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Substandard houses get more time for repairs

BY JEFF OSBORNE
Senior Writer & Editor

Two houses that the city of Gatesville identified as substandard will have until early 2023 to complete repairs following action by the Gatesville City Council.

The Council voted to allow Dennis Berry of Waco until Jan. 31 to complete repairs on the house at 308 Fennimore St. and gave Josiah Wilson of Buda until Feb. 28 to finish renovations at 2006 Bridge St. Both structures have been discussed by city leaders for several months.

"Local government code specifically states the owner of the property has 90 days to make repairs," said City Manager Bill Parry. He added that the Fennimore house "has been on the radar screen for over a year and

repairs are not made at this point."

The Council does have the discretion to grant additional time for repair work.

Berry did not attend a Council meeting in October to provide an update, prompting Council members to place the Fennimore house on the Nov. 15 meeting for possible demolition.

"I apologize for not being here at the last meeting," Berry said. "I have hired Rich Dunlap to take on the challenge and I am very impressed with his plan. I don't think it would serve any purpose for the city if the house was demolished.

"He has a plan and I'm convinced he will get it done. I should have contacted him a long time ago. He said he can get it done in six weeks."

"I would prefer eight but I can get it done in six," Dunlap said.

Parry asked if that would include all the necessary inspections.

"Yes sir," Dunlap answered.

Mayor Gary Chumley told Berry and Dunlap, "We can give you six weeks and four weeks additional - that would give you 10 weeks."

Parry said Berry "needs to understand if you approve this and he doesn't get it done, the city can start issuing citations."

"You can be fined daily," Chumley said. Mayor Pro Tem Meredith Rainer said the fines issued could be for up to \$1,000 per day.

Regarding the house at 2006 Bridge Street, Parry said "windows were promised to be put

in and they were put in this week. I did see that."

Wilson presented photos to the Council showing progress being made on the house.

"The foundation has been worked on so we're leveling that out," he said. "Framing and plumbing is the next step. Electricity has been roughed in."

Chumley asked Wilson what timeframe he has for finishing work.

"I'd like to be finished in eight weeks but would like to give myself time in case of cold weather.

Council members decided to give Wilson until Feb. 28 - 15 weeks - to complete repairs.

"That's plenty of time," Rainer said. "This is with the same understanding you could be cited if this is not done."

Doctor helps to eliminate chronic pain

BY JEFF OSBORNE
Senior Writer & editor

(Two of Coryell Health's newest doctors recently spoke to the Gatesville Lions Club. This is the first of a two-part series.)

Dr. Austin Horrocks is one of Coryell Health's management specialists, and made the move to a smaller setting after working in large cities, including San Antonio.

"I was born in Utah and grew up in a small town in Illinois about the same size as Gatesville," Horrocks said. "I worked in San Antonio and then completed a pain management fellowship in Utah. I worked in Phoenix and decided shortly after that I did not like the big city."

Horrocks' wife is from Texas, "and she suggested that we move back to Texas, so we moved to China Spring. We really like interacting with people in smaller towns. We are much more comfortable in smaller towns than big cities."

Horrocks said his goal is to provide care to those who might be suffering and in need of relief.

"A lot of people need help and aren't getting it," Horrocks said. "For a while we tried opioids and look where that got us (widespread addictions).

"There are different ways to offer relief to people who are in pain and I want to provide the same type of care that I would for my own family members. There are a lot of processes that can help people, and I pride myself on offering that."

Horrocks said one of his favorite treatments offers relief for those with spinal stenosis - a condition that causes back pain because of pressure on the spinal cord. The condition is often related to wear and tear and is commonly found in adults who are middle-aged or older. In addition to pain, symptoms can include numbness, muscle weakness and reduced bladder or bowel control.



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PLEASE SEE DOCTOR | A2 Dr. Austin Horrocks talks about pain management.

Law aims to protect infants

BY SABRINA ANDERSON
Contributing Writer

In 1999, after a tragic string of baby abandonments hit Houston, Texas passed the nation's first safe haven law. It was nicknamed the "Baby Moses Law" after the Bible story of Moses's mother abandoning him on the Nile River to ensure he wasn't drowned at birth under the order of the Pharaoh's first born son law.

Its creation was meant for parents to surrender their newborns to hospitals, EMS or fire stations without fear of prosecution, no questions asked and no judgment passed — so long as the baby was delivered safely or without criminal circumstances.

To be protected under the law, it states babies must be 60 days or younger when abandoned and must be handed to a person to be deemed a legal surrender.

Chief Medical Officer for Coryell Memorial Health, Dr. Jeff Bates, is among those trying to bring more awareness to the law in Texas and Coryell County through an organization called The Lord's Work.

The organization has already created a website and is in the process of distributing fliers to local schools and fire stations. They also have plans to do educational seminars with the EMS stations to be better prepared and knowledgeable,

PLEASE SEE BABIES | A2

Army Airborne veteran Fitzer helps secure school safety

BY JEFF OSBORNE
Staff Writer

Although he is not a school staff member, volunteer Adam Fitzer is dedicated to the safety of Gatesville students and staff, and is making a difference through the Friends on Duty program.

"He was our very first Friends on Duty volunteer and has been a strong presence on our campuses," said Gatesville Independent School District Superintendent Barrett Pollard. "It's an unpaid gig and he puts in countless hours, getting at least 20,000 steps every day."

Fitzer and his wife, Colleen, are long-time GISD parents. Their son Stephen is a Gatesville High School graduate who is now playing football at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene. Their

daughter Kasey is a GHS student and an outstanding tennis player.

"Technically, Adam is not part of our staff but he seems like a valuable part of our staff," Pollard said. "Even before the Friends on Duty program officially started, Adam wanted to be a part of it."

Among Fitzer's efforts are checking doors to make sure they are secure and watching for any suspicious behavior.

"As a veteran of the Army's 82nd Airborne Division, this seems like the perfect role for Adam," Pollard said. "Adam has also become a bit of a local celebrity with a news station even covering his new assignment. With all of the uncertainty and dangers surrounding school safety, we want to thank Adam for his dedication to our district."



Gatesville ISD Superintendent Barrett Pollard stands with Adam Fitzer during a Spotlight presentation at the Nov. 14 meeting of the GISD Board of Trustees.

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BABIES

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should the situation ever arise. "I'm trying to help people," said Dr. Bates. "I'm trying to take care of people ... I think there's a whole new group of people who don't know the law exists."

However, even with its creation, there are still an unfortunate number of newborns surrendered who don't make it safely into the hands of medical providers, often causing death. This is usually due to young mothers leaving their baby alone anywhere other than hospitals, such as in dumpsters or other random places.

Because of this, some states have created an alternate solution of what is known as a baby box. These boxes, usually found at a hospital or fire station, allow users to remain anonymous while providing a safe place for babies to be surrendered. Once the baby is placed in the box, there is typically a silent alarm or immediate call to 9-1-1 to alert medical professionals within 30 seconds.

"The way the law stands in Texas is if she hands the baby to someone at the emergency room, they're supposed to take the baby — no questions asked — say thank you, and then we call 9-1-1 and take the baby to the ER to be examined," said Dr. Bates.

"In Texas, we don't have the (baby) box. The law in Texas is that you have to hand the baby to a person," said Dr. Bates. "If we could change the law to say 'or put it in one of these safe boxes,' then that would be another means."

