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## Salute to Veterans: Special section inside



# Retired Navy officers recalls atomic clouds, antarctic ice



JEFF OSBORNE | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Gatesville resident Mike Meier, who served as a U.S. Naval aviator, holds a frame containing two photos of him standing next to planes that were taken about 50 years apart. One was when he was a Naval officer, and the other was decades after he retired.

## Meier experienced adventure during height of the Cold War era

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

Whether at the scene of nuclear bomb tests in the Pacific or transporting scientists in the brutal weather conditions of Antarctica, former U.S. Naval aviator Myron "Mike" Meier of Gatesville has had some fascinating experiences.

"I'm from a much different era," Meier said. "I went in (to the military) just after the Korean War was over. I graduated from high school in 1953 and decided to join the Navy. I had always had my eye on the Navy for some reason. There were a lot of movies that inspired me."

One of those movies, "The Bridges of Toko Ri" featured Mickey Rooney as a helicopter

pilot, which helped further motivate Meier to become a pilot himself.

"Mickey Rooney was one of my heroes because of his small stature, and I was not very big when I was 17."

Meier was a good athlete, however. He was an All State shortstop and also played American Legion baseball. After graduating from high school, he played basketball for Fort Hays State College in Kansas for two years before entering the military.

Meier then went to flight school at Pensacola Naval Air Station, where he learned the basics of flight and picked up a new nickname.

"Flying starts with what they call ground school, where you learn all about aeronautics, engines and how to be an officer," Meier said. He said several of the men in his bar-

racks were from New York, and had gone through the La Guardia School of Aeronautics - a vocational school to train mechanics for commercial aviation. Completing that school gave the men a chance to participate in the Naval aviation program.

"They were all from New York, and they asked where I was from," Meier said. When he told them he was from Salina, Kansas, they told him, "No you're not, you're not wearing overalls and you don't have hay seed in your hair."

When they asked Meier his name, and he told them it was Myron, they said, "No one is named Myron," and decided to come up with a new name for him.

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## Recession likely in '23

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

Although an economic recession is likely on the horizon for 2023, these blips are something that the country has endured before and can be weathered again. That was the message that Gatesville financial adviser Scott Johnson recently shared with the Gatesville Lions Club.

Johnson said there is already plenty of talk about an economic recession, adding "some people think we're already in a recession, and some think we're not. He said the National Bureau of Economic Research defines a recession as "a significant decline in economic activity that is spread across the economy and that lasts more than a few months."

Different variables are considered to determine the state of the economy.

Johnson noted the recent economic cycle dating back to 2019 and 2020 showed acceleration "and maybe some of that was artificial because of the pandemic. You had low interest rates, and the government was giving away free money. With that, you started getting inflation."

Pointing to recent interest rate hikes, Johnson said the goal of the Federal Reserve was to reduce inflation and slow down the economy.

"In the late '70s and early '80s, the prime (interest rate) hit 19%," he said. "If you look at what has been done historically, think of what the Fed does in terms of a car. Lowering interest rates is like stepping on the gas (pedal). When the Fed lowers the interest rates so you can borrow to buy a house or a car, they are putting their foot on the gas (of the economy). He compared raising interest rates to hitting the brakes to slow the economy."

On Nov. 2, the Fed raised interest rates for the sixth time this year, which makes it more expensive for people to borrow money. Johnson said the continuing rate hikes are often an indication that a recession can be expected in the near future.

"How long do recessions last? An average of 10 months," Johnson said. "Going into 2023 we are starting to see earning reports from businesses get worse - in tech and with semiconductors. The raising of interest rates is slowing down the economy - slowing down business. The Fed won't stop raising interest rates until the

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## MEIER

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a new name for him.

"They batted around about four or five names and then decided I should be called Mike," Meier said. The nickname stuck, and many people know him by that name today.

Several years later, when he was flying and requested to land his plane aboard a ship in the Atlantic, he identified himself by the name Meier. After a pause, the man at the radio aboard the ship answered, "No one is named Myron." It was either one of his classmates from flight school, or someone who had heard Meier's story.

Meier said even his wife, the former Mary Ann Gorman, who had known him as nothing but Myron, began to call him Mike.

Meier and Mary Ann had five children: David, the oldest, died at age 40; Laura Meier-Marx; Russell; Lisa LeBlanc; and Mary Clarkson.

Meier started his flying career on fixed-wing patrol, and had to serve as a navigator before advancing to the cockpit.

During the height of the Cold War between the United States and the Soviet Union, aircraft were required to enter a narrow zone of the west coast to avoid being challenged by intercepting U.S. aircraft.

"I navigated from Hawaii to San Francisco one time - 13 and a half hours," Meier recalled. The pilot asked Meier where they were and Meier told him, "Somewhere between Seattle and San Diego." However, all joking aside, Meier had successfully navigated the craft to the zone it was supposed to enter. "It was the starting point of my career, and I knew I didn't want to be a navigator - I joined the Navy to fly," Meier said.

"I was 22 years old, and they had given me a multi-million dollar airplane and entrusted me with the lives of 10 people. I thought that was pretty awesome."

Meier said as an aviator, he went through several deployments, and among the most memorable were being in close proximity to nuclear bomb blasts.

"I got to see six or eight actual nuclear blasts," Meier said. "I saw an atomic bomb explode with all its splendor, if you want to call it that. It was sometimes beautiful but a reminder that the reason we had it (in case of all-out war) was not so wonderful. Let's hope we never have to use it. Those blasts make you feel so insignificant."

The tests were at Bikini Atoll, and one of Meier's jobs was to locate any ships in the area and turn them away from the blast fallout area.

"During the blasts, we put our hands over our eye sockets, and I could see the bones in my hand. The heat from the blast felt like somebody ran a blowtorch across my back. It made me feel very insignificant."

Meier's service in the Pacific during the atomic bomb testing was in 1958.

"After the bomb went off, we had radiation safety duty. We'd wash the plane off and let it sit for a day or maybe a week until the (radiation) half-life was down to where we could use it again."

The military personnel washed down and took showers and carried devices to measure the radiation with them.

"I don't think the military knew that much about radiation at that time," Meier said. "Fortunately, I was able to have four children afterward and all of them are pretty normal."

After patrol squadron duty, Meier served as a flight instructor for three years.

"I thought instructing young pilots was an awesome responsibility," he said. "I had a reputation for being a tough instructor. I had one student, an Italian Navy pilot who in several instances nearly killed us both. I didn't think he'd ever make it. On a critique sheet, he said he didn't like the instructor because



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Retired U.S. Navy Capt. Mike Meier is active in the Gatesville Exchange Club.

he thought I was God."

Meier responded by saying he did play the role of God for several instances by keeping them from crashing and keeping them alive.

"Being an instructor was another one of my passions," Meier said. "It made me a much better pilot myself."

Meier then had some interesting times in what many people would describe as a frozen wasteland.

"One of my most interesting tours was in the Antarctic," he said. "I went in with a helicopter detachment on an ice-breaker."

He said while he was based in the area, there was a tragedy on a mountain in New Zealand. He and his fellow helicopter pilots flew search and rescue missions.

"Being able to help save lives was one of my most rewarding experiences," Meier said.

While stationed in Antarctica, Meier and fellow pilots flew scientists on missions. One of the scientists he flew was a Russian, and he recalled them watching the Cold War era spy thriller "From Russia With Love" together and kidding

each other during the film.

Meier recalled flying another scientist when a storm erupted, and despite the adverse conditions - including huge snowflakes swirling about - he was able to get them safely back to base.

"His eyes were as big as saucers when we landed, and after that, he'd never let any other pilot fly him," Meier said. "He insisted that I fly him."

Some of the equipment later used in lunar exploration was first tested in the extreme conditions of the Antarctic.

Although Meier had started in fixed wing planes, he was also an accomplished helicopter pilot. Meier said there was an assumed pecking order where fighter pilots thought they were the best around, while helicopter pilots were usually much more humble.

"I got into it a few times with fighter pilots," Meier said. He would often tell them if they were such hotshots, next time a buddy needed help, try rescuing them in a fixed wing aircraft instead of a helicopter.

"I had some great times and a lot of great memories," Meier said. "Not many have experienced some of the things I was able to experience."

Following his military career, Meier worked for Success Motivation Institute, based in Waco, and then as a nursing home administrator and ombudsman.

He was active for several years in the Silver Haired Legislature, helping seniors to have a voice in government, and is still active in the Gatesville Exchange Club, which promotes patriotism and volunteer service.

"My retirement life has been spent giving back to the community," Meier said, adding that the oath he took as a military officer to protect and serve his country is something he has "lived by ever since."

