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## Celebrating the Season



DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Joesph, Mary and baby Jesus are positioned on a float named 'The Reason for the Season' during the annual Gatesville Christmas Parade, which was held Dec. 10 on Main Street (Highway 84). The float was sponsored by Coryell Health.

## North Fort Hood Council focuses on past, future

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
Senior Writer & Editor

Soldiers stationed at Fort Hood and North Fort Hood and community leaders reflected on some of the successful local events of the past few months and also looked ahead to 2023 during the last North Fort Hood Council meeting of 2022.

The event took place Dec. 6 at the Junction at 36 Restaurant and served as an introduction of sorts for soldiers who are newly stationed in the area. Among military representation were members of the Mobilization Support Brigade, the 120th Infantry Brigade and First Army Division West.

Alan Mathis, a retired Army major and member of the governing boards of the Gatesville Exchange Club and Gatesville Lions Club, gave an overview of the Exchange Club's breakfast for veterans and active-duty military on Nov. 11.

"It was an awesome event — great to serve all the soldiers and veterans," Mathis said. "We really appreciated the soldiers coming out and visiting with older soldiers who are now retired."

Looking ahead to early 2023, Mathis said the Exchange Club, which has traditionally hosted a Taste of Gatesville event, is looking to revamp the event somewhat.

"We're looking at maybe doing something a little different," Mathis said. "We'll maybe have a Taste of Italy or a Fat Tuesday (Mardi Gras) themed event, and desserts (competition) instead of a chili cookoff."

Coryell County Commissioner Ryan Basham, who represents Precinct 3 and is also a member of the Oglesby Lions Club, said that club is scheduled to host its annual Rattlesnake Roundup Feb. 25-26, 2023.

"This is a huge tradition in our part of the state," said Diana Fincher, coordinator of the North Fort Hood ministry who organizes and facilitates meetings of the North Fort Hood Council. The rattlesnake roundup has been an Oglesby tradition for more than 50 years.

"You'll have 50 snakes in a ring, and snake wranglers get in the ring with them," Basham

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## Pre-planning for eternity

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
Senior Writer & Editor

Every life that begins also has an end, and taking some of the stress out of funeral options is the aim of pre-planning services.

Nathan Gohlke with Scott's Funeral Home in Gatesville talked about the benefits of advance planning during a Dec. 1 meeting of the Gatesville Exchange Club.

"People plan for weddings, for children, for buying a home, for education, retirement and vacations, and it's also important to make plans in advance for funerals," Gohlke said.

"You can help reduce stress of family members at a time when they may be dealing with worry, grief, pain, confusion and anger. You can also plan for the way you want things to be done.

"Planning ahead eases the emotional and financial burden. It can also give you peace of mind knowing that things will be done the way you want. A relative may not know what you want."

The goal is to "create a meaningful tribute to your life," Gohlke said. "Funerals are for the living but they should be focused on what you want — which Bible verses, songs

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Girls displaying the American and Texas flags head down Main Street during the annual Gatesville Christmas Parade, which took place on Dec. 10. The Gatesville High School band, cheerleaders and several community organizations and businesses participated in the event. More pictures of the event are on inside pages of today's issue of The Gatesville Messenger.

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# PLANNING

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or preachers. Planning also helps reduce worries and lets people attending your funeral to just grieve.”

A number of options are available to pay in advance and reduce the future cost of funerals, burials or cremations. Options can include monthly payments for up to seven years, full payment at one time or a partial payment.

Pre-planning can avoid future complications or resolve arguments over what other relatives may want to do, Gohlke said.

“I can tell you from experience, a lot of brothers and sisters do not get along and when a parent passes away it can escalate hard feelings,” he said. “Sometimes police have to respond because of a fight outside a funeral home.”

Pre-planning also helps ease what could otherwise be a financial burden for survivors, and it “locks in prices at today’s rates,” Gohlke said.

The most costly items are usually covered in advance, with only a few other items such as obituaries, death certificates and payments to officiating clergy determined at the time of the funeral.

Scott’s Funeral Home works with Funeral Directors Life Insurance Company so that if someone moves away or decides to have the funeral in a different location, payments made can be transferred to another participating funeral home.

With a variety of choices available, costs can vary significantly. Gohlke said a basic burial with a casket would start at \$5,400 and a basic cremation (not including the memorial services) would cost about \$3,000. He said most funerals cost between \$7,000 and \$10,000, but depending on the services and options selected, people can spend significantly more if they choose to do so.

For some people who want it, there are also green burial options in which the casket is made of vines.

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**NATHAN GOHLKE**

Outgoing police chief who is also a funeral director in training

be buried in a green funeral,” Gohlke said. “There is also a cemetery in Austin that specializes in green burials. A lot of people are leaning that way now.”

The cost of the funeral through Scott’s does not include the burial plot. The city of Gatesville owns two cemeteries and offers the plots, and there are many other options outside the city, as well.

City Manager Bill Parry said the city cemetery does not have any available space — all plots have either been filled or reserved for future use — but there is still space available at Restland.

Scott’s Funeral Home also offers live streaming options for those who might not be able to attend services in person.

For those who choose cremation, different urn and accessory options are available.

One of the more unusual things Gohlke said he has seen is that a woman had some of her son’s cremation remains mixed into ink for a tattoo.

“I had heard of that, but this is the first time someone I worked with asked for that,” he said.



JEFF OSBORNE | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Nathan Gohlke talks about the importance of pre-planning for funerals during a recent meeting of the Gatesville Exchange Club.

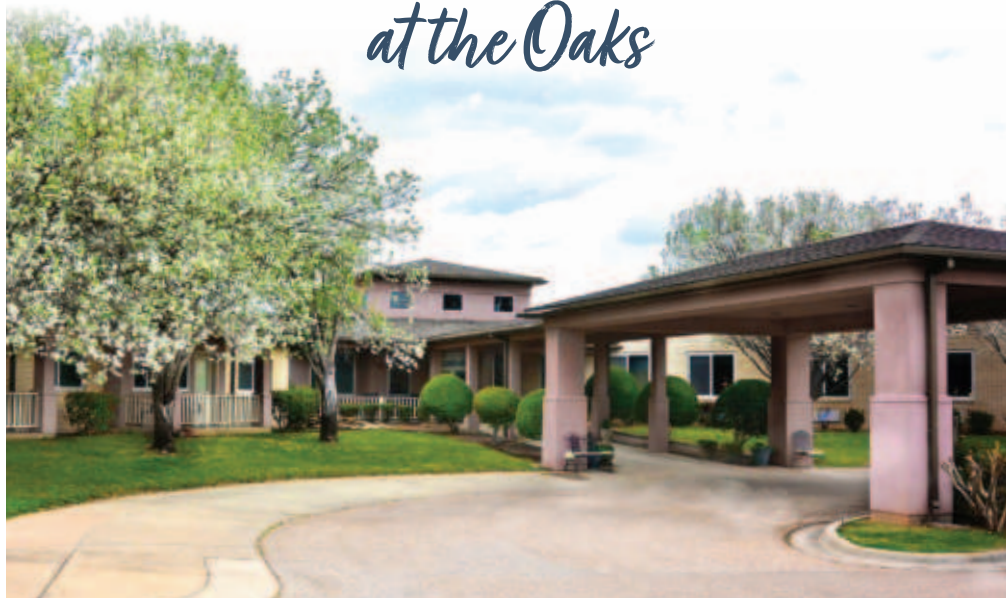


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# EVENTS

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said. “I’ll be watching from a distance. It’s in downtown Oglesby and there will be carnival rides for kids, vendor booths and music.”

Yancey Sanderson, executive director of testing and federal programs, thanked soldiers for their attendance at a Veterans Day program held Nov. 11 at Gatesville High School.

“We had to move the event indoors (because of weather conditions) but everything went well,” he said. “It’s important to us to have this event every year. A lot of schools are off for Veterans Day but it’s important for us to have a service for our students. Col. (Paul) Bonano (commander of the 120th Infantry Brigade) gave a great message.”

Another highlight was that more than 100 members of Gatesville student choirs in grades 6-12 sang “God Bless the USA” at the event.

Fincher said the purpose of the North Fort Hood Council “is to provide volunteer opportunities for your soldiers to create a resume of sorts. We want to provide an opportunity for soldiers to participate in things that are on their heart, whether it’s with animals, crisis centers, and so forth.”

