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Exchange Club honors those who protect, serve

BY JEFF OSBORNE
Senior writer & editor

The contributions of area first responders and law enforcement officers were celebrated during a breakfast that the Gatesville Exchange Club held to honor those who protect and serve local residents.

Among those attending were employees of the Coryell County Sheriff's Office, Gatesville Police Department, the Attorney General's Office, the Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM) and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

"Thank you for the job you do every day," said Nathan Gohlke, the city of Gatesville police chief and a member of the Exchange Club, a local service organization. "It's a tough job and every day we see the things you do to help our community."

Bob Harrell, the TDEM liaison for Coryell County who has been involved in emergency management for several years, talked about the roles played by those who help keep people safe.

"You do a great job taking care of us," Harrell said. "You guys are the ones out there every day taking care of business and making sure the county is safe and our citizens are informed."

He said the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has several different lifelines that it focuses on as part of the process to prepare for and respond to emergencies. These include: safety and security; health and medical care; communications; hazardous materials; food, water and shelter; energy (power and fuel); and transportation.

Harrell said although many people do not think about it, hazardous materials move through the community on U.S. Highway 84 and Texas Highway 36, and emergency management has to be aware of the risks and ready to respond if an emergency arises.

If a major disaster arises, such as power outages resulting from severe weather, Har-



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Area law enforcement, firefighters and EMS personnel were among those honored during a special breakfast at the Junction at 36 restaurant sponsored by the Gatesville Exchange Club.

rell said community leaders work to make sure that food, water and shelter is available to those who need it.

During a winter storm in 2021, the state and the county experienced power outages and Harrell said unexpected difficulties were experienced during the response.

"We had generators on inclines and we couldn't get the propane trucks up there to refuel them," he said. "Those generators

were in dire need of fuel. It's all about preparation, and we need to make sure fuel is available for vehicles, too.

"The last lifeline is transportation, and when we integrate a plan we look for whatever resources are available, whether it's school buses, The HOP (regional transportation services) or even reaching out to the military for assistance."

Being ready for an emergency is vital to the

community, Harrell said.

"What are the chances for an emergency in our county in the next six months?" he asked. "They are pretty high, frankly, and that's not just a major incident. We've also had wildfires, tornadoes, freezes. It's important to make sure we keep things running as smoothly as possible in difficult situations. That's why I'm thankful for you guys every day."

Greeting a veteran



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Bishop, a therapy dog for the Gatesville school district, offers a friendly greeting to a veteran during the Veterans Day program on Nov. 11 at Gatesville High School.

County leaders move ahead with construction plans for expanded jail, justice center

BY JEFF OSBORNE
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Efforts to bring the Coryell County Jail in compliance with state standards regarding the number of inmates housed, and also to build a new county justice building took another step forward as the Coryell County Commissioners Court recently approved moving to the next phase with construction plans.

While the state Jail Standards Commission continues to list Coryell County's jail as being noncompliant, efforts are being made to remedy the situation by expanding the jail as soon as possible. County leaders have been working with Jeff Heffelfinger of Southwest Architects to get plans approved by state officials. The county recently got a dose of good news regarding those efforts.

"We were issued a letter indicating that the proposed expansion meets minimum jail standards," Commissioner Scott Weddle said. "There will also be a major review during design and construction."

County Judge Roger Miller pointed to some uncertainties including the ability to bring the jail expansion to the edge of the property line, as well as the need for a covered area to be added in front of the justice building to accommodate potential jurors, along with a number of other items.

"We could sit here and debate for the next 30, 60, 120 or 365 days," Weddle said. "Sure, there are still a few details we need to figure out but we need to move forward. Every construction project has that concern. ... We have

to deal with those things as we get into it."

Temporary buildings, which could be located at the old MHMR site (across the street from H-E-B on Lutterloh Street) would help to resolve one concern — where to move employees of the Pct. 3 and 4 justices of the peace offices. Those offices are currently at the old jail site, which has reported problems with rodents and numerous other issues. That site would be demolished as part of new construction plans.

Of the temporary options, Pct. 3 Justice of the Peace Jim Caldwell said, "It would be better than what we have — no rats."

Miller said there are still some unresolved issues — including parking space requirements — that need to be determined.

"I've built a lot of things and that's just one of the steps and part of the process," said Commissioner Kyle Matthews. "They understand we're not going to snap our fingers and poof — the building is up."

Weddle addressed Miller's concerns. "If I understand your concerns regarding the timing of the project, a parking lot doesn't take as long. A building will take several months but with a parking lot, they can probably whip that out in 60 days," he said.

"Those are very valid questions but as the project goes along we have to address them in a timely fashion. I don't believe we can do it all today."

Miller said he does not want to derail the project, but wants to resolve issues related to construction sooner rather than later.

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I think the better we have the process outlined the better off we'll be. It's not to hold up the project, I just want to answer those questions. I don't think any of these questions are insurmountable, but I want to make sure the demolition projects are fully funded.

"My gut feeling is we should firm up a couple more things. I'll concede in a construction process not everything can be guaranteed. But (approval) locks us into the second phase, fees and all."

The court voted to proceed with the next phase and deal with those issues as they arise.

Regarding the ability to build up to the property line — one of the concerns voiced by Miller — Weddle pointed to actions taken by the city when former County Commissioner Daren Moore was mayor of Gatesville.

"When Daren Moore was the mayor, the city

approved requirements for building in the historic area (near the courthouse and where the jail would be expanded and the justice building would be constructed," Weddle said. "All around the courthouse, buildings are sharing walls with zero lot lines. They are required to have a level 2 firewall. The jail will have a level 2 firewall. It will meet requirements and I believe we can assume the current zero lot lines would be allowed by the current rules."

Miller asked if there are any hurdles that could stop the construction plans.

"Is there anything within our control or influence that would potentially prevent the construction process? Is there anything that would be a stumbling block moving forward?"

"I don't foresee anything that cannot be overcome," Weddle said. "To me, approval from the jail standards commission was the biggest hurdle. I'm as judicious and prudent as you are but we've got to move forward. I don't see any issues that we won't be able to work out."

Preparation is Crucial



Bob Harrell, the Coryell County liaison for the Texas Department of Emergency Management, recently talked about disaster response and preparation during a meeting of the Gatesville Exchange Club.

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County focuses on paying for upcoming construction

BY JEFF OSBORNE

Senior writer & editor

It's one thing to need a larger jail and a justice building in Coryell County, but it's quite another thing to pay for it.

The funding source for the county's jail expansion project and the construction of a justice building were addressed during a recent commissioners court meeting by Vince Viaille, an adviser with Specialized Public Finance, which is based in Austin.

In a summary of options, he noted that the county would have to make payments for the projects during a seven-year timeframe based on the funding option the Coryell County Commissioners Court has chosen.

