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Local doctor completes 10,000-mile challenge on vintage motorcycle



Dr. Don Chaffer

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BY KAYLEE DUSANG
Staff Writer

Motorcycles have been a part of Dr. Don Chaffer's life for as long as he can remember. From long-distance rides to rebuilding old engines, Chaffer says he is not one to leave a goal unaccomplished.

In August, Chaffer tested his physical and mental endurance by facing one of his toughest rides yet - a 10,000-mile journey from Florida to Alaska on a 1948 Harley-Davidson Panhead. During his third attempt to complete the Hoka Hey Motorcycle Challenge, he finally reached his goal of crossing the finish line on his vintage motorcycle.

"It was really inspiring to me," Chaffer said. "It really was an amazing experience to be able to finish on that old bike, because through the years, it's been a six-year process of trying to accomplish that goal."

Riding long-distance on an older motorcycle

comes with a variety of mechanical risks, which Chaffer experienced during his previous attempts at Hoka Hey. In 2020, his bike broke down halfway through the route and he could not complete the challenge. Although he eventually crossed the finish line in 2022, the engine on the bike blew on the first day, forcing him to complete the challenge on a modern motorcycle.

Chaffer spent two years working on the Harley to get it ready for 2024's challenge. "Mechanically, I felt like it was my best shot at getting the vintage bike across the finish line," he said.

Chaffer spent 17 days on the road before crossing the finish line in Alaska. He left Daytona Beach, during the early morning hours of Aug. 4 and finished in Alaska on Aug. 20. His goal

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Dr. Don Chaffer recently completed the 2024 Hoka Hey Motorcycle Challenge from Florida to Alaska on his 1948 Harley-Davidson Panhead.

Hide and Seek in the cemetery

BY DAVID SCOTT
Staff Writer

In the history of Texas, several cemeteries have become noted due to their uniqueness. Of many, two cemeteries are observed as "different." One of which is the "Grave in the Road Cemetery," where a lone grave is marked in the middle of the street in an almond-shaped median where Hollie Tatnell was buried in an early day African-American cemetery. When a new road was being built, the cemetery was moved -with the exception of Tatnell - her family refused to have her disinterred, so she remains today in her final resting place in the middle of the road.

Another unusual cemetery in Texas is located in Llano County and is known as the "Baby Head Cemetery," which is all that remains of a wild west settlement with possibly the worst name. Sometime in the 1850s, a group of American Indians kidnapped a young white girl and, attempting to scare

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Upcoming election dates

BY KAYLEE DUSANG
Staff Writer

The Nov. 5 election is quickly approaching, and deadlines for voter registration and early voting begin next month. Here are a few dates to keep in mind:

Voter registration

The deadline to register to vote is Oct. 7. Texas law requires that eligible voters register 30 days before Election Day.

Register to vote by filling out a voter registration application on votetexas.gov. Residents can update their voter registration information online or when renewing their Driver's License.

Residents can check their registration status or change their name or address by visiting the 'My Voter Portal' through the Texas Secretary of State's website or votetexas.gov.

Early voting dates

Oct. 21-25, 2024: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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TxDOT warning drivers of spike in texting scams targeting TxTag customers

Staff Reports

Texting scams are targeting toll customers in Texas, saying they're from TxTag, and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is warning everyone to be on the lookout.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) reported that since early March, the FBI Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) has received over 2,000 complaints reporting smishing texts, which are fake messages used for a social engineering attack, representing road toll collection

service from at least three states. It has also been indicated by the IC3 that the scam may be moving from state-to-state.

There have been multiple reports of TxTag customers receiving text messages claiming to have a balance due or past due. These SMS text phishing scams, also known as smishing, appear to have increased recently. TxDOT is working to have fraudulent websites taken down in hopes of preventing customers from becoming victims.

TxTag takes customer account security and

verification very seriously. While TxTag currently communicates with customers by email, text, and outbound phone calls, it will not send text messages regarding final payment reminders or past due balances. Any text messages sent to TxTag customers will be sent from 22498.

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Tombstones scattered throughout the playground area at Evant ISD.

CEMETERY

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off the settlers, killed the girl and placed her head on a spike at the foot of a mountain, which would later be called Baby Head Mountain.

Coryell County has its own cemetery with mysterious origins and is now known simply as the "Playground Cemetery" - located in Evant on school property amidst the playground. Scattered among the playground equipment are graves of some of the founding fathers of Langford Cove, now known as Evant.

Surely, it once had a name, but that has been lost to time. In the past, some residents referred to it as the Baptist Cemetery, but that could not have been, since its oldest re-

maining tombstone shows the burial as being in 1881, which predates the 1885 building of the first church.

The first known marked grave is that of John Alexander who died in 1881. There may have been earlier graves prior to that date, but they remain unmarked.

Old-timers recalled what must have been 150 to 200 graves stretching from the Evant Baptist Church to where the school now stands. Evidence remains of approximately nine graves, which are marked with tombstones and are located within the playground where children now frolic among the graves of their forefathers. Some of the graves are surrounded by iron fences, while others remain unmarked and lost to time.

Former Evant ISD student Bernadine Connor Marriott

remembers her childhood and playing on the playground in the late 1950s. "There were headstones, but I don't remember how many. We played house under the trees. We just played as kids and chased each other around, not thinking it was a cemetery," she said.

When asked if the teachers ever warned the children about not playing amidst the graves, Marriott replied, "We were never told not to go out there and play. We were pretty good kids."

In 2019, Ronnie Smith stated, "I'm sure many of those who attended the Evant School, as I did, recall playing around the old graves, as the cemetery was on school property and used as a playground for the school."

Marriott stated that the school she attended in the

1950s was closer to the main road. When the new school was built, it was next to the cemetery, which separated the Baptist Church from the school by the cemetery.

Some local residents fear that the new school may have been built over part of the cemetery that did not have marked graves.

It has been written that some of the gravestones are on the school side of the driveway in the playground while some are in the grass on the church side - some of which may have been located under a paved driveway between the church and the school.

In the 1979 article from the Evant News, it was stated that, "Inside the fence to which the Alexander plot lays, hidden in a tangle of bushes, is the grave of Bertha Sawyers. She was eleven years old when death sought her out in the spring of 1892, of an age to run and play with those who have romped about her so many times since that long ago day of sadness."



COURTESY PHOTO

From left to right, Nathan "Power" Powers, Don "Hyde" Chaffer, and Robert "Grizz" Bennett during the Hoka Hey Motorcycle Challenge.

CHALLENGE

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was to ride at least 20 hours a day.

However, there were moments when it seemed like the motorcycle would not make it all the way to Alaska. When Hurricane Debby made landfall in Florida, Chaffer found himself riding for multiple days in the rain.

"It really was by far the toughest Hoka Hey route, I think, that we've had maybe since the first Hoka Hey," Chaffer said. "It was a very challenging set of circumstances, too, because the ride started in Daytona, Florida, and the route took us to Key West, the most southern spot in the United States, and back up through Florida. By the time we got out of Florida, we'd already had well over 1,100 miles on our bikes, and we started off in Hurricane Debby."

Without the hands-on help of others and the support from the community, Chaffer believes he would not have accomplished his goal. While riding through a national park in Alberta, Canada, Chaffer shares that he had to ride for nearly 45 miles off route to receive help after his handlebars broke in half. One of his friends in the motorcycle community, Robert "Grizz" Bennett, connected him with a local motorcycle shop where he could receive parts and repair his bike.

"I was able to finish, because even though it was the hardest route maybe in Hoka Hey history, and even though it was on a motorcycle that nobody had done it (on) before, it wasn't accomplishable by myself. It was a community thing," Chaffer said.

Chaffer said each motorcycle contains a satellite tracker, so his friends and family could follow his progress and share their encouragement.

"I had a lot of things on the motorcycle that weren't working by the time I crossed the finish line," Chaffer said. "But once I crossed that border of Alaska, the energy just went through the roof. People started getting really excited about it, because a lot of folks said it couldn't be done, and then a lot of people just really wanted it to be done."

Chaffer said he first bought the vintage Harley about 15 years ago and rebuilt it alongside one of his best friends who passed away last year. This experience also inspired his determination to finish the ride.

"We did it together, building the bike for 2020 and 2022," he said. "When he passed away this past October, it just really became all the more important in the spirit of our friendship to finish that goal."

Chaffer said he is one of the first riders to complete the Hoka Hey challenge on a vintage motorcycle. He adds that there is one other rider, Abby Spaedt, who also attempted to complete the challenge on a vintage motorcycle. They made it approximately 7,000 miles into the route in 2022.

"She and I have remained in contact through all of this. She was really excited for this year - for me crossing the finish line," Chaffer said.

Hoka Hey takes place every other year, offering

an endurance-challenging ride that covers thousands of miles of diverse terrains across North America. Jim Red Cloud, who died in 2017, founded the first Hoka Hey challenge in 2010 as a symbol of the "warrior spirit." The 2024 route pays homage to 2010's inaugural ride that began in Key West, Florida and ended in Homer, Alaska.

During the challenge, Chaffer explains that riders do not follow a GPS or any sort of navigation aids, but instead use a pre-mapped route that includes various checkpoints. Since riders are tracked in real time, the organizers can notify them if they steer off course. The challenge attempts to limit the use of interstates, and instead takes riders mostly through secondary paved roads.

Hoka Hey also asks riders to camp near their bike at all times to receive finisher recognition. Since this excludes staying in hotels, riders often carry a tent or hammock. Because Chaffer has limited room on his vintage bike, he said he opts to sleep outside in public places with an overhang or shelter.

Hoka Hey doesn't consider the challenge as a race and discourages "placing" riders, Chaffer explains. The organization presents a special award for a rider who raises the most money for a chosen charity as well as honors four riders who demonstrate respect, honor, integrity, and passion, according to the Hoka Hey website.

"Really what they want is (for) all riders to finish," Chaffer said. "Finishing represents an equal victory for everybody. However long it takes you, you're riding against yourself. You're not riding for a place."

Along with presenting an intense challenge for riders, Hoka Hey also aims to raise awareness for social issues that impact the country. In 2024's challenge, Hoka Hey partnered with the Kenaitze Indian Tribe to raise money for their Yaghanen Language and Cultural programs, according to Hoka Hey's website.

Due to the nature of the challenge, Hoka Hey only accepts a limited group of experienced riders. While returning riders are always welcome, the organization places a limit on new riders. This year, approximately 200 riders participated in the challenge.

After the challenge, Chaffer loaded the motorcycle into a truck that he drove all the way back to Texas.

Chaffer also rides in other long-distance challenges, such as Mile Monsters Inc., an organization that raises money and awareness for youth diagnosed with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. When Chaffer is not participating in a long-distance ride or working on his motorcycle, he serves as a nephrologist at Coryell Health in Gatesville.

"Though 2020 and 2022 weren't failures completely, they just weren't accomplishments of the goal as intended, and that's to get that old motorcycle across the finish line, me and the bike together," Chaffer said.

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- Oct. 27, 2024: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Oct. 28-31, 2024: 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
- Nov. 1, 2024: 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Early voting polling locations in Coryell County:

- Gatesville Annex, 800 E. Main St., Ste. B, Gatesville TX 76528
- Copperas Cove Early Voting Center 508 B Cove Terrace, Copperas Cove TX 76522

Election Day polling locations

- Residents can vote at any county-wide location regardless of the precinct. Voting locations will open on Election Day from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
- Copperas Cove Civic Center - 1206 W. Ave. B, Copperas Cove
 - Holy Family Catholic Church - 1001 Georgetown Road, Copperas Cove
 - Eastside Baptist Church - 1202 ML King Jr. Blvd., Copperas Cove
 - Gatesville Civic Center - 303 Veterans Memorial Loop, Gatesville
 - Evant City Hall - 598 E Highway 84, Evant
 - Flat Community Center - 159 CR 334, Flat
 - Oglesby Community Center - 118 Main St., Oglesby
 - Turnersville Community Center - 8115 FM 182, Gatesville
- To learn more about local voting locations and times visit, <https://coryellcountytexas.com/elections/>

FROM MY FRONT PORCH

Looking through the prism of another person's life



BY SAM HOUSTON

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Over my 68-plus years of living, I have learned that people's perceptions about life are largely based on their own personal experiences. It is from those experiences their opinions and judgments are formed.

Rare indeed is it to find a person who, prior to forming an opinion, can look beyond their own life and consider the knowledge or experience others might have.

It is somewhat humorous to picture a situation where someone who has never lived outside of a New York City zip code has a strong

opinion on farm or ranch policies in Texas, especially when they would not know the difference between a steer and a bull! It is just as true when someone from a small town in West Texas begins to express strong opinions about life in interurban Detroit and the struggles experienced by those who live there. I

have serious doubts that someone from Wellington, Texas has any real idea of what it is like to live in the inner city of a large metropolitan area, any more than the New York City dweller knows about steers and heifers. Without knowledge, it is impossible to make informed decisions.

Does this mean we need to forego creating an opinion about things beyond our immediate world? Of course not, but it should impose upon us a recognition to stop, gather information, and consider what experiences and knowledge someone else might share before we become so opinionated and headstrong. People generally do not fail to address pressing problems because of indifference but rather, they find themselves in circumstances beyond their control where they do not possess the resources to effectively meet the situation.

Some years ago, during

Hurricane Katrina, I was working with a man who had lived his whole life in Highland Park. He had grown up there, attended school there, went to college at Southern Methodist University and stayed in Highland Park to work and live his life. Reports started coming out of New Orleans that the city was being evacuated due to Katrina's devastating effects and the problems associated with moving a large contingent of people, especially people from economically challenged areas.

My friend was very puzzled. This was a kind and caring man, a Christian man, but he looked at me square in the eye with his face full of bewilderment and said, "why don't those folks get in their cars and drive a couple a hundred miles to a hotel and stay there until this thing blows over?" I had to explain to my friend that many of the soon-to-be-disenfranchised

did not have cars, nor did they have the resources to pay for a hotel or eat out for what could be weeks or even months.

My friend was so unaware because in "his world," something like a history-making hurricane would not have been nearly as big an issue. He had options and solutions to many of the problems a hurricane might present, and he assumed others had the same options and choices he had. He formed a judgement without understanding the facts or the circumstances. He had never lived in the 2nd Ward in New Orleans, and he had no idea of what life there was like, or the daily obstacles residents had to overcome.

Wouldn't it be nice to stop the rush to judgment and, instead of forming an immediate opinion about an issue, reflect and learn from others? Shutting our mouths and opening our ears to hear what others

are saying and why they are saying it, might just help us to formulate a stance that is measured and purposeful rather than judgmental and flippant.

The world is full of problems, some we all share, and some that are specific to a location or a group of people. The one thing we all have which is universal, is the ability to be compassionate, understanding, and to ask questions and seek solutions instead of jumping to place blame.

