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Man charged in assault of missing woman he tracked with a phone app

BY KAYLEE DUSANG
Staff Writer

A man has been arrested on a charge of aggravated sexual assault after attacking a woman who was reported missing in early Sept.

According to court documents, James Robert Bolton used a phone app to track the woman's location before the assault took place.

On Sept. 9 around 8:15 p.m., deputies with the Coryell County Sheriff's Office

were called to the area of FM 107 after the woman's family claimed they found her vehicle at a bridge near Coryell Creek. The woman was believed to be a possible victim of kidnapping.

Park rangers with Texas Park and Wildlife and Coryell County deputies searched the area around the bridge and eventually located the woman in a nearby field.

According to Coryell County deputies, she was

found with bruises and scratches on her body, as well as dirt that appeared to be forced into her mouth. They said she was breathing, but in and out of consciousness.

Deputies said a park ranger administered a dose of Narcan because she appeared to be under the influence of some kind of narcotic, but she did not react to the Narcan.

Deputies add that she appeared to be in distress and

would not talk to them.

The woman was transported to a hospital in Waco where she was treated for her injuries. Court records show a sexual assault exam was conducted, which revealed injuries consistent with sexual assault.

The woman told investigators that Bolton used a cell phone app to find her location and confirmed that

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COURTESY PHOTO BY BRIDGES_BAYAREA

San Francisco activist, Elouise Morris Westbrook, traced her roots back to Gatesville, which she always considered home.

GATESVILLE CELEBRATES NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



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Robert Ferguson with the Gatesville Volunteer Fire Department poses with Sparky the fire dog at Gatesville's National Night Out. See more photos on B12.

Gatesville native left her mark in San Francisco

BY DAVID SCOTT
Staff Writer

Democratic Senator Dianne Feinstein, the longest-serving female senator in history, passed away last week at the age of 90.

Feinstein had close ties to a Gatesville woman named Elouise Morris Westbrook. Most will ask, just who was Elouise Westbrook?

Westbrook started from humble beginnings. She was born in Gatesville on April 20, 1915, the daughter of William Morris and Dora Davenport Morris. During her childhood in

Gatesville, she attended a two-room school called Carver School, which was created for African-American students. The school only had two teachers—one for elementary and one for high school.

"It was all Black, but it was a nice school," she

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Local pilots teach kids about aviation at Gatesville airport

BY KAYLEE DUSANG
Staff Writer

Several local home-school students and their families visited the Gatesville Municipal Airport on Sept. 29 to learn about aviation from Central Texas pilots.

The event was held in collaboration between Centex Aviation, an aircraft maintenance facility at the Gatesville

Municipal Airport, and the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce in celebration of the airport becoming a member of the chamber.

"A lot of people in Gatesville don't know we have an airport, and those that do, do not know where it is," said Pete Weston, owner of Centex

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Adoption/rescue center established by local mother-daughter duo

BY ALEXANDRA MEELBUSCH
Staff Writer

A local mother-daughter duo recently opened an adoption and rescue center for cats and dogs on Aug. 13 called Charlie's Wags N Whiskers.

It encompasses an adoption and animal rescue center and a doggy daycare, and offers boarding, a dog park, and a boutique for the animals named the Paw Bar Boutique.

Gatesville High School student Charlie Sommerfeld and her mother, Candice

Vazquez, are natives of the community and felt the urge to make a difference.

Since Sommerfeld can remember, animals and strays have always had a special place in her heart.

"Growing up my grandma always fed the cats at her park in Copperas Cove, and

I've loved that she's done that by helping stray animals in general, you always see them walking around," Sommerfeld said.

Sommerfeld and Vazquez wanted to make sure when establishing their organization, that it would be different than what

anybody else has. "This will serve the community but also help the animals, too," Sommerfeld said. They wanted to do something positive for the community while also decreasing the number of stray animals on

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A look inside of Charlie's Wags N Whiskers pet adoption and rescue center.



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Mother-daughter duo Candice Vasquez and Charlie Sommerfeld, owners of Charlie's Wags N Whiskers, a newly-opened adoption and rescue center for cats and dogs. Also pictured is their fur baby, Riko.

WHISKERS

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the streets.

"Animal shelters help everyone, even if you don't have an animal," Sommerfeld said. "It helps with the reproduction of animals, as well as gives them a safe home. Now if somebody sees an animal on the side of the road, they don't have to just call Animal Control, they can call us too."

Since the adoption and rescue center opened, Charlie's Wags N Whiskers has rescued a total of 30 cats and kittens and has successfully adopted nine of them.

The organization's services will expand out of Coryell County to rescue animals in need. To date, the organization has rescued animals from prisons, recreational vehicle parks, local stores, and the city of Copperas Cove.

"First thing that we've been doing is the same day we rescue, we take the animals to Bar-N Vet Clinic to get them wormed, check for chips, give flea medication, and a flea bath," Sommerfeld said. Charlie's Wags N Whiskers works alongside the Gatesville Animal Shelter and Bar-N Vet Clinic.

The cats that have been taken from the animal

shelter are ready to adopt and are vaccinated. If possible, they've already gone through the trap, neuter, and release program. "In the future, hopefully we can get the dogs neutered, even if we have to get a sponsor," Vazquez said.

Charlie's Wags N Whiskers is a 501 C non-profit organization, which means it is nontax deductible and runs entirely on donations alone. There are future plans for fundraisers, including a wiener dog race and a color pup run.

To adopt an animal, the fees will vary depending on if the animals have had their vaccinations or deworming. "Without vaccinations or being spayed or neutered, the cost for adoption will be \$25, and if the animals are up to date on shots, the cost will be \$40," Sommerfeld said.

Since the organization is always in need of donations, they will accept any type of necessities that come with owning an animal, such as dog and cat food, canned food, litter, puppy pads, cleaning supplies, and most importantly, volunteer work.

Student volunteers from Gatesville Independent School District have already made their way to Charlie's Wags N Whiskers. The National Honor Society

volunteered to fill their community service hours. "We have even talked to the high school with their special needs kids, and they want to come participate in some high-functioning adult duties," Vazquez said.

The mother-daughter duo's goal was to bring something different to Gatesville that bigger areas don't have, where you can stay for a while to visit with the animals. "With the animal shelter here, you are not able to walk in and say that you want to check out their dogs, you have to have an appointment," Vazquez said.

"Even the shelter dogs that we are going to take in, we don't want them pinned up all the time," Vazquez said. "We want them to be able to interact."

When Sommerfeld and Vazquez aren't tending to the animals, there are many responsibilities to uphold including feeding, cleaning out the litter boxes and cages, as well as making sure all the animals get in their social hours.

Vazquez spends around 12 hours a day at the facility, and Sommerfeld arrives shortly after 2 p.m. when she gets out of school for the day. Both are at the building seven days a week until 8 p.m. or later.

"After graduation, I am

going to come up here every single day, I am pretty much going to live here," Sommerfeld said. "I am not going anywhere."

As the duo is adapting, they will only be taking in rescues first, especially when they start taking in dogs. The organization will slowly incorporate doggy day care and boarding. "I know a lot of people have

been asking about boarding, but we want to know what we are dealing with, and we don't want to overload ourselves right off of the bat," Vazquez said. "I know everybody's excited just like we are."

Charlie's Wags N Whiskers will be reaching out to the community for people that are interested in fostering with the approved criteria.

"We have had some really awesome people come in and check us out," Vazquez said. "It's like therapy sometimes; we just sit and watch the animals play."

"We are learning. We know how to take care of animals, but we want to be able to give them the best service," Vazquez said.



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The Paw Bar inside Charlie's Wags N Whiskers.

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WESTBROOK

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would later say.

Westbrook dropped out of school at the age of 16, married, and moved to Waco. In the 1940s, she moved to California where she settled in San Francisco, residing in the South of Market community. She would later obtain her GED and take several college courses.

"I thought I was going to learn how to work with poor people," she said. "I never had one course on how to work with poor people. I learned how to work with big corporations. Well, I laughed about it and cried about it, because I really wanted to help my people."

She soon became known as an advocate for the

poor and the working class and sought to bring better housing and health care to those in need. Her boldness in speaking seemed to be her greatest asset. "I had a big mouth, so I did most of the talking," Westbrook once said.

Perhaps her most well-known accomplishment came in 1973 when she led a delegation to Washington, D.C., to fight for badly-needed funds regarding housing in the Bayview Hunter's Point community of San Francisco. Where city officials had failed, her tenacity was credited with San Francisco receiving a \$30 million grant from the Nixon administration.

On two different occasions, Westbrook was honored with an "Elouise Westbrook Day" for her service to the city. The first was in 1983 from San Francisco Mayor Dianne Feinstein and the second in 2006 by Mayor Gavin Newsom.

Westbrook also received a certificate of commendation from the U.S. Senate, signed by her good friend, Senator Feinstein. "She's my white daughter and I'm her Black mamma," Westbrook remarked when describing their close relationship.

As the former president of the San Francisco Housing Commission and a member of the Mayor's Committee for Community Development, Westbrook accompanied Feinstein to Abidjan, Africa (the Ivory Coast) as a member of the U.S. delegation and a representative for the City of San Francisco.

In 1989, after decades of service, Westbrook traded in the fast-paced life of San Francisco for the slower pace of her hometown of Gatesville.

After returning to her roots, she was quoted as saying, "Everybody was really nice to me. The policemen would often stop by

and have coffee with me. I will always think of Gatesville as my home."

A few years after moving back to Gatesville, Westbrook returned to San Francisco to be closer to her doctors and specialists.

In 2007, it was announced that a clinic and apartment building would be named in her honor and would be called Westbrook Plaza. The apartments were designed to provide homes for 45-50 families, and the clinic was estimated to serve more than 10,000 patients per year. Construction of the \$12-million Westbrook Plaza got underway in 2008.

During the dedication of the plaza, a ceremony was held to honor the 92-year-old Westbrook for her 50 years of service to the city in bringing affordable housing and health care to the poor.

"It was beautiful," she said about the ceremony. "Senator Feinstein walked beside me. It was quite an honor for a little old Black woman from Gatesville, Texas."

Elouise Morris Westbrook passed away in San Francisco on September 13, 2011, at the age of 96. She was buried next to her husband, Isaac, at the Golden Gate National Cemetery in San Bruno, California.

Upon learning of her death, Dianne Feinstein issued the following statement about her friend and colleague, "Mrs. Westbrook is a legend - she fought for the rights and injustices for not only her people but other groups. An advocate for those in need of food, shelter, jobs, accessible healthcare - she was a VOICE throughout the city to help them speak up for their rights. This dynamic lady organized people to rally. She was known throughout the San Francisco Bay area, state, and nationwide."

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FROM MY FRONT PORCH

A Teacher's "Burning" Lesson set a Career Path



BY SAM HOUSTON

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

Recently, I was told a tale by a good friend regarding his elementary school days in Abilene.

It would seem my friend was a typical west Texas boy of the late 50's. He rode stick horses, played ball, and had a group of friends with whom he was joined at the hip. They played at the vacant lot in the neighborhood when school was out, spent the night at each other's houses, and sat close to each other in their classroom. They ate their lunch together, played at recess, and fussed and fought with each other over the usual boyhood issues. Boys being boys, they would sometimes be ornery.

One day one of the boys brought a small package of Diamond wooden matches to school with him. Since this was a time when many

people smoked cigarettes, matches were plentiful and found almost everywhere. Jimmy Jack took this box from the kitchen, where his mother used them to light the kitchen stove when she was ready to cook. The box was small but full of wooden matches and was easily concealed in Jimmy Jack's back pocket as he bounded out the door to school.

Jimmy Jack did not really have a plan on what to do with the matches, and he fully understood he was not supposed to have them in his possession. His mother had warned the eight-year-old of the dangers of matches and forbade him from playing with them lest he start a fire or burn him-

self. The boy was not a bad boy, and though he knew he was disobeying his mother, he weighed the possible anger of his mother with the admiration of the other boys for bringing matches to school, and the choice was made.

While standing as a group on the playground before the school day started, Jimmy Jack could not wait to tell the other boys what he had done. When they saw what Jimmy Jack pulled out of his back pocket, there was an audible collective "wow" in admiration and disbelief. Naturally, the urge to use one of the matches was overwhelming, so the boys went around the corner of the gym where their actions would be less visible. Jimmy Jack struck one of the matches and lit a small pile of dried leaves on fire.

Just as the leaves caught fire, Miss Etta Mae Ewing, the school secretary, was walking up the sidewalk and smelled the smoke. She investigated, and as she came around the corner, the boys saw her and attempted to stomp out the evidence of their "crime." Unfortunately, Miss Ewing knew something was up

and told the boys to go to the principal's office.

All five of the boys walked the slow walk of death to the office, knowing they were in serious trouble. Mr. Hunsucker, the principal, was a big man and, while friendly, intimidated the students with his stature and authority. When he asked who had brought the matches, none of the boys spoke up. Jimmy Jack was silent because he wanted to avoid the consequences of his actions, and the other four, because they could not stand the idea of being a "squealer" on their buddy. Whatever punishment would be dealt out, they would rather suffer the consequences than turn on their friend.

After making several inquiries as to whom was responsible and getting nothing in response but blank stares from the culprits, Mr. Hunsucker announced since no one would come forward, all the boys would get a "lick." He ordered the boys to line up, facing the wall, had them bend over, and proceeded to go down the line and give each boy a swat on the backside with his paddle. Two licks had been delivered as Mr.

Hunsucker worked down the line to Jimmy Jack. When he delivered his blow on the offender, the paddle landed exactly where the box of matches was hidden. The box ignited, creating flames and smoke coming from the backside of Jimmy Jack's britches. Seeing the smoke and feeling the heat of the incineration, the boy dropped on his backside and drug himself on the hallway floor like a wormy dog, hoping to get away from the heat. The shocked principal scampered to put out the fire and protect Jimmy Jack from injury. The other boys screamed and shouted - unsure what had happened. It was quite a scene.

The fire was soon extinguished, and while Jimmy Jack had a small burn on his backside, no more "licks" were delivered that day. Each of the boys had to spend a day after school

writing, "I will not play with matches" 200 times and could not go outside to recess for a week.

My friend claims the incident was a great educational moment. He maintains a sense of pride as all the boys protected their friend with their silence, even if it meant putting themselves in jeopardy.

Another lesson was also learned. None of the boys ever brought matches to school again, and, curiously, Jimmy Jack may have been inspired to his future professional calling, as years later he became a fireman!

Educators never know what impact they will have on their students.

Thought for the day: The best teachers are the ones that tell you where to look, but not what to see.

Until next time...I will keep ridin' the storm out. sam@hcnews.com

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CELEBRATING WORLD TEACHERS' DAY



COURTESY PHOTO BY SCOTT ALBERT

Gatesville Mayor Gary Chumley recently signed a proclamation declaring Oct. 5 as World Teachers' Day. It is a day to celebrate how teachers are transforming education, but it's also to reflect on the support they need to fully deploy their talent and vocation, and to rethink the way ahead for the profession globally. Mayor Chumley presented the signed proclamation to his daughter, Gatesville Elementary School Principal Keegan Webb.



COURTESY PHOTO

James Bolton booking photo

ASSUALT

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he was the one who attacked and sexually assaulted her. When he found her, she said he struck her in the face with a stone, knocking her unconscious. She told authorities that she remembers him saying "he was going to teach her

how to talk to him."