"With a \$4.6 million project, that would add approximately 2 cents

on the tax rate," Viaille said. "We are anticipating a 4% interest rate. That is high compared to recent years but less than it has been historically. There would be estimated annual payments of \$785,000 per year over seven years."

He said if the justice building is added, payments would be \$1 million and \$55,000 over the same timeframe, with an impact of 2.8 cents on the tax rate.

"On January 24 we will come back to the commissioners court with bids in hand, and the closing date would be February 16," Viaille said. "The county would receive the funds on the closing date."

County Judge Roger Miller said the construction costs will be offset by a significant savings in sending inmates to other counties to be jailed, because the Coryell County Jail does not have adequate space.

"I do believe we will save at least \$750,000 per year on housing inmates outside the county, although we will still have to house some inmates out of the county," Miller said. "The impact to the FY '24 (2024 fiscal year) tax rate is .8 cents. It is my belief with our current tax rate, we will be able to accommodate that."

Miller said he is concerned that the estimated cost of the project at \$6.2 million "might be a little bit low. I'm still concerned about the cost of demolition (of the old jail and the building currently housing the Texas Department of Public Safety)."

Commissioner Scott Weddle asked if he thought \$6.3 million would be sufficient.

"I don't know what the number is — the demolition part is what concerns me," Miller said. "Also, the

paving of additional parking areas. I'm more comfortable in the \$6.8 to \$6.9 (million) range. I think we can work the savings and tax revenue to offset this. I do not believe growth in the county will stop.

Commissioner Kyle Matthews said while he agreed that initial estimates were "a little low," he said he did not believe the project "would come close to needing \$6.8 or \$6.9 (million)."

Viaille said the commissioners court had until Dec. 20 to determine the amount of money needed.

"We can't be in a position where we come up short," Miller said.

"I agree," Weddle said.

Miller asked County Auditor Ben Roberts if there were any issues he was concerned about regarding the project.

"My only question is why we decided on a seven-year term (in-

stead of a longer period to pay off costs)," he said. "That won't prevent me from approving the plan."

Miller said the seven-year option was chosen "to keep it to the shortest timeframe and reduce expenses. I think we're in a good position to support this."

"I concur," Weddle said. "I also anticipate that the rate the county is spending to house inmates (currently \$1.3 million annually) is going to balloon."

In addition to expanding the jail to meet state requirements, a reason to expand the jail is to reduce those payments Weddle referred to.

Further action on a payment plan could take place at the Nov. 22 commissioners court meeting or at the court's December meeting.

1st Cav trains at California event

FORT IRWIN, California — 1st Cavalry Division participated in Project Convergence 2022, an experiment offering opportunities to access future warfighting strategies, including how the All-Service and Multinational Force can work together to detect and defeat threats Sep. 29 through Nov. 9 at Fort Irwin, California.

The First Team's primary mission during the experiment consisted of forming attack positions each morning while moving to the landing departure zone in the M113 Tracked Armored Personnel Carrier, M1A2 SEP v3 Abrams Tank, M2A3 Bradley Fighting Vehicle, and the Joint Light Tactical Vehicle (JLTV) while fighting the opposing forces. Each day new technology is added to the mission to test the success and practicality of the technology when used in a life-like scenario.

Electronic assets allowed the unit to conduct reconnaissance and bring out the enemy without endangering Troopers, preserved combat power of larger platforms, scan the battlefield in a minimal amount of time, and allowed the commander to make decisions with less risk.

The assets also allowed rapid communications with allied partners across the spectrum of operations, reducing the time needed for decision making and allowing for more rapid target engagement by the 1st Cavalry artillery.

The 1st Cav is transforming by integrating these new technologies across the formation to enhance our ability to compete globally, deter adversaries, and win on all-domain battlefields.

"I firmly believe that everything we do here is something that we'll see throughout the Army over the next 60 years," said Lt. Col. Brennan Speakes, 1st Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, commanding officer. "This is the equivalent of the Army moving from the horse drawn



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Sgt. Michael Trask calls for grid coordinates on the opposing forces during training exercises at Fort Erwin in California.

cavalry to the armored formations we know today."

Army Futures Command established Project Convergence in 2020 as an opportunity for collaboration, experimentation and a way of informing how we fight, how we organize, the talent we need and what we fight with.

"1-7 Cav is going to be the best trained squadron in the Army by next summer," said Maj. Gen. John B. Richardson IV, 1st Cavalry Division commanding general. "You are building an incredible reputation right now across the Army."

Project Convergence is designed to aggressively advance and integrate the Army's contributions to the Joint and Multi-National Force and ensure that the Army, as part of the Joint and Multi-National partner's fight, can rapidly and continuously converge effects across all domains including air, land, sea, space and cyberspace, to overmatch our adversaries, increase operational tempo and generate decision advantage over our adversaries.

Convergence means integrating efforts across all echelons, from the tactical to the strategic level, to deliver

optimal lethal and non-lethal effects across all domains.

"Project Convergence 2022 is good for not only the training value for the squadron, but to learn the use and capabilities of this new technology," said Sgt. Tyler Tackett, 1st Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, bradley gunner. "Hopefully PC22 will help with the further development of these vehicles, and to help solve problems for the future of the Army."

These experiment demonstrations and future modernization capabilities inform Army emerging technologies, future concepts and future formations.

"Hopefully we leave our mark as a contributor to future technologies that are going to help the Army fight our future wars," said Cpt. Rannie Lintag, 1st Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, human resources officer.

"I couldn't be prouder of the team that's out here," said Speakes. "This team is making things happen, and I've seen a stark improvement in not only their capabilities, but also their leadership potential."

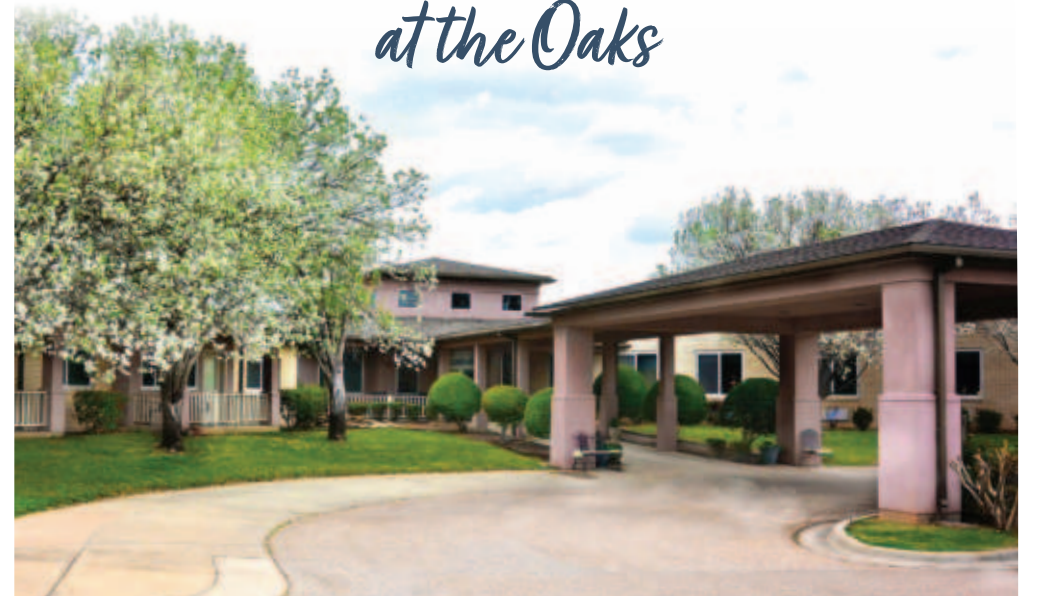


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FROM MY FRONT PORCH

The election is over, and now the time for governing begins



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

out what to do now that he has it.

