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Hornet band delivers superior performance **Early**



The Gatesville High School Fightin' Hornet Band earned the highest ratings in competition on Oct. 15 at Midway High School's Panther Stadium, and advanced to the next round which will be Oct. 29 at Liberty Hill.

Students help during crisis on school bus

BY JEFF OSBORNE SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

Quick reactions by Gatesville High School seniors aboard a school bus during a crisis helped calm younger students and assisted the bus driver.

During the Gatesville Independent School District Board of Trustees Student Spotlight on Oct. 17, Cameron Baker and Lucas Ayers were recognized for their role in helping to make a difficult situation easier for everyone involved.

Information given to board members noted that in late September, a GISD student experienced a medical emergency on a school bus during the afternoon bus route.

"Naturally, this caused some panic from the other students on the bus," said Superintendent Barrett Pollard. "It's also a frightening thing for the bus driver because you're the only adult on the bus.

Pollard said the actions taken by Ayers and Baker "greatly assisted the bus driver, Rena Gibson, in helping to keep younger students calm" while medical personnel helped the ailing student.

Pollard said he has visited with the students "and I can assure you that they are outstanding young men with a bright future.'



JEFF OSBORNE I THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

GISD Superintendent Barrett Pollard stands with Lucas Ayers, Cameron Baker and Principal Marie Barrows during the Student Spotlight presentation on Oct. 17.

County looks at road, bridge, water items

SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

Justin Latham, director of the Coryell County road and bridge department, recently gave an update about work done, a water board meeting he attended, and the availability of equipment that will help his crew do their work more

Latham, who often receives reports about local property developments and has been involved in addressing some water concerns along with Justin Mannix, also of the road and bridge department, has had discussions with the Middle Trinity Groundwater Conservation District (MTGCD) about helping to protect water resources in Coryell County.

The Coryell County Commissioners Court voted in September in favor of an agreement that will allow the MTGCD to have more input in addressing local groundwater availability concerns.

"I attended the Middle Trinity meeting (on Oct. 6) and they approved the local agreement (with Coryell County)," Latham said. "They funded Patrick (Wagner, the general manager of the MT-GCD) \$149,000 to do a 3-D model of the aquifer in five counties."

The MTGCD serves Bosque, Comanche, Coryell and Erath counties, but the 3-D model will also include nearby Hamilton County.

As for road and bridge related work, Latham noted that 300 work orders have been completed this year and about 108 miles of road resealing work has been completed.

"We used 2.75 million gallons of water, and we installed two new bridges," he said.

To aid the department, the commissioners court approved the purchase of a used CRC tandem super chipper (chip spreader), which County Judge Roger Miller noted was budgeted for in the 2023 fiscal year budget.

"Supply chain issues are still a problem," Latham said. If the county had to purchase a new machine, "we might or might not get it in time for next paving season. If we don't have one by April, it will put us in a bind. This one has been used by (the Texas Department of Transportation) for 40 hours, which reduces the price by about \$75,000."

Cost of the used chip spreader will be \$359,592.

"Bosque County actually owns this identical model machine," Latham said. "We went over and drove it. It's light years ahead of what we have now. We think the one we have now is from the '70s. One thing I am uncomfortable with it's computer-based, so if you have a wire go

The good news is that the machine will be available to Coryell County immediately.

"We can take delivery now," Latham said. "The oil truck we budgeted for may not be as simple (to acquire). "The only negative about

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voting slated

BY JEFF OSBORNE SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

Local voters will have a full slate of political candidates to choose from in the upcoming election, with federal, state and local elections all on the ballot.

While election day is officially Tuesday, Nov. 8, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., early voting begins Monday, Oct. 24. Those interested in voting early can do so at the Coryell County Annex building at 801 E. Leon St. in Gatesville (across from the U.S. Post Office).

Early voting hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday, Oct. 24-28; 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29; 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 30; 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday to Friday, Oct. 31 to Nov. 4.

On Tuesday, Nov. 8, voting will be from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at these locations: the Gatesville Civic Center, 303 Veterans Memorial Loop in Gatesville; Evant City Hall, 598 E. Highway 84; Flat Community Center, 159 County Road 334; Oglesby Community Center, 118 Main St.; and Turnersville Community Center, 8115 FM 182.

The following items are on the city of Gatesville ballot: Mayor Gary Chumley (unopposed); Council Ward 1, Place 2, Barbara Burrow (incumbent) vs. Aaron Smith (challenger); Council Ward 2, Place 4, Billy Sinyard (unopposed); and Council Ward 2, Place 6, John Westbrook

Also on the Gatesville city ballot is the abolition of the additional sales and use tax within the city at a rate of 1.5%, which will not change the sales tax rate.

For Gatesville Independent School District, there are three candidates for two positions of the Board of Trustees: Cheyenne Kizer (incumbent); Ginger Kinsey (challenger);

and Mary Anne Leib (incumbent). Oglesby ISD has six candidates for four spots on the Board of Trustees: Joseph Meyers; Kevin Gray; Mike Walter; Dustin LeBlanc; Dustin Roedler; and Dalton Campbell.

The city of Oglesby has three candidates on the ballot: Cathy Newman; David Mosley; and Mike Homan.

Other races include

* U.S. Rep. District 31: Republican John Carter

* Governor: Republican Greg Abbott; Democrat Beto O'Rourke; Libertarian Mark Tippetts; Green Party Delilah Barrios

* Lt. Governor: Republican Dan Patrick; Democrat Mike Collier; Libertarian Shanna Stelle

* Attorney General: Republican Ken Paxton; Democrat Rochelle Mercedes Garza; Libertarian Mark Ash

* Comptroller of Public Accounts: Republican Glenn Hegar; Democrat Janet T. Dudding; Libertarian V. Alonzo Echevarria-Garza

* Commissioner of the General Land Office: Republican Dawn Buckingham; Democrat Jay Kleberg; Green Party Alfred Molison Jr

* Commissioner of Agriculture: Republican Sid Miller; Democrat Su-

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Concerns voiced about Oglesby area development

BY JEFF OSBORNE SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

Two Oglesby area residents recently voiced their continued concerns about proposed development that would add nearly 600 houses to what is now rural property in eastern Coryell County.

Debbie Vanous said she worried about the potential impact the housing development will have in the area and asked the Coryell County Commissioners Court to find ways to mitigate that impact.

"I'm asking for commissioners to put some rules in place to protect current property owners and residents in the area," Vanous

said. "Off County Road 267 we own about three-quarters of a mile and we will be impacted substantially.

"We already have multiple incidents of people running onto our property and destroying fences (because of road conditions). It's a blessing no one has been hurt but I feel it's only a matter of time because it's twisty, it's winding, and people go way too fast. With no improvements to those roads (it will be hazardous), I feel the developers should be responsible for improving those roads."

Water runoff from the subdivision which could impact her property is another concern, Vanous said.

"I'm at the lower end of the development,

so I am concerned (about damage that water from the nearby subdivision) could do to our property," she said. "I am asking that we change, amend or add what regulations we can as soon as possible to protect current residents and infrastructure.

Blayr Barnard said she was attending commissioners court to voice a neighbor's concerns about the possibility of the subdivision aggravating water shortage problems.

"I have a neighbor whose well did not go dry in 2011 (during extreme drought conditions), but their well did go dry this year (because of reduced water availability)," Barnard said. "They are selling off all their livestock.

"We are talking about an additional 592

more wells (contributing to water concerns)."

Another concern is regarding the location of property that would be needed to enhance roads in that part of the county.

