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County Commissioners Court lifts burn ban

BY JEFF OSBORNE
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

The Coryell County Commissioners Court voted on Nov. 8 to discontinue the burn ban and revisit the issue at their Nov. 22 meeting.

The commissioners court had previously lifted the ban for a weekend but then reinstated it because of continuing drought conditions.

County Judge Roger Miller said that Gatesville Fire Chief Billy Vaden told him the fire department responded to five calls the weekend of Nov. 5-6 involving burning brush piles that got into grass. That number of calls is down significantly from earlier in the year.

"Even though we've had some precipitation across the

county, there is division among the different volunteer fire departments on whether the burn ban continues to be necessary," Miller said. "My feeling is we're on the cusp (of being able to lift the ban) but we're not there yet. I know one size doesn't fit all. We can look at it precinct by precinct."

Commissioner Kyle Matthews voiced his support for discontinuing the burn ban.

"I would like to see it lifted," he said. "We can see what happens in the next two rounds of showers and look at it again on (Nov. 22). We need more moisture, but I think we're OK to burn."

Commissioner Scott Weddle said his precinct has remained more dry than some of the areas of Coryell County.

"Precinct 2 is still dry," He said. "We didn't get a drop of rain on Friday (Nov. 4)."

Three residents of Precinct 2 who were attending the meeting offered their views. One said her property had received rain, while two others said their property did not.

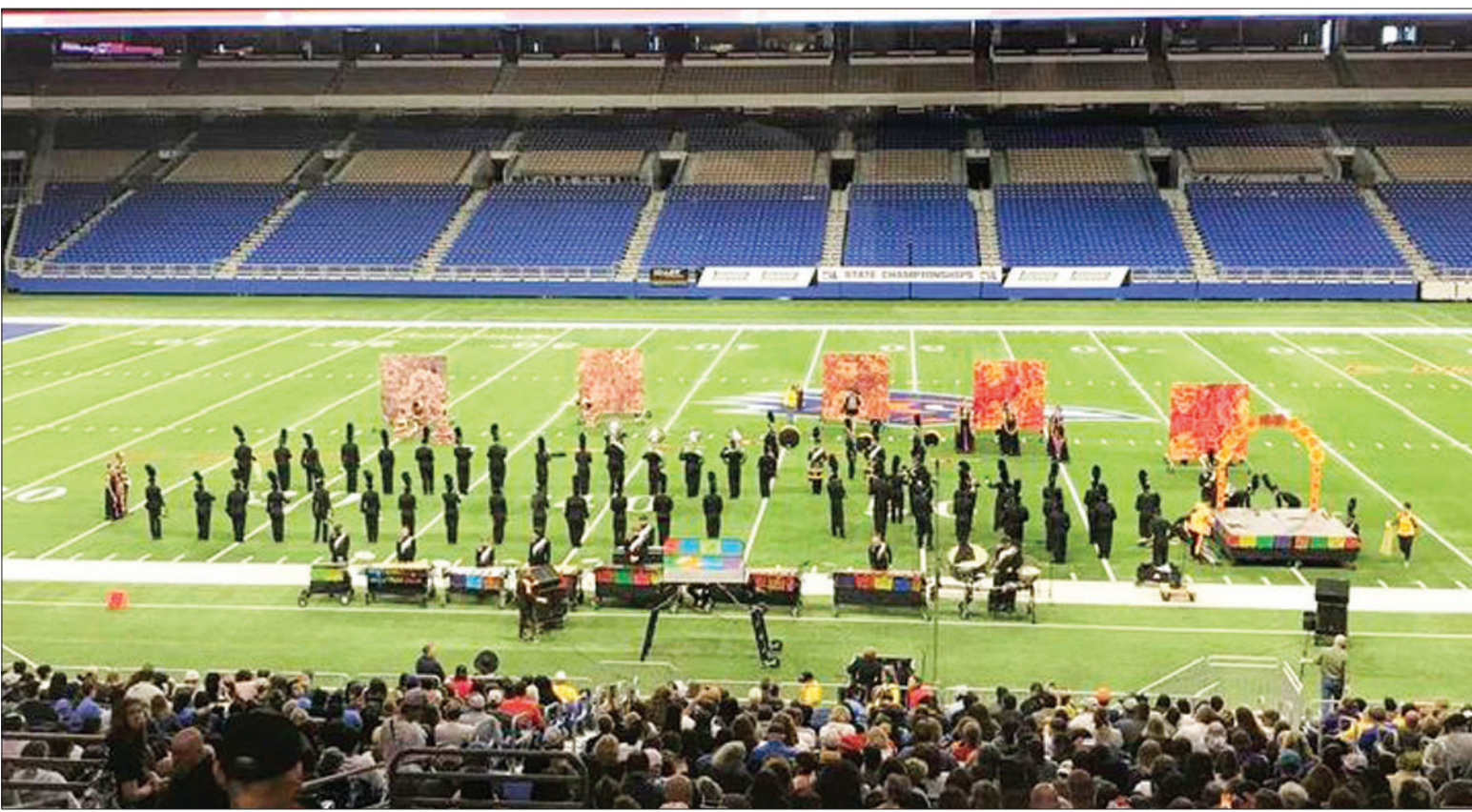
"I've got brush piles that are dry," one man said, adding he would like to dispose of them "but I don't want to burn down the whole county."

Another resident said a hay field on her property burned over the summer and added, "I don't want to see anything like that happen again. I ere on the side of caution."

Matthews made a motion to rescind the ban, which was seconded by Commissioner Ryan Basham, and the court voted to discontinue the ban.

Matthews later said that while the ban has been lifted, it is up to each individual to determine whether or not the conditions near them allow for safe outdoor burning.

GHS band takes stage at state



COURTESY PHOTO

ALL IN FOR THE ALAMODOME: The Gatesville High School marching band performed at the UIL Class 4A state marching band contest at the Alamodome in San Antonio. It was the first time the band had advanced to state level competition since 2008. The band was rated 18th in Texas following the performance, which is the best ranking in program history.

Burrow, Kizer & Leib win local elections

Abbott re-elected

BY JEFF OSBORNE
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

Gatesville city and school incumbents - just like many of those statewide - retained office following elections on Nov. 8.

In the city election, Barbara Burrow, with 1,057 votes, fended off a challenge from Aaron Smith, with 883 votes, to retain her spot on the Gatesville City Council. Meanwhile, incumbents Cheyenne Kizer, with 3,258 votes, and Mary Anne Leib, with 1,872 votes, were re-elected to the Gatesville Independent School District Board of Trustees, topping challenger Ginger Kinsey, who received 1,428 votes.

Also re-elected were Gatesville Mayor Gary Chumley, with 2,020 votes, and Councilmen Billy Sinyard (1,942 votes) and John Westbrook (1,948 votes), each of whom were unopposed.

A Gatesville city proposition to abolish the additional sales and use tax within the city at a rate of 1.5%,

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Brothers in Arms

Seven local relatives served their country

BY DAVID SCOTT
STAFF WRITER

While speaking with Gary Wittie a few months ago, he told an interesting and unique story about his family and their service in the armed forces during World War II. Six Wittie brothers and their brother-in-law all served in the military, and all came home following the war with no casualties. They were the sons and the son-in-law of Curt and Ella Mae Wittie of Coryell County.

Gary Wittie, who had a thirst for knowledge about his family and their war-time activities during WWII, admitted that in later years, he "pestered the aging brothers for war stories and that in almost every case, waited over 60 years for the few answers I got," he said.

The eldest of the Wittie brothers were fraternal twins, Herman and Harmon. Herman Lewis Wittie served in the last cavalry unit in the U.S. Army in the China-Burma-India Theater. On his 80th birthday, Herman was quoted as saying "I walked the entire length of the Burma Road staring a mule in the ass." The Burma Road, 717 miles in length, was an important road during WWII which linked Lashio in eastern Burma to Kunming in China. In later years, Herman lived in Shallower, Texas. He died in 2002.

Herman's twin brother, Harmon Owen Wittie, served as a B-29 mechanic in the Army Air Corps in the Pacific. Following WWII, he remained in the service where he became a master sergeant and was later sent to the Korean Theater. Harmon died in Japan in 1951 at the age of 34 after being injured in an accidental collapse of an airplane landing gear. His body was brought back to

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COURTESY PHOTO

Pictured left to right are brothers Herman Lewis Wittie, Harmon Owen Wittie, Ray Boyd Wittie, Roy Floyd Wittie, James Arnold Wittie, William Nathan Wittie, and their brother-in-law, Raymond Luther Wigington.