Since its creation nearly 25 years ago in Texas, hundreds of babies have been saved. By 2008, every other state had also enacted its own Safe Haven law, varying in age limit anywhere from just three days to one year after birth.

However, concerns have risen

among the public since the overturning of Roe v. Wade earlier this year, giving states the power to enact strict abortion laws on women. Because of this, medical professionals and organizations supporting women's healthcare are wary of a potential increase in illegal abandonment of newborns.

"There is a system that takes care of babies," said Dr. Bates. "We just have to promote it. You just have to know 'bring them to the hospital or fire station and we'll take care of them, no questions asked.'"

Safe Haven laws have saved 4,505 newborns and counting. Of those, at least 1,604 were illegally abandoned. According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), between 2008-2017 the infant homicide rate on the first day of life decreased 67% with no noticeable difference in varying Safe Haven age limits.

This law, meant to associate safe places such as hospitals and fire stations, should not be confused with locations deemed "Safe Places." Safe Places are somewhere, usually designated with a sign out front, where people can go to find a physically and emotionally safe place to express themselves. These locations can range from hospitals and fire stations to Boys and Girls Clubs and local gas stations, such as QuikTrip.

According to the National Safe Haven Alliance, only "hospitals and hospital staff are approved Safe Haven providers in every state, other locations may differ per state." "The important thing is to talk about the law, talk about the process, and offer up an 800-number where people can call and ask questions," said Dr. Bates.

If you or someone you know would like more information regarding the Safe Haven Law, please visit NationalSafeHavenAlliance.org or the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services website.



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Dr. Jeff Bates is among those who are working to help inform people about a Safe Haven law designed to protect babies.

DOCTOR

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Although more advanced surgeries can be an option, Horrocks said another possibility is the insertion of a flexible device that prevents nerves from being pinched. He said that process takes about half an hour.

Knee, shoulder and hip pain are also common problems. Horrocks said there are "minimally invasive techniques to help patients out." He said treatments that include installing medication pumps in an affected area in a procedure that usually takes 30 to 45 minutes.

Conditions that Horrocks treats to reduce or eliminate

pain include: failed back surgery syndrome, sciatica, arthritis, cancer pain, musculoskeletal pain and joint pain. In addition to pain relief, Horrocks said a primary goal is helping people be able to function better during routine activities of daily life.

Although opioids can still be prescribed to help patients manage their pain, depending on the situation, Horrocks said he looks for alternatives.

"I prescribe them for pain for certain people in certain circumstances, but what I look at is whether I would prescribe them for my own family in a similar situation," he said. "If the answer is yes, then yes, I prescribe them."

One of the reasons to avoid

unnecessary prescription of opioids, he said, is that they often have side effects. He said that inserting medication dispensing pumps in a specific area reduces the amount of medication needed and is also more effective because it goes straight to the source of the pain.

"I try to avoid opioids in most situations," Horrocks said.

What may be the best treatment for one person is not always the best treatment for another, he added.

"There's not a one size fits all approach," Horrocks said. "If there was, I probably wouldn't have a job. I pride myself on tailoring treatment for each individual patient."



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COURTESY PHOTO

Wild Hogs can pose problems to agriculture, ecosystems, and the health of humans and animals.

Wild pig management workshop set Dec. 7

Register by Dec. 5, continuing education units available

A Wild Pig Management workshop will be held Dec. 7 in Lampasas. The workshop is a joint effort between the Lampasas River Watershed Partnership, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Texas A&M AgriLife Research, the Hill Country Soil and Water Conservation District and the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board. The workshop will provide local landowners with information about wild pigs and

the problems they pose to agriculture, ecosystems, and the health of humans and animals.

The workshop will be held from 1-4 p.m. at the Lampasas County Farm Bureau, 1793 N. US Highway 281, in Lampasas.

The workshop is free, and light refreshments will be served. Preregistration is requested by Dec. 5 at 5 p.m. at www.lampasasriver.org or by calling 254-774-6008.

Three Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units are available to private pesticide applicator licensees- one integrated pest management, one laws and regulations and one general. The cost for attending for CEUs is \$20, payable with cash or check at the day.

THREAT TO WATERWAYS, ECOSYSTEMS

"Wild pigs are a threat to waterways and ecosystems as their numbers rapidly increase across the state every day and cause an estimated \$500 million in annual damages," said Lisa Prcin, AgriLife Research watershed coordinator for the Lampasas River Watershed, Temple. "This program is a great opportunity to learn more about effective management and trapping practices."

Prcin said feral hogs were identified as a top concern

in the Lampasas River Watershed Protection Plan as a contributor of bacteria in the river and stream system.

"Wild pigs continue to have a tremendous impact on agricultural production, water quality, habitat, and native species," said Josh Helcel, AgriLife Extension associate with the Texas A&M Natural Resources Institute, Bryan-College Station. "This workshop will connect producers and landowners with wild-life professionals that will provide information and resources on how to effectively control wild pigs."

WORKSHOP TOPICS

Heath Lusty, AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agent for Lampasas County, said the event will focus on direct instruction and demonstration of methods to control wild pig populations. The topics and information covered will include:

- Basic wild pig ecology and biology.
- Transportation regulations.
- Demonstration of the Pig-Brig smart trapping system.
- Unveiling of the Hill Country Soil and Water Conservation District's new locally led wild pig trap rental program.

Funding and support for the Lampasas Watershed Protection Plan is provided through a Clean Water Act 319 nonpoint source grant from the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation board and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

For more information about the Lampasas River Watershed Partnership and this program visit www.lampasasriver.org.

For more information contact: Lisa Prcin, 254-774-6008, lprcin@brc.tamus.edu

Thanksgiving holiday closures

Business and governmental offices across Coryell County will join the rest of the nation in celebrating the Thanksgiving holiday.

In 1789, George Washington set aside a National Day of Thanks.

Abraham Lincoln issued a proclamation calling for a federal Thanksgiving holiday in 1861, writing that the country's gifts from God "should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American people."

Closings in the immediate area include:

GOVERNMENT

The City of Gatesville, City of Oglesby, and Coryell County Courthouse will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 24. The City of Evant will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 24 and will remain closed the following day on Friday,

Nov. 25.

The Farm Service Agency will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 24.

SCHOOLS

The Independent School Districts of Gatesville and Evant will be closed Monday, Nov. 21 through Friday, Nov. 25. The Gatesville Independent School District Administration Office will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 24. The Jonesboro Independent School District will be closed on Wednesday, Nov. 23 through Friday, Nov. 25. The Oglesby Independent School District will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 24 and Friday, Nov. 25.

The Boys and Girls Club of Gatesville will be closed Thursday, Nov. 24.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Cadence and Extraco Bank will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 24 and will open the following day, Nov. 25. Educator's Credit Union will be

closed on Thursday, Nov. 24 and will be open on Friday, Nov. 25 and Saturday, Nov. 26. The First National Banks of Gatesville, Evant, and Oglesby will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 24 and will remain open on Friday, Nov. 25 until 2 p.m.

POST OFFICES

All local post offices will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 24, and no box service will be provided.

LIBRARY

The Gatesville Public Library will be closed Thursday, Nov. 24, Friday, Nov. 25, and Saturday, Nov. 26.

SENIOR CENTER

The Gatesville Multi-Service Center will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 24 and Friday, Nov. 25.

