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Left photo: Gatesville Police Department Patrol Officers, from left, Amanda Stiles, Linda Knoch, and Glory Little. Right photo: Pictured left is GPD Patrol Officer Anna Perrow with Police Chief Georgiana Cleverley.

Female-led police department makes history

BY DAVID SCOTT
Staff Writer

Women policing in the United States began as early as the 1890's. They were

first employed largely as prison matrons in the 19th century. Since that time, women have taken on more

and increasingly diverse roles in law enforcement. Today, the duties of female police officers have taken

on many more responsibilities that only male officers dealt with in the past.

In July of 2024, the City

of Gatesville appointed Lieutenant Georgiana "Georg" Cleverley to the position of Interim Police

Chief making her, in known history, the first female

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IF THE HAT FITS...



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The bewitching ladies at the Cottage Book Store at Pearl are gearing up for the Halloween holiday. They were joined by the bookstore mascot, Mimi, who was dressed for the occasion wearing an orange tutu. Pictured left to right are Kay Pruett, Corlisa Cunningham, and Linda Ray.

Burrow and Westbrook reflect on city council service

BY KAYLEE DUSANG
Staff Writer

Two members of Gatesville City Council will not seek reelection in the 2024 general election on Nov. 5, leaving two of their seats up for grabs.

City Council Members Barbara Burrow and John Westbrook share why they are choosing not to run again this year and the takeaways from their time as city council members.

Barbara Burrow

Burrow of Ward 1, Place 2, served on the council from 2011-2015, and then ran again in 2022. She said she is not running for reelection due to time constraints, and to focus on expanding her counseling business.

"I don't feel like I can devote the attention that I had in the past, and so I just need to kind of narrow

my window of focus, and this was one of the things that unfortunately fell off," Burrow said. "Great group of people, (I) look forward to the city continuing its evolution."

In Gatesville's City Council, most council members have full-time jobs along with serving on the council during its twice-a-month public meetings. However, Burrow said the process of serving on the council is a simple process and transition for the most part.

"It's just a little bit of homework every other week. What you do beyond that is, of course, a choice, and how you leave your imprint, but it's pretty simple," Burrow said. "If there's something you don't understand, staff are available to explain every single thing, and they're so patient with everybody."

Burrow hopes to see a greater collaboration among the city staff, elected officials, and the community in the future, especially as the city faces infrastructure improvement and future growth.

"City council basically represents every single person, regardless of where," Burrow said. "I would encourage everybody to be open and just invite opinions, invite feedback. That's how we know if we're on course or not."

She adds that further transparency with the public will also help keep them updated on the city's current projects and its funding sources.

"It's just a concept which goes back to the city council as representative of the citizens - get their

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Man with gun arrested in Jonesboro after fleeing law enforcement

BY KAYLEE DUSANG
Staff Writer

Local authorities arrested a 35-year-old man who was reported to be "agitated and armed" with a shotgun in the Jonesboro area on Monday, according to a press release by the Coryell County Sheriff's Office.

Shortly after 2 p.m. on Monday, Coryell County deputies were dispatched to State Highway 36 and Farm to Market Road 217 in Jonesboro after a local law enforcement agent notified

them about the man carrying the weapon.

When officers attempted to contact the male, who was later identified as Cory Currence, he threw the shotgun over a fence and ran through a field toward FM 217.

Soon after, deputies and Texas Department of Public Safety State Troopers arrived to assist. Local authorities located Currence's vehicle in front of a residence on County Road 192.

He eventually came to the door of the residence and was detained by deputies on Monday evening.

Currence was taken into custody and transported to the Coryell County Jail on charges of evading arrest or detention with a previous conviction of an unlawful possession of a firearm by felon and criminal trespass with a weapon.

Jonesboro Independent School District warned parents via Facebook on

Monday about a man who was identified as a potential threat to citizens in the community. The district said the school was secure and had not been threatened.

"He was on the outskirts of Jonesboro," Jonesboro ISD Superintendent Matt Dossey said in an email. "Never a threat to the school or in the area of the school. We just took precautionary measures."

During a subsequent

search on Wednesday, a Texas Parks and Wildlife Game Warden K9 team located the shotgun Currence discarded while evading law enforcement, according to the sheriff's office. The specially trained canine, K9 Jake, quickly located the empty weapon in a field of densely overgrown vegetation.

Currence was booked into the Coryell County Jail on Tuesday and is being held on a \$22,500 bond.



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Cory Currence booking photo



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thoughts, put it on paper, publish it, let people know where we're going, then they're going to be behind it, because they can't understand the segmented process right now," she said.

She encourages both the citizens and the council to attend more off-site meetings when they occur, such as the recent tour at Faunt Le Roy Park that observed the flood damage and discussed the city's plan to reopen it.

"It was eye opening for everybody, not only because the gate was locked, but because no one had taken the time to drive through and see, or even walk through," Burrow said.

Burrow said helping represent people's concerns is the part of her city council service that she enjoyed the most.

"I really enjoyed that and bringing that to other council members, so that we could reflect in our

choosing that which is representative of Gatesville as best we can," she said. "That's what I really liked best, was actually supporting the people and passing their concerns and their words on."

John Westbrook

Westbrook of Ward 2, Place 6, has served for three years on the city council after filling an unexpired term in 2021 and running again in 2022.

Due to an out-of-town commitment on Tuesday nights, Westbrook said he is no longer able to devote the time needed to go to the council meetings.

"I just feel like the council would be better served with someone that could make total commitment to the position," Westbrook said. "No problem at all with the council. (It's) incredibly interesting, and I would say to anybody that's interested, take the opportunity - you learn a lot."

Westbrook said that his service on the council was eye opening, and he appre-

ciated the opportunity to learn how the city operates.

"Dealing in things I never knew the city dealt with, the infrastructure, how things get funded, the mechanics behind it all - just the mechanism that makes everything work," Westbrook said.

"It's a wonderful council right now," he adds. "I think we've strengthened as time went on. That's nothing about anybody that was on before, but it's a really good mix of people right now."

When it comes to the city leadership, Westbrook wants citizens to know that one of their highest priorities is infrastructure improvement.

"You don't have a city if you don't have water services, wastewater disposal," Westbrook said. "Streets are a big function, and, actually, that's become more of an emphasis recently, particularly since the city manager change. Brad Hunt is great - I think he's doing a wonderful job, and I'm glad he took the job." He also recommends

learning how things are financed, such as the workings of tax rates and the budget.

"I hadn't done that before I got there, and I would say to anybody do that," Westbrook said. "It'll increase your understanding of why some things happen as they happen."

One of the things Westbrook would like to see in the city's future is the establishment of a historic designation for downtown Gatesville through the Texas Historical Commission, which the council approved the application for last year. He adds that he would also like to see further implementation of the city's Comprehensive Plan, which was developed as a guide for the city's future growth and development in the community.

"It's very important to me to see we make every effort to revitalize downtown to the fullest extent possible," he said. "I think there's a ton of potential here, but put the right mechanism and get the right people



COURTESY PHOTO

Pictured left: Council Member Barbara Burrow of Ward 1, Place 2. Pictured right: Council Member John Westbrook of Ward 2, Place 6

behind it, and that would be the one thing I would most like to see going forward."

He also hopes the city continues their efforts to eventually reopen Faunt Le Roy Park.

"I walk down there every day or every other day on the granite track, but I used to walk down in the park," Westbrook said. "In the town, everybody you talk to (says) 'don't get rid of Faunt Le Roy.' It's going to look

different when we're done. You're probably never going to be able to drive down there again, but let's save that thing."

Early voting begins on Oct. 21. On the City of Gatesville ballot, Jon Salter has filed unopposed for Burrow's spot for the Ward 1, Place 2 seat. Kalinda Westbrook, Westbrook's wife, and Willie Joe Taylor have filed for the Ward 2, Place 6 seat.

HISTORY

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Chief of Police in Gatesville.

At the time of her appointment, Cleverley said, "I am honored to serve the Gatesville Police Department and the City of Gatesville in whatever capacity is needed. This is a great community to live in and a great department to work for. As interim Police Chief, I will do my best to meet the needs of the department and citizens of Gatesville."

According to an article, which appeared in The Gatesville Messenger, Cleverley served in the U.S. Army for 25 years before joining law enforcement and becoming a police officer.

Recently, Cleverley com-

mented that the Gatesville Police Department has the most female police officers than they've ever had at one time.

"Besides myself, there are four female patrol officers, making a total of five female officers at the Gatesville Police Department," she said.

She continued, "This is 35% of the sworn peace officers we currently employ. The average number of female officers in Texas police/sheriff departments is 11.5%, while for the country it's 13.3%. We have three times the amount that are in Texas departments and nearly that nationally. It's actually pretty remarkable."

Cleverley also noted that an interesting thing about her female officers is that they all have some sort of

law enforcement connection in their families. "Two have parents who were/are officers, one has an older sister who is an officer, and the last is married to another officer," she said. Cleverley notes that the only connection that she herself has to law enforcement was her father who was an MP in the U.S. Army before she was born.

The female officers employed by the Gatesville Police Department include:

Amanda Stiles

She is a Senior Patrol Officer and a Field Training Officer with the Gatesville PD. She has been employed in Gatesville almost five years since December of 2019. She completed the Police Academy at Central Texas College in Killeen and also completed other train-

ing to further her education as a peace officer.

Stiles said that her father is currently and has been employed as a peace officer for over 30 years. "I'm a second-generation peace officer and have a sister who also works for a law enforcement agency," she said.

Stiles began her career in law enforcement as a jailer for the Bell County Sheriff's Office before coming to the Gatesville Police Department.

She said that her two favorite parts of her job are helping citizens who are experiencing mental health issues and just speaking with members of the Gatesville community.

For females wishing to enter law enforcement, Stiles said, "Advice I would give to females wishing to pursue a career in law enforcement is to research. Research what our job is actually like and what to expect. Talk with officers who have experience, talk about more than the 'cool stuff' and see what we do, and plan what direction/outcome you want with a law enforcement career."

Linda Knoch

She is an officer in training at the Gatesville Police Department. She began working in Gatesville in July of 2024. She received her training at the Central Texas College Police Academy.

"I'm proudly following in my mother's footsteps. She is a retired detective at the Copperas Cove Police Department," Knoch said. She continued, "My father is currently employed with the Copperas Cove Police Department as a Lieutenant, and my late grandfather was retired military."

Before joining the Gatesville Police Department, Knoch worked at the Texas

Department of Criminal Justice for nine years at the Christina Melton Crain Unity and Woodman State Jail.

She said that her biggest challenge at the GPD was learning the geography of Gatesville. "It's hard to find addresses when house numbers aren't visible from the street or on mailboxes."

Knoch said that she loves interacting with the public and the spontaneity of each day.

She said that the advice she could give to females wishing to become part of law enforcement would be, "It's never too late to follow your dreams; I'm a prime example. There are many roles and paths one could take as a licensed peace officer. There's literally something for everyone in this career. I highly encourage anyone interested to volunteer or participate in our ride along program to get a feel of what it's like."

Glory Little

Little is a patrol officer who became employed with the GPD in August of 2023. She completed her training at Temple College Police Academy.

"I was inspired to go into law enforcement by some family members, although my mother wasn't too enthusiastic about it at first," she said.

Little's first job was at a family-owned arcade/bowling alley during high school and college. She then worked at Walmart as an order-filler for the online grocery pickup department. Her most prior job, prior to law enforcement, was at Caterpillar in the warehouse working as a team leader over the high-rise.

"One of the challenges I've faced is learning how to work with difficult partners who don't share your same goals and aspirations in this

profession, as well as staying motivated when dealing with said partners."

She continued, "I love being able to help and meet new people. I also love sharing my love for this profession with those I meet."

As for giving advice to females who are considering law enforcement as a profession, Little said, "Go for it and give it your all. There is a place for females in law enforcement, despite what some people might tell you. Believing in and trusting yourself is one of the first, and, sometimes, the most difficult parts of getting started in this profession; but if you continue to work on the areas you're less confident in, it should become second nature in time."

Anna Perrow

Perrow works as a patrol officer and has been employed with Gatesville PD since December of 2022. She received her training at the Basic Peace Officer Course at Central Texas College.

Perrow's husband also serves as a police officer. Before joining the Gatesville PD, she worked for the State of Texas conducting investigations and was also employed in Bell County for a few years.


When asked about the challenges she's faced as a law enforcement officer, Perrow replied, "When my children were younger, childcare was an obstacle."

Perrow said that what she enjoys most about her job is, "Every day is a new experience, and no two days are ever the same."

Advice that she would like to share with females who might like to pursue a career in law enforcement, "Don't underestimate yourself and don't be afraid to pursue your career goals."

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The generalities of politics and the deficiency of specifics



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In today's political landscape, voters are inundated with a plethora of promises and proposals from candidates vying for their support.

Yet, despite all the fervent rhetoric and the impassioned speeches identifying all that is wrong with the world, a striking trend emerges: politicians often remain conspicuously vague when it comes to the specifics of their policies. Political generalities mani-

fest in the form of broad statements, slogans, and aspirational language that resonate with the electorate. Phrases like "change we can believe in," "better together," or "a brighter future" exemplify how politicians often package complex ideas into digestible

and emotionally appealing soundbites. These generalities serve several purposes: they unify diverse groups under a common banner, simplify complex issues, and create a sense of hope or urgency.

While generalities can mobilize support and inspire action, they often lack the "meat" required for substantive policy discussions. In a world where issues like climate change, healthcare, the southern border and economic inequality require thoughtful approaches, generalities can lead to a disconnect between voter expectations and political realities. I imagine that if solving national and international issues is as simple as coming up with a five- or six-word phrase, the issues between Israel and Hamas would have been solved generations ago. These problems are complex, and

it will take serious, complex discussions and actions to solve them.

Most people in our country believe there is a problem at our southern border. It has been a problem for more than 30 years, and the problem keeps growing. Over those 30 years, there is plenty of blame to pass around for the situation that exists. What would be appealing to hear is a candidate who offers a concrete, well-thought-out course of political action that will result in a solution. Imagine, instead of only identifying a problem and blaming someone, spelling out a specific plan to solve the problem!

To be clear, I am not suggesting or promoting one political party or one candidate over the other. Seems like both candidates have had a chance to fix the border problem and neither one has done it. In fact, the

problem has just gotten worse through the past two administrations. People no longer want promises, slogans or threats, they want specifics about a course of action which will stop illegal immigration. Mr. or Mrs. Candidate, tell me what your thoughts are so I can vote for the person who presents the best plan — not the person who makes the most promises.