Solve the problem, and the credit can be painted across a broad canvas.

Blaming and criticizing has never solved anything, it only makes the solution harder to come by.

Remember that when you cast your vote.

Thought for the day: "The superior man blames himself, the inferior man blames others." - Coach Don Shula

Until next time ... I will keep ridin' the storm out!

Corona announces candidacy for City of Gatesville Mayor

Submitted Item

Leo Corona has authorized The Gatesville Messenger to announce his candidacy for the office of City of Gatesville Mayor in the upcoming election from Oct. 21 - Nov. 5, 2024.

My Texas-born wife, Dana Corona; daughters, Tristi and Bridgett; son, Scott; and I made Gatesville our home in 2012. I retired out of Fort Hood from the U.S. Army after over 20 years of service. I volunteer for

numerous nonprofit organizations including The Exchange Club, Disabled American Veterans Post 74, the Gatesville ISD Friends on Duty, Mission Righteous Roots, North Fort Cavazos Community Council, Keep Gatesville Beautiful, and Centex Crime Stoppers. My goal as mayor is to foster a positive and mutually supportive relationship between the Council members and the city manager, which will increase the odds of having a high-

performing and successful city. I will fulfill the duties and responsibilities inherent in the role as your Mayor and will at all times conduct myself so as to bring credit upon the city of Gatesville. I will ensure your local government maintains infrastructure and a budget to safeguard your tax dollars. I will address your concerns diligently, serve as a role model for our youth, and continue to engage with our community. I look



COURTESY PHOTO

Leo Corona

forward to serving as your mayor and to promoting dialogue between our citizens and the City Council members including full transparency and accountability.

Folks around town



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Lee Otis Ford

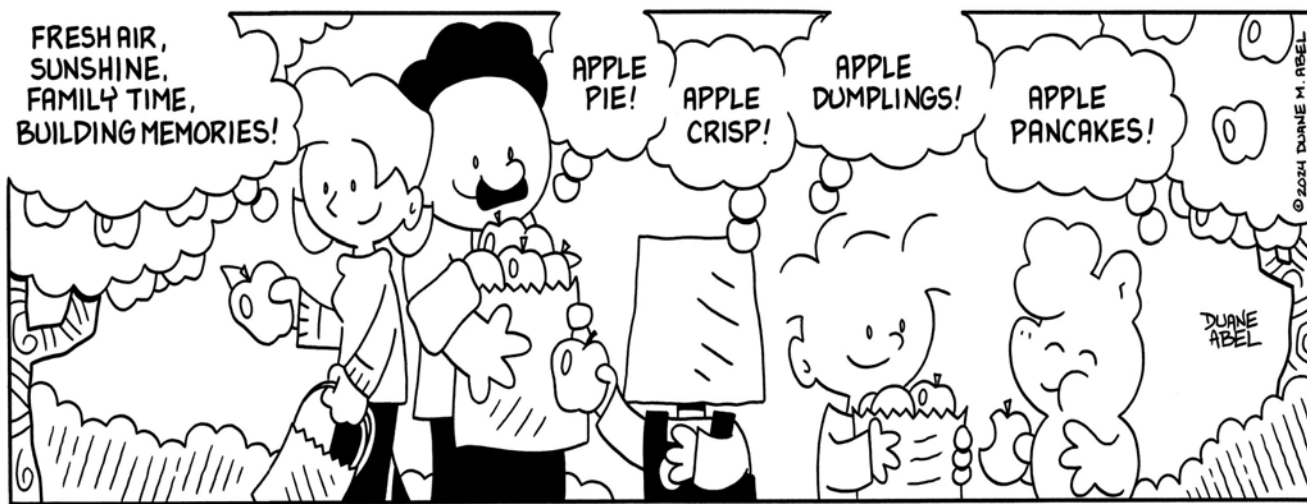
Say hello to our neighbor, Lee Otis Ford!

Lee has been the pastor at Mt. Calvary Church for several years and enjoys preaching to the locals in town. He has lived in Gatesville for 64 years and expressed that the community is filled with lots of friendly people.

Lee likes to read The Gatesville Messenger to stay informed on what's happening in our community.

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

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Club members participate in a free painting activity, creating fun garden signs.

Central Texas Roots Community Club recently met at Junction 36

Submitted item

Central Texas Roots Community Club met on Saturday Sept. 14, at Junction 36 in Gatesville. The group participated in a free painting activity, completing fun garden signs. The group also exchanged seeds, plants, and tips for

gardening. Next month, their speaker will share winterizing techniques with the group. Members come from all over Texas, and all cities and counties are welcome. The group meets monthly on the second Saturday of the month at 11 a.m. at Junction 36 in

Gatesville. The club is free, and all are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Celia Sellers at 254-206-6355. They can be followed as well on Facebook at Central Texas Roots.

TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Uncovering Comanche's hidden Bull Durham sign



BY TUMBLEWEED SMITH

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

Clint Tunnell bought a building on the Comanche square in 2019. It had been empty for years and was in bad shape.

He decided to gut the building and start the remodeling process. While power washing a stucco wall, a piece of the stucco came loose revealing a brick wall. "I knew it was red brick behind the stucco but I noticed the bricks were painted black. I thought there might be an advertising sign or something behind the stucco."

Clint and some helpers spent two days carefully chipping away at the stucco on that brick wall. "And I started down at the floor, and after we got about three feet high, we uncovered the tail and hind leg of a cow, so we knew we had something. Finally, we uncovered the word tobacco, so we just started working our way up the wall. We uncovered an 18 x 18 original Bull Durham Tobacco mural from 1893."

Clint has done a lot of research on the Durham

Tobacco Company that was headquartered in Durham, North Carolina. It was owned by W.T. Blackwell. "He apparently was some kind of a genius," says Clint. "He would walk around at night and pick up tobacco wrappers off the ground, and he would take them home and count them to see who was winning the sales in tobacco out there, and he realized he was losing. He came up with this outdoor advertising scheme well before Coca Cola or Good Morning Coffee or whatever else there was. This is how he increased his sales of tobacco. He commissioned four artists, and they painted them all across the United States. There were some over in China and across the oceans. These murals were painted from 1869 up until the 1920s. We were told by the people in Durham that this is probably the only original Bull

Durham mural in Texas that's still intact." He says the mural reflects several areas of history. "It's great art history, it's great agriculture history, it's great outdoor advertising history, local history, national history; there's so much tied to just that one sign."

Clint put a photo of the mural on Facebook, and it became a tourist attraction. People from all over the country go to Comanche to see it. "We ended up making the front of this building pretty much full glass. We keep all the lights on at night so people can look in and see the sign."

The building houses offices of their landscaping, real estate, and insurance businesses. They also lease office space. "We wondered how we could have our offices and still preserve the historical integrity of the building." He ended up building an 1890s farmhouse inside the building complete with a front porch and gutters. The farmhouse has a thick mat of AstroTurf for a front yard. "We knew we were at that age where we would be spending more time at work than we would at home. We were fine with that, but we wanted it to feel like home since we would be here so much. We wanted to showcase the walls and the original tin ceiling but still make it a functional space for us."

Coryell City/Osage VFD to hold annual fish fry Oct. 19

Staff Reports

The Coryell City/Osage Volunteer Fire Department will host its annual fish fry on Saturday, Oct. 19, from 6 - 9 p.m., and will be located at 301 CR 255 in Coryell City.

Tickets will cost \$12 per adult and \$6 for each child under 12 years of age.

There will be a fried fish meal with all the fixings, and takeout order call-ins

will begin at 5:30 p.m. To place a takeout order, call 254-248-1177.

A silent auction will be held as well, and tickets will cost \$5 each or six tickets for \$20.

Colin Dexter will also give an on-stage performance.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the Coryell City/Osage VFD.

For further information, contact 254-230-8758.

Puzzle answer from the Sept. 14.

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Puzzle by websudoku.com

Whatever happened to ...

20 YEARS AGO (2004)
Area residents attended the Patriot's Day program to remember the victims of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

Kalyn/Siebert rolled out a new trailer for the U.S. Army and Texas National Guard.

Residents on the west side of Gatesville were told they might experience a drop in water pressure as a water storage tank underwent rehabilitation.

Eastwood Baptist Church invited area residents to join the "Anathallo 2004," a conference and revival.

Best Value Inn & Suites was coming to Gatesville.

30 YEARS AGO (1994)
"Seeds of Change," a traveling exhibit presented by the Smithsonian Institute and the Coryell County Museum was at the museum September through October of that year.

Debra Torres Miller became the state's first female

state jail prisoner.

Kelli McCorkle was crowned as Gatesville High School's 1994 Homecoming Queen.

Former Gatesville Independent School District Superintendent Charles Zeigler became the 32nd recipient of the prestigious Norris Graves Award.

Jones Tire & Battery advertised new and used tires, batteries, and tack.

40 YEARS AGO (1984)
Veteran Gatesville news-

paperman John F. Post was appointed court coordinator.

Gene Manske, Brad Harris, and Charles Wise were named by the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce to serve on the Cotton Belt Depot's Perpetual Care Committee.

The Coryell County jail passed its annual Texas Commission on Jail Standards inspection.

The Shandar Club advertised an upcoming Flea

Market Sale & Show.

DeDe Powell was nominated as the local representative for that year's "Terrific Teacher" state competition.

50 YEARS AGO (1974)
Jack Poston resigned as senior resident engineer in the Gatesville residency of the Texas Highway Department.

Paul Bromser resigned as unit superintendent of the Riverside School at the Gatesville State Schools for

Boys.

Plans were underway to convert the county courthouse's basement into tax office quarters.

Dyer Restaurant, of Temple, advertised a shrimp peel with catfish included.

Stanley Ortner was ordained a minister of the gospel in ordination services held at the Levita Baptist Church.

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PEARL NEWS

Another great day had by all at Pearl



BY BETSY CLARK
Pearl News Correspondent

The Pearl Cottage Bookstore and the Pearl Bluegrass report a great day was had by all during the Sept. 14 events.

The bands that played on the stage were outstanding, and everyone said the music was better than ever all around the Pearl Community Center. The kitchen had absolutely delicious pies and homemade lunch items. No one who ate in the kitchen left hungry! The bookstore enjoyed many visitors, and they wish to thank everyone who made purchases. Remember, all purchases go toward local charities. Also remember that the monies received by the kitchen and the donations to the Pearl Community Center go toward the upkeep of the building and grounds and continued opportunities for the bluegrass to continue monthly for years to come. Please consider supporting the bluegrass and bookstore events. They are so important in keeping these wonderful community events funded! The next bluegrass and bookstore events for 2024 are Oct. 5, Nov. 2, and Dec. 7. All are welcome to attend and are encouraged to bring lots of folks with you. There's no place like Pearl!

The Pearl Church of Christ enjoyed 50 attendees last Sunday! There were many children and visitors, which are always welcome at this sweet church. Mark your calendars for Oct. 20 for the 129th Homecoming! Dr. Charles Patterson will be the speaker, and there will be a catered lunch following the service. Plaques for the longest attending member, the youngest at-

tending that day, the oldest attending that day, and the farthest traveled that day will be given. You don't want to miss this important event. Bring family, friends, and those you just met to Pearl Church of Christ. The friendliness of this church is unparalleled. You will be so glad you came.

I just learned that Mr. R. McDonald has been forgiven and rehired by Linda Ray. I detect that Mr. M is not exactly pleased with this current circumstance as he has never received that promised paycheck. To encourage said payment, Mr. M has threatened to deliver his two disliked cats, appropriately (or not) named Linda and Marilyn, to Mrs. Ray's home. We will have to wait and see if the threat has any merit. I really don't think this will happen, as Mrs. M will not allow the two felines to leave the McDonald home. However, she might contemplate delivering Mr. M to the Ray home if things don't simmer down. This may or may not be fake news. Just saying.

This week's Bible verse comes from James 3:13—Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. NIV

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



DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Visitors to the Pearl Bluegrass Event paid a visit to the Bluegrass Kitchen where they enjoyed delicious, homemade food along with a variety of pies and cobbles.

EXCHANGE CLUB GIVES RIGHTEOUS DONATION



COURTESY PHOTO

At a recent Gatesville Exchange Club meeting, Righteous Roots Founder Melanie Webb attended as the guest speaker where she discussed the growth of the organization and the different resources available to the community. During the meeting, Webb received a \$200 donation to go toward the establishment.

Levita BBQ fundraiser to be held Nov. 1 & 2

Staff Reports

The Levita Volunteer Fire Department will host a BBQ fundraiser and gun raffle on Friday, Nov. 1 and Saturday, Nov. 2. The event will take place at 7 a.m. on both days until

everything is sold out and will be held at Ideal Self Storage, located at 1611 East Main Street.

The gun raffle will have 100 tickets available for purchase at \$20 a ticket or three tickets for \$50 for a Henry Brass Lever Action

.30-30. The drawing will be held on Saturday. All participants in the raffle must be at least 18 years of age or older and must pass a background check.

There also will be a raffle for a two-person hog hunt, which is sponsored

by Banard Beef Cattle Company. Tickets will be sold at \$10 each or five tickets for \$40.

To purchase tickets for either raffle event, contact Jason Shepherd at 254-223-2126.

Eldon Perkins Evant Cartel Redneck BBQ Cookoff set for Sept. 28 in Evant Park

Staff Reports

The 4th annual Eldon Perkins Evant Cartel Redneck BBQ Cookoff will be held on Saturday, Sept. 28, at the Evant Municipal Park. There is no need to pre-register, just bring your pit and show up!

Categories include Brisket, Ribs, Chicken, Beans, Appetizers & Dessert.

Entry Fees: \$100 for all three meats (Brisket, Chicken, Ribs); \$10 Jackpot for Dessert; \$10 Jackpot for Appetizer; \$10 Jackpot for Beans.

Turn-in times: 11 a.m. for Desserts; noon for Appetizers; 1 p.m. for Beans; 2 p.m. for Chicken (1/2 chicken); 3 p.m. for Ribs (any style); 4 p.m. for Brisket.

Not Sanctioned. Jackpot means winner-takes-all. \$1,500 added money! The Grand Champion wins \$400.

For more information, call Kyle Arnold at 254-865-3819 or Melinda Acosta (coordinator) at 254-865-3335.

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place will be awarded in each meat category with a

trophy and cash. You may cook with wood, charcoal, gas, wood pellets, or solar/nuclear/wind power - as long as it's cooked. All entries must be cooked on site - no store-bought turn-ins. Chicken entries must be 165 degrees. No thick BBQ sauce (light glaze okay).

Harvest Festival to be held Oct. 18-19

Submitted item

The First Methodist Harvest Festival 2024 in Gatesville will take place on Oct. 18-19 from 7 a.m.

