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## Time running out for Fennimore Street house?

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

A lack of progress in repair work at 308 Fennimore St. has prompted the Gatesville City Council to move one step closer to ordering the demolition of the house.

The house was identified as being a sub-standard structure in 2021. A Waco man, Dennis Berry, who was making repairs to the home was required to present a renovation plan to the Council in December 2021.

Since that time, although some work has reportedly been done, the project has not been completed. The Council originally gave Berry 90 days to complete repairs — the maximum it is able to grant by law, without later giving additional extensions.

Complicating the process is that the home is in the name of Berry's deceased mother-in-law, Adelia McDonald, and that his sister-in-law, who had been living there, moved out and reportedly did not stay in contact with Berry regarding her plans. Last year, a letter was sent to McDonald's estate notifying those responsible that the "outside wall of the structure is buckling, the roof is sagging and there are broken windows," city code inspector Robert Featherston told the Council. He added that there is also rotten wood on the front of the house and the foundation is buckling.



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PLEASE SEE HOUSE | A2 The Gatesville City Council could vote to demolish this house at 308 Fennimore.

## A scary great time at Boozaar



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Willy Wonka, Charlie Bucket, Grandpa Joe and an Oompa Loompa from 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' were among those appearing at Gatesville's Boozaar on Oct. 29 on the Coryell County Courthouse square. The event attracted a big crowd.



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Jedi and Darth Vader make the rounds at Boozaar, along with the Grim Reaper and his children. For more photos, see pages 5 and 6.

## Bell, Coryell counties partner on habitat plan

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

Coryell County Commissioners recently got an update on the Bell & Coryell County Regional Habitat Conservation Plan (BELCOR RHCP), which aims to protect endangered species while also helping to sustain economic growth.

The project, which starts in 2023 and is expected to last three years, was initiated because "current and future development activities and population growth ... have the potential to impact species that are already listed or may become listed under the federal Endangered Species Act.

"Thirteen local and regional entities are collaborating to proactively establish a conservation framework that will allow for continued economic development, while satisfying ESA regulatory requirements. Funding for the project will be used to support the development of a regional habitat conservation plan (RHCP). ... The success of the BELCOR RHCP will directly improve the ability of the region to sustain vital economic drivers without costly regulatory delays related to compliance with the ESA and will support the comprehensive conservation of listed species in the region."

In addition to Bell and Coryell counties, other entities participating are: the city of Gatesville, Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District, the Brazos River Authority, the city of Killeen, the city of Temple, the city of Copperas Cove, the city of Belton, the village of Salado, the city of Harker Heights, the Middle Trinity Groundwater Conservation District and the Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization.

County Judge Roger Miller said the coalition was awarded a conservation planning grant for the RHCP.

"It will start in September 2023 with setting up the core of how this will be managed for long-term purposes," Miller said. "That will take

PLEASE SEE RHCP | A2

## Instructor helps prison inmates learn RV repair skills

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

After 24 years of working for private industry, Mark Munday of Gatesville found a new calling in teaching valuable work skills to female prison inmates that can help them build a new future.

Munday teaches women who are incarcerated at the Woodman Unit of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice how to be RV technicians. The job is in high demand, and those working in that career can earn a comfortable living. Technicians Munday talked to told him they can work as many hours as they want and can earn \$100,000 per year if they are willing to put in the time.

Through the Windham School District that

serves TDCJ inmates, Munday has the ability to help transform lives.

"If they can get a job (after they leave TDCJ), it's definitely a win-win situation," Munday said during a presentation to the Gatesville Exchange Club. "It makes me feel good that they can get a job and be productive. Taxpayers pay for their education, but once they start making an income, they give back by paying taxes."

The women learn a variety of skills in repairing RV systems, including electrical, plumbing, propane and refrigerators.

"They all come in knowing nothing which is great - I can train them the right way," Munday said.



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PLEASE SEE INSTRUCTOR | A2 Mark Munday teaches prison inmates how to diagnose and fix problems in RVs.

## Exchange Club honors outstanding GHS students



Gatesville High School students Lindsey Cummings, Slone Early, Laura Mitchell and Ben Mabry were recently recognized by the Gatesville Exchange Club as students of the month for September and October. They were nominated by GHS teachers. Lindsey, the daughter of Tori and Eric Cummings, is president of the senior class, a Junior Ambassador and member of the GHS powerlifting team. Slone, the son of Se'Vette and Sam Early, is ranked No. 1 academically in the senior class, a Junior Ambassador, and is the District MVP of the GHS tennis team. Laura, the daughter of Keri and Justin Mitchell, is a member of the Leadership Team and the GHS tennis team, a Junior Ambassador and a section leader in the GHS band. Ben, the son of Doug Mabry and Jenny Mabry, is a Junior Ambassador, the senior class treasurer and plays baseball and tennis. He was a member of the Academic All-District baseball team.

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## INSTRUCTOR

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"There is a big waiting list, and they love getting the opportunity to do this. They can come in and learn a lot right away."

The program takes about 4-5 months to complete, and the women are tested on their knowledge, which enables them to get hired. Munday said one former inmate had much more knowledge

and skill in RV system repairs than workers who had already been at one company. She is now helping to train them on the systems.

"When customers buy an RV off the lot, they sometimes return it because there are problems so the dealers have started to require a pre-delivery inspection," Munday said. "We train the women so they are able to do these inspections, to troubleshoot and how to make repairs. They can inspect and work on RVs, trailers, pop-up campers -

whatever comes in.

"I teach them more than they are required to learn. It's great when they can get out with a job already lined up."

The program is at the Woodman Unit because the women serving there have shorter sentences than some of the other women's prisons, meaning they can put those skills to use on the job much more quickly.

"The goal is to keep them from coming back to prison, and if they

are able to learn skills that will qualify them for good jobs, then they don't come back," Munday said.

Some of the classes begin about 4 a.m., but Munday said the ones he teaches are from about 11 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.

"We teach them things like how to work with both AC and DC (electrical) voltage, and they're fascinated when they learn stuff," he said. "When there's a problem, they have to solve it. When they figure it out,

they're so happy, it makes them feel good.

"They get certificates for passing tests and that helps them get jobs. I tell them just because they've been in prison doesn't mean they can't get a job and turn their lives around. It's just a great opportunity for them."