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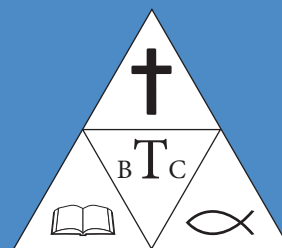
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ELECTION

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which will not change the sales tax rate, was approved by voters, with 1,669 votes in favor and 451 votes against the measure. Several county officers, who were unopposed, were also re-elected to office. Statewide, Greg Abbott was re-elected governor, with 4,420,160 votes, or 54.84% of the vote, de-

feating Democrat Beto O'Rourke, who received 3,527,748 votes, or 43.77%. Four other candidates, including Libertarian Mark Tippitts, also received votes in the race. In Coryell County, Abbott's victory was even more dominant, with the governor receiving 11,643 votes, or 71.2%. O'Rourke received 4,444 votes countywide, or 26.84%. Also re-elected were Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick, Attorney General Ken Paxton, and Comptroller Glenn Hegar, completing a

Republican sweep. Dawn Buckingham was elected Texas land commissioner, while Sid Miller was re-elected agriculture commissioner and Wayne Christian was re-elected railroad commissioner. Republicans Debra Lehrmann, Rebeca Huddle and Evan Young were re-elected to the state's Supreme Court, while Republicans Scott Walker and Jess F. McClure III were re-elected to the Court of Criminal Appeals. Evelyn Brooks, also a Republican,

was elected to District 14 of the State Board of Education. Brooks represents Coryell County and 20 other Texas counties, including McLennan, Bosque, Hamilton, and Lampasas counties. Republican Pete Flores, whose territory includes Coryell County, was elected to the Texas Senate District 34 post. At the federal level, Republican John Carter, who represents Coryell County was re-elected to the House of Representatives District

31 post. In other area races: * The top three receiving votes for Oglesby City Council were Mike Homan, David Mosley and Terri Shepherd Castro. The top four receiving votes for the Oglesby ISD school board were Mike Walter, Dustin LeBlanc, Dalton Campbell and Dustin Roedler. Note: Vote totals are from the Coryell County election office or the Texas Secretary of state website.

Vehicle maintenance program approved for sheriff's office

BY JEFF OSBORNE
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

The Coryell County Commissioners Court approved a request by Sheriff Scott Williams to enter into a fleet management program with Enterprise Fleet Services that will send reminders for when vehicle maintenance is needed. The program will cover 54 of the sheriff's department's 56 vehicles (two are not eligible) and will cost \$324 per month. The program will be paid out of the sheriff's department maintenance budget, which is \$60,000 per year. "They keep track of oil changes and other maintenance needed and have a team of ASC (Auto Service Excellence) mechanics that negotiate on our behalf," Williams said. "They also make sure we're getting the most equity.

Historically, we run 'em until the wheels fall off." Commissioner Kyle Matthews opposed the contract, saying he felt Enterprise could dictate what needs to be done and that there might be cheaper options available. Williams, however, said the program would benefit his department. "That was the only reason I chose to go with fleet management was the maintenance," he said. "If we're not going to do that, we might as well start buying our own vehicles and running them into the ground again." County Judge Roger Miller said he was in favor of trying the program to determine the benefit, adding "until we dip our toe in the water we won't know. The cost this fiscal year is minimal." The court voted 3-1 to approve the item.

VETERANS

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airplane landing gear. His body was brought back to Coryell County for burial. The Wittie siblings had yet another set of fraternal twins, Ray and Roy. Ray Boyd Wittie served in the South Pacific, while his brother Roy Floyd Wittie served mostly in the Philippines. Roy was discharged early from the service due to a severe case of malaria. After coming back from the service, he made his home in Coryell County where he worked as a civil service employee. He later owned and operated Mountain Grocery Store. Roy died in 2015 at the age of 90, while his twin brother, Ray, died in 1996 at the age of 71. Another sibling, James Arnold Wittie, joined the U.S. Army in 1938 and served in France and Belgium. James was wounded and was awarded the Bronze Star for Valor in the Battle of the Bulge. On his 90th birthday, he was asked about the large war-time scar located on his leg. His answer was "Aww, a bunch of Germans snuck up on us in the brush one night and one of 'em shot me." Jim lived until the age of 91, dying in 2010 in Odessa. Brother William Nathan Wittie served as a

sergeant in the Marines in the Pacific. Shortly before his death in 1969, he related a humorous war-time story. Just off the beaches and into the jungle at Guadalcanal, he felt a warm liquid running down his leg and was convinced he had been shot. It turned out that a bullet had pierced his water canteen and what he thought was blood, was water. Wittie did see action in the Iwo Jima campaign. He was a 1940 graduate of Gatesville High School and was a star tackle on the Hornet football teams of 1938 and 1939. The Wittie brothers also had a brother-in-law to join the family forces during the war. Their sister, Arlee Wittie, was married to Raymond Luther Wigington. He served as an Army Engineer in the European Theater. Following the war, he would later become the chief of police in Cisco, Texas. Wigington died in 1980 at the age of 63. The Wittie brothers joined the ranks of many other siblings during that era who served their country in various branches of the armed forces. Curt and Ella Mae Wittie were extremely fortunate to have their six sons and son-in-law return home to Coryell County following the war. Speaking not only about his family, but about veterans all over the United States, Gary Wittie said "That was truly the greatest generation."

On to the Next Round



SE'VETTE EARLY | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER
Katie Hopson and Memphis Wells, both members of the Gatesville High School choir program, advanced to the area round of the Texas Music Educators Association choral competition. Katie was fifth chair in the soprano section and Memphis was third chair in the bass section.



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FROM MY FRONT PORCH

A demonstration of leadership as great as Texas



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

With our most recent election behind us, I have heard some say we can now put politics on the backburner and not pay much attention until the next election. Talk like that always concerns me. What is politics but another way of describing our joint existence as a society and

how we are going to manage our collective business? How can we simply turn our backs to what goes on and declare we will deal with issues in a couple of years? We must be more engaged and stay aware of what is happening so we can voice our opinions and work to ensure our politicians make decisions in the best interests of their constituency.

Wyndi Veigel, who is an editor at a Texas newspaper, has spent a portion of her career in Marshall, Texas. She recently reached out to me with a story about General Sam Houston speaking in Marshall when he was running for governor of Texas during the election cycle of 1857. Sam went to Marshall to speak in the hometown of two of his most outspoken critics, Robert Loughery and Louis T. Wigfall. During the visit a debate was scheduled between the Texas icon and

his opponent for governor, Hardin Runnels.

Under the cover provided by a huge live oak, in an overwhelmingly secessionist area, the Unionist Houston spoke so eloquently that Runnels, who was scheduled to follow, declined to speak. Though he lost the election, Houston's electrifying oratory brought him 48% of the Harrison County vote. During the speech, Sam wore his famous leopard skin waistcoat and proudly announced to all those in attendance he had always been in favor of the Union and like a leopard, he would not change his "spots."

The tree of which Sam spoke eventually died and was cut down, but a large cross section of the famous tree has been maintained. A Texas State Historical marker now has been placed near where the tree once stood.

Not sure many folks today can appreciate the sheer

courage and character it took for General Sam to speak to a crowd that held such contrary views. To him, the size of the crowd nor the unbending nature of their viewpoints was a deterrent. He spoke what he believed was the truth and what he felt from deep within him, was right for Texas. Unfortunately, Texans ultimately ignored his pleas and seceded from the Union. The resulting Civil War emptied the Texas State treasury and saw the destruction of the flower of Texas youth. History has proved General Sam knew what he was talking about.

Keep an eye on what is happening in our political realm. See which men and woman have the courage to stand up and be heard and which politicians blindly follow an agenda set forth by some group of politicians and lobbyists whose interest are merely self-serving. The



COURTESY PHOTO BY WYNDI VEIGEL

This is a cross section of the live oak tree closely connected with the Texas legend of General Sam Houston. Houston had used the huge tree to provide shade while giving an eloquent speech in the city of Marshall as a candidate for governor of Texas while campaigning during the 1857 election cycle. The cross section of the famous tree, which was cut down after it died, was maintained. A state historical marker has been placed near where the tree once stood.

time has come to be vigilant and prevent those who would mislead, lie and deceive the people of Texas, from causing her damage. The right course of action is not always the most popular. Thought for the day: Soci-

ety has gotten to the point where everyone has a right, but no one seems to have responsibility.

Until next time.
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Coryell Health 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 ten 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.

The DISPATCH

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of November 7-9. 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. 7

9:45 a.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 2600 block of E. Main Street.

10:59 a.m., animal cruelty was reported in the 2000 block of Waco Street.

4:40 p.m., a theft was reported in the 2300 block of Bridge Street.

6:42 p.m., an assault was reported in the 100 block of Green Acres Drive.

8:41 p.m., a prowler was reported in the 1700 block of Saunders Street.

11:39 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 200 block of Old Osage Road.

Nov. 8

5:50 a.m., an accident was reported in the 2000 block of FM 116.

7:44 a.m., an accident was reported in the 2100 block of E. Main Street.

12:12 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 2300 block of Business Highway 36.

3:24 p.m., a burglary was reported in the 2500 block of Moccasin Bend Road.