## County leaders talk about engineering, floodplains

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

Coryell County leaders discussed the ability of the county's road and bridge department to negotiate contracts with a trio of engineering firms to expedite work when a work contract is less than \$50,000, and also talked about the need for a designated floodplain manager.

County Attorney Brandon Belt said Justin Latham and Justin Mannix of the department "are very interesting in having engineering for projects immediately" on items that are considered routine and often more time-sensitive.

The Coryell County Commissioners Court approved RFQs (requests for proposals) from LAN, Mitchell & Associates and the MRB Group, which have offices in Central Texas.

"I think letting them have a good bit of latitude on subdivision (engineering work) and floodplain (engineering) is good," Belt told the court. "They're the ones who get the permits and they've got money budgeted for projects."

Commissioner Scott Weddle said rather than having an open-ended dollar amount for

contracts, the commissioners court should specify a certain cap - after which approval of the commissioners court would be required.

"I believe you could get an engineering study on a pretty significant-sized bridge for \$50,000," Belt said. "They (Latham and Mannix) need to know what they can and can't do - what they're authorized to do."

Commissioner Kyle Matthews suggested the road and bridge department leadership be given leeway of approving engineering contracts up to \$50,000.

County Judge Roger Miller said LAN has talked with county officials about a drainage analysis they are doing in Copperas Cove and adjacent areas.

"I think we need floodplain management proposals from all three (LAN, MRB and Mitchell & Associates)," Matthews said.

Belt said based on dealings with all three, LAN and MRB were likely to be most interested in serving as the county's floodplain manager. He said the county already has a contract with Walker Partner Engineers and Surveyors of Waco to provide services, as well.

## 'Ironhorse' welcomes new commander

Col. Christopher Dempsey took command of 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team "Ironhorse," 1st Cavalry Division during a traditional ceremony held on Cooper Field at Fort Hood on Nov. 3.

Dempsey began his career as an armor officer serving with 1st Squadron, 7th Cavalry

Regiment, 1st CAV Division as a tank platoon leader. After leaving the First Team, Dempsey gained in-depth experience while serving at the tactical, operational and strategic levels of command in staff and command positions both in garrison and in support of combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

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economy slows down (which is intended to slow or stop inflation)."

The interest rate hikes in March and April are just now starting to have an effect on the economy, Johnson said, adding that it typically takes around six months before the impact.

"I believe we'll be in a recession in 2023," he said. "Remember that recessions

usually only last about 10 months while expansions last 69 months on average. Over the long term, the economy grows. Over the short term you'll have blips like we'll experience in the not-too-distant future."

Part of what occurs when the economy slows down is the amount of credit available for consumers and businesses to borrow.

"Credit seems to be contracting a little bit - bankers may know more about that."

Local bankers Gary Chum-

ley and Tom Creek agreed, saying that there is less credit available now, with Creek adding, "most definitely."

Economic highs and lows, just like in other areas of life, are part of the natural flow, Johnson noted.

"I'm not trying to be a fear monger or rant and rave about the end of the world," Johnson said. "Most likely we'll go through a recession in 2023. It won't be fun, but we'll get through it."

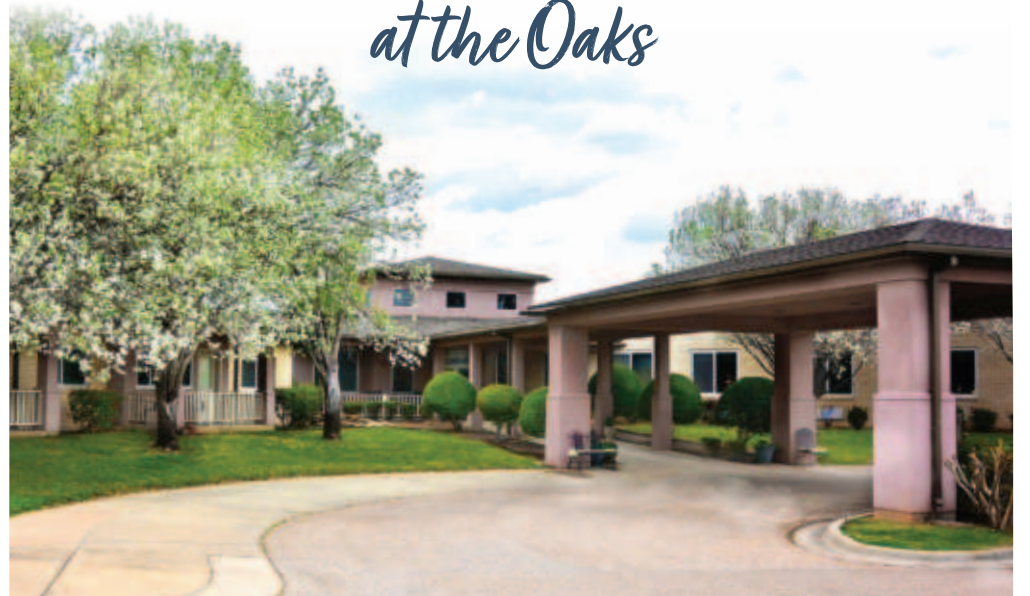


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# Local soldier witnessed the 1953 coronation of Queen Elizabeth

BY DAVID SCOTT  
Staff Writer

Following the recent death of Queen Elizabeth II, it was

announced by Buckingham Palace that her successor, Prince Charles, will have his coronation ceremony on May 6, 2023, where he will formal-

ly become King Charles III, seventy years following his mother's coronation in 1953.

The coronation ceremony of Queen Elizabeth II occurred on June 2, 1953, at Westminster Abbey in London. Her coronation was the first major world event to be broadcast internationally on television so that the world could witness the elaborate ceremony.

In 1953, the coronation route from Buckingham Palace to Westminster Abbey was lined with approximately three million spectators and well-wishers from across the British Empire who were gathered on the streets of London. One of those spectators included Gatesville native, James McGlothlin.

McGlothlin, who was born in Coryell County in 1931, joined the U.S. Army following his graduation from Gatesville High School in 1949. According to his daughter, Betsy McGlothlin Clark, he was stationed in Europe at age 21, mainly in London. "My father was able



COURTESY PHOTO BY HISTORYEXTRA.COM

Queen Elizabeth's procession from Buckingham Palace to Westminster Abbey during coronation, witnessed by James McGlothlin of Gatesville and nearly three million other spectators.



COURTESY PHOTO

While stationed in London, McGlothlin is shown on leave visiting in London's Hyde Park.

to see the procession that was taking Queen Elizabeth to Westminster Abbey. My dad said that he was actually able to see the Queen in her carriage since he had a great place to stand among the throngs of people lining the streets," Clark recalls. "He would demonstrate her royal wave for us kids and told of how pretty the young queen was and how ornate her carriage was," she said. The golden coach that transported the young monarch to the Abbey was drawn by eight

horses and had been used by the British Royal Family since 1760.

"That was a big deal for that young sergeant who had barely left Coryell County. It was also a big deal to hear this story as he was normally a man of few words. Apparently, seeing the Queen made quite an impression on him," Clark said.

Following his discharge from the Army, McGlothlin returned to central Texas where he worked for Rock-etydyne in McGregor for 19

years. In 1975, he became the City Secretary in Gatesville and would remain in that position for 20 years until his retirement in 1995. Following his retirement, he served on the Gatesville City Council.

McGlothlin died in 2008 at the age of 77 and is buried in the Masonic Cemetery in Gatesville. To this day, his children continue to remember his remarkable stories and his legacy - including his story of seeing Queen Elizabeth's legendary procession in 1953.

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## FROM MY FRONT PORCH

# Renaming my column would not be enough



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

Originally, the name of my column was carefully selected to give the reader a mental image of someone sitting on their front porch and visiting with friends. I hoped it to be a forum where neighborly discussions could take place and whether it be a message, a story, or an an-

ecdote, the reader would feel engaged. With this edition of the Hood County News, we celebrate Veterans Day and as I take keyboard in hand, I feel like the name of this column for today should be "My Bended Knees."

I suggest "bended knees" because each one of us should get down on our knees and be thankful for the service each one of our military veterans has performed in the name of our country. As hard as I try to imagine the deprivation at Valley Forge, the mud at Verdun, the cold at the Chosin Reservoir, and the absolute carnage at Gettysburg, I know I cannot truly comprehend the depth of how our men and women in uniform have sacrificed. Without being there, how could I possibly "know" the black volcanic ash of Iwo Jima, the deep blue waters of the Coral Sea, or the sound of shells as they landed at Khe Sahn?