One successful local event that was held the weekend after Thanksgiving was Dancing With the Stars, which helped raise more than \$100,000 for Righteous Roots, a local nonprofit, according to Cheri Shepherd, director of the Gatesville Convention and Visitors Bureau.

“This was the first time they’ve done it,” Shepherd said. “Righteous Roots just purchased a building which will serve as a shel-

ter, and they also provide counseling services. Colonel Bonano was one of the judges (for the event).”

Meals were served to soldiers by commanders and chaplains on Thanksgiving day, and special music was provided by Royce Montgomery.

“He was a good choice for the music,” one soldier said. “Thank you for providing that.” Fincher said Montgomery “is quite the entertainer — we’ll try to procure him for next year, as well.”

Carla Manning with the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce talked about the Christmas With the Chamber events on Dec. 10, which included a parade down Main Street from Super Buffet to Gatesville High School. The celebration also featured Market Days at the Chamber Depot, an Ugly Sweater Contest and photos with Santa Claus after the parade, along with children’s activities. The Chamber celebration also featured a party at the Chamber Depot, which included hot chocolate, coffee, and apple cider.

Looking ahead, Manning and Fincher said soldier volunteers are needed to help judge entries in the Coryell County Youth Fair, which is scheduled Jan. 11-14.

“The kids do a really good job - I’ve gotten a lot of good recipes from the county fair,” Manning said.

Fincher said the youth fair “is the single biggest county event of the year. People come from all over the county. There are contests for animals, photos, baked goods, canning, and more, and there’s an auction on Saturday night (Jan. 14).”

A military appreciation fish fry is scheduled for Feb. 10, 2023, “and the local volunteer fire department cooks fish on site.”

A special tribute to Vietnam veterans is planned.

# 1st Cav troopers participate in Spur Ride to test mettle

FORT HOOD - Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion “Maverick,” 1st Cavalry Division recently hosted a Spur Ride.

The “Maverick” battalion organized the Spur Ride to test and validate the induction of troopers in the 1st Cavalry Division into the Order of the Spur.

“Spur rides have been a tradition in the 1st Cavalry Division for years,” Command Sgt. Maj. Esteban Alvarado said, HHBN command sergeant major. “We came out with about 130 spur candidates that are excited and motivated to earn

their spurs.”

Spur Rides are storied traditions in cavalry units which demonstrate individual proficiency in the unit required tasks, overall physical fitness, mental agility and personal readiness. The Spur Ride helps develop cohesion and enhances esprit de corps.

“The Spur Ride enforces older traditions that have been instilled for a long time,” Spc. Izaiah Gutierrez said, Spur Holder, 1st Cavalry Division. “It definitely makes everyone work as a team, because if you work alone you will not succeed.”

A trooper earning their Spurs is a time-honored tradition that dates back to the time of knights. New cavalrymen would be given a horse with a shaved tail, designating them as amateur riders. These troopers would not be given their Spurs until they proved themselves worthy by way of intense training and proof of competence.

Today’s cavalry has traded its horses for tanks and Bradley Fighting Vehicles, the importance of immersing cavalry troopers into the traditions, history, heritage and legacy of the U.S. Army Cavalry remains.



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FROM MY FRONT PORCH

# Live life like a 'Secondhand Lion'

**SAM HOUSTON**

Sam Houston is a syndicated columnist and newspaper executive. He is also an author, actor, playwright and entertainment producer/promoter.



Houston

Many of us have seen the movie, "Secondhand Lions" starring Robert Duvall and Michael Caine. This family movie is the story of two eccentric older brothers, who have had multiple adventures around the world.

Through circumstance, they have an abandoned nephew come to live with them at their ranch in rural Texas. The two brothers teach the young nephew a multitude of life lessons through their zany antics which include learning how to fly a plane, scaring off traveling salesman by firing a shotgun over his head, and purchasing an actual living and breathing, "secondhand lion." It is a wonderfully entertaining movie and if you have not ever watched it, you should. I bet I have watched the show over 20 times and I will probably watch it 20 more before I am all done. One of my favorite lines from the movie is when one of the brothers is being questioned about the wisdom of their eccentric ways, and he responds by saying, "What do you want us to do, sit down and die?"

I was recently reminded of the "Secondhand Lions" by the actions of my two friends, Tom Crossett and Jim Randle. I have written columns about Tom previously, and without a doubt, Tom and Jim are two seniors who will not go "quietly into that good night." Recently, these two seniors got to reminisce about their youth. Soon the discussion was focused on the Pinewood Derby that the Scouts sponsor. During the event, young Cub Scouts build wooden cars and race them. It taught Cub Scouts about competition, design, planning and goal setting. Once the topic was broached my friends, Tom and Jim decid-

ed that what could be more fun than to have a Pinewood Derby for adults, and they sprung into action.

These two seniors spent several weeks designing and building a racetrack. I have no idea what expense and time was invested, but the track was a piece of art and worthy of being the centerpiece of any Pinewood Derby event. They next rustled up 20 old pinewood cars from garage sales, antique stores and who knows where else. The two then invited all their family and friends to compete in the race.

I must admit, I was a little apprehensive when I got my invitation. Why the heck would I take my Sunday afternoon to race Pinewood Derby cars? I was not a Cub Scout and frankly racing wooden cars did not interest me when I was 10, and I was pretty sure it was not going to be something I would like now.

I decided to go because I respect and love my friends. If they were going to go to so much trouble as to create an event, I resolved I should take the time to attend. When I loaded up my wife and drove to the appointed time and place, I kept asking myself "who in the heck would think of having a Pinewood Derby for adults, other than Tom and Jim."

Much to my surprise, an amazing number of people showed up for the event. There were refreshments, beverages and a copious number of people who wanted to participate in racing. My wife jumped right into the middle of the com-

petition, and when she selected the card, which identified which car she would use, she was excited to know she would be "driving" number 3: that is her lucky number.

When the racing began, my wife won the first heat, and every other heat she raced in. Upon reaching the finals, she blew away the other cars and was loudly proclaimed the winner of the first Senior Pinewood Derby. She won a medal and the accolades and admiration of her fellow competitors. It was quite an event and something only Tom and Jim would come up with.

I am proud to have friends like Tom and Jim. Like the Secondhand Lions characters, no one will ever accuse them of sitting around waiting to pass on. They are going to suck the marrow out of the bone of life and spread as much joy and happiness they can. We should all be more like Tom and Jim, no matter our age.

Tom and Jim, you guys are one of a kind and I am proud to call you, my friends. You set a great example to everyone with your kindness, joyful hearts and boundless energy. God bless you both. Just promise me you will not go buy any lions.

Thought for the day: It is not the stars that control our destiny, it is within our heart.

Until next time.  
sam@hcnews

# Cover2cover ministries to host public Christmas meal

Cover2cover Ministries held a Thanksgiving meal last month, and since it was success, the church decided to provide a Christmas meal as well.

A traditional Christmas meal will be held on Thursday, Dec. 22 at 5:30 p.m. and will be served with all the fix-

ings. Cover2cover Ministries will provide dine-in, pick-up, and delivery in Gatesville.

Santa will be in attendance, so guests are reminded to bring a camera/phone to take photos. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served as well.

For more information, or if anyone is interested in receiving a Christmas meal by delivery, contact 254-392-9472 by phone or text message.

The Cover2cover Ministries is located at 407 S. Hwy 36 in Gatesville.

# The FBC of Gatesville will present Christmas Cantata

First Baptist Church of Gatesville will host a Christmas program on Sunday, Dec. 18, at 5 p.m. The program will be put on by Tyler Castaneda.

Songs will consist of Advent and Christmas classics

to bring in the holiday joy. There is a place for anyone who would like to enjoy the program.

First Baptist Church of Gatesville has been practicing since November and will continue to practice until

time for the 2022 Christmas Cantata.

First Baptist Church is located at 912 E. Main St. in Gatesville. For more information contact 254-865-2014.