5:55 p.m., a noise disturbance was reported in the 1200 block of Westview Drive.

7:31 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of Park Street.

Nov. 9

10:55 a.m., a disturbance was reported in the 2800

block of S. Highway 36.

2:21 p.m., animal cruelty was reported in the 200 block of Ash Drive.

2:49 p.m., an assault was reported in the 2600 block of Jackson Drive.

6:34 p.m., a fight was reported in the 1400 block of Pleasant Street.

7:12 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 3100 block of FM 182.

7:26 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 7800 block of S. Highway 36.

6000 block of Bates Drive.

5:51 p.m., identity theft was reported in the 900 block of Straws Mill Road.

5:57 p.m., illegal burning was reported in the 500 block of CR 148.

Nov. 8

12:35 p.m., a burglary was reported in the 1700 block of Oak Springs Road.

1:10 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on CR 3270.

1:11 p.m., a threat was reported in the 900 block of CR 106.

2:57 p.m., an assault was reported in the 200 block of Cedar Lane.

3:15 p.m., suspicious activity was reported on Hwy. 84 and CR 176.

6:49 p.m., an attempted break in was reported in the 4200 block of FM 1113.

Nov. 9

10:06 a.m., animal neglect was reported in the 2900 block of Popular.

11:02 a.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 2700 block of Pine.

3:32 p.m., missing livestock were reported in the 900 block of Greenleaf Drive.

5:19 p.m., a dog bite was reported in the 600 block of King Country Road.

7:27 p.m., an assault was reported in the 7800 block of S. Highway 36.

8:28 p.m., a possible fire was reported on S. Hwy. 36 and CR 356.

CORYELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Nov. 7

7:21 a.m., an assault was reported in the 1200 block of CR 226.

7:37 a.m., a welfare concern was reported on CR 318.

11:35 a.m., an assault was reported in the 1500 block of Quail Meadows.

2:20 p.m., criminal mischief was reported in the

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CHAMBER MEMBER OF THE MONTH



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The Gatesville Chamber of Commerce recently selected Extraco Bank as its November Member of the Month. The business is located at 800 E. Main Street in Gatesville and can be reached by calling 254-744-5500. Representatives of the chamber were present to present the Chamber of the Month award. Pictured from left are Joy King, Kaira Perez (chamber member), Tatum Hines, Keeley Thomas, Nathan Bragdon, Diana Barnett (chamber member) and Glenda Brown (chamber member). Each month, the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce recognizes a chamber member, and those winners will also be in the running for Chamber Member of the Year, an honor awarded each year at the annual chamber banquet.

MOUND NEWS

Last week's activities included a Baptism, football and dog show

BARBARA HOPSON
Mound News Correspondent

Stephen Dyer was baptized Sunday morning, Nov. 6, at White Mound Baptist Church after the morning worship service. Those attending were his family.

Brodie Fisher played in the last regular season football game for Oglesby against Buckholts. The Oglesby Tigers are district champs and will play Iredell in the first round of playoffs.

Jennifer Miller was honored on her birthday Friday. Debbie Piller hosted a birthday dinner. Those attending were her family members.

On Thursday, Carolyn Blak-

ley, Jerry and Brenda Helms went to College Station to see Emma and take her to lunch, and they also went to an Australian Shepherd National Dog Show.

Carolyn Blakley went shopping in Waco Saturday afternoon.

Robert Blakley was honored on his birthday Sunday with a dinner. That afternoon, his mother, Mrs. Bettie Blakley



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of Pearl, visited with him and his family.

Sue Jones took Kelby and Sterlin Shults and Kristen Jones to the Pumpkin Patch Saturday afternoon in Temple.

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OBITUARIES

MICKIE COLE

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Mickie Cole, age 97, of Gatesville, passed away on Monday, Nov. 7, 2022.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday,

Nov. 14, at Scott's Funeral Home Chapel, with Dr. Lynn Parks officiating. The family will receive visitors one hour prior to services at the funeral home. Interment will follow at Restland Cemetery. For those unable to attend, Mrs. Cole's services will be livestreamed on her obituary webpage at www.scottsfh.com.

Evah Leatrice (Mickie) Cole was born on March 22, 1925, in Brownfield. She was the daughter of the late Thomas and Lois Smith Hamilton. She grew up in the Mound community, graduating from Gatesville High School in 1942. She married Chester Cole on Nov. 24, 1944. They resided in Coryell County all their lives, with the exception of a period of time during which they

lived in Great Falls, Montana where Chester was stationed in World War II. He preceded her in death on Jan. 17, 2002. She attended Eastwood Baptist Church.

She was also preceded in death by her sister, Virginia Straw, and niece Valerie Straw.

Mickie is survived by her son, Kenneth Cole and wife, Lidian, of Arlington, Virginia, and niece, Vicki Trujillo of Bixby, Oklahoma.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to Eastwood Baptist Church, 2518 Main Street, Gatesville, TX 76528, or Coryell Memorial Foundation/Eula P. White Welcome Program, Attn: Cindy, 1507 West Main Street, Gatesville, TX 76528.

TEXAS LEGACY SERIES

John McCoy: Texian Patriot, Patriarch, Fighter, Farmer

JASON CHALL

EDITOR'S NOTE: The story of John McCoy is told by his fifth great-grandson, Jason Chall. Jason is a member and past president of the Alamo Chapter of The Sons of the Republic of Texas in San Antonio. Jason serves the SRT as the Heart of Texas, District Representative and as Chairman of the Communications Committee.

Padre or Devil - guess those are my two nicknames I've earned through the years. The one you choose, I'm afraid, will matter greatly on what side of my temperament you find yourself. I, John "Padre" or "Devil" McCoy, am the rough-around-the-collar dogged head of the McCoy Clan, who set out from the Missouri area for Mexican Texas, DeWitt Colony, in 1827.

My first wife, Nancy Finch Hill McCoy, passed away in Missouri in 1807. The McCoy family now consisted of my new bride, Martha Dunbar, and a mix of older full and younger half-siblings. I had eight children with Nancy: Joseph Hill, Margaret, James, John Jr., Thomas, Samuel Hill, Timothy and Jessie McCoy. Martha and I had two children, Daniel and Louisa.

My decision to go to Texas would be a mixed blessing for the family. Let me explain, Texas delivered all the freedom, opportunity and prosperity we desired but it also came with a heavy price. Five of us McCoy men would never get to see the great state that Texas would become, including myself.

Mexican Texas in the 19th century was a harsh place, not a land for the weak or weary but I seemed to thrive in such an environment. Years out on the frontier in Indian country had forced me to accept the necessity in having to take a life at times to save your own. I also fought on many bitter military campaigns with other McCoyes under Daniel and Capt. Nathan Boone in Missouri.

When I arrived at the DeWitt Colony, I saw such op-

portunity and quickly suggested improvements to the new community right away. Along with another colonist, I constructed the first ferry boat in Texas to provide transportation across the Guadalupe River. We were paid \$95.75 for the work which was pretty-big money.

After almost 20 years in Mexican Texas, we McCoyes had occupied many positions of authority and importance in the DeWitt Colony. For example, my son Jesse had served many terms as sheriff of Gonzales, the capital of the DeWitt Colony. One evening Jesse was summoned to a home of a colonist whose pantry had been taken over by an inebriated Mexican soldado (I'm guessing he was tired of camp rations). As the soldado was being escorted out to the street, he wrestled free and struck Jesse over the head with the butt of his rifle. The Mexican military authority in Gonzales promised severe disciplinary action for the soldado but we later learned none was given. Colonists soon began to gather in protest - this was one of the first sparks that lead to the "Come and Take It" uprising.

When it finally came time for Texas to declare independence, the McCoy clan - James, Jesse, John Jr. and I - all volunteered our much-needed experience, a decision that would later change the McCoy clan forever. Jesse was the first McCoy to pay the ultimate price for the Texian cause. With the Alamo surrounded, Lt. Col. Travis pleaded for anyone to send relief. 1st Lt. Jesse McCoy rode with 32 other men from Gonzales to San Antonio to answer the young Commandant Travis' plea for help. Those famed men are now known as the Immortal 32.

The news of the fall of the Alamo and Jesse's death quickly made its way back to the DeWitt Colony. Panic struck as the colonists grabbed what they could and hastily raced to the protection of the Eastern

colonies, what Texas history calls the "Runaway Scrape." My oldest son, Joseph Hill McCoy, extremely sick with fever, had to be moved from his bed; this proved to be too much for his already weakened state. Joseph died on the road near Nueces.

And on a grim Palm Sunday, March 27, 1836, a third McCoy lost his life for Texas. James, a private in Captain Uriah J. Bullock's Company, wounded and on a cot, was callously executed along with 400 others at the Massacre of Goliad.

John Jr., who survived the Revolution, is listed on the rolls at the Battle of San Jacinto, I'm sure the thoughts of his brothers turned his blood cold, and I feel for any Mexican soldier that crossed his path that heroic day, April 21, 1836.