NEWSPAPER

The Gatesville Messenger will be closed Thursday, Nov. 24 and Friday, Nov. 25.

FROM MY FRONT PORCH

A day for everyone to give thanks, and to remember those days gone by



SAM HOUSTON

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

It is almost Thanksgiving Day. It will be my 66th Thanksgiving to celebrate and so the day conjures up a lot of memories. I imagine the same can be said for all you readers. Just the mention of the day and the brain starts to replay video of past holidays.

My remembrance focuses on being at my grandparents' little farmhouse. I would guess it was no bigger than 1,300 square feet and when four sets of aunts and uncles and seven grandchildren piled in, it was stuffed as tight as a Nathan's hot dog. Most often the weather outside was cold and forbidding, so we young ones were forced to stay inside. This led to a copious amount of scolding from our parents as the amount of noise we created rose to ever-increasing levels. Once one of the adults addressed our behavior, we would all simmer down for a short time, and then we

would be back to making the same amount of racket we had created previously. Our folks were fighting a losing battle, and I think they all knew it.

The meals were always great, and everyone had their favorites. I still see my grandmother, mom, and three aunts all helping to cook in the tiny kitchen. Nothing will ever taste as good as those meals.

Once the meal was over, the family card game would start. The Houstons played 5-point Pitch and the competition was fierce. One of the proudest moments in my life was when I was finally old enough to play in the adult game. It was memorable to play with the aunts and uncles who, because of distance, I seldom got to spend time with, and to attempt to beat my grandfather and dad. Both had a way of being able to "snap" a card when they threw it on the table, and the sound still rings in my ears.

There was my first Thanksgiving alone, when I had graduated and moved off to my first job. I was hundreds of miles away from my family with no vacation time off from work and little money to be able to afford to travel. I stayed in my small apartment, made Thanksgiving chili and watched football all day. I was by myself, but I did not feel lonely or alone. I was proud I had set off to make my own trail, and the experience somehow seemed like another passage from youth to adult. Having Thanksgiving by myself let me know I was no

longer a child.

This year, our family will be together. There will be food to eat, stories to tell, and grandchildren to play with. We will be creating memories for the youngsters, and reliving memories for us "oldsters." I have taken the role of the patriarch of the family, the one my grandfather held for so many years. How did I come to be cast in that role? How did I become so ... so ... well ... old?

Through it all, I will be thinking of the ways I have been blessed over the past year, and how thankful I am. My health is good, my marriage is strong, my grandchildren are healthy, and I have the good fortune to work with wonderful people doing something that is meaningful to our community. I have my Miss Jayne to look after, fun friends to go through life with, and the sense to know how lucky I am.

I hope you all have a wonderful holiday. Stop and take a minute between bites of green bean casserole or pecan pie to acknowledge all the reasons you have, to be thankful. When you do, I bet it will give you a warm feeling and a glow of contentment. It does not get much better than that.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Thought for the day: There is something for everyone to be thankful about on Thanksgiving, even if it is just not being a turkey.

Until next time.

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King Baptist to serve public feast for Thanksgiving

King Baptist Church is inviting the public to its annual "Community-Wide Thanksgiving Feast." Everyone is invited to join then to share a meal and to enjoy the company 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.

Jonesboro set to host first annual 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.



SALVATION ARMY: Salvation Army volunteer bell ringers include from left to right Nathan Gohlke, Billy Vaden, Charles Talbott, Jeremy Stills, and Tom Creek.

Lions seeking help to ring the bell

The Gatesville Lions Club will be administering the Red Kettle Campaign with the Salvation Army this year. All contributions will stay in our local community to help those in need.

The Gatesville Lions Club would like to have community volunteers to help them

ring the bell. Please contact Lion Jeremy Stills at 267-221-7752 or email jlse6@yahoo.com.

The bell ringing will take place from Nov. 25 until Dec. 23 from 12 p.m. - 6 p.m. (excluding Sundays) at the Gatesville Walmart. Bell ringers will be at each door

and will do 2-hour shifts.

For those wishing to contribute to the cause can mail in a donation making the check payable to Salvation Army Gatesville and sending it to P.O. Box 213, Gatesville, TX 76528.

Women in Faith met Nov. 8

The regular meeting of the United Women in Faith was held Tuesday, Nov. 8, in the Banquet Room of the First Methodist Church in Gatesville, with 11 present. The hostesses were Debbie Martin and Doris Nichols.

President Patsy Smart called the meeting to order by leading in the blessing. During refreshment time, Linda Klontz led members in a prayer partner activity. Following refreshments, President Smart thanked

the hostesses and read The Purpose. Velva Riddle read from the Daily Prayer Guide and the Response Magazine. Shirleen Chandler presented the program, a Pledge to Mission Service, including World Thanks Offering. She led in singing "Here I Am, Lord."

President Smart called the business meeting to order. Among the business items was voting on a recipient of a Special Mission Recognition Pin to be given to one of

their members next month.

The next UWF meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, Dec. 6, due to their invitation to a Christmas party at the Presbyterian Church on Dec. 13, their regular meeting night. Members will meet at 1:30 p.m. to fill goodie bags for the four facilities: Welcome Program, The Oaks, The Meadows, and Hillside Medical Lodge.

The meeting adjourned with the benediction.

OBITUARIES

MILDRED DALE KIRKPATRICK BYROM MCIVER

June 13, 1926 - Nov. 14, 2022



Mildred Dale Kirkpatrick Byrom McIver, age 96, of Gatesville, passed away November 14, 2022. A private family ceremony will be held to honor her.

Mildred was born in Gatesville on June 13, 1926, to Robert Edgar and Vonna Mae Duncan Kirkpatrick. She graduated as salutatorian from Gatesville High School in 1943 and then attended Sam Houston State University. Her education there was interrupted when she returned home to be with her

parents following the death of her brother in World War II. Upon returning to Gatesville, Mildred worked at Lone Star Gas Company and then the National Bank of Gatesville. In 1946 she married another Gatesville banker, Ray Byrom. They were blessed with three children, Sue, Jan, and David. After her children were in school, Mildred returned to banking at the Guaranty Bank of Gatesville (later Extraco). She and the bank "girls" became life-long friends. Following Ray's death, Mildred married Q.A. (Pete) McIver. They enjoyed many happy years together. After Pete's death, Mildred continued to work at Extraco as an officer and vice president and finally as head of their travel club. After her retirement, she joined several bridge clubs where she formed many wonderful friendships. Over the last few years, she had developed many treasured relationships with the staff and fellow residents of Coryell Health.

"Mibs", "Mana" wasn't the queen of any country, but she was definitely the queen of our family. With her love of shoes and beautiful things, she kept this rowdy bunch somewhat civil! We will for-

ever miss her guidance and sweet comfort.

Mildred was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Vonna Kirkpatrick; brothers, Doyle Kirkpatrick, Lloyd Neil Kirkpatrick, Duncan Kirkpatrick; husband, Ray Byrom; husband, Q.A. (Pete) McIver; and much loved daughter, Jan Byrom Smith. She is survived by her daughter, Sue Dixon and husband, Ronnie; son, David Byrom and wife, Brenda; grandchildren, Julie Dixon, Haley Dixon Laskowski and husband, Brad, Brandon Smith and wife, Elizabeth, Kendra Byrom, Krista Byrom McFarlin and husband, Cody, and Kolten Byrom; great-grandchildren, Cort Reinarz, Case Reinarz, Gage Laskowski, Grant Laskowski, Nathan Smith, Ian Smith, Catherine Smith, Hannah Gustin, Ella Campbell Gustin, Graham Barron, Preston Barron, Audrey Barron, Landri McFarlin, Gentry McFarlin; and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

For memorials, please remember the Coryell Memorial Hospital Foundation, 1507 West Main Street, Gatesville, TX, or The Presbyterian Church of Gatesville, TX.