*Note: The Gatesville Exchange Club meets at 7 a.m. Thursdays at the Junction on Route 36 restaurant, 1216 Highway 36.*

## HOUSE

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Berry was asked to appear before the Council on Oct. 25 but sent an email that he would not be able to attend.

"That kind of holds true to form at this point," City Manager Bill Parry told the Council. "He appeared at the Sept. 27 meeting and asked to have until the end of November. Nothing has been done to the house since Sept. 27. You've given him way beyond 90 days. It will be a year in December.

"He's spent some money but there's no progress on plumbing. He's not here, so I'm happy to convey what the Council wants to do. You gave him until April and now at the end of October we're not making great progress."

Parry noted that although an electrical permit was pulled for work in January and a meter box was placed on the house "there's

no electrical connection and wires are sticking out of it."

Council member Barbara Burrow asked what the next step is if the Council decided to have the structure demolished.

"You can reverse (the decision on giving him additional time) and tell (Berry) he needs to have it demolished by a certain time," Parry said. "He can appeal that in district court."

Mayor Gary Chumley noted that while the Council has been patient, that patience has its limits.

"How many last times are we going to give him?" Chumley asked.

"I thought we had given him that last time," Council member John Westbrook said.

In 2021, the structure was valued at \$31,290, and the needed repairs were expected to cost at least \$15,000 to \$20,000. According to the Coryell County Central Appraisal District, the house was valued at \$52,080 for 2022.

"The house is still in the name of (Berry's)

deceased mother-in-law — I'm not sure he can sell or rent it," Parry said. "Do you want to see him again on the 15th of November?"

"I do not," Burrow said, asking the mayor to place the house on its Nov. 15 agenda so a demolition order can be given.



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## RHCP

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about a year and then will be reviewed. Then the next step will be a year and a half to two years and expect submission of the plan between March and August 2026.

"We still have quite a ways to go, but the good news is the funding of this plan has been approved."

The report states that "the

desired outcome of this habitat planning and conservation effort is to develop a multi-species, two-county wide RHCP that conserves listed species and their habitats over the life of the permit term while allowing for streamlined ESA compliance for plan participants. Bell and Coryell County and their partners believe that the development of a two-county RHCP provides a high degree of benefit to endangered spe-

cies and ecosystem conservation.

"The proactive and sustainable management of natural resources during future development scenarios is a primary goal for Bell and Coryell counties. Development of an RHCP will contribute to achieving the goal of conserving and protecting endangered and threatened species habitats and natural resources."

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# Righteous Roots has added three new group meetings

Righteous Roots, a faith-based advocacy center, is now offering three new group meetings that are free to the public.

A Teen Bible Study meeting led by Kevin George meets weekly on Tuesdays at 6:15 p.m. The group is open to ages 13 to 18. The next meeting is set for Tuesday, Nov. 8.

Compassionate Friends is

a group supporting families after a child dies. The group is led by Rena Mitchell and Tammy Lawhorne. Compassionate Friends will meet the third Monday of each month at 6 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled Monday, Nov. 21.

GriefShare is coming to Righteous Roots Wednesday, Nov. 9, from 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. The group will meet weekly and is open to any-

one. The 12-week support class is led by Robin Nabors. Attendees will gain access to valuable GriefShare resources to help recover from loss and rebuild life.

If you are interested in knowing more about the new groups, or even other services at Righteous Roots, please call at 254-651-3600 or email [info@righteousroots.org](mailto:info@righteousroots.org).

# Grove Community Center to host annual sausage festival

The Grove Community Center will host its Annual Sausage Festival on Saturday, Nov. 12. The meal will be served from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. The menu will consist of sausage, noodles, pinto beans, coleslaw, bread, beverages, trimmings and dessert. Adult plates will be \$15 per person and children's plates (10 and under) will be \$10. They will be offering a drive-thru take-out line as well - all plates through the drive-thru are \$15 per plate. They will also

be conducting a bake sale and several raffles.

Proceeds of the fundraiser will be used for improvements to the facility. The bathrooms and changing room have been updated. In the main hall, paneling has been painted and a chair rail has been added. New ceiling fans and light fixtures in the mail hall have also been replaced.

The facility can be booked for all occasions including weddings, reunions, birthday and anniversary cel-

ebrations, quinceañeras and work parties. Their rates are very affordable for every occasion.

The public is invited to come out for some great food and bakery items that are homemade. There will be several large item raffles and tickets can be purchased up to the time of the drawings.

The Grove Community Center is located at 5702 Texas Highway 236. For more information, call 254-986-2204

## FROM MY FRONT PORCH

# The inevitable changing of the guard will soon be upon us



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

One thing certain in life is change being constant. No matter how well-managed and organized you believe your life to be, no matter how well things are going, no matter the positives that are taking place, some event will happen to create change.

Humans seem predisposed to be afraid of change. Frequently upon learning of the circumstances that cause the change, they react negatively. They fear the uncertainty of what is to come and fret over how the change will alter events in their life. It causes people to toss and turn in their bed, eat only a portion of their meal, and become grumpy or distant. Sometimes change can be like a giant elephant resting on your shoulders, weighing a person down.

In the two years the new

ownership has operated the Hood County News, we have undergone a massive amount of change. We have gone from what was an 8- or 10-page newspaper to a 16-to-24-page publication. We have added staff, expanded our operation to include three additional newspapers, and increased the volume of our outside printing jobs. Some of the changes have been difficult on the staff. They have been forced to move outside their comfort zone, change from the ways they have done things for years, and to adapt to new technology and processes. It has been a challenge for all of us, but we have made it through. But now, even more new challenges await us.

Over the next 60 days, three of our very best employees will be retiring from our organization. With those retirements, 75 years of newspaper experience will walk out the door. These are people I have worked with closely since my first day at the paper. Without question, they have strived to pass on their knowledge to me and to others. They have been committed "newspaper" people for a large portion of their adult life.

While I celebrate their retirement as they move on to the next stage in their lives, I am deeply saddened to lose my co-workers and friends. Words will never be able to express the respect and admiration I have for them, nor the love I have in my heart. They will be missed. They

have made my life experience so much richer and better.

The change will bring new staff, new ideas, and we will continue to evolve as a newspaper group. It is my intent to continue to expand our coverage, and to be a bigger, better, more informative newspaper than ever before. We want to be your "source" for news in Hood County and in all the locations where we have a newspaper. We want to evolve, adapt and remain meaningful in an ever-changing world.