- 4 p.m. A garage sale will take place along with a silent auction on Oct. 19 from 7 a.m. - 3 p.m. Silent auction bidding will end at 2 p.m.

The festival will include a cakewalk, pumpkin patch, bake sale, breakfast tacos, a bounce house, children's activities, corn hole, and much more.

First Methodist Church is located at 115 N. 29th Street. They can be reached by calling 254-865-2524.

Righteous Roots bingo night is Sept. 26

Staff Reports

Local crisis resource center, Righteous Roots, has announced that they will hold a bingo night on Thursday, Sept. 26, at the Texas Station Event Center, located at 305 Old Fort Gates Road.

Doors to bingo night will open at 6 p.m., and the games will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased for \$60 on the night of the event or online for \$50 by visiting ticketbud.com. Each ticket will

include 10 games and three cards per game. To increase your chances of winning, additional cards will be available for \$5 each or three for \$10.

Prizes will be awarded to both men and women ages 18 and up.

There will be a concession stand provided to those attending the bingo night.

All proceeds from the event will go directly to Righteous Roots to support their facility. Righteous Roots is a non-profit

crisis resource center, which provides free social services to any individual suffering from trauma as a result of past or present abuse.

Call 254-651-3600 for more details.

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OBITUARIES

Bobby "Buzz" Harrington

Aug. 28, 1952 - Sept. 15, 2024

"Buzz" Harrington, age 72, of Gatesville, passed away on Sunday, Sept. 15, 2024.

A come and go celebration of life visitation will be held from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 21, 2024 at Coryell Community Church.

Bobby Gene Harrington was born on Aug. 28, 1952 to the late Bobby Dean and Martha Ann Hooper Harrington in Dallas. He moved to Gatesville during his early years and graduated from Gatesville High School in 1971. After graduation, he joined the United States Air Force and later worked as a manager at H.E.B. in Gatesville. He married Joan Sanders on Dec. 19, 1975. Buzz worked as a maintenance supervisor for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and retired at the age of 51. In his spare time, he enjoyed looking after his animals and supporting his daughter and granddaughter through their various activities. He was probably best known for being an umpire at the Gatesville City ballpark.

Buzz was preceded in death by his parents; stepmother, Emma Jean



Harrington; brothers, Ricky Harrington, James Harrington, and Larry Harrington; and sister-in-law, Jean Brookshire.

He is survived by his wife, Joan of 48 years; daughter, Stephanie Hester and husband, Carey; brother, Darrell Harrington; sister, Deanna West; grandchildren, Madison Hester and Malachi Trevino; sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to the Gatesville High School Softball Program, c/o Gatesville I.S.D., 311 South Lovers Lane, Gatesville, Texas 76528.

Dennis Martin Polk

Sept. 23, 1962 - Sept. 12, 2024

Funeral services for Mr. Dennis Martin "CHOP" Polk, age 61, of Killeen, will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 24, at 11 a.m., at Agape Church of God in Christ in Killeen. Burial will follow the service at Killeen City Cemetery.

A visitation will be held on Monday, Sept. 23, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m., at Chisolm's Family Funeral Home in Killeen.

Mr. Polk passed away Sept. 12, 2024, in Temple. He was born Sept. 23, 1962, in Artesia, NM.

Chisolm's Family Funeral Home is in charge of ar-



rangements. Offer condolences at www.chisolmsfuneral.com.

Pearl Country Church to host Fall Festival

Staff Reports

Pearl Country Church has announced that it will host a Fall Festival to benefit Disaster Relief for Texas on Saturday, Oct. 5.

The festival will be from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. and fried fish and ribs will be served

as the meal with fresh fixings and dessert. There will be various activities, featuring a junk and disorderly sale, a cake walk, a bounce house, and an auction.

Pearl Country Church is located at 6795 FM 183 in Gatesville.

MOUND NEWS

Kinsley attends 4-H competiton in Amarillo



BY BARBARA HOPSON

Mound News Correspondent

Kinsley McPherson traveled to Amarillo this past week with the Coryell County 4H Senior Horse Judging Team. Kinsley placed 6th high individual, and the team placed second overall.

While in Amarillo, the team visited West Texas A & M University, the Cadillac Ranch, the American Quarter Horse Association Museum, and Palo Duro Canyon. The team is coached by Becky Coward, 4H Extension Agent.

Dave and Netta Westrup of Washington spent a few days in Mound over the weekend with Martha Ann Lawhorn.

Valerie Ferrell and Carolyn Blakley had lunch in Gatesville Thursday.

Robert and Emma Blakley visited Sunday in Pearl with Mrs. Bettie Blakley.

Jakson Tippit celebrated his senior homecoming with the Oglesby Parade and Community Pep Rally. Oglesby beat Gholson 58-8 for Homecoming. Seniors were honored Friday

morning with a Senior Sunrise Breakfast.

Kelly Casey, of Frisco, and her mother, Mrs. Eric (Liz) McCorkle, have returned home after a trip to Tampa, FL. While there, they visited Kelly Casey's sister, and with her mother, Liz McCorkle's daughter, Lara McCorkle. They all went sightseeing on several beautiful beaches and they enjoyed going kayaking in Florida.

Those who have birthdays this weekend are Jackie Pate, Diane Heavin, Courtney Shoaf, and Patrick Hopson.

Barbara's Notes: Sunday, Sept. 22, is the FIRST DAY OF FALL SEASON STARTS.

Gatesville Public Library to host Bridgerton Ball

Staff Reports

The Gatesville Public Library has announced that it will host a Bridgerton Ball event on Saturday, Sept. 28, which is inspired by the television series, "Bridgerton."

The ball will commence at approximately 5 p.m. and will take place at the Gatesville Civic Center, which is located at 301 Veteran's Memorial Loop.

The sponsorship and ticket options include the Diamond Sponsorship,

\$1,000; Emerald Sponsorship, \$750; Jewel Sponsorship, \$500; VIP Table, \$350; and General Admission, \$55, which includes one ticket for a meal and a drink.

Registration will be opened on Thursday, Aug.

1, and will end on Friday, Sept. 27. To register, you will need to create or use an existing account, by visiting teamsideline.com.

For further details on the Bridgerton Ball, contact the Gatesville Public Library at 254-865-5367.

The 4th Annual Eldon Perkins Evant Cartel Redneck

BBQ COOKOFF

September 28

Evant Municipal Park

Dust Off those secret BBQ recipes and come join the fun!
No need to pre-register, just bring your pit and show up!



CATEGORIES INCLUDE:
Brisket, Ribs, Chicken, Beans, Appetizers & Dessert

ENTRY FEES:
\$100 for all three meats (Brisket, Chicken, Ribs)
\$10 Jackpot for Dessert
\$10 Jackpot for Appetizer
\$10 Jackpot for Beans

TURN-IN TIMES:
11 am for Desserts
12 noon for Appetizers
1 pm for Beans
2 pm for Chicken (1/2 chicken)
3 pm for Ribs (any style)
4 pm for Brisket

*Not Sanctioned *Jackpot means winner-takes-all

\$1500 Added Money!
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Rules: 1st, 2nd & 3rd will be awarded in each Meat category with a Trophy and CASH! You may cook with wood, charcoal, gas, wood pellets, or solar/nuclear/wind power, as long as it's cooked. ALL ENTRIES MUST BE COOKED ON SITE. No store-bought turn-ins. **(CHICKEN ENTRIES MUST BE 165 DEGREES! VERY IMPORTANT!)** No spittin' in your opponent's food. No garnish. No thick BBQ sauce (light glaze okay). Trash Talk encouraged. No politics (we don't need a fist fight). Clean up after yourself!

For more information call:
Kyle Arnold 254-865-3819 or Melinda Acosta (Coordinator) 254-865-3335



METROCREATIVECONNECTION

The theme for Righteous Roots' fundraiser will be "Dancing with the Stars: Latino Style."

Righteous Roots to host annual DWTS event Nov. 16: Latino Style

BY ALEXANDRA MEELBUSCH
Staff Writer

Local non-profit organization, Righteous Roots, has announced that it will host its third annual Dancing with the Stars (DWTS) event, which will be held on Saturday, Nov. 16, at the Gatesville Civic Center at 5:30 p.m.

This year's DWTS event will be slightly different since there will be no couples or competition. The theme will be, "Latino Style" to celebrate and honor Latin culture and Righteous Roots culturally specific programs.

This past year, Righteous Roots received a federal grant to begin providing culturally specific services to Spanish-speaking families within the community.

"We are doing it Latino style this year in order to celebrate and honor Latin culture as well as to give a nod toward our programs' accomplishments this year," Righteous Roots Founder Melanie Webb said.

Live entertainment will feature Arthur Murray Austin, which will include a group of professional dancers that specialize in Latin dance as well as Roy Lozano's Ballet Folklorico de Texas, which will have a group demonstrating various dances from different countries.

A dinner will be provided by local businesses, which will include beef and chicken fajitas from Tiny House Café, churro beans from El Tapatio, rice from Tatazo's, chips and salsa from Mi Chaparrita, desserts, beverages, and more.

Ages 13 and up are welcome to attend the event, and the dress code will be dressy but not formal.

Righteous Roots is also looking for up to 30 volunteers for the event.

"It is open to adults or teenagers," Webb said. "We have tried to do just teenagers in the past, which has been phenomenal, but we want to open it up. There are many adults who want

to come to the event who haven't always been able to afford the tickets, so this way they have the option to volunteer and help with the event that night while getting to attend it and getting fed at the same time."

To volunteer for the DWTS event, contact Melanie Webb by email at melanie@righteousroots.org.

Tickets will cost \$50 per person and will include the meal and live entertainment. There will be approximately 200 tickets available which can be purchased by visiting the website, RighteousRoots.org and looking under the tab, "Upcoming Events."

Table sponsorships for the event should have been secured by Sunday, Sept. 15, but Webb mentioned that if anyone is still interested to contact her as soon as possible at 254-651-3600.

The Gatesville Civic Center is located at 301 Veterans Memorial Loop.

UWF Meeting met on Sept. 10

Submitted by Shirleen Chandler

United Women in Faith met on Tuesday, Sept. 10, in the Banquet Room of the First Methodist Church in Gatesville, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Fourteen members were present. The hostesses were Kathleen Blankemeyer and Shirleen Chandler.

President Patsy Smart called the meeting to order by leading in the Blessing. Following refreshments, President Smart thanked the hostesses and read The Purpose. She then read thank you notes from some

who attended the Salad Supper in August. Mary Beth Bogard read from the Daily Prayer Guide, mentioning birthdays from all over the world. Marilyn Decker announced the local birthdays for September. Velva Riddle read from the Response Magazine and then presented the program, Session 6 from the book "Living the Kin-dom", an exploration of the Lord's Prayer from Matthew 6 verse 13. The words from the Bible are, "And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil." These words might cause one to think about harm done to

others, injustices in society, crime, illness, or poverty. She closed with the Prayer of St. Francis. Chandler led the group in singing "Stand By Me".

President Smart called the business meeting to order. Chandler read the minutes from the previous meeting, which were approved as read. She then gave a report of changes that will come next year, when they will move to a Global Methodist program.

Under New Business, the United Women of Faith special Sunday date has been changed to this week, Sept. 15. Debbie

Martin will not be able to speak as planned, due to the death of her brother. Charles Ament and Mary Kafer have agreed to bring special music to the program. The group will be greeters and ushers and liturgists.

Jeanette Shepherd, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the slate of new officers for 2025. She made a motion to accept the slate presented; Smart seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The church is hosting a dinner meeting of the Global Covenant Area 7, which is nine churches in the area on Sept. 12. They have been asked to provide desserts. Several volunteered.

Linda Shirley announced that she would oversee the Bake Sale at the upcoming Harvest Festival, Oct. 19. She asked for baked goods, canned goods, and arts & crafts. The UWF decided not to do a raffle basket this year; the Sunday School classes are preparing for that.

Meeting adjourned with the Benediction.

Dixon Family plans reunion

Submitted item

The descendants of Noah Lodrick and Sarah Harris Dixon will have their reunion from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 13, at the Gober Party House in Temple.

Family and friends are invited to attend. Please bring a favorite dish and/or dessert. Drinks will be provided.

The Gober Party House is located at 1516 W. Avenue H in Temple.

Central Texas Travel Club to meet Sept. 26

Submitted item

The September meeting of the Central Texas Travel Club will be held on Thursday, Sept. 26, at Johnny's Steaks and Bar-Be-Que in Salado. The gathering will begin at 11 a.m., with the actual meeting beginning at 11:30.

The meeting is open

to anyone interested in travel, with no membership requirements or dues. For more information, you can contact them through their Facebook page, or at central-texas-travelclub.com.

Johnny's Steaks and Bar-Be-Que is located at 301 Thomas Arnold Road in Salado.



United Women in Faith

The DISPATCH

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

CITY OF GATESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Sept. 11
6:48 a.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 100 block of FM 116.
9:39 a.m., harassment was reported in the 300 block of N. 14th Street.
1:45 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2000 block of E. Main Street.
3:24 p.m., harassment was reported in the 1900 block of Waco Street.

Sept. 12
6:53 a.m., a structure fire was reported in the 200 block of Shady Lane.
7 a.m., a threat was reported in the 600 block of Golf Course Road.
11:50 a.m., a theft was reported in the 200 block of Carrol Drive.
6:53 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1200 block of Saunders Street.

Sept. 13
3:02 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2200 block of Bridge Street.
9:10 a.m., wanted/stolen (person/property) was reported in the 100 block of Airport Road.
9:34 a.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 500 block of Bridge Street.
6:11 p.m., a vehicle fire was reported in the 11,400 block of N. State Highway 36.

Sept. 14
3:03 a.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 2200 block of Bridge Street.
7:12 a.m., wanted/stolen (person/property) was reported in the 3300 block of E. Main Street.
11:07 a.m., harassment was reported in the 2600 block of Mears Drive.
10:38 p.m., a threat was reported in the 2800 block of S. State Highway 36.

Sept. 15
8:03 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 4300 block of S. State Highway 36.
8:32 a.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of Avenue D.
9:29 a.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 2200 block of Bridge Street.
12:46 a.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 2200 block of Bridge Street.

Sept. 16
2:14 a.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 9000 block of FM 107.
10:46 a.m., an accident was reported in the 2800 block of S. State Highway 36.
1:42 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 200 block of Watts Lane.
2:58 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 1400 block of Baldrige Drive.

Sept. 17
12:45 a.m., a theft was reported in the 200 block of

FM 116.
1:17 p.m., a theft was reported in the 600 block of Park Street.
5:09 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2400 block of Business Highway 36.
6:25 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 1900 block of E. Main Street.

CORYELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sept. 11
10:45 a.m., a scam was reported in the 100 block of S. Main Street.
12:30 p.m., terroristic threats were reported in the 100 block of Memory Lane.
4:56 p.m., a theft was reported on S. Highway 36 at Fort Cavazos Main Gate.
7:01 p.m., a neighbor dispute was reported in the 7700 block of FM 185.

Sept. 12
8:14 a.m., burglary of a vehicle was reported in the 500 block of Nathan Drive.
9:04 a.m., a suspicious vehicle was reported in the 200 block of Leisure Acres Road.
9:31 a.m., a threat was reported in the 200 block of Tom Sawyer Road.
6:40 p.m., a major accident was reported on Ammo Road and Highway 190.

Sept. 13
7:36 a.m., identity theft

was reported in the 1500 block of Quail Meadows Road.
9:33 a.m., a snake was reported in the 200 block of Cammie Drive.
2 p.m., a scam was reported in the 1900 block of Coy Drive.
3:16 p.m., harassment was reported in the 4600 block of Highway 36.

Sept. 14
7:07 a.m., suspicious activity was reported on Lutheran Church Road.
8:08 a.m., a stolen vehicle was reported in the 600 block of State School Road.
3:34 p.m., trespassing was reported in the 100 block of Doras Lane.
8:18 p.m., a major accident was reported on County Road 321.

Sept. 15
7:51 a.m., an animal complaint was reported on Arrowhead Drive.
9:41 a.m., trespassing was reported in the 200 block of Harrell Drive.
2:39 p.m., a major accident was reported in the 9600 block of N. Highway 36.
4:17 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1100 block of W. Main Street.

Sept. 16
2:14 a.m., a fire call was reported on FM 107 between County Road 315 and FM 1996.
11:07 a.m., missing live-

stock was reported in the 4300 block of FM 1113.
11:16 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 600 block of County Road 266.
11:41 a.m., a suspicious vehicle was reported on FM 1241 and FM 932.
Sept. 17
6:30 a.m., a major accident was reported in the 3800 block of Highway 84.
10:44 a.m., a dog bite was reported in the 2800 block of Mimosa Drive.
2:41 p.m., trespassing was reported in the 300 block of

FM 107.
6:15 p.m., a threat was reported in the 2900 block of Popular Drive.

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under 300 lb.	300-375
300-400 lb.	265-320
400-500 lb.	235-275
500-600 lb.	220-245
600-700 lb.	210-235
700-800 lb.	185-215
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Low Yielding	110-115
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Packer Bulls (1250-2075 lb.)	
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Cow & Calf Pairs	
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c/o: ESTATE OF JERRY CHARLES HOFFMAN
FRED W. HOFFMAN
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- 10.182 ac. Lot 14 Ph 3 Rio Escondido Subdivision Evant, TX, Langford Branch, good tree coverage, rolling terrain. Electric & Fiber Optic Internet. \$239,900
- 10.697 ac. Lot 9 Ph 4 Rio Escondido Subdivision Evant, TX, seasonal branch, good tree coverage, rolling terrain, gated subdivision, private roads. \$125,500
- 10.85 ac. Lot 9 Ph 5, Flint Rock Court Evant, TX Rio Escondido Subdivision, good tree cover, great views, electric & fiber optic internet service, gated subdivision \$119,000
- 15 ac. East of Evant, Bear Branch Rd, great views, scattered tree cover, small pond, electricity across road, will need to drill water well for water. \$150,000
- 16.5 ac. Turnersville, open pasture, good views, paved CR 220. electricity across road, check w/ Coryell City Water on availability of water meter \$206,500
- 18.1 ac. south of Evant, near Adamsville, Lampasas County, Hwy 281 & CR 2830. water well, electricity, carport, rolling terrain, good tree cover \$360,000
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- 24.437 ac. NW of Purnela, Tract 3 CR 182, rolling terrain, good tree cover, paved country road frontage, electricity across the road. \$205,000
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- 33.912 ac. near Coryell City, Coryell County, FM 929 & CR 260 frontage, rolling terrain, good views. \$275,000
- 47.332 ac. South of Ireland, TX, good tree cover, rolling terrain, good fencing on 3 sides, southside will need to be fenced. \$350,000
- 68.9 ac, 3/2.5 rock home 101 Mac Dr. Gatesville, approx. 2900 ft Leon River frontage, ceramic tile floors, carpet in bedrooms, vaulted ceiling, rock fireplace, granite countertops, breakfast bar, garden tub, metal building 45'x24' barn, cattle pens, 1 tank, approx. 48 ac of coastal. \$1,249,500
- 129.81 ac. Purnela, TX, Coryell County, heavy tree cover, rolling terrain, one stock tank, Honey Creek, fenced on three sides, deeded access easement. \$975,000
- 210 ac. Carlton, Comanche County, Resley Creek frontage, water well, electricity, cattle pens, 2 tanks, good tree cover, 48 ac. improved grass, good fences. \$1,450,000
- 620 ac 3 Br, 2 Ba home, fireplace, ceramic tile floors, covered outdoor cooking patio, 38 ft X 25 ft building. 2 lakes, one being approx. 10 acres and the other one just under 5 acres and 3 smaller stock tanks, approx. 8500 ft of Bee Creek running through the property with 20 ft to 40 ft limestone bluffs along the creek, good rolling terrain, good tree cover. \$6,200,000

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BY VIRTUE OF ORDERS OF SALE issued pursuant to judgment decrees of the District Court of Coryell County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date in the hereinafter numbered and styled causes, and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said Court, I have on the 28th day of August, 2024, seized, levied upon, and will on the 1st day of October, 2024, at the at Courthouse Steps, at 10:00 am on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, as provided for by the TEXAS PROPERTY TAX CODE.

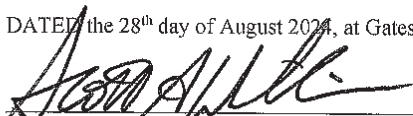
All of the following properties being located in Coryell County, Texas and each property being more particularly described on an instrument recorded in the Volume and Page reference (V___/P___) or document number of the Deed Records, Coryell County, Texas. The approximate property addresses reflected herein are the addresses on the tax records and may or may not be completely accurate.

PROP #	CAUSE #	STYLE	PROP DESCRIPTION, ADDRESS, ACCT #	MIN BID
1	CTX-14-03135	Coryell County v Tim Sullivan	Lot 5, Block 6, Town of Leon Junction (V468/P37 DR) CR 347 Acct #116464	\$18,164.71
2	CTX-22-03771	The County of Coryell v Jessica Ann Carpenter, et al	Lot 1, Block 8, Grandview Addition, (#200592) 2001 St.Louis St. Acct #112595	\$2,447.08
3	CTX-23-03815	The County of Coryell v Luis Pardo	Lot 18, Block 10, Bluestem Estates, 2nd Unit, (#104555 & #104704) 771 Bluestem Dr Acct #117353	\$10,211.12
4	CTX-23-03824	The County of Coryell v Stacy Blackman, et al	A Manufactured Home only, Label #PFS07S8989, Serial #TXFL212A407180012, 15.015 ac, more or less, J. M. Logan Survey, Abstract 671, 435 Greenbriar Rd Acct #129535	\$16,133.40
5	CTX-23-03830	The County of Coryell v Eric Vogt, et al	Lot 34 & Lot 35 Oak Land Acres Subdivision, (#337255 OPR) 501 Ranier Rd Acct #113680 & Acct #113681	\$4,171.94
6	CTX-23-03840	The County of Coryell v Danny W. Wilson, et al	A Manufactured Home only, Label #NTA0608777, Serial #HOTX08804987, 22.14 ac, more or less, J. Burns Survey, Abstract 49, 875 CR 216 Acct #100813	\$3,763.55
7	CTX-23-03849	The County of Coryell v Laura Daniels, et al	5.00 Acres, more or less, Thomas Marshall Survey, Abstract 688, (#290747OPR) 250 CR 207 Acct #106104	\$5,083.69
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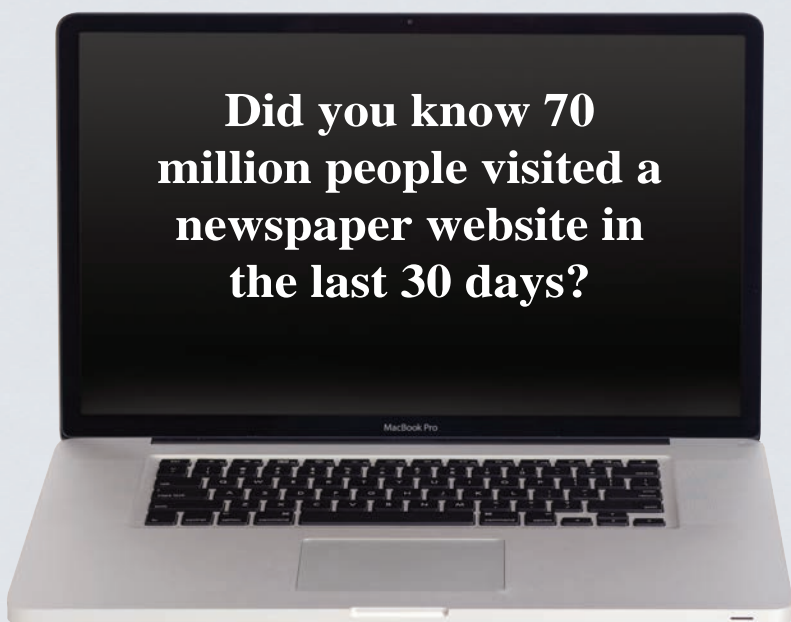
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“MUSEUM SPOTLIGHT”

Schoenhut Circus figurines on display at Coryell Museum

BY DAVID SCOTT
Staff Writer

Schoenhut Circus figurines, which are on display at the Coryell Museum and Historical Center, were originally donated to the museum by Mrs. James McClellan.

The figurines were first produced in Philadelphia in 1872 by German immigrant Albert Schoenhut. His production of circus figurines later expanded to include dolls, dollhouses, blocks,

and other wooden toys. He would later apply for a patent for a clown toy that would later become one of the most popular American toys of all time.

By 1904, the company was producing the Humpty Dumpty Circus in great numbers. The circus, at that time, included the clown, an elephant, a white horse, poodle, and a hobo. The Humpty Dumpty Circus was considered a great hit and a favorite among children across the United States.

Over the years, the company made many other wooden toys, including wooden doll furniture and musical instruments such as saxophones, banjos, push and pull toys, among many others.

The public is invited to drop by and see the Schoe-

nut Circus figurines. Visitors are welcome to drop by the museum located at 718 E. Main to view the massive spur collection. Coryell Museum and Historical Center is open Wednesday through Saturday, as is the gift shop. Yearly, Coryell Museum memberships are \$20 for singles, \$30 for families, and \$40 for businesses, which includes free admission to the museum, plus four newsletters. Of course, large and small donations are welcome at all times.

Coryell Museum offers area schools and tour groups a delightful, guided tour through the museum with docents at many exhibits. Call the museum at 254-865-5007 to plan a visit.



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Schoenhut Circus figurines are on display at the Coryell Museum, which were first created in 1872.



Bell County Master Gardener's announce October events

Submitted item

Oct. 3
The Bell County Master Gardener Association and the Temple Garden Club presents "Landscaping 101" on Thursday, Oct. 3, from 9-11 a.m. at the Cultural Activities Center, 3011 N. 3rd St., Temple. Certified Master Gardener's Rachel Glass and Kerin Grimes will provide educational information to include tips and techniques on landscaping in Central Texas. They will provide a list of several resources to use to help select native and well-adapted plants for a variety

of growing conditions and locations.

Oct. 5
The Bell County Master Gardener Association presents a hands-on workshop "Herbs: From Garden to Kitchen" on Saturday, Oct. 5, from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., at the Texas Agrilife Extension Office, 1605 N. Main St., Belton. Certified Master Gardener's, Betty Nejtek and Terrie Hahn will provide information on how to use herbs from your garden. New for this workshop, you'll make refreshing "mocktail" drinks from a variety of available herbs. There will also be a

selection of tasting dishes made with herbs, handouts, goodies to take home, and of course, door prizes. You don't want to miss out!

Class Limit: 20
Fee: \$20
Register at bcmgaspeakers@gmail.com
Registration closes Friday, Sept. 27, or when sold out.

Oct. 16
The Bell County Master Gardener Association and the Harker Heights Activities Center presents "Insects: Friend or Foe" on Wednesday, Oct. 16, from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Harker Heights Activities Center, 400 Indian Trail, Harker

Heights. Certified Master Gardener, Dave Slaughter will discuss how insects can be both good and bad or either good or bad. Come and learn about the most common insects in Central Texas.

Class Limit: 50
Please register at <https://bit.ly/3YatOi3>
Registration opens on Wednesday, Sept. 25, at 8 a.m.
Please email Kailie Gomez at kgomez@harkerheights.gov or call 254-953-5465 if you have any questions.

Oct. 17
The Bell County Master Gardener Association is

hosting a free monthly seminar "Fire Ants, Yuck" on Thursday, Oct. 17, from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Texas Agrilife Extension Office, BCMGA Learning Center, 1605 N. Main St., Belton. Certified Master Gardener Kathy Love will explain how to prevent and treat fire ants in your landscape.

Class Limit: 50
Please register at bcmgaspeakers@gmail.com

Oct. 18
The Bell County Master Gardeners and Troy Chamber of Commerce Lunch and Learn presents "Square Foot Gardening" on Friday, Oct. 18 from 12-1 p.m. at the

Troy Community Center, 201 E. Main St., Troy. Certified Master Gardener and Certified Square Foot Gardening Instructor, Wayne Schirmer, will present the Square Foot Gardening Method developed by Mel Bartholomew in 1979 and revised in 2005. Come learn how easy it is to get started and become successful in this popular method of gardening.

Class Limit: 50
Register at info@greatertroychamber.com or contact Gaby Warlick at 254-400-7345

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Gatesville Public Library temporarily closes

BY DAVID SCOTT
Staff Writer

On Sept. 12, Gatesville City Manager Brad Hunt released a press release, which stated that the Gatesville Public Library would be temporarily closed for maintenance concerns.

In the press release, Hunt explained, "This morning, during normal library hours, a patron advised staff of apparent water damage to two books found on shelves. This discovery, along with some small areas of water damage found on some sheet rock in the past week, equated to an urgent maintenance issue and caused the temporary closure of the library, through at least Wednesday, Sept. 18. The cause of this previously unseen water damage is likely related to roof damage sustained in severe weather events that occurred in spring of this year."

Librarian Director Shea Harp said, "We first started noticing the leaking and we moved all the books out of the way, cleaned everything up and made sure the books were dry, and threw away books that couldn't be salvaged." Harp said that several thousands of books had been damaged by the water leak.