She said Bolton became upset after she confronted him for having sexual relations with other women.

Records say Bolton and the woman had been in a previous relationship, and both had the app on their cell phones. It is unknown what app Bolton used to track her whereabouts.

A spokesperson for the

Coryell County Sheriff's Office said Bolton was arrested in Bell County. He was booked at the Coryell County Jail on Sept. 28 and is being held on a \$500,000 bond, according to the Coryell County Jail roster.

Folks around town



COURTESY PHOTO

Judy McFarlin

Say hello to our neighbor, Judy McFarlin!

Judy is the Sales Representative and Accountant at Leaird's Furniture Store. She has worked at Leaird's for eight weeks and says she loves her job because everyone is dedicated and has the same vision. She has lived in Gatesville for over 30 years and enjoys the great atmosphere along with her friends and family.

Judy reads The Gatesville Messenger and enjoys the quality of reading, the local sports coverage, and how it appeals to all generations.

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



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Holiday closures for Columbus Day

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.



JEFF OSBORNE | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Gatesville ISD superintendent Dr. Barrett Pollard

Proposition A explained

BY DR. BARRETT POLLARD
GISD Superintendent

Despite having up to \$5.5 billion earmarked for public education, the 88th legislative session in Texas allocated next to no additional dollars to public schools. In addition, the federal Elementary Secondary School Emergency Relief money (which totaled \$3,815,791 for Gatesville Independent School District) that was allocated from 2021 to 2024 has also ended.

Now, GISD is set to see the largest school tax rate compression ever, totaling 19 cents. The school is asking voters on Tuesday, Nov. 7, to give three of those cents (golden pennies) back to the district for a net decrease of 16 cents for taxpayers. Taxpayers will see other benefits with the homestead exemption up for vote to be increased from \$40,000 to \$100,000.

The tax rate (even with the district getting the 3 pennies) will effectively be decreased by 10.85% and will decrease taxes for maintenance and operations on a \$100,000 home

by approximately \$118.35.

For every one dollar that goes to GISD from local taxpayers, the state will give three dollars. In all, the three pennies equate to \$1,344,097 in additional funding each year from now on. If it passes, the district will use this money for many different items in year one.

Examples include:

- A one-time December bonus for all full-time employees
- New intercom systems at three of the campuses (safety concern)
- Add new or replace broken air-conditioning on school buses
- Repair or replace HVAC systems at the campuses
- Add new, or replace Chromebooks, for general education and special education students
- Band instruments
- Maintenance vehicles
- The special education department
- Professional development
- Get portable restrooms by the baseball field functioning

In year 2, the money would go toward pay raises (especially for those positions below the Texas Association of School Boards average), not losing positions through attrition, and gaining back some positions the district lost through attrition.

If you are for this proposition, you would vote for it. The wording below is exactly how it should read on the ballot on Nov. 7.

PROPOSITION A

Ratifying the ad valorem tax rate of \$0.8992 per \$100 valuation in the Gatesville Independent School District for the current year, a rate that is lower than last year but will allow the district to receive state aid and local tax revenue it otherwise would not have received and a rate that will result in an increase of 0% in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the District for the current year as compared to the preceding year, which is an additional \$0.

Team Feathers to take the dance floor for Righteous Roots' Dancing with the Stars of Central Texas fundraiser

BY ALEX MEELBUSCH
Staff Writer

Local couple James and Sherry Feathers are ready to take the dance floor in the Dancing with the Stars of Central Texas competition on Saturday, Nov. 18.

Team Feathers includes James and Sherry Feathers. The Feathers moved to Gatesville in July 2022 because they needed a change in lifestyle.

James is the General Sales Manager at Jim Turner Chevrolet in McGregor and Sherry is the secretary at Gatesville Elementary School and works for the

transportation department. The Feathers have three children along with two grandsons.

In their free time, fishing and hunting are their most enjoyed activities, along with casual dancing. "If it's a good song we will be dancing, outside or inside," Sherry said.

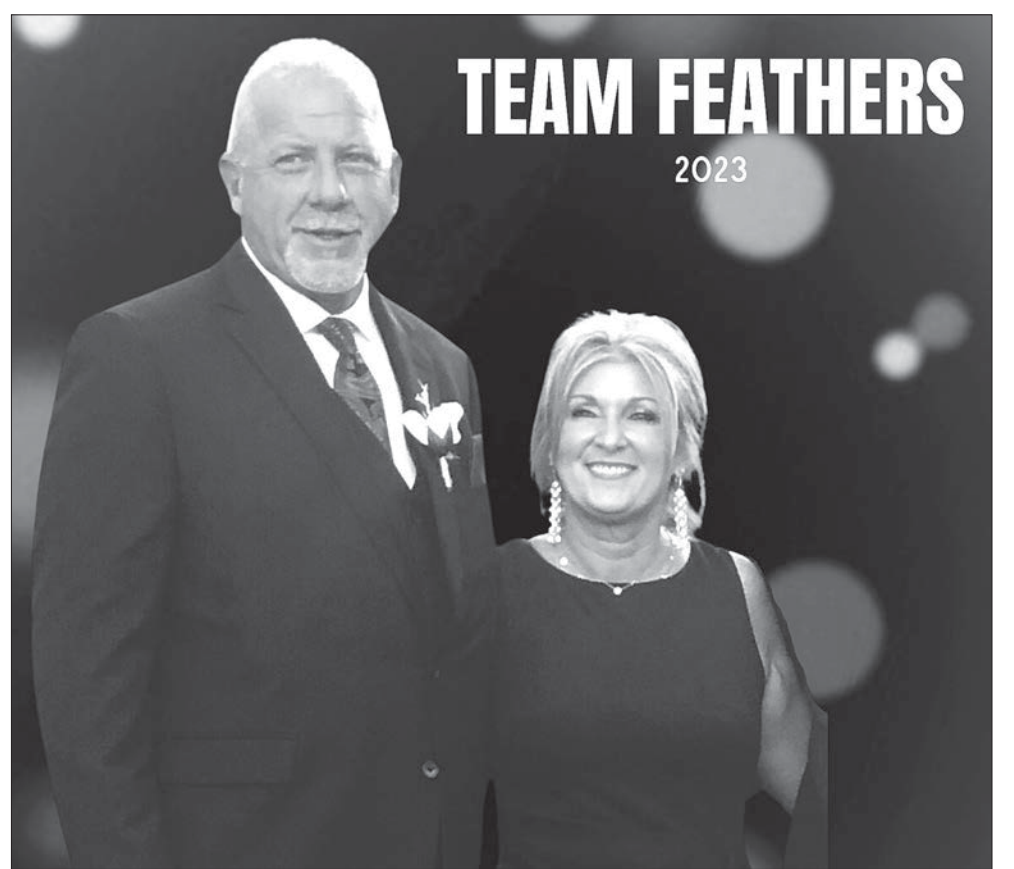
Team Feathers still has tables available for sponsorship.

Dancing with the Stars of Central Texas is a semi-formal gathering for adults aged 18 and over. The event will be held at the Gatesville Civic Center and

will commence at 5:30 p.m. Attendees will come together to enjoy an evening of delightful food, vibrant dancing, and meaningful fellowship.

The event serves as a fundraiser for Mission Righteous Roots Crisis Resource Center, with all tax-deductible donations dedicated to supporting the impactful initiatives of the organization.

To sponsor a table, donate, or to buy a ticket visit <https://paybee.io/hybrid-event/rootscrisis/1>.



James and Sherry Feathers

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Whatever happened to...

20 YEARS AGO (2003)

The Gatesville area received more than eight inches of rain in a day, leading to washed out bridges and road closings.

The Lady Hornets beat Connally at volleyball 26-24. The win set up a key district battle with China Spring.

Bicycle riders were recruited to participate in the "Wheels of Life" bike-a-thon in Gatesville to benefit St. Jude's Children's Research

Hospital.

The Gatesville Volunteer Fire Department was selling tickets to give away a John Deere Gator.

The Gatesville Lions Club kicked off the first "Lion Clois Stone Memorial Eyeglass Roundup and Membership Initiative."

30 YEARS AGO (1993)

Over 200-plus students made the Gatesville Junior High School honor roll. Maxine Lovejoy Beard was

the 32nd recipient of the Norris Graves Award that was given annually to an outstanding Gatesville High School alumnus.

Gatesville High School students celebrated their annual bonfire.

Former Gatesville resident and pianist, Jeffrey Arnold, made his Canadian recital debut.

"The Good Son" was showing at The Last Drive-In Picture Show.

40 YEARS AGO (1983)

The Gatesville Volunteer Fire Department hosted their Seventh Annual Barbecue and quickly sold out.

Smokey Moore, of Gatesville, and his group of snake handlers signed on as an attraction for the 11th annual Bee County Western Week.

Rus Bel, a 1982 Gatesville High School graduate, was elected president of Phi Theta Kappa, the National Honor Fraternity of Central Texas College.

Fourteen-year-old Sissy Neuman was the pick for Hornet Pepiteer of the Week.

Karen Massingill, of Turnersville, graduated from MCC in Waco with an associates degree in nursing.

50 YEARS AGO

Texas Farm Bureau held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to mark the formal opening of the new Coryell County Farm Bureau building at 201 North 8th Street.

Western Auto opened its location at 206 South 7th Street.

Renee Connor was introduced as Evant High School's 1973 homecoming queen.

Carson and Barnes Big 5 Ring Circus came to Gatesville.

Girl Scout Troop 309 visited the Gatesville Fire Station during Fire Prevention Week.

Remembering Uncle Bob Saunders

BY DAVID SCOTT
Staff Writer

Known locally as the “old agitator,” Robert Lee (Uncle Bob) Saunders gained a reputation in the Gatesville community when he started writing a crisp and humorous weekly column for The Gatesville Messenger called “Down Memory Lane.”

Uncle Bob was born on August 16, 1880, in Gatesville, to James Reed Saunders and Nancy Ann Baird Saunders. He was one of eleven children. Saunders was a member of one of the first families of Gatesville. His father, a native of North Carolina, arrived in Coryell County in 1859 and held the offices of county treasurer and county clerk for many years in addition to owning the J.R. Saunders Mercantile

Company and a private bank.

Uncle Bob Saunders came from a very privileged family and, in his early years, was exposed to the frontier days in Gatesville as well as Coryell County. As a child, he observed people, listened to their stories, and retained this in his memory, which he would later relate in his writing.

Later in life, Saunders used his “pen” and personal push to aid the establish-

ment of a museum in Gatesville and the organization of a Coryell Historical Society. He was also one of the leaders to have Coryell’s first log jail rehabilitated and set up in Raby Park.

Saunders served his community as an alderman from 1936 to 1942. He was also very active in political circles, being a familiar figure at the precinct and county Democratic conventions over the years.

For several years, Saunders was the head of the credit department of the R. E. Powell Hardware Company. He was also a member of the Methodist Church.

He began writing a weekly column for The Gatesville Messenger in 1946. It was the first of a series of articles on Coryell County’s towns and villages following his 65 years of observance. His first article covered the establishment of Coryell County in 1854

and was titled “How Come Gatesville?”

His articles turned him into a very extraordinary individual who was full of early day history that included very colorful descriptions of early day life in the county.

There were great lessons to be learned in the study of the county’s early day history, and Saunders was one writer who could weave them into entertaining tales of his beloved “old timers” and thus command the interest of his readers.

Saunders would continue to amuse readers with his wit and wisdom until his death in 1952 at the age of 71.

In 1997, his weekly columns were published in book form by the Coryell Museum and Historical Center and received the appropriate title, “Down Memory Lane.”

In the foreword of the



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book, John Frank Post, former editor of The Gatesville Messenger, described Saunders as “A curmudgeon, a crusty, cantankerous and sometimes congenial person.” Post would also write that Saunders was a “hit” with his readers from the start, and that amusement

grew to reader- affection for the columnist. The book, “Down Memory Lane,” can be purchased at the gift shop located at the Coryell Museum and Historical Center.

Colton Buckley elected Coryell County Republican Party Chairman ahead of 2024 election



Colton Buckley

COURTESY PHOTO

Press Release

The Coryell County Republican Party (CCRP) is pleased to announce the election of Colton Buckley as its new Chairman ahead of the highly-anticipated 2024 election. Buckley was elected to replace Tony Smith at the CCRP meeting prior to the annual CCRP Fish Fry, which was held on Saturday, Sept. 16, in Gatesville.

“I am honored to accept the position of Chairman for the Coryell County Republican Party and sincerely appreciate Tony Smith’s service to the party. We have a

strong and dedicated group of Republicans in our county, and I look forward to working alongside them to advance our conservative values and support candidates who will champion our principles,” said Buckley.

Colton Buckley serves as the Chief Executive Officer of the National Association of Resource Conservation and Development Councils, a national nonprofit network dedicated to advancing agricultural conservation efforts and fostering rural economic development. In this capacity, he

adeptly represents 180 RC&D councils spanning across 42 states. He also represents the Campus Victory Project, a conservative organization affiliated with Charlie Kirk of Turning Point USA, as their liaison to governors’ offices throughout the nation. Buckley has more than a decade of experience in campaign and non-profit management, and government relations.

In addition to serving as Coryell County Republican Party Chairman, Buckley is a former member of the board of trustees for the Texas Federation of College

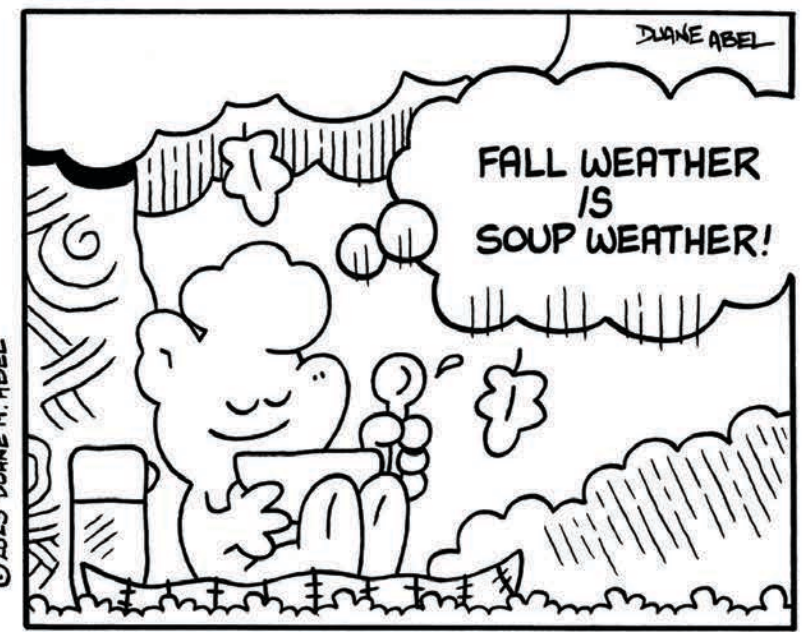
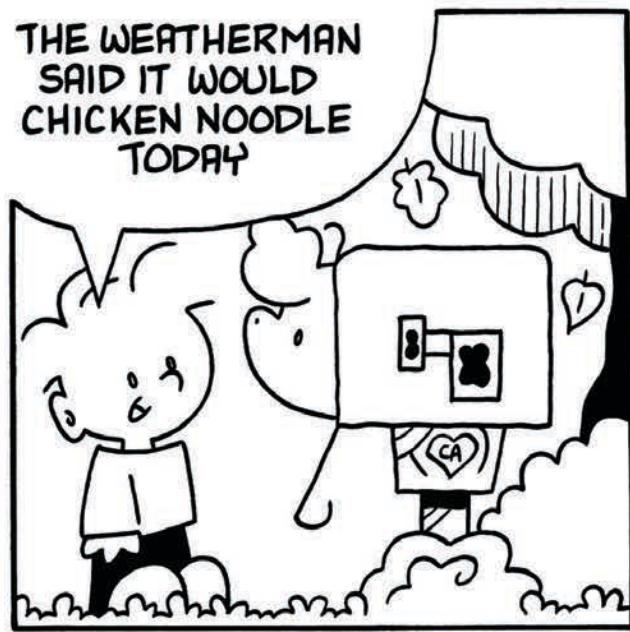
Republicans. In 2016, he proudly represented former President Donald J. Trump as a national delegate to the Republican National Convention. Notably, in 2014, Buckley became the youngest appointee of the longest-serving governor in Texas history, Rick Perry, when he was appointed Student Regent to the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents. He also led Texas Commissioner of Agriculture Sid Miller’s successful inaugural campaign for statewide office.