Over the next few weeks, I am certain my column will reflect specific words of congratulations to the retirees, and I will undoubtedly wax poetic of their skills and talents. They deserve that public acknowledgement. In the meantime, the remaining staff will be working and attempting to fill the very large shoes that will soon be empty. But we are not afraid, nor do we fret. This is but another change in the never-ending changes that occur in life. Opportunity, growth, refinement and improvement are on the horizon. My staff is ready to run ahead. The future is an exciting place. No fear lives here.

Thought for the day: There really are two lives we live. The first life and then the second life when we realize we only have one life.

Until next time.

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## MAD MATTERS MEET AT LIBRARY



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The Gatesville Mad Matters is a group who crochet sleeping mats for the homeless population in the Gatesville area. The crocheted mats are made from plastic grocery bags, and it usually takes one-hundred hours to complete one mat. The group meets each Wednesday from 1-3 p.m. at the Gatesville Public Library. For those wishing to participate, contact Christina Newman at 254-493-4707.

## Corks & Kegs set for Nov. 12

The Chamber of Commerce will have its annual Corks and Kegs event on Saturday, Nov. 12. The event will be held on the courthouse square in Gatesville. Corks and Kegs will begin at 5 p.m. and will continue until 8 p.m. There will be plenty of beer, wine, coffee, shopping, and entertainment.



One ticket plus a choice of one beer mug or one

wine glass will cost \$25. Admission without the mug or glass will cost \$15. Corks and Kegs donations are welcome.

The courthouse square is located at 620 East Main Street in Gatesville. For more information on Corks and Kegs contact the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce at 254-865-2617.

## RehabLiving holds Food for Families raffle

Coryell Health RehabLiving at the Meadows is holding a Food for Families raffle. The drawing for the raffle will be held on Friday, Nov. 18.

All single tickets will cost \$3 each, or four tickets for \$10 and 10 tickets for \$20. Tickets can be purchased at The Meadows or the Coryell Café.

The raffle items will include a Sawdust & Splinters rocker and table, a 50-pound corn feeder station, a 24x30-inch canvas painting, and a king size (90x100 inch) handmade quilt.

Coryell Health RehabLiving at the Meadows is located at 110 Chicktown Road in Gatesville. For more information, call 254-404-2500.

## Country Club workday to be held Nov. 19

The Gatesville Country Club will host a workday on Saturday, Nov. 19. The workday will begin at 8 a.m. and last until 12 p.m.

All members are encouraged to come out and help improve the golf course. The Gatesville Country Club is a member-owned golf course, meaning everyone must work together. There will be more details about the workday to come.

The Gatesville Country Club is located at 1308 Golf Course Rd. in Gatesville. For more information call 254-865-6917 or visit [gatesvillecc.com](http://gatesvillecc.com).

## Gatesville Adaptive Sports field day postponed

The all-inclusive field day planned by Gatesville Adaptive Sports scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 5, has been postponed until a later date. To learn more about

Gatesville Adaptive Sports, contact Kara Dotson at 254-206-0064 or visit the Gatesville Adaptive Sports Facebook page.

## Car show Nov. 19 at Bare Bones

A "Neighbors Supporting Neighbors" car show and toy drive will take place at Barebones Barbeque on Saturday, Nov. 19, at 10 a.m. There will be an entry fee of one unwrapped toy, mini-

mum \$10 value. Car show judging will end at 12:30 p.m., and the winners will be announced at 1:30 p.m. This will include handing out trophies and door prizes. There will be a chance to take a

photo with Santa as well. Bare Bones Barbeque is located at 4305 TX-36 in Gatesville. For more information about this event, call 254-248-1441.

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# ELEMENTARY STUDENTS EARN VIP LUNCH IN OUTDOOR LEARNING CENTER



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Some Gatesville Elementary students were recently treated to a VIP lunch held at the Linda Brown Outdoor Learning Center at the school campus. Those participating in the VIP lunch were students having one or zero excused absences for the six weeks and had no office or bus referrals. Special guests were the Gatesville High School "Dazzlers" and members of Gatesville High School's marching band. A representative of the school's military partner, Brian C. Scott, was also in attendance. Scott, pictured right, is a member of the 166th Aviation Brigade, 1st Army Division West.

## OBITUARIES

### PAT RHYMES GILBREATH

Dec. 26, 1931 - Oct. 20, 2022



Patsy Dean Rhymes Gilbreath, age 90, of Houston, passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, the 20th of October 2022. She was born in Jonesboro, Louisiana to William Jennings Rhymes and Vera Ruth Walsworth on the 26th of December 1931. A daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great-grandmother, aunt, friend, pastor, businesswoman, television host, aspiring writer, pilot, ... but above all these, Pat was one who loved Jesus with all her heart. Anyone who got to know her, knew that. "Unconditional love" is one way of expressing the way Pat lived her life. You didn't have to gain her love; she loved you from the start. She didn't go around looking for the negative in people; she always saw the good. Pat was one of the sweetest, nicest people you could ever meet. Gentle in how she approached people; one whose hugs were big; smile was bright, and her presence was that of love. Her absolute love for her Lord was the strongest one might ever see in a person. Pat had a deep passionate love for her Savior. Today, Pat is with

Jesus; worshiping and praising Him; her beautiful voice soaring with the angels and the redeemed in heavenly places.

She was preceded in death by her parents; eleven siblings; husband, Wesley Benton Gilbreath; son, Gordon Jennings Upchurch; and daughter, Melinda Kim Hoyer.

Pat is survived by her sister, Jerrie Allen; daughter, Pamela Chambers and her husband, Fred; daughter, Karla Stacey-Hoy; son, Phillip Upchurch and his wife, Arlene; daughter, Lisa Bannette and her husband, Gene; and son, Bob Upchurch and his wife, Leslie. Pat is also survived by Wes' children: son, Lee Gilbreath and wife, Mary; daughter, Sheree Gilbreath Metoyer; son Wesley Gilbreath, Jr. and wife, Lisa; daughter, Lisa Horan; son, Brett Gilbreath and wife, Donna; and Stacie Powell and husband, Rick. Pat is also survived by numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, and nieces and nephews on both sides of the family—all of whom she loved dearly. Acknowledgement of great appreciation - Pat's family would like to express their sincere gratitude to Sweet Home Care's Genet Howard, Alicia Mitchell, and the other caregivers for the compassionate care shown to Pat over the past years. A strong love grew, especially with Genet and Alicia, bonding the three together like mother and daughters.

