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Firewise aims to help prepare, protect communities

BY JEFF OSBORNE
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

Communities that want to boost their defenses against wildfires and increase their knowledge about ways to help prevent fires can participate in the Firewise program sponsored by the Texas A&M Forest Service.

Kiley Moran, wildland urban interface coordinator for the forest service who is based in McGregor, spoke to the Coryell County Commissioners Court about the Firewise program.

"Firewise is a national program, and it is recognized by some insurance agencies which may give discounts for communities that participate," Moran said. "It's a community-level program, and individuals can get together and decide they

want to have a Firewise community.

"What it entails - it adheres to certain standards set by the NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) for structures or buildings."

Moran said groups that want to become Firewise communities and do so at neighborhood or small-town levels.

"The goal of Firewise is to put a strategy in place to prepare communities and homes for wildfires," he said. "There were a lot of wildfires that happened this year, and many came close to houses in local communities."

Moran praised the dedication and skill of the firefighters serving Coryell County.

"You are very fortunate to have such a great group of local

firefighters with support from those outside the area," he said.

Part of the emphasis of Firewise is to create zones around structures in which flammable materials, such as firewood, are moved away from the immediate proximity of homes. The standards also specify where certain types of shrubs and trees should be placed.

"It helps set standards to work towards," Moran said. "We also want to make sure that siding (on houses) is fire resistant, as well as the roof. Having a roof that is in good shape is

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Focusing on high quality beef & more



STEVE PETTIT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Judy McFarlin, retail manager at Leon River Premium Beef, poses with a bottle of balsamic vinegar. In addition to choice and prime cuts of beef, the store stocks herbs, spices, cheeses, sausage and other premium food items.

Ranching heritage runs deep for owners of family business

BY STEVE PETTIT
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

A local ranching heritage that spans five generations forms the foundation for Jim Clawson's Fort Gates business, Leon River Premium Beef.

"We have a deep connection to the land," he stated, "as well as to the people and communities that live off it." That connection is evident to customers seeking a farm-to-table experience for their family.

Judy McFarlin is retail manager for the store and she comes by her expertise in all things beef naturally. Her husband Jamie manages the Clawson ranch, a sprawling "self-sufficient" spread that covers land in Flat and Leon Junction. It's a place that embodies, according to Clawson, "ethical and humane ranching practices."

But what most first-time visitors to the store (once the home of Dyer's Restaurant and a bevy of ill-fated ventures, including a major fire) notice is the unexpected delight of its clean-as-can-be, well-decorated and upscale ambiance. Think Fredericksburg and Marfa.

McFarlin confirmed the sorry state of the premises prior to the store's arrival. "It was a dump," she said flatly. "Yellow ceilings and everything a mess." The renovations were completed and Leon River

Premium Beef launched in mid-February 2022. Today the thought, design and complete re-do have paid dividends.

"Our main focus is our beef," McFarlin explained. "Our cattle are bred here, we raise them, they're grass and grain fed and they're butchered in Westphalia at Texas Natural Meats." There's nothing less than USDA-inspected choice or prime beef at the store and it's aged 21 days. "It's all 100% black angus, too," she added.

Shelves are packed with gourmet olive oil and vinegar. "That's 100% pure olive oil," McFarlin emphasized, "and we only stock balsamic vinegar." She commented that the store's olive oil and vinegar sales have been "phenomenal" and that the best-selling beef products are rib-eyes and T-bones, both offered in choice or prime. Some less well-known cuts have proven popular. "Our Denver cut steaks have taken off like fire," she said. Tri-tip and picanha (top of the rump) are also steady sellers and for hamburger aficionados Leon River Premium Beef offers 85/15 ground beef.

Plans include a completed kitchen and sandwiches for sale. A large, finished room with stools and a counter is vacant for now, awaiting its repurposing as a wine and cheese bar, McFarlin said. "Prepared

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GISD enjoys banner year collecting tax revenue

BY JEFF OSBORNE
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

The Gatesville Independent School District collects the vast majority of the taxes it needs to help fund the education of local students, and when issues arise a Waco-based law firm steps in to help.

Robert L Meyers, an attorney with the McCreary, Veselka, Bragg & Allen law firm, presented a report to the GISD Board of Trustees during their Oct. 17 meeting.

"As usual, the district is doing a great job and having a good year in property tax collection," Meyers said. "That is a reflection of the strength of the local economy. People are able to pay, which indicates the economy is strong and the community is vibrant."

For 2021, GISD actually collected 100.74% of its tax allotment. That includes penalties and interest added to payments that were late.

"Every year, you're collecting more than you levy (because of those interest and penalty fees)," Meyers said.

Not including the penalty fees, GISD most recently collected 98.68% of the taxes it was owed.

"Ultimately most of your taxes get collected," Meyers said. "Less than 1% of taxes owed to the district don't get collected (in a timely manner). Again, that's a positive reflection of the economic circumstances in your community."

McCreary, Veselka, Bragg & Allen represents the district in delinquent property tax collection and audits.

GISD Superintendent Barrett Pollard said he is thankful for the law firm's help in collecting funds.

"Robert, we appreciate it - you always do a great job getting that money for us," Pollard said.

Darrell Frazier, the district's chief financial officer, praised the efforts of the Coryell County Tax Office in helping ensure taxes are collected in a timely and efficient way.

"I want to thank our local office -

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Gatesville man shares experiences, mission of Gideons

BY JEFF OSBORNE
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

Although they are often known as the group that leaves Bibles in hotel rooms, Gideons International is a Christian faith-based outreach group that does much more than that.

During a recent meeting of the Gatesville Exchange Club, Lesslie Reagan of Gatesville talked about Gideons and outreach they are involved in. The group focuses on distributing Bibles and talking to people about God's love. Gideons have Bibles with a variety of colors which they hand out to different groups. These include: orange, for sidewalk distribution; green, for college students; red, for students of high school age and younger; camouflage, for military; dark blue, for Bibles in languages other than English; white, for medical professionals; light blue, for distribution by auxiliary; brown, for jails and prisons; burgundy, for personal worker's testaments (individual witnessing by Gideons); and periwinkle, for personal worker's testa-

ments (individual witnessing by auxiliary). Auxiliary are spouses of Gideons who work in support roles.

Reagan said he has been with the Gideons for 13 years. The organization was founded in 1899 in Wisconsin as a Christian support to help traveling businessmen avoid temptations they encountered, Reagan said.

"They began putting Bibles in hotel rooms, but that is only one of the means used to help bring people to Christ," he said. "The Gideons hand out a million Bibles every week."

He said the smaller Bibles, which include the New Testament and often Psalms and Proverbs from the Old Testament, cost \$1.25 each.

Gideons commit to share the gospel message with people who live both near them and far away. Reagan said when Gideons travel to share the gospel - including overseas - they pay their own way.

"More and more young people, there's just

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JEFF OSBORNE | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Lesslie Reagan, a Gatesville resident and member of Gideons International, talks about the group's outreach efforts during a Gatesville Exchange Club meeting.

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foods and side dishes — things can change, but we're doing well with meat and cheese trays now." Volleman's Family Farm dairy products and Jean's ice cream complement the meat inventory. "Jean's has some gourmet flavors you may not have tried," McFarlin offered, and other products range from Olivelle's highest quality traditional and infused balsamic vinegars and spice blends, to herbs, spices, pepper jelly, cheeses, sausages and other must-haves for foodies. SNAP and EBT customers are welcome, McFarlin noted, and Clawson reaffirmed his commitment to his customers. "We strive to deliver the highest quality farm-to-table beef," he stated. "It's hormone and antibiotic free, and affordable."



The store also carries a wide inventory of dairy and hard to find gourmet and artisanal culinary products.

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Gatesville teen dies in accident

A man identified as George Christopher Hallman, 19, died early Saturday morning in an auto accident, according to information released by the Texas Department of Public Safety. Law enforcement received a call at 2:06 a.m. Oct. 22 about the crash on Straws Mill Road in Gatesville. The DPS report indicated that the 2006 Nissan Altima was traveling at a high rate of speed when the car went off the road, traveled down an embankment and plunged into the nearby water. The car reportedly landed upside down and was submerged. Hallman was pronounced dead by James Caldwell, the Justice of the Peace for Precinct 3, and family members were notified.

