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The Matching Day ceremony is an emotional and exciting day for veterans who learn which service dog they will take home after graduation.

Veterans match with their forever friend in Patriot PAWS and TDCJ ceremony

BY KAYLEE DUSANG
Staff Writer

For military veterans who suffer from service-related injuries or post-traumatic stress disorder, a service dog can provide emotional and physical support as well as improve their daily lives.

On Oct. 13, Patriot PAWS and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) held a special ceremony that paired five veterans with their forever friend. The celebration is held after months of training

sessions, where veterans work with different service dogs before the organization pairs them with their perfect match.

"It's hard not to settle on one dog because you don't know yet, but then you get matched with the dog who is going to be your battle buddy," said David Carrasco, a U.S Army veteran who matched with his service dog, Matrix. "I know this is just the start of the journey with Patriot PAWS."

Patriot PAWS is a regional organization that provides

fully-trained service dogs to veterans at no cost. As part of the organization's prison training program, the Matching Day celebration took place at the TDCJ Dr. Lane Murray Unit. The aim of the program is to teach incarcerated individuals how to properly train service dogs, providing them with valuable skills and future career opportunities.

While the program changes the lives of veterans, it also provides those who are incarcerated with

an opportunity to give back to the community.

"It's a win-win situation to watch the change in the inmates' lives and what they're doing for the veterans," said Audrey England, senior warden of the Dr. Lane Murray Unit. "To be a part of that makes every hard day good just to be able to give back."

Patriot PAWS partners with two TDCJ units in Gatesville and one unit in Fairfield, Texas for its

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Gatesville residents can vote on state propositions, local tax rates in election

BY KAYLEE DUSANG
Staff Writer

Early voting for the Nov. 7 election begins on Monday, Oct. 23. Here's everything you need to know about what will appear on your local ballot.

Along with the 14 proposed amendments sent by Texas lawmakers, Gatesville's ballot will include a voter-approval tax rate election that will appear under Proposition A, as well as local races for Gatesville City Council and Gatesville ISD board seats.

The deadline to register to vote ended on Oct. 10. Early voting begins the week of Oct. 23 and ends on Nov. 3.

Proposition A

Following an anticipated decline in school funding, Gatesville ISD will ask voters on Nov. 7 to give three pennies back to the district for a school tax rate of \$0.8992 per \$100 of a home's valuation.

The Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds distributed to schools for COVID relief will end this year, causing a loss of approximately \$3.8 million for the school district. According to the Texas Tribune, state legislatures have drafted a bill to increase funding for public education, but Gov. Greg

Abbott will not add the bill to his special session agenda unless lawmakers approve a school voucher program that helps families pay for private schools.

Currently, the school tax rate has been compressed by 19 cents, one of the largest tax rate compressions the school district has witnessed. Voting for Proposition A will allocate three of those pennies back to the school for a total compression of 16 cents.

"For one thing, GISD is the second biggest employer in town, and so we have a lot of jobs," said Gatesville ISD Superintendent Barrett Pollard. "The funding would help us retain people. We've already lost some positions through attrition, so that money would really help us keep functioning."

Even with the school district receiving those three pennies, the tax rate is still lower by 10.85%. Pollard adds that, over the past five years, the school tax rate has decreased by 34 cents.

"Basically, it (the tax rate) compressed by 19 cents, but if they gave three of the cents back to us it would just go down

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Side by side

BY DAVID SCOTT
Staff Writer

Walking through the Gatesville City Cemetery, one may notice the identical tombstones of two young men buried side by side who died on the same date.

Upon investigation, it was discovered that the two did not die during an epidemic or any other health misfortune but died in a horrible tragedy that sent shock waves throughout the state and especially in the small town of Gatesville.

Gatesville High School classmates James Walker, age 23, and Willis Murray, age 18, would be thrust into the spotlight due to a tragic accident that claimed their lives, as well as eight others.

Both young men graduated from Gatesville High School in 1924, and both continued their education together at Baylor. The two were promising young athletes in high school, and when they entered college, both landed positions on

the Baylor Basketball team.

It was on the morning of January 22, 1927, that Baylor's basketball team began their journey by bus for Austin to play the University of Texas that night. Coach Ralph Wolf was taking his team to play in what was considered to be a crucial game in the Bears' race for the 1927 Southwest Conference championship. The game would never take place.

It was reported that rain had been pouring down in Central Texas that day. The vision of the chartered bus driver was limited as rain and debris sprayed across the windshield of the bus as they approached a railroad

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A monument at Baylor University honoring the memory of 10 students, known as the Immortal Ten, who died in a tragic accident near Austin on Jan. 22, 1927. Two of those students, Willis Murray and James Walker, were from Gatesville.



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Headstones of two of 10 Baylor students who died in a tragic accident near Austin on Jan. 22, 1927. Willis Murray and James Walker, both from Gatesville, were buried next to each other at the Gatesville City Cemetery following a double funeral at First Baptist Church.

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crossing in Round Rock. Rapidly approaching from the west was the Sunshine Special, a northbound passenger train. The train was running behind schedule, resulting in the engineer increasing the speed of the train to sixty miles per hour. As the train approached the crossing, the engineer blew its whistle. It was later said that no one on the bus heard the whistle.

Newspaper accounts of the accident report that the driver of the bus was driving about 25 or 30 miles per hour. As the driver approached the crossing, after seeing the fast-moving train coming towards them, he made a desperate attempt to avoid a collision by swerving the bus to one side but couldn't make it. The train struck the bus about one-third of the way across the rails, causing the bus to break up in "scores of pieces." Ten of the twenty-two passengers were killed - including Gatesville's James Walker and Willis Murray. The team was only about 20 miles from their destination.

Grotesque accounts about the remains of the victims appeared in newspapers state-wide, as well as

nationally. Many reports indicated that some of those killed were "no longer recognizable" following the horrific crash.

The bodies of the Gatesville victims, Walker and Murray, were shipped from morgues in the Round Rock area back to Wilkerson and Hatch Funeral Home in Waco and then transported back to their hometown of Gatesville.

James S. Walker, known as "Tuff" during his high school years, played on the basketball team and was the star track man for running distance in high school. Being a successful athlete opened the door for him to attend Baylor. Walker came from a large and modest family. He had four older brothers and two younger sisters. At the time of his death, he was classed as a Junior at Baylor where he was studying business administration and commerce and would have received his B.B.A. degree in just five months following the accident. Some described Walker as a friendly, but a quiet young man.

Willis Murray's interest in basketball came from his close friendship and admiration of Walker while they were students at Gatesville High School. After entering Baylor at the age of 16, Murray played on the freshman basketball team. While at

Baylor, he was described as being a very "personable" student. Murray had four siblings and was raised on a farm just a few miles outside of Gatesville. Willis E. Murray was 18 years old when he was killed in the accident. He played guard on the Baylor basketball team. He was also classed as a Junior and was completing work toward a Bachelor of Arts degree and a law degree. He was scheduled to graduate in June of 1928.

Walker and Murray were close friends in high school and at Baylor. Upon their tragic deaths, their families decided to have a combined funeral service for the young men at the First Baptist Church in Gatesville where local pastors and Baylor professors reflected on their short lives. Six students and friends from Baylor acted as pallbearers. Following the service, which had an overflow crowd of hundreds, the friends were buried side-by-side in the Gatesville City Cemetery. Their families would later erect matching tombstones for them along with attached photos.

Shortly after the tragedy, the teammates who were killed became known as the "Immortal Ten" at Baylor. Their story is told each year to freshmen students entering the university and at

homecoming. Students then participate in a candlelight ceremony in remembrance of those whose young lives were lost.

At the capital in Austin, the tragedy caused the re-evaluation of railway safety and with it came the origination of railway overpasses in the state of Texas. Eight years following the accident, Mays Street Bridge in Round Rock opened over the scene of the accident and became the first railway overpass in the state.

In 2017, ninety years after the fatal accident, the City of Round Rock hosted a ceremony to dedicate the overpass to the newly named "Immortal Ten Bridge." The bridge, originally built in 1935, was updated with green and gold striping to honor those Baylor students who were killed.

In 2007, renowned western sculptor, Bruce Greene, assisted crews as they installed a stunning life-sized monument of the Immortal Ten on the Baylor campus. Among the bronze statues are figures of James Walker and Willis Murray - both of which were immortalized in the history of the university.

Ninety-six years after the fatal accident the two young men remain side-by-side in their hometown of Gatesville.

VOTE

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16 cents, so it's still a tax deduction if they vote for it," Pollard said.

For every \$1 given to Gatesville ISD by local taxpayers the state will give \$3 to the district, generating approximately 1.3 million in additional funding for the school. Pollard said this funding will allow the school to address issues such as increasing teacher salaries, providing new chrome books for students, repairing school HVAC systems, and replacing broken air conditioning on the school buses.

Coryell County Tax Assessor Collector Justin Carothers said the current tax bill residents have received in the mail already includes the three pennies, as well as a property tax reduction listed under proposition 4, which increases the homestead exemption for homeowners from \$40,000 to \$100,000.

"The tax bill currently that we sent them is with the three cents on it," Carothers said. "So, if the proposition fails, they'll get a new tax bill with 86 cents rather than 89 cents."

City Council

Three city council seats are up for re-election this year. There is only one opposing race for one of those seats. Two candidates, Leo Corona and Lewis Aaron Smith, are running for the seat of Ward 1, Place 1.

Two incumbents, Meredith Rainer and Greg Casey, have filed for re-election.

Read more about the Gatesville City Council Race at www.gatesvill messenger.com.

Gatesville ISD

Gatesville ISD school board has three seats up for re-election this November.

Three incumbents,

Charles Ament, Jimmie Ferguson, and Calvin Ford have filed for re-election. In addition, Loyd Hopson and Jeff Coward have filed applications as candidates for a spot on the board.

Voters can choose up to three names on the ballot. Read more about Gatesville ISD school board election at www.gatesvill messenger.com.

State propositions

Texans can decide the fate of 14 state constitutional amendments that address a variety of issues, including:

- Protecting a person's rights to engage in generally accepted farming and ranching practices
- A tax exemption for child-care facilities and medical and biomedical products
- Prohibiting lawmakers from imposing a tax based on wealth
- Raising the homestead exemption from \$40,000 to \$100,000
- Funds to support university research, water projects, electric power grids, and broadband infrastructure
- Providing a cost-of-living adjustment for retired teachers
- Increasing the mandatory retirement age for state judges from 75 to 79
- Creation and improvement of state parks

Two of the proposed amendments address issues specific to El Paso and Galveston counties.

Carothers encourages voters to do their research before hitting the ballot box.

"This is our Texas constitution - it's the laws that govern the state of Texas," he said. "Anytime a legislature wants to amend that, it's our duty and responsibility to make our voice heard."

The full list of proposed amendments, sample ballots, and Coryell County voting locations and times can be found at coryell-countytx.com/elections.



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Include: Name of veteran, branch of service, years served. If you submitted a photo for last year's veterans section we will include it in this year's special section.

FROM MY FRONT PORCH

Spending Money on Thin Air



BY SAM HOUSTON

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

There was a time, not that long ago, when people seemed to be more concerned about how they spent their money.

As a youngster, I can remember dad bringing home his paycheck and handing it to my mother. She would take the income and divide it up by the things which had to be paid. The biggest items were rent, utilities, food, and transportation expenses (car payment, oil changes, new tires, and repairs). She would set out enough money to cover those expenses, and then take what was left over to make allocations for clothing, savings, and entertainment. By the time she got through with the list, there was little left over for frills or casual expenses.

The Houston house did not go out to dinner while there was perfectly good food at home to eat. We did

not go to the movies, unless it was the drive-in where the carload could enter for \$5, and we always brought our own drinks and popcorn from home. Clothes were bought for their practicality and utility, not for their fashion statement, or the name of the designer.

We were not poor. We were middle class, and my folks wanted to be able to send their kids to college and have funds for retirement when they finally quit work. They were conservative, and practical, and used their head in distinguishing what was truly needed, as opposed to what was desired or convenient.

This past week, the dashboard on my car started flashing a warning that

three of my tires were low on air. With the sudden seasonal weather change occurring, I knew I had not run over a handful of nails, but rather it was the temperature change which had caused the pressure to drop in the tires.

There are long-ago recollections of pulling into a full-service gas station, and while the gas was being pumped, an attendant would check the oil and water, wash the windshield, and check the tire pressure in all the tires. As a young boy, sitting in the backseat, I would observe the gas station employee running around the car to accomplish all his tasks before the pump turned off. It was a fascinating process to observe and very impressive.

Nowadays, if there are any full-service stations, I do not know where they are. We all pump our own

gas, and, if we are lucky, there is a squeegee located on the service island to wash our dirty windshield. Few places have an air compressor to add air to your tires. If they do, it is located at a distant edge of the business, and there is a fee. Not sure the last time I needed to add air to my tires, but if my memory serves me right, the coin machine attached to the air compressor charged 50 cents. When I pulled up to the station this week, I learned the price had been raised to two dollars! Yes, two dollars for air!

When I saw the price, I stopped in my tracks. Then I thought, wait a minute. The people who own the station had to buy a compressor, keep it maintained and operational, and have it available for when I pulled up. That would cost a lot of money, and, as a business-

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man, I could understand the need to recapture that expense. Maybe two dollars is not an unreasonable fee?

On the other hand, I knew I had a small compressor in my garage that could air up my tires. It would require me to dig it out from behind the assortment of junk which fills that building, and then drag it out to my car. In doing so, I would save two dollars.

A part of me said, "Heck, you are already at a pump, go ahead and spend the two dollars, you tightwad. After all, my time is worth something. Get this over with and move on to something else." On the other hand, I could feel my

dad's hand on my shoulder, saying, "Can't you do this at home?"

I left the station, drove home, dug the air compressor out of the garage, and aired up my tires. No, I did not go to Starbucks and spend six dollars on a cup of coffee to celebrate! A penny saved is a penny earned.

Thought for the day: Don't buy things you can't afford with money you don't have to impress people you do not like.

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

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Texas Ranger speaks at annual Exchange Club breakfast for law enforcement, first responders



KAYLEE DUSANG | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Gatesville Police Patrol Lieutenant Georg Cleverley, Texas Ranger Jake Burson and Nathan Gohlke, Exchange Club member and former Gatesville Chief of Police, all pose at a recent appreciation breakfast. Hosted by the Gatesville Exchange Club, the annual breakfast honors law enforcement, EMS workers, and first responders.