"A community member asked me to request any future road space needed be taken out of the subdivisions property," Barnard said. "Community members are worried you'll be taking land out of their side rather than the subdivision's side.'

Because Vanous and Barnard were talking about items not listed on the agenda, the commissioners court took no action on and had no discussion regarding the concerns at their Oct. 11 meeting.

GHS Teacher Honored



Members of the Gatesville High School football team recently recognized history teacher Bonnie Latham as an outstanding teacher. She wore a team jersey, led a pep rally, and stood on the sidelines for the team.

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Republican Sid Miller; Democrat Susan Hays

* Railroad Commissioner: Republican Wayne Christian; Democrat Luke Warford; Libertarian Jaime Andrews Diez; Green Party Hunter Wayne Crow

* Supreme Court Justice, Place 3: Republican Debra Lehrmann; Democrat Erin A.

Nowell; Libertarian Thomas Edward Oxford

* Supreme Court Justice place 5: Republican Rebecca Huddle; Democrat Amanda Reichek

* Supreme Court Justice Place 9: Republican Evan Young; Democrat Julia Maldonado

* Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 5: Republican Scott Walker; Democrat Dana Huffman

* Judge, Court of Criminal

Appeals, Place 6: Republican Jesse F. McClure III; Democrat Robert Johnson

* State Board of Education Member, District 14: Republican Evelyn Brooks; Democrat Tracy Fisher

* State Senator, District 34: Republican Pete Flores; Democrat Kathy Jones-Hospod (Note: There are several

other unopposed positions for county office that are also listed on the ballot).



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purchasing it used is the warranty is reduced. But

(compared to) taking the sticker price off the lot, it's worth it." In other action, the commissioners court approved a

contract for a bridge bid with Yoder Bridge. "We had one vendor bid

(on a local project) and it was

Yoder Bridge," said County Judge Roger Miller, "It was a little bit of an increase from the prices we currently have."

"It looks like inflation hit it - from \$48,000 to \$60,000," Latham said. "It's a 25 to 30% increase. This is not shocking to me to be honest, with the current cost aggregates in metal. We didn't budget enough and we'll have to adjust and spend less else-

Yoder Bridge is a father and son company based in Paris, Texas and features a three-person crew, Latham

"It's their specialty," said Commissioner Kyle Matthews.

Latham said the county is "in the habit of replacing two low-water crossings or other structures a year with (Yoder)."

First wall of 100th barrack now standing at Ft. Hood

A wall of Barrack 100 is standing at Fort Hood, a milestone in its construction.

"I am very happy to be building Barrack number 100, and seeing the vertical construction underway is very exciting for sure, as the facility is starting to take shape," said Brian Dosa, director of Fort Hood Directorate of Public Works. "You can see the walls of the first floor rooms coming together."

The barracks will be home to 69th Air Defense Artillery Brigade Soldiers. Command Sergeant Major Porter Seagram, 69th ADA, said barrack 100 will provide soldiers a better quality of life.

"These new barracks will drastically improve the quality of life for our soldiers. Not only are they moving into a fresh space, but they will also be significantly closer to the Lightning Ranch (69th ADA Headquarters).

"This is noteworthy because some of our Soldiers have a 20-to-25-minute commute from their barracks to work," Seagram said. "This also helps with carpooling as it will be easier for them to get a ride. Approximately 15% of our barracks soldiers do not own a vehicle so having them close to their workplace is a welcome improvement.

"This will also assist our leaders that do leader checks and inspections. These checks will become more efficient and will take less time out of the day of both the soldier and the leader."

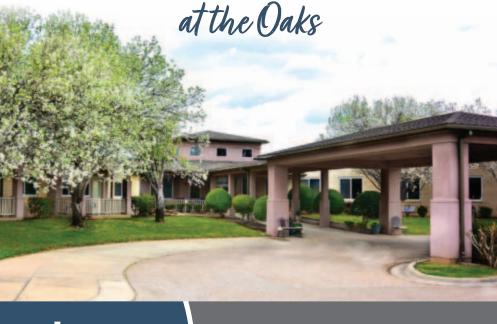
Barrack 100 will have rooms that house two soldiers, but they will each have their own area allowing for some privacy - a concern that has been brought up by Soldiers in

"We are building rooms that will provide each soldier with a private room and walk-in closet. Soldiers appreciate the privacy and ability to store and secure their things," Dosa said. "Barrack number 100 will be built to the 1 + 1 standard - similar to some, but better than many of our barracks on Fort Hood."

Construction is underway at the site of Barrack 100 at Fort Hood. "It's good to see them building a new barrack," said Spc. Robert Webster, BOSS vice president. "... it's kind of a morale boost. Fort Hood's already a big base, but who says it can't get bigger and bet-

This barrack will be the first to be built from the ground up in more than two de-

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Turnersville BBQ and Buffalo Stampede to be held Nov. 6

and Buffalo Stampede will be held on Sunday, Nov. 6. This event will take place at the Turnersville Community Center. Children's activities will begin at 10 a.m., including arts and craft vendors. A barbeque lunch will commence at 11:30 a.m. Children eight and under will be \$8 and adults will cost \$15.

The Turnersville Barbeque At 1:30 p.m., there will be a Jell-O eating contest for age groups seven and under and eight through twelve.

> There will be an information booth to sign up for door prizes. Prizes include boy's and girl's bikes and two \$50 Visa gift cards. One male and a female adult will receive a gift card. Other activities will include a bake

sale, a buffalo drawing contest, a coloring contest, a general store, a petting zoo, a car show, a buffalo train, and live and silent auctions.

The Turnersville Community Center is located at 8115 FM 182 in Turnersville. For more information on this event please visit www. tvillecc.com.

Retired teachers to meet Oct. 27

The next meeting for CRSP (Coryell Retired School Personnel) will be on Thursday, October 27, 2022, at Ranchers' Steakhouse. Social time will begin at 9:30 a.m., and the meeting will start at 10

Members can use the social time not only to visit, but also to take care of paying dues (\$35 state + \$10 local) to treasurer, Anne Byrom, and picking up new yearbooks for 2022-2023. Members are asked to bring a count of their volunteer hours since the last meeting and give them to Debbie Grmela.

The program will be presented by the Gatesville Fire Department. Representatives from AMBA will be available to discuss insurance needs. They will meet with members who have questions at 12:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. that day.

Upcoming events include setting up a booth on October 29th during Boozaar Time to hand out candy and free books to children. Their aim this year is to share over 1,700 books with children.

On December 3, 2022, they will have an opportunity to see "A Christmas Carol" presented at the Pla-

za Theater in Cleburne. The Matinee Performance is at 3 p.m. with costs of \$26 for adults and \$15 for children. Contact Gayla Linton for those wishing to attend this performance.

Their September meeting was deemed a success. They had 51 members in attendance, including four new members: DeDe Edwards Grubb, Garlene Erwin, Marlene White, and Mike Barron. Other retirees who have not joined CRSP are encouraged to join the group and bring other retired teachers along to the meetings.

Grands in Bloom lunch Nov. 12

Almond Blossom Ministries will host a luncheon on Saturday, Nov. 12. The luncheon will start at 9 a.m. and end at 1 p.m. The luncheon will take place at the Pennoli Bed & Breakfast. This will be a time for women raising their grandchildren to enjoy a moment of relaxation.

There will be lunch, conversation, and encouragement from God's word.

Registration is open now; tickets will be \$20 each. This will include lunch and a book. Ticket sales will end on Monday, Nov. 7.

