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Local soldier killed in action at Battle of the Bulge

BY DAVID SCOTT
Staff Writer

With Veteran's Day upon us, local veterans, both living and departed, are remembered and given thanks for their service to their country. One fallen soldier from Coryell County is being honored not only in his home county, but also across the ocean in Holland.

The story begins with Antoine Nouens who lives near Belgium Ardennes where Gatesville native, Private First-Class Ralph Baker, was killed during the Battle of the Bulge in Belgium in 1945. Nouens

recently sent an email to the Coryell Museum and Historical Center in hopes of finding a photograph of Baker. His email was passed on to Coryell Museum board member Rhonda Mohler. The two began corresponding back and forth by email.

His email to Mohler began, "Greetings from Holland." Nouens conveyed to Mohler that he had an interest in United States soldiers who "fought for our freedom in World War II." His chief objective in contacting the museum was to locate a photograph of Ralph Baker.

After diligent research, Mohler responded, "I haven't been able to find anything." Mohler passed this information on to The Gatesville Messenger. The newspaper reached out to Nouens, who offered an explanation for his search for American servicemen: "My research is not for a book nor a memorial. I am interested in the U.S. soldiers who fought for our freedom during World War II." He continued, "Since I was a little boy, I have been interested in World War II history. My parents and grandparents were liberated by the U.S. 101st

Airborne Division in 1944. My grandfather talked a lot about the war and showed me the places of interest."

The Battle of the Bulge, described by Winston Churchill as "undoubtedly the greatest American battle" of World War II, took place in the Ardennes Forest region of Belgium and Luxembourg from December 16, 1944 to January 25, 1945. The last major German counteroffensive on the Western Front, it ended in victory for Allied forces under the command of General Dwight D. Eisenhower — but at great cost. Soldiers fought in brutal

winter conditions, and the U.S. Army lost approximately 19,000 men (and suffered some 75,000 total casualties) in what became the United States' deadliest single World War II battle.

Over the years, Nouens said that he had met a great number of WWII veterans in Holland and Belgium and corresponded for a long time with them. "In those years, I got more and more interested in the personal stories from and about the American soldiers, especially about Operation Market Garden

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Residents approved Proposition A and voted on local races

BY KAYLEE DUSANG
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, Texas voters made their voice heard on local propositions and several state constitutional amendments.

Gatesville's ballot featured one school district voter-approval tax rate election (VATRE) as well as one city and school board election.

PROPOSITION A

Residents gave a thumbs up to Gatesville ISD's Proposition A, which asked Gatesville voters to give three pennies back to the district for a school tax rate of \$0.8992 per \$100 of a home's valuation.

In the final unofficial election results, Proposition A was favored by 86% of voters, while nearly 14% were against the bond.

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 issues such as increasing teacher salaries, providing new chrome books for students, and repairing school HVAC systems.

"We are all so appreciative of the ongoing support from the community," said Gatesville ISD Superintendent Barrett Pollard. "The citizens of Gatesville continue to be very generous, especially when it comes to children. We will put the additional funds to good use on items that will benefit students

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GATESVILLE FIGHTIN' HORNET BAND MAKES HISTORY



GLADYS WHITENBURG | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

History was made Wednesday, Nov. 1, by the Gatesville Fightin' Hornet Band as they took the field at the state competition in San Antonio at the Alamodome. This past year, the band scored 18th in the state, which was the highest in Gatesville High School history. This year, they were ranked 12th in the state thanks to the hard work and dedications from the band members, Color Guard, Dazzlers, and directors. See more photos on B8.

Annual Food for Families drive begins next week

BY KAYLEE DUSANG AND DAVID SCOTT
Staff Writers

Gatesville residents will once again have the opportunity to help those in need through the annual Food for Families food drive, which will take place on Friday, Nov. 17, from

6 a.m. until 8 p.m. at the Gatesville Fire Station.

Gatesville Care Center Directors, Deral McWhorter and Debbie Blanchard, urge everyone to remember the great need for donations this year due to the growing number of people

being served in Coryell County. McWhorter said in an email that the last three months of 2023 showed an increase of 100 households and 300 individuals compared to the first three months of the year.

"We are excited and

impressed that people in the community are already involved in various ways in helping this year's food drive to be grand," McWhorter said. "We hear from clients telling us over and over again that they don't know how they

would make it without the Care Center, and we know we could not help them without everyone's support. We express our thanks to Gatesville and surrounding area for all

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Gatesville teen honored at Night of Superstars

BY KAYLEE DUSANG
Staff Writer

After receiving a cerebral palsy diagnosis just before his sixth birthday, Gatesville High School junior Roman Perez continues to inspire others by never giving up and keeping a positive outlook on life.

On Oct. 21, Roman was recognized for his athletic and academic achieve-

ments at Night of Superstars in Dallas, an annual red-carpet event that celebrates the remarkable journeys of teens and young adults who have been affected by a disability or illness. Roman was one of five students from the Dallas-Fort Worth and Central Texas regions who received recognition at the event.

"It feels awesome to know that my story is getting out there to everybody and to the public," he said. "It feels amazing."

Roman has overcome his diagnosis by refusing to see himself as different from his peers. He not only plays football, basketball, and baseball, but also excels in academics as well as volunteers at

his local care center.

"I guess when I'm standing still at practice sometimes my muscles tighten up, so I have to re-stretch, but other than that I don't really see much of a difference compared to the other kids," he said.

Roman's mom, Cassie Perez, said she first noticed her son's symptoms when he was limping at

a golf course in the first grade. After several exams and doctor's appointments, he was diagnosed with a mild form of spastic cerebral palsy, which can cause muscle tightness and difficulty with movement.

"I was just in shock," Cassie said. "I have no

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Roman Perez

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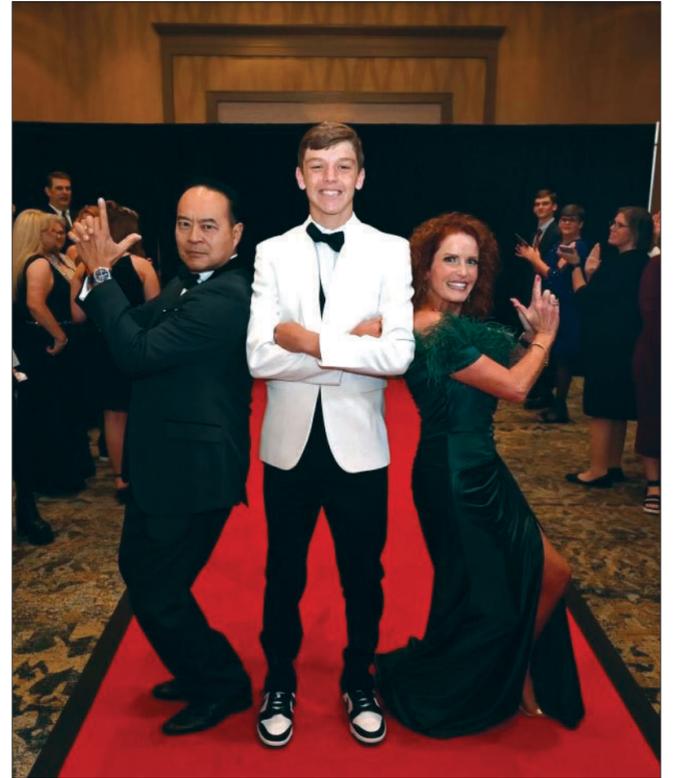
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Honoree Roman Perez poses with his father, Ruben, sister, Brooke, and mother, Cassie at the Night of Superstars gala.

Roman Perez (center) is escorted by local celebrities, Dr. Raymund C. King and Tanya Waymire, on the red carpet.

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idea what this is, and I don't know what his future looks like. I had zero answers, so we just started reaching out to everyone we could to get help." Despite doctors saying he might struggle to achieve certain tasks, Cassie said Roman could already swim,

tie his shoes, and ride a bike at the time of his diagnosis. "The doctor was amazed," Cassie said. "He said 'he shouldn't be able to do those things.' He did it sooner than a lot of his friends." "If we can just let him go, and do what he thinks he can do, then he can do it," she adds. Cassie said the founders of Night of Superstars

reached out to her after seeing Roman's story on KWTX. To be nominated, Roman went through an application process and received letters of recommendation from his coaches and teachers who spoke to his resilience and success. "One thing that we've really appreciated is that the coaches and teachers have the same expectation of him as everybody else," Cassie said. "If the whole

team is running, he is also running. He doesn't get a pass, and we've really appreciated that because we never wanted special treatment, and we wanted him to do everything or even more." After high school, Roman hopes to pursue a career as a pilot. Cassie said her son had the opportunity to connect with a corporate pilot at Night of Superstars, allowing for an important

mentorship opportunity. "Like all these other kids, I've always wanted to fly and travel places," Roman said. "I feel like being a pilot would be amazing, because you get to go places and get paid to do it. It's a source of income as well as getting all the experiences that come from traveling." Night of Superstars not only showcases the accomplishments of individuals who defy the odds, but also

raises funds to provide them with scholarships for college, mentorship, and entrepreneurship if they wish to start a business. "No matter what the problems are, how much trouble you are going through right now, just always push through it, and it will always get better in the end and make yourself a better person," Roman said.

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the support given." McWhorter and Blanchard add that the need for an outstanding drive has never been greater. The availability of food from the Central Texas Food Bank has been

limited, forcing the center to purchase food from HEB and Dollar Tree at full price. Gatesville's Food for Families began in 1990 when 6,317 pounds were donated. McWhorter and Blanchard said it took them "seven years to go over

100,000 pounds." As the years progressed, the amounts continued to increase at an amazing rate. In 2022, McWhorter said that the amount of 839,950 pounds was raised. "I do not take it for granted that Gatesville and the surrounding area

is home to some of the most generous, sacrificing, deep-hearted people I could imagine," McWhorter said. The continued mission of Food for Families is to help feed people in need throughout Central Texas. There is a great need for nonperishable food prod-

ucts, such as canned meats, chili, stew, and chicken, canned vegetables, cereals, baby food, peanut butter, dry beans and rice, flour, sugar, cornmeal and pasta. All local donations will benefit people who live in the Coryell County area. "We hope the Gatesville

area will rise to the occasion this year. Together, we can do this," McWhorter and Blanchard said.

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and staff." **CITY COUNCIL** For Gatesville City Council, there was only one opposing race for Seat 1. Final tallies show Lewis Aaron Smith won the seat by 36 votes — 355 to Leo Corona's 319 (52.67% to 47.33%). **GATESVILLE ISD**

Gatesville ISD had three seats up for re-election on the district's Board of Trustees. Five candidates were listed on the ballot. Per the final unofficial results, one incumbent, Charles Ament, won re-election for his seat by 28.45% with a total of 1,325 votes. Calvin Ford also won his re-election spot by gaining 16.40% of the votes. Loyd Hopson, one of the candidates filing for a spot

on the board, was second behind Ament with 25.33% of the votes. Hopson will replace Jimmie Ferguson, who was up for re-election and garnered 14.60% of the votes. Just over 13% of Coryell County's 43,915 registered voters cast ballots during the election.

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FROM MY FRONT PORCH

If it is mechanical, it will break down



BY SAM HOUSTON

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

Last weekend, our granddaughter spent the night. It was a fun evening, and on Sunday morning my girls explained to me it had been decided we were going out for breakfast. Something was mentioned about pancakes and bacon, and the next thing I knew they were all dressed, and we were loading up in my wife's car to head to the diner.

My granddaughter was buckled into the car seat, and my wife had jumped into the front seat as I pushed the ignition button on the car. When I did, nothing happened. I guess that is not exactly true, because the engine did make sort of a groan, but it did not turn over. Instantly, I assumed it was the battery

and wondered if maybe something like a courtesy light switch had been left on, thinking it might have drained the battery overnight. There had been no warning of a battery issue, it was just suddenly dead. The girls unloaded, got into my car, and we headed off to breakfast. When we returned, I discarded the

prior plans made for the morning and went about determining what had gone wrong with the car. Since the vehicle was parked in the garage, and there is a substantial slope to the driveway heading into the garage, pushing the car out to be able to "jump it" seemed unlikely. Instead, I got out the battery charger, plugged it in, and then hooked it up. It took about twenty minutes before the battery had taken enough charge to let the engine turn over, but once it did, it started right up. I then headed to the parts store where I got the battery tested only to learn it had gone bad. Two hundred seventy-five dollars later I had a new battery installed, and I had a degree of comfort knowing my wife and the grandbaby would not be out someplace stranded because of a mechanical issue. Mission accomplished, and all is well.

On the way home from the auto parts store, my mind drifted to all the other occasions in my life

where I had car-related battery problems. In the days before electronic ignitions, there were all sorts of issues which could prevent your car from starting. It could be the points, the distributor cap, the coil, and of course, the battery.

When I started driving 50 years ago, batteries were not as strong, or as long-lasting, as they are now. In high school, my old '65 Fairlane would sit out all night in freezing temperatures, and when I headed to school in the morning, it was not unusual for me to turn the key and hear that familiar whining sound as the car failed to turn over. Invariably, I would have to get the jumper cables and hook them up, so they bridged from my dad's car battery to mine. It was a frustrating, freezing, and aggravating way to start a morning. Unfortunately, it was a process which was regularly repeated, especially during the cold winter months.

There have been a lot of old cars in my past, with

lots of mechanical problems. Seems half my youth was spent under the hood of a car trying to solve an issue. I guess similar problems went on for generations as I recalled my dad telling me about a Model A he had in high school that leaked so much oil and water, he would have to stop and fill it up every twenty or thirty miles. He told me the car could not go faster than 25 miles an hour, but it sure beat walking to town from the farm.