You probably have seen how this plays out. The first few weeks pass where they do some grandstanding and play to their homebase, then the new office holders suddenly exhibit that “deer in the headlights” look as they start tackling the cornucopia of challenges before them. Most of them learn it is a lot easier to yell from the sidelines than it is to carry the football when a bunch of 300-pound linemen are chasing you.

There is a difference in campaigning and governing. Candidates yell those time-worn phrases saying they will cut taxes, eliminate waste, “get rid of the good old boys” and be more “transparent.” It all sounds good, it has an appeal to the masses, and the message does get some candidates elected. It also plays to the fiction that some mysterious powerbroker controls governmental goings on, and if we only get rid of “them” and replace them with “us,” all our problems are solved.

Officeholding is hard work. Everyone tries to tell you how to do the job and complains incessantly about whatever actions you take. There are laws to follow about what you can do, when you can meet and what topics can be discussed. It takes patience, understanding, and a willingness to work with others for the greater good. In order to govern well, an elected leader must genuinely care about their constituents and do what is right, no matter the party and no matter the agenda of their financial backers. As my friend President Sam Houston is frequently quoted, “Do the right thing and then suffer the consequences.”

Recently on social media I read where one of our elected officials stated he was not going to take a position on an issue that was clearly his responsibility because if he did it will make both sides of the argument mad at him. Stop and think about that for just a second because I think it is systemic of our political failings. This elected official cared not about fulfilling the obligations of the office for which he was elected. He cared not about what was right or wrong or even legal or illegal. The issue for him was whether he would lose voters in the next election. This is not leadership. It is not even politics. It is a failure to have the character to do what is the right thing and fulfill the obligations of the office they swore to God to uphold.

Governing is a tough and thankless business. It is choosing and prioritizing. Every time a tax is imposed it must be paid by the citizens. Every time we fail to make infrastructure improvements that are reasonable and necessary, traffic backs up, schools underperform, and police/firemen are underfunded. Yes, these are tough challenges and require quite a balancing act. Elected officials asked for the job and now they have it. I can only hope decisions are based on what is good for the community, what follows the law, and what makes good common sense. Is that too much to ask?

Thought for the day: Politicians promise you heaven before the election and give you hell afterward.

Until next time.

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PHOTOS BY DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Coryell County Judge Roger Miller joined members of the Historical Commission on the historic 1904 Leon River Bridge. Pictured are Miller and members of the historical commission Nancy Ashcraft, Sherry Hopson, Sherry Lawrence, Coryell County Historical Commission Chairman Danny Corbett, Janice Barnhill and David Scott.



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Coryell County Judge Roger Miller read the history of the 1904 Leon River Bridge during the plaque unveiling ceremony on Saturday.



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Coryell County Judge Roger Miller Coryell County poses with Historical Commission Chairman Danny Corbett to show off the new National Register of Historic Places plaque at the 1904 Leon River Bridge.

King Baptist offers community-wide Thanksgiving feast

King Baptist Church is inviting the public to its annual “Community-Wide Thanks-

giving Feast.” Everyone is invited to join then to share a meal and to enjoy the com-

pany of the community.

The meal will take place on Saturday, Nov. 26, at 6 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. King Baptist Church is located at 6730 FM 1783 near Gatesville. For more information, call 254-865-7075.

King Baptist Church can trace its roots back to 1875 when the Baptist congregation was first organized. The current sanctuary was built in 1975 and the church has continued to serve the surrounding area for 147 years.

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National Register of Historic Places plaque unveiling at 1904 bridge

The Texas State Historical marker at the 1904 Leon River Bridge recently had an additional plaque installed designating the site as being placed on the National Register of Historic Places. County Judge Roger Miller was present for the plaque unveiling and presented a detailed history on the purchase and construction of the bridge in 1904. Chairman of the Coryell County Historical Commission, Danny Corbett, along with Judge Miller, performed the unveiling.

According to Miller, 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 later renamed U.S. Highway 84 in the 1930s. The bridge was closed by the county due to safety and liability concerns in 2015. “We will continue to work with the city until a funding source is identified to restore and preserve the bridge for current and future generations,” Miller said.

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Operation Christmas Child is underway; great way to help provide underprivileged children around the world with Christmas gifts

Volunteers from local churches have been busy packing shoeboxes of gifts for shipment to children throughout the world for the annual Operation Christmas Child collection week.

Operation Christmas Child, a faith-based project of Samaritan's Purse, has the mission to "provide God's love in a triangle way to children in need around the world" and to "share the good news of Jesus Christ."

In summer 1993, Samaritan's Purse President Franklin Graham received a call from a man in England asking if he'd be willing to fill shoeboxes with gifts for children in war-torn Bosnia. Graham agreed. Every year since, Samaritan's Purse has collected shoebox gifts filled with toys, school supplies and hygiene items for children around the world.

Each November, volunteers fill shoeboxes then deliver them to the local collection

point for travel to a processing center. Coryell Community Church is the local collection point for the Gatesville area. All week, volunteers at CCC have been collecting boxes from area churches and community members and preparing those boxes for worldwide distribution.

The project is an enormous undertaking and relies heavily on a network of volunteers in communities around the country.

HOW TO PACK YOUR SHOEBOX:

- Start with an average-size cardboard or plastic shoebox. If you want to wrap it, cover the box and lid separately.

- Use a label to indicate whether your shoebox is packed for a boy or girl, and which age category. Age categories include: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14.

- Select a medium to large "wow" item, such as a soccer ball or a stuffed animal. Then

fill with other small toys, hygiene items and school supplies. Do not forget to also include a personal note or photo.

Although Monday, Nov. 21, is the deadline to deliver shoeboxes, individuals may also visit the Samaritan's Purse website to build a shoebox.

Operation Christmas Child drop off times are listed below:

- Wednesday, Nov. 16: 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 17: 4 p.m.-6 p.m.
- Friday, Nov. 18: 11 a.m.- 1 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 19: 1 p.m.- 3 p.m.
- Sunday, Nov. 20: 9 a.m.- 11 a.m.
- Monday, Nov. 21: 9 a.m.- 11 a.m.

