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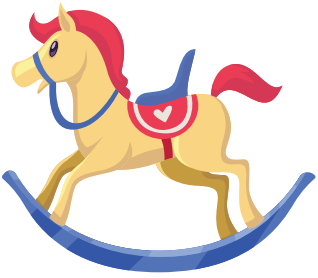
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Toys, Toys, Toys Christmas Parade set for Dec. 9

BY ALEXANDRA MEELBUSCH
Staff Writer

Each year, during the holiday season, the community is presented with a Christmas Parade that is hosted by the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce. The parade typically features various floats provided by different local organizations and live music.

The parade follows a specific theme each year, with this year being "Toys, Toys, Toys!" Organizations who participate in the parade will design and decorate a float based on the theme given.

Chamber President Mason Matthews said, "We have several people signed up already, as well as a number of inquiries."

The Gatesville Chamber of Commerce will accept signups until Wednesday, Dec. 6. Signup forms can be found by visiting gatesvillechamber.com.

"The Christmas Parade helps showcase the businesses and individuals that make Gatesville such a special place," Matthews said. "It is truly a way for

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Coryell County addresses future courthouse repairs

BY KAYLEE DUSANG
Staff Writer

Coryell County Commissioners Court discussed plans for some of the upcoming repairs to the Coryell County Courthouse at its regular meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 14.

Some of the projects include sealing leaks in the four copper domes and removing a decaying beehive that is seeping honey into the 52nd courtroom - a result of a former bee colony inside one of the walls. Although the bees have been removed from the wall, Commissioner Ryan Basham said water leaking from one of the domes might be causing the leftover honeycomb to melt.

"That's one of the issues - the dome," Basham said

during the meeting. "We definitely need to address the other side where the bees were at. That's what's melting the honeycomb."

Basham said the total cost to repair the domes is \$194,000, or \$48,500 for work on each individual dome. As of press time, there is not a timeline in place for when maintenance on the domes will begin.

Basham said he is also reaching out to beekeepers and several vendors to find ways to remove the honeycomb without tearing down the wall.

"There are things looking into being done to preserve the courthouse," he said.

Courthouse janitor Tiffany Butler said the leaking seems to be coming from one of the domes on the



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Repairs to leaking domes and the removal of a decaying beehive are among several projects at the Coryell County Courthouse.

Northwest side of the building. She adds that the honey is also leaking from the wall on the Northwest side into the 52nd courtroom balcony.

"We don't have any issues on any other side of the building, just on that

side," she said.

Basham said he has also received concerns from the public about the statues on the roof that have visible signs of peeling on the outside.

The county has reached out to the Texas State

Historical Commission in Austin for possible grant options to help fund some of the courthouse repairs and renovations.

"We are trying to see if there is a route to go for

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Bundrant dances her way to 100 years old

BY ALEXANDRA MEELBUSCH
Staff Writer

Rachel Bundrant, resident of RehabLiving at the Meadows, celebrated her 100th birthday on Wednesday, Nov. 8 with a birthday party which included her family and friends along with a dance party.

Bundrant was born and raised in Coryell County and is number seven out of 11 children.

"I was raised in Ater on the river between Levita," Bundrant said. She did not attend high school but went to a school in Ater during her early years.

Bundrant recalled how she lived within the Ater

community until she got married, where she then moved to Levita with her husband.

"Her husband and our daddy built them a house and part of it is still standing today," Ashby Lee Melton, Sr., Bundrant's brother, said.

Bundrant got married in 1940 to her husband of 48

years, until he unfortunately passed away. The couple had two children together, and both were boys.

"She worked many years in the sewing factory as a seamstress," Melton said. "She helped to make overalls, hunting clothes, and such for Walls at the time."

Bundrant began sewing 85 years ago, when her mother let her get a sewing machine. Her mother taught her how to sew from a very young age.

"Our mother was a seamstress, she quilted by hand for years," Bundrant said. "We had a wonderful mother; she was a hard

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Activities Assistant Christy Cox and Bundrant enjoy the party while dancing to music.

Police badge returned home to Gatesville from Canada

BY DAVID SCOTT
Staff Writer

Don Edy, of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, and a former Canadian Mounted Policeman, recently mailed a surprise gift to the Gatesville Lions Club. He sent an antique police badge once worn by a patrolman employed by the Gatesville Police Department.

Edy, who has been a member of the Lions Club in Canada for 52 years, was visiting a Christian resale shop near his hometown where he saw a small, engraved badge for a patrolman which said, "Gatesville Police Department, Gatesville, Texas." At that point, he purchased the badge

and sent it to the Gatesville Lions. How the badge ended up in a re-sale shop in Canada remains a mystery.

According to club member Rhonda Mohler, Edy told her "I thought at the time that this is something that someone needs to have, and so I decided to send it to the Gatesville Lions Club."

After receiving the badge, Mohler decided to do a little research on its background. She contacted former Chief of Police, Carroll Duke, who said he "kind of remembered" that type of badge, but that was way before his time. Duke thought that the little charms hanging from

the points on the badge might have been given when an officer did something special. "Kind of like receiving a sticker, but we really don't know," Duke said.

Badges worn by local police officers have traditionally been a seven-point star. Some of the early day badges dating back to the late 1800s were five, six, and even a few seven-point stars. Police badges were worn by officers to identify them to anyone interested and to verify their authority. Back then, there were a wide range of badges cut from tin cans to elaborate

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The small, antique police badge that made it to Canada, and then was returned by a former Canadian Mounted Policeman.



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Rachel Bundrant (middle), pictured with her youngest brother Ashby Lee Melton, Sr. (left) and sister-in-law Patsy Melton (right).

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Bundrant dancing with Damian Lee, Activities Director, who planned her 100th birthday party.

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Bundrant's birthday party was held in the dining hall of The Meadows, where her family and friends gathered to spend this special day with her.



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Jeremy Stills, president of the Gatesville Lions Club, recently presented the badge to the current Police Chief, Brad Hunt.

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carved badges made of gold.

Jeremy Stills, president of the Gatesville Lions Club, recently presented the antique badge to the current Chief of Police, Brad Hunt. As for Rhonda

Mohler, she continues her search about the history of the badge as she compiles a list of former Police Chiefs in Gatesville.

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worker and taught me most everything I know." Until around five years ago, Bundrant still pieced together and made quilts. She would still be sewing together the quilt tops today, but she is not able to lift them anymore. "It's unbelievable, I do not have any idea how many she has made over the years," Melton said. Sister-in-law Patsy Melton recalled how Bundrant still has one of her quilts on her bed at the nursing home. When Bundrant was asked how she feels turn-

ing 100 years old, she expressed, "Really and truly, I can't tell any difference." She is aware that she cannot do what she used to do, but that is now her new normal. "I have had no sick spells, I am not a sick person, and that is why I got to live so long," Bundrant said. "I try to eat right, and if I gained any weight, I would just try to lose it." One of Bundrant's many hobbies which keeps her active is dancing. She wanted to have a dance party for her 100th birthday and requested it to the Activities Director, Damian Lee. "It was important to me because a lot of the time

our residents tend to lose a sense of identity and independence as they get older," Lee said. "I wanted to honor Rachel and her life as well as celebrate it, because she deserves that and if it makes her life better for even a moment it was worth it." Bundrant's dance party was held on her birthday where she received a crown and sash to wear, while she danced with staff members and family. "It had all of us speechless because it's the little moments like these that make everything we do on a daily basis worth every minute of it," Lee said.

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grant funding, so we don't have to use taxpayers' dollars," Basham said. County Judge Roger Miller said during commissioners' court that he is working with the Coryell County Historical Commission to apply for grants, including the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation program, where

applicants can receive up to \$10 million to support the restoration of historic county courthouses. "What the historical committee has been working on is getting us a shell together, and again, that would give us an opportunity to tap into some state funding on some of these larger projects," Miller said. The building was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1977.

Last year, the courthouse received a new roof, which had not been replaced since the 1980s. The building also recently underwent maintenance to replace a 30-year-old chiller system as well as masonry work in the boiler room. The courthouse was built between 1897 and 1898. It celebrated its 125th anniversary this summer.

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FROM MY FRONT PORCH

A new gameshow: Political Jeopardy!



BY SAM HOUSTON

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

It is hard to imagine, but soon the holidays will have come and gone. We will celebrate New Year's and then, before you know it, the 2024 political primary season will heat up. Politics will grow more and more intense throughout the spring and summer, finally getting red hot as election day, Nov. 5, 2024, comes into sight.

I like to keep my eye on the political scene as much as the next guy. Listening to candidates and watching political debates should be informative, though nowadays it seems harder and harder to understand where politicians stand and their true position on the issues. Frankly, there seems to be a lot of rhetoric but very little communication about specifics. Why are specifics important? That is like asking the chef if ingredients to a cake are important. It only matters if you really care about how things taste and smell.

Regrettably, I find some

people do not like listening to meaningful political debate; it challenges their preconceived ideas and forces them to think. Heaven knows this could be a painful and undesirable experience; something which many attempt to avoid, seemingly at almost all cost. They would rather ignore facts and evidence, and instead cling to "comfortable" beliefs. By comfortable, I mean ideas which support their mindset, irrespective of the evidence to the contrary.

I began contemplating if there was a way where the average citizen could par-

ticipate with the politicians and improve political discourse. Then it hit me: perhaps I could create a new TV game show! It would give access to millions of viewers, allowing them to follow American politics while providing politicians an opportunity to reach out to their constituents.