From Bunker Hill to Baghdad, our veterans have fought, suffered and en-

dured so our flag might still wave and so all of us could be free. Pitifully, I think we sometimes take that freedom and their sacrifice for granted. The veterans have done such a good job of protecting us that many feel impervious to what fortunes might have been at Shiloh, Guadalcanal, or on D-Day. How except for the bravery and sacrifice of a few, the history of the world might have shifted in an unimaginable way. Without a doubt, our country would not still be standing if not for the vigilance and dedication of our vets.

I think many times when discussing vets, the public focuses only on the men and women who served on the battlefield, but the reality is that many vets never see combat. This does not in any way minimize their contribution. No matter their assignment, all of our vets serve vital roles and need to be appreciated, supported and thanked.

I was turned down for

military service. I would have gone if I had been accepted. My father served, as did my uncles and nephew. I will always feel somewhat unfulfilled that I did not serve my turn, but it was not meant to be. I love my country and what she stands for. It is why there is a tear in my eye as I write this column. The emotion and depth of my appreciation for our veterans is overwhelming.

Please enjoy our special veterans section. It makes me very proud to be a part of an organization that wanted to create a veteran's tribute and give all of us the chance to say, "Thank you."

God bless each one of you veterans and please accept our eternal thanks and appreciation.

Thought for the day: "Never was so much owed by so many to so few" — Winston Churchill.

Until next time.  
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# Morris Federation to meet Nov. 12

The next Morris Federation meeting will be at 10:15 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 12, in the James Coryell Room at the Coryell Museum and Historical Center. The guest speaker will be local artist, Wendy Bye, who will be presenting a program entitled "What's My Line?" Her presentation will involve some hands-on activities for all the members. They will also have two ladies submitting applications for membership.

Hostesses/greeters for this meeting will be Natha Thompson, Grace Tennison and Laura White.

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## ADDITIONS MADE TO MILITARY EXHIBIT AT CORYELL MUSEUM



DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

In August of this year, the original stone walls located in the Dawson Cooper Hall of the Coryell Museum underwent extensive repair work which resulted in the partial removal of the Coryell County military exhibit which was located within the room. The repair work was recently completed, and the military exhibit was returned to its original location which now includes a few additional exhibits just in time for Veterans Day. Rhonda Mohler and Sherry Hopson, Coryell Museum board members and directors of the exhibits committee, added a few more displays to the military exhibit including the Korean Conflict and Iraqi Freedom. The exhibit primarily includes Coryell County's veterans and their involvement during the war years. The exhibit also contains a display case featuring female veterans and the roles they played during the war.

## LETTER TO EDITOR

This is to address the deplorable situation in Gatesville with our primary internet provider, CenturyLink. A new company, Brightspeed, has purchased part of CenturyLink to handle the internet. Since that has occurred, everyone we have spoken with that is using CenturyLink for their internet and email has major issues. The upload speed at our home is .07 which is almost non-existent. The internet continues to go in and out, it has messed up emails to a point that it is almost unusable, and you cannot find anyone to talk to. Brightspeed answers the phone but the technicians that came to our home this past Monday told us they only deal with internet, not email. When we call CenturyLink, they immediately transfer you to Brightspeed, which has no help at all.

to do something about this immediately! We have spoken to the City Manager's office and they are experiencing the same issues we are. We have spoken to repair people who have multiple customers experiencing these same issues, yet the City of Gatesville is doing nothing to resolve this problem or find us all another provider.

There are funds that have been designated for rural internet service, but where are those funds, and why can't our city leaders access those funds, or demand or even encourage those dollars be spent right here in Coryell County, specifically Gatesville.

If you are experiencing these issues, call the city leaders and demand action. Lots of voices speak much louder than just ours.

Don and Marcia Strieber  
Gatesville

## Veterans Day closings announced

Veterans Day closings will occur on Friday, Nov. 11 to honor our veterans. The closings will include the following:

### GOVERNMENT

The City of Gatesville will be closed. The City of Oglesby and the City of Evant will be closed. The Coryell County Courthouse will be closed, and the Farm Service Agency will be closed.

### SCHOOLS

Gatesville ISD schools will hold classes and the administration office will be open. Jonesboro, Oglesby and Evant schools will remain open. The Boys and Girls Club will remain open on Nov. 11 and operate under their normal hours.

### FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Extraco Bank, Cadence Bank, Educator's Credit

Union and the First National Banks of Gatesville, Evant, and Oglesby will all be closed.

### POST OFFICES

All local post offices will be closed on Friday in the surrounding area. Box service will not be provided on that day.

### LIBRARY

The Gatesville Public Library will be closed on Fri-

day, Nov. 11.

### SENIOR CENTER

The Gatesville Multi Service Center will be closed on Friday, Nov. 11.

### MUSEUM

The Coryell Museum and Historical Center will remain open on Veterans Day.

The Gatesville Messenger will be operating at normal hours on Friday, Nov. 11.

## The DISPATCH

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of Nov. 3-6. While there were many calls to the dispatcher, this is a partial list of more significant activity. 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

#### Nov. 3

3:17 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2100

block of CR 251.

6:50 a.m., an accident was reported in the 1600 block of W. Main Street.

8:27 a.m., a theft was reported in the 2800 block of S. State Highway 36.

10:31 a.m., a disturbance was reported in the 1600 block of Waco Street.

7:10 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 600 block of E. Leon Street.

8:34 p.m., a threat was reported in the 1200 block of E. Main Street.

#### Nov. 4

12:56 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 200 block of State Highway 36 Bypass.

1:41 a.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 1700 block of E. Main Street.

11:02 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 600 block of E. Main Street.

3:47 p.m., an accident was reported in the 16000 block of S. State Highway 36.

5:56 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1200 block of E. Main Street.

6:01 p.m., a noise disturbance was reported in the 400 block of N. 14th Street.

#### Nov. 5

10:33 a.m., a theft was reported in the 100 block of Ash Drive.

2:37 p.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 400 block of N. State Highway 36.

2:39 p.m., an accident was reported in the 2600 block of FM 215.

3:33 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 700 block of Bone Road.

6:37 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 400 block of FM 107.

6:43 p.m., a structure fire was reported at the Rodeway Inn.

#### Nov. 6

12:42 a.m., a reckless driv-

er was reported in the 1100 block of Golf Course Road.

8:08 a.m., an accident was reported in the 4000 block of FM 929.

9:40 a.m., a noise disturbance was reported in the 1100 block of W. Main Street.

12:25 p.m., a burglary was reported in the 3300 block of E. Main Street.

3:35 p.m., a theft was reported in the 1500 block of Mills Street.

9:54 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2200 block of Bridge Street.

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#### Nov. 3

10:10 a.m., identity theft was reported in the 5200 block of FM 929.

11:14 a.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 1500 block of Quail Creek Drive.

11:50 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported on FM 215 at CR 247.

1:34 p.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 100 block of Herb Road.

2:43 p.m., shots being fired was reported in the 100 block of FM 1996.

3:10 p.m., fraud was reported in the 300 block of FM 107.

#### Nov. 4

1:18 a.m., suspicious activ-

ity was reported in the 100 block of Sims Circle.

9:07 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 3400 block of CR 225.

3:09 p.m., a grass fire was reported on Oak Springs Road at CR 3220.

3:51 p.m., a minor accident was reported in the 16000 block of S. Highway 36.

5:46 p.m., a major accident was reported in the 12000 block of Highway 84.

10:40 p.m., suspicious activity was reported on E. Highway 84 near Grace Bible Church.

#### Nov. 5

12:37 a.m., a major accident was reported on S. Highway 36 near CR 341.

5:11 a.m., a prowler was reported in the 100 block of Vista Circle.

10:59 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported on Highway 84 at CR 308.

6:36 p.m., an out-of-control burn was reported in the 400 block of Branson Lane.

7:34 p.m., a dog bite was reported in the 700 block of CR 131.

9:59 p.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 700 block of Flintrock.

#### Nov. 6

1:02 a.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 1500 block of Quail Meadows.

8:14 a.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 300 block of CR 347.

9:10 a.m., a stolen vehicle was reported in the 1100 block of King Country Road.

10:10 a.m., vandalism was reported on FM 185 and CR 265.

12:42 p.m., a minor accident was reported on S. Highway 36 near CR 356.

6:25 p.m., illegal burning was reported in the 14000 block of E. Highway 84.



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## Annual Corks & Kegs Saturday

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 wel-

come.

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.

# GHS Spanish Club decorates for Dia de los Muertos



COURTESY PHOTO BY JULIA INCERPI DIAZ

A door outside of the Spanish Club classroom decorated by Spanish teacher Julia Incerpi Diaz.



COURTESY PHOTO BY JULIA INCERPI DIAZ

An ofrenda, or altar, created by GHS Spanish students.