For more information on Operation Christmas Child contact the Coryell Community Church at 254-248-0849.



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Shoeboxes of gifts are shipped to children throughout the world for the annual Operation Christmas Child, a faith-based project of Samaritan's Purse, with the mission to "provide God's love in a triangle way to children in need around the world" and to "share the good news of Jesus Christ."

PEARL NEWS

Connie Long, her daughter and her grandson got to experience the sights and sounds of New York City earlier this month



BETSY CLARK
Howdy from the Piney Woods! Not unlike my sweet home of Coryell County, we experienced some beneficial rains late in the week ...

and now it's finally feeling like fall. From most people, I hear, "Oh my, it's cold," with a forlorn voice. When I say it, there's definitely joy in my voice. Anyway, I hope you are all enjoying the Thanksgiving season no matter what the weather may be.

Speaking of weather and different regions, Connie Long, her daughter and her grandson got to enjoy some different scenery earlier this month. Justin Muegge, Connie's grandson, finished running in the state cross country track meet and then

headed off to The Big Apple with his grandmother and mom LaJean in tow. Justin was invited to run in the youth portion of the New York Marathon, running the 5K from the United Nations to Central Park. Congratulations to Justin as he placed 3rd in his division. Wow! Connie said that after the marathon, the crew got to experience the sights and sounds of New York City and even enjoyed a Broadway play. I bet they got to enjoy the many different tastes there, too. Congratulations to Justin,

and welcome home, Connie. What a great adventure.

The next Pearl Bluegrass event and The Pearl Cottage Bookstore Day will be December 3. However, you can come as early as Friday to the community center, when jamming begins around 5 p.m. On Saturday, open mic and beginners jam begin at 10 a.m., and the kitchen opens at 11 a.m. and closes at 5 p.m. Jamming in the various rooms and under the pavilion happen all day Saturday, too. Participate in or listen to classic country, gospel,

folk and bluegrass music. The Book Cottage is open from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Don't forget about the Junk in Your Trunk, which takes place around the bookstore. RV parking with full hookups is available all year long; \$25 for 30 amps and \$30 for 50 amps. For more information about the bluegrass event, please call Ronald Medart at 254-865-6013. For RV information, please call Connie Long at 254-223-0621. For more information about the Pearl Book Cottage and the Junk in Your Trunk event,

please call Linda Ray at 254-865-9282. If you haven't been to Pearl, plan a trip and spend the day or more. There's no place like Pearl!

This week's Bible verse: "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples if you love one another." John 13:34,35 NIV

Be sure and like the Pearl Community Center, Texas, Facebook page!

Please send any Pearl news to betsyclark47@yahoo.com.

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Veterans honored at Gatesville ISD ceremony

Due to the weather conditions last Friday, this year's Veterans Day ceremony was moved from the football stadium to the Gatesville High School gymnasium. The guest speaker was Colonel Paul Bonano, commander of the

120th Infantry Brigade. The presentation of colors included SFC Joseph Macareno, SSG Brad Barnett, SSG Bill Jones, and SSG Dennis Olson. The program featured a song, "God Bless the USA," performed by the Gates-

ville Intermediate, Junior High, and High School choirs featuring soloists Memphis Wells, Anna Phillips, Nevin Benning, Dakota Countryman, Coral Bryant, Katie Hopson and Paisley Wells. The pledge of allegiance

was recited by Gatesville Primary students Ellie Barnes, Theodore Foster, Grayson Hadley, and Jackson Pagliuca. A brief history of Veterans Day was read by Gatesville Elementary students Harper Scott, Savannah Wells, Emma

Morrell, and Conrad Coffman followed by Patriot Esays read by Tenley Winkler from Gatesville Intermediate, Kate Campbell from Junior High, and Lucy Pritchett from Gatesville High School. The program also gave rec-

ognition to the veterans in attendance and to the veterans employed at GISD. Soldiers from Ft. Hood were bused to the program so that they could join in the ceremony honoring the local veterans.



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SFC Joseph Macareno, SSG Brad Barnett, SSG Bill Jones, and SSG Dennis Olson prepare for the presentation of colors.



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A crowd of students gave their undivided attention during the Gatesville ISD annual Veterans Day ceremony held Friday at the high school. The ceremony was originally scheduled for the GISD football stadium but was moved indoors due to inclement weather.



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The US Army Color Guard faced the veterans and current soldiers before retiring the colors at Gatesville ISD's Veterans Day ceremony Friday at the Gatesville High School gymnasium.



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Gatesville High School principal Marie Barrows pictured with the ceremony's guest speaker Colonel Paul Bonano, commander of the 120th Infantry Brigade.



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Pictured above: Gatesville Intermediate, Junior High, and High School performed "God Bless the USA" at Friday's Veterans Day ceremony.

Pictured left: Soldiers rise as the American flag went by during the Veterans Day ceremony held at the Gatesville High School gymnasium.

'Gathering Gatesville' held at GHS cafeteria

Gatesville Community Outreach recently hosted Gathering Gatesville to spotlight

students and teachers from the Career and Technology Education Classes. CTE pro-

vides students with career and academic skills that are needed for the modern work-

place. CTE classes include floral design, animal sciences, Certified Nurses Aide, weld-

ing, automotive repair, culinary arts and many more. Information tables on each

subject and/or class were displayed at the Gathering Gatesville event.



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Students representing the Gatesville ISD Career and Technology Education welding class.



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Hidden Gems was joined by emotional support dog, Winston, handing out information about their group.



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Students representing the Gatesville ISD Career and Technology Education automotive class.



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Students with the Career and Technology Education culinary arts class served chicken spaghetti.



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The Boys and Girls Club of Gatesville was on hand to give out information about their organization.



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Gatesville ISD Education Foundation had a booth at the Gathering Gatesville event.



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Students representing the CTE Certified Nurses Aides program checked blood pressure.



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Superintendent Dr. Pollard shopped the farmers market at the Gathering Gatesville event.



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Assistant Superintendent of Academics Shane Webb checks out goodies from the Stinger Cafe.



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Gladys Whitenburg with Righteous Roots visits with a student at the Gathering Gatesville event.

