles
159 CR 334
Flat, TX 76526
- Turnersville Community Center 28 miles
8115 FM 182
Gatesville, TX 76528 00029656

JENNIFER NEWTON CLERK OF THE COUNTY COURT
P.O. BOX 237
GATESVILLE, TEXAS 76528

ATTORNEY OR PERSON FILING CAUSE DANIEL CORBIN
603 NORTH EIGHTH STREET
KILLEEN, TEXAS 76541

TO: DECEDENT'S UNKNOWN HEIRS UNKNOWN ADDRESS

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF CORYELL TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE PERSON AND ESTATE OF CAMERON ANDREW VAN WINKLE, CAUSE NO 22-395, COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS. CATRINA MCCRINDLE VAN WINKLE FILED IN THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS ON THE 11TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2022. AN APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF PERMANENT GUARDIAN OF THE PERSON AND ESTATE OF SAID CAMERON ANDREW VAN WINKLE. SAID APPLICATION SHALL BE HEARD AND ACTED ON BY SAID COURT ON OR AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY NEXT AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF TEN DAYS FROM DATE OF POSTING THIS CITATION, THE SAME BEING THE 24TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2022, AT THE COUNTY COURT-HOUSE IN GATESVILLE, TEXAS.

ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID PERSON AND ESTATE ARE HEREBY CITED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY AT THE SAME ABOVE MENTIONED TIME AND PLACE BY FILING A WRITTEN ANSWER CONTESTING SUCH APPLICATION SHOULD THEY DESIRE TO DO SO. GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY IN GATESVILLE, TEXAS THE 12th day of October, 2022.

JENNIFER NEWTON CORYELL COUNTY CLERK
CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Harold Ray Avila, Deceased, were issued on August 29, 2022, Cause No. 21-10566, pending in the County Court at Law of Coryell County, Texas, to: Lucy Avila.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: Allen D. Place, Jr.
Attorney at Law
109 S. 7th Street
Gatesville, Texas 76528
DATED the 13th day of October, 2022.
Allen D. Place, Jr.
Attorney for Lucy Avila
State Bar No.: 16058500
109 S. 7th Street
Gatesville, Texas 76528
Telephone: (254) 865-8475
Facsimile: (254) 865-5274
E-mail: allenplacejr@aol.com 00029662

No. 20-10381
IN THE ESTATE OF
ALENA ELNORA SCHROEDER F/K/A
ALENA SCHROEDER GARRETT,
DECEASED

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Alena Elnora Schroeder f/k/a Alena Schroeder Garrett, Deceased, were issued on August 24, 2022, in Cause No. 20-10381, pending in the County Court of Coryell County, Texas, to: Julie Anna Doyle.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

BAIRD, CREWS, SCHILLER, WHITAKER, P.C.
c/o: STEPHEN T. BRISCHKE
Attorney at Law
15 North Main Street
Temple, Texas 76501

DATED the 13th day of October, 2022.

BAIRD, CREWS, SCHILLER, WHITAKER, P.C.
/s/ Stephen T. Brischke
STEPHEN T. BRISCHKE
State Bar No.: 24045552
E-mail: stephenbrischke@bcswlaw.com
15 North Main Street
Temple, Texas 76501
Telephone: (254) 774-8333
Facsimile: (254) 774-9353
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CAUSE NO. 22-10622

IN THE ESTATE OF
DOROTHY SUE MCCLURE,
DECEASED
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF
CORYELL COUNTY,
TEXAS

PUBLISHED NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration for the Estate of Dorothy Sue McClure, Deceased, were issued on October 6, 2022 in Docket Number 22-10622, pending in the County Court of Coryell County, Texas, to Nora C. Allen, Administrator.

Address of record:
Nora C. Allen, Administrator
c/o Veronica J. Phillips, Attorney
P.O. Box 308
Eustace, Texas 75124
All persons having claims against this Estate are required to present their claims within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
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JENNIFER NEWTON CLERK OF THE COUNTY COURT
P.O. BOX 237
GATESVILLE, TEXAS 76528

ATTORNEY OR PERSON FILING CAUSE ALLEN PLACE
109 SOUTH 7TH STREET
GATESVILLE, TEXAS 76528

TO: DECEDENT'S UNKNOWN HEIRS UNKNOWN ADDRESS UNKNOWN STATE

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF CORYELL TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF THOMAS JASON WALDEN, DECEASED.