If you are interested and need financial assistance,

contact almondblossom. ministries@gmail.com and a scholarship can be made for the event. Pennoli Bed & Breakfast is located at 1009 E. Main St. in Gatesville. For more information, please visit www.almondblossomministries.com.

Fishing tournament for Wade Key

A benefit fishing tournament will be held for Gatesville native, Wade Key, as he fights a battle against cancer. The benefit will be held at the Stillhouse Marina on Sunday, Nov. 13. The entry fee is two hundred dollars per team.

Sign-in will be at 5 a.m.

When checked in, participants should proceed to launch at any ramp. Lines will go in at 5:45 a.m. and come out at 2 p.m. Participants need to be in line with their catch by 2:45 p.m.

There will be a dead fish penalty of .25 pounds. Cash prizes for the first, second,

and third place include: first place: \$1,000, second place \$500, and third place \$300.

The Stillhouse Marina is located at 4596 Simmons Road in Belton. For more information on this event, contact Jason Derrick at 254-495-8126 or Ryan Warren at 254-216-3372.

Benefit set for Teri Kizer Nov. 5

A "Lend Some Love" benefit for Teri Kizer who is battling cancer will take place on Saturday, Nov. 5. The benefit will begin with a silent auction from 11 a.m.

until 3 p.m. Following the silent auction, there will be a live auction commencing at 5 p.m. There will be a bake sale at the benefit as well. At 7 p.m. there will be

an appearance from an Elvis Presley impersonator, John Cobb.

The benefit will be held at the Junction on Route 36, located at 1216 TX-36 N.

4-H Invitational CDM Contest Nov. 19

The Central Texas 4-H Invitational Consumer Decision Making Contest will be held on Saturday, Nov. 19, at The Boys and Girls Club of Gatesville. The deadline for registration will be Mon., Nov. 7. The cost will be \$40 a team and \$10 per individual. Late registration will be

available until the morning of to provide one set of oral the contest for sixty dollars a team and twenty dollars per individual. Scantrons will be provided.

The age divisions will include junior (3-5 grade), intermediate (6-8 grade), and senior (9-12 grade.) The inter-

mediate age division will need **GENERAC FREE**





reasons, while the senior age division will need two. The junior age division will not need oral reasons. Awards in each division include the top ten individuals and the top five teams. Scholarships will be awarded to high-point se-

nior individuals.

Registration is now available at https://counties. agrilife.org/mc4-H-projects/ consumer-decision-making/. For more information, call 254-865-2414.

FROM MY FRONT PORCH

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A column dedicated to Mrs. Early's Gatesville High English classes



SAM HOUSTON

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

Se'Vette Early is an English teacher at Gatesville High and frequently uses the Gatesville Messenger as a teaching tool for her students. I was very pleased to receive an email from Mrs. Early this week, which explained she had utilized a recent column titled "Why People Collect and What Do You Collect." The column encouraged readers to send me a note detailing what items they collected. I was thrilled some of Mrs. Early's students took the time to send me a note about their collections and why they collected. I found the correspondence to be very enlightening.

Lucy Pritchard wrote she

two lanyards of 20 or more. She enjoys wearing the lanyards because she hopes as others see the pins, it creates a conversation between her and an unknown stranger, thus allowing them to interact over something which is both meaningful and personal, to both of them.

Callie Smith likes to collect old items like antique doorknobs or coins. She finds it fascinating to carry an old coin in her pocket and imagining the same coin in someone else's pocket over 100 years ago. She also indicated her collectable items were special because many of her old trinkets were discovered spending time with her dad.

Vania Martinez-Jaramillo keeps the memories alive of every race she has ever run by saving the "bibs" she wore during the race. She has all the "bibs" she has worn since the seventh grade and hopes to continue saving them throughout high school and her college running days.

Katie Hobson collects journals she has written. She got her first diary in the first grade and has been keeping a journal since that time. She believes by writing down her experiences, it releases stress and is a way for her future generations to know and understand her, as she grew up.

Carolmarie Szustak has

collected Disney pins and has gone to secondhand stores with her mom looking for cool trinkets. She likes to gather things which were made during the prior century, including old light bulbs and books.

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I am so pleased to learn about these students and their collections. I find it interesting how collecting items connects each one of these young people with some part of themselves. Thanks so much for sharing.

Mrs. Early is an outstanding teacher and very engaged with her students. I appreciate the time and dedication she has with our young people and how she urges them to be the best version of themselves.

It is my hope that along the way all our students work to "collect" a code of personal ethics which forms the base of a strong character: A dedication to hard work and sacrifice in order to accomplish their goals and to be loving and caring to the others around them, and to serve their community and country in such a manner as to make us all very proud. These "collectables" will truly serve them well.

Thought for the day: Collect things you love, that are authentic to you, and your collection becomes your story.

Until next time...

The DISPATCH

The following is a partial breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of October 16 - 18. Persons are reminded that only emergency calls should be made to 9-1-1, while all other calls to the police department should be made to 865-2226 or to the Sheriff's

CITY OF GATESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Oct. 16

was reported in the 1600 block of E. Leon Street.

2:04 p.m., a theft was reported in the 1200 block of E. Main Street.

driver was reported in the 1400 block of W. Main Street.

8:47 p.m., an accident was reported in the 2700 block of

was reported in the 100 block of N. 29th Street.

Oct. 17

12:36 a.m., an accident was reported in the 2800 block of

3:27 p.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 5400 block of FM 215.

cident was reported in the

cern was reported in the 2400 block of Business Hwy. 36. 6:01 p.m., a theft was reported in the 100 block of

9:59 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 2200 block of E. Main Street.

office at 865-7201.

9:55 a.m., a welfare concern

3:51 p.m., an intoxicated

Business Hwy. 36.

10:29 p.m., a disturbance

S. State Hwy. 36.

4:14 p.m., a hit and run ac-

1200 block of E. Main Street. 4:18 p.m., a welfare con-

Park Street.

Oct. 18



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October 29th from 5-7 p.m. Church parking lot (Next to Walmart on South Hwy. 36)

1:04 a.m., a threat was reported in the 2300 block of Business Hwy. 36.

3:33 a.m., an accident was reported in the 100 block of State School Road.

9:14 a.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 800 block of Old Georgetown Rd. 9:52 a.m., a theft was re-

ported in the 100 block of Lakewood Drive. 6:08 p.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 2700

block of Jackson Drive. 11:13 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 500 block of E. Leon Street.

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3:48 a.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 200 block of Liberty Street.

6:52 a.m., suspicious persons were reported on S. Hwy. 36 between Flat and Mound.

12:16 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 1000 block of Lutheran Church Road.

6:51 p.m., a possible fire was reported on S. FM 116 and Willow Loop. 8:51 p.m., a minor accident

was reported in the 1200 block of FM 107. 10:47 p.m., a major ac-

cident was reported in the 2100 block of N. FM 116. Oct. 17 4:42 a.m., suspicious activ-

ity was reported in the 200 block of Liberty Street. 11:47 a.m., a theft was re-

ported in the 200 block of CR 2:10 p.m., a major accident

was reported in the 2000 block of CR 162. 3:45 p.m., a neighbor dis-

pute was reported in the 100 block of Greenbriar Road. 10:01 p.m., a livestock com-

plaint was reported on CR 266 and CR 267. Oct. 18

9:09 a.m., a welfare concern was reported on FM 116 at Tablerock Creek.

9:13 a.m., illegal burning was reported in the 800 block of Old Georgetown Road.