LOU CROSS (L.C.) MAYBERRY

Jan. 21, 1936 - Nov. 9, 2022



Lou Cross (L.C.) Mayberry, beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend joined his Heavenly Father on Wednesday November 9. He was 86 years old. L.C. was born January 21, 1936, in Mound, Coryell County, to John and Hazel Mayberry and lived in Flat. He married Mike Nell Poston on Nov. 29, 1956, and they had four children, daughters Terri Lynn, Karri Beth, Kay, and son, David.

After graduating from Flat High School, L.C. received his Associate Degree from Temple Jr. College and his BBA from Baylor University. Upon completion of his education, he pursued a career as Hospital Administrator working in Ennis, Grand Saline, and Waxahachie. In July 1970, the Mayberry's moved to Austin where he joined Blue Cross Blue Shield as a Provider Relations Representative and was responsible to call on hospitals to assist them with negotiating their fees to bill insurance compa-

nies for providing services to patients. In 1974, he joined his close friend Jimmy Barho to work and complete their master's degree at Southwest Texas State University (now Texas State University) in the newly formed School of Allied Health for Hospital Administrators and other medical fields.

He was also a successful Real Estate Broker. The Mayberry's moved to Hutto in 1979 where Mayberry & Associates Real Estate conducted business and made numerous contributions during many years of the community growth and development. L.C. cared deeply about those he worked with and poured his time, treasures, and talents into serving his church, his family, and his community. He served on the Hutto School Board for approximately fifteen years; served as a Board Member at the YMCA; was named Citizen of the Year in 1998 by the Hutto Chamber of Commerce; served as a Board Member on the Hutto Economic Development Board; received the Melvin Jones Fellow Award for Dedicated Humanitarian Services from the Lions Clubs International Foundation; and received a Certificate of Ordination in 1972 from Hyde Park Baptist Church as Deacon.

Taking camping trips with friends in the Gatesville RV Club, fishing on the Colorado River, Country & Western music at Mountain View Arkansas, the Lone Star Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Alpine, a good game of dominos, and Washer Tournaments were some of his favorite past times. He enjoyed taking trips with families and other

couples to places at Bend, Texas (like Gorman Falls or Sulfur Springs) on the Colorado River to fish for White Bass. Every year he would look to see the best date for trips by the old test of "When the Red Bud's Bloom, the White Bass Run." Each year he would plan a fishing trip for the Blue Cross Blue Shield friends he worked with which became an ANNUAL event. While his wife was shopping with girlfriends, L.C. and his men traveling partners enjoyed conducting scientific research called "people watching" to determine where someone was from, what they did for a living, and reminisce about old times.

L.C. is survived by his wife, Mike Nell; his daughters Terri Lynn Mayberry Drennan and husband, Doug; Karri Beth Mayberry Sliwa; Kay Mayberry Adkins and husband, Clayte; son David Mayberry; Pat Tims; grandchildren John Marcus Sliwa; Tyler Matthew Sliwa; Kara Drennan Slover; Dana Drennan; great-grandchildren Devyn Patterson; Evelyn Sliwa; Rahely Slover; Keaton Slover; Jade Slover; and a large number of family and friends whom he loved.

Services were held on Saturday, November 19, at 2 p.m. A reception followed at the "5th & Vance Event Center" in Taylor.

A graveside memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 21, 2023, at the Mound Cemetery near Gatesville, at 10 a.m.

Services were in care of Providence Funeral Home, 807 Carlos G Parker Blvd NW, Taylor, TX 76574 Telephone (512) 352-5909.

Messenger has early deadlines

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

The DISPATCH

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of November 16 - 17. 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 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. 16

8:26 a.m., a theft was reported in the 1400 block of Mills Street.

10:38 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 500 block of Woods Drive.

12:46 p.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 2000 block of Waco Street.

1:23 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 2600 block of Jackson Drive.

1:33 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in 2900 block of S. State Hwy. 36.

5:26 p.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 500 block of Bridge Street.

6:33 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1700 block of Saunders Street.

Nov. 17

7:29 a.m., a theft was reported in the 1200 block of E. Main Street.

12:12 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 300 block of Sierra Vista Drive.

12:21 p.m., harassment was reported in the 2500 block of Jackson Drive.

1:37 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 4600 block of S. State Hwy. 36.

2:40 p.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 2000 block of Waco Street.

4:47 p.m., a theft was reported in the 2000 block of Waco Street.

5:21 p.m., a threat was reported on Surrey Lane.

7:28 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 200 block of Barton Lane.

11:34 p.m., a fight was reported in the 200 block of

Carroll Drive.

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CORYELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Nov. 16

6:31 a.m., a major accident was reported in the 6000 block of FM 116.

7:45 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 3300 block of CR 318.

9:06 a.m., the burglary of a habitation was reported in the 800 block of Moccasin Bend Road.

10:49 a.m., the burglary of a vehicle was reported at W. Hwy. 84 and FM 183.

1:17 p.m., a possible fire was reported on FM 107 and CR 316.

2:23 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 15000 block of S. Hwy. 36.

6:03 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 300 block of CR 347.

6:20 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 800 block of Moccasin Bend Road.

7:27 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 2700 block of Tanglewood Dr.

Nov. 17

9:20 a.m., a livestock com-

plaint was reported on FM 2412.

10:08 a.m., an out-of-control burn was reported on CR 248 and CR 247.

10:17 a.m., a welfare concern was reported on FM 931.

1:43 p.m., harassment was reported in the 400 block of Tom Sawyer.

4:05 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 2700 block of Tanglewood Dr.

6:16 p.m., illegal burning was reported in the 300 block of FM 107.

6:18 p.m., a major accident was reported in the 9000 block of E. Hwy. 84.

7:30 p.m., an attempted break in was reported in the 200 block of Barton Lane.

11:08 p.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 1100 block of Palmer Road.

PEARL NEWS

About 90 people attended the Pearl Community Thanksgiving Lunch



BETSY CLARK
Pearl News Correspondent

Thank you to all who participated in the Pearl Community Thanksgiving Lunch on Nov. 13! There were about 90 in attendance, and all report of the wonderful food and fellowship they experienced that day. It takes a village to make events like this a success!!

The Pearl Cottage Bookstore has been gifted with an extensive collection of Robert Redford memorabilia. Included are autographed pictures, stories of his many movies, The Red Book fan club book collection from various and

many years, a scrapbook of The Horse Whisperer, and many more items in pristine condition. If you are interested in purchasing any or all of these items, please call Linda Ray at 254-865-9282 for more information. All proceeds from the sale of this collection will benefit the bookstore's charities.

It seems to be the season of breakable parts in Pearl as Sally Freeman and Linda Ray have both suffered breaks in the last few weeks. Nothing seems to stop these spunky ladies, though! You just can't keep good women down! Please keep them in your prayers for speedy healing. And please, everyone else be careful! We don't need any more broken bones in Pearl!