Times have changed, and car engines have gotten more efficient and reliable. Oh, they can still break down, but the expectation is they will run and run well. In the "good old

days" it seems like it was more of a 50-50 proposition. My money says a lot of my older readers have some of the same car experiences that I did, or my dad did. In some ways it is nice to stroll down that "auto repair" memory lane, but all in all, I don't miss the problems or the aggravation.

Getting a new battery was painless, and I bet I do not have to worry about the same problem for another four or five years. I think that is progress.

Thought for the day: The only time you should ever look back is to see how far you have come.

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

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United States soldiers walking in brutal winter conditions while fighting in the Battle of the Bulge.



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A Battle of the Bulge Memorial in Arlington National Cemetery honoring all of the American soldiers that were lost in the battle.



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Ralph Baker, who was killed at the Battle of the Bulge, is remembered on the war memorial at the Coryell County Courthouse.

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and the Battle of the Bulge, and I constantly try to find pictures of the soldiers that were killed," one of which being Ralph Baker. Ralph Quincy Baker, born in Coryell County on Feb. 21, 1919, was the son of farmer Ralph Elias Baker and his wife, Rosa Tipton Baker. His enlistment papers in 1941 recorded him as living in the Tamer Star Route of Coryell County. The year prior, during the 1940 Census, Baker stated that he was a farm laborer who was 21 years of age, and his education had ended in the seventh grade.

Just prior to being called to arms, Baker married Edrith Keener in Coryell County in 1942. Their marriage was to be short-lived. Nouens stated that he now lives in Holland near the Belgium Ardennes, where Baker was killed in action on January 7, 1945, at the age of 25. Nouens shared a detailed account of the nearby battles in a website called "The Battle of Grandmenil." That information mentions many young men who were serving with Baker who were reported missing, wounded, or killed in action in which Ralph Baker's name also appeared. Nouens also mentioned that he has been in contact with veteran Bob Konings

who lives in Grandmenil, which is not far away from where Ralph Baker and his comrades were killed. It was reported that, following Baker's death, his body was returned to Gatesville where it was buried at Restland Cemetery alongside family members. Noeums remains hopeful that someone in the Gatesville community might be able to locate a photograph of Baker to add to his collection of fallen American soldiers who participated in the battle. In 2002, Congress authorized the placement in Arlington National Cemetery of a memorial honoring World War II veterans of the Battle of the Bulge. The

memorial was dedicated on May 8, 2006 in a ceremony attended by 300 veterans and family members. Its main inscription reads, "To World War II American soldiers who fought in the Battle of the Bulge — the greatest land battle in the history of the United States Army." Text on the base of the memorial reads, "Triumph of courage" and "From the grateful people of the Kingdom of Belgium and Grand Duchy of Luxembourg." "I believe those soldiers deserve to be honored and remembered. A picture of Ralph would be a great start. A physical memorial would be great as well. Who knows..." Nouens said.

Folks around town



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Carly Latham

Say hello to our neighbor, Carly Latham!

Carly has served as the Director of Marketing at Coryell Health for over nine years. She enjoys being able to use photography and design as well as her creative skills regarding marketing to show surrounding communities the services Coryell Health provides. She has lived in Gatesville for 28 years total and loves how the community is just small enough to come together during times of need or celebration, but just big enough to have fabulous local shopping and a top-notch healthcare system. Carly enjoys reading The Gatesville Messenger because it is a snapshot of what is going on in the community that includes news, upcoming events, updates of Gatesville ISD, challenges within the community, and positive news. "Even when I was not living in Gatesville, I still had The Gatesville Messenger mailed to me," Latham said. "It is the best way to stay informed about what is happening in your hometown." If you happen to see Carly around town, say hello! She is one of us!



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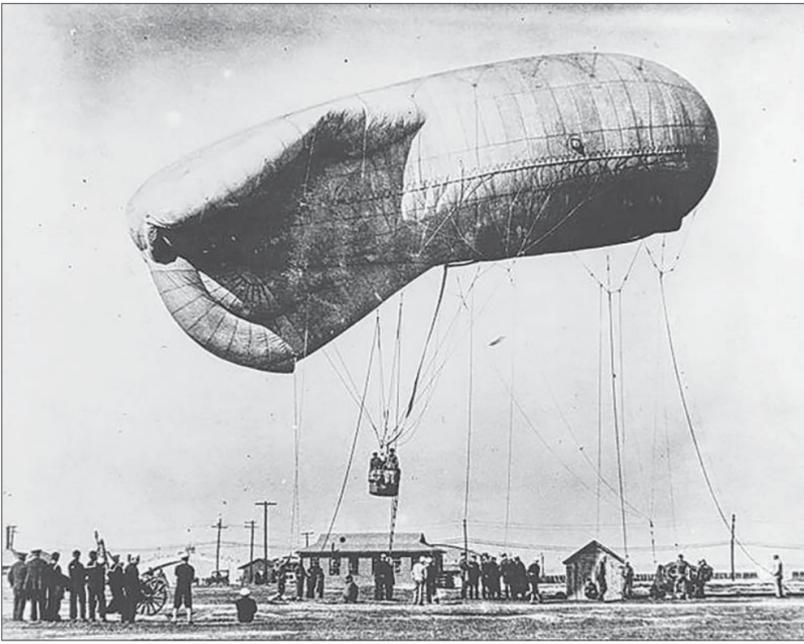


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One of the balloons used by the Balloon Company Air Service during WWI.

Gatesville balloonist returns home from World War I

BY DAVID SCOTT
Staff Writer

Wert Renfro Shelton, who is buried in Coryell County, was little known for his unique military career, which was a slight bit different from other branches of the military. Shelton was a part of the Balloon Company Air Service during World War I where he served as a private.

Shelton began his service in August of 1918. At that time, balloons and kites were the first inventions used in aerial warfare, and their primary role was observation. Balloons provided a very reliable and stable means of elevating a soldier to be a high observer over battlefields in order to obtain a birds-eye view of troop positions and movements.

Balloons, which were considered to be a highly valuable instrument of aerial intelligence, were also used to create accurate battlefield maps.

The balloons were usually deployed about two miles behind the forward line of resistance, which

allowed the two on board observers to see as far as 40 miles behind enemy lines to watch enemy troop and aircraft movements on a clear day. The balloons would rise to between 3,000 and 5,000 feet far out of the range of ground fire.

Balloons had been employed by the U.S. Army for observation during the Civil War in the United States and during the Spanish-American War, but did not achieve a significant amount of success until 1917 during World War I.

The balloon used most often by U.S. units was the Caquot Type-R balloon, which was manufactured in the U.S. by the Goodyear

Tire and Rubber Company. The hydrogen-filled balloon could lift two observers in a basket with their charting, photographic, and communications equipment, along with the weight of its mooring cable. They could also hold small bombs for combat.

During World War I, military ballooning reached its peak. In addition to the balloons being used to spot enemy movements, they also provided early warning of enemy attacks.

It is unknown the exact role Wert Shelton played in this service. He was honorably discharged from the Air Service Balloon Corp in January of 1919 and returned home. He died on May 9, 1942, and was buried in Seaton Cemetery in Coryell County.

Today, military ballooning is not widely used, as many other technologies such as drones and satellite service have taken over its main roles.

Wert Shelton remains a pioneer in aviation combat while defending his country.

CORYELL COUNTY REMEMBERS THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES



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A granite memorial tablet on the lawn of the Coryell County Courthouse honors those from Coryell County who lost their lives in World War I, World War II, in Korea, and in Vietnam. Visitors to the courthouse will often stop and look to find the names of friends and family members who were lost in various wars.

War of 1812 veterans buried in Coryell County

Submitted Item

The following is an abbreviated portion of a story written by local historian, Sherry Lawrence. It first appeared in the Coryell County Genealogical Society's "Coryell Kin" in February of 2020.

Lawrence did extensive research on the veterans of the War of 1812 who journeyed to Coryell County in the years following the war. Her research is as follows.

The War of 1812 resulted from several circumstances that developed between Great Britain and the United States. The British seizure of the American ships and the impounding of American sailors after their ships were taken, became impossible for the U.S. government to ignore. At the same time, Great Britain was encouraging uprisings among the American Indian tribes to disrupt the western expansion of American settlement. The American Indian leader, Tecumseh, was so successful in organizing resistance to American settlements in the Ohio River Valley that William Henry Harrison was sent to combat Tecumseh's forces.

The militia, formed to defend settlers against Tecumseh's uprising, were organized into regular army and naval units, as the war expanded into a full battle, carried out on land and sea. Although the

United States came near to losing our freedom from Great Britain in the War of 1812, the British realized the hostilities were not really in their best interest; and peace talks were begun quickly. The end of the War of 1812 was officially proclaimed on Feb. 18, 1815.

Veterans of the War of 1812 became part of the western expansion of the U.S., and they soon were living in all parts of the country, including Coryell County. In many cases, their participation in this war is only known by the military markers found at their gravesites, but the U.S. government also acknowledged the veterans with pensions and land bounty.

As their war faded into history, the service of many of the War of 1812 veterans was not passed down in family history, and more immediate military heroes of the Civil War replaced them in family lore.

As time passed, the uniqueness of these veterans began to be recognized by local historians and genealogists, and an effort to honor them was started in 1993 by the Coryell County Genealogical Society (CCGS). By 2001, the CCGS was joined by the Coryell County Historical Commission in a desire to honor the Coryell County War of 1812 veterans.

In 2001, the Texas Historical Cemetery dedication ceremony for Warren-Miller Cemetery, where one of our War of 1812 veterans, Warren Miller, is buried was combined with a ceremony to honor all the currently known War of 1812 Veterans buried in Coryell County.

As of today, a total of eight War of 1812 veterans are known to be buried in Coryell County. The list includes Wade Love, who came to Coryell County in 1854 and is buried in the Gatesville City Cemetery; John Anderson Powell, who came to Coryell County in 1855 and is buried in the Gatesville City Cemetery; William M. Miller, who began his journey to Coryell County in 1851 and is buried in the Warren-Miller Cemetery; Sabert Oglesby, who moved to Coryell County between 1870 and 1877 and is buried at the Ater Cemetery; Brice Wiseman Hammack, who came to Coryell County in 1853 and is buried in the Gatesville City Cemetery; Willam Armstrong, who arrived in Coryell County prior to 1871, burial place unknown; Thomas Kinsey, who arrived in Coryell County in 1852 and is buried at the Sugar Loaf Cemetery; and Goldsby Childers who moved to the Fort Gates area in 1849 and is buried at the Fort Gates Cemetery.



Whatever happened to...

20 YEARS AGO (2003)

The Gatesville High School Hornet band, along with the junior high bands, presented a special Halloween halftime program.

The third annual Boozaar was held on Halloween night.

James E. (Jim) Berry, of Gatesville, was inducted into the Texas National Guard Hall of Honor.

The Gatesville High School Class of 1948 met

for their 55-year reunion.

Kate Lovejoy, of the Let's Grow Learning Center, won first place in the pre-kindergarten category in the fire prevention poster contest.

30 YEARS AGO (1993)

Food for Families raised over 23,000 pounds of food for local distribution.

Alvin Kipphen and Lewis Lengfeld were elected board members of the Hemline Cemetery.

Waco Vanguard beat the Lady Hornets 64-57 in the championship game of the 21st annual Lady Hornet Invitational.

The 1993 Gatesville Christmas Parade "Winter Wonderland" was coming together, preparing for its Dec. 4 premier.

The Coryell County Extension Homemakers Council contributed a donation to the Gatesville Head Start Center.

40 YEARS AGO (1983)

Gatesville-area Girl Scouts participated in the Bluebonnet Girl Scout Council's annual calendar sale.

Gatesville High School American International Student Milka Huotari won first place in the First Annual Temple Fall Open Tennis Tournament.

Leards was having its 85th Anniversary Sale.

The American Heart As-

sociation promoted their Turkey Walk.

Gatesville High's football team beat West 28-7, landing a spot in the state play-offs.

50 YEARS AGO

The city council ordered enforcement of Gatesville's minimum housing code in an effort to clear the city of run-down, uninhabited houses.

The Texas Youth Council

abandoned a plan to close the Gatesville State School for Boys.

Perry's extended their store hours to 8 p.m. through Christmas.

Pfc. Michael L. Nichols, of Gatesville, was named Distinguished Honor Graduate upon graduation from the Airborne Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia.

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COFFEE SALOON NAMED CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS OF THE MONTH



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The Gatesville Chamber of Commerce recently announced The Coffee Saloon as the Business of the Month for November. The Coffee Saloon recently merged with Little House Bakery to provide the community with coffee from Coffee Saloon, pastries, and to-go food items such as breakfast sandwiches, soups, salads, and bagels. The Gatesville Chamber of Commerce recognizes businesses throughout Gatesville with a Business of the Month award monthly. The winners are then in the running for the Business of the Year in its category, which is awarded each year at the annual chamber membership banquet. Coffee Saloon and Little House Bakery is located at 1306 E. Main Street across from the Gatesville HEB. For more information regarding Business of the Month, contact the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce at 254-865-2617.

CASA of Bell and Coryell counties recognize those who help children in need

Staff Reports

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Bell and Coryell counties honored over 140 volunteers who devote their time to work with abused and neglected children in the CPS or foster care system.

The appreciation luncheon was held at the Bell County Museum on Nov. 3. The event also provided training and information on critical topics that volunteers might be faced with during their service, including child sex trafficking awareness.