As for me, my name has popped up in a few stories dealing with the Texian Revolution over the past 180-plus years. Some write that I fired the first cannon shot at Gonzales "The Come and Take It" uprising; others state I was part of the vanguard at San Jacinto that protected the baggage train. And even though it can't be officially proven, many of my descendants like to believe I was on that swampy plain at San Jacinto fighting alongside John Jr. and Gen. Sam yelling "Remember the Alamo" for Jesse and "Remember Goliad" for James - a place where the "Devil" would have surely been?

A year after the Revolution ended, we thought the violence and tragedies surrounding the McCoy clan were now behind us, but we were proven wrong. On a routine survey trip, my son Samuel and I were ambushed and killed by some Kiowa. I felt at those last moments the dual nature of my nicknames, the "Padre" relentlessly protecting my son Samuel with my last breaths and the "Devil" taking as many lives as I could down with me.

The location of John McCoy's grave has never been located.

Holiday office closures warrant early deadlines for Messenger

The Gatesville Messenger's office will be closed Thursday, Nov. 24 and Friday, Nov. 25 for Thanksgiving.

Those wishing to submit news or advertising will need to do so earlier than normal due to an early printing

schedule.

The deadline for the Wednesday, Nov. 23 edition will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16. Deadline for the Saturday, Nov. 26 edition will be 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 17.

As well, the deadline for the

Wednesday, Nov. 30 edition will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 23. The Messenger will return to a normal deadline schedule the following week.

For questions or submissions please call 254-865-5212, ext. 305.

YARD OF THE MONTH



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Keep Gatesville Beautiful announced that its November Yard of the Month Award goes to Gil and Lynn Campbell who live at 113 Green Acres in Gatesville. The couple moved from another state, and they quickly adapted to the different growing conditions of central Texas. Gil said he figured out through research and trial and error that the best thing to do was to plant natives. They owned a design and landscape company where they came from, so that helped, too. Gil planted it all himself. Their home is surrounded by Texas natives and Texas Super Stars, including Knock Out roses, Texas sage, yellow and purple lantana, red salvia, Chinese holly bushes, pink Muhly grass, photinia bushes, and pecan trees. Their lawn is Bermudagrass.

Officers elected at Hemmeline Cemetery Association meeting

The Hemmeline Cemetery Association recently held its annual meeting with 13 people in attendance.

Sidney Kipphen was re-elected as president and as a trustee. Sheila Necessary was re-elected as secretary/trea-

surer and a trustee. Justin Hitt, Alvin Kipphen's grandson, was elected to serve out Alvin's second year as trustee.

Paula Weeks and Malcolm Mallett were re-elected as trustees. All positions are for

a two-year term.

Contributions for upkeep and memorials may be mailed to Hemmeline Cemetery Association, in care of Sheila Necessary, secretary/treasurer, 1050 FM 1783, Gatesville, TX. 76528.

Sausage, noodles, and more on the menu at Grove Community Center's sausage festival today

The Grove Community Center will host its Annual Sausage Festival today, 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 celebrations,

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.

A pigeon gets a military medal

TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Tumbleweed Smith is a newspaper columnist and producer of *The Sound of Texas radio series*

"The pigeon was really the first email. It was the first form of fast communication."

Dennis Graham of Brownwood spoke those words. He gives speeches about pigeons, something he's been involved with since he was a boy. When his dad went on business trips, he took one of Dennis' pigeons with him and released it to fly back home. Recently Dennis attended a national racing pigeon convention in

Florida.

"Out of several thousand birds, one of my pigeons finished in the top 10%," says Dennis. "Winning birds are calculated by yards per minute. My birds flew about 1,700 yards per minute. The winner flew about 1,800 yards per minute. Pigeons are fascinating. When I tell people I have racing pigeons, they always ask how you race a pigeon. Then I explain it to them how the field has changed with the new technology that makes it easy to determine the speed of these unique birds."

Those pigeons were used in World Wars I and II for communication and

reconnaissance missions. Dennis knows about GI Joe, the pigeon that saved some British troops during World War II.

"British soldiers were going into this small town in Italy, Calvi Vecchia, and they were going to move the Germans out. They accomplished their mission ahead of schedule. So now they're in this village, knowing that the allies, the U.S., were getting ready to bomb the city, unaware that the Germans had already been pushed out. The British troops released a U.S. Army homing pigeon called GI Joe, carrying a message that said, 'don't bomb us.' GI Joe flew 20 miles in 20 min-

utes to carry the message, avoiding German bullets and falcons the Germans turned loose to get the pigeons, and landed safely at the air force base with the message just as planes were getting ready to take off and bomb the city."

More than 100 British troops were saved, along with the village itself. The pigeon was flown to London, and at the Tower of London, a presentation was made to GI Joe of The Dickin Medal of Gallantry. The citation credits him with "the most outstanding flight made by a U.S. Army homing pigeon during World War II."

The award is also known as the equivalent to the

Victoria Cross or Medal of Honor for animals. GI Joe was the first non-British recipient of the medal. In 2019, he was posthumously awarded the Animals in War and Peace Medal of Bravery.

GI Joe died at the age of 18 in 1961. He was mounted and is displayed at the museum at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, home of the U.S. Army Pigeon Service, where pigeons are trained for combat. GI Joe's nametag was Pigeon USA 43SC6390.

Dennis says pigeons have done a lot through history; Romans used them years ago for communication.



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GHS' Melanie Diserens receives literacy grant

BY SE'VETTE EARLY
Contributing writer

Melanie Diserens, the English resource teacher and campus ESL (English as a second language) coordinator at the Gatesville High School campus was recently awarded a \$3,400 grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation.

Diserens was recognized for the vital role her position plays in the Gatesville community and granted this money to strengthen her literacy efforts in her classroom.

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation has been helping students for over 30 years increase their potential and pursue their dreams of

a better tomorrow through the power of education. The grants awarded by the DGLF invest in local schools and support teachers.

This grant will serve roughly 35 students per year for many years by providing classroom book sets that are appropriate levels for students with disabilities. It will allow for one-on-one instruction and small groups.

"This grant will foster an attitude of confidence, improve reading comprehension skills, and a love for reading," Diserens said.

This grant also allows the Gatesville High School library to have classroom book sets for students with multiple

grade levels to have reading material they can use. This includes students with disabilities, IEPs, 504 interventions, low-level readers, and entire resource classes to read chapter books that are appropriate for their reading level.

Diserens said, "When students have books that are appropriate for their reading level, they can build on and improve comprehension skills where there are severe gaps," Diserens said. "Reading has been challenging for most students, and they give up before they try." It is important for us as educators to foster a love of reading in them."



SE'VETTE EARLY | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER
Gatesville High School English teacher Melanie Diserens, standing (left) with GHS Principal Marie Barrows, holds a check for \$3,400 that was awarded by the Dollar General Literacy Foundation.

Retired teachers to meet Nov. 17

The next meeting of CRSP (Coryell Retired School Personnel) will be held on Thursday, Nov. 17, at Ranchers' Steakhouse. Social time will be held at 9:30 a.m., and the regular meeting will begin at 10 a.m.

The program for our November meeting will be "Count Your Blessings," presented by Dr. Rev. Dewey "Buddy" Wheat. Then a brief history of The TRTA Foundation will be presented.

Members are reminded to bring a count of volunteer service hours for Debbie Grmela. They may also pick up their yearbook and pay their dues if you have not already done so.

A reminder that on Sat-

urday, Dec. 3, some of the members are going to Cleburne for lunch and to see a performance of "A Christmas Carol" presented by the Plaza Theatre Company at 3 p.m. Those interested in attending but have not signed up, please contact Gayla Linton as soon as possible.

A brief report on their activities at the Boozaar: They set up three tables of free books on the Presbyterian Church parking lot, and probably gave away about 175 books (and candy, of course) to youngsters who stopped by. A lot of children were happy to pick up one or more books, and many parents expressed their approval at the idea of giving away

books. Gail Johnson (a.k.a. "Little Red Riding Hood"), JoAnne Sugg, and Marsha Lee watched the tables and helped with books and candy, but Fran Henshoer, Sue Vernon, Linda Davis, and Mary Bruton also stopped by to offer help.

The Presbyterian Church area was very popular with activities including a bounce house and a dunking booth. CRSP plans on doing this again next year.

They hope to see everyone at the meeting, and hope everyone will enjoy a Happy Thanksgiving on the following Thursday (which would have been their regular meeting date).

Evant ISD taking donations

Since the Evant ISD Angel Tree became virtual last year, there was an overwhelming amount of generosity from

the community. Evant ISD is looking for donations this year for the Angel Tree. Evant is located at 339

North Memory Lane in Evant. For more information on how to donate, please contact Misty Bosse at 254-624-7186.

