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National motto "In God We Trust" presented to GISD campuses



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A delivery of posters was recently made to Gatesville Elementary School. Shown with the posters are students, left to right, Mackenzie Campbell, Joli Kelley, Dallas Gauden, and Bryden Schaff; back row, left to right, Bill Trotter, pastor of The House That God Built, Lauren Morrell, of the Gatesville Exchange Club, Dr. Lynn Parks, pastor of Eastwood Baptist Church, Gatesville Elementary second grade teacher Morgan Keeton, and Gatesville Elementary instructional coach Jennifer Doss.

BY DAVID SCOTT
Staff Writer

During a recent meeting of the board of directors of the Gatesville Independent School District, the community spotlight was given to a group of individuals who are supplying the five campuses with framed posters with the national motto on it - "In God We Trust."

Lauren Morrell helped to spearhead the initiative to get five of the posters to each of the GISD campuses. Morrell, joined by GISD school board member, Jimmie Ferguson, raised funds so that they could provide framed posters to individual classrooms.

After surveying the staff, GISD Superintendent Dr. Barrett Pollard reported that 140 to 150 faculty and staff members indicated they would like to have a poster in their classroom.

"The posters started with Texas passing a bill, SB797, in Sept. of 2021, which stated that if anyone donates a poster of the national motto to a school, that the school is mandated to place it in conspicuous place," Morrell said.

Morrell continued, "We wrote a proclamation to the school that twenty faith leaders around the city signed and presented with the first set of posters."

In part, the proclamation to the school reads, "As you display this token given from the community in each of the schools, we pray that it would be a reminder that in Him we put our trust, and that in turn He will send divine protection over our most precious posterity. May the angelic host watch over and protect the students of Gatesville as they are placed in the capable hands of the teachers and faculty, and that it would be an environment rich with learning."

After learning that individual staff and teachers expressed interest in having the poster in their

classrooms as well, business picked up, and more individuals joined the effort by donating funds for the posters and frames.

According to Morrell, the Gatesville Exchange Club agreed to be the central point for purchase and donation collection to get the frames for the posters.

"A really important part of this is that so many faith leaders came together in support of this project," Morrell said.

At the September GISD board meeting, it was announced that the following donors were responsible for

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What to know about local property tax rates

BY KAYLEE DUSANG
Staff Writer

Following the skyrocket of home appraisals in Texas, citizens might be left wondering how much they will pay in property taxes this year.

As of Sept. 12, local tax authorities have approved the budgets and corresponding property tax rates for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. In order not to raise taxes, Coryell County Tax Assessor Collector Justin Carothers explains that tax authorities must establish a rate that produces the same revenue as last year based on the new value of properties assessed by the Coryell Central Ap-

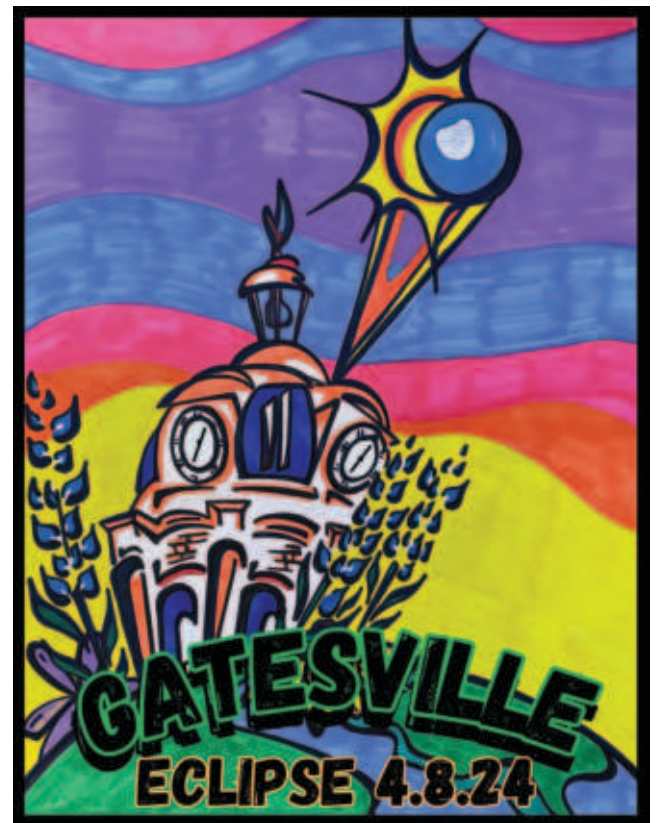
praisal District. This calculation is also known as the no new revenue tax rate.

"If (property) values go up, then rates must go down to raise the same amount of money," Carothers said.

He adds that even if the tax rate is the same as last year, taxes will increase if a home's value also increases. "Even though the number is small, it's actually more taxes being collected," Carothers said. "No matter what your rate was last year, that's a tax increase."

According to data from Texas A&M University Real

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COURTESY PHOTO

Eclipse Coordinator Cheri Shepherd revealed the official Gatesville eclipse artwork created by local artist Niki Foster.

Gatesville holds first town hall for eclipse preparations

BY KAYLEE DUSANG
Staff Writer

The total solar eclipse that will pass directly through the center of Gatesville is nearly six months away, and city officials are beginning to prepare residents for what they can expect on April 8, 2024.

The City of Gatesville held its first town hall meeting on Sept. 21 to share the initial plans and priorities for the influx of visitors from across the globe who will be traveling to Central Texas.

"I believe we will have the biggest crowds, and it's

best that we get prepared for it. Fortunately, Chief Hunt and Cheri Shepherd have been working on this for a few months already," Mayor Gary Chumley said.

The path of totality for the eclipse is approximately 150-miles wide. Since Gatesville is closest to the center of its path, the city will witness one of the longest durations of totality at 4 minutes and 23.9 seconds, becoming a prime viewing spot for the event.

"We really want to use this as an opportunity to

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Righteous Roots connects locals with C4 organization to help conquer barriers

BY ALEXANDRA MEELBUSCH
Staff Writer

When Righteous Roots Crisis Center was established in 2018 by Melanie Webb, Director and Founder, its vision was to provide a safe refuge and guidance to individuals experiencing abuse-related trauma. Since then, the organization has continued to provide the community with various services and programs to

help those in need.

A new organization has recently been brought to light at Righteous Roots by Felicia Inman, Program Director, which is called the Coryell Community Connections Collaborative (C4). The community resource coordination group was established on July 12 with the intent to create a safe space for human service or-

ganizations to connect with one another, communicate services, and contribute expertise or recommendations so that together, human service professionals can conquer barriers.

"It was something on my heart to find organizations, clubs, and anyone that is providing or able to provide any form of social services to our community, and for

us to network, come together, and decide on ways to make a difference," Inman said.

Coryell Community Connections Collaborative holds Partner Meetings on the second Wednesday of each month from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. at the Righteous Roots Crisis Center.

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Ferguson, the Gatesville Exchange Club, the Gatesville Lions Club, Eastwood Baptist Church, Diana and David Fincher, Fincher's Body Shop, Davidson Auto Parts,

Alan Mathis, Highway to Heaven Biker Church, the House that God Built, First Baptist Church, along with many other interested donors.



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During a recent Gatesville Independent School District board meeting, several community members were recognized for their contributions to have posters framed and presented to each of the five campuses, including the Gatesville Boys and Girls Club. Back row, left to right, Dr. Barrett Pollard, Alan Mathis, Bill Trotter. From row, left to right, Jimmie Ferguson, Emma Morrell, Lauren Morrell, Georg Cleverley.

ECLIPSE

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promote Gatesville as a great place to live and visit, and we want to put our best foot forward when people do show up here," said Eclipse Coordinator Cheri Shepherd.

With the possibility of hundreds of thousands of people traveling to and within Texas, Shepherd said the number one priority is public safety, including awareness, education, and preparations for traffic.

"Tonight's meeting is really about (how) as a community, as the city, and as first responders here, what we are doing to make sure that you as residents and our businesses and visitors have the best possible experience," she said.

Shepherd adds that she has had the opportunity to connect with city officials from Kentucky and Missouri who were in the center of totality during the total solar eclipse in 2017, which has allowed her to build preparations based on previous experience.

"I go back to what the mayor in Kentucky said at the end of the 2017 eclipse: that 'At the end of the day we were grossly over-prepared,' and I will never apologize for being grossly over-prepared," Shepherd said. "So, that's what we're trying to do."

The population in Gatesville is approximately 16,198, according to the United States Census Bureau. Although city officials do not know exactly how many visitors Gatesville will receive, Gatesville Police Chief Brad Hunt said the population could double or triple that amount during

the weekend of the eclipse.

In 2017, communities at the center of totality suffered from severe traffic jams that lasted up to nine hours. Hunt explains that his team is working with the Texas Department of Transportation and surrounding communities to prepare traffic control and public safety plans.

"We are getting ourselves well-prepared," Hunt said. "We are in contact with a lot of local and state entities. We have great cooperation through the fire department, EMS, and law enforcement in our area."

Hunt adds that the police are also communicating safety measures with businesses, the school district, and other organizations when it comes to hosting events with large crowds.

"We will be putting information out ahead of time on how to stay safe with the influx of visitors," Hunt said. "We are going to have a lot of publicity about how the residents and businesses here can have a safe experience."

City officials also provided an information sheet for businesses and a checklist for individuals that outline various measures they can take ahead of time to prepare for the event.

Attendees at the meeting asked questions about where day-of visitors will lodge since hotels and RV parks are currently booked in Gatesville, or if traffic causes a delay in leaving the city after the eclipse. Hunt responded that there will be more information in the next town hall meeting about the legalities of renting out rooms in residential homes and camping on private property.

"There will be a very heavy public education part on how to have a safe and legal gathering, and safety tips in renting out rooms if you choose to do that, and what's the liability through your insurance, do you have a permit or if you have to register through Airbnb," Hunt said.

With restaurants being busier than usual, Shepherd said they will hold a downtown festival during the weekend of the eclipse that will include various activities, food vendors, and entertainment. She adds there will also be T-shirts and eclipse glasses that will be distributed to event attendees.

A NASA ambassador will also give an educational presentation at Gatesville City Auditorium on the Saturday ahead of the eclipse.

"I'm excited for this to happen for Gatesville, because I think this is going to be the biggest event in the history of our town in terms of the number of people that will come here and be here for several days," Hunt said.

Shepherd encourages local organizations and businesses to sign up for the festival and for volunteers during the event who want to be involved in the community.

"For the festival, we want to make this an opportunity for our local businesses and our organizations and non-profits to come out if they want to raise a little money," Shepherd said.

After April, the next total solar eclipse will not occur until 2044. Visit www.gatesvilletxeclipse.com for more information about Gatesville's preparations for the eclipse.

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FROM MY FRONT PORCH

Penthouse to outhouse? Really?



BY SAM HOUSTON

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

For any NFL football fan of the Dallas Cowboys, the past three weeks have been quite a roller coaster ride.

In week one, while playing on the road for the big season opening Sunday Night prime time broadcast, the Cowboys completely decimated the New York Giants 40 to nothing! Even the vast difference in the score does not truly reveal the complete dominance of the Cowboys. The defense, while shutting out New York, also managed to secure four turnovers.

While the offense was not spectacular, it was efficient and complimentary. It was one of the most lopsided, overwhelming victories in Cowboy opening day history.

A week later, the Cowboys played what most experts would call a better team than the Giants and won 30-10. Once again, the defense played wonderfully, causing

three turnovers and for the most part, shutting the Jets down. The offense held off the Jets potent defense and was able to coast to victory.

After two weeks the fans, the media, and it would seem the world itself, was ready to proclaim the Cowboys Super Bowl Champions to be. There were statements that this year's Cowboy defense might be one of the most dominant in a generation. Fans of the team were giddy with excitement for the next game, and detractors of the Cowboys had to bite their lips because there was really no criticism to render.

Then came the third week, and the mighty Cowboys fell to Arizona 28 to 16. The celebrated defense of the Cowboys looked less than ordinary, and while there were numerous injuries on the offensive line which could explain a portion of the malaise, the Texas coast offense looked terribly pedestrian.

In response to the loss, some fans immediately threw up their hands and expressed bewilderment. What they thought was a championship team, was clearly a pretender and would only serve to be another mediocre Cowboys team; the season lost, and we fans are left to spend the next four months enduring another unsatisfying season.

Did the Cowboys really fall from the "penthouse to the outhouse" because of one game? Were the first two games of the season only a mirage? Is the season doomed?

Between the salary cap, which determines how much money each team can spend on talent, and the limited number of spots for players on a team, the NFL has done its best to ensure competitive balance. The difference between winning and losing is often a single play, a dropped pass, a fumble, or a penalty. The margin of difference, even between the best team and the worst team, is very small.

Even though the Cowboys played very, very well in the first two games, there is a lot of "proving" to be done before they can be considered to be a championship team. On the other hand, because they lost on the road and played poorly, does not mean the season is over and they are trash. There is a reason why they play seventeen games in the NFL, and how a team performs over the long haul is what will determine the success or failure of the season.

Seldom is life as good as we imagine it to be, nor is it as bad as we make it out to be after suffering a few misfortunes. Life is like the football season, there are a lot of challenges, and the competition can be tough. If it weren't tough, what would be the joy in winning?

Cowboy fans, keep your chin up. All is not lost. Let's see what happens.

Thought for the day: Success is not necessarily defined by what you achieve, but by what you overcome.

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Jenny Featherston

Say hello to our neighbor, Jenny Featherston!