4:40 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on CR 6:06 p.m., a blocked road

was reported on Boone Ave. 6:52 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 6100

block of W. Hwy. 84. 7:14 p.m., a missing child was reported in the 800 block of Thomas Street.



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Storybook Pumpkin Contest ends Oct. 26

The Gatesville Public Library is hosting their fourth annual Storybook Pumpkin Contest.

Age categories for judging will be pre-K through first grade, second and third grade, fourth through sixth grade, seventh grade through adult. There will be prizes for first, second and third place in each category.

The rules are:

- · One entry per person. \cdot No entry shall exceed 24
- inches tall or three pounds. · All entries must be based off a book character.

· Art supplies that are permitted: paint, yarn, clay, wigs, glitter, etc.

· Absolutely NO carved pumpkins.

·On an index card have the following: name, age, phone number, and the title of the book that is being used.

Entries may be submitted by Oct. 26 at the Gatesville Public Library. The winners will be on display during Boo-

Gatesville Public Library is located at 111 N. 8th Street. For more information, call 254-865-5367.



Gatesville Church of Christ to host Trunk or Treat Oct. 30

The Gatesville Church of Christ will host a Trunk or Treat event on Sunday, October 30, from 4 – 6 p.m. in the church parking lot weather permitting.

There will be candy, free hot dogs, and lots of fun and

game activities. Those attending are encouraged to wear their costumes.

Gatesville Church of Christ is located at 2417 E. Main Street and they can be reached by calling 254-865-2438.

Gateway Baptist Church Trunk or Treat Oct. 29

Gateway Baptist Church will have their Trunk or Treat event in the church parking lot on October 29 from 5-7 p.m. The public is welcome to

Gateway Baptist Church is located at 2819 S. Hwy. 36 next to Walmart. The church can be reached by calling 254-865-6924.

drop by for a few treats.

Hillside Medical Lodge

around the parking lot filled Hillside Medical Lodge will with candy for everyone.

Hillside Medical Lodge is located at 300 South Highway 36 Bypass in Gatesville. For more information, call 254-865-7575.

Trunk or Treat Oct. 27

host their annual Trunk-or-Treat on Thursday, Oct. 27. The Trunk-or-Treat will begin at 6 p.m. and will continue until all the candy is gone. There will be trunks set up

Presbyterian Church Trunk or Treat Oct. 29

The Presbyterian Church of and dunk their favorite pas-Gatesville will host a Trunk or Treat on Saturday, Oct. 29, from 6-8 p.m. There will be food, a bounce house for the kids, and a dunk tank. Local ministers will be participating in the dunking booth the public is invited to come

tor. All proceeds will go to the Ministerial Alliance. Everything will be paid for on a donation basis.

The Presbyterian Church is located at 1110 E. Main Street in Gatesville.

Chamber hosts Fall Family Fun Night tonight

The Gatesville Chamber of Commerce will host a Fall Family Fun Night tonight, Oct. 22 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the parking lot of the Cotton Belt Railroad Depot, located at 2307 S. Highway 36. Families will have an opportunity to take free pumpkin patch pictures and the chamber will sell hot choco-

late and cider.

A variety of local food trucks and a coffee truck will also be on hand to offer goodies.

Vintage Royalty Boutique has partnered with the

chamber for this event and will also be open for some holiday shopping.

For more information, contact Tiffany Hoops-Turner at 254-865-2617.

Gatesville Primary Fall Family Night Oct. 25

Gatesville Primary School will host a Fall Family Night on Tuesday, Oct. 25, from 5:30 p.m. through 7 p.m. Fall Family Night will be held

on the playground of the school. This will be an evening of family fun, costumes, and candy. Dressing up is encouraged but not required.

There will be games, crafts, a book fair, a concession stand, Kona Ice, The Coffee Saloon Truck, Halloween movies, and much more.

The Gatesville Primary School is located at 308 Hornet Way in Gatesville. For more information you may call 254-865-7264.

Tiny Tot costume contest at RehabLiving

Coryell Health RehabLiving will host their annual Tiny Tot costume contest on Monday, Oct. 31. The

contest will begin at 3 p.m. Children up to three years of age can participate. There will be three prizes given out

this year, with the top prize being \$100.

Coryell Health RehabLiving can be located at 110 Chicktown Road in Gatesville, For more information, call 254-404-2500.

Halloween Candy Maze, food drive Oct. 29

The Halloween Candy Maze and Local Food Drive will be on Oct. 29, from 5 p.m. until 10 p.m. at 1518 Golf Course Road. It will be sponsored by the VFW post 8577, Barnard Beef Cattle

Company, and Liberators L.E.M.C.

Admission cost will be any canned or non-perishable food items, which will be donated to the Gatesville Care Center and to the Hidden Gem Family Care Center. The newest attraction this year will be the one-dollar train ride.

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

City of Gatesville's Boozaar set for Oct. 29 on the square

Gatesville's annual Boozaar Halloween Celebration around the square in Gatesville will be held on Saturday, Oct. 29, from 6-8 p.m.

This free, family event is the most well-attended event of the year and provides fun for the citizens of all ages from Gatesville and the surrounding areas. Those attending can participate in the costume contest and make their way around the square trick-or-treating at local businesses and play games set up by local businesses and organizations. There is no admission charge, and most treats

and attractions are free.

There are always vendors selling food and drinks if you choose to take advantage of some of the authentic and delicious items that are avail-

Interested businesses and organizations are invited to participate as one of the following:

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.

up booths around the square to provide free candy, games, and activities for families. There is no charge to set up a Treat Station.

booth, sell Halloween related items or charge for a game or activity. Vendor booths are \$55 each for commercial businesses and \$25 for nonprofit. Any items sold must be Halloween related.

The costume contest will

Treat stations are businesses and organizations who are not located downtown but set

Vendors can host a food

include categories for all

Gatesville Adaptive Sports field day is set for Nov. 5

Gatesville Adaptive Sports invites everyone to learn how to play their favorite sport. On Saturday, Nov. 5, starting at 12 p.m., Gatesville Adaptive Sports will be hosting a field day coming together

with the surrounding communities for those wanting to learn how to play soccer, baseball/softball, and practice cheerleading for our league in January 2023.

Facebook page. The event will be held at

Faunt Le Roy Park located on S. 7th St. in Gatesville. For more information, contact Kara Dotson at 254-206-0064 or visit the Gatesville Adaptive Sports

Levita VFD hosts Barbeque meal and raffle Nov. 4

The Levita Volunteer Fire Department will host a barbecue meal and raffle starting on Friday, Nov. 4, and continuing the following day on Saturday, Nov. 5, from 7 a.m. until they run out. There will also be a gun raffle which will be \$20 per ticket for a "T6 5.56 AR-15." There will only be 200 tickets



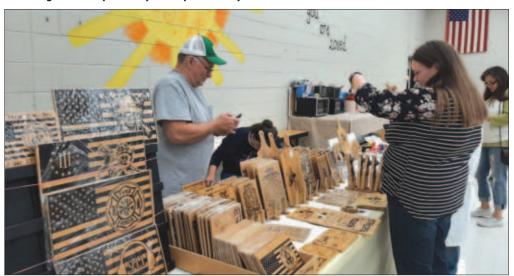
available. To purchase tickets, contact Jason Shepard or they can be purchased at the barbecue.

This event will be located at Hometown Floors in Gatesville, 1101 W. Main St. in Gatesville. For more information about purchasing tickets, contact Jason Shepard at 254-223-2126.