Upcoming Coryell County youth fair/ major show validation dates

On Saturday, Nov. 12, there will be horse validations held at the Gatesville Riding Club arena. The Coryell County Youth Fair will only need to

attend. On Tuesday, Nov. 15, validations for market/ breeding pigs will be held at the Gatesville Civic Center. Cory-

ell County youth fair and majors will need to attend.

On Saturday, Nov. 19, validations for market/ breeding pigs will take place at the

Evant Agriculture Barn. The Coryell County youth fair and majors will need to attend.

On Tuesday, Nov. 22, there

will be validations held for market/ breeding pigs at the Cove Agriculture Barn. The Coryell County youth fair and majors will need to at-

tend. For more information on validation dates, contact 254-223-1172.

CONGRATULATIONS ON A GREAT SEASON!



GATESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Gatesville lost the third round of playoffs to Lago Vista Tuesday to end their season as

Class 4A Regional Quarterfinalists!

GATESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Class 4A State Meet Results:
Vania Martinez _ 12th Place in the girl's race
Carlo Martinez – 2nd Place in the boy's race
Justin Muegge – 90th in the boy's race



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Brown named Volunteer of the Month at Senior Center

Rebel Brown was recently nominated as the November volunteer of the month at the Gatesville Senior Center. Pam Rudolph, director of the senior center, said, "He really deserves to be volunteer of the month."

Brown retired out of the Air Force after seven years of service and began teaching. He retired from teaching in 2018 and began a life of community service - volunteering at the senior center as well as the Coryell Museum and at the VA.



Brown

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Morris Federation to hold meeting 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 ac-

tivities 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.

Organizers hope to see a large turnout for this meeting.

Annual 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.

LIFESTYLES

Matthews and Sartor exchange vows

It's happily ever after for Mason Kyle Matthews and Tiffany Louise Sartor, both of Gatesville. The grandfather of the bride officiated the ceremony on October 29, 2022, on the beautiful 50-acre Knoxville Ranch Wedding Venue in West, Texas in the presence of family and close friends.

The bride is the daughter of Ryan and Kaci Sartor of Rockwall and Jim and Sherry Barrington of Gatesville. She is the granddaughter of Dan and Loretta Elledge of Gatesville, and Chrissie Sartor and the late James Sartor of Denton. The groom is the son of Kyle and Julie Matthews of Gatesville. He is the grandson of Jerry Clark and the late Mary Ann Clark of Gatesville, the late Vernon Sheets of Gatesville, and Joy Matthews and the late Willard Matthews, of Magnolia.

The maid of honor was cousin of the bride, Tiana Elledge, of Gatesville. Bridesmaids were Hannah Apodaca, Faith Branch, Haylee Meyer and Maci Bourgeois, all of Gatesville, and Maci Matthews, sister of the groom, of Cedar Park. The best man was Garrett Gunnels of Gatesville. Groomsmen were Tyler Bradshaw of Austin, Kyle Blakeman of Houston, Brady Cameron of Richardson, Tully Meyer of Gatesville, and Daniel Sartor, brother of the bride, of Decatur. Ring bearers were Tuff Meyer and Hernan Eufrazio, both of Gatesville. Flower girls were Chloe-Noelle Campbell and Leya Campbell, cousins of the bride, both of Gatesville, and Sabry Lee, cousin of the groom, of McGregor.

The bride was escorted out beautiful wrought iron doors from an upper deck to the gorgeous ceremony site boasting a pond with decorative fountain view as the ceremony backdrop. Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a custom white wedding gown with a plunging V-neck that included an empire silhouette adorned with an embroidered lace sash and a matching soft drop veil. The long sleeved gown had a button back



Mr. & Mrs. Mason Matthews

COURTESY PHOTO

detail and was embellished with floral overlay lace trailing down the shimmer tulle train. The bride carried a cascade-crescent bouquet designed by her mother that included blue, white, and burgundy flowers. She wore a new pair of earrings given to her by her father, an old necklace, and signed her marriage certificate with a borrowed handmade wooden pen. In an emotional moment, the couple exchanged a series of wedding vows they each had prepared expressing their love and promises

to one another.

The wedding was followed by cocktail hour and a reception in the charming Knox Hall. The banquet hall featured framed wrought iron glass doors, vaulted ceilings adorned in crystal chandeliers, and natural wood finishes. Glass floating candle holders topped each table. Pristine white, navy blue, and deep burgundy floral arrangements were the focal point and added greenery tied the look together to symbolize new beginnings.

The bride is currently a

nursing student with expected graduation in spring 2024 and is employed at Coryell Health as a certified nurse aide. The groom is a graduate of Texas A&M University and Tarleton State University. He is currently employed at The First National Bank of Evant (Gatesville branch) as a loan officer. The newlyweds are making their home in Gatesville and will be taking a honeymoon cruise to the Mexican Riviera in early 2023.

Kemp retires from Let's Grow Learning Center

Pam Kemp was recently honored at First Methodist Church in Gatesville for her 22 years of service at

Let's Grow Learning Center. Kemp was originally a teacher at the preschool before later being named

the director. Under Kemp's leadership, when the students leave Let's Grow, they are ready for the transition

into the public school system, and they are well-prepared.



COURTESY PHOTO BY PAM KEMP

Pam Kemp, pictured center, receives recognition from Rev. Stephen Schmidt and Linda Lovelace for her 22 years of service at Let's Grow Learning Center.

Nov. 16 meeting set for Central Texas Travel Club

The next meeting of the Central Texas Travel Club will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 16, at Johnny's Steaks and Bar-Be-Que in Salado, beginning at 11 a.m. They will be discussing trips, including a trip to France next year, which will include Paris and the Normandy region. The meeting is open to

anyone interested in travel, with no membership requirements.

Johnny's Steaks and Bar-Be-Que is located at 301 Thomas Arnold Road in Salado. For more information, contact Central Texas Travel Club on Facebook or at centraltexastravelclub@outlook.com.

Car show 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 for the roles they play.

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.

Country Club hosts workday

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.

Food for Families food drive set for Nov. 18

Gatesville residents will once again have an opportunity to help those in need through the annual Food for Families food drive, which will take place on Friday, Nov. 18, from 6 a.m. until 8 p.m. at the Gatesville Fire Station.

While this year, as in years past, the major goal has been to gather as much food as possible for those in need, this year will include a special tribute to honor

Rusty Garrett, who has been a part of every food drive since 1990. Due to health reasons, Garrett will not be able to attend the event this year. Garrett, who was recently diagnosed with cancer, remains very supportive of the Gatesville community and Food for Families. While Garrett will not be physically present at the event but he will be there in spirit according to Gatesville Care Center Directors

Deral McWhorter and Debbie Blanchard.

Gatesville's Food for Families began in 1990 when 6,317 pounds were donated. McWhorter and Blanchard reported that, "It took us seven years to go over 100,000 pounds." As years progressed, the amounts continued to increase at an amazing rate. As of last year, McWhorter said that the amount of 617,368 pounds was raised. "I do

not take it for granted that Gatesville and the surrounding area is home to some of the most generous, sacrificing, deep-hearted people I could imagine," McWhorter said.

According to the care center directors, the availability of food from the Central Texas Food Bank is very low. "We have been forced to buy the bulk of our food from H-E-B," McWhorter said.

The continued mission of

Food for Families is to help feed people in need in Central Texas. There is a great need for nonperishable food products. Items needed include canned meats such as tuna, chili, stew and chicken, canned vegetables, cereals, baby food, peanut butter, dry beans and rice, along with flour, sugar, cornmeal and pasta.

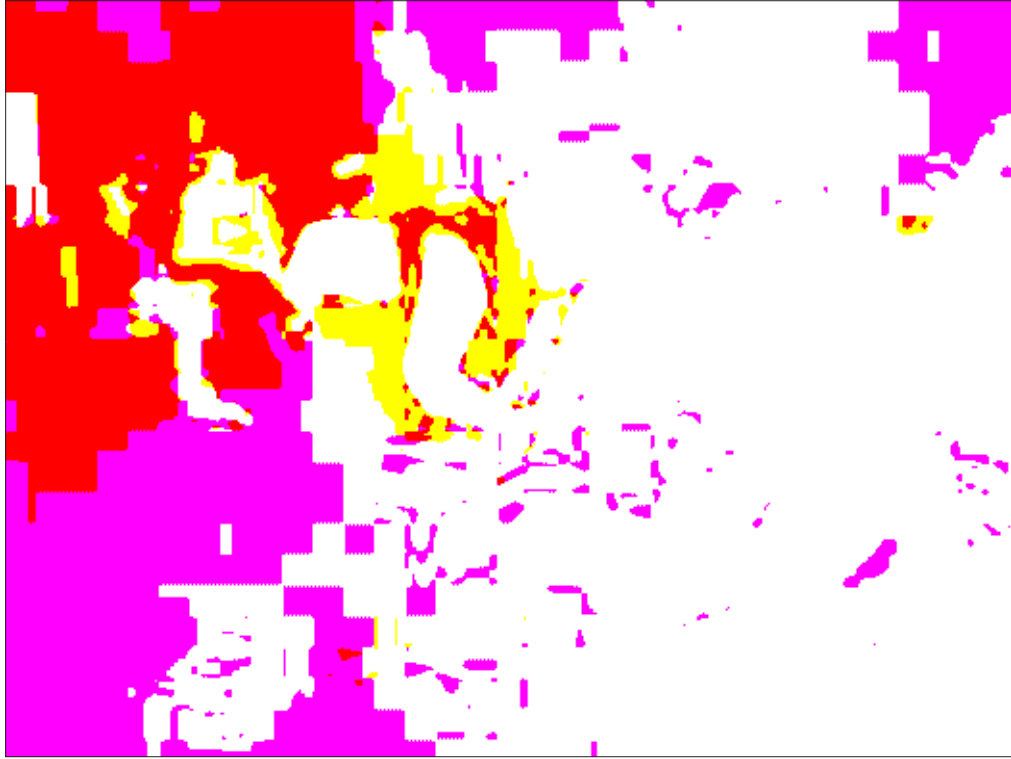
All donations will go to benefit people in need who live in the Coryell County

area, where the donations are made.