Jenny is the Founder and Executive Director of Hidden Gem Family Center. She enjoys assisting people in need and sharing the love of Christ with them. She has lived in Gatesville for over 27 years, and she loves how the community supports each other during hard times. Jenny gets The Gatesville Messenger to read about local stories and happenings.

If you happen to see Jenny around town, say hello! She is one of us!



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Gatesville Postmaster Mike Hollingsworth, pictured left, is shown with mail carrier Ronald Herbelin, who was recently awarded the Million Mile Award.

Herbelin receives Million Mile Award

BY DAVID SCOTT
Staff Writer

Gatesville mail carrier, Ronald Herbelin, recently received an award from the National Safety Council for attaining one million miles or 30 years of safe driving without a preventable accident. The award, coined the Million Mile Club, was created when the Postal Ser-

vice joined with the National Safety Council to honor a select group of drivers who deliver on safety every day.

Herbelin, who has worked for the United States Postal Service for 35 years, first started in Waco in 1988 and would later become employed at the Gatesville Post Office in January of 1990.

"I've been through five

postmasters here in Gatesville. I've broken five of them in," he said with a grin.

Nationally, postal drivers log more than 1.5 billion miles annually while delivering to more than 157 million homes and businesses in every city, suburb, and town in America.

Herbelin said he plans to retire within the middle of

next year.

The unofficial motto of the U.S. Postal Service regarding mail carriers could be applied to Herbelin's years of loyalty and service. "Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds."

TAX

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Estate Center, the average sale prices of homes in Texas have increased by 87% since January 2018.

The appraisal district is responsible for appraising local properties, or how much they estimate a home will sell for as of Jan. 1 each year. Chief Appraiser of Coryell Central Appraisal District, Mitch Fast, said the rise in home values is mainly attributed to low supply and high demand for properties in Texas.

"Properties sell, and you have a sale price. You compare that sale price to properties one year ago, and it's much higher the following year than it was the previous year," Fast said. "And why is that? Well, people are moving to Central Texas, and there is a supply of homes that are available and a supply of commercial properties that are available. When demand is increasing for that amount of supply, that typically drives prices up."

Despite the rise in appraisals, most homeowners are eligible to apply for tax exemptions that can help lower property taxes, such as the homestead exemption that can remove up to \$40,000 of a home's value from taxation.

COUNTY TAX RATE

The Coryell County Commissioners Court approved a property tax rate of .37328 cents for every \$100 of a home's estimated value, which is about 2 cents higher than the county's no new revenue tax rate.

Although the proposed tax rate is a 6.6% decrease from last year's rate of .39994 cents per \$100, taxpayers still might see an increase in county taxes following the rise in home values.

According to a notice of the 2023 tax increase posted on the Coryell County website, average homestead values in Coryell County have increased by 12.66%, rising from \$166,172 in 2022 to \$187,212 in 2023.

"Say (for example) they appraised your house at \$100,000 last year, and then appraised it at \$120,000 this year. Last year, you paid .39 cents on \$100,000 but this year you're paying .37 cents on \$120,000," said County Commissioner Scott Weddle. "Even though the rate goes down, you could still end up paying a little more depending on what your house is appraised at."

Weddle said the county's 2024 budget will raise more revenue from property taxes by 10% this year. The additional tax is expected to generate \$1,776,456 more compared to last year's budget.

According to Texas Comptroller, total property taxes are normally divided into two rates: the maintenance and operations rate that supports day-to-day expenses and operation costs such as salaries, and the interest and sinking fund that supports bond debt from facility construction.

Following nationwide inflation and pressure to increase workforce wages, Weddle said most of the revenue from property taxes will cover maintenance and operations, such as salary increases for law enforcement and the county road and bridge department.

"One of the reasons we are sitting down and proposing a rate that is higher than the no new revenue rate is anybody who watches the news knows the wage pressures. I think the best and greatest asset that the county has are its employees," Weddle said during a Sept. 12 public hearing on the tax rate at Commissioners Court.

Of the tax rate, .04450 cents cover debts, such as the expansion of the new Coryell County Jail that will add 47 new beds to the facility.

"This was the money that was determined that we need to make ends meet for our new obligations," Weddle said.

CITY TAX RATE

The City of Gatesville approved a property tax rate of .56000 cents for every \$100 of a home's valuation, which is the same rate as last year's tax rate.

City Manager Scott Albert said approximately 51 cents of the tax rate is allocated for maintenance and operations, while the remaining 5 cents covers debt payments.

"The only reason why a homeowners city tax bill would increase this year compared to last year is due to the increased value of their property," said City Manager Scott Albert in an email. "The value of property is established by the Chief Appraiser and the Coryell Central Appraisal District Board, rather than the city."

A notice on the tax increase published by the city says that average homestead values in Gatesville have increased by 11.15%, rising from \$144,191 in 2022 to \$160,269 in 2023.

The city's 2024 budget will raise more revenue for maintenance and operations from property taxes by 8.2% this year. The additional tax is expected to generate \$208,706 more for this fund compared to last year's budget.

Mike Halsema, Finance and HR Director for the City of Gatesville, said in an email that the city's mainte-

nance and operations fund receives revenues from not only property taxes, but also sales tax and other fines and fees. These revenues fund the Gatesville Police Department, Gatesville Volunteer Fire Department, Gatesville Public Library, parks, courts, streets and other administration activities.

"The total tax rate remained the same as last year at 56 cents per \$100 valuation. However, since valuations increased over last year, the larger values multiplied by the same overall tax rate generate more in property taxes," Halsema said.

PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

Despite potential property tax increases for some entities, there is a chance local property owners will find a decrease in their overall tax bill this year.

Over the summer, Gov. Greg Abbott signed an \$18 billion property tax cut that includes lowering school district tax rates and raising state homestead exemptions from \$40,000 to \$100,000. If voters approve the amendment on Nov. 7, some taxpayers could see a decrease in their property taxes of more than 40%, according to an article by the Texas Tribune.

Darrell Frazier, Chief Financial Officer of Gatesville ISD, explains that for ev-

ery \$1 local taxpayers pay to Gatesville Independent School District, the state would give \$3 if voters approved the legislation in local Nov. elections.

Gatesville Independent School District adopted a total property tax rate of .8992 cents per \$100 property valuation for the 2024 fiscal year, which is lower than last year's total rate of \$1.0546 per \$100. About 20 cents is allocated toward debt and .6992 cents covers maintenance and operating (M&O) costs, such as school supplies and materials and teacher salaries.

The property tax cut will help reduce the school district M&O tax rate. Currently, Gatesville ISD's M&O tax rate is 19 cents lower than last year's M&O rate.

For those living in the city, Carothers said about 50% of property taxes go toward the school district. It's about 70% for those who live outside of the city.

"(This bill) is a wise investment for local people, which helps the local community and local district," Frazier said.

Learn more about local property taxes by visiting the Texas Comptroller website or coryellcountytax.com.

Coryell Health to host Medicare seminar Oct. 3

Staff Reports

Coryell Health will host a seminar to explain Medicare benefits on Tuesday, Oct. 3, and it will be held at the Gatesville Civic Center at 11:30 a.m. The seminar will give senior citizens and caregivers the opportunity to speak with both Medicare and benefits counselors and have questions answered by Central Texas area experts.

A free lunch, Medicare basics, and facts from the Area Agency on Aging of Central Texas. When choosing healthcare coverage, understanding the hidden costs and who directs your care makes a difference in your care and out-of-pocket costs.

The event will include:
- The difference between original Medicare, Medicare supplements, and Medicare advantage plans.
- An explanation of the

four parts of Medicare.
- How much does Medicare cost?
- What the advantages and disadvantages of Medicare advantage plans include.
To attend the seminar, you will need to register online at www.coryellhealth.org/medicare101 or by calling 254-248-6380.

Coryell Health is a community-owned healthcare organization located in Gatesville. Patients have access to a wide range of

health services including a Level IV Trauma Center emergency room with primary and specialty care providers, an advanced wound care center, a skilled nursing facility with long-term care and inpatient rehabilitation, and assisted living and independent living apartments.

The Gatesville Civic Center is located at 301 Veteran's Memorial Loop.



Office closings

Staff Reports

Columbus Day is a holiday that commemorates the landing of Christopher Columbus in the Americas in 1492.

Although Columbus Day is no longer a mandated state or federal holiday in Texas, many businesses and governmental offices will observe Monday, Oct. 10, in celebration of Columbus Day.

Closings and openings in the immediate area include:

GOVERNMENT

The city offices of Gatesville, Oglesby, and Evant will be closed on Monday, Oct. 10.

The Coryell County Courthouse will be closed on Monday.

The Farm Service Agency will be closed on Monday.

SCHOOLS

The Jonesboro Independent School District, Oglesby Independent School District, and Gatesville Independent School District

will be closed on Monday, as will the Gatesville Administration Office. The Evant Independent School District will remain open.

The Boys and Girls Club, Gatesville Branch, will remain open.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Extraco Banks, Cadence, Educators Credit Union, and The First National Bank of Gatesville, Evant, and Oglesby will be closed on Monday.

POST OFFICES

The post offices of Gatesville, Jonesboro, Flat, Evant, Oglesby, Mound, and Purmela will be closed on Monday.

SENIOR CENTER

The Gatesville Senior Multi-Service Center will remain open on Monday.

LIBRARY

The Gatesville Public Library will be closed on Monday.

NEWSPAPER

The Gatesville Messenger will remain open on Monday.



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Senior ambassadors of Coryell County's 4-H group visit Commissioners Court for the proclamation of National 4-H week.

Coryell County Judge proclaims National 4-H Week in Coryell County

BY KAYLEE DUSANG
Staff Writer

At Commissioners Court on Tuesday, Coryell County Judge Roger Miller officially declared the week of Oct. 1-7 as National 4-H Week in Coryell County.

Senior ambassadors from Coryell County's Texas A&M AgriLife extension of 4-H spoke to Commissioners Court about the opportunities the program has allowed them to experience, as well as their service to the community.

"I'm so proud of all of you and the time and effort that you have invested, because you will reap these awards and benefits for the rest of your lives," Miller said. "You may not realize it right now, but you really will."

The 4-H program is the largest youth development program in Texas that offers various projects and activities for ages 5 to 18 years, including agriculture, healthy living, photography, and more. As the Coryell County extension, the local 4-H team repre-

sents communities throughout the county.

Becky Coward, the 4-H extension agent for Coryell County, shared with Commissioners Court a summary of the program's recent achievements, including ending the year with 416 4-H members countywide and reaching 1700 youth through outreach services and curriculum enrichment.

"We are growing and thriving, and it's because of the dedication of our leaders and the youth who stand behind me who have dedicated their time and effort to the future," Coward said.

Along with community service and volunteer work, the program teaches servant leadership and how to become productive members of society.

"4-H exists on lots of different levels, but these are the leaders in our county currently, and again we look forward to great things," Coward said. "We appreciate the support of the Commissioners Court."

While agriculture is the most well-known

activity in 4-H, the senior ambassadors in the Coryell extension lead a diverse range of projects.

As one of the 4-H senior ambassadors, Cayleigh Coursey travels across Texas teaching photography classes to kids. This summer, she said her photography project led her to tour five European countries where she photographed famous landmarks, scenery, and other cultural activities.

"I just want to say that 4-H is a growing opportunity for everyone," said Coursey, who is also a senior at Gatesville High School. "Everyone should take a chance in this program, and it will be a benefit to all of us."

Senior ambassador and sophomore at Jonesboro High School, Hunter Beaty, said his main project is consumer decision-making. He also enjoyed the opportunity to compete in the talent show skit at this year's State 4-H Roundup at Texas A&M University.

"My 4-H experience has allowed me to become a better person overall, and I get to

meet a lot of new people," Beaty said.

As part of the program's international opportunities, ambassador Kinsley McPherson recently traveled to Ecuador for a family and community health project.

"We were learning about the culture and got to help people there," said McPherson, a sophomore who is part of a local home-school program.

During National 4-H Week, Coward said the 4-H ambassador team will provide services at the Gatesville Police Department's National Night Out on Oct. 3. Most recently, they served at the Coryell Senior Expo and hosted a kickoff event at the Coryell County 4-H Color Run.

"I think it's important that the judge recognizes the opportunities that are in 4-H, and as one of the best organizations that these kids can get involved in to develop lifelong skills and be future leaders," Coward said.

COLLAB

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A C4 Partner is any organization or member of the community that is interested in promoting the quality of life in Coryell County.

While networking with partners over a healthy lunch, C4 members use current community analysis tools to guide a full calendar of meaningful and up-to-

date topics to be presented at each meeting.

The purpose of the partner meeting is to assess the health and human service needs of Coryell County residents using the public health model to identify and plan strategies to meet those needs.

"Even if the organizations aren't able to come, they can tune in virtually," Inman said.

The format of the C4 meeting ensures that the collaborative group strives to make services readily available, reduce or eliminate duplication of services, and to provide a forum for all those who have a stake in this county to work together to identify and solve problems.

"We want to give a unified approach and perspective,"

Inman said. "Our goal is that we may not provide all of the resources here, but we want to connect everyone to them."

The C4 partners collaborate with decision makers from health and human services organizations, local government, businesses, schools, judicial system, and law enforcement. The Partner Meetings began with only six people attending the meeting; to date, there are around 14 partners who are present each month.

The list of organizations who have attended recent Partner meetings include the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC), the Gatesville Police Department, the Salvation Army, the Gatesville Senior and Multi-Service Center, Head Start, Coryell Health, a Lone Star Legal

Aid, the Coryell County District Attorney, Endeavors, Gatesville Independent School District, the School Community Guidance Center (SCGC), Hill Country Community Action Agency (HCCAA), and Community Life Counseling.