BY KAYLEE DUSANG
Staff Writer

The Gatesville Exchange Club invited a member of the Texas Rangers to give an educational presentation at their annual appreciation breakfast for law enforcement, EMS workers, and first responders.

Members from local law enforcement and first response agencies attended the meeting on Thursday, including Coryell Health EMS and the Gatesville Police Department.

"One of the things that we like to do every year is have a breakfast just to show our appreciation for our law enforcement, our EMS, and our first respond-

ers," said Nathan Gohlke, Exchange Club member and former Gatesville Chief of Police.

Texas Ranger Jake Burson spoke at the honorary breakfast this year. He has covered the Central Texas region since 2011 and has assisted Gatesville law enforcement with various cases.

Before becoming a Texas Ranger, he had a career with the DPS narcotics division.

"Jake brings lots of resources with him when he comes to the table and lots of experience," Gohlke said.

Burson discussed the

history of the Texas Rangers starting in 1823, as well as answered questions about his work with the agency and its responsibilities today.

"We're celebrating our 200th anniversary this year," Burson said.

The Texas Rangers lead investigations for various violent crimes, missing person cases, cold cases, and more. They often support local and federal law enforcement agencies with investigations.

"Our primary function today is to investigate major felonies and homicides," Burson said.

The agency also su-

pervises several special sections and programs, such as border security, Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI), and special operations groups.

Burson also discussed how labs used for evidence have advanced, which has allowed them to uncover older, unsolved homicide cases.

"Five years ago, we would not have thought we could do that," he said.

The Gatesville Exchange Club meets every Thursday at Junction on Route 36 for breakfast at 7 a.m.

Folks around town



COURTESY PHOTO

Barrett Pollard

Say hello to our neighbor, Barrett Pollard!

Barrett is the Superintendent at Gatesville Independent School District and has worked within the school system since 2016. The most enjoyable part of his job is getting to interact with kids each day. He has spent his whole life living in Gatesville and likes the fact that the people are kind and generous, along with supporting troops, teachers, and any initiative to help the needy.

Barrett enjoys reading The Gatesville Messenger each week because of the great stories about students and staff.

If you happen to see Barrett around town, say hello! He is one of us!

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City of Gatesville to work with Bureau Veritas



BY SCOTT ALBERT
City Manager

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The City Council, during its Tuesday evening meeting, approved a professional services agreement with Bureau Veritas to conduct building inspections and plan review services for the city. While the city will retain an in-house inspector, Bureau Veritas will assist when needed. This decision stemmed from the recent retirement of the city's lead inspector, prompting the city to seek a third-party inspector. This new service can save the city approximately

Volunteer drivers needed

BY ALEXANDRA MEELBUSCH
Staff Writer

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, and have no one to cook for them. The program provides home-delivered nutritious meals to seniors in the community, which allows

them to remain living in their own homes. The volunteers are expected to deliver a meal while generally checking in with the clients to make sure they are doing well through a friendly greeting or small talk. Gatesville needs volunteer drivers Monday through Friday with meals picked up at the Senior Center. There are four different routes in Gatesville,

and each Wednesday a route to Hamilton is taken. Anywhere from 10 to 14 clients are seen each day per route. Volunteers must provide their own vehicles. To volunteer, contact the Senior Center Director Pam Rudolph at 254-865-8234. The Gatesville Senior Center is located at 208 North Lutterloh Ave. in Gatesville.

HYDRATION DONATION



The Gatesville Volunteer Fire Department recently received a generous donation of bottled Gatorade to stay hydrated on calls. Pictured is Gatesville VFD Chief Billy Vaden with the donation provided by Mission Gatesville.

LETTER

Vote YES!

Please vote "YES" to Proposition #9 on the General Election Ballot on Nov. 7, 2023. Proposition #9 would give TRS (Texas Retirement System of Texas) retirees a COLA (cost of living adjustment). Over 70% of retirees have never received a COLA, the last being in 2004 that

benefited only those retiring before 2001. Proposition 9 will NOT increase your taxes. The money was set aside by the Texas Legislature from sales tax revenue. The COLA would benefit teachers, aides, bus drivers, cafeteria workers, etc., that made a difference in your community and in the lives of your children and grand-

children. Please vote Proposition #9 with a "Yes" vote for TRS retirees. Early voting begins on Oct. 23. Respectfully,
Jo Ann Sugg,
District 12,
President of Texas Retired Teachers TRTA Coryell Retired School Personnel

A tribute to Veterans to appear in Gatesville Messenger



Staff Reports

For those wishing to honor a veteran in a special edition of the The Gatesville Messenger, photographs and information can either be submitted online at veterans@gatesvillemessenger.com, or submitted in person at The Gatesville Messenger office located at 116 S. 6th Street. Information to be included when sub-

mitting photos is the veteran's name, branch of service, date of service, and rank.

The deadline for submitting photos will be Thursday, Oct. 26. If you submitted a veteran's photo to the newspaper last year, it will run again this year. The special edition for Veteran's Day will appear in the newspaper on Saturday, Nov. 11.

Whatever happened to...

20 YEARS AGO (2003)
Final plans were underway in preparation for the 3rd Annual Halloween Boozar. A special dedication ceremony was held for the Dr. Lane Murray Unit's Chapel of Hope. Louis Scott Meharg was named the 2003 recipient of the Norris Graves Award. Jennifer Botkin was crowned Gatesville High School's homecoming queen.

Jonesboro Eagles dominated Kopperl with a 75-30 victory.
30 YEARS AGO (1993)
The Hornet Booster Club began holding a "Victory Breakfast" on Friday mornings during football season, hoping it would become a tradition. Tippet's Western & Casual Wear was having a "Going out of Business" sale. Webelos from Pack 277 and Boy Scouts from Troop

272 represented Gatesville at the Scout Camporee held at Texas Safari in Clifton. The Coryell County Museum held its first "Coryell Market Place," and it was a huge success. Tommy Fadal and Mike Gatlin were Gatesville High School varsity football players of the week.
40 YEARS AGO (1983)
Bryan Weathersbee was named youth and activities director at the First Baptist

Church of Gatesville. Janet Capella, Alisa Floyd, and Blyth Bannister were nominated for 1983 Gatesville High School homecoming queen. Jared Abbe, a 14-year-old Gatesville High School freshman, won The Messenger's football contest. Gatesville women golfers Louise Mathews, Yvonne Preston, and Pauline Tiebens won a three-woman scramble, nine-hole golf tournament at the Gates-

ville Country Club. Gatesville Hornettes beat Mexia in volleyball, leaving them with a 5-3 district record.
50 YEARS AGO (1973)
Hornet varsity coaches were Skeeter Edwards, Victor Prince, and David Ballauer. Gatesville High School Future Farmers of America (FFA) were selling fruit for Christmas. L.M. Wright was honored

with a retirement party after working 25 years with Gulf States - United Telephone Company. Leaird's Department Store celebrated its 75th anniversary. The Jaycee Wives provided a new sign over the Bridge-Tenth Streets entrance to Gatesville's Raby Park.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Boozaar scheduled for Oct. 28

Staff Reports

Gatesville's Boozaar is just around the corner and will be taking place on Saturday, Oct. 28, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., on the Coryell County Courthouse Square. The Boozaar is the community's annual Halloween party on the square.

For more than 20 years, the Boozaar has provided Gatesville with a safe and free family Halloween experience. In the past, around 70 businesses and organizations have participated to hand out candy and provide games for the children.

In 2000, the City of Gatesville, along with local businesses and organizations, came together to provide treat stops and game booths for kids of all ages. Now, a tradition within the community, the Boozaar is Gatesville's most well-attended event of the year.

Treat stops are businesses located on the square of the Boozaar route. They

will be handing out treats from the sidewalk in front of their business to kids as they make their way around the route. Treat stations are businesses that are not located downtown, but who set up booths around the square to provide free candy, games, and activities for families.

In addition, there will be a costume contest with categories for all ages. The costume contest will be hosted by the Gatesville Public Library and will take place at the Boozaar on the square. It will start promptly at 6:15 p.m. It moves fast, so contestants need to be on time, so they won't miss their age category. Age categories will include newborn to 2-year-olds, 3- to 5-year-olds, 6- to 9-year-olds, 10- to 12-year-olds, teen, adult, and family/friends. Family/friends theme costumes must have a central idea ("Wizard of Oz," "Flintstones," etc.). No registration is necessary.

Prizes will be awarded to first, second, and third place in each category.

There will be a Storybook Pumpkin Contest for the community to participate in as well. All entries must be submitted by Wednesday, Oct. 25, to the Gatesville Public Library. The contest will be one entry per person, and each pumpkin decorated must be based off a book character. No entry should exceed 24 inches tall, or three pounds. There will be no carving of the pumpkins, but art supplies are permitted such as paint, yarn, clay, wigs, glitter, and more. Be sure to label an index card with your name, age, phone number, and the title of the book. Age categories include prekindergarten, kindergarten through first grade, second and third grade, fourth through sixth grade, and seventh grade to adults. The winners of the contest will be on display at the Boozaar, and prizes will

be awarded to first, second, and third place in each category.

Along with the costume contest and the Storybook Pumpkin Contest, the Gatesville Public Library will host a Scary Story Writing Contest as well. Entries for the contest must be submitted to the Gatesville Public Library by Wednesday, Oct. 25. Age categories and rules include 350 words maximum for fourth through sixth grade, 500 words maximum for seventh through 12th grade, and adults have no limit. Be sure to include your name, age, and phone number when submitting your scary story.

For more information, contact the Gatesville Public Library at 254-865-5367.

The Gatesville Public Library is located at 111 N. 8th St., and the Coryell County Courthouse Square is located at 620 E. Main St.



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Fall Festivities & Fun

Staff Reports

OCT. 21

HIDDEN GEM TO HOST HARVEST FESTIVAL OCT. 21

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 for more information 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 pre-register 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.

OCT. 22

HAY VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH TO HOST FALL FESTIVAL OCT. 22

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 activities 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.



OCT. 28

ANNUAL HALLOWEEN CANDY MAZE AND FOOD DRIVE SLATED OCT. 28

The Halloween Candy Maze and Local Food Drive will be on Oct. 28, from 5 p.m. until 10 p.m. This year's event will be sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) post 8577, Barnard Beef Cattle Company, Liberators L.E.M.C, and Front Porch Realty.

Admission will be any canned or non-perishable food items, which will be donated to the Gatesville Care Center and to the Hidden Gem Family Care Center.

This year there will be animated props for the children to enjoy. The food

drive will include a children's maze, adult/big kid scary maze, a train ride, and live actors.

The Halloween Candy Maze will be held at 1518 Golf Course Road in Gatesville.

FBC OF GATESVILLE TO HOST FALL FESTIVAL OCT. 28

The First Baptist Church of Gatesville will host a fall festival on Saturday, Oct. 28 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

The festival will include many various activities, such as a cake walk, music, a bounce house, games, popcorn, candy, crafts, and a chili cookoff.

For more information, the First Baptist Church of Gatesville can be reached at 254-865-2014.

The First Baptist Church of Gatesville is located at 912 E. Main St.

GATESVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST PRESENTS TRUNK OR TREAT OCT. 28

The Gatesville Church of Christ will host a Trunk or Treat on Saturday, Oct. 28, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

This free event will take place in the church parking lot.

The Trunk or Treat will feature hot dogs, candy, games, and lots of fun in a safe environment. Be sure to wear a Halloween costume.

For further questions, contact the church office at 254-865-2438.

The Gatesville Church of Christ is located at 2417 E. Main Street.

LIVE OAK BAPTIST CHURCH TO HOLD FALL FESTIVAL OCT. 28

Live Oak Baptist Church will host a fall festival on Saturday, Oct. 28 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The festival will include many family-friendly activities, including a trunk or treat, snacks, games, prizes, a train ride, and a bounce house.

For more information, contact Live Oak Baptist Church at 254-865-5681.

Live Oak Baptist Church is located at 113 FM 107 in Gatesville.

TRICK OR TREE DISC GOLF TOURNAMENT TO BE HELD OCT. 28

The Gatesville Parks and Recreation Department will host a Trick or Tree Disc Golf Tournament that will be held on Saturday, Oct. 28. Meet at the Gatesville City Pool at 9 a.m. to participate in the tournament.

All players are welcome, including beginners, intermediate, and advanced. There are four different ways to win the tournament, such as closest to the pin, the longest drive, a costume contest, and the standings for each tournament.

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ment played.

Disc golf is played like traditional golf, but with discs instead of balls and clubs. One throw is counted each time the disc is thrown and when a penalty is incurred. The goal is to play each hole in the fewest strokes possible. The hole is completed when the disc comes to rest in a disc golf basket.

For more information, visit www.TeamSideline.com/GatesvilleTX.

The Gatesville City Pool is located at 300 S. 8th St.

OCT. 30

REHABILITATING AT THE MEADOWS TO HOST TINY TOTS COSTUME CONTEST OCT. 30

Coryell Health RehabLiving at the Meadows will host its annual Tiny Tots costume contest on Monday, Oct. 30, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Children up to five years of age can participate. There will be three prizes given out this year to first, second, and third places.

For more information, contact Coryell Health RehabLiving at 254-404-2500. The Meadows is located at 110 Chicktown Rd. in Gatesville.

Coryell City/Osage Volunteer Fire Dept.

annual fundraiser

FISH FRY

**Saturday, Oct. 21
6 PM-9 PM**

At the Coryell City/Osage VFD

301 CR 255 in Coryell City - 10 miles East on FM 929
To Go: (254) 248-1177 • Info: (254) 230-8758
(Call after 5:30 PM to order)

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Silent Auction

DRAWING:
- Pit Boss Wood Pellet Grill -
\$5⁰⁰ each OR \$20⁰⁰ for 6 tickets



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SUNDAY, NOV. 5, 2023

Arts/Craft Vendors and Kids Activities begin at 11 AM

**BBQ LUNCH AT 11:00 AM
\$20 FOR ADULTS • \$8 KIDS 8/UNDER**

Bake Sale
Buffalo Train

Petting Zoo
General Store

Arts/Craft Vendors
Food Vendors

Live Auction 1:00 PM • Jello Eating Contest 1:30 PM
Silent Auction ends at 2:30 PM, winners announced at 3:00 PM
Buffalo Drawing/Coloring Contest (ends at 2:00 PM, winners announced at 2:30 PM)

SIGN UP FOR DOOR PRIZES AT INFORMATION BOOTH:

Boys/Girls Bikes; \$50 Visa Gift Cards
Winners announced at 2:00 PM

Visit us at www.turnersvillestampede.com for more information

MOUND NEWS

Ruby Pullen wins first place in barrel racing



BY BARBARA HOPSON
Mound News Correspondent

Miss Ruby Carolina Pullen, of Rock Wall, great niece of Barbara Hopson, competed at Cowtown Coliseum Friday evening. Ruby, and her horse, Stella, won first place in barrel racing.