The next Pearl Bluegrass event and The Pearl Cottage Bookstore Day will be Dec. 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. The kitchen opens at 11 a.m. and closes at 5 p.m. Jamming in the various rooms and under the pavilion happens 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 hook-ups is available all year long; \$25 for 30 amps and \$30 for 50 amps! For more information about the Bluegrass event, call Ronald Medart at 254-865-6013. For RV information, call Connie Long at 254-223-0621. For more information about the Pearl Book Cottage and the Junk in Your Trunk event, 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: "Finally, all of you, be likeminded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate, and humble." NIV

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



Deadline to submit Letters to Santa to Messenger is Dec. 2

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

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

Letters can be dropped off at The Gatesville Messenger office located at 116 S. 6th Street.

Deadline for submission is Dec. 2. 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.

Pennoli Bed & Breakfast taking donations for Hidden Gem

The Pennoli Bed & Breakfast presents "Hearts Making Hearts Warmer" as their first annual clothing and blanket drive. The drive will be from Nov. 15 through Dec. 11. The Pennoli Bed & Breakfast is partnering with the Hidden Gem Family Center to help those in need in our community this winter. Donation drop off times

will be Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., and Saturdays from 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. The donation drop-off point will be on the front porch of the Pennoli Bed & Breakfast. Priority donations include coats, gloves, beanies, scarves, hats and blankets. This will be for adults and children of all sizes and must be in good condition.

The Pennoli Bed & Breakfast is located at 1009 E. Main Street in Gatesville. For more information, call Pennoli Bed & Breakfast at 360-560-5615 or by email at Pennolibandb@gmail.com. Contact the Hidden Gem Family Center at 254-206-3003 or by email at Hiddengemfamilycenter@gmail.com.

His cotton pays for his grapes



TUMBLEWEED SMITH
Tumbleweed is a newspaper columnist and producer of The Sound of Texas radio series.

I had the opportunity to

see a very clean, manicured and well-maintained patch of ground north of Seminole that was filled with grape vines. Each vine seemed to take on human characteristics and stood like a trained soldier waiting for orders. "I take care of this vineyard like it was my racehorse," says John Friesen. "It stays in top shape."

John is a successful cotton farmer and was considering planting a pecan orchard but decided that would require too much water, so in 2014 he started growing grapes as a hobby. It quickly got out of hand. "Yeah. We've got over thirty thousand vines that

produce 13 different types of grapes. Most of them go to wineries, but we also sell some table grapes to area grocery stores." John didn't know anything about wines when he started his vineyard, saying he just liked to grow stuff.

John, at age 43, is one determined farmer. When his first grapes were ready to be harvested, he had a call from a winery wanting to buy some grapes. When the winery manager learned that John's grapes were young, he said he wasn't interested, that he was looking for some mature grapes. John asked the man "how do you know

my grapes won't work for you? You need to come see my vineyard. I'll be glad to give you the harvest if you like the grapes. We don't have any other customers." So, the man came, saw that John was serious about growing grapes, bought the harvest and said he wanted to be Friesen Vineyard's exclusive and only customer. John declined the offer but still sells grapes to that winery because it bought his first harvest. John sells to 4 award-winning wineries now and there's a waiting list of people wanting to buy his grapes. "But we can't plant them and grow them fast enough."

The harvest starts in early September. "It's beautiful," says John. "We get up at 2 or 3 in the morning and start picking the grapes wearing headlamps. There'll be 60 or 70 people out there with scissors. It's dark and dead quiet except for all the scissors chopping away at the clusters. We pick by hand. If you want to go for the high-end wines that's what they like. There's a small window to get the best grapes. Even a day or two can make a big difference. We try to do it right. We're willing to work with people, do what they expect, hang the grapes longer, just do all the stuff that make the

grapes better." John says he picks grapes in the morning because it's cool. The grapes are loaded into refrigerated trucks soon after picking and delivered to wineries in Johnson City, Fredericksburg and Austin. I asked John what he likes to grow most, cotton or grapes. "I'd much rather grow grapes, but somebody's got to pay for the grapes. Cotton pays for the grapes for the time being." John's large house sits on a hill and has an extremely plush wine cellar. It is climate controlled and has close to a thousand bottles of wine in it.

THE AWARD-WINNING PRINT & ONLINE FAMILY FEATURE

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Kid Scoop Puzzler

George is knitting a scarf. He needs four more yards of yarn. Help him find three skeins of yarn that equal exactly four yards of yarn.

93 inches	80 inches
25 inches	52 inches
41 inches	10 inches

Standards Link: Measurement: Calculate inches to yards.

HELLO, JASON!

Wow! I would really like to be able to buy that talking pet robot fish!

Psssst! Hey, Jason. I know how you could get that!

LATER

Wendy gave me a great idea! It really worked!

GREAT ADVICE!

How Jason Got the Robot Fish

I got the pet robot fish by first setting a goal to save the money to buy it. The fish costs \$59!

That seemed like an enormous amount of money, but Wendy suggested I think of the \$59 as a series of smaller goals.

So I made a goal to save \$10. After I did that, I made the goal to save \$10 again.

HOW MANY TIMES DID JASON HAVE TO SAVE \$10 TO GET THE \$59 HE NEEDED TO BUY THE TALKING PET ROBOT FISH?

I worked hard for my money. Put a check in the box next to each job that I did. If you checked the right boxes, they add up to exactly \$10.

- Mowed the lawn \$3
- Made my bed (mom expects me to do that every morning!) \$0
- Walked the dog \$2
- Took out the trash one night \$1
- Did the dinner dishes five nights \$5

Standards Link: Math/Number Sense: Solve problems using addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division.

Double Double Word Search

BASKETBALL VOLUNTEER GOAL PROJECT MONEY TRASH CHECK ACHIEVE SMALLER SUCCEED RENT YARN SCARF FACTORS SAVE

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

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A	V	E	S	R	O	T	C	A	F

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

My Basketball Goal

April wanted to be able to sink 25 baskets in a row. At first she could only sink about three in a row. Twenty-five was a big goal, but breaking it into smaller goals saved the day.

First, April set the goal of sinking five baskets in a row. Then 10, then 15, then 20 and finally—she did it! April sank 25 baskets in a row!

Standards Link: Math/Number Sense: Solve problems using addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division.

You Can Do It!

What is a big goal you would like to achieve? Is it saving money, improving how well you play a sport or completing a big homework project?

My Goal: _____

Break your goal into smaller goals:

First: _____

Second: _____

Third: _____

Fourth: _____

Goal!

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write brief expository responses to a prompt, main idea and details.

How many differences can you find between these two pictures of April?

Standards Link: Research: Find the differences between common objects.

Extra! Extra! Newspaper Search for a Successful Person

Find an article from the newspaper about a person you believe has achieved success. It might be an athlete, actor, businessperson or community volunteer. Write the name of the person and the success that he or she is recognized for. List the things you think that person had to do to succeed.

Standards Link: Civics: Identify examples of civic responsibility.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Rent or own?

Look in the classifieds. Make a bar graph showing the number of houses for sale and the number of places for rent. Which group is larger? What factors might be responsible? Can you find articles to support your opinions?

Standards Link: Measurement: Represent data using graphs.

Write On!