Out of an abundance of caution, the City has contracted a testing company to take samples throughout the library and advise whether the water damage poses any known risk to the public. The City of Gatesville plans to work with its

contractor to inspect the building and its contents in a thorough manner.

Mr. Hunt said: "We understand the library is an important part of daily life in Gatesville and we are taking all possible proactive steps to ensure the well-being of our library staff and patrons. While there have been no reported instances of illness or discomfort, the unknown extent of water damage is the reason for this pre-emptive testing, inspection, and any necessary further action."

On Wednesday, Sept. 18, the City of Gatesville issued an updated press release about the inspection process at the library.

In the recent press release, Hunt said, "The Gatesville Library will remain closed for cleaning and inspection. Lone Star Mold Testing Company (contracted by the City of Gatesville) conducted mold testing at the Gatesville Library, including air testing, to determine whether mold was an issue related to the known water damage. Lone Star's air quality and other testing parameters listed in their report indicated that the library remains free of unacceptable levels of mold, and thus less costly and time-consuming means of abatement than would otherwise be required for "black mold" are acceptable."

He continued, "Accordingly, we are taking steps to inspect all books and materials, clean all surfaces, and abate the known is-

sues at the library. We will inspect each item prior to restocking, as well as clean or replace all the furniture and fixtures in the building itself. Our intent is to reopen safely for limited services, at an alternate location to be announced, as soon as possible."

Library Director Shea Harp said, "We will have to go through every single book in the building and ensure that there is nothing harmful in the books that would endanger the public." Harp also said that recovery would probably be a lengthy process, and it could easily be a month before the library reopens.

In reviewing the issue further, City Manager Brad Hunt said: "It appears that several factors led to this issue, and each was addressed with increased levels of concern and action. First, it appears the library's HVAC system had not been effective for the past year in terms of humidity and temperature control, which was exacerbated by the long-term rainy and humid conditions this past spring. With Council's permission, we addressed that issue early in my Interim tenure by allocating funds to completely replace the HVAC system. That project continues but will be on hold until all other abatement measures are conducted. Second, the spring weather caused roof damage on the already-aged roof, leading to water damage on some walls. The City filed an insurance claim related to the



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Gatesville Public Library located at 111 N. 8th Street.

roof, as well as listed it on our FEMA damage assessment, prior to the discovery of the damaged walls and books. Finally, once damage was observed inside the building itself, we immediately closed the library and took precautionary testing measures."

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR LIBRARY PATRONS:

- Some library programs will be relocated to other venues, and notices for changes will be posted on the Gatesville Library's and City of Gatesville's Face-

book pages.

- Books, MP-3s, CDs, and DVDs may be returned to the library drop box.

- Electronic devices and activity backpacks may be returned to the City of Gatesville City Hall lobby, located at 803 Main Street.

- Please return items as-is, and staff will clean them upon intake.

- No late fees or fines will be assessed during the timeframe of the library's closure.

- Any past fines for water damaged books (estimated to be less than five (5) total

in the past year) incurred by patrons will be refunded.

Mr. Hunt concluded, "We appreciate our patrons' patience while we work hard to address this issue. We will take all necessary measures to ensure that the library and all its contents are clean, safe, and available to the public as soon as we possibly can."

For more information, contact Brad Hunt, City Manager, City of Gatesville, bhunt@gatesvillex.com

Sons of the Republic of Texas to commemorate 2024 Texian Navy Day

Staff Reports

The Sons of the Republic of Texas (SRT) announced the celebration of the 2024 Texian Navy Day will be held on Saturday, Sept. 21, at the historic San Jacinto Battle Ground Monument.

The annual event, established by the Texas Legislature in 2005, honors the vital contributions of the Texas Navy during the fight for Texas independence. The ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. at One Monument Circle in La Porte, with a full program of activities paying tribute to those who served at sea to secure Texas' freedom.

This year's keynote address will be delivered by Dr. Gregg Dimmick, a retired pediatrician and avocational archaeologist. Dr. Dimmick, a graduate of Texas A&M University and the University of Nebraska Medical School, has co-authored significant archaeological reports on the Mexican army's retreat after the Battle of San Jacinto. He is the author of "Sea of Mud: The Retreat of the Mexican Army After San Jacinto" and has contributed to the field of Texas history through his research and publications.

The event will commence at 9:30 a.m. with a musical prelude by the Deer Park High School Orches-

tra, followed by a formal program that includes the presentation of colors, special proclamations, and a wreath-laying ceremony. Distinguished guests, including representatives from the Texas Navy Association, the Texas Historical Commission, and the Battle-ship Texas Foundation, will be in attendance to honor the legacy of the Texian Navy.

Program highlights include:

- Musical Prelude: Deer Park High School Orchestra
- Welcome Address: Robyn Davis, Chairman, Texian Navy Day Committee
- Keynote Speaker: Dr. Gregg Dimmick, Author and Archaeologist
- Special Proclamations: Recognitions by the Governor of Texas and local city mayors
- Laying of the Memorial Wreath: Led by Devin Lindsey, President General of SRT

Sailor of the Year Awards include Bobby Miller, President of the SRT, San Jacinto Chapter; Antonio Cerda III, President of the Erastus Deaf Smith Chapter; Bart Dawson, Past President of the Sam Houston Chapter.

The SRT is an organization composed of direct lineal descendants of individuals who settled in the Republic of Texas before Feb. 19, 1846. Founded in

April of 1893 and incorporated as a non-profit in 1934, the SRT honors the

heritage and contributions of early Texans.

For further information,

contact The Sons of the Republic of Texas by phone at 979-245-6644 or by email at

aa-srt@son-rep-texas.net.

HOLIDAY INN NAMED BUSINESS OF THE MONTH



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The Gatesville Chamber of Commerce has announced Holiday Inn Express & Suites Gatesville North Fort Hood an IHG Hotel as its Business of the Month for September. Featured amenities include a 24-hour business center, an express check-out, and complimentary newspapers in the lobby. Recreational amenities include an outdoor pool and a 24-hour fitness center. To nominate a chamber member for the business of the month award, visit <https://www.gatesvillechamber.com/business-of-the-month>.

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Run game, defensive line help Hornets beat down Black Cats

BY CHRIS ALLMAN
Contributing Writer

A Friday the 13th game against a team called the Black Cats could have turned into a nightmare, but Rayshon Smith, Cy Burns, and another stout effort from the Hornets defensive line helped Gatesville throttle Mexia 35-13 on Sept. 13.

It may not have been a nightmare but it certainly had a little bit of weird and a good deal of dirty.

Prior to kickoff, one Mexia player came to midfield as the Gatesville specialists were warming up and tried to engage in a war of words. It was a bold show of confidence from a Black Cats team that has lost its last two meetings to Gatesville by an average of 28.5 points per game but was coming off a 37-23 win over Fairfield.

Perhaps the move was meant to inspire, but, once the ball was kicked, the game transpired like most knew it would with Gatesville running the ball at will and the Hornets defensive line thwarting any Mexia attempt

to do the same.

Gatesville averaged 11.1 yards per carry in the win with senior Rayshon Smith and junior Cy Burns combining for 313 rushing yards. Burns carried the ball 12 times for 113 yards and his first two touchdowns of the season. Smith did not have his first carry until the second half but was able to bang out 200 yards rushing on 14 carries with two touchdowns of his own.

Smith has now surpassed 200 yards rushing in all three games this season and has rushed for 200 yards or more in four of his last six games dating back to last year. His current career total of 3459 rushing yards has him in third-place all-time in Gatesville.

Mexia opened the game with a fake-punt that was snuffed out and stopped. Two plays later, Gehrig Keeton connected with Amos Phillips on a nifty double-reverse pass for a 39-yard touchdown and a 7-0 lead.

Mexia's next possession featured another failed

fourth-down attempt and Gatesville punted on the ensuing possession.

Following another defensive stop, the Hornets needed only two plays to find the end zone again when Burns scooted 21-yards around the left end for a 14-0 Hornets lead.

West Allman picked up his first interception of the year on Mexia's next offensive drive and returned the ball to the Mexia 23-yard line, but the Hornets could not capitalize. Two drives later they would capitalize on another failed fourth-down attempt from Mexia thanks to Burns.

After taking a handoff from Keeton, Burns ran into a defender behind the line of scrimmage but bounced off and changed direction. From there he escaped two would-be tacklers and ducked under the reach of another before sprinting 81 yards for a score and a 21-0 lead.

Mexia was able to put up 13 points in the second quarter, but the second half was all Gatesville.

Smith scored from four



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The Gatesville Hornets took on the Mexia Black Cats at Mexia High school Friday Sep 13. The Hornets beat the Black Cats with a score of 35-13.

yards out to give Gatesville a 28-13 lead, then had a 58-yard scoring run in the fourth quarter to provide the final 35-13 score.

The game was littered with Black Cats attempts to rattle

the Hornets and bait them into penalty flags. Logan Morgan was thrown to the turf on the Mexia sidelines after a whistle, and receiver Jack Erwin was essentially punched in the side of the

head after one Gatesville offensive play. Burns was also the victim of a violent helmet-to-helmet hit, though a targeting call was inexpli-

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ALEXANDRA MEELBUSCH | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Fitzer consistently checks the doors of each classroom through the school day to ensure they are locked.

Friends on Duty program ensures students' safety

BY ALEXANDRA MEELBUSCH
Staff Writer

Since Gatesville Independent School District established the Friends on Duty program in 2022, local retired veteran and volunteer Adam Fitzer makes it his goal to ensure the safety of students.

"Everything has changed, and when this program started, I saw immediately what the intent was and it was kind of a knee jerk reaction," Fitzer said. "When we first showed up, it wasn't what it is now."

He explained that in the past volunteers were told to check the doors, and, if something happens, to run away and go home. By the end of the first year, Fitzer

said that there were five volunteers total, which comprised of four military veterans and one law enforcement veteran. Since having the background of saving lives in the past, the volunteers and, especially, Fitzer, didn't look at it that way, and neither did Gatesville ISD Police Chief Gary Stiles.

"Chief Stiles works with us a lot," Fitzer said. "Him and Sergeant White started morphing the program, and we are very proactive in a lot of areas."

Currently, Friends on Duty has nine volunteers total with four retired veterans.

"For a lot of us, this is nothing new; everything I learned in the infantry, oddly

enough, completely applies at a high school," Fitzer said. "All the training we got makes this job easy. We have the ability to do things with the knowledge to back it up."

"Everybody that we have is either learning or already knows a lot," he said.

The program recently welcomed a local pastor to the volunteer group as well as a couple of firefighters from the area.

Fitzer explained that there are different responsibilities for the Friends on Duty volunteers depending on which school they are assigned to.

"Part of what I do is go outside and check the grounds,

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Evant's Molly Waldrum never stops working on improvement

BY JOHN ENGLISH
Contributing Writer

As the Evant volleyball team begins its quest to reach the state tournament for the 2024 season, it will look to Molly Waldrum to set the tone offensively.

The senior middle hitter made her mark last season when she helped lead the Lady Elks to a district championship and trip to the regional semi-finals, and coach JoAnna Vaden said Waldrum has picked up right where she left off.

"Last year, Molly was able to really improve her hitting and ended up being the Offensive MVP for district," Vaden said. "This year, her hitting has become even more powerful. It seems that she has really come into her own and is making people take notice of her hits. She has been able to help us score several points with her powerful serves. They have become very aggressive and powerful."

Evant is off to a great start this year, going 17-5 through its first 22 games, and Vaden said Waldrum is definitely doing

her part.

"Molly has improved her level of play each and every year, and I am excited to see how much she will improve even through this season," Vaden said. "She hasn't and won't quit working on improving her game, not only for herself but for her team as well."

Waldrum, 17, said she was proud of what she and her team were able to accomplish in 2023.

"It was very exciting to make it to the regional semi-finals," Waldrum said. "We faced a very tough team. Being selected as the Offensive MVP is an honor. It means a lot to me to be able to be successful with my team."

The team that defeated the Lady Elks in the semi-finals was Harrold, who eventually played for the state championship.

While Waldrum has definitely left her mark on the volleyball court for EHS, she also plays basketball, runs track, is a member of the National Honor Society and a member of the Future Farmers of America.

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Evant's Molly Waldrum

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Photo taken at last weekend's Gatesville High School Homecoming Dance.

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GHS 50TH & 40TH CLASS REUNIONS TO BE HELD SEPT. 21

The Gatesville High School classes of 1974 and 1984 will host their 50th and 40th class reunions at Texas Station Event Center on Saturday, Sept. 21, beginning at 5 p.m.

There will be a catered meal served at 6:30 p.m., with live music to start at 7:30 p.m.

Additional information about Homecoming Weekend can be found on the respective Facebook pages for each class or the Gatesville ISD website. The announcement may be updated as further details are obtained prior to the event.

Texas Station Event Center is located at 305 Old Fort Gates Road in Gatesville.

GHS 65-YEAR CLASS REUNION TO BE HELD SEPT. 20, 21, & 22

The Gatesville High School class of 1959 will again celebrate its 65-year

class reunion.

On Friday, Sept. 20, the class will attend the pep rally at 11 a.m. After the pep rally, there will be lunch at Ranchers at 12:30 p.m., which will be a Dutch treat.

On Saturday, Sept. 21, the class will meet at 11 a.m. at the Fort Gates Community Center. Around 5:30 p.m. that evening, everyone will gather at the site of the last graduating class of Gatesville High School, the old gym at the circle. Bring a lawn chair.

On Sunday, Sept. 22, the class will attend a Dutch treat farewell breakfast at 9 a.m., which will be held at the Junction on Route 36.

For further information, contact Judy McClesby at 254-865-4762 or Jackie Whittenburg at 254-865-3160.

GATESVILLE COUNTRY CLUB TO HOST HOMECOMING SCRAMBLE SEPT. 21

The Gatesville Country Club will host a Gatesville

Homecoming Scramble on Saturday, Sept. 21, at 10 a.m.

The scramble will cost \$75 for each golfer or \$300 per team. There will be hole-in-one prizes, raffle items, and a silent auction.

Lunch will be served following the event.

All proceeds from the scramble will benefit local non-profit organization Charlie's Wags and Whiskers.

For further details, contact the Gatesville Country Club at 254-865-6917.

The Gatesville Country Club is located at 1308 Golf Course Road.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB ALUMNI DINNER & CELEBRATION TO BE HELD SEPT. 21

The Boys and Girls Club of Gatesville will host its 20th anniversary alumni dinner and celebration on Sept. 21, from 6 - 9 p.m.

The dinner and celebration will include live entertainment, alumni speakers,

and a home-made meal by Boys and Girls Club Director Julie Hudson. The dinner will include chicken, green beans, mashed potatoes, salad, a roll, and chocolate cake.