White Mound Baptist Church had a baby dedication Sunday, Oct. 15, with Stephen Lee "S.J." Dyer, Jr., and his parents, Stephen and Lauren Dyer, and Briggs Cole Cammack, son of Katie Sheets.

Mound Cowboy Church had their baby dedication Sunday, Oct. 15. Emeri Lynn Davis Deats, parents are Brad and Megan Deats. Montana Skye Johnson, parents are Barton and Chelsea Johnson. Sterlin Grey Shults, parents are Scott and Kelby Shults. Molli Joann Kinnear, parents are Devan and Staci Kinnear. Jonesy Hyann New-

man, parents are Chad and Mackenzie Newman.

Little Mr. Sterlin Schults' family had Sunday lunch in Gatesville at a local restaurant after the baby dedication.

Kinsley McPherson helped with the 4H ambassador team, serving the meal at the Coryell County Farm Bureau Convention last Monday evening in Gatesville.

Jenson Kinnear was promoted to a yellow belt at Dynamic Dance Co. MMA program Oct. 12. In attendance to watch his promotion were Staci, Elli, Molli, Tony and Theresa Kinnear,

Kathy Brase, Shea and Kenzie Winkler, Randy and Julie Eubanks.

Elli Kinnear had a slumber party for her ninth birthday celebration on Oct. 13. Elli had 10 friends in attendance.

Molli Kinnear celebrated her fourth birthday with a science party on Oct. 14. Molli was also dedicated to the Lord at Mound Cowboy Church on Sunday Oct. 15.

A baby shower was thrown at Mound Cowboy Church Sunday Oct. 15, in honor of Brittani and Shawn Shepherd, who are expecting a new baby in Jan. 2024.

The theme was "Safari." The hostesses were Kathy Brase, Aspen Watts, Susan Curtis, Theresa Kinnear, and Staci Kinnear.

Emma Blakley, of College Station, came home Friday and spent the weekend with her parents, Robert and Carolyn Blakley.

Jerry and Brenda Helms, and Neil and Christy Helms, spent the day Saturday in Fredericksburg.

Several people from Mound attended the 2023 Annual Heart O' Texas Fair and Rodeo at the Extraco Events Center Coliseum in Waco.

COMMUNITY EVENTS & FUNDRAISERS

Bee House to host First Responders Breakfast

Staff Reports

The Bee House Masonic Lodge #550 will host a First Responders Breakfast on Saturday, Oct. 21 from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m.

There will be plenty of food, including pancakes, biscuits and gravy, sausage, orange juice, coffee, and milk.

All first responders and family members are invited to attend.

The Bee House Masonic Lodge #550 is a fraternal organization that promotes faith, hope, and charity and is located on the southeast side of the courthouse square in Evant.

Coryell City/Osage VFD to host annual fish fry

Staff Reports

The Coryell City/Osage Volunteer Fire Department will hold its annual fish fry on Saturday, Oct. 21, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The fish fry will take place at 301 CR 255 in Coryell City, next to the blue

water tower.

The catfish plate will include various sides, including hushpuppies, coleslaw, potato salad, bread, and drinks. Adults will cost \$12 per person, and children under 12 years of age will cost \$6.

Take-out orders will be

available starting at 5:30 p.m. To place an order, call 254-248-1177.

A drawing will be held for a Pit Boss Wood Pellet Grill during the fish fry. Tickets will be sold at five dollars each, or six tickets for \$20.

Homemade salsa will be

for sale as well.

All the proceeds raised from the event will be donated to the Coryell City/Osage VFD.

For further information, contact 254-230-8758.

Turnersville VFD presents National Night Out Oct. 28

Staff Reports

The Turnersville Volunteer Fire Department will hold its National Night Out on Saturday, Oct. 28, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The event is completely free and is open to the community. There will be a bounce house, bingo, goody bags for kids, hamburgers, hot dogs, and more.

Coryell Health Emergency Medical Services (EMS), the Texas A&M Forest Service, and the Coryell County Sheriff's Office will attend the event, featuring fire trucks, an ambulance, an air medical helicopter, and law enforcement vehicles.

National Night Out will be located at 8200 FM 182 in Gatesville.

Evant community-wide garage sale 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 treat-

ments that are priced to sell.

All the proceeds will be donated to the Evant Independent 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 toward the Angel Tree fund.

There are many ways to get involved, including:

- Making a monetary donation.
- Donating gently used items to the garage sale.
- In November, sponsoring a family to aide with Christmas gifts.

- Nominating 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.

Sock Hop & Rock Oct. 28

Staff Reports

There will be a Sock Hop and Rock performance by Hound Dog Productions on Saturday, Oct. 28 at the Gatesville City Auditorium from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. This family friendly performance will feature tributes such as Roy Orbison, Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens, and Elvis Presley.

The show will be hosted by Josh Davis with performances by Travis Hudson and Hunter Cole.

To fall into the spirit of Halloween, 1950s and 1960s

attire is encouraged.

There will be an after party held at the Junction on Route 36 with karaoke and a meet and greet with the performers.

Tickets will cost \$20 per person, and Hound Dog Productions is offering one free child's ticket per paid adult ticket.

To purchase tickets or for more information, contact Hound Dog Productions by calling 682-268-0269.

The Gatesville City Auditorium is located at 110 N. 8th St.

Sausage Fest at The Grove set for Nov. 11

Staff Reports

The Grove Community Center will be hosting a Sausage Fest, bake sale, and raffle, on Saturday,

Nov. 11. The meal will be from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. All proceeds from the event will be applied to the upkeep of the community center.

The menu will include sausage, noodles, pinto beans, coleslaw, bread, beverages, trimmings, and dessert. There will be a drive-thru and take out will

be available.

Adult plates will cost \$15, and plates for children (ten and under) will be \$10.

Hearts Making Hearts Warmer second annual coat drive starts Oct. 28

Staff Reports

This year Pennoli Bed and Breakfast will join Righteous Roots to bring the community its second annual Hearts Making Hearts Warmer coat drive.

Hearts Making Hearts

Warmer will be held from Saturday, Oct. 28, through Thursday, Nov. 30. Coats and jackets are to be dropped off at Pennoli Bed and Breakfast located at 1009 E. Main Street in Gatesville or Righteous Roots located at 904 E.

Leon St. in Gatesville.

Drop off times include Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Saturday from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Donations are for children and adults, and be sure the clothing is in good

condition.

There will be a give-away event held in December after the coat drive is finished.

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OBITUARIES

Eddie Joe Ward

Dec. 23, 1927 - Oct. 10, 2023

Born Dec. 23, 1927, to Malcom and Cora Ward, at home in the Ames Community near Gatesville, he was the baby of 14 siblings, seven boys and seven girls.

Drafted out of high school, in April before graduating in May of 1946, he joined the 11th Airborne Division of the Army, a paratrooper, serving in Sendai, Japan as a Buck Sgt., and for 12 months played basketball for the Army.

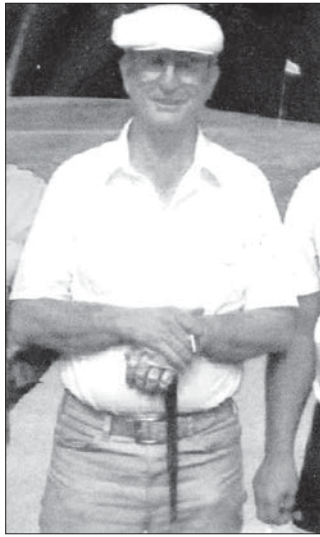
He worked for Houston Lighting and Power Co. for six years. He met and married the love of his life, Martha Pearl Browning, in 1950, and together they had two beautiful children - Tommy Ray and Jo Katherine.

He moved to Odessa in 1953 where he worked for TXU for 34 years as a general foreman. He retired in 1987.

He was an avid golfer, teeing up whenever he had the chance.

Joe loved to sing and would sing for anyone anywhere, even at an airport waiting for his flight. He made a CD of some of his favorite songs at age 82...still carrying a perfect pitch! While in his 80's, he often took his Karaoke Machine to the nursing home to sing for the residents there.

He loved his church, Highland United Methodist, where he was a constant staple in the choir, as well as singing many solos.



Joe left this world and entered his heavenly home at 9:28 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 10.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Martha, his 13 brothers and sisters and their spouses.

He is survived by a son, Tommy Ray Ward and wife, Cindy, of Odessa; daughter, Jo Katherine Cox and husband, Larry, of Columbus, Ohio; five grandchildren, Chris Cox, Marcus Cox, Billy Joe Ward, Mary Ward, and Rachel Ward Smedley; ten great-grandchildren, along with numerous loved nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held on Tuesday, Oct. 17, at 1 p.m. at Sunset Funeral Chapel in Odessa.

In lieu of flowers, please feel free to donate in loving memory of Joe Ward to Highland United Methodist Church in Odessa.

Karen Brantner

Jan. 19, 1955 - Oct. 12, 2023

Karen Brantner, age 68, of Temple, passed away on Thursday, Oct. 12, 2023.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 3, 2023, at Restland Cemetery, with Pastor Deral McWhorter officiating.

Karen Elaine Brantner was born on Jan. 19, 1955, to the late William Richard and Hazel McCarn Carlton in San Antonio, Texas. She graduated from Gatesville High School in 1972 and from Tarleton State University in 1976. Karen became a schoolteacher, spending the next 30 years as a dedicated educator, working for both Copperas Cove ISD and Temple ISD. She taught both French and Spanish on a secondary level, and while in Temple, she sponsored the French Club and served on numerous committees. Because of her love of French culture, her classroom was decorated with many pictures of France, including one of the Eiffel Tower. Her enthusiasm for her students was amazing, and she often gave them an encouraging word and truly had a great rapport with them, as well as faculty members and staff.

As a friend, she was most supportive and fun to be with on any day. She had a heart of gold and always managed to lift up her friends with her kind and cheerful personality. She will be remembered as a very special lady who loved to make others laugh and feel important and comfortable.

After her retirement in 2008, Karen became an enthusiast of Zumba and Refit. She was a talented dancer and was dedicated to fitness, as well as her friends at the Summit, a City of Temple Parks and Recreation program. Through her hard work and her love for music, she danced many miles over the years, performing with the group at fundraising and charity events.

She married Mackey Don Speer on April 9, 2009, and the two made their home in Temple. She was truly crazy about Mackey. She and Mackey spent 15 wonderful years together



and often celebrated family events with her stepdaughters, Margie and Britten and their children. Karen was also an avid gardener and enjoyed cooking for others.

Karen was an old-fashioned Southern girl in many ways. She enjoyed calling her family and friends by both their first and middle names and was an avid Dallas Cowboys fan who spent a lot of time watching the games alongside her family. She was baptized and was a member of the Temple Bible Church, where she worshipped the Lord and attended Bible studies. This was an integral part of her life, as she was truly a person who lived by her faith, as shown by her kindness toward others.

Karen was preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her husband, Mackey; daughters, Margie White and significant other, Kim Watkins, Britten Will and husband, Chris; stepsons, James Brantner and Chris Brantner; sister, Sherry Snyder; grandchildren, Brooklyn Tower, Miyah Kimball, and Stormie Will; and a host of cousins, whom she kept close to her heart.

We all meet people in our lifetime who become a big part of our hearts. Karen was that person. She would want us to celebrate her life as a celebration, so please pass along her love for others, her winning smile, her contagious laugh, and her kindness to others.

In lieu of flowers, Karen's family requests that memorials be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 6704, Hagerstown, MD, 21741.



TEXAS TALKS

Sparking Conversations about Aging

Visit texashhs.org/texastalks to start the conversation.



Texans, Let's Talk About Aging

BY CLAIRE IRWIN

HHSC Age Well Live Well Coordinator

Having candid conversations on aging can help us plan for future needs and help ensure we age and live well. Taking time to discuss with family and friends our hopes and dreams for the future can make the process easier. It may seem challenging to talk with family members and friends about aging, but it's important.

There are many things to look forward to as we grow older, and older adults bring so much to their communities by:

- Helping family and friends and volunteering.
- Sharing knowledge and expertise developed over the years.
- Learning new things and demonstrating the value of lifelong learning.
- Mentoring and acting as a bridge between generations.

Many older adults are busy pursuing their passions and might not consider sharing their aging-related preferences with their loved ones, but having these conversations is essential in planning ahead and preparing for issues that may arise. These discussions also provide everyone involved with the opportunity to calmly discuss

their preferences and identify any barriers.

Texas Health and Human Services created the Texas Talks campaign to help people discuss aging and the needs that may arise with an older family member or friend. The campaign releases four new topics every fall, with the 2023 Texas Talks topics focusing on caregiving in Texas, long-distance caregiving, staying connected and seeking support, and legal considerations and caregiving.

The Texas Talks webpage presents these topics and a worksheet for families and friends to use as a guide for conversations. These topic areas and related resources encourage discussions on who we would like to receive care from if needed, potential barriers to receiving that care, and a plan to address those barriers.

Conversations about the future don't have to be daunting, and Texas Talks can help make those conversations even easier. HHS encourages you to start a conversation with your loved ones.

To learn more, visit texashhs.org/texastalks.

THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

SUBMITTING AN OBITUARY

Obituaries can be submitted to The Gatesville Messenger online at www.gatesvillemessenger.com/obituaries. Advance payment is required.

Obituaries should come from the funeral home. Obituaries placed by next of kin must be verified by a death certificate or by the facility handling the body. You must provide the contact information for verification when submitting the obituary.

The Gatesville Messenger deadline for obituaries is 10 a.m. Tuesday for the Saturday paper. Deadlines are subject to change during holidays.

The DISPATCH

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of Oct. 11 - Oct. 17. While there were many calls to the dispatcher, this is a partial list of more significant activity. Persons are reminded that only emergency calls should be made to 9-1-1, while all other calls to the police department should be made to 865-2226 or to the Sheriff's office at 865-7201.



CITY OF GATESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Oct. 11
12:20 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 500 block of Bridge Street.
12:42 a.m., a disturbance was reported in the 100 block of Sandy Lane.
11:35 a.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 100 block of Trails Drive.
4:13 p.m., a threat was reported in the 100 block of Old Pidcoke Road.