"Political Jeopardy" would operate similarly to the long-standing television show featuring Alex Trebek. There would be contestants, only there would be two instead of the traditional three. We have two major national parties, and heavens know they do not want anyone "playing the game" who might be an outsider with fresh ideas, so there is no reason for the show to include any citizen whose views might be independent.

The game itself is simple. There is a big board with answers to political questions, listed under various political categories. One of the contestants chooses a category. It might be border security, social security, inflation, or the Middle East. Once a topic is selected, the answer is read by the host, and the contestants ring their buzzer when they believe they have the right question to the answer. For

example, if the revealed answer is "Will balance the federal budget" each contestant might respond, but, of course, their answers would be completely different. One might say, "what is tax the rich," and the other might say, "what is end entitlements." Politicians would love this game because they do not have to explain their answers. They simply spout out talking points they believe the audience will support and then they move on to the next question.

In case both contestants respond, "who is no one" and do so at the same time, no points are awarded. This rule seems fair since giving such an honest answer should not be rewarded as it contradicts the entire political system as we know it.

Notably, bonus points would be given to each candidate who can answer while insulting or degrading their opponent in their response. Extra Double jeopardy points are awarded if the insult is based on a lie or half-truth.

There is also a special bonus round, where no questions get answered at all, the contestants merely appear on screen with a 1-800 number flashed across their chest, seeking

financial contributions.

On special episodes, the contestants will be joined by a national party leader, who will not answer questions either, but will endorse a contestant not for their skill or legislative plan, but solely because they share the same political party. After all, it is not about a candidate's potential performance; it is all about being sure the office is held by somebody "in the club."

It would be nice if the game would allow well-timed, direct questions at the candidates, but the potential sponsors of the show are certain that no politician would be willing to participate if they were held up to such a platform. After all, no candidate wants to answer questions concerning what they would do. They would much rather tell you all the things their opponent has not done wrong or is going to do wrong if elected.

After further review, I am not sure Political Jeopardy would be a good thing. It might just let the politicians do what they have been doing for years, only give them a bigger stage on which to do it. But then again, in today's world, it really doesn't seem to matter if politicians have a political plan to put into place, it only matters if they have got a plan to hurt the other party. After all, it is "them" who has caused all the ills in our society. It is them we need to be afraid of.

Come to think of it, this all sounds like political jeopardy to me...in more ways than one. God help us!

Thought for the day: "I've learned people will forget what you say, people will forget what you do, but they will never forget how you made them feel." Maya Angelou

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Dr. Willie Clarke recognized by GISD



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School board members Dr. Barrett Pollard (GISD Superintendent), Charles Ament, Mary Anne Leib, Calvin Ford and Charles Alderson pose with a wall plaque honoring Dr. Willie Clarke.

BY DAVID SCOTT
Staff Writer

Several months ago, former Gatesville ISD superintendent James Baize recommended that the school honor the memory of Reverend Willie Clarke in the board room. Dr. Clarke served on the GISD school board from 1984 to 1987. Mr. Baize described how board meetings during that era were particularly contentious and would sometimes last into the wee

hours of the night. However, it was Willie's calm demeanor and graciousness that was often the source of compromise. Most everyone knows that Rev. Clarke also coined the term "doing what is best for kids," which has been GISD's slogan for many years. Valedictorian of his high school class with countless advanced degrees, Dr. Clarke knew the importance of education. Reverend Clarke

served as pastor of Sweet Home Missionary Baptist Church here in Gatesville for 20 years. A powerful preacher with a fantastic singing voice, Willie was a pillar of the community for decades. Humble, kind, genuine, soft-spoken, and caring are just a few words to describe Dr. Clarke. He and his faithful wife, Robbie, were frequently present at weddings, funerals, and other important

events for the members of the Gatesville community. In recognition of his service, GISD asked the City of Gatesville to proclaim Sept. 9 (Willie's birthday) as Willie Clarke Day in 2020. This picture and summary of Dr. Clarke's life is placed in the GISD boardroom as a reminder of his great service to the schools.

Folks around town



COURTESY PHOTO

Emily Coward

Say hello to our neighbor, Emily Coward!

Emily is the Child Nutrition Specialist for Gatesville Independent School District. She has been with the district for the past four years.

"The best part of my job is supporting our cafeteria managers as they work to ensure our children are fed and helping those who qualify receive free or reduced-price meals," Coward said.

She has been a resident of Coryell County for over 15 years and enjoys seeing the small businesses grow in Gatesville and the support the community has for them.

"I didn't grow up here, but I enjoy reading 'Whatever Happened To' in The Messenger and learning little bits about this town and those in the community," Coward said.

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

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everyone to come together as a collective community whether you're a participant or an onlooker."

The annual parade has changed in various ways over the course of many years from the number of participants, the different themes, and the route

taken.

"The Texas Department of Transportation no longer allows for this intersection to be completely blocked which limits the distance and direction of the parade," Matthews said. "Last year, the parade traveled eastbound with the staging area at Saunders Street and 14th Street."

This year the route is planned to be staged at

South Lovers Lane in front of Gatesville High School and will travel westbound to the intersection of Lutterloh Avenue, Main Street, and Hwy 84.

"It is my goal as president to try and revitalize the Christmas Parade and grow the participation to what it once was," Matthews said. "In the past, the Christmas Parade featured the likes of Miss Texas, Fort Hood (now

Fort Cavazos), the marching band, and 50-plus parade floats."

The Gatesville Chamber of Commerce is putting a twist on this year's Christmas Parade, as they have partnered with the City of Gatesville to host a Christmas Market Extravaganza, as well as a toy drive that will commence after the parade is over.

The extravaganza will be

held at the Gatesville Civic Center from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., following the conclusion of the parade.

"We have scheduled to have a toy drive after the parade at the Gatesville Civic Center and plan to partner with local charitable organizations and the school district to disperse Christmas toys to those less fortunate," Matthews said.

Be sure to bring a new un-

wrapped gift in the original packaging.

"We now have the opportunity to go and support each other with the Christmas Market Extravaganza at the Gatesville Civic Center after the parade and the toy drive that is to be held afterwards as well," Matthews said.

The 2023 annual Christmas Parade will begin at 9 a.m., on Saturday, Dec. 9.



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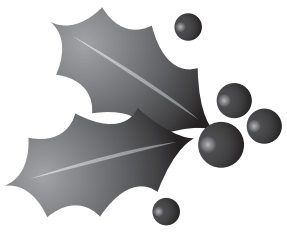
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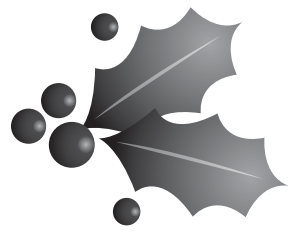
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A season of giving



Silver Santas collecting donations through Dec. 9

Staff Reports

Silver Santas is collecting gifts this holiday season for local seniors who are in need. The organization is partnering with Meals on Wheels to help give each meal recipient a gift for the holidays.

There are various items to be donated, including socks, lotion, toiletries, soft

blankets, back scratchers, large print puzzle books, large print playing cards, jigsaw puzzles, small notepads, lip balm, hats, gloves, scarves, packaged snacks, small flashlights, a magnifying glass, colored pencils and coloring books, and coffee or tea mugs.

Monetary donations will be accepted as well through

Venmo at Christi-Mooney.

Donations are to be collected by Saturday, Dec. 9. Items should be dropped off at the 1854 Mercantile, the Salty Seniorita, or the Feed Mill.

For more information, contact Christi Mooney at 254-223-3699, or Amy Best at 254-223-2277.



COURTESY PHOTO BY METROCREATIVE

Silver Santas program to help provide Meals on Wheels recipients with Christmas gift.

Meals on Wheels in need of volunteer 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 which 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.

At the end of last year, the Meals on Wheels program stopped reimbursing volunteers for their mileage driven. Vehicles need to be provided by the volunteers as well.

To volunteer, contact the Senior Center Director Pam Rudolph at 254-865-8234.

The Gatesville Senior Center is located at 208 North Lutterloh Ave. in Gatesville.

Gatesville Care Center in need of volunteers

BY ALEXANDRA MEELBUSCH
Staff Writer

The Care Center of Gatesville is currently in need of volunteers at its facility.

The volunteers will have various responsibilities, including unpacking daily donations, marking items

with correct labeling, placing the donations in the correct areas, as well as sorting through food, clothing, toys, movies, books, and more.

The Care Center was established in 1987 and continues to serve the locals of Gatesville each

week with its generous services.

To become a volunteer, contact the Care Center at 254-865-6736.

The Care Center is located at 105 N. 7th St. in Gatesville.

Ring the bell this year with the Salvation Army

BY JOYCE TALBOTT

Many people are not aware that every penny stays here to serve those in Coryell County.

I was surprised at Walgreens while making a poster for the Salvation Army when Woosie Morrall approached. She said she had lost her bell ringer card. She told me how her pastor of Mount Calvary Church was working to get youth signed up.

On Dec. 2, there will be

a Salvation Army booth at Christmas on Marshall Street, and the bell will ring at Walmart.

Every volunteer hour makes a huge difference; even though the Red Kettle does the work, it cannot be there without a volunteer bell-ringer present. Each two-hour shift typically brings in about \$150. If you are a young person, can sing or play music, or are willing to wear a grinch or Santa

suit, it will bring more in. Ninety-four of 156 slots have been filled.