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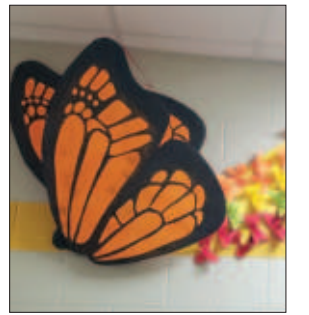
A Catrina, created by Spanish teacher Sara Olvera, is a festive symbol of Dia de los Muertos.

In recognition of Dia de los Muertos, the Gatesville High School Spanish Department decorated outside their classrooms.

Dia de los Muertos, which means Day of the Dead, is a holiday observed, especially for those of Mexican descent. The multi-day holiday involves family and friends gathering to pay respects and to remember friends and family members who have died.

Spanish teachers Julia Incerpi Diaz, Anita Robles and Sara Olvera, with help from students, created the festive décor with paper.

Students also created an ofrenda, or altar, which is created by family members of a person who has died, to welcome them during the holiday season.



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A butterfly created by Spanish teacher Anita Robles in the hallway near the Spanish Club classrooms.

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### Neighbors Supporting Neighbors car show to be held Nov. 19

A "Neighbors Supporting Neighbors" car show and toy drive will take place at Bare Bones Barbeque on Saturday, Nov. 19, at 10 a.m. "Neighbor Supporting Neighbors" allows the community to show support to the young neighbors...

There will be an entry fee of one unwrapped toy, minimum \$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.

### Gatesville Primary School to hold Food for Families Drive

The Gatesville Primary School is selling bees this year to raise money for Food for Families. The competition will continue through Wednesday, Nov. 16.

One bee will cost \$1 each or three cans of food. The class with the biggest swarm of bees will win a pizza party.

For more information, call the Gatesville Primary School at 254-865-7264.



PHOTO BY DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

GISD artwork displayed at the Coryell Museum.

### GISD students display Veterans Day artwork at Coryell Museum

Students at Gatesville Independent School District were recently able to participate in a partnership with the Coryell Museum and Historical Center to recognize veterans through artwork. Coryell Museum volunteer, Scott Alexander, first approached GISD superintendent, Dr. Barrett Pollard, about the possibility of including student awareness with veterans and incorporating that with the museum.

"This started out as a partnership between the school district and the museum," Alexander said. After meeting with Dr. Pollard, the two decided to have an artwork competition showcasing Veterans Day at the museum using artwork from kindergarten through 12th grade.

"We are trying to get kids to visit the museum and learn about local and state history," Alexander said. In reference to the partnership, Pollard said, "Scott and I as well as other museum volunteers brainstormed several collaborative projects. The first idea was a Veterans Day showcase."

The display of student artwork honoring veterans at the museum includes the following students: first grade, Kamdyn Redford; second grade, Chance Farley; third grade, Slater Steel; sixth grade students Juliett Medina, Allie McPherson, Mollie Ingraham, Veronika Hankins-Bowyer, Peyton Richie, Amanda Campos, Sariah Foster, Shyla Cleveland; eighth grade students Sariah Trayah, Ashlynn Slaughter, Ryan Connolly; 10th grade students Lillian Alexander, Callie Smith; 11th grade, Jana Kroeger; and 12th grade, Dillon Tyson.

Visitors are encouraged to visit the museum to see the amazing Veterans Day artwork created by GISD students. Coryell Museum and Historical Center is located at 718 E. Main Street in Gatesville.

### Oglesby ISD to hold annual Thanksgiving feast Nov. 16

On Wed, Nov. 16, Oglesby ISD will hold their annual Thanksgiving feast. A form was sent home with OISD students with the times listed for each Thanksgiving feast per grade level. The bottom of the form should have been filled out and turned in by Thurs, Nov. 4. One adult will cost \$4.50, and for a child who is not enrolled in OISD, the cost will be \$3.

There will only be allowed two guests per child. The guests will need to stay only during the lunch time of their student. Names will be checked, and money will be taken at the door. Payment options will include cash luncheon, your donation must be received on or before Nov. 16.

Students who donate \$35 or 35 pounds of food will take part in the pizza luncheon. Payment options include either cash or check. Make checks out to "Food for Families." Another option would be donating through the Backpack Program. All items donated for this cause will stay within the Jonesboro community. Items given for this should have a total value of \$35 or a weight of 35 pounds. If possible, please include a copy of the receipt. The last method of donation will consist of writing 35 letters or thank-you cards to military personal or nursing home residents.

### Jonesboro school district holds various charity drives

Jonesboro ISD is starting up their annual Food for Families Drive. The deadline for all donations is Wed, Nov. 16. There will be three different methods of participation, and students will be awarded with a pizza luncheon at the park if they reach the goal amount.

Money and donations will be accepted after the deadline, but for your student to participate in the pizza luncheon, your donation must be received on or before Nov. 16.

Students who donate \$35 or 35 pounds of food will take part in the pizza luncheon. Payment options include either cash or check. Make checks out to "Food for Families." Another option would be donating through the Backpack Program. All items donated for this cause will stay within the Jonesboro community.

Items given for this should have a total value of \$35 or a weight of 35 pounds. If possible, please include a copy of the receipt. The last method of donation will consist of writing 35 letters or thank-you cards to military personal or nursing home residents.

For more information, contact Mrs. Necessary at 254-463-2111.

### Oglesby Livestock Booster Club event to be held Nov. 12

The Oglesby Livestock Booster Club will host a catfish dinner, auction and raffle on Saturday, Nov. 12. The event will be held at the Oglesby Community Center, beginning at 5 p.m. and will continue until 7 p.m.

The ticket price will be \$50 and will include dinner for two. There will be two grand prize drawings, with a total MSRP value of \$500 each. Donations for the auction are welcomed.

The Oglesby Community Center is located at 118 Main Street in Oglesby. For more information on this event, call 254-456-2271.

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### Thanksgiving Around the World

People around the world are grateful for a good harvest. A good harvest in the fall means there will be plenty of food for all.

### Ancient Greece

Thanksgiving celebrations go back thousands of years in some parts of the world.

In ancient Greek mythology, baby Zeus was fed by a goat foster-mother named Amalthea. One day, he broke off one of her horns. Food began to pour out of the horn. This is the story of the "horn of plenty," a familiar symbol of Thanksgiving in the U.S.A. today.

Circle every other letter to discover another name for the "horn of plenty!"

B O T O H R Y  
N B U L C N  
O M P S I F A  
C O

### China: Moon Festival

China's harvest celebration is called the Mid-Autumn Festival, the Moon Festival or the Mooncake Festival.

Families gather to eat different kinds of round foods that symbolize the moon. These include eggs and mooncakes. Tea is served in round cups.

Mooncakes are round pastries that are filled with a sweet filling.

All but one of these mooncakes has an identical twin. Can you find the unique mooncake?

Hold this page up to a mirror to read this paragraph!

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United Kingdom people celebrate Harvest Festival each year. It is a time to give thanks for the food that we eat. This year's harvest festival was held on the 13th of October. People give thanks for the food that they have grown.

### Which Country?

On the first full moon in autumn, people in this country celebrate a Thanksgiving holiday. Families get together to share food and give thanks for the harvest. In the evening, they take walks to enjoy the beauty of the full harvest moon. They call the holiday Chuseok.

Unscramble the letters to discover which country celebrates Chuseok.

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### Canadian Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving Day in Canada is celebrated on the second Monday in October. It was originally celebrated by an English explorer, Sir Martin Frobisher. When his ship reached Canada, he gave thanks for a safe arrival.

What year did Sir Martin Frobisher reach Canada? Complete this math problem to reveal the year.

**1039**  
**+ 539**

### Japan: Labor Thanksgiving Day

Long ago, people in Japan celebrated the harvest. As time went on, their day of giving thanks became a time to thank the workers who grew and harvested their food.

Today, Japan celebrates a Labor Thanksgiving Day. It's a day to show gratitude for the workers in the community. School children make colorful thank you cards and gifts for the police, firefighters and hospital workers.

Use the code to discover what the Japanese call their special Thanksgiving celebration.

A H I J K L M N O P Q R S

**Extra! Extra!**

### Thank the Helpers

Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper thanking the community helpers such as police, firefighters, teachers, hospital workers and more.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Communicate ideas in letter format.

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

#### Ghana: Hooting at Hunger

In parts of Ghana, people celebrate a festival called Hooting at Hunger.

Years ago, a severe famine broke out among the people. The people put all of their energy into growing yams and soon had a big crop. Their hunger ended, and, with great joy, they "hooted at hunger." This is the meaning of their name for their day of thanksgiving. Write down the letters on the correct path of the maze to the celebration's name.