A funeral service was conducted on Friday, the 28th of October, at Geo. H. Lewis & Sons Funeral Home in Houston. Interment followed on Saturday, the 30th of October, at Flint Creek Cemetery near Gatesville. Pastor Fred Chambers officiated over the services.

## The DISPATCH

The following is a partial breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of Oct. 26 - 29. 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

**Oct. 26**  
9:40 a.m., a theft was reported in the 200 block of N. Lutterloh Avenue.  
4:54 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1500 block of W. Main St.  
6:11 p.m., a burglary was reported in the 1200 block of Pidcoke Street.  
6:46 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 100 block of N. 27th Street.  
**Oct. 27**  
12:06 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1200 block of Bridge Street.  
2:25 p.m., a theft was reported in the 100 block of S. 23th Street.  
4:30 p.m., a theft was reported in the 800 block of E. Leon Street.  
4:46 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1500 block of W. Main St.  
6:36 p.m., a theft was reported in the 100 block of Inwood Drive.  
**Oct. 28**  
6:54 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1900 block of Bridge Street.  
8:22 a.m., a burglary was reported in the 1300 block of N. State Highway 36 Bypass.  
3:46 p.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 200 block of E. Main Street.  
8:45 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 100 block of Trails Private Drive.  
8:57 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2500 block of Marshall St.  
**Oct. 29**  
9:06 a.m., a theft was reported in the 600 block of Straws Mill Road.  
2:40 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 400 block of Veteran's Memorial Loop.

6:33 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 2300 block of Business Hwy. 36.  
7:47 p.m., a missing person was reported in the 100 block of S. 6th Street.  
9:51 p.m., a utility pole was reported down in the 700 block of State School Road.

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**Oct. 26**  
3:20 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported on Oak Ridge Road and FM 2412.  
4:56 a.m., a suspicious vehicle was reported on Bald Knob Road off FM 116.  
5:42 p.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 5200 block of FM 1829.  
8:47 p.m., an attempted break-in was reported in the 2200 block of CR 342.  
9:45 p.m., an attempted burglary was reported in the 200 block of Fowler.  
**Oct. 27**  
8:42 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 300 block of FM 1783.  
1:32 p.m., a dog bite was reported in the 100 block of Liberty Street.  
6:29 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 100 block of CR 3384.  
6:45 p.m., a minor accident was reported on FM 107 near FM 1829.  
7:25 p.m., a possible fire

was reported in the 5100 block of FM 1829.  
**Oct. 28**  
10:01 a.m., fence damage was reported in the 6400 block of N. State Highway 36.  
11:07 a.m., illegal burning was reported on Old Pidcoke Road.  
2:29 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on FM 1113 and Oak Springs.  
6:17 p.m., an out-of-control child was reported in the 1800 block of CR 251.  
6:29 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 800 block of Onyx Road.  
**Oct. 29**  
3:02 a.m., a neighbor dispute was reported in the 1000 block of Lutheran Church Road.  
10:19 a.m., a theft was reported in the 300 block of FM 107.  
4:25 p.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 4000 block of FM 932.  
4:51 p.m., shots being fired were reported in the 1700 block of CR 132.  
9:02 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 500 block of Mountain Road.

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# Gatesville celebrates Boozaar 2022



A pirate ship which handed out candy was sponsored by Give God The Glory.

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Cotton candy was among the free treats offered at Boozaar.

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Central Texas College provided free items for Boozaar visitors.

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A variety of costumes were on display.

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Bake sales offered plenty of goodies.

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Both scary and friendly clowns visited the Coryell County Sheriff's Office.

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Vendors sold jewelry and other items on the square during Boozaar.

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People and pets alike enjoyed Boozaar.

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# A look at Gatesville Primary and Elementary's costume parades and Intermediate's Fall Festival



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Costume parade for the pre-K and kindergarten students.



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Primary students paraded the school in costume Friday.



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Gatesville Primary teachers joined in the fun during the costume parade.



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Cotton candy was a desired treat at the Gatesville Intermediate School's annual Fall Festival held last Thursday. Activities included games, an obstacle course, cake walk and a haunted house.



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Intermediate students enjoyed soaking a faculty member with water at the "Soak N Wet" booth.



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Gatesville Intermediate's haunted classroom was a hit at their annual Fall Festival.



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Students trick or treated during their costume parade at the Gatesville Elementary School where Fort Hood soldiers handed out candy.



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Students' Dia de los Muertos projects were on display at Gatesville Intermediate's Fall Festival.



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Students lined up for their costume parade at Gatesville Elementary.



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"Three Blind Mice" and their cheese posed at the Elementary school parade.

## HIPPIE CHICKS AND A WITCH



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The Coryell County Courthouse was haunted by hippies and a witch last Friday. The group of ladies decided to bring a little Halloween fun to the office. Pictured are, from left, Kiesha Gajdica, Lonna Gossett, Tiffany Butler and Brandie Golden.



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Entries of the Storybook Pumpkin Contest at the Gatesville Public Library.

## Library announces winners of Storybook Pumpkin Contest

The Gatesville Public Library recently hosted their fourth annual Storybook Pumpkin Contest. Age categories for judging were pre-K through first grade, second and third grade, fourth through sixth grade, and seventh grade through adult. All the pumpkin entries had to be based on a storybook character. The first-place

winning pumpkins were on display at Boozaar. From left, the first-place winners were: Aylwen White, age 3, who based her pumpkin on the book "Rhyming Dust Bunnies"; Isolde White, age 6, whose pumpkin was based on the book "Julia's House for Lost Creatures"; Robert Saldivar, age 7, who based his pumpkin on a

character from the book "Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus"; Anna Gutierrez, age 12, who created a likeness of Charlie Brown from the book "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown"; Karen and Hope Lacefield, ages 50 and 19, who based their pumpkin on the book "If You Give a Cat a Cupcake."

## Hidden Gem to offer 40-week course

Hidden Gem Family Center will host a faith-based, 40-week course to help an addict's 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 is a non-profit organization that focuses on the restoration of families who have been victims of crime or have experienced loss or devastation in their life. They strive to provide

programs and services that will strengthen the family. 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.