The Food for Families program is sponsored by the Longhorn Council of Boy Scouts of America, the H-E-B Grocery Company and area television station KWTX News 10.

"We hope the Gatesville area will rise to the occasion this year. Together we can do this," according to McWhorter and Blanchard.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH'S HARVEST FESTIVAL



DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Last weekend's Harvest Festival at First Methodist Church included a baked potato luncheon, a bake sale, craft sale, garage sale, prize walk and more. Those attending also had the opportunity to purchase tickets for gift basket drawings and a photo opportunity.

Annual Fall Festival today at Mother Neff State Park

Mother Neff State Park will have their annual Fall Fest on Saturday, Nov. 12. The festival will be held at Mother Neff State Park from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Visitors are asked to make sure to check-in at the visitor center for a map and information; admission is free.

There will be plenty of

activities including a storybook trail, guided hikes, scavenger hunts, a Texas Forest Service by Smokey Bear, CCC history, children's crafts, and special programs. The Leon River Dutch Oven Gang will hold a demonstration, and will be giving out samples from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Mother Neff State

Park Association and a Central Texas Master Naturalist will be at the event as well.

Donations are appreciated for MNSPA to help provide for park improvements and other future events. Mother Neff State Park is located at 1921 Park Road 14 near Moody. For more information, call 254-853-2389.

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 awarded

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 Fitness Center is located at 203 N. 34th St. in Gatesville. The Gatesville City Pool is at 300 S. 8th St. For more information on this event call 254-865-4012.



Historical plaque unveiling today at 1904 Leon River Bridge

An unveiling ceremony at the historic 1904 Leon River Bridge in Gatesville will take place today, Saturday, Nov. 12, at 2 p.m. A plaque will be dedicated designating the bridge being placed on the National Register of Historic Places. The bridge was recognized with a Texas historical marker in 1997 following the restoration of the iron bridge which was approved by the Texas State Historical Commission in 1993. The bridge was also recorded as a Texas Historic Landmark in 1996 following its rededication in 1994.

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

A bowstring truss bridge was erected at the site in

1882 and was the first metal truss bridge in Coryell County. It was damaged by two major floods in 1899 and 1900. Following the floods, the county commissioner's court authorized the building of another bridge.

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

The 1904 bridge served as a major east-west artery for central Texas. The road became part of State Highway 7 in 1917 and was renamed U.S. Highway 84 in the 1930s.

The upcoming ceremony will take place with Coryell

County Judge Roger Miller presiding over the plaque dedication where he will talk about the history of the bridge. Joining Judge Miller will be the chairman of the Coryell County Historical Commission, Danny Corbett.

Fishing tournament to benefit Wade Key is tomorrow

A benefit fishing tournament will be held for Gatesville native, Wade Key, as he fights a battle against cancer.

The benefit will be held at the Stillhouse Marina on Sunday, Nov. 13. The entry fee is two hundred dollars per team.

Sign-in will be at 5 a.m.

When checked in, 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 Derrick at 254-495-8126 or Ryan Warren at 254-216-3372.

Letters to Santa due by Dec. 2

The Gatesville Messenger will be once again publishing local children's letters to Santa Claus in a special holiday issue of the paper.

Children up to third grade may submit a letter for publication.

Local schools have been contacted and should either send a form home for your child to complete at home or complete in class.

If your child does not at-

tend school, you may drop the letter off at The Gatesville Messenger office located at 116 S. 6th Street on the courthouse square.

Deadline for submission is Dec. 2 and letters turned

in after deadline will not be published.

After The Messenger is finished with the letters, they will be forwarded to the North Pole.

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Baseball players help serve community



Athletes spend weekend helping others

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(Top left) Gatesville baseball players Braylen Veazey and Antonio Osorio carry a bookshelf during recent community service work.

(Top right) Ethan Jones, a Gatesville baseball player, is all smiles while carrying a board to assist during recent community service efforts.

(Bottom left) From left, Ben Woodson, Ethan Jones, Cayden Benton, Antonio Ozorio, Brayden Mills, William Crozier, Clayton Gregory, Riley Watson and Cody Dotson take time for a picture during a community service project by Gatesville baseball players.

BOOK REVIEW

It's not a conspiracy theory! Or is it?



TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

They're coming to get you. They've done their mischief, their dirty work, things you can't even imagine they're capable of doing. Now you're next, and you won't even know when they strike because they're sneaky like that. They act, then you pay. Or maybe not. Read "Stuff They Don't Want You to Know" by Ben Bowlin with Matt Frederick and Noel Brown and learn the truth about the "facts" and what's really real.

Here's a big shocker: Your government is lying to you.

The authors indicated that it's happening now, and you may have spent considerable time worrying about it in the past few years. It's absolutely true that the government has been involved in some rather sketchy things, but it's also true that some of what you believe isn't a conspiracy and that there's probably a not-so-nefarious explanation.

Take, for instance, the whole idea of chemtrails, HIV, pandemics and your

health.

It's true that in the past, the U.S. government conducted experiments with biological weapons, cloud seeding, and the like. It's true that a lot of what happened then is still classified today. The reality is, though, that there are "very straight-forward scientific and sociological explanations" for all those things.

Black people have a "complicated" history in this country, and it didn't suddenly begin in the 20th century. What happened in Tuskegee, with syphilis, was real, not a rumor, but no-

body's selling one-off sodas today with the sole purpose of sterilizing or sickening entire neighborhoods, and restaurants aren't out to experiment on you.

Are you being tracked by the government? Probably, but not because of a vaccine. "The government doesn't need a chip in a vaccine," the authors noted. You already have plenty of them in the cell phone you carry.

UFOs are real, by definition. If you can't identify what you see in the sky, it's a UFO. Another word for "propaganda" is "advertise-

ment." And yes, absolutely, there's a form of voting, a "shadow system" in which you cannot participate and so far, it's perfectly legal...

You learned it from your father's step-aunt's Facebook knitting group, so that kooky story you heard must be true. The surprise is that "Stuff They Don't Want You to Know" could corroborate what you heard - or it could take things apart, completely and methodically.

Think of it as a private argument finisher for the upcoming family holidays. Authors Bowlin, Fredrick and Brown help readers learn

what a conspiracy theory is and how to ask the right questions about it, to ascertain its validity. Their experiences with the "Stuff They Don't Want You to Know" podcast lends authority when they're destroying harmful myths, and their confident, casual tone grants breezy believability as they explain the nuggets of truth within what may seem to be out-there rumors and concepts.

This book is probably not going to change minds, but it might clarify or declutter some. "Stuff They Don't Want You to Know" could also help to understand those with different thinking - and for that, you should be going to get it.



RECIPE



Try this tasty Texas favorite tonight

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

KING RANCH CASSEROLE *Beverly Gartman Ward*

- 4 chicken breasts, diced and cooked
- 1 can of cream of chicken soup
- 1 can of cream of mushroom soup
- 1 can of chicken broth
- 1 can of cheddar cheese
- 2 c. grated cheddar cheese
- 1 doz. Corn tortillas, chopped fine
- 1 onion, chopped fine
- 1 can of Rotel tomatoes, diced

In a baking dish, place one layer of chicken, half of the sauce (combine the last four ingredients for the sauce), half of the tortillas, half of the onion and half of the cheese. Repeat for the second layer with cheese on top. Bake 1 hour at 350 degrees. Serves 6-8. Serve with Spanish rice and beans.

HOUSES OF WORSHIP

BAPTIST

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Be True to Yourself



"Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails."
—Proverbs 19:21 NIV

OSAGE BAPTIST CHURCH: Chris Thomas, pastor; 7505 FM 185, Gatesville; Sunday services - Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TURNERSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH: Jon Crosby, Pastor; 8120 FM 182, Gatesville; Sunday services - Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m., Wednesday night Bible study, 6 p.m.