CAUSE NO 21-10516, COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS. ANGELA WALDEN FILED IN THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS ON THE 7TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2022. APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP SAID THOMAS JASON WALDEN, DECEASED. SAID APPLICATION SHALL BE HEARD AND ACTED ON BY SAID COURT ON OR AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY NEXT AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF TEN DAYS FROM DATE OF POSTING THIS CITATION, THE SAME BEING THE 31ST DAY OF OCTOBER, 2022, AT THE COUNTY COURT-HOUSE IN GATESVILLE, TEXAS.

ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID ESTATE ARE HEREBY CITED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY AT THE SAME ABOVE MENTIONED TIME AND PLACE BY FILING A WRITTEN ANSWER CONTESTING SUCH APPLICATION SHOULD THEY DESIRE TO DO SO.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS

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c/o: STEPHEN T. BRISCHKE
Attorney at Law
15 North Main Street
Temple, Texas 76501

DATED the 13th day of October, 2022.

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CORYELL COUNTY,
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NOW HIRING  **Coryell HEALTH**
AT THE MEADOWS

- RN Unit Manager – FT**
- RN FT & PRN – All Shifts for Charge Nurse and Nursing**
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- *\$10,000 FT SIGN ON BONUS**

***SIGN ON BONUSES W/1-YEAR COMMITMENT**
OTHER STIPULATIONS MAY APPLY. ASK FOR DETAILS.

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humanresources@coryellhealth.org

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• CNA-PRN all Shifts
• CMA - PRN

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• Referral Clerk – FT
• Registration Clerk – FT/Float

Medical Clinic - Moody:
• Registration Clerk – FT

Medical Clinic - Waco:
• RN/LVN - FT

Home Health:
• RN Case Manager – FT
• PCA PRN – for Gatesville and Surrounding Counties

Culinary:
• Cook – FT (Food Handlers Certification preferred)
• Cook Assistant - FT

EMS:
• EMT Paramedic or Licensed Paramedic – FT
*\$8,000 BONUS
• EMT B – FT & PRN

Emergency Department:
• RN - PRN all shifts
• ED Scribe - PRN

LAB:
• MLT – 6pm-6am FT

Material Management:
• Housekeeping Supervisor – FT
• Housekeeper – FT & PRN

Med Surg:
• RN House Supervisor – FT Nights
*\$10,000 SIGN ON BONUS
• RN – FT nights
*\$10,000 SIGN ON BONUS
• CNA-FT Nights
*\$4,000 SIGN ON BONUS
• RN or LVN PRN – All shifts

Mills County Medical Clinic - Goldthwaite:
• X-Ray Technologist – FT

Radiology:
• CT/X-Ray Technologist; TDH MRT & ARRT 1 year exp. in CT/X-Ray – FT & PRN
• Cath Lab Tech – FT experienced
*\$10,000 SIGN ON BONUS

Surgery:
• PACU RN – FT
*\$10,000 BONUS

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Residential and Commercial, Complete Re-Roofs and Repairs, Fully Insured
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LAND & LOTS

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE:
All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Fair Housing Act which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, or an intention, to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination." Familial status includes children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians, pregnant women and people securing custody of children under 18.

This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis.
To complain of discrimination call HUD toll-free at 1-800-669-9777. The toll-free telephone number for the hearing impaired is 1-800-927-9275.



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CITATION BY PUBLICATION - TRC109 & 114
Cause No: DC-22-53747

IN THE
440TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS
FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION,
VS.

DAVID ROBINSON; JOHNNIE MORENO II; ANNA VARELA; DEBORAH ESTES; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF JOHNNIE R MORENO DECEASED; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS HEIRS AT LAW OF TONI JEAN MORENO, DECEASED.

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF TONI JEAN MORENO, DECEASED;
Defendant - GREETING

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 A.M. on the Monday next following the expiration of 42 days after the date you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you. In addition to filing a written answer with the clerk, you may be required to make initial disclosures to the other parties of this suit. These disclosures generally must be made no later than 30 days after you file your answer with the clerk.

Find out more at TexasLawHelp.org."

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before 10:00 o'clock AM on the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation before the Honorable 440TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT of Coryell County, at the Courthouse in said County in Gatesville, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on the 06/23/2022 in the above entitled cause.

A brief statement of nature of this suit is as follows to wit: THIS PROCEEDING CONCERNS THE FORECLOSURE OF A LIEN ON THE FOLLOWING REAL PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS COMMONLY KNOWN AS 206 ROBERTSTOWN RD, COPPERAS COVE, TX 76522 AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS: , lot & block # 16 in BLOCK SIXTEEN (16) WESTERN HILLS ESTATES REVISED-SECTION FOUR,, COPPERAS COVE, CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS, AS PER PLAT OF RECORD IN VOLUME 5, PAGE 22, PLAT RECORDS OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS.. as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Gatesville, Texas, this 26th day of September, 2022.