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# TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY™



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**RECORD CROWD:** Tarleton State University's football game Saturday in Stephenville against Sam Houston State University drew an all-time school record crowd of 20,237 people to Memorial Stadium.

## Six turnovers hinder Texans in 41-20 loss to Sam Houston State

Tarleton Sports Information

All last week, Tarleton promoted hosting over 20,000 fans at the homecoming game against Sam Houston, and the Texans saw that become reality.

The Texans set a program attendance record with 20,237 fans inside Memorial Stadium Saturday night, besting last year's record crowd at their homecoming game against Midwestern State. This year, the Texans couldn't keep up with Sam Houston State University, losing at home for the first time this season and dropping their first homecoming game in six years, this one 41-20 at the hands of the Bearkats.

This was technically not a conference game despite the meeting consisting of two WAC teams, since Sam Houston is reclassifying to FBS with their move to Conference USA at the end of the athletic year. So, Tarleton fell to 5-3 overall and remained at 1-1 in WAC, while Sam Houston improved to 5-2.

The Texans have one more

game remaining on their three-game homestand. They'll host Abilene Christian on Saturday, Nov. 5, with kickoff set for 7 p.m.

Despite not much difference in total yardage, Tarleton's six turnovers proved too many to overcome. Sam Houston outgained Tarleton 477-429, although Tarleton averaged more yards per play (6.4 to 5.9). The purple and white threw three interceptions and lost three fumbles.

Tarleton starting QB Beau Allen completed 15-of-28 for 201 yards, two touchdowns and three interceptions. He was spelled late in the game to give Marco Siderman some run, and Siderman's lone pass was one to remember, a 47-yard touchdown connection. Derral Kelley III continued his great running of late, going for 119 yards on 18

carries (6.6 yards per rush). Darius Cooper had nine receptions for 190 yards and two touchdowns.

Cooper's 190 yards are a new career-high and the most receiving yards by a Texan since 2020-21. He has six touchdowns over his last five games, his seventh of the season. Kelley's 119 yards rushing makes back-to-back 100-yard games, three in the last four. He is just the third running back over Sam Houston's last 39 games played to hit the century mark on the ground.

The Texan defensive unit was led by linebacker D.J. Harris and his 12 tackles. He entered Saturday with the most tackles per game in the WAC. Kyle Taylor and Robert Rios combined for a sack, as well.

Tarleton had a special game ball presentation on Saturday, but Sam Houston provided the early fireworks, with Zach Hrbacek busting an 80-yard touchdown run on the second offensive play of the game.

The Texans responded with a touchdown on their

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opening drive, a nine-play, 70-yard march that ended in an Allen 9-yard touchdown to Jaden Smith, his eighth touchdown reception of the season. Sam Houston wasn't done in the frame though, answering with a 10-play, 76-yard drive that resulted in a Charles Crawford two-yard rushing score. Sam Houston led 14-7 after the first quarter.

Tarleton was held scoreless from there until the fourth quarter, with the Bearkats making four field goals and scoring one TD (a Dezmon Jackson 18-yard rush) in the meantime. Sam Houston led 20-7 at halftime and 23-7 after three. Allen found Cooper from 23 yards out with 9:07 remaining to make it 33-14 Sam Houston. Cooper caught another one just over five minutes later,

this time 47 yards out from Siderman.

It was largely a game of missed opportunities for Tarleton. Blake Smith forced a fumble on a big hit on KeSean Raven, that was initially called incomplete, so Patrick Jones' recovery that he may have housed was whistled dead. On the next play, the Texans threw an interception.

In the second quarter, the Texans had a long drive cooking, going nine plays for 68 yards to the Sam Houston 7-yard line. Somehow on a man-to-man matchup, Sam Houston's David Fisher pinned an interception one armed to his midsection in the end zone to rob Tarleton of scoring on the drive. On Tarleton's final drive of the second quarter in the two-minute drill, a wide receiver

slipped on his route and Da'Veawn Armstead recorded the interception. Fumbles by positional players and a muffed punt gave Tarleton little chance in the comeback bid.

Sam Houston's Hrbacek had 203 rushing yards on 20 carries, plus two touchdowns. Defensively, Kevin Gaither had two fumble recoveries.

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## TSU dominates in Senior Day volleyball triumph



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**STRAIGHT-SETS WIN:** Tarleton volleyball players react to winning a point during their 25-14, 25-13, 25-20 home win Saturday over Seattle University.

Tarleton Sports Information

The Tarleton Texan volleyball team wasted no time in dispatching Seattle University on Senior Day Saturday afternoon in Wisdom Gym on the TSU campus. The Texans won the match in straight sets (25-14, 25-13, 25-20) in front of 555 rowdy fans.

Tarleton will take on Sam Houston in Huntsville at Johnson Coliseum on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. The match will be streamed on ESPN+.

Five seniors, Emma Halcomb, Brianna Rhodes, Ana Costas, Jaylibeth Garcia-Rosa and Haley Flanagan were honored prior to the start of Saturday's win.

Tarleton's (12-14, 4-7 WAC) defensive prowess was on full display, holding Seattle U (4-14, 0-10 WAC) to just .028 hitting in the match. The freshmen duo of Ailie Hair and Breanna McDonough totaled 10 blocked shots with Hair posting six and McDonough four.

The Texans won the first set by 11 points and the second set by 12. Megan Haynes led the way with 11 kills and McDonough added nine kills on .368 hitting. Megan Hodges finished with 21 assists and Ana Costas had 14

digs.

The Texans scored in bunches in the first set as they had four different runs of three or more consecutive points. Set two saw a 6-0 run followed later by a 4-0 run that was highlighted by two kills from Haynes and a Melina Maldonado service ace to up the lead to 23-11.

The Redhawks made things close in the third set, cutting Tarleton's deficit to one when Shanice Horn landed a kill to make it 10-9. Tarleton instantly reeled off five straight points to extend the lead to 15-9. Seattle U battled back to again cut the deficit to one at 19-18. Tarleton stood strong, with kills from Haynes, Garcia-Rosa and Grayson Schirpik followed by a Redhawk attack error to make it 23-18. The Texans ultimately prevailed 25-20.



# Feastmode 5K set for Nov. 19

The Gatesville Fitness Center will host a 5K run to prepare everyone for the upcoming Thanksgiving feasts. This event will be held on Saturday, Nov. 19 starting at 8 a.m. The race will start and finish at the Gatesville City Pool.