Support for the Care Center's annual food drive is also encouraged, because the Care Center enables the Salvation Army and our community's charities to address other needs.

For more information, or to sign-up to be a volunteer, visit <https://signup.com/go/GxatyWD>.

Coat drive continues

Staff Reports

Pennoli Bed and Breakfast has joined Righteous Roots to bring the community its second annual Hearts Making Hearts Warmer coat drive.

The coat drive will run 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 on Friday, Dec. 8, from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. There will be no requirements to receive a coat or diapers.

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Whatever happened to...

20 YEARS AGO (2003)

A Veterans Day program at American Legion Post 42 included a tribute to Prisoners of War and those Missing in Action. A table setting and empty chair reminded veterans of those who did not return home.

The proposed skateboard park in Gatesville was put on hold while city officials decided how to scale back the project.

The Gatesville Civic Theatre Association and

the Gatesville High School Theatre Arts Department prepared to present the play, "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever."

Evant was gearing up for its annual "Country Christmas."

The Gatesville Lions Club honored fourth grade teacher Linda Maxwell as their "Teacher of the Month" for October.

30 YEARS AGO (1993)

Tickets went on sale for

V.F.W. Post #8230's "New Year's Eve" party.

The 9-Ball Café announced its re-opening. Snorrenberg Cellular advertised bag phones for \$99.

John Clawson's Piano Studio held their "Farewell Recital" at Trinity Baptist Church.

Children gathered for the annual Gatesville Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade.

40 YEARS AGO (1983)

Gatesville High School 1910's basketball star Earl Hickey was inducted into the Illinois Basketball Hall of Fame.

Evant Flowers and Gifts advertised a "Holiday Open House."

The Gladewater Bears bounced the Gatesville Hornets out of the state play-offs.

Airman First Class William P. Cain was assigned to Keesler Air Force Base in

Mississippi.

The Gatesville High School Band received a Division I rating in Temple, at U.I.L. competition.

50 YEARS AGO

HEB advertised a toaster broiler for \$5.99.

The Coryell County Shriener Club was set to hold its second annual holiday social event, a Dutch treat dinner - dance at the Gatesville County Club.

Drayton R. Mills received

a plaque in appreciation of his three years' service as Cubmaster and Webelos leader.

Gatesville senior Joe D. Williamson was initiated into the West Texas State University Agriculture Honor Society.

Gatesville's First Baptist Church's combined choirs were set to present the pulpit musical drama "Celebrate Life."

Coryell Museum and Historical Center presents gun raffle

Staff Reports

The Coryell County Museum and Historical Center is holding a gun raffle, with a drawing to be held on Wednesday, Dec. 20. Tickets will be available for purchase at the museum gift shop. Tickets will cost \$10 each or three tickets for \$25. The gun raffle is for a Radical RF 15 223/5.56 with a scope. The firearm prize must be claimed and picked up at Guns Unlimited in Gatesville

by Wednesday, Jan. 3. If the firearm is not claimed, it will become property of the museum to dispose of at its discretion. The museum may elect a re-draw until a qualified winner takes possession. Guns Unlimited is located at 2502 TX-36 BUS in Gatesville. The Coryell County Museum and Historical Center is located at 718 E. Main St. in Gatesville. For more information, contact Ray Ashby at 254-679-9314.

American Legion Post 42 presents Christmas Bash set for Dec. 2

Staff Reports

American Legion Post 42 will hold a Christmas Bash on Saturday, Dec. 2, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The event will be free to enter and will have various activities including games,

crafts, hot chocolate, cookies, pictures with Santa, and a silly sweater contest. The legion was founded in 2010. The American Legion is located at 214 Watts Lane in Gatesville.

Mission Gatesville shares announcement

Staff Reports

Mission Gatesville has been serving the community with a monthly box of food on the third Thursday of each month. Recently, the organization has decided to set up its trailer twice a month. In December, Mission Gatesville will now serve the community on the first and third Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. The boxes will be bagged with plastic bags for easier

transportation. Mission Gatesville was founded in March 2023 due to various individuals feeling the call to further help those in need of food in Gatesville. The organization's goal is to feed people at least once a week and to continue expanding those offerings once a proper building is established. Mission Gatesville is located at 301 N. Lutterloh Ave. For more information, visit www.missiongatesville.org.

YARD OF THE MONTH – NOVEMBER



COURTESY PHOTO

Keep Gatesville Beautiful chose the yard of Dennis and Cathy Taylor located at 2417 Osage Road as the Yard of the Month for November. The home and yard are decked out for fall with cheerful decorations, colorful well-tended flower beds, and a beautiful lawn. Cathy takes care of the flower beds, as well as having the lawn tended to by Trey Dowdy with Deep Roots Landscaping Solutions. The Taylors are a busy couple with Dennis creating Wahoo boards and Texas boards from hardwoods that he has milled. Cathy is one of the Coryell Museum directors and its Membership Chairperson, as well as a member of the Historical Commission. Dennis is a former teacher and retired from Gatesville Elementary as the principal, and Cathy is a retired Senior Tax Auditor.

Gatesville Chamber of Commerce seeking Citizen of the Year 2023 nominations

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.



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Gatesville FFA: Gatesville Future Farmers of America are pictured just after arriving at the event.

Gatesville FFA competes in LDE event

Staff Reports

This past week, Gatesville Future Farmers of America traveled to the Bosque River District Leadership Development Events. Gatesville FFA had six

teams compete at the event, and out of 17 schools Gatesville placed the following:

Third place in Agriculture Advocacy - Breeze Buckner, Cayleigh Coursey, Kinlee Gardner, and Finn Rogers.

Fifth place in Greenhand Quiz - Ellen Abrahamson, Kaylee Prince, and Emily Sader.

Fifth place in Senior Creed - Jeret Burks. Fifth place in Radio Broadcasting - Taylor Cow-

ard, Zoe Gribble, and Matti Mann.

Eighth place in Greenhand Creed - Kaylee Prince

Twelfth place in Senior Quiz - Bryson Brown, Daniel De La Torre, Lacey Jordan, and Kylie Loy.

The LDE manager is Brianna Petrie.

Leadership Development Events focuses on creating situations for members to demonstrate abilities in

public speaking, decision-making, communication, and knowledge of agriculture in agricultural science classrooms.

RECIPE

Make this classic pie for your next holiday gathering

BY KAYLEE DUSANG
Staff Writer

This apple pie recipe appears in the "Methodist Best" cookbook, which was published in 2008. In honor of the holiday season, 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.

CRISP APPLE PIE

By Kathie Brown

Ingredients:
3-4 apples, thinly sliced using a food processor

½ c. sugar
1 tsp. cinnamon
½ c. sugar
¾ c. flour
c. butter, melted
1 Pillsbury pie crust (found in refrigerator section)

Directions:
Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Place one pie crust shell in a greased 9-inch pie plate, and then use a fork to form the edges of the crust. Gently mix apples, ½ cup sugar, and cinnamon and pour into pie shell. Then mix melted butter, ½ cup sugar, and flour (this will be very clumpy). Sprinkle mixture over the apples and press down gently. Using a thin strip of foil, cover only the edges of the pie crust to prevent burning. Bake 30 to 40 minutes.

Fall Maintenance Checklist to Keep Your Home in Tip Top Shape

(StatePoint)

From landscaping to insulation, read on for a homeowner's guide to prepping for the upcoming season.

Furnace Check. Before winter arrives, ensure your heating system is in working condition and safe to use. Turn off the furnace first, and then clean the vents, check for cracks or rust, and swap out the dirty filter for a clean one. If it's been a while since your furnace has been maintained, it may be time to schedule a professional visit.

Gutter Clean Out. While the fall foliage is beautiful, it can quickly clog gutters and cause water backups and flooding. Put on heavy-duty work gloves and remove debris near the downspout and work your way to the other end. As you clear away the leaves, easily repair broken or cracked pipes with strong tape.

Trim Your Trees. Cut bushes and trees hanging over the driveway

or roof to prevent limbs from falling during snowstorms this winter. Focus on trimming any dead or drooping branches, as these are the ones that are most likely to cause damage.

Stop the Drafts. Insulating the home helps you stay warm and save money on energy bills. Identify trouble spots where drafts occur, and use weather strip seals to effectively seal these gaps.

Secure the Perimeter. Slips and falls can occur when steps and walkways are covered with ice and snow. Install proper outdoor lighting to illuminate these areas and to help prevent accidents. If you have steep or uneven wood or concrete steps, apply tread tape to improve traction on the surface.

While fall maintenance can feel daunting, following these tips will simplify the process, so you can feel confident that your house is prepared for changing temperatures.

SUDOKU

Solution for the puzzle that ran Nov. 18.

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

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The Family of JK Hamilton

would like to thank everyone for all the thoughts and prayers during JK's illness and passing. All the memories that were shared definitely were uplifting to us. He truly cared for his community, from his 30 years of service as a State Trooper to his love of supporting local athletics.

He will be missed sincerely.

*Betty,
Donna & Bryan*



Christmas on Marshall Street event to be held on Dec. 2

Staff Reports

Gatesville Independent School District will present Christmas on Marshall St. on Saturday, Dec. 2 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event will be held on the corner of Marshall St. and Hornet Way.

