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Faster internet may be on the Rise for 2023

BY JEFF OSBORNE
Senior Writer & editor

Gatesville residents having to settle for slower than optimal internet speeds could be a thing of the past in 2023, as a new internet provider plans to bring state-of-the-art fiber optic service to the community starting next spring.

Representatives of Rise Broadband, which is based in Colorado but already serves some areas of Texas, have told city leaders that the company will offer fiber internet service

throughout the community. Fiber is generally reported to be much faster and more reliable than other internet options.

"City staff met with Rise and they plan to bring fiber to 3,400 homes in Gatesville in the spring of 2023," said City Manager Bill Parry. "They will do this at no cost to the city. They believe their return on investment justifies their coming here."

Parry has had discussions with some internet providers in the past about bringing higher speed internet options to Gatesville, but those other providers wanted the city to

foot much of the bill for installing infrastructure.

"I talked to the city administrator of Ferris, Texas and the mayor of East Bernard and they were both very complimentary of Rise," Parry said. "Rise came in and under-promised and over-delivered, and they were very happy with the service."

Ferris, located in North Texas, has a population of just under 3,000 people while East Bernard, located in South Texas has about 2,300 residents.

Brightspeed internet services, which re-

cently took over for CenturyLink in Gatesville, told Parry they also plan to bring faster internet service to the community "in the next five years" but Parry said Brightspeed's installation of infrastructure to increase internet speeds "would require an 80% county match."

The highest tier of service for residential customers receiving Rise would deliver 1 gigabyte for \$100 per month, while 60 megabytes would cost \$60 per month.

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Student achievement, work ethic recognized



TALENTED TRIO: From left, GISD Superintendent Barrett Pollard stands with freshman Justin Muegge, sophomore Vania Martinez, senior Carlo Martinez and Gatesville High School Principal Marie Barrows during the Nov. 14 school board meeting. The three students were recognized for their work ethic and activities following their participation in the state cross country meet.

JEFF OSBORNE | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Trio participates in college visit, regional quarterfinal volleyball game & NY Marathon event

BY JEFF OSBORNE
Senior writer & editor

Excellence is not just something Carlo Martinez, Vania Martinez and Justin Muegge display when competing in cross country, it's a work ethic and dedication that propels them in other areas as well.

That was the message shared during a recent school board

meeting by Gatesville Independent School District Superintendent Barrett Pollard, who recognized the students for their achievements outside the realm of cross country.

"We want to recognize them not just for what they've done in cross country, but beyond that season as well," Pollard said.

After winning second place in the state in the University Inter-

scholastic League Class 4A state cross country meet, Carlo, a senior, took a college visit before deciding to commit to take his talents to the University of Louisiana-Monroe.

In that same meet, Vania, a sophomore, finished 12th in the girls division, and despite rolling her ankle, she was on the court that same evening for the Hornet volleyball team's regional quarter-

final contest against Lago Vista, the team's deepest playoff run since 2012.

Justin, who is just a freshman, finished 90th out of 150 of the state's top cross country runners and then traveled to New York to participate in one of the New York Marathon's events, running 3.2 miles there.

"After working hard and running in the cross country meet,

each of them participated in other events, and that shows a lot of dedication and the type of students they are," Pollard said. "They have a great work ethic that you don't see very often."

"We'll miss Carlo but we're glad we will have Vania and Justin back for a few years. We are so proud of these students and look forward to watching them run collegiately and at GHS next year."

County considers new phone system

BY JEFF OSBORNE
Senior writer & editor

The Coryell County Commissioners Court considered a presentation for new phone service by representatives of Vested Networks and decided to wait until the Nov. 22 meeting to make a decision.

Debbie Baecht, a new account specialist with Vested, told commissioners that the company's hallmark is superior customer service.

"We can save you some money, but the number one thing we have is customer service," she said. "That is why this company was founded."

She said Evan Huff, the founder and chief executive officer of Vested

Networks, previously worked for another company and was unhappy with the customer service it provided, prompting him to start a different company that would be more responsive.

"I also started this with the idea that phones should not be complicated," Huff said. "It shouldn't take three or four weeks (to resolve issues). Most problems we see, we can get fixed within hours."

"If your phones are not working and not functioning like they should, you can't get done what you need to do."

Among the areas already served by Vested are Limestone, Fannin, Jack, Franklin and McMullen counties. Vested also provides phone

service for 40-50 central appraisal districts statewide, including the Coryell County Central Appraisal District.