GIDEONS

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an emptiness in their heart and they try to fill it with drugs, sex or other things," Reagan said. "Only Jesus can fill it." Reagan said members of the Gideons go to different places asking people if they want a free Bible. Sometimes, those they ask respond in a hostile manner. He showed the video testimony of a man named Leroy Cannady who had been involved in drugs and prostitution and had rejected the gospel. Cannady was witnessed to by a Gideon and responded negatively, even throwing the Bible

down. But the way it landed opened to a specific scripture that spoke to him. Cannady eventually talked to the Gideon and became a Christian. The Gideons' Bibles which are given to hotels contain an introduction that leads people to specific scriptures based on what crisis or concerns they might have. Reagan said in late 1941, Gideons visited Hawaii and distributed Bibles to people there, including U.S. Navy sailors stationed at Pearl Harbor. "It was before the Japanese attacked (on Dec. 7, 1941), and many of the bodies that floated up had Gideons' Bibles with them," Reagan said. He added that there have been hundreds of testimonies of people who had gone to a hotel or motel with the plan

to commit suicide, but found hope after reading a Bible the Gideons had placed there. Some hotels and motels do not allow the Gideons to place Bibles there, for various reasons. Reagan said one hotel manager told him he did not allow Bibles to be placed in his establishment because the books were sometimes torn up or desecrated in other ways. The man was told that although that might happen, it was still important for people to have access to the Bibles because of the positive impact they could have. "A Bible (in a hotel) has the potential to reach 2,600 people in a three-year period," Reagan said.

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very important." He said that all openings in a home should be covered by screens to help prevent fires,

and to remove dry leaves for your yard that could help fuel a fire. "An ember shower can put out (flammable sparks) two miles ahead of a fire," Moran said. "Becoming a Firewise community can help you prepare a little bit better," he said.

GISD

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Justin Carothers and his team do a great job for us and typically collect 98% of our taxes. Only about 2% are turned over to Robert's

firm. I want to compliment Justin and his group for the outstanding job they do year in and year out." More information about the Gatesville school district can be found online at www.gatesvilleisd.org.

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FROM MY FRONT PORCH

Turning something bad into something good, with a simple twist of words



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

The word “guts” has a lot of social and literary significance. Shakespeare in Henry V wrote, “He which hath no stomach in this fight. Let him depart.” The English-speaking world has long used the term such as “He had the guts to stand up and fight.” The “guts” is the essence of a person and so to use the term would clearly mean to be as inclusive about another to the highest degree possible.

Curiosity got the best of me, and I did some more research. “Within the Law” was

a Broadway production performed in 1912. Written by Bavard Veiller and followed by a book based on the play written by Marvin Dann, a character uttered the words, “He was a stool pigeon, and I hated his guts! Is this how ‘I hate your guts’ got started?”

No matter how the phrase was born or evolved, without question it depicts hating another through and through. If we hate their guts, it is a step further than loathing, despising or abhorring an individual, it is to detest their

very soul and being. Not sure it gets worse than that.

When my children were little, we were watching TV together and a character used the phrase, “I hate your guts.” My son innocently looked at me and asked, “what does that mean?” As my daughter crawled into my lap to join the conversation, I told them that we shouldn’t hate anyone, but the character who used the phrase was trying to express his dislike for someone in as significant manner as he could.

Suddenly, an inspiration hit me. I looked at the two of my precious offspring and said, “Did you know I love your guts?” Both looked at me curiously. What the heck are you talking about dad? Then I said, “if I hate your guts is the worst thing you can say to another, I love your guts must be the best thing to say to someone.” They both smiled at me with big, innocent smiles and from that point on I would tell them, “I loved their guts.” I use the phrase with my wife, my

granddaughters, and a few other people. It usually gets a curious look of confusion the first time I use the phrase with someone, but after explanation they smile and nod and walk away feeling they are special.

Guess what readers, “I love your guts!”

Thought for the day: Love is like the wind — you can feel it, but you cannot see it.

Until next time.
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It may be an assumption on my part, but most people probably have heard the phrase, “I hate your guts!” Not sure when I heard it for the first time, but I would think it was from a movie or TV show I saw as a child. The person who spoke the phrase was angry and upset, looked their counterpart with complete disdain and hate in their eyes, and delivered the expression. Clearly the message being sent was one of utter and total disgust, anger and ... well ... hate.

I do recall how silly I thought the phrase was, even though it was clearly meant to be a serious expression. Why would I hate someone’s guts? Why not their mouth? It is much more likely something someone said would upset me more than their guts. Why not hate someone’s brains, or their heart, or even their feet for that matter? Why hate their guts?

Archaeologists in Egypt have reported they have uncovered hieroglyphs depicting old scores settled by destroying the preserved organs of the person to be disgraced. Is this where it all started?



1904 Bridge located on the west end of Leon Street in Gatesville.

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Benefit to help Teri Kizer

A “Lend Some Love” benefit for Teri Kizer who is battling cancer will take place on Saturday, Nov. 5. The benefit will begin with a silent auction from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Following the silent auction, there will be a live auction commencing at 5 p.m. There will be a bake sale at the benefit as well. At 7 p.m. there will be an appearance from an Elvis Presley impersonator, John Cobb.

The benefit will be held at the Junction on Route 36, which is located at 1216 TX-36 N in Gatesville.

1904 Leon River Bridge to receive recognition from National Register of Historic Places

BY DAVID SCOTT
Staff Writer

An unveiling ceremony at the historic 1904 Leon River Bridge in Gatesville will take place on Saturday, Nov. 12, at 2 p.m. A plaque will be dedicated designating the bridge being placed on the National Register of Historic Places. The bridge was recognized with a Texas historical marker in 1997 following the restoration of the iron bridge which was approved by the Texas State Historical Commission in 1993. The bridge was also recorded as a Texas

Historic Landmark in 1996 following its rededication in 1994.

The Gatesville route of the crossing of the Leon River was first known as the Old Georgetown Road crossing which was in existence by 1854. Originally, a ferry operated at the crossing which was owned by R.G. Grant who was a local entrepreneur and land developer.

A bowstring truss bridge was erected at the site in 1882 and was the first metal truss bridge in Coryell County. It was damaged by two major floods in 1899 and

1900. Following the floods, the county commissioner’s court authorized the building of another bridge.

The George E. King Company of Des Moines, Iowa built the current structure in 1904. Features of the new bridge included steel construction, wooden decking, original lattice railings, pin-connected members, and elaborate stone abutments. The overall length of 141 feet from end to end allows for the 4-foot depth of masonry piers supporting the bridge.

The 1904 bridge served

as a major east-west artery for central Texas. The road became part of State Highway 7 in 1917 and was renamed U.S. Highway 84 in the 1930s.

The upcoming ceremony naming the bridge to the National Register of Historic Places will take place with Coryell County Judge Roger Miller presiding over the plaque dedication where he will talk about the history of the bridge. Joining Judge Miller will be the chairman of the Coryell County Historical Commission, Danny Corbett.

The National Register of

Historic Places is the federal government’s official list of the historic buildings, sites, structures, and objects worthy of preservation and is overseen by the National Park Service. The National Register is an agency within the U.S. Department of the Interior in Washington, D.C. and is associated with the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

The public is encouraged to attend the unveiling ceremony on Nov. 2 to recognize this historic Coryell County site.

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The DISPATCH

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of Oct. 19-22. While there were many calls to the dispatcher, this is a partial list of more significant activity. The public is 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

Oct. 19
 8:15 a.m., a theft was reported in the 500 block of Live Oak Street.
 8:18 a.m., a burglary was reported in the 4200 block of S. State Highway 36.
 8:22 a.m., a fight was reported in the 300 block of Cattle Drive.
 12:23 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 600 block of Straws Mill Road.
 3:15 p.m., a burglary was reported in the 300 block of Bluestem Drive.
 8:11 p.m., animal cruelty was reported in the 400 block of S. 5th Street.
Oct. 20
 9:01 a.m., animal cruelty was reported in the 400 block of S. 5th Street.
 12:35 p.m., a theft was reported in the 1400 block of Westview Drive.
 1:36 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 2400 block of CR 146.
 3:05 p.m., a threat was reported in the 2800 block of S. State Highway 36.
 5:13 p.m., harassment was reported in the 300 block of Regal Lane.
 6:52 p.m., a burglary was reported in the 100 block of N. 27th Street.
Oct. 21
 9:35 a.m., a fight was reported in the 200 block of N.