Why do politicians avoid the specifics? Politicians operate within a highly competitive environment where appealing to the broadest base is crucial. Specifics can alienate certain voter segments, while generalities provide a safer, more inclusive platform. By avoiding detailed commitments, politicians can appeal to a wider audience, leaving room for interpretation and adaptation based on shifting public senti-

ments. In other words, in a quickly changing world, it allows politicians wiggle room to move as the wind blows to garner the most votes. It would seem for today's candidates, the goal is not to solve the problem, it is to win the election.

Face the problem, work the problem, solve the problem. Whatever you do, stop talking about the problem while offering only generalities as a solution or playing to an audience.

Ya think this is why we are in the shape we are in?

Thought for the day: Solving problems does not seem to be the number one goal of today's politicians, the priority is getting elected and re-elected.

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

Folks around town



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Leo Corona

Say hello to our neighbor, Leo Corona!

Leo is a retired United States Army Veteran and is a jack-of-all-trades since being involved in various areas of the community. He is a community service advocate, a volunteer at the DAV, a member of the Gatesville Exchange Club, a volunteer for GISD Friends on Duty, a Mission Righteous Roots volunteer, a member of the North Cavazos Community Council, a member of the City of Gatesville and Keep Gatesville Beautiful, a Centex Crime Stoppers volunteer, and a Coryell County Emergency Management volunteer. He served for 20 years in the army and was deployed during three major combat campaigns in the Middle East and one Intrinsic Action. For the last three years, he has been serving Gatesville through volunteering. "The best reward of community service has been getting to know the residents of Gatesville and seeing how 501(c)3 organizations play a big role in our community and local businesses that support this community," Corona said. "It's a team effort to better our community." After being stationed at Fort Hood in 1995, one of Corona's goals upon retirement was to retire in Gatesville. "My Texas-born wife, Dana, my daughters, Bridgett and Tristi, my son, Scott, and I officially made Gatesville our home in 2012 after we purchased our homestead," he said. He expressed that his favorite thing about our town is seeing the community work together.

Leo reads The Gatesville Messenger each week and said, "I enjoy viewing The Gatesville Messenger website, following on Facebook, and reading the newspaper over a cup of coffee with my wife on our back porch on Saturday mornings."

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

City Council proclaims Oct. 20 as Dale & Laura White Day

Staff Reports

During a regular City Council meeting of the City of Gatesville on Tuesday, Oct. 8, it was proclaimed to make Sunday, Oct. 20, Dale and Laura White Day due to the service and support given to the people of Gatesville and their Gatesville Church of Christ family.

The White's service to the Gatesville community spans many years following their college graduations from the University of Texas and subsequent move to Gatesville in the 1960's.

Laura worked for Gatesville Independent School District for 28 years, which included 14 years in the vocational lab, six years as the vocational counselor, and eight years as a junior high counselor. She has been an active member of the Exchange Club since 1969 serving in many leadership roles and has also been active in prison ministry since 1984, ministering to the women on death row at the Mountain View Unit.

Dale was a pharmacist for 53 years and owned and operated City Drug in Gatesville many years before retiring in 2009.

According to the procla-

mation, "His service to the community has extended far beyond a business owner as he served the City of Gatesville as a council member from Sept. 1969 to April 1973 and additionally helped countless people in this community financially while remaining completely anonymous."

The Whites have been members of the Gatesville Church of Christ for many years and is also where Laura had a role in establishing a Hispanic Church of Christ in Gatesville.

The couple was also named Citizens of the Year by the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce where they were recognized for their tireless service to the many non-profits and local organizations within the community.

The proclamation states, "All the citizens of Gatesville have benefited from Dale and Laura's considerable community knowledge and engagement in the many organizations which have continued to make Gatesville a wonderful place to live. We are proud to offer sincere gratitude to Dale and Laura White for their unmatched dedication to our community, which is leaving a lasting impact through their



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Dale and Laura White, seated, with their daughters, Michelle (left) and Suzanne.

extensive and thoughtful engagement with their many community endeavors to help others."

"Dale and Laura's gift of time and commitment sets an example for all in how volunteerism leads to positive civic engagement and to the betterment of our community. Today, we extend Dale and Laura our

heartfelt thanks for their continued service in our community and offer our best wishes for continued happiness, good health, and many more successes in the years to come," the proclamation states.

Columbus Day closures set for Oct. 14

Staff Reports

Columbus Day is a holiday that commemorates the landing of Christopher Columbus in the Americas in 1492.

Although Columbus Day is no longer a mandated state or federal holiday in Texas, many businesses and governmental offices will observe Monday, Oct. 14, in celebration of Co-

lumbus Day.

Closings and openings in the immediate area include:

GOVERNMENT

The city offices of Gatesville, Oglesby, and Evant will be closed on Monday.

The Coryell County Courthouse will be closed on Monday.

The Farm Service Agency will be closed on Monday.

SCHOOLS

All local schools will be closed on Monday.

The Boys & Girls Club of Gatesville will also be closed on Monday.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Cadence, Educators Credit Union, Extraco Bank, and The First National Bank of Gatesville, Evant, and Oglesby will be closed on Monday.

POST OFFICES

All local post offices will be closed on Monday.

SENIOR CENTER

The Gatesville Senior Multi-Service Center will remain open on Monday.

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The Gatesville Messenger will remain open on Monday.



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City to close part of Shady Lane, noting safety concerns

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At a regular meeting on Tuesday, Gatesville City Council approved closing a portion of Shady Lane between Bridge Street and Wren Circle, an area that was damaged during severe weather events in the spring.

The closure is due to traffic safety concerns and to allow public works crews to repair a bridge and adjacent water and sewer lines. It will affect local traffic by causing an approximate

half-mile detour or about one minute of extra travel time for drivers wishing to travel from Bridge Street to Wren Circle.

"The bigger concern for us for having to close that section of roadway is because that bridge is there," City Manager Brad Hunt said. "We call it a bridge, but it is really a large culvert about 10 feet high and 20 something feet wide."

According to Tuesday's council agenda, the bridge must close to prevent struc-

tural failure. Along with a bridge, the storms in the spring also caused erosion to a nearby water line.

Hunt notes that the six-inch water line has historically been susceptible to failures and has been broken by flood waters at least a dozen times since 2007.

The city does not have a timeline yet for how long the area will be closed, Hunt said. The closed portion is approximately 275 feet long.

The city is also investigating the legal status of the street, which was never designated to city ownership when it was built in 1984, according to the agenda. Although it shows to be a designated street in the Coryell County Central Appraisal District system, legal surveys say otherwise.

However, the easement for the waterline is clear for work to proceed.

"The goal right now is to close the street, make a water line repair first, con-

firm that it is our legal right to repair the bridge with Earthworks, and then we can reopen the street when that is done," Hunt said.

Council Member Barbara Burrows asked Hunt how the city plans to close off the street to the public. Hunt responded that crews plan to build low water crossing gates like those they placed on Lovers Lane during its construction.

The cost of the project is approximately \$30,000. However, Shady Lane is one

of the areas submitted to FEMA for funding, which can possibly offset the costs by 75%. The federal assistance is split 75/25, where FEMA pays 75% of the overall cost, and the city matches 25%.

Residents will be notified before the gates are installed via the city's social media page.

Alexandra Meelbusch contributed to this report

Election 2024: What will appear on the local ballot

BY KAYLEE DUSANG
Staff Writer

Early voting for the Nov. 5 election begins on Monday, Oct. 21. Here's everything you need to know about what will appear on the local ballot.

Along with the presidential election and races for statewide offices, Coryell County's ballot will include races for local school boards, Gatesville Mayor, and Gatesville, Oglesby, and Copperas Cove city councils.

Gatesville Mayor and City Council

Positions for three city council seats and the mayor of Gatesville are up for reelection this year.

In the mayoral race, incumbent Mayor Gary Chumley and Leo Corona will appear on the ballot.

There is only one race for a seat on the city council, which is between Kalinda Westbrook and Willie Joe Taylor for Ward 2, Place 6.

Jon Salter has filed unopposed for the seat of Ward 1, Place 2.

Ward 2, Place 6 is currently held by Council member John Westbrook and Ward 1, Place 2 is held by Council member Barbara Burrow who are both not seeking reelection this term.

One incumbent, Joe Patterson, has filed for reelection for Ward 2, Place 4. There is no opposing race for the position.

City of Oglesby

Seats for Oglesby's City Council are up for reelection this year. Voters can choose up to three names on the ballot to serve on the council. Candidates listed are Mayor Pro Tem Mike Homan, Terri Shepherd Castro, Daniel Bonne Brinkley, and David Mosley.

Oglesby ISD

The Oglesby Independent School District school board has three seats up for election this November.

Incumbents Ronnie Sullins, Liz Caraway, and James Seymour have filed for reelection. In addition, Stephanie Markum, Joseph Meyers, and Cynthia Rodriguez have filed applications as candidates for a spot on the board.

Voters can choose up to three names on the ballot.

City of Copperas Cove

Copperas Cove Mayor Dan Yancey has filed for reelection unopposed.

There are two seats up for grabs this year on the Copperas Cove City Council. The candidates in the race for the Position 1 seat are Christina Strohfus and Howard Hawk.

Three candidates filed for the Position 2 seat. Victor Perry Hall II, Rita Hogan, and George Duncan are listed as the contenders.

The two incumbents currently serving in both positions did not file for

reelection.

The City of Copperas Cove ballot also includes a special election under Proposition A that asks citizens to vote on a tax rate of \$0.661043 per \$100 valuation, which is higher than the voter-approval tax rate by \$0.052964 per \$100. The purpose of the tax rate is for competitive police and fire department salaries as well as maintain public services. Last year's city tax rate was at \$0.672652 per \$100 valuation.

Copperas Cove ISD

Copperas Cove Independent School District has elections for Place 1 and Place 2 on the board of trustees.

The candidates who have filed for Place 1 are incumbent Inez Fashion and Sherry Hoffpauir. For Place 2, incumbent Shameria Ann Davos and Timothy Traeger have filed for the spot.

Coryell County

There are several seats up for reelection in the county, including Coryell County Sheriff, County Attorney, District Judge, District Attorney, County Commissioner Kyle Matthews of Precinct 1, and County Commissioner Ryan Basham of Precinct 3. All county offices on the ballot are running unopposed.

The deadline to register to vote ended on Oct. 7. Early voting begins the



METROCREATIVEGRAPHICS

Election day is Tuesday, Nov. 5.

week of Oct. 21 and ends on Nov. 1. Below is a list of early and Election Day voting times and locations:

Early voting dates and times

- Oct. 21-25, 2024: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Oct. 26, 2024: 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.
- Oct. 27, 2024: 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Oct. 28-31, 2024: 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.
- Nov. 1, 2024 (last day of early voting): 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Early voting polling locations:

- Gatesville Annex, 800

E. Main St., Ste. B, Gatesville TX 76528

- Copperas Cove Early Voting Center 508 B Cove Terrace, Copperas Cove, TX 7652

Election Day polling locations

Citizens can vote at any county-wide location on Election Day (Nov. 5) regardless of the precinct. Voting locations will open on Tuesday, Nov. 5, 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

For more election information, visit coryellcounty-tx.com/elections

TUMBLEWEED SMITH

A cheerleader for reading



BY TUMBLEWEED SMITH

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

Kathy L. Murphy of Hawkins has been promoting book reading for a quarter of a century.

She started a book club called "The Official International Pulpwood Queens and Timber Guys Book

Club" that became one of the largest in the world. She says the main focus is promoting authors, books,

literacy, the arts, and reading. Members get together every New Years Day and visit with authors. They try to meet in person, but the last couple of years they met on Zoom.

"You know I started this crazy little book club in my hair salon bookstore back in Jefferson, Texas called "Beauty and the Book in 2000."

She is a wild child and got plenty of attention.

"Back in the day, when I first got started, we did everything from Good Morning America, Oprah Winfrey, and the Wall Street Journal, which, by the way, still contacts me every once in a while. I think that's

just absolutely amazing."

She has written a few books and is working on two children's books. Kathy has a full-time job with a non-profit, is attending UT Tyler, working on a master's degree in Art History. Yep, she paints too.

"I felt like to be a better artist, a better American, I needed to know more history. The funny thing about art history is you can learn more of the untold story through paintings and art and architecture than any other study in the world."

Kathy is 68. Most of her friends are retiring.

"I wake up every morning, raring to go. Working hard is the best therapy in the

world. I can't retire. I've done this my whole life, because it was my passion. I can't say that I've grown rich, but I've grown rich in friendships."

She is curious. While she was vacationing in Florida, she ran into a bunch of Vietnam Veterans and interviewed them for her podcast and video channel.

"They couldn't figure out who I was. I think my hair was purple at the time. They were all former helicopter pilots and high-ranking veterans who were sitting around telling stories. They were from all over the country, and I just had to interview them.

"The military have a base

there in Pensacola, and it's where the Blue Angels practice flying. The craziest thing I did while there was parasailing. My cousin Cindy talked me into it. I was scared to death. We went up in the air behind the boat, and there was a Blue Angel coming right at us. I realized we were in their air space. It actually flew below us. We got a picture of it going underneath us. That's how high we were. That was a lifetime experience I'll never forget, to be flying in the sky with a Blue Angel."

Whatever happened to ...

20 YEARS AGO (2004)

High winds swept through Gatesville, causing thousands of dollars in damage.

A Historic Texas Cemetery marker was dedicated at the Sadler Cemetery.

Gatesville Elementary School hosted "Olympic Day." Each class at the school represented a different country in the competition.

Joseph Barnes, of Gatesville, was selected to participate in the National

Young Leaders Conference in Washington D.C.

Chief Justice Tom Gray of the 10th Court of Appeals addressed a gathering of Coryell County Republicans at Rancher's Steakhouse.

30 YEARS AGO (1994)

First United Methodist Church held their annual Harvest Festival.

The Coryell County Museum held the Market Place at the Activities Complex.

A Texas Historical Grave

Marker was dedicated at the Grubb Cemetery.

Coryell County Commissioner's Court approved an agreement placing 30-mile-per-hour speed limits on three roads in the former city limits of Fort Gates.

Grant's advertised "great big burgers."

40 YEARS AGO (1984)

Coryell County was declared a "natural disaster area" in the wake of losses suffered during that past

year's severe freeze and the 1984 drought.

The National Arbor Day Foundation gave ten free flowering trees to people who joined in October.