Oct. 12
12:48 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2400 block of Business Highway 36.
7:01 a.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 2000 block of North State Highway 36.
11:50 a.m., a theft was reported in the 3200 block of South State Highway 36.

6:27 p.m., an accident was reported in the 2800 block of South State Highway 36.

Oct. 13
7:01 a.m., an accident was reported in the 3100 block of East Main Street.
11:31 a.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 100 block of FM 1996.
7:43 p.m., an accident was reported in the 200 block of FM 116.
10:32 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 2500 block of Powell Drive.

Oct. 14
8:49 a.m., a gas leak/fire was reported in the 2500 block of Powell Drive.
10:25 a.m., a theft was reported in the 100 block of North 8th Street.
1:20 p.m., animal cruelty was reported in the 1500 block of Bridge Street.
2:04 p.m., a vehicle fire was reported in the 200 block of Old Waco Road.

Oct. 15
1:17 p.m., a burglary was reported in the 900 block of College Street.
3:52 p.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 1000 block of West Main Street.

3:58 p.m., a burglary was reported in the 400 block of Park Street.
7:04 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 200 block of Lakewood Drive.

Oct. 16
5:21 a.m., a structure fire was reported in the 100 block of County Road 328.
2:01 p.m., a theft was reported in the 2800 block of South State Highway 36.
3:25 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 200 block of North 14th Street.

7:08 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 500 block of County Road 232.
Oct. 17
11:55 a.m., a theft was reported in the 3100 block of East Main Street.
1:06 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of East Main Street.
4:13 p.m., a theft was reported in the 2200 block of East Main Street.
10:12 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 200 block of North 19th Street.

CORYELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Oct. 11
3:29 p.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 3800 block of County Road 269.
4:14 p.m., a reckless driver was reported on FM 116 and North Bound Cactus Lane.
5:50 p.m., a major accident was reported on FM 116 and FM 580.
11:27 p.m., suspicious persons were reported on East Bound 114 and Clarke Road.

Oct. 12
9:20 a.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 7700 block of FM 185.
12:21 p.m., a minor accident was reported on County Road 133 and West Highway 84.
2:10 p.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 1200 block of Straws Mill Road.
6:55 p.m., shots fired was reported fired in the 200 block of County Road 330.

Oct. 13
11:21 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 5700 block of West Highway 84.
1:20 p.m., a domestic disturbance was reported

in the 1000 block of Cactus Lane.
2:59 p.m., identity theft was reported in the 400 block of County Road 148.
8:29 p.m., a minor accident was reported on County Road 160.

Oct. 14
8:33 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 3400 block of County Road 154.
12:46 p.m., a theft was reported in the 300 block of Navajo Trail.
10:21 p.m., illegal burning was reported in the 1500 block of Quail Meadows.
11:07 p.m., a shooting was reported on Bluebonnet Street.

Oct. 15
3:06 a.m., a major accident was reported on FM 116 and FM 580.
4 a.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 2700 block of South FM 116.
8:41 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 2200 block of County Road 213.
11:27 p.m., suspicious persons were reported on County Road 274.

Oct. 16

8:48 a.m., a major accident was reported on County Road 178 and Highway 84.

12:50 p.m., a reckless driver was reported South Bound on Highway 36.

9:13 p.m., a major accident was reported on East Bound Highway 190.

11:47 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 10000 block of North Highway 36.

Oct. 17
9:10 a.m., a grass fire was reported in the 2600 block of West Highway 84.

3:25 p.m., a disturbance/noise complaint was reported in the 8000 block of East Highway 84.

4:49 p.m., a reckless driver was reported on North Highway 36.

10:22 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2800 block of County Road 213.



LOCAL DONATIONS

TEXAS-SIZED GENEROSITY



ALEXANDRA MEELBUSCH | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

The Central Texas Hospitality House was presented with a donation of \$10,000 from H-E-B on Friday, Oct. 13. The donation is intended to help with expenses for the house, as well as to show appreciation for the work that is being done by the directors and volunteers. A cake was provided by H-E-B to celebrate, following the presentation of the check.

Texas Farm Bureau grants funds to Hornet GOLD 4-H

BY BECKY COWARD
County Extension Agent
4-H Youth Development

Hornet GOLD Intermediate 4-H Club of the Coryell County 4-H program was named a recipient of Texas Farm Bureau's (TFB) 2023 Clover Cash grant program.

The grant program, now in its fourth year, was available on the county, district, and state 4-H levels to fund hands-on activities that grow students' knowledge of food, fiber, and fuel, as well as increase their awareness of the importance of agricultural advocacy.

Emily Yarbrough, Tracy Coursey, and Amanda Huckabee, 4-H club managers, were awarded a county-level grant valued at \$750 to help purchase supplies for food and nutrition lessons at club project meetings.

"Activities through 4-H are a great opportunity for students of all ages to connect and engage with agriculture," McKenna Bush, TFB Youth Outreach coordinator said. "We want to see students expand their knowledge of agriculture in ways that are meaningful and memorable, and projects funded through the Clover Cash grant program do just that."

The foods and nutrition 4-H project teaches kitchen and cooking safety, how to prepare nutritious meals

and snacks, and meal ideas to reduce your risk of disease. Learning experiences focus on nutrition, food purchasing, food preparation, food safety, and related careers. Members are also given the opportunity to compete in the 4-H Food Show and Food Challenge events.

At the Food Challenge, teams of 3-4 students receive a list of ingredients and have 40 minutes to create a dish. The teams then present their dish to judges and are scored on preparation, serving size, food safety concerns, nutritional value and cost. Students qualify at the county and district level to compete at the state contest. At the Food Show you choose a recipe from the contest categories and then prepare and present it to a panel of judges. During your interview with the judges, you will show how you prepared it, the nutrients and ingredients, personal dietary needs, healthy substitutions, and a cost analysis.

TFB awarded \$20,000 to 18 county, district, and state 4-H programs across the state in the grant program's third year.

For more information about TFB's Clover Cash grant program, contact Bush at youthoutreach@txfb.org or 254-399-5037.

RODEO WEEK AT SENIOR CENTER



DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Local artist, Bailey Shea Dickie, entertains those in attendance at the Gatesville Senior Center during Rodeo Week. The Gatesville Senior Center recently held their own version of Fair and Rodeo Week. They had a taste of Texas BBQ, talked about rodeo facts, played games, and snacked on kettle corn and cinnamon candied almonds.

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PEARL NEWS

The Pearl Church of Christ celebrated its 128th Homecoming



BY BETSY CLARK
Pearl News Correspondent

The Pearl Church of Christ reports a wonderful 128th Homecoming held on Sunday, Oct. 15, 2023, with 57 in attendance.

The church wishes to thank everyone who brought all the fabulous sides and desserts to accompany the catered barbeque lunch.

They also wish to thank Edward Schaub for the excellent lesson. He and his beautiful wife, Judi, got the "longest married plaque" for 56 years. He and Judi have come to Pearl each month to fill the pulpit for over 40 of those years, and they are loved and valued beyond measure! Margie Cummings received the "longest attending member plaque" at 73 years (and she's only 29!), and her great grandson and his mother received the "longest traveled plaque" since they drove in all the way from California. Colby Stroud received the "young-

est attending plaque," and Vance Oney received the "oldest attending plaque" at 93 years young! Doug Atchley drove his antique Packard to church, and Dwight Sessums drove his antique blue pickup. They were sights to behold! All in all, it was just a beautiful day in Pearl. Thank you again to everyone who had a part in making this special day such a grand memory!

The community of Pearl wishes to thank everyone who came out to help with the Pearl Cemetery Workday. Lots of tree limbs and debris were cleared away as well as some much-needed

maintenance. It was cold at the start of the day, but everyone seemed to warm up quickly as there were some mighty hard workers there. They are all greatly appreciated!

The remaining Pearl Cottage Bookstore days and Pearl Bluegrass events are Nov. 4 and Dec. 2. The bookstore is full of all sorts of new items, including afghans, books, dishes, appliances, very nice old books, jewelry, and men's and women's clothes. Be sure and visit Pearl on those dates and bring friends. Everyone is welcome. There's no place like Pearl!

This week's Bible verse comes from Romans 12:9,10—Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. NIV

Please pray for rain, our country, Israel, 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 betsyclark47@yahoo.com

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The Museum of Magnetic Sound Recording



BY TUMBLEWEED SMITH

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

Martin Theophilus became fascinated with sound recording while he was in high school.

"My parents gave me a Webcor tape recorder for my graduation gift," says Martin. "I was a music

major at Sul Ross, and while there I recorded bands. That college experience blossomed into audio

and video jobs all over the country. Once in a recording studio in San Angelo, I watched them record some musicians, and I decided I could do that. My wife started handling musicians and ended up doing about 500 musical events a year. That led to more recording jobs, both audio and video."

In about the late 1990s, he started collecting tape recorders, especially those used by famous musicians. "I told my wife I'd like to get the fifteen tape recorders I've used over my life, and by the time we did that, we found other recorders used by big name musicians, which made the collection more significant. In

about 2012, the collection ended up with 225 tape recorders and three wire recorders, the predecessor of tape recorders. To edit on those old wire machines, you just cut the wire and tied it back together. It made a little blip when it went across the heads."

He opened a museum and filled it with Ampex, Magnacord, Telefunken, Teac, Wollensak, and other brands of recorders. He started interviewing pioneers in the field, like the man who developed the Roberts Tape Recorder.

"Robert Metzger was an interesting character to go interview. He did so many different things. He was a

sculptor, and his sculptures are all over Los Angeles. He was definitely a visionary. He developed a hybrid car in 1975, drove it from LA to Detroit, and presented it to Chrysler and Ford, but they both turned him down. But after the interview we went to the Peterson Auto Museum in Los Angeles, and there it is."

The Editall splicing block was used to edit audio tape. I used one of those to edit tape for the first 2,500 episodes of my radio program. I used a razor blade to cut the tape, splicing tape to put the tape back together and a soft white pencil to mark the spot where I wanted to cut.

"Joe Tall was the person who patented the Editall splicer. It showed up on a lot of tape recorders just above the head assembly. His wife sent me all of his documentation that went into building it and what he wrote about it. It's really fun to get some of these things."

Martin still does some recording but in the digital world.

"People tour the museum and ask me what recorder I use to record, and I have to tell them it's just a mixer and my Apple Mac."

His Museum of Magnetic Sound Recording is in Cedar Creek, near Austin.

SUDOKU

Solution for the puzzle that ran Oct. 14.

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Puzzle by websudoku.com

Surviving the Holidays grief seminar scheduled for Nov. 12

Staff Reports

Jonesboro Baptist Church will be sponsoring a seminar titled "Surviving the Holidays." This event will be for those who are grieving a loss. This two-

hour seminar will provide encouragement, support, and valuable tools to navigate the challenges of the holiday season.

The seminar will take place on Sunday, Nov. 12,

at 6 p.m., at 199 Byrom Drive in Gatesville.

For more information, visit their website at grief-share.org/holidays

United Women in Faith met on Oct. 10

BY SHIRLEEN CHANDLER

United Women in Faith met on Oct. 10 in the Banquet Room of the First Methodist Church in Gatesville, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Twelve members and one visitor were present. The visitor, Diana Smith, decided to join. Hostesses were Kathleen Blankemeyer and Shirleen Chandler.

President Patsy Smart called the meeting to order by leading in the Blessing. During the refreshment time, Linda Klontz led the group in picking new prayer partners. Smart thanked the hostesses and read the Purpose. Mary Beth Rivers read from the Daily Prayer Guide, and Velva Riddle read from the Response Magazine. Linda Lovelace presented

the program from the book, "Women Rise Up." Her topic was Mary, the mother of Jesus. Mary was highly favored by God, and she was visited by angels. When the angels came, she listened and was receptive to the call of God. She said, "I am the Lord's servant; let it be as you have said." What great faith she had, for such a young woman, probably about 16. She was with Jesus at his birth, and at his death, and many times in between. She was a woman of joy and sorrow. Chandler led the group in singing, "Here I am, Lord."

President Smart called the meeting to order. Vice-President Riddle brought new sign-up sheets for pro-

grams and hostessing for next year, asking members to sign-up.

District Officer Chandler presented certificates she had received at the annual meeting. The unit made a donation remembering several women who had died in the past year, and also honoring President Smart. The group was also recognized for unit activities and the Mission Studies. Chandler let members know of the upcoming meeting of the Central Texas Conference of United Women in Faith to be held in Waco on Oct. 29. All were invited to attend with Chandler.

The meeting was adjourned with the Benediction.



DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Newest members of the Coryell County Historical Commission from left, Pamela Shannon and Tiffany Butler.

CC Historical Commission gains new membership

BY DAVID SCOTT

Staff Writer

The Coryell County Historical Commission recently welcomed two new members to join the group, Pamela Shannon and Tiffany Butler. Shannon hails from Austin and has very strong ties to Coryell County where her family has lived for generations. Butler was born and

raised in Gatesville and is considered by many to be an expert on the history of the Coryell County Courthouse where she works.

The Coryell County Historical Commission holds monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of each month. The meetings are held in the Commissioner's Courtroom at the Main Street Annex.

The purpose of the commission is to preserve, protect, and promote history within the county. The commission also conducts continuous programs, placing historical markers throughout the county in accordance with the Texas Historical Commission in Austin.

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Righteous Roots presents Team Gabriel

BY ALEXANDRA MEELBUSCH
Staff Writer

Team Gabriel is ready to take the dance floor in the Dancing with the Stars of Central Texas competition on Saturday, Nov. 18.

Team Gabriel includes local couple Wayne and Amber Gabriel, who recently moved to the area and reside on a ranch located in Leon Junction.

Wayne is an employee of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and has been for the past 48 years, as well as graduating from Texas A&M University. Amber has been

an educator at Belton Independent School District for 13 years, and in her spare time she paints murals and writes novels.

Dancing has always been a shared hobby for the Gabriel's since they met at a ballroom in Temple. They enjoy ballroom and country-style dancing.

Team Gabriel 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 com-

mence 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>.



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PAWS

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service dog prison training program.

Kadie Robinson, who has been a trainer in the Patriot PAWS program for a year and half, said it's amazing to not only be a part of the

program, but also witness its end result.

"I don't feel like I'm wasting my time," Robinson said. "I feel blessed to be a part of the program."

Cindy Sutton, the training director for Patriot PAWS, said training can take 18 to 24 months before the dog is placed with a veteran.