# RECIPE

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

## CINNAMON LOGS

Vicki Melton

- 1 large loaf of white sandwich bread
- 8 ounces cream cheese
- Melted butter
- Cinnamon
- Sugar

Trim crust from bread. Soften cream cheese and beat until fluffy. Roll bread slightly with a rolling pin. Spread a thin layer of cream cheese and roll into a log. Freeze. Remove from the freezer. Logs may be left whole or cut into halves or



COURTESY PHOTO

thirds. Roll in melted butter and immediately in bowl of cinnamon and sugar. If you wait too long to put in the sugar mixture, the butter will solidify and won't pick up a nice

crust of sugar. May be baked now or frozen. Bake while frozen at 400 degrees (use top rack in the upper part of the oven) for 15 to 17 minutes.



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# KEEP GATESVILLE BEAUTIFUL'S DECEMBER YARD OF THE MONTH

Keep Gatesville Beautiful's December Yard of the Month goes to Toi and Robert Fairhurst, who live at 103 Rio Drive. There are lots of beautiful Gatesville yards lit up this year for Christmas but this one has it all. Their Christmas decorations and landscaping work together to highlight the themes of the season. There are angels in the dormer windows. Toi and Robert moved in less than a year ago and planted their landscape themselves. Their yard features cannas, mums, Christmas cactus, roses, and a passion flower vine that covers the arch over a statue of the Virgin Mary.



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# OBITUARIES

## EUNICE SMITH SNODDY

Nov. 13, 1929 - Dec. 6, 2022



Eunice Smith Snoddy, age 93, of Gatesville, passed away on Tuesday, December 6, 2022, in Austin. Funeral services were held

at 1 p.m. Saturday, December 10, 2022, at Scott's Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Bruce Cox officiating. Burial followed at Restland Cemetery. For those unable to attend, Mrs. Snoddy's funeral services will be livestreamed at the link below her obituary page at [www.scottssf.com](http://www.scottssf.com).

Eunice Smith Snoddy was born on November 13, 1929, in Hye, Texas in Blanco County. She was born to the late Clegg Smith and Florence Shipp Bradshaw. She was the descendent of a long-time pioneer family that dated back to the Independence of Texas. She married Robert Newell Smith in 1948 and he preceded her in death in 1973. She married W.D. (Pat) Snoddy in 1974. They lived in Gates-

ville where they raised their children, David, Michael, and Stacy. In those years, Pat and Eunice never missed a school event, music lesson, or other planned event for their sons. They were members of First Baptist Church of Gatesville, where they were choir members for many years. Pat preceded her in death in 2013.

She was also preceded in death by a son, David Keith Smith in 1970 and a sister, Lonie Ethridge in 2016.

Eunice is survived by a daughter, Patricia Smith of Austin; son, Stacy Smith of Austin; brother, T.J. Smith and wife, Maggie, of Johnson City; grandson, Brian Burkle of Austin; and numerous nieces and nephews that were very close to her.

## SUSAN "SUE" CHERYL TROUT-WRIGHT

Feb. 25, 1947 - Dec. 4, 2022



On Dec. 4, 2022, Susan Cheryl Trout-Wright passed away peacefully into God's graces surrounded by loved ones after battling lung cancer. A warrior throughout life, she was 75 years old. Sue was the first of nine children born to the late Nelson Edward and Louise Ellen (Peters) Trout on Feb. 25, 1947, in Thurmont, MD.

Sue had an adventurous childhood helping take care

of her numerous brothers. She graduated from Thurmont High School and received her Bachelor of Arts from Frostburg State College in Frostburg, Maryland, followed by receiving a master's degree from Loyola College in Baltimore. Sue touched many lives as a special education teacher in the states of Iowa, Maryland, Texas, and Washington for 41 years.

She had an adventurous spirit and loved taking road trips. On her way back to Maryland from California, she stopped off in Council Bluffs, Iowa, where she bartended part-time and met her future husband, Dennis David Wright. Dennis and Susan married June 14, 1975. The following year, her son, Adrian John Wright was born followed by her daughter, Kimberly Ann Wright King two years later. Shortly after her daughter was born, the family moved back to Maryland.

She enjoyed playing cards, quilting, anything to do with crabs, gardening - she had an amazing green thumb, and of course what most people will remember, reading her

romance novels and smoking her "potty" cigarettes. She had an amazing sense of humor and could make a wisecrack about most anything and she will be dearly missed.

Sue is survived by her son, Adrian Wright; daughter, Kimberly (Kevin) King; brothers, Jerry (Kay) Trout, Robert (Anita) Trout, Tom (Sheila) Trout, John Trout, Donny (Buenafe) Trout, Steven (Randia Ramzi) Trout, Andrew (Mary Jo) Trout; and her only sister, Becky (Kent) Faughander; significant other, Brandon Barszcz; and her fur baby, Sasha. She has 21 nieces and nephews that will also miss her antics dearly.

Sue was preceded in death by her parents; husband of 30 years, Dennis Wright; mother and father-in-law, David and Corrine Wright; sister-in-law, Kathy Heiken; one niece, Kayla Trout; and all her loving pets.

The family will have a memorial service at a later date in Maryland. In memory of Sue, we ask that donations be made to the ASPCA or your local animal shelter.

# Winter Wonderland to get underway Dec. 17

The 2022 Gatesville Winter Wonderland Walkthrough and Toy Drive will be held on Saturday, Dec. 17, from 5 p.m. until 10 p.m.

Pictures can be made with Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus, the Grinch, Krampus and more. A new attraction this year will be a train ride that will cost \$1 per rider. Winter Wonderland Walkthrough will take place at 1518 Golf Course Road.

In the walkthrough, there will be numerous decorated Christmas trees, inflatables, and many Christmas decorations. The 2021 event also had live actors, including Santa Claus and The Grinch. Approximately 1,500 visitors came to last year's event, and the number of toys collected ensured that more than 70 children in the Coryell County area had presents to open on Christmas morning.

The admission price for

the Winter Wonderland is a new unwrapped toy. Monetary donations will also be accepted. All toys and proceeds will be donated to families of Coryell County through the Hidden Gem Family Center.

The Winter Wonderland Walkthrough and the Halloween Candy Maze were ideas first conceived by Sharon Meyers and her husband, John, to benefit children in the community.

# Gatesville Senior Center to hold local blanket drive

The Gatesville Senior Center is holding a blanket drive this holiday season. The senior center will be accepting blanket donations until Tuesday, Dec. 20.

The center's goal is to receive at least 75 blankets for the Meals on Wheels and Congregate clients.

Meals on Wheels has been around for many years and is a thoughtful way to give back to the community. Volunteers go from doorstep to doorstep of the elderly and deliver fresh homemade meals to those who cannot prepare a meal for themselves.

Be sure to deliver your blanket donations to the Gatesville Senior Center, located at 208 N. Lutterloh Ave. in Gatesville.

For more information about blanket donations or Meals on Wheels, contact the Gatesville Senior Center at 254-865-8234.

# DISPATCH

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of December 8 - 11. 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

**Dec. 8**  
7:37 a.m., violence was reported in the 2000 block of St. Louis Street.

11:34 a.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 2400 block of E. Main Street.

1:15 p.m., a hit and run accident was reported in the 200 block of S. 5th Street.

5:17 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 1400 block of State School Road.

6:25 p.m., a missing person was reported in the 200 block of N. 8th Street.

**Dec. 9**  
4:03 a.m., a vehicle fire was reported in the 4000 block of N. State Hwy. 36.

9:41 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 5500 block of FM 2412.

10:14 a.m., an accident was reported in the 800 block of E. Main Street.

12:53 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 2000 block of E. Main Street.

7:19 p.m., a theft was reported in the 2000 block of Waco Street.

9:19 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1300 block of Baldrige Drive.

**Dec. 10**  
10:31 a.m., a fight was reported in the 100 block of CR 332.

11:59 a.m., a disturbance was reported in the 1400 block of E. Main Street.

12:16 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 1400 block of Bridge Street.

6:22 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 100 block of Gateway Circle.

6:59 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2400 block of E. Main Street.

11:20 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 1700 block of Bridge Street.

**Dec. 11**  
1:59 a.m., a disturbance was reported in the 1300 block of Westview Drive.

4:19 p.m., a theft was reported in the 2800 block of S. State Hwy. 36.

5:03 p.m., suspicious ac-

tivity was reported in the 2300 block of S. Business Hwy. 36.