USDA reminds Coryell County farmers and ranchers to vote in Coryell County committee election; ballots due Dec. 5

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has started mailing ballots for the Farm Service Agency county committee elections to eligible farmers and ranchers across the country. To be counted, ballots must be returned to the Coryell County FSA office or postmarked by Dec. 5, 2022. "FSA county committee members provide valuable knowledge and judgment as decisions are made about the services we provide, including disaster and safety-net programs," said Trey Stoneham, acting county executive director for Coryell County. "Please take a few minutes to review your ballot and make your selection prior to the Dec. 5 deadline." Each committee has from three to 11 elected mem-

bers who serve three-year terms of office, and at least one seat is up for election each year for a certain Local Administrative Area. Newly elected committee members will take office Jan. 1, 2022. Coryell County committee members help FSA make important decisions on its commodity support programs, conservation programs, indemnity and disaster programs, and emergency programs and eligibility. The nominees up for election in LAA 1, which includes Evant, Pearl, King, Slater, Pidcoke, Topsey and Copperas Cove, in Coryell County are Chris Littlefield and James Bart Koerth. Chris Littlefield is nominated to serve as a committee member for a three-year

term. Mrs. Littlefield resides in Copperas Cove and has produced beef cattle, Sudan grass, small grains and corn for 37 years. She is currently an active member of the county committee and serves as chairperson. James Koreth has also been nominated to serve as a committee member for a three-year term. Mr. Koerth resides in Gatesville and has produced beef cattle, sheep and hay for over 20 years. He is an active member of the Coryell County farming and ranching community. Producers must participate or cooperate in an FSA program to be eligible to vote in the county committee election. A cooperating producer is someone who

has provided information about their farming or ranching operation but may not have applied or received FSA program benefits. Also, for county committee elections, producers who are not of legal voting age, but supervise and conduct the farming operations of an entire farm, are eligible to vote. Producers can find out if their LAA is up for election and if they are eligible to vote by contacting their local FSA county office. Eligible voters who do not receive a ballot in the mail can request one from their local FSA county office. Visit fsa.usda.gov/elections for more information.

Jonesboro hosts first Christmas market

The city of Jonesboro has scheduled its first annual Christmas Vendor's Market on Saturday, Nov. 26. The market will be held at the Jonesboro Community Center, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be \$10 booths available, and organizers are

looking for a few more food and retail vendors for this event. The Community Center is at 11625 TX HWY 36 in Jonesboro. For more information or to reserve a booth contact Valerie at 254-258-7465 or Amanda at 254-216-2031.

Gatesville athlete earns all-conference honors at ASU

Sydney Mundkowsky, a 2020 graduate of Gatesville High School and now a junior on the Angelo State University Belles volleyball team, has been named to the All-Lone Star Conference second team for the 2022 season. An outside hitter, Mundkowsky had her breakout season for the Belles, leading the team with 220 kills. She posted double-digit kills in nine matches, and she twice exceeded 20 kills in a match, including her season-high 24 against Lubbock Christian on Oct. 7. She is ASU's lone All-LSC selection for 2022.



COURTESY PHOTO

Mundkowsky

Mundkowsky will help lead the Belles into the LSC Tournament in Canyon. See more details at angelo-sports.com and on the LSC website.

The DISPATCH

The following is a partial breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of November 10 - 13. Persons are reminded that only emergency calls should be made to 9-1-1, 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. 10
12:31 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 200 block of S. Lutterloh Avenue.
1:32 p.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 3400 block of E. Main Street.
3:50 p.m., a theft was reported in the 1600 block of W. Main Street.
4:30 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 200 block of Meadowview Lane.
4:54 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1200 block of Pidcoke Street.
11:37 p.m., a threat was reported in the 2300 block of Ransom Road.
Nov. 11
4:36 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1900 block of State School Road.
9:27 a.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 500 block of Ranier Road.
9:32 a.m., animal cruelty was reported in the 2200 block of Bridge Street.
10:50 a.m., an accident was reported in the 4600 block of N. Hwy. 36.
3:49 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 400 block of Park Street.
8:25 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 200 block of Trails Private Drive.

Nov. 12
1:35 a.m., a disturbance was reported in the 1600 block of Venus Avenue.
9:42 a.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 3700 block of FM 929.
10:10 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 300 block of CR 347.
1:32 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 6700 block of Harman Road.
3:31 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2500 block of Powell Drive.
9:44 p.m., a structure fire was reported in the 2500 block of E. Main Street.
Nov. 13
3:41 a.m., a disturbance was reported in the 1500 block of W. Main Street.
9:59 a.m., an accident was reported in the 100 block of Hornet Way.
5:06 p.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 100 block of Green Acres Drive.
6:36 p.m., an accident was reported in the 100 block of Hwy. 36 Bypass.
8:56 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 500 block of Royal Oaks Lane.
CORYELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Nov. 10
8:04 a.m., illegal dump-

ing was reported in the 3000 block of Straws Mill Road.
9:33 a.m., mail tampering was reported in the 3800 block of CR 107.
3:37 p.m., shots being fired was reported in the 700 block of Flintrock Drive.
4:02 p.m., terroristic threats were reported in the 8600 block of Hwy. 84.
7:38 p.m., suspicious persons were reported at Gatesville Junior High.
8:48 p.m., a prowler was reported in the 1800 block of Oak Springs Road.
Nov. 11
5:38 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported on Moccasin Bend Road.
8:56 a.m., animal cruelty was reported on Old Osage Road.
10:18 a.m., a theft was reported in the 100 block of Hidden Valley.
11:40 a.m., a minor accident was reported in the 4100 block of FM 116.
3:00 p.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 200 block of Kimmie Drive.
7:24 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2700 block of Pine Circle.
Nov. 12
1:40 a.m., a threat was reported in the 400 block of Ranier Road.

8:25 a.m., a theft was reported on FM 116 at Hwy. 9.
10:18 a.m., a neighbor dispute was reported in the 300 block of CR 347.
11:41 a.m., trespassing was reported in the 9300 block of FM 183.
6:35 p.m., animal neglect was reported on Dove Lane.
8:08 p.m., shots being fired was reported in the 8500 block of FM 182.
Nov. 13
7:52 a.m., a possible fire was reported on S. Hwy. 36 near Fort Hood.
11:03 a.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 700 block of Bluestem.
3:46 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on Hwy. 190 Bypass.
5:49 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 5000 block of Maurita Drive.
6:01 p.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 6000 block of FM 116.

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Messenger has early deadlines due to Thanksgiving holiday

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. 30 issue will be 10 a.m. Wednesday,

Nov. 23. The Messenger will return to a normal deadline schedule the following week. The Messenger staff reminds readers that early deadlines will also be necessary around the Christmas and New Year holidays. Deadlines will be announced as we approach those holidays. For questions or submis-

sion, please call 254-865-5212 ext. 305.

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FOOD DRIVE TIME IS EXCITING

I saw people excited about Food For Families and already collecting for it before we at the Care Center were permitted to begin November 1. I love that excitement! As we began November 1, I saw again that people were up and running. It is amazing to see people already engaged ahead of us. The schools are involved big time in bringing food. When the schools, churches, clubs, organizations, and individuals are not only working but so excited about it, it causes me to be double-pumped with enthusiasm. Thanks a million!

Our total pounds given have been enormous for many years, but what was done the past two years has left me reeling under the impact of it. Can you believe it? More than a half-million pounds of food was contributed the last two years. We went from 507,774 pounds in 2020 to 617,368 pounds last year. Phenomenal, spectacular, amazing, awesome, staggering, awe-striking, and mind boggling are some of the descriptive words for what is really indescribable.