### Kid Scoop Together

#### How Wheat Becomes Bread

Work with a family member to number the pictures in order to show how wheat grows from a seed to become bread. It takes workers at every step to get the bread to people.

1. Seeds are planted.
2. Wheat grows from seed.
3. Grain is removed from the plant.
4. Wheat grains are ground into flour.
5. Flour is made into bread.

### Erntedankfest

Germany calls its Thanksgiving Erntedankfest. People take to the streets in parades. Some carry harvest crowns made of grains, fruit and flowers.

### Double Double Word Search

ARRIVAL	CROP	FARMING	FOOD	FULL	GOAT	HARVEST	HORN	HOSPITAL	LABOR	POLICE	TEACHERS	WALKS	WRITE	YAMS
<p>Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?</p>														
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C	E	V	G	N	I	M	R	A	F					
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.														

### FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

#### Thankfulness is Caring

Use crayons or markers to create a newspaper advertisement to convince people to donate food or clothing to needy families during the holidays. Send your completed ad to the editor of the newspaper.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

### Write On! I'm Thankful!

Think back on things that have happened since last Thanksgiving. What are you thankful for that happened this past year?

# OBITUARIES

## HELEN MARIE GOOCH VENCILL

Aug. 4, 1931 - Nov. 2, 2022

Helen Marie Gooch Vencill, age 91, of Arlington, formerly of Copperas Cove, passed away on Wednesday, November 2, 2022, in Mansfield.

Graveside services were held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 8, at Hemmeline Cemetery near Gatesville.

Helen was born on August 4, 1931, in Coryell County, to the late Theodore Maburn Gooch and Mattie Mae Lary Gooch Poe. She grew up in the Gatesville community and graduated from Gatesville High School in 1949. She married O.W. (Buddy) Vencill on Sept. 6, 1952, in Killeen. They

resided in Killeen, various military bases, and retired to Copperas Cove. Her husband preceded her in death on June 26, 1996. Helen was a civil service employee at Ft. Hood as an accountant, until her retirement in 1987 with over 30 years of service. She moved to Arlington in 1999 and has resided with her daughter's family since 2007.

Helen is survived by her daughter, Jacquelyn Adams and family, of Arlington; sister, Nanita Gooch Gormley, of Arlington; two great-grandchildren and five step great-grandchildren, thirteen step great, great-grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews and other loving family members.



STAFF PHOTO

Coryell Museum and Historical Center

## CORYELL MUSEUM

### Thank you, Veterans

#### JANN DWORSKY

Coryell County Museum Volunteer

Coryell Museum would like to thank all our Veterans for their service and dedication to keeping America free. Come and see our military exhibit that contains many different uniforms, helmets, shells, weapons, and pictures mostly from our own Coryell County men. We are open Wednesday thru Saturday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Please call 865-7007 to rent the Gilbreath or Coryell rooms or to arrange a tour for your group, even after hours.

Coryell County News Nov. 10, 1942:

"Fortresses Blast Abbeville, France. U.S. Flying Fortresses blasted the great German air base at Abbeville and other targets in occupied France today in an operation obviously designed to keep the Luftwaffe pinned down in western Europe to prevent it from joining the new action in Africa."

(In 1930's the Boeing Company developed the B-17 Bomber aircraft. It was called the Flying Fortress and was a four engine heavy bomber aircraft. It was a very effective weapons system, dropping more bombs during the war than any other American aircraft. The average life expectancy of a pilot of an Eighth Air Force B-17 in late 1943 was 11 missions.)

Cairo, Nov. 8 (UP) "The surviving bulk of Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's shattered Africa corps has crossed the border in Libya and the battle for Egypt has ended in a smashing allied triumph assuming greater proportions each hour it was announced tonight. Only about 30,000 nazis remain uncaptured."

Washington, Nov. 8 (PA) "The probable sinkings of a Japanese light cruiser and a destroyer in the vicinity of the Solomon Islands Saturday was announced today by the navy, which reported that advance of Americana troops eastward on Guadalcanal Island was continuing." (The Solomon Islands are a collection of islands approximately 2,000 north-

east of Australia.)

London, Nov. 8 (AP) Adolph Hitler declared tonight that Germany would strike a counterblow "in due time" against the United States army landings in North Africa. It's his time to guess.

Washington (AP) A vote in the House of Representatives Monday will be whether teenage drafted youths (18 and 19 year olds) may be used in combat without a full year of training at home.

Timothy C. Armstrong of R.F.D.3, Gatesville, was commissioned as Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army, at Camp Hood's Tank Destroyer School, October 30, and is the first Coryell County boy to receive a commission in this school.

Coryell Courthouse News: Marriages--Otis C. Ray and Miss Hazel M. Combest

For Sale: 100 sheep, priced to sell. Also 4 mares with colts. See Ollie Little at 1808 Main, Gatesville, or phone 212.

A most unusual coincidence in months cropped up recently at the Army district recruiting and induction station in Dallas, when Boyd Harmon Berry and Floyd Herman Berry, 20-year-old identical red-headed twins from near Gatesville, appeared for induction. The only physical differences between the two is two pounds of weight. These boys left Gatesville Saturday with many others and are brothers of A.M. Berry, Commissioner-Elect of Coryell County. "

There is a picture in the paper of these two handsome men and I hoped that they both survived the war. This is what I found on-line:

Boyd Harmon "Tiny" Berry survived World War II and returned to Turnersville and later Refugio, Texas. He was an accomplished musician and oil painter and barbered for 47 years. He lived to be 88 and was buried in Refugio, Texas. Floyd Herman Berry also survived World War II and lived in Turnersville and was buried in Restland Cemetery at age 83. They came from a family of 14 boys and girls.

Happy Veterans Day!!

## Morris Federation welcomed program about Dale Evans at their last meeting

At their last meeting, Morris Federation members were entertained by M.J. Wofford, who presented a program on Dale Evans. Wofford earned a bachelor's from Baylor University and a master's from the University of Texas, with majors in history and English. She taught in secondary schools and community colleges in Texas and Arizona. After marrying Louis Wofford, the couple decided to retire and build a house in Leakey, Texas. While they were visiting in nearby Uvalde, they stumbled upon a small museum in the Janey Slaughter Briscoe Grand Opera House. There they learned that Uvalde was the birthplace of Dale Evans. One thing led to another, and she began to research Dale Evans as well as meet some friends and family members who knew Dale and Roy Rogers, and were willing to share some of their stories with her. Wofford's interest grew into a desire to do a program on Dale Evans.

Her story was much more than a biographical collection of names, places, dates, and events. It dealt with Dale's life from her childhood (born Frances Octavia Smith) to the family's move to Arkansas. There, she flourished in school, skipping two grades, and made her first commitment to Jesus. She played piano and loved to sing and dance (sometimes down the aisle at church during a lively gospel song). At age 14, she started noticing boys and eloped with Thomas Fredrick Fox. A year later, she found herself deserted at age 15 with a baby (Tom) to raise. Wofford follows Dale through

her struggles to find a job in music or at a radio station in Memphis, Chicago, Louisville, Dallas and Chicago once again. It was during her time in Louisville at station WHAS that producers changed her name to Dale Evans because it was easier to remember and easier for DJs to pronounce. While there, she was contacted by a Hollywood agent who heard her sing "Shine on Harvest Moon" and wanted her to fly out for a screen test. She had a horrendous flight, endured a big makeover, but received a contract from 20th Century Fox. Wofford can fill in funny details about Dale's trip and arrival in California. The picture was shelved when Pearl Harbor was attacked, and the U.S. entered World War II.

Republic movies wanted to feature Dale in a western-flavored musical starring Roy Rogers who was becoming very famous. (His original name was Leonard Franklin Slye). Eventually she ended up working with Roy, who gave her many tips on riding a horse since she had not been on one since age seven. She didn't know which side of the horse to get up on and had to be shown how to hold the reins. More than once, Roy came to her rescue, literally. The first movie they made was "The Cowboy and the Señorita." Dale went on to make about 30 movies and was paired up with Roy in nine films.

Roy and his wife, Arlene, had one adopted daughter, Cheryl, and one daughter of their own, Linda Lou. They were awaiting the birth of a son, Roy Jr. "Dusty," but sadly Arlene died shortly after his birth. Time passed, and Dale and Roy developed a rapport based on their struggles and difficulties. Gradually, they became more attracted to one another, and in 1947, they were married.

Wofford spoke of their very late wedding ceremony, as well about Roy's suggestion of the second



COURTESY PHOTO

M. J. Wofford gives presentation on Dale Evans.

night of their honeymoon to go on a raccoon hunt. It was Dale's first and last raccoon hunt.