"That's somebody right here in your backyard," Huff said.

Asked about the speed of the service, he said it takes 20 milliseconds to communicate between Denver, Colorado and the company's hub in Richardson, Texas.

Slower than optimum internet speeds are one concern raised by the commissioners court.

"Everyone recognizes how challenged we are with bandwidth in this county," said Commissioner Scott Weddle.

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Celebrating a Special Season



GLADYS WHITENBURG | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

A look back at the Gatesville High School football playoff in photos, Page 12.

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RISE

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Rise is also a participant in the federal Affordable Connectivity Program which offers discounted services to qualifying low-income families. Parry said that would reduce the cost of a qualifying household's bill by about \$30 per month. "I think it's a game-changer in Gatesville and he (the Rise representative) seemed enthusiastic about coming to Gatesville," Parry said. Mayor Gary Chumley said the Rise representative "was very sin-

cere and his credibility is good. He said he comes from a small town and understands the problem with a lack of high speed internet." Parry said most of the infrastructure required to bring fiber-optic internet to Gatesville would be "behind the curb and the only thing affected potentially would be water and sewer (lines). They set up a listserve and if there is an issue it is resolved by the end of the week." Parry noted the city had problems when another company, T-Mobile, installed internet infrastructure "and they kept running into our waterlines." Based on his communication with

other community leaders, Parry said he is encouraged that Rise will be a good company to work with. "In talking to other cities, everything sounds like it is done right (by Rise)," he said. Parry said Rise will soon start promoting its services in the area. "Obviously they won't get 100% saturation but if they get a higher percentage of saturation, it makes their business profile better," Parry said. Chumley said Rise has already begun exploring the installation process for Gatesville. "They've basically already done some preliminary engineering," he

said. CNET, an American media website that focuses on technology and consumer electronics, published an article earlier this year that called Rise "a decent option for rural internet." However, that article was regarding other services offered and not the higher speed fiber-optic option. The CNET article did note that "Rise Broadband does have a small but growing fiber presence capable of delivering gig speeds." In addition to Ferris and East Bernard, CNET says Rise also offers fiber service in Wallis, a South Texas community of about 1,300 people.

CNET lists the starting monthly prices for fiber internet as \$60 for 100 megabytes per second (mbps) download speed, \$70 for 250 mbps and \$100 for 1,000 mbps. According to CNET; "Turning to the Better Business Bureau, Rise Broadband has held an A-plus rating since 2015. Overall, the number of filed complaints is relatively low, with less than 60 over the last 12 months. Additionally, over 350 Rise Broadband customers who left a review gave the provider an average of 3.78 out of 5 stars, which is exceptionally high among internet service providers."

In God We Trust posters presented to Gatesville ISD



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Top left, Lynn Parks, pastor of Eastwood Baptist Church and Bill Trotter, pastor of The House That God Built, presented posters to be placed at each Gatesville Independent School District campus. The posters were donated by a group of local churches, businesses and community members so that each school could have a copy of the national motto displayed. Top right, GISD Superintendent Barrett Pollard, Gatesville Intermediate School Bridget Register, Gatesville High School Principal Marie Barrows, Gatesville Junior High Principal Susan Penrod and Gatesville Primary School Principal Mashara Streater hold framed posters that will be displayed at each GISD campus.

COUNTY

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Huff said his company communicates regularly with information technology specialists and explains how VOIP (Voice over Internet Protocol) service works. "A lot of IT guys don't understand VOIP," he said. "In one area, they put up a firewall and the audio was garbled because the quality of service was not set correctly," he said. "We actually go to bat for you on the ISP (internet service provider) side." County Judge Roger Miller said phone service has traditionally been spotty for county offices. "Outside of the fact that it is a considerable cost savings, we historically have had phone service issues," Miller said. "We are not on the same system at the courthouse as some of the offices. This would be a better opportunity to provide connectivity and we won't have to tell callers to hang up and call a dif-

ferent number. I believe this is a worthwhile investment." Commissioner Ryan Basham said he is aware that county employees are experiencing problems with the current phone system. "I agree we need a different phone system," Commissioner Kyle Matthews said. "However, I just got this info (about Vested Networks) today and don't have enough to make an educated vote. I suggest tabling it until the November 22 meeting." Huff said Vested will be ready to respond when a decision is made. "We'll be here - no worries and no rush," he said. Miller asked the timeline for installation if the court approved selecting Vested Networks at the Nov. 22 meeting. "Would you be able to start the 28th (of November)?" he asked. "That's the assumption," Huff said. "We just won a bid for Bandera County so they're right ahead of you."