The age groups will consist of 19 and under, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, and 60 and up. Prizes will be award-

ed to the top overall male and female finishers, as well as the top three age group finishers.

Early registration will end on Wednesday, Nov. 16 at 11:59 p.m. The cost will be \$25 plus the \$2.50 sign-up fee. Early packet pickup will be Friday, Nov. 18 at the Gatesville Fitness Center from noon to 5 p.m. Registration the morning of the

race will be at the race site from 7-7:30 a.m., costing \$30 plus a \$2.80 fee. Payment options of cash, card, and check will be accepted. T-shirts will be guaranteed to anyone who registers by Friday, Nov. 11.

The Gatesville City Pool is located at 300 S. 8th St. For more information on this event call 254-865-4012.

# Pearl Bluegrass joins Central Texas Bluegrass Association

The Pearl Bluegrass event is now a new member of the Central Texas Bluegrass Association. The Pearl Community Center Bluegrass, now under new organization, will have their monthly event on Saturday, Nov. 5. There will

be open mike picking, free live music, beginners jam, old country folk music, western, bluegrass and gospel music. Musicians and those who love bluegrass music are encouraged to attend.

Bands will need to contact

Ronald Medart at 254-865-6013. There are 32 trailer sites available, which are great places to park and view the stars. For trailer sites, contact Connie Long at 254-223-0621.

## PEARL NEWS

### Board made changes to Bluegrass event, focus on where is all began

The Pearl Community Center Board met on Oct. 24. Approved were changes in the Bluegrass event which will take place beginning Nov. 4-5.

Some of those changes include opening the Community Center around 5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 4, so that picking can commence early and last as long as you want on that Friday... on into Saturday if you wish. There will be an open mic beginning at 10 a.m., and a beginner's jam will begin at 10 a.m. in one of the classrooms. Old-style country folk music can be played all day in each of the rooms, and visitors are welcome to walk in and listen. On the stage, you can perform less than 45 minutes, if desired, but those that perform for 45 minutes or more will receive either a ticket for a free meal or a ticket for a one-night RV Park stay. Contact Ronald Medart at 254-865-6013 if you wish to secure a specific time on the stage. The board made the commitment to focus on the picking "where it all began."

The Pearl Cottage Bookstore will be open from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Satur-

day, Nov. 5. You surely want to stop by and visit this historic former teacherage to shop the more than 6,000 books and the variety of other offerings, and especially to visit the founders and operators of this remarkable bookstore. These ladies are so friendly that you'll feel like family the moment you walk into the store. Most items are "buy what you want, pay what you want," and all proceeds go toward the store's local charities.

Surrounding the Book Cottage, vendors are welcome to participate in the monthly "Junk in Your Trunk" event. Bring your wares and secure a spot for just \$5 which goes directly to the Community Center to help with the expenses of keeping this building open. This "garage sale on steroids" event can be a great money-maker for you—Christmas is coming soon, you know. For more information, contact Linda Ray at 254-865-9282.

Be sure and visit the Bluegrass Kitchen while you're in Pearl. It's open from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m., but you

can purchase coffee as soon as the kitchen volunteers get there and get the pot going. Homemade goodies, including lunch items and pie, at reasonable prices are sure to tickle your tastebuds.

Coming up on Nov. 13 is the Pearl Thanksgiving Meal. This will take place at the Pearl Community Center 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/side dish if you wish. Everyone is invited to attend.

This week's Bible Verse—"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship." Romans 12:1 NIV

Contact me at betsy-lark47@yahoo.com to submit any Pearl news.

Be sure and join Jennifer Rushton's Pearl Community Center, Texas Facebook page.

# Levita VFD BBQ, raffle Friday

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

# Benefit Nov. 5 for 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.

# Early voting continues

By Jeff Osborne  
Senior writer & editor

Local voters will have a full slate of political candidates to choose from in the upcoming election, with federal, state and local elections all on the ballot.

While election day is officially Tuesday, Nov. 8, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., early voting began 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 remaining are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., today through Friday, Nov. 4.

On Tuesday, Nov. 8, voting will be from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at these locations: the Gatesville Civic Center, 303 Veterans Memorial Loop in Gatesville; Evant City Hall, 598 E. Highway 84; Flat Com-

munity Center, 159 County Road 334; Oglesby Community Center, 118 Main St.; and Turnersville Community Center, 8115 FM 182.

The following items are on the city of Gatesville ballot: Mayor Gary Chumley (unopposed); Council Ward 1, Place 2, Barbara Burrow (incumbent) vs. Aaron Smith (challenger); Council Ward 2, Place 4, Billy Sinyard (unopposed); and Council Ward 2, Place 6, John Westbrook (unopposed).

Also on the Gatesville city ballot is the abolition of the additional sales and use tax within the city at a rate of 1.5%, which will not change the sales tax rate.

For Gatesville Independent School District, there are three candidates for two positions of the Board of Trustees: Cheyenne Kizer (incumbent); Ginger Kinsey

(challenger); and Mary Anne Leib (incumbent).

Oglesby ISD has six candidates for four spots on the Board of Trustees: Joseph Meyers; Kevin Gray; Mike Walter; Dustin LeBlanc; Dustin Roedler; and Dalton Campbell.

The city of Oglesby has three candidates on the ballot: Cathy Newman; David Mosley; and Mike Homan.

There are several other races including  
\* Governor: Republican Greg Abbott; Democrat Beto O'Rourke; Libertarian Mark Toppet; Green Party Delilah Barrios  
\* Lt. Governor: Republican Dan Patrick; Democrat Mike Collier; Libertarian Shanna Stelle  
\* Attorney General: Republican Ken Paxton; Democrat Rochelle Mercedes Garza; Libertarian Mark Ash

# RED RIBBON WEEK BRINGS AWARENESS



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During Red Ribbon Week at Gatesville Elementary School, students were encouraged to wear a team jersey or shirt to "Team Up" against drugs. Of the many students who participated, a few second and third grade students stopped to pose for a photo.

# Benefit fishing tournament to be held for Wade Key Nov. 13

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 \$200 per team.

Sign-in will be at 5 a.m. When checked in, participants 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 Derick at 254-495-8126 or Ryan Warren at 254-216-3372.

# Methodist Harvest Festival 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 op 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.