The event will feature food, crafts, jewelry, Santa, activities for children, homemade items, gifts, Avon, tumblers, hornet gear, and more.

Each campus will provide fundraising booths in addition to outdoor Christmas vendors. There will be various school clubs and organizations as well as local nonprofits.

List of activities to be

held at each campus:

Gatesville Primary School
Have your pictures made with Santa

Gatesville Elementary School
Various items, including spirit wear

Gatesville Intermediate School
Eclipse glasses
Art created by students

Gatesville Junior High School
Letters to Santa
Decorating Christmas cookies
Crafting activities for children to participate in
Baked goods, hot choco-

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Gatesville High School
Christmas petting zoo
Cookies in a jar
3D printed pocket pets
Handmade Christmas wooden items
Fresh wreaths and poinsettias
Inflatables
Christmas gifts
Free children's games

Community Vendors
Jams and jellies
Handcrafted jewelry
Handmade soaps
Textiles
Christmas baked goods
Custom tumblers
Free children's games
Gift shop for children
Free Christmas games

Food vendors
Christmas choirs and dancers
Mr. and Mrs. Claus

There will also be a Deck the Paws Dog Costume Parade during the event at noon. Admission is free to the public. Prizes will go to first, second, and third place.

Be sure to reserve a spot with Tiffany Hoops-Turner by contacting her at 921-321-7646 or by email at tiffanyhoops@yahoo.com.

For more information about Christmas on Marshall St., visit www.gatesvilleisd.org.

OBITUARIES

Paul Guido Haase

Sept. 9, 1932 - Nov. 13, 2023

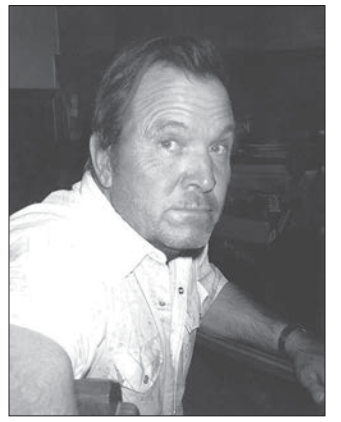
Paul Guido Haase, age 91, of Jonesboro, passed away Nov. 13, 2023 in Gatesville.

Interment will be held at Bullman Cemetery at a later date.

Paul was born Sept. 9, 1932 to Ernest and Hattie Haase in Evant, Texas. He was one of six children. He graduated from Jonesboro High School in 1950. Paul joined the United States Army and was stationed in Germany for one year. He worked in construction until his retirement. Paul enjoyed raising cattle and farming his family's land.

Paul is preceded in death by his parents; brothers and sisters; and sons, Jason Kyle Haase and Paul Wade Haase.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Erna Sommerfeld Haase; daughter, Sharon Akers and husband, Mike; daughter-in-law, Peggy



Haase; grandchildren, Jennifer Sheek and husband, Justin, Jeffrey Akers, Justin Akers and wife, Amanda, Allison Haase, Paul Haase, Will Haase, Erica Haase; and great-grandchildren, Wyatt Sheek and Whitney Sheek.

In lieu of flowers, Paul's family requests that memorials be made to a charity of your choice.

SUBMITTING AN OBITUARY

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

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

Be Thankful

Thanksgiving Reflections: the grandeur of gratitude — celebrating life's simple gifts

BY MICKY SHEARON

Special to the Gatesville Messenger

In the hustle of our daily lives, it's easy to overlook the small joys and blessings that weave through our days. Yet, these very elements hold the power to transform our lives in profound ways. As Thanksgiving approaches, it's the perfect time to reflect on the power of gratitude and how it can illuminate the richness of our existence, even when we're not seeking anything new or extraordinary.

Consider for a moment the imperfections that are an inherent part of life. Regardless of wealth, social stature or power, no individual is immune to life's challenges. Yet, these imperfections give us a choice: to fixate on our shortcomings or to embrace a spirit of thankfulness for our abundance.

What does it mean to truly value the small wonders of life? It's about directing our focus toward the positive, the aspects of our existence that sustain and enrich us, steer-

ing us away from dwelling on frustrations or pains. This practice of gratitude for the often-overlooked everyday blessings is a powerful tool.

Take a moment to reflect on your life. Amidst the inevitable complaints and stresses, have you paused to appreciate the simple pleasures? Shifting our perspective can lead to a profound increase in happiness. When faced with a challenging day, ask yourself if it was genuinely devoid of any bright spots. Life's struggles are unavoidable, but within them, there's always a glimmer of something to be thankful for.

Each day offers a fresh start, a chance to turn a new leaf regardless of yesterday's woes. Every problem, when viewed through a lens of learning, becomes a valuable lesson. While striving for growth and improvement is commendable, it's equally important to honor and cherish what we already have.

We are surrounded by blessings, yet we often fail

to acknowledge them. We overlook, forget or take them for granted. As the ancient Persian proverb goes, "I wept because I had no shoes until I met a man who had no feet." By celebrating the small things, we don't prevent hardships; instead, we learn to reduce their impact on our lives by focusing on our existing blessings.

Gratitude has a way of multiplying what we have. Conversely, focusing on lack only leads to a never-ending cycle of dissatisfaction. Contentment comes from those who appreciate their current blessings.

How often do we dismiss life's simple pleasures in pursuit of more or in seeking validation from others? Genuine appreciation for life means savoring everything — the warmth of the sun, the growth of flowers in our garden, or the familiar voice of a loved one.

Appreciating life is crucial because it wards off feelings of deprivation. Gratitude fosters positive emotions, which are

intrinsically linked to our mental well-being. It enables us to think and act with more creativity and resilience, allowing us to navigate life's challenges more easily.

Happiness isn't derived from wealth or possessions. It springs from the simple things and our capacity to find joy and meaning in them. The "little things" to be grateful for are ours to define. They could be as simple as the morning coffee, our health or the beauty of the sky.

What brings us joy or gratitude if we strip away our daily struggles? These are the elements to cherish, for in retrospect, they often become the significant milestones of our lives.

No matter the current difficulties, if we have nourishing food and a comfortable place to rest, we are more fortunate than many. This Thanksgiving let's hold these truths close and remember to celebrate the little things, for they are the big things.

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PEARL NEWS

Around eighty people attended the Pearl Thanksgiving meal



BY BETSY CLARK

Pearl News Correspondent

The annual Thanksgiving meal at the Pearl Community Center was a big hit again this year. There were around 80 in attendance, and everyone reports a wonderful time of food, fellowship, and praising the Lord. The day began with a combined service with Pearl Baptist Church and Pearl Community Fellowship Church.

Members of the Pearl Church of Christ joined the lunch after their 10:30 a.m. service for the delicious meal complete with turkey, dressing, and many fabulous sides and desserts. Thank you to all who participated in this annual event in any way. You made it a great day in Pearl!

Don't forget that the next Bluegrass and Pearl Cottage Bookstore day is Dec. 2. Be sure and visit both places and bring lots of friends and family to enjoy the day, too. You will be so glad you did, because, as always, there's no place like Pearl.

If you're looking for ways to help out during the

Christmas season in your community, please keep in mind that The Care Center in Gatesville is collecting "Food For Families." Just drop off your non-perishable food items there, or even just leave a cash/check donation. Also, check out the Evant School Angel Tree donations. Just go by the Evant School office to make your donations.

There are several people in the Pearl area in need of prayer due to illness right now. Please just pray for the health of our Pearl people. The Lord knows who they are, and there's power in prayer!

Around this time of year,

you'll see manger scenes pop up in various locations around the Pearl and surrounding areas. Let's see how many we can display in Pearl. What a great reminder that Jesus IS the reason for the season!

This week's Bible verse comes Philippians 4:5, 6, and 7—Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. NIV

Please pray for continued blessings of rain, for 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.

Texas Veterans Commission is Accepting Applications from Veteran-Serving Organizations for Grant Funding

Submitted item

The application period is open for the Texas Veterans Commission's (TVC) Fund for Veterans' Assistance (FVA) grant program. An estimated total of \$30 million in grant funding is available. These grants are awarded to nonprofit organizations and local government agencies that provide direct services to veterans. Applications for these grants will be accepted until December 4, 2023, at 5 p.m.

The grants support a wide range of services from emergency financial assistance to transportation, legal services to family support services, and home modification to rental and mortgage assistance. TVC awards grants in five categories: General Assistance, Housing for Texas Heroes, Veterans Mental Health Grants, Veterans Treatment Courts, and Veteran County Service Offices.

New this year, applicants for the Veterans Mental Health Grant Program can include support such as trained service dogs or peer support services in a non-clinical environment.

Interested nonprofit organizations and government agencies that provide direct services to veterans may find more information and how to apply at <https://www.tvc.texas.gov/2024-2025-grant-cycle/>.

Veterans needing assistance can find organizations providing services in their area at www.tvc.texas.gov/directory/directory-category/grants/. Those listed in this directory receive support from TVC FVA grants.

Since 2009 through the current 2023-2024 grant cycle, more than \$270 million in grant funding has been awarded through 1,255 FVA grants, serving an estimated 481,000 Texas veterans and their family members.

Funding for these grants is generated primarily by the Texas Lottery Commission's games designated for veteran support. Other sources of funding for the grants come from individual donation options on drivers' licenses, licenses to carry a handgun, outdoor recreation licenses for hunting and fishing, and vehicle registrations.