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

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

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

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EVANT CHURCH OF CHRIST: Will Vann, Preacher; 310 West Brooks Drive, Evant; Sunday services-Bible Study 9:30 a.m., morning worship 10:20 a.m., evening worship 12:30 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

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Every person is a unique individual with his or her own specific talents, desires and sense of the world. Even identical twins reflect this truth, and although they may appear to be identical at birth, it rapidly becomes evident that they are not mirror images of each other, and as they grow they each carve out their own personal identity. The task of becoming who we are is difficult because we have the freedom and the ability to develop our talents within a fairly broad range. We may be musically or athletically inclined, but neither of these inclinations tells us which instrument or sport will be ideal for us. It is up to us to choose. Likewise, our sense of the meaning and purpose of life—including our overall worldview—can be satisfied with a variety of philosophies or religions, and ultimately we have to choose which one fits us best. This task of becoming who we are is thankfully a task to fill a lifetime. It will take most of us our entire life to get it all figured out. The great American philosopher and psychologist William James lamented late in his life that the great tragedy of life was that when we've finally got it figured out, it's just about over. But isn't that exactly what's great about life? It's big and grand enough to require a long and full life to work it out, and even at the end, we'll still be left with a sense of wonder.
— Christopher Simon

36 South, Gatesville; Sunday services - Morning worship 10:30 a.m.

GATESVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST: Justin Hall, minister; 2417 East Main, Gatesville; Sunday Bible class 9:30 a.m., morning service 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday Bible classes 6:30 p.m.

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MIDWAY CHURCH OF CHRIST: 1955 CR 3640, Copperas Cove, TX 76522; Sunday 9:30 a.m. Bible Study, 10:30 a.m. Worship; Wednesdays 5:30 p.m. Bible Study; Royce 512-734-5390 or Steve 254-865-3559.

PEARL CHURCH OF CHRIST: 6790 FM 183, Pearl; Sunday services - morning worship 10:30 a.m.

CHURCH OF GOD

CORNERSTONE, Greg Demmitt, pastor; 338 State School Road, Gatesville; Sunday services - morning worship 11 a.m. www.facebook.com/pages/cornerstone/140632994733

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ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH: Rev. Christopher Richman, PhD; 10801 FM 929, Gatesville, Coryell City; Sunday services - Morning worship 9 a.m., Sunday School 10:15 a.m.

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH: Rev. John Heckmann, pastor; Hwy. 36 and FM 1114, The Grove; Sunday services - Sunday School 9 a.m., worship 10:15 a.m.

METHODIST

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EVANT METHODIST CHURCH: 235 US-281, Evant, Dennis Dutton, Pastor; Sunday morning worship 10 a.m.

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PEARL COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP: 6735 FM 183, Pearl. Sunday Services: 9:00 a.m.

THE HOUSE THAT GOD BUILT: Bill Trotter, pastor; 3412 E. Main Street, Gatesville; Sunday service 11 a.m., Wednesday service 7 p.m.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF CORYELL

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF SHARON ANN LEMANQUAIS, DECEASED. CAUSE NO 22-10715, COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS. MISTY R. SCHROTER FILED IN THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS ON THE 16TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2022, APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP AND FOR LETTERS OF INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION - INTERSTATE OF SAID SHARON ANN LEMANQUAIS, DECEASED.SAID APPLICATION SHALL BE HEARD AND ACTED ON BY SAID COURT ON OR AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY NEXT AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF TEN DAYS FROM DATE OF POSTING THIS CITATION, THE SAME BEING THE 14TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2022, AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN GATESVILLE, TEXAS. ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID ESTATE ARE HEREBY CITED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY AT THE SAME ABOVE MENTIONED TIME AND PLACE BY FILING A WRITTEN ANSWER CONTESTING SUCH APPLICATION SHOULD THEY DESIRE TO DO SO. GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY IN GATESVILLE, TEXAS THE 3rd day of November, 2022.
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- ▶ 8.5 Acres, 2 Br, 2 Ba Home, Gustine TX, 2 car attached carport, 2 living areas. 1 water well, metal build with concrete slab & an older wooden barn. \$255,000
- ▶ 10.01 acres east of Evant, TX. Lot 8 Phase 5 Rio Escondido Subdivision, good tree cover, rolling terrain, great views to build a home, gated subdivision. \$119,900
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- ▶ 11 +/- acres at Arnett, TX in Coryell County. Good tree cover, nice home site, the property will need to be fenced on the east boundary. You will need to drill a water well for water. \$179,500
- ▶ 11.64 acres 3/2 home south of Evant, TX in Coryell County. Nice porch, large master Br and Bath, barn, workshop, seasonal creek, Hwy. 281 frontage. \$850,000
- ▶ 20.02 acres, Evant, TX, CR 421, Hamilton County, Lot No. 21, Mulberry Creek, rolling terrain, good tree cover. \$250,000
- ▶ 21 acres south of Evant TX, CR 154 W, Coryell County, rolling terrain, scattered tree cover, good views, electricity running across the property. \$252,000
- ▶ 25 acres west of Purlma, TX on CR 181. Stock tank, good exterior fencing on 3 sides, 1 side will need to be fenced, coastal and native grasses. \$275,000
- ▶ 25.06 acres Potts-ville, TX Hamilton County, Paloma Vista Subdivision Lot 31, rolling terrain, scattered tree cover, great views. \$275,000
- ▶ 33.43 acres, near Coryell City, Coryell County, FM 929 & CR 260 frontage, rolling terrain, good views. \$295,000
- ▶ 36 +/- acres west of Evant, TX, Hamilton County. Scattered tree cover & rolling terrain, Fiber Optic Internet Service, you will need to drill a water well. \$387,000
- ▶ 47.332 ac. south of Ireland, TX, good tree cover, rolling terrain, good fencing on 3 sides, southside will need to be fenced. \$395,000
- ▶ 50.07 acres 8 miles south of Evant TX, Coryell County CR 154, rolling terrain, good tree cover and good views. \$425,000
- ▶ 50.28 acres 8 miles south of Evant TX, Coryell County CR 154, rolling terrain, good tree cover, good views, electricity on northeast corner of property. \$425,000
- ▶ 50.24 Acres, 3/2.5 home, 2171 CR 419, Evant, TX, rolling terrain, 40% being good tree cover, the remaining balance being open pasture, great views. \$675,000
- ▶ 52.73 Acres, 3/2.5 barn/dundomium, 1197 CR 404, Hamilton, TX. Water well, metal building, nice porch, good tree cover, rolling terrain, 2 tanks, good fences. \$899,000
- ▶ 68.9 Acres, 3/2.5 rock home, 101 Mac Dr., Gatesville, TX, approx. 2900 ft of Leon River frontage, ceramic tile floors, carpet in the bedrooms, vaulted ceiling, rock fireplace, granite countertops, breakfast bar, garden tub, metal building approx. 45 ft x 24 ft, older barn approx. 50 ft. x 30 ft., cattle pens, 1 stock tank, approx. 48 acres of coastal. \$1,375,000
- ▶ 74.264 acres west of Purlma, TX, FM 1241 & CR 181, stock tank, barn, cattle pens, good exterior fencing, approx. 65 acres w/coastal & native grasses. \$556,980
- ▶ 88.007 acres, 36 ft. Travel Trailer, 25 ft. x 30 ft. metal barn, Electricity, 1 tank, seasonal branch, water well, scattered tree cover, good hunting. \$720,000
- ▶ 100.054 acres 8 miles south of Evant TX, Coryell County, rolling terrain, good tree cover, good views. electric on property. \$850,000
- ▶ 105 acres south of Pearl, TX on Self Rd. Good tree cover, rolling terrain, small branch, barn, rain harvest system, \$743,775
- ▶ 179.562 acres 1.6 miles south of Gatesville, TX, FM 116 frontage, great views, stock tank, rolling terrain & scattered tree cover. \$1,230,000
- ▶ 252.87 Acres, 3 Br, 2 Ba home, open floor plan, wood burning fireplace, breakfast bar, ceramic tile in kitchen, breakfast area & bathrooms. Laminite wood flooring in living room & carpet in 2 bedrooms, inground pool with slab that was poured for a future outdoor kitchen, 3 car attached carport with 12 ft. x 13 ft. storage building, a 60 ft. x 66 ft. metal building with 24 ft. x 60 ft. lean-to, there is also approx. 900 sq. ft. that has been framed out for living quarters inside the main part of the building, good exterior & interior fencing, set of cattle pens near the center of the property, rolling terrain with scattered tree cover and great views. \$2,150,000

Hornets overpower Live Oak in girls basketball opener



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Gatesville's Taylor Coward battles for control of the ball in the season-opening basketball game on Nov. 9 against Live Oak Classical school of Waco. The Hornets overpowered the visiting Falcons 55-14.