5:15 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2600 block of S. Business Hwy. 36.

6:38 p.m., a noise disturbance was reported in the 3400 block of Crown Drive.

10:54 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 2000 block of Waco Street.

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**Dec. 8**  
10:14 a.m., a hit and run accident was reported in the 800 block of CR 115.

5:17 p.m., road rage was reported on FM 116.

6:25 p.m., an out-of-control child was reported in the 1300 block of FM 930.

8:20 p.m., an abandoned vehicle was reported on W. Hwy. 84 and CR 176.

9:19 p.m., a minor accident was reported on FM 116 and Hwy. 9.

11:36 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 300 block of CR 137.

**Dec. 9**  
7:10 a.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 600 block of Andrews

Street.  
8:32 a.m., animal neglect was reported in the 100 block of Robert Street.

1:08 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 500 block of FM 116.

1:17 p.m., a reckless driver was reported on FM 116 and Shell Mountain Road.

5:03 p.m., harassment was reported in the 4200 block of FM 184.

5:07 p.m., a domestic disturbance was reported on Barton Lane.

**Dec. 10**  
8:30 a.m., trespassing was reported in the 2700 block of S. FM 116.

10:32 a.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 100 block of CR 332.

11:13 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 100 block of CR 194.

12:33 p.m., missing livestock was reported in the 600 block of Dove Lane.

5:14 p.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 400 block of Coryell City Road.

7:54 p.m., an out-of-control child was reported in the 2600 block of Twin Hills Road.

**Dec. 11**  
2:45 p.m., a reckless driver was reported on W. Hwy 84 and CR 161.

3:39 p.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 100 block of Coletton Drive.

6:12 p.m., a stranded motorist was reported on FM 215 at CR 233.

10:21 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 500 block of Hood Drive.

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# The reason for the season

This year's Gatesville Christmas Parade theme was "Reason for the season". The annual parade is hosted by Gatesville Chamber of Commerce. Leadership from North Fort Hood where invited to judge the floats. Judges were Col. David Newman, CSM Scott White and LTC Daniel Miller.

Winners of this year's parade are Division I, Hillside Medical Lodge; Division II, Higginbothams; and Division III, The Next Karate Star. Parade onlookers were also encouraged to vote online for the "People's Choice" float, which was still to be determined as of press time.



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Buzz, GJHS cheer coach Amber Colson and members of the cheer squad made an appearance at Saturday's Gatesville Christmas parade.



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Gatesville Christmas Parade judges where Col. David Newman, CSM Scott White and LTC Daniel Miller, pictured with Chamber of Commerce past-president Lute Sullins.

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Pearl News

# Self benefit estate sale is still ongoing

BETSY CLARK  
Pearl News Correspondent

The Pearl Baptist Church will be hosting a Candlelight Service at 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve. Everyone is invited to attend.



Clark

The Pearl Cottage Bookstore has reported that there are a number of items still for sale from the Self estate which benefit the Scholarship Fund. There are two sewing machines, a dining room table and eight chairs, a china cabinet, a cedar chest, several miscellaneous curio tables, miscellaneous chairs and two tubs of double-knit quilt tops. There are also two refrigerators that can be taken as is for free. Call Linda Ray at 254-865-9282 or 254-206-1999 for more information.

A Deep East Texas update from yours truly: Little Dribblers basketball is the same in this part of the state as in Central Texas. I know this firsthand as I sat through 10 games today in Martinsville. My oldest granddaughter played in three of them—generously spaced apart! I have to admit that it was a lot of fun watching kiddos play again after so many years away from occupying space on the bleachers. My memory has been refreshed regarding stadium seats, though. I need one. With lots of padding and a sturdy back.

Next weekend's sports are Goat Tying and Breakaway Roping, and I am well-prepared for whatever the weather may bring. By the way, a couple of quick brags—my East Texas granddaughter, Callyn, won

first place in Art Smart at her UIL contest last week. Also, my Colorado nephew was named Doctor of the Year out of over 60 doctors nominated. Finally, my Temple granddaughters just returned from a trip to New York City where they enjoyed things such as The Rockettes, the Broadway production of Phantom of the Opera, ice skating in Central Park, and many other New York attractions. It's so nice to see all of them end 2022 on such high notes. If you have grandkids or other relative brags, you would like to share, please email me. I don't want to be the only grandmother/aunt who shamelessly flaunts her kiddos' accomplishments. That would just be plain tacky.

This week's Bible Verse: "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth." John 1:14 ESV

Be sure and like the Pearl Community Center, Texas Facebook page and the Pearl Cottage Bookstore and Resale Shop Facebook page. Please send any Pearl news to [betsyclarke47@yahoo.com](mailto:betsyclarke47@yahoo.com) --especially those brags about the kids in your life!

## MEMBER OF THE MONTH



COURTESY PHOTO

The Gatesville Chamber of Commerce recently selected Coffee Saloon as its December Member of the Month. The mobile coffee shop can be found at various locations around Gatesville but is usually located parked near the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce depot. Representatives of the chamber gathered to present the award to owner Jennifer Considine. Each month, the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce recognizes a chamber member, and those winners will also be in the running for Chamber Member of the Year, an honor awarded each year at the annual chamber banquet. The Chamber Member of the Month award is sponsored by Extraco Banks and The Gatesville Messenger.

## Oglesby ISD cheer team holds "Sox Drive" for homeless

The cheerleaders of Oglesby Independent School District for the socks to be collected. The cheer team will be collecting socks until Wednesday, Dec. 21.

There will be a drop box in the front foyer

of Oglesby Independent School District for the socks to be collected. The cheer team will be collecting socks until Wednesday, Dec. 21.

Oglesby ISD is located at 125 College Ave. in Oglesby. For more information call 254-456-2271.

## Spur Nutrition presents the "Gifting Tree"

Spur Nutrition understands how difficult it can be during the holiday season, and they believe that no one should go without presents. This year there will be a "Gifting Tree" at Spur Nutrition. The tree will be no questions asked, and no purchase necessary.

Spur Nutrition will constantly add gifts under the tree until Friday, Dec. 23. The community is welcome to join in by spreading the

holiday cheer this Christmas. Items range from pajamas for kids, clothes, stuffed animals, beauty products, etc.

If anyone would like to donate to the tree, stop by Spur Nutrition anytime Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m., or Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Make sure all the items are new or in boxes. Spur Nutrition is located at 103 S. 7th St. in Gatesville.

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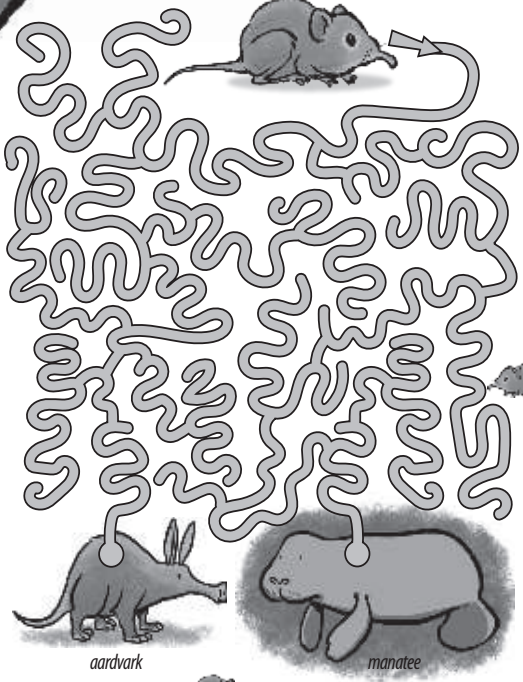
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## A Mouse with a Trunk?

There is an animal that looks like that. It's a short-eared elephant shrew, and it looks like a mouse with a trunk. But it's no mouse.

Elephants are one of the world's largest animals and elephant shrews are one of the world's smallest. But they are related! An elephant shrew is not a member of the shrew family.

Follow the maze to see which of these animals is an elephant shrew relative.



## Home Sweet Home

Short-eared elephant shrews live in southern Africa in Namibia, Botswana and South Africa. They like to live in sandy soil, dry grass and shrub land.

How many words can you make using the letters in ELEPHANT SHREW?