Money Problems

Write a word problem using money. For example: If Tom has \$2 and Annie has \$4, how much money do they have altogether?

Kid Scoop Together: Try This At Home

Your name: _____

Learning buddy's name: _____

Can you predict?

PART 1: Look through the newspaper and find a headline that interests you. Read the headline and look at any photos that accompany the article. With your learning buddy, discuss what you think the article will be about. Make a list of information you both expect to find in the article:

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

PART 2: Now read the article together. Which of your predictions were accurate? Which were not? List five facts you learned from the article:

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Identify main idea and supporting details in expository text; make and check predictions.

Kid Scoop-doku™

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word GOALS in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

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CORYELL MUSEUM

Coryell County News excerpts from Nov. 5, 8, 12, and 19, 1940

JANN DWORSKY

Coryell Museum is happy to have many of the Coryell County News issues and below are some excerpts from them.

"Gatesville's second annual Turkey Day will be with the idea of assembling quality breeding turkeys so that prospective purchasers may select needed breeding stock.

Broad breasted turkeys, or baby beef turkeys, both toms and hens will be shown, also bronze, naragansite (traditional look), black Spanish and bourbon reds. Exhibition coops will probably be available for showing purposes for those who exhibit.

Turkey Pickers: All who pick turkeys this year must have Health Certificates. Please see your family doctor and have your Certificate ready to present with your Social Security number.

Gatesville Poultry and Egg Co. Meeks' Café: Celebrate two Thanksgivings with us, November 21 and Nov. 28. Our dinner includes turkey, dressing, giblet gravy, cranberry sauce, assorted vegetables, drink, and dessert.

Cozy Café: If you're on the fence about Thanksgiving dinner try Cozy Café, Bill Ament, Mgr. Our Thanksgiving dinner is a joy to behold, and you'll enjoy every morsel! From the cocktail to the pie! (I had no idea you could eat out at Thanksgiving in Gatesville.)

Red and White Grocery: Specials, dressed turkeys (place your order early), celery, cranberries, fruit cake ingredients and most every-



The movie "Boom Town" starring Clark Gable, Spencer Tracy and Claudette Colbert opened Saturday at 10:30 a.m. but neglected to say where!

D. D. McCoy advertised Motorola Radios, electric and farm sets for \$9.95 and up.

Buckhorn Café advertised the best steaks in town as well as pies, cakes, coffee, chili, and oysters.

Gatesville Coca-Cola Bottling Company had a beautiful advertisement that was 1/4th page and had a handsome man in a suit, and a bottle of coke cost 5 cents.

Miss Zelma Scott of Ozona was a weekend guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Zim Scott (Zelma later wrote History of Coryell County).

Mother Neff Park—Pat M. Neff of Waco and his sister, Miss Sallie Calvert of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. R.S. Calvert, Austin were visitors in Mother Neff Park Saturday.

Pat Neff's mother donated the land for the park. We have an exhibit at Coryell Museum and many items that were Mrs. Neff's, including a charming hat. Pat Neff, (1871-1952) her son, was born near the park and near the community of Eagle Springs in southeastern Coryell County. He was a Texas governor and later President of Baylor University.

Coryell Museum is open Wednesday thru Saturday, 10 to 4. Please bring your family to see our wonderful museum. We schedule tours during and after hours. We also have the historic Gilbreath and Coryell rooms for your family or business gatherings. Call us at 254-865-5007.

thing for your Thanksgiving Dinner. (Convenience has a price but no price was listed!) E.G. Beerwinkle, Mgr. Phones 297 and 298. Cranberry sauce was 13 cents a can, pumpkin 10 cents.

Gatesville's annual Christmas parade for 1940 will be on December 6 at 11 a.m. and the Chamber of Commerce has contracted for one of the Gainesville Circus Units as a special feature of the parade.

About ten years ago, the last year Xmas lights were bought, and they have been spliced, put up, taken down, etc, etc, until they are dangerous as a fire hazard and unsatisfactory as lighting feature. This will necessitate a "collection" for the purchase of new lights. This collection will be conducted thru out the city, whether you're "on the square" or where, as this is a city-wide proposition. The collection will be under the direction of Dr. Otis Ray, chairman of the Civic Improvement Committee.

Gas men are preparing for extreme demands for fuel service that cold weather necessitates. Main lines and all other equipment have been checked for winter roughness.

Gatesville Elementary to host Christmas Extravaganza

Gatesville Elementary School will hold their fourth annual Christmas Extravaganza on Saturday, Dec. 3. The extravaganza will start and 9 a.m. and continue through 2 p.m. at the el-

ementary campus.

Activities throughout the day will consist of pictures with Santa, food trucks, vendors, shopping, and other fun activities. Amber Colson Photography will be taking

photos with Santa.

Gatesville Elementary is located at 2537 East Main Street in Gatesville. For more information on this extravaganza, contact the school at 254-865-7262.

Central Texas Hospitality House Christmas Celebration Dec. 13

The Central Texas Hospitality House will host their Christmas Celebration on Tuesday, Dec. 13 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

The celebration will include various family activities. There will be a special nutcracker exhibit, a bounce house, live music,

door prizes, refreshments, a tour of the Central Texas Hospitality House, and a live Christmas story with a free giveaway for the kids.

The Christmas Celebration is given as an appreciation celebration with the Gatesville community, families, and surrounding areas for

their support of the Central Texas Hospitality House.

The Central Texas Hospitality House is located at 708 Highway 36 in Gatesville.

For more information, contact 254-404-2260 or email cthospitalityhouse@gmail.com.

Christmas with the Chamber Dec. 10

The Gatesville Chamber of Commerce will be holding a day-long event called "Christmas with the Chamber" on Saturday, Dec. 10.

The day will begin with Chamber Market Days from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. and will be located at the chamber depot.

CHRISTMAS PARADE
The Christmas Parade will commence at 10 a.m. and will start behind H-E-B. This year's theme is "'Tis the reason for the season!"

In order to be entered into

the ugly sweater contest you must have your photo taken anytime from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the chamber.

When the parade is finished, there will be a chance for the little ones to get their photo with Santa. Families are welcome to stop by the chamber for individual or family photos. There will be activities for the kids, as well as hot chocolate, hot apple cider and coffee, which will be served for one dollar each.

Christmas with the Chamber will end with a Christmas Family Night Sweater Party. The party will be at the chamber from 6 - 9 p.m.

The Elf movie will be showing, and everyone is encouraged to wear a Christmas sweater.

The Gatesville Chamber of Commerce is located at 2307 S. Highway 36 in Gatesville. For further information contact The Gatesville Chamber of Commerce at 254-865-2617.

Hidden Gem seeking donations

The Hidden Gem Family Center needs food donations for Thanksgiving dinner boxes for families. Hidden Gem will be accepting donations of the following:

- Boxes of stuffing mix
- Packets of instant turkey gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Vegetables
- Rolls
- Box cake mix and icing

All donations are appreciated. The Hidden Gem Family Center is located at 115 S. 7th Street in Gatesville. For more information on donations contact them by calling 254-206-3003.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF CORYELL

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The Tarleton State University women's basketball squad suffered its first defeat of the young season on Nov. 15 in Nashville, falling to Vanderbilt by an 84-48 margin.

TSU women suffer season's first loss, at Vanderbilt

Tarleton Sports Information

The scoreboard doesn't reflect the effort the Tarleton State University women's basketball team put on display, competing Nov. 15 at the Southeastern Conference's Vanderbilt in Nashville.