CASA volunteer advocates commit 10-15 hours

of their time each month to work one-on-one with the children and their families until their cases are resolved.

Volunteer service awards were presented to more than 40 of the volunteers who attended the lunch. Volunteers were honored for milestones such as years served, miles traveled, hours logged on casework, and for serving over 300 kids in Bell and Coryell counties.

According to a CASA press release, volunteer advocates have traveled 56,943 miles in the past year to serve their cases and devoted 4,910 hours

to their casework.

The event also provided two other special awards to advocates for their efforts during the past year, which were called the Excellence in Court Recommendations and Outstanding Performance on Case Files awards.

In 2023, CASA added 55 new volunteer advocates, including recently swearing in 15 new volunteers on Nov. 2.

The luncheon was sponsored by the Bell County Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority Alumnae.

Gatesville Citizen of the Year 2023 nominations sought

Staff Reports

The Gatesville Chamber of Commerce has recently announced that nominations are open for the 2023 Gatesville Citizen of the Year award.

The Citizen of the Year award has been given to an outstanding citizen of Gatesville since 1959. Every adult within the community is eligible to nominate one or more people who have made contributions to the town over a significant period.

Nominees who function within the guidelines

or requirements of their paid positions will not be considered.

Only one nomination per individual shall be considered regardless of the number of letters or signatures received nominating that individual. The person who is making the nomination should be available to assist with the presentation of the award.

The 2023 Citizen of the Year Award will be presented at the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce Annual Membership Banquet, which will be held on

Saturday, Jan. 20.

Nominations must be submitted by Wednesday, Jan. 3, to the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce office in the Cotton Belt Depot Visitors Center. Nomination forms can be found by visiting <https://www.gatesvillechamber.com/vote>.

The Gatesville Chamber of Commerce is located at 2307 S. Hwy. 36.

For more information, contact the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce at 254-865-2617.

THANKSGIVING

Holiday Closures

Staff Reports

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

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

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

Closings in the immediate area include:

GOVERNMENT

The City of Gatesville, City of Oglesby, City of Evant, and the Coryell County Courthouse will be closed on Thursday,

Nov. 23 and Friday, Nov. 24.

The Farm Service Agency will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 23.

SCHOOLS

The Independent School Districts of Gatesville and Evant will be closed from Monday, Nov. 20 to Friday, Nov. 24, as will the Gatesville ISD Administration Office. Jonesboro ISD and the Boys and Girls Club of Gatesville will be closed from Wednesday, Nov. 22 to Friday, Nov. 24. Oglesby ISD will be closed Thursday, Nov. 23 and Friday, Nov. 24.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Extraco Bank, Cadence Bank, and Educators Credit Union will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 23. The First National Bank of Gatesville, Evant, and

Oglesby will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 23 and will be open until 2 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 24.

POST OFFICES

All local post offices will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 23.

LIBRARY

The Gatesville Public Library will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 23 and Friday, Nov. 24.

SENIOR CENTER

The Gatesville Multi-Service Center will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 23 and Friday, Nov. 24.

MUSEUM

The Coryell County Museum and Historical Center will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 23 and Friday, Nov. 24.

NEWSPAPER

The Gatesville Messenger will be closed Thursday, Nov. 23 and Friday, Nov. 24.

Coat drive ends Nov. 30

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 clothing must be in good condition.

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

Gatesville Lions Club annual pie fundraiser

Staff Reports

The Gatesville Lions Club will be accepting orders for its annual pie fundraiser. There are pies and cobblers available this year.

Pies will cost \$20 each, which includes cherry pie, apple pie, pecan pie, coconut crème pie, and chocolate crème pie. Cobblers will be \$25 each and include peach cobbler, blackberry cobbler, and cherry cobbler.

Orders are due by Wednesday, Nov. 15 at noon. To order any of the baked goods, contact a club member in person, by phone at 254-206-1108, or by email at gatesvillelionclub@gmail.com.

Pick up for the pies and cobblers will be on Tuesday, Nov. 21 from 3

p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in front of Micobe located at 2409 TX-36 BUS in Gatesville.

Dr. Bawduniak & outstanding staff,

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6:30 p.m.

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Jon Crosby, Pastor

MOUND NEWS

Emma Blakley celebrated with a Ring Dunk party



BY BARBARA HOPSON

Mound News Correspondent

Mound Cowboy Church is having a revival speaker, Mr. Cody Cochran, Saturday evening at 6 p.m. and Sunday morning at 9 a.m. inside the building at 3075 FM 931.

Robert and Carolyn Blak-

ley went to College Station on Friday for Emma's Ring Dunk party.

Emma Blakley, Ainsley Warren, and Cade Smalley had a party and dinner together.

Jerry and Brenda Helms

went to Red Oak to see Neil and Christy Helms on Saturday.

Mrs. Bettie Blakley of Pearl visited Sunday with Robert and Carolyn Blakley.

Sue Jones visited Thursday afternoon with Martha

Ann Lawhorn.

Those who are having birthdays this weekend are Jimmy Argabright, Billy Argabright, Jean Rose, and Johnathan Watts.

COMMUNITY & UPCOMING EVENTS

The Grove Sausage Fest set for Nov. 11

Submitted Item

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.

Cover2Cover Ministries to host Thanksgiving meal for community

Staff Reports

Cover2Cover Ministries will host a Thanksgiving meal for the community to attend on Wednesday, Nov. 22. The meal will be held at Cover2Cover Ministries' new location at 405 SH 36 in Gatesville and will begin at 5:30 p.m. The meal will include all

the typical Thanksgiving entrees and sides, along with plenty of desserts.

For those who would like to have a meal to go, be sure to order in advance by contacting Brandy Spiker.

For more information, contact Brandy Spiker at 254-392-9472.

Meals on Wheels in need of drivers

BY ALEXANDRA MEELBUSCH
Staff Writer

Meals on Wheels is in need of volunteer drivers to deliver meals to local homebound elderly folks. 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 Meals on Wheels program provides home-delivered nutritious meals that provide seniors in the community with support that allows them to remain living in their own homes. This typically involves delivering a nutritious meal, a friendly visit, or a quick safety check.

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. Drivers are needed for four different routes. 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.

Vehicles need to be provided by the volunteers.

To volunteer, contact the Senior Center Director Pam Rudolph at 254-865-8234. The Gatesville Senior Center is located at 208 North Lutterloh Ave.

The Coryell County Clerk's Office had multiple marriage licenses filed in Oct.

Staff Reports

Marriage licenses filed during October 2023 in the Coryell County Clerk's Office included:

Ismael Bolanos and Maria Isabel Mendiola Manzano, Justin Wayne Jennings and Brittany Lee Blanchard, Jeremy Claude Young and Andra Shawnell Moore, Jason Patrick Lincoln and Paula Leslie Stone, Miguel Molina and Phyllis Marie Thompson, Caleb Andrew Arambula and Jacqueline Hernandez, Robert Douglas West and Melissa Ann Landrum, Joshua Caleb Brown and Kali Tatum Faulkner, Jacob Matthew Eddy and Kaitlyn Marie Yarbrough, Gordon Scott Coakley and Lesleah Chea Byford, Eric Michael Moser and Ashley Rose Bostick, Preston Shane Montgomery and Bailee Kay Rowe, Jacob Shane Snoddy and Lillian Paige Reese, Nicholas Loring Sweat and Kelsey Paige Williams, Pe-



ter Brian Stohr and Emily Mae Loper, Steven Christopher Bourque and Zylpha Mae Elkins, Oliver Kremer and Melanie Kleinert, Ejikemeuwa Joseph Okoli and Vashyra Lynn Waller, Brandon James Cummings and Alexis Nicole Lilljedahl, Anthony John Grabitz and Robin Amber Lawrence, Davonn Marquis Hopkins-Phelps and Wesli Ann Fogle, Shepley Maddison Burke and Savannah Nicole Anderson, Kolbe Mason Pennington and Breanne Lynn Taylor, Ethan C. Vaughn and Amanda Marie Holloway, Rian Levon Lowe and Aria Jae Nesloney, Bennie Allan

Dixon II and Brittany Patterson Williams, Jovan Erik Grant and Hailee Ann Kirk, Hayden James Curry and Megan Renee Corpman, Thomas Wayne Handke and Chyanne Nicole Brake, Jarvis Antawn Burden and Shawnessy Kay Garrett, Jeremy Lynn Picard and Stephanie Rose Ayers, Vincent Joseph Lavalley and Cynthia Diane Franklin, Luis Guzman-Marotto and Luisa Michelle Flores Arguello, Troy Allen Dively and Brittany Alice Darragh, Braden Neal Luen-smann and McKenna Ray McLaughlin, Coby Aaron Smith and Ashleigh Brooke Fink, Cole Reed Parker

and Kaylee Faith Bush, Billy Jo Allen Niklewski and Trisha Reene Grizzle, Rene Pinon Torres and Angelica A. Pinon, Christian Manuel Caldentey and Laiza Azareth Villagrana, James Rex McCelvey and Sarita Carole Simpson, Juan Manuel Valeriano and Lucero Trejo, Jacob Michael Rehm and Kathryn Renea Crumbaker, Ricardo Manuel Berlinger Lugo and Trinity-Morgan Angel-Mae Hickman, Trevor Julius Breshears and Amber Nicole Frazho, Jake Dakota Pearson and Shayla Lynn Fischer, Antonio Federico Aguilar and Ramona Acension Montoya, Eric Gregory Mitchell and Stacie Rene Olivarez, Allen Lee Wells and Alyssa Esperanza Lev-erett, Bailey Colton Janisch and Kylee Sue Selman, Gabrielle Catherine Pirnie and Cassandra Contreras.

Roamin' Chariots Car Club to meet

Submitted Item

The Roamin' Chariots Car Club will be having their second Saturday of the month cruise-in on Saturday, Nov. 11 on the Coryell County Courthouse square. They will meet at 3:30 p.m. and will remain there until the last person leaves.

The public is welcome to participate or to just stop by and visit. The car club would like to remind

the public that your vehicle does not have to be a perfect "show car," they can just stop by and visit.

Roamin' Chariots also wants to remind the public about the Neighbors Supporting Neighbors car show that will be held at Bare Bones on Saturday, Nov. 18.

For more information about the Roamin' Chariots Car Club, call 254-216-3201.

Movie night Nov. 11 at Turnersville Baptist Church

Staff Reports

The Turnersville Baptist Church will host a family movie night on Saturday, Nov. 11 and will begin at 6:30 p.m.

This is intended for the community to bring their families and to enjoy fel-

lowship and a movie. Turnersville Baptist Church was founded in 1946 with a mission to preach the gospel and to spread good news.

The Turnersville Baptist Church is located at 8120 FM 182 in Gatesville.

Donations needed for Christmas at the Meadows

Staff Reports

RehabLiving at the Meadows wants to make Christmas special for their residents this year by participating in a Christmas project that will involve various Christmas lights to be donated.

The project will consist of filling the entire courtyard with lots of Christmas lights and outdoor decorations for residents, families, and staff to enjoy throughout the season.

Items to be donated include electric and solar outdoor string or stake lights, standing yard décor, inflatables,

wreaths, indoor décor, Christmas trees, ornaments, garland with or without lights, and indoor Christmas village pieces with accessories.

RehabLiving at the Meadows would appreciate all donations to be in good working condition with all parts accessible.

Donations are to be dropped off by Wednesday, Nov. 15, at the RehabLiving at the Meadows facility. For more information contact 254-404-2500.

The RehabLiving at the Meadows is located at 110 Chicktown Road in Gatesville.

SUDOKU

Solution for the puzzle that ran Nov. 4.

1	7	8	6	2	3	4	5	9
5	9	3	8	4	7	6	2	1
6	4	2	9	5	1	7	3	8
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Puzzle by websudoku.com

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OBITUARIES

Scott's Funeral Home to host funeral pre-planning seminar

Staff Reports

Scott's Funeral Home will host a pasta and pre-plan seminar on Thursday, Nov. 16 at Prima Pasta. There will be two different seminar times to choose from. The first seminar will be held at 12 p.m. and the second will be held at 5:30 p.m.

The seminar will be hosted by Sara Poynter, Advanced Preplanning Agent.

Poynter will discuss how pre-planning your funeral helps ease the emotional and financial burden for families, as well as the advantages of pre-planning as members of the community go through a difficult stage of life.

To sign up, contact 254-545-9726. Space is limited.

Prima Pasta is located at 2603 E. Main St. in Gatesville.

SUBMITTING AN OBITUARY

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

Obituaries should come from the funeral home. Obituaries placed by next of kin must be verified with 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.

Ann Patricia Springer

Sept. 9, 1942 - Nov. 2, 2023

Ann Patricia Mertens Springer passed away peacefully on Thursday, Nov. 2, 2023, after a short illness.

A funeral service to celebrate her life was held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 7, at Pidcoke Cemetery.

Ann was born Sept. 9, 1942, in Alice to Winnie Dunn Mertens. She grew up in Alice and graduated from Alice High School. In January 1961, Ann married her lifelong love, Doyle Springer who passed away in January 2018.

She attended college for a short period of time studying business. Ann was a proficient computer keypunch operator at Fort Hood and later helped start A&D Plumbing with her husband, surprising several customers with her knowledge of plumbing. She then worked at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Alfred D. Hughes Unit in medical records, and later as a supervisor over Inmate Records until her retirement.