Light display open at Lake Belton

FORT HOOD - Nature in Lights is open to the public at the Belton Lake Outdoor Recreation Area, and for the first time, the Directorate of Family Morale, Welfare and Recreation is hosting a food drive in conjunction with the popular holiday display. Lisa Lorenz-Bass, program coordinator for the Fort Hood Outdoor Recreation Department, has been involved in all 26 years of Nature in Lights and is happy to welcome visitors to enjoy the five-and-a-half mile long display. "One hundred-forty-three displays line the five-and-a-half mile route of lights, wrapping the park with a seemingly endless ribbon of holiday cheer," Lorenz-Bass said. "Plus, displays illuminate and decorate the riding arena at BLORA Ranch and architectural and foliage lighting sparkles throughout the park." A spectacle as large as Nature in Lights requires tons of planning. "Currently, designs for three years out are being planned and are in various stages of development. Specific themes, displays and route order are determined the December prior to the season they are used. Displays for the current season are built in-house and or refurbished and re-lamped January through April by BLORA's very talented maintenance crew," Lorenz-Bass explained.

"Set-up begins early August, and the route continues being tweaked and fine-tuned until opening day. Displays are maintained nightly when Nature in Lights is open to ensure an optimum experience for all guests." There are various sections with different themes throughout the route, including the newest area called "Winter Whimsy." "New this season is a 'Winter Whimsy' theme, featuring a new computer-animated arch welcoming guests to view new displays in this winter wonderland, including 'Furry Fox,' 'Sushi Anyone?,' 'Racing Reindeer,' 'Sledding Mouse' and many more whimsical winter critters and characters," Lorenz-Bass said. "The teamwork for putting on this show is an intricate collaboration of staff striving to balance the massive task of just getting it done on time (while also) making it special. The staff works tirelessly to ensure the event shines brightly opening night and reflects the true joy of the season throughout the duration of the seven-week program." Nearly 30,000 vehicles drive through the Nature in Lights display each year. Craig said this is a great opportunity for Fort Hood to give back to the communities that support the Great Place throughout the year. More information about the light display is available on the Fort Hood website and Facebook page.

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FROM MY FRONT PORCH

The best elixir in life is seeing an old friend



SAM HOUSTON
Sam Houston is a newspaper publisher, an actor, author, playwright, performer and entertainment producer/promoter.

Sometimes I try to imagine the days gone by when the world did not move so fast. A time where our society was not quite so mobile.

Many folks reside in the same place where they grew up and they maintain their childhood relationships for years and years. There is something, almost sacred, about having a friend who has known you from the time you were very little until the time you are old and gray. The many years of interaction creates a special bond that cements the friendship

and makes it deeper and more satisfying than a casual acquaintance.

I knew of four men who lived in a small town in Oklahoma. One was a banker, another a mortician, one a doctor and the remaining man owned the peanut processing facility. All the four had done business on Main Street in that small town for over 50 years. They had served together on school boards, city councils, been officers in Rotary and Lions clubs, and been active in their churches. Heck, the four families played cards together every Thursday night for more than 50 years with very few cancellations or missed appearances.

They knew each other like the back of their hand. They understood and appreciated each other's faults and accomplishments. These men respected each other, and most importantly, truly loved one another. I am not saying there was never a disagreement or a squabble, because I am sure there was, but they never let some minor issue or minuscule event alter their relationship. They were true to each other and as certain as taxes. They all passed on but are buried in the same cemetery where

their families have adjoining gravesites. I think when the four passed, the town and the world lost a great example of friendship and commitment.

I left home when I was 17 and never lived in my hometown again. I have been transient in my life, having lived in a multitude of states and cities. I think this is much more common now than it was 50 years ago. People change locations for job opportunities, climate conditions, or simply because they like the lifestyle in a different locale. They make new friends, and while they keep in touch with the old, it is never quite the same as "living their lives" together.

This past week I attended the visitation for the departed mother of one of our employees. I thought it was important to show my respects and support my colleague. Upon my arrival and while shaking hands with family members, I heard a voice behind me and knew instantly it was my friend Phillip who I had not seen in two or three years. Everyone loves Phillip because he is good looking, funny, talented and personable. Originally, we met when I was promoting Murder Mystery Dinner Theaters

and Phillip was one of the actors. We worked together on quite a few shows over the years, until COVID shut us all down. I had not seen Phillip since that time.