A new ramp was constructed at City Hall to make city offices more accessible to the handicapped.

Gatesville Hornets won the first game of the season.

The Fort Hood Criminal Investigation Division of-

ferred a \$500 reward for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the lone gunman who robbed the Walker Village Shoppette that July.

50 YEARS AGO (1974)

A proposed ordinance making it unlawful for dogs and cats to run at large in Gatesville was shut down by the city council.

Coryell County's Commissioner's Court opened bids on remodeling the court-

house basement.

Gatesville's city council hired Bob Guthrie, of Waco, as a consultant in planning and supervising the renovation of the municipal auditorium in the city hall building.

Guys 'n Dolls Shop advertised a convenient layaway plan.

The city's \$90,000 street improvement program was in its closing stages.



DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

The congregation of Pecan Grove Baptist Church return to their newly restored church for the first service held in the building since the devastating flood in May.

Coming home...

BY DAVID SCOTT
Staff Writer

After an absence of five months, the congregation of Pecan Grove Baptist Church was able to return and worship once again in their newly restored church after it had been flooded last May. Church members found solace and strength in coming together once again to a place they hold near and dear to their hearts.

Pastor Jeff Huckleby began the service by saying, "It is so good to be back in our church with family and friends. This was the worst flood in the church's history, but, today, this is a day of celebration."

One tearful church member kept repeating, "We're finally back home again." After being displaced while repair work was taking place on the building, many members felt a sense of loss since some have had family attending Pecan Grove Baptist for generations.

In the early morning hours of Saturday, May 5, raging flood water from nearby Coryell Creek entered the 95-year-old house of worship. Lifelong members of the church said it was the highest the water had ever been in the build-

ing. Pews, hymnals, church furnishings, and the pulpit had all been displaced.

When the restoration of the church began, Huckleby reported, "The restoration got off to a slow start with all the rain we had following the flood. Drying out the building took longer than expected because of the high humidity."

Quite a shock

At the time of the flooding, Huckleby, who has pastored the church for fifteen years, said, "It was quite a shock to first see how much damage was done to the interior of the building. There was about an inch of silt mud on the floors. Everything that could float was tossed around and piled up."

The walls and floor of the structure were repaired and repainted along with having the electrical wiring and plumbing replaced.

On their first Sunday back in the church, Huckleby commented, "This is the best the church has looked in years - maybe in generations. It's a day of celebration."

With the generosity of those making donations and those offering to help in the restoration process, Pecan Grove Baptist Church

has made a remarkable comeback. God has listened, and prayers have been answered at the small country church on the banks of Coryell Creek.

"Many prayers have been answered," Huckleby said.

Pecan Grove Baptist Church has once again become not just a place of worship, but a beacon of hope and resilience for the community it serves. In the face of adversity, the congregation has found solace in coming together, proving that even in the darkest of times, the light of faith and community could shine bright.

A special homecoming celebration is planned on Sunday, Nov. 3, from 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Their special guest speaker will be Dr. Alan Lefever, Director of the Texas Baptist Historical Collection and a Baylor professor. Their special worship leader for the service will be Nathan Cook of Waco.

It will be a special time of worship, celebration, and recognition for those who helped to bring the church back from the flood. A catered lunch will be served following the service.

The public is strongly encouraged to attend.

OBITUARIES

Gary Botkin, Sr.

April 6, 1936 - Oct. 1, 2024

Gary Botkin Sr., age 88, of Gatesville, passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2024.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m., Friday, Oct. 4, at Scott's Funeral Home with Pastor Carlos Webb officiating. Interment followed at Flint Creek Cemetery.

Gary Landon Botkin, Sr. was born Monday, April 6, 1936, to the late Roy and Lorita Botkin at Fort Hood. He grew up in Flat with his brothers and sister. He graduated from Flat High School in 1954. He proudly served his Country in the Army National Guard. He married the love of his life, Cynthia Ann Lam, on July 17, 1959. Gary and Cynthia made their home in every town he traveled to for work before settling down in La Porte and later in Gatesville. Gary loved his family more than anything on earth and was the definition of a provider

and protector. He retired from CB&I and enjoyed many years of retirement, traveling with his wife and friends. He was a proud Mason and member of the Maples Masonic Lodge #791 A.F. & A.M. in Flat for more than 50 years. He was most proud of his wife, three children, eight grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents, Roy Thomas and Lorita Webb Botkin; and brothers, Roy Botkin Jr., Ray Botkin, and Doy Botkin.

He is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Cynthia Ann Botkin; daughter, Lisa Gay Patterson and husband, Mike; sons, Gary Landon Botkin, Jr. and wife, Lori, and Blake Botkin and wife, Samantha; brother, Kyle Botkin and wife, Nancy; sister, Clovis Dennis; grandchildren, Shane Patterson



and wife, Casey, Heather Botkin, Jennifer Lejune and husband, Aubrey, Heath Patterson, Landon Botkin and wife, Quenna, Ashley Botkin, Kimberlyn Ask and husband, Hans, and Austin Botkin; great-grandchildren, Jaiden Hataway, Adalyn Collier, William Lejune, Emma Lejune, Archer Lejune, Avery Patterson, Scarlett Monroe, Breck Ask, Reese Botkin, Landon Blake, Chandler Ask, Hayes Patterson, and Banks Ask.

Pearl Cemetery Association workday set for Oct. 12

Submitted item

A workday has been planned by the Pearl Cemetery Association for Saturday, Oct. 12, from 9 a.m. - noon.

Everyone with an interest in Pearl Cemetery is encouraged to attend. Please bring shovels, hoes,

rakes, chain saws, loppers, and any tools that might come in handy - including a ladder.

If the weather is not agreeable for a workday on the 12th, the workday will be moved to the 19th.

Anyone interested in donating to the cemetery

association may do so by sending a check made out to Pearl Cemetery Association to 5840 FM 183, Evant, TX 76525.

For more information, call 254-471-5473 or 254-865-6013.

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 21	6:30 PM
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22	6:30 PM
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23	6:30 PM



PEARL NEWS

You will never go hungry at the Pearl Church of Christ



BY BETSY CLARK

Pearl News Correspondent

The Pearl Church of Christ reported 48 in attendance last Sunday. Everyone said that Chris Halpayne delivered an inspiring message and then stated that they enjoyed visiting after the service.

This church always has “yummy” food, as my five-year-old grandson has stated with joy. You won’t go hungry spiritually or physically at Pearl Church of Christ!

Speaking of Pearl Church of Christ, mark your calendars for Oct. 20, for the Pearl Church of Christ

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 attending that day, the oldest attending that day, the longest married couple, 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!

The next Pearl Bluegrass and Pearl Cottage Bookstore Day is Nov. 2. Jamming at the Community Center begins at 7 a.m., and the stage show begins at 1 p.m. If you have a band that would like to play on the stage, just sign up on the board in the hallway outside the Bluegrass Kitchen. The kitchen opens at 11 a.m., and you can purchase delicious homemade food at very reasonable prices. Cash only. Admission is for jamming, and the stage show is free! The bookstore opens at 9 a.m., and you can purchase gently used books at the “buy what you want, pay what you want” price. There are over 6,000 books along with various and sundry



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Musicians jam together in one of the practice rooms at the Pearl Bluegrass event.

other neat items for the same “donation” price. Please support these first Saturday events in Pearl (except in September when the event takes place on the second Saturday). It truly takes a village to ensure these events continue long into the future. The money spent stays in the commu-

nity to support the upkeep and maintenance of the historic Pearl Community Center and the bookstore’s local charities.

This week’s Bible verse comes from Psalm 63:1— You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you. I thirst for You, my whole being longs for You, in a dry and

parched land where there is no water.” 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 betsyclarck47@yahoo.com.

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 draw-

ing 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 spon-

sored 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.

MOUND NEWS

Miss Olivia Lois Long honored on seventh birthday



BY BARBARA HOPSON

Mound News Correspondent

Ray and John Stephens have returned home from a trip to Choudrant, LA., where they visited with some of their friends.

Miss Olivia Lois Long was honored for her seventh birthday with a swimming party Sunday afternoon at the home of her grandparents, David and Pam Hopson. The party was given by her parents (Zach and Amanda Long) and sister, Aubree Long. Those attending were family and friends.

The Oglesby Tigers Varsity football team won their game Friday evening with the score of 62-12 against the Marble Falls Faith Acad-

emy Varsity football team. Valerie Ferrell and Carolyn Blakley had lunch in Gatesville on Tuesday.

Jerry and Brenda Helms met Neil and Christy Helms in Hillsboro Wednesday for dinner.

Last Saturday, Jerry and Brenda Helms, along with Carolyn and Emma Blakley, had lunch in Gatesville at the Sale Barn Café.

David, Pam, Frank, Susie, Paul and Rachel Hopson, Zach and Amanda Long attended the wedding of Miss Alysa Wheeler and Weston Craig Tietze in Boerne and attended the reception at the Dos Palomas Ranch Saturday evening. While there, Paul and Rachel Hopson and their children met DeElva Grubb in La Vernia with her children, Noah, Benjamin, and Emma Hopson to spend the night at the home of Matt and Kaylee Edwards.

Zach, Amanda, Aubree, and Olivia Long spent last weekend at the Fall Bluegrass Festival at Oakdale Park in Glen Rose. Several people of Mound attended the 2024 Heart O’ Texas Fair and Rodeo at the Extraco Events Center Coliseum in Waco starting Thursday, Oct. 3 thru 13. Those who have birthdays this week are Amanda Long, Allie McPherson, Chelsea Ayres, Daniel Wood, Sherry Hopson, Desiree Dixon, Richard Mitchell, Bailey Barnard, and Grace Tennon.

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.

SUDOKU

Puzzle answers from the Oct. 5, 2024 issue.

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October proclaimed as Fentanyl Poisoning Awareness Month

Staff Reports

Governor Greg Abbott issued a proclamation declaring October as Fentanyl Poisoning Awareness Month to raise awareness and educate Texans about the dangers of fentanyl to save more lives.

Deadly fentanyl remains a growing threat to the lives of people across Texas and across the United States. This is a crisis that touches the lives of everyone, ripping away a son or daughter, a brother or sister, a father or mother, a friend, or family member from their loved ones forever and leaving behind unimaginable grief.

"Fentanyl is the leading cause of death for Americans between the ages of 18 and 45, and we have witnessed a more-than-fivefold increase in fentanyl fatalities in the last four years alone," stated in the proclamation.

The proclamation also explained that fentanyl-related deaths in Texas increased over 600% from 2019 to 2023, taking the lives of more than 7,000 innocent Texans in just four years.

"Fentanyl is 50 times more potent than heroin and 100 times stronger than morphine," stated the proclamation. "Just two milligrams of the synthetic opioid, which is smaller than two grains of salt, is lethal. In as little as two minutes, fentanyl poisoning can end a person's life."

Illegally manufactured fentanyl is found in heroin, cocaine, methamphetamine, and in counterfeit pills. As a result, many people may not know they're ingesting fentanyl, leading to an accidental poisoning.

In Oct. 2022, the State of Texas launched its comprehensive "One Pill Kills" public awareness campaign to share the true stories of

lives lost to fentanyl and educate Texans on how to prevent, recognize, and reverse fentanyl poisonings.

"During the 88th Texas Legislature, I signed several key laws to fight back against the growing national fentanyl crisis, including House Bill 3144, which establishes October as Fentanyl Poisoning Awareness Month in Texas. It is critical that every Texan is aware of the fentanyl crisis plaguing our state and nation," Governor Abbott stated in the proclamation. "Fentanyl Poisoning Awareness Month is a statewide effort to protect our friends, our family members, and our loved ones from this clandestine killer. I encourage my fellow Texans to speak openly and have meaningful conversations about the dangers of fentanyl and the opioid poisoning reversal medication naloxone or as its commonly known, NARCAN, which has been distributed



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Forms of Fentanyl Citrate

to law enforcement personnel in all 254 counties." "One pill kills, but if we work together, we can bring

about a better, brighter future in which no Texan loses a loved one to fentanyl poisoning," Governor

Abbott stated in the proclamation.

L.I.V.E. Fest set for Oct. 19 to spread awareness of effects of bullying, mental health, and suicide in children

BY ALEXANDRA MEELBUSCH
Staff Writer

After Kara Yocom lost her 14-year-old son to suicide, it became her mission to bring awareness to bullying, mental health, and suicide.

"I hope to reach the

community on the importance of reaching out for help and helping parents to know how to speak to their child about suicide," Yocom said.

The purpose of the event is to spread awareness about the effects

of bullying and provide resources for parents who are concerned about their child's mental health.

She will host her third annual L.I.V.E. Fest event at Freedom Park in Gatesville on Saturday, Oct. 19, which will begin at 10 a.m.

and is free to the public.

The event will feature informational booths from various organizations, as well as guest speakers, performers, family friendly activities, and a comedian. Vendors will also be present with items

to sell that bring awareness to the cause.

There will be an obstacle bouncy house for the kids as well.

"My main goal is to bring awareness at a family friendly event, and to reach the community on

the importance of it," she said. "I don't want other parents to live this life, and I want others to reach out."

The DISPATCH

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of Oct. 3 - 8. 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

Oct. 3
12:44 a.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 120 block of FM 116.

2:34 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 2200 block of E. Main Street.

5:46 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 200 block of E. Main Street.

6:41 p.m., harassment was reported in the 300 block of FM 107.

Oct. 4
2:28 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2200 block of Bridge Street.
7:40 a.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 1600 block of E. Main Street.

10:24 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1900 block of Waco Street.

12:32 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1300 block of Westview Drive.

Oct. 5
1:46 a.m., a structure fire was reported in the 1700 block of St. Louis Street.

9:52 a.m., a theft was reported in the 2200 block of Bridge Street.

6:55 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 300 block of N. Lutterloh Avenue.

7:18 p.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 300 block of River Ridge Drive.

Oct. 6
5:05 a.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 2900 block of S. State Highway 36.

6:26 a.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 1700 block of St. Louis Street.

5:02 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 600 block of E. Leon Street.

6:18 p.m., a noise disturbance was reported in the 800 block of State School Road.

Oct. 7
12:57 a.m., harassment was reported in the 2900 block of S. State School and Highway 36.

5:26 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 2400 block of S. Business Highway 36.

6:16 p.m. suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of N. Lutterloh Avenue.

11:47 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 1700 block of E. Leon Street.

Oct. 8
11:16 a.m., animal cruelty was reported in the 2000 block of Waco Street.