"We are trying to maintain communication with each other. We identify barriers that we are all facing or that we are commonly seeing in the community," Inman said. "We are not just talking about it, or complaining, we are also trying to find ways to create solutions."

The C4 partners do the following:

- Identify community needs and gaps in services in the areas of Health and Human Services.
- Set priorities for action-based strengths.

- Define clear, measurable outcomes that can be tracked over time to show progress.

- Select tested, effective programs, policies, and practices.

- Evaluate progress toward desired outcomes.

- Continue the process of identification gaps, priorities, outcomes, practices, and evaluation.

- Engage speakers who deliver pertinent information on the designated monthly topic.

- Use follow-up reports to continue the engagement and discussion of identified priorities of service.

- Work to strengthen and secure resources to support the programs and practices.

The organization is now in the phase of solutions by identifying the barriers that

are really hurting people in the community.

"It may not sound exciting, but it is because I want people to remove the negative perception that nobody cares and that there is judgement because that's not true. There are people out here that really do care," Inman said.

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"One of the things that people think is that Righteous Roots is just for women, but we serve women, men, children, and anyone that may be broken and ready to be healed," Inman said. "We just start at the root and watch them grow from there."

For further information or to become a C4 Partner, contact Righteous Roots at 254-651-3600. Righteous Roots is located at 904 E. Leon St. in Gatesville.

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Bailey Faith Clay and Dakota Ray Holder exchanged wedding vows Aug. 26.

Clay-Holder vows exchanged

The Lazy S Hacienda in Weatherford was the setting for the Aug. 26 wedding of Bailey Faith Clay and Dakota Ray Holder, both of Lubbock.

Braxton Mitchell officiated at the double-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Drs. Britt and Jill Clay, of Gatesville, and the granddaughter of Ed and Crystal Leach, of Gatesville, Charlene Graham of Rusk, the late Jimmy Graham, the late Jacque Clay, and the late Charlotte Leach.

The bridegroom is the son of Alicia Holder, of Lott, and Joel and Amber Nash, of Dodd City. He is the grandson of Susan Todd, of Waco, and James Holder, of Celeste.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Emmy Clay, sister of the bride, served as Maid of Honor, and bridesmaids were Haley Simpson, of Lubbock, Sarah Clawson, of Austin, Skye Wright, of Stephenville, and Caitlin Bigham, of Waco.

Holden Sykora, of Plainview, served as the Best Man, and groomsmen included Mando Sanchez, of Nogal, New Mexico, Nolan Grimm, Jake Sparks, and Chris Kunkel, all three of West.

Flower girls included Sophia Zeneli, Eva Zeneli, Emilia Leach, and Charlotte Leach, while Morgan Campbell, of Leveland, served as the ring bearer. The bride's brother, Duncan Clay, of Gatesville, served as an usher at the ceremony.

The bride is a 2015 graduate of Gatesville High School and a 2020 graduate of Texas Tech University. She is currently employed as a registered nurse at University Medical Center in Lubbock.

The bridegroom is a 2013 graduate of West High School and has attended Trinity Valley Community College. He is currently employed in sales at Smith South Plains in Levelland.

Following a wedding trip to Hawaii, the couple will reside in Lubbock.

Dixon family reunion is Oct. 8

Submitted Item

The descendants of Noah Lodrick and Sarah Harris Dixon will have their re-

union from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 8 at the Gober Party House in Temple. Family and friends are invited to attend.

Please be sure to bring a favorite dish or dessert. Drinks will be provided.

Hidden Gem Family Center to host job skills workshop Oct. 4

Staff Reports

Hidden Gem Family Center will host a free job skills workshop for the community to attend on Wednesday, Oct. 4 at 2 p.m.

The workshop will provide you with skills needed to obtain a job, such as basic resume writing skills, interview skills, and job readiness. Guests attending

the workshop will be able to work with individuals or in small groups.

Be sure to RSVP by contacting the Hidden Gem Family Center at 254-206-3003 or Jenny Featherston at 254-216-3160.

Hidden Gem Family Center is a faith-based nonprofit organization with the mission to focus on fami-

lies, victims of crime, and those who are in dire need of assistance through intervention, advocacy, empowerment, and social change with opportunities for wholeness, improvement, and self-sufficiency.

Hidden Gem Family Center is located at 115 S. 7th St. in Gatesville.

MOUND NEWS

Stephens family bring home state championship medals



BY BARBARA HOPSON

Mound News Correspondent

John Paul Stephens and his children, Jonathan and Christina, participated in the Muay Thai, Texas State Championship event in Dallas.

John Paul won second in the senior division, and Christina won first place in the 10-13 age group for the gold medal. Jonathan won fourth place in the fightin' division, in the youngest age group.

Kathi Taylor attended a coworker's wedding Saturday in Temple and had

lunch in Gatesville on Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Sue Magee.

Mrs. Glenda Dunn, of Clifton, visited Friday with Loyd, Kari, and Katie Hopson. They all attended the Gatesville Hornets game and watched Katie cheer.

On Saturday, Lindsey and Laura Pinner, Bailey Petzold, Kennedie Hyde, Kari and Katie Hopson enjoyed a fun-filled Saturday afternoon. The group had lunch and did some arts and crafts afterward.

Barbara's Notes: HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO MRS. ELIZABETH MCCORKLE AND MISS OLIVIA LOIS LONG.

Lam family to hold benefit garage sale

Staff Reports

The Lam family will hold a garage sale on Friday, Sept. 29 and Saturday, Sept. 30 to raise funds regarding unexpected medical bills. The garage sale will begin at 8 a.m. each morning and will be held across from the Bar-N Vet Clinic located at 4705 St. Hwy. 36 in Gatesville.

The idea for the sale came around over this past summer when baby Snider, granddaughter of Jayson and Laura Lam and daughter of Ryan and Shelbi Snid-

er, had to make two urgent trips to McLane Children's Hospital in Temple with one ending with emergency surgery.

About 10 days before baby Snider was born, the parents were notified of a fast-growing cyst on the baby's abdomen at approximately five centimeters. After tests were conducted on baby Snider, it was determined that while the cyst was large, it was not life-threatening to her. That is when she was sent by ambulance to McLane Children's Hospital in Tem-

ple for doctors to assess the cyst, as it had grown up to seven centimeters.

The doctors concluded that baby Snider needed to be hospitalized for three days to monitor the cyst to see if it would shrink on its own. At two weeks old, the cyst had grown up to eight centimeters, but doctors insisted to continue monitoring as she grew.

When baby Snider was only three months old, she became ill and lethargic, which sent her to the emergency room. After running

tests, the doctors confirmed that the cyst might be compromising her small intestine, and she was rushed to McLane's Children's Hospital in Temple to remove the cyst.

The surgery was successful, and baby Snider spent only four days recovering in the hospital.

The public is encouraged to attend the garage sale on Friday, Sept. 29 and Saturday, Sept. 30 to support the Lam family and baby Snider.

Adoption event set for Saturday at the Drive-in

Staff Reports

The Last Drive-in Picture Show is partnering with Charlies Wags N Whiskers and The City of Gatesville's animal shelter to hold an adoption event for the community to attend on Saturday, Sept. 30. The event will be from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at The Last Drive-in Picture Show.

The drive-in will play "Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie" during the adoption event.

Charlie's Wags N Whiskers will be in attendance

with cats and kittens for adoption for \$25, some will be spayed and neutered. The City of Gatesville's animal shelter will be there as well and will bring dogs for adoption.

Charlie's Wags N Whiskers can be contacted at 254-248-5034. The City of Gatesville's animal shelter can be reached by contacting the Gatesville Police Department at 254-865-2226.

The Last Drive-in Picture Show is located at 2912 S. Hwy. 36 Bypass in Gatesville.

DRT to meet Oct. 5

Staff Reports

The Sterling C. Robertson Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas will meet on Thursday, Oct. 5, at 1 p.m. at West Waco Library located at 5301 Bosque Blvd.

Hannah Kubacak will present genealogy resources to use in your Texas research. Following, a tour will be held at the genealogy library. The meeting is free and open to the public.

Founded in 1891, the Daughters of the Republic of Texas is the oldest patriotic women's organization in Texas and is one of the oldest in the nation.

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Senior Center hosts Stress Less program

Staff Reports

The Gatesville Senior Center is partnering with the Texas AgriLife Extension Office to bring the community a Stress Less with Mindfulness program on Monday, Oct. 2 at 10 a.m. The program will be held at the Senior Center located at 208 Lutterloh Ave. in Gatesville.

This program introduces participants to the experience and practice of mindfulness to reduce stress. Successful stress management has been found to be effective in reducing related symptoms such as worry, depression, and physical tension.

On Monday, Oct. 2 the program will focus on mindful eating. Benefits of the program include:

- Learning about the benefits of mindfulness-based approaches to stress reduction.
- Understanding how to recognize your personal stressors.
- Experiencing mindful movement, mindful breathing, and other mindfulness skills as ways to relax and manage stress.

To register for the program, contact the Senior Center Director at 254-865-8234 or Donna Schwausch, Coryell County Extension Agent at 254-865-2414 or by email at donna.schwausch@ag.tamu.edu.

PEARL NEWS

Our sympathies to Duane Smith's family



BY BETSY CLARK

Pearl News Correspondent

We extend our deepest sympathies to the family of Duayne Smith, who passed away on Sept. 14 in Temple.

Mr. Smith was born to Albert Oscar and Anna Murrah Smith in Pearl on June 7, 1935, graduating from Pearl High School in 1953. He then joined the Air Force, serving a term in Vietnam, and later retiring in 1973. Mr. Smith married Patricia Shaw on Dec. 17, 1958. After residing in San Antonio for many years, they later moved to Gatesville in 2014. Services for Mr. Smith were held on Sept. 25 at Scott's Funeral Home in Gatesville with interment with full military honors in Pearl Cemetery. Please keep this family in your prayers.

The Pearl Church of Christ will have their 128th Homecoming and

Reunion on Oct. 15. Remember, church begins at 10:30 a.m., and dinner on the grounds will follow. Plaques will be given to the youngest attending, oldest attending, longest attending member, couple married the longest, and for the person who traveled the longest distance. Drive your vintage cars if you have one and join the fellowship, fun, and good preaching in Pearl! Everyone is invited!

The next Pearl Cemetery workday is set for Saturday, Oct. 14, 9 a.m., weather permitting. If the weather does not cooperate, it will be rescheduled for Oct. 21.

The next Pearl Cottage Bookstore Day and Bluegrass event will be Oct. 7. Be there or be square! You don't want to miss the awesome music, wonderful shopping, and the most fun of all—visiting with friends old and new.

Linda Ray reports that her favor-

ite buzzard pair, Lenny and Squiggy, must have moved further south as it's even too hot for them here in Central Texas. Linda asks for more prayers for a cold front and rain so that Lenny and Squiggy return very soon—some days sitting them perched on poles rather than hovering over her is the only way she knows she's still kicking, (Linda works way too hard—just sayin'!)

This week's Bible verse comes from Romans 5:1-4—Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through Whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the Glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance, perseverance, character, and character, hope. NIV

Please pray for rain and cooler weather, our country, and our schools.

Be sure and like the Pearl Community Center, Texas Facebook page and the Pearl Cottage Bookstore and Resale Shop Facebook page. Please submit any Pearl news to betsy-clark47@yahoo.com.

T-ville Community Center to hold meeting

Staff Reports

The Turnersville Community Center will hold its

quarterly meeting on Monday, Oct. 2 at 6 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Turnersville Community

Center and is open to the public.

Following the meeting, a Buffalo Stampede meeting

will commence.

The Turnersville Community Center is located at 8115 FM 182.

OBITUARIES

Joyce McDonald

Dec. 18, 1940 - Sept. 9, 2023

Joyce McDonald, age 82, of Gatesville, passed away on Saturday, Sept. 9, 2023, in Waco.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14, at Scott's Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. David Diggs officiating. Private family interment will be at a later time at McDonald Family Cemetery.

Joyce Ann McDonald was born on Dec. 18, 1940, in Bastrop to the late Arnold and Evie Bell Drosche. She married Gaddy McDonald on Dec. 7, 1963. They resided in Gatesville, moving to Ballinger in 1968, where she worked for Dr. Green. They moved back to Gatesville in 1977, and she worked for the Coryell County Tax Office, Coryell County Farm Bureau, and Live Oak Baptist Church. She was an avid collector of angels, clocks, and oil lamps. She also had an obsession with collecting (hoarding) Kleenex, hotel coffee cups, toilet paper, paper towels and soaps. She was a member of Live Oak Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Alton (Sonny) Drosche; and brother-in-law, John Mar-



shall.

Joyce is survived by her husband of 60 years, Gaddy McDonald; son, Allen McDonald and wife, Cindi; daughter, Angie Modisett and husband, Andrew; sister, Mildred Marshall; brother, J.D. Drosche and wife, Margaret; four grandchildren, Megan McDonald Nichols, Whittlei McDonald Melton, Carsyn Modisett, Tristan Modisett; five great grandchildren, Quade, Blayson, Braylen, Tucker, and Radlee.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to Live Oak Baptist Church, 113 FM 107, Gatesville, TX 76528.

Lena Wynell Blanchard

March 18, 1935 - Sept. 21, 2023

Lena Wynell Blanchard, age 88, of Gatesville, passed away on Thursday, Sept. 21, 2023, surrounded by her family.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 29, at Scott's Funeral Home Chapel, with Pastor Charles McKamie officiating. Interment followed at Greenbriar Cemetery.