The Texans (2-1, 0-0 WAC) suffered their first loss of the season at the hands of the Commodores 84-48, who improved to 4-0 on the season. Although the game was out of reach for most of the second half, the purple and white kept it competi-

tive against the Power Five program — a squad that advanced to the third round of the Women's NIT last season. Tarleton's leading scorer entering the game, Teresa Da Silva, finished the contest with a team-high 11 points on 5-of-9 shooting, to go

with two rebounds. Tyler Jackson scored exactly 10 points for the third straight game, adding three rebounds.

Nine Texans scored, with Elise Turrubiates leading the team in rebounds (five), and Mayra Caicedo leading in assists (four).

Vanderbilt got off to a hot start, scoring the game's first nine points, and not allowing Tarleton to score over the first five minutes. Jackson buried a three-pointer at the 4:52 mark for the Texans' first points, and it sparked a

strong finish to the quarter, with Tarleton trailing by just five at the end, 13-8.

The Texans forced Vandy to shoot 5-of-17 (.294) in the opening frame. In the second quarter with the score 20-12 Vanderbilt, the Commodores took command with a 10-2 run to lead by 16. The Texans kept going inside and drawing fouls to stay in it, down at halftime 33-18. In the third, the Texans found their offensive groove, making 7-of-12 (.583) from the field, including a 3-of-7 (.429) clip from downtown.

Ultimately, Vanderbilt was more efficient shooting overall, making 32-of-58 (.552) to Tarleton's 16-of-48 (.333) clip. Vanderbilt outscored Tarleton in the paint 46-10 and had 33 points off of 22 forced Commodore turnovers.

Vanderbilt's Marnelle Garraud had a game-high 16 points on 6-of-12 shooting, including 4-of-7 from distance, adding three assists and four steals. Sacha Washington had 15 points on 6-of-8 shooting and six rebounds in 20 minutes. Off the bench,

Ryanne Allen (5-of-10 FG) and Amauri Williams (5-of-6 FG) each led with 13 points.

This was the third straight year Tarleton played an SEC team on the road after not playing one before in program history. The Texans were scheduled to be back home for a non-conference matchup against the College of Charleston on Friday, Nov. 18. Because of early deadlines for the Thanksgiving edition of the Hood County News, results from that game will be reported at a later date.

TSU's Allie Hair named to WAC all-freshman team

Tarleton Sports Information

The Western Athletic Conference announced its 2022 volleyball award winners on Tuesday afternoon and Tarleton State University's freshman middle blocker Allie Hair was etched in among the top freshmen in the conference.

Hair, a native of Liberty Hill, was named to the all-freshman team along with seven other players after a stellar first campaign. Hair was a driving force

for the Texans this season, playing in all 29 matches and 108 sets. She finished third among all players in the WAC with a .346 hitting percentage. She also ranked top 10



Hair

in the league in blocks and aces, tied seventh with 1.00 blocks per set and coming in ninth with 0.31 aces per set. Her hitting percentage (.346) ranks ninth all-time at Tarleton in a single season, ahead of Lauren Kersey in 2019 (.342) and behind Belinda Hardee in 1993 (.354). Among just the Division 1 season records, Hair's 34 solo blocks are the most

ever and the 108 total blocks rank second behind Lorin McNeil in 2021 (137).

Hair led the team this season in blocks (108) and service aces (34) while also adding 212 kills — good for fourth best.

Hair recorded double digit kills in eight different matches and had eight matches with five-plus total blocks. She was a two-time honoree of the WAC Freshman of the Week award, winning after week one and two of the season.



Stephenville standout among six signing with TSU soccer

Tarleton Sports Information

Tarleton burst onto the NCAA Women's Soccer scene last season and now head coach Pete Cuadrado looks to build on the success of the inaugural season with the addition of six standout freshmen.

Tarleton announced the addition of six student-athletes on 2022 National Sign-

ing Day, the first National Letter of Intent signing day for athletes set to begin their collegiate careers next fall.

Victoria Cameron, Isa Bergeron-Prejean, and Portia Gonzales are all staying in Texas to play for Tarleton, with Stephenville High School product Cameron in staying home as the first local player to join Texan soccer program. Ashlyn Novot-

ny and Ella Massarotti come to Tarleton from Colorado, bringing the total of Colorado standouts on the Texan roster to five. Emma "Spike" Barnes rounds out the class from Omaha, Nebraska.

Cameron is a 5-5 forward, a four-year letter winner for the Stephenville Honeybees. Her team has been undefeated on their way to the district championship

three times in her four years at SHS. In 2022, she was All-District Offensive MVP and Honeybee Offensive MVP. In 2021 she was Overall District MVP and Texas Association of Soccer Coaches First Team All-Region Forward. In 2020, she was All-District Newcomer of the Year.

Cameron is a star on the track as well, a four-year letter winner in the 100-me-

ter and 200-meter individual and relay. She was a two-time Honeybee Track MVP, two-time Texas Girls Coaches Association All-State in Track and a Track and Field All-Star. Last year, she was the state runner-up in the 100-meter, took bronze in the state's 4 by 100-meter, and fifth place in the State 4 x 200-meter. In 2021, she was the state's

100-meter champion, the state's 200-meter runner-up, and made the Big Country Preps Track and Field Dream Team.

Academically, Cameron is a three-time academic all-district player and an A/B Honor Roll student. She will major in kinesiology starting next year.

Family Night held at Gatesville Elementary



4-H DISPLAY: Gatesville High School senior, Thiele Alvarado, explains to elementary students and their parents about the 4-H club.



BUZZ VISIT: Buzz made a surprise visit to Family Night and visited with students and with elementary principal, Keegan Webb.



BOOK WALK: Instead of having the traditional "cake walk," the winners received a free book.



POPCORN TREATS: Popcorn remains a favorite treat among students and plenty was popped in preparation for Family Night.



SCRABBLE STATION: Students stopped at the Scrabble Station and had fun creating new words with elementary teachers.

PHOTOS BY DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Family Night at Gatesville Elementary provided fun for students and their families. Among the many activities were games, a book walk, educational information and more. Students and their parents were able to browse through reading material provided during the Book Fair in the school's library. There were also several different screens available for students to have their pictures taken.