1:19 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 2500 block of Oak Drive.

3:44 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2200 block of Bridge Street.

5:15 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 1900 block of St. Louis Street.

CORYELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Oct. 3
8:44 a.m., a theft was reported in the 9700 block of FM 929.

12:52 p.m., an abandoned vehicle was reported in the 3100 block of FM 1113.

2:46 p.m., fraud was reported in the 700 block of Cactus Lane.

5:14 p.m., a suspicious vehicle was reported in the 300 block of County Road 107.

Oct. 4
11:42 a.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 1000 block of Lutheran Church Road.

12:40 p.m., a lost animal was reported on Harmon Road and FM 580.

3:20 p.m., a fire call was reported in the 2300 block of W. Highway 84.

5:14 p.m., a suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1300 block of Lutheran Church Drive.

Oct. 5
11:05 a.m., identity theft was reported in the 1000 block of Old Pidcoke Road.

2:08 p.m., a fire call was reported in the 100 block of Oak Ridge Drive.

9:26 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 200 block of County Road 252.

Oct. 6
11:17 a.m., a dog bite was reported in the 900 block of FM 1996.

12:52 p.m., a welfare concern was reported on E. Highway 84 and South Mountain.

5:59 p.m., pet found reported in Mother Neff Park, across from the bathrooms.

10:03 p.m., livestock found reported in the 700 block of Franks Road.

Oct. 7
11:25 a.m., a theft was reported in the 2900 block of Poplar Drive.

4:10 p.m., burglary of a habitation was reported in

the 10,700 block of FM 116. 5:48 p.m., suspicious persons were reported in the 1700 block of County Road 133.

9 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 8700 block of E. U.S. Highway 84.

Oct. 8
5:15 a.m., an abandoned vehicle was reported on Clarke Road, off Ramp West Bound.

9:46 a.m., a theft was reported in the 500 block of Blakely Road.

11:06 a.m., burglary of a vehicle was reported in the 100 block of Harrell Drive.

2:04 p.m., animal cruelty was reported in the 100 block of County Road 307.

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c/o Allen D. Place, Jr. Attorney at Law 109 S. 7th Street Gatesville, Texas 76528

Dated the 7th day of October, 2024.

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TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF MICHAEL ALLEN GRANT, DECEASED. CAUSE NO 24-11077, COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS. PATRICIA ANN GRANT FILED IN THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS ON THE 3RD DAY OF OCTOBER 2024, APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP SAID MICHAEL ALLEN GRANT, DECEASED.

SAID APPLICATION SHALL BE HEARD AND ACTED ON BY SAID COURT ON OR AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY NEXT AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF TEN DAYS FROM DATE OF POSTING THIS CITATION, THE SAME BEING THE 21ST DAY OF OCTOBER 2024, AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN GATESVILLE, TEXAS.

ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID ESTATE ARE HEREBY CITED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY AT THE SAME ABOVE-MENTIONED TIME AND PLACE BY FILING A WRITTEN ANSWER CONTESTING SUCH APPLICATION SHOULD THEY DESIRE TO DO SO.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY IN GATESVILLE, TEXAS THE 7TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2024.

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(Aviso de Elección general)

To the Registered Voters of the County of Coryell, Texas:

(A los votantes registrados del Condado de Coryell, Texas:)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on November 5, 2024, for voting in a General Election to elect (presidential electors, if applicable), Members of Congress, Members of the Legislature, and state, district, county, and precinct officers; and the Oglesby Independent School District Trustee Election; and the City of Oglesby Alderman Election, and the City of Copperas Cove Council Election and special election; and the Copperas Cove Independent School District Trustee election, and the City of Gatesville Council Election, and the Moody ISD Trustee Election.

)Por la presente se informa que los lugares de votación que se enumeran a continuación estarán abiertos de 7:00 a. m. a 7:00 p. m., el 5 de noviembre de 2024, para votar en una Elección General para elegir (electores presidenciales, si corresponde), Miembros del Congreso, Miembros de la Legislatura y funcionarios estatales, de distrito, de condado y de precinto; y la Elección del Síndico del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Oglesby; y la Elección de Concejal de la Ciudad de Oglesby, y la Elección del Consejo de la Ciudad de Copperas Cove y la elección especial; y la elección de Síndico del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Copperas Cove, y la Elección del Consejo de la Ciudad de Gatesville, y la Elección de Síndico de Moody ISD.)

This election will be held under the County wide polling place program. A voter may vote at any of the following vote centers.

(Esta elección se celebrará en el recientemente aprobado todo el Condado programa electoral. Cada elector podrá votar en cualquiera de los siguientes centros de votación)

November 5, 2024 7 am – 7 pm

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- Gatesville Civic Center - 303 Veterans Memorial Loop, Gatesville
- Evant City Hall - 598 E Hwy 84, Evant
- Flat Community Center - 159 CR 334, Flat
- Oglesby Community Center - 118 Main St, Oglesby
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- October 27 11 am – 5 pm
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October 25, 2024

Issued this the 1st day October, 2024.
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(s)Roger Miller
Coryell County Judge

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Keep Gatesville Beautiful names October Yard of the Month

Submitted by Rosemary Whittle

Keep Gatesville Beautiful selected the home of Becky and Brian Bartholick, 401 South 6th Street, as their October Yard of the Month.

Becky and Brian moved here from Washington State two years ago and purchased the charming stone house built in 1955. Since then, they have been busy remodeling inside and creating a yard and landscaping outside. The yard they planted is almost completely covered with grass now. A large shade tree graces the left side of

the lawn.

The cozy and inviting front porch is decorated tastefully with fall decor, including a wreath and garland on the door, several jack-o-lanterns, wooden heirloom chairs with cute fall pillows and dolls on them, and a birdhouse. The decorations are interspersed artfully with plants. A tall and striking begonia occupies one corner of the porch. Pots of "Creeping Charley" flank the steps, and on the left side of the porch stands a tall rubber tree plant. Miniature

golden mums and pots of periwinkle are interspersed with the creeping Charley, and several mums are also planted in the bed in front of the house.

Lariope lines the sidewalk as it approaches the street. On the fence beside the driveway, Becky has created a lovely "hanging garden" of various plants attached to the fence. Another touch in the side yard is an antique-looking wheelbarrow loaded with plants. She said it used to have sweet potato vines cascading out of it until the neighborhood deer discovered them.



COURTESY PHOTO

The Bartholicks were recognized with Yard of the Month and for helping to keep Gatesville Beautiful.



COURTESY PHOTO

The Caffeinated Baker owners, Tasha McGehee and Jennifer Considine, are pictured with members of the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce after receiving Business of the Month for October.

The Caffeinated Baker awarded October Business of the Month

Staff Reports

The Gatesville Chamber of Commerce has announced The Caffeinated Baker as its Business of the Month for October.

The Caffeinated Baker is a locally owned bakery and coffee shop that serves

breakfast and lunch options. The establishment will provide coffee from Coffee Saloon, pastries, and to-go food items such as breakfast sandwiches, soups, salads, and bagels.

To nominate a chamber member for the business of the month award, visit

<https://www.gatesville-chamber.com/business-of-the-month>.

Owners of The Caffeinated Baker include Tasha McGehee and Jennifer Considine.



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Breast cancer is the most common form of non-skin-related cancer in women and the second-leading cause of women's cancer deaths in both the United States and Canada.

Sources: American Cancer Society, Canadian Cancer Society

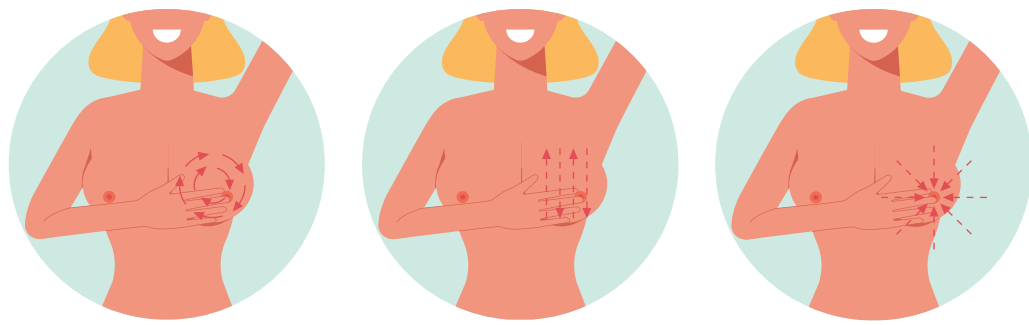
While experts agree that breast self-exams are not a screening tool for breast cancer, being familiar with your breasts can increase the likelihood of identifying changes early and discussing them with a healthcare professional. While most of the changes or lumps people find in their breasts are not cancerous, it's important to report

them to your doctor. Self-exams are an integral part of creating breast familiarity and awareness, and identifying breast cancer in its early stages can often lead to more successful, less invasive treatment.

According to Lillie D. Shockney, Johns Hopkins University Distinguished Service Professor of Breast Cancer, as reported on the National Breast Cancer Foundation website, **forty percent of breast cancers diagnosed are detected by women who identify a lump.**

Follow the arrows.

Using a methodical technique like the patterns outlined here will help ensure you examine your entire breast. →



Tip From the National Breast Cancer Foundation:

For women who are still menstruating, a breast self-exam should be performed several days after her period ends. For post-menopausal women, a breast self-exam is best performed on the same day of each month.

Remember

that breast self-exams are no substitute for screenings. Using breast self-examination in combination with these screening methods can help increase the odds of early detection:

- Clinical breast exam
- Mammogram
- Breast MRI



Women of all ages can follow these steps outlined by the Cleveland Clinic to perform a monthly self-examination of the breasts:

Begin with a visual inspection of your breasts, standing with your arms at your sides.

Look for any swelling, changes in breast shape or position of the nipples, or dimpling or changes on the skin.

Next, place both hands on your hips and flex your chest muscles, repeating your visual inspection of both breasts. Breast tissue extends to the armpit, collarbone and top of the abdomen, so include all of these areas in your exam.

While standing, examine each breast with the pads of your three middle fingers. Use your right hand to examine your left breast, then vice versa.

Press on every part of the breast, beginning with light pressure and increasing to firm. Feel for any lumps, thick spots or other changes, being sure to check the areas by your armpit and under your areola.

Squeeze the nipple to check for any discharge.

Lie down to complete the breast self-exam. Begin by placing a pillow under your right shoulder and placing your right arm behind your head. Using your left hand, follow the same technique described while standing, then change the pillow to the other shoulder to check the other breast and armpit.

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New school zone speed limits and times take effect Oct. 9

BY ALEXANDRA MEELBUSCH
Staff Writer

In a regular City Council meeting held on Tuesday, Oct. 8, the council approved and passed an ordinance adopting and designating school zones within the city limits to update the proper speed limits and times.

The ordinance went into effect immediately on Wednesday, Oct. 9.

The street department will place new signs and poles in certain locations in Gatesville, which is estimated to cost under \$1,000.

The speed limit designated for school traffic zones will be effective only on school days, when students are in attendance, which includes 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Twenty mile-per-hour school zones:

- South 27th Street from U.S. Highway 84 and East Main Street to Business 36.
- North 26th Street from Jackson Drive to U.S. Highway 84 and East Main Street.

- Hornet Way from U.S. Highway 84 and East Main Street to Highway 36.

- North Lovers Lane from Jackson Drive to U.S. Highway 84 and East Main Street.

- South Lovers Lane from US Highway 84 and East Main Street to Business 36.

Thirty mile-per-hour school zones:

- U.S. Highway 84 and East Main Street: The entire portion of U.S. Highway 84 and East Main Street from the intersection of North 28th Street, westerly to .07 miles past the intersection of Lovers Lane.

- Business 36: The entire portion of Texas State Highway Business 36 from the intersection of South 27th Street, westerly to .07 miles past the intersection of South Lovers Lane.

Any person who is found violating the provisions of the ordinance will be guilty of a Class C Misdemeanor, which is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$200 per of-

fense.

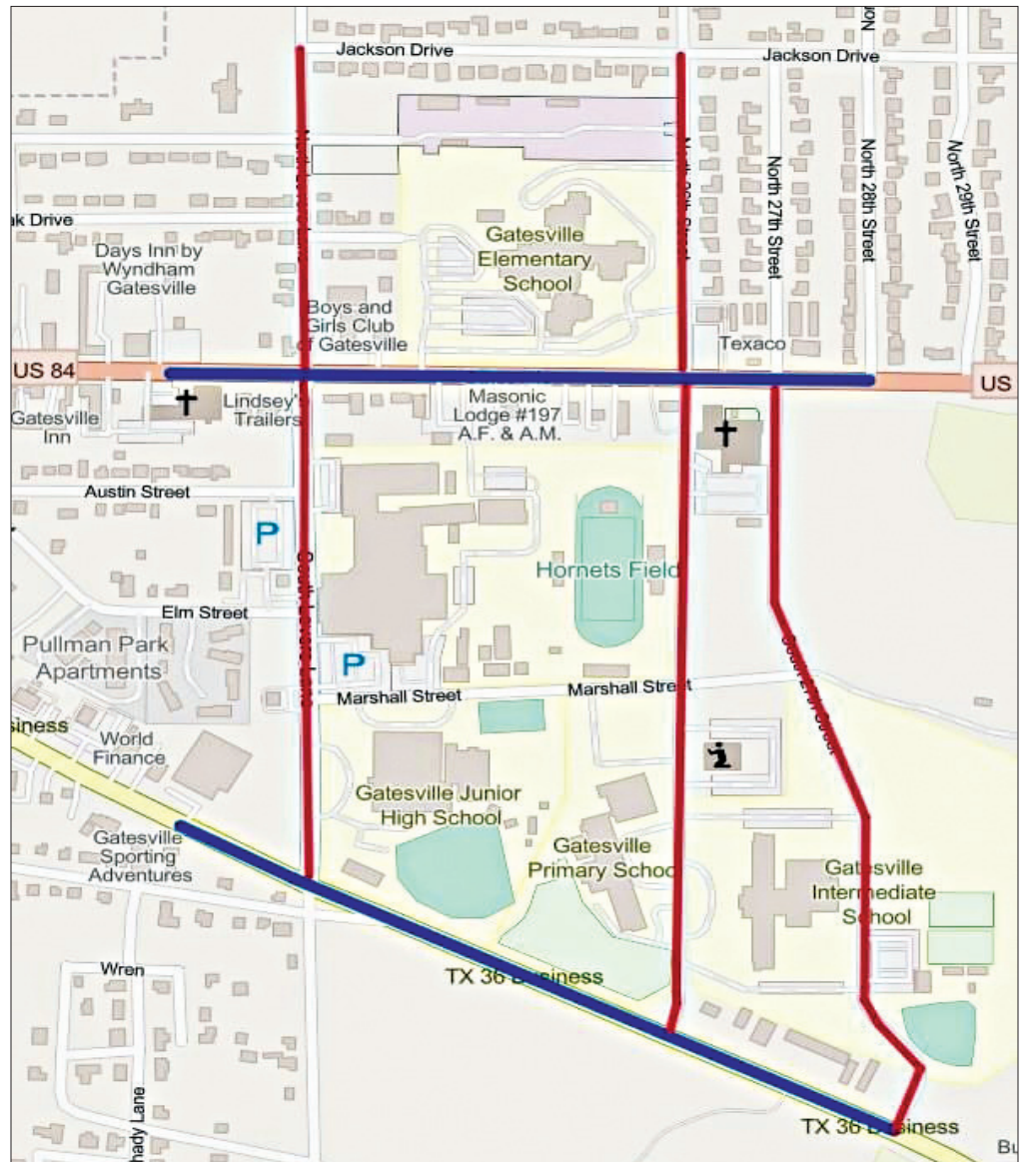
There will be an informative meeting with the school's police department along with the school district and the Gatesville Police Department to go over the changes that will take place.