Nell was born March 18, 1935, to Samuel Henry and Mattie Olean Bates Faubion in Evant. She grew up in the Purmela area, attending school in both Purmela and Gatesville. She graduated from Gatesville High School in 1952. She married William Earl "Bill" Blanchard in 1953, and they had five children. She served as the Church Secretary for the First Baptist Church in Gatesville, worked as the Director of the Correspondence Center for Texas State Technical Institute, and later retired from the City of Waco Utilities Department. She married Vincent Pilgrim in 1977, and they made their home in Lorena. Nell loved unconditionally and was everyone's best friend. She was genuine, had a servant's heart, and always sacrificed herself for the benefit of others.



She especially enjoyed being Mama Nell to all of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her beloved dog, Lucy, was the light of her life.

As a young girl, Nell accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior and taught her children about the love of Jesus and the things in life that really matter.

Nell was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Vincent Pilgrim; son, Michael Paul Blanchard; granddaughter, Shawna Denise Blanchard; and grandson-in-law, James Willie Register.

She is survived by her children, Kimberly Haines and husband, Mark, Tammi Shoaf and husband, Ray, Tim Blanchard and wife, Sheri, and Tom Blanchard and wife, Tammy; sisters, Joyce Anne Rose, Marsha Kay Gurley, and Glenda Gail Berry and husband, Lloyd; grandchildren, Amanda Necessary and husband, Bret, Bridget Register and husband, Sid, Melissa Bartlett and husband, Ryan, Amber Blanchard, Dustin Shoaf and wife, Liz, Juhre Enlow and husband, Brady, Marshall Blanchard, William Andrew Haines and wife, Amanda; and great-grandchildren, Dasia, Dylan, Danielle, Riann, Grayson, Liam, Bryson, Griffin, Belle, Elliot, Leah, and Emily; and numerous other family members.

In Nell's honor, her family requests that you "pay it forward" and help someone in need.



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Fall Chill Car Show this weekend

The 17th annual Fall Chill Car Show is set for Saturday, Sept. 30, beginning at 9 a.m. on the square in Evant.

The Evant Volunteer Fire Department will sell barbecue to raise funds.

Participants of the car show will receive free breakfast tacos, one ticket for lunch, and one free T-shirt. To enter, contact Natalie Hall at 254-248-4012.

There will be live music at Evant Municipal Park Friday with performances by Clayton Landua, Buzz Hicks, and Dirt and the Fat Boys.

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Second arrest made in Cruelty to Livestock case

Press Release - Coryell County Sheriff's Dept.

Sabrina Hale, 37, was arrested Tuesday, Sept. 19, in Palo Pinto County on outstanding warrants out of Coryell County, including 14 counts alleging Cruelty to Livestock Animals.

In addition to the animal cruelty charges, Hale also is facing charges in separate cases involving Burglary of a Habitation, Criminal Mischief, and Theft of Property.

Hale is in the Coryell County Jail on bonds totaling \$180,000 on 18 criminal charges.

She is the second person arrested following the Coryell County Sheriff's Office's removal of 11 abandoned horses from a property near Topsey in August. Carcasses of three additional horses were found on the same property.

The other suspect, Colton

Hale, 34, was charged with abandoning 14 horses after a property owner called the Coryell County Sheriff's Office to report that the horses' owners had not been seen since May 2, and she could not afford to care for the horses. The property owner who initially called the Sheriff's Office on the evening of August 3, said three of the horses had died, and she did not want any additional deaths, but she could not afford to feed the animals, and the horses' owners were not replying to her attempts at contact.

The CCSO Livestock Deputy met with the property owner on the morning of August 4 to look at the horses. At the property near Topsey, the deputy observed "several round bale feeders on the property that were empty," as well as "three troughs filled with water and no grass anywhere on

the property." There also was no hay observed. Walking through the property, the deputy observed a large brown horse carcass on the north side of the house. The property owner also advised the deputy there were two other horse carcasses in the northwest pasture.

The 11 surviving horses were in "bad shape," with bones seen protruding from their heads, ribs, and hips.

Based on the exigent circumstances of the horses' living conditions and body conditions, the inability to contact the animals' owners and the property owner's inability to properly care for the horses, the property owner released the horses to the Sheriff's Office for safekeeping.

The 11 surviving horses were removed from the property and taken into Sheriff's Office custody on August 5.

The deputy attempted multiple times to contact the owners of the horses with no success.

On August 8, a local veterinarian examined the 11 surviving horses and assigned each a Body Condition Score (BCS). The BCS System is a scale ranging from 1-9 out of 9 with the average or ideal horse weight as a 5 out of 9. Thinner horses score lower, while fatter horses score higher than 5. The veterinarian found the horses to be "very thin, exhibiting signs of malnourishment." He further stated that he would consider two of the horses to be emaciated and scored each of them a 1/9.

Based off the deputy's observations and the veterinarian's assessment, which established Probable Cause, the Coryell County Sheriff's Office issued 14 arrest warrants for Hale alleging Cruelty to Livestock Animals

(Abandonment - Failure to provide necessary food, water, or care). Each charge is a Class A misdemeanor, punishable by up to 1 year in county jail and/or a fine up to \$4,000.

Hale was taken into custody Thursday in Gatesville and jailed on bonds totaling \$35,000. He was released on bond from the Coryell County Jail on Saturday, August 19.

The investigation into this matter is ongoing, and additional arrests are anticipated.

"These horses were in a terrible situation, and I am happy they have been removed and are receiving the care and attention they deserve," Coryell County Sheriff Scott A. Williams said. "Sometimes, the ideas of neglect or cruelty to animals can be subjective, but this is an apparent case of cruelty through abandonment when



Sabrina Hale

the owners made the decision to stop providing even basic care for these horses. We have zero tolerance for cruelty to animals, whether they be livestock or pets, in Coryell County, and I think this situation illustrates that. Our only hope is that these animals continue to improve and can live out their lives in loving, caring homes."

Operation Stand Down Central Texas

BY DAVID SCOTT
Staff Writer

On Sept. 9, using a bus from Trinity Baptist Church, Gatesville volunteers helped transport area homeless individuals to the Killeen Civic and Conference Center where they attended the annual Operation Stand Down Central Texas.

The yearly operation assists homeless veterans and their families in the surrounding Central Texas community.

The homeless are able to

get support, food, and services. For those in need, hot meals were provided, along with clothing, shoes, goody bags with personal items, and haircuts.

In addition, they were offered medical and dental screenings, HIV and STD testing, VA support, VSO support, Vet Center support, Indigent Health Support, a free clinic, American Red Cross, Humana, Transition Support, and various other resources for those experiencing homelessness

or the threat of homelessness.

One of the goals of Operation Stand Down is to raise community awareness about homelessness (particularly homeless veterans) and to encourage participation of elected officials.

According to local volunteer James Marques, "We had about 174 people transported to the event by vans from Copperas Cove, Killeen, Temple, and Gatesville."



Coryell County volunteers from left to right included Jean Ann Shirey, Jennifer Palady, Judy Hart, and Jerry Bell.

The DISPATCH

The following is a partial breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of Sept. 20 – Sept. 26. 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

Sept. 20
3:41 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2300 block of Business Highway 36.

12:07 p.m., a noise disturbance was reported in the 1400 block of Bridge Street.

Sept. 21
2:59 a.m., a noise disturbance was reported in the 200 block of Carroll Drive.

12:44 p.m., a theft was reported in the 2000 block of Waco Street.

Sept. 22
1:27 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of N. Levita Road.

9:01 a.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 2200 block of E. Main Street.

Sept. 23
10:10 a.m., a theft was reported in the 800 block of Golf Course Road.

4:32 p.m., a theft was reported in the 2800 block of S. State Highway 36.

Sept. 24
7:11 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 4500 block of Bald Knob Road.

7:37 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 2400 block of Osage Road.

Sept. 25
2:50 a.m., an accident was reported in the 3200 block of S. State Highway 36.

8:36 a.m., an accident was reported in the 2500 block of E. Main Street.

Sept. 26
2:16 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 9900 block of E. Hwy. 84.

6:11 p.m., a theft was reported in the 2400 block of Business Highway 36.

CORYELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sept. 20
11:12 a.m., a stolen vehicle was reported off FM 182.

1:58 p.m., a neighbor dispute was reported in the 4000 block of FM 1113.

Sept. 21
7:47 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 800 block of CR 115.

9:19 a.m., a minor accident was reported on FM 2412.

Sept. 22
6:46 a.m., a major accident was reported in the 300 block of Barton Lane.

4:17 p.m., a burglary was reported in the 100 block of Doras Lane.

Sept. 23
8:33 a.m., a stolen vehicle was recovered from the 1600 block of CR 128.

10:49 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported at Hay Valley and Highway 36.

12 p.m., a reckless driver was reported at S. Highway

36 and FM 1829.

Sept. 24
6:24 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 4000 block of FM 932.

7:47 p.m., a domestic dispute was reported on FM 116 near FM 1783.

Sept. 25
12:05 a.m., a noise complaint was reported in the 300 block of Cattle Drive.

6:18 a.m., a minor accident was reported on Highway 9 near FM 116.

Sept. 26
12:30 p.m., suspicious persons were reported in the 100 block of Colton Dr.

1 p.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 100 block of Oak Ridge Rd.

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National Night Out set for Oct. 3

Staff Reports

The Gatesville Police Department recently announced that National Night Out will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 3, at the Sports Complex from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

National Night Out is designed to heighten drug and crime awareness, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partners, and send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

This event will be fun for

all ages. There will be free food, vehicle and aircraft displays, safety demonstrations, educational materials, fun games, music, local city/

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County of Coryell
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do 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 42 days after the date this citation was issued, a default judgment may be taken against you."

To: UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF JEFFREY SCOTT OWEN, DECEASED. YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the 52nd Judicial District Court of Coryell County, Texas in the Courthouse in the City of Coryell, Texas at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. Monday, the 9th day of October, 2023, being the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after this citation is issued, and you are hereby required then and there to appear and file written answer to the First Amended Petition, filed in said Court on May 3, 2023, in suit numbered DC-23-54419 on the docket of said court, wherein The Veterans Land Board of the State of Texas, Plaintiff, v. Jeffrey Scott Owen and The Heirs at Law of Jeffrey Scott Owen, Deceased, Defendants. The Petition seeks an order to foreclose the lien on the property and assert a claim to the property located at 1204 Jonathan Lane, Copperas Cove, TX 76522 and legally described as: Lot 17, Block 4, Thousand Oaks Addition Iii, Copperas Cove, Coryell County, Texas, Recorded In Cabinet B, Slide 665, Plat Records Of Coryell County, Texas. GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT at Coryell, Texas this 21 st day of August, 2023.

Issued at the request of: Renee Casas
Address: 13105 Northwest Freeway, Suite 960, Houston, TX 77040
(Clerk info.): Witness, Becky Moore District Clerk of the 52ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT of Coryell County, Texas. Issued and given under my hand a seal of said Court at office, the 21st day of August, 2023. Becky Moore, District Clerk, Coryell County, Texas, P.O. Box 4, Gatesville, Texas 76528 By Kiesha Gajdica, Deputy 00030367

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: Pursuant to Chapter 59 of the Texas Property Code, Ideal Self Storage-Gatesville, located at 1611 E. Main St., Gatesville TX 76528, is having an online auction. The property is being sold to satisfy a landlord's lien. The sale will be held at storageauctions.com beginning Monday, October 9, 2023 at 11A.M. Seller reserves the right to withdraw any property from the sale upon payment in full. Bidding sale will end on Monday, October 16, 2023 at 11A.M. Units to be sold: SHARON GIBSON, VIRGINIA MANN, TRAVIS COX, ELBERT COOPER, RICKI ELLISON, MARIAH HARRISON, TINA SONES, GEORGE HOGUE. Inventory: Household goods, clothing, tools and misc. 00030368

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverages Commission for a private club registration permit of the Gatesville Country Club, 1308 Golf Course Road, one mile off Hwy. 36, Gatesville, Coryell County, Texas. Officers of the corporation are Bobby Joe Carothers, President; Randy Cole, Vice President; Wendell Zacha, Secretary; and Jaydie Dixon, Treasurer. 00030369

Notice is hereby given by 116 Storage of the sale of contents, by public auction, of the following, pursuant to the assertion of a manager's possessory lien against them in order to collect the amounts due on them. Debbie Smithers, Tammy Gamblin, Madison Leonard, Tina Welch, Shirley Kelley, Wanda Foster. The auction will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, 2023 (weather permitting) at 116 Storage, 2445 S. Hwy. 116, Gatesville, TX. Terms: Cash 00030387

Public Notice: On October 6, 2023 at 9 a.m., the Coryell County Tax Office will conduct a test on the automatic tabulating equipment used to count ballots for the upcoming November 7, 2023 General Election. The test is open to the public and will be conducted at 201 S. 7th St. Gatesville, TX 76528. 00030386

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SNOHOMISH JUVENILE COURT
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
GUARDIANSHIP
THE STATE OF WASHINGTON, TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, AND TO:

1. Devon Mickle La Frantasia, Parent of Kingston Royaltie White, b.d. 05/28/18, Guardianship Petition 23-7-00928-31 filed on July 05, 2023. A Title 13 RCW Guardianship Hearing will be held on **November 14, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.** at Snohomish County Juvenile Justice Center, 2801 10th Street, Everett, Washington 98201. You are notified that a petition has been filed in this matter alleging that the court should establish a Title 13 RCW guardianship and appoint a guardian for the above named child. A petition for Order Appointing Title 13RCW guardian, if granted, could result in substantial restrictions to the rights of the parent(s), guardian(s) or legal custodian(s). You have important legal rights and you must take steps to protect your interests. THE ABOVE NAMED INDIVIDUALS ARE SUMMONED TO APPEAR at said hearing regarding your child. If you fail to appear at the hearing, the court may enter an order in your absence establishing a Title 13 RCW guardianship and appointing a guardian. To request a copy of the Notice, Summons, and Guardianship Petition, and/or to view information about your rights in this proceeding, go to www.atg.wa.gov/DPY.aspx. HEIDI PERCY, Clerk of the Superior Court; JASON GREENFIELD, Deputy Clerk. **PLEASE NOTE: The hearing will be held via Zoom. You may appear either via video and audio, audio only, or in person. The Zoom-link, telephone call-in number, meeting ID, and password for the hearing can be found at: https://snohomishcountywa.gov/195/Juvenile-Court** 00030371

The Coryell Central Appraisal District (Coryell CAD) is accepting sealed bids for group health benefits for the employees of the Coryell CAD. Sealed bids will be opened and read aloud at 9:05 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2023 at the Coryell CAD office located at 705 East Main Street, Gatesville, TX 76528. Contact Mitch Fast, Chief Appraiser, at (254) 865-6593 for further information. 00030385

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Guardianship of the Estate of ERIC ALLEN MC-DANIEL, an incapacitated person, were issued on September 1, 2023, in Cause No. 23-399, pending in the County Court-at-law of Coryell County, Texas, to: WILLIAM LEEDER. 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. WILLIAM LEEDER, PO BOX 93, Belmont, MI 49306 DATED September 26, 2023. Karen M. Villanueva, Attorney for Guardian State Bar No.: 24102608 2106 Bird Creek Drive, Temple, Texas 76502 Telephone: (254) 771-1855, Facsimile: (254) 771-2082, E-mail: karen@templelawoffice.com 00030389

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Scott Andrew Lemon, Deceased, were issued on February 2, 2022, in Cause No. 21-10505, pending in the County Court at Law of Coryell County, Texas, to: Patrick Lemon. 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. c/o: Allen D. Place, Jr. Attorney at Law 109 S. 7th Street Gatesville, Texas 76528 DATED the 26th day of September, 2023. Allen D. Place, Jr. Attorney for Patrick Lemon State bar No.: 16058500 109 S. 7th Street Gatesville, Texas 76528 Telephone: (254) 865-8475 Facsimile: (254) 865-5274 E-mail: allenplacejr@aol.com 00030388

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR LAND APPLICATION OF BIOSOLIDS PERMIT

RENEWAL

PERMIT NO. WQ0004960000

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. City of Gatesville, 110 North 8th Street, Gatesville, Texas 76528, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal of TCEQ Permit No. WQ0004960000, which authorizes the land application of Class B wastewater treatment plant biosolids and water treatment plant residuals for beneficial use on 328.52 acres. This permit will not authorize a discharge of pollutants into water in the state. TCEQ received this application on March 28, 2023.

The land application unit is located at 700 County Road 128, Gatesville, in Coryell County, Texas 76528.

The land application unit is located within the drainage basin of Cowhouse Creek in Segment No. 1220 of the Brazos River.

The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The Executive Director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, Executive Director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at Gatesville City Hall, 110 North 8th Street, Gatesville, Texas. This link to an electronic map of the facility's location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For the exact location, refer to the application.

<https://gisweb.tceq.texas.gov/LocationMapper/?marker=-97.894166,31.437777&level=18>

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ holds a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name; address, phone number; applicant's name and permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period and, the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify by name and physical address an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are germane to the group's purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material water quality concerns submitted during the comment period.

TCEQ may act on an application to renew a permit for the land application of biosolids without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. The Executive Director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the Executive Director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and request to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

All written public comments and public meeting requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/comment within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE. For details about the status of the application, visit the Commissioners' Integrated Database at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid. Search the database using the permit number for this application, which is provided at the top of this notice.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/comment, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Any personal information you submit to the TCEQ will become part of the agency's record; this includes email addresses. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040 or visit their website at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/pep. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from City of Gatesville at the address stated above or by calling Ms. Susan Hilton, P.E., MRB Group, at 254-771-2054.

Issuance Date: September 1, 2023

NOTICE OF REQUIREMENTS TO COMPLY WITH THE SUBDIVISION SERVICE EXTENSION POLICY

OF MULTI-COUNTY WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION Pursuant to Chapter 13.2502 of the Texas Water Code, Multi-County Water Supply Corporation hereby gives notice that any person who subdivides land by dividing any lot, tract or parcel of land within the service area of Multi-County Water Supply Corporation Certificate of Convenience and Necessity No. 11525, in Coryell, Hamilton and Lampasas counties, into two or more sites for the purpose of sale or development, whether immediate or future, including re-subdivision of land for which a plat has been filed and recorded or requests more than two water service connections on a single contiguous tract of land must comply with Non-Standard Service Requirements/ Subdivision Policy contained in Multi-County Water Supply Corporation's tariff.

Multi-County Water Supply Corporation is not required to extend retail water utility service to a service applicant in a subdivision where the developer of the subdivision has failed to comply with the Subdivision policy.

Among other requirements, the Subdivision Policy requires: Applicable elements of the Subdivision Policy, depending on the specific circumstances of the subdivision service, may include:

Evaluation by Multi-County Water Supply Corporation of the impact proposed subdivision service extension will make on Multi-County Water Supply Corporation's water supply service system and payment of the costs for this evaluation; Payment of reasonable costs or fees by the developer for providing water supply service capacity;

Payment of fees for reserving water supply services capacity; Forfeiture of reserved water supply service capacity for failure to pay applicable fees;

Payment of costs of any improvements to Multi-County Water Supply Corporation's system that are necessary to provide the water service;

Construction according to design approved by Multi-County Water Supply Corporation and dedication by the developer of water facilities within the subdivision following inspection.

Multi-County Water Supply Corporation's tariff and a map showing Multi-County Water Supply Corporation's service area may be reviewed at Multi-County Water Supply Corporation's offices at 4095 W. US Hwy. 84, Gatesville, TX, the tariff/policy and service area map also are filed on record at the Public Utility Commission of Texas, Central Records, 1701 North Congress, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Tx 78711-3326. 00030384

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- ▶ 3 Br, 1 Ba Brick Home 371 N. Hwy. 281 Evant, TX, Hardwood floors, large backyard. \$128,500
- ▶ 4 Br, 2 Ba Frame home, 420 W. Main, Hamilton, TX, hardwood floors, laminate wood in kitchen, ceramic tile in bathrooms, lots of cabinet space in kitchen, large master bedroom, corner lot, beautiful woodwork throughout the home, garage-workshop, covered carport, privacy fence. \$225,000
- ▶ 1.469 acres, Lampasas River Place Subdivision, Lampasas River frontage, good tree cover, electricity along north property line, Kemper water line runs along the front of the property. \$125,000
- ▶ 10.01 acres East of Evant, TX in Coryell County on CR 160. Lot 39, Buffalo Creek Ranch Subdivision. Rolling terrain, good tree cover, OWNER FINACING, TERMS, 15% DOWN, 7.5% INTEREST, & CAN DO 10-15- OR 20-YEAR NOTE. \$139,900
- ▶ 10.01 acres, Lot 41 in Phase 6 Rio Escondido Subdivision Evant, TX. Good Tree cover, Rolling Terrain, Fiber Optic Internet. \$149,500
- ▶ 10.01 acres, Lot 48 in Phase 6 Rio Escondido Subdivision Evant, TX, Dry Branch along back of the property, nice home site overlooking the branch. \$185,000
- ▶ 11 +/- acres, Arnett, TX in Coryell County, good tree cover, nice home site, will need to be fenced on the east boundary. MCWSC may be available. \$179,500
- ▶ 17.85 acres, 296 Cross Timbers Lane Gatesville, 2 homes, main home 3 Br, 2 Ba brick home, open floor plan, second home 2 Br 2 Ba single wide mobile home, 2 covered parking spaces, good tree cover, rolling terrain, storage building, excellent fences, 1 stock pond. \$749,500
- ▶ 20 acres, Evant, TX, Rio Escondido Subdivision, Lot 23 Phase 1, good tree cover, rolling terrain, gated subdivision, electric available, Fiber Optic Internet. \$215,000
- ▶ 20.02 acres, Evant, TX, PR 42107, Hamilton County, Lot 43 Phase 6 Rio Escondido, rolling terrain, good tree cover, season creek. \$265,000
- ▶ 22.2 Acres, 4 Br, 2 Ba Manufactured Home by Palm Harbor, open floor plan, large master bedroom, his & her closets, 2 living areas, 14 ft x 35 ft sunroom, laminate wood floors, ceramic floors in kitchen, laundry room & bathrooms, 8 ft x 40 ft container with lean-to for a carport, outbuildings & barn that has not been completed, water well, rolling terrain, good tree cover. \$649,500
- ▶ 25.06 acres Pottsville, TX, Hamilton County, Paloma Vista Subdivision Lot 31, rolling terrain, scattered tree cover, great views. \$275,000
- ▶ 30.528 ac. East of Evant, TX. Great views, scattered tree cover, small pond, Evant ISD. Electricity across the road, you will need to drill a water well for water. \$365,000
- ▶ 33.43 acres, near Coryell City, Coryell County, FM 929 & CR 260 frontage, rolling terrain, good views. \$295,000
- ▶ 38 +/- acres, South of Pearl, TX, Coryell County, FM 183 frontage, rolling terrain, scattered tree cover, nice views, great home site. \$372,400
- ▶ 41.0457 acres Hamilton, TX, CR 404, Hamilton County, rolling terrain, scattered tree cover, approx. 25 acres farmland, 2 stock tanks, & good fences. \$449,000
- ▶ 47.332 ac. south of Ireland, TX, good tree cover, rolling terrain, good fencing on 3 sides, southside will need to be fenced. \$395,000
- ▶ 50.24 acres, 3/2.5 home, 2171 CR 419, Evant, TX, rolling terrain, 40% being good tree cover, the remaining balance being open pasture, great views. \$649,500.
- ▶ 58.51 acres, 3 Br, 2 Ba frame home, 6630 FM 183, Evant, TX. Water well, several outbuildings, rolling terrain, scattered tree cover & 2 stock tanks. \$585,000
- ▶ 60.23 acres, CR 238 near Turnersville, TX. 1 stock tank, good fences, scattered tree cover, rolling terrain, \$361,380.
- ▶ 68.9 acres, 3/2.5 rock home, 101 Mac Dr., Gatesville, TX. Approx. 2900 ft of Leon River frontage, ceramic tile floors, carpet in bedrooms, vaulted ceiling, rock fireplace, granite countertops, breakfast bar, garden tub, metal building approx. 45 ft x 24 ft, barn approx. 50 ft. x 30 ft., cattle pens, 1 stock tank, approx. 48 acres of coastal. \$1,249,500
- ▶ 74.264 ac. West of Purnela, TX FM 1241, 1 tank, barn with cattle pens, good exterior fencing, approx. 65 acres good grazing pasture with coastal & native grasses, frontage on FM 1241 & CR 181. \$508,709
- ▶ 82.43 acres West of Evant, TX, Mills County. Open pasture, scattered mesquite tree cover, native grasses, 1 stock tank, fenced on 3 sides. \$560,524
- ▶ 88.007 acres, 36 ft. Travel Trailer, 25 ft. x 30 ft. metal barn, Electricity, 1 tank, seasonal branch, water well, scattered tree cover, good hunting. \$650,000
- ▶ 106 +/- Acres, CR 180, Purnela, TX, Coryell & Hamilton County, good tree cover, rolling terrain, 1 tank, paved road frontage, electricity is across the road. \$832,100
- ▶ 154.904 acres, Turnersville, TX, paved CR 226 Coryell County, brick home that is in need of repair, water well, 1 tank, 1 barn 100 ft. x 50 ft, 1 barn 50 ft. x 48 ft & 1 barn 120 ft. x 48 ft., good set of cattle pens & grain storage bin. 24-acre field, remaining acreage open pasture with native grasses. The property is in Jonesboro I. S. D., Owners will consider owner financing. \$929,424
- ▶ 179.562 acres 1.6 miles south of Gatesville, TX, FM 116 frontage, great views, stock tank, rolling terrain & scattered tree cover. \$1,166,255
- ▶ 199.86 acres, 4/2 Manufactured Home, 1856 sq. ft., 1805 CR 180, Purnela, TX Coryell County, fully furnished, 2 stock tanks, 8 ft. x 40 ft storage container, storage building with water storage tank, barn, cattle pens, water well 560 ft deep, rolling terrain, good tree cover, paved road frontage. \$1,568,901
- ▶ 210 +/- acres, Carlin, TX, Comanche County, approx. 5000 ft of Resley Creek frontage, small cabin, water well, electricity & cattle pens, 2 tanks one approx. 2.4 acres, over 120 ft of change in elevation & good tree cover, approx. 48 acres of improved grass, & good exterior and interior fencing. \$1,450,000

OH, APPLESAUCE!



COURTESY PHOTO

Oglesby Independent School District held an applesauce day of fun for the kindergarten class. Mrs. Miller's class wrapped up its apple unit by making crockpot applesauce. Each student helped cut an apple, place apples into the crockpot, and helped to mix ingredients. While patiently waiting for the applesauce to cook, students enjoyed arts and crafts with apples.