Attorney for Plaintiff or Petitioner

BRADLEY CONWAY

5601 DEMOCRACY DRIVE, SUITE 265

PLANO, TX 75024

Clerk of the Court:

Becky Moore, District Clerk

P.O. Box 4

Gatesville, Texas 76528

Coryell County, Texas

By: Lonna Gossett, Deputy

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Gatesville, Texas 76528

Coryell County, Texas

By: Lonna Gossett, Deputy

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Texas Trappers and Fur Hunters gathered at Gatesville Civic Center over weekend

A gathering of landowners, wildlife managers, trappers, and fur harvesters was held October 14-15 at the Gatesville Civic Center.

The event, sponsored by Texas Trappers and Fur

Hunters Association (TT-FHA) and the Gatesville Civic Center, included instructors from across the Nation

The event also included a seminar, a fundraising auction, craft sessions, skillet

tossing contests and more.

The TTFHA is a 501c3 non-profit organization committed to public education, to the conservation of the natural resources of Texas, and to the responsibility to

coexist with the wildlife of Texas. All hunting and trapping activities are regulated by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to ensure a continued thriving population of all wildlife species.



Shoppers browse the large selection of animal pelts and furs at the convention.

DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER



Hats made of real animal fur were on display for purchase.

DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER



Vendor visits with potential buyers about different types of scent oils.

DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Hornets end fall tennis season vs. Wichita Falls



SE'VETTE EARLY | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Alex Scott returns the ball in the area playoff match against Wichita Falls. Although the Hornets lost, Scott along with senior teammates Slone Early and Ty Warren won their singles matches.



SE'VETTE EARLY | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Callie Smith battles for the Hornet tennis team in its area playoff contest on Oct. 13 against Wichita Falls. The Coyotes topped Gatesville by a score of 10-3.



SE'VETTE EARLY | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Ty Warren was among the Gatesville tennis players who won matches in the area playoff round vs. Wichita Falls.



SE'VETTE EARLY | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Olivia Walker watches the ball in playoff action against Wichita Falls on Oct. 13. The match was played at a neutral site in Weatherford.

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Kid Scoop Puzzler

How do you learn more about Dracula?

Use the code to solve this riddle.

A	B	C	F	G	H	I
J	L	M	N	O	S	U

A
 B
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 L
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 U

Kid Scoop Together:

THE BUBBLY, BAFFLING BALLOON EXPERIMENT

Can you inflate a balloon with liquid? What do you think?

Try this experiment with a lab assistant (a parent) and see what happens.

STUFF YOU'LL NEED:

- plastic bottle
- balloon
- 1 cup vinegar
- 1 tbsp baking soda

- Pour the vinegar into the plastic bottle.
- Carefully pour a tablespoon of baking soda into the balloon.
- Stretch the neck of the balloon over the bottle opening.
- Slightly lift the balloon from the top so that the baking soda falls into the vinegar. Watch out!

Explanation: Baking soda added to vinegar creates a chemical reaction that makes carbon dioxide. This gas rises upwards into the balloon, inflating it.

Standards Link: Science Investigation: Conduct simple experiments.

STEMSational HALLOWEEN SCIENCE

MONSTER MOLD

Double, double, toil and trouble, Fire burn, and cauldron bubble. Come into the laboratory, Where we'll make science tell the story!

STUFF YOU'LL NEED:

- canning jars with lids
- water in a spray bottle
- bread, cheese, apple cut into one-inch cubes

THE EXPERIMENT

- Spray each piece of food with a little water.
- Place each piece of food in a separate jar, screw on the lid and write the food type and date on the top.
- Place the jars in different locations—in sunlight, a dark place (inside a paper bag would work), a cool place (in your refrigerator) and one in a warm place.
- Examine the jars everyday, observe the changes and record how quickly food gets moldy.

The Science

Unlike plants, molds don't grow from seeds. They grow from spores that float in the air. These spores multiply on damp food and the chemical they produce will make the food rot.

Don't open your jars as more spores are forming and could be released into the air. Molds can make people sick.

Standards Link: Science Investigation: Conduct simple experiments.

SPOOKY GLOW-IN-THE-DARK BUBBLES

STUFF YOU'LL NEED:

- bowl of water
- highlighters
- bubble solution
- black light

Have a parent help you open the highlighter pen. Pull out the felt and place it in a small amount of water. Let it soak for a few minutes and then discard the felt. Add a small amount of bubble solution to the bowl. Your mixture should be half highlighter water and half bubble solution.

Turn on your black light and blow bubbles. Describe what happens.