Ann enjoyed collecting antiques, completing crosswords, word puzzles, reading, and searching the local newspaper for grammar, punctuation, and spelling errors, which earned her the affectionate nickname of Grammar Nazi by her family. She was also big into family genealogy research. She was a big supporter of several causes and donated to organizations such as the Arbor Day Society, World Land Trust, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, American Cancer Society, and Copperas Cove Christian Church



(Disciples of Christ), of which she was a lifelong member. She also held a position in the 1970s on the "Our Land Our Lives" committee to successfully stop Fort Hood from appropriating more private land. She was also very proud to be a fourth generation Texan.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Doyle Lee Springer; mother, Winnie Evelyn Dunn Mertens; sisters Linda "Beth" Rodgers and Ilean Payne; and son, Billy Springer.

Ann is survived by her brother, Frederick "Butch" Mertens; daughters, Becky Foreman, Deanna Cordell, Debbie Springer, Barbara Gray, Brenda Nwosisi; sons, Brian Springer and wife, Melissa, and Bruce Springer and wife, Terri; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to the National Arbor Society, or to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Evelyn Palmer-Schneider

Nov. 17, 1936 - Oct. 30, 2023

Evelyn Palmer-Schneider, a devoted wife, cherished friend, and active member of her community, passed away on Oct. 30, 2023 at the age of 87. Born on November 17, 1936 in the picturesque Texas Hill Country to John and Rosie (Rejcek) Knapp, Evelyn spent her early years in Harmon, Texas, alongside her beloved sister Helen (Knapp) Russell of Oakridge, TN.

Evelyn began her educational journey in Pidcoke and Harmon, completing her formative years in Gatesville, where she graduated with the Class of 1954. Her professional career took shape as she joined Texas Power & Light on January 25, 1955, marking the beginning of a dedicated service that spanned nearly four decades until her retirement on October 25, 1992. Not content with a quiet retirement, she later ventured into the world of real estate at Coldwell Banker from 1993 to 1997.

Throughout her life, Evelyn was a beacon of community engagement and philanthropy. Her active involvement in various organizations and clubs, such as Beta Sigma Phi, ABWA, Killeen Kiwanis Club, AUSA, Families in Crisis, Modern Study Club, Central Texas Republican Women, Killeen Food Care Center, Harker Heights Kiwanis Club, Killeen Chamber of Commerce, and Harker Heights Chamber Ambassador, exemplified her unwavering commitment to making a positive impact in the lives of others.

Evelyn's spiritual life was equally significant, as she found solace and strength in her faith as a proud member of St. Paul Chong Hasang Catholic Church and the Ladies of Charity. Her love for literature and camaraderie manifested in her active participation in a book club and her cherished Friday night card



games with friends. Evelyn was preceded in death by her parents, sister, Helen Russell, and brothers, Frank Knapp and Bernard Knapp and is survived by her loving husband, Darold Peter Schneider, who was her constant companion and unwavering support throughout the years, and stepdaughter, Christa Mitchell and husband Richard Mitchell and two grandchildren, Isaac and Savannah Mitchell, along with numerous special nieces and nephews along with many cousins. Her absence will be deeply felt by all who knew her, as her warmth, generosity, and vibrant spirit left an indelible mark on the hearts of her family, friends, and the community at large.

May her legacy of kindness and dedication continue to inspire others as they cherish the memory of this remarkable woman. Rosary, visitation, and Mass of Christian Burial Services will be held at St. Paul Chong Hasang Catholic Church located at 1000 E. FM 2410, Harker Heights on Nov. 14, 2023, at 10 a.m. Interment will be at Central Texas Veterans Cemetery, 11463 TX-195, Killeen at 2 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to a charity of your choice in memory of Evelyn Palmer-Schneider.

Services are in the care of Broecker Funeral Home, Salado.

National Diabetes Month observed in November

BY ALEXANDRA MEELBUSCH
Staff Writer

Annually around the world, Diabetes Awareness Month is observed during the month of November to raise awareness and support those who are affected by diabetes.

National Diabetes Month was established to address the increasing widespread presence of diabetes and its major impact on public health. It is supported by advocacy groups, health-care organizations, and individuals focused on diabetes awareness and prevention.

The month is to promote diabetes education, healthier lifestyles, and to advance research and treatment options to improve the lives of individuals living with diabetes, as this chronic health condition affects millions of people in the world.

The following statistics are provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):

DIABETES:
Total: 37.3 million people have diabetes, which is 11.3 percent of the United States population.

Diagnosed: 28.7 million people, including 28.5 million adults.

Undiagnosed: 8.5 million people and 23 percent of adults are undiagnosed.

PREDIABETES:
Total: 96 million people aged 18 years or older have prediabetes along with 38 percent of the adult U.S. population.

Sixty-five years or older: 26.4 million people aged 65 years or older, which is 48.8 percent, have prediabetes.

There are three different types of Diabetes, which includes Type One Diabetes, Type Two Diabetes, and Gestational Diabetes. All three are chronic health conditions that affect how the body turns food into energy.

TYPE 1 DIABETES

Type one diabetes can develop within people of all ages and evolves when your pancreas doesn't produce enough insulin. Insulin helps blood sugar enter the cells in the body for use as energy.

Currently, no one knows how to prevent type one diabetes, but it can be treated successfully by following a doctor's recommendations, managing your blood sugar, getting regular health checkups, and getting diabetes self-management education and support.

At times, it can take up to months or years before symptoms are noticed, but once they appear they can be severe.

By receiving a blood test, it will let you know if you have diabetes.

TYPE 2 DIABETES

Often developed over the age of 45, type two diabetes has begun to target more children, teens, and young adults through the years.

If diagnosed with type two diabetes, cells don't respond normally to insulin, which is called insulin resistance. Eventually your pancreas can't keep up and your blood sugar rises, setting the stage for prediabetes and type two diabetes.

Be sure to check your blood sugar regularly to keep your blood sugar levels as close to target as possible. Make regular appointments with your doctor to be sure you are on track with your treatment plan.

Tips for living with Type 2 Diabetes:

Develop a healthy eating and activity plan.

Test your blood sugar and keep a record of the results.

Recognize the signs of high or low blood sugar and what to do about it.

If needed, give yourself insulin with a syringe, pen, or pump.

Monitor your feet, skin, and eyes to catch problems early.

Buy diabetes supplies and store them properly.

Manage stress and deal with daily diabetes care.

Drink more water and fewer sugary drinks.

Eat more fruit and vegetables.

Make favorite foods healthier.

Make physical activity more entertaining.

GESTATIONAL DIABETES

Gestational diabetes is a type of diabetes that can develop during pregnancy in women who don't already have diabetes. Each year, two percent to 10 percent of pregnancies in the U.S. are affected by gestational diabetes.

Gestational diabetes will occur when the body doesn't produce enough insulin during pregnancy, and usually doesn't come with any symptoms. Having the condition can increase your risk of high blood pressure during pregnancy and your risk of having a large baby that needs to be delivered by cesarean section (C-section).

Gestational diabetes develops around the 24th week of pregnancy, so testing will probably be done around 24 to 28 weeks. If you are at a higher risk, your doctor may test you earlier.

If you have gestational diabetes, your baby is at higher risk of: Being very large (nine pounds or more), which can make delivery more difficult.

Being born early can cause breathing and other problems.

Having low blood sugar. Developing type 2 diabetes later in life.

When the baby is born, blood sugar levels will usually return to normal. However, around 50 percent of women with gestational

diabetes go on to develop type two diabetes.

Tips for managing gestational diabetes:

Check your blood sugar to make sure your levels stay in a healthy range.

Eat healthy food in the right amounts at the right times. Follow a healthy eating plan created by your doctor or dietitian.

Regular physical activity that is moderately intense (such as brisk walking) lowers blood sugar and makes you more sensitive to insulin, so your body won't need as much.

Monitor your baby. Your doctor will check your baby's growth and development.

If healthy eating and being active aren't enough to manage your blood sugar, your doctor may prescribe insulin, metformin, or other medication.

For further information regarding diabetes, visit <https://diabetes.org>.

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PEARL NEWS

A good day at the Bookstore Saturday and Pearl Bluegrass



BY BETSY CLARK

Pearl News Correspondent

The Pearl Cottage Bookstore reports that a great day was had by all last week on Bookstore Saturday and Pearl Bluegrass Day. If you're looking for a good book or twenty (winter is coming on, you know), the Pearl Cottage Bookstore is the place to go.

Many genres in both fiction and non-fiction, and in both hardback and paperback, cover the walls. In fact, there are over 6,000 books in that little house. All the books are in great condition, and you can "buy what you want, pay what you want" as the bookstore is a charity house, so most purchases are made by donation. The ladies of the Pearl Cottage Bookstore are a hoot, and you may walk in as a stranger, but you will leave a friend. The next bookstore and Bluegrass day is on December 2, so mark your calendars. The bookstore is open from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. that day.

There's no place like Pearl. The Pearl Community Thanksgiving Lunch will be held on Nov. 12 in the Pearl Community Center, and everyone is invited. There will be a church service at 10:30 a.m., and then lunch will begin serving at 11:30 a.m. Feel free to bring your favorite side dish and/or dessert, and a big appetite. This Grammie had the most wonderful weekend last week! I had all four of my grands, ages 4, 6, 8, and 10, plus their dads, and a great time was had by all. (Both moms were at conferences, and we surely did miss them!) We started our weekend by having dinner

at Dolli's Diner in historic downtown Nacogdoches and then visiting and playing till the wee hours of the morning. It's a good thing we got to enjoy the "fall back in Fall" time change on Sunday morning as every single one of us stayed up way past our bedtimes both Friday and Saturday nights! The kids also got to swim in an indoor pool, visit a planetarium, visit the Stephen F. Austin University campus, enjoy the playland at another restaurant, and eat way more than we probably should have. The only sad part is watching them drive away. I don't think I'll ever get used to that, but I thank

the good Lord for the times that we do get to spend together and pray for many, many more to come. This week's Bible verse comes from Psalm 127:3—Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from Him." NIV Please pray for the continued blessing of rain, our veterans and service men and women, our country, our schools, and Israel. 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.

MISSION GATESVILLE

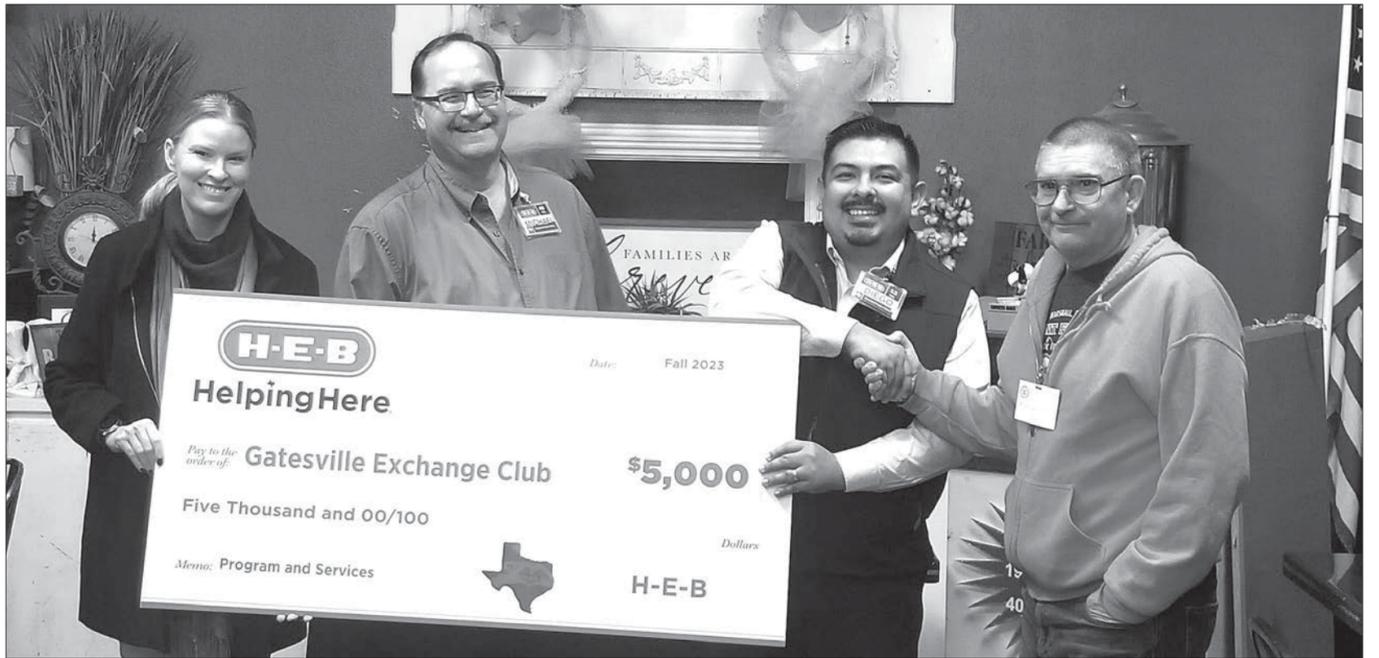
Mission Gatesville needed food items for November

BY ALEXANDRA MEELBUSCH
Staff Writer

Mission Gatesville is beginning to pack a total of 75 food boxes for the community of Gatesville to receive on Thursday, Nov. 16. The organization is still in need of the following:

- 75 jars of peanut butter
- 75 plastic containers of jelly
- 200 cans of corn
- 200 cans of green beans
- 200 cans of ravioli or similar
- 75 boxes of full-sized cereal
- 75 one-pound bags of rice
- 75 one-pound bags of beans
- 300 packets of tuna
- 200 two packs of pop tarts
- 300 boxes of macaroni
- 300 squeezable apple sauce
- 300 instant oatmeal packs
- 300 snack sized cookie packs
- 300 bottles of water
- 300 packs of snack crackers

To donate to Mission Gatesville, visit www.missiongatesville.org. Mission Gatesville provides free meal boxes every third Thursday of each month, located at 301 N. Lutterloh.