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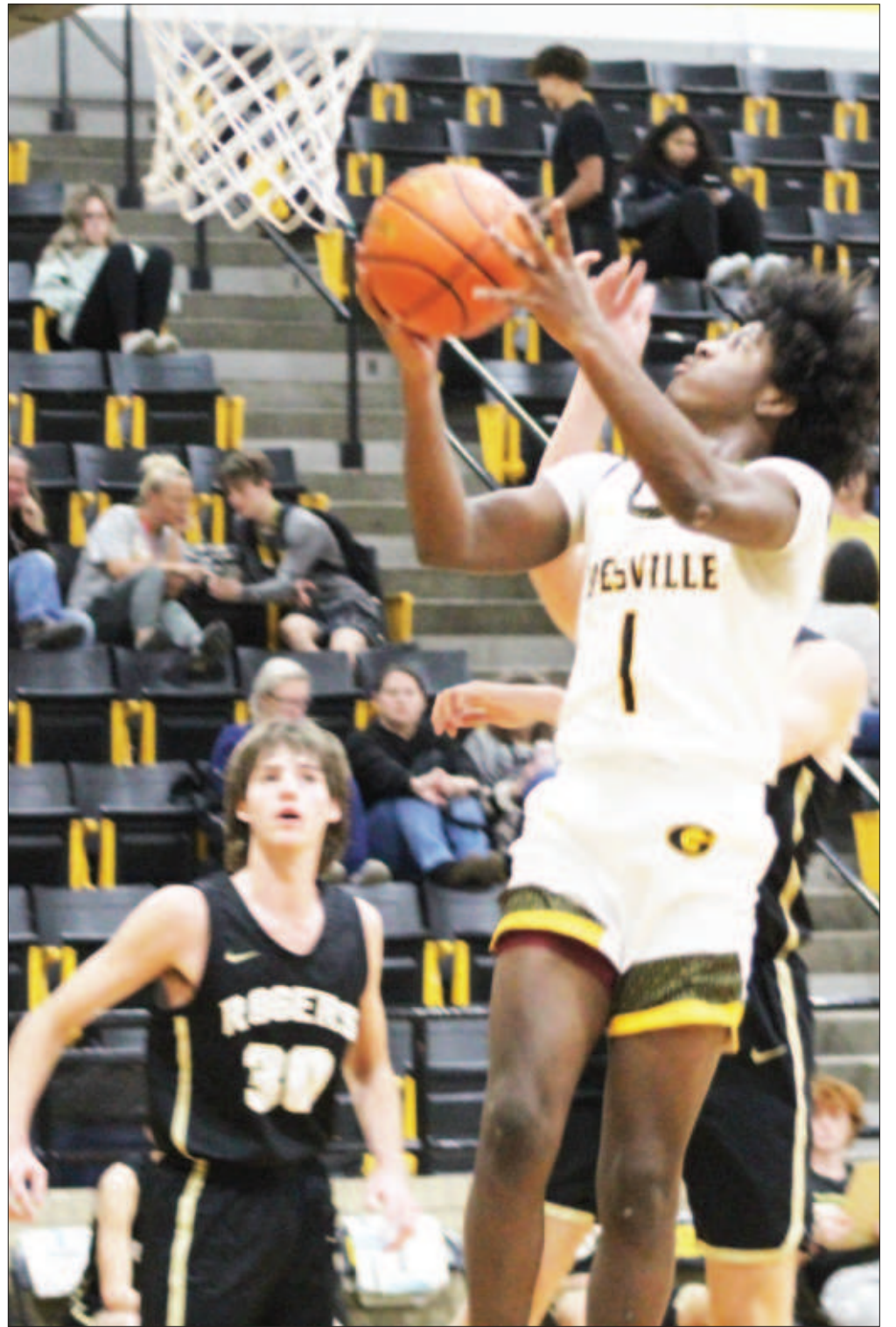
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Hornets open '22-'23 basketball campaign



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Trae Miller works to bring the ball down court for the Hornets in action against Rogers.



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Sophomore Rayshon Smith drives to the hoop. Smith was the district's Newcomer of the Year for '21-'22.

Gatesville overpowers Rogers to open new season

BY CHRIS ALLMAN
Sports Correspondent

Gatesville used a 23-0 first half run to put their season opener out of reach by half-time en route to an 80-35 win over Rogers on Tuesday.

The Eagles, who were short-handed due to their football team's extended postseason, were no match for Gatesville's size and pressure. The Hornets led by 26 at the half and

by 40 at the end of the third quarter. Eight of Gatesville's nine players scored on the night. "That is how I hoped it would be," said head coach Brit Campbell. "They were missing a couple of guys and we are in a really good spot right now."

Sophomore Rayshon Smith led the team in scoring with 20 points including 12 in the fourth quarter. Senior Tyler Shea and sophomore West Allman had 17 points

apiece while senior Banner Allman kicked in 12 points on the night and Carter Williams chipped in six points.

Shea had a thunderous breakaway slam in the second quarter that capped the run that turned a 10-4 lead into a 33-4 margin midway through the period.

Most of the Hornets scoring on the night could be labeled as hustle points as their constant defensive pressure led to transi-

tion baskets and second-chance points. The hit just one three pointer - a step back from West Allman - on the night scoring 66 points inside the arc and hitting 11 of 18 free throws.

"I am not worried about these guy's shots. They will be just fine," Campbell said.

The Hornets next faced Jarrell on Nov. 19 in a game that was rescheduled from Friday, Nov. 18.

Seasoned Hornet hoopers ready to make a playoff run in '23

BY CHRIS ALLMAN
Sports Correspondent

The Gatesville Hornets basketball team will field the most experienced squad of the Brit Campbell coaching era as they also make a move into one of the most top-heavy basketball districts in the state.

Campbell, who took over the program in 2019, returned the Hornets to the post-season in 2021 as the fourth-place team in District 6-4A. The Hornets fell to eventual state runner-up Wichita Falls Hirschi in the bi-district round in the first GHS playoff appearance since 2013.

They will look to build on that this season, thanks to a slew of talented, versatile returners.

Sophomore Rayshon Smith was named the District 6-4A Newcomer of The Year after his freshman season last year and senior Tyler Shea was a first-team all-district selection as

a junior as well. Senior Carter Williams was named second team all-district in 2022, and senior Banner Allman was a first-team 6-4A pick in 2021.

"It is a special thing to be able to have this much experience returning, and I do think it will be one of our biggest strengths. The guys we have coming back know so many things about how we want to play, have seen what it takes to win, and have worked a ton to improve their game," head coach Brit Campbell said.

In addition to experience, Campbell's squad will also have physical advantages over many opponents. Shea stands 6 feet, 6 inches, while Williams and Allman are each 6-2 and Smith is six feet tall.

"We have some guys with some length and versatility," Campbell said. "We are able to have multiple guys over six foot on the court that can play inside and outside, that can play multiple positions, and guard different

types of players."

While the four returners will draw most of the attention, Gatesville will also lean on junior Trae Miller and sophomore West Allman. Miller is a fierce defender and playmaker while Allman is a swing man with the ability to score points in bunches. They will be joined by Ethan Nichols, Grayson Stewart, and Kase Cox on the roster when the season begins.

"Having multiple guys back with accolades is a great thing," Campbell said. "They have already seen success and been in key moments and we are going to look to those guys to step up and make plays in big games. But it doesn't stop with just those four. Trae and West, to name two more, are doing great things and are going to be very important to our team as well. And other guys are also already stepping up as well."

Realignment moves the Hornets from 6-4A into 23-4A with the likes of Waco Connally,

Waco La Vega, Robinson, Salado, and China Spring. The Cadets are the prohibitive district favorites, coming off a 31-4 season that ended in the regional semifinals in 2021.

La Vega finished the season 28-6 and advanced to the regional quarterfinals while Salado and China Spring were both bi-district finalists in 2021.

Campbell indicated he will keep the focus more on his team and less on who they are facing on any given night.

"We have been able to work on so many more things and are at a great point going into the season.

"Something we still need to make sure we do is to show up each game and play to our potential, not play up or down to our opponents," Campbell said.

The Hornets opened the season at home on Nov. 15 against Rogers, and hosted Jarrell on Nov. 18.



Senior Tyler Shea slams the ball home for two points in GHS' victory over Rogers. Shea earned first team All District honors last season.

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