The phosphorescent chemicals in the highlighter ink are made visible by the ultraviolet in a black light.

Only two of the jack o'lanterns below are exactly the same. Can you find them? If you get stuck, do the math. The two even-numbered pumpkins are the matching pair.

2 + 3	9 + 2	6 + 4	4 + 3	9 - 2
5 + 4	6 - 3	4 + 9	13 - 6	11 - 2
1 + 2	14 - 7	6 + 6		
9 + 8	16 - 3	8 + 5		
3 + 8	19 - 4	3 + 2		

Extra! Extra! Halloween Hunt

Look through the newspaper to find:

- a pumpkin
- a ghost
- a skeleton
- a costume
- a spider
- a black cat
- a spooky house

Standards Link: Research: use the newspaper to locate information.

Double Double Word Search

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

M	N	O	T	E	L	E	K	S	S
T	N	E	M	I	R	E	P	X	E
S	M	P	E	O	A	U	K	E	L
R	O	M	T	W	M	M	O	N	B
E	L	A	S	P	O	R	E	S	B
D	D	D	K	C	A	L	B	G	U
I	S	I	S	C	T	E	L	R	B
P	N	M	A	S	A	O	H	A	R
S	D	E	E	S	W	J	O	T	H

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

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Science News

Look through the newspaper for science-related articles. Which science does the article relate to? For example, a weather story relates to the science of meteorology.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Use reading skills and strategies to interpret informational text.

Write On!

Halloween Humor

If you were a scientist and could invent something extraordinary, what would it be?

Newkirk throws for 6 touchdowns; Hornets soar past Eagles, 49-35

BY CHRIS ALLMAN
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

With just over seven minutes left in the Gatesville's win over Salado on Friday, the Hornets faced a bit of a situation.

Nursing a 42-28 lead, they had driven down inside the Salado five-yard line and looked to put the finishing touches on their first district win. But consecutive penalties forced the Hornets backwards and had given a bit of life to the stunned and reeling Eagles.

In the moment, it was easy to envision the worst happening. It was possible to remember previous games or previous seasons where the Hornets didn't believe they could win or simply didn't know how to do it.

But, as the home side of the stadium got loud and the Salado band fired up their rendition of "Tequila" during a stoppage in play, there were no signs of nerves, no signs of folding under pressure, nor any evidence of belief that the Hornets were the inferior team.

Instead, standing in the slot on the line of scrimmage, there was Trevor Smith. Dancing. "When I was dancing on the field, I was just showing our team that there is no reason to be nervous about the game or folding," Smith said. "I was in my element and felt like there was no way we could be defeated."

Smith's confidence proved to be spot-on as Rayshon Smith scored just a few plays later to give the Hornets a 49-28 lead and provide all the cushion they needed for the eventual 49-35 win.

Jacob Newkirk played the best game of his young varsity career - and one of the better games in recent memory by a Gatesville quarterback - throwing for 308 yards and six touchdown passes. He completed 19 of 27 pass attempts - 16 of those to Trevor Smith



Jacob Newkirk

and Tyler Shea.

Smith had nine catches and set career highs in receiving yards (158) and touchdown catches (three). Shea had seven catches, 91 yards, and two touchdown catches - all career highs.

The win evens the Hornets district record at 1-1 but it was also big for the Hornets beyond just the standings.

In 2020, Salado routed the Hornets 63-3 and won again last year 42-6. Despite coming in having lost 4 of their last 5 games, the Eagles were favored by as many as 16 points.



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Tyler Shea and Steven Bomar celebrate a touchdown by the Hornets against the Salado Eagles on Oct. 14. The win improved Gatesville's record to 1-1 in district.

"We are still in that building process. These guys have never won a game like this. This is the first game we have won all year that we weren't favored or that wasn't a toss-up," head coach Aaron Hunter said. "Our guys are still learning how to overcome that and understand that our opponent doesn't matter. Just show up and do what you do and you're a good football team."

It took the Hornets a quarter to show up but once they did, they left no doubt they were a good football team.

Salado scored twice in the opening frame and led 14-0 lead after the first quarter. The scoreless first was the seventh straight quarter in which the Hornets had not scored a touchdown. They were shutout in the second half of their win over Mineral Wells and kicked two field goals in their district-opening loss to Connally.

But in the second, the offense found its footing thanks in part to the hands and feet of Lawson Mooney.

With Salado driving and looking to extend their 14-0 lead, the junior safety stepped in front of a Luke Law pass and returned it to the Salado 31-yard line. Four plays later Newkirk hit Shea for a 15-yard touchdown to cut the lead to 14-6 after a failed 2-point conversion.