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Festival-goers line up for tasty treats provided by food vendors.



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Vendors were on hand to sell handmade crafts at the Gatesville Junior High School's Fall Festival.



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Unique items were sold at the Fall Festival including these book pumpkins.

Gatesville Jr. High Fall Festival



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Some Gatesville Junior High Schhol staff dressed in costumes like this frightful door greeter.

Intermediate's Fall Festival Oct. 27

Gatesville Intermediate School will hold its annual Fall Festival on Thursday, Oct. 27, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. This event will be open to the public and will be a cash only event. Tickets will cost \$1 each, and wristbands will cost \$20 at the gate. Wristbands will be presold at the school beginning on Oct. 17, costing \$15.

A wristband will include a canned drink, candy, a tattoo, a glow stick, the haunted house, the firetruck spray house, and all booths and activities. Ceiling tile painting will not be included and will be five tickets each.

The ticketed events will cover the haunted house, ceiling tile painting, a blacklight obstacle course, a dunking booth, a concession stand, the cake/pie walk, glow-in-the-dark bowling, a photo booth, glow disc golf, a firetruck house, and tattoos/glow sticks.

Free events will include a spin to win, plinko, sack races, fishbowl frenzy, football toss, cornhole, and jack-o'-lantern toss.

Items will be on display for everyone to view. The sixth grade Día de los Muertos projects will be in the library. The fourth grade pumpkins and fifth grade zombies will be found near the office. The school is located at 311 Hornet Way. For more information, call 254-865-2526 or follow @GatesvilleINT online for updates.

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OBITUARIES

CHRISTOPHER RHUDY

June 26, 1984 - Oct. 16, 2022



Christopher Rhudy, age 38, of Gatesville, passed away on Sunday, October 16, 2022, at his residence.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 24, at Scott's Funeral Home Chapel. The family will receive visitors one hour prior to services at the funeral home. Interment will follow the services at Restland Cemetery. For those unable to attend, Christopher's funeral services will be livestreamed at the link below his obituary at www. scottsfh.com.

Christopher was born on June 26, 1984, in Gatesville. He grew up in Gatesville, graduating from Gatesville High School in 2002. While in high school, he was active in the Boy Scouts and achieved Eagle Scout status in 2002.

He enjoyed music, playing bass guitar and was in the high school band, where he played the sousaphone. He earned an associate degree in Liberal Arts from McLennan Community College and a degree in computer networking from ITT. He excelled in computer networking, web design and anything that involved computers. He accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior at the age of seven and was a member of Live Oak Baptist Church. Christopher's devotion in life was the Gatesville Care Center and that mission became his Eagle Scout project.

He was preceded in death by grandparents, Pat Rhudy, Doris Winters, J.D. Waters, Tommy Winters; uncle, David Carver; and an aunt, Terri McElhenney.

Christopher is survived by his parents, David and Barbara Rhudy; grandfather, Bob Rhudy; aunts and uncles, Patricia and Terry Aslin, Gena and Duane Sexton, Rebecca and Tim Hunter, Thomas and Janet Winters, Diane and Andy Asberry, Karen and Rick Moore, Eric Riza, Cynthia Riza, Jerre and David Ambrose.

In lieu of flowers, the family has designated that memorials be made to the Gatesville Care Center, 105 N. 7th Street, Gatesville, TX

HAROLD GENE COHAGAN

Oct. 24, 1937 - Oct. 9, 2022



Harold Gene Cohagan, age 84, of Gatesville, passed away on Sunday, October 9, 2022. A Celebration of Life will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, October 22, at Scott's Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Restland Cemetery. Visitation will held be one hour prior to the Celebration of Life. For those unable to attend, the service will be livestreamed at the link below.

Harold was born October 24, 1937, in Leon Junction to the late Charles Frank and Vera Lee (Whitenburg) Cohagan. He graduated from Gatesville High School. Harold then pursed a lengthy military career where he received extensive technical and military training.

On Aug. 10, 1963, Harold married the love of his life, Jeanne Cummings, and they spent 53 years together before her passing in 2017.

Harold proudly served his country in the U.S. Army. While in the military he worked at M.A.T.E.S. and served in the National Guard. During this time, he served as a volunteer firefighter

and received training as an EMT. He was a member of the Coryell County Sheriff's Posse for many years. After retiring from the military, Harold and his family quickly realized that he was unable to sit still and enjoy the "retirement" lifestyle. He worked at the Ford dealership in Gatesville as manager of parts and services until he retired. It came as no surprise to the family when Harold suddenly announced he was going to work at the Coryell County Sheriff's Department where he proudly worked until his third and final retirement.

There was nothing Harold loved more than spending time with his family, fishing, cooking, building/ repair projects and watching the Dallas Cowboys. He was a huge animal lover, and all of the family pets knew where to get the best treats. He loved helping Jeanne's father, Windy Cummings, with his farm and livestock and, for a period of time, had a farm of his own. His whole life was centered around his family and friends.

Harold was preceded in death by his parents and his beloved wife, Jeanne.

He is survived by his daughter, Wendy Pray and husband, Darin; granddaughter, Macy Lee-Ann Baugus and husband, Byron; and great-grandchildren, Baylee Grace and Brayden Billy Baugus; and sisters Linda Cohagan Offutt, Patsy Cohagan Durham, and Frankie Yvonnee Cohagan Blansit, and his precious dog Charlie.

Live stream: www.scottsfh. com/obituary/harold-cohagan

JULIA DAVIDSON

May 21, 1935 - Oct. 12, 2022



Julia Davidson, age 87, of Dallas, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Wednesday, October 12, 2022. She was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother and greatgrandmother.

Julia Ann Jones Davidson was born on May 21, 1935, in Childress, to Wallace and Frances Jones. She was raised on a farm with her twin sister Jane and four older brothers. During her sophomore year in high school, her family moved to Gatesville. She graduated from Gatesville High School in 1953, where she was a cheerleader and homecoming queen. Soon after graduation, she met the love of her life, David Davidson. They were married on March 27, 1954, at the First Baptist Church of Gatesville. David and Julia resided in Dallas, where they raised three children, Becky, Bobby and Deanne. Their second child, Laurie Kay, went to heaven at 15 months of age.

Her faith and family were the focus of her life. She was a long-time member of Park Cities Baptist Church. She taught Sunday School in the youth department and

was a member of the Ruth Glaze Bible Study Class. Julia was active in Junior-3-Arts and Bent Tree Garden Club. She had a passion for cooking and loved spending time with her family. Julia struggled with MS in her later years. Her devoted husband David personally took care of her for as long as he could. In March of this year, they celebrated 68 years of marriage.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Frances and Wallace Jones; daughter, Laurie Kay Davidson; grandson, Scott Hayden Pegram; brothers, Wallace Jones Jr., Max Jones, Charles Jones and T. Iones.

Julia is survived by her husband, David Davidson: three children, Becky Pegram and husband, Ronnie, Bobby Davidson and wife, Christy, Deanne May and husband, Jim; twin sister, Jane Riggs; seven grandchildren, John Pegram and wife, Leslie, Todd Pegram and wife, Jennifer, Lauren Pegram, Melissa May, Eric May and wife, Belinda, Reid Davidson, Garrett Davidson; and nine great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 26, at 11 a.m. at Mound Cemetery with Rev. Bruce Cox officiating. Scott's Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Proverbs 31: Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies... Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Park Cities Baptist Church, 3933 Northwest Pkwy, Dallas, TX

RAY CLAWSON

Dec. 25, 1927 - Oct. 15, 2022



Ray Clawson, age 94, of Gatesville, formerly of the Owl Creek community, passed away on Saturday, October 15, 2022, in Gates-

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, at Scott's Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Blake Kimbrough officiating. The family will receive visitors one hour prior to services at the funeral home. Interment will be at Flint Creek Cemetery.