Helping veterans starts here. The Texas Veterans Commission advocates for and provides superior service to veterans that will significantly improve the quality of life for all Texas veterans, their families, and survivors. The TVC assists veterans with receiving their benefits, provides funding to agencies which provide direct services to veterans and provides administration of the Hazlewood Act education benefits. Learn more at www.tvc.texas.gov.



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Many service members won't have the luxury of spending the holidays at home.

Brightening the Holiday Season for the Military Community

(StatePoint)

As we enter the holiday season, and Americans across the country look forward to spending time with family, thousands of service members are deployed overseas - many to the Middle East in response to the Israel-Hamas war - and will not have that luxury and will be spending the holidays far away from loved ones.

Here is how USO Holidays programming delivers a piece of home to them, along with ideas for how you can get involved:

1. Care packages: A care package might seem small in light of the challenges of deployment, but for many service members, they're a reminder that they're not forgotten by Americans back home. Aside from standard USO Care Packages, which contain snacks or toiletries, USO Holidays Care Packages have festive treats and goodies such as holiday candies, cozy socks, and a warm beanie that help bridge the gap between home and the frontlines. This year, the USO will deliver 50,000 holiday packages to over 250 locations globally.

2. Holiday traditions: Giving up treasured family

traditions can be difficult. That's why USO Centers and USO Mobile teams host holiday meals for service members and their families, complete with special treats ranging from pumpkin and sweet potato pie to hot cocoa bars. Each December, USO Holidays Cookie Week celebrates the time-honored tradition of baking and decorating cookies, putting service members and military families in the holiday spirit wherever they are located. Other seasonal programming can include tree decorating, arts and crafts, holiday-themed movie nights, and ugly sweater competitions. Through these activities, service members stationed far from home can still make holiday memories.

3. Connections to home: Staying connected to family during the holidays can be difficult for service members stationed overseas, particularly for those in or near regions in conflict such as Eastern Europe or the Middle East. The USO Reading Program enables deployed service members to record themselves reading a book to their child. Then the recording and a copy of the book are sent to that service member's family.

4. Happy travels: As most people know, holiday travel can be especially taxing. Thousands of service members and trainees from military installations across the country participate in the Holiday Block Leave period, many traveling through some of the busiest airports in the United States to be with their families during the holidays. USO airport centers can alleviate some of that stress for service members and trainees by providing a place to relax and unwind before the next leg of their journey, along with all the comfort items they need.

To learn more about these programs and how to support them, and for ideas on how to reach out to the military community to express your thanks during the holidays and throughout the year, visit uso.org/campaign/holidays.

The holiday season can look very different for service members and military families who must celebrate while separated from loved ones and home in all corners of the world. Bringing everyone together on special days fosters camaraderie and positivity and provides a welcome break from the demands of military life.

'Tis the Season for Scams: Three Ways to Protect You and Your Family

(Statepoint)

According to a Scam and Robocall Report from T-Mobile, Americans lost an estimated \$39.5 billion to phone scams in 2022. There are several ways to protect and safeguard your personal information to help prevent scammers from scammin' this holiday season.

1. **Avoid Public USB Ports:** The FCC warns that cyber criminals can download malware to public USB charging ports to gain access to your information. Prevent this by using an

AC power outlet instead.

2. **Beware of Charity Scams:** It's the season of giving, but the FCC warns many cyber criminals take advantage by creating fake charities staged as real nonprofit organizations to gain access to your payment information. To prevent this, don't click on suspicious email or text links and verify the organization is registered at the National Association of State Charity Officials or Better Business Bureau's Wise Giving Alliance before donating this holiday season.

3. **Shop Smarter Online:**

According to Statista, 57 percent of holiday shoppers plan to make online holiday purchases this year, and scammers are onto them, ramping up activity during the two weeks before Christmas. To minimize any cyber Grinches trying to steal your personal info, monitor your financial accounts regularly for suspicious charges and sign up for your bank or credit card company's text or email notifications to stay on top of fraudulent activity.

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A cowboy is horseback at a prison



BY TUMBLEWEED SMITH

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

Carroll Langham of Grapeland is one of the colorful custom cowboys of Houston County. He has written about his experiences with livestock and his fellow ranch workers in a couple of books. They contain some of Carroll's poetry, wild adventures, and some unimaginable cowboy pranks.

"I got out of the Navy in June of sixty-three and went up to Greencreek, Idaho, and worked on a ranch up

there until the tenth day of September. I didn't have no winter clothes, and it was freezing every morning when I got up. I loaded my saddle and come on back to Texas. I get back here, and I didn't have a job, so I went and bought fourteen horses from a man who kept them in the woods near the National Park over there by Groveton. He bred horses and used some of them in a rodeo he put on every Saturday night. Every once in a while, I'd ride bulls and bareback broncs at that rodeo. Anyway, I loaded them horses and went to breakin' 'em so I could resell 'em. They had never had a human hand on them. I thought I could make a few dollars off of 'em. And I did. Got

'em broke and sold. Then I fooled around and got married. That messed everything up. Now, I got to try to make a living. So, I went to work for the prison." He worked at the Eastham Unit near Lovelady, a maximum-security prison. He was on horseback and guarded prisoners who worked in the cotton fields. "Yeah, there was about sixty of us horseback, counting the dog handlers and the riflemen. They were called high riders. We were out there every day. I told somebody one time that I spent more time on a horse than I did in a bed. Those were long days on that Eastham unit. You're sittin' on your horse in the summertime at a quarter to six in the morn-

ing. Prisoners would come out the back gate at six. We'd get back at that back gate at nine o'clock that night. We worked twelve days on then got two days off." Sometimes they cleared land "That old black land down there is flat as a pancake. There was thirteen thousand acres of land on the Eastham farm with about a thousand acres of timber left when I went to work down there. In the wintertime that's what we done, worked in the woods digging big trees six feet in diameter up by the roots, so that next year we could farm that land. We were just about through when I quit down there. I was there five years and went back to

breaking hoses and working cattle." He has made a living on horseback all his life. He hires out to area ranches. "Two-thirds of cattle in Texas is right here in four counties, so there's plenty of work. People don't hire you. They hire your horses and dogs. If you ain't got good horses and dogs, you won't get the first job. There's no way these ranchers could get their cattle worked without custom hands." Carroll's first book is titled "Custom Cowboys of Houston County." His second book carries the title "More Custom Cowboys of Houston County."



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Little Inferno rewards certain combinations of objects burned in the fire - like an alarm clock and a packet of seeds gets the Springtime Combo. Each catalog of new things to burn is unlocked after a certain number of combos are achieved.

GAME ON

Little Inferno

Warning: Do Not Play With Fire



BY JENNIFER HARRISON

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

"Throw your toys into your fire and play with them as they burn. An adventure that takes place almost entirely in front of a fireplace - about looking up, up, up, out of the chimney, and the cold world just on the other side of the wall. From the creators of World of Goo and Human Resource Machine."

Looking for a game that will keep you warm this winter? Cozy up to Little Inferno, a bizarre little game from Tomorrow Corporation. The world has gotten colder, so everyone has Little Inferno Entertainment Fireplaces from the Tomorrow Corporation to keep their homes warm. This means that you'll be burning everything you own in the house to keep yourself warm, but don't worry, the Tomorrow Corporation has an answer for that too. They'll sell you all sorts of things to throw in the fire.

Their advertising brochure says, "There are no points. There is no score. You're not being timed. Just make a nice fire... and stay warm in the glow of your high-definition entertainment product!"

Your view is that of an enormous fireplace with a circular face in the center. Put things in the fireplace, use your mouse pointer to create a flame, and light them on fire. Almost every object has some sort of special animation that plays when you throw it into the fire.

You'll occasionally get letters from Sugar Plumps, or Miss Nancy with the Tomorrow Corporation, but for the most part you're just buying things, throw-

ing them into the fireplace, lighting them on fire, and collecting the coins.

The only goal in Little Inferno is to get all the combos. If you throw a packet of seeds and an alarm clock into the fireplace, for example, you get the Springtime Combo. Movie Night is the television, plus a corn cob. (The fire causes the kernels to pop.) There's quite a bit of dark humor in this game, and it's not for kids, even though the graphics are cute and cartoonish. Finding all the combos isn't easy. It took me a while.

There's nothing epic about this game. It's just throwing things into the fireplace to watch them burn. What I liked about it was that it was very relaxing gaming. It's nice to have a game like Little Inferno that I can play without saving a princess or going on an epic quest. It's a nice stress relief.

DLC Content: Ho Ho Holiday

After 10 years, Tomorrow Corporation celebrated their anniversary by releasing DLC content for the base game of Little Inferno. Featuring more than 50 possible combos, plus lots of new holiday-related items to keep you warm.

Featuring new things for your Entertainment Fireplace, like Gingerbread Disaster, Balls of Tape, Pear Tree, Poodolph Poo Poo Plushie, Smart Dreidel, Nutcracker Doll, and more.

Little Inferno, by Tomorrow Corporation (2012) This game has been out for a while, but it's still fun to play. And there's brand new DLC for the holiday season.

The DISPATCH

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of Nov. 11 - Nov. 13. 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. 11
3:43 a.m., a theft was reported in the 2000 block of Waco Street.
10:11 a.m., animal cruelty was reported in the 100 block of Valley Circle.
12:47 p.m., a hit & run was reported in the 600 block of State School Road.
5:26 p.m., a noise disturbance was reported in the 1700 block of Bridge Street.
6:58 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1200 block of East Main Street.