A child, Robin Elizabeth, was born to them a little over a year later. She had Down Syndrome. Doctors advised the parents to put her in an institution as soon as possible, but Roy said, "We'll just take her home and raise her the best we can and trust the rest to God." She died before age two. Dale's book, "Angel Unaware," was about Robin.

Roy and Dale went on to adopt four more children and to foster one more. They were Debbie, a North Korean orphan, who was killed in a bus/car accident on her way home from a Christian meeting (Dale wrote another book, "Dearest Debbie," about her); an abused child, John David "Sandy," who died after a drinking binge in Germany, celebrating his earning his stripes; and Mary Little Doe "Dodie" who was Native American. The home's policy was only to adopt Native Americans to a family with at least one parent of that heritage. Roy had some Choctaw heritage. The last child was a foster child from Scotland, Marion or "Mimi," but she was al-

ways considered an adoptee. Three of the children are still living: Cheryl, Dusty and Dodie.

Of course, Dale and Roy became famous and made many contributions to the entertainment business, both in movies and television. They received numerous accolades - two stars on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, induction into many Cowboy/Cowgirl Halls of Fame, and recognition for their acting careers, as well as for their music, devotion to Christianity, concern for orphans and disabled children, and for their adopted family. Dale wrote over 200 songs and quite a number of books. Roy died in 1998, after more than 51 years of marriage. Dale Evans died in 2001, but in her wheelchair, she was still doing a Christian show called "A Date with Dale."

Wofford shared many personal and funny stories gleaned from talking with friends and family who knew Dale best. Her presentation was a true tribute to Dale (and Roy), revealing so much about their character and personality and the legacy they left behind.



COURTESY PHOTO BY THE TEXAS STATE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Dale Evans

## PEARL NEWS

### Halloween adventures of the teeny weeny, turquoise greeny, stringy bikini



#### BETSY CLARK

Pearl News Correspondent

A Report on the Activities of the Teeny Weeny, Turquoise Greeny, Stringy Bikini's Halloween Adventures by Callyn Reese Clark (age 9) in collaboration with Grammie Clark (don't you dare ask!)

As you have probably already surmised, the Stringy Bikini struck again on Halloween night in the Pearl vicinity. The neighbors who saw the escapade were shocked and stunned. It all began when the atrocious apparel escaped from what Pearlites thought was its secure confines in the Pearl Cottage Bookstore. Alas, no.

Once the confounded costume detected that Kay Pruett was driving through the area, the escape ensued. Poor Kay was overtaken by the contemptuous contraption as the reprehensible rag attached itself to the helpless victim. Now the silly suit had complete control of poor, dear Kay Dean. Suddenly, Kay magically entered one of the structures in Pearl and grabbed all of the bathroom tissue she could find—this happening beyond her control. The next thing she knew, Kay was frolicking through the sleepy street, throwing tremendous amounts of snow-white paper onto every surface in the Pearl community... except for the cemetery. The only reason Kay did not TP the cemetery is because she knew her friend Linda was patrolling the area to protect it from possible ghosts, goblins and apparitions, never suspecting her partner-in-crime, Kay, would encroach upon the site.

But, as Kay had no control over her actions due to the horrible haunting creation that had attached itself to her, Kay floated onto the cemetery walls with reckless abandon. Callyn

and her adoring Grammie just happened to be nearby and saw the most unbelievable chaos they had ever witnessed and were scared to death (no pun intended). What did they see? According to the trembling granddaughter, Callyn, reported that Linda, wanting to protect the area, went into action, defending the cemetery with brute strength. Kay and the stringy bikini advanced toward Linda, planning auspicious offense. Linda, in counterattack, yelled at the top of her lungs that she is going to grab that Stringy bikini and sell it at her next auction. Suddenly Kay begins to laugh hysterically, and the bikini then detaches itself from her and drifts off to places unknown. (Kay reported that her laughter stemmed from the hilarious notion that Linda, about to meet her demise in the Pearl Cemetery by the hands of the Teeny Weeny, Turquoise Greeny, Stringy Bikini, is only thinking of planning another danged auction!)

The next thing we knew, daylight began peeping over the horizon. The bath tissue magically disappeared, and Kay and Linda magically located themselves in their own bliss-

ful beds with no memory of the previous evening's antics. Pearl was once again back to normal... and the bad bikini was never to be heard from again. Who knew that all it took to rid the peaceful little village of the raging rag was to threaten another Linda Ray auction. There's no place like Pearl!

And now for the "Un-fake" News:

Coming up: 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: "Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the people of the world revere Him. For He spoke, and it came to be; He commanded, and it stood firm." Psalm 33: 8,9 NIV

Be sure to like the Pearl Community Center, Texas Facebook page. Please send any Pearl news to betsy-clark47@yahoo.com

# TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY™



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Tarleton State University's track and field squad will compete in four regular season meets in the indoor slate and eight regular season meets in the outdoor portion during the 2022-23 season, with both schedules culminating with the Western Athletic Conference Championships.

## Texans preparing for busy 2022-23 track season

Tarleton Sports Information

Tarleton State University recently released its 2022-23 indoor and outdoor track and field schedule, and the Texans are looking to build off an impressive year that saw 33 student-athletes earn All-WAC first- or second-team honors combined in the indoor and outdoor seasons in their second season at the NCAA Division 1 level.

Tarleton will compete in four regular season meets in the indoor slate and eight regular season meets in the outdoor portion, with both seasons being capped by the WAC Championships.

The complete schedule can be found online ([tarletonsports.com](http://tarletonsports.com)). Follow along with Tarleton track and field and cross country on Twitter and Instagram @TarletonXCTrack.

"Something that is new for our program is that we will travel to

Alabama for the Crimson Tide Invitational," said Holland. "We will get to see some new competition and see how we fare out east."

The Texans will make a return trip to Nacogdoches as Stephen F. Austin will host the WAC Outdoor Championships at Homer Bryce Stadium on May 11-13.

"We have eight outdoor meets before the conference championships so we should be ready and we should know what we bring to the table before that gets here," said

head track coach Clay Holland.

"We're really excited to get this season going," Holland said. "We have a lot of new faces to combine with a big group of returners that had a tremendous season last year for us."

The indoor season kicks off with a trip to Pittsburg, Kansas, for the Crimson and Gold Classic, Dec. 9-10.

"In December we are going to Pittsburg State for an early bird meet where we will take a skeleton crew of 20-40 student-athletes," said Holland. "That meet will be before Christmas break and when we come back from break we will truly begin our indoor season."

The Texans will then compete in three consecutive meets at Texas Tech to kick off the 2023 calendar year. The Corky Classic Jan. 13-14, the Texas Tech Open and Multis Jan. 26-28 and the Jarvis Scott Open Feb. 10-11 will all take place at the Texas Tech Sports Perfor-

mance Center.

"We're going to Texas Tech three times in the indoor season," said Holland. "The main reason for that is there are only three indoor facilities in the state of Texas. We are going to see some of the best competition in the nation week in and week out in Lubbock as well. They have one of the best facilities in the nation and we get to go there and compete at a high level."

The Texans will then have a week to prepare for the WAC Indoor Championships as they are set to take place at 'The Podium' in Spokane, Washington, Feb. 24-25.

Looking to the outdoor slate, seven of Tarleton's eight regular season meets will take place in Texas, with most being regional.

"We have a lot of local meets within two hours from Stephenville," said Holland. "We can take some larger travel squads to these meets due to the proximity."

The outdoor season kicks off in

Arlington on March 10 for the UTA Invite at Maverick Stadium. The following weekend the Texans travel to a place all too familiar, Abilene, for the Wes Kittley Invitational at Elmer Gray Stadium Mar. 17-18. The next weekend sees Tarleton head to Waco for the Clyde Hart Classic hosted by Baylor Mar. 25-26.

The Texas Relays, one of the largest track and field meets in the country, will be Tarleton's fourth meet to compete in, March 30-31. The back half of the schedule sees the Texans trek to Denton for the North Texas Classic April 8, Nacogdoches for the Karl Kight Invitational and Multi April 14-15, the Crimson Tide Invitational in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, April 22 and the conclusion of the regular season is April 28-29 at the Corky/Crofoot Shootout hosted by Texas Tech in Lubbock.

## TSU cross country team competes in WAC Championships

Tarleton Sports Information

The Tarleton men's cross country team finished eighth with 213 points in the 8k and the women's team finished 12th with 331 points in the 6k at the Western Athletic Conference Cross Country Championships Saturday Oct. 29 at Pecan Acres Park in Nacogdoches.

The Texans season came to an end with four men and five women finishing with personal bests in the conference meet in Nacogdoches. California Baptist won the men and women's titles.