14th Street.
 10:07 a.m., animal cruelty was reported in the 200 block of N. 14th Street.
 5:38 p.m., reckless conduct was reported in the 200 block of S. 5th Street.
 7:24 p.m., an accident was reported in the 1300 block of N. State Highway 36 Bypass.
 8:10 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 10000 block of E. Highway 84.
 11:47 p.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of Park Street.
Oct. 22
 1:41 a.m., a disturbance was reported in the 4600 block of S. State Highway 36.
 4:19 a.m., an accident was reported in the 2900 block of FM 1829.
 5:35 a.m., a theft was reported in the 2300 block of E. Main Street.
 11:56 a.m., a utility pole was reported down in the 200 block of McKenzie Lane.

4:06 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 400 block of Old Osage Road.
 11:06 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 2300 block of E. Main Street.

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Oct. 19
 8:23 a.m., a fight was reported at the Hideaway RV Park.
 11:03 a.m., illegal dumping was reported in the 2700 block of E. FM 931.
 11:30 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 100 block of Laura Street.
 2:17 p.m., an assault was reported at the Crain Unity.
 4:55 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on CR 176 and FM 2412.
 7:08 p.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 300 block of Cattle Drive.
Oct. 20
 9:33 a.m., animal cruelty was reported in the 200 block of Coletton Drive.
 9:34 a.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 100 block of Baird Street.
 1:28 p.m., vandalism was reported in the 2700 block of Mulberry.
 1:36 p.m., a possible fire was reported in the 2400 block of CR 146.
 2:44 p.m., a theft was reported in the 100 block of CR 82.
 5:07 p.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 100 block of Coletton.
Oct. 21
 6:59 a.m., a noise complaint was reported in the 5200 block of FM 1829.
 7:54 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported on FM 107 at Pecan Grove Church.
 9:35 a.m., a neighbor dispute was reported in the 1900 block of N. FM 116.
 9:55 a.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 8700 block of E. Highway 84.
 1:27 p.m., an assault was reported in the 500 block of E. Leon Street.
 8:12 p.m., a suspicious vehicle was reported in the 10000 block of E. Highway 84.
Oct. 22
 2:06 a.m., a vehicle in water was reported in the 2300 block of Straws Mill Road.
 10:58 a.m., the burglary of a habitation was reported in the 200 block of Skyline Circle.
 11:57 a.m., a minor accident was reported in the 7400 block of E. Highway 84.
 2:57 p.m., trespassing was reported in the 200 block of Vista Road.
 7:34 p.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 700 block of Scheele Road.
 8:12 p.m., a dog bite was reported in the 200 block of Centennial Street.

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Hidden Gem to offer 40-week course

Hidden Gem Family Center will host a faith-based, 40-week course to help an addict mind become a sober mind. The course is titled "Let Your Chains Fall." The course will take place every Friday evening from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

Hidden Gem Family Center is located at 115 S. 7th Street in Gatesville on the courthouse square. For more information about the course, call 254-206-3003.

Early voting began Monday

While election day is officially Tuesday, Nov. 8, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., early voting begins Monday, Oct. 24. Those interested in voting early can do so at the Coryell County Annex building at 801 E. Leon St. in Gatesville (across from the U.S. Post Office).

Early voting hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 24-28, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Oct. 29, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 30 or 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Oct. 31 or 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Nov. 1-4. Nov. 8 voting will be from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. are locations include: the Gatesville Civic Center, 303 Veterans Memorial Loop in Gatesville, Evant City Hall, 598 E. Highway 84, Flat Community Center, 159 County Road 334, Oglesby Community Center, 118 Main St., and Turnersville Community Center, 8115 FM 182.



Turnersville BBQ, Stampede Nov. 6

The Turnersville Barbeque and Buffalo Stampede will be held on Sunday, Nov. 6. This event will take place at the Turnersville Community Center. Children's activities will begin at 10 a.m., including arts and craft vendors. A barbeque lunch will commence at 11:30 a.m. Children eight and under will be \$8 and adults will cost \$15. At 1:30 p.m., there will be a Jell-O eating contest for age groups seven and under and eight through twelve. There will be an information booth to sign up for

door prizes. Prizes include boy's and girl's bikes and two \$50 Visa gift cards. One male and a female adult will receive a gift card. Other activities will include a bake sale, a buffalo drawing contest, a coloring contest, a general store, a petting zoo, a car show, a buffalo train, and live and silent auctions. The Turnersville Community Center is located at 8115 FM 182 in Turnersville. For more information on this event please visit www.tvillecc.com.

Major Hopewell's interesting career



TUMBLEWEED SMITH
 Newspaper columnist and producer of *The Sound of Texas* radio series

When Alan Hopewell was marching in a parade with the Aggie Band playing his baritone sax, a drunken man stepped in front of him and stumbled around, trying to get in step with the band. Alan considered the Aggie Band to be a secure unit. No one was supposed to just crash in, especially when it was in motion. "I took my baritone sax and hit him in the head with it," says Alan. "He fell down and we just kept on marching." Dr. Alan Hopewell has a successful psychology clinic in Fort Worth. He is an educated man and has several degrees plus some post-doctoral studies. "One of my majors was in Spanish. I'm fluent in German and Spanish, even given lectures in

German in Germany. I can read French and Italian and when I was in high school in Dallas, because I wanted to go to medical school, I took Latin and was the national High School Latin Champion two years in a row." Dr. Hopewell had a distinguished 27-year Army career, some of it in the Reserves. At the end of Desert Storm in 1991, he had completed his military obligation. "After 9/11, even though I was retired, and older than most of the troops, I had one of my Aggie classmates pull some strings and he got me back on active duty." He had earned the rank of major and as a psychologist, he treated military personnel all over Iraq, especially those with brain injuries. "They gave me the Bronze Star for that. We were rocketed a lot and shot at a lot. Even though I was older, I lugged around four duffel bags full of medical supplies and equipment. I did some studies and discovered the oldest soldier who made the landing at Normandy on D-Day was Teddy Roosevelt Jr. I was older than he was when I went to Iraq." When Maj. Hopewell was stationed at Fort Hood, he was the officer in charge of the brain injury clinic. In early November 2009, one of the psychiatrists assigned to the clinic, Maj. Nadal Malik Hasan shot 14 soldiers and civilians to death (including an unborn child) and wounded 30 others. Dr. Hopewell says the

reporters got it wrong. "The news said that when Hasan started shooting, the military police showed up within about five minutes and subdued him. That's just not true. They didn't show up for 40 minutes. This guy roamed around the entire complex for 40 minutes shooting people and trying to break into buildings. Finally, a civilian female security guard shot him and knocked him down. They subdued him at that point. He wanted to kill me because I was his commanding officer. But by the time he got to my building, we had it secured and fortified, and he couldn't get in. But he was pounding on the door." When the shooting started, somebody called the post's emergency number. "It's kind of funny that when someone answered the phone and asked what's going on, the person making the call screamed out that someone was shooting up the post and we need help. The response came back: 'we can't help you because we're in Iraq.'" Dr. Hopewell identified Hasan and testified against him at the trial and helped put him on death row at Leavenworth.

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700-800 lb.	125-145
No. 1 Heifers	
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300-400 lb.	130-160
400-500 lb.	130-160
500-600 lb.	130-155
600-700 lb.	125-140
700-800 lb.	110-130
Slaughter Cows	
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Thin & Shelly	20-40
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Levita VFD to host Barbeque and raffle

The Levita Volunteer Fire Department will host a barbeque meal and raffle on Friday, Nov. 4, and 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 avail-

able. To purchase tickets, contact Jason Shepard or they can be purchased at the barbeque. This event will be located at Hometown Floors, 1101 W. Main St. in Gatesville. For more information, call Jason Shepard at 254-223-2126.

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COURTHOUSE IS BOOZAAR-READY



JANICE VELASQUEZ | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Festive colors luminate the Coryell County Courthouse dome in time for this weekend's annual Boozaar held on the downtown square.