Buckley holds a bachelor’s degree in

agricultural services and development from Tarleton State University and a master’s degree in communication from Liberty University. Currently, he is actively pursuing a PhD in public policy from the same institution. Beyond his professional endeavors, Mr. Buckley is an avid outdoorsman with a profound commitment to the rural communities of Texas. He resides in Arnett.

For more information about the Coryell County Republican Party, visit www.CoryellGOP.org.

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MOUND NEWS

Emma Blakley received her ring on Aggie Ring Day



BY BARBARA HOPSON
Mound News Correspondent

Mrs. Elizabeth McCorkle was honored on her birthday on Sunday. Those attending were Alan McCorkle, of Buda, Eric, Liz and Brian McCorkle. Several people from Mound attended the annual Gatesville High School Athletics Hall of Fame Banquet Saturday evening at the Gatesville Civic Center. This year's Hall of Fame honors go to Johnny Jones and Vickie (Latham) Knight. Mr. Jones is the uncle of Jennifer Jund Boyd. Mrs. Knight is the aunt of DeElva Grubb. They were both under Coach Gerald Poe.

Mrs. Bettie Blakley of Pearl, Jerry and Brenda Helms, and Robert and Carolyn Blakley attended the ceremony for their granddaughter and daughter, Miss Emma Blakley, when she received her ring on Friday evening at College Station for the Aggie Ring Day.

Mission Gatesville to start providing food boxes monthly to those in need

Staff Reports

Beginning this October, Mission Gatesville is changing from a weekly bag to a monthly box per household. Thursday boxes will be passed out on the third Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. located at 301 N. Lutterloh next to an open lot with the Mission Gatesville trailer. The boxes will contain many of the same non-perishable items in addition to perishable items that are purchased or donated that month, such as eggs, bread, meat, vegetables, peanut butter, jelly, fruit, and more. This will make it easier

for community members in need to come only once per month, as well as giving Mission Gatesville plenty of time to gather food donations to pack. It allows Mission Gatesville to shift its focus onto other ministry programs such as hot meals.

- Donations needed for the month of Oct. include:**
- 150 cans of green beans
 - 150 cans of corn
 - 150 cans of ravioli or similar
 - 150 packs of ramen
 - 200 squeezable apple sauces
 - 50 one-pound bags of beans
 - 50 one-pound bags of rice

- 50 loaves of bread
 - 50 dozen eggs
 - 50 jars of jelly
 - 50 three-pound bags of potatoes
- Mission Gatesville is searching for churches, businesses, organizations, schools, and individuals that would like to donate food or make monetary donations. Contact Mission Gatesville or visit www.missiongatesville.org to sign up for monthly donations or to donate food. Mission Gatesville was founded in late March 2023, and its mission is to feed people both physically and spiritually.

KAIBAS MACHINE & TOOL NAMED BUSINESS OF THE MONTH



COURTESY PHOTO

The Gatesville Chamber of Commerce recently announced Kaibas Machine & Tool as the Business of the Month for September. Kaibas Machine & Tool is a full-service machining and fabrication facility with over 20,000 square feet. Its facility features a wide variety of precision equipment ready to undertake any project to get the job done on time and on budget. The Gatesville Chamber of Commerce recognizes businesses throughout Gatesville with a Business of the Month award monthly. The winners are then in the running for the Business of the Year in their category, which is awarded each year at the annual chamber membership banquet. Kaibas Machine & Tool is located at 101 Barton Lane in Gatesville. For more information on Business of the Month contact the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce at 254-865-2617.

SUDOKU

Solution for the puzzle that ran Sept. 30.

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Hidden Gem to host Harvest Festival Oct. 21

Staff Reports

This month on Oct. 21, Hidden Gem Family Center will host a Harvest Festival at the Gatesville Civic Center from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission will be free, and there will be tickets for activities available to purchase. Activities will include giant Jenga, face painting, a photo booth, best dressed pet palooza contest, food trucks, live music, bingo, popcorn, treasure in a haystack, a cornbread cookoff, a cornhole tournament, goat roping, a chili cook off, axe throwing, a fall baking competition, and various vendors. Goat roping will be held at 2 p.m. and will be open to all ages who are interested in participating. It will cost \$20 for three-head,

and sign up will be on the day of the event. For more information, contact Don Jones at 254-223-1210. The cornhole tournament will begin at 10:30 a.m. and the check-in time will be at 10 a.m. To pre-register for the tournament, visit Hiddengemfamilycenter.org and click on "donate," then add a note with the designated team name. Pre-registration will cost \$40, and to sign up at the door will cost \$50. This tournament will be a 50/50 payout, meaning the team who wins will receive half of the amount raised with the other half to be donated to Hidden Gem Family Center. To enter in the pet palooza costume contest, pre-register at Hiddengemfamilycenter.org and scroll down to "donate" and add \$10, then add a note to

your donation with your name, pet name, and pet size. The contest will be for small dogs up to 25 pounds and large dogs 26 pounds and up. There will be two categories, most creative and best owner look alike. Be sure to arrive at the show barn located at the Gatesville Civic Center by 12:30 p.m. on the day of the event. The contest will be held from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the show barn. A fall baking competition will be held from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the front room of the Civic Center. Categories will include apple pie, pecan pie, and pumpkin pie; cookies and bars; cakes, cupcakes, and muffins; and candies. The awards will commence at approximately 12:30 p.m. in the main room of the Civic Center. For the forms and rules or

to register for the competition, visit Hiddengemfamilycenter.org and add \$10 to the "donate" tab with a note attached. The cornbread cookoff is open to adults and children with great prizes for first, second, and third place. The categories will include from scratch or specialty. The cookoff will cost \$10 per entry. Be sure to preregister at Hiddengemfamilycenter.org and scroll down to "donate," and enter \$10, then add a note with your name and type of entry. The entry forms and rules are posted on the website. For more information, contact Jenny Featherston at 254-216-3160 or Julie Matthews at 254-206-0670. The Gatesville Civic Center is located at 301 Veterans Memorial Loop.

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Mother Neff State Park to host annual Moth Night

Staff Reports

Mother Neff State Park presents its annual Moth Night on Saturday, Oct. 7 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. This event is completely free with no park entrance fee, and the gate will open at 6:45 p.m. During the event, you can actively participate by finding moths and taking notes. The easiest way is to download the iNaturalist app by visiting www.iNaturalist.org

on your smart phone and create a profile before coming to the event. At the event, you take pictures of moths and upload them to the National Moth Week project on iNaturalist. National Moth Week is held worldwide celebrating moths. Everyone everywhere can become a Citizen Scientist and contribute scientific data about moths. National Moth Week was established in 2012 by members of the Friends of

the East Brunswick Environmental Commission, a non-profit organization in Central New Jersey dedicated to local environmental education and conversation. The idea grew from the popular local moth nights that attracted experienced and novice moth researchers of all ages. According to nationalmothweek.org, "What began as a plan for a statewide moth night evolved into a national week and quickly

became an international citizen science project that invited organizations and individuals to register their events for free." For more information on Moth Night, contact Mother Neff State Park at 254-853-2389 or by visiting <https://txmn.org/centraltexas/central-texas-moth-night>. Mother Neff State Park is located at 1921 Park Rd. 14 in Moody.

Obituaries

JK (Jake) Hamilton

July 20, 1937 - Oct. 2, 2023

J K (Jake) Hamilton, age 86, of Gatesville, passed away on Monday, Oct. 2, 2023, surrounded by his family in Waco.

Funeral services with Department of Public Safety Honors, will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 6, 2023 at Scott's Funeral Home Chapel. Jake's family will receive visitors one hour prior to services at the funeral home. For those unable to attend, his funeral services will be livestreamed at www.scottsffh.com. Private interment will follow at a later date at Post Oak Cemetery in Oglesby.

J K Hamilton was born on July 20, 1937 in Flat, Texas to the late Henry and Naomi Brazzil Hamilton. He went to school in Flat, McGregor and Oglesby and graduated from Oglesby High School in 1955 as Salutatorian. He married Betty Wiggins on April 5, 1957. Jake entered the Texas Department of Public Safety, Recruit Training School, Highway Patrol Service in late 1958 and completed his training in 1959. He began his career as a State Trooper stationed in Nueces County for two years and was able to transfer back to his home, Coryell County, in 1961. Jake's love for Coryell County and devotion to his family allowed him to remain stationed here until his retirement in 1988, with 30 years of service to the State of Texas. During his career, he was a mem-



ber of the D.P.S. State Pistol Team and earned numerous awards and achievements for being one of the top marksmen nationally and in the state. After his retirement, he worked as a Special Ranger for D.P.S. and investigator for the Coryell County District Attorney. He enjoyed working on electronics and began working for Sam Clark at Sam's T.V. for many years.

He was preceded in death by his sisters, Billie Dodge, Earline Knox; and a brother, Herbert Hamilton.

Jake is survived by his wife of 66 years, Betty Hamilton; daughter, Donna Vandagriff and husband, Bryan; sister, Jenny Maxwell; two grandchildren, Matt Vandagriff and Jacob Vandagriff; and three great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be designated to the Gatesville High School Softball Program, c/o Gatesville I.S.D., Attn. Darrell Frazier, 311 South Lovers Lane, Gatesville, TX 76528.

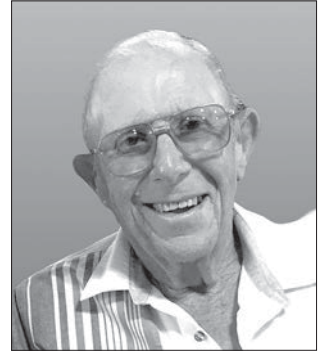
Sheldon Perkins

April 1, 1935 - Oct. 2, 2023

Sheldon Perkins, age 88, of Evant, passed away on Monday, October 2, 2023.

Private graveside services will be held at Murphree Cemetery.

Sheldon was born on April 1, 1935 in Hamilton County, to the late James Issac Perkins and Edna Sheldon. He lived in and around Evant his entire life. Other than driving a truck for Faubion Truck Lines, his life's work was water well drilling and service. Sheldon was available to the public needing water 24 hours a day and seven days a week. He was known for his devotion that no matter when his services were needed, he was ready to repair their well. He married his "Sweetheart," Belva Jean Gilchrist, on November 22, 1987. Whatever Sheldon did, he was passionate about it. He was a gardener from a young age and was good at it also. His tomatoes were envied by everyone around. His brother, Eldon, claimed that Sheldon grew better onions because Sheldon ate his before they got very big. Sheldon and Belva loved fishing and won several fishing tournaments, they were certainly happiest "on the lake." It was certainly a sad day for them when they sold their boat. Together, they also enjoyed horse races, dancing, and playing Forty-Two Dominoes with their friends. His wife, Belva,



preceded him in death on April 5, 2020.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; sister, Evie Scott; and a sister-in-law, Cindy Perkins.

Sheldon is survived by his sons, Keith Perkins of Houston; Kirk Perkins of Lampasas; Lynn Perkins and wife, LaDale, of Lampasas; stepdaughters, Gay McCarty of Gatesville; Beverly Marwitz and husband, Scott of Evant; brother, Eldon Perkins, of Evant. His eleven grandchildren and eight great grandchildren that survive him were his pride and joy, Leslie Perkins and his son, Dylan; Ashton and Mandee Perkins and their children, Ace and Scarlett; Gage and Eliana Perkins and their children, Zaden and Landon; Colton and Kallen Perkins and their son, Rhett; Tyler and Jenna Perkins and their daughter, Presley; and Lauren Perkins.

The family requests that any memorial donations be made to Evant I.S.D. Heritage Foundation, P.O. Box 133, Evant, Texas 76525.

Ollie Loggins

Sept. 3, 1929 - Oct. 1, 2023

Ollie Loggins, age 94, of Gatesville, passed away on Sunday, Oct. 1, 2023.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. Monday, Oct. 9, 2023 at Scott's Funeral Home Chapel, with Reverend Zack Landis, of the United Methodist Church, officiating. Ollie's family will receive visitors one hour prior to services at the funeral home. For those unable to attend, funeral services will be livestreamed at www.scottsffh.com. Private family interment will follow services at Gatesville Masonic Cemetery.

Ollie Mae Flake Loggins was born in Three Rivers, Texas to the late James Lewis and Ollie Coble Flake on Sept. 3, 1929. She went to school in Poteet, Texas and graduated as valedictorian at the age of sixteen. She met her future husband, Bill Loggins, in kinesiology class at Baylor University in 1947. They married in the Emmanuel Baptist Church on March 5, 1948 in Waco. She graduated from Baylor University with a teaching degree and later received a Master of Library Science degree from North Texas State University. She began her teaching career in Malakoff, teaching high school Spanish and sponsoring the Spanish Club. She worked the majority of her over-30-year career as a teacher and librarian for the Plano Independent School District. For many years, she was involved in the United Methodist Women, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Coryell Retired Teachers, and volunteered for Meals on Wheels. She was an ardent fan of the Baylor Bears football and women's basketball. Ollie loved to travel, and her beautiful home was graced with many artifacts from her trips abroad.

Ollie was a remarkable woman whose grace and kindness touched the lives of everyone she encountered. As a devoted mother, educator, and woman of faith, she combined those



roles with love, patience, and compassion. She was a kind and thoughtful soul and will be missed and remembered by the many lives she touched. Her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren who had the privilege of having Ollie in their lives for so many wonderful years, will miss her deeply, especially her home-baked birthday cakes, delightful stories of her time growing up, and her warm and witty words of wisdom which she dispensed with humor and without judgement.

She was preceded in death by her brother, James Flake; and a sister, Kathleen Sissney.

Ollie is survived by her husband of 75 years, Bill Loggins, daughters, Sherry Edwards and husband, Malcolm, Linda Garvey and husband, James, Mary Anne Leib and husband, Tom; son, Michael Loggins and wife, Laura Ferri; sister, Yvonne Rehard; grandchildren, James Hammack, Lauren Grogman, Laura Landis, Jason Garvey, Bethany Bond, Joel Edwards, Micah Alexander, Carrie Garvey, Jeffrey Edwards, Katy Garvey, Annie Loggins and Emily Wuenschel; and twelve great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to United Methodist Children's Home, 1111 Herring Dr., Waco, TX 76708.

The family of Ollie Loggins wishes to extend their sincere thanks to all the staff, nurses, doctors, the caregivers of Coryell Health RehabLiving, and Amedisys Hospice.