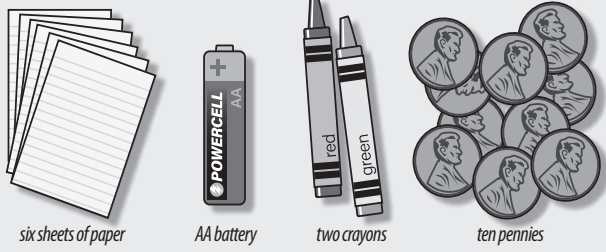
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How many elephant shrews can you find on this page?

## Smallest of the Small

The short-eared elephant shrew weighs between 1 and 1.5 ounces (28 and 43 grams) and has a body length of about 4 inches (10 centimeters). Which of these things do you think weigh about 1 ounce?

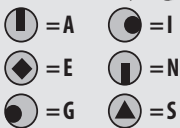


Circle every other letter to see if you guessed correctly.

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## Why is it called an elephant shrew?

Some say the elephant shrew's long nose, or snout, looks like the trunk of an elephant. Sometimes it is called a jumping shrew. Use the code to discover yet another name for this tiny animal.



## Lunch time!

Cut and paste these sentences in order to find out what these animals eat.

even eat small worms.  
Some elephant shrews will  
tender shoots of young plants.  
Short-eared elephant shrews eat  
ants, termites, berries and the

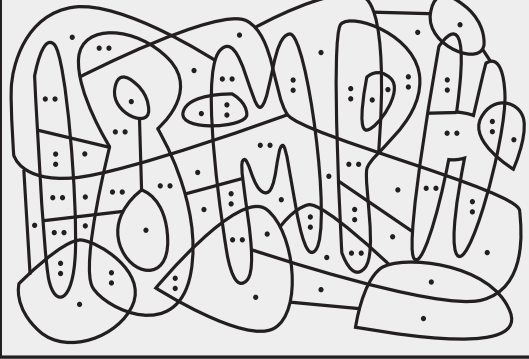
## Critter Combos

Look through the newspaper for pictures of animals. Cut out parts of different animals and put them together to make up a new animal. Give your animal a name and describe where it lives, what it likes to eat and how it behaves.

## Kid Scoop Puzzler

### Small and Speedy

An elephant shrew is small but speedy. Color in the spaces with two dots red to find out how many miles per hour an elephant shrew can run!



## Double Double Word Search

- AFRICA  
ANTS  
CRITTER  
ELEPHANT  
LEGS  
MOUSE  
OUNCE  
SHREW  
SHRUB  
SMALL  
SNOUT  
SOIL  
SPEEDY  
TERMITES  
TRUNK

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

B K S S O I L X E V  
R E H P A A N T S O  
E T V B E F O Q U U  
T R S U S E R H O N  
T U N R G H D I M C  
I N O H E H R Y C E  
R K U S L M B E K A  
C M T L L A M S W F  
X M E L E P H A N T  
A T E R M I T E S I

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

## FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

### "Sh" is a Blend

A blend is when two or three consonants are put together to make a sound. On one page of the newspaper, circle all of the examples you can find of two consonants put together in a word. Make a list of the blends you found.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Recognize the sounds created by consonants in blends.

## Write On!

### If I were an Animal

Which kind of animal, are you most like? If you were an animal, what kind would you be and why?

## Kid Scoop Together

### Proof It

Are you an eagle-eyed reader? Circle the 9 mistakes in this article. Then rewrite it correctly on the lines below it. Have a family member check your work.

### Lost and Found

For nearly 50 years, scientists thought a kind of elephant shrew, the Somali sengi, had gone extinct, or disappear forever.

In 2020, scientists travel to Djibouti, a country next two Somalia in Africa. They went to look into reports that peopul had seen the tiny Somali sengi.

They baited a traps with peanut butter, oatmeal and yeast and caught a sengi. This was the first recorded sighting in 50 years.

Blank lines for proofreading and rewriting.

## Central Texas Travel Club to meet Dec. 20

The Central Texas Travel Club will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 20, at Johnny's Steaks and Bar-Be-Que in Salado beginning at 11 a.m. The meeting is open to anyone interested in travel, and there are no fees or membership requirements.

For more information you can find them on Facebook, or online at [centraltexasclub@outlook.com](mailto:centraltexasclub@outlook.com).

Johnny's Steak's and Bar-Be-Que is located at 301 Thomas Arnold Rd. in Salado.

## Gatesville Adaptive Sports offers soccer league

Gatesville Adaptive Sports recently announced that registration for their Adaptive Soccer League is now available online starting Monday, Dec. 5. Gatesville Adaptive Sports is an organization which helps children and adults with special needs ages 5 to 22.

The soccer league will begin in February and will be

free of charge. To sign up for the soccer league, visit <http://www.teamsideline.com/sites/GatesvilleTx/current-programs>. Volunteers are always needed and can register on the same site as well.

For more information, call the Gatesville Fitness Center at 254-865-4012.

## Christmas Celebration set at Hospitality House

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](mailto:cthospitalityhouse@gmail.com).

## Early holiday deadlines set for Messenger office

With Christmas just around the corner, The Gatesville Messenger would like to remind readers that news and advertising deadlines will change for some upcoming issues.

Deadline for the Saturday, Dec. 24 issue will be Tuesday, Dec. 20 at 10 a.m. Deadline for the Wednesday, Dec. 28 issue will be Wednesday, Dec. 21 at 10 a.m.

The Gatesville Messenger

office will be closed Monday, Dec. 26.

If you have any questions, please call Janice Velasquez at 254-865-5212 ext. 305. If you prefer to email your inquiry, please send to [advertising@gatesvillemessenger.com](mailto:advertising@gatesvillemessenger.com) for advertising or [jeff@gatesvillemessenger.com](mailto:jeff@gatesvillemessenger.com) for news.

The Gatesville Messenger office is located at 116 S. 6th Street in Gatesville.

## Christmas Special set for Dec. 16 at Gatesville City Auditorium

The Gatesville Country Music Hall of Fame Stage Show will host its Christmas Special on Friday, Dec. 16, from 7 until 9 p.m.

The program will be a gospel show in addition to having Christmas music and specials. In addition to the stage band, a special vocal performance will be given by Rev. Richard Ray, the director of missions with the Tri-Rivers Baptist Association. Ray will be accompanied by

local guitarist Talon Keeney. There will also be a special illustration performance by Kevin P. Julliard of Copperas Cove.

Admission to the event will be free and the public is encouraged to get into the holiday spirit and attend this Christmas Special. The Gatesville City Auditorium is located at 110 N. 8th Street across from the Gatesville Public Library.

## 'Christmas on the Square' to be hosted by Evant Chamber, Dec. 17

The Evant Chamber of Commerce will host "Christmas on the Square" on Saturday, Dec. 17 from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend and enjoy Christmas carols and a visit with Santa. Shop for holiday treats, crafts, funnel cakes, cookies and much more.

Payment methods will include cash, Venmo, and PayPal.

Vendors are wanted as

well with no vendor fee required. Food trucks, TABC licensed beer and wine, home décor, Christmas décor, sweets, scents and novelty items.

If interested in attending, visit [www.evanchamber.org](http://www.evanchamber.org) or email [EvantChamber-info@gmail.com](mailto:EvantChamber-info@gmail.com) for the map and vendor apps. The Evant Christmas on the Square will be located on Hwy. 281 in Evant.

## GISD CHOIR HAS BUSY HOLIDAY SEASON



COURTESY OF CHERITH WELLS

**BUSY SEASON:** The Gatesville ISD choir program has had a full schedule lately with public performances and their Winter Showcase, which included all seven choirs and consisting of five shows for the students of the primary, elementary and intermediate schools. Other performances included a volunteers luncheon at the Coryell Museum, a winter concert consisting of all seven choirs plus the first ever GISD Staff Choir, and a tour at Hillside Medical Lodge, the Gatesville Lions Club, Gatesville Senior Center, GISD Administration building and Let's Grow Learning Center. Between the babies in the audience at the concert, and the gentleman at Hillside who's about to turn 100, the choirs performed 12 shows for nearly a century span of audiences, all led by choir directors Dr. Tim Klingler and Cherith Wells and accompanied by Charles Ament and Nelda Milligan on the piano. Gatesville ISD choirs are made up of 165 students in total.