"There will be an education period before enforcement occurs and it is on social media," City Manager Brad Hunt said. "Also, when officers stop folks in the first several weeks, they will give warnings instead of citations if there is any confusion about times."

A new week

"Last week, it was okay to go 30 mph after 7:30 a.m., and now it's not, and we are going to first tell you that before we start running tickets," he said.

For more information, contact Gatesville Municipal Court by email at court@gatesvilletx.com or 254-865-2227.



COURTESY PHOTO

On the above map, the blue lines depict the new 20 mile-per-hour zones, while the red lines indicate the new 30 mile-per-hour zones.

Emma Pollard earns her 1,000th career kill

BY JOHN ENGLISH
Contributing Writer

Emma Pollard achieved a major milestone earlier this season when she earned her 1,000th career kill for Gatesville's volleyball team.

But the junior middle blocker, who has emerged as a major offensive force for the Hornets, has also contributed a lot defensively.

Coach Janey Weber said that Pollard's game is becoming increasingly well-rounded and said she brings a lot to the table.

"Emma is a huge part of our offense and defense," Weber said. "She holds herself to a certain standard and works every day to better herself and the team. Emma challenges her teammates and herself on the court and finds a way to keep pushing every step to improve."

Weber said that - this year in particular - Pollard is coming into her own.

"Emma has been a big threat for us this season," Weber said. "From the front row to back row, she is helping our team be successful. Reaching 1,000 kills is a huge accomplishment. We are so proud of all the work she has put in to reach this milestone."

Pollard, 16, said getting 1,000 kills was "incredibly rewarding" for her.

"It was so great to see all the hard work I put in these past two seasons paying off by achieving this milestone,"

Pollard said. "I can't wait for my teammates to achieve these goals as well. It was such a neat experience."

The Hornets volleyball team finished fourth in district 23 last season and reached the bi-district round, and Pollard said while she was pleased to reach the post-season, she still thought her team was capable of more.

"I think last year was definitely a growth year of getting used to playing with a completely new team, and we all bonded very well and improved so much," Pollard said. "Overall, I was happy with our growth, but we knew we could have a much better record and a farther run in playoffs."

Pollard said the best part for her at the moment is that she is not facing much adversity on the court.

"I really haven't had many challenges this year," Pollard said. "Our team has flowed really well, and we work nicely together. I would say the biggest challenge off the court would be staying on top of schoolwork for my college class, but I have managed it well."

The Gatesville junior, who also plays basketball and runs track, said having a longer run in the playoffs in 2024 will require a couple of things.

"It will take each player buying into this program and leaving their best on the court every single game, no

matter what their role is," Pollard said. "Fighting for every single point is what will help us rise above other teams."

Pollard is also a member of the PALS leadership program and will join the National Honor Society this school year.

Her goals on the court for the Hornets are pretty straightforward.

"My objectives this season are to lead and be a good role model for my team, to have a winning record, to be district champs, and go far in playoffs," Pollard said.

Weber said her expectation for Pollard this season is to continue to expand her game.

"One of my goals for Emma is to be a threat on the court, no matter where she is located," Weber said. "Emma recently started playing all the way around and has done a good job not only swinging from the front row, but also getting in back row swings as well. She is taking charge on the court."

Pollard's Favorites

- Favorite Athlete: Kendal Murphy (Baylor Volleyball)
- Favorite Sports team: Baylor Volleyball
- Favorite Food: Queso
- Favorite Movie: 10 Things I Hate About You
- Favorite TV Show: The Chosen
- Favorite Musical Group or Performer: Frank Ocean



COURTESY PHOTO

Emma Pollard displays a banner celebrating her 1,000th career kill during her time on Gatesville Hornets' volleyball team.

Tigers Extinguish Flames, 62-12

BY TOM NORRELL
Contributing Writer

The Oglesby Tiger varsity football team hosted the Marble Falls Faith Academy Flames on Friday, Oct. 4. The Tigers were able to score quick and often,

overpowering the flames from start to finish to take the game, 62-12.

Kyler Fossett put on a one man show for the Tigers, scoring six touchdowns. Fossett carried the ball 10 times for 179 rushing yards and had one catch for a 45-yard score. He ended the night with 224 total yards, six touchdowns, and 36 points.

Jakson Tippit carried the ball three times for 30

yards.

Jack Hendricks had one 11-yard touchdown reception.

Alex Castillo went 6/7 on point-after-touchdown (PAT) kicks for 12 points.

Defensively for Tigers Jack Hendricks had nine tackles and one 35-yard fumble recovery for a touchdown.

Jakson Tippit had eight tackles.

Aiden Oxford had six

tackles.

Kayson Campbell had five tackles and a safety.

Holdyn Goff had four tackles.

Alex Castillo had three tackles. The Tigers began district play on Friday, Oct. 11, and hosted the Mullin Bulldogs at 7 p.m.



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Kyler Fossett runs the ball down the field for a touchdown.





COURTESY PHOTO

Seventh-grade girls cross country team



COURTESY PHOTO

The eighth-grade girls cross country team is pictured with their medals after capturing the title of district champions.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Pictured left: James Leyva (right) is pictured with eighth grade teammate.

Pictured right: Bryson Stevens (left) is pictured with seventh-grade teammates.



Gatesville JH cross country competes in district meet

Staff Reports

The Gatesville Junior High seventh and eighth grade boys' and girls' cross-country teams competed in a district meet hosted at home on Monday, Oct. 7.

The eighth-grade girls captured the title of district champions over the entire meet and won individual

placings as well.

Sophie Kelley won first place with a time of 13:27.9, Jayde Muegge won second place with a time of 14:00.5, Mia Eufrazio won third place with a time of 14:15.5, Hillary Lawrence won sixth place with a time of 14:52.0, and Aidan Doss won eighth place with a time of 15:14.3.

For the eighth-grade boys,

James Leyva won eighth place with a time of 13:38.2. For the seventh-grade girls, Lydia Crosby won third place with a time of 14:50.4 and Hailey Mehaffey won ninth place with a time of 16:40.0. Bryson Stevens won fifth place for the seventh-grade boys' team and obtained a time of 13:16.2.

SCHOOL ROYALTY



COURTESY PHOTO

Evant Independent School District hosted its Homecoming during halftime at this past Friday's football game against the Buckholts on Friday, Oct. 4. Pictured is 2024 Homecoming Queen Luwi Rodriguez (left) and King Tanner Manville.

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Gatesville Junior High Football

7A vs. McGregor	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Gatesville	16	8	16	8	48
McGregor	0	0	8	0	8

Leading Offensive Players: Mason Davidson, Lucas Elliot, Layne Cockrell, Zeke Baker, and Trey Knox

Leading Defensive Players: Izaak Casas, Kade Shelton, Mason Davidson, Landon Turner, Lucas Elliot
7A Record: 2-0

8A vs. McGregor	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Gatesville	0	0	0	6	6
McGregor	8	6	16	0	28

Leading Offensive Players: Preston Barron, TayShon Evans, Copen Hartley, Bennett Egging

Leading Defensive Players: Bennett Egging, Sebastian Hubik, Jackson Franks, Balin Whyte
8A Record: 1-1

8B vs. McGregor	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Gatesville	0	0	8	0	8
McGregor	0	0	0	0	0

Leading Offensive Players: Channing Hardcastle, Kian Dingianni, Jackson Gauden, Brayden Warren

Leading Defensive Players: Braxton Bell, Channing Hardcastle, Guy Webster
8B Record: 2-0

7B vs. Brownwood	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Gatesville	0	8	6	0	14
Brownwood	0	14	0	8	22

Leading Offensive Players: Jett Teague, Levin Lynch, Hunner Albin, Luke Foreman, Noah Millsap

Leading Defensive Players: Cash Evetts, Hunner Albin, Colt Brittan, Cooper Campbell
7B Record: 1-1

7A vs. Burnet	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Gatesville	6	0	0	0	6
Burnet	14	6	6	6	32

Leading Players: Mason Davidson and Lucan Mann
7A Record: 2-0

8A vs. Burnet	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Gatesville	7	7	7	0	21
Burnet	7	7	7	7	28

Leading Players: Jaxon Franks, Preston Barron, Bennett Egging, Copen Hartley
8A Record: 1-2

8B vs. Burnet	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Gatesville	8	6	8	0	22
Burnet	0	6	0	6	12

Leading Players: Guy Webster, Channing Hardcastle, Isaac Stafford
8B Record: 3-0

7B vs. Burnet	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Gatesville	0	8	0	0	8
Burnet	0	0	0	8	8

Leading Players: Hunner Albin, Colt Brittan, Cooper Campbell, Jett Teague
7B Record: 1-1-1

7B vs. Brownwood	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Gatesville	8	0	6	0	14
Brownwood	0	0	0	0	0

Leading Players: Hunner Albin, Zaiden Jackson, Noah Millsap, Luke Foreman
7B Record: 2-1-1

7A vs. Brownwood	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Gatesville	0	0	0	0	0
Brownwood	8	8	8	0	24

Leading Players: Kaeson Stretton and Lucas Mann
7A Record: 12-2

8B vs. Brownwood	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Gatesville	0	0	0	0	0
Brownwood	0	0	0	0	14

Leading Players: Jayden McDaniel, Chayson Melton
8B Record: 3-1

8A vs. Brownwood	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Gatesville	14	13	0	6	33
Brownwood	0	0	0	8	8

Leading Players: Theo Williams, Logan Juarez, Copen Hartley, Sebastian Hubik, Braxton Adcock
8A Record: 2-2



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Fall-sport updates

Cross Country: It was quite the day for Hornet runners at the District 23-4A meet held here earlier this week. The GHS boys captured the district championship, their first since 2020, and had three runners finish among the Top 10. The GHS girls, with a pair of Top 10 individual finishes, claimed 3rd place and is headed back to regional. One point, one place - it was the difference in the boys being champs or being runner-up, and it was also with the point difference that the girls edged out Robinson for the third team spot. Every...spot...matters! And along those lines, the 8th grade girls finished the season with a sweep of all five meet titles after winning the 23-4A trophy.

Football: Military Night is coming up next Friday at Tommy Davidson Field at McKamie Stadium. Not going to lie - it's always one of my favorite nights, because GHS celebrates the Red, White, and Blue in style. There will be U.S. flags spread around the stadium, a military fly-over prior to kickoff, former and current veterans will be recognized, and there will be a slew of soldiers on the turf supporting each school.

Team Tennis: For those that have asked - team tennis in the fall is based upon match play where all matches count toward the same goal of winning 10 overall (19 total played); spring tennis is individual competition where players advance to the postseason in singles and doubles play.

Volleyball: GISD Athletics has quite the social media presence for many of its sports, and none any more eye-catching than GHS Volleyball. A recent Facebook post demonstrating and encouraging student section and fan etiquette has now reached 989,000 plays, 7.5 thousand likes, and 350 shares. I'm no social media expert, but those are pretty snazzy numbers.

Notes and notes

...Nothing better than seeing kids, coaches, and teachers supporting each other during competitions. It was evident at Monday's District 23-4A cross country hosted by GHS. Several athletes from other sports were there to support their teammates and friends, cheer was there, and GISD staff members. Believe me when I say these things make a difference, and our student-athletes notice.

...GHS setter Taylor Sanderson recently notched her 1,000th assist as a varsity player. Good setters are worth every dime, and the junior has a knack for finding the "bread and butter." Hornet volleyball players, current and former, will know what that means.

Hall of Fame

The Class of 2024 that will be introduced at today's (Saturday) GHS Athletics' Hall of Fame Banquet has a little bit of everything.

Judy Kafer Hurst was a multi-sport Hometown (yes, old school name) standout. She was a four-year basketball varsity letterman and also qualified for the track state meet all four years. Judy will join older brother, Gary, in the HOF.

Jim Saunders was a three-sport standout for the Hornets. He was an all-district quarterback during the 1970 and 1971 seasons and would later receive a scholarship to play at Baylor University.

Ex-coach Guy Dean becomes the sixth coach to be inducted after a brilliant career that included duties in football, basketball, golf, and cross country. He was a head coach in the latter three and led teams to district titles in each of those sports. Dean's most memorable successes came from GHS boys golf teams, which were state champions in 2009, runners-up in 2010, and bronze medalists in 2008 and 2019.

The 1950-51 boys basketball team, coached by

Lloyd Mitchell, reached the state tournament. That year's team captured the program's ninth district title in 10 years. They are getting their due some 73 years later.

The 2009 softball team, led by coach Michelle (Bartch) Edwards, advanced to the state semis after posting a school-record 32 wins and knocking off higher-rated opponents in most rounds of the playoffs. That group found ways to win games, simple as that. Tom Leib and Terry Aslin made Neil Diamond's "Sweet Caroline" cool again that spring season.