Nov. 12

5:29 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 900 block of Bridge Street.
7:57 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 800 block of South 7th Street.
11:19 a.m., a disturbance was reported in the 1300 block of Pidcoke Street.
5:28 p.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 2000 block of North State Highway 36 Bypass.
6:33 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 1900 block of Bridge Street.

Nov. 13
2:44 a.m., a disturbance was reported in the 6700 block of East Highway 84.
6:42 a.m., an accident was reported in the 200 block of FM 107.
11:59 a.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 2000 block of Waco Street.
7:31 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 500 block of Mary Street.
8:43 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 600 block of North State Highway 36.



CORYELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Nov. 11
1:52 a.m., a minor accident was reported in the 300 block of County Road 347.
8:04 a.m., a burglary was reported in the 900 block of County Road 339.
8:07 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 8800 block of South Highway 36.
10:51 a.m., suspicious persons were reported in the 100 block of College Street.
11:47 a.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 2400 block of FM 107.

Nov. 12

12:37 a.m., a threat was reported in the 5500 block of FM 1829.
10:33 a.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 300 block of Hunter John Lane.
3:09 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on Highway 84 and South Mountain.
4:51 p.m., a welfare concern was reported on Old Pidcoke Road.
5:30 p.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 2000 block of North Highway 36.

Nov. 13
2:46 a.m., a domestic disturbance was reported near Mountain Road and Highway 84.
7 a.m., a major accident was reported in the 10300 block of North FM 116.
8:43 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 200 block of Inez Street.
1:29 p.m., illegal dumping was reported on County Road 137.

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Gatesville High Band recognized at school board meeting

Staff Reports

After last year's 18th place finish, which was the highest in program history, the Gatesville High School band directors immediately began planning in earnest how to achieve an even higher placing this school year.

After countless days of practice in the blistering heat, all the band's hard work culminated in a 12th place finish at the 2023 state marching contest. That's 12th place out of approximately 230 4A bands.

Jose Sanchez, Michael Hamilton, Corbin Myers, and Johanna Reynolds directed the band, while Helen Gonzales directed the Dazzlers, and Jeannie Collins and Jennifer Blanchard

directed the Color Guard. From wheels falling off instruments to buses breaking down, the band overcame a lot of adversity this season. In addition, the students and staff were very calm while performing in front of the huge crowd at the Alamodome. The parents and band boosters helped tremendously as well.

"We could not invite the whole band program, but we have some great representatives here tonight, including Alex Johnson (band leadership), Hayden Heck (band), Emery Wood (color guard), Jaynee Green (Dazzler Captain), and Romi Bomar (1st Lieutenant)," said GISD Superintendent Dr. Barrett Pollard.



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Pictured are Helen Gonzales, who directed the Dazzlers, Jose Sanchez, Michael Hamilton, Corbin Myers, and Johanna Reynolds, who directed the band, and Jeannie Collins and Jennifer Blanchard, who directed the Color Guard. Standing in back is Dr. Barrett Pollard, GISD Superintendent.



Breakfast with Santa set for Dec. 16

Staff Reports

The community of Gatesville will have the chance to have breakfast with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 16. The breakfast will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Gatesville Civic Center.

Each ticket will include breakfast, a photo with Santa, items from Santa's souvenirs, music, and entertainment.

To purchase tickets, contact Morgan Smart at 254-499-0102 or by email at msmart@gatesvillex.com.

For more information, visit www.visitgatesvillex.com.

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



DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Pictured are Jaynee Green (Dazzler Captain), Romi Bomar (1st Lieutenant), Hayden Heck (band), Emery Wood (color guard), and Alex Johnson (band leadership). Standing in back is Dr. Barrett Pollard, GISD Superintendent.



NATIONAL PLAY DAY WITH DAD

NOVEMBER 25



Kids and dads can enjoy a variety of activities together to create lasting memories and strengthen their bond. Here are some fun ideas:

OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

- Go for a nature hike or a walk in the park.
- Have a picnic in the backyard or at a local park.
- Try fishing, biking, or flying a kite together.

SPORTS AND GAMES

- Play a game of catch or shoot some hoops.
- Join in a game of soccer or frisbee.
- Attend a local sports event or play miniature golf.

CREATIVE PROJECTS:

- Build a birdhouse or a model together.
- Have an art session with drawing, painting, or crafting.
- Create a scrapbook of special memories.

COOKING OR BAKING:

- Cook a meal or bake cookies as a team.
- Have a pizza-making night with various toppings.
- Make breakfast together on a lazy weekend morning.

READING AND STORYTIME:

- Take turns reading a book aloud.
- Visit the local library together.
- Create your own stories and illustrate them.

MOVIE OR GAME NIGHT

- Watch a favorite movie or have a movie marathon.
- Play video or board games that everyone enjoys.
- Build a blanket fort for an extra cozy experience.

SCIENCE AND EXPLORATION:

- Conduct simple science experiments at home.
- Visit a science museum or planetarium.
- Explore the backyard for bugs or interesting rocks.

MUSIC AND DANCE:

- Create a playlist together and have a dance party.
- Learn to play a musical instrument.
- Attend a live music performance or concert.

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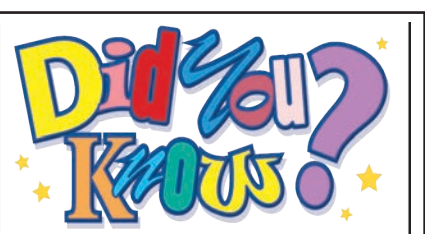
- Volunteer together for a local charity or community event.
- Plant flowers or trees in a neighborhood park.
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TECH TIME:


- Play video games together.
- Build something cool with LEGO or other building sets.
- Explore educational apps or websites.



COLOR Time



Fathers and their children spending time together through play helps build strong bonds, creates lasting memories, and contributes to a child's emotional development.



HORNETS HELP KEEP GATESVILLE BEAUTIFUL



COURTESY PHOTO

Last week, a group of Hornet baseball players participated in Keep Gatesville Beautiful's Fall Sweep event. The volunteers managed to compile eight bags of trash from picking up litter along Bus. Hwy. 36, from Walgreens down to McDonalds.

GT FOOD DONATIONS



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Gatesville Independent School District Gifted and Talented students from first, second, and third grade, helped sort through food items for the upcoming food drive. The students sorted through various cans and boxes.

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: Connie Lynn Oliver
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DATED the 26 day of October, 2023.

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- 10.01 acres, Lot 41 in Phase 6 Rio Escondido Subdivision Evant, TX., Good Tree cover, Rolling Terrain, Fiber Optic Internet. \$149,500
- 11 +/- acres, Arnett, TX Coryell County, good tree cover, nice home site, will need to be fenced. MCWSC may be available. \$179,500
- 11.01 ac. Lot 5 Phase 2 Rio Escondido, 3180 PR 42111, Evant, Coryell County. Ready to build on, house pad in place, electricity, septic system, water well, Fiber-optic internet, small cabin w/kitchenette, bathroom, covered patio, & RV pad, 1 tank. \$212,500
- 16.5 ac. Turnersville, open pasture, good views, paved CR 220. Electricity across road, check with Coryell City Water on availability of water meter. \$206,500
- 17.85 ac. 296 Cross Timbers Lane Gatesville, 2 homes, 3 Br, 2 Ba brick home, open floor plan, 2nd home 2 Br 2 Ba single wide, good tree cover, rolling terrain, storage building, excellent fences, 1 stock pond. \$749,500
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- 20 ac. Evant, TX, Rio Escondido Subdivision, Lot 23 Ph 1, good tree cover, rolling terrain, gated subdivision, electric available, Fiber Optic Internet. \$215,000
- 20.02 acres, Evant, TX PR 42107, Hamilton County, Lot 43 Phase 6 Rio Escondido, rolling terrain, good tree cover, season creek. \$265,000.
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- 89.862 Ac 3 Br 2 Ba home 1784 CR 610 Hamilton, open floor plan, vaulted ceilings, fireplace, breakfast bar, stainless steel appliances, pantry, ceramic tile floors, carpet in bedrooms, Large front porch, 2 carports, 50 ft x 30 ft metal building, 8 ft x 40 storage container, well, 1 tank, great views, good tree cover, rolling terrain. \$975,000
- 106 Ac, CR 180 Purnela, Coryell & Hamilton County, good tree cover, rolling terrain, 1 tank, paved road frontage, electricity across road. \$832,100
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- 179.562 ac 1.6 miles south of Gatesville, TX FM 116 frontage, great views, stock tank, rolling terrain & scattered tree cover. \$1,166,255
- 199.86 ac, 4/2 Manufactures Home, 1856 sq. ft., 1805 CR 180 Purnela, Coryell County, fully furnished, 2 tanks, 8 ft. x 40 ft container, storage building with water storage tank, barn, cattle pens, water well 560 ft deep, rolling terrain, good tree cover, paved road frontage. \$1,568,901
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Tarleton State rolls UNT Dallas in home opener

Tarleton State University

STEPHENVILLE -- Five scored in double-figures as Tarleton State downed UNT Dallas, 92-53 on Saturday, Nov. 11 in its regular home opener at Wisdom Gym.

The Texans (2-1) returned to Stephenville making a statement against 10-year NBA veteran Josh Howard's UNT Dallas Trailblazers (1-2).