## Benefit to be held for Wade Key on Dec. 17

From Staff Reports

On Saturday, Dec. 17, a benefit will be held for Wade Key and his family. Join the community in supporting the Key family in their fight against cancer. The benefit will be held at the Gatesville Civic Center.

There will be a barbeque

lunch at 11 a.m., and the cost will be \$10 per plate or donation. At noon, a corn-hole tournament will begin and will cost \$50 per team. Contact Payton George for more information about the tournament.

A raffle, door prizes, and an auction will also take place at the event. The items

will include gift baskets, a \$200 Leon River Gift Certificate, a Glock 43X 9mm, an AR-15 223/ 5.56, Tokarev 12-gauge shotgun, a deep freeze, a fire pit and grill, a Management Buck Hunt and a Black Buck/Axis Doe Hunt.

Sponsors of the benefit will be Mid-Tex Plumbing, TJ Electric, Stone Creek Ranch,

S&S Fencing, Guns Unlimited, Sugar & Spice Catering, J&M's Hill Country BBQ and Diamond C Ranch.

Payton George can be contacted at 254-223-0207. The Gatesville Civic Center is located at 301 Veterans Memorial Loop in Gatesville.

## Fitness Center sets Santa Sprint for Dec. 17

From Staff Reports

The Gatesville Fitness Center will hold a Santa Sprint race on Saturday, Dec. 17. The Christmas-themed race will begin at 7 a.m. and will start and finish at the Gatesville City Pool.

The 5K and 10K will have prizes awarded to the top

three male and female runners in each age group. The Kids K will complete two laps around the top half of Raby Park (0.76 miles). The Kids K will include the ages of 12 and under. Christmas-themed medals will be given to each participant.

Tickets for the 10K and 5K

will cost \$25, and the prices will increase after Wednesday, Dec. 14, at 11:59 p.m. The Kids K will cost \$15 per ticket, and registration will close on Dec. 14 at 11:59 p.m. It will reopen for the Kids K on Saturday, Dec. 17, at 12 a.m.

Tickets can be bought by

visiting [runsignup.com/gatesvillesantasprint](http://runsignup.com/gatesvillesantasprint). The Gatesville City Pool is located at 300 South 8th Street in Gatesville. For more information on the Santa Sprint, contact the Gatesville Fitness Center at 254-865-4012.

## Gatesville Country Club hosts Christmas party

From Staff Reports

The Gatesville Country Club will hold a Christmas party on Saturday, Dec. 17, at 7 p.m.

The country club will provide live music, plenty of drink specials, karaoke, dancing and lots of finger foods. There will be door prizes for everyone to have a chance to win.

The Gatesville Country Club Santa will be at the party as well for picture-taking. There will be an ugly sweater contest, and the winning prize will be \$100.

Be sure to RSVP at the clubhouse. The Gatesville Country Club is located at 1308 Golf Course Road in Gatesville and can be reached at 254-965-6917.

## Office hours change for clerk's offices

The Coryell County Clerk's Office, joined by the District Clerk's Office, will be changing their hours of operation beginning Tuesday, Jan. 3.

The County Clerk's office, normally closed for lunch 12-1 p.m., will now remain open. The office will close early at 4:30 p.m. each weekday. After-hours appointments can be made for those needing to come in between 4:30 and 5 p.m.

The District Clerk's Office will also remain open during their scheduled lunch hour and will close each day at 4 p.m.



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# Christmas Festivities Around Gatesville



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Santa and Mrs. Claus made an appearance during the Gatesville Chamber's Christmas parade.



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TNT Aviation featured a real plane on their Christmas float.



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Gatesville's downtown area is all lit up in Christmas lights installed by the City of Gatesville.



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Vendors were on hand during Gatesville Chamber of Commerce's Christmas festivities held Saturday.



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Mountain Baptist Church hosted their annual drive-through live nativity scene featuring live animals and church volunteers.



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Santa and Sparky greet visitors at the Gatesville Fire Department.



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Mary and Joseph hold their pose during Mountain Baptist Church's annual drive-through live nativity scene.



DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

The Gatesville Volunteer Fire Department helps bring Christmas spirit to residents each year by escorting Santa Claus through neighborhoods on the fire truck and also by having Sparky the Fire Dog and Santa Claus available at the department for photo opportunities.



# TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY™

## MULTIPLE RECORDS SET



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**RECORD BROKEN:** Tarleton triple-jumper Jaden Hall (pictured from last season) had established the men's indoor school record for the triple jump last season (13.97 meters), but it was erased on Saturday in the Crimson and Gold Invitational hosted by Pittsburg State University. Freshman Gabriele Tosti broke that record with a leap of 14.84 meters, winning the event for the Texans.

## TSU squads compete in season's first indoor track meet

### Tarleton Sports Information

**T**arleton's track and field squad traveled with a smaller crew than usual for its first indoor meet of the season, Saturday at the Crimson and Gold Invitational hosted by Pittsburg State.

That was no matter as the men's and women's teams wasted no time breaking records and performing well to jumpstart the Texans 2023 season at the Robert W. Plaster Center.

Two student-athletes broke indoor school records, and one tied a record.

The Texans will now rest as they head into the holiday break. Next, they return to Stephenville to begin classes in the spring 2023 semester as well as resuming training for the upcoming indoor slate. The next indoor meet will be in Lubbock as Texas Tech hosts the Corky Classic on Jan. 13-14.

On the women's side, junior Bonnie Clifton broke the indoor school record in the weight throw, throwing 15.72m (51' 7"). The throw shattered her previous personal record of 42' 8". Clifton placed sixth in the women's weight throw on Saturday.

Freshman Jordan Rae won the women's high jump

with a 1.72m (5' 7 3/4") jump that tied her for first place all-time for the indoor high jump at Tarleton. She tied Rylee Hennig for first as Hennig also jumped 1.72m in her freshman campaign in 2022.

For the men, freshman Gabriele Tosti broke the indoor school record for triple jump, jumping 14.84m (48' 8 3/4"). The Seriate, Italy native's 14.84m jump surpassed Jaden Hall's previous No. 1 all-time indoor jump of 13.97m. Tosti's jump earned him first place honors at the meet.

"It was exciting to be back competing as a team," said TSU head coach Clay Holland. "We had a good weekend but our student-athletes have high standards and expectations so I could tell that they were far from satisfied. As a coach that makes me eager to get back to work because we have the athletes that can accomplish some big goals this season."

Other notable women's performances include Hanna

Dudley's seventh-place finish (7.68 seconds) in the 60-meter dash. She was followed by Summer Croxton in 11th place with a 7.78 time (tying her personal record) and Danielle Thomas in 16th with a 7.84 (personal record).

In the women's 400m dash, Macie Evans finished seventh, running 58.66 seconds, which slotted her in at 10th all-time on the indoor 400m list at Tarleton. In the 200m dash Summer Croxton placed third (24.97), Hanna Dudley sixth (25.16), and Nyla Barlow 10th (25.51). All times were good for top 10 all-time in Tarleton history.

Kailey Sykora managed a fourth-place finish in the women's 800-meter dash, running 2:17.72. That is a personal record for Sykora and second all-time in the indoor 800m at Tarleton.

Looking back toward the men's side, Reid Vincent and Alan Palmer placed second and third respectively in the long jump. Vincent jumped 7.29m (23' 11") which replaced his previous jump in 2022 of 7.15m for second place on the all-time Tarleton indoor long jump list. Palmer jumped 7.24m (23' 9") in his third-place finish.

Justin Raines had two top 10 finishes on the day, placing fourth in the 60m



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**Elise Smith, a senior from Napoleonville, Louisiana by way of Sam Houston State University, is one of the women's track and field returnees for the Tarleton State University women this season. She competed in the javelin event in six meets last season, and her all-time best throw of 152 feet, 10 inches ranked second in the Western Athletic Conference.**

hurdles with a time of 8.20 and coming in ninth in the 60m dash with a time of 6.85. Konnor Hoerman placed right behind Raines in the 60m hurdles with a time of 8.28, tying his personal record.

In one of the more impressive feats of the day, freshman Canyon Staton placed third in the 400m dash with a time of 49.16. The run landed him in the all-time top 10 list at Tarleton for the indoor 400m dash in his first

ever collegiate competition. Bailey Smotek bested a personal record and secured a spot in second on Tarleton's all-time list in the indoor 800m dash as he placed fifth at the meet, running 1:52.56.