MISSION: MAC AND CHEESE



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Mission Gatesville recently received a generous donation of 279 boxes filled with macaroni from Trinity Baptist Preschool. A toddler from Trinity Baptist Preschool is shown sitting with the donations made to Mission Gatesville.



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The Gatesville American Legion Post 42 recently held a four-person scramble golf tournament at the Gatesville Country Club. Proceeds for the tournament were to benefit the Legion Community Programs. The tournament included lunch, prizes, contests, door and cash prizes, and a contest for the longest drive. The Gatesville American Legion Post 42 is located at 214 Watts Lane in Gatesville.

Marriage is supposed to be fun



BY TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Tumbleweed Smith of Big Spring is a newspaper columnist and producer of The Sound of Texas radio series.

I don't know what the secret to a good marriage is. I only know I have a good one that has been fun, exciting, and full of adventure.

On our way to celebrate our 60th wedding anniversary in Santa Fe, we stopped for lunch at the Cowboy Café in Roswell. When we got ready to pay, the waitress told us the bill for our meal had already been paid. We couldn't understand it. Nobody knew we were there, and I didn't recognize anyone in the place. "It was from a random person," said the waitress.

It's difficult to explain our feelings. We were grateful and had a very good feeling, but at the same time we were puzzled. Still, the euphoria stayed with us a long time. When we arrived at Buffalo Thunder, the resort where we had reservations, our room had been upgraded to a suite. Two good things, both unexpected.

We've had similar things happen to us. On our 50th anniversary, we were on a

cruise to South America. Our stateroom had been upgraded to a large suite on the back end of the ship with all the amenities, including stationery with our names on it.

Before celebrating this latest milestone, we were with friends who asked us, "What's the secret to a good marriage?" There is no secret that I know of, but I do know some things that have kept our marriage vibrant and alive. I think you should love each other above all and enjoy each other's company. When one of us says something, the other one should answer; when there is no response, things are left up in the air. We eat together, play games, travel, read a lot, and celebrate something every chance we get. Sometimes a gift means more when there's no celebration

or holiday. By all means, when you have errands to run, don't leave the house without saying goodbye.

In any marriage, I think medical or dental issues should be discussed openly; it's no fun to be surprised when your spouse has a doctor's appointment you didn't know about. You should talk about everything. I think you should make travel a glorious experience. Once I put a rose on Susan's bed pillow that had two plane tickets and tickets to the Rose Parade. Of course, she said, "Who should I take?" Another time when we were going to New York as a surprise, I gave her a copy of The New York Times with a couple of plane tickets and hotel reservations. Once on a surprise trip to Minnesota, I put earmuffs on a dummy head.

On our honeymoon to Mazatlan in 1963, I gave Susan \$20, which she promptly lost. This year on the inside of the anniversary card I gave her two 10-dollar bills. She laughed.

We had all 12 members of our immediate family at our house for a weekend before leaving for Santa Fe. Our two sons wrote a song about us. The oldest, Kevin, wrote and sang it. Our young son, BZ, composed music for it. Tears flowed.

GATESVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION RECEIVES MERIT AWARD



COURTESY PHOTO

The Military Order of the World Wars recently presented a merit award for outstanding service to Gatesville Parks and Recreation in appreciation of their continued hard work for the city. Pictured left to right: Gatesville City Manager, Scott Albert; Gatesville Parks and Recreation Director, Seth Phillips; merit award presenter, James Marques; and Gatesville Mayor, Gary Chumley.

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Hornets rout Godley for second straight win

BY CHRIS ALLMAN
Contributing Writer

Rayshon Smith ran for 120 yards and two touchdowns, and Lawson Mooney and Sean Aguilar each had scores as Gatesville turned a 9-0 halftime lead into a 30-0 thrashing of Godley on Sept. 22.

In 2022, the Hornets defeated Godley in a shoot-out 56-42, and the Wildcats were coming off of a 54-12 win in Week 4 that saw them rack up 41 second half points. Their potentially explosive offense managed just a flicker as the Hornets held them to 86 yards of total offense.

"That defense played lights out. The game plan was great, and our guys understood it. It was just a matter of them doing their job," said head coach Aaron Hunter.

Great might be an understatement as the Hornets turned in the most complete win of Hunter's short tenure as head coach. Godley totaled 44 yards passing and

42 yards rushing with an average of 2.1 yards per play. Godley was 1-for-10 on third down and 0-for-3 on fourth downs.

In contrast, the Hornets put up 372 yards of offense with 255 yards coming on the ground. The Hornets ran 61 plays compared to just 41 for the Wildcats.

In addition to Smith's 120 yards, LJ Hall had 89 yards rushing, Mooney had 39 yards rushing and a touchdown, and quarterback Jacob Newkirk was an efficient 6-for-9 passing for 117 yards. He picked up his fifth touchdown pass of the season in the first half when he hit Aguilar with a six-yard strike.

In summary, it was a win that played out just how Hunter envisions it.

"We said Friday night when we got home that this is the vision for what we want with this offense. Hunter said. "We ran the ball well, and it was the first game where we didn't shoot ourselves in the foot with

a dumb penalty. And Jacob threw some really big footballs when it mattered. It was a really good night."

The collective good night was made up of a multitude of individual good nights on the defensive side of the ball, as well as 15 different Hornets had at least two tackles. The linebacking group of Amos Phillips, Zavier Clater, Logan Morgan, and Tommy Aaron totaled 22 tackles - 4 for a loss - and 3.5 sacks in the win. Kaden Coffman picked up his first sack of the season as well.

"We aren't as big as we were last year, but we have more speed," said Hunter. "Tommy and Zavier are smaller bodies, but they are so fast."

Phillips led the team with nine tackles and two tackles for a loss and 1.5 sacks. Wherever Godley's all-state running back Landon Thigpen was running, Phillips was there to meet him. Thigpen ran for over 3,000 yards in 2022 but had just

32 against Gatesville.

"We knew there would be a learning curve early, but he's not playing like a soph-

omore anymore. He was too fast for Godley, and he's starting to fit things right," said Hunter.

For the second straight game the Hornets pass rush - led by Corey Burns and

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COURTESY PHOTO BY CHRIS ALLMAN

Amos Phillips fights through a pair of blocks in Gatesville's win over Godley.

FOOTBALL CONTEST, WEEK 5, SEPTEMBER 22-23			
1. Gatesville vs. Godley	4. Jonesboro vs. Bell County Home School	7. UMHB vs. McMurry	11. Moody vs. Valley Mills
2. Evant vs. Rochelle	5. Oglesby vs. Methodist Children's Home	8. Tarleton vs. Southwest Baptist	This week's first place winner goes to C.W. Vernon, who correctly predicted all games. Vernon wins \$20. Second and third place went to David White and Paul Pollard, respectively, who each correctly predicted all but one game. The tiebreaker score of 30 points determined White, who predicted 38 points, the second place winner of \$10 and Pollard, who predicted 47 points, the third place winner of \$5.
3. Jonesboro vs. Stephenville Faith	6. University of Texas vs. Baylor	9. Texas A&M vs. Auburn	
		10. Texas Tech vs. West Virginia	

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

<p>GATESVILLE HORNETS Amos Phillips 9 total tackles and 2 tackles for loss, 1.5 sack, 14 receiving yards</p>	<p>JONESBORO EAGLES Layden Nichols 10 rushing yards for TD, 1 interception for 20 yards, 3 TD, 9 kick points</p>
<p>EVANT ELKS Cason Ingram 4 tackles and multiple inside kick recoveries</p>	<p>OGLESBY TIGERS Johnny Gomez 30 rushing yards, 12 receiving yards, 6 tackles, 2 interceptions</p>

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Gatesville volleyball looks to bounce back at Connally

BY CHRIS ALLMAN
Contributing Writer

After dropping a pair of games to open district play, the Gatesville volleyball team looked to bounce back on Friday against Connally.

The Lady Hornets fell in three sets at Robinson to open district play on Sept. 22 then lost to China Spring at home on Sept. 26. They travel to Connally on Sept. 29 looking to get back in the win column. The Lady Ca-

dets are also 0-2 in district play after losing to China Spring and state-ranked Salado.

Gatesville fell 21-25, 11-25, 23-25 at Robinson and lost 16-25, 11-25, 19-25 against China Spring. The losses drop the Lady Hornets to 14-15 on the season.

Through two games of league play, Salado, Robinson, and China Spring are all 2-0 while Gatesville, Con-

nally, and La Vega are 0-2. After their trip to Connally, Gatesville will host Salado on Oct. 3 then travel to La Vega to wrap the first half of district play on Oct. 6. Salado is 26-9 overall and ranked No. 18 in the latest TGCA polls.

In 2022, the Lady Hornets started district play 1-3 before winning seven of their last eight games.



COURTESY PHOTO BY NANCY WULFKUHLE

Oglesby Junior High Cross Country team pictured left to right: Gunnar Riley, Maddison Smith, Devon Howard, Ashton Hooker, David Mejia, Holdyn Goff, and Couper Wulfkuhle.

Oglesby competes in Crawford cross country meet, bring home medals

BY TOM NORRELL
Contributing Writer

Oglesby High School and Junior High teams competed in a Crawford cross country meet Saturday, Sept. 23. Oglesby Varsity girls' Maddison Smith placed 9th with a time of

15:37, receiving a medal. Allisson Uribe placed 15th with a time of 17:49.

Varsity boys' David Mejia placed 15th with a time of 20:26. Javon Howard placed 27th with a time of 24:09. Ashton Hooker placed 29th, with a time of 24:18.

Gunnar Riley placed 31st with time of 25:00.

Junior High boys: Couper Wulfkuhle placed 2nd, with a time of 13:11, for a medal. Holdyn Goff placed 10th with a time of 14:30 for medal.



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The Lady Hornets fell three sets at Robinson during their first district play of the season.

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Pictured in the back row left to right is Heidi Clough, Head of Delegation and Jack Butler. In the front row left to right is Hope Lacefield and Addison Van De Water. Each athlete pictured placed or received a medal to take home.

Team Gatesville swims into first meet, compete at YMCA

BY ALEXANDRA MEELBUSCH
Staff Writer

Throughout the summer, Team Gatesville Special Olympics has practiced regularly, both as a team and individually, to prepare for its first Area 12 swim meet.

The swim meet took place at the Greater YMCA located in Waco. It offered various events for all abilities, including beginner walk, flotation and kick board swims, as well as advanced races.

At the swim meet, five Special Olympics Texas teams competed. Each team represented Waco, Temple, Killeen, Copperas Cove, Fort Cavazos, Mexia, and Gatesville.

Three Team Gatesville athletes participated in the swim meet, with two unable to attend due to illness.

The Gatesville athletes who placed and received

medals include Jack Butler, who placed fourth in the 50-meter freestyle swim, Hope Lacefield, who received two gold medals in both the 15-meter unassisted swim and the 15-meter kickboard, and Addison Van De Water, received a gold medal in the 15-meter unassisted swim.

The next Area 12 swimming competition is scheduled for Sept. 2024, and the location is yet to be determined. There will be a chance for athletes to compete in the Fall Classic State competition.

Team Gatesville Special Olympics established its swim team in 2023, as swimming is a favorite recreational activity for many athletes.

The current swim team consists of five athletes, including children and adults, with growing interest from additional athletes who may

join the team in 2024.

Team Gatesville is currently participating in bocce and bowling, with upcoming Area competitions in Oct. and Nov. The team is preparing for basketball starting in Jan. 2024, followed by Track and Field.

To join the Special Olympics, athletes must be at least six years delay and upper age limit, have an intellectual disability or a comparable global developmental delay, and will need to submit a medical physical form.

For further information visit Team Gatesville Special Olympics website at sotx.org, or its Facebook page at [Facebook.com/TeamGatesville](https://www.facebook.com/TeamGatesville).

Contact Team Gatesville Special Olympics by email at teamgatesville12@yahoo.com.

yard score in the fourth to push the lead to 30-0.

Mooney was a menace in every facet of the game against Godley. He had 36-yard rushing, 60 yards receiving, returned a punt 43 yards for a near score, and had eight tackles. Mooney – an all-state safety in 2022 and a preseason all-state selection in 2023 – has seen a significant amount of increased time on the offensive side of the ball in the last two games.

He tallied just one rush and no receptions in the first three games of the season in limited offensive snaps. In wins over Mexia and Godley he has three catches for 106 yards, nine rushing attempts for 56 yards, a receiving touchdown and a rushing touchdown.

Newkirk hit five different receivers on the night. In addition to Mooney's two catches and Aguilar's scoring reception, Phillips, Brayden Saunders, and Theron Stone each had receptions.

Aguilar had seven tackles, Aaron and Corey Burns had six, and Clater had five. William Tippit picked up two solo tackles and two assisted tackles for his best night of the season, and Adrian Smith, Logan Biggs, and CJ Morrall had three tackles apiece.

The Hornets welcomed Mineral Wells to McKamie Stadium on Friday night and will open district play on Oct. 6 at Connally. Last

season, Gatesville beat the Rams 30-29 on a goal-line stop as time expired.

Despite his team's recent surge, Hunter is keeping a measured approach as district play looms.

"It is a constant growing process. They are starting to understand that every game is going to be close at half-time, and we have to go win it. It's going to come down to us executing every week."

Lady Elks defeat Bluff Dale

Staff Reports

The Evant Independent School District Lady Elks volleyball team defeated Bluff Dale ISD on Saturday, Sept. 23, 25-12, 25-12, 25-17.