Ruth Scott

March 26, 1924 - Sept. 30, 2023

Ruth Scott, age 99, of Gatesville, passed away on Saturday, Sept. 30, 2023. Private graveside services will be held at Restland Cemetery.

Mary Ruth Scott was born on March 26, 1924, in Wylie, TX to the late Jasper Cora and Ethel Crawford Blasingame. She married Olen B. Scott in 1941. They lived in the Garland area most of their married lives. She attended cosmetology college in the early 1940's and owned and operated a salon and dress shop in Garland for many years. They moved to Gatesville in 2010 to be near their daughter and son-in-law. He preceded her in death in 2013. After moving to Gatesville, she enjoyed playing Bridge, cooking, crocheting, and sewing. She was a member of Southside Assembly of God Church in Garland.

She was also preceded in death by her son-in-law,



Larry E. Hughes in 2014. She is survived by her daughter, Glenda Hughes; granddaughters, Misty Birdwell and Shelly Freidrich and husband, Marek; six great-grandchildren, Taylor Birdwell, Ashley Birdwell, Matthew Birdwell, Jacob Birdwell, Joseph Freidrich, Rachel Freidrich; niece, Sue Cornil and husband, Warren, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Annual Ireland Cemetery meeting slated for Oct. 15

Staff Reports

The Ireland Cemetery Association will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, Oct. 15 at 1 p.m. at the Coryell Museum and Historical Center located at 718 E. Main Street in Gatesville. Interested parties are welcome to attend.

The Ireland Cemetery Association was once the family burial plot for the Daniel Webster (D.W.) Edwards family. The first marked grave is for his one-year-old son, Sterling P. Edwards, dating to Oct. 1873. Several stones indicate other unmarked graves.

Edwards settled in Texas after his civil war regiment, the 11th Missouri infantry, disbanded while in Texas in 1865. The next year, he married the widowed Elizabeth Moore Roberts. In 1871, he purchased land in this area, and his parents, Micajah

and Matilda, later moved here from Missouri. Other family members who came include Allison Micajah Edwards, William P. and his wife, Eliza Jane (Faubion) Edwards, and several Faubion family members.

In this community, D.W. and Elizabeth reared her two children and children of their own, including Daniel Lee Edwards, who, in 1920, donated the graveyard to the Ireland Cemetery Association. Early families interred here represent the cultures, occupations, and customs of the community. Family names include Austin, Coston, Davis, Dooley, Faubion, Hamp-ton, Huckabee, Hull, Kight, Laing, Lovelace, Neyland, Oldham, Pearson, Fietzsch, Taylor, Tyler, Walker, Williams, Walsleben, and Wilson.

The Ireland Cemetery is located at 2290 CR 147 in Gatesville.

Pearl Cemetery Association to host a workday on Oct. 14

Staff Reports

A workday has been planned by the Pearl Cemetery Association for Saturday, Oct. 14, from 9 a.m. until noon. Everyone with an interest in the Pearl Cemetery is encouraged to attend.

Those who plan to help need to bring hoes, rakes, chain saws, loppers, and any other tools that might come in handy. There are some broken limbs that need attention, so a ladder may be useful as well.

If the weather is not agreeable for a workday on the 14th, the workday will

be rescheduled to be held on Oct. 21 instead.

The earliest known burial in Pearl was that of Lottie May Manning who was interred in the Methodist churchyard in the spring of 1893. The first known burial in Pearl Cemetery was that of fourteen-year-old Lillian Keeton in June 1896. Lillian's relatives, J.H. and Emily Keeton, gave the land on which she was buried. They created a community cemetery by setting aside five acres of property as private burial plots and deeded 4.1 acres of that land to the school

district to be used for public burials.

Burials of interest include several victims of the Influenza Epidemic of 1918, three Civil War veterans, as well as veterans of World War I and World War II.

The Pearl Cemetery Association was formed in 1972. The cemetery continues to serve the community as a chronicle of pioneers and military veterans of Coryell County.

For more information about the workday at the cemetery, please call 254-216-2011 or 254-248-0665.

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PEARL NEWS

Pearl Church of Christ to celebrate Homecoming and Reunion



BY BETSY CLARK

Pearl News Correspondent

The Pearl Church of Christ will have their 128th Homecoming and Reunion on Oct. 15th.

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, at 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.

Pearl Books Available at the

Pearl Cottage Bookstore:

- *The Gasaway Cabin \$5
- *The Little Girl from Pearl (Doris Queener) \$5
- *The Pearl Cemetery \$10
- *100 Years Ago in Pearl (from The Oney Store in Downtown Pearl Day Book 1895) \$10
- *The Houses of Pearl \$15
- *The Pleasure and Profit Club \$15
- *The Early Pioneers of Pearl by Bobby Manning \$15
- *The Pictures of Pearl \$15

Excerpt from The Pleasure and Profit Club—Oct. 26, 1933: “The Club met with Mrs. Bessie Smith. The afternoon was spent in quilting and hemming cup towels. We finished the

quilt, which was made of tobacco sacks and lacked a very small part of finishing the other one. We hemmed inside cup towels. During our business meeting, we discussed going to the Club Rally at Purmela. There were 13 who decided to go. We also discussed changing our business meeting back to 4 p.m. but decided to try it a few more times at 2:30 p.m. We adjourned to meet with Miss Ona Jones Nov. 9. Delicious sandwiches, cake, and grape punch were served to the members and a number of visitors also. Odell returned back to the club.” (Wouldn't it be fun to go back in time and go to that meeting?)

This week's Bible verse comes from I Peter 5:7—Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you. NIV

Please pray for rain and cooler weather (which looks like both are on their way), 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 betsyclarck47@yahoo.com.

Online map reveals what neighborhoods are at risk for wildfires

BY KAYLEE DUSANG
Staff Writer

Citizens of Coryell County can now find out whether their home is in an area that is at risk for wildfires through an online, interactive map.

The wildfire risk assessment map is part of the development of the Coryell County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP), which aims to help reduce the risk of wildfires and ensure the safety of properties and homes. The risk assessments for the maps were conducted by Natural Resources Solutions, L.C. with assistance from the Texas A&M Forest Service, two of the groups helping Coryell County create the CWPP.

“After we find these risk assessments and how their neighborhoods are rated, we'll be tailoring specific mitigation projects for all of the county and things of that nature to be included into the CWPP,” said Lillian Reed with Natural Resource

Solutions.

To create the map, Casey Childers, a land management specialist with Natural Resource Solutions, said they had a training with the Texas A&M forest Service on how to use a community assessment tool to determine which communities are at highest risk of wildfires. After the training, Childers visited neighborhoods throughout the county to determine the ratings of wildfire risks for certain properties.

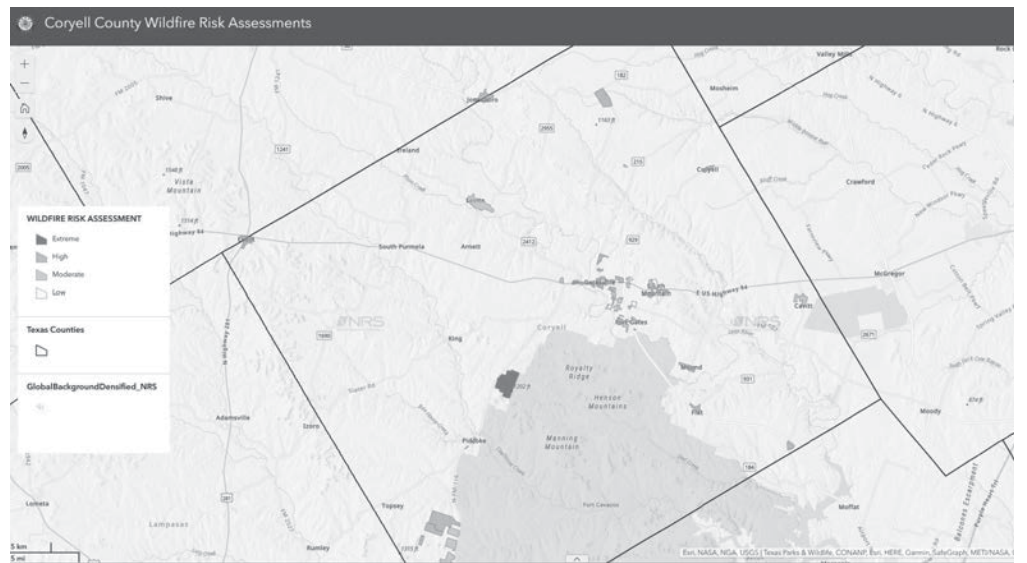
“I drove around and looked at things like how thick the trees in yard are, how tall they are, was there debris on the roof, was there debris in the storm gutters or the rain gutters, what was the composition of the house,” Childers said. “If (the house) was made of brick or combustible material such as wooden windows, or whether they were double paned or single paned.”

Childers said after he answered the assessment's

questions about the environment of various properties, it would calculate a wildfire risk rating for the community.

Citizens can access the Coryell County Wildfire Risk Assessments on the CWPP website under the resources tab. The map allows users to zoom in on their property and see if it's considered high or low risk for wildfires. The wildfire risk ratings are labeled as low, moderate, high, and extreme.

“The number one cause of structure ignitions during a wildfire is from embers ahead of the fire,” said Kiley Moran, the Texas A&M Forest Service Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) Coordinator for McGregor. “When an ember lands on the dry leaves that are under your deck or front porch with leaves piled up or your roof that's in poor shape, those embers can ignite, and those things very quickly can cause the fire to spread to other parts



Screen grab of interactive wildfire risk map

of your home.” If a property is a high-risk area, Moran said one of the first steps to make a home more fire resistant is to provide basic maintenance around the property, such as clearing away brush and dead leaves in the gutters and sealing up any holes in the house or vents. Once the CWPP is com-

plete, the county can apply for the Community Wildfire Defense Grant, which will help provide funding for additional wildfire mitigation strategies.

“This piece of the CWPP is what citizens can do on an individual level to reduce the threat of fires and wildfires,” said Coryell County Judge Roger Miller.

The final public meeting for the CWPP will be held on Oct. 11 at 6 pm and will discuss the findings from the risk assessments as well as answer questions from the public.

Learn more about Coryell County's Community Wildfire Protection Plan on www.coryellcountycwpp.com.

The DISPATCH

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of Sept. 27 - Oct. 3. While there were many calls to the dispatcher, this is a partial list of more significant activity. Persons are reminded that only emergency calls should be made to 9-1-1, while all other calls to the police department should be made to 865-2226 or to the Sheriff's office at 865-7201.



CITY OF GATESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

- Sept. 27**
7:09 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of State School Road.
9:25 a.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 600 block of S. Lovers Lane.
12:40 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 1100 block of FM 932.
6:38 p.m., a noise disturbance was reported in the 1700 block of E. Leon Street.
- Sept. 28**
8:01 a.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 600 block of E. Main Street.
8:43 a.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 100 block of FM 116.
5 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 400

- block of Stoneridge Drive.
9:58 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of N. 22nd Street.
- Sept. 29**
5:26 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of N. 14th Street.
2:43 p.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 8500 block of E. Highway 84.
3:45 p.m., a theft was reported in the 1200 block of E. Main Street.
5:25 p.m., a theft was reported in the 300 block of State School Road.
- Sept. 30**
1:03 a.m., a gas leak/fire was reported in the 2900 block of S. State Highway 36.
2:46 a.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 2500 block of Oak Drive.
4:50 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 3300 block of Canyon Crossing Drive.
8:46 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 800 block of S. 7th Street.
- Oct. 1**
6:13 a.m., an accident was reported in the 800 block of N. Main Street.

- 2:54 p.m., a burglary was reported in the 100 block Doras Lane.
7:12 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 6000 block of N. State Highway 36.
10:28 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 200 block of Carroll Drive.
- Oct. 2**
6:54 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of E. Leon Street.
8 a.m., a disturbance was reported in the 300 block of N. 19th Street.
9:15 a.m., a brush/grass fire was reported on Hay Valley Road.
9:47 a.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 100 block of N. Lovers Lane.
- Oct. 3**
5:29 a.m., a burglary was reported in the 2400 block of Oak Drive.
7:07 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of E. Leon Street.
8:50 a.m., a theft was reported in the 200 block of Spindletop Street.
9:23 a.m., a theft was reported in the 1600 block of W. Main Street.



CORYELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

- Sept. 27**
2:36 a.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 200 block of Woodglen Dr.
10:45 a.m., a reckless driver was reported on 190, headed toward Kileen.
12:55 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on County Road 133.
1:08 p.m., a reckless driver was reported on County Road 360 and Highway 36.
- Sept. 28**
2:54 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 15500 block of S. State Highway 36.
6:01 p.m., a suspicious vehicle was reported in the 700 block of Aimee Ave.
7:38 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on N. Highway 36 and County Road 196.

- 10:06 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on FM 580.
- Sept. 29**
7:30 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported on County Road 145.
9:02 a.m., a stolen vehicle was reported on Finchers and Highway 36.
11:23 a.m., a theft was reported in the 800 block of Onyx Road.
12:32 p.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of Harrell.
- Sept. 30**
8:51 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported on N. Highway 36 and Hay Valley.
3:10 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on S. Highway 36 near Smith Creek.
5:57 p.m., a major accident was reported in the 1100 block of Kubitiz.
10:42 p.m., a noise complaint was reported in the 4100 block of S. Highway 36.
- Oct. 1**
12:10 a.m., a major accident was reported on FM 580 and W. FM 1113.
12:19 p.m., a domestic

- disturbance was reported in the 100 block of Harrell Dr.
1:09 p.m., a burglary of a habitation was reported in the 300 block of Tippit Lane.
2:57 p.m., a theft was reported in the 100 block of Doras Lane.
- Oct. 2**
10:16 a.m., a stolen vehicle was recovered in the 8100 block of FM 2027.
2 p.m., property was found in the 1300 block of FM 2412.
4 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on FM 580.
6:17 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on FM 932 and Plum Creek.
- Oct. 3**
10:37 a.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 2900 block of Osage Road.
11:47 a.m., a stolen vehicle was recovered from the 500 block of S. 13th Street.
6:05 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 200 block of County Road 132.
8:42 p.m., a neighbor dispute was reported in the 4300 block of FM 1113.

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Making a business out of music



BY TUMBLEWEED SMITH

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

There's a song in everything," says songwriter and performer John Arthur Martinez of Fredericksburg.

"There's a song in a sunset, there's a song in heart-break, there's a song in a wildflower after a rain." The 15 albums of his original music have his initials on them: J A M. He is one

dedicated and committed Texas musician. He competed with other musicians in a nationwide televised music contest. "The broadcast and re-broadcast all over the world made me able to

make a living with music."

He had a little slowdown when the pandemic started. "I went back to one of my other talents and started teaching tennis. I played college tennis at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor. My wife told me we had a mortgage and needed some money coming in. She told me HEB was paying \$25 an hour for night stockers. I told her I'd teach tennis. I still have a client that pays me lots of money for tennis lessons."

John Arthur's song "Coming Home" was played to wake up astronaut Jim Riley on NASA's Atlantis Space Mission. "A fellow came up to me when I was playing at one of the wineries around here and he told me

he would like to use that last song as part of his mission. He handed me a card that read Jim Riley, astronaut."