The Boys and Girls Club is searching for table sponsors as well as alumni to speak at the dinner. If you are interested in speaking at the dinner or in having your photo and information displayed on a table, contact the Boys & Girls Club at 254-865-8347, or visit www.bgca.org to register as an alumnus.

Hudson expressed, "I need the community to know how much we appreciate their support through the years."

Only 150 tickets will be sold and will cost \$25 per person. Tickets can be purchased by visiting the Boys and Girls Club located at 2533 East Main Street or online at <https://bgcgatesville.harnessgiving.org/events/2082>.

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"I really enjoy showing pigs at major shows," Waldrum said.

Waldrum said her objectives for the 2024 season are two-fold.

"One goal is to excel as a middle hitter," Waldrum said. "I would also hope that we can advance further in the playoffs."

The Evant senior said her fondest memory from last season "was being able to share all the success we had with my best friends and my favorite coach."

Waldrum said her biggest challenge has been having confidence but added that Vaden has "been a very encouraging voice on and off the court," in that respect.

Vaden said Waldrum's presence on the court is critical to the Lady Elks' success.

"Molly brings a lot of aggressiveness to the team with her hitting and her serves,"

Vaden said. "She is definitely an offensive threat. She is also a team player. This year she has been challenged to step up as a defensive player on the back row, and she has definitely done that for us."

The recipe for a successful season in 2024 for Waldrum will require three ingredients.

"To have a great run at playoffs we as a team will need to continue to stay positive, work hard as a team, and encourage one another," Waldrum said.

Waldrum's Favorites

Favorite Athlete: Steph Curry

Favorite Sports team: Golden State Warriors, Texas A&M Volleyball

Favorite Food: Pizza

Favorite Movie: The Notebook

Favorite TV Show: One Tree Hill

Book Currently Reading or Last Book Read: To Kill a Mockingbird

Favorite Musical Group or Performer: Adele

Gatesville Primary to raise funds for new playground

Staff Reports

Gatesville Primary School has announced that it is currently raising funds to help build a universally inclusive playground for Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) students.

The playground will allow children of all physical and cognitive abilities safe and easy access to play.

The primary school is asking local businesses and families to help contribute to build the much-needed play-

ground by donating money through its tiered pricing options.

Tiered pricing options include

- Gold Tier, \$750
- Silver Tier, \$500
- Bronze Tier, \$250

To make a donation, be sure to write a check and make it out to, "Gatesville Primary School - ECSE."

For further information, contact 254-223-0351, kstorry@gatesvilleisd.org, or jschuman@gatesvilleisd.org.



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cably missed.

While Mexia was able to find some success in the air (200 yards passing in the game) they were unable to pick up any momentum on the ground. Gatesville had 11 tackles for a loss, three sacks, and forced a fumble as Mexia managed 63 rushing yards.

In three games this season, the Hornets defense is allowing just 58 yards rushing per

game. They have eight sacks and 21 tackles for a loss in three games played this season.

Against Mexia, Phillips led in tackles with 13 and broke up a pass. Junior Dylan Watts had 12 tackles, and junior Grayson Eggeley played his best game to-date with 12 tackles and one quarterback pressure.

Zavier Clater (nine tackles) had three tackles for a loss and a sack while Dutch Nielsen had a sack, a tackled for a loss, and two pressures. Kam Hendrix had the

Hornets other sack. Grady Keeton (2 pass break ups), Carson Bailey (1 tackle for loss, 1 forced fumble), and Logan Morgan (2 TFL) each had eight tackles while Breyden Mills picked up seven stops including two for a loss.

Gatesville played host to McGregor on September 20 and then will head to Burnet in September for their final non-district game against the Bulldogs. The Hornets open district play is on Oct. 11 against La Vega.

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patrol up and down hallways to check the doors, help out where staff needs it, and if an emergency comes up, I will jump in and help," he said.

If an emergency situation occurs, the Friends on Duty volunteers will work with the officers on campus to help maintain control in order to get everything resolved quickly.

"This isn't a lone wolf type thing; we have officers that we work with, and, if they need anything of us, then we do it," he said. "Officer White and I are essentially partners, and we always work together; I know what his expectations are, and he knows what I am willing to do with no issues, and that is how it needs to be."

"If we are able to help keep that control and keep it to where everyone can have a nice and relaxing day and not worry constantly about someone with a knife, a gun, or drugs, then the program has succeeded, and it helped the officers accomplish what they are there to do," he said.

"Security is a big thing and so is medical assistance, so we started recognizing the needs and issues and began using our pull in our community as veterans to gather materials and to help the school system," he said. The American Legion Post 42 contributed to the program by donating much-needed

medical supplies.

He expressed that Gatesville ISD has begun changing things and developed a program where there are certain requirements to make it more of an asset for the school system. The Friends on Duty program is currently working on getting donations to put volunteers through Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) training, which is a state certified 40-hour course.

"This would help dramatically," he said. "There are still a lot of things that we are working on just to make it better. Our biggest thing is numbers, and we probably need around 10 to 15 more volunteers."

He explained that the program does not have enough people to cover each school, and their goal is to have somebody there all day, every day.

"That way we know the officers are backed up and that they've got competent people there with them," he said. "We mostly look for veterans or first responders, just because of the knowledge and the skill set."

He expressed that being a Friends on Duty volunteer comes with a lot of work that doesn't really go noticed.

"We free up the officers a lot, and they don't have to do a lot because we are there doing it for them, which lets them get bigger tasks done," he said.

"We have looked into other programs out there, and there is not one like ours," he

said. "There are people that say it won't happen here, it's never happened here, and it never will. The school is a pretty good place and what this program does is help keep it that way."

"I completely think that this program needs to stay, and it needs to continue because times have changed," he said. "With the changing in times, school districts need to have something to help keep the kids safer, and we are doing that right now and I think we are doing a pretty good job."

"The Friends on Duty program has become a very valuable resource to GISD. If it were not for the leadership of Adam Fitzer, I believe the group would have disbanded very quickly," Gatesville ISD Superintendent Barrett Pollard said. "One example of how valuable the FOD's are pertains to the small fire we had in the high school welding shop a few weeks ago. Our security camera footage shows Adam Fitzer very calmly arriving on scene and putting the fire out with a fire extinguisher. It's that type of composure in emergency situations that makes them so valuable."

To become a Friend on Duty, you will need to pass a state background check and complete an interview process with Gatesville ISD administration and Friends on Duty officials. Forms are to be picked up at the Gatesville ISD Administration Office, located at 311 South Lovers Lane.

Tigers capture Homecoming victory, 58-8

BY TOM NORRELL
Contributing Writer

The Oglesby varsity Tigers celebrated Homecoming with a 58-8 win over the Gholson Wildcats on Friday, Sept. 13.

The Tigers took charge early and were never challenged throughout the night. The Tigers picked up their first win of the season in a dominant overpowering victory with 316 total team yards.

Senior Kyler Fossett had a field day scoring six touchdowns for the Tigers,

five rushing touchdowns, and one receiving touchdown.

Junior Jack Hendricks had one 55-yard touchdown reception.

Freshman Holdyn Goff added a defensive touchdown with a 41-yard pick six touchdown.

Offensive Breakdown

Kyler Fossett had seven carries with 167 rushing and one pass reception for 43 yards for a total of 210 total yards and six touchdowns with 36 points.

Alex Castillo went 2/2 in passing 98 yards and had two touchdowns with 5/8 PAT kicks for 10 points.

Jack Hendricks had one catch for a 55-yard touchdown reception for a total of six points.

Jaxon Tippit had one carry for five yards.

Holdyn Goff had one carry for five yards.

Defensive Breakdown

Jack Hendricks had 14 tackles.

Mason Marquez had six tackles and two losses.

Kayson Campbell had five tackles and three losses.

Holdyn Goff had five tackles and one pick six interception for a 41-yard touchdown with six points.

Aiden Oxford had two tackles.

The Tigers traveled to Waco on Friday, Sept. 20, to play the Waco Methodist Children's Home Bulldogs at 7 p.m. The results will be published in the Saturday, Sept. 28, edition of The Gatesville Messenger.

GATESVILLE JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL RESULTS



7A vs. Mexia	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Gatesville	14	0	8	0	22
Mexia	0	0	0	0	0

Leading Rushers: Mason Davidson- 8 for 105, 1 TD (47-yard run); Lucas Elliot- 4 for 88, 1 TD (68 yard run); Layne Cockrell- 6 for 24, 2 2 pt conversions

Kade Shelton- 1 for 22; Remington Tyroch- 2 for 18; Kaeson Stretton- 1 for 10

Leading Receivers: Kaeson Stretton- 1 for 13, 1 TD; Izaak Casas- 1 for 10

Leading Tacklers: Lucas Elliot- 6 tackles (3 TFL); Landon Turner- 6 tackles (1 TFL); Remington Tyroch- 3 tackles; Caden Waters- 4 tackles (1 TFL)

8A vs. Mexia	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Gatesville	14	7	7	6	34
Mexia	0	0	8	0	8

Leading Rushers: Bennett Eggeling- 8 for 93 yards, 2 TD; Sebastian Hubik- 4 for 25, 1 TD, Braxton Adcock- 4 for 40; Balin Whyte- 1 for 5, 1 TD

Leading Passer: Preston Barron- 2/3 for 23 yards

Leading Receivers: Jaxson Franks- 2 for 23

Leading Tacklers/ Defensive players: TayShon Evans- 5 tackles; Sebastian Hubik- 4 tackles (1 TFL); Bennett Eggeling- 4 tackles (1 TFL); Balin Whyte- 4 tackles (1 TFL)

Braxton Adcock- 2 tackles, 1 INT; Max Jacobs- 1 tackle, 1 INT;

Kicking- Eric Vega- 4/4 on extra points

8B vs. Mexia	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Gatesville	8	8	0	0	16
Mexia	0	0	6	0	6

Leading Rushers: Channing Hardcastle- 9 for 134, 1 TD, 2 2 pt conversions

Leading Passers: Brayden Warren- 1 for 1 22 yards, TD

Leading Receivers: Guy Webster- 22-yard TD catch

Leading Defensive players: Hardcastle, David Owens, Braxton Bell, Zachary Poliquin

7B vs. N. Belton	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Gatesville	0	0	0	0	0
North Belton	0	0	6	0	6

Defense: Interceptions by Jett Teague and Colt Britian

40-yard TD run by Hunner Albin

Oglesby JV Red team wins 20-0

BY TOM NORRELL
Contributing Writer

The Oglesby JV Red football team defeated the Eagle Christian Eagles 20-0 on Thursday, Sept. 12, in Oglesby.

The young Tigers played well, stopping the Eagles from scoring, the Tigers were all over the field gang tackling the Eagles and cutting off any chance for the Eagles to score.

Offensively for the Tigers

Callen Webb led all rushers with 10 carries for 110 yards and one touchdown. Webb was 1-2 passing hitting a 27-yard pass to Camden Webb. And two points-after-touchdown (PAT'S) to Ashton Thompson.

Kegan Redford had four carries for 49 yards and one touchdown.

Jayce Aaron had one carry for three yards.

Blayze Fisher had three carries for four yards.

Paydon Garrett had one carry for one yard.

Camden Webb had one reception for a 27-yard touchdown.

Ashton Thompson had two receptions for two PAT'S.

Akrum Abdulwahab and #77 Jaxon Botkin also saw playing time.

Defensively for the Tigers

Callen Webb had seven tackles, Javon Howard had six tackles, Camden Webb had four tackles, one interception, and one knocked down pass; Kegan Redford had six tackles, Couper Wulfkhule had two tackles, Jayce Aaron had six tackles, and Paydon Garrett had one tackle.

The JV Red team hosted Abbott on Sept. 19 at 6:30 p.m. The results will be published in the Saturday, Sept. 28 edition of The Gatesville Messenger.

Oglesby JH Football open season with 31-6 win over Gholson

BY TOM NORRELL
Contributing Writer

The Oglesby junior high Tigers football team opened the 2024 season with a 31-6 victory over the Gholson wildcats, Thursday Sept.12, in Gholson.

Offensively for the Tigers

Brody Martinez had six carries for 65 yards and one touchdown.

Caiden Brinkley had one carry for a 35-yard touchdown run, two receptions for 20 yards, and a one-yard touchdown. Brinkley had 56 total yards.

Liam Standridge had two carries for 45 yards, including a 25-yard touchdown run and one point-after-touchdown (PAT).

Hunter Insall had one carry for 15 yards.

Defensively for Tigers

Brody Martinez had four solo tackles and one assist for five tackles.

Liam Standridge had two solos and two assists for four tackles.

Caiden Brinkley had two solos, one assist, and three tackles.

AJ Mafra had one assist and two fumble recoveries.

Hunter Insall had one solo tackle and one interception.

Rancher Jeffcoat had one solo tackle.

Slayton Fisher had one solo tackle.

The junior high Tigers hosted the Abbott Panthers on Thursday, Sept. 19, at 6 p.m. Results from the game will be featured in the Saturday, Sept. 28 edition of The Gatesville Messenger.

Oglesby JV White football defeats Gholson 43-12

BY TOM NORRELL
Contributing Writer

The Oglesby junior varsity (JV) White team rendered their record to 2-1 by defeating the Gholson wildcats 43-12 on Thursday, Sept. 12 in Gholson.

The young Tigers were dominant on offense and defense throughout the game.

Offensively for the Tigers

Treyton Linder had eight carries for 168 yards and five touchdowns. Linder proved to be too much for the wildcats, scoring often throughout the evening.

Abram Shaw had four carries for 57 yards.

Javon Howard had one

carry for a 15-yard touchdown run.

Josue Rodriquez scored one point-after-touchdown (PAT).

Tucker Melton had two carries for 30 yards. Melton was 1-1 passing for two yards.

Jacob Taylor caught one yard reception.

Defensively for Tigers

Abram Shaw led a defensive charge with six tackles, one fumble recovery, and one interception.

Javon Howard had five tackles and one fumble recovery.

Gunner Riley had six tackles.

Rolando Gonzales had

three tackles.

Treyton Linder had one fumble recovery in the end zone for a defensive touchdown.

Tucker Melton had one tackle and one fumble recovery.

Jacob Taylor had one fumble recovery.

Aiden Aviles, Sam Ortiz, and Landry Riley saw action for the Tigers.

The JV White team traveled to West at St. Mary's to play the Eagle Christian Eagles on Thursday, Sept. 19, at 6 p.m. Results from the game will be featured in the Saturday, Sept. 28 edition of The Gatesville Messenger.

STPA scholarships now open through April 4 for journalism

Staff Reports

The South Texas Press Association has announced that it will be giving two students, who are looking for careers in journalism, scholarships worth \$1,500.

There is a scholarship available for college students who are pursuing a journalism or communications degree, and the other is for high school students who are seeking a career in

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All scholarship applications must be turned in by April 4, 2025.