Kevin Baez and Angel Contreras paced the men as they finished 35th and 36th respectively. Contreras crossed the finish line just six seconds behind Baez, running 24:45.6 as Baez had a time of 24:39.9. Contreras was just two seconds off a personal best of 24:43.2 in the 8k which he ran previously this season at the Texas A&M Invitational.

Freshman Jerryth Buckingham was the Texans third finisher, placing 48th with a time of 24:57.1. Angel Gomez came

in 51st (24:59.5) and Dominick Vastlik followed suit right behind Gomez, coming in 52nd (25:04.4). Austin Flores (25:17.2) and Christian Vastlik (25:17.5) finished within seconds of each other, with Flores placing 59th and Vastlik 60th. Ricky Tolentino rounded out the Texan finishers in 95th (26:56.2).

The 24:57.1 finish in the 8k was a personal best for Buckingham, and it came at an opportune time in the most important meet of the season for the Texans. Flores, Gomez and D. Vastlik also notched personal bests in the conference meet.

On the women's side, freshman Morgan Lamberson was the top finisher coming in 63rd with a



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**WAC CHAMPIONSHIPS:** Tarleton's men's squad took eighth place in the 8K and the women's team placed 12th in the 6K at the Western Athletic Conference Cross Country Championships on Oct. 29 in Nacogdoches.

time of 23:04.4. She was followed by Kailey Sykora in 70th who notched a personal best (23:15.2), Vianney Sanchez in 74th (23:26.9)

with a personal best, Sage Lancaster in 77th (23:35.8) with a personal best, Georgina Balderas in 89th (24:02.5) with a personal best,

Aimee Landers-Wilburn in 92nd (24:17.2) with a personal best and Kaleigh Ellis in 99th (25:15.4).



# Area 4-H members prepare for contests, compete at fairs



**BECKY COWARD**  
County Extension Agent  
4-H Youth Development

People assume that 4-H members are the busiest right around county fair time, but the truth is 4-H events are happening year-round with so many opportunities for youth to investigate and pursue their interests. 4-H has teams that compete in many different disciplines. Food Challenge Teams are busy preparing for our county food contest, which will be held Nov. 21. Teams are currently forming for 4-H Leaders 4 Life and Quiz Bowl contests. These contests help members learn about life skills and important facts to help them be successful as future leaders.

The Leaders 4 Life contest is designed to teach parliamentary procedure and service learning. A team of 4-6 members is given a set of "problems" to solve while conducting a business meeting. They must use Robert's Rules of Order to properly address the issues presented in a 20-minute setting. They learn how to give minutes from the secretary and a treasurer's report among other officer duties. These are skills that help them be more confident in future leadership positions within

their community.

The Quiz Bowl contests have three different team opportunities including livestock, horse, and family community health. These teams of four participate with a buzzer, just like a game show, and "buzz in" when they know the answer to a factual question. Some examples might ask about terminology or vocabulary associated with a particular species. This contest helps participants gain facts about their 4-H project areas and increases their knowledge to better equip them to be successful. Coryell County has been very successful in sending teams to the state contest in both Livestock and Horse Quiz Bowl. Any 4-H member can join the teams by attending practices. The teams meet weekly up until the district contests in December.

Recently, local 4-H members competed at the State Fair of Texas in Dallas and the Heart O' Texas Fair in Waco. Results are as follows:

**STATE FAIR OF TEXAS**

Junior Plant Identification Team - third place: Mia Conley, Marcy Conley, Levin Lynch, Peter Conley

Senior Plant Identification Team -- seventh place: Caleb Mannix, Chase Janke, Lane Brookshire

Junior Dairy Goats - first place Senior Kid, fourth place 2-year-old Milker: Zi-anna Cole

Sheep Skillathon - 12th place: Thiele Alvarado  
Junior Livestock Judging Team - 31st place: Lilly Kinsey, Lillie Mann, Mary Mitchell, Ryli Bryson

Other participants: Hadleigh Ament (market lamb), Lane Kinsey (prospect steer), Kallyn Moreland (Brahman heifers), Memphis Wells (Breeding Gilts), Paisley Wells (Breeding Gilts),

Lyla Breckenridge (Livestock Judging), Matti Mann (Livestock Judging) and Clayton Gregory (Livestock Judging).

**HEART O' TEXAS FAIR**

Junior Brangus Heifers - second and third place: Charles Belt; fifth and sixth place: Thomas Belt  
Junior Brahman Heifer - fourth and seventh place: Kallyn Moreland

Market Steers - first and second place: Lilly Kinsey; fifth and sixth place: Ivan Readett; second and third place: Lane Kinsey; fourth and fifth place: Hubbard Kinsey

Market Lambs - second, third and sixth place: Hadleigh Ament, third and fourth place Addyson Edwards, fourth and fifth place: Maci Allison; fourth and fifth place: Mackenzie Allison.

Market Goats - fourth and fifth place: Thiele Alvarado

Market Swine - fourth and fourth place: Lilly Mann; fourth place, Matti Mann  
Junior Livestock Judging - 23rd place team: Thomas Belt, Lilly Kinsey, Mary Mitchell, Lillie Mann, Bailey Wolff

Senior Livestock Judging - 48th place team: Trey Harbour, Clayton Gregory, Matti Mann, Paisley Wells

Trap singles - first: Brant Pruitt; ninth place: Dutch Neilson; 18th place: Ethan Jones

Trap Doubles - third place: Brant Pruitt; sixth place: Ethan Jones.

If you are interested in learning more about 4-H opportunities, please contact us at the Coryell County AgriLife Extension Office at 254-865-2414 or check us out online at coryell.agrilife.org.

# Keep Gatesville Beautiful hosts cleanup

Keep Gatesville Beautiful will host two upcoming cleanup days for the month of November.

In preparation for Veterans Day, there will be a cleanup around the cemeteries on Thurs., Nov. 10 from 5-6 p.m. Everyone volunteering will

meet at Auto Zone at the side parking lot. To prepare for Gatesville's Feastmode 5K, there will be a cleanup held on Thurs., Nov. 17 from 5-6 p.m.

To volunteer, make sure to meet at the City Pool. Auto Zone is located at

2106 East Main Street in Gatesville. The City Pool can be found at 300 South 8th Street in Gatesville.

For more information visit <http://KeepGatesvilleBeautiful.com/>.

# The Grove sausage festival Nov. 12

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 and 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 improve-

ments to the facility. 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

# Marker unveiling at 1904 Leon River Bridge set for Saturday

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.

Coryell County Judge Roger Miller will preside 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 public is encouraged to attend the unveiling ceremony on Nov. 12 to recognize this historic Coryell County site.

## PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

 <b>GATESVILLE HORNETS</b> Bye week before playoffs	 <b>JONESBORO EAGLES</b> <b>#3 Nathan Forrest</b> 4 completions for 87 yards
 <b>EVANT ELKS</b> <b>#33 Ayden Andrade</b> 5 tackles	 <b>OGLESBY TIGERS</b> <b>#32 Kyler Fossett</b> 1 completion for 15 yards 8 carries for 91 yards, 2 solo tackles 4 touchdowns

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# GOOD LUCK IN THE BI-DISTRICT PLAYOFFS!



**GATESVILLE HORNETS vs Smithville Tigers**  
**Friday, November 11**  
**7 p.m.**  
**Hutto High School**



**OGLESBY TIGERS vs Iredell**  
**Friday, November 11 in Valley Mills at 7 p.m.**



**JONESBORO EAGLES vs Menard**  
**Thursday, November 10 in Blanket at 7 p.m.**

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# Gatesville trio shines at state CC meet



Gatesville cross country coach Elliot Kelley stands with Carlo Martinez, Vania Martinez, Justin Muegge and GHS assistant coach Cynthia Moore after the state cross country meet in Round Rock on Nov. 4. Carlo, a senior, ran the course in 16:00 to win a silver medal, Vania, a junior, finished 12th in the girls event with a time of 12:13 and Justin, a freshman, finished 90th with a time of 18:13.