## TSU Texans' 54-game baseball season set to begin Feb. 17

### Tarleton Sports Information

**T**arleton State University baseball head coach Aaron Meade has announced the Texans' 54-game slate for the upcoming spring season, set to begin Feb. 17 in San Antonio against UT-San Antonio.

The schedule consists of 30 home games at the soon-to-be newly renovated Tarleton Baseball Complex,

along with 24 games on the road. Season tickets are now available.

"We can't wait to open up our brand-new stadium by hosting 30 games here in Texan Nation," said Meade. "Our non-conference slate is very competitive and will prepare our guys for an expanded WAC schedule that will be as challenging as ever."

The Texans open the season with a three-game series at UTSA after the Roadrun-

ners opened the 2022 season in Stephenville. Other non-conference games include at UIW (Feb. 21), vs. Stonehill College (Feb. 24-26) at Oral Roberts (March 1), vs. Prairie View A&M (March 3-5), vs. Oral Roberts (March 14), at UC-Riverside (April 12), at Baylor (April 25) and at Texas A&M (May 2), among others.

Two home games that stand out are TCU (April 4) and Baylor (May 16) making the trip to Stephenville for

midweek contests at the Tarleton Baseball Complex. Conference play will be different this season, as teams will play schools from the entire conference rather than being relegated to just divisional games.

Tarleton will host WAC series vs. UT-Arlington (March 10-12), SFA (April 6-8), New Mexico State (April 21-23), Grand Canyon (May 5-7) and Sam Houston (May 18-20). Road conference series include weekends at Utah Val-

ley (March 24-26), UT-Rio Grande Valley (March 31-April 2), California Baptist (April 14-16), Seattle University (April 28-30) and Abilene Christian (May 12-14).

Early in the season the Texans will play 11 consecutive games at home, from March 3 to March 19.

This season the Texans will be able to compete in the WAC Baseball Tournament for the first time in the NCAA Division I era.

"The guys in our lock-

er room know it won't be easy and that they will have to earn it every day," said Meade. "You have to stay present and focused on winning one day at a time over the course of the spring, but there is definitely some added motivation in knowing they have an opportunity to compete in the postseason for the first time at the Division I level."

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Terms: Cash  
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CITATION BY PUBLICATION-EC 103.010 SAPCR THE STATE OF TEXAS: IN THE INTEREST OF TAMMI MARIE MERCADO A CHILD CAUSE NO. DC-22-53674 IN THE 52ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS

TO: ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, Respondent, Greeting:

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do (does) not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 A.M. on the Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after the date you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you. In addition to filing a written answer with the clerk, you may be required to make initial disclosures to the other parties of this suit. These disclosures generally must be made no later than 20 days after you file your answer with the clerk. Find out more at [TexasLawHelp.org](http://TexasLawHelp.org)."

\*\*If posted at the courthouse door the written answer shall be filed by 10:00 AM on the Monday next following the expiration of 20 days following the 7th day of posting. The petition of THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES, Petitioner was filed in the 52ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT of Coryell County, Texas on the 06/02/2022 against TAMMY LYNN PROULX AND BILLIE JO PROULX. Respondent and entitled in the above entitled cause.

The date and birth of the child/children who is/are the subject of the suit is/are  
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TAMMI MARIE MERCADO  
PLACE OF BIRTH  
NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA  
DATE OF BIRTH  
05/20/2005

The Court has authority in this suit to render an order in the child's (children's) interest that will be binding on you, including the termination of the Parent-child Relationship the determination of paternity, and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's (children's) adoption."

ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT AT GATESVILLE, CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS, ON THIS THE 6th day of December, 2022.

Attorney for Petitioner or Petitioner:  
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TO: DECEDENT'S UNKNOWN HEIRS  
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THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF CORYELL

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF MARIA FELIX ESTRADA, DECEASED. CAUSE NO 22-10750, COUNTY COURT OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS. FLORENTINO GARCIA, FILED IN THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS ON THE 6TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2022, APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP OF SAID MARIA FELIX ESTRADA, DECEASED.

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JENNIFER NEWTON  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Eleanor Lou Renfro, Deceased, were issued on November 14, 2022 in Cause No. 22-10702, pending in the County Court of Coryell County, Texas, to: Diane Michelle Berry

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.  
DATED this 5th day of December, 2022.  
Maria Ortiz  
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# Hornet girls compete in Jarrell



**SE'VETTE EARLY | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER**  
 Aliyah Trotter brings the ball down court for Gatesville in action earlier this season. The Hornets finished fourth in the Jarrell Tournament over the weekend. In the Jarrell Tournament, Gatesville's Tamiah Miller was named to the all-tourney team. The Hornets beat Groesbeck 53-9 and Rockdale 38-24 on Dec. 8 and upended Jarrell 44-36 on Dec. 9. On Dec. 10, Gatesville fell to Austin Savio 50-47 and Jarrell 36-29.



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## Sizzling Hornets win 2nd tourney



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**CHAMPIONS AGAIN:** The varsity Gatesville Hornets boys basketball team continued its winning ways on the hardwood over the weekend, improving to 13-1 and winning first place in the Ted Jones Memorial Tournament on Dec. 10.

## Gatesville boys extend win streak, improve to 13-1

BY CHRIS ALLMAN  
Sports Correspondent

At various points during the Ted Jones Memorial Tournament championship game, the Gatesville Hornets looked fatigued, frustrated, embattled, and out-of-sync.

But when it was over, they looked just like they did one week prior in Salado. Like champs.

Playing a game that was in doubt late in the fourth quarter for the first time in almost a month, the Hornets used a 15-0 run over the final four minutes to dispatch a physical, competitive Little River Academy squad 67-50 and capture their second tournament championship in as many weeks. It was also the Hornets' second win of the season over Academy - a perennial 3A power that went to the state tournament in 2021 and has not lost a district game since 2019.

According to head coach Brit Campbell, a closer-than-usual contest against a great opponent was exactly what the streaking Hornets needed.

"I think it was good for us to have to respond and have a really strong finish and come out of that game on top," he said. "It was a great game to get experience like that."

Guard Trae Miller said the close game was a reminder that his squad can't just show up and win.

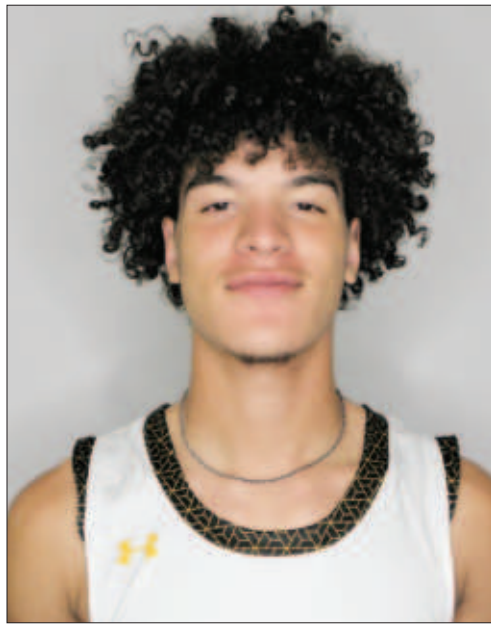
"I'm super glad we played a close physical game with Academy," Miller said. "In my opinion with us not playing many close games this season I feel like a close game like that helps us realize we are still a beatable team and will make us work even harder."

It would be hard to argue that anyone modeled hard work more over the Hornets four-game tournament stretch than Miller. He was surely the Hornets most consistent player against Academy, turning in a seven point, nine rebound, three assist night that earned him a spot on the All-Tournament Team.

"Trae is very important to us because of everything he does. He is our floor general and on court leader both offensively and defensively and is an ultimate teammate," said Campbell.

Added Miller, "I feel like my role is helping keep everyone keep their heads up in games when things aren't going our way."

Things certainly weren't going the Hornets' way in the third quarter against the Bumble-



Tyler Shea

bees. They had opened up a 38-29 lead before Academy battled back with an 11-4 run to cut the lead to 42-40.