When I saw Phillip's face, I hugged him so hard I could have injured him. We smiled, laughed, and told stories on each other. It turns out he is the first cousin of the colleague who had lost his mother! What a coincidence!

When it was time to leave, we hugged again and promised to stay in touch. Our lives will never be as intertwined as they once were, which is sad. Our lives have taken us down different trails and we do not intersect like we once did. I miss my friend. I miss seeing his talents played out on stage, and the fun we have simply sitting around and "shooting the breeze." I appreciate how much I miss him, and I regret we will never have the same relationship as when we worked together. Life goes on, but the past is never far behind.

Thought for the day. A cowboy never steps into the same stream twice. Until next time.

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Letters to Santa due at Messenger Dec. 2

The Gatesville Messenger will be once again publishing local children's letters to Santa Claus in a special holiday issue of the paper.

Children through the third grade may submit a letter for publication.

Local schools have been contacted and should either send a form home for your child to complete at home or complete in class.

If your child does not at-

tend school, you may drop off the letter at The Gatesville Messenger office located at 116 S. 6th Street on the courthouse square.

Deadline for submission is Dec. 2. Letters turned in after deadline will not be published.

After The Messenger is finished with the letters, they will be forwarded to the North Pole.

Messenger has early deadlines due to Thanksgiving holiday

The Gatesville Messenger's office will be closed Thursday, Nov. 24 and Friday, Nov. 25 for Thanksgiving.

Those wishing to submit news or advertising will need to do so earlier than normal due to an early printing schedule.

The deadline for the Wednesday, Nov. 30 issue will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 23. The Messenger will

return to a normal deadline schedule the following week.

The Messenger staff reminds readers that early deadlines will also be necessary around the Christmas and New Year holidays. Deadlines will be announced as we approach those holidays.

For questions or submission, please call 254-865-5212 ext. 305.

BOOK REVIEW

Comfort and hope for people and pets with cancer



TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

Just a little more time. Two months, six months, a year, two. When your fur baby is ailing, all you ask for is time together - not to do all those things you didn't do, but to do things again. Whatever it takes, you'll pay what you can afford and step on the imaginary brakes. In the new book, "Sit, Stay, Heal," by Dr. Renee Alsarraf, the doctor completely understands what you're feeling.

You almost need to ask how she does it.

You wouldn't be alone: every day at her clinic, veterinary oncologist Renee Alsarraf treats pets with cancer. She sees the effects the disease has on dogs and cats, and she knows there can be good outcomes because pets don't handle chemotherapy or radiation like people do.

She knows that because Alsarraf survived a bout with cancer herself.

There was supposed to have been an Independence Day celebration the day after Alsarraf learned of her diagnosis but the party was canceled and she regrets that now. She fretted about losing her hair, not wanting to "look like a C-word patient." She learned that there was no shame in leaning on her husband, their son or friends.

Dogs, especially, don't worry about any of those things. They bounce back in amazing ways from chemotherapy; and in some cases

they respond with puppy-like vigor. They often don't lose their hair or get mouth-sores or endure the annoyances that humans get from cancer treatments. Sometimes, the only treatment required for a dog is a pill to stave off the disease for a little more time.

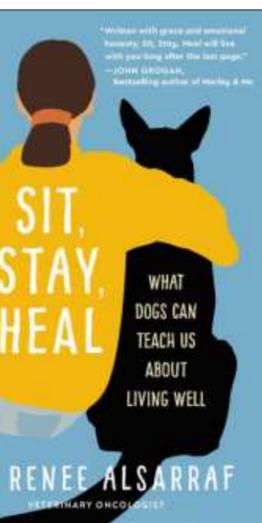
Radiation has its risks but dogs don't care, as long as they're loved as much as was the chubby cocker spaniel service dog, as much as the K-9 hound, as much as the beagle whose owner was dying, as much as the retriever, or the 'doodle with a painful shoulder.'

As long as they are loved as much as Alsarraf's own boxer, who was diagnosed with cancer in the middle of her treatment for "the C-word."

Here's the big surprise: "Sit, Stay, Heal" is not a book filled with sadness and pain. It's not going to make you cry (much), and it's not full of pink T-shirts.

This is a story filled with hope.