The stats include:

Harley Weeks - 19 assists, 4 kills, 1 save, 4 aces, 7 digs.

Hailey Neri - 2 aces, 1 kill, 2 digs.

Molly Waldrum - 2 aces,

2 digs, 12 kills.

Bree Ramirez - 6 aces, 4 digs, 1 save, 6 assists, 4 kills.

Izzy Grandy - 11 kills, 1 ace, 4 digs, 1 save, 1 block.

Jolyce Acosta - 8 digs, 2 aces, 1 assist, 1 kill.

On Tuesday, Sept. 26 the Lady Elks defeated Oglesby ISD 25-18, 19-25, 22-25, 25-21, 15-9.

The stats include:

Harley Weeks - 24 assists,

7 kills, 3 saves, 2 aces, 11

digs. Hailey Neri - 3 aces, 2 kills, 13 digs.

Molly Waldrum - 5 aces, 14 digs, 10 kills, 2 blocks.

Bree Ramirez - 1 ace, 19 digs, 11 assists, 13 kills.

Izzy Grandy - 11 kills, 2 aces, 15 digs, 1 assist, 2 saves.

Jolyce Acosta - 15 digs, 3 kills, 1 save.

Evant ISD is located at 339 Memory Lane in Evant.

Jonesboro Booster Club to hold Color Run

Staff Reports

The Jonesboro Independent School District Booster Club will host a Color Run on Saturday, Sept. 30. The one-and-a-half-mile color run will begin at approximately 8 a.m. at Jonesboro ISD.

The entry fee will be \$25 per person and an additional \$20 per extra person.

The Jonesboro Athletic Booster Club is seeking

business and personal sponsorships for the inaugural color run. Sponsors will be featured on a commemorative inaugural race day T-shirt, as well as promoted on the Jonesboro Athletic Booster Club Facebook page as contributing supporters of Jonesboro ISD athletes.

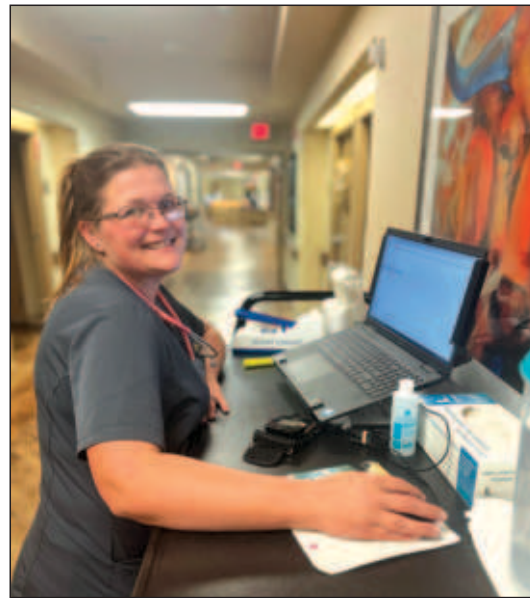
Donations will go directly to help student athletes at Jonesboro ISD for items such as uniforms, specialty equipment, protective

gear, and much more that the student athletes could benefit from physically, mentally, and emotionally.

For more information on sponsorships contact Betsy Spitzer at (254) 913-3353 or by email at BetsySpitzer@gmail.com.

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Gatesville High School annual Hall of Fame Banquet slated Sept. 30

Staff Reports

The annual Gatesville High School Athletics Hall of Fame Banquet will be held on Saturday, Sept. 30 at the Gatesville Civic Center. Doors will open at 1 p.m. Tickets will cost \$15 each and children ages five and

under will get in free. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door on the day of the event. Contact the school for more information.

Lunch will be provided by the Gatesville High School Culinary Department at 1:30 p.m.

The Class of 2023 inductees include:

- Keith Clarke is a Gatesville High School boys' track standout and state-meet champion, who later ran collegiately for the University of Houston.

- Brian Edwards is a Gatesville High School boys' bas-

ketball standout and later became an all-conference player at Hardin Simmons University. Edwards also served as the Gatesville High School boys basketball head coach from 2002 to 2010.

- Johnny Jones is a Gatesville High School boys' golf standout and state-tour-

namment champion, who later played collegiately at the University of Houston, Temple Junior College, and North Texas State University.

- Gatesville High School girls track 1965 state champions was a seven-member squad who captured the

University Interscholastic League's first-ever Texas Division A state title.

The Gatesville Civic Center is located at 301 Veteran's Memorial Loop.

For more information, contact Gatesville Independent School District at 254-865-7251.

Oglesby varsity Tigers hold perfect record at 5-0

BY TOM NORRELL
Contributing Writer

Friday, Sept. 22, the Tigers traveled to Waco to take on the Methodist Children's Home High School Bulldogs. Both teams entered the contest undefeated at 4-0. The Tigers came away with a 38 to 19 victory to keep the winning streak perfect at 5-0.

Offensively for the Tigers, Edward Aviles had eight carries for 126 yards, 26 yards receiving, a 12-yard kickoff return, and one touchdown.

Kyler Fossett had 12 carries for 124 yards and two touchdowns. Landon Wil-

liamson had two receptions for 32 yards, and a touchdown.

Hunter Walters was 4/8 passing for 70 yards, had two carriers for eight yards, one reception for 20 yards, and a touchdown, for a total of 98 yards. Johnny Gomes had three carries for 30 yards, and 12 yards receiving for a total of 42 yards. Alex Castillo was 4/5 points after touchdown with 8 points.

Defensively for the Tigers:

Edward Aviles had 12 tackles.

Landon Williamson had nine tackles and one inter-

ception.

Jackson Tippett had nine tackles and a fumble recovery.

Johnny Gomes had six tackles, two interceptions, and a fumble recovery.

Jack Hendricks had 6 tackles.

Kyler Fossett had 5 tackles.

Alex Castillo had three tackles, and a fumble recovery.

Joel Gonzales had two tackles.

Hunter Walters also had a tackle.

The Tigers host the May Tigers Friday at 7 p.m. at Butch Goodwin field.

Oglesby Junior High B team players heartbreaker

BY TOM NORRELL
Contributing Writer

The Oglesby Junior High Football B team lost a heartbreaker Tuesday, Sept. 26 to Temple Centex Chargers, 20-19. Both teams played hard and exchanged touchdowns until the very end. The Tigers scored a late touchdown with 18 seconds left in game. After a procedure penalty, which moved the PAT back 5 yards, the tigers failed to make the PAT, leaving the score 20-19 Centex. Centex ran the clock out to seal the victory.

OFFENSIVELY FOR TIGERS: Liam Ammerman led the team in total yards with

132. Included in the yardage was a 55-yard kickoff return for a touchdown. Ammerman had a 20-yard run for a touchdown. Ammerman hit AJ Marfa in the end zone for a PAT conversion. Brody Martinez blasted up the middle of the field for a 60-yard touchdown run. Martinez had nine carries for 70 yards total.

Ashton Thompson carried the ball twice for 10 yards.

DEFENSIVELY FOR TIGERS: Liam Ammerman led all tacklers with four solos and seven assists for a total of 11 tackles. Ammerman also had two fumble recoveries.

Hunter Insall had two solo tackles and three assists for a total of five tackles.

AJ Marfa had two solos and three assists for total of five tackles.

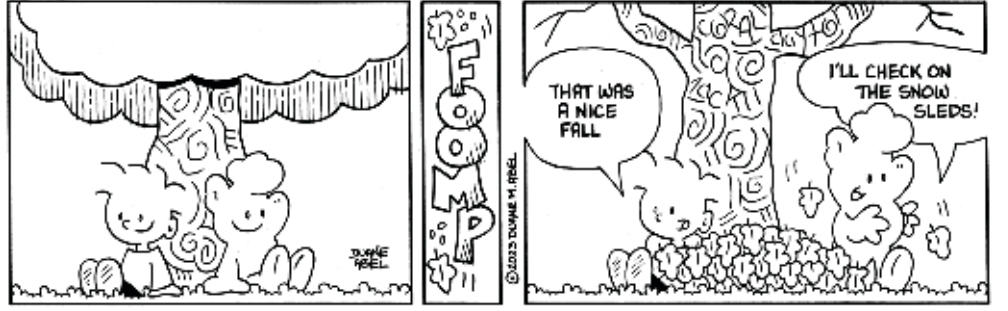
Aiden Aviles had two solos and two assists for total of four tackles.

Rancher Jeffcoat had one solo and two assists for a total of three tackles.

Brody Martinez had one solo and one assist for a total of three tackles.

The Tigers Junior High B team are 2-2 for the year and will play the Priddy Pirates next week.

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Educators of the Week presented by FNBCT

Staff Reports

The First National Bank of Central Texas has honored two local teachers who dedicate themselves to educating the youth each day at Gatesville Independent School District.

During the home foot-

ball game on Friday, Sept. 15, Lisa Truss, and Megan Lynch both received \$500 as well as a trophy.

The First National Bank of Central Texas and Gatesville ISD welcome the community to submit the names of local educators

who have made a difference in your life or in the lives of others.

To make a nomination visit the link www.fnbct.bank/educator-of-the-week/.

Gatesville ISD is located at 205 South Lovers Lane.



COURTESY PHOTO

Pictured is Lisa Truss (left) and Megan Lynch holding their trophy and \$500 reward for receiving Educators of the Week by the First National Bank of Central Texas.

Whatever happened to ...

20 YEARS AGO (2003)

The "Meet Laura Ingalls Wilder" tour made a stop in Gatesville.

New chain link fences were installed at Pruitt Field in McKamie Stadium in order to keep children away from muddy areas.

Memorial bricks for the Coryell Museum and Historical Center arrived in time to be placed before Spurfest.

Elizabeth Shoaf, of Gatesville, received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Saint Edwards University in Austin. She graduated magna cum laude.

Katy Webber was crowned the 2003 Jonesboro High School Homecoming queen.

30 YEARS AGO (1993)

Gatesville's mayor, Wilis Ament, presented Texas

House Speaker James E. (Pete) Laney with a belt in appreciation of his efforts in honor of District 57 state representative Allen Place.

Gatesville's Young Yellers showed off what they learned at cheer camp during the Gatesville-Robinson varsity football game.

Students at Gatesville Primary School enjoyed fire truck rides as part of Fire Prevention Week.

Oglesby beat Walnut Spring 62-14 at a varsity football game.

Judy Kay Humphreys, who had been comatose since 1988, regained consciousness and began recovery.

40 YEARS AGO (1983)

Dr. Elworth E. Lowery, dean of Active Gatesville Physicians, announced his

retirement from private medical practice.

The Hornette Cross Country unit won the Class AAA-and-under division of the Gatesville Invitational Meet.

Joy Summerfield was elected president of the Gatesville Ladies Golf Association.

W.J. Estell Jr. resigned as director of the Texas Department of Corrections.

Dr. James Turman resigned as executive director of the Texas Youth Council.

50 YEARS AGO

Diane Tatum, Debbie Magee, and Shelly Morris were nominated for Gatesville High School's 1973 homecoming queen.

James Loden, of Pearl, and Audrey Barker, of Copperas Cove, received

the top Gold Star awards at the Coryell County 4-H achievement banquet.

Members of the class of 1951 of Turnersville High School met for a reunion in the gymnasium of the school building.

U.S. Marine Michael James left for Camp Pendleton, Calif., after spending a 12-day leave in Gatesville with his parents, Deputy Sheriff and Mrs. Alvin James.

Highway patrolman J.K. Hamilton, of Gatesville, placed high in the 25-yard kneeling and standing match and the 25-yard shoulder match of the 12th annual National Police Combat Pistol Championships in Jackson, Mississippi.

EISD competes in cross country meet

Staff Reports

The Evant Independent School District cross country team made its way to Dublin last week to compete in a cross country meet.

The stats include: Hailey Neri - placed 56th, 18:08.

Dylan Price - placed 54th,

29:29.

Paige Thomas - placed 85th, 24:41.

Lance Thomas - placed 82nd, 19:36.

John McMullen - placed 107th, 24:07.

Evant ISD is located at 339 Memory Lane in Evant.

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Solution for the puzzle that ran Sept 23.

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Texan defense stymies Bearcats Memorial Stadium record crowd on Family Weekend Football

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There were 22,251 fans at Saturday's game between Tarleton State and Southwest Baptist on Family Weekend, surpassing last year's record crowd of 20,237 at the homecoming game. Earlier this season, the Texans set a record crowd for a home opener, seeing 20,127 fans through the turnstiles just two weeks ago in the first ever United Athletic Conference game against North Alabama.

The Texans first held a moment of silence for Bob Glasgow, a distinguished former Texas Senator and Tarleton State alumnus, who passed away early Friday morning. Tarleton State

dedicated the game to him in honor of him and his amazing life achievements. After the national anthem and the first ever Sophomore Run, the Legend of the Texan Rider returned for Family Weekend. The legendary Texan Rider led the team onto the field on horseback for the first time since 2014.

The Texans (3-1, 1-0 UAC) improved to 2-0 at home this year with their 27-13 win over the Bearcats (1-3, 0-0 GLVC) on Saturday. Tarleton now leads the all-time series 3-1 and beat SBU in back-to-back years, also winning by a 14-point margin a season ago (24-10).

Tarleton allowed just 29

net rushing yards on the night on 33 attempts, forcing 0.9 yards per carry by the Bearcats. The Texans had an interception return for a touchdown, forced 10 punts, had 11 SBU plays go for negative yardage, including four sacks, and allowed just one first down conversion on third or fourth down the entire night, as SBU went 1-of-16 on third down and 0-of-2 on fourth down.