After the game, fans gathered for over 30 minutes to meet and obtain autographed poster schedules from the players showing their appreciation to the fans for coming out and supporting them.

"It was a great crowd... They [the fans] always over-achieve and we certainly do appreciate that," said coach Billy Gillispie after the game. "Our guys love to play for them and we are so lucky to have them. It was a big crowd for us... These fans, they really do make a difference."

KiAndre Gaddy led the team in scoring for the first time this season, notching 20 along with seven boards.

For the third-straight game, Devon Barnes scored in double figures, recording a season-high, 17, paired with a team-leading five as-

sists. He shot five-for-five from the charity stripe increasing his season-total to a perfect 13-for-13. The newcomer shot four-for-six from beyond the arc notching all four three-pointers made by the Texans.

Lue Williams tallied his first double-double of his Texan career with 16 points and 10 boards. Emmanuel Innocenti brought down a season-high 13 boards and two steals.

Once again, the bench contributed with two double-digit scoring totals marking the eighth-straight game that a Texan scored 10-plus off the bench. Izzy Miles recorded 11 and Dario Domingos added 10 in his Texan debut.

Neither team scored in the first two minutes, with UNT Dallas putting points on the board first at the 17:41 mark. After that, it was all Texans. Just 30 ticks later, the Texans tied the game at two on an Innocenti bucket to spark a 7-2 run in just 1:07. UNT Dallas cut it to 7-6 at 15:02, when the Texans broke it open. Four different scorers for the Texans creating a 11-0 run to give Tarleton an 18-6 lead at the midpoint of the half.

The Texans didn't take their foot off the gas to end



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the half heading into the break leading 49-32. Barnes scored 14 in the first half to lead all scorers. Innocenti tied his season-high in rebounds in the first half with seven. The Texans shot 14-for-16 from the foul line, an 87.5 percent clip.

In the second half, the

Texans outscored the Trailblazers, 44-20. The Texans opened the half on a 13-4 run enlarging the lead to 62-36 just after the under-16 media timeout.

In a six-minute span in the middle of the final 20 minutes, the Texans broke out on a 16-2 run extending

the lead to 81-43 with 6:06 remaining.

Gaddy scored 16 of his 20 points in the second half including an explosive dunk that lifted the fans to their feet in the final minute of action.

Tarleton shot 33-for-63, a 52.5 percent rate, marking

the Texans 25th-straight win when shooting 50 percent or better from the field. The Texans won the battle of the boards, 44-26. For the first time this season, Tarleton won the turnover battle, 19-13. The Purple and White scored 20 points off those turnovers.

Tarleton State Volleyball deals Abilene Christian University its second loss at home this week before heading into the WAC Tournament

Tarleton State University

Abilene — The Texans took down the Wildcats on Monday, Nov. 13 for the second time this season

to head into the Western Athletic Conference (WAC) Tournament as the sixth seed.

Tarleton State claimed the first two sets 26-24 and 25-

17. ACU took set three with a 25-22 final and the Texans closed out the match, stealing the fourth set, 25-19.

Tarleton State is now 16-14 overall and 7-9 in confer-

ence after putting down the Wildcats. ACU is now 11-17 overall and 6-10 in conference play. The victory over Abilene Christian will see the Texans going into the conference tournament as the sixth seed and ACU as eighth.

Rajini Fitzmaurice led the team in kills and tied her season high (22). Kenzie Kellerman and Fitzmaurice each added three aces for the Texans. Megan Hodges amassed 24 assists on the match and Melina Maldonado Ortiz compiled 19.

Allison Bryant led the defense with three blocks and Emma Burke and Madison Frank each tallied two. The two-time reigning WAC Libero of the Week, Matti Theurer, compiled 29 digs for a new season high. Kellerman added 12 digs for the Texans and Maldonado Ortiz ended with 10.

The opening frame saw Tarleton State first on the board with a kill from

Breanna McDonough. The first set saw seven lead changes and nine ties. Down by six points with a 19-13 score in favor of the home team, a 7-0 scoring run from the Texans claimed the lead. With 22 on the board for the Wildcats, the visitors took the next three consecutive points to lead by two. Abilene Christian tallied two to tie the set but an error from the home team and a kill from Grayson Schirpik sealed the deal on the first set for a 26-24 final in favor of Tarleton State.

The Wildcats took the first point to start off the second set. ACU held the lead until point seven when the Texans took off with a five-score run to see the home team down by three at 10-7. The remainder of the set was controlled by Tarleton State with a 6-0 run to put the Texans ahead by eight points. Three more points saw visitors up, 23-13. Fitzmaurice and Schirpik

closed out the set with a pair of kills to see a 25-17 ending.

Abilene Christian took the first point to start off the third set but the next four were claimed by Tarleton State. A 4-0 scoring-run for Tarleton State showed the Texans up 15-10. At point 18 for the visitors, the Wildcats took the next seven points to take the lead at 21-18. The Texans didn't back down and tied the set at the 22nd point but the next three went to the home team to close out set three at 25-22.

The fourth and final set was a neck-and-neck battle for the first six points with six ties. A block from Burke and Bryant put Tarleton State up by one and they held the lead the remainder of the time. With the home team down by one point at 20-19, a pair of kills from Fitzmaurice began a 5-0 run for the Texans to see a 25-19 final set and a 3-1 final for the night in Moody.



COURTESY OF TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY

The Texans took down the Wildcats on Monday, Nov. 13 for the second time this season to head into the Western Athletic Conference (WAC) Tournament as the sixth seed.

Tarleton forward Andjela Bigovic named WAC's first Newcomer of the Week

Tarleton State University

STEPHENVILLE — Following a commanding season-opening win and great efforts at Texas Tech and New Mexico, the Western Athletic Conference rewarded the Tarleton State women's basketball team with one of its two weekly honors.

The WAC announced on Monday that Texan forward Andjela Bigovic was named the WAC Women's Basketball Newcomer of the Week after the first week of games from Nov. 6-12.

Bigovic, a transfer from Cochoise College, averaged 10.0 points, 8.3 rebounds, 3.3 assists and 2.3 blocks

across three games this past week.

Her best game was on Sunday at New Mexico, where she posted 12 points, 16 rebounds, three assists, two steals and two blocks. It marked Tarleton State's first double-double of the season. Her 16 rebounds are the most in a game by a Texan in over six years, last accomplished by Mackenzie Hailey vs. Western New Mexico on Feb. 4, 2017. It's the tied-13th most amount of rebounds in a game at the NCAA Division I level this season.

Bigovic tallied multiple blocks in each of the three games. She leads the team

in both rebounding (8.3 RPG) and blocks (2.3 BPG), and is second in assists at 3.3 APG.

Tarleton went 1-2 on the week, with a 106-38 win vs. Howard Payne, a close 70-63 road loss at Texas Tech, and a close 64-55 road loss at New Mexico.

The WAC's Newcomer of the Week award is one of two weekly awards the conference will distribute all season. The other, the WAC WBB Player of the Week honor, was distributed to Utah Tech's Breanna Gillen this week.



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OGLESBY ISD SENIORS ATTEND DISCOVERY DAY AT TSTC



COURTESY PHOTO

A group of seniors from Oglesby Independent School District attended Discovery Day at Texas State Technical College. The students were able to take a tour of several departments and attend discussions. They were able to learn programs, including electrical power and controls, electrical construction, welding, and diesel mechanics.



COURTESY PHOTO

Choir students who performed at the Central Texas Honor Choir Clinic.

GHS Choirs participate in auditions

Staff Reports

After a rigorous audition back in September, Gatesville High School Choir placed a record of 11 students in the TMEA Region 8 SSC All-Region Choir. The students spent a Saturday at Marble Falls High School working under the direction of Dr. Joey Martin of Texas State University, where a concert was held consisting of four All State pieces.

The Gatesville High School choir students included Anna Phillips, Katie Hopson, Ranyan Garraway, Paisley Wells, Nahdiah Appleton, Nevin Benning, Memphis Wells, Rylan VanHorn, Eli Alvarez, Roman Wallace, and Devyn Ayala.

In addition, Gatesville High School and Junior High School choirs placed with 15 individuals, which included eighth and ninth grade students, into the Central Texas Honor Choir.

This was the inaugural performance of this newly-formed group, which Mrs. Wells and Dr. Klingler helped create, organize, and direct. There were 100 students from 12 different Central Texas schools.

The students from the junior high included Aspyn Austin, Amor Mejia, Sophia Salinas, Callie Smith, Lillie Mann, Anna Gutierrez, Joey Lonzetta, Eli Tyson, Caleb Hobday, and Jesse Garcia. The high school students included Charles McLeod, Jana Armour, Payton Steel, and Daniel Burton.



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Gatesville High School Choir during their performance.

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BOYD SIGNS COMMITMENT TO US AIR FORCE ACADEMY



COURTESY PHOTO BY GISO

On National Signing Day across the country, Gatesville High School's Barrett Boyd was recognized for her commitment and track scholarship to the U.S. Air Force Academy. The senior, a multi-sport athlete, holds the GHS school records for pole vault and the 100-meter hurdles. Last spring, she finished 5th in the pole vault at the UIL Class 4A state meet.

Gatesville boys' basketball hoping to build on record-setting season

BY CHRIS ALLMAN
Contributing Writer

The beginning of the Gatesville basketball season is going to look much different than it did one year ago. Brit Campbell is betting the end of the season looks very similar.