That's an odd thing to say about a book in which outcomes are often exactly what you think they'll be, but it's true. Author Renee Alsarraf lends grace and optimism to the agony that her pet-parent clients feel, and that comes



"Sit, Stay, Heal: What Dogs Can Teach Us about Living Well" by Dr. Renee Alsarraf c.2022, HarperOne, \$27.99, 256 pages

early and strong. It's not misplaced; because it's very relieving to read how animals respond to cancer treatment, and there's great comfort here for dog lovers whose pups have recently received a diagnosis.

The comfort extends somewhat to humans with the disease, too, although Alsarraf makes her "C-word" a secondary character, with the focus on four legs.

Bring a few tissues when you read this book but be prepared not to use them. Instead, be ready to see the hope inside "Sit, Stay, Heal." Absolutely, this book is worth the time.

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LEGACY COMES TO LIFE

Stephen Jackson: rancher, farmer, soldier

ROBYN DAVIS

The story of Stephen Jackson is told by his great-great-grandson, Robyn Davis. Robyn is a member and president of the Erastus "Deaf" Smith Chapter of The Sons of the Republic of Texas in Pasadena. Robyn serves the SRT as the San Jacinto district representative, and as a committeeman on the Texian Navy Day and Logo committees.

My name is Stephen Jackson. I was born in South Carolina on July 12, 1803, to Dru Jackson and Nancy Mayfield Jackson. I was one of nine children. In 1831, I emigrated to Texas and shortly thereafter I met Susan Choate. It has also been said that I was the first white man to have settled in the area that is now known as Harding County.

I was initially given a labor of land, 177 acres, to start a farm. I would also ranch and run cattle on Susan's father's ranch. His name was David Choate Sr.

On June 10, 1835, Mexico granted me one league and a labor, which was 4,605 acres. That land was located northwest of Sabine Prairie, about eight miles northwest of Pine Island creek (bayou). It was later filed in Jefferson County on Nov. 12, 1838, by George Nixon, the land commissioner for Empresario Lorenzo De Zavalla. By that time, I was an established rancher.

On my property there were seven springs flowing into a small lake. Legend has it that the Indians claimed the lake to have great healing pow-

ers. I discovered the lake when herding some ponies to pasture. The horses shied away from the water, but I was thirsty enough to drink anything, so I bent down and took a big drink. The minute I tasted the water, I shouted out, "I have been poisoned!" I did not get sick but surprisingly felt refreshed. At that point, I believed that the lake had some medicinal and healing properties just like the Indians claimed. Sour Lake Springs later became known as Sour Lake.

On March 4, 1836, while I was clearing my land, a rider came racing up with urgent news. He was yelling that help was needed in San Antonio. Turns out that his name was Joseph Dunman, and he had a copy of a letter from Colonel William B. Travis. It was Travis' last appeal, which was also known as the "Victory or Death Letter." The letter was a call to arms to relieve the men at the Alamo.

I told Susan and her brother David Choate Jr. about the call for help. David and I decided that we were going to join the cause and help relieve the men at the Alamo. I told Susan that I would be home directly and not to worry. She was scared for me to go but she did not complain.

David and I joined the Liberty Volunteers commanded by Captain William Logan on March 6, 1836, to relieve the men at the Alamo. We made it as far as the Colorado River when we met soldiers from Gonzalez commanded by General Sam Houston. They had learned from General

Houston that Deaf Smith had found a woman named Susannah Dickerson, and she reported that the Alamo had fallen and all had perished.

I was furloughed for eight days, beginning April 18, 1836 to help Susan and the kids get started to Louisiana. A lot of folks were fleeing the Mexican army; this became known as the Runaway Scrape. On my way home, I came across a man named William Fairfax Gray. I offered Gray a place to stay for the night. That evening, Gray could tell Susan was quite perturbed about men fleeing with the women and children instead of fighting for Texas independence. I returned to the Texian Army to help General Sam win the war and found out I missed the Battle of San Jacinto by three days.

Susan and I could not be legally married under Mexican Law unless a Catholic priest performed the ceremony. We finally got married on Oct. 16, 1838, in Jefferson County and we already had five children. Our marriage was the 23rd recorded in Jefferson County.

On May 10, 1848, I sold 1,000 acres known as "Sour Lake" to Colonel Landy Lindsey, who developed a spa. In the early 1860s, General Sam Houston would visit the spa in hopes that "great healing powers" of Sour Lake would heal his old wounds.

Stephen Jackson passed away on Sept. 10, 1860, at the age of 57. He is buried in the Jackson family cemetery near the town of Sour Lake.