She adds that they choose service dog/veteran pairings based on how well they work together or if the dog chooses the veteran.

"A lot of times, the dog picks them," Sutton said.

The ceremony included awards for the trainers, music, and a skit that demonstrated various service

dog training techniques. Patriot PAWS also introduced the new service dog class of 2025, who will start training as puppies before graduating to full-grown service dogs.

Since its founding, Patriot PAWS has placed more than 400 dogs with veterans. According to the Patriot PAWS

website, the partnership with TDCJ is considered one of the most successful programs of its kind in the country.

"It not only changes the veterans' lives but changes the inmates' lives," Sutton said. "It gives them a sense of purpose."

Following the Match-

ing Day ceremony, Patriot PAWS held one more week of training and then an official graduation ceremony for the service dogs on Friday, Oct. 20.

"This is a new chapter in my life," said Patricia Labar, who was excited to match with her service dog, Hoge.



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Patricia Labar matches with Patriot PAWS service dog, Hoge.



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Jennifer Bowles greets her new service dog, Yancey.



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David Allen embraces his new forever friend and service dog, Porkchop.



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David Carrasco with his Patriot PAWS service dog, Matrix.

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In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, employees at the Coryell County Courthouse recently showed their support for breast cancer awareness by dressing in pink. They were joined on the courthouse steps by Winston the therapy dog. Every October people all over the world show their support for those affected by breast cancer. According to Coryell Health, one in eight women in the United States will develop breast cancer in their lifetime. The American Cancer Society recommends women begin receiving annual screening mammograms at age 40.



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Gatesville blasts Salado 35-7 for bounce back win, evens district mark

BY CHRIS ALLMAN
Contributing Writer

Jacob Newkirk, Adrian Smith, and Rayshon Smith keyed a 35-7 rout of Salado on Oct. 13, as Gatesville evened their district record at 1-1.

Newkirk completed eight-of-10 passes for 191 yards and threw three touchdown passes – both a season high – connecting with Adrian Smith twice and Rayshon Smith once through the air.

Rayshon Smith ran for 173 yards on 18 carries – an average of 9.6 yards per carry – and two scores on the ground, while Newkirk and Adrian Smith both capped their nights with an interception apiece on the defensive side.

It all added up to precisely the kind of bounce back win the Hornets needed after dropping their district opener at Connally the week before. That loss came on a heartbreaking, last-second touchdown catch by the Cadets, and was the type of loss that can wreck a team's season if handled incorrectly.

"We played our game at Connally. We executed. We ran it. We played bend-but-don't-break defense and then we got the ball in our hands late with a chance to win it," head coach Aaron

Hunter said. "The other side just had an absolute freak playing for them."

"What I told them after the game was 'don't lose to Connally twice,' meaning that we can't carry that with us into (the) Salado (game). And we didn't. We had some down moments at practice last week, but our kids responded on Friday night," Hunter said.

Boy did they. After a defensive stop on Salado's first series, Gatesville scored on their third offensive play when Rayshon Smith sprinted 65-yards for a touchdown and a 7-0 Hornet lead.

Last week, I told him, "You have to set the tone." He's really starting to figure out that if he can find one crease and accelerate, he's getting 5-6 yards," Hunter said.

Smith's second score was a 25-yard receiving touchdown from Newkirk that put Gatesville up 28-0 late in the third quarter. His final score of the game was a two-yard touchdown run to provide the final 35-7 margin.

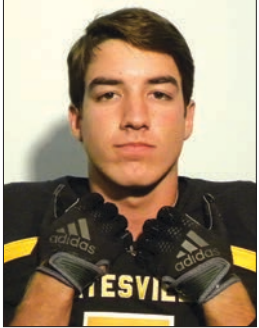
That drive featured a 38-yard run that saw Smith evade the tackle of one defender at the line of scrimmage and break two more tackles at the eight-



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Adrian Smith



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Jacob Newkirk



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Rayshon Smith

yard line before finally being tripped up at the four.

"He's confident and he understands the scheme. He's also really loose right now," said Hunter. "Plus, he runs so hard that the way I look at it is that it's just violent."

After Smith opened the scoring with his long touchdown run, Newkirk and Adrian Smith got into the action.

On Gatesville's second possession, Newkirk hit Smith for 59-yards up the middle of the field, and a score. Newkirk let fly from his own 34-yard line, and Smith settled under the perfectly thrown ball at the Salado 26-yard line before racing the rest of the way for the score.

In the second quarter, he hit Adrian Smith again

– this time for a 30-yard touchdown pass and a 21-0 lead.

Newkirk threw six touchdown passes in last season's 49-35 win over the Eagles and has nine total touchdown passes against zero interceptions in two games against Salado.

"Jacob Newkirk threw some dimes on Friday night. It's by far the best game he played – even better than the game he played last year against them," Hunter said.

On the night, Newkirk connected with six different receivers. In addition to completions to Adrian Smith and Rayshon Smith, he found Gage Ford for 36 yards, Amos Phillips for 11 yards, Theron Stone for eight yards, and Sean Aguilar twice for 11 yards.

Newkirk has thrown for 10 scores with just three interceptions in 67 pass attempts this season. On Friday, he picked up the first interception of his varsity career and picked up four tackles on defense. His head coach is quick to sing his praises for the multitude of ways he contributes.

"His consistency, the way he manages the huddle, the way he manages the game...you could name fifteen things that he does," Hunter said.

Gatesville outgained Salado 396-256 and did not allow a score until Kase Maedgen punched in a two-yard run late in the fourth quarter. Amos Phillips led the Hornets with 17 tackles, while Lawson Mooney had 16. Both Phillips and

Mooney had nine unassisted tackles apiece.

Corey Burns and Tommy Aaron each had double-digit tackles. Logan Biggs broke up three passes to go along with two tackles, and Logan Morgan had nine tackles and broke up two passes. Dutch Nielsen had six tackles, including one for a loss.

Gatesville traveled to Madisonville on Oct. 20, then wraps the regular season at home against Robinson on Oct. 27. Through two weeks of district play, Connally and Madisonville were each 1-0, while Gatesville and Robinson are each 1-1. Salado was 0-2 through their first two games.



Oglesby Cross Country team members are (pictured left to right): Couper Wulfkuhle, Allison Uribe, Gunner Riley, Javon Howard, Maddison Smith, Holdyn Goff, David Meija, Ashton Hooker, and Coach Dylan Segundo.

COURTESY PHOTO

Oglesby Tigers compete at cross country meet, some advance to Regionals

BY TOM NORRELL
Contributing Writer

The Oglesby Tigers boys and girls cross country teams participated in the District 25A Cross Country Meet Oct. 11 in Jonesboro. Participants for the varsity boys were David Meija,

Ashton Hooker, and Javon Howard. Gunner Riley ran in the Junior Varsity Division.

Participants for the girls division were Maddison Smith and Allison Uribe.

Regional qualifiers in girls

division: Maddison Smith, won 5th place medal. Allison Uribe, won 7th place medal.

Regional qualifiers for boys division: David Meija, won 2nd

place medal. Javon Howard, won 10th place medal.

Gunner Riley placed first in the junior varsity division. The Junior High Cross Country division for

Oglesby Tigers consisted of boys only. Couper Wulfkuhle earned a second place medal and Holdyn Goff earned a third place medal.

The Tigers are coached by Dylan Segundo.

Gatesville keeps playoff streak alive with win over Connally

BY CHRIS ALLMAN
Contributing Writer

Thanks to a 3-1 win over Connally and a La Vega loss to China Spring, the Gatesville Lady Hornets have clinched their 21st consecutive playoff berth.

"It feels great to be able to carry on the tradition. Expectations are high, and we work every day to improve," said head coach Janey Weber.

Gatesville's current streak of playoff appearances started in 2003 when they were bi-district finalists under then-coach and current Athletic Director Rickey Phillips. Since that first berth, they have won 20 playoff games, four bi-district championships, seven area titles, and they advanced to the regional tournament in 2010 and 2011.

Gatesville beat Connally in four sets on Sept. 29, and

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GJHS EARNS SECOND PLACE AT DISTRICT



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The Gatesville Junior High Cross Country Boys and Girls teams both placed 2nd at district.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

<div style="text-align: center;"> <p>GATESVILLE HORNETS</p> <p>Jacob Newkirk 191 yards passing, 10 yards rushing, 3 passing TD's, 5 Tackles, 1 interception</p> </div>	<div style="text-align: center;"> <p>JONESBORO EAGLES</p> <p>Layden Nichols 1 reception for 13 yards, 6 tackles, 4 assists, 1 interception for 20 yards, 2 TDs, 12 kick points</p> </div>
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Tigers junior high A team takes their first loss of the season

BY TOM NORRELL
Contributing Writer

The Oglesby Junior High Football A team traveled to Abbott to play the Division 1 Abbott Junior High Panthers on Oct. 12. The Tigers suffered their first loss of the year in a very hard-fought game. Both teams exchanged touchdowns throughout the evening, but in waning seconds of the fourth quarter, an Abbott touchdown sealed the game with a 34-26 victory.

Offensively for the Tigers, Holdyn Goff led all rushers and scoring. Goff had 14 carries for 104 yards, and scored on two touchdown runs of five and seven yards. Goff was seven for 13 passing for

144 yards and a 10-yard touchdown pass to Mason Marquez. Goff hit two PAT passes to Mason Marquez and Blayze Fisher. Goff finished the night with 248 total yards.

Mason Marquez had six carries for 31 yards rushing, including a four-yard touchdown run, four receptions for 65 yards, and one 10-yard touchdown reception. Marquez caught one PAT pass for the conversion. He ended the night with 96 yards total offense.

Evan Williamson had two receptions for 44 yards, and one five-yard kickoff return, for a total of 49 total yards.

Blayze Fisher caught a

PAT pass for conversion. Defensively for the Tigers:

Evan Williamson had four solos and three assists, for seven total tackles.

Holdyn Goff had six solos and one assist, for a total of seven tackles.

Blayze Fisher had two solos and five assists, for a total of seven tackles.

Mason Marquez had three solos and three assists, for a total of six tackles. Caden Brinkley had two solos and two assists, for a total of four tackles.

Ranger Dalton had two solo tackles.

The Junior High Team has a week off before starting District play.

MARCH OVER THE EAGLES PEP RALLY

COURTESY PHOTOS BY GHS CHEERLEADERS

Gatesville High School honored our troops this week with Military Appreciation Night at Friday's game. During their pep rally, themed "March over the Eagles," students were encouraged to show their patriotism by dressing in red, white, and blue. GHS cheerleaders and band members joined in the fun to show their appreciation.



STREAK

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the Lady Cadets seemed bent on exacting some revenge in the rematch. After a back-and-forth start to the first set, they pulled away for a 25-20 win.

Set two was a completely different story.

"I am so proud of the way the team came back after game one. We showed a lot of grit, confidence, and were relentless in each phase," Weber said.

Gatesville steamrolled the Lady Cadets in the second set, winning 25-9.

They jumped out to a 7-1 lead, thanks in large part to their dominance at the net. In the early part of the set, the trio of Emma Pollard, Addison Taylor, and Laura Trejo controlled the front row while Barrett Boyd and Anna McPherson joined the party later in the frame.

After Connally momentarily paused the momentum and cut the deficit to 10-8, the Lady Hornets exploded and reeled off 15 of the next 16 points.

The run featured three aces from Belle Bartlett, three kills and two blocks from Boyd, and a kill and two blocks from McPherson.

They took the third set 25-20 and finished with a highlight reel effort from Trejo. After a Connally block, Trejo dove, rolled, and kept the play alive with a one-handed dig. Her effort resulted in a perfect pass to Taylor Sanderson who set up Emma Pollard for the winning point.

In the fourth set, Boyd picked up the final point of the 25-16 set by pummeling an errant Connally pass for a winner. Boyd and Trejo - Gatesville's lone seniors - were playing their penultimate home games.

"Barrett and Trejo have

made a big impact. I am so appreciative of the time, hard work, and energy they have put into the volleyball program," Weber said. "Both of these girls would do anything I ask of them and do it with 110%. They have been great examples to our younger players, and I know they are going to do big things in the future."

Gatesville wrapped their home schedule with a game against state-ranked Salado on Oct. 20, then finish the regular season at La Vega on Oct. 24. The postseason would begin on Oct. 30 or Oct. 31.



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Barrett Boyd



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GATESVILLE JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL RESULTS



8A vs. Salado

	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Gatesville	6	7	7	7	27
Salado	6	6	6	8	26

Leading Rushers: Grady Keeton- 19 for 144 yards, 2 TDs (18 and 30 yards); Braxton Brown- 7 for 31; Draven Henderson- 3 for 12, TD (2-yard TD)

Offensive Line standouts: Isaac Crawford, Joey Lonsetta, Stephen Walker, Jaxon Botkin, Zak Rodriguez

Leading Passers: Grady Keeton- 3/5, 39 yards, 1 TD

Leading Receivers: Draven Henderson- 1 for 18, TD; Kaydon Buster- 2 for 21, 1 TD

Leading Tacklers/Defensive players: Grady Keeton- 12 tackles, 1 PBU; Jaycob Webb- 4 tackles, 1 TFL; Draven Henderson- 4 tackles, 3 pressure passer; Austyn Pickle- 6 tackles, 1 PBU; Wayne Brumbalow- 4 tackles; Stephen Walker- 3 tackles, 1 TFL; Camden Webb- 1 TFL, 1 PBU

Special Teams- Leo Leon- 3/3 on XPs

Season Record: 6-0

8B vs. Salado

	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Gatesville	6	6	0	0	12
Salado	0	0	0	0	0

Leading Rushers: Kegan Redford- 7 for 21; Cash Heath- 4 for 42; Hayden Kirby- 4 for 8; Brensyn Pope- 3 for 53, 1 TD run of 39 yards

Offensive Line/ TE standouts: Memphis Salas, Kaiden Gibson

Leading Passer: Cash Heath- 1/1 for 18 yards, 1 TD

Leading Receiver: Pate Foster- 18-yard TD catch

Leading Tacklers/Defensive players: Kegan Redford- 4 tackles, 1 pressure passer; Hunter Loy- 3 tackles, 1 PBU; Pate Foster- 3 tackles, 1 TFL

Season Record: 3-3

7A vs. Salado

	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Gatesville	6	0	0	0	6
Salado	0	0	0	6	6

Leading Rushers: Bennett Eggeling- 12 for 62 (2-yard TD run); Sebastian Hubik- 2 for 6

Leading Tacklers/Defensive players: Sebastian Hubik- 12 tackles, 1 sack, 1 TFL; Theo Williams- 6 tackles, 1 fumble recovery, 1 sack, 1 TFL; Jaxson Franks- 5 tackles; Bennett Eggeling- 3 tackles; Brayden Warren- 4 tackles, 1 INT; Jennar Velasquez- 3 tackles

Season Record: 1-4-1

7B vs. Salado

	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Gatesville	0	0	0	8	8
Salado	0	6	0	0	6

Leading Rushers: Damian Millan- 6 carries for 49 yards, 1 TD (45-yard TD run under a minute to play in game); Micah Olvera- 3 for 28, game winning 2 point conversion

Offensive Line/ TE standouts: Jackson Gauden, Callen Streetman

Leading Tacklers/Defensive players: Micah Olvera- 6 tackles, Zachary Poliquin- 4 tackles; Damian Millan- 3 tackles, Channing Hardcastle- 4 tackles, 1 fumble recovery; Jackson Gauden- game winning sack

Season Record: 4-1-1

Lady Elks volleyball seals District Championship

Staff Reports

Evant defeated Gustine Independent School District and sealed the district 16-1A championship, 25-9, 25-10, 25-14.