Boozaar set for Saturday night

Gatesville's annual Boozaar Halloween Celebration will be held 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.

The Boozaar will be held on the courthouse square and at downtown businesses.

Those attending can participate in the costume contest for all ages and make their way around the square trick or treating at local businesses and playing 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.

RehabLiving hosts Tiny Tot costume contest

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.

Candy Maze and 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.

Trunk or treat locations set for this week



Some local churches and businesses offer an alternative to trick-or-treating door to door by setting up a "trunk or treat" station in their parking lots. Most of those participating not only offer candy to children, but also provide games and a free meal to those attending.

HILLSIDE MEDICAL LODGE 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 36 Bypass in Gatesville. For more information, call 254-865-7575.

GATEWAY BAPTIST CHURCH OCT. 29

Gateway Baptist Church will be having their Trunk or Treat event in the church

parking lot on October 29 from 5-7 p.m. The public is welcome to drop by for a few treats.

Gateway Baptist Church is located at 2819 S. Hwy. 36 next to Walmart. The church can be reached by calling 254-865-6924.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HOSTS 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.

GATESVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST OCT. 30

The Gatesville Church of Christ will be hosting a Trunk or Treat event on Sunday, October 30, from 4 - 6 p.m. in the church parking lot weather permitting.

There will be candy, free hot dogs, and lots of fun and game activities. Those attending are encouraged to wear their costumes.

Gatesville Church of Christ is located at 2417 E. Main Street and they can be reached by calling 254-865-2438.

LURCH ANTICIPATES HALLOWEEN



DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Coryell Museum's "Lurch" has simply lost his head in anticipation of Halloween. Lurch is back in his butler attire and thankfully caught his head when it fell off. He can be seen in one of the museum's front windows along Main Street in Gatesville.



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Since Friday night was Military Night at the Gatesville High School football game, a group of Gatesville citizens hosted a tailgate party to give the service men and women a warm welcome.

Afterward, the soldiers attended the Gatesville Hornet football game, where some of them cheered on the team with the Gatesville High School cheerleaders.

Among those helping organize the welcome event was local Diana Fincher, pictured above, left and Dr. Stephen Norris, pictured right.

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Whatever happened to....

TWENTY YEARS AGO (2002)

Five local men were recognized for their 50 years of service to the Masons. They were Rayburn Crawford, Travis Holden, James Lipsey, E.J. Smith and Joe Orbeck, who accepted the award on behalf of his stepfather, the late Dennis Jack Carroll.

Former pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, Dr. David Crosby, returned to conduct a revival service at the church. At the time he was the pastor of First Baptist Church of New Orleans. He pastored at Trinity from 1981-1987.

Don and Doris Rhoades of Izoro were celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary. Don Rhoades and the former Doris Hill were married on Oct. 17, 1942, at the home of Brother Ira Grantham, Church of Christ minister.

Andy James and his heifer, Lucke Seven, captured "Champion American Calf" at the 54th annual Hico Livestock Show. Kayla James and Justin Gummelt took sixth and seventh places with their heifers in

the American division.

GHS students Lacy Brauci and Violet Badger earned spots on the all-region choir during auditions held at Belton High School. Badger also advanced to the pre-area competition which was to be held at Midway High School.

Former Gatesville High School student Michael Casey Maxwell was named to the Dean's List for the summer term at the University of Alabama.

THIRTY YEARS AGO (1992)

Restoration work began on the old Coryell County jail to make way for new offices. The building, when complete, was to house the two J.P.s and the DPS, Game Warden, and a secretary as well as providing a space for a small courtroom.

Coast Guard Seaman Apprentice Todd W. Traylor, son of Jim and Betsy Traylor of Gatesville had graduated from the Coast Guard Training Center in Cape May, New Jersey. Traylor was a 1991 graduate of Gatesville High School.

Jerry Barton and Bill

Truss presented Thomas S. Cook a certificate of appreciation after he retired from the MATES unit in Gatesville. Cook began working at MATES in 1986 after serving over ten years in the Army and seven years in the National Guard.

Roger and DeAnna Medard of Gatesville were honored with a surprise 25th wedding anniversary party at Mountain Baptist Church. Roger Medard and the former DeAnna McDonald were married Sept. 30, 1967, at the Pearl Methodist Church.

Lurlene Dollins was honored with a surprise 80th birthday party at her home in Gatesville. Her two children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren enjoyed lunch with her followed by a birthday cake and ice cream.

The Gatesville Garden Club honored Maggie Styles for her lawn and garden work at the Trinity Baptist Church. She was presented with the club's "Yard of the Month" award for her diligent work to beautify the grounds at the church.

FORTY YEARS AGO (1982)

Sheri Kellerman, the 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Kellerman, was named the Gatesville High School Band Sweetheart during half-time ceremonies at the football game. Escorting Miss Kellerman was Monte Hudspeth.

Robert Weaver, son of O.A. Weaver of Gatesville, had been promoted to vice-president in the operations department at Mercantile National Bank in Dallas. Prior to joining Mercantile, he had worked for another Dallas area bank for over three years.

Christie Spencer, the 14-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rollin Spencer, was picked for "Pepiteer of the Week" at a local football game. Spencer was excited over the honor, but disappointed that the Hornets lost the game.

Cindy Parrish, an Evant High School junior, was named the school's football sweetheart and Daron Standeart, star running back, was named the Elk foot-

ball hero at the annual EHS homecoming.

The Gatesville Public Library was having a free film showing for pre-school children. The classic film being shown to the children was "Winnie the Pooh and Tigger Too."

Members of Boy Scout Troop 272 elected officers for the coming year and also held a Board of Review for Billy Robinette who had advanced to Star Scout rank. Robinette was also elected as troop quartermaster.

FIFTY YEARS AGO (1972)

Bruce W. Woodard, a Gatesville accountant, was presented with his certificate as a certified public accountant. Woodard, age 24, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Woodard and a Gatesville High School graduate.

A mass of flames engulfed the 59-year-old First Methodist Church building. The building, which was located at the corner of Main Street and Lutterloh Street, was completely gutted by the blaze.

The 1972 cotton har-

vest in Coryell County had passed the 2,000-bale mark following a survey of area gins. The harvest had centered at Oglesby where a total of 1,588 bales had been ginned there and was expected to exceed to 2,000 before the harvest was over.

The Ladies Golf Association at the Gatesville Country Club staged a 9-hole, irons-only tournament. The winners were Mrs. Corene Homan in the first flight, Mrs. Mary Nolte in the second flight, and Mrs. Sue Jones in the third flight.

Glenda Bundick announced that she planned to open a music studio which was to offer individual and group instruction in piano and voice. Her husband, Dorwin Bundick, was the minister of music at Eastwood Baptist Church.

Mrs. Marshall Rhoads was the hostess for 10 members and two guests of the Eagle Springs Club. The club was located in the community of Eagle Springs near Mother Neff State Park in southeastern Coryell County.

Consider risk protection coverage before crop sales deadlines

The USDA Farm Service Agency reminds producers to review available USDA crop risk protection options, including federal crop insurance and Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program coverage.

Federal crop insurance covers crop losses from natural adversities such as drought, hail and excessive moisture. NAP covers losses from natural disasters on crops for which no permanent federal crop insurance program is available, including perennial grass forage and grazing crops, fruits, vegetables, mushrooms, floriculture, ornamental nursery, aquaculture, turf grass, ginseng, honey, syrup, bioenergy and industrial crops.

The deadline for 2023

grasses and mixed forages for haying and grazing is Dec. 1.

USDA has partnered with Michigan State University and the University of Illinois to create an online tool at www.fsa.usda.gov/nap that allows producers to determine whether their crops are eligible for federal crop insurance or NAP and to explore the best level of protection for their operation. NAP basic coverage is available at 55 percent of the average market price for crop losses that exceed 50 percent of expected production, with higher levels of coverage, up to 65 percent of their expected production at 100 percent of the average market price available, including coverage for organics and crops mar-

keted directly to consumers. Crops intended for grazing are not eligible for additional NAP coverage.