COURTESY PHOTO

STEPHEN JACKSON: This historical marker for Stephen Jackson is located in Hardin County, northwest of Beaumont.

The DISPATCH

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of November 14 - 15. While there were many calls to the dispatcher, this is a partial list of more significant activity. Persons are reminded that only emergency calls should be made to 9-1-1, while all other calls to the police department should be made to 865-2226 or to the Sheriff's office at 865-7201.

CITY OF GATESVILLE
POLICE DEPARTMENT

Nov. 14

8:03 a.m., a burglary was reported in the 200 block of N. Lutterloh Avenue.

8:07 a.m., a theft was reported in the 2000 block of Waco Street.

1:40 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1200 block of E. Main Street.

2:15 p.m., a theft was reported in the 100 block of N. State Hwy. 36 Bypass.

7:59 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1000 block of E. Leon

Street.

Nov. 15

12:55 a.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 100 block of Elm Street.

2:13 a.m., a disturbance was reported in the 2000 block of Waco Street.

1:19 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 5000 block of CR 128.

3:17 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 300 block of Old Waco Road.

3:44 p.m., reckless conduct was reported in the 600 block of E. Leon Street.

3:58 p.m., suspicious

activity was reported in the 1400 block of W. Leon Street.

4:01 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 100

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block of CR 149.

7:17 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 100 block of Robert Evetts Drive.

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SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Nov. 14

11:50 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 7800 block of S. Hwy. 36.

12:55 p.m., a major accident was reported on E. Hwy. 84.

3:53 p.m., the burglary of a habitation was reported

in the 400 block of CR 132.

4:10 p.m., a threat was reported in the 200 block of Julia Drive.

6:55 p.m., a suspicious vehicle was reported at Burger King.

10:02 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 300 block of Cedar Ridge Road.

Nov. 15

6:56 a.m., a reckless driver was reported on Main Street at Lovers Lane.

10:03 a.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 100 block of Spotted Fawn.

10:29 a.m., mail tampering was reported in the 3800 block of CR 107.

3:10 p.m., a disturbance/noise complaint was reported on N. Hwy. 36 and CR 196.

3:57 p.m., shots being fired was reported in the 1400 block of W. Leon Street.

4:01 p.m., a grass fire was reported on CR 149 and FM 116.

4:09 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on Mulberry Road.

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Coryell County farmers and ranchers reminded committee election ballots due by Dec. 5

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has started mailing ballots for the Farm Service Agency county committee elections to eligible farmers and ranchers across the country. To be counted, ballots must be returned to the Coryell County FSA office or postmarked by Dec. 5, 2022.

"FSA county committee members provide valuable knowledge and judgment as decisions are made about the services we provide, including disaster and safety-net programs," said Trey Stoneham, acting county executive director for Coryell County. "Please take a few minutes to review your ballot and make your selection prior to the Dec. 5 deadline."

Each committee has from three to 11 elected members who serve three-year terms of office, and at least one seat is up for election each year for a certain Local Administrative Area. Newly elected committee members will take office Jan. 1, 2022. Coryell County com-

mittee members help FSA make important decisions on its commodity support programs, conservation programs, indemnity and disaster programs, and emergency programs and eligibility.

The nominees up for election in LAA 1, which includes Evant, Pearl, King, Slater, Pidcoke, Topsey and Copperas Cove, in Coryell County are Chris Littlefield and James Bart Koerth. **CHRIS LITTLEFIELD** is nominated to serve as a committee member for a three-year term. Mrs. Littlefield resides in Copperas Cove and has produced beef cattle, Sudan grass, small grains and corn for 37 years.

She is currently an active member of the county committee and serves as chairperson.

JAMES KOERTH has also been nominated to serve as a committee member for a three-year term. Mr. Koerth resides in Gatesville and has produced beef cattle, sheep and hay for over 20 years.

He is an active member of

the Coryell County farming and ranching community.

Producers must participate or cooperate in an FSA program to be eligible to vote in the county committee election. A cooperating producer is someone who has provided information about their farming or ranching operation but may not have applied or received FSA program benefits. Also, for county committee elections, producers who are not of legal voting age, but supervise and conduct the farming operations of an entire farm, are eligible to vote.

Producers can find out if their LAA is up for election and if they are eligible to vote by contacting their local FSA county office. Eligible voters who do not receive a ballot in the mail can request one from their local FSA county office. Visit fsa.usda.gov/elections for more information.