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Kamryn Higginbotham drives down the court for the Gatesville Hornets in the first game of the season against Live Oak Classical School of Oak. GHS earned a 55-14 victory.

Hornets ground Falcons with 55-14 triumph

The Gatesville Hornets opened the 2022-23 basketball season with a resounding 55-14 triumph over the Live Oak Classical School Falcons on Nov. 9 in Gatesville.

The game was originally slated for Nov. 8 but was moved back a day because of the GHS volleyball playoff game.

It was also the first game for new head coach Kim Chaffin in Gatesville. Chaffin previously coached at Muleshoe High School in West Texas.

Members of the varsity girls basketball

team include: Paige Sentillas, Aliyah Trotter, Kylie Cox, Alanda Wimberly, Kamryn Higginbotham, Taylor Coward, Emma Pollard, Laura Trejo, Kagen Hunt and Tamiah Miller.

The Hornets are scheduled to hit the road for their next two games, which will be at San Saba today (Nov. 12) and Belton on Nov. 15.

The next home game for the Hornets will be on Nov. 18 against Troy.

Assistant coaches for the team are Cynthia Moore and Ryan Dillon.



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Paige Sentillas works to get past a Live Oak defender in the Gatesville Hornets' 55-14 win.

OCTOBER EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Department Head of the Month:
Kayla Bushong




Kayla goes above and beyond and is always ready to help when needed. She has spent hours after work even helping with transport to make sure our residents are at their appointments.

Employee of the Month:
Shawna Gallow



Shawna is a Charge Nurse who is very reliable. She never complains, is compassionate towards others and she always makes sure her residents' needs are met.

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



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Gatesville Junior High Football

7B vs. Lorena

	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Gatesville	0	0	0	0	0
Lorena	12	0	6	7	25

Leading Rushers: Wayne Brumalow- 1 for 16
Leading Passers: Havik Appelton- 2 for 3, 10 yards
Leading Receivers: Brensyn Pope- 1 for 8
Leading Tacklers/Defensive players: Keegan Redford- 4 tackles, 2 TFL; Payden Garrett- 3 tackles; Pate Foster- 2 tackles
Season Record: 5-3

7A vs. Lorena

	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Gatesville	7	0	6	0	13
Lorena	0	0	0	7	7

Leading Rushers: Grady Keeton- 12 for 95 yards; Eli Phillips- 3 for 53 yards; Draven Henderson- 3 for 10, TD
Leading Passers: Grady Keeton- 4/6, 40 yards, TD; Eli Phillips- 1/2- 5 yards
Leading Receivers: Draven Henderson- 4 for 40, TD; Kaydon Buster- 1 for 5 yards
Leading Tacklers/Defensive players: Eli Phillips- 7 tackles; Stephen Walker- 6 tackles, 1 sack, 1 TFL, 1 pass deflection; Grady Keeton- 6 tackles; Aiden Zachary- 6 tackles, 1 sack; Draven Henderson- 4 tackles, 2 TFL, 1 sack; Camden Webb- 3 tackles; Isaac Crawford- 3 tackles; Braxton Brown- 3 tackles, 1 TFL; Kaydon Buster- 3 tackles
Leo Leon- had one made XP
Season Record: 8-1

8B vs. Lorena

	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Gatesville	0	0	6	0	6
Lorena	6	7	0	7	20

Leading Rushers: Preston Seager- 4 for 38, TD
Leading Passers: Case Wendeborn- 3/5, 17 yards;
Leading Receivers: Bo Kelley- 2 for 12; Tucker Melton- 1 for 5; Doug Blanck- 1 for 5
Leading Tacklers/Defensive players: Braxton Boyd- 5 tackles; Vanden Phillips- 4 tackles; Cooper Combs- 2 tackles, 1 TFL, 1 INT; Bo Kelley- 4 tackles; Charles McLeod- 3 tackles, 1 TFL; Landyn Miller- 2 tackles
Season Record: 4-5

8A vs. Lorena

	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Gatesville	0	0	6	0	6
Lorena	6	12	6	7	31

Leading Rushers: Trey Howard- 6 for 27; Andrew Ballantine- 3 for 34
Leading Passers: Trey Howard- 8 for 18, 68 yards, TD
Leading Receivers: Seth Baize- 3 for 67, TD
Leading Tacklers/Defensive players: Gorge Carmona- 6 tackles; Trey Howard- 3 tackles, TFL, PBU; Ian Gillmore- 4 tackles, 2 TFL, Andrew Ballantine- 4 tackles; Carson Griffith- 4 tackles; Nick Shafer- 3 tackles
Season Record: 3-6

Outstanding volleyball season ends

BY JEFF OSBORNE
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

The 2022 volleyball campaign did not end the way the Gatesville High School varsity volleyball team or fans wanted - so close to reaching a berth in the regional tournament but falling short. But that does not diminish what was accomplished in an outstanding season - the best showing in a decade.

Led by seniors Kaleigh Haywood, Rachel Garrett, Charlee Barron, Lola Barron and Khloe Mathews, the Hornets accomplished things that could only be dreamed about before the season began, and which seemed unlikely with a 1-3 start in district. Not only did the team turn things around, they were able to hand an outstanding Salado team its first loss in district play and they finished the regular season 6-1 against district opponents - including the game vs. Robinson in McGregor to determine playoff seeding.

The Hornets then proceeded to win both bi-district and area championships, and earned their first trip to the regional quarterfinals since 2012.

While some may look back at the 3-2 loss to Lago Vista and wonder what might have been, the team and GHS fans can look back on a dream season that pushed the program to new heights and could be the foundation for even greater success in the future.

Against Lago Vista, the team had some incredible moments and inspired play. Seniors Mathews and Haywood showcased power and poise, while Lola Barron was an ace machine at times serving for the team and each player had some big plays.

After Gatesville stormed to a 2-0 lead it seemed improbable that Lago Vista would mount such an unbelievable comeback, but momentum in sports can turn quickly. GHS very nearly mounted a game three comeback after trailing much of that contest, but that prize remained just out of reach.



Coach Janey Weber huddles for a talk with the Hornet volleyball team during their regional quarterfinal game against Lago Vista. The Hornets advanced to round three of the state high school volleyball playoffs for the first time since 2012.

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Whether the team was enjoying great prosperity or battling strong adversity, one thing that never wavered during the playoffs was the incredible fan support for those who stood behind the Hornets through thick and thin.

The roar of the crowd led to an ear-ringing evening, and hopefully that type of support will carry over into 2023.

Gatesville head coach Janey Weber, who was part of some outstanding GHS volleyball teams herself before graduating in 2011, said the fan support can be credited for helping to spark and inspire the team.

"We couldn't have done it without them - our fans have been great," she said. "It definitely helps when you have that type of home at-

mosphere away. I can't say enough about the strong support of our fans."

The team battled through plenty of adversity early in the season, and endured a 1-3 start in district, but the Hornets battled through that and turned the tables.

"They came out in the second half of district and showed a lot of perseverance," Weber said. "That continued into the playoffs. This team has come so far. They need to be proud of their accomplishments this year. They've come so far."

Looking ahead to 2023, the team will welcome the return of Barrett Boyd, Laura Trejo, Ally Penrod, Emma Pollard, Taylor Sanderson and Tamiah Miller. That's just the players on the final varsity roster who are either freshmen, sophomores or juniors.



Lola Barron sets the ball up for a spike by Khloe Mathews in action on Nov. 8. That combination scored several points for the Hornets throughout the regular season as well as the playoffs.

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The team will also be able to count on some players moving up from the junior varsity and freshman ranks.

"We have a lot to build on and that's a good thing," Weber said. "Our upperclassmen did a great job of setting the example. I am very proud of them for being the leaders we needed."

Members of the 2022 Hornets included:

* Sophomore Vania Martinez

* Junior Barrett Boyd
* Junior Laura Trejo
* Sophomore Ally Penrod
* Freshman Taylor Sanderson

* Senior Rachel Garrett
* Senior Charlee Barron
* Freshman Emma Pollard
* Sophomore Tamiah Miller
* Senior Kaleigh Haywood
* Senior Lola Barron
* Senior Khloe Mathews
* Head coach Janey Weber
* Assistant coaches Ashley

Drozd-Hubik and Andrea Holdbrook

* Managers Avery Meelbusch and Hayleigh Webb.

All State Academics

* GHS had four players named to the Academic All State team. Lola Barron and Khloe Mathews were named to the first team, while Charlee Barron and Rachel Garrett earned honorable mention. The award is based on GPA, class rank and ACT/SAT scores.



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Kaleigh Haywood goes airborne for a serve against the Lago Vista Lady Vikings in the Hornets' regional quarterfinal playoff game on Nov. 8 at Lake Belton High School.



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FANTASTIC FANS: Strong fan support helped energize the Hornets and created a home-like atmosphere in the team's three playoff contests.