Upcoming schedule

- Tuesday, Oct. 15**
Golf: Varsity Boys at Burnet tourney
Tennis: 7th-8th at Groesbeck
Volleyball: Varsity-JV-9th here vs. Connally
- Thursday, Oct. 17**
Football: JV Black and JV Gold at Lorena, JV White at Lake Belton
Football: 7th-8th A-B here vs. Lorena
- Friday, Oct. 18**
Football: Varsity here vs. Lorena
Volleyball: Varsity-JV-9th here vs. Lorena
- Saturday, Oct. 19**
Athletics: GHS Hall of Fame Banquet

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Jonesboro volleyball

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Oglesby JV White loses to Milford Bulldogs, 25-48

BY TOM NORRELL
Contributing Writer

The Oglesby Tiger Junior Varsity (JV) White team hosted the Milford Bulldogs on Tuesday, Oct. 1.

The Tigers played well and moved the ball; however, the Milford Bulldogs were too much in the end for the Tigers, winning 40-26.

Offensively for Tigers

Treyton Linder carried the ball 11 times for 90 yards with two rushing touchdowns, one pass reception for a touchdown, and one point-after-touchdown (PAT). Javon Howard had one four-yard touchdown

run, one 15-yard pass reception, one 44-yard kickoff return, and one point-after-touchdown (PAT).

Defensively for Tigers

- Javon Howard, 10 tackles
 - Gunner Riley, eight tackles
 - Treyton Linder, six tackles
 - Aviles four tackles
 - Rolando Gonzales, three tackles
 - Jacob Taylor, two tackles
 - Tucker Melton one tackle
- The JV White team hosted Gholson on Thursday, Oct. 10, at 7 p.m.

BY JOHN ENGLISH
Contributing Writer

Evant Picks Up First Win

The Evant football earned its first victory of the season on Friday night, defeating Buckholts by a score of 72-24.

Coach Brandon Young said he was proud of his team's effort against the Badgers and said it was good for the Elks to get a W under their belt.

"I thought our kids came out prepared and focused," Young said. "We won the turnover battle, which was huge for momentum swings. We've waited a long time for this win. It feels good to get it, but it's a continual learning process."

Evant's last victory came against Zephyr on Oct. 29, 2021.

The Elks will try to make it two in a row on Friday when they host Mount Calm, and Young said his team will have its hands full once again.

"Mount Calm will be a tough opponent," Young said. "We need to continue coming to practice with a mindset that we are a

tough opponent as well."

Gatesville Volleyball Team Defeats Robinson
The Gatesville volleyball team improved to 2-1 in district competition with a 3-2 victory over Robinson last Friday.

Coach Janey Weber said it was a strong effort from her team in the victory over the Rockets and said that she was especially pleased with the way her team persevered until the very end.

"I am very proud of the way we fought in our game at Robinson," Weber said. "Robinson is a very well-rounded team and made us go work. There were times in the game they were up by about six points. We kept our composure and worked one point at a time to keep us in the game. At the beginning of game five, you could see the look in the girls' eyes. They were ready to compete."

Emma Pollard finished the game with 25 kills for the Hornets, and Taylor Sanderson "set a great game."

Oglesby Rolls Against Faith

Academy

The Oglesby football team cruised on Friday night, defeating Faith Academy by a score of 62-12 to improve to 4-2 on the season and pick up its fourth straight victory.

Coach Jeb Dixon said his team was firing on all cylinders in the game against the Flames and said he had great contributions in a number of areas.

"We played a good game," Dixon said. "We started fast and executed well early. I thought the offensive line blocked well and got a hat on a hat. We start district at home this week."

Kyler Fossett rushed for 179 yards and five touchdowns in the game for the Tigers and had a receiving touchdown as well.

Jack Hendricks also finished the game with a receiving touchdown for Oglesby.

Hendricks also led the way defensively for the Tigers, finishing with nine tackles, including two tackles for loss and two fumble recoveries, returning one of those fumbles for a

touchdown.

Kayson Campbell finished the game with five tackles for loss as well for the Tigers.

Jonesboro Loses to Bynum

The Eagles volleyball team came up a little short against Bynum last week, losing by a score of 3-0.

The scores were 18-25, 21-25, 14-25, and coach Tori Smith said Bynum has a strong program.

"They were an all-around good team," Smith said. "They just moved around the court pretty well and spot served, which we really struggled with receiving."

Smith said there was one major bright spot for Jonesboro in the game against the Bulldogs.

"Our sophomore Allie Thorman hit pretty well and had some great blocks," Smith said.

Eagles Game Canceled Against MCCA

The Jonesboro football team had its game with McLennan County Challenge Academy who

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STPA journalism scholarship open now through April 4

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 newspaper journalism.

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

To apply, visit www.southtexaspress.com/scholarships.

Fall & Harvest Festivals, Haunted Houses, and Halloween Events



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BOOZAAR

City of Gatesville's Annual Boozaar

With Halloween upon us, that means that Gatesville's annual Boozaar is just around the corner as well. The 24th Annual Boozaar will be held on Saturday, Oct. 26, from 6 - 8 p.m. on the Coryell County Courthouse Square.

The Boozaar is the community's annual Halloween festival on the square. For more than 20 years, the event has provided Gatesville with a safe and free family-friendly Halloween experience.

There is no admission charge, and most treats and attractions are free. There will be vendors selling food and drinks if you choose to take advantage of some of the items that are available.

In the past, around 70 businesses and organizations have participated in handing out candy and providing games for local children.

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

Treat stops are businesses located on the square or the Boozaar route that encompasses several blocks around the downtown area. They hand out treats to kids as they make their way around the route.

Treat stations will also be provided, which are businesses and organizations who are not located downtown but set up booths around the square to provide free candy, games, and activities for families. There is no charge to set up a treat station.

Vendors can host a food booth, sell Halloween related items, or charge for a game or activity. To become a vendor, register at <https://www.teamside-line.com/.../Gat.../content/33897/BOOZAAR>.

In addition, there will be a costume contest with categories for all ages with more details to come soon. Sponsors for the event

are currently needed. If interested, contact Librarian Shea Harp at the Gatesville Public Library at 254-865-5367.

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

HARVEST & FALL FESTIVALS

First Methodist Church Harvest Festival

Celebrate the bounty of the season at the Annual Harvest Festival. This year's festivities have been expanded to a two-day event with a variety of activities for all ages, including delicious food, games, crafts, garage sale, silent auction, vendors, live music, and much more.

On Saturday, Oct. 19, start the day off with breakfast tacos or sample something tasty from one of the other food booths available. Do not forget to visit the Country Store featuring mouthwatering homemade baked and canned goods just in time for the Thanksgiving season. Included in the Country Store and a customer favorite is David and Linda Lovelace's homemade peanut brittle (it sells out fast, so come early).

You will definitely want to participate in this year's Silent Auction located inside the Family Life Center. Fill your Christmas list early with over 100 amazing items to bid on. Plus, find bargains galore at the huge two-day garage sale.

Kids young and old will enjoy the many games and activities planned for the day. The KidZone of the festival will feature a cookie walk, pumpkin decorating contest, a craft and story time, bounce house, train rides, and much more.

Finally, the pumpkin patch is back. Fall into the spirit of the season by visiting the colorful pumpkin patch located on the front lawn of the church with over 1,000 pumpkins to choose from in assorted sizes and shapes.

There is something for everyone. Admission is free,

so mark your calendar and bring friends and family for this fun-filled community event. All festival events will be held on the church grounds and Family Life Center at 2600 E. Main St., in Gatesville. Proceeds will benefit missions within the local community including Backpacks for Kids, Ministerial Alliance, Care Center, School Supplies for Kids, Adopt a Campus, Church Camp, and more.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Pumpkin patch:

- Sept. 28 - Oct. 31
- Sunday - Friday, 1 - 7 p.m.
- Saturday, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Garage Sale:

- Friday - Saturday, Oct. 18 and 19, 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Harvest Festival activities:

- Saturday, Oct. 19, 7 a.m. - 3 p.m. (Breakfast tacos, country store, KidZone, vendors, live music, silent auction, food trucks, and more.)

Silent auction:

- Oct. 19, 7 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- You do not have to be present to win.

Auction items include: gift baskets, jewelry, lodging packages, tools, woodwork, artwork by local artists, photography, legal services, chiropractic services, massage services, books by local authors, tickets to special events, fan gear, home décor, lawn and garden, truckload of sand, gift cards, Visa cards, pickleball equipment, automotive services, zipline adventures, guided fishing trip, and more.

Silent auction preview

- 14 K White Gold Diamond Cross ½ Pendant (30 CT TW Diamonds) donated by Hines Jewelers
- Half day guided fishing trip on Lake Whitney for to - clay stacks, pro guide
- Two Tickets to Lake Travis Zipline Adventures
- Milwaukee PACK-OUT Rolling Toolbox 250 pounds.
- Two-night stay at Coach's Quarters - Treehouse Lodging, Waco-\$545 Value
- Over 100 more items available

For more information about this year's festival, visit First Methodist Church

Gatesville Facebook page. A link to preview all Silent Auction items is pinned to the top of the church Facebook page for your convenience.

Evant ISD Harvest Festival

Evant Independent School District will host its annual harvest festival on Saturday, Nov. 2 and will begin at 5:30 p.m.

From 5:30 - 7:15 p.m., there will be games located in Evant High School's new gymnasium as well as barbecue plates served as the meal.

From 5:30 - 7 p.m., voting will begin for the harvest festival duke and duchess as well as the king and queen. The winners will be announced at 7:30 p.m. in the old gymnasium during a coronation.

There will also be a haunted house for the community, which will be from 8 - 10 p.m.

Evant ISD is located at 339 Memory Lane in Evant.

For further details, contact Evant ISD at 254-471-5536.

Hay Valley Baptist Church Fall Festival

Hay Valley Baptist Church will host its annual fall festival on Sunday, Oct. 20. The festival will begin at 5:30 p.m.

There will be various activities for the community to participate in such as a hayride, games, booths, face painting, train rides, and door prizes.

The event is free to the public.

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

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

Hidden Gem Harvest Festival

Gatesville's local non-profit organization, Hidden Gem Family Center has announced that it will host its annual Harvest Festival on Saturday, Oct. 26.

The festival will be held at the Gatesville Civic Center, located at 301 Veteran's Memorial Loop, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Admission will be free and there will be tickets

for activities available to purchase.

Activities will include a pet palooza/costume contest, adult bingo, a scavenger hunt, a bounce house, a nerf war, axe throwing, a talent show, concessions, baked goods contest, and various vendor booths.

The pet palooza/costume contest will begin at 10:30 a.m. and will include an entrance fee of \$10. The categories will be Best Dressed, Most Talented, and Cutest Breed. To sign up for the event, visit hiddengemfamilycenter.org to pay the fee and be sure that your email is added as well so a form can be sent to your inbox.

There will also be an adult bingo game for the community, which will begin at 10 a.m. There will be prizes for each winner.

Gatesville Has Talent will take place at 1 p.m. and is open to all ages. Contestants will be divided into age groups which will be Kids, 0-12 years old; Teens, 13 to 19 years old; Adults, 20 and up.

There will be a \$25 entry fee for each act, and all entries must be either individual or group acts. All entries should be family appropriate as well as the costume and clothing used in the act. Acts will be no longer than four minutes and each individual/group will receive a wireless microphone, which can be handheld or on a stand.

Awards will be presented in each age division, although, there will be one overall winner who will be invited to perform at the Boozaar that evening.

For more information, contact Jenny Featherston by cell phone at 254-216-3160.

HAUNTED HOUSES

Boys & Girls Club Haunted House

The Boys & Girls Club of Gatesville will host its annual haunted house event throughout the month of October to celebrate Halloween.

Haunted house dates:

- Oct. 18, 7 - 9 p.m.
- Oct. 19, 7 - 10 p.m.

- Oct. 25, 7 - 9 p.m.

- Oct. 26, 8 - 10 p.m.

It will cost \$5 per person to enter the haunted house, and it is recommended for those six to 16 years old, although everyone is welcome.

The Boys & Girls Club is located at 2533 E. Main Street.

American Legion Haunted House

The American Legion Post 42 has announced that it will host a haunted house for the community throughout the month of October, beginning on Friday, Oct. 4.

The haunted house will be featured each weekend leading up to Halloween and will be from Friday and Saturday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., with the last day being Oct. 27.

The facility will reopen on Halloween, Oct. 31 at 7 p.m. for an adult costume contest at the bar.

The event is free, but a five-dollar donation is appreciated. If a child is under the age of 12, they must be accompanied by an adult.

For further information, contact 254-216-1165.

The American Legion Post 42 is located at 214 Watts Lane.

PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

Halloween Pickleball Tournament

The Gatesville Pickleball Club has announced that it will host a Halloween pickleball tournament on Saturday, Oct. 12.

The tournament will take place at the Gatesville Civic Center and will be from 1:30 - 7 p.m. Halloween costumes will be judged at 3 p.m.

There will be three pickleball courts set up inside of the center for the event.

Upon entry to the event, all participants must sign a waiver.

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

Trick-or-Treat

Stay Safe, Hunt Smart:

Texas Game Wardens Provide Archery Season Tips

Press Release

Texas' 2024 archery-only hunting season for white-tailed deer, wild turkey, and mule deer began Sept. 28 and will run through Nov. 1. Before Texans start filling their freezers, Texas Game Wardens have some tips for hunters to keep in mind before they hit the woods, high plains, or fields.

Safety is Paramount
Hunters should always make safety a top priority for hunters, no matter the season.

While bows and crossbows are not firearms, they should still be treated like they are when an arrow is on the bow's string or a bolt is cocked on a crossbow. Always keep them pointed in a safe direction and remember while handling that arrow broadheads are very sharp.

"The number one injury we see with archery hunters is people falling out of tree stands," said Kurt Kelley, Wood County game warden. "I recommend anyone hunting off the ground wear a safety harness, use a safety line while climbing, and maintain three points of contact."

Licensing, Hunter Education, and Archery-Specific Requirements

In addition to having a valid hunting license, hunters must have an archery endorsement to hunt during the archery-only season. Hunters 17-years-old or older must have completed their hunter education certification, unless they have elected to participate in the one-time deferral or were born before Sept. 2, 1971. Hunters under 17 may hunt alone if they have completed their hunter education certification. If not, they and anyone using the deferral,

must be accompanied by a licensed adult who is hunter education certified or exempt.

Hunters must have proof of a valid hunting license and hunter education while hunting.

Species Identification and Antler Restrictions

If hunting in an area where mule deer and white-tail deer are present, species identification and knowledge of regulations for each is very important. Some Texas counties have antler restrictions while others don't (13-inch spread or wider for white-tail deer; 20-inch spread or wider for mule deer). Hunters may also harvest antlerless white-tail deer during the archery-only season but may not harvest antlerless mule deer.