I interviewed JAM in radio station KNAF in Fredericksburg. He had his guitar with him, and I asked him if he would play a portion of that song. "Sure," he said and played a little bit of the song. "After that televised music competition, I was played all over the world. Now, I've been played in space."

John Arthur makes about 270 appearances a year. Some are in small cafes, others in concert halls. When I visited with him, he had just returned from performing in Switzerland, Germany, Austria, and Spain. "It was kind of crazy. I played the

same music in Europe that I'd play at a club or restaurant over here. They don't speak English but they like western music. Some places had American flags on stage."

His hometown of Marble Falls is having a musical festival called Fiesta Jam on Oct. 20-21 with emphasis on songwriting. Los Lonely Boys will be the headliner. He'll conduct a seminar on how to more than just survive in the music business, something he knows a lot about. "One percent of one percent of all people who try to do this actually make a living with music. You can't expect to have a major hit and live off royalties. I create opportunities like hosting a songwriting event

in Burnet, Texas and I have sponsors to bring in special guests. It's like selling. Everywhere I go I always include a meal for the musicians and myself. There are ways to make a living with music, but you have to work at it. You have to use other talents besides being a musician because you have to be the booking agent, the recording studio engineer, the website guru, the marketing and advertising and social media specialist, you have to be the band leader and the tour manager who coordinates which air BNB we're going to be in when we play in Barcelona. You have to make lots of phone calls."



DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

A black wedding dress on display at the Coryell Museum and Historical Center.

The Bride Wore Black

BY DAVID SCOTT
Staff Writer

The Coryell County Museum and Historical Center has on permanent display a very unusual dress - a black wedding dress.

The dress was worn by Alwine Mittelsledt during her wedding ceremony to Robert Reich on May 11, 1896, in the village of Gembitz-Hauland in Prussia. Shortly after the marriage, the young couple immigrated to the United States where they settled in the Prairie Chapel com-

munity near Canaan Baptist Church. In later years, the dress was donated to the museum.

It has been written that the Wendish tradition of wearing a black wedding dress is to signify the hardships and trials that will be faced during the marriage.

Another, more practical reason, was that the dress could be worn again on other occasions.

Over the years, some brides thought that wear-

ing a black wedding dress was bad luck. Others thought that a black dress was worn when marrying a widower as a form of mourning for the first wife.

Later, the Texas Wendish bridal attire, which began with the traditional black dress, began to appear as blue. At the turn of the century, Texas brides made the transition to grey and soon adapted to the white wedding gown.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dixon family to hold reunion Oct. 8

Submitted Item

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

reunion 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.

Peace Walk to be held on courthouse square, Oct. 7

Submitted Item

The Lioness Justice Impacted Women's Alliance has planned a Healing and Unity Peace Walk, which will be held on Saturday, Oct. 7, at 10:30 a.m., beginning at the Coryell County Courthouse in Gatesville.

The public is invited to join the group for a restorative peace walk that aims to bridge the divide between formerly incarcerated individuals and the community where they were once incarcerated.

Residents, business owners, and faith leaders, are

invited to attend in order to hear and share stories of inspiration and hope beyond the history of incarceration.

For more information, please email lionessjiwa@gmail.com, or visit their website at www.lionessjiwa.org.

Evant community-wide garage sale slated for Oct. 20 & 21

Staff Reports

The town of Evant will hold a community-wide garage sale on Friday, Oct. 20 and Saturday, Oct. 21. The sale will be held at the Shive Volunteer Fire Department from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day.

Through the kindness of the community, you will find various donated treasures that are priced to sell.

All the proceeds will be donated to the Evant In-

dependent School District Angel Tree fund. The Angel Tree fund is used annually to purchase gifts for families in the community that need a little extra help during the holiday season.

This past year, Evant raised around \$1,100 to go towards the Angel Tree fund.

There are many ways to get involved including:

- Making a monetary donation.
- Donate gently used

items to the garage sale. - In Nov., sponsor a family to aide with Christmas gifts.

- Nominate a family in need. If you would like to place a monetary donation or gently used items, contact Mrs. Bosse at 254-624-7186.

The Shive Volunteer Fire Department is located on the corner of FM 221 and CR 518.

Hay Valley Baptist Church to host Fall Festival Oct. 22

Staff Reports

Hay Valley Baptist Church will hold its Fall Festival on Sunday, Oct. 22. The festival will begin at 5:30 p.m.

There will be various ac-

tivities for the community to participate in such as a hayride, games, booths, and door prizes.

A free meal will be provided by Hay Valley Baptist Church.

Be sure to dress up in a

Halloween costume.

For more information, contact Hay Valley Baptist Church at 830-377-9846.

Hay Valley Baptist Church is located at 3110 Hay Valley Road in Gatesville.

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BEHIND THE BEAT

“I got my first real six-string...”

BY BAILEY SHEA DICKIE
Contributing Writer

When I was thirteen years old, I approached my dad about teaching me how to play the guitar. I'd grown up listening to him play and sing in the house, and for several years, he played around Central Texas with his band. Naturally, I wanted to follow in his footsteps.

He sat down with me and a Fender electric, and he taught me how to play a D, an A, and an E chord. He told me with those three chords, I could play just about any country song I wanted, and that once I got those down, he would teach me more.

A couple of years went by, and I didn't put as much energy as I should have into practicing those three chords. I ended up becoming impatient with myself, and on my

15th birthday, I went online and began looking up videos on how to teach myself so that I could one day surprise my dad. I practiced every single day, most of the time for several consecutive hours. My fingers built calluses in no time, and within a few weeks, I had learned my first song: Sheryl Crow's cover of “The First Cut Is The Deepest.”

The more I practiced, the more I wanted to show my dad what I'd learned, so

we could one day sit down and play music together. I'd remembered overhearing him tell a friend of his before that “Dust In The Wind” by Kansas was one of the prettiest songs ever written. I decided it would be the perfect song to play to show him that I had been trying. I asked him one night if I could show him something on his guitar, and I played it for him. That day when he went to the grocery store, he stopped by a local shop and bought me my first acoustic guitar. He surprised me that afternoon and brought home a Blueridge BR-40 with a cutaway and electronics, so I could plug it into an amp in case I ever played anywhere in public.

When I graduated from Berklee, my dad told me he had a gift for me out at the house. I came out and he showed me a beautiful, padded guitar bag with Blueridge

embroidered on the bottom of the front. He told me to open it to check out the padding on the inside and, much to my surprise, there was a brand-new guitar: a Blueridge BR-70 with a cutaway, gold hardware, and abalone inlay in the frets, headstock, rosette, and bindings. I've played it at every single gig since, and I love it more with every chord.

I've been wildly blessed to have parents that have passed down their love and appreciation for music to me. They've always encouraged me to pursue a career in music, so long as it was what made me happy. I still have a long way to go, but I wouldn't be where I am today without the constant respect, inspiration, and support I've received from my family.

Morris Federation to meet Oct. 14

Staff Reports

The next meeting for the Morris Federation will be on Saturday, Oct. 14, at 10:15 a.m. in the James Coryell Room at the Coryell Museum and Historical Center.

Members may pay their dues at that time to treasurer, Sue Vernon. Those who were not present at the last meeting may also pick up their yearbooks for 2023-2024 from Marsha Lee.

The program will be

presented by Raven Garcia, a metal artist from Temple. She welds, forges metal and CNC plastic cut metal, and creates one-of-a-kind masterpieces. She enjoys the challenge of creating a one-of-a-kind metal sculpture for clients, but she also enjoys the challenge of taking discarded pieces of metal and making them into something completely different and amazing. With metal art, she has truly discovered her “passion in life.”

MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAM IS IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS TO DELIVER TO HOMES

Staff Reports

Meals on Wheels is currently in need of local volunteer drivers. Meals on Wheels is a federally funded program for older adults who are homebound, unable to prepare a meal, don't drive, or have no one to

cook for them.

The Gatesville Senior and Multi-Service Center is in dire need of volunteer drivers to cover Monday through Friday shifts. The meals are prepared and ready to be picked up each day by 10:15 a.m. at the Senior Center.

The drivers will be needed for four different routes. The volunteer drivers will be reimbursed for their mileage at 62 cents per mile.

To become a volunteer driver for Meals on Wheels contact the Senior Center Director Pam Rudolph at 254-

865-8234.

The Gatesville Senior and Multi-Service Center is located at 208 N. Luterloh Ave.

Farm Service Agency reminds Texas livestock producers of available funds

Drought Assistance

Producers in more than 200 counties may be eligible.

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds drought-impacted producers that they may be eligible for financial assistance through the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP), Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) and Emergency Haying and Grazing on Conservation Reserve Program to provide financial assistance to eligible producers for 2023 grazing losses due to a qualifying drought or fire and provide water for impacted livestock.

“Producers across Texas have been faced with another significant drought year, causing considerable economic hardship as they go to great lengths to provide adequate feed, forage, and water for their livestock,” said Kelly Adkins, State Executive Director for FSA in Texas. “Producers who are eligible for the much-needed disaster recovery assistance are encouraged to contact their local FSA office to schedule an appointment to apply.”

Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program

For eligible producers in qualifying counties, the ELAP provides financial assistance for:

- the transportation of water to livestock;
 - the above normal cost of mileage for transporting feed to livestock; and
 - the above normal cost of transporting livestock to forage/grazing acres.*
- *No payment for “empty miles.”

Eligible livestock include cattle, bison, goats, and sheep, among others, that are maintained for com-

mercial use and located in a county where qualifying drought conditions occur. A county must have had D2 severe drought intensity on the U.S. Drought Monitor for eight consecutive weeks during the normal grazing period, or D3 or D4 drought intensity at any time during the normal grazing period. Producers must have risk in both eligible livestock and eligible grazing land in an eligible county to qualify for ELAP assistance.

Transporting Water, Feed and Livestock

For ELAP water transportation assistance, producers must be transporting water to eligible livestock on eligible grazing land where adequate livestock watering systems or facilities were in place before the drought occurred and where water transportation is not normally required. ELAP covers costs associated with personal labor, equipment, hired labor, and contracted water transportation fees. Cost of the water itself is not covered. The ELAP payment formula uses a national average price per gallon.

ELAP also provides financial assistance to livestock producers who incur above normal expenses for transporting feed to livestock and who are hauling livestock to a new location for feed resources due to insufficient feed or grazing in drought-impacted areas. For transporting feed or hauling livestock, the payment formula excludes the first 25 miles and any mileage over 1,000 miles.

Reimbursement Rates

The reimbursement rate for transporting water, feed, and livestock is 60% of the costs above what would normally have been incurred during the same time period in a normal (non-drought) year. Eligible, underserved producers with a CCC-860 underserved producer certification form

on file with FSA may qualify for a 90% reimbursement rate.

An online tool is now available to help ranchers document and estimate payments to cover feed and livestock transportation costs caused by drought and view the demonstration video.

Reporting Losses

Producers must submit a notice of loss to their local FSA office within 30 calendar days of when the loss is apparent. Producers should contact FSA as soon as the loss of water or feed resources are known.

For ELAP eligibility, documentation of expenses is critical. Producers should maintain records and receipts associated with the costs of transporting water to eligible livestock, the costs of transporting feed to eligible livestock, the costs of additional feed purchases, and the costs of transporting eligible livestock to forage or other grazing acres.

The deadline to apply for 2023 ELAP is Jan. 30, 2024.

Livestock Forage Disaster Program

The Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) provides payments to eligible livestock producers and contract growers who also produce forage crops for grazing and suffered losses due to a qualifying drought or fire during the normal grazing period for the county. Eligible livestock include alpacas, beef cattle, buffalo/bison, beefalo, dairy cattle, deer, elk, emus, equine, goats, llamas, ostriches, reindeer, or sheep, that have been, or would have been grazing the eligible grazing land, or pastureland, during the normal grazing period.

More than 200 Texas counties have met the drought severity levels that trigger LFP eligibility for the

2023 program year. For LFP, qualifying drought triggers are determined using the U.S. Drought Monitor. A list of eligible counties and grazing crops can be found on the FSA Texas webpage.

To expedite the application process, producers are encouraged to gather and submit records documenting 2023 losses. Supporting documents may include information related to grazing leases, contract grower agreements, and more.

The deadline to apply for 2023 LFP assistance is Jan. 30, 2024.

Emergency Conservation Program

FSA offers cost-share assistance to livestock producers experiencing severe drought conditions where water available for livestock has been reduced below normal to the extent that, without access to additional water, livestock survival is threatened.

Approved practices may include installing pipelines, or other facilities for livestock water, constructing, and deepening wells for livestock water, installing portable electric pumps, and developing springs or seeps for livestock water.

A producer qualifying for ECP assistance may receive cost shares not to exceed 75% of the approved payment scenario rate. Eligible underserved producers with a CCC-860 underserved producer certification form on file with FSA may qualify for a 90% reimbursement rate. Cost-share assistance is limited to \$500,000 per person, or legal entity, per natural disaster.

Additional Drought and Wildfire Recovery Assistance

ELAP assistance is also available to producers impacted by wildfire. Contact the local FSA office for more information on ELAP resources for wildfire losses. Beekeepers can benefit from ELAP provisions

and should contact their county FSA office within 15 calendar days of when a loss occurs or is apparent.

The Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) provides benefits to livestock producers for livestock deaths in excess of normal mortality caused by adverse weather, including wildfire, and ECP may also be able to assist with repairing or replacing fencing that was damaged by a wildfire.

The Tree Assistance Program provides cost-share assistance to replant or rehabilitate trees, bushes, or vines lost due to drought. Additionally, ECP funds may be available to help with water needs for vineyards and orchards during severe drought.

The Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) provides financial assistance to producers of non-insurable crops to protect against natural disasters that result in lower yields, crop losses, or prevents crop planting, including crops planted and grown for livestock consumption such as grain and forage crops, including native forage. Eligible producers would have to have obtained NAP coverage for the crop year in which the qualifying loss occurred.

FSA also offers a variety of direct and guaranteed farm loans, including operating and emergency farm loans, to producers who cannot secure commercial financing. Producers in counties with a primary or contiguous disaster designation may be eligible for low-interest, emergency loans to help them recover from production and physical losses. Loans can help producers replace essential property, purchase inputs like livestock, equipment, feed and seed, cover family living expenses, or refinance farm-related debts, and other needs. Additionally, FSA has a variety of loan servicing options available for borrowers who are unable to make scheduled payments on their farm

loan debt to FSA because of reasons beyond their control.

Also, qualifying borrowers can request FSA to cover their next installment due or a recently missed installment. Borrowers who are within two months of their next installment may seek a cash flow analysis from FSA using a recent balance sheet and operating plan to determine their eligibility and can submit requests for cash flow-based assistance in person at their local FSA office or by sending in a direct request using the farmers.gov 22006 assistance request portal at farmers.gov/ira22006cashflow.

More Information

Additional disaster assistance information can be found on farmers.gov, including the Farmers.gov Drought Webpage, Wildfire Webpage, Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool, Disaster-at-a-Glance fact sheet, and Farm Loan Discovery Tool.