Local businesses and offices to close for upcoming Thanksgiving holiday

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

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

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

Closings in the immediate area include:

GOVERNMENT

The City of Gatesville, City of Oglesby, and Coryell County Courthouse will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 24. The City of Evant will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 24 and will remain closed the following day on Friday, Nov. 25.

The Farm Service Agency will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 24.

SCHOOLS

The Independent School Districts of Gatesville and Evant will be closed Monday, Nov. 21 through Friday, Nov. 25. The Gatesville Independent School District Administration Office will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 24. The Jonesboro Independent School District will be closed on Wednesday, Nov. 23 through Friday, Nov. 25. The Oglesby Independent School District will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 24 and Friday, Nov. 25.

The Boys and Girls Club of Gatesville will be closed Thursday, Nov. 24.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
Cadence and Extraco Bank will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 24 and will open the following day, Nov. 25. Educator's Credit Union will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 24 and will be open on Friday, Nov. 25 and Saturday, Nov. 26. The First National Banks of Gatesville, Evant, and Oglesby will be closed on

Thursday, Nov. 24 and will remain open on Friday, Nov. 25 until 2 p.m.

POST OFFICES

All local post offices will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 24, and no box service will be provided.

LIBRARY

The Gatesville Public Library will be closed Thursday, Nov. 24, Friday, Nov. 25, and Saturday, Nov. 26.

SENIOR CENTER

The Gatesville Multi-Service Center will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 24 and Friday, Nov. 25.

NEWSPAPER

The Gatesville Messenger will be closed Thursday, Nov. 24 and Friday, Nov. 25.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF CORYELL

NOTICE TO BID: WORK TRUCKS FOR ROAD & BRIDGE DEPARTMENT

Sealed bids addressed to the Coryell County Auditor, 800 E. Main St., Suite A, Gatesville, Texas 76528, will be accepted in the office of the County Auditor until December 5, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., at which time the bids will be opened by the County Auditor, to deliver the following:

Work trucks for the Coryell County Road and Bridge Department, to include between one and four trucks, Dodge or Chevrolet, crew cab or double cab, single wheel, gasoline or diesel fueled, ¾ ton or 1 ton, 4 wheel drive, vinyl or cloth interior, vinyl or rubber floor covering, tow mirrors, tow package, gooseneck ball, brake controls, automatic transmission, A/M-F/M Radio, and Heat & A/C, to be available for pick up or delivery on or before February 1, 2023.

Contact the County Auditor's Office for any further information. The County reserves the right to accept or reject in whole or in part any or all bids.

Mail or bring your bid to:
Coryell County Auditor Ben Roberts
800 E. Main, Suite A, Gatesville, Texas 76528
(254) 865-5911 ext. 2223 (phone) (254) 865-1355 (fax)

Mother Neff State Park hosts Fall Festival

Fall Fest was recently celebrated at Mother Neff State Park in southeastern Coryell County. Park activities included guided hikes, scavenger hunts, a storybook trail and a visit by Smokey Bear from the Texas Forest Service. The Leon River Dutch Oven Gang was also on hand for demonstrations and handing out samples of their Dutch oven cooking. Courtesy photos.



CORYELL MUSEUM

Excerpts from the Coryell County News

JANN DWORSKY

Coryell Museum Volunteer

Many issues of the Coryell County News are at our Coryell Museum, and here are some excerpts from it.

October 2, 1942

The Public Relation Office at Hamilton Field, California, has notified us that Staff Sergeant Josiah C. Davidson Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Davidson, has been appointed to the ordinance officer's candidate school.

George D. Featherston, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Featherston of this city, recently graduated from the officers candidate school at Camp Barkeley and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the medical administrative corps.

Washington, Sept. 30 (UP) The Navy disclosed Wednesday night that the 8,378-ton naval transport George F. El-

liott, formerly the liner City of Los Angeles, and the transport Gregory, a small auxiliary, have been lost in the battle of the Solomon Islands but with few casualties.

On Oct. 1, 2 and 3 from 8:00 p.m., representatives of the Federal Bureau of Investigation will conduct interviews with applicants in room 331 of the post office building in Waco, Texas. Anyone interested may call in person. The FBI has an urgent need for women employees to serve as assistants at the seat of government in Washington, D.C. Applications for these positions must be high school graduates and have attained the age of 18. Applicants must be capable of performing moderate physical exertion. Eyesight must be good and corrected to normal if glasses are worn. The salary is in grade CAF-2, at \$1,444 per annum.