"Mule deer in some areas of the Panhandle offer hunters a pretty high percentage of success due to lack of pressure," said Ryan Hunter, Potter and Randall County game warden. "With them being fairly common to see, I encourage hunters to do their research ahead of time. Know the bag limits, restrictions, and be able to distinguish between the two deer species open for hunting."

Public Land Hunting

There are multiple types of public land available for archery hunters. The managing authority for each property sets specific requirements, so be aware of those before going hunting.

To hunt on property owned or leased by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD), an Annual Public Hunting Permit is required in addition to standard licensing requirements.

Those hunting on TPWD property are required to wear at least 400 square inches of hunter orange material, including orange headwear and at least 144 square inches appearing on both chest and back during daylight hours. Even if hunter orange is not required to hunt other public property, it can be beneficial to wear as other seasons can run concurrent with archery season and additional hunters can be in the woods.

Hunters should also be aware of other regulations surrounding baiting, hunting blinds, alcohol consumption, and more.

Archery-Only Counties and County-Specific Ordinances

Hunters need to know which county they are hunting in and follow all state, local, and federal regulations.

Texas has four archery-only counties: Collin, Dallas, Grayson, and Rockwall. These counties allow crossbows to be used during the general white-tailed deer season, Nov. 2 -- Jan. 5, but hunters may only use a compound, recurve, or long-bow during the archery-only season.

Hunters should also keep in mind that county and city municipalities may set their own ordinances such as no archery hunting within city limits or on property smaller than 10 acres.

"Regulations are updated from time to time and can sometimes be complex, especially in counties with unique requirements," said Daron Blackerby, Grayson County game warden. "If there's anything you're unclear on after reviewing the regulations in the Texas Outdoor Annual, call the game warden for the county you will be hunting in.

We're here to help."

Preparation and Equipment Maintenance

It's a good idea to carry basic survival gear like a first-aid kit, tourniquet, GPS, compass, zip ties, rain gear, and enough water and food to get you through a day or two in case you get lost.

Know your equipment and practice with it regularly. Wardens recommend keeping bows in good working order and wearing proper safety equipment like arm guards.

"Don't buy a new bow at the beginning of September and then hunt with it opening morning," said Randy Stovall, Nacogdoches County game warden. "Practicing with it regularly will not only improve accuracy but can also help prevent accidents."

Ethical Hunting Practices

Ethical hunting should be the goal of every hunter. This includes knowing the target and the area around it, avoiding rushed shots or shots outside effective range, knowing equipment, and ensuring quick, humane kills. Waiting at least 30 minutes before tracking a deer is also recommended.

"While we know hunters always try to do their best, sometimes things happen, and a shot doesn't turn out as intended," said Zack Fisher, Childress and Hall County game warden. "In those cases, it's a good idea to have contact information for someone with a blood tracking dog. That way, if a deer runs far and you need help tracking it, you are prepared and will stand a greater chance of recovering the animal."

Weather and Terrain Challenges

Texas weather is often unpredictable, especially during archery season. Some parts of the state may still be hot, while others could experience unexpected cold snaps. Temperature swings can happen quickly, so don't be caught unaware and without proper gear.

Warmer temperatures can also be a concern post-harvest. Have a processing plan in place ahead of time to prevent meat spoilage.

Additionally, if participating in a spot-and-stalk style hunt, do your research ahead of time and familiarize yourself with the terrain and challenges that may arise.

Retrieving an Animal

It is not uncommon for deer shot with a bow to travel immediately after being shot, which can mean leaving the property you have permission to hunt.

Going onto someone else's property without permission is trespassing, even if it is to retrieve your deer. If the deer crosses multiple properties, permission is needed from each landowner before entering the property.

"It's a misconception that game wardens can go onto private property to retrieve a deer for you," said Ryan McGinley, Comal County game warden. "I suggest hunters mark the fence or property line where the deer crossed and then use one of the outdoor apps that provide property owner information or go knock on the door of a house if you see one to ask for permission. Getting to know neighboring landowners pre-season is also helpful."

Harvest Reporting, Check Stations and Carcass Disposal

In certain counties, white-

tail deer must be tagged and reported within 24 hours of harvest via the Texas Hunt & Fish app or online. For digital license holders, execution of a digital tag serves as completion of mandatory harvest reporting in applicable counties.

Hunters who harvest white-tail or mule deer within designated Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) areas must comply with mandatory testing requirements at a TPWD designated check station within 48 hours of harvest. Hunters that are within the voluntary testing areas are strongly encouraged to have their harvest tested, so biologists can monitor the potential presence or spread of CWD.

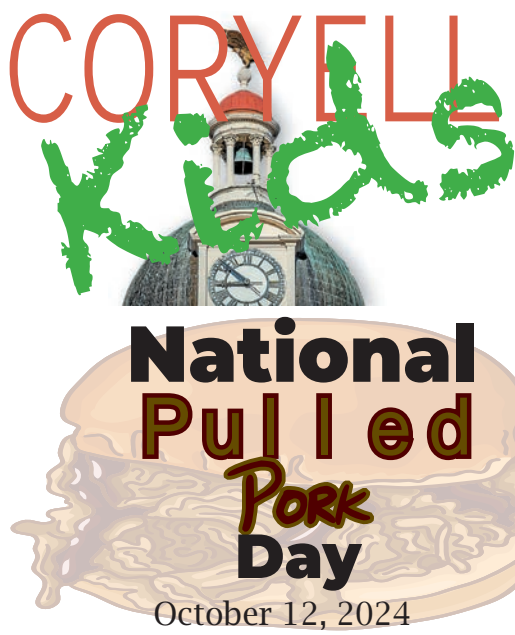
Statewide carcass disposal requirements must also be followed to help reduce the risk of unintentional transmission of CWD.

Get Outside!

All in all, archery hunting is a unique challenge that the whole family can participate in while spending time outdoors, something game wardens also enjoy.

"I hope hunters know that, as game wardens, we aren't out to get them and are here to help," said Kelley. "If you blatantly do something wrong on purpose, we will address that, but if you're trying to do the right thing, we want to help educate you and help you enjoy the outdoors just like we do."

Many of the tips above focus on regulations and the issues wardens commonly come across in the field. All hunting regulations for this year's hunting season can be found in the Texas Outdoor Annual mobile app or at OutdoorAnnual.com.



pulled pork

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Word Bank

- 1. sandwiches
- 2. bbq
- 3. sauce
- 4. pot
- 5. cooking
- 6. slow
- 7. crock
- 8. pulled
- 9. seasoning
- 10. pork
- 11. time
- 12. shoulder
- 13. tender
- 14. cooker
- 15. shredded
- 16. marinade

October 12th marks a celebration of smoky, succulent goodness - National Pulled Pork Day! It's a time to relish in the mouthwatering delight of tender, flavorful pulled pork, a beloved favorite among barbecue enthusiasts.

Whether piled high on a sandwich, tucked into tacos, or served alongside classic sides, pulled pork tantalizes taste buds with its rich, savory flavor and melt-in-your-mouth texture. From backyard barbecues to cozy family dinners, this versatile dish brings joy to every occasion.

Join the festivities on October 12th by savoring the irresistible taste of pulled pork and sharing the culinary delight with friends and loved ones. Let's celebrate National Pulled Pork Day with hearty servings and hearty smiles!

Recipe To Try

Dr. Pepper Crock Pot Pulled Pork Recipe

Equipment Needed:

- Crock Pot

Ingredients:

- 1 pork butt/pork shoulder roast 4-5 pounds
- salt, pepper, & garlic powder
- 1 onion sliced, optional
- 1 can Dr. Pepper
- ¾ cup barbecue sauce or to taste
- Rolls & coleslaw for serving

Instructions:

1. Place the onion in the bottom of the slow cooker. Rub the outside of the roast with salt, pepper and garlic powder.
2. Pour the Dr. Pepper over the pork and cook on high 4-5 hours or on low 7-8 hours.
3. The meat will be very tender. Using 2 forks, shred the pork and place back in the juices.
4. Add barbecue sauce to taste. Allow to cook an additional 30-60 minutes if desired.
5. Serve on crusty rolls with coleslaw.



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TSU pulls out OT road win to start 5-1

Tarleton State University

CEDAR CITY, Utah – The Tarleton State and Southern Utah football series is not for the faint of heart.

It was another chaotic installment of the latest chapter between the Texans and Thunderbirds, and yet again it was a one-point difference. This year, the Texans left the field victorious by a point, as they pulled out a 38-37 win in overtime at Eccles Coliseum in Cedar City Saturday night.

The Texans and Thunderbirds have played four times over the past four years, and the combined margin of victory is now nine points. The teams are split 2-2, with Tarleton winning by one point this year, Southern Utah winning by one point in 2023, Tarleton winning by two points in 2022, and Southern Utah winning by five points in 2021.

The Texans led 28-7 at halftime before Southern Utah stormed back in the second half. The Thunderbirds scored 24 unanswered points to lead 31-28 with three minutes to play in regulation. Tarleton State drove down and tied up the game on a field goal, then picked off Southern Utah on the Thunderbirds' first offensive play of their next drive. Tarleton missed its field goal late, sending the game into overtime.

Tarleton State got the ball first and Kayvon Britten cashed in his third touchdown of the game to put the Texans ahead 38-31. Southern Utah answered with

a touchdown of its own, but missed the extra point to send the Purple and White home with the win.

The No. 14 Texans (5-1, 2-0 UAC) remained perfect in conference play and have their best start to a season in their NCAA Division I era. Their 5-1 mark through six games is their best start to a year since beginning 2019 11-0. The Texans have won nine of their last 10 games, dating back to last season. The Thunderbirds (2-4, 1-1 UAC) dropped their first UAC game of the year.

Britten made history Saturday as he finished with 191 yards and three touchdowns on 37 carries, averaging 5.2 yards per carry. He crossed the 1,000-yard mark Saturday in only the sixth game of the year, now at 1,025 rush yards on the season. Only five players in FCS history have reached the 1,000-yard plateau quicker than Britten. He also became the third running back in program history to rush for 1,000 yards in two different seasons (Derrick Ross, Daniel McCants).

On his birthday, quarterback Victor Gabalis completed 18-of-32 for 285 yards, throwing one touchdown and rushing in another. Three receivers logged more than 80 yards; Keylan Johnson had 98 yards on two catches, Benjamin Omayebu had 87 yards on eight receptions, and Darius Cooper went for 81 yards on five catches.

Defensively, the Texans had two stars lead the way. AJ Owens had the huge late in-

terception in the fourth quarter to go with a forced fumble, a sack and six total tackles (five solo). Defensive back Donta Stuart had 18 tackles, the most by a Texan in a game since Ronnell Wilson had 22 against Mississippi College March 6, 2021.

Blake Smith also had an interception to go with seven tackles, and Charles Perkins joined Owens with a sack, adding three tackles. Caden Holt and Kasyus Kurns each added eight tackles, with Kurns logging a pass breakup.

The Texans had a fast start to the conference matchup, marching 75 yards on the opening drive, with Britten punching it in from a yard out to make it 7-0 Texans. Owens and Perkins provided back-to-back sacks on Southern Utah's opening drive to give Tarleton the ball back, and it was déjà vu for the Texans, who marched down 77 yards, finished by a Britten three-yard scamper. Tarleton led 14-0 after the opening frame.

The Thunderbirds opened the second quarter with their best drive of the game, reaching the red zone before Smith intercepted Bronson Barron in the end zone to stop the threat. The Texans took immediate advantage, putting together an 80-yard scoring drive, finishing with another rushing touchdown, this time Gabalis from five yards out. SUU responded with its first score, a 75-yard drive capped off by a Barron pass to Shane Carr from 27 yards away to make it a 21-7 game.

Tarleton State wasn't done

in the first half yet, stringing together its fourth 75-plus yard drive with another touchdown. This time it was a Gabalis pass to Dawson Hearne from three yards away to put the Texans ahead 28-7. SUU missed a field goal as the first half expired.

Southern Utah scored 10 points in the third quarter, first a 24-yard field goal with 9:47 left, then a Barron seven-yard touchdown pass to Chase Merrell to make it a 28-17 game.

In the fourth quarter, Southern Utah's Targhee Lambson rushed in a 10-yard score with 11:37 to play. The T-Birds didn't convert their two-point conversion, making it a 28-23 Texan lead. Tarleton missed a field goal on its next drive, leaving the door open for Southern Utah to take the lead. The Thunderbirds did, as Lambson rushed in a touchdown from eight yards away. SUU converted on its two-point conversion to make it 31-28 Southern Utah.

Tarleton didn't panic, and drove from its own 25-yard line to Southern Utah's 15-yard line. Adrian Guzman split the uprights on a 32-yard field goal to tie the game 31-31 with 1:02 remaining.

On Southern Utah's first play, Owens picked off Barron to give Tarleton the chance to win in regulation. The Texans got to the 7-yard line with a half-minute left but missed the potential game-winning 24-yard field goal. Southern Utah ran out the clock to send the game to overtime.

In OT, Gabalis nearly



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Barron finished 19-of-36 for 286 yards and three touchdowns, to go with two interceptions. Lambson rushed for 217 yards and two touchdowns on 38 carries, averaging 5.7 yards per rush. George Ramirez had the big defensive game for the T-Birds, finishing with 13 tackles, three tackles for loss and a forced fumble.

Tarleton State will play its Homecoming game against Utah Tech Saturday, Oct. 12, at 6 p.m. at Memorial Stadium. Before the game,

Tarleton State will host a Bart Crow concert in Texan Alley to further elevate the tailgate experience.

After the game, Tarleton State will host a spectacular drone show at Memorial Stadium. Fans are encouraged to stick around to witness the hundreds of drones flooding the sky to make custom Tarleton State animations, a first-of-its kind experience at the university.

Single-game tickets are on sale now for the Homecoming game and can be purchased at www.tarletonsports.com/ tickets or by calling the Tarleton Athletics Ticket Office at 254-968-1832. Texan Alley RV and tailgate passes are sold out.

Tarleton State University president delivers State of the University address

Tarleton State University

STEPHENVILLE — Celebrating excellence across the board, Tarleton State University President James Hurley delivered his annual State of the University address Thursday, Oct. 3.

"With the support of our state legislature, The Texas A&M System board of regents and Chancellor John Sharp, we are shattering records in enrollment, research expenditures, student success and financial support while preparing our Texans to achieve excellence," he said. "Our steadfast commitment to access, opportunity and affordability will continue to set us apart for the next 125 years."