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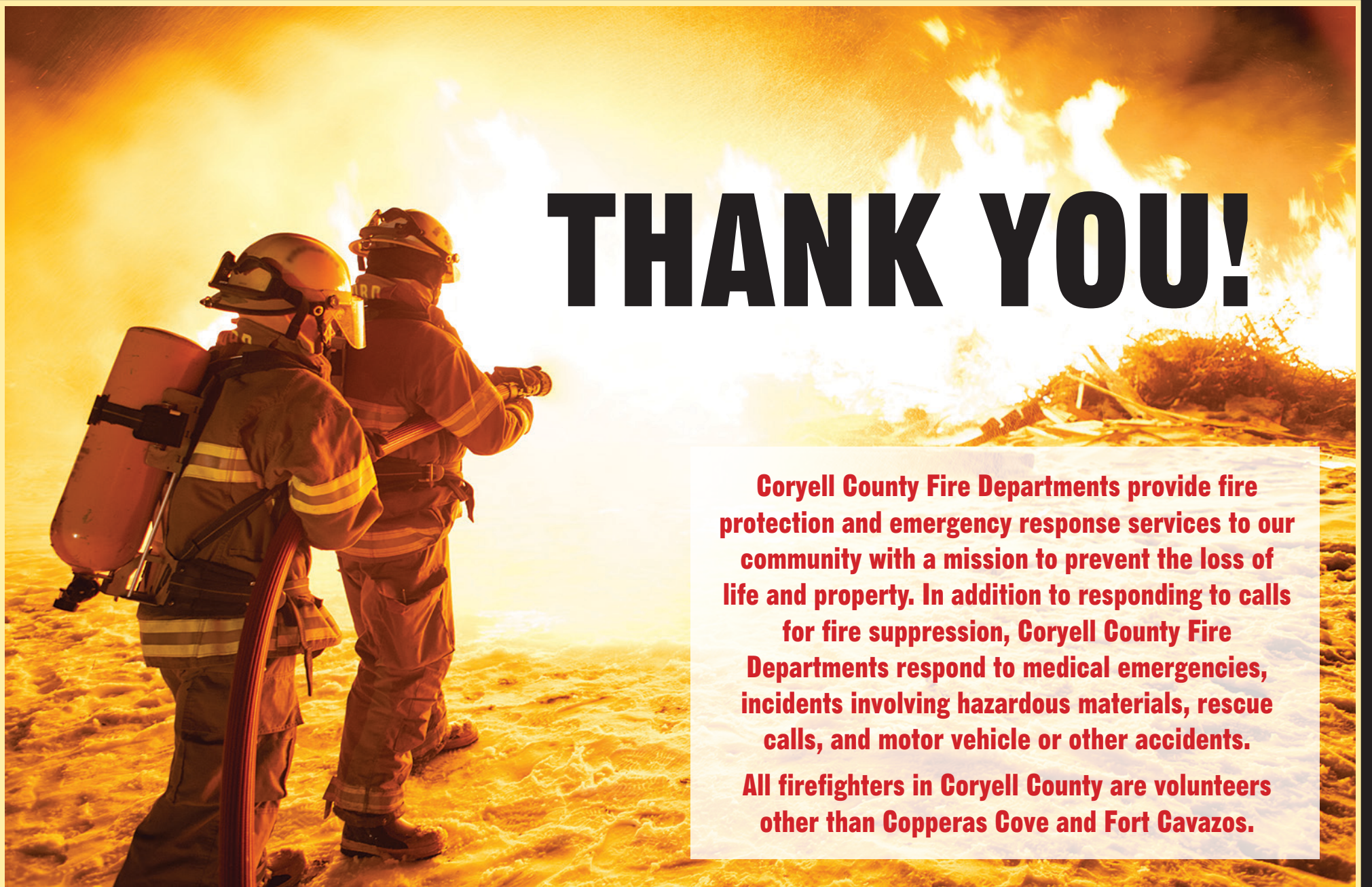
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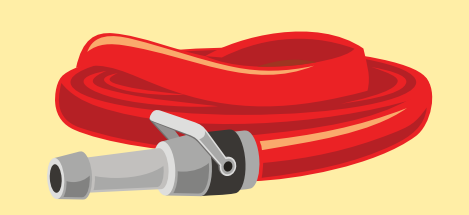
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Gatesville volleyball picks up first district win

BY CHRIS ALLMAN
Contributing Writer

Gatesville volleyball picked up their first district win over Connally on Sept. 29 then fell to state-ranked Salado on Oct. 2. Despite the split of games, the Lady Hornets are still currently in the driver's seat for their 21st consecutive playoff berth.

Gatesville sat at 1-3 in district play heading into Friday night's game at home against La Vega, and a win would allow them to control their own destiny in the second half of district.

Salado and China Spring

were each undefeated through four games of district play and faced off on Oct. 6 in China Spring. Robinson, who fell to China Spring on Oct. 2, was 2-2 through four games and wraps district play against Connally. The Lady Rockets beat Gatesville to open district play.

The Lady Hornets fell in three sets to Salado (25-15, 25-8, 25-15) but topped Connally in four sets to snap a two-match losing streak. The Lady Hornets took the opening set 25-14 but dropped the second set

25-19.

In the third set, they found themselves down 8-2 but regrouped thanks to a run similar to one that has marked the majority of their victories this season.

"Our game against Connally was a fun and exciting one. What I liked the most was that we kept fighting even in game three when we were down early 2-8. We fought for every point and played great defense," said head coach Janey Weber.

Emma Pollard delivered a kill to make it 8-3 then another to cut the Connally

lead to 8-4. After a pair of Connally points pushed the lead back to 10-4 the Lady Hornets went off.

They ripped off an 8-2 run to tie the game at 12-12 then took their first lead of the set at 13-12 on an ace from freshman Anna McPherson. A drop shot from Pollard made it 18-14 before Connally stopped the bleeding and eventually made it 18-16.

A thunderous kill from Boyd made it 20-17 but Connally clawed back to 20-19. After a Lady Cadet error made it 21-19, Belle Bartlett

served up an ace for a 22-19 lead.

Connally tied the game at 22-22 but McPherson gave Gatesville a 23-22 lead with a kill. With the game tied at 23-23, Pollard delivered the block of the night to make it 24-23 before her kill finished the set at 25-23.

In the third set, Gatesville held a slim 21-15 lead before their seniors slammed the door. They reeled off three straight points behind the serve of Laura Trejo then Boyd delivered a perfectly placed kill down the line for the 25-19 win.

Weber said she saw continued improvement in the win, but that there is very little margin for error as they pursue another playoff berth.

"Our passing improved in the Connally game, but we still have work to do. Every district game is a lot of pressure, but we just have to focus one at a time," she said.

Gatesville opens the second half of district play on Oct. 10 at home against Robinson.



PHOTO BY CHRIS ALLMAN

Dutch Nielsen



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Amos Phillips



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LJ Hall



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Shawn Aguilar



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Rayshon Smith



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Lawson Mooney

Hornets beat Mineral Wells to wrap non-district play

BY CHRIS ALLMAN
Contributing Writer

Brayden Saunders scored three times, and Rayshon Smith scored once, as Gatesville pounded their way to a 28-21 win over Mineral Wells on Sept. 29.

With the win, the Hornets wrapped their non-district schedule with a record of 4-2 - one game off the pace from 2022 when they went

5-1 in non-district play and 7-3 overall in the regular season.

One year ago, the Hornets and Rams played a nail-biter with Gatesville coming out on top 30-29 thanks to a goal-line stand in the closing seconds. Their 2023 matchup was a physical, back-and-forth affair until the Hornets took control in the fourth quarter.

The Hornets got on the board first when Smith punched in his eighth touchdown of the season to give Gatesville a 7-0 lead. Mineral Wells came back on the following possession and tied the game 7-7 on a 6-yard touchdown pass from Owen Gadd to Preztynn Harrison.

On the following possession, the Hornets attempted a fake punt that was sniffed

out, and three plays later Kayden Montalvo sprinted 53 yards for a touchdown and a 14-7 Rams lead.

The Hornets would come back with a 13-play, 75-yard drive to tie the game at 14-14. Saunders punched in his first score of the night from 5-yards out to cap the drive. The junior fullback carried five times for 10 yards in the game.

The Hornets took control and swung the game's momentum thanks to a pair of stellar defensive plays in the second half.

On 4th-and-3 from the Gatesville 22, Dutch Nielsen stuffed the Rams' Preston Mendez for a loss and forced a turnover on downs. Nielsen blew past his blocker off the line and was joined by a host of

Hornets in dropping Mendez for a loss.

From there the Hornet offense methodically marched down the field, and Saunders scored his second touchdown of the game - this one from five yards out - to cap a 17-play drive and give Gatesville a 28-21 lead.

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GATESVILLE BOYS WIN XC CHAMPIONSHIP; GIRLS PLACE SIXTH



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Gatesville Boys Cross Country: Varsity tallied a scant 29 points to claim championship honors at the Marble Falls Invitational. Top 10 individual finishes: Justin Muegge 3rd (17:07), Abraham Almandariz 6th (17:43), Charles Thompson 7th (18:01). Gatesville Girls Cross Country: Varsity finished 6th at the Marble Falls Invitational. Top 10 finish: Vania Martinez 4th (12:10). Gatesville High School will host the district's 23-4A meet here Oct. 9.



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Oglesby Tigers dominated May in last week's matchup

BY TOM NORRELL
Contributing Writer

The Oglesby Tigers were an 18-point underdog, coming into Saturday's game against the #8 Division I, May Tigers. The Oglesby Tigers took over and dominated May the entire game, defeating the May Tigers, 54 to 8. The Oglesby Tigers allowed only one touchdown for May in the first quarter, and held steadily the rest of the game. Oglesby held May on the two goal line

stands, and controlled the field throughout the game. Excellent running, blocking, throwing, catching, and tackling by the Oglesby Tigers and strategic play-calling by Coach Dixon, set the Tigers up for success and kept their record perfect at 6-0.

Offensively for the Tigers: Kyle Fossett had his usual success tonight, carrying the ball nine times for 160 yards rushing. He also had

three touchdowns, his longest being a 65-yard scramble to the end zone. Fossett had one pass reception for 16 yards, for a total of 176 all-purpose yards.

Edward Aviles, Jr had a break out night with six carries for 86 yards and three touchdowns. His longest run was 50 yards to paydirt. Aviles had one reception for 35 yards and one 20-yard kickoff return, for a total of 141 yards on the night.

Johnny Gomez had one

carry for nine yards and a touchdown.

Landon Williamson had two receptions for 66 yards, and his longest was a 33-yard touchdown reception. He also had an interception he returned for 20 yards for a total of 86 yards.

Quarterback Hunter Walters, was four for four passing for 117 yards, including a 33-yard touchdown pass.

Kicker Alex Castillo was three for eight on PATs for total of six points.

The Oglesby Varsity Tigers had 529 total team yards.

Defensively for the Tigers: Edward Avila, Jr. had nine tackles and one fumble recovery.

Johnny Gomez had nine tackles.

Landon Williamson had seven tackles and one interception.

Jackson Tippit had seven tackles and one fumble recovery.

Kyler Fossett had five

tackles.

Jack Hendricks had four tackles.

Joel Gonzales had two tackles.

Hunter Walters had one tackle.

The Oglesby Varsity Tigers were hosting the Bronte Longhorns, Friday, Oct. 6.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

<p>GATESVILLE HORNETS Lawson Mooney 15 solo tackles, 4 assist tackles, 1 tackle for a loss, 8 carries for 32 yard</p>	<p>JONESBORO EAGLES Garrett Young 2 tackles, 3 assists</p>
<p>EVANT ELKS Cason Ingram 161 yds rushing on 16 carries and 1 TD</p>	<p>OGLESBY TIGERS Kyler Fossett 160 rushing yards, 16 receiving yards, 5 tackles, 3 TD</p>

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Oglesby Junior High football A-team remains undefeated

BY TOM NORRELL
Contributing Writer

The Oglesby Junior High football A-team remained undefeated this season, beating the Gustine Tigers, 19 to 12, in a hard-fought game Sept. 28 in Gustine. This lifts the Tigers' record to 4-0 on the season.

Offensively for the Tigers: Holdyn Goff had 78 yards rushing on 15 carries, 42 yards on kick-off returns, 60 yards passing for a total of 180 total yards, one pass for a Points After Touchdown conversion, and two touchdown runs of three

and ten yards.

Mason Marquez had 72 yards rushing on nine carries, one 15-yard pass reception, and a 110-yard touchdown run. Evan Williamson made a 30-yard pass reception for a first down from Goff. Jayce Aaron had one reception for 15 yards, and one pass reception for a PAT conversion.

Defensively for the Tigers: Mason Marquez had six solos, three assists for nine tackles and a knockdown

pass.

Holdyn Goff had four solos, and four assists for eight tackles.

Evan Williamson had four assists.

Jayce Aaron had two solos and an assist.

Blayne Fisher and Caden Brinkley each made three assists.

Ranger Dalton had one assist.

The Oglesby Junior High A-Team were set to host the Rising Star Wildcats Oct. 5.

Oglesby Tigers Junior Varsity team falls to Gustine

BY TOM NORRELL
Contributing Writer

The Oglesby High School Junior Varsity football team fell to the Gustine Varsity football team, 50-7, Sept. 28 in Gustine. The young Tigers fought hard all night, but were overcome by Gustine's size and speed.

Offensively for the Tigers: Kayson Campbell provided the only score of the game for the Tigers on a 10-

yard run to pay dirt. Campbell had 36 yards on 15 carries.

Aiden Oxford had 48 yards rushing on 14 carries.

Abram Shaw had one carry for 10 yards and threw a pass to Jaxon Markum completing the only points. After Touchdown conversion of the game for the Tigers.

Defensively for the Tigers: Aiden Oxford had five so-

los, one assist, and one fumble recovery.

Abram Shaw had one solo and two assists.

Jaxon Markum had a solo and four assists.

Joseph Escamilla had a solo and one sack for a 10-yard loss.

Javon Howard had two solos and one assist.

Kayson Campbell had four solos and one assist.

Football Contest Results

Week 6, September 29-30

1. Gatesville vs. Mineral Wells
2. Evant vs. Blanket
3. Jonesboro vs. Hill Country Christian School of Austin
4. Copperas Cove vs. Bryan
5. Oglesby vs. May
6. Baylor vs. UCF
7. Howard Payne vs. Hardin-Simmons
8. Tarleton vs. Southeastern Louisiana
9. University of Texas vs. Kansas
10. Texas Tech vs. Houston
11. A&M vs. Arkansas

David White earned first place and \$20 in the Week 6 Football Contest with 10 out of 11 correct picks. Second place was tied between C.W. Vernon and Rancher Jeffcoat, who each correctly predicted nine out of 11 games. The tiebreaker of 49 points determined Vernon the second place winner of \$10 with a prediction of 45 points, and Jeffcoat the third place winner of \$5 with a prediction of 44 points.



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Evant Lady Elks defeat Lometa and Gustine

Staff Reports

The Evant Independent School District Lady Elks volleyball team competed against Lometa on Saturday, Sept. 30. The Lady Elks defeated Lometa 25-5, 25-11, 25-14.

The stats include:

Harley Weeks - 8 assists, 3 aces.
Hailey Neri - 2 aces.
Molly Waldrum - 8 aces, 6 kills, 3 digs, 2 blocks.

Luwi Rodriguez - 2 aces, 2 digs, 1 assist, 4 kills.
Bree Ramirez - 1 ace, 2 digs, 5 assists, 2 kills.
Izzy Grandy - 2 kills, 2 aces, 3 digs.
Jolyce Acosta - 5 digs.
Maya Reynolds - 1 ace, 1 assist.
Bella Kolajo - 3 kills.
Daisy Morales - 1 dig.

The Lady Elks also defeated Gustine ISD in its District Match 25-12, 25-5, 25-20.