The stats include:
Harley Weeks - 3 aces, 6 digs, 21 assists, 4 kills.
Hailey Neri - 1 ace, 6 digs, 1 kill.
Molly Waldrum - 2 aces,

3 digs, 16 kills, 2 blocks.
Bree Ramirez - 3 aces, 10 digs, 9 assists, 4 kills.
Luwi Rodriguez - 1 ace, 11 digs, 6 kills.
Izzy Grandy - 4 aces, 5 digs, 5 kills.
Maya Reynolds - 2 digs, 1 kill.
The Lady Elks defeated Mullin ISD on Tuesday, Oct. 17, 25-8, 25-10, 25-11. The team finished in

the district as undefeated champions and will have the first-round bye in the playoffs.

The stats include:

Harley Weeks - 15 assists, 4 kills, 1 ace, 2 digs.
Hailey Neri - 4 kills, 4 digs.
Molly Waldrum - 12 kills, 2 aces, 2 digs, 3 blocks.

Bree Ramirez - 9 assists, 1 kill, 2 aces, 3 digs.
Luwi Rodriguez - 3 assists, 5 kills, 5 digs, 1 ace.
Izzy Grandy - 2 aces, 5 kills, 2 digs.
Jolyce Acosta - 1 ace, 2 digs.
Maya Reynolds - 1 dig.
Bella Kolajo - 1 kill.
Daisy Morales - 1 dig.
Evant ISD is located at 339 Memory Lane in Evant.

Gatesville Messenger football contest results

Week 8, October 13-14

1. Gatesville vs. Salado
2. Copperas Cove vs. Midway
3. Jonesboro vs. Santa Anna
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11. Moody vs. Crawford

First place in week 8 was once again tied between David White and C.W. Vernon, who both

correctly picked nine out of 11 games. A tiebreaker score of 42 determined White, who predicted 36 points, the first place winner and Vernon, who predicted 60 points, the second place winner. White wins \$20 and Vernon wins \$10. Third place was also tied between Yvonne

Dutschmann and Rancher Jeffcoat, who both picked seven out of 11 games. Dutschmann predicted 47 points on the tiebreaker while Jeffcoat predicted 63 points. Dutschmann wins third place and \$5.

Oglesby JV falls to Division 1 Abbott Panthers

BY TOM NORRELL
Contributing Writer

The Oglesby Junior Varsity Team played the Division 1 Abbott Panthers JV Team Oct. 12. The Panthers came away with a 40-7 victory over the Tigers.

Offensively for the Tigers, Aiden Oxford led the team in rushing with 16 carries and 73 yards, including a 55-yard touchdown run for the

Tigers only touchdown of the night. He had one pass reception for 20 yards, two kickoff returns for 19 yards, and one PAT conversion. Oxford had a total of 112 yards. He also had a 65-yard kickoff return for a touchdown, but it was nullified by a holding penalty. Abram Shaw had five carries for 35 yards. Kayson Campbell had a carry for 10 yards. Jordan

Smith was one of six passing for 20 yards.

Defensively:

Jaxon Markum continues to improve on defense, leading all tacklers with eight solos and five assists for a total 13 tackles.

Javon Howard had four solos and four assists for eight tackles.

Jordan Smith had two solos and five assists for

seven tackles.

Abram Shaw had one solo and one assist for two tackles.

Aiden Oxford had three solo tackles. Joseph Escamilla assisted with a tackle.

Kayson Campbell had two solos, one assist, and two quarterback pressures.

The Oglesby JV Tigers are idle next week until District play.

Red Ribbon Week celebrated annually in October

Staff Reports

Red Ribbon Week is celebrated each year through the week of Oct. 23 to Oct. 31. This is the nation's oldest and largest drug prevention awareness program.

Red Ribbon Week began following the death of Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Special Agent Enrique Camarena, who in 1985 was brutally murdered by drug traffickers while investigating in Mexico. To honor SA Camarena, high school friend, Henry Lozano, and Congressman Duncan Hunter, created Camarena Clubs and the wearing of a red ribbon to show opposition to drugs.

In 1988, the National Family Partnership coordinated the first National Red Ribbon Week, with President and Mrs. Reagan serving as honorary chairpersons. Since then, the Red Ribbon campaign has taken on national significance, and NFP continues to coordinate the campaign for families, schools, and communities

across the nation each year. The following campuses will participate in dress-up days to honor the annual Red Ribbon Week:

Gatesville Primary School, Gatesville Elementary School, and Gatesville Intermediate School will share the same dress-up

days from Monday, Oct. 23 through Friday, Oct. 27. Monday, wear tie dye; Tuesday, dress like a superhero; Wednesday, wear red, white, and blue; Thursday, crazy socks; and Friday, Halloween costumes. Students must be in dress code, along with no masks.

Gatesville High School will participate in its dress-up days from Monday, Oct. 23 through Friday, Oct. 27. Monday, wear tie dye; Tuesday, barbeque dad or soccer mom; Wednesday, country vs country; Thursday, crazy/backward day; and Friday, freaky Friday or Halloween costumes.

Oglesby Independent School District will hold dress up days from Monday, Oct. 23 through Friday, Oct. 27. Monday, wear red; Tuesday, wear neon/bright colors; Wednesday, wear camo; Thursday, wear athletic gear; and Friday, soccer mom or barbeque dad.

Evant Independent School District will hold dress up days from Tuesday, Oct. 24 to Friday, Oct. 27. Tuesday, pajama day; Wednesday, twin day; Thursday, Hawaiian day; and Friday, costume day.

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Gallaher the Texan leader again, Samaniego shines in final round at Oregon State Invitational

Tarleton State University

CORVALLIS, Ore. — For the third time in three golf tournaments this season, Carson Gallaher led the Texans, this time at the Oregon State Invitational on Monday, Oct. 9 and Tuesday, Oct. 10.

Gallaher shot +9 (72-73-77) to finish tied for 32nd at Trysting Tree Golf Club. Since joining the Purple and White, Gallaher has powered Tarleton State in each tournament.

It was a cold and rainy day on Tuesday, but Bladen Samaniego shined through it, turning in a career-best round of -1 (70) to shoot +13 (79-77-70) overall for tied-60th.

Alvaro Huidobro had the best opening round among the group at even-par (71).

He finished +14 (71-74-82) for tied-66th. Freshman Tate Littman made his collegiate debut, shooting +15 (76-78-74) for tied-75th. Freshman Chandler Barch rounded out the group at +18 (77-73-81) for tied-82nd.

As a team, Tarleton finished 14th at +43 (296-297-302). The host Beavers won the event at +3 (270-292-293). Arizona State's Nicholas Prieto was the medalist at -4 (68-70-71).

The Texans have one tournament remaining this fall, an international event just over the border. Tarleton State will play in George Washington's Monterrey International Invitational at Club Campestre Monterrey in Monterrey, Mexico, on Oct. 27-28.



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Kendall records 100th save in loss at Utah Tech

Tarleton State University

ST. GEORGE, Utah — Mikayla Kendall notched her 100th save of the season on her second save of the night in Tarleton State's 3-1 loss to Utah Tech on Thursday, Oct. 12 at Greater Zion Stadium.

Kendall became the first Texan and first Western Athletic Conference goalkeeper this season to eclipse the 100-saves mark with 8 against the Trailblazers. She is just the sixth NCAA Division 1 goalie to reach the feat this season.

Nicole Fels prevented the Texans from being shut out scoring her second goal of the season with two minutes remaining in the second half.

Avery Harr fired her 14th shot on goal to inch closer to the program record of 15

that she set last season.

Harr streaked 40 yards down the sideline in the third minute to take a shot from the far left 20 yards left that was saved by the UT keeper.

In the 15th minute of play, Kendall fielded a ground ball off a slow shot from 20 yards to notch her 100th save of the season. She faced three more shots in the first half recording a save on each and keeping the Trailblazers scoreless.

In the 27th minute, Mila Bettinelli found a pass in the middle of field and fired in a tailing shot that was just tipped out by the outstretched hands of the diving goalie.

Neither team was able to make any true scoring

threats in the first half resulting in a 0-0 deadlock after 45 minutes on the pitch.

Utah Tech was quick to score out of the half breaking the scoreless tie four minutes into the second half. Brynlee Rider found the left corner of the net past Kendall who was being shielded by a Trailblazer defender.

Just over 15 minutes later, UT added its second goal of the night originating from a corner. Emily Garbett sent the corner nearly 10 yards in the middle front of the goal where Kearney Hoggan was there to send a header past Kendall who was being shielded by a Trailblazer defender.

The Trailblazers added a third goal off a free kick from 20 yards out. Garbett's



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free kick found Hanna Carlisle who headed in an insurance goal for UT.

With just over two minutes remaining in the contest, Fels headed in Jaycie Bass' corner just a few feet in front of the Utah Tech keeper,

to prevent the Trailblazers from earning a shutout. The Texans were unable to answer two more times in the final two minutes and fell, 3-1.

Utah Tech outshot the Texans, 22-5 and 11-4 on

goal. Tarleton held the advantage in corner kicks, 5-4 and was called for two less fouls than UT. The Purple and White also recorded eight saves to Utah Tech's, three.

Texans fall in double overtime heartbreaker at Eastern Kentucky

Tarleton State University

RICHMOND, Ky. - The Texans had a chance to win a roller coaster ride of a game as time expired, but a missed field goal pushed the conference contest to overtime. Eastern Kentucky ended up winning the United Athletic Conference game in Richmond, Kentucky, 41-35 in double overtime on their homecoming Saturday, Oct. 14.

The Texans (4-3, 1-2 UAC) dropped their second straight game and fell to 0-2 all-time at EKU, but this game was much different than their last at Roy Kidd Stadium. The offense exploded for their highest scoring game since Sept. 9, covering 527 of total yards, including 316 on the ground. The Colonels (3-3, 2-0 UAC) won their third straight game since starting the year 0-3.

Tarleton entered the fourth quarter trailing 28-21, tying it on a 3-yard Derrel Kelley III touchdown rush with 9:45 to play. The Texans forced a missed field goal on EKU's ensuing drive, then bled out the remaining 5:35 of regulation and attempted a 24-yard field goal as time expired that sailed wide.

In overtime, EKU got the ball first and scored a touchdown on two plays. Tarleton answered in a dire circumstance, facing 4th and 15 on the EKU 30-yard line. Texan

QB Victor Gabalis found Darius Cooper in the middle of the end zone for a 30-yard touchdown connection to push the game to double overtime. In 2OT, Gabalis' pass got hit in the air, and EKU's Logan Blake came down with the tip-drill interception. EKU's Parker McKinney QB-sneaked a 1-yard touchdown to win the game for the Colonels.

Gabalis finished 16-of-30 for 211 yards, three touchdowns and two interceptions. Kayvon Britten exploded for 187 yards on 18 carries (10.4 yards per carry) and a touchdown. Kelley joined him above the century mark, rushing for 102 yards on 17 attempts (6.0 YPC) and a score. Cooper had six receptions for 149 yards and two touchdowns, and Benjamin Omayebu tallied five catches for 39 yards and a touchdown.

At 316 rushing yards, Tarleton had their most in a game since Sept. 11, 2021, vs. Fort Lewis (347). The Texans also had multiple players with 100-plus rushing yards since Sept. 25, 2021.

Defensively, Qua'Shawn Washington led Tarleton with



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nine tackles, adding 0.5 TFL. Ely Doyle had eight tackles, and Kyle Taylor notched seven. Brandon Tolvert and Caimyn Layne each recorded a sack.

EKU's Braedon Sloan scored four touchdowns, rushing for three touchdowns, covering 120 yards on 24 attempts (5.0 YPC), adding a receiving touchdown on five catches for 40 yards. McKinney completed 19-of-33 for 190 yards and a touchdown, adding 98 rushing yards on 10 carries (9.8 YPC) and the game-winning touchdown.

The Texans started Saturday's game with a 75-yard scoring drive, sparked

by a 21-yard Gabalis rush. He then tossed a 2-yard touchdown to Omayebu, the wide receiver's first of the season.

Midway through the opening quarter, EKU answered with a 48-yard Joshua Carter rushing touchdown.

Tarleton answered right back, going 70 yards in just over two minutes. Cooper had a 36-yard leaping grab, then Britten punched in a 4-yard touchdown, his seventh score on the ground this season, eighth overall. The Texan running back has scored in six of seven games this year. Tarleton led 14-7 after the first.

The Colonels tied it once

again on their first drive of the second quarter, a Sloan 2-yard rush.

But again, the Texans answered right back themselves, going 75 yards, scoring on a 27-yard Gabalis to Cooper connection.

With a minute left in the first half, Sloan ran in another score to make it 21-21 at halftime.

The Colonels opened the second half with a 75-yard scoring drive to take their first lead of the game, 28-21.

Sloan scored his third touchdown of the day, his first receiving, on a 15-yard pass from McKinney. EKU led 28-21 entering the fourth quarter.

With about 11 minutes left, Britten broke free on a 59-yard rush to put the Texans on the doorstep, then Kelley finished the deal with a 3-yard scoring rush, his third of the season.