HEB presents a \$5,000 check to Gatesville Exchange Club. Pictured left to right are HEB employees Sarah Hendricks, Michael Wilie and Diego Zamora along with Exchange Club member, Monty Van Horn.

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HEB donates \$5,000 to Gatesville Exchange Club

BY KAYLEE DUSANG
Staff Writer

Gatesville's HEB presented a \$5,000 check to the Gatesville Exchange Club at the organization's weekly meeting on Thursday, Nov. 2. Manager of Gatesville's HEB, Diego Zamora, said HEB's donation will contribute to the many endeavors that the Exchange Club leads in the community. The organization provides various community service and charitable events

throughout Gatesville. "HEB has deep roots in contributing to the community," Zamora said. "We have a strong belief that the community is about having Texans help Texans. Because of this and the strong contributions the Exchange Club of Gatesville has made toward the community, HEB has contributed to making a donation to support in their efforts of impacting the folks in the greater Gatesville community."

Exchange Club member Alan Mathis said the donation was completely unexpected. "Last week at the Exchange Club, we were just overwhelmed when they announced and pulled out this check for \$5,000," Mathis said. "What Diego said - we were just in awe. They want to do and like to do a lot for the community, and they can't do it alone." Zamora presented the check alongside two other HEB store em-

ployees, Michael Wilie and Sarah Hendricks. "The many events that these community leaders contribute to will lead to things like scholarships and sponsoring families through the holidays," Zamora said. "HEB is certain the Exchange Club will make great use of this donation." The Gatesville Exchange Club meets every Thursday at Junction 36 for breakfast at 7 am.

Boys and Girls Club become involved with Salvation Army's bell ringers

Staff Reports

Julie Hudson, Director of the Boys and Girls Club, recently signed up some of her kids to ring the bell for the Salvation Army during the holiday season. For many years, when the Salvation Army was active in Gatesville, it helped the kids who at-

tended the Boys and Girls Club to go to the Salvation Army's Camp Hoblitzelle in Midlothian. The camp is a Christian-based camp with horseback riding, a pool, archery, and canoeing. The camp gives children exposure to other cultures they could not receive in their hometowns. Camp Hoblitzelle is the only chance for

some of the Boys and Girls Club children to get out of Gatesville for a week and have new and enriching experiences. For the Salvation Army bell ringing experience, Hudson is going to use her time slots to involve as many children as possible, breaking the two-hour shifts into thirty-minute

increments and making it a fun and exciting experience for them. This will take place on Saturday, Nov. 25, from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. If you are interested in supporting the Salvation Army and wish to register to be a bell ringer, please visit <https://signup.com/go/GxatyWD>



ZED by Duane M. Abel



Hunting for the Texas Slam



BY TUMBLEWEED SMITH

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

During hunting season in Texas, hunters compete for the Texas Slam Award that goes to those who bag some trophy native deer and antelope. Hunting is good around Memphis, Texas, located on the southeastern edge of the panhandle.

"I've had customers from all fifty states and about seven different countries,"

says Oren Molloy, who operates a hunting business just outside Memphis. "I've

got repeat customers; some have been with me 26 years and never missed a year. Some come three times a year. It's funny because they started out as customers and ended up being really good friends that I get to see at least once a year."

Oren turned an old general store north of the Red River into a hunting lodge. The sign on the building reads the Plaska General Store. Plaska was a community that reached its population peak in 1948 when a few dozen people lived there. The only thing there now is the hunting lodge. The original name of the settlement when it was founded around 1905 was Lodge. It had a post office by that name.

"People come here for a three-or four-night stay. We take care of everything; it's just a turnkey deal. We do meals, lodging, guide, game care, cold storage, transportation on the ranch, the whole bit."

I asked how Oren decided to start a hunting business.

"I was sitting on a tractor trying to figure out how I could get off of it. I love to hunt and never did get to much, because I was always busy farming. I thought if I could figure out a way to make hunting a living I could both hunt and have a fun business. I went to a hunting show in Dallas-Fort Worth and had a booth there, not having any idea what I was doing. I was just talking to

people about hunting and ended up booking my first season. This was before I turned this old general store building into a lodge. I had down payments and deposits on hunts, so I came back and got busy. From June to November, we got it finished."

His place is twelve miles from Memphis in a rural area.

"Some people had never seen the Milky Way before. I see it all the time. They kind of like the quiet, you know. People get out and walk or sit on the porch. Some people just want to hunt all day. If that's what they want to do, we'll accommodate them. They hunt for white tail, mule deer, varmints, hogs,

turkey, quail, and dove. In the last fifteen years, we've added exotics, including aoudad, oryx, scimitar, elk and seven different species of rams."

Hunters like the rustic atmosphere.

"It's pretty much like it was except the store's storage area is now bedrooms, and the old post office is now a kitchen. This is the original, old wooden floor that's got paint stains and scotches on it. Rather than sand them off, I left them. The old butcher counter is still in place. You can see where the old potbellied stove was and where people crushed out their cigarettes sitting around the stove."

Drop-off sites to open for Operation Christmas Child is Nov. 13-20

Press Release

Operation Christmas Child has been collecting and delivering shoebox gifts—filled with school supplies, personal care

items and fun toys—to children worldwide since 1993. In 2023, Operation Christmas Child hopes to collect enough shoeboxes to reach another 11 million children.

Anyone can pack a shoebox! Individuals, families, and groups still have time to transform empty shoeboxes into fun gifts. The project partners with local churches across the globe to deliver these tangible expressions of God's love to children in need. Find a step-by-step guide on the How to Pack a Shoebox webpage.

"Children around the world need to know that God loves them and there is hope," said Franklin Graham, president of Samaritan's Purse. "A simple shoebox gift opens the door to share about the true hope that can only be found in Jesus Christ."

More than 4,500 locations will open to collect Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts for the Samaritan's Purse Project. Volunteers are preparing to collect shoebox gifts during national collection week, Nov. 13 - 20.

Participants can find the nearest drop-off location and hours of operation as they make plans to drop off their shoebox gifts. The online lookup tool is searchable by City or ZIP code. Signs at each location will identify the drop-off.



RECIPE

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



COURTESY PHOTO BY FOOD SERVICE DIRECT

Black Forest Cake

Black Forest Cake

BY ELSIE WHITTENBERG

1 box devils food cake mix
2 T. vanilla
21 oz. canned cherry pie filling
8 oz. whipped topping, thawed
1 T. almond flavoring
2 T. chocolate dessert sprinkles
1 pkg. (3.4 pkg.) French vanilla pudding
Maraschino cherries

Bake cake according to package directions in a 9 X 13 pan. Mix pie filling and almond flavoring. While cake is still warm, poke the top of the cake with a toothpick and spread the cherry pie filling over the cake. While the cake cools, prepare pudding and vanilla. Fold in whipped topping. Spread pudding mixture over the cake, covering the cherry pie filling. Decorate with chocolate sprinkles and Maraschino cherries. Cover and refrigerate.

The DISPATCH

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of Nov. 1 - Nov. 7. While there were many calls to the dispatcher, this is a partial list of more significant activity. Persons are reminded that only emergency calls should be made to 9-1-1, while all other calls to the police department should be made to 865-2226 or to the Sheriff's office at 865-7201.

CITY OF GATESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Nov. 1

1:52 a.m., animal cruelty was reported in the 100 block of Mulberry Avenue.

7:50 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2300 block of Ransom Road.

8:57 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 300 block of Hornet Way.

11:55 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in 1400 block of Waco Street.

Nov. 2

7:05 a.m., illegal dumping was reported in the 1100 block of West Leon Street.

2:07 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of North Lutterloh Avenue.

3:36 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 1400 block of Waco Street.

9:12 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 1600 block of Saunders Street.

Nov. 3

12:50 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of Airport Road.

12:35 p.m., a theft was reported in the 1200 block of College Street.

2:27 p.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 1100 block of West Main Street.

3:45 p.m., a burglary was reported in the 3200 block of South State Highway 36.

Nov. 4

11:49 p.m., a burglary was reported in the 400 block of Park Street.

7:59 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the

2400 block of East Main Street.

8:14 p.m., an accident was reported in the 600 block of North State Highway 36 Bypass.

10:50 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 300 block of Veteran's Memorial Loop.

Nov. 5

1:18 a.m., an accident was reported in the 3100 block of South State Highway 36.

7:18 a.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 2500 block of Oak Drive.

12:29 p.m., a theft was reported in the 2200 block of East Main Street.

6:42 p.m., a burglary was reported in the 100 block of North 16th Street.

Nov. 6

2:58 p.m., a theft was reported in the 2800 block of South State Highway 36.

3:43 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 2400 block of South Business Highway 36.

7:29 p.m., a prowler was reported in the 100 block of East Leon Street.

10:44 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 300 block of State School Road.

Nov. 7

2:03 a.m., an accident was reported in the 14300 block of South State Highway 36.

8:51 a.m., a burglary was reported in the 100 block of Park Street.

11:07 a.m., a gas leak/fire was reported in the 100 block of North Lovers Lane.

10:26 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in

the 200 block of Old Waco Road.

CORYELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Nov. 1

2:54 p.m., illegal burning was reported in the 1200 block of County Road 238.

6 p.m., a vehicle fire was reported in the 7800 block of South Highway 36.

7:01 p.m., trespassing was reported in the 300 block of East FM 931.

10:18 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 200 block of County Road 330.

Nov. 2

11:17 a.m., the burglary of a habitation was reported in the 800 block of County Road 337.

1:07 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 2700 block of Willow Loop.

4:57 p.m., animal neglect was reported in the 900 block of Kubitz.

8:04 p.m., shots fired was reported in the 600 block of Gaylon Drive.

Nov. 3

7:23 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported on FM 2955 and County Road 220.

10:20 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 12500 block of FM 182.

7:20 p.m., a major accident was reported on Highway 9 North Bound merging on to FM 116.

11:46 p.m., a prowler was reported in the 4100 block of Greenbriar Road.

Nov. 4

10:53 a.m., a suspicious vehicle was reported by the

railroad track off 1113.

11:24 a.m., stolen property was reported in the 500 block of County Road 339.

12:10 p.m., a robbery was reported in the 200 block of County Road 4814.

1:42 p.m., a dog bite was reported in the 2900 block of Mimosa Drive.

Nov. 5

8:43 a.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 2200 block of Coryell City Road.

12:26 p.m., missing livestock were reported in the 10200 block of FM 116.

3:30 p.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 300 block of FM 107.

10:04 p.m., a neighbor dispute was reported in the 1500 block of Quail Point.

Nov. 6

6:59 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported on King Country Road.

10:18 a.m., a theft was reported in the 400 block of County Road 366.

11 a.m., trespassing was reported in the 6000 block of County Road 174.

7:36 p.m., a prowler was reported in the 100 block of Liberty Street.

Nov. 7

9:24 a.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 200 block of County Road 340.

9:30 a.m., a neighbor dispute was reported in the 7700 block of FM 185.

2:37 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 2100 block of FM 182.

6:26 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 900 block of Bluestem.

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099 PUBLIC NOTICES

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of Sharon Ann Lemanquais issued on August 2, 2023, in docket number 22-10715 pending in the County Court at Law of Coryell County, Texas, to: Allen D. Place, Jr. All persons having claims against this estate, which is presently being administered, are required to submit them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law, and before the estate is closed, addressed as follows: c/o Allen D. Place, Jr. Attorney at Law 109 S. 7th Street Gatesville, Texas 76528 Dated the 7th day of November, 2023.