Ray Clawson was born on December 25, 1927, in the Pleasant Ridge community near Flat in Corvell County. to the late James Franklin and Iulia Iosephine Doolittle Clawson. He graduated from Flat High School in 1945. In May 1945, he entered the

U.S. Army Air Corps and served until his discharge in 1946. He married Joy Wall on Thanksgiving Day 1947. He worked for Fletcher Enterprises, Blackland Grain and Storage, and owned and operated Clawson Incorporated. He served as a director of Texas Bank in Temple. He also farmed and ranched in the Owl Creek community. He and his brothers owned and operated Triple C Realty. He was a member of the Bell County Sheriff's Posse. He was a member and deacon of First Baptist Church of Flat.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 69 years, Joy Clawson; and two brothers, two sisters, five half-broth-

ers and two half-sisters. Clawson is survived by his sons, Jamie Clawson and wife, Kim, John Clawson and wife, Natalie; brother, Judge J. F. Clawson; sister, Nova Festervan; five grandchildren, Charis Clawson and husband, Matthew Meador, David Clawson and wife, Savannah, Joy Anne Clawson and husband, Brett Johnson, Sarah Clawson and Lena Clawson.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church of Flat, P.O. Box 87, Flat, TX 76526 or Flat Community Center, P.O. Box 61, Flat, TX 76526.

MICHAEL WOODSON **TERRY**

Dec. 1941 - Aug. 2022



Michael Terry was the son of Murrell and Helen Terry

of San Saba, where Mike grew up. Mike hired on with Western Electric in Sweetwater and retired from ATT/ Lucent in Waco. He enjoyed farming and ranching with his family.

Survivors are his wife, Joyce, of Oglesby; sons, Joe of New York City, John of San Antonio; five grandchildren as well as a sister Martha, cousins, and friends.

The Parkinson Association and the Michael J. Fox Foundation are designated memorials.

PATSY ANN RAY March 30, 1944 - Oct. 17,



passed peacefully from this world at her home on October 17, 2022. There will be a private family service at a later date.

Patsy was born on March at Gatesville Primary School where she loved reading books to the children. Patsy was a loving wife, mom and

MeMaw who always thought of her family before herself. She spent many hours sewing beautiful clothes for her daughters and grandchildren, as well as Barbie and doll clothes, dance and cheerleading uniforms and Christmas stockings for every member of the family. She made sure every grandchild had handmade blankets, bibs, cross-stitched samplers and crocheted afghans. She was a wonderful cook and taught her daughters and grandchildren how to cook "from scratch". She will be greatly missed and never forgotten.

Patsy was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Kenneth Kettler.

band of 60 years, Charles; daughters Mecca and husband, Carroll Starkey, of Ater and Mona and husband, Casey Schwalbe, of Jonesboro; grandchildren, Colt Starkey and wife, Kelly, of Cleburne; Laci Shelton and husband, Chance, of Gatesville; Garrett Walker and special friend, Jennifer DeLeon, of China Springs; Meagan Burgan and husband, John, of Gatesville; great-grandchildren, Adelaide and Sloan Burgan, Luke Walker, Kyler, Kason and Presley Shelton and Kooper Hughitt as well as many nieces, nephews,

VELMA C. LOCK Jan. 30, 1925 - Oct. 18, 2022



Velma C. Lock, age 97, of Gatesville, passed away on Tuesday, October 18, 2022. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday. October 26, 2022, at Scott's Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Bruce Cox officiating. The family will receive visitors one hour prior to services at the funeral home. Interment will be at Jonesboro Cemetery. For those unable to attend, Mrs. Lock's services will be livestreamed at the link below her obituarv at www.scottsfh.com.

Velma C. Lock was born on January 30, 1925, in Silverton, Texas to the late Neely and Sarah Dooley Rogers. She grew up in the Levita community. She married Coston Branham in July of 1943, and he preceded her in death in 1979. She worked at Dykes Café and for A.J. and Martha Gordon and Barbara Simpson at the Sears Catalog Store; She later went to work at T.D.C.J. as a correctional officer, until her retirement. She married Earl Lock in 1990 and they resided in Jonesboro. He also pre-

ceded her in death in 2005.

Velma enjoyed sewing and taking walks on their place in Jonesboro. She loved to go dancing and traveling with Earl to visit family. Most of all, she loved her family and spending time with them.

She was also preceded in death by her sons, Doug Branham, Doud Branham and daughter-in-law. Kathy Branham; grandson, Cody Parrish, sisters, Antha Cox, Imogene Ensley and a brother, Dooley Rogers.

Velma is survived by her children, James Branham; Steve Branham and wife, Kay; Evelyn Floyd; eight grandchildren, Miranda Allison and husband, Justin; Neely Branham; Caleb Parrish and wife, Jamie; Shanna Parrish; Justin Branham; Sarah Hukel and husband, Nick; Jody Branham and wife, Nikki; Lori Banks and husband, Les; fifteen greatgrandchildren, Don Michael, Gia, Dylan, Trevor, Emily, Kason, Costin, Colbi, Mary Katherine, Lauren, Tyler, Cayla, Tres, Colten and Spencer. She also had an extended family, whom she loved and held as her own children, Linda Lock Clary and husband, Bill, Cheri Lock Shepherd and husband, Dan, and Ronnie Lock; grandchildren, Christine Clary, Lauren O'Neil and husband, Robin, Charlena Lock and a greatgranddaughter, Helen Claire O'Neil.

In lieu of flowers, the family has designated memorials be directed to the Jonesboro Volunteer Fire Department, P. O. Box 6, Jonesboro, Texas

ANNA CLARK Feb. 11, 1936 - Oct. 15, 2022



Anna Clark, age 86, of Gatesville, passed away on Saturday, October 15, 2022, in Temple.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 25, at Scott's Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Sam Crosby officiating. Interment will follow services at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Killeen. Visitation with Mrs. Clark's family will be one hour prior to services at the funeral home.

Anna Dora Clark was born on February 11, 1936, in Germany, to the late Peter and Babett Wenzel Kraus.

She grew up in the Bavarian region of Germany. She married Sam Clark on Nov. 28, 1959, in Schweinfurt, Bavaria, Germany. They resided in various locations, while her husband was active duty in the U.S. Army, until moving to Gatesville in 1972. She was a dedicated mother and homemaker, raising her family and later worked for over 20 years at the Guaranty Bank & Trust. She was a member of Live Oak Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by a son, Edward LeRoy Clark in 2011.

Anna is survived by her husband of 63 years, Sam Clark; children, Gabriela Morgan and husband, Jerry, of Belton, Cheryl Bailey and husband, Randy, of Granbury, David Clark and wife, Kellie, of North Carolina, Dianna Jones and husband, David, of Colleyville; brother, Adolph Kraus of Germany; 13 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be directed to the Boys and Girls Club, 2533 E. Main Street, Gatesville, TX 76528.

Patsy Ann Ray, age 78,

30, 1944, to Henry and Erna Kettler. She was baptized, confirmed and served as a member at St. John Lutheran Church in Coryell City where she was raised on a small farm. She graduated from Gatesville High School. On June 23, 1962, she married Charles Ray and they built a wonderful life together and had adventures throughout the United States. They were blessed with two daughters, Mecca and Mona. Patsy enjoyed her years working

She is survived by her hus-

cousins and friends. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation to the charity of your choice.