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Evant volleyball

BY JOHN ENGLISH
Contributing Writer

Oglesby Wins Big Over Gholson

The Oglesby football team cruised against Gholson on Friday night, defeating the Wildcats by a score of 58-8 to improve to 1-2 on the season.

Coach Jeb Dixon said he was proud of his team's effort and said his players did a good job adjusting to some changes from the previous week's game.

"The kids played well against Gholson," Dixon said. "We changed a few things after the May game, and I thought they responded well to the changes."

Dixon said he had a couple of standout performances in the game against Gholson.

"Jack Hendricks had 14 tackles, and Kayson Campbell had three tackles for loss," Dixon said. "Kyler Fossett had five touchdowns."

The Tigers will play at Waco Methodist at 7 p.m. on Sept. 20, and Dixon said he anticipates another good game.

"Waco Methodist has had a few injuries early," Dixon said. "But I expect them to be healthy and ready to play."

Elks Come Up Short at Blanket

The Evant football team lost to Blanket on Friday by a score of 54-0 in which the Elks were hit hard by the injury bug.

Coach Brandon Young said despite the loss, he was able to evaluate some of his younger talent and

was impressed by what he saw.

"We had a tough night out," Young said. "We had three starters out, which makes it tough to overcome in six men. But at the same time, a few younger guys got some valuable playing experience."

Young said there was one bright spot in the game for the Elks.

"I thought Christian Morales ran the ball hard for us," Young said. "He's got a good eye for finding the holes."

Evant will host Kopperl at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 20, and Young said his team will have its work cut out.

"Kopperl will be another tough one," Young said. "They are coached well over there. We will need to have a good week of practice."

Jonesboro Has Little Trouble with Calvert

The Jonesboro football team improved to 2-1 on the season on Friday night with a 78-6 victory over Calvert.

Coach Eddie Gallegos said it was a good win against a team that could have potentially been very dangerous for the Eagles.

"They are an athletic team with good speed in the backfield and a very solid receiver," Gallegos said. "We settled in and began to contain their spread back, and our back end limited their receiver to a couple of catches."

Gallegos said it was a good overall effort from his team but added that one player in particular is really emerging as a leader

on one side of the ball. "Luke Stephenson has embraced becoming our starting quarterback," Gallegos said. "He has been our backup tailback, but he is getting better each week leading our offense."

Jonesboro will host Grace Classical Christian Academy at 7 p.m. on Sept. 20, and said for this game, the emphasis will be on execution.

"This is an opponent we are not familiar with," Gallegos said. "We'll focus this week on fundamentals and just getting better."

Gatesville Volleyball Team Defeats Waco

The Gatesville volleyball team defeated Waco last Friday by a score of 3-0 in one of its final games for the start of district competition later this month.

Coach Janey Weber said that she was pleased with the effort against Waco and said it was a good match to help get ready for district competition.

"We played really well against Waco High," Weber said. "We were aggressive and controlled. District is only three games away, and we are preparing every day to get ready."

Lady Elks Rally for Win Over Bluff Dale

The Evant volleyball team was challenged by Bluff Dale on Friday, but ultimately emerged victorious, winning by a score of 3-2.

The Lady Elks down 2-0, before rallying to win the match 24-26, 13-25, 25-23, 25-20, 15-13.

Standout performances

in the game include the following:

Harley Weeks - 14 points, 7 aces, 15 digs, 32 assists, 4 kills

Joyce Acosta - 8 points, 22 digs, assists, 1 kill

Molly Waldrum - 5 points, 1 ace, 12 digs, 25 kills

Bree Ramirez - 8 points, 14 digs, 8 assists, 2 kills

Luwi Rodriguez - 9 points, 1 ace, 27 digs, 2 assists, 9 kills

Izzy Gandy - 11 points, 3 aces, 18 digs, 9 kills

Jonesboro Volleyball Gets Boost from Younger Players

The Jonesboro volleyball defeated Kopperl on Friday night in a game that featured some of the Lady Eagles upcoming talent.

Coach Tori Smith said it took some maneuvering, but everything worked out in the end.

"We struggled in the first set, switched up the rotation a bit, and played some JV athletes up," Smith said. "But we came out on top winning all three sets."

Smith said she had a couple of players step up in the victory.

"Julie Henderson had a phenomenal game as well as one of our JV players, Ryli Bryson," Smith said. "She's young, but so eager to learn and just gets better and better each game. We've got a lot of work cut out for us to bring this group of athletes together to play as a team and rely on their team for support on and off the court."

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Fall-sport news

Cross Country: The district meet inches closer and closer for GHS, which has an appearance at Marble Falls next week before hosting the District 23-4A meet here Oct. 7. Vania Martinez has scurried to first, second, and fifth place individual finishes, and teammate Riley Higginbotham has been right there with her. The Hornet boys have finished second, third, fourth, and fifth at meets so far this season, and they've had five different runners produce Top 15 finishes. They are running as a hive most meets.

Football: Varsity will travel to Burnet next week for its final non-district test. After that, the Hornets are off Oct. 4, then begin navigating the treacherous waters of District 12-4A on Oct. 11 versus La Vega. How tough is 12-4A? La Vega is one of three 12-4A member schools that have won state titles in the past five seasons, with China Spring and Lorena being the other two. GHS had shown its grit in matchups with formidable foes the last few seasons...and don't expect them to back down from anyone.

Team Tennis: GHS can secure another fall postseason berth with a win over Brownwood here Tuesday. Although they perform well in doubles matches, singles' play has been a key weapon for the Hornets so far this season.

Volleyball: Hornet spikers had quite the weekend some days ago. After the high school teams swept Waco High on a Friday, the six sub-varsity teams went 10-4 in tournaments the following day and won two tourney championships and a pair of consolation titles.

Notes and notes

...GHS Football varsity rushers were averaging a whopping 8.3 yards per rush heading into Friday's game. Sometimes feels like I could drive my Chevy through some of those gaping holes.

...There are now at least four more GHS senior athletes that could/will be making verbal commitments during the current school year. This may turn out to be the biggest haul of collegiate signees ever. Really excited for these kids and their families.

Thompson, '74 Bears honored

Baylor University honored its 1974 Southwest Conference football champions at halftime of the Bears' Sept. 14 game vs. Air Force.

GHS-ex Ricky Thompson was among the more than 60-plus ex-players that were able to attend the ceremony. The 1974 season was quite a memorable one for BU, which won its first undisputed conference title in 50 years. A key piece of that was an unforgettable 34-24 come-from-behind win over the Texas Longhorns in a game later dubbed the "Miracle on the Brazos". Trust me, it is not memorable for Longhorn fans like myself.

I asked Ricky T, as he is known by many, to jot down some of his more memorable moments from that 1974 season:

"I could probably list 100 different things about '74 but will make it brief.

...The easy moment/memory would be the Texas game Nov. 9, 1974. At the time, Baylor had lost to them 17 years in a row and, although we moved the ball well, we were down 24-7 at halftime. We dominated second half 27-0 and won 34-24. I had a 54-yard touchdown catch and run in third quarter. I remember that fans stayed in the stands long after the game was over, and we didn't leave the field as quickly as we normally would. Texas coach Darrell Royal came into our locker room after game to congratulate us and told us to go win it all. The scoreboard lights were left on all night, and several administrators spent the night at the stadium.

...First conference game was in Fayetteville against Arkansas. We drove for the winning touchdown with a minute to go and won on the road 21-17. We actually had to score the winning touchdown twice - officials called the first one back for phantom holding call. When we were about to land in Waco the pilot came over the intercom and told us they had never seen anything like it but over 2,000 people were at the airport to meet us. They had to circle a couple of times to figure out with the airport personnel how to get us through the terminal with the crowd.

...The team spent the Friday after Thanksgiving at Lettermen's Lounge watching the Texas vs. A&M game. Texas won 32-3 and that guaranteed us the Cotton Bowl. Coach Royal told us he would take care of A&M and he did. We played Rice the next day and needed to win that game for the outright SWC Championship. No way we were going to lose that one after a season of big wins. Won 24-3. After the game, when we headed to the locker room, someone had covered the floor of the tunnel with cotton bolls.

...Cotton Bowl! Had a huge Baylor crowd at that game and set a record for home-team ticket sales at the time. Freezing cold that day, Jan. 1, 1975. Lost to Penn State. Fortunate to have two TD receptions."

Thompson, who later played in the NFL with Baltimore, Washington, and St. Louis has been a sideline reporter for the Baylor Radio Network covering Bears' football for several years now.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Monday, Sept. 23

Volleyball: 7th-8th A-B here vs. La Vega

Tuesday, Sept. 24

Tennis: Varsity here vs. Brownwood
Volleyball: 9th-JV-BVarsity here vs. Jarrell

Thursday, Sept. 26

Cross Country: 7th-8th at Moody meet
Football: JV White-JV Gold-JV Black here vs. Burnet
Football: 7th-8th A-B at Burnet
Tennis: JV at Brownwood

Friday, Sept. 27

Football: Varsity at Burnet
Volleyball: Varsity-JV-9th at Waco Connally

Saturday, Sept. 28

Cross Country: Varsity-JV at Marble Falls meet
Volleyball: 7th-8th A-B at West tournament

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TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY™

Men's Cross Country posts fourth place finish at Texas A&M Invitational

Tarleton State University

BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION – Tarleton State Cross Country made a statement at the Texas A&M Invitational finishing fourth in the men's 8K ahead of several of the top teams in the NCAA South Central Region.

Headlined by three top 20 finishes, the men's squad finished fourth overall. The team finished in front of four South Central Regional top 15 teams: Tulane (No. 3), Sam Houston (No. 8), UT Arlington (No. 10) and North Texas (No. 12).

"I really liked how our men performed today," said distance coach Christopher Zent. "They ran against several very good, regionally ranked programs and performed very well. They are starting to expect more out of themselves and are hungry for more success."

The women were led by a pair of top 40 finishers to lead the team to a 10th place overall finish.

Jace Poole was the top

finisher of the day for the Texans crossing 16th in 24:02.8.

Men's

Poole led a trio of men to finish in the top 20 for the Texans. Poole paced the group finishing just ahead of Angel Gomez who earned 17th place in 24:03.7. Angel Contreras rounded out the trio posting a 19th overall finish crossing in 24:06.1.

Freshman Toby Eaton was the next to finish notching 23rd in 24:19.3. The fifth and final scoring Texan to finish was Kellen Frickel. He recorded a 47th place finish in 24:53.6.

Rounding out the squad for the Texans, Diego Flores finished in 53rd (24:58.5), Kebede Kerlin crossed in 86th (25:54.3) and AJ Alardo ended in 108th in 26:47.6.

TCU took home the team title registering 36 points. Texas A&M earned second place just three points behind. Houston rounded out the top three with 99 points. Tarleton's 118 points came in fourth.

Tulane freshman Bernard Cheruiyot won the individual title and set a new course record in 22:50.3.

Women's

The duo of Sage Lancaster and Morgan Lamberson led the Texan pack for the second straight meet. Nearly the entire squad posted personal career bests in the event. Lancaster finished in 37th in a career-best 18:18.7, dropping her time by nearly 20 seconds from a season ago. Lamberson earned 39th place posting a personal best time of 18:23.8. She improved from her previous best by 15 seconds from last year at the Chili Pepper Festival.

"On the women's side, they improved on both their performance from the first meet of the season and from this event last year. By running many personal bests against a very competitive regionally ranked field, it will help the team begin to fire on all cylinders. This experience will be valuable in the upcoming meets and I think this team



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will be a tough team to compete against going forward," concluded coach Zent.

Georgina Balderas was the next to finish crossing in 18:53.6 to earn 62nd place. She bested her previous low time by nearly 50 seconds. She posted a 19:43.1 at the

2023 Texas A&M Invitational.

The final two scoring Texans were Kaitlyn Gale (83rd — 19:18.0) and Kailey Sykora (97th — 19:39.2). Ella Smart and Jordan Jones rounded out the squad crossing in 20:01.7 and 21:45.4, respectively.

SMU earned the team title with 48 points followed by Texas A&M (53 points) and Oklahoma (71 points). SMU swept the top two individual spots with seniors Kaitlyn Gearin and Emily Little crossing in 17:05.6 and 17:11.1, respectively.

Tarleton State University tallies sixth shutout in victory at Houston Christian



COURTESY OF TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY

Goalkeeper Mikayla Kendall earned her fourth solo shutout and sixth total shutout of the season.

Tarleton State University

HOUSTON – Tarleton State Soccer notched its sixth shutout of the season with a 2-0 victory over Houston Christian Sunday, Sept. 15 at Sorrels Field.

The Texans (5-3-3) notched their fourth road win of the season. The Purple and White handed the Huskies (1-5-2) their first home loss of the year.

Lexi Gonzales netted the first collegiate goal of her career. The sophomore started the scoring for the Texans at the end of the first half. Sam Liaty was credited with the assist, the first of her freshman season.

Reegan Wagg scored less than three minutes of game-time later. The freshman fired a long shot from just outside the top of the box, lighting the lamp for the second time this season.

Goalkeeper Mikayla Kendall earned her fourth solo shutout and sixth total shutout of the season. Kendall claimed four saves bumping her total to 53 on the year.

Less than 15 minutes into the start of the game, Stevie Reynolds fired a low shot that was stopped by the Husky keeper.

In the 26th minute, Nicole Fels dribbled down the sideline. She sent a cross to the front middle of the box, but was unable to find the head of a teammate and the chance was knocked away.

With the ball rattling around in the box, a pass to Sammy Schulze in the middle looked promising. Schultz fired a quick shot but it was caught at chest-level by the keeper.

In the final five minutes of the first half, Liaty found Lauren Grissom who was

standing on the corner of the post but was unable to get a shot off.

In the final two minutes of the first half, Gonzales put the Texans on the board first. Liaty brought the ball down the sideline before finding Gonzales with the cross in the middle of the box where she found the back of the net for the first time.

Just over a minute into the second half, Wagg put the Texans ahead, 2-0. The freshman brought the ball from midfield to the top of the box, where she let a long shot rip right over the hands of the keeper.

In the 64th minute, both Kaitlyn Flanagan and Adriana Alonso-Gomez nearly pocketed a goal as the ball was being knocked around in front of the goal.

Volleyball drops to Northern Arizona to end Lumberjack Classic 1-1

Tarleton State University

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. – Tarleton State Volleyball fell to the Northern Arizona Lumberjacks, 3-0, in its final match of the Lumberjack Classic at the Rolle Activity Center Sept. 14.

The Texans (1-7) finished their weekend in Flagstaff 1-1. The Texans notched their first win of the season Sept. 13 against New Mexico. The Lumberjacks (4-4) finished the weekend a perfect 2-0 to be the champions of the event.