For five straight years, Tarleton State has achieved record enrollment, with approximately 18,000 students attending in fall 2024. Impressively, the Class of 2028 has surpassed 3,000 students, an 11% increase from the previous high and a 45% jump since 2019.

Hispanic enrollment has climbed as well and now accounts for 24% of the student population, putting the university closer to becoming a Hispanic-serving institution. Tarleton Today, a program that allows students to earn university credit while completing graduation requirements at Texas high schools, has surpassed 3,100 students, a 64% increase.

Opportunity is also expanding in Fort Worth, where first- and second-year courses are now offered for the first time across 24 undergraduate programs. The new Interprofessional Educational Building will officially open later this month, aiming to increase access to quality healthcare and education.

The collective efforts of outstanding faculty and staff are being noticed.

Money magazine named Tarleton State one of the



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"Best Colleges in America" for 2024. Their analysis showcased the country's top colleges and universities based on graduation rates, cost of attendance, financial aid and alumni salaries.

"As we grow, student success remains at the forefront," said Hurley. "We will remain meticulous in finding innovative ways to ensure that our university remains a first-choice destination."

The biggest announcement came when the president articulated plans for a College of Osteopathic Medicine. A formal feasibility study and a search for the planning dean are already underway. Glaring disparities exist in healthcare access and quality in rural and medically underserved communities. Overall, Texas ranks 47th in patient-physician ratio, something which Tarleton State is equipped to address.

Continuing work to expand access to market-responsive programs, 10 new academic offerings have been approved or submitted over the past year, with 29

more already in the planning stages for the future. To meet workforce needs, 129 academic degree options are now available, including 35 that have been added since the start of 2019.

New undergraduate degree programs in zoo animal care and management, social work, neuroscience, communication studies and leadership and strategic studies debuted this fall plus master's degree programs in marketing along with construction science and management.

Providing a streamlined pathway to earn both bachelor's and master's degrees in five years, 28 new 4+1 programs were launched this fall across all colleges.

Multiple initiatives were also announced today during the State of the University.

To address affordability, Tarleton State will now cover first attempt fees for entry-level licensure and certification exams by reimbursing students upon successful completion.

The university's 125 Guarantee was unveiled,

with the program set to award bachelor's degree seeking students an amount of \$1,000 if the student completes all degree requirements in four years after high school graduation. The award rate of \$125 per long semester is symbolic of the university's 125 Years of Excellence celebration.

Additionally, starting spring 2025, full-time Tarleton State employees will be eligible for a master's degree tuition benefit where the university will reimburse tuition and fees for those who successfully earn their first master's degree at the institution.

"Our employees are a significant part of what makes our university special," said Hurley. "We appreciate the hard work they put in each day. This tuition benefit will transform many lives, and we look forward to seeing that positive impact for years to come."

A part of Tarleton State's strategic plan, silver-level Military Friendly® Campus designation was attained this

year, signifying the university's investment in initiatives that improve the lives of veterans. Military Friendly® is a standard that measures an organization's commitment, effort and success in creating an environment that encourages military-connected individuals to realize their academic goals.

In pursuit of becoming a Senior Military College, Tarleton State has also announced that the Leadership and Military College will be the university's eighth academic college. Through the programs offered, students will be prepared for future leadership roles in the public and private sector.

In research and development, investment has reached record levels for the fifth consecutive year. Over the last five years, the university has nearly doubled its research expenditures.

As part of ongoing construction efforts, numerous projects are rapidly progressing. The Event Center, Dick Smith Library expansion and the Health

Professions Building are all slated to open by the end of next year. By next spring, a Buffalo Wild Wings and the Texans Campus Store are scheduled to be showcased on the first floor of the new parking garage located at North Saint Felix and West Washington streets.

The president added that future planned capital projects include a new agriculture building, a third building in Fort Worth and a new residence hall.

"From academics and healthcare to the student experience and athletics, these construction projects will touch every part of our campus community," he said. "We are building something special to ensure the success of the next 125 years."

Continuing with the excellence theme, rodeo claimed the 38th and 39th national titles in program history earlier this year as the men won the team championship and Gus Gaillard brought home top individual accolades in saddle bronc riding. The women were reserve champions.

In athletics, the four-year NCAA Division I reclassification successfully concluded, making the Texans championship eligible across all sports.

Underscoring the unbreakable bond among Tarleton State students, faculty, alumni, donors and the greater university community, the "Always, Texan" comprehensive campaign was unveiled by Hurley, setting a goal of raising \$250 million by 2030.

"With our Texan Nation fully behind us, lofty goals are possible," he said. "Our vision for the future is clear, and we are blessed to have supporters who believe in the power of a life-changing education. With their backing, Tarleton State will be the premier comprehensive university in the nation."

ROUNDUP

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canceled last Friday, giving the Eagles a second bye week for all intents and purposes.

"They dropped us," coach Eddie Gallegos said. "We did not play."

The Eagles were 4-1 in the season and on a three-game winning streak

headed into the game against MCCA.

Jonesboro will play next at noon on Oct. 12, at Miami.

Elks Defeat Zephyr Last Week

The Evant volleyball team continued its winning ways last week, defeating Zephyr 3-0 last Tuesday before heading into its bye on Friday night.

The Elks had won eight out of nine games leading

up to the match with the Bulldogs and held a record of 22-6. Evant was ranked No. 7 in the state as of the Sept. 30 poll conducted by the Texas Girls Coaches Association among 1A volleyball programs.

Oglesby was ranked No. 17 in the state in the same poll, and Gatesville was ranked No. 25 among 4A programs.

Oglesby JV Red team falls to Aquilla

BY TOM NORRELL
Contributing Writer

The Oglesby Tiger JV Red football team hosted the Aquilla Cougars on Thursday, Oct. 3.

Both teams moved the ball well and were able to score throughout the evening in the end; however, the cougars were unable to stop Callen Webb as he zig-zagged up and down the field scoring five touchdowns on 19 carries for 189 rushing yards. He

also went 3/8 passing for 33 yards, bringing his total yards to 222 for the night.

Blayze Fisher had two receptions for 22 yards.

Camden Webb had two receptions for 22 yards and was 1/1 in passing for 10 yards.

Keegan Redford had one carry for six yards.

Jaxon Botkin had three point-after-touchdown's (PAT).

Defensively for Tigers

Jayce Aaron had five tackles and two fumble recoveries.

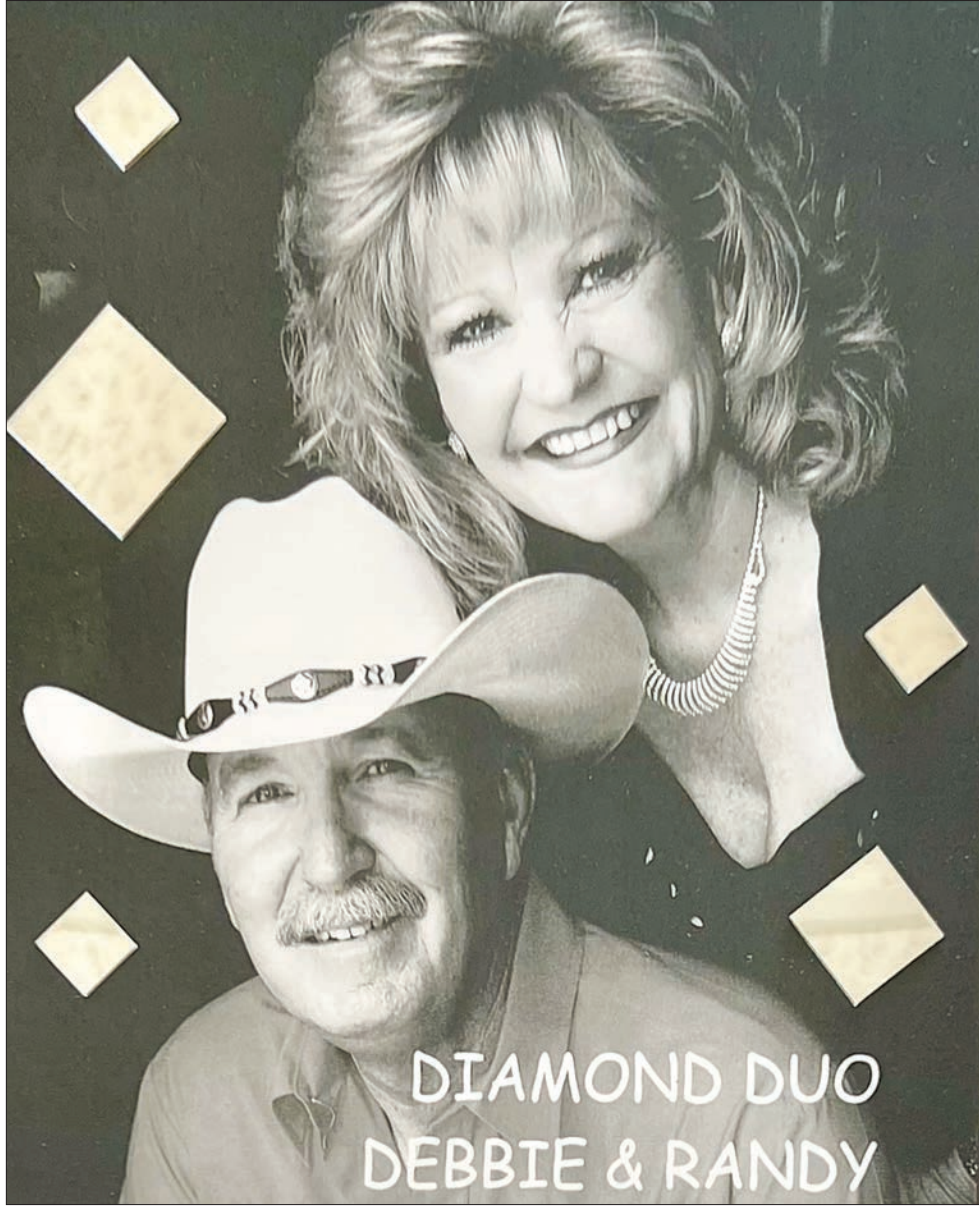
Camden Webb had four tackles.

Ranger Dalton had four tackles.

Callen Webb had two tackles and one interception.

Keegan Redford had one tackle.

The Tiger JV White team hosted Gholson on Thursday, Oct. 10, at 7 p.m.



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Randy Ingram and Debbie White of The Diamond Duo music group.

The Diamond Duo to Perform in Free Concert at Gatesville City Auditorium

Submitted item

Get ready for an unforgettable evening of music as The Diamond Duo, comprised of talented musicians Debbie White and Randy Ingram, takes the stage for a free concert sponsored by The Gatesville Country Music Hall of Fame. Join us on Friday, Oct. 18, at 7 p.m. at the Gatesville City Auditorium, located at 110 N 8th St.

Diamond Duo teamed up in 1993 to become a very successful and popular duo. It has been a blending of talents and entertainment that has been quite successful for them and has pleased their fans, followers, and audiences at each and every performance. Not only do they produce great harmony, but they also have a lively and energetic show. Dia-

mond Duo currently holds the title of "Duo of the Year" not only by Coast to Coast Magazine, but also by the Lone Star Music Association. They both hold independent awards such as "Vocalist of the Year," "Track show artist," and "Entertainer of the Year" dating back to 1996.

Randy Ingram used to be in a rock and roll band in his younger years but now has the passion for country music.

Born in McKinney, Randy now lives in Weatherford with his wife where he is now retired from Fire and Rescue.

Debbie White was nominated 5 times as a Grammy contender over the years and has now received her first Josie Award nomination in 2024, has gone on to make many independent appearances in Branson,

Mo, and sings often at the Music City Hayride in Nashville. Debbie has appeared at many venues in the DFW area for the last 20 years. Debbie has released two albums previously and has just written and released her first Gospel song called "Walkin' Tall with Jesus," which is currently being played on local radio stations and overseas. Debbie loves to sing Gospel music, but her passion is Country music.

Born in Hope, AR, Debbie now lives in Ft. Worth where she continues to pursue her music career... simply for the love of it. She held the position of President for the State Lone Star Music Association, a music organization that held weekly events at Billy Bob's Texas in the Ft. Worth Stockyards to promote local talent.

GHS Athletics to host 2024 Hall of Fame Banquet on Oct. 19

Staff Reports

The Gatesville High School Athletics Department will host its 2024 Athletics Hall of Fame Banquet on Saturday, Oct. 19, at Gatesville High School.

Doors to the banquet will open at noon. The program will begin at 1 p.m. and will be held in

the high school cafeteria.

Tickets will be available at the entrance and will cost \$10 each, and children five years old and under will be admitted for free.

The class of 2024 inductees will include athletes Judy Kafer Hurst and Jim Saunders, coach Guy Dean, the 1950-51 boys' basketball state semifinal-

ists, and the 2009 softball state semifinalists.

Other individuals who will be honored include Billy Anderson, Kurt Apel, Roy Cowart, Don Curry, Gordon Jones, Bernard Knapp, Gip Lovejoy, David Sellers, and Carroll Shirley.

Gatesville High School is located at 205 South Lovers Lane.

OJH falls to Aquilla, 25-48

BY JOHN ENGLISH
Contributing Writer

The Oglesby Junior High Tiger football team hosted the Aquilla Cougars on Thursday, Oct. 3.

The game rocked back-and-forth with both teams scoring often in the end, and turnovers took their toll on the Tigers, who fell to the Cougars, 48-25.

Offensively for Tigers
Liam Standridge had two touchdown runs of 60

yards and three yards.

Brody Martinez had a 45-yard kickoff return for a touchdown, one six-yard run for a touchdown, and one point-after-touchdown (PAT).

Caiden Brinkley passed 1/4 for 100 yards and had one touchdown.

Hunter Insall was 2/3 in passing for 22 yards.

Defensively for Tigers

- Caiden Brinkley, five

tackles

- Liam Standridge, two

tackles

- Brody Martinez, five

tackles

- Ranger Jeffcoat, three

tackles

- AJ Mafra, one tackle

- Hunter Insall, two

tackles

The Junior High Tigers

traveled to Mullin on

Thursday, Oct. 10, at 6

p.m.



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In addition to the monthly Pearl Bluegrass Event, visitors to Pearl could also attend the Fall Festival held at Pearl Country Church last weekend. The festival was a mixture of music and some good, home-cooked treats. Just down the road on the Evant square, a car show was being held which was sponsored by the Evant Municipal Development District. Prizes were awarded at the car show.



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