Tarleton then forced EKU to miss a 49-yard field goal wide left. The Texans marched down the other end, bleeding the clock all the way out with a chance to win. Facing 4th and 1 at the EKU 18-yard line, Tarleton decided to go for it, but Tuli Teuhema was called for a snap infraction, sending the Texans five yards back and the field goal team on. A pre-snap penalty changed

things again, this time on EKU, called for a delay of game due to messing with Tarleton's snap calls. The Texans put the offense back on the field, and Kelley powered through for four yards and a first down.

Tarleton got down to the 7-yard line and called time out with three seconds left. Adrian Guzman, the reigning UAC Special Teams Player of the Week, missed a 24-yard field goal as time expired after a high snap and tough hold rushed the process. Guzman was a perfect 32-of-32 on kicks this season before the missed field goal, including 7-of-7 on field goal attempts.

In the first overtime, Sloan opened with a 20-yard rush, then scored his fourth touchdown of the day from five yards out. On Tarleton's possession, the Texans were down to their last play, 4th and 15 from the EKU 30-yard line. Gabalis zipped one up the middle to find Cooper in the end zone, and Guzman split the uprights on the extra point to tie the game.

In double overtime, Gabalis was picked off on third down, and EKU took advantage with the walk-off touchdown.

Next up for the Texans is their homecoming game against Morehead State on Saturday, Oct. 21, at 6 p.m. at Memorial Stadium in Stephenville, Texas.

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Legal Notice

In a meeting on November 2, 2023, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission (the Commission) will consider authorizing the acquisition of approximately 95 acres at Mother Neff State Park. The public will have an opportunity to comment on the proposed transaction before the Commission takes action. The meeting will start at 9:00 a.m. at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Headquarters, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas 78744. Prior to the meeting, public comment may be submitted to Trey Vick, Land Conservation, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas 78744, or by email to trey.vick@tpwd.texas.gov, or via the department's website at www.tpwd.texas.gov. Visit the TPWD website at tpwd.texas.gov for the latest information regarding the Commission meeting. 00030426

PUBLIC NOTICE: There will be a scheduled Public Hearing of the Planning and Zoning Commission of Gatesville on November 6, 2023, in the City's Council Chambers 110 N. 8th Street at 5:30 p.m. The purpose of this Public Hearing is to consider a zoning amendment to newly annexed property located 911 Old Pidcoke Road. This hearing is open to the public.

BY: Liz Reinhardt
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO DISTRICT RULES

Notice is hereby given that the Middle Trinity Groundwater Conservation District ("MTGCD") will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, November 9, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. at 930 N Wolfe Nursery Road, Stephenville, Texas, 76401, to discuss, consider and receive public comment on proposed amendments to the District's rules. All interested parties are invited to attend. The Board will consider proposed amendments to establish a transport fee of \$0.20 per thousand gallons of water transported out of the District effective January 1, 2024. Any person who desires to appear at the hearing and present comment or other information on the proposed amendments may do so in person, by counsel, or both. Comments may be presented verbally or in written form. Limits may be placed on the amount of time that each person is allowed to present verbal comments. The hearing posted in this notice may be rescinded from day to day or continued where appropriate.

A copy of the proposed amendments to the District Rules may be requested by email at wells@middletrinitygcd.org, and is available at MTGCD's website www.middletrinitygcd.org, and may be reviewed or copied at 930 N Wolfe Nursery Road, Stephenville, Texas, 76401. Any person who wishes to receive more detailed information on this notice of the proposed District Rules should contact the General Manager, at 254-965-6705. 00030436

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Linda Woolsey Bode, Deceased, were issued on 8-30-23, in Cause No. 23-10860, pending in the County Court-at-Law of Coryell County, Texas, to: Jerolyn Shanks.

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: Jerolyn Shanks
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2808 Sleepy Hollow Trail
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DATED the 15th day of Sept., 2023.
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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT (NORI) RENEWAL

PERMIT NUMBER 17410

APPLICATION. Conners Construction, Inc., has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for renewal of Air Quality Permit Number 17410, which would authorize continued operation of a Rock Crushing Plant located at 135 Oglesby Neff Park Road, Oglesby, Coryell County, Texas 76561. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application. <https://gisweb.tceq.texas.gov/LocationMapper/?marker=-97.521111,31.369167&level=13>. The existing facility is authorizing to emit the following air contaminants: carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, organic compounds, particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less and sulfur dioxide.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on September 25, 2023. The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, TCEQ Waco regional office, and the Gatesville Public Library, 111 North 8th Street, Gatesville, Coryell County, Texas beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Waco regional office of the TCEQ.

The executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. Information in the application indicates that this permit renewal would not result in an increase in allowable emissions and would not result in the emission of an air contaminant not previously emitted. **The TCEQ may act on this application without seeking further public comment or providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.**

PUBLIC COMMENT. You may submit public comments to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application and the executive director will prepare a response those comments. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the TCEQ's jurisdiction to address in the permit process.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. You may request a contested case hearing if you are a person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility; and (7) a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period. If the request is made by a group or association, one or more members who have standing to request a hearing must be identified by name and physical address. The interests the group or association seeks to protect must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns.

The deadline to submit a request for a contested case hearing is 15 days after newspaper notice is published. If a request is timely filed, the deadline for requesting a contested case hearing will be extended to 30 days after mailing of the response to comments.

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Further information may also be obtained from Conners Construction, Inc., 2513 U.S. Highway 77, Lott, Texas 76656-3595 or by calling Mrs. Melissa Fitts, Vice President, Westward Environmental, Inc. at (830) 249-8284.

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AIR PERMIT (NORI) RENEWAL**

PERMIT NUMBER 75715L002

APPLICATION. Connors Construction, Inc., has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for renewal of Air Quality Permit Number 75715L002, which would authorize continued operation of a Rock Crushing Plant located at 13310 Farm-to-Market Road 107, Oglesby, Coryell County, Texas 76561. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application. <https://gisweb.tceq.texas.gov/LocationMapper/?marker=-97.493301,31.35723&level=13>. The existing facility is authorized to emit the following air contaminants: carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, organic compounds, particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less and sulfur dioxide.

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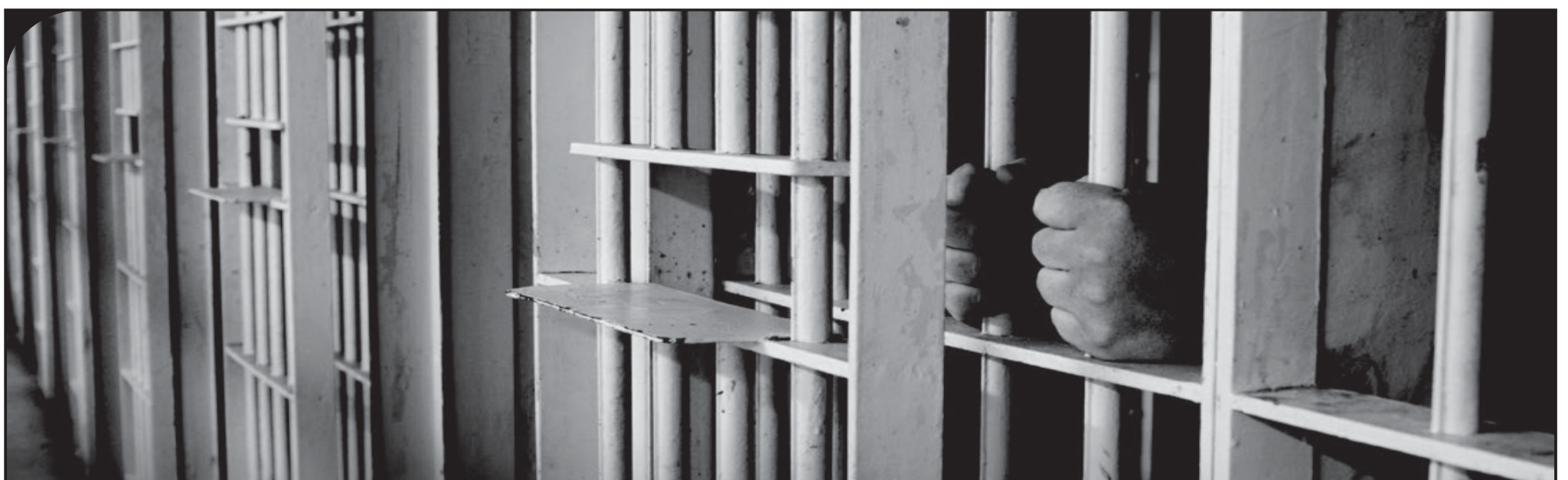
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- ▶ 1.469 acres, Lampasas River Place Subdivision, Lampasas River frontage, good tree cover, electricity along north property line, Kempner water line runs along the front of the property. \$125,000
- ▶ 10.01 acres East of Evant, TX in Coryell County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

Retired teachers attend district workshop

BY MARSHA LEE

On Tuesday, Sept. 19, seven members from the local Coryell chapter of CRSP (Coryell Retired School Personnel) attended a Fall District 12 Leadership Workshop for Retired Teachers and School Personnel held in Waco at the Region XII Education Service Center. They were Gerald and Gayla Linton, Terri Phillips, Debbie Grmela, Gail Johnson, JoAnn Sugg, and Kathy Smith. In addition to Coryell County (Gatesville), District XII also includes chapters from Bell (Temple), Bosque, Falls, Freestone, Hamilton, Hill, Killeen, Lampasas, Limestone, Mills, Navarro, McLennan (Waco) counties, and the city of Copperas Cove. The theme for this year was "TRTA (Texas Retired Teachers Association): Superheroes for 70 Years." JoAnn Sugg, the local Chapter President for the last four years, presided over the meeting as District 12 President this year.

TRTA's Mission Statement is that their association "advocates for improved benefits for all education retirees and promotes the well-being of all its members." Goals for District 12 were set as follows: (1) to pass Proposition 9; (2) to increase district membership by 2%; (3) to increase volunteer hours to 285,000 (this year's total was 277,163 hours, of which 69,742 were donated by Gatesville); (4) to donate 10,000 books to children ages twelve and under (this year's total was 9,727, of which 2,606 were donated by Gatesville); and (5) to increase scholarships for seniors pursuing a major in education to a district-wide total of \$15,000 (Gatesville

provided two scholarships). The local chapter currently has 96 members. Although they are grateful for having gained several new members, they have also lost some the last few years. If you are a retiree, and are not a member yet, they would love to have you join them. They regularly submit a large number of volunteer hours to our District 12 yearly and donate around 1800-2600 books to children each year. They also manage to provide two scholarships each year for seniors.

Gatesville is well-represented by active members on both district and state levels. Two district officers are from the local chapter: JoAnn Sugg, District 12 President, and Mary Bruton, District 12 Historian. Gail Johnson is one of the fourteen chapter Presidents in this district. District XII also has three members serving on the state level: Earl Walls from Mills County (Chairman of State Organizational Affairs Committee), Alicia Smith from Freestone County (Chairman of State Legislative Committee), and Shirley Boyd from Bell County (Chairman of State Membership Committee). Several of the Texas State Legislators from the House of Representatives were in attendance at the conference: Hugh Shine, Brad Buckley, Angela Orr, David Spiller, Cody Harris, and Charles Anderson.

One key speaker was Marcy Cann, State President of TRTA. She spoke on campaign news and helping get people out to vote. Legislative updates were also discussed.

Local Retired School Personnel Make Plans for 2023-2024

BY MARSHA LEE

Members of CRSP (Coryell Retired School Personnel) met on Thursday, Sept. 28, at 5:30 p.m., at Eastwood Baptist Church for their traditional "indoor picnic" or "potluck party" to start off the year. About 64 members were present.

Local President, Gail Johnson, introduced officers and committee chairmen for the 2023-2024 year. In addition to Gail Johnson, officers are JoAnn Sugg, Immediate Past-President; 1st Vice-President, Gayla Linton; 2nd Vice-President, Marsha Lee; Secretary, Kathy Smith; Treasurer, Anne Byrom; and Parliamentarian, Sue Vernon. Committee chairmen include Volunteer Services, Debbie Grmela; Local Health Care, Francis Wise; Information/Protective Services, Gerald Linton; Legislative, Yvonne Dutschmann; Technical Contact, Stella Wiegrefe and Terri Phillips; Membership, Gayla Linton; Public Relations/Children's Books Project, Marsha Lee; Local Retirement Education, Mary Bruton; Local Benefits Representative, Sue Vernon; Foundation, JoAnn Sugg; Yearbook, Kathy Smith and Debbie Grmela; Telephone Committee, Betty Brown; Scholarships, Velva Riddle; and Social Activities, Gerald Linton.

Goals set for CRSP include (1) to increase local membership by adding at least 10 new members; (2) to keep members informed about political issues impacting public education, teachers, retirees, and our retirement fund; (3) to provide two scholarships for graduating seniors planning to enter the field of education in college; (4) to donate 2000 books to children in the Gatesville area; and (5) to improve CRSP communication with phone calls, texts, emails, Facebook, and newsletters.

The program agenda for this year combines some serious, informative, and interesting topics, along with some "fun activities." The schedule includes "Safety K-9 Style" with our County Sheriff's Depart-



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"The Leading Ladies" performed for the retired teachers at the end of their program. Charles Ament accompanied on the piano, and Rosemary Whittle directed the choir.

ment and K-9 Drago on Oct. 26; "CRSP Foundation History" with the City of Gatesville and Scott Albert, speaker, on Nov. 16; a trip to Cleburne to eat lunch and attend a 3 p.m. performance of "It's a Wonderful Life" at the Plaza Theater Company, in December; date to be announced; "New Year Blessings" with Samuel Crosby, and a Silent Auction (items for auction needed) to raise money for their scholarships on Jan. 25; Playing "Bingo for Books" (small prizes appreciated) to raise money for books to donate to local children on Feb. 22; "Space-tacular Eclipse Program" and information on the upcoming total solar eclipse on March 28; and "Health and Wellness" with Emily Leib Wuenschel, PA-C, on April 25. The group normally meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m., with meetings starting at 10 a.m., at Ranchers' Steak House, and enjoy visitation and lunch together afterward. If you are a retiree from GISD (or another school system and live in Coryell County), the members would love for visitors to come to their meetings and join the organization. The group has fun, but they help out others in the community as well. Please consider join-

ing the local chapter of CRSP.