The Texans had two players with double-digit assists. Megan Hodges tallied 16, followed by Yuna Ansqer with 10. Hodges is currently the team leader in assists and sits in the top five of the WAC in total assists. Hodges has posted 10 or more assists in all eight contests this season. She tied her season-high with two service aces in the match.

Allison Bryant led the

team in kills with seven, followed by Emma Burke and Mya Cabrera each with six. Cabrera's six assists set a new season-best in her young collegiate career.

Burke led the Texans with four total blocks. The junior tied her season-high. Emma Halcomb led the team with 10 digs, adding to her dig total where she ranks among the top of the WAC.

The Texans charged out front in the first set with a 9-7 lead, until the Lumberjacks went on a 5-0 run. The Texans were unable to regain a share of the lead, ultimately dropping the first frame, 25-17.

In the second stanza, the Texans led a back-and-forth battle, 13-12. Northern Arizona broke out on an 8-0 run to distance the Texans. Trailing 21-15, the Texans battled back on a 10-4 run to force extra points. Tarleton was able to rally to 18-21, then found themselves at the wrong side of a set point

when the Lumberjacks led 21-24. Tarleton then went on a fantastic 4-point run, powered by three consecutive errors from the Lumberjacks. Holding a 25-24 lead, the Purple and White nearly won the set, but the 26th point was called back due to a center line infraction. The 'Jacks notched the next two points to carry a 27-25 victory.

Tied 23-23 in the third set after an ace from Burke, both teams battled back and forth until the score was 25-24 in favor of the Texans. Northern Arizona then went on a 3-point run to clinch the third set as well as the match.

The Texans notched four aces in the set, opposed to NAU's two. The Lumberjacks held the advantage in blocks (6-5), digs (53-50), kills (43-31) and assists (40-29).



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4-H NEWS

'Happy New 4-H Year!'



**SUBMITTED BY
BECKY COWARD**

Coryell County 4-H Extension Agent

Texas 4-H aligns the new program year with most school calendars. This led to our annual county 4-H awards banquet in August and the new year officially kicking off in September with our county-wide showcase event, which was held on Saturday.

What a year it has been, and what great things are happening now as we look forward to the program opportunities and outstanding project work that has already begun by our members!

I'd like to start off by congratulating the recipients of our awards program. The banquet was held on Aug. 31 and had approximately 110 people in attendance. "Seeds of Success, Cultivating Excellence in every Endeavor," was the theme chosen by the banquet com-

mittee. The program was led by the Coryell County 4-H Ambassador team with Kinlee Gardner serving as mistress of ceremonies.

The 2024-2025 Junior and Senior Ambassador Teams were introduced while their work was highlighted in a slide show assembled by Texas 4-H Master Photographer Braidy Lusk. This year's junior team includes the following members: Allie McPherson, Charles Yarbrough, Chelsea Johnson, Eve Fulton, Jozie Wolff, Kylie Caraway, Mary

Mitchell, Noah Haag, Pete Wallace, Colt Brookshire, and Troy Ponder. Serving as Seniors Ambassadors are Anna McPherson, Bailey Wolff, Braidy Lusk, Caleb Mannix, Charels Belt, Chase Janke, Clancy Archie, Cooper Dickey, Dutch Nielsen, Hunter Beaty, Jeret Burks, Kace Laster, Kinlee Gardner, Kinsley McPherson, Lane Brookshire, Lillie Mann, Lilly Kinsey, Lily Nielsen, Makaylie Williams, Mia Conley, Thomas Belt, and Zak Huckabee.

The objectives of the County 4-H Ambassador program include:

- Helping youth develop leadership and communication skills.
- Helping the public understand the full scope of the 4-H program and recruiting new members from diverse backgrounds.

GOALS

- To tell and show key audiences what the 4-H Youth Development Program is and who it impacts, so that these audiences will understand the impact of 4-H on the lives of young people and will see how it addresses key youth issues in the community and state.

To develop leadership and communication skills among the 4-Hers selected to make ambassador presentations and to make families and youth more aware of 4-H and the benefits it offers.

The following awards were earned by students who were selected for special recognition from their upstanding project work, their 4-H record books, and an interview conducted by out-of-town judges very knowledgeable about the 4-H program.

The Bronze Star award is designed to recognize the outstanding achievements of our junior 4-H members in third through fifth grade. This is the highest award a member may receive in the junior age division. The two recipients, Kylie Caraway and Charles Yarbrough are both high achievers with bright futures in 4-H.

The Silver Star and All-Star Awards were presented to the top Intermediate aged youth in grades six through eight. The Silver Star is the highest award, and it was earned by Chelsea Johnson and Braidy Lusk. Being recognized as All Stars were Thomas Belt,

Lilly Mann, Lilly Kinsey, Kace Laster, Allie McPherson, Jozie Wolff, Mary Mitchell and Eve Fulton.

Several outstanding seniors were recognized, including the students who did an outstanding job in their interview. Those members were Kinlee Gardner, Lily Nielsen, and Cooper Dickie. Zak Huckabee was awarded the top Community Service Award for his many hours spent as a servant leader. Receiving Super Star awards were Makaylie Williams, Clancy Archie, Chase Janke, Bailey Wolff, Charles Belt, Anna McPherson, Lane Brookshire, and Kinlee Gardner. The Danforth I Dare You Leadership Award was presented to Jeret Burks and Dutch Nielsen. This award challenges these young leaders to propel their leadership to the next level.

The top honor any 4-H member may receive at the county level is the Gold Star Award. It is awarded to our most active, involved members who excel in leadership and service in their communities and beyond. These winners received a \$200 scholarship, a state gold star pin and certificate,

and an embroidered jacket. Earning the Gold Star awards were Caleb Mannix and Kinsley McPherson.

These two young leaders are both outstanding teen leaders as they both serve as state 4-H Ambassadors and volunteer to coach younger 4-H members in their respective project areas. They are shining examples of all-around outstanding youth in our community.

The annual County wide 4-H Kickoff event was held Sept. 7 at the Gatesville Civic Center. Each club had a booth promoting 4-H project areas. This year the county will have fifteen clubs from which to choose. Members may join multiple clubs depending upon their project interests. Club meetings are in full swing this month. A complete schedule of meetings can be found at Coryell.agrilife.org in the 2024-25 Membership Guide.

For more information about 4-H in Coryell County, contact us at 254-865-2414.



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Coryell County 4-H Junior Ambassador Team being recognized at the banquet: Allie McPherson, Chelsea Johnson, Charles Yarbrough, Eve Fulton, Jozie Wolff, Kylie Caraway, Mary Mitchell, Noah Haag, Troy Ponder, and Agent Becky Coward.



COURTESY PHOTO

Gold Star Winners Kinsley McPherson, Agent Becky Coward (middle), Caleb Mannix.

Williams to take on H.O.T Livestock Show this September

BY ALEXANDRA MEELBUSCH
Staff Writer

With the Heart of Texas (H.O.T.) Livestock Show beginning in September, several Coryell County 4-H members are preparing to show their animals.

One of those students is Gatesville High School sophomore Makaylie Williams, who has been a member of 4-H for eight years and an ambassador for seven years. She also happens to be a Texas 4-H livestock ambassador and the first vice president of the Hay Valley 4-H Club.

Williams takes on many roles, which include being a member of the Consumer Decision Making Team, Livestock Judging Team, and Food Challenge Team.

She has been participating in the H.O.T Livestock Show for seven years and has won many home economics awards, as well as winning second and third place with her dorper lamb. She has also participated in the H.O.T calf scramble.

"I am excited to get back in the ring this year and I am looking forward to participating in the heifer show for the first time," Williams said.

She starts her preparations for the H.O.T Livestock Show in the late

spring, when she begins looking for show lambs to purchase. Her goal is to have a lamb purchased to start working with by July 1 of each year.

"I got my heifer in late May," she said. "I mix feed and keep a close inventory on what I need to replace. I also have to sign up for the show, prior to the deadline."

Williams is passionate about what she does and works with her animals each day by walking and setting them up for about an hour.

Her goal for the upcoming H.O.T Livestock Show is to get her animals back in the ring to get practice and feedback, so she knows how to make them more successful for this show season.

"4-H is important to me because it has provided me with lifelong friends and experiences," Williams said. "I have benefited from 4-H, because it provides real world experiences, responsibilities, and it is helping me accomplish my goals."

"I also enjoy being a mentor for little kids and I want them all to have the great experiences 4-H has provided for me," she said.

Williams' parents, Brad

and Beverly Williams, both expressed they have watched Makaylie learn how to bond with other kids.

"It is impressive to see how much she has grown in her skills and independence. We used to help her with tasks, and now she takes on new projects and responsibilities, independently," they said.

She attends multiple 4-H camps throughout the year where she must complete and submit a record book and create and present an Educational Presentation. She entered in the Coryell County Youth Fair home economics division and in the photography contest as well.

She also takes time out of her schedule to volunteer at the Hornet Gold 4-H Intermediate Club.

"The way Makaylie is so kind and helpful with the younger kids makes me very proud to be her dad," Brad said. "Makaylie loves 4-H and always wants to talk about it, make the program better, and involve as many people as she can."

"As her mom, I love watching how passionate she is about sharing the wonderful opportunities 4-H provides," Beverly said.



COURTESY PHOTO

Makaylie Williams is pictured at the H.O.T. Livestock Show in 2023.



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KAYLEE DUSANG | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Local artist and business owner Niki Foster recently opened a permanent location for The Green Rooster, a coffee shop serving fresh espresso and snacks.



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The Green Rooster's new building gives a pop of color to Main Street.

The Green Rooster brings coffee and community to Gatesville

BY KAYLEE DUSANG
Staff Writer

When Niki Foster first opened her coffee shop trailer two years ago, she wanted to provide a place where Gatesville residents could grab a specialty cup of coffee on the weekend. "We were just doing it for fun," Foster said. "It was strictly to have good coffee. It was for people to get up on Saturdays and Sunday mornings to go get coffee - that was it. We had no idea it was going to be like this." Now, Foster and her family's dream of turning The Green Rooster Coffee Co into a hometown coffee shop has come true after opening its permanent location on Main Street in August. The building, a renovated 1950s house, offers a comfortable space where people can relax, enjoy a

cup of coffee, and visit with friends and family. "I just wanted something awesome for Gatesville," she said. Born and raised in Gatesville herself, Foster strives to keep The Green Rooster's service within the community. "I got offered many times to go here and there, but I wanted it to be a Gatesville only thing," Foster said. "I wanted The Green Rooster to be a kind of landmark or whatever - just something really neat, just for our area." While the business is still in its soft opening, Foster has exciting plans for the space. She said she wants to begin a "Rooster after hours" that includes a date-night theme with a special dessert. As a member of the

Cruzin Cruzers car club, she also wants to host a "coffee and cars" event in the evening. "At night, the neon (light) glows, and our town is beautiful at night, it really is," Foster said. "And I'm like, why don't we actually kind of spotlight our beauty and keep people here? We don't have stuff that will keep people in our community on the weekends and at night." The Green Rooster's menu includes classic hot and iced espresso beverages like flavored lattes, Americanos, and cappuccinos. Foster said the ideas for some of the more intense specialty drinks - such as the 'Night Shift' and 'Rise & Shine' that include six shots of espresso - were created by her own family

and Gatesville community members. Foster adds that they only use certified organic coffee and espresso beans that are freshly ground after the customer orders. "We only use high quality ingredients," she said. Currently, The Green Rooster serves snacks and light bites with coffee. Foster hopes to keep the focus on the coffee but might incorporate smaller plates or pastries in the future. "I love to cook and stuff, but I kind of want coffee to be the main thing," she said. "This is a coffee shop." The coffee shop also contains a comfortable seating area, tables and chairs inside and outside, and Wi-Fi. Foster said she was partly inspired by her

days of meeting clients and working in different coffee shops while at her former company. "The feel of it was - you could just sit in there and drink your coffee and kind of escape," Foster said. "And that's kind of what we're trying to create." As a local artist, the business also gives Foster the opportunity to create. She painted all the art and murals inside the building as well as developed all of Green Rooster's marketing and branding. Foster hopes The Green Rooster also inspires other creatives and small business owners to bring their unique ideas to Gatesville. "Gatesville is cool, and we have young couples that want to live here. So, why don't we create something

for the young couples that want to live here? I mean, I'm not moving, so I might as well create what I want," she said. Even though Foster has no plans to reuse the business's original trailer, she has decorated the new building with some tributes from the old space, such as photos of people in line at the trailer, old punch cards, and a Green Rooster sign. "We needed people to see that we appreciate our community and the people that actually helped us get here," Foster said. The Green Rooster is located at 1910 E Main St, Gatesville, TX 76528. For the lobby and drive thru hours, visit the Green Rooster Coffee Co. Facebook page.

National Miniature GOLF Day
September 21, 2024

THE OLDEST KNOWN MINI GOLF COURSE IN THE WORLD, THE LADIES' PUTTING CLUB OF ST. ANDREWS, IS IN SCOTLAND. IT SITS RIGHT NEXT TO THE LEGENDARY ST. ANDREWS GOLF COURSE, A REGULAR SITE OF THE BRITISH OPEN.

Get ready to tee off on September 21st as we celebrate Miniature Golf Day! It's a day dedicated to fun, laughter, and friendly competition on the mini-golf course. Miniature golf, also known as putt-putt or mini-golf, is a beloved pastime enjoyed by people of all ages. With its whimsical obstacles, challenging holes, and colorful courses, mini-golf offers endless entertainment for everyone. Gather your friends, family, or even just yourself, and head to your nearest mini-golf course to celebrate this special day. Putt your way through winding pathways, navigate tricky obstacles like windmills and water features, and see who can score a hole-in-one! Not only is miniature golf a blast to play, but it's also a great way to spend time outdoors, get some exercise, and enjoy quality time with loved ones. Whether you're a seasoned pro or a first-time player, Miniature Golf Day is the perfect opportunity to test your skills and have a ball on the course. So, mark your calendars for September 21st and get ready to swing into fun on Miniature Golf Day! Whether you're playing a round or two with friends, organizing a mini-golf tournament, or simply enjoying a leisurely game with family, there's no better way to celebrate the joy of mini-golf than on this special day. Let the games begin!

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2024 GHS HOMECOMING DANCE

COURTESY PHOTOS BY CARRIE JONES, CJ PHOTOGRAPHY

The Gatesville High School Homecoming Dance was held on Saturday, Sept. 14, in the high school cafeteria to kick off Homecoming week. Students were able to enjoy live music, dancing, and door prizes as well as sweet treats from The Caffeinated Baker. Choir Director Cherith Wells took charge in coordinating the event, along with help from GISD custodial staff, GISD Police Officers, Friends on Duty volunteers, and GISD administrators.