After forcing a Salado punt on their next possession, Smith took a quick out from Newkirk and raced 65 yards for a touchdown. A successful pass from Newkirk to Shea on the PAT made it 14-14.

In the closing moments of the half, the Hornet defense struck again as Aydan Necessary intercepted a Law pass and returned it inside the Salado 20-yard line. Moments later Newkirk found Shea again for a score and the Hornets took a 20-14 lead into halftime.

Shea, who largely played on special teams in 2021, has evolved into quite the complement for Newkirk alongside Smith. Smith points to Shea's attitude as well as his talent as keys to his rapid improvement.

"The guy is never negative and always brings positive energy to the team. I also know that I can trust him to go make a play when we need it," said Smith. "We know that if one of us is locked down then the other guy has to be open, which is a weapon against other teams because they have to make a choice on who to guard."

Shea also credits Smith - who Hunter calls the Hornets premiere practice player - for some of his growth.

"I think the reason Trevor and I have grown to be such a great duo on and off the field is our hunger to always get better. If you watch us practice, he never takes a play or a drill off and he always competes. We also have the same weight room group and he's always pushing me to get stronger and be a better player all around."

In the third quarter against the Eagles, it was more of the same from Smith and more of the same from the defense.

Newkirk hit Smith for an 8-yard score on the first possession of the half and Rayshon Smith's PAT run made it 28-14.

On the ensuing possession, Law tried to throw the ball away via a back-handed flip, but it was snagged by Mason Mooney who returned the ball to the Eagles 12. Another quick Newkirk-to Smith scoring pass made it 35-14 Hornets.

"(Trevor and Tyler) very special on the outside and Jacob Newkirk is very special," said Hunter. "When Jacob is comfortable and getting the ball to our guys, great things happen."

After Salado scored to make it 35-21, Newkirk found Kyle Shafer - another trusted target - for a 44-yard touchdown and a 42-21 lead.

Rayshon Smith's 3-yard fourth quarter run made it 49-28 and the Hornets picked up one final interception when Sean Aguilar intercepted a tipped Law pass attempt with less than a minute to go.

Rayshon Smith, who had just eight carries against Connally because of a bad ankle, was back to his old self against Salado. The sophomore finished with 129 yards including more than 100 in the second half.

Lawson Mooney (17), Ashtyn Culley (12), Mason Mooney (10), and Sean Aguilar (10) all had double digit tackles. Thiele Alvarado had eight tackles including two for a loss.

The win likely puts the Hornets one win away from clinching a playoff berth and keeps them alive for the second-place spot in District 11-4A. For Hunter and his team, all that matters is Madisonville - the Hornets final home opponent of the year.

"We just have to keep getting it together," he said. "The sky is the limit, but we've got to go back to work for next week."



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The Hornets' offensive line, show here in action vs. Connally, played a key role in the team's success.



Mason Mooney



Rayshon Smith



Tyler Shea

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

<p>GATESVILLE HORNETS #2 Jacob Newkirk 19 completed passes for 308 yards 6 touchdowns 1 2-point conversion</p>	<p>JONESBORO EAGLES #2 Layden Nichols 4 carries for 41 yards 1 kickoff return for 50 yards 3 assists; 4 touchdowns</p>
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Oglesby, Jonesboro roll to big wins

The Oglesby Tigers defeated the Evant Elks, 72-16, in a cross county battle on Oct. 13, while the Jonesboro Eagles upended the Santa Ann Mountaineers, 62-16, on Oct. 14.

With the wins, Oglesby improved to 8-0 and Jonesboro moved to 7-1.

Stats for the Oglesby vs. Evant were not available at presstime.

Against Santa Anna, Caleb Christel completed two passes for 67 yards and a pair of touchdowns for JHS.

Christel also had a team high 87 yards rushing and two touchdowns on 10 carries, while Luke Stephenson had four carries for 50 yards and a touchdown, Layden Nichols ran the ball four times for 41 yards and three touchdowns and Jaden Domel had one carry

for eight yards.

Demarcus Acoff caught two passes for 67 yards and two touchdowns for Jonesboro.

Jaden Domel had nine tackles to lead the Eagle defense, followed by eight tackles by Demarcus Acoff, seven tackles by Garrett Young, five tackles by Caleb Christel, four by Truett Foote, three by Layden Nichols and one each by Luke Stephenson and A. Massingill. Stephenson also had an interception, while Acoff and Domel each had fumble recoveries.

The Tigers will travel to Dime Box for an Oct. 21 contest. Jonesboro will travel to Temple to play the CenTex Home School Chargers on Oct. 20. Evant will host the Lometa Hornets on Oct. 21.