Tarleton State was missing several key starters on the night on both sides of the ball. On defense, the Texans were without their senior leader, linebacker Qua'Shawn Washington, and their top defensive back, Jalen Carr. On offense, the top two Texan receivers were both out, Darius Cooper and Jaden Smith, as well as the starting tight end Dawson Hearne.

When play kicked off, Tarleton started with the ball, but SBU stalled a promising opening Tarleton drive with an interception at the Bearcat 40-yard line. But it

was no worry for the Purple and White, who forced a punt and then scored on the following drive, a 59-yard march, capped off by a Kayvon Britten 10-yard touchdown rush. That was his fourth rushing touchdown of the year, and fifth total.

The next six drives ended in punts as the first quarter ended with Tarleton ahead 7-0.

After Southwest Baptist picked off Gabalis for a second time early in the second quarter, they got on the scoreboard with a 19-yard field goal to make it 7-3 Tarleton. The Bearcats added a field goal several minutes later, and the teams headed to the locker room with Tarleton ahead 7-6.

The Texans, notoriously a second half team this year, won the final 30 minutes 20-7. On Tarleton's first drive of the second half, the Texans drove down for a 32-yard field goal by Adrian Guzman to make it 10-6. Southwest Baptist's next drive ended in

an unusual way, with a punt seemingly giving Tarleton the ball on their side of the field, but it was ruled later that the punter had his knee down at the SBU 10-yard line trying to field a skipped snap. Tarleton took advantage with another field goal, this time Guzman from 28 yards out to make it 13-6.

The Texans then made it three straight scoring drives to start the second half, this time finishing with a touchdown, a 28-yard back shoulder fade to Keylan Johnson from Gabalis. This was Johnson's fifth receiving touchdown in two games at home this season.

Tarleton led 20-6 headed to the fourth.

Southwest Baptist cut the lead in half with their lone touchdown of the game, a one-yard rush by Abel Carter to cap off a 75-yard drive with 10 minutes to go to make it 20-13 Texans.

On the Bearcats' next possession, it was the Tarleton defense that iced the game, with Ty Rawls picking off

Collin Sutton at the 16-yard line and returning it for a touchdown to make it 27-13.

Gabalis completed 18-of-33 passes on the night for 217 yards, one touchdown and two interceptions. Britten led the running backs with 54 yards on 10 carries (5.4 YPC) and a score. Benjamin Omayebu had nine catches for 99 yards, and Johnson had two catches for 33 yards and a touchdown.

Sterling led the Texan defense with 2.5 tackles for loss and a team-high eight tackles, to go with a pass breakup. Four Texans had a sack; Charles Perkins, Ahmir Crowder, O'tay Baker and Keldric Williams. Rawls had three tackles and a quarterback hurry to go with his pick-six.

The Texans have started 3-1 for the second straight year. They'll now head to Southeastern Louisiana for a matchup in Hammond, Louisiana, at Strawberry Stadium on Saturday, Sept. 30, at 3 p.m.

Low's late goal gives Tarleton State first 2023 Conference victory

Tarleton State University

EDINBURG — Rylee Low found the back of the net in the 78th minute to lead Tarleton State to its first Western Athletic Conference (WAC) win of the season against the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV) on Sunday, Sept. 24 at UTRGV Soccer and Track and Field Complex.

With the win, the Texans improved to 1-0-1 in the WAC and 4-5-3 overall. After starting out the conference slate with a win against Abilene Christian, UTRGV (3-5-2, 1-1-0) dropped its first WAC match of the season.

Low was the difference-maker in the game, firing a free kick past the diving UTRGV keeper to net her fourth goal of the season, all coming via a free kick.

Mikayla Kendall racked up her second shutout of the season and her first in WAC play, notching a save on the only shot she faced.

About halfway through the first half of the match, Jaycie Bass fired a shot from thirty feet out that had goal written all over it, but the Vaqueros' keeper was just able to get a hand on it and tip it over the crossbar. The Texans were then granted a pair of corner kicks, but were unable to convert either into a goal.

The Texan defense was taut in the first half, not allowing the Vaqueros to get a shot or have a true scoring chance in their offensive zone.

Both teams switched sides to start the second half, giving UTRGV the wind at their back after having kicked into the wind in the first half.

The Vaqueros took six shots, with none falling on net in the first 25 minutes of the second half.

In the 69th minute of play, Avery Harr dribbled the ball to the far right sideline in the Texans' attacking third. She sent a cross to the right of the box that found Adriana Alonso-Gomez in stride. She one-touched the pass toward the goal but was off target in the Texans' first scoring chance of the second half.

Tarleton broke onto the board with a free kick goal in the 78th minute by Low, the Texans leading goal scorer. After a Vaqueros foul, Low took the free kick from the middle of the pitch just outside the 18-yard box. She snuck it past the diving keeper in the bottom right of the goal to break the scoreless tie and give Tarleton the lead



with just under 12 minutes of play remaining.

UTRGV took advantage of its last second opportunity streaking down the field with less than 20 seconds remain-

ing. The Vaqueros were able to get two inside the 18-yard box with Jeweleen Reuille firing a shot with just 13 ticks remaining. Kendall grabbed her first save of the after-

noon and secured the 1-0 Texan victory.

Tarleton State will play just one game this weekend in the continuation of WAC play for the Texans. Tarleton will conclude their three-match road trip with a trip to Abilene to take on Abilene Christian at 5 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 1 at Elmer Gray Stadium. The match will be streamed on ESPN+ along with all other WAC matches this season.

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GHS VISITS GAME WARDEN ACADEMY



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Mrs. Hamilton's Law Practicum class at Gatesville High School toured The Game Warden Training Academy and learned what it takes to become a Texas Game Warden. The training center facility is located on a 200-acre complex in Hamilton County.

TTU announced Saunders to 2023 Dean's List

Staff Reports

Texas Tech University recently announced Sarah Saunders of Gatesville to its 2023 Spring Dean's List.

Those who earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher during the spring semester are eligible for the Dean's Honor List. For these

acknowledgments, students must be enrolled for at least 12 hours, excluding any courses that are graded pass or fail.

SNHU announced Summer 2023 President's List

Staff Reports

Southern New Hampshire University recently announced its Summer 2023 President's List. Aleisha Nunn of Gatesville and Cassidy Taylor of Jonesboro

were among the students selected for the list.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.7 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List. The

summer term runs from May to August. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired eight-week terms grouped in fall, winter, spring, and summer.

Gatesville ISD to hold ASVAB testing Nov. 9

Staff Reports

Gatesville High School will hold the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) test on Saturday, Nov. 9.

The ASVAB test is open to grades 10 through 12. The test is known to have

various benefits including career exploration, identifying strengths, realizing dreams, planning for the future, and career building.

The test is free to all students inquiring to participate. Sign up for the ASVAB

test by Friday, Oct. 6 to ensure your spot. Visit <https://forms.gle/iSBvvX-54MkFDDZvq8>.

Gatesville High is located at 205 S. Lovers Lane and can be reached at 254-865-8281.



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Jonesboro Class of 1973

JISD Class of 1973 celebrates 50th reunion

Eight members of the Jonesboro High School Class of 1973 got together to celebrate their 50th homecoming on Friday, Sept. 22, at the home of Marcia Bales and the late Don Bales.

They enjoyed a wonder-

ful meal provided by Marcia Bales and laughed about exploits remembered from their school days while catching up with each other.

Those attending were Randy Klatt, Katy Wilhelm Mitchell, Jimmy Watson,

Rick Chambers, Anna Marie Prunty Justice, Ivy Young, Pam Massingill Thomas, and Marcia McKibben. Others attending were Cail Klatt, David Mitchell, Melody Watson, and Beth Springer.

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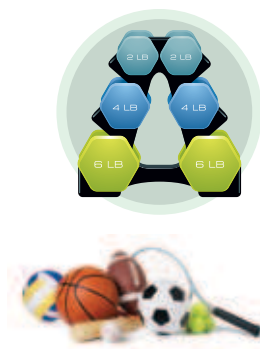
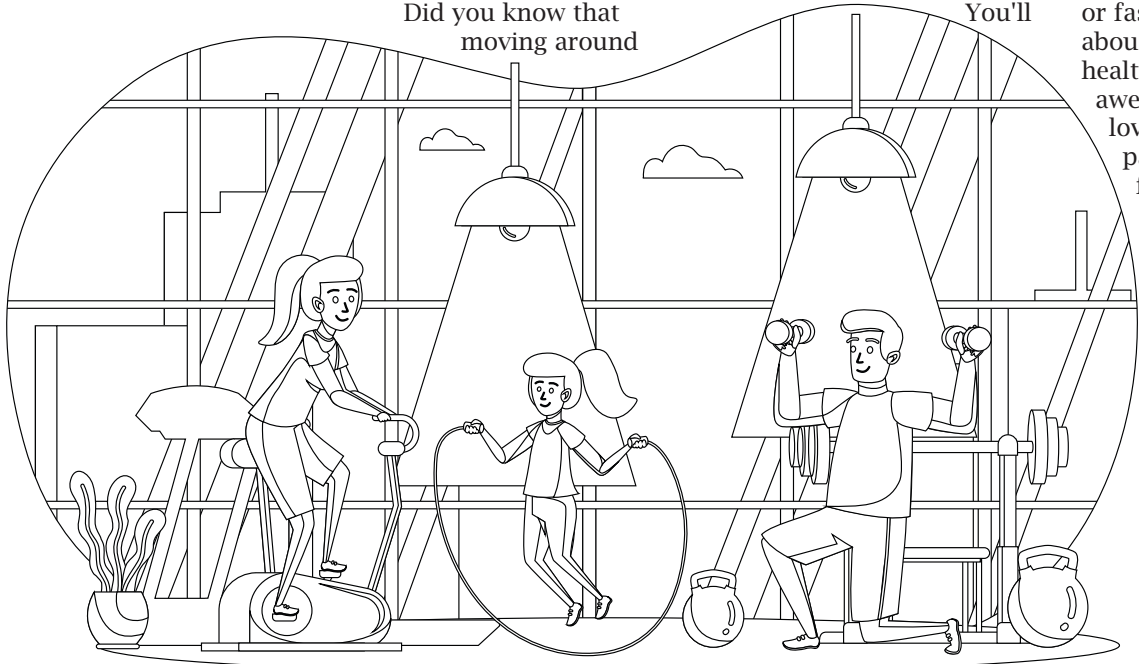
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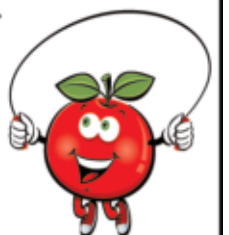
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- 3. play
- 4. swimming
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- 7. move
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Coryell 4-H Gun Club	4 th Wednesday	6:30 PM	Boys & Girls Club 2533 E. Main St - Gatesville	Hugh Nielsen hugh.nielsen@outlook.com
Coryell 4-H Gun Club Practice	2 nd Saturday	9:00 AM	Coryell 4-H Shooting Range FM 215 - Gatesville	Hugh Nielsen hugh.nielsen@outlook.com
Coryell 4-H Horse Club	2 nd Thursday	6:00 PM	C&H Ranch 762 County Road 131 - Gatesville	Jenna Murphy CoryellCountyHorseClub@gmail.com
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Gatesville 4-H	1 st Thursday	6:00 PM	Hidden Gem Family Center 115 S. 7 th St. - Gatesville	Brandy Rhoades brhoades910@gmail.com
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Hornet Gold - Intermediate	Every Monday Fall, 2 & 4 Spring	3:45 PM	Gatesville Intermediate School 311 Hornet Way - Gatesville	Tracy Coursey tracy.coursey@gmail.com
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Jonesboro 4-H	2 nd Tuesday	6:00 PM	Jonesboro Community Center 11625 N. State Hwy 36 - Jonesboro	Tina Janke tinajanke70@gmail.com
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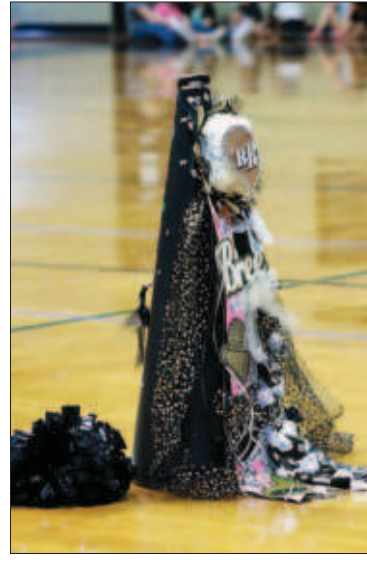
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The Evant Elks took on Rochelle for their Homecoming game last weekend, unfortunately losing, 53-6. Evant's Coach Young said, "It didn't turn out the way we'd hoped, but we continue to strive so that we can get over that hump. Our guys continue to show up and work hard knowing that there's a bigger picture." Leading the way on defense and offense was Senior Cason Ingram with four tackles and multiple onside kick recoveries, which put Evant's offense in a good position to drive a shorter distance of the field. Ingram punched a 50-yard run for the only score of the game. Other notable players were senior Hunter White and freshman Wyatt Hitt, who also made several key stops on defense.

JONESBORO HOMECOMING



COURTESY PHOTOS BY GLADYS WHITENBURG

Jonesboro celebrated a shutout Homecoming night against the Stephenville Faith Knights, 90-0 at halftime. Homecoming court crowned King and Queen were Nathan Forrest and Tenley Scott.