Allen D. Place, Jr. Attorney State Bar No.: 16058500 109 S. 7th Street Gatesville, Texas 76528 Telephone: (254) 865-8475 Facsimile: (254) 865-5274 Email: allenplacejr@aol.com 00030482

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Dori Ray Mistic Attorney for Janine Elizabeth Stamer State Bar No.: 04091800 907 S. Main St. Copperas Cove, TX 76522 Telephone: (254) 547-6000 Facsimile: (254) 547-4157 E-mail: doriraymistic@hotmail.com 00030483

099 PUBLIC NOTICES

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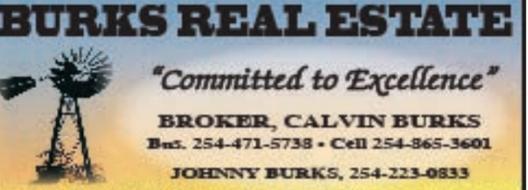
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 • 22.2 Acres, 4 Br, 2 Ba Manufactured Home by Palm Harbor, open floor plan, large master bedroom, low & her closets, 2 living areas, 14 1/2 x 36 ft. sunroom, laminate wood floors, ceramic tiles in kitchen, laundry room & bathrooms, 11 x 40 ft. car-hall with lean-to for a carport, outbuildings & barn that has not been completed, water well, rolling terrain, good tree cover. \$448,500
 • 25.08 acres Pothville, 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 install a water well for water. \$385,000
 • 33.43 acres, near Coryell City, Coryell County, FM 929 & CR 288 bridge, rolling terrain, good views. \$285,000
 • 38 +/- acres, South of Pears, TX, Coryell County, FM 186 bridge, rolling terrain, scattered tree cover, nice views, great home site. \$372,400
 • 41.0467 acres Hamilton, TX, CR 404, Hamilton County, rolling terrain, scattered tree cover, approx. 25 acres wooded, 2 stock tanks, & good terrain. \$448,000
 • 47.332 ac. south of Ireland, TX, good tree cover, rolling terrain, good terrain on 3 sides, multiple will need to be fenced. \$385,000
 • 50.24 acres, 32.5 home, 2171 CR 418, Evant, TX, rolling terrain, 40% being good tree cover, the remaining balance being open pasture, great views. \$848,500
 • 58.51 acres, 3 Br, 2 Ba Home Home, 9830 FM 143, Evant, TX. Water well, several outbuildings, rolling terrain, scattered tree cover & 2 stock tanks. \$265,000
 • 80.25 acres, CR 288 near Tarrasville, TX. 1 stock tank, good fences, scattered tree cover, rolling terrain, \$381,300.
 • 88.88 acres, 32.5 rock home, 101 Mac Dr., Gatesville, TX. Approx. 2800 sq ft of Leas River bridge, ceramic tile floors, carpet in bedrooms, vaulted ceiling, rock fireplace, granite countertops, breakfast bar, granite tub, metal building approx. 45 ft x 24 ft, approx. 50 ft x 30 ft., cattle pens, 1 stock tank, approx. 48 acres of wooded. \$1,248,500
 • 74.284 ac. West of Pears, TX, FM 1241, 1 tank, barn with cattle pens, good roller fencing, approx. 85 acres good grazing pasture with coastal & native grasses, bridge on FM 1241 & CR 811. \$530,700
 • 82.43 acres West of Evant, TX, Mills County. Open pasture, scattered mesquite tree cover, native grasses, 1 stock tank, fenced on 3 sides. \$580,504
 • 85.007 acres, 36 ft. Travel Trailer, 25 ft. x 30 ft. metal barn, Electricity, 1 tank, seasonal branch, water well, scattered tree cover, good terrain. \$820,000
 • 108 +/- Acres, CR 140, Pears, TX, Coryell & Hamilton County, good tree cover, rolling terrain, 1 tank, paved road bridge, electricity to across the road. \$832,100
 • 154.804 acres, Tarrasville, TX, paved CR 256 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 40 ft. x 40 ft., good set of cattle pens & grain storage bin, 24-acre field, remaining acreage open pasture with native grasses. The property is in Jamesham I. S. D., Denver will consider owner financing. \$829,404
 • 178.562 acres 1.8 miles south of Gatesville, TX, FM 118 bridge, great views, stock tank, rolling terrain & scattered tree cover. \$1,188,255
 • 188.86 acres, 42 Manufactured Home, 1655 sq. ft., 865 CR 182, Pears, TX, Coryell County, fully furnished, 2 stock tanks, 11 ft. x 40 ft. storage container, storage building with water storage tank, barn, cattle pens, water well 500 ft deep, rolling terrain, good tree cover, paved road bridge. \$1,588,004
 • 218 +/- acres, Collins, TX, Comanche County, approx. 5000 sq ft of Fleety Creek bridge, 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 roller and roller fencing. \$1,450,000



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Aaron and Tabitha Tippit

COURTESY PHOTO

Righteous Roots presents Team Tippit

BY ALEXAANDRA MEELBUSCH
Staff Writer

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

The Tippits were married in 2019 and have four children together.

Tabitha is the Assistant Director of Nurses at Hillside Medical Lodge, and Aaron is a mechanic for the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT). In the Tippits' free time,

they enjoy being outdoors, whether that involves hunting, fishing, or hiking.

Team Tippit still has tables available for sponsorship.

Dancing with the Stars of Central Texas is a semi-formal gathering for adults aged 18 and over. The event will be held at the Gatesville Civic Center and will commence at 5:30 p.m. Attendees will come together to enjoy an evening of delightful food, vibrant dancing, and meaningful

fellowship.

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

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



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Exchange Club names students of the month

BY DAVID SCOTT
Staff Writer

The Exchange Club of Gatesville recently named their students of the month for the months of September and October.

Students of the month are seniors and are nominated by a teacher for their outstanding qualities as young people. This recognition is not based solely on academics, but also on character, school, and community involvement and leadership abilities that make a well-rounded individual. Exchange Club members receive the nominations and score each one on merit.

Two students are selected each month from September to February. The 12 students that are selected during the year will be recognized again at the Golden Deeds Banquet, which is held in April. After another round of scoring by club members, the two students with the highest scores will receive \$1,000 scholarships from the Exchange Club.

The students of the month chosen include Natalie Fast, Ellie Kelley, Barrett Boyd, and Bethany Penrod.

Natalie Fast was nominated by teacher Bonnie Latham who described her as being an extraordinary young woman who will succeed in any environment she is placed. Latham also stated that Fast is a "confident young woman, eager to succeed, and has a sense of self-awareness many of her peers do not possess." Latham continued, "Overall, Natalie is a shining example of today's youth, and her passionate drive, determination, and sense of responsibility coupled with her intrinsic motivation will produce excellence in any circumstance."

In addition to holding various offices in the



Exchange Club's Students of the Month are pictured with two members of the club. Pictured left to right, Barrett Boyd, Natalie Fast, Georg Cleverley, Bethany Penrod, Ellie Kelley, and JoAnn Sugg.

student council during her high school career, Fast served as the team captain in debate and has competed in UIL. Her athletic involvement has included track and basketball. She has been a cheerleader serving as the cheer captain being first in state at the academic-all district level.

Fast has been in the National Honor Society for her junior and senior years and holds a 3.99 grade point average.

Ellie Kelley was nominated by teacher Sharon Inbody who described her as being one of the most sincere, hardworking, dedicated students in her class. Inbody said, "Ellie Kelley is a student that

everyone loves to teach. She is receptive to learning new things and a fast learner." Inbody continued, "She is a friendly, sincere, and caring human being. This is evident at her clinical rotation at the nursing home and her true love for the people and their needs. She is able to reach out to the residents and care for them as if they were family members."

Kelley has participated in soccer, track, and cross country during her high school career. In Skills USA, she was a state qualifier in three events including Health Knowledge, Basic Health CAR, and Medial Terminology. Her additional school-related activities

have included the PALS program, and in 12th grade, the Emergency Room Health Science Practicum.

Kelley is a member of the National Honor Society and holds a 3.97 grade point average.

Barrett Boyd was nominated by teacher Bonnie Latham who described her as a student with an exceptional mind who can think on a deep and critical level. "She regularly receives accolades from her teachers as the most outstanding student and is praised regularly for her hard work and dedication in all of her pursuits," Latham said. She continued, "Barrett is not only a bright young student eager to do well, but she settles for nothing short of perfection in her work." Latham also described Boyd as having determination and a sense of responsibility.

Boyd has served on the Student Council during her

high school career and, as a junior, served as the council's historian. She was also involved in debate and came in sixth in the district. In Boyd's involvement in the GHS Soccer Team, she was the JV Captain in 2020, the varsity starter 2021-2023, and the varsity captain in 2023. In track, Boyd was a regional qualifier 2021-2023, regional medalist in 2022 and 2023, a state qualifier in 2023, and came in 5th place in 4A pole vault.

Boyd is currently the president of the National Honor Society 2023-2024 and has a 4.3 grade point average.

Bethany Penrod was nominated by teacher Bonnie Latham who described her as having a passionate drive, determination, and a sense of responsibility. "Bethany juggles and thrives in multiple college courses coupled with honors courses where the rigor

and expectations are extremely high," Latham said. She continued, "Bethany has a servant's heart and is an incredibly sweet and caring soul. She is respectful, and a thoughtful young woman," she said.

Penrod has served on the Student Council during her high school career, serving as the parliamentarian as a junior and as vice president as a senior. In her four years of high school, Penrod has participated on the GHS Soccer team where she was Newcomer of the Year in ninth grade, Honorable Mention in tenth grade, Second Team - All District in eleventh grade, and Captain as a senior. In Track and Cross Country, she was a regional qualifier.

Penrod is currently the vice president of the National Honor Society and has a 4.1 grade point average.

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Doctors' tips to stay healthy during the holiday season

(StatePoint)

The holiday season is a joyous time to reconnect with family and loved ones, but it also brings unique health and safety risks, according to doctors, who recommend a bit of extra vigilance to protect yourself and those close to you.

"During the hectic holiday season, it can be hard to carve out time to focus on your wellness. Awareness, along with the adoption of a few healthy habits, can help you and your family enjoy this special time of year in the best of health," says American Medical Association (AMA) president, Jesse M. Ehrenfeld, M.D., M.P.H.

For a healthy, happy season, follow these tips and recommendations from the AMA:

1. Vaccination is the best protection against a number of serious respiratory viruses circulating this fall and winter. To protect yourself and your family, get up to date on your vaccines, including the annual flu shot, as well as the updated COVID-19 vaccine for everyone 6 months and older. Vaccines are also available to protect older adults from severe RSV. New tools to protect infants during RSV season in-

clude maternal vaccination as well as the monoclonal antibody immunization.

If you have questions, speak with your physician and review trusted resources, including [getvaccineanswers.org](https://www.getvaccineanswers.org).

2. Watch what you eat this holiday season. Pay particular attention to labels and avoid processed foods as much as you can, especially those with added sodium and sugar. Drink water instead of sugar-sweetened beverages, and eat nutritious, whole foods like fresh fruit and vegetables alongside richer holiday fare.

3. If you're consuming alcohol, drink only in moderation. The U.S. Dietary Guidelines for Americans defines that as up to one drink per day for women and two drinks per day for men, and only by adults of legal drinking age.

4. Make time to exercise during this busy time of year. A good rule of thumb for adults is at least 150 minutes a week of moderate-intensity activity, or 75 minutes a week of vigorous-intensity activity. Brisk walks, or even a family trip to the gym, can provide easy and fun ways to get off the couch and elevate your heart rate over the holiday season.

If you're traveling, don't forget to pack your sneakers!

5. Factors like holiday spending and navigating time with extended family can bring on extra seasonal stress. Invest in your mental health and manage stress by getting sufficient sleep, exercising and seeking help from a mental health professional when you need it.

6. Make smart choices and plan ahead if you're driving. In December 2021 alone, 1,013 Americans died in alcohol-impaired-driving crashes. Do not under any circumstances drive if you intend to drink. And if you are the designated driver, make a 100 percent commitment to sobriety.

7. Get your New Year's resolutions started early. Speak with your doctor or health care professional about quitting tobacco and nicotine use, and declare your home and car smoke-free to eliminate secondhand smoke exposure.

"Amid the holiday cheer, don't neglect your health and safety. By eating well, exercising, and taking necessary steps to stop the spread of respiratory viruses, you can help protect yourself against common seasonal health risks," says Dr. Ehrenfeld.



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Oglesby Lady Tigers make history; fall short in quarterfinals

Staff Reports

The Oglesby Lady Tigers volleyball team are area champions after defeating the Pioneer Technology & Arts Academy on Nov. 2. After dropping the first set, 22-25, the Lady Tigers rallied to win the next three sets, 25-8, 25-19, and 25-18. Matti Dixon led the Oglesby Lady Tigers offensively with 17 kills, and tied junior libero Jayda Gonzalez with 12 defensive digs. On the serving side, Jayda snagged eight aces against PTAA-Greenville. Setter Andrea Licea-Perez had 24 assists, and freshman Caitlyn Battreal had eight kills. According to Coach Martin, "It was a great win and the first volleyball playoff win in the

history of the program." This is the farthest the Lady Tigers have gone. The Lady Tigers then took on the Avalon Lady Eagles in Valley Mills Nov. 7 in the regional quarterfinal playoffs and played a hard-fought game. The Lady Tigers made some great plays, and rallied back several times, however, in the end the Tigers couldn't match up to the 6-foot, 6-inch freshman phenom from Avalon. Senior Mattie Dixon and senior Addison Hamilton led the way for the Tigers. With only two seniors on the team, the future looks bright for the Lady Tigers. The Tigers are coached by Head Coach Amanda Martin and Kara Helms.



Oglesby Lady Tigers volleyball team pictured left to right: Head Coach Amanda Martin, Presley Robinson, Andrea Licea-Perez, Matti Dixon, Addison Hamilton, Autumn Meyers, Caitlyn Battreal, Maddison Smith, Zarah Wisehart, Assistant Coach Kara Helms, and Manager Taetyim Sanders. Bottom row: Jayda Gonzalez.

COURTESY PHOTO

Gatesville girls basketball routs McGregor in season opener

BY CHRIS ALLMAN Contributing Writer

Gatesville jumped out to a 17-5 first quarter lead, then pitched a third quarter shutout on their way to a 52-25 season-opening win over McGregor on Nov. 7. It was the very definition of a total team effort as eight different Lady Hornets scored, and every player in uniform contrib-

uted points, a rebound, or an assist. Emma Pollard and Alanda Wimberley who had 11 and 10 points, respectively, led the team in scoring. Wimberley had six rebounds while Pollard had five while Taylor Coward led the team with seven boards. Paige Sentillas chipped in five assists while also scoring eight points, and

Yasmin Saunders had four assists to go along with four rebounds and four points. The first period was a clinic in interior basketball as Gatesville made 8-of-9 shots in the paint in the quarter. After missing their first field goal attempt of the game, they made their next eight two-point attempts of the quarter - all

of which came inside the paint and seven of which came via an assist. A layup from Wimberley pushed the lead to 21-5 early in the second quarter. Their biggest lead of the quarter came when Saunders found Pollard for a fast break layup and a 25-7 lead. In the third quarter, Gatesville held McGregor

scoreless as the Lady Bulldogs missed on all six of their field goal attempts and four free throw attempts. Coward and Pollard scored all nine Gatesville points in the quarter with Coward making a pair of layups and Pollard picking up her points on a layup and three free throws. Gatesville led 37-14 at the end of three quarters.