A Carter Williams three-pointer gave Gatesville a 45-40 lead after three quarters that was upped to 48-40 after Banner Allman drilled a three-pointer to open the fourth quarter. Another three-pointer, this one from West Allman, upped the lead to 52-42 before Academy made another charge and cut the lead to 52-48 thanks to a three-pointer from Cooper Chase.

That's when the Hornets found another gear and simply outran the Bees.

West Allman started with an elbow jumper to make it 54-48 then Williams picked up a foul on Academy's terrific Scout Brazeal and knocked down a free throw to make it 55-48.

A Bumblebee layup cut their deficit to 55-50 before a layup from Banner Allman pushed the lead to 57-50 and started a run in which the Hornets scored the final twelve points of the game.

After Allman's layup, they got layups from Rayshon Smith and Williams to push the lead to 11. Then Smith found a streaking Shea for a dunk to make it 63-50. Because one highlight dunk just wasn't enough, Shea - who was named Tournament MVP for the second



Trae Miller

week in a row - immediately picked off an Academy pass and finished with a one-handed dunk before Banner Allman capped the scoring and the tournament with a layup to seal the 17-point win.

Banner Allman led all scorers in the win with 18 - nine of which came in the fourth quarter. He was followed by Shea who finished with 17 points to go along with ten rebounds. West Allman had 12, Williams had nine, and Smith chipped in four.

It was quite a finishing push for a team that largely features a six-man rotation and that was playing their eighth game in ten days.

"Playing eight games in ten days takes a huge toll on the body and is very tiring but we take care of our bodies to make sure we are always ready to play," Miller said.

Despite the run over games over the last two weeks, Campbell said his team appears to be doing fine physically. He also added that even if they weren't, it would be hard to tell.

"I feel like we are in really good shape and that we made it through the December tournament season very well so far," he said. "But these guys want to keep playing and competing know so it's going to be hard to notice if we are a little tired."

In addition to feeling the effects of tournament season, the Hornets also have to contend with the potential pressure that comes from an 11-game winning streak.

"I don't think they feel the pressure of it, I do think they want to continue it. I still think they are proud of what we have done, are confident when we take the court, and want to continue this as long as we can," said Campbell.

The Hornets topped Comanche 71-42 in the tournament semi-final on Friday. They were led by Shea's twenty points and Banner Allman's 18 points.

In the opener against Eastland, the Hornets led 46-36 at the half and by 13 after three quarters en route to their 11-point win. Shea led four Hornets in double figures with 22 points - all of which came in the paint - and added 16 rebounds.

Rayshon Smith had his second highest scoring output of the year with 18 points and was the Hornets best offensive weapon in the third quarter as Eastland continued to fire away from beyond the arc. It seemed as if every time a Maverick made a three-pointer in the quarter Smith countered with a layup.

The win also featured a remarkable lack of whistles. There were six fouls called in the entire game - two against the Hornets. They were 2 for 3 from the free throw line.

The evening matchup with Clifton was another opportunity for the Hornets to exact a measure of revenge from previous seasons. The 25-point win over the Cubs was their sixth this season against a team that defeated them during the 2021-22 season.

Shea and Allman each turned in double-doubles in the win. Shea scored 21 points and grabbed 14 rebounds while Allman scored 16 points and had 11 rebounds. They were complemented by an 18 point night from West Allman and a 13 point, 5 assist night from Williams. Ethan Nichols chipped in three and Scout Hall added a bucket as well.

The Hornets hosted West on Tuesday and will travel down Highway 84 for a matchup with McGregor on Dec. 16. They head to Llano on Dec. 19 before taking a nine-day break for Christmas then heading to their final regular season tournament of the year in Brownwood on Dec. 28.

### Area Sports Roundup

#### GATESVILLE FOOTBALL PLAYERS EARN ACADEMIC ALL-STATE

Gatesville High School was well-represented on the Texas High School Coaches Association All-State Academic team.

Mason Mooney and Aydan Necessary both earned first team recognition. Thiele Alvarado, Grant Erwin, Kason Herbelin and Trevor Smith were named to the second team. Honorable mention went to Cody Attaway, Lucas Garcia and Carter Williams.

Selection is based on overall grade-point average, class rank and performance on collegiate (ACT and SAT) entrance test scores.

The Hornets also had 16 student athletes who were named to the District 11-4A All Academic team, including: Sean Aguilar, Thiele Alvarado, Steven Bomar, J.T. Coffman, Ashtyn Culley, Grant Erwin, Seth Finley, Lucas Garcia, Kason Herbelin, Lawson Mooney, Mason Mooney, Emilie Moore, Aydan Necessary, Gabe Pollard, Trevor Smith and Carter Williams.

#### GHS WRESTLING RESULTS

The Gatesville girls defeated the Salado Eagles 4-1 and beat Round Rock McNeil 2-1 in

recent wrestling competition, while the Hornet boys lost to Salado 6-4 and tied Round Rock McNeil 5-5. Cameron Baker won two matches. The Hornets were scheduled to have a home wrestling match today (Dec. 14) against Killeen High School.

#### OGLESBY BASKETBALL SCORES

\* Oglesby Junior High girls defeated Abbott, 36-33, in overtime

\* Oglesby Junior High boys Red fell to Abbott, 0-14

\* Oglesby Junior High boys White defeated Abbott 32-28

\* Oglesby varsity girls fell to Priddy, 26-50

\* Oglesby junior varsity boys fell to Priddy, 9-61

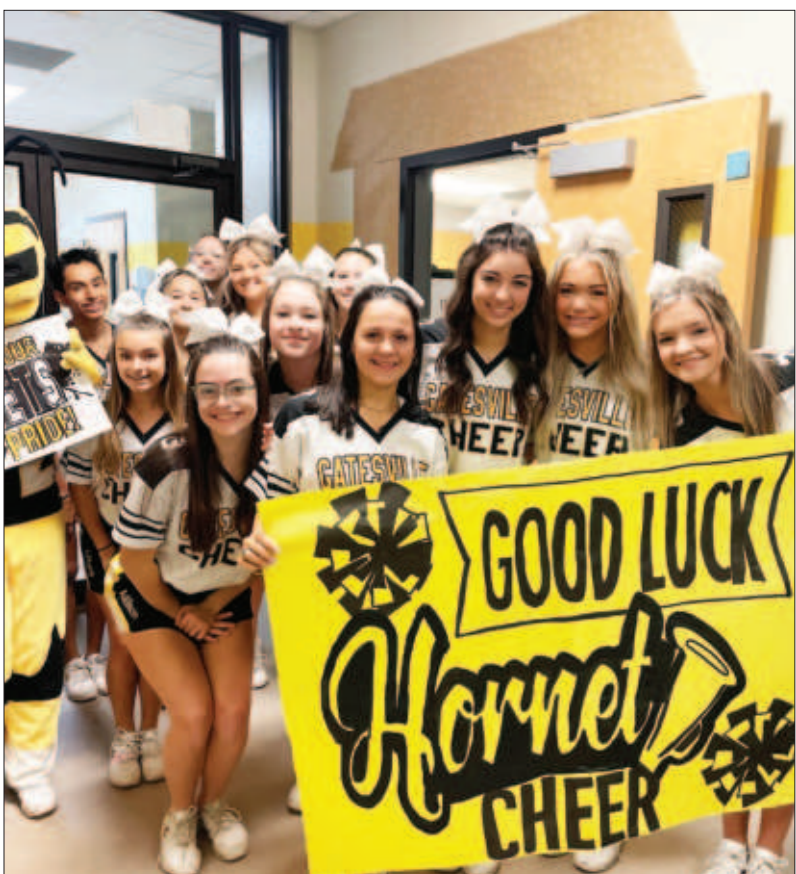
\* Oglesby varsity boys fell to Priddy, 58-69

#### JONESBORO DUO EARN ALL-STATE ACADEMIC HONORS

Jaden Domel and Tyler Wilson were both named to the Texas High School Coaches Association All-State Academic team.

#### OGLESBY'S FISHER SELECTED FOR SIX-MAN ALL-STAR GAME

Oglesby High School's Brodie Fisher has been selected to compete in the Texas Six-Man Coaches All-Star game in 2023.



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**READY TO CHEER:** The Gatesville High School cheerleaders were given a good luck send-off on Dec. 9 before participating in a state competition on Dec. 10.