Dutch Oven benefit for church postponed

The fundraiser planned for the Historic Eagle Springs Baptist Church scheduled for today has been postponed. Representatives of the Leon River Dutch Oven Gang expressed their concern over continuing with the event due to the current burn ban that is in effect for Coryell County and the predicted high winds that are

expected. The fundraiser will be rescheduled in the near future.

The church, built in 1878, continues to be in need of funding for repair work to the aging structure.

For those wishing to contribute, mail to The Historic Eagle Springs Baptist Church, P.O. Box 90, Gatesville, TX 76528.

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CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH: Steven L. Bogan, pastor; Hwy. 84 and FM 116; Sunday services - Bible study 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m., evening worship 6:30 p.m.

CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH: Jim Keever, senior pastor; 177 Coryell City Road, Crawford; Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m., Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

COLD SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH: Bob Phillips, pastor; Sunday services - Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m., evening worship 5:30 p.m.

EASTWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH: Lynn Parks, pastor; 2518 East Main, Gatesville; Sunday services -Sunday School 9:45 a.m., morning worship 10:50 a.m.; Wednesday evening services, 6 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF EVANT: Dane Barron, pastor; 200 Live Oak Street, Evant; Sunday services - Sunday School 9:45 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m., adult Bible study 6 p.m.; Wednesday services - kids' and youth Bible study 6 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF FLAT: 9775 TX-36, Gatesville; Sunday School 9 a.m.; Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.; Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study 7 p.m.; Wednesday Youth Group & Kid Knights 7 p.m.; Wednesday Supper first Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m.; Men's Breakfast second Saturday of each month

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF GATESVILLE: 912 E. Main Street, Gatesville; Sunday services - Sunday School 9:30 a.m., morning worship 10:45 a.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF OGLESBY: 120 College Ave., Oglesby, Tx 76561; Sunday morning services - Sunday School 10:00 am, Worship 11:00 am; Wednesday evenings - supper at 5:40 pm, Kids & Youth Group 6:00 pm, Prayer meeting 6:00 pm; Jeremy Sanders, Pastor.

GATEWAY BAPTIST CHURCH: Michael Bragdon, Pastor; 2819 South Hwy. 36, Gatesville; Sunday services - Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m., evening worship 1:30 p.m.; Wednesday Service 7:00

HARMONY BAPTIST CHURCH: A.C. Painter, pastor; 1750 FM 215, Gatesville; Sunday services - Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m., evening worship 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday evening worship

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JONESBORO BAPTIST CHURCH: Matt Dossev. pastor; 11420 North State Hwy. S, Jonesboro; Sunday services - Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship

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LIVE OAK BAPTIST CHURCH: Bro. Ken Laney, pastor; 113 FM 107, Gatesville; Sunday services -Sunday School 9:15 a.m., morning worship 10:30 a.m., Wed. evening Adult, Youth and Children's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

MOUNTAIN BAPTIST CHURCH: Rev. Kurt Fuessel, pastor; 6319 US-84, Gatesville; Sunday services - Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m., evening worship 6 p.m. Prayer meeting 7:00 p.m. Wednesday.

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The path may not always be straight or clear,

but trust that there is an authentic path there,

if only you can quiet the many voices call-

ing you down those inauthentic paths long

enough to see your own way. And if there is

no path there, but you see your goal, know

that you may have to clear your own path to

get there. Trust yourself, and remember the

admonition of Ralph Waldo Emerson when

he said that "Whoso would be a man, must

be a nonconformist" for "Nothing is at last

sacred but the integrity of your own mind."

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put within you a spark of divine fire to light

your lamp, you cannot go astray if you trust

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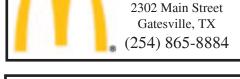


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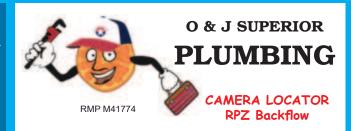
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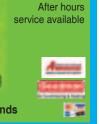
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on 3 sides, southside will need to be fenced. \$449,000 ■ 50.24 acres 3 Br, 2.5 Ba home, 2171 CR 419, Evant, TX, rolling terrain, 40%

\$750,000 52.73 Acres, 3 Br, 2.5 Ba barndominium, 1197 CR 404 Hamilton, TX. 1 wa-

branch, barn, rain harvest system that collects rainwater from the roof of the barn. Electricity is along the property line in northwest corner of the property. \$743,775 ■ 179.562 acres 1.6 miles south of Gatesville, TX, FM 116 frontage, great views. stock tank, rolling terrain & scattered tree cover. \$1,230,000 252.87 Acres, 3 Br, 2 Ba home, open floor plan, wood burning fireplace, break fast bar, ceramic tile in kitchen, breakfast area & bathrooms. Lamanite wood flooring in living room & carpet in 2 bedrooms, inground pool with slab that was pour for a future outdoor kitchen, 3 car attached carport with 12 ft. x 13 ft. storage building,

a 60 ft. x 66 ft. metal building with 24 ft. x 60 ft. lean-to, there is also approx. 900 sq.

ft. that has been framed out for living quarters inside the main part of the building,

of improved grasses, 9 stock tanks, good tree cover, great views with 300 ft of change in elevation, good fences \$11,385,000

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NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

(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 8, 2022, 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 Gatesville Independent School District Trustee Election; and the Copperas Cove Independent School District Trustee election, and the City of Gatesville Council Election and Sales Tax Election, and the Crawford ISD Bond Election.

(Por la presente se notifica que los lugares de votación que se enumeran a continuación estarán abiertos de 7:00 a. Miembros de la Legislatura y oficiales estatales, distritales, del condado y precintos; y la Elección de Síndico del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Oglesby; y la Elección del Concejal de la Ciudad de Oglesby, y la Elección del Consejo de la Ciudad de Copperas Cove y la elección especial; y la Elección del Fideicomisario del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Gatesville; y la elección del Fideicomisario del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Copperas Cove, y la Elección del Consejo de la Ciudad de Gatesville y la Elección del Impuesto sobre las Ventas, y la Elección de Bonos de Crawford ISD)

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

(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 8, 2022 7 am - 7 pm

Copperas Cove Civic Center -1206 W Ave B, Copperas Cove Holy Family Catholic Church - 1001 Georgetown Rd., 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 Hwy 84, Evant Flat Community Center - 159 CR 334, Flat

Oglesby Community Center - 118 Main St, Oglesby Turnersville Community Center - 8115 FM 182, Gatesville

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at: (La votación adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de Lunes a Viernes en:)

801 E Leon St., Gatesville TX 76528 508 B Cove Terrace Shopping Center, Copperas Cove TX 76522

Between the hours of: (durante los horas de:)

October 24-28 8 am - 5 pm October 29 7 am - 7 pm October 30 11 am - 5 pm

October 31 7 am - 7 pm **November 1-4** 7 am - 7 pm

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a:) **Justin Carothers** P.O. Box 6

201 S. 7th St.

Gatesville, TX 76528

Applications for a ballot by mail can be emailed to:

(las solicitudes de votacion pueden enviarse por correo electronico a)

tac@coryelltax.com

www.coryellcounty.org

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on:

(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el) October 28, 2022

Issued this the 17th day October, 2022.

(Emitada este 17 dia de Octubre, 2022.)