Gone are four starters from a team that won 19 straight games enroute to a school-record tying 28 victories on the season and beat Georgetown Gateway in the bi-district playoffs to capture the program's first playoff win since 2013.

Campbell's 2022-23 team - led by Super Centex players Tyler Shea and Banner Allman, first team all-district forward Carter Williams, and frenetic point guard Trae Miller, set or tied six school records and just missed setting or tying eight others. By any measure, it was one of the great basketball seasons in Gatesville history that will be difficult to replicate.

But a mix of two all-district returners, improved upper classmen, and a stellar set of sophomore, has Campbell believing that this season will reinforce Gatesville basketball's new normal - playoff success.

"That last game is always so hard - especially with these guys who have had such incredible seasons and careers. It was a big moment we were there," said Campbell. "But soon after we have to get prepared for the next season. We are going to be a different team than last year. Our junior varsity had a great record (23-5) and we had some guys, some underclassmen, who contributed really good things."

The underclassmen Campbell is referring to are juniors Rayshon Smith, West Allman, and Kase Cox.

Smith is a two-year letterman who was the

district's basketball newcomer of the year in 2022 and will join the Hornets hoopers once football season ends.

"He's going to be legit. He's going to be a guy who comes in, and everyone is going to know who he is and where he is right away," Campbell said. "He's going to be one of the most physical guys out there, game in and game out."

Last season, Smith averaged just under eight points per game and three rebounds per game. He set the school record for charges in a season with 48 and also came up with big late-game shots, including a buzzer-beating three on the road at Connally.

Allman is also no stranger to big shots. He hit a game-tying three in a thrilling comeback win over Salado and scored the go-ahead bucket in the closing seconds at La Vega. While primarily a shooter as a sophomore, Campbell expects a more versatile player on both ends of the floor this season.

"Last year, he saw himself as just a shooter. This year it's not going to be what he relies on first. He's the kind of player who can score any different way and he knows he can score all those different ways, so we are going to look for him to do that," said Campbell. "He's literally an all-around player. He's also really good defensively. He's grown in every area."

Cox was the Hornets' seventh-man last season and showed flashes of brilliance when on the floor. His third quarter scoring run against China Spring helped put away the Cougars in a crucial district game.

"The biggest thing for him is confidence, but also one more year, bigger,

faster, stronger, and more athletic. He plays, looks, and acts like a different kid. He now expects to do really good things for us," Campbell said of Cox.

Seniors Graceson Stewart and Scout Hall return from last season and are joined by fellow senior John Hall. Scout Hall is still playing football for the Hornets, but Campbell said the growth he has seen from Stewart has raised his level of expectations.

"He has dramatically improved, really every single year. Last year, his role was more teammate and practice guy. This year he is going to be a big contributor. He's going to have to guard big, be our big man, control the glass, and defend. We count on him in that role," he said.

Juniors Evan McCracken, Logan Biggs, Rex Owens, and Carvin Coppersmith, will bring a depth that was lacking last season.

"Logan and Evan are different players, but both guys assumed a leadership role last year on our JV. Now, this year Logan is doing the same thing in football, and Evan has been doing it with us," Campbell said. "Biggs can fly around defensively, and Evan is a bit of a floor general on offense. He's a vocal guy who can bring some balance to the floor."

The newest newcomers are a pair of sophomores: sharpshooter Charlie Winkler, and all-around athlete Amos Phillips.

"Those are some really good sophomores. Charlie is a gym rat shooter. He knows the game, and it's his love and his passion. He's going to be a guy who's thrown into it," Campbell said. "Amos is just a guy who competes. I have always thought, 'oh, that kid is going to be fun to coach.' He never shies away from any challenge or competition. He is a

huge help to us athletically and he's also a really skilled basketball player."

The Hornets will face a number of familiar foes in non-district with games against Jarrell, Lorena, Lampasas, Academy, and McGregor. They will also defend their tournament title in Salado. Other tournament action includes a return trip to Brownwood, and a visit to the Cameron tournament.

They will face old district foes Brownwood and Stephenville before opening District 23-4A play on January 12 at Connally.

The Cadets are the defending district champs and bring back District MVP Jylon Nobles, and La Vega will return dynamic duo Monta Hilliard and Qwae Willis after a district runner-up finish last season. China Spring and Salado will be in the mix for a playoff berth as will Robinson, which brings back a nucleus of young returning players.

"A lot of the district has a lot of their big guys back, whereas we lost four big guys," Campbell said. "At the same time, our guys want people to recognize them and be known. We want to go do really well. We want to instill that in the guys and get them to believe that early on, so that they can go do it."

The Hornets opened the season at home on Nov. 14 against La Vega then hosted Jarrell on Nov. 17. They will play Lorena on Nov. 20 and Lampasas on Nov. 21 before breaking for Thanksgiving.

As he enters his fifth season as head coach, Campbell is confident that his program has established an identity.

"We want people to know that when they play Gatesville, they have to be ready," he said.

GATESVILLE JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL RESULTS

8A vs. Brownwood

	1	2	3	4	Final
Brownwood	8	6	9	13	36
Gatesville	20	15	16	3	54

Scoring: Grady Keeton- 22; Draven Henderson- 15; Eli Phillips- 9; Camden Webb, Callen Webb, Braxton Brown, Kaydon Buster- all with 2

Record: 1-0

7A vs. Brownwood

	1	2	3	4	Final
Brownwood	7	7	2	16	32
Gatesville	13	7	6	8	34

Scoring: Jaxson Franks- 11; Andrew Winkler- 5; Sebastian Hubik- 6; TayShon Evans- 6; Preston Barron- 6

Record: 1-0

8B vs. Brownwood

	1	2	3	4	OT	Final
Brownwood	1	13	6	4	4	28
Gatesville	8	4	4	8	2	26

Scoring: Jaxon Botkin- 10; Pate Foster- 8, Brensyn Pope- 6; Memphis Salas- 2

Record: 0-1

7B vs. Brownwood

	1	2	3	4	Final
Brownwood	2	9	7	6	2
Gatesville	6	7	0	7	20

Scoring: Jennar Velasquez- 6, Treyvion Moore- 4; Micah Olvera- 3; Brayden Warren- 3; Zion Nunn- 2; Zyla Baize- 2

Record: 0-1

8A vs. Connally

	1	2	3	4	Final
Connally	4	10	16	9	39
Gatesville	10	10	10	11	41

Scoring: Grady Keeton- 13; Draven Henderson- 13; Eli Phillips- 9; Kaydon Buster- 4; Camden Webb- 2

Record: 2-0

7A vs. Connally

	1	2	3	4	Final
Connally	2	8	3	8	21
Gatesville	17	9	9	8	43

Scoring: Jaxson Franks- 23; Preston Barron- 10; Andrew Winkler- 6; Max Beverly- 3; Bennett Eggeling- 1

Record: 2-0

8B vs. Connally

	1	2	3	4	Final
Connally	12	11	8	10	41
Gatesville	0	10	2	10	22

Scoring: Pate Foster- 8; Memphis Salas- 8; Payden Garrett- 3; Brensyn Pope- 2; Jaxon Botkin- 1

Record: 0-2

7B vs. Connally

	1	2	3	4	Final
Connally	5	2	5	6	18
Gatesville	4	6	5	10	25

Scoring: Zyla Baize- 11; Treyvion Moore- 6; Brayden Warren- 4; Micah Olvera- 2; Zion Nunn- 2

Record: 1-1

Six Lady Tigers named All District

Staff Reports

Oglesby ISD announced the release of All District selections for the volleyball season, with six Lady Tigers making the list.

Those recognized were MVP of the District - middle blocker, Matti Dixon (senior); Setter of the Year - Andrea Licea-Perez (sophomore); First Team All District - outside hitter, Addison Hamilton (senior), middle blocker, Caitlyn Battreal (freshman), defensive specialist, Presley Robinson (freshman), and right side hitter, Zarah Wisehart (freshman).

Second Team All District

- libero, Jayda Gonzalez (junior) and outside hitter, Autumn Meyers (freshman).

Oglesby ISD made history this year as it was the first time in the girls' sports program history to win a championship in any sport. The Lady Tigers went 7-1 in district play and shared the district championship with Abbott. They later lost the regional quarterfinals match against Avalon.

The Lady Tigers were coached by Head Coach Amanda Martin and Kara Helms. "It was an incredible season, and it was one we will remember and treasure," said Martin.

Evant Lady Elks district results for 2023 volleyball season

Staff Reports

The Lady Elks of Evant Independent School District received its District 16 1A results.

District 16 - 1A
Offensive player of the

year - Molly Waldrum of Evant
Defensive player of the year - Hailey Neri of Evant
Setter of the Year - Harley Weeks of Evant
Coach of the Year - Jo-

Anna Vaden of Evant
1st Team All - District
Isabel Gandy of Evant
Bree Ramirez of Evant
2nd Team All-District

Jolyce Acosta of Evant
Academic All - District of Evant
Isabel Gandy
Bella Kolajo
Daisy Morales

Bree Ramirez
Maya Reynolds
Ludwika Rodriguez
Molly Waldrum
Harley Weeks
The Lady Elks ended

the season with a record of 29-6 and reached the regional semi-final round of playoffs.

Evant ISD is located at 339 Memory Lane in Evant.