Federal crop insurance coverage is sold and delivered solely through private insurance agents. Agent lists are available at all USDA Service Centers or at USDA's online Agent Locator: <http://prodwebnlb.rma.usda.gov/apps/AgentLocator/#>. Producers can use the USDA Cost Estimator, <https://ewebapp.rma.usda.gov/apps/costestimator/Default.aspx>, to predict insurance premium costs.

For more information on NAP, service fees, premiums and sales deadlines, contact the Coryell County FSA office at 254-865-7012 or visit the web at www.fsa.usda.gov/nap.

PEARL NEWS

This rootin', tootin' cowgirl is living the dream



BETSY CLARK
Pearl News Correspondent

Howdy from deep East Texas! Well, it's off to another rodeo for me this weekend. Who knew that at my age I'd be riding bulls and wild broncs, and bulldogging steers again! This rootin', tootin' cowgirl is living the dream. OK, fake news — or maybe I really am dreaming.

However, my oldest granddaughter, Callyn, really IS a cowgirl in the money after last week's rodeo in Groesbeck. She won the two age groups she competed in — breakaway (with 5.63 seconds, thank you very much) and goat tying. Takes after her grandmother, huh. Not this one that does the Pearl News but the other one for sure who really IS a cowgirl. Anyway, I'm enjoying every second of our traveling and

of watching this sweet, talented 9-year-old girl compete and have fun. Life is good.

Pearl has had a flurry of activity the last couple of weeks. The annual Pearl Flea Market was a rousing success. Everyone reported that they enjoyed the two-day event and were pleased with the money they made selling their wares. We also heard how great the homemade food in the kitchen was and how fun it was to go to the Pearl Cottage Bookstore to visit and shop. Don't forget that the next Pearl Book Cottage Day is Nov. 5, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in conjunction with the Pearl Bluegrass event. More info about that day, especially Junk in Your Trunk, next time.

The Pearl Church of Christ celebrated its 127th year on Sunday, Oct. 16, with 77 in attendance. Plaques were given to the youngest attending, Colby Newton; the oldest attending, Jim Wilkinson, age 87; the longest-married, Gil and Lynn Campbell at 55-plus years; the farthest traveled, Zane Dickey; and the longest-attending member, Margie Cummings at 70-plus years. The catered barbecue was enjoyed by all. Don't tell anyone, but Margie hid an extra bowl of her Blueberry Delight for Ron McDonald to take home. He loves that dessert way too much. (Don't we all?) Especially don't tell Marilyn.

Coming up on Nov. 13 is the Pearl Thanksgiving Meal. This will be at the Pearl Com-

munity Center, starting at noon. Preceding the meal will be a community-wide church service at the center at 10 a.m. with Tony Cleaver speaking. For the meal, the turkey, ham, and dressing will be provided. You are welcome to bring a dessert or side dish if you wish. Everyone is invited to attend.

The next Pearl Community Center Board meeting is set for Oct. 24 at 6:30 p.m. at the center. All are invited to attend.

Don't think I have forgotten about the teeny, tiny, turquoise greeny, stringy bikini. It's just that it's still doing the same thing — quivering, quaking and hissing. I think it's planning something BIG. Kay had better watch her p's and q's because we know the atrocious attire can travel. And you know that Halloween is when it is the most active. David Scott said he's not setting foot in Pearl until at least the middle of November. You know how much that crazy contraption loves to taunt him. Things are heating up in Pearl. Beware!

This week's Bible verse: "Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore, love is the fulfillment of the law." — Romans 13:10 NIV

If my heart is right with God, every human being is my neighbor.

— Oswald Chambers
Contact me at betsyclarke47@yahoo.com to submit any Pearl news.

OBITUARIES

PHYLLIS HEAD

Jan. 19, 1938 - Oct. 22, 2022



Phyllis Head, age 84, of Gatesville, passed away peacefully on Saturday, Oct. 22, 2022, surrounded by her family at her home in Gatesville.

Visitation will be held at 12 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 27, with funeral services to follow at 2 p.m. at Scott's Funeral Home Chapel, with Jonathan Ford officiating. For those unable to attend, services will be live streamed at www.scottsfh.com. Interment will follow at Restland Cemetery.

Phyllis Raye Caldwell Head was born on Jan. 19, 1938, in Gatesville, to the late Ralph and Bertha Mae Fulp Caldwell. She grew up in Gatesville and graduated from Gatesville High School in 1956. After graduation,

she worked at Fort Hood, where she later met Richard (Dick) Gellasch. They married and moved to St. Claire Shores, Michigan in 1961 before returning to Gatesville in 1968 with her family. With her family, Phyllis started The Fillin' Station Restaurant in 1974. She ran the restaurant for several years, where she created great friendships and many memories. She eventually sold the restaurant and later began a new career at Medical Plastics Laboratories. While working at Medical Plastics, she was introduced by a close friend to Perry E. Head. They married in 1994 and were married for 26 years, until he preceded her in death in 2021. They built a ranch together, where they enjoyed spending time with family and friends. Throughout the years, she enjoyed many family vacations to the beach and in the mountains. Phyllis took great pride in her community, staying actively involved with her GHS Class of 1956 classmates. She was a member of First United Methodist Church of Gatesville.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Perry Head and sister, Derry Jean Marris.

She is survived by her children, Lisa Carothers and husband, Larry, of Gates-

ville, Trina Chamberlain and husband, Phil, of Memphis, Tennessee, Richard Gellasch and wife, Jenny, of Gatesville, Tara Jordan and husband, Todd, of Austin, Deanna Lueckenotte and husband, Bryan, of Gatesville; grandchildren, Brad Carothers and wife, Amber, Justin Carothers and wife, Whitney, Christopher Erwin and wife, Ashley, Crockett Carothers and wife, Shadee, Justin Jaynes and wife, Sami, Lacy Gellasch, Taite Gellasch and wife, Kristina, Kipp Gellasch, Ty Jordan, Brookelyn Jordan, Taylor Lueckenotte, Phil Chamberlain III and wife, Jessica, Will Chamberlain and wife, Kyndal; great-grandchildren, Curry Ishy and husband, Zane, Darcy Carothers and friend, Preston Preciado, Brady Carothers, Grace Carothers, Presley Erwin, Paris Erwin, Bailey Rae Jaynes, Luke Jaynes, Lottee Carothers, Phil Chamberlain IV, Emma Chamberlain, Caleb Chamberlain, Nash Chamberlain and Jett Chamberlain; sister-in-law, Carolyn Kline and husband, Jerry; niece and nephew, Karen Magee and husband, Kerry, and David Marris and wife, Lee.

In lieu of flowers, the family has request that memorials be directed to The Big Sting, 3417 Imperial Dr., Gatesville, TX 76528.

GAY CHARLOTTE GARTMAN

July 22, 1939 - Oct. 19, 2022



Gay Charlotte Gartman, age 83, of Gatesville, passed away on Wednesday, October 19, 2022, with her daughter by her side.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 24, at Scott's Funeral Home

Chapel, with Minister Deral McWhorter officiating. Interment followed at Coffey Cemetery.

Gay Charlotte Painter Gartman was born on July 22, 1939, in Gatesville, to the late Jack and Geneva Truss Painter. She grew up in the White Hall community and attended school in Turnersville and Gatesville. She graduated from Turnersville High School in 1957. She married M.D. Gartman on Oct. 6, 1960, in the White Hall community. She worked at Farmland Industries in McGregor, until her retirement. After her retirement, she spent her time traveling with her family and attending knife shows with her husband. As a dedicated mother and grandmother, she attended every school and extracurricular activity. Her husband preceded her in death on Nov. 26, 1996.

She was a lifetime member of the Church of Christ and member of the Cedar Ridge Church of Christ.

She was also preceded in death by her son, Jimmy Dale Gartman on April 5, 2022.

Mrs. Gartman is survived by a daughter, Marion Young and husband, Doug; grandchildren, Josh Young and wife, Chelsea; Jacob Young; Lariat Gartman; Lane Gartman and fiancé, Benito; Kelsie Smalley and fiancé, Dylan; great-grandchildren, Hayden, Quinton, Hattie, Sophia, Joshua, Isabella and Ansel. She is also survived by her loving care providers, Shane and Robin Sutton.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be directed to the Coffey Cemetery Association, 2658 FM 215, Gatesville, TX 76528.