For the game, Gatesville scored 36 points in the paint and outrebounded McGregor 41-31. They had 17 assists in the game and picked up 17 steals en route to forcing 32 turnovers. The Lady Hornets host San Saba on Nov. 11.

GATESVILLE JV ENDS SEASON WITH PERFECT RECORD



Gatesville High School's Junior Varsity Football Team recently went undefeated for the entire season. The JV football team became District Champions with a perfect 10-0 season. Pictured is number two, Eli Charbonneau; number three, Daniel Gonzales; number four, Gehrig Keeton; number five, Greyson Eggeling; number six, Colt Heath; number seven, Cy Burns; number 11, Carson Bailey; number 12, Jaymeson Vargas; number 13, Dylan Watts; number 14, Lamont Williams; number 15, Larry Schwertner; number 18, Aidan Koen; number 19, Ben Woodson; number 20, John Davidson; number 21, Clark Allman; number 24, Kaleb Howie; number 30, Eason Johnson; number 32, Jayden Gregory; number 41, Kamren Hendrix; number 50, Chase Glenn; number 55, Joe Cox; number 57, Josh Morris; number 64, Levi Webb; number 66, Tyler Richardson; number 67, Hunter Swindall; number 68, Logan Turner; number 71, Jeret Burks; number 72, Cooper Jones; number 80, Memphis Wells; number 88, Hayden Blanchard; Jason Moffett, coach; and Ryan Dillon, coach.

COURTESY PHOTO

Oglesby Jr. High team clinch District championship

BY TOM NORRELL Contributing Writer

The Oglesby Junior High Tiger football team clinched the district championship Nov. 3 with a 45-13 victory over the Buckholts Badgers. The Tigers ran their record

to 8-1 for the 2023 season. Offensively for the Tigers, several players scored touchdowns and points after touchdown (PATs). Holdyn Goff had three carries for 58 yards and two touchdown runs of 15 and

25 yards. He was three for three passing for 59 yards, and two touchdown passes, and had one interception for a 25-yard return, for a total 142 total yards. Mason Marquez had four carries for 76 yards with

one 25-yard touchdown run. Caiden Brinkley had two carries for 48 yards, including one 45-yard touchdown run. He also had one interception for 10 yards, for total of 58 yards.

Blayze Fisher was two for two passing and had one touchdown pass. Liam Ammerman had three carries, a 25-yard touchdown run, and one PAT run. Evan Williamson had one

pass reception for a 20-yard touchdown and one PAT reception. Ranger Dalton had one 25-yard touchdown reception. PLEASE SEE DISTRICT | B2

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GATESVILLE JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL RESULTS

8A vs. Robinson

	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Gatesville	14	14	6	7	41
Robinson	0	0	0	0	0

Leading Rushers: Grady Keeton- 5 for 83, 3 TD; Braxton Brown- 4 for 23; Austin Pickle- 3 for 25; Draven Henderson- 2 for 7; Isaac Crawford- 2 for 4, TD

Offensive Line standouts: Jayden Reyes, Wacey Saunders, Isaac Crawford, Jaxon Botkin, Joey Lonzettta, Stephen Walker, Zak Rodriguez

Leading Passers: Grady Keeton, 4/4 for 70 yards, 2 TD
Leading Receivers: Draven Henderson- 2 catches for 30 yards, 2 TD; Kaydon Buster- 1 for 7; Stefon Boyd- 1 for 33

Leading Tacklers/Defensive players: Isaac Crawford- 5 tackles, 1 pressure passer; Grady Keeton- 7 tackles, 2 PBUs, 1 TFL; Austyn Pickle- 2 tackles, 1 INT for a 22-yard return; Braxton Brown- 4 tackles, 1 recovered fumble; Jaxon Botkin- 3 tackles; Callen Webb- 4 tackles; Camden Webb- 4 tackles; Memphis Salas- 3 tackles; Draven Henderson- 2 tackles, 1 TFL, 1 pressure passer; Stephen Walker- 3 tackles

Special Teams- Leo Leon- 5/6 on extra points
Season Record: 7-1

8B vs. Robinson

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

Leading Rushers: Kegan Reford 10 for 63; Cash Heath- 2 for 12; Pate Foster- 1 for 31; Brensyn Pope- 1 for 9 (TD)
Offensive Line/ TE standouts: Eduardo Arias, Hunter Hill, Kaiden Gibson

Leading Passer: Cash Heath- 22 yards
Leading Receiver: Pate Foster-1 for 22
Leading Tacklers/Defensive players: Blake Perry- 7 tackles; Cash Heath- 4 tackles, 1 PBU; Hunter Loy- 3 tackles; Eduardo Arias- 4 tackles, 1 sack, 1 TFL; Pate Foster- 2 tackles, 2 PBUs, 1 forced fumble
Season Record: 4-4

NOTE: A Brensyn Pope 9-yard TD run with zero seconds left on the clock sealed the victory for the Hornets.

7A vs. Robinson

	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Gatesville	0	0	0	0	0
Robinson	6	12	6	8	32

Leading Rushers: Bennett Eggeling- 14 for 68 yards
Offensive Line/ TE standouts: TayShon Evans
Leading Tacklers/Defensive players: Sebastian Hubik- 6 tackles, 1 forced fumble; Bennett Eggeling- 5 tackles
Season Record: 1-6-1

7B vs. Robinson

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

Leading Rushers: Damian Millan- 46 yards rushing
Offensive Line/ TE standouts: Isaac Stafford
Leading Tacklers/Defensive players: Isaac Stafford and Zion Nunn
Season Record: 5-2-1

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Aiden Aviles had one PAT reception.

Jayce Aaron had three receptions for 46 yards.

DEFENSIVELY:

Mason Marquez had seven tackles and one fumble recovery.

Holdyn Goff made seven tackles and had an interception.

Ranger Dalton had five tackles.

Caiden Brinkley had four tackles, one fumble recovery, and one interception.

Evan Williamson had three tackles.

Couper Wulfkuhle had three tackles.

Aiden Aviles had three tackles and one knocked down pass.

Rancher Jeffcoat had two tackles.

Hunter Insall had two tackles.

Liam Ammerman had one tackle.

Blayze Fisher had one tackle.

DISTRICT CHAMPIONS



Oglesby Tigers junior high football team and cheerleaders

COURTESY PHOTO

Evant Lady Elks defeat Bluff Dale

Staff Reports

The Evant Lady Elks volleyball team competed against Bluff Dale Independent School District on Thursday, Nov. 2 and won 25-12, 25-27, 25-20, 25-20.

The stats include:
Harley Weeks - 5 aces, 16 digs, 16 passes, 5 kills, 5 saves.

Hailey Neri - 1 ace, 9 digs, 9 passes, 1 kill, 1 assist.

Molly Waldrum - 2 aces, 7 digs, 7 passes, 15 kills, 2 blocks, 2 assists, 1 save.

Bree Rameriz - 2 aces, 8 digs, 8 passes, 8 assists, 6 kills, 1 save.

Luwi Rodriguez - 19 digs, 19 passes, 8 kills, 2 saves.

Izzy Grandy - 7 digs, 7 passes, 5 kills, 5 saves.

Jolyce Acosta - 2 aces, 4 digs, 4 passes.

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STEPHENVILLE — Stephen F. Austin hadn't made the trip to Stephenville in 49 years. It might be another 49 years before they agree to visit Tarleton State again.

The Texans (7-3, 3-2 UAC) stomped the Lumberjacks (3-6, 0-4 UAC) 59-17 on Saturday, Nov. 4 at Memorial Stadium. Tarleton Football won its third straight game, finished 4-1 at Memorial Stadium this season, and set a new single-season record for wins in its NCAA Division I era. The Texans sent SFA to its fourth straight loss, its longest losing streak since 2019.

This was a season-high in points for Tarleton, its highest scoring game at the D1 level, its most since dropping 66 on Midwestern State on Nov. 2, 2019. It marked the team's third 50-plus point game of the season, its most such games in a season since 2019 (four).

Texan quarterback Victor Gabalis had five touchdowns on the night, completing 15-of-19 passes for a season-high 389 yards. He threw a season-high four touchdowns, plus ran a touchdown in from two yards out. Kayvon Britten added two more rushing touchdowns to his total, finishing with 63 yards. He's scored six rushing touchdowns over the past three games, now at 13 on the year. Darius Cooper recorded five receptions for 168 yards and two touchdowns, including an 85-yard TD grab. Trevon West and Dawson Hearne each had a



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touchdown reception, and Kristian Dalton sealed the night with a 70-yard rushing score.

The Texan defense forced five takeaways on Saturday, all fumbles. Qua'Shawn Washington had two of those recoveries, adding a team-high 10 tackles, to go with two pass breakups. Ty Rawls had a fumble recovery with seven tackles, Greg Eggleston, Jr. had a recovery, and Bryson Collins forced a fumble at the 1-yard line that

went out of the end zone for a touchback. Josh Griffis had a strip sack in the first quarter that Washington recovered.

It was both Military Appreciation and Senior Night at Memorial Stadium on Saturday. With several special military vehicles in attendance, veterans and active military members were honored all night. Also, the Texans held a special presentation to honor seniors Javian Bellamy, Jalen Carr,

Tayvis Coleman, Bryson Collins, Ahmir Crowder, Ely Doyle, Cody Henderson, Patrick Jones, Dejuan Miller, Fernando Piedra and Washington. Plus, Tarleton Athletics had fireworks throughout the game to help celebrate.

The Texans brought their own fireworks all night, starting with a 28-spot in the first quarter. To open the game, the Texans marched down 83 yards, Britten running in from 14 yards out to

open the game 7-0. After SFA made it 7-3, Griffis answered on the Lumberjacks' ensuing drive, and Washington recovered at the SFA 26-yard line. On the next play, Gabalis had a short pass to West, who took it 26 yards to the house.

SFA answered with its first touchdown of the game, but Tarleton answered right back, with Gabalis finding Cooper for 17 yards out to make it 21-10. Eggleston then pounced on a muffed kickoff, and Tarleton made

it 28-10 before the quarter ended, as Gabalis faked the handoff and ran around the left side for a 2-yard score.

Tarleton State opened the second quarter with another touchdown, this time on two plays, with Gabalis finding a streaking Cooper at mid-field who took it the rest of the way for an 85-yard touchdown.

On SFA's ensuing drive, Collins forced a fumble at the 1-yard line that went out of the end zone to make it Tarleton's ball. With about 90 seconds remaining in the second quarter, Hearne caught a 9-yard touchdown from Gabalis to send the Texans into the locker room 42-10 at halftime.

In the third quarter, Britten had a six-yard score to make it 49-10, and Adrian Guzman split the uprights from 44 yards out to make it 52-10 after three. With four minutes remaining in the game, Dalton burst through on Tarleton's first play of the drive for a 70-yard touchdown run to put an exclamation point on the victory.

Tarleton had 389 passing yards to SFA's 203, averaging 20.5 passing yards per attempt to SFA's 4.1. The Texans outgained the Lumberjacks overall 577-411.

The all-time series between head coaches Todd Whitten and Colby Carthel is split again, now at 4-4.

Tarleton and ACU will play at Wildcat Stadium at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 11 in the last game of the season.

Bengtsson goes -13 over last two rounds to win medalist honors in Mexico, Tarleton takes third

Tarleton State University

MONTERREY, MX. -- The Texans turned in their best performance of their fall campaign in their final tournament on Friday, Oct. 27 and Saturday, Oct. 28, seeing individual medalist honors and finishing third as a team.

Sophomore Max Bengtsson went -13 over the final two rounds to finish first among the 62-man field. He shot -15 overall (70-66-65) in the Monterrey International Invitational on Friday-Saturday at Club Campestre Monterrey for his first collegiate individual victory.

Carson Gallaher, who led the Texans in each of their first three tournaments to start the year, was tied for first after the first 27 holes. He was boosted by the first albatross in the modern era of Texan Men's Golf. After the first day, he was tied for first at -8, as the event was being played with 27 holes on the first day and 27 holes on the second day. Gallaher finished tied-17th overall at -6 (69, 67, 74).

The Texans finished third as a team at -26, bettering their previous season-best score to par by 53 strokes. They were just three strokes short of the winning team, Utah State.

"It was a great week in Mexico and was an awesome experience all around," head coach Chance Cain said. "Max went on an unbelievable 27-hole run to shoot 10-under in that stretch with only three bogeys to pull off the victory by a shot. It's a great confidence boost for him and the team to cap off the fall on a high note. We were so close to pulling off our first team victory as well and just made a couple costly mistakes coming in. It's a good learning experience all-around, because when we keep putting ourselves in positions like this, we will figure out how to handle it and close it out."

Alvaro Huidobro had a strong first two rounds, finishing tied-35th overall at +2 (72, 69, 77). It was a similar event for Bladen Samaniego, who shot +3 (73, 70, 76) for tied-39th. Cristobal

Sepulveda went -5 in the final round to salvage a tough start, going tied-46th at +6 (76, 79, 67). Finally, Chandler Barch, who competed as an individual, took 51st at +8 (72, 76, 76).

Bengtsson won the tournament by one stroke on Saturday, besting Utah State's Julio Arronte (-14) and three others at -13. In his final round, between nine holes, Nos. 6-14, he turned in eight birdies to tie the lowest round in Texan Men's Golf history at 65 (-7). Last year, Jack Anderson shot an opening 65 (7) enroute to a second place finish in Utah.

The Texan sophomore joins Anderson as the second medalist in Tarleton's short revived history.