# Hemmeline Cemetery Assn to meet

The Hemmeline Cemetery Association will hold their annual meeting on Sunday, Nov. 6, at 2 p.m. The meeting will be held at Bethel Heights Baptist Church, located at 3915 CR 127 down the road from Hemmeline Cemetery. All interested persons are encour-

aged to attend.

There was no annual workday held this year. All work that was needed to be done was completed by small volunteer work crews. A big thanks is sent to all those that helped. The cemetery association hopes to get back to

normal next year for their annual workday get together.

Memorials or donations for upkeep of the cemetery may be mailed to the Hemmeline Cemetery Association, in care of Sheila Necessary, 1050 FM 1783, Gatesville, Texas 76528.

# Turnersville Buffalo 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 barbecue 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 12.

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.tvil-lecc.com.

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FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION,  
VS.

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

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

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# Gatesville cross country trio earns trip to state



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Gatesville's Vania Martinez, Carlo Martinez and Justin Muegge earned the right to compete in the UIL state cross country meet. The event is set for Friday, Nov. 4 at Old Settlers Park in Round Rock.

# GHS Band Advances to State



GLADYS WHITENBURG | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

The Gatesville High School marching band is headed to state competition after a fifth place finish among 29 area bands on Oct. 29. The Class 4A state competition is scheduled for Nov. 9 at the Alamodome in San Antonio.

# Hornets top Rockets for 3rd place



GLADYS WHITENBURG | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Charlee Barron leaps for the ball while Vania Martinez stands ready to offer assistance. The Gatesville volleyball team defeated Robinson 3-1 in a neutral site contest in McGregor on Oct. 28 to determine the third place team in district. With the win, the Hornets were scheduled to play Georgetown Gateway Prep in the bi-district round of the playoffs on Nov. 1.

## Area Fishing Report

**Belton**  
 GOOD. Water lightly stained; 72 degrees; 12.98 feet low. Continued, significant cooling has occurred on Lake Belton, enhanced by Tuesday's strong cold front and the mixing caused by strong winds. We now have uniform water temperatures found down to approximately 45 feet. This has spurred the fishing on and put white bass fishing a full two weeks into the fantastic fall fishing which will exist until the water cools to below 58 degrees, 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 Heavy Lures with chartreuse tails vertically until the fish lose interest and then fishing around the boat horizontally is the key to maximizing your catch when fish are found. Mornings are out producing the afternoons with 100 or more catches typical. Report by Bob Maindelle.

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uniform water temperatures found down to approximately 42 feet of water. 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 and can be found using well-tuned side-imaging sonar. Movement from the lower end of the reservoir to the mid-section of the lake can be expected. Checking the Lampasas River channel ledges will be productive. Fishing MAL Heavy Lures with chartreuse tails vertically until the fish lose interest and then fishing around the boat horizontally with these same lures is the key to maximizing your catch when fish are found. The largemouth topwater bite has once again ceased due to erratic weather. Report by Bob Maindelle.

**Waco**  
 FAIR. Water stained; 81 degrees; 11.27 feet low. Crappie are biting great, active in water 6-12 feet deep. Biting Dans Jigs paired with a two inch ATX wicked shad. Report by Zach Minnix. Water is slightly stained on the main lake and stained on the upper and lower ends. Largemouth bass are in brush piles on the bank out to 20 feet of water.

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## Hornets dismantle Rockets; playoffs await

BY CHRIS ALLMAN  
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

Heading into the Oct. 28 regular season finale there was a way for Gatesville to lose to Robinson and still back their way into a third consecutive playoff appearance.

They opted to bulldoze their way in instead with a 49-6 dismantling of the Rockets.

With the win, the Hornets wrap the regular season at 7-3 and are likely to be the No. 3 seed out of District 11-4A. Their playoff seeding and opponent will be finalized on Friday when the rest of the district wraps up regular season play.

Gatesville drew the Week 11 bye and will have two weeks off before their bi-district playoff game.

They can use the time off to rest their legs.

The Hornets offense ran for 291 yards and six touchdowns while the defense intercepted four passes, had five fourth-down stops, and blocked a punt in the most complete win of Coach Aaron Hunter's short tenure as head coach.

Rayshon Smith ran for 145 yards on the ground and one score while Jimmy Hall scored three times. Additionally, as if teams didn't have enough Hornet rushers to worry about, they added a new offensive wrinkle on Friday night.

Mason Mooney, Gatesville's outstanding middle linebacker and backup quarterback, saw significant time under center against Robinson. In a role reminiscent of Wesley Brown's in 2020, Mooney had his number called in short yardage situations and delivered to the tune of 11 carries, 60 yards, and two touchdowns.

"I have been wanting to run the ball and the coaches gave me the chance," Mooney said. "I was nervous before the game and I did not want to upset the coaches, but during the game I was not. It just kind of came naturally. I have been in that position before."

When he wasn't running over and past Rockets, Mooney was tackling them. He led the team with 18 tackles including 13 solo stops, two for a loss and a sack.

"Mason had a field day. He's been one of our most consistent defensive players and his role expanded, obviously, on the offensive side on Friday night," defensive coordinator Jose Aguirre said. "All year he's come up with big plays and it all came together on Friday. He did a great job of leading us and had a heck of a game."

"Defensively we play really well against the run and they were a run heavy team and we had a great game plan," Mooney said. "They also had a young offensive line and defensively our box players are very experienced and we were able to outplay them."

Mooney wasn't the only Hornet to have a great night. The Hornets defense had their way against the Rockets.

If a Rocket tried to throw it, Kason Herbelin, Sean Aguilar, and Adrian Smith picked it. If a Rocket tried to run it, a Mooney, Lucas Garcia, Thiele Alvarado, or Ashtyn Culley stopped it. If a Rocket tried to punt it, Ashtyn Culley blocked it.

Even after scoring their first touchdown of the night with less than 30 seconds remaining in the game, the Rockets two-point PAT was stopped for a loss.

The Rockets' frustration was evident as they unofficially tallied six personal foul penalties.

"It did get dirty. Even in the first quarter it was getting sketchy. But we knew the refs would handle it and that we had to worry about sealing the victory and not about being selfish," senior Lucas Garcia said.

"And then on the sideline we were informed that if we got ejected, we would have to miss half of the first playoff game. That's what made us stay calm and collected because we didn't want to hurt our family or stain our culture."