Grands in Bloom luncheon Nov. 12

Almond Blossom Ministries will host a luncheon on Saturday, Nov. 12, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Pennoli Bed & Breakfast.

This will be a time for women raising their grandchildren to enjoy a moment of relaxation. There will be lunch,

conversation, and encouragement from God's word.

Registration is open now; tickets will be \$20 each. This will include lunch and a book. Ticket sales will end on Monday, Nov. 7.

If you are interested and need financial assistance,

contact almondblossomministries@gmail.com and a scholarship can be made for the event. Pennoli Bed & Breakfast is located at 1009 E. Main St. in Gatesville. For more information, please visit www.almondblossomministries.com.

BOOK REVIEW

A stormy plot, a small town and the struggle between good and evil



TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

Not everybody has to like you.

That's a lesson you learned the hard way, probably in grade school. Try as you might, you were going to have enemies and detractors along the way and there wasn't much you could do about it. Not everybody has to like you but, as in the new novel "Bad Day Breaking" by John Galligan, they aren't allowed to kill you.

Many years ago, Sheriff Heidi Kick was the kind of girl she'd arrest now.

Back then, she and her best friend, Missy, were into drugs, guns and petty theft, they both dated Roman Vanderhoof, and the three of them partied constantly until

things got out of hand. That was when "Mighty" Heidi went to the sheriff's office and confessed to everything she knew about drugs and theft. Missy went to rehab, Hoof went to prison in Bosconel, and Heidi kicked her addictions, enrolled in college, got married, paid her dues and became Sheriff of Bad Axe County, Wisconsin.

Now those days were in the rearview mirror, and she hadn't heard from Missy in awhile.

Until she got a text the day before Thanksgiving.

"Want to drink ketchup?" it said, Missy's code for getting drunk.

Despite that Heidi had been sober for years, her answer was "yes."

It had been a long week already in Bad Axe County, and it would get even longer. One of her officers was using a department computer to email prisoners, and the courts wouldn't let Heidi investigate. Another officer had assaulted the leader of a new religious group in town, and city council members were about to appoint her deputy sheriff.

And that religious commu-

nity? Folks in Bad Axe didn't want a cult around, although Heidi wasn't sure the community qualified as a "cult." The two groups were protesting across the road from one another, things were heating up, and allegations of abuse and animal cruelty floated around town.

Then Sheriff Kick learned that Hoof was out of prison.

And she knew he wouldn't stop unless he got his revenge...

You know that thing you do when you see something scary, so you put your hands over your eyes and peek between your fingers because you can't not see? That's exactly what you'll want to do with "Bad Day Breaking."

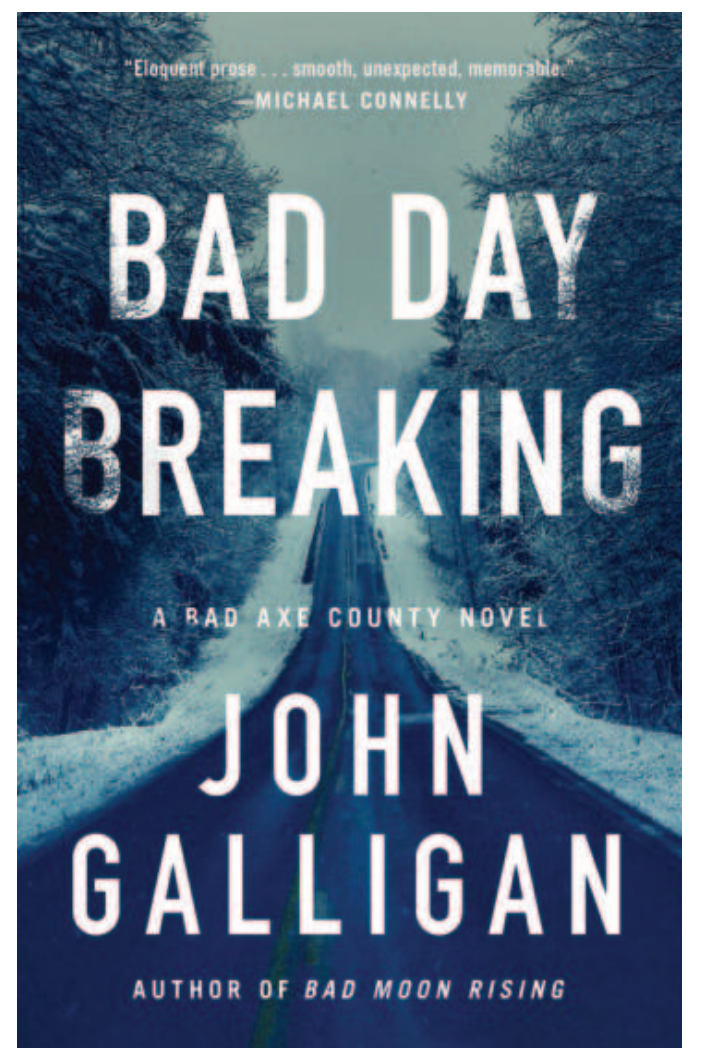
Long before its prologue is anywhere near done, this book turns dark and cold as the snowstorm that hits the background of the story. Slush and ice lay the ground, then, for everything that author John Galligan can pack into an uncomfortably long holiday weekend, made more wretched by the kind of small-town embroilments that happen when everybody knows everybody else's busi-

ness. Add a headline-ripping current events possibility and gun deer season in Wisconsin, and oh, yeah, you'll want to see what happens.

Galligan fans will appreciate knowing that "Bad Day Breaking" contains an ending that'll make you shriek and perch yourself at the bookstore to await the next Bad Axe County novel. As for this book, though, you just have to like it.



COURTESY PHOTO
JOHN GALLIGAN, AUTHOR



Methodist Church to host Harvest Festival on Nov. 5

Gatesville's First Methodist Church will host a Harvest Festival on Saturday, Nov. 5 at 7 a.m. beginning with breakfast tacos being served. A baked potato lunch will be served in the church kitchen beginning at 10 a.m. A bake sale/craft sale will begin at 7 a.m. in the

church's banquet room. Gift baskets will also be displayed, and tickets may be purchased. A garage sale will be open from 7 a.m. until 1 p.m. and all items will be sold by donations. A prize walk (cake walk and toy walk) will begin in the Family Life Center at 8 a.m. A photo

display will also be in the Family Life Center and those attending are encouraged to bring phones/cameras to take pictures. First Methodist Church is located at 2600 E. Main Street. For more information about the Harvest Festival, call 254-865-2520.

Gatesville Adaptive Sports hosts all-inclusive field day Nov. 5

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.

Gatesville Intermediate hosts Fall Festival to be held Oct. 27

Gatesville Intermediate School will hold its annual Fall Festival on Thursday, Oct. 27, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. This event will be open to the public and will be a cash only event. Tickets will cost \$1 each, and wristbands will cost \$20 at the gate. Wristbands will have an early bird special beginning on Oct. 17, costing \$15. A wristband will include a canned drink, candy, a tattoo, a glow stick, the haunted house, the firetruck spray

house, and all booths and activities. Ceiling tile painting will not be included and will be five tickets each. The ticketed events will cover the haunted house, ceiling tile painting, a blacklight obstacle course, a dunking booth, a concession stand, the cake/pie walk, glow-in-the-dark bowling, a photo booth, glow disc golf, a firetruck house, and tattoos/glow sticks. The free events will have a spin to win, plinko, sack rac-

es, fishbowl frenzy, football toss, cornhole, and jack-o'-lantern toss. Items will be on display for everyone to view. The sixth grade Dia de los Muertos projects will be in the library. The fourth grade pumpkins and fifth grade zombies will be found near the office. Gatesville Intermediate is located at 311 Hornet Way. For more information on this event call 254-865-2526 or follow @GatesvilleINT online for updates.



JANICE VELASQUEZ | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER
Students lined up at the dunking booth at last year's Fall Festival hosted by the Gatesville Intermediate School. Jennar Velasquez takes a shot at dunking a staff member.