Bengtsson had the most birdies in the tournament with 22, three more than the next closest. He was a major reason for Tarleton also finished first in birdies in the event, five more than the next closest programs of Loyola Maryland and North Dakota State. On Par 5's, he was unstoppable, going -10 on the specific hole, a gross



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score average of 4.3. The Texans as a team were second in Par 5's at -31.

Gallaher had the lone albatross in the tournament with a 2 on the Par 5 13th hole. On the 570 yard hole, Gallaher bombed his drive 350 yards, then sank his second shot from 220 yards out. In the second round, he started

with three straight birdies and was -6 through 10.

The Texans took third among 10 programs, competing against Utah State (-29), North Dakota State (-28), Loyola Maryland (-23), UTRGV (-23), Valparaiso (-21), Howard (-20), Idaho (-9), the host George Washington (-9) and Yale (-5).

This marked Tarleton's last tournament for nearly three months. The Texans will be back in action on Feb. 12-13 for Rice's Bentwater Intercollegiate at Bentwater Yacht and Country Club in Montgomery, Texas.

Deltombe wins individual title and leads Texans to best team finish

Tarleton State University

HATTIESBURG, Mississippi — In just her fourth tournament as a Texan, sophomore Lou Deltombe carded a three under-par to lead Tarleton

State to a fourth-place finish, the best of the season, in its final event of the fall at The Judson 2023 at Hattiesburg CC.

Deltombe's win marked the first win by a women's golfer since 2021.

"Lou played phenomenal golf this week," said coach Isabel Jimenez after the third round on Tuesday. "She is the type of player that always wants to do well, she has that fire in her veins, whether it is a tour-

namment or a little game at practice, she wants to win. I am very happy of the way she finished off the fall season, very well deserved for her."

Deltombe started off the tournament on fire, shoot-

ing a five-under par, 67, in the first round of the day on Monday. Deltombe proceeded to card a pair of 73s to finish the event three under, two strokes up on the runner-up. The sophomore carded 12 birdies across

three rounds including six in the first round alone. She turned in her best performance as a Texan setting a new single round low and 54-hole round low.

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For every two and a half

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The top three classes who provide the campus with the most canned items will receive a popcorn and movie day.

For more information, contact Gatesville Elementary School at 254-865-7262.

Gatesville Elementary School is located at 2537 E. Main Street.



PUMPKIN CONTEST WINNERS



COURTESY PHOTO

Gatesville Intermediate School held a pumpkin decorating contest for the fourth-grade class to celebrate Halloween. Pictured left to right is Slater Steel who won third place with Warty the Frog, Alexa Mata who won first place with Up House, and Martin Alvarez who won second place with Chopper.



Kendra Pruitt

COURTESY PHOTO

Educators of the Week presented by FNBCT

Staff Reports

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

During a recent home varsity football game, Kendra Pruitt and William Bryant both received \$500 cash as well as a trophy.

The First National Bank of Central Texas and Gatesville Independent

School District welcome the community to submit the names of local educators who have made a difference in your life, or in the lives of others.

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

Gatesville ISD is located at 205 South Lovers Lane.

Pictured are Kendra Pruitt and William Bryant both holding their \$500 cash and a trophy.



William Bryant

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CONGRATULATIONS, VANIA & LYNLEE!

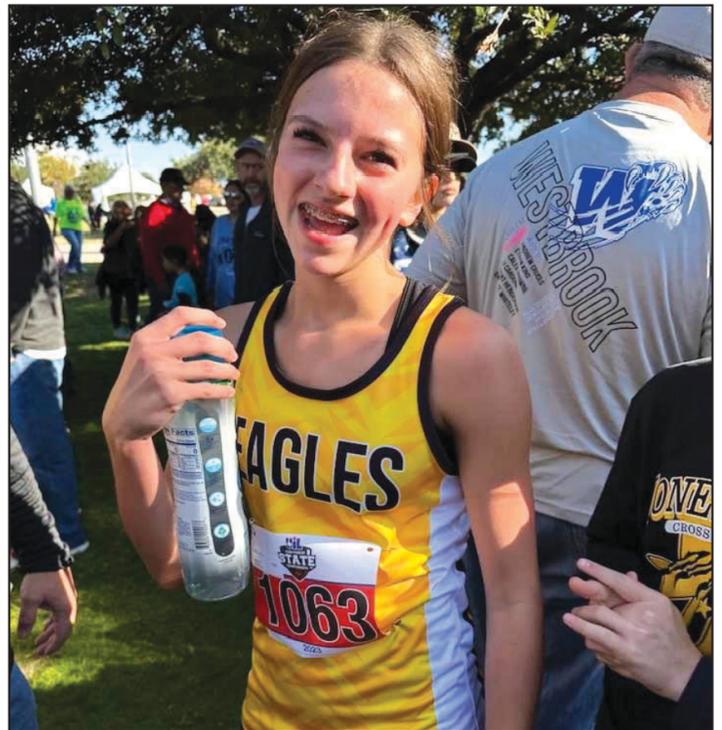
UIL CLASS 4A STATE CROSS COUNTRY MEET

Gatesville's Vania Martinez finished 46th out of 152 runners. Martinez, a junior, was making her 3rd-consecutive appearance at state.



UIL CLASS 1A STATE CROSS COUNTRY MEET

Jonesboro's Lynlee Deats finished 49th and was able to beat her own personal record.



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Gatesville ISD to host Christmas on Marshall Street

Staff Reports

Gatesville ISD will be hosting "Christmas on Marshall Street" on Saturday, Dec. 2, at the corner of Marshall Street and Hornet Way from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. The public is invited to spend the day supporting GISD students and local vendors. There will be free parking and no entry fee. All money made by

students and school clubs will go straight back to the students. The following is a partial list of fun activities and shopping opportunities:

From the Primary campus there will be photo opportunities with Santa, and a chance to make a Christmas craft/ornament. From the Elementary there will be Hornet swag and spirit

wear. From the Intermediate there will be Eclipse glasses, art made by students, croc clips, and visits to the Grinch. From the Junior High, children can write a letter to Santa, decorate a Christmas cookie, and there will also be a bake sale. From the High School, there will be handcrafted cutting boards, bird houses, and Christmas shadow boxes

made by the construction fundamentals classes, fresh wreaths and poinsettias from the floral design classes, crafted Specialty Coffee and Hot Chocolate drinks, a Christmas petting zoo, and bounce houses. Food trucks will also be on hand at the special event, and there will be free family photo opportunities. Local churches and

service clubs will have free games and activities, a barrel train, face painting, and a \$5 and under Christmas shop for kids to purchase gifts for their families - they will even help you wrap it. Community vendors will also be on hand selling jams, jellies, handcrafted jewelry and soaps, custom drink tumblers, seasonal t-shirts, handcrafted textiles,

kettle corn, and wooden items. There will also be a free "Deck the Paws Dog Costume Parade" at noon. Prizes will be given for winning 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. For the dog costume parade, please RSVP to Tiffany Hoops-Turner at 912-321-7646.

Gatesville ISD seeking donations for clothing drive

Staff Reports

As the season of winter is approaching, Gatesville In-

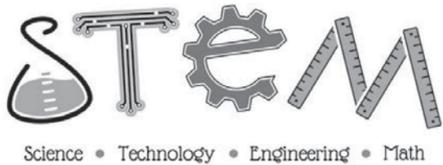
dependent School District has its sights set on receiving donations of coats, hats, and gloves from the commu-

nity with its clothing drive. The drive will be from Wednesday, Nov. 1, through Thursday, Nov. 30.

Both adult and children's sizes will be accepted and are needed. New, or gently used items, are to be

dropped off at any Gatesville ISD school office location. For more information,

contact Gatesville ISD at 254-865-7251.



Stories and STEM Night to be held Nov. 16 at Elementary

Staff Reports

A Stories and STEM Night will be held at Gatesville Elementary School on Thursday, Nov. 16. The event will be from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. The event will feature plenty of activities including a book fair, a read aloud, concessions, literary activities, and STEM

activities. This is a family event and is free for the community to attend. For more information, Gatesville Elementary School can be reached at 254-865-7262. Gatesville Elementary School is located at 2537 E. Main Street.

GHS CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAM



COURTESY PHOTO

The Gatesville Independent School District Criminal Justice Program at the high school has spent the past six weeks with the Gatesville Police Department from September to October. Ms. Star Hamilton's class was able to participate in 18 lessons regarding traffic stops, crime scenes, investigations, dispatching, firearms safety, animal control, and much more. There are future interests for a Citizen's Police Academy.

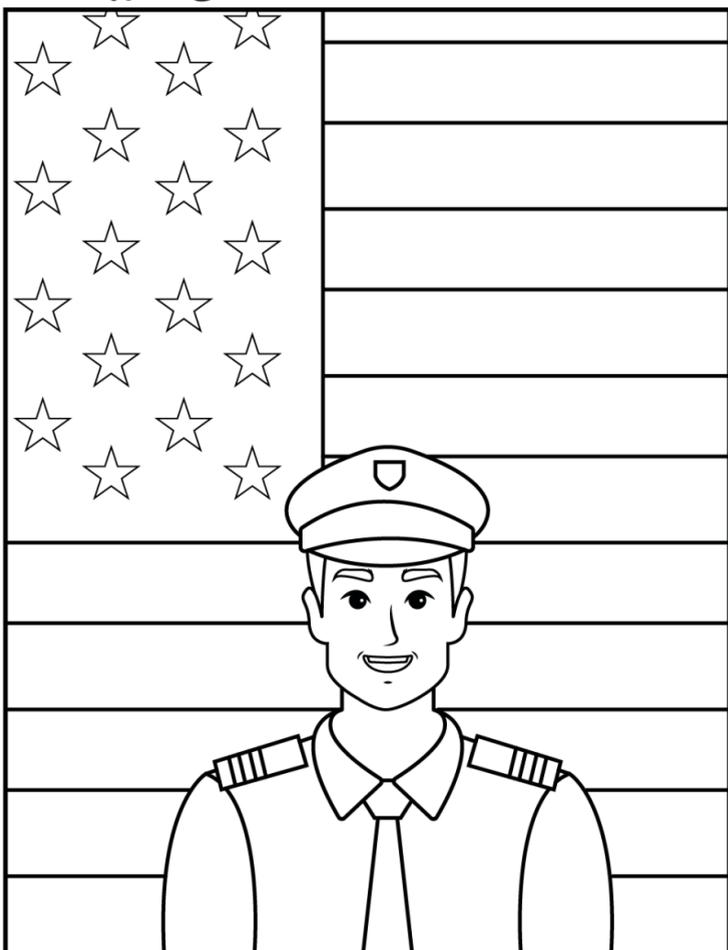


VETERANS DAY

NOVEMBER 11th

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

COLOR Time



Veterans

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Word Bank

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5. sacrifice 6. honor 7. air 8. veteran
9. serve 10. navy 11. military

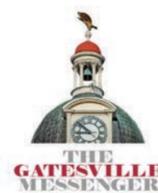
Veterans Day is a special day when we honor and thank the brave men and women who have served in the military to protect our country. It's a time to show our gratitude for their courage and sacrifice. On November 11th, we celebrate them and remember the importance of peace and freedom. We might see parades, flags, and ceremonies to say "Thank you" to our heroes. It's a day to appreciate and remember our veterans.



Memorial Day is a time to remember those who gave their lives for our country, particularly in battle or from wounds they suffered in battle. Veterans Day honors all of those who have served the country in war or peace - dead or alive - although it's largely intended to thank living veterans for their sacrifices.



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GATESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

COURTESY PHOTOS BY LIZ SHOAF



Those walking the purple hall at Gatesville High School during the month of October probably noticed it gradually transforming into a Halloween mecca. The guy behind it all was senior Caleb Blum (pictured above). Caleb is a High School Special Education (HSSE) student, loves Halloween, and spent weeks planning the hallway's decorations and his class Halloween party. The whole crew loves to have fun and invited Principal Liz Shoaf and Assistant Principals Clayton Floyd and Brian Bays to their party. Before the party started, Caleb gave an official welcome speech that made everyone's hearts swell with pride for him and all of his hard work, according to Principal Liz Shoaf. His teachers and classmates surprised him with a party planning certificate that he hung on his wall when he got home. Shoaf thanked his teachers and classmates for embracing his ideas and vision and said that the experience was officially one of her "GHS Top Moments."



The Gatesville High School CNA students had their first round of clinicals recently. They looked professionally suited in their scrubs. According to GHS Principal Liz Shoaf, "We wish them nothing but the best as they pursue future careers in the medical field. It's so neat that they get to pair their learning with taking care of our community members."



Amanda Cummings' Theatre Arts 1 students are currently learning about stage movement and stage direction. Stage movement, or blocking, helps to tell the audience more about the character and their stories on stage. Once students learn how stage movement enhances their characters and stories, they learn about the nine acting areas, so they can transition into writing their own scenes, mapping out stage movement, performing for their classes, and receiving constructive criticism. These scenes are also where they get to use the auditorium and use all technical elements such as lights, sounds, and props.



Jenny Feuquay's horticulture students at Gatesville High School recently acquired a donated "mother" spider plant, then planted the rooted "babies." According to principal Liz Shoaf, the whole family is doing great by the looks of this photo. She also took notice of the flourishing plants in the background.

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GHS's art department working on team project in classroom's photography studio

Staff Reports

Gatesville High School's art department will be working on another project in the classroom's

photography studio. With this project, students will have to collaborate with each other in teams. As a team, they will have to select a model, decide who will do hair and makeup, select wardrobe, set design, and lighting. Each member of the team will have to shoot photos of the model and communicate to the model how they want them to pose in order to get their visual shot.



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