The stats include:

Harley Weeks - 5 aces, 4 digs, 23 assists, 3 kills.
Hailey Neri - 6 digs, 2 kills.

Molly Waldrum - 2 aces, 2 digs, 9 kills, 2 blocks.
Bree Ramirez - 1 ace, 5 digs, 7 assists, 6 kills.

Luwi Rodriguez - 7 digs, 11 kills, 1 block.
Izzy Gandy - 1 ace, 4 digs, 3 kills.

Jolyce Acosta - 8 digs.
Evant ISD is located at 339 Memory Lane in Evant.

HORNETS

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Mineral Wells' last real threat was thwarted on the next drive when Sean Aguilar picked off a Gadd pass attempt to Harrison. After LJ Hall got loose for a 33-yard run, Saunders scored on a two-yard run for a 28-14 lead.

Mineral Wells scored once more with 46 seconds left, but Aguilar easily handled the ensuing onside kick and secured the win.

Smith (71 yards), Hall (53 yards), and Lawson Mooney (32 yards) helped the Hor-

nets run up 166 yards rushing in the game. Gage Ford also had one carry and Amos Phillips had the only reception of the game from Jacob Newkirk for eight yards.

Mooney posted 19 tackles, including an astounding 15 solo tackles, and was seconded by Phillips who had 15 tackles. Tommy Aaron also hit double digits with ten tackles.

Phillips had Gatesville's lone sack as the Hornets upped their season sack total to 16.5 through six games. Nielsen had five total tackles with four coming for a loss and Phillips, Mooney, Logan Morgan, and Zavier

Clater all contributed tackles for a loss.

After allowing 681 yards passing in their first three games of the season (227 ypg), the Hornets defense has allowed only 170 yards in their last three games - an average of just under 57 yards per game.

The Hornets traveled to Connally to open District 11-4A play on Oct. 6 and are back home to host Salado on Oct. 13. Last season, the Hornets trailed Connally 7-6 at the half before falling 35-6.

FIRST PLACE CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONS



Gatesville Junior High's Girls and Boys Cross Country teams both won first place at their recent cross country meet.

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Game On

Superliminal

It's all a matter of perspective



BY JENNIFER HARRISON

My opinions on computer gaming and some of my favorite games. I've been playing games on the home computer since the days of the Trash 80. I love indie, open-world, unique, puzzle, and resource games. The cake is a lie.

Eventually, the AI that is running the dream therapy session tells you that you must initiate an "Explosive Mental Overload" to trigger the "Emergency Exit Protocol" and escape the dreamworld. However, the attempt fails, and the player is trapped in the dreamworld. Eventually, you'll complete the puzzles and escape, returning to the room you started in and waking up.

All in all, it's definitely a surreal experience, and will make you feel as if there's something really creepy about these liminal spaces that you're in. A liminal space is an area that you usually see with people, that for some reason is empty. It's very much like being in an area of a hotel convention center where you took the wrong turn while looking for the bathroom. No matter how many hallways you walk down, you can never find the door that leads to the outside. Fortunately, there's no Backrooms monster to scare you in this game, it's just a series of visual puzzles.

Superliminal was devel-



SCREENSHOT COURTESY PILLOW CASTLE GAMES

A long hotel hallway with some objects that are oddly large.

In the game Superliminal, by Pillow Castle Games, you're helping Dr. Glenn Pierce test its SomnaSculpt technology by going through a dream therapy program.

You wake up in a generic hotel room with a classic digital clock. At first, things are pretty normal. You'll find that you can pick up objects across the room that appear small in perspective, but when you pick up an object and bring it closer to you, it grows to a ridiculous size. Or you can pick up an item close to you and cause it to shrink by placing it further away.

The premise of the game is that you're in a dream therapy session, and this is part of the therapy - a series of puzzles that can be completed by using optical illusions and forced

perspective. Dr. Pierce communicates with you via a series of radios, communicating your progress, and creating a narrative for the story.

Some of the puzzles can be solved by picking up objects and making them larger, so that you can get on top of them. Some puzzles must be solved by finding the right perspective in a two-dimensional image. Once the image is complete, the object can be picked up to solve the next puzzle.

Things start to get weird when the player fails to wake up and ends up back in the dreamworld, waking up inside the generic hotel room with the digital clock again. Dr. Pierce tells you through the radio that they have lost track of where you are in the simulation.

oped by Albert Shih, and his team with Pillow Castle Games, many of whom were recruited from the Entertainment Technology Center at Carnegie Mellon University. When those students graduated, he had to hire more people to finish the job. It was released on Steam on Nov. 5, 2020. Five additional 'Group Therapy' maps and a cooperative mode were available as a free update in December 2021.

Shih's goal was to make a first-person game that

was just 'moving cubes around.' He was inspired by the tourist photos of people pretending to hold up the Tower of Pisa. Shih wanted an open world concept with several solutions to the puzzles, so that players could think creatively about solving problems.

"Superliminal is a first-person puzzle game based on forced perspective and optical illusions. Puzzles in this game give you a sense of the unexpected. Players need to change

their perspective and think outside the box to wake up from the dream."

Superliminal has been generally enjoyed by players with its unique gameplay, the only complaint being that the game is too short. It was a finalist for "Most Innovative Gameplay" on Steam in 2020. Available on SteamOS for Mac and PC for \$19.99.

RECIPE

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Bean Chalupa

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| 1 T. salt | |

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11. Moody vs Crawford

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Todd Whitten wins 100th at Tarleton

Texans beat Southeastern Louisiana on road to start 4-1

Tarleton State University

HAMMOND, LA. - Already the winningest coach in program history, Tarleton State Football head coach Todd Whitten reached one of the rarest marks in coaching lore - 100 wins with a single program.

The Texans (4-1, 1-0 UAC) held off Southeastern Louisiana (0-5, 0-1 SLC) 14-13 on Saturday, Sept. 30 at Strawberry Stadium in Hammond, Louisiana.

Whitten won his 100th at the helm of the Texans, now 100-51 (.662) all-time with the Purple and White, 125-79 (.613) all-time as a college football head coach. He is just the 12th head coach among all current NCAA Division I schools in Texas to reach 100 wins with one program in the history of college football, joining TCU's Gary Patterson (181, 2000-21), Texas' Darrell Royal (167, 1957-76), Houston's Bill Yeoman (160, 1962-86), Texas' Mack Brown (158, 1998-2013), Rice's Jess Neely (144, 1940-66), Texas A&M Commerce's Ernest Hawkins (132, 1964-85), Sam Houston's Ron Randleman (131, 1982-2004), Baylor's Grant Teaff (128, 1972-92), Texas A&M's R.C. Slocum (123, 1989-2002), North Texas' Odus Mitchell (122, 1946-66), and TCU's Dutch Meyer (109, 1934-52).

"It's a great day for our

program - the 100 wins, that's awfully nice I guess, but the thing I'm most excited about is being 4-1 right now," Whitten told Tarleton Sports Network postgame. "I think this is kind of a signature win for our program right now, to come on the road here and win a close ballgame where we really had to pull our neck and anchor down and play hard, and we did."

Tarleton has started 4-1 for the second straight season, improving to 2-1 on the road with back-to-back overall wins. This was the first all-time meeting between Tarleton and SLU, and already the Texans' second win in Louisiana this season, as they won at McNeese to start the year.

Once No. 15 in the Stats Perform FCS Top 25 Poll this year, Southeastern Louisiana has lost six straight games, dating back to last season, their longest skid since 2015-16. These are unusual times for the Lions, who have been a powerhouse at the FCS level in recent years, making it to the sec-



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ond round of the NCAA FCS Playoffs three times in the last four years.

Tarleton scored all 14 points in the first quarter. Defensive back Blake Smith returned an interception for a touchdown on the first Texan defensive play of the game. Running back Kayvon Britten scored his team-leading sixth touchdown of the season on a 15-yard run late in the opening frame to give Tarleton the lead 14-7.

It remained 14-7 until the 5:17 mark of the fourth quarter. Southeastern Louisiana scored to seemingly tie the game, but the Texans blocked the extra point to cling on to a one-point lead. Tarleton refused to give SLU the ball back, bleeding out the last 5:17. After exhausting all of the Lions' timeouts, Tarleton chose to go for it on 4th-and-1 with 1:29 left at midfield. The offensive line opened a hole for Britten to power four yards to ice the victory for the Purple and White.

The Texan defense played

lights out again, proving to be one of the toughest defenses in the nation. They forced three turnovers in the game, a Smith pick-six, a Keldric Williams interception, and a forced fumble and recovery by freshman Steve Albert Jr. They also forced a turnover on downs, forced a missed field goal, plus had five tackles for loss, including a sack by Kasyus Kurns.

Jalen Carr and Kyle Taylor each led the team with nine tackles apiece, Carr adding a TFL and pass breakup, Taylor a pass breakup and quarterback hurry. Patrick Jones had eight tackles, with a second quarter fourth down stuff to give Tarleton the ball.

The Texans had entered the game with already the most defensive touchdowns across the entire FCS on the season with three. They added their fourth in five games to start 2023 with Smith's pick-six to open the defensive possession, returning it 23 yards to put Tarleton

up 7-0 with 12:05 left in the opening frame.

SLU answered back on the next possession, driving 65 yards to tie the game 7-7 with 7:55 left in the first quarter, capped off by a Bauer Sharp 19-yard scamper.

On the Lions' next possession, Tarleton's defensive line tipped Eli Sawyer's pass, and Williams came down with it for the interception at the SLU 46-yard line. Texan quarterback Victor Gabalis led them on a 54-yard scoring drive, with Britten scoring from 15 yards out.

It was all defense from there, until SLU's Zachary Clement found Darius Lewis from nine yards out to make it 14-13 Tarleton with 5:17 to play in the fourth quarter. The Texans blocked reigning Southland Conference Special Teams Player of the Week Austin Dunlap's extra point to maintain the lead.

On Tarleton's clock-bleeding final drive, Britten and Derrel Kelley III rushed a combined nine times for

three first downs to send the Texans back to Stephenville with the win.

Britten finished with 87 yards on 18 rushes (4.8 yards per carry), to go with his touchdown. Kelley had 71 yards on 16 carries (4.4 YPC). Gabalis completed 8-of-21 passes for 62 yards and an interception. Quarterback Daniel Greek led one drive in the third, going 1-for-2. Wide receiver Jaden Smith returned for his first game back since his injury at Texas Tech, finishing with three receptions for 38 yards.

The Texans now turn their attention back to conference play for a UAC showdown at Memorial Stadium on Saturday, Oct. 7, at 6 p.m. Tarleton State hosts Southern Utah in Stephenville for their Legends Game, where the Texans will honor the 2002-03 men's basketball team. Tarleton is 2-0 at home this year and 11-3 at Memorial Stadium since 2021.

Texans meet tough competition

Tarleton State University

FAYETTEVILLE, AR. - The Texans met stiff competition in their third meet of the season on Friday, Sept. 29, going up against three Power Five conference programs thus far in TCU, Texas A&M and Arkansas.

Senior Kevin Baez once again led the Texans on both sides with a top-30 overall finish.

"[I'm] proud of the way our kids ran today in some tough conditions," said coach Chase Rathke. "[The] girls battled a few injuries during the race that hurt a lot. [The] guys had a solid day and were able to knock off some conference foes in UTA, SFA, and ACU. I like where our confidence is at going forward and being able to get a little rest before conference."

WOMEN (5K) 30TH

The Texans competed in the Women Harter's Habanero 5k. Junior Sage Lancaster led the pack for the Purple and White. She finished in 78th place out of 297 runners with a time of 18:39.9.

Following behind Lancaster was a pair of Texans in junior Kailey

Sykora and senior Aimee Landers-Wilburn. Sykora finished in 189th with a time of 19:37.3. Landers-Wilburn finished four spots later in 193rd with a time of 19:39.6.

Freshman Emily Teal crossed the finish line with a time of 20:31.9 in 249th place. Rounding it out for the Purple and White in 268th place was senior Magaly Lopez 21:13.3.

MEN (8K) 16TH

After Baez made his return two weeks ago in Aggieland with a second-place finish, he once again led the Texans at the home of the Razorbacks. Baez placed 27th out of 292 in the Men's "McDonnell Memorial" 8k with a time of 24:58.5.

Just outside of the top-50 was junior Angel Contreras in 53rd with a time of 25:23.0. Accompanying Contreras in the top 100 was Freshman Kellen Frickel with a time of 26:08.8 locking up 100th place. Fellow freshman Christopher Moreno finished in 144th with a time of 26:43.3.

Junior Angel Gomez and freshman Diego Flores finished back-to-back in 156th and 157th place respective-



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ly. Gomez finished with a time of 26:53.1 while Flores came in hot on his heels with a time of 26:53.5.

Rounding it out for the Purple and White were sophomores Ricky Tolentino and Alan Alfaro. Tolentino came across the finish line in 251st place with a time of 28:27.3. Alfaro wrapped it up for the Texans squad with a time of 29:03.3, placing him in 274th place.

Next up, the Texans will make their first of two trips down I-20 in October to WAC foe Abilene Christian. The Texans will compete in the ACU Naimadu Classic on Friday, Oct. 13. The meet will be held at the Wildcat Cross Country Course in Abilene.

Women's Soccer drops tight battle at Abilene Christian

Tarleton State University

STEPHENVILLE — Tarleton State Women's Soccer was unable to overcome a first half deficit and fell, 2-1, to Abilene Christian on Sunday, Oct. 1 evening at Elmer Gray Stadium.

The Wildcats improve to 7-4-1 overall and 2-1-0 in the WAC and the Texans fall to 4-6-3, 1-1-1.

Avery Harr tallied her second goal of the season in the first half to tie the match at one.

Mikayla Kendall added four saves to her WAC-leading 81.

Abilene Christian struck first on the scoreboard with Chayse Thorn scor-

ing her WAC-leading 12th goal of the season threading through the defense in the ninth minute.

Harr tied the match at one, in the 14th minute. The play originated off a pass from Jaycie Bass at midfield. Harr took the pass down field before executing a spectacular crossover to weave past two Wildcat defenders. She found herself in a one-on-one with the keeper, and she found the back right of the net to tie the match.

In the 24th minute, the Texans nearly retook the lead. Rylee Low took a free kick from just over the midfield line on the Tarleton defending half. Her kick one-

hopped the goal and just found the tips of the ACU keepers leaping hands to keep the match deadlocked at one apiece.

After a back and forth in front of the net, ACU's Amelia Leggett was able to push the ball just past Kendall to give the Wildcats a 2-1 advantage in the 37th minute of the contest.

Neither team was able to threaten in the second half only combining for five total shots and two shots on goal.

The Wildcats held the advantage, 12-3 in shots and 6-1 on goal. Once again, the Texans committed less fouls than their opponent limiting five to ACU's, 12.

Carson Gallaher leads Texans in second straight tournament at GMAC Invitational

Tarleton State University

ONEONTA, Ala. - Carson Gallaher was as consistent as they come, turning in a 73 in each of his three rounds to lead the Texans for a second straight tournament to begin Tarleton State's 2023-24 campaign. Gallaher went +3 overall at the Graeme McDowell Invitational, the GMAC Invitational for short,

at Limestone Springs Golf Course in Oneonta, Alabama, from Sunday to Tuesday. He finished tied-35th.