The only thing selfish about Garcia on Friday was his desire to tackle every Rocket before anyone had a chance. The senior defensive lineman had 12 tackles, including four for a loss.

"Lucas has been our best and most consistent defensive lineman throughout the season. He's extremely coachable and has a high motor," Aguirre said. "We stressed all week that we need to get pressure on the QB and mix up the coverages in order to confuse him. When we dialed his number on a line movement or stunt Lucas pulled through and his four (tackles for a loss) were a result of that."

Garcia was quick to deflect praise for his big night.

"I don't think much really went into the tackles for a loss. Coach (Jason) Moffett does a great job coaching us on the d-line and that makes it easy for me to play well because he has a great understanding of the game and he knows the plays I'm supposed to make in the backfield," he said. "We practice them and then come gametime I know immediately what to do so I don't hesitate."

Facing a stiff wind to start the night on Friday, the Hornets took the opening kickoff and put their running game right to work. They did not attempt a pass on their first possession, running it 10 times, and capped the 60-yard drive with a Mooney touchdown run.

On Robinson's first drive, Jaxon Ludlow was picked off for the first time by Herbelin, who ran it back to the Rockets' one-yard line. On the next play, Hall punched in his first score to make it 14-0.

Herbelin and Aguilar had their own game-within-a-game going on Friday night. Each came into the game tied for the team lead with four interceptions apiece. Herbelin appeared to have locked up the season crown with two first half interceptions, but Aguilar picked off a Ludlow pass in the end zone just before halftime to close the gap to 6-5 for the season.

That's how the duo would finish as the Hornets' final interception came courtesy of Adrian Smith. The junior stepped in front of the first play of the second half and returned it 33 yards for a touchdown and a 35-0 lead.

Hunter noted that his team's defensive performance was not a shock.

"Defensively we've set the tone all year," he said. "That is where our senior leadership and our captains are, and they do a heck of a job. They continue to make plays. And offensively, once we get going, the only thing that can stop us is ourselves."

In the fourth quarter, Smith scored on a one-yard run to make it 42-0 and Hall later punched in his final touchdown of the night from six yards out to make it 49-0.

With 14 days until their next game, Hunter says his team will use it for recovery and preparing to win their first playoff game since 2015.

"It's been a tough 10 in a row, so we are going to use it to rest and get ready for our opponent in the playoffs and try to go win a gold football."

### Class 11-4A Division II Standings

Connally 7-2 overall, 3-0 in district  
Madisonville 5-4 overall, 2-1 in district  
Gatesville 7-3 overall, 2-2 in district  
Salado 3-6 overall, 1-2 in district  
Robinson 3-6 overall, 0-3 in district

### Oct. 28 games

Gatesville 49, Robinson 6  
Connally 61, Madisonville 14  
Salado was off

### Nov. 4 games

Gatesville is off  
Madisonville at Salado  
Robinson at Connally

### Playoff notes

District 11-4A teams will play District 12-4A in bi-district (the first round)

### District 12-4A standings

Cuero 8-1 overall, 4-0 in district  
La Grange 5-4, 3-1 in district  
Smithville 3-6, 2-2 in district  
Gonzales 4-5 overall, 2-2 in district  
Giddings 2-7, 1-3 in district  
Caldwell 0-9 overall, 0-4 in district



CHRIS ALLMAN | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Coach Aaron Hunter shares a hug with senior Kason Herbelin after the Hornets' 49-6 win over Robinson.



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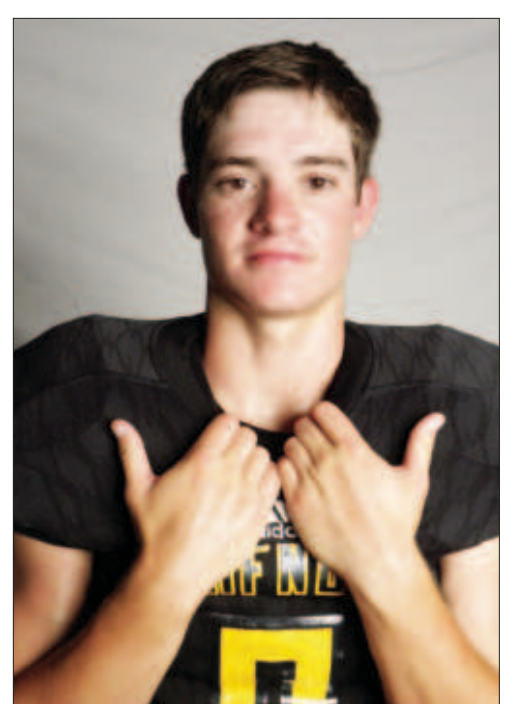
Mascot Buzz walks with the GHS cheerleaders before a Gatesville High School football game.



Lucas Garcia



LJ Hall



Mason Mooney

## PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

**GATESVILLE HORNETS**  
**#9 Mason Mooney**  
60 rushing yards  
13 solo tackles, 5 assists  
2 TFL, 1 sack, 2 touchdowns

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**#8 Garrett Young**  
2 picks  
1 fumble recovery

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## Jonesboro, Oglesby keep rolling

The Jonesboro Eagles avenged a 2021 loss to the May Tigers with a 65-40 district win on Oct. 28 to remain unbeaten in district play, while the Oglesby Tigers outscored the Calvert Trojans 42-32 to stay undefeated.

Evant fell to the Santa Anna Mountaineers, 62-14.

Jonesboro overcame a 32-22 halftime deficit, outscoring May 43-8 in the second half.

Game stats were not available, but according to the

MaxPreps high school sports website, C. Christel leads the Eagles with 107 yards rushing per contest and J. Domel is the leading tackler with 7.5 stops per game.

Jonesboro, 9-1, will close out the regular season by hosting the Evant Elks at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 4.

Oglesby's Hunter Walter completed seven of 10 passes for 97 yards and two touchdowns, while Kyler Fossett completed both of his passes for 40 yards and a

touchdown.

Fossett also led Oglesby's ground attack, rushing for 214 yards and three touchdowns on 22 carries while Johnny Gomez chipped in 15 yards on four carries.

Brodie Fisher was the Tigers' top receiver with two catches for 37 yards and two touchdowns.

Jack Hendricks led the defense with 10 tackles.

Oglesby, 9-0, will travel to Buckholts on Nov. 4.