Central Texas 4-H Invitational CDM Contest to be held Nov. 19

The Central Texas 4-H Invitational Consumer Decision Making Contest will be held on Saturday, Nov. 19, at The Boys and Girls Club of Gatesville. The deadline for registration will be Mon., Nov. 7. The cost will be \$40 a team and \$10 per individual. Late registration will be available until the morning of the contest for sixty dollars a team and twenty dollars per

individual. Scantrons will be provided. The age divisions will include junior (3-5 grade), intermediate (6-8 grade), and senior (9-12 grade.) The intermediate age division will need to provide one set of oral reasons, while the senior age division will need two. The junior age division will not need oral reasons. Awards in each division in-

clude the top ten individuals and the top five teams. Scholarships will be awarded to high-point senior individuals. Registration is now available at <https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4-H-projects/consumer-decision-making/>. For more information contact the Coryell County Extension Office at 254-865-2414.

Retired teachers to meet Oct. 27

The next meeting for CRSP (Coryell Retired School Personnel) will be on Thursday, October 27, 2022, at Ranchers' Steakhouse. Social time will begin at 9:30 a.m., and the meeting will start at 10 a.m. Members can use the social time not only to visit, but also to take care of paying dues (\$35 state + \$10 local) to treasurer, Anne Byrom, and picking up new yearbooks for 2022-2023. Members are asked to bring a count of their volunteer hours since the last meeting and give them to Debbie Gmela.

The program will be presented by the Gatesville Fire Department. Representatives from AMBA will be available to discuss insurance needs. They will meet with members who have questions at 12:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. that day. Upcoming events include setting up a booth on October 29th during Boozaar Time to hand out candy and free books to children. Their aim this year is to share over 1,700 books with children. On December 3, 2022, they will have an opportunity to see "A Christmas Carol" presented at the Plaza Theater

in Cleburne. The Matinee Performance is at 3 p.m. with costs of \$26 for adults and \$15 for children. Contact Gayla Linton for those wishing to attend this performance. Their September meeting was deemed a success. They had 51 members in attendance, including four new members: DeDe Edwards Grubb, Garlene Erwin, Marlene White, and Mike Barron. Other retirees who have not joined CRSP are encouraged to join the group and bring other retired teachers along to the meetings.

RECIPIE

This recipe appeared in the "Methodist Best" cookbook in 2008. The Gatesville Messenger plans to run a series of recipes from their cookbook. If your church has a cookbook or if you would like to submit your own recipe of your favorite dish for possible publication, please email to editor@gatesvillemessenger.com.

Chicken Piccata
Gaye Sadler

- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- ¼ tsp. garlic powder
- 1 egg
- ¼ tsp. paprika
- 3 T. fresh lemon juice, divided
- ¼ cup butter
- ½ cup chicken stock
- 1 T. chopped fresh parsley
- ½ cup all-purpose flour
- 1 lemon cut into 1/8 inch slices

Pound chicken breast between sheets of wax paper until very thin, about ¼ inch. Whisk egg with 1 tbs. lemon juice. Combine remaining lemon juice with chicken stock. Sift flour, garlic powder and paprika into a large bowl. Melt butter in heavy skillet. Dip chicken into egg mixture and then coat well with flour mixture. Place in skillet and cook over medium high heat for about 1 minute on each side. Pour chicken stock mixture over chicken. Reduce heat to medium-low, cover and cook until chicken is very tender, 10 to 15 minutes. Stir sauce in pan and spoon over each chicken breast and garnish with lemon slices. Serves 4.



Chicken piccata dish

COURTESY PHOTO

Benefit fishing tournament to be held for Wade Key

A benefit fishing tournament will be held for Gatesville native, Wade Key, as he fights a battle against cancer. The benefit will be held at the Stillhouse Marina on Sunday, Nov. 13. The entry fee is two hundred dollars per team. Sign-in will be at 5 a.m. When checked in, partici-

pants should proceed to launch at any ramp. Lines will go in at 5:45 a.m. and come out at 2 p.m. Participants need to be in line with their catch by 2:45 p.m. There will be a dead fish penalty of .25 pounds. Cash prizes for the first, second, and third place include:

first place: \$1,000, second place \$500, and third place \$300. The Stillhouse Marina is located at 4596 Simmons Road in Belton. For more information on this event, contact Jason Derrick at 254-495-8126 or Ryan Warren at 254-216-3372.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
The City Council of the City of Gatesville, passed and approved the following ordinances:

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2022-04:

AN ORDINANCE ORDERING THE HOLDING OF A SPECIAL ELECTION IN THE CITY OF GATESVILLE, TEXAS TO CONSIDER A COMBINED PROPOSITION ABOLISHING THE ADDITIONAL SALES AND USE TAX WITHIN THE CITY OF GATESVILLE AND ADOPTING A SALES AND USE TAX WITHIN THE CITY OF GATESVILLE AT A RATE OF ONE AND ONE-HALF PERCENT; SPECIFYING THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THE ELECTION LAWS SHALL CONTROL ALL QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO SUCH ELECTION, AND PRESCRIBING THE CONTENTS OF THE OFFICIAL BALLOT

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2022-07:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GATESVILLE, TEXAS AMENDING CHAPTER 18, FEES OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GATESVILLE; ADOPTING A NEW FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE CITY OF GATESVILLE

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Wendy Cole
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00029673

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Hornets shock Salado in district match



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Khloe Mathews and Rachel Garrett prepare to defend in a home game against Salado earlier this season. On Oct. 21, the Hornet volleyball team traveled to Salado and handed the Eagles their first district loss. Following Tuesday's regular season finale against La Vega, Gatesville will compete in the playoffs for the 20th straight season.



Emma Polard pounds the ball for the Hornets in a contest against the Salado Eagles.

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Lola Barron bumps the ball in action against the Salado Eagles.

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Gatesville Junior High Football

7B vs. Madisonville

	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Gatesville	0	6	0	0	6
Madisonville	0	0	0	0	0

Leading Rushers: Keegan Redford- 4 for 55
 Leading Passers: Cash Heath- 2/2 for 43 yards, 1 TD
 Leading Receivers: Brensyn Pope- 1 for 6; Wayne Brumalaw- 1 for 37, TD
 Leading Tacklers/Defensive players: Wayne Brumalaw- 6 tackles, 1 TFL; Keegan Redford- 3 tackles, 1 TFL; Cash Heath- 4 tackles; Brensyn Pope- 3 tackles, 1 PBU; Pate Foster- 2 tackles, 1 PBU
 Season Record: 5-2

8B vs. Madisonville

	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Gatesville	6	6	6	0	18
Salado	0	0	0	0	0

Leading Rushers: Andrew Ballantine- 3 for 99, TD; Preston Seager- 5 for 40, 2 TD; Bo Kelley- 1 for 6
 Leading Passers: Preston Seager- 1/2 for 22
 Leading Receivers: Tucker Melton 1 for 22
 Leading Tacklers/Defensive players: Andrew Ballantine- 8 tackles, 3 TFL, 1 Fumble Recovery; Braxton Boyd- 5 tackles, 2 TFL; Jacob Desormeaux- 5 tackles, 1 TFL, 1 blocked punt; Charles McLeod- 4 tackles, 1 TFL, Bo Kelley- 3 tackles; Tyler Ward- 3 tackles
 Season Record: 4-3

7A vs. Madisonville

	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Gatesville	6	0	0	0	6
Madisonville	6	12	0	0	18

Leading Rushers: Grady Keeton- 8 for 52, TD; Aiden Zachary- 2 for 11

Leading Passers: Eli Phillips- 2/2, 28 yards; Keeton- 3/3, 51 yards
 Leading Receivers: Draven Henderson- 2 for 16; Camden Webb- 1 for 18; Kaydon Buster- 1 for 35; Grady Keeton- 1 for 10
 Leading Tacklers/Defensive players: Eli Phillips- 9 tackles, 1 TFL; Braxton Brown- 9 tackles, 1 TFL; Grady Keeton- 6 tackles; Stephen Walker- 5 tackles; Draven Henderson- 4 tackles, 1 TFL; Jacob Webb- 4 tackles; Kaydon Buster- 4 tackles, 1 TFL; Aiden Zachary- 4 tackles; Isaac Crawford- 3 tackles; Talon Miller- 3 tackles, 1 TFL
 Season Record: 6-1
 (Madisonville 7A remains undefeated at 7-0 on the season)