To the folks from Gatesville, from Oglesby to Evant, and from the Grove to Turnersville and points in between that make this happen, let me say on behalf of myself and my co-director, Debbie Blanchard, you have our thanks and appreciation. And, let me say thank you on behalf of all the needy folks we together help with food.

You people are so bent on beating the record from the previous year. I love that spirit! Will we do it again? Let's wait and see. It is very exciting. Once again, we want to dedicate this year's food drive to the honor of Rusty Garrett, who because of taking cancer treatment will not be with us this year. He has certainly been an integral part of Food For Families in Gatesville since its beginning.

Executive Director,
Deral McWhorter

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DEFENDER: Tyler Jackson, left, a sophomore from Allen, guards a UNT Dallas player Saturday during the Texans' 73-46 women's basketball home victory in Wisdom Gym.

Second-half surge leads TSU women to win over UNT Dallas

Tarleton Sports Information

A 49-point second-half explosion helped lift Tarleton State University's women's basketball team to its second win of the season on Saturday evening as they defeated UNT Dallas 73-46, at home in Wisdom Gym in Stephenville.

After leading 24-23 at halftime, the Texans (2-0, 0-0 WAC) came out in the second half and outscored the Trailblazers 49-23. They held UNT Dallas to a 25.8% field goal percentage in the half

while shooting at a 48.5% clip themselves.

Elise Turrubiates paced Tarleton with 14 points and seven rebounds on 4-of-6 shooting from the field and 6-of-9 from the

charity stripe. Nya Mitchels also dropped 14 points while adding five rebounds, shooting 6-of-7 from the free throw line. Three other Texans scored in double digits. Jenna Dick had 11 points going 3-of-4 from downtown. Tyler Jackson and Teresa Da Silva each finished with 10 points, Jackson also led the team with four assists.

The Texans finished 21-of-30 from the free throw line, with 13 of the makes coming in the fourth quarter alone.

Early in the third quarter, UNT

Dallas took the lead, 26-24. It was the last lead the Trailblazers would see for the remainder of the game. After a Tamia Miller layup for the Trailblazers cut the Tarleton lead to 34-30, the Texans immediately ripped off a 10-3 run to close out the quarter as Dick nailed two threes to spark some momentum for the Texans.

Heading into the fourth quarter with an 11-point advantage, the Texans put their foot on the gas pedal, never letting the Trailblazers cut the lead to single digits.

Tarleton shot its highest percentage of the game in the last period, 53.33% to close UNT Dallas out. Turrubiates started things off with five straight points and the Texans stretched the lead to 51-33 before the Trailblazers got on the board. 13 different Texans saw action in the game, as Tarleton used 36 points off the bench to help them to victory.

On Nov. 15, Tarleton was scheduled to travel to Nashville to take on Vanderbilt at Memorial Gymnasium.

Tarleton Texans fall to Utah State Aggies, 34-28

Tarleton Sports Information

Tarleton State University's Texans went 75 yards for a touchdown on their first drive, setting up similar vibes to last year's game against Utah Tech University, but the Trailblazers proved to be a much different team this time around.

Utah Tech showcased its offensive talent and used a late first-half 14-point swing, holding off the Texans to win Saturday night at Greater Zion Stadium in St. George Utah, 34-28.

Tarleton (5-5, 1-3 WAC) outscored Utah Tech 14-3 in the fourth quarter, and nearly recovered a late onside kick that would have provided the Texans with an opportunity to win the game. But time wasn't on the Texans' side, and Utah Tech (4-6, 3-3 WAC) held on for the win.

The all-time series is now split 2-2, with this the first time the home team has won. Tarleton has lost three straight games for the first time since 2017. Utah Tech has gotten hot late, winning their third straight game for the first time since 2018.

Things played out differently than anticipated Saturday, as Tarleton entered the contest averaging 199.3 rushing yards per game over the last three, before taking on Utah Tech, who entered allowing the most rush yards per game in the WAC at 192.6, 25th most at the FCS level out of 130 programs. Utah Tech ended up outrushing the Texans 230-66, averaging 7.2 yards per rush to Tarleton's 1.8. Kelley was Tarleton's lead running back at 18 carries for 49 yards and

two touchdowns, his fifth and sixth scores of the season.

Still, Tarleton stayed close in total yardage thanks to the passing attack, with Beau Allen completing 28-of-48 passes for 397 yards, one touchdown and an interception. Tarleton's leading receiver was Darius Cooper, who recorded his fourth 100+ yard game of the year, the second in his last three games, with 10 catches for 173 yards and a touchdown. He's now the team's leading receiver with 48 catches for 908 yards, to go with eight touchdowns. Antwoine Ware also had one of the best games of his career, going for eight catches and 81 yards.

Defensively, the WAC's leading tackler, Qua'Shawn Washington, did it all once again, going for a tied-team-high eight tackles, adding a sack and 2.5 tackles for loss. Donovan Banks also had eight tackles out of the secondary, while Segun Ijiyera had four tackles, a tackle for loss and a quarterback hurry.

Tarleton got the ball first on Saturday and marched down the field in six minutes, with Kelley punching it in from a yard out to put the Texans ahead 7-0. Tarleton's defense then promptly forced a three-and-out. The Trailblazers would



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TARLETON SPLITS SERIES: Utah State University had a late first-half surge to rally for a 34-28 football victory at home Saturday over Tarleton State University.

strike on their next drive though, a five-play, 75-yard score, capped off by the WAC's leading receiver, Joey Hobert. He scored his first of two touchdowns of the day from 19 yards to tie the game at 7-7.

In the second quarter, Kelley again scored on the ground, this time from 14 yards out to capitalize on an eight-play, 83-yard drive. Utah Tech was seemingly going to score again on a long run near the end zone, but Patrick Jones forced a fumble at the 1-yard line, with the ball going out of bounds in the end zone to give Tarleton possession at their own 20. Utah Tech made it a 14-10 Tarleton lead near the end of the first half, giving the Texans the ball with a minute left to extend the halftime difference. The Texans quickly drove down the field and looked to be in position to take a 21-10 lead into the break.

However, on 1st-and-Goal from the 8-yard line, Utah Tech's Darrius Nash intercepted it at the 5-yard line and returned it 95 yards for the touchdown to instead put the Trailblazers ahead instead at halftime, 17-14.

The Texans couldn't get anything going offensively in the third quarter, forced to punt on all four drives. The Trailblazers scored two touchdowns in the frame to take a 31-14 lead into the fourth, then started the quarter with a field goal to make it 34-14. Allen found Cooper for a 50-yard touchdown on the next drive to keep Tarleton in it, then Mookie Douglas ran it in from two yards out with 1:11 left to make it a 34-28 deficit. Needing the onside kick, Adrian Guzman got a perfect bounce that gave Tarleton a chance, but Utah Tech ended a chance, but Utah Tech ended up with it and was able to tie the

game.