GLADYS WHITENBURG  
THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

# Hornet football team to face Smithville in playoffs

BY CHRIS ALLMAN  
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

After notching a 7-3 regular season record in Aaron Hunter's first season as head coach, the Gatesville Hornets will open the postseason on Friday against Smithville in Hutto. For Hunter and his team, it's also known as "Gold Football Season" as the Hornets will look to hoist their first golden playoff trophy since 2015 with a win against the Tigers. Smithville finished with a 4-6 regular season record and were the runners-up in District 12-4A - a district won by the Cuero Gobblers, the state's No. 3 ranked team. Their 3-2 district record left them tied with La Grange but Smithville snagged the runner-up spot by virtue of their 14-10 win over the Leopards. Gatesville and Smithville shared one common opponent this season - the Taylor Ducks. Gatesville topped Taylor 22-21 in the season opener while Smithville fell to the Ducks

40-35 in Week 4. The loss dropped the Tigers to 1-3 on the season before going 3-3 over their last six games. The Tigers offense - led by quarterback Derrick Roberson, wide receiver/quarterback Tyson Hancock, and wide receiver Jackson Hancock - averaged just over 24 points per game on the season. Their defense allowed 29.5 points per game. In comparison, the Hornets averaged 31.5 points per game while giving up an average of 28.9 per game. A win over Smithville would mean the Hornets' first playoff win since a 17-14 win over La Vernia in November of 2015. That season the Hornets went 1-4 in non-district play before finishing with a 3-2 district mark then upset Taylor 51-25 in the bi-district round, topped La Vernia in the area round, but fell to then district rival China Spring 21-14 in the regional quarterfinals. The Hornets have qualified for the playoffs three times since their last playoff win but have yet to advance past the bi-district round.

After missing the postseason in 2016, the Hornets ripped off seven consecutive wins to start the 2017 season before finishing the regular season 7-3. In the bi-district round that year, they fell to Canyon Lake. After they missed the postseason in Kyle Cooper's last season in 2018 and Luke Howard's first season in 2019, the Hornets qualified for the playoffs again in 2020. That 2020 playoff game was cancelled due to COVID-19 but the Hornets qualified again in 2021, losing to Carthage 35-0 in the bi-district round. A win in the bi-district round would likely mean an area round matchup with Silsbee, who finished the regular season ranked No. 4 in the Class 4A Division II rankings. Kickoff for the Hornets bi-district game will be at 7 p.m. Nov. 11 at Hutto High School. Pending UIL approval the game will be broadcast by Lee Jaynes and Josh Godfrey on www.hornet-radio.com.

# Jonesboro, Oglesby enter football playoffs on a roll



COURTESY PHOTO

The 2022 district champion Jonesboro Eagles.



COURTESY PHOTO

The 2022 district champion Oglesby Tigers.

# Eagles to face Menard Yellowjackets, Tigers to battle the Iredell Dragons in bi-district round

The Jonesboro Eagles and Oglesby Tigers both earned district championships and will enter the playoffs on a roll after weekend victories to close out the regular season. Jonesboro improved to 10-1 with a 63-0 win over the Evant Elks, while Oglesby improved to 10-0 with a 56-6 thumping of the Buckholts Badgers. Both games were moved to Thursday, Nov. 3 because of anticipated bad weather on Friday. For Oglesby, Hunter Walter completed three of four passes for 67 yards and a pair of touchdowns, and Kyler Fossett completed

his only pass for a 15-yard gain. Fossett paced the Tigers on the ground, running for 91 yards and four touchdowns on eight carries. Johnny Gomez ran the ball once for Oglesby - a 48-yard touchdown scamper. Four Tigers each caught one pass: Brodie Fisher's reception went for 32 yards and a touchdown, Jack Hendricks was for 25 yards and a touchdown and Johnny Gomez and Hunter Walter each caught a pass for 15 yards. Hendricks was also the team's leading

tackler with eight stops. Brodie Fisher, Jackson Tippit and Fossett each had fumble recoveries for Oglesby. Nathan Forrest led the Eagle aerial attack, completing four of five passes for 87 yards and three touchdowns, while Caleb Christel completed one pass for 16 yards and a touchdown. Five Eagles scored rushing touchdowns vs. Evant - Garrett Young, Jacob Cisneros, Caleb Christel, Demarcus Acoff and Luke Stephenson. Acoff was JHS' leading rusher with one run for 33 yards, while Layden Nichols ran

the ball twice for 20 yards. Four Eagles caught touchdown passes - Jaden Domel, Young, Acoff and A. Massingill. Nichols and Young led the Jonesboro defense with six tackles each, while Truett Foote and Acoff each had five tackles. Jonesboro (10-1) will host the Menard Yellowjackets (7-3) in the bi-district playoffs at 7 p.m. Thursday, while Oglesby (10-0) will play the Iredell Dragons at 7 p.m. Friday in Valley Mills.

The area champion Evant Lady Elks volleyball team.



COURTESY PHOTO

# Evant wins area volleyball championship

The Evant Lady Elks continued their outstanding volleyball season, battling past the Bluff Dale Bobcats on Nov. 4 to win the area championship. The Lady Elks took the first game 25-19, lost the second and third by scores of 27-29 and 19-25, and won the fourth and fifth by scores of 25-23 and 15-3. The Elks were scheduled to face the Strawn Greyhounds next in the regional round of the playoffs. Evant improved its record to 16-8 with the win.

Harley Weeks had 11 aces, 11 digs, 28 assists and seven kills, Hailey Neri had 13 digs and four kills, and Molly Waldrum had three aces, five kills and a block. Bree Ramirez had three aces, seven digs, six assists and 11 kills, Luwi Rodriguez had 21 digs, one assist and eight kills, Izzy Gandy had two aces, eight digs and 10 kills and Jolyce Acosta had seven digs. The team is coached by JoAnna Vaden. All statistics are courtesy of the MaxPreps high school sports website.

## Hornets win area championship vs. Caldwell

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

In a battle of two teams with the same mascot, it was the Gatesville Hornets that rose to the occasion and earned an area volleyball championship in a sweep, defeating the Caldwell Hornets 3-0 to advance to round three of the play-offs.

Gatesville improved to 24-19 with the win and moved on to a regional semifinal game against Lago Vista.

Gatesville spotted Caldwell a 3-0 lead in the first game before Kaleigh Haywood got a kill for the Hornets' first points of the night. It was an ace by fellow senior Lola Barron that gave GHS its first lead at 4-3.

Caldwell had the hot hand and scored five straight points before

a kill by Chloe Mathews helped Gatesville regain some momentum.

A kill by junior Barrett Boyd put GHS ahead 11-10 and Gatesville began to pull away to take control of game one, pulling out a 25-16 victory. Boyd later had an ace for the Hornets, followed by outstanding plays from freshman Emma Pollard and seniors Lola Barron and Haywood. It was an ace by Haywood that gave GHS its game-winning score in the opening set.

Riding a wave of momentum, Gatesville took a 3-0 lead in the second game fueled by Pollard and Haywood's timely hits. Lola Barron then delivered back-to-back aces to put GHS up 6-1.

Gatesville continued to dominate game two, as a kill by Mathews gave the Hornets a commanding 16-5 lead. Caldwell clawed its way back, but Gatesville never allowed its



GLADYS WHITENBURG | THE GATESVILLE MESSANGER  
Emma Pollard spikes the ball over the outstretched arms of a Caldwell defender in the area championship on Nov. 4.



GLADYS WHITENBURG | THE GATESVILLE MESSANGER  
Gatesville fans enjoy another winning performance by the Hornet volleyball team, and got to celebrate the team advancing to round three of the playoffs.



GLADYS WHITENBURG | THE GATESVILLE MESSANGER  
**AREA CHAMPS!** Members of the Gatesville Hornet volleyball team, including Kaleigh Haywood, Lola Barron, Barrett Boyd and Charlee Barron celebrate a big play against the Caldwell Hornets in the area championship game.

opponent to pull closer than a six-point deficit in game two. An ace by junior Barrett Boyd gave Gatesville its game-winning points and a 25-17 triumph.

Caldwell was at its best in game three, seeking to avoid the sweep and playing with intensity with the season on the line. Caldwell surged to an 8-5 lead before Gatesville settled down and began to battle back.

A thunderous kill by Haywood helped to turn the tide, and Lola Barron's ace put the Hornets up 11-9.

The game remained tight with several lead changes as Caldwell attempted to seize the momentum, but an ace by sophomore Vania Martinez knotted the game at 15-15. Caldwell scored the next two

points, but after Pollard blocked a shot and tied the game at 17-17, Gatesville would not trail again.

Caldwell closed the gap to 24-23, but Pollard responded with a spike that gave Gatesville a 25-23 win.

Strong fan support kept the playoff venue, The Hive at Academy High School, rocking and helped encourage Gatesville throughout the evening, and the Hornets responded by winning their sixth straight match.

The Hornets kept their playoff venues in Central Texas on Nov. 8 with their matchup being held at Lake Belton. Lago Vista had a 22-23 record heading into the game, including playoff wins over China Spring and Giddings.



GLADYS WHITENBURG | THE GATESVILLE MESSANGER  
Barrett Boyd bumps the ball for GHS in action against Caldwell.