(s)Roger Miller

Coryell County Judge

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JENNIFER NEWTON, CLERK OF THE COUNTY COURT P.O. BOX 237, GATESVILLE, TEXAS 76528

ATTORNEY OR PERSON FILING CAUSE ALLEN PLACE

109 SOUTH 7TH STREET, GATESVILLE, TEXAS 76528

TO: DECEDENT'S UNKNOWN HEIRS UNKNOWN ADDRESS, UNKNOWN STATE

THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF CORYELL

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF TODD C. FLENTGE, DECEASED. CAUSE NO 22-10695, COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS. PRESLEY BURKHARDT FILED IN THE COUN-TY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS ON THE 13TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2022, APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP OF SAID TODD C. FLENTGE, DECEASED.

SAID APPLICATION SHALL BE HEARD AND ACTED ON BY SAID COURT ON OR AFTER THE FIRST MON-DAY NEXT AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF TEN DAYS FROM DATE OF POSTING THIS CITATION, THE SAME BEING THE 31ST DAY OF OCTOBER, 2022, 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 APPLICA-TION 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

17TH OF OCTOBER, 2022. JENNIFER NEWTON, CORYELL COUNTY CLERK CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS BY: L. ROBUCK 00029667



CONGRATULATIONS ON A GREAT SEASON!



2022 Gatesville Hornets Tennis Bi-District Champions • Area Qualifiers

Gatesville lost to Wichita Falls 3-10 in Weatherford. Alex Scott, Ty Warren, and Slone Early all had a win in boys' singles. Pictured front row, left to right: Olivia Walker, Katelyn Sanchez, Callie Smith, Kasey Fitzer, Preslea Edmond, Carlo Martinez, Slone Early; back row, left to right: Coach Brit Campbell, London Kizer, Finn Rogers, Ally Nichols, Madeline Fast, Ben Woodson, Alex Scott, Jack Armstrong, Abraham Almendariz, Ty Warren, Coach Wendell Jones, Zach Stephens

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Hornets to host La Vega in final home volleyball game; Gatesville earns 20th consecutive trip to playoffs





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Charlee Barron (left) and Khloe Matthews are among the seniors who will be recognized on Tuesday, Oct. 25 during Senior Night when the Gatesville Hornet volleyball team hosts the La Vega Pirates in the final home game of the season. It's also the last game of the regular season for the team. Other senior Hornets include: Kayleigh Haywood, Rachel Garrett and Lola Barron. On Oct. 18, the Hornets defeated the Connally Cadets, 3-0, to complete the season sweep against CHS. Heading into Friday's road game against the Salado Eagles, Gatesville had a 19-18 record, including 4-4 in district competition.

Big Sting Benefits Gatesville



When the Gatesville Hornet football team hosted the Connally Cadets on Oct. 7, the Hornets wore special uniforms in honor of The Big Sting. This nonprofit fundraising effort has raised funds to support Gatesville residents in battles against cancer. People have an opportunity to purchase the jersey as a fundraiser.



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A banner held by GHS cheerleaders helped to mark the 10th anniversary of The Big Sting in Gatesville.

Tigers tie Abbott

BY TOM NORELL CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Oglesby Junior High Tigers played to a 25-25 tie with Abbott Panthers on Oct. 13 in Oglesby. It was a good hard-fought game, with both teams scoring consistently. Oglesby was deep in Panther territory as time expired.

Offensively for the Tigers Aiden Oxford had 16 carries for 139 yards, and three touchdown runs of 60, three and 39 yards and 1 pass reception for 25 yards, bringing his total yards for 164.

Holdyn Goff had nine carries for 60 yards, one touchdown and one point-after attempt run, Goff was three for four passing for 75 yards and two first downs, for a total of 135 yards.

Mason Marquez caught one pass for 17 yards and a first

Javon Howard caught one pass for 33 yards and a first down.

Aiden Oxford caught one

pass for 25 yards. Defensively for Tigers:

* Aiden Oxford had three solo tackles and five assists * Holdyn Goff had two solo

tackles and three assists * Mason Marquez had two solo tackles and three assists * Jaxon Markum had three

solo tackles * Javon Howard had one

Jayce Aarron had one solo



TOM NORRELL | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER Holdyn Goff had a great game on offense and defense.



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Aiden Oxford led the Tiger attack with an outstanding performance.



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Feed the Hornets a longstanding tradition

BY STEVE PETTIT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

They begin arriving at Gatesville's First Baptist Church around 3:15 p.m. It's Friday and there's a GHS varsity football game that kicks off at 7 p.m. McKamie Stadium will be a maelstrom of mayhem and mojo.

But first, the Hornets must be fed. And that task is shouldered by a well-practiced team of volunteers, now entering the

church's south entrance. Inside the doors a melange of mouth-watering smells washes over the men and women as they walk to the kitchen area where James Ragland holds

He's a big man with a full gray/white beard, and peers over his glasses as he explains that he's been nursing 60 ribeve steaks since 1:30. "Vance Stephens started Feed the Hornets

the Hornets earlier this season.

more than 10 years ago," he explains. "The coach and Vance set it up for home games to keep the kids under the ministry - to keep them safe."

As he speaks the varsity athletes are being feted at the high school's pep rally, and emotions and adrenaline run high. At the conclusion of the pep rally, the football team, accompanied by coach Aaron Hunter, will immediately board a bus and be whisked nonstop to the church. After the 4 p.m. meal they'll get on the bus and travel straight to the field house. No idle time, no chance for any youthful mishaps, nothing to interfere with the evening's all-important objective: vanquish the opposing team.

Complementing the ribeye entrees are baked potatoes, green beans, yeast rolls and large, chocolate iced brownies. "Normally

there are five home games," Ragland says, "and we have different main courses."

Grilled burgers, pork loin, this afternoon's ribeyes, brisket and chicken spaghetti make up this home season's Feed the Hornets menus and a generous community member covers the cost of each entree.

Ragland supplied the burgers, David Fincher covered the pork loin, Teresa Johnson, also in attendance to help cook and serve, bought the ribeyes, Brandon Belt paid for brisket and Tonya and Allen Place purchased the chicken spaghetti.

"Ron Atterbury, Sr. organizes the whole thing," Ragland adds, "and the church has a fund that helps with costs, too." He scurries into action as the two Atterburys, Rons senior and junior, deftly place the hot, foilwrapped baked potatoes onto serving trays.

At 3:56 the varsity Hornets enter, are seated and respectfully listen to words of inspiration. Then it's time to line up and enjoy the buffet.

Coach Hunter reminisces: "I graduated from Gatesville High School in 2007 and we didn't have anything like this," he says, his eyes sweeping the room.

"It's awesome and it's what Gatesville's all about. I love winning games but this is unbelievable. Breaking bread as a family - it doesn't get any better." As the young men finish their brownies and board the bus, the cleanup chores begin.

With the exception of Johnson, the volunteers are senior citizens, but appear energized and rewarded by their efforts. As he works in the kitchen Ragland smiles. "This," he emphasizes, "it's all worthwhile."



Ribeye steaks, green beans, yeast rolls and baked potatoes, pictured here - plus large chocolate iced brownies made up the menu at Feed



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Hornets coach Aaron Hunter, a 2007 GHS graduate, brought up the rear of the buffet line.



Fifty-five GHS varsity Hornets fill the tables at **Gatesville First Baptist Church for** Feed the Hornets.

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STEVE PETTIT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER Minnie Wright and Cathy Norris slice fresh brownies for the Hornets.

Freshly made brownies were among the popular items served.