The Trailblazers had big games from their big three, most notably running back Quali Conley. He rushed for 215 yards and a touchdown on 25 carries. Hobert had 10 catches for 140 yards and two touchdowns. Quarterback Victor Gabalis completed 22-of-36 passes for 272 yards and those two touchdowns to Hobert.

Penalties proved costly to Tarleton, who entered the game as the least penalized team in the WAC. They were flagged 13 times for 130 yards on Saturday.

The Texans have one more game remaining in the 2022 slate, a home contest at Memorial Stadium against Houston Christian on Saturday, Nov. 19, at 2 p.m. CT. With a win, Tarleton would earn their third straight winning season to start their NCAA Division I era.

Gatesville Country Club sets workday to be held Nov. 19

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

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 gatesvil-lecc.com.

Bare Bones to host 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.

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.

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.

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.

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 program for the 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.

A brief report on the 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

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).

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.

send a form home for your child to complete at home or complete in class.

is Dec. 2. Letters turned in after deadline will not be published.

Children through the third grade may submit a letter for publication.

If your child does not attend school, you may drop off the letter at The Gatesville Messenger office located at 116 S. 6th Street on the courthouse square.

After The Messenger is finished with the letters, they will be forwarded to the North Pole. For more information, call The Gatesville Messenger at 254-865-5212.

Food for Families food drive is Friday

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.

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.

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, canned vegetables, cereals, baby food, peanut butter, dry beans and rice, along with flour, sugar, cornmeal and pasta.

Gatesville's Food for Families began in 1990 when 6,317 pounds were donated. Deral McWhorter and Debbie Blanchard reported that, "It took us seven years to

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

All donations will go to benefit people in need who live in the Coryell County area, where the donations are made.

FOOD FOR FAMILIES RAFFLE



DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Coryell Health RehabLiving at the Meadows is holding a raffle to benefit Food for Families. The drawing 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.

Evant ISD taking donations for annual Angel Tree program

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.

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THANK YOU, CHARLES M. SCHULZ!
COMIC STRIP GETS STAMPED: The United States Postal Service has created the **Charles M. Schulz Forever** stamps to celebrate the fact that the creator of the **Peanuts** comic strip would have been 100 years old on November 26, 2022. Find out more about this legendary cartoonist on today's *Kid Scoop* page!

WHO WAS CHARLES SCHULZ?
 When Charles Schulz was a child, people called the newspaper comic pages "the funnies." And Charles was a boy who really *loved* the funnies.
 Schulz read his local newspaper every day and wanted to make his own funnies one day. He started drawing as a youngster and kept drawing cartoons every day.
SLOW START
 Later in life, Schulz became one of the world's most successful cartoonists. But as a young man, he had a hard time finding a newspaper or magazine to buy his comic strip. He worked odd jobs to pay his bills.

ARMY TO ART SCHOOL
 During World War II, Charles was drafted into the United States Army. He brought a sketch pad and kept on drawing.
 When he came home to Minnesota, he got a job teaching at the art school where he had studied. It was there he met a man who would become a friend for life. The letters on the correct path reveal his name.

PEANUTS BEGINS
 In 1947, the *St. Paul Pioneer Press* bought his comic strip, which was called **Li'l Folks**. In 1950, the strip's name was **_____** to **Peanuts** because another comic strip had a name that was too **_____**.
 From that small start, Peanuts became very **_____**. It was eventually **_____** in more than 2,600 newspapers and 75 countries!
 Charles Schulz wrote and **_____** every single Peanuts comic strip himself for the next 50 years, inspiring generations of **_____** cartoonists.

PEANUTS CHARACTER MATCH
 Do you know the names of these famous Peanuts characters featured on U.S. postage stamps? Do the math to label each character.
 7 + 7 = Charlie Brown
 8 - 2 = Schroeder
 11 + 7 = Peppermint Patty
 13 + 3 = Lucy
 18 - 6 = Franklin
 9 - 4 = Linus
 8 + 5 = Pig-Pen
 4 + 4 = Sally

PEANUTS BY THE NUMBERS
 Charles drew **17,897** Peanuts comic strips.
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Kid Scoop Puzzler
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 A V O D H N A S R
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Double Double Word Search
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Area Fishing Report

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GOOD. Water lightly stained; 68 degrees; 13.27 feet low. White bass fishing is off the charts and likely will remain that way until the water temperature drop to around 60 degrees. Fish are consolidating into large schools and using water in the 32-44 feet of water.

Mornings are producing better than afternoons, and the mid-morning from 8-10 A.M. has been the best of the best. The MAL Original with white tail has been my go-to bait. A few gulls are beginning to show up but have not yet been helpful in locating fish. Days with winds from a southerly component and

pre-frontal weather days are excellent. Calm, clear, cold post-frontal conditions are to be avoided. Report by Bob Maindelle, Holding the Line Guide Service. Crappie are starting to transition to deeper water for the winter pattern. Target fish in 30 feet of water using Slab City jigs, minnows and hand ties.

Live Oak overpowers Oglesby JH in season-opener

BY Tom Norrell
Contributing writer

The Oglesby junior High Tiger boys recently faced off against a much bigger, faster Live Oak, Falcon team.

The Tigers fell to the Falcons by a score of 57-6 Thursday, Nov. 10 in Oglesby.

The Tigers, plagued by turnovers, and missed shots could never get in rhythm for the game.

Abram Shaw was high point for the Tigers with a 3-point shot in second quarter. Holden Goff hit a short 2-point jumper and Mason Marquez added 1-point on a free throw.

Aiden Oxford and Kayson Campbell had four rebounds each.

The Tigers got back to work Nov. 11, and were schedule to travel to Mount Calm on Monday, Nov. 14 for their second game of the season.

Hornet hoops is underway



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Gatesville Taylor Coward takes a shot for the Hornets in a season-opening win over Live Oak Classical School on Nov. 9. The Hornets fell in their second game on the road against San Saba, 57-38, on Nov. 12. The boys basketball team was scheduled to open the season on Nov. 15 against Rogers High School.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK			
	GATESVILLE HORNETS Results unavailable as of press time		JONESBORO EAGLES #14 Caleb Christel 104 rushing yards 1 solo tackle, 2 assists 13 passing yards
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Gatesville football season ends in bi-district

BY Chris Allman
Sports correspondent

The most successful Gatesville football season in five years ended on Friday following a 24-14 loss to Smithville in the bi-district playoffs.

The Hornets fell behind 17-0 in first quarter and were down 24-0 at the half before mounting a second half comeback.

Mason Mooney scored Gatesville's only offensive touchdown of the night with a one-yard touchdown run in the third quarter to cut the lead to 24-6.