After enjoying a fantastic "potluck" meal, Gail Johnson introduced their first special guest, Dr. Barrett Pollard, who joined GISD as Assistant Superintendent of Academics in 2016. He has then served as GISD Superintendent since 2019. He gave a brief but thorough summary and update of our school district as we started off the 2023-2024 school year, covering educational needs, faculty and student enrollment, policy and building changes, addressing safety concerns, and how students are performing academically, as well as in extracurricular activities. Asked what the most difficult educational challenge had been, or issue we have faced in the past few years, he replied it was definitely coming back from covid and "virtual learning." There was no doubt that students were behind when they came back, for a number of reasons, so both students and teachers had to really work hard to regain what had been lost. Lastly, he explained what passage of Proposition A on the November ballot would mean to school districts and how the local district would use the money. (There was an excellent article interview-

ing Dr. Pollard on this issue in the Oct. 7 Gatesville Messenger).

After Dr. Pollard concluded his presentation, JoAnn Sugg, our District 12 President, explained about Proposition 9 on the November ballot, which would provide a pension increase for retired teachers. No public-school retiree since 2004 has received a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA). Most teachers are not eligible to receive social security, so their TRS pension is their primary source of income. There will be no increase in taxes for this, as the Texas legislature has already set aside the funds to make this happen with voter approval.

Next, Gail Johnson introduced the last part of the program, a performance by a multi-talented group of singers known as "The Leading Ladies." The group is directed by Rosemary Whittle, and Charles Ament is their accompanist. The singers include Doris Music, Mary Kafer, Kathleen Blankemeyer, Michelle Martin, Katherine Sullivan, Anna Kate Stanley, Shirleen Chandler, Debbie Ament, Nancy Suson, Marsha Fowler, Becky Jones, Chelsey Johnson, Karen Schmidt, DeDe Powell, and Diana Fincher.

Retired School Personnel to meet Oct. 26

Staff Reports

Members of Coryell Retired School Personnel (CRSP) will have their next meeting on Thursday, Oct. 26, at Rancher's Steak House, with social time at 9:30 a.m., and meeting starting at 10 a.m.

The program "Safety K-9 Style" will be presented by the Coryell County Sheriff's Office and K-9 Drago.

Members are reminded to bring their volunteer service hours from this last month or hours from April 2023 through this month's meeting if members missed the September meeting or forgot to bring them last month.

Also remember to vote and support Proposition 9, which will give retired school personnel a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for the first time in almost 20 years. Since most school retirees are not eligible for social security and depend on their pension for income, this COLA will help them very much in light of rising prices and inflation. Also, explain to anyone who asks that this action will NOT cause a tax increase as funds have already been set aside for it by the legislature.

Voting day is Tuesday, Nov. 7. However, early voting begins on Monday, Oct. 23.

SUPERIOR RATINGS



COURTESY PHOTO

The Gatesville High School Fighting Hornet Band competed at Midway Independent School District on Saturday, Oct. 14, where they received superior ratings. The competition marked a 10-year streak of getting all superior ratings. This was possible through the hard work of the band, color guard, dazlers, and directors.

Fall is for FUN!

Staff Reports

OCT. 21

EVANT ISD ANNUAL HARVEST FESTIVAL TO BE HELD OCT. 21

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.

OCT. 24

GATESVILLE PRIMARY PRESENTS FALL FAMILY NIGHT OCT. 24

A Fall Family Night will be hosted by Gatesville Primary School on Tuesday,

Oct. 24 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and will be held on the playground.

The event will feature various activities, including a book fair, games, crafts, the Nipa food truck, the Coffee Saloon truck, Bryson's Sno-Dizzle, and much more.

Be sure to wear a Halloween costume.

For more information, the Gatesville Primary School can be contacted at 254-865-7264.

Gatesville Primary School is located at 308 Hornet Way.

OCT. 26

GATESVILLE INTERMEDIATE PRESENTS FALL FESTIVAL OCT. 26

A fall festival will be hosted by Gatesville Intermediate School on Thursday, Oct. 26. The festival will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and is open to the public to attend.

There will be plenty of activities, including glow disc golf, a haunted house, corn hole, fall pictures, a cake and pie walk, a bottle toss, sack races, as well as visiting with the Gatesville Police Department, Gatesville Volunteer Fire Department, and military personnel.

Tickets will be sold for one dollar each, and armbands will cost \$20. Both will be sold at the ticket booths only. Cash will be

the only form of payment accepted.

The armband includes unlimited games, one canned drink, one piece of candy, one tattoo, a glow stick, and all booths and activities. Painting tiles are not included in the armband price.

For more information, contact Gatesville Intermediate at 254-865-2526.

The Gatesville Intermediate School is located at 311 Hornet Way.

OCT. 28

GATESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS FALL FLING DANCE

Gatesville High School will host a semi-formal Fall Fling Dance on Saturday, Oct. 28, from 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., located in the Gatesville High School Cafeteria.

To enter the dance, go through door numbers 29 and 32, which are near the entrance of the Gatesville High School cafeteria and courtyard. There will be plenty of snacks and drinks provided.

This dance is open to all ninth through 12th grade students. Tickets are \$20 each and will be sold during the lunch hours of Wednesday, Oct. 18, through Friday, Oct. 27.

Students must be in good standing with grades, behavior, attendance, and cannot owe any fines or

holds.

Fall Fling is a school event, and students are required to comply with the general GHS dress code, in addition to the requirements listed below.

If students feel their attire is questionable, they are encouraged to discuss (or show) their evening wear to administration before the event.

Students who are non-compliant with the dress code guidelines will be given the opportunity to comply. If they refuse, they will not be permitted to attend the dance and will not receive a refund.

Female Dress Code: Ladies can wear semi-formal/formal gowns or pant suits.

- Strapless gowns and spaghetti straps will be allowed.

- All attire should be modestly cut, no plunging or low-cut necklines.

- No visible midriff or revealing side cutouts.

- All attire should be of modest length, not above the mid-thigh length.

- No slits more than five inches above the knee.

Male Dress Code: Men can wear semi-formal/formal attire, which includes a suit, slacks, or nice jeans.

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

Gatesville High School is located at 205 South Lovers Lane.



DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Gatesville Elementary School principal, Keegan Webb, along with the school secretary, Sherry Feather, check to make sure the exterior doors are locked near the school's front office.

Elementary, High School receive good report from state door audit

BY DAVID SCOTT
Staff Writer

At a recent meeting of the Gatesville ISD School Board, it was revealed that two of the GISD campuses had received the first Door Safety Audits of the year by the state.

It was reported that the elementary campus and the high school campus both passed the audit with "flying colors."

In the wake of the Uvalde tragedy, the state began random door audits of all public schools last school year. GISD Superintendent, Dr. Barrett Pollard said, "In the 22-23 school year, the elementary, junior high, and high school all received random audits and passed. So far this school year, the elementary and high school have received random audits. I believe the state's goal

is to reach as many schools as possible during each school year."

According to Pollard, the auditor checks several exterior doors, and then checks up to ten interior doors to make sure they are locked as well.

"The auditor was very pleased with both campuses," Pollard said.

The unannounced exterior door checks by the Texas School Safety Center are a part of the state's increased emphasis on door security.

Inspectors often appear at random and will be wearing civilian clothing and will only self-identify if approached.

"We suspect that all of our campuses will ultimately receive an audit before the conclusion of the school year," Pollard said.



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YUMMY TASTE

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pies and apple sauce.

HEALTHY AND STRONG Eating apples helps keep you healthy. They are packed with vitamins and fiber that make your body strong and your tummy happy.

SHINY SKIN

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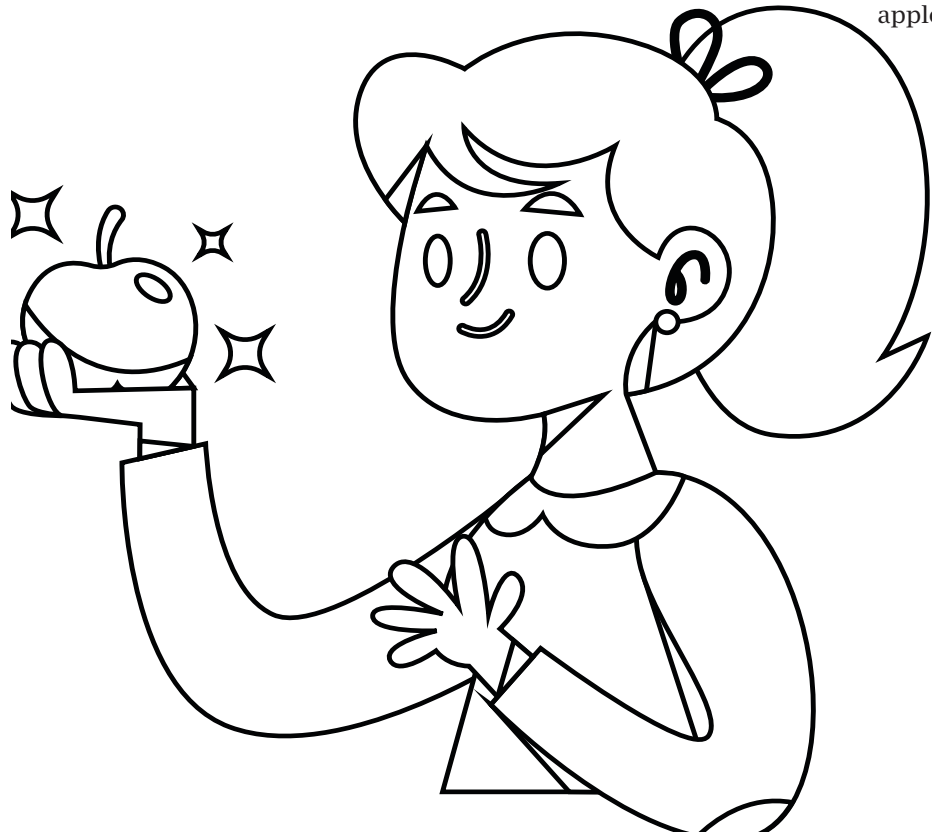
ENERGY BOOST When you eat apples, they give you lots of

energy to play, run, and have fun all day.

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Apples can help keep your teeth clean. They're like nature's toothbrush!

So, grab an apple and take a big, juicy bite. They're not only tasty but also really good for you. Enjoy your apples!



Apples!

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E Q L I R O E A J O
C E X K L T R I H S
D O K B D T J E I P

Word Bank

- 1. tree
- 2. apple
- 3. stem
- 4. core
- 5. sour
- 6. pie
- 7. delicious
- 8. tart
- 9. sweet
- 10. blossom



Apples are 25% air which is why they float in water. Fruits and vegetables are an important part of a healthy, well balanced diet.



How they SAY that in...

- ENGLISH:** Apple
- SPANISH:** Manzana
- ITALIAN:** Mela
- FRENCH:** Pomme
- GERMAN:** Apfel



To sponsor the Coryell Kids pages, call 254-865-5212.

GATESVILLE YOUTH VOLLEYBALL IS IN FULL SWING

Gatesville Youth Volleyball opened their season on Oct. 7. Games are played each Saturday at the Gatesville High School new gym. Divisions include third and fourth grade and fifth and sixth grade.

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OGLETREE GAP HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Ogletree Gap Heritage Festival relives Copperas Cove history with pioneer demonstrations, music, and more.

KAYLEE DUSANG | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER



The festival provided several pioneer demonstrations, including native dyes, weaving, blacksmithing, and more.



Dante Diestel learns about leather tooling at one of the festival's historical demonstrations.



Shayne DuBose utilizes historical period tools and techniques for blacksmithing.

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COURTESY PHOTOS

The Hive Transition Students have been busy operating their student-run coffee shop, "Stinger Café." These students are part of the Life Skills class at Gatesville High School. The class prepares refreshments such as smoothies and coffees. Teachers place their orders on a Google Form, then the students come around with a drink cart, making deliveries and accepting payments. The goal of Stinger Café is to help prepare students for life outside of school, so that they may hold jobs and live independently.

GISD SPOTLIGHT

STAFF SPOTLIGHT



DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Four special education inclusion aides were recently recognized by the GISD Board of Trustees. Standing in the back, left to right: Gatesville Intermediate principal Bridget Register, GISD superintendent, Dr. Barrett Pollard. Front row, left to right: Becky Berry, Stacey Zuehlke, Taylor Buscemi, and Tim Martin.

Special education aides honored

Staff Reports

At a recent meeting, the Gatesville Independent School District Board of Directors honored four special education inclusion aides from the Gatesville Intermediate campus. They are Becky Berry, Stacey Zuehlke, Taylor Buscemi, and Tim Martin. Becky Berry is a veteran of the campus, but the other three are new to GISD this year.

Bridget Register, principal of Gatesville Intermediate, had the following to say about her staff members: "They not only help our students within the general education classes, but they are eager to step in and help in any way possible. From morning porch duty to filing notes, covering classes, checking restrooms, and reviewing student IEPs, these staff members fulfill the 'see a

need, fill a need' mentality." Register continued, "They actively seek opportunities to work with both staff and students. They visit numerous classrooms each day and bring positive attitudes while helping to build the confidence of our students. They have become a vital part of our campus culture."

Central Texas College Fair to be held Oct. 24

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 Dis-

trict 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 a bigger picture of what campuses students 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.

FALL FESTIVAL

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



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Pictured center is the focus of the Student Spotlight, second-grade student, Kassidy Martinez. Pictured from left to right is one of her teachers, Kay McCracken, Dr. Barrett Pollard, another one of Kassidy's teachers, Amanda Wolff, and Gatesville Elementary's assistant principal, Karrie Judd.

Kassidy Martinez honored

Staff Reports

On Oct. 16, Gatesville Independent School District Board of Trustees placed the Student Spotlight on Gatesville Elementary student Kassidy Martinez.

Kassidy is a second-grade student from Amanda Wolff's class. Kassidy was diagnosed with a rare condition called vasculitis, which is an autoimmune disease that causes inflammation in the blood vessels. Despite her significant medical challenges, Kassidy always maintains a positive

attitude and has thrived at Gatesville Elementary.

Her teachers, Kay McCracken and Amanda Wolff, had the following to say: "Kassidy is such a great student who tries hard each and every day despite her medical challenges. She has grit and perseverance that drives her desire to learn. Her confidence has grown tremendously, and she constantly strives to do her best. Aside from being a terrific learner, she is also very kind and respectful to her classmates and teachers. Teaching her is truly a

blessing."

Jennifer Mann, another one of Kassidy's teachers, had the following to say, "She is an amazing little girl who always has a smile on her face. She has come so far and loves to learn. I have seen her confidence grow so much over the last year and this year as well. Now, she has confidence and loves to read. Kassidy comes in everyday with a big smile on her face asking, 'What are we doing today?' She is always ready for something new. She is an inspiration."