8A vs. Madisonville

	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Gatesville	16	6	8	8	38
Madisonville	16	16	6	6	44

Leading Rushers: Wyatt Baker- 5 for 13; Trey Howard- 14 for 42, TD; Graham Barron- 2 for 11; Carson Griffith- 4 for 14, three 2 point conversions
 Leading Passers: Graham Barron- 15 for 20- 158 yards, 2 TD, 1 INT; Seth Baize 1 for 1, 68 yards, 1 TD; Trey Howard- 1 for 2, 15 yards, 1 TD
 Leading Receivers: Wyatt Baker- 5 for 47, TD; Seth Baize- 4 for 47, TD; Trey Howard- 5 for 89, TD; Aiden Holden- 1 for 68, TD;
 Leading Tacklers/Defensive players: Graham Barron- 6 tackles, 1 PBU, 1 forced fumble; Wyatt Baker- 5 tackles; Gorge Carmona- 3 tackles; Izaya Nunn- 3 tackles
 Gatesville was tackled at the 1 yard line with no time remaining to end the game.
 Season Record: 3-4

Area Fishing Report

Belton
 GOOD. Water lightly stained; 75 degrees; 12.66 feet low. Continued, significant cooling has occurred on Lake Belton, with oxygenated water and uniform water temperatures now found down to approximately 42 feet. This has spurred the fishing on and put white bass fishing a full week into the fantastic fall fishing which will exist until the water cools to below 58 degrees, which is typically around mid December. White bass have moved back to some bottom features instead of suspending and can be found in high numbers using well-tuned side-imaging sonar. Fishing MAL Original Lures with chartreuse tails vertically until the fish lose interest and then fishing around the boat

horizontally is the key to maximizing your catch once fish are found. The cold front slowed the bite some but should continue to be good. Crappie are in 8-12 feet of water and are very active.
Stillhouse
 GOOD. Water lightly stained; 75 degrees; 10.53 feet low. Continued, significant cooling has occurred on Stillhouse, with oxygenated water and uniform water temperatures now found down to approximately 40 feet. This has spurred the fishing on and put white bass fishing at the crux of the normally fantastic fall fishing which will exist until the water cools to below 58 degrees. White bass have begun to herd together in increasingly larger schools on bottom.

Hornets fall to Mustangs, can clinch playoff spot

BY CHRIS ALLMAN
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

For the third straight season, the Gatesville Hornets head into their final regular-season game with a chance to clinch a postseason berth.

A win against Madisonville would have given the Hornets the inside track to the No. 2 spot in District 11-4A. But after dropping a 38-19 to the Mustangs, the Hornets will aim to clinch the No. 3 spot when they travel to Robinson this Friday.

Connally and Madisonville – both 2-0 in district play – currently occupy the top two spots with the Hornets in third by virtue of their win over the Salado on Oct. 14. The Eagles are currently slotted fourth in the district playoff race.

In order to secure a third-straight trip to the postseason, the Hornets will need a third-straight win over the Rockets. In 2020, Gatesville won 17-6 at McKamie Stadium while in 2021 they won 37-20 at Rocket Field.

The Rockets come into the game 3-5 overall and 0-2 in district. They dropped their district opener to Salado 33-24 then fell to Madisonville 65-23.

In welcoming Madisonville on Senior Night, the Hornets hosted their third opponent who has spent time in the Class 4A Division II top ten this season. Glen Rose came to Gatesville ranked 8th, while Connally and Madisonville have each spent time in the rankings.

The Mustangs jumped out to an early lead and the Hornets were unable to fight their way all the way back.

Madisonville led 24-0 in the second quarter when quarterback Jacob Newkirk put the Hornets on the board with a five-yard touchdown run to make it 24-6 just before the half.

In the second half, Madisonville extended their lead to 31-6 before Newkirk hit Kyle



Members of the Hornet football team pause for a visit with the coach during the Oct. 21 game against the Madisonville Mustangs.

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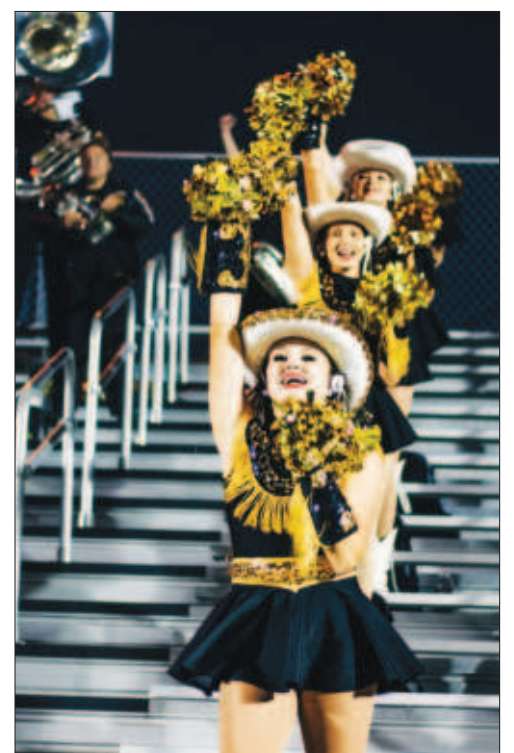
Shafer for a 38-yard touchdown pass to make it 31-12.

Down 38-12, the Hornets scored once more in the fourth when Newkirk found Tyler Shea for a 62-yard touchdown. On the play, Shea reached over two defenders for the catch before outrunning both to the end zone.

The catch was one of three Shea had on the

night en route to 128 yards in the game. He and Newkirk also connected for 55 yards in the first quarter.

Newkirk finished the night with 226 yards passing, completing passes to six different receivers. Kyle Shafer had four catches and Trevor Smith had three. Rayshon Smith, Adrian Smith, and Sean Aguilar each had one catch apiece. Rayshon Smith led the team in



GLADYS WHITENBURG | THE GATESVILLE MESSANGER

Dazzlers add flair to the evening.

rushing with 48 yards.

Defensively, the Hornets were led by Lucas Garcia, Ashtyn Culley, and Lawson Mooney.

Garcia had six tackles and added a forced fumble, a tackle for a loss, and a sack.

Culley had 15 tackles including two for a loss while Mooney had 14 tackles – one for a loss – and intercepted a pass for the second straight game. He also recovered an onside kick in the third quarter.

District standings

Connally, 6-2 overall, 2-0 in district
Madisonville 5-3, 2-0
Gatesville 6-3, 1-2
Salado 3-6, 1-2
Robinson 3-5, 0-2



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Soldiers from Fort Hood join the cheerleaders in yelling for the Hornets on Oct. 21 - Military Appreciation Night.



Lawson Mooney



Tyler Shea



Ashtyn Culley



Lucas Garcia

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

<p>GATESVILLE HORNETS #3 Ashtyn Culley 9 solo tackles, 6 assists 2 tackles for a loss</p>	<p>JONESBORO EAGLES Bye week</p>
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Jonesboro outscores CTHS, 68-60

The Jonesboro Eagles continued their march to the playoffs with a high-scoring 68-60 win on Oct. 20 against the CenTex Christian Homeschool Chargers.

Game stats were not available for the Eagles, but for the season C. Christel is the team's leading rusher with an average of 107 yards per game and has also scored 14 touchdowns for JHS, while D. Acoff is averaging 50 yards receiving per contest.

On the defensive side, J. Domel is averaging 7.5 tackles per game and also leads the Eagles with a pair of interceptions.

All stats are courtesy of the MaxPreps high school sports website.

Jonesboro is scheduled to host the May Tigers in a key district battle at 7:30 p.m. Oct.

28. May is undefeated with an 8-0 record heading into the game, while the Eagles are 8-1 and riding an even-game winning streak.

The Evant Elks were outscored by the Lomata Hornets, 60-12, on Oct. 21.

Stats were not available for the Elks, who are 0-8 and will face the 3-5 Santa Anna Mountaineers at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 28 in Santa Anna.

Oglesby, which had the week off and is 8-0 this season, will host the 3-4 Calvert Trojans at 7 p.m. Oct. 28.

Kyler Fossett is leading the Tigers with 187 yards rushing per game and 28 touchdowns this season. J. Hendricks leads the Oglesby defense with 10 tackles per game.