The Hornets cut deeper into the lead just before the end of the third quarter thanks to Adrian Smith's second interception return for a touchdown in as many games. With less than a minute to go in the quarter, Smith intercepted Derrick Roberson's pass, weaved through a gang of would-be tacklers and cut the lead to 24-12.

Gatesville's final points would come via a safety when Smithville snapped the ball out of the back of their own endzone, making it a 24-14 game.

"We picked a bad night to have a bad night," said head coach Aaron Hunter. "We just weren't locked in and focused and didn't do enough to win the game."

The conditions at Hutto Memorial Stadium on Friday were less-than-stellar as frigid temperatures and strong winds contributed to an uncharacteristically sloppy game from the Hornets. The Hornets committed seven turnovers on the night and were plagued by penalties on the offensive side.

Gatesville was also coming off a two-week hiatus as they had a bye during the final week of the regular season.

Hunter acknowledged that the conditions weren't ideal but stopped well short making it a cause for the loss.

"It's a little bit of all (the conditions). It's a little bit of having two weeks off. We just couldn't execute and shot ourselves in the foot a thousand times with penalties," he said.

The Hornet defense - which rebounded in the second half - had four takeaways on the night. In addition to the interception from Smith, they recovered two fumbles and forced one turnover on downs.

"At halftime we could have folded but we didn't. I'm proud of that," Hunter said.

The loss marks the end of the careers for a stellar senior class that were freshman during Gatesville's 0-10 season in 2019 but saw three straight playoff berths over their time as Hornets. They capped it with Gatesville's first winning season since 2017.

"I'm pleased. A winning season is a big deal. It wasn't a grind at all and winning obviously helps with that," Hunter said. "This was a special group of seniors that worked extremely hard."

In addition to the varsity's 7-4 season, the junior varsity finished 6-4 and the freshman finished 4-4-2.

"None of our teams had a losing season. Which hadn't happened in a long time," Hunter said.

On the offensive side the Hornets will look to replace an explosive receiving trio in 2023. Seniors Trevor Smith (696 yards, 6 TD), Tyler Shea (386 yards, 5 TD), and Kyle Shafer (324 yards, 6 TD) accounted for 1,406 of Jacob Newkirk's 2,003 passing yards on the season and 17 of his 21 passing touchdowns.



Gatesville football family members hold signs supporting their athletes at a sendoff before the team's playoff game against Smithville.

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Adrian Smith



Mason Mooney



Rayshon Smith

Newkirk - will return along with the running back duo of Rayshon Smith and Jimmy Hall. Smith, the sensational sophomore, ran for 1,015 yards and 11 touchdowns in 2022 while Hall added five rushing touchdowns of his own.

And perhaps the most notable crew of returners will be the offensive line - who lose only center Steven Bomar to graduation. The Hornets will bring back five offensive linemen who started or saw significant time on the line - Zach Bryant, Tookie Jones, Gabe Pollard, Gabe Charles, and Nathan Elliott.

"Ever since I got here, we have replaced four offensive linemen every year. This year, Bomar was the only returner. That's a group that we are going to lean on heavily in the off-season," Hunter said.

Defensively, the losses will be more pronounced as the linebacking corps will look significantly different in 2023. The Hornets

will graduate Mason Mooney (118 tackles, 4 TFL, 1 INT), Ashtyn Culley (106 tackles, 7 TFL, two fumble recoveries), and Thiele Alvarado (98 tackles, 6 TFL, 2 sacks). Culley and Alvarado are three-year lettermen while Mooney was a two-year letterman.

The defense will also lose Lucas Garcia (12 tackles for a loss), Kason Herbelin (team-leading 6 interceptions), and Ayden Necessary (75 tackles, 2 interceptions). In total, the Hornets will look to replace in 2023 a group that represented 90 percent of their sack total, 81 percent of their tackles for a loss, and 54 percent of their takeaways in 2022.

Though the losses are big for the Hornets, so are the names coming back. The versatile trio of Adrian Smith, Sean Aguilar, and Lawson Mooney return and will provide more than just stability. Smith finished the season with 2 interception returns for scores and

caught a touchdown pass on offense. and the duo of Aguilar (91 tackles, 5 INT) and Lawson Mooney (team-leading 147 tackles, 5 TFL, 2 INT) will be back to add to their career running totals of opponents who need to be helped off the field.

In addition, Charles Kemnitz returns to anchor the defensive line with Corey Burns while defensive back Colton Taylor and safety Tommy Aaron will see their impact increase in 2023.

Less than 48 hours removed from the end of the season, Hunter was confident his team would be even better the next time they take the field.

"We did take some steps. The next step you have to take is learning to take that next step forward and to truly get to that point of believing that 'it doesn't matter who you play'. We're going to be even better next year."

Jonesboro, Oglesby win bi-district football playoff games



COURTESY PHOTO

Jonesboro improved to 11-1 with its bi-district playoff win over Menard. Next up for the Eagles is a Nov. 18 area championship contest against Medina.



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Oglesby moved to 11-0 with a bi-district playoff victory over Iredell. Next for the Tigers is an area football playoff game against Oakwood. The time and date were not available at presstime.

Eagles improve to 11-1, Tigers improve to 11-0 as they both look to wrap up area championships next

The Jonesboro Eagles and Oglesby Tigers football teams opened the season with convincing wins in the bi-district round of the playoffs.

The Eagles routed the Menard Yellowjackets 54-6 to improve to 11-1 on the season, with 10 consecutive wins.

Jonesboro will battle the 11-0 Medina Bobcats for the area championship at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18 in San Saba.

Although game statistics for the playoff were not available, Caleb Christel was the Eagles top passer and rusher for Jonesboro through the first 10 games, throwing for 442 yards and 10 touchdowns and running for 994 yards and 16 touchdowns. Through the same timeframe Nathan Forrest

had thrown for 341 yards and 10 touchdowns. DeMarcus Acoff was the Eagles leading receiver with 476 yards and 14 touchdowns.

On defense, Garrett Young had 70 tackles for Jonesboro followed by Jaden Domel with 64, Jacob Cisneros with 55 and Acoff with 51.

The Tigers rolled past the Iredell Dragons 60-30 to improve to 11-0.

Kyler Fossett led Oglesby by running for 337 yards and six touchdowns on 18 carries. Johnny Gomez added 40 yards rushing and a touchdown on eight carries.

Hunter Walter completed three of seven passes for 21

yards for the Tigers. Catching those passes were Jack Hendricks with one catch for 11 yards, Hunter Ewing with one reception for eight yards and Gomez with one catch for two yards.

Hendricks led Oglesby's defense with 16 tackles, while Gomez and Fossett each had 10 tackles. Others with stops for the OHS defense were Brodie Fisher with nine, Jackson Tippitt with eight and Joel Gonzales with seven.

Next up for Oglesby is an area playoff game against the 9-2 Oakwood Panthers.

Game and season stats are courtesy of the MaxPreps high school athletics website.