Cristobal Sepulveda was tied-51st at +7 (71, 77, 75), Max Bengtsson tied-71st at +13 (78, 73, 78), and Bladen Samaniego finished 82nd at +23 (80, 79, 80).

As a team, the Texans placed 13th at +28 (296, 295, 301).

The host team, UAB, took medalist honors, as Seb Cave won a one-hole playoff after finishing -10. UAB also took the team title at -22 (290, 268, 284).

Tarleton has two weeks before their third of four fall tournaments. They'll next be at the Oregon State Invitational at Trysting Tree Golf Club in Corvallis, Oregon, Oct. 9-10.

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060 GARAGE SALE

Big 2-Family-Garage Sale! Lots of fall and Christmas decorations, home decor, Christmas trees, wreaths, & signs. Kitchen appliances, lamps, rugs, headboards, pictures, king-size comforter sets, quilts. Barn door, hardware, 10' trailer, tools. Too many items to list! Thursday-Saturday (Oct. 5, 6, 7) 8a.m., 5109 FM 116. Watch for signs! 00030375

Weekly Feature: FALL JACKETS! Tues., 10/10 - Sat., 10/14. The Boys & Girls Club Resale Shop, 1706 E. Main. Tuesday-Friday, 8a.m.-5p.m. & Saturday, 9a.m.-3p.m. 00030377

Huge Garage Sale-228 Reno Rd. 6 a.m. - noon! 00030382

1107 S. Lovers Lane-Multi-Family Garage Sale! Friday & Saturday, October 13th & 14th. Starts at 8 a.m. both days. Vintage jewelry & many more various items! 00030417

070 LAND & LOTS

5-111 acres for sale. Will divide. CR 174 near Ater. Stanford Real Estate, 254-248-2058. 00030383

096 AUCTIONS

Quinton's Storage-Hwy. 36 south of the Drive-In, will hold public auction, 10/6-10/14 online/storageauctions.com, central-standard time. Kandi Torres-1012 Scenic Drive, Gatesville-East 104 unit&8x12 unit. Contents: Household. 00030416

099 PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Robert T. Huey issued on August 18, 2023, in docket number 23-10875, pending in the County Court at Law of Coryell County, Texas, to: Robert S. Huey.

All persons having claims against this estate, which is presently being administered, are required to submit them, within the time and manner prescribed by law, and before the estate is closed, addressed as follows: c/o: Allen D. Place, Jr., Attorney at Law; 109 S. 7th Street, Gatesville, Texas 76528. Dated the 28th day of September, 2023. Allen D. Place, Jr., Attorney for Robert S. Huey; State bar No.: 16058500. 109 S. 7th Street, Gatesville, Texas 76528. Telephone: (254) 865-8475, Facsimile: (254) 865-5274, Email: allenplacejr@aol.com 00030414

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.

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099 PUBLIC NOTICES

CITATION BY PUBLICATION-THE STATE OF TEXAS-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 number 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

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>

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099 PUBLIC NOTICES

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Ernest Dailley, Deceased, were issued on August 30, 2023 in Cause No. 23-10878, pending in the County Court-at-Law of Coryell County, Texas, to: Raymond Henson. 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 28th day of September, 2023. Allen D. Place, Jr. Attorney for Raymond Henson State Bar No.: 16058500 109 S. 7th Street Gatesville, Texas 76528 Telephone: (254) 865-8475 Facsimile: (254) 865-5274 E-mail: allenplacejr@aol.com 00030394

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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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: Pursuant to Chapter 59 of the Texas Property Code, Ideal Self Storage-Gatesville, located at 425 SH-36 Bypass N, 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 23, 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 30, 2023 at 11A.M. Units to be sold: JUSTIN CLEVELAND, DAVID BRUNTON, DAVID HOOPER, ARETHA HAWKINS, BARBRA STEWART, LESONIA FORD. Inventory: Household goods, clothing, tools and misc. 00030410

Request for Proposal (RFP) Development of Coryell County-Land Use Plan; September 29, 2023. Re: Development of Land Use Plan & Grant Administration Services. Project Overview: Coryell County is requesting proposals for the production of a Land Use Plan (LUP), and Grant Administration Services in conjunction with an award under the Resilient Communities Program. The County has received approval for funds from the General Land Office to produce a LUP as indicated in the attached Scope of Work. The Resilient Communities Program funds the development, adoption, and implementation of modern and resilient building codes and flood damage prevention ordinances to ensure that structures built within the community can withstand future hazards. The purpose of this RFP is to seek reputable firms for the development, adoption, and implementation of forward looking land use plans that integrate the County's hazard mitigation plan. Coryell County LUP shall be developed in accordance with guidelines contained the Texas General Land Office Guide: <https://recovery.texas.gov/documents/mitigation/programs/resilient-communities/rcp-application-guide.pdf>. Service providers should submit proposals for the completion of all the activities listed in the attached Scope of Work. The County will, in its sole discretion, determine the contract awarded, and may decide not to award any contract. The submission requirements for this proposal are included in the attached RFP. The deadline for submission of proposals is **October 18, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.** It is the responsibility of the submitting entity to ensure that the proposal received in a timely manner. Proposals received after the deadline will not be considered for award, regardless of whether or not the delay was outside the control of the submitting provider. Coryell County reserves the right to negotiate with any and all service providers submitting timely proposals. Coryell County is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Section 3 Residents, Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises, Women Business Enterprises, and Labor Surplus Area firms are encouraged to submit proposals.

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099 PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Dewey Hamilton Jones, Deceased, were issued on April 15, 2021, in Cause no. 21-10442, pending in the County Court at Law of Coryell County, Texas, to: Rob Jones. 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 28th day of September, 2023.

Allen D. Place, Jr.
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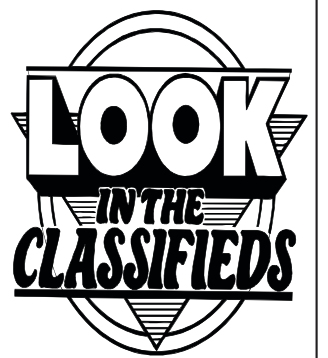
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- ▶ 20 acres, Evant, TX, Rio Escondido Subdivision, Lot 23 Phase 1, good tree cover, rolling terrain, gated subdivision, electric available, Fiber Optic Internet. \$215,000
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- ▶ 22.2 Acres, 4 Br, 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
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- ▶ 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, Carlton, 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



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GHS CHOIR MAKES HISTORY DURING REGIONAL AUDITIONS



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Gatesville High School Choir has once again made history. Every GHS student who auditioned at the Texas Music Educators Association Small School Choir Region Auditions, hosted by GHS, made the region choir, and eight are advancing to Pre-Area. Results of the competition include: (Sopranos) Katie Hopson - 3rd chair region and advances and Ranyah Garraway - region; (Altos) Anna Phillips - 4th chair region and advances and Nahdiah Appleton - region; (Tenors) Paisley Wells - 2nd chair region and advances, Eli Alvarez - 6th chair region and advances, Roman Wallace - 9th chair region and advances and Rylan VanHorn - region; (Basses) Memphis Wells - 3rd chair region and advances, Nevin Benning - 5th chair region and advances, and Devyn Ayala - 8th chair region and advances.



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Take a piece of paper and fold it in half. This will be the base of your card.

DECORATE
Use markers, crayons, or colored pencils to add bright and cheerful colors. Don't forget to add your personal touch!

ENVELOPE
Find an envelope that fits your card or make one from paper. Write the person's name on it.

COLOR Time

Stickers and Glitter
If you have stickers or glitter, they can make your card even more special. Stick them on your card to make it sparkle.

DELIVERY
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NMSC announced Dunbar as 2024 semifinalist

Staff Reports

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) recently announced Wyatt L. Dunbar as a Semifinalist in the 2024 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Officials of the NMSC announced the names of more than 16,000 Semifinalists in the 69th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,140 National Merit Scholarships worth nearly \$28 million that will be offered next spring.

To be considered for a Merit scholarship award,

Semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the Finalist level of the competition. About 95 percent of the Semifinalists are expected to attain Finalist standing, and approximately half of the Finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar title.

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation is a non-profit organization that operates without government assistance and was established in 1955 specifically to conduct the annual National Merit Scholarship Program.

Scholarships are underwritten by NMSC with its own funds and by ap-

proximately 320 business organizations and higher education institutions that share NMSC's goals of honoring the nation's scholastic champions and encouraging the pursuit of academic excellence.

To become a Finalist, the Semifinalist and a high school official must submit a detailed scholarship application, in which they provide information about the Semifinalist's academic record, participation in school and community activities, demonstrated leadership abilities, employment, and honors and awards received. A Semifinalist must have an outstanding record throughout high school,

be endorsed and recommended by a high school official, write an essay, and earn Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or American College Testing (ACT) scores that confirm the student's earlier performance on the qualifying test.

National Merit Scholarship winners of 2024 will be announced in four nationwide news releases beginning in April and concluding in July. These scholarship recipients will join nearly 375,000 other distinguished young people who have earned the Merit Scholar title.

For further information, visit www.nationalmerit.org.



Wyatt L. Dunbar

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Central Texas College Fair to be held Oct. 24 at Bell County Expo

Staff Reports

The Bell County Expo Center will host a Central Texas College Fair on Tuesday, Oct. 24. The fair will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Representatives from various colleges, trade schools, and branches of the United States armed forces will be in attendance to answer

questions about admissions, financial aid, scholarships, and more.

Students from Gatesville Independent School District will have a chance to visit with students from all over Central Texas. Schools that will be present include Academy ISD, Bartlett ISD, Belton ISD, Central Texas Christian School, Copperas

Cove ISD, Florence ISD, Holland ISD, Holy Trinity Catholic High School, Killeen ISD, Lampasas ISD, Moody ISD, Priority Charter Schools, Providence Preparatory School, Rogers ISD, Rosebud-Lott ISD, Salado ISD, Temple ISD, and Troy ISD.

Attending college fairs gives students a glimpse of

life at a particular campus. As well as having a bigger picture of what campuses you would like to visit, instead of wasting time and money visiting colleges at random.

The Bell County Expo Center is located at 301 W. Loop in Belton.

Evant ISD annual Harvest Festival to be held Oct. 21

Staff Reports

Evant Independent School District will hold its annual Harvest Festival for the community to attend on Saturday, Oct. 21 from 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

From 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., voting for the Harvest Festival Duke, Dutchess, King, and Queen will take place.

There will be games and activities from 5:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. in the old gym. Barbeque plates will be served by

the Evant Future Farmers of America (FFA) in the new gym during that same time as well.

The coronation of Harvest Festival court will be at 7:30 p.m.

Along with other festivities, a haunted house will be present from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

For more information, contact Evant ISD at 254-471-5536.

Evant ISD is located at 339 Memory Lane in Evant.

GISD to host scary movie night Oct. 17

Staff Reports

Gatesville Independent School District will hold a scary movie night on Tuesday, Oct. 17. It will be hosted at Gatesville High School in the old gym.

The doors will open at 6 p.m., and the movie will run from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. The movie to be played is the old school Dracula from 1931.

There will be a concession stand available along with other departments selling various items.

For more information contact Gatesville High School at 254-865-8281.

Gatesville High School is located at 205 S. Lovers Lane.



Movie scene from Dracula in 1931.

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AmericanTrucks Building Trades scholarship due Oct. 15

Staff Reports

The AmericanTrucks student scholarship program targets students who are interested in building trades as their future career. This year the AmericanTrucks Building Trades scholarship is offering \$2,500 to one student this school year.

To be eligible for this scholarship:

- Students must currently be enrolled full-time in an accredited United States technical institute or a two or four-year college or university studying construction management.

- Must currently be enrolled in a vocational school, technical school, or a tuition-bearing apprenticeship program in the traditional building trades field of study.

- Must be a current high school student who will be attending an accredited school in the next academic year that fits into one of two categories above.

To apply visit <https://www.americantrucks.com/scholarships.html>, and submit a 750-to-1,500-word essay on a specific prompt that will be provided. The deadline to apply is Sunday, Oct. 15.

Oglesby community vaccination clinic to be held Oct. 9

Staff Reports

Oglesby Independent School District will hold a vaccination clinic for the community to attend on Monday, Oct. 9. The clinic will be held at the Oglesby

ISD school library from 9 a.m. to noon.

Be sure to bring an insurance card along with an RX number. If insurance is provided, the clinic will be at no cost.

The clinic will offer various vaccinations including Influenza, the Covid booster, and others.

The vaccination clinic will be sponsored by Walmart pharmacy.

For more information, Oglesby ISD can be reached at 254-456-2271, and is located at 125 College Street in Oglesby.

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PILOTS

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Aviation.

Approximately 40-60 students from the Shine Christian Homeschool Co-op visited the airport. Local pilots brought out three to four small, single engine airplanes as well as answered questions about flying the aircraft and the process of receiving a pilot's license. Kids also had the opportunity to climb inside the cockpit of the airplanes and view the instruments up close.

"Aviation is a good thing to have," said Dana Palmer, a pilot from Gatesville who was at the event. "There's a pilot shortage right now, so maybe one or two of these kids can get a license and have a career."

At the end of the event, the kids had the chance to witness two of the planes take off from the ground and fly above the area.

Shine Christian Homeschool Co-op is a Gatesville-based homeschool program for grades PreK-12 that provides extracurricular activities and classes for homeschool students in the Central Texas area.

"I look for things that I want to learn, and I want my children to learn, and we've never been to the airport before," said Gwendy Hardcastle, co-director of the Shine Christian Homeschool Co-op.

Now that the airport is an official member of the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce, President of the Chamber of Commerce Mason Matthews said he hopes to plan more events at the airport, as well as use the facility as a resource for the community.

"We're happy to have the Gatesville Municipal Airport and Centex Aviation rejoin the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce," Matthews said. "They were once a member, and they rejoined. (We're) happy to have them and happy to have so many people here for this ribbon-cutting event. We've got a lot of good things that we are working on, and that we're doing here at the chamber."



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The Gatesville Chamber of Commerce officially welcomes Centex Aviation as a member of the chamber at a ribbon-cutting ceremony held at the Gatesville Municipal Airport.



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Students and their families from Shine Christian Homeschool Co-op wave to a plane that took off from the Gatesville airport.



KAYLEE DUSANG | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Local Pilot Dana Palmer teaches kids about a Cessna 175.



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Two local pilots get ready for takeoff.

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GATESVILLE'S NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Gatesville Police Department celebrated National Night Out on Oct. 3. The free event, designed to heighten drug and crime awareness, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnership, and send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back, offers fun for all ages. Attractions included vehicle and aircraft displays, safety demonstrations, educational materials, games, music, local city and county information, and giveaways. National Night Out also offers community members an opportunity to meet and visit with local first responders.

PHOTOS BY KAYLEE DUSANG | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER



Jason Holt, Kyle Perrow, and Anna Perrow with Gatesville Police Department pass out cups, glasses, and other items at National Night Out.



Community members had the opportunity to tour a United States Army helicopter at the Gatesville Sports Complex.



Kids had the chance to interact with members from the Coryell County Sheriff's Office.



Sergeant Bryan Washko with Texas Highway Patrol and Sergeant Jimmy Gasaway with the Coryell County Sheriff's Office at their booth during National Night Out.



First responders helped assist with games and activities at National Night Out.



The Gatesville Fire Department brought their Fire Safety House to National Night Out.



Joshua Robinson, Michael Crivello, and Brooke Houppert visit National Night Out from Fort Cavazos.