Mrs. Mears was named

manager at the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce. Due to the scarcity of manpower, the prevailing high wage scale and the limited budget of the Chamber of Commerce, the board of directors decided that it was impractical to hire a man as manager of the Chamber of Commerce. They decided to proceed with their recent setup and named Mrs. Mears as manager in order to give her more authority to conduct the work of the office.

The movement is in keeping with the present war program of drafting women to fill the places usually occupied by men. It is the second time in the life of Mrs. Mears that she has been drafted to fill a man's place. During World War I when manpower became short, without being officially given the title, she discharged all the duties of the principal of the Gatesville High School. She was also the coach of the boys' basketball, and it is to be hoped that her present duties will



COURTESY PHOTO

1970's edition of the Coryell County News



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Coryell Museum and Historical Center

Whatever happened to...

20 YEARS AGO (2002)

Doyle and Bettye Byford Johnson celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception at College Avenue Baptist Church in McGregor. They were married on Nov. 26, 1952, by the Rev. Ed Laux.

Jennifer Claire Jund and Dustin Hugh Boyd exchanged wedding vows in a double ring ceremony at the First United Methodist Church.

Bradley Barnes was named the Gatesville High School Band "beau" and Tiffany Derrick was introduced as the sweetheart.

In All-Region choir, Gatesville High School choir member named to the honor choir were Ryan Hutsell, Katie Webb and Whitney Evans.

Gatesville High School's Ty Williams was described as "soaring to the hoop" during a winning basketball game over Lorena. Williams scored six points and pull down five rebounds to help Gatesville get the win.

Local bull rider Ricky Phillips held on tight during the National Finals Rodeo held in Reno, Nevada. He not only claimed the world championship at the National Finals but dominated throughout the season. After winning the world championship, he announced his retirement after 32 years in the sport.

30 YEARS AGO (1992)

Jacksonville College student, F. Jennings Smith of Flat, along with eighteen other students from the college were named to the latest edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.

Ruth Little was named as a hostess for a November meeting of the Woman's Forum group. Ronnie Smathers presented the program which was entitled "Mother Russia and Georgia/Armenia."

Dr. Shane Mills of the Gatesville Scott & White Clinic was the guest speaker at the Coryell County Chapter of

the American Association of Retired Persons. His presentation was on "Screening for Cancer."

Joyce Bone, Lucile Plane, Lanelle Boone, Jerry Duncan, Ione Moore, Verna Smalley, Vennie Lee and Fay Zeigler were named duplicate bridge winners during a local tournament.

Dr. Jay C. Riley, pastor of First Baptist Church of Gatesville, was elected to serve on the board of trustees of the Texas Baptist Children's Home. Serving on the board was considered to be a major position at the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Sam and Evelyn Neel received a certificate of commendation from the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution in recognition of their exemplary patriotism in the display of the flag of the United States of America.

40 YEARS AGO (1982)

The Gatesville City Council was prepared to evacuate the council chambers when a skunk invaded the building and made its way to the second floor where the council meetings were held. Firemen were able to trap the skunk in a closet.

Billy Bob Ford, a 1978 graduate of Gatesville High School, assisted in the rescue of a pilot and two passengers that crashed in the Caribbean Sea south of the Bahamas. Ford was serving as a crew member on the Navy frigate USS Joseph Hewes.

At the Drive In and cinema, Steven Spielberg's film E.T. (rated PG) was showing along with Halloween III, Season of the Witch (rated R).

Marilyn Maynard and Jane Cooper were busy wrapping up a Christmas package to delight the youngster that the Beta Sigma Phi sorority's chapter was sponsoring in the Child Welfare Board's Yule program.

Mr. and Mrs. James Boyd were honored on their 50th

wedding anniversary with a reception hosted by their children and their grandchildren.

The Morris Federation listened to a program presented by Ruth Gilbreath Jones about professional training and qualifications as a cosmetologist. Her program was called "Art of Cosmetology."

50 YEARS AGO (1972)

Jewel Whigham, librarian at the Gatesville Public Library, was busy pouring over the research material donated to the library that had once belonged to Miss Zelma Scott when she was writing "A History of Coryell County, Texas."

The National Weather Service charted the course of a tornado from eight miles southwest of Gatesville eastward to the Hewitt and Robinson area. No one was injured and no major damage was reported.

Burglars raided Pearce Grocery located on Main Street and made off with \$2,000 in cash along with 300 cartons of cigarettes, four cartons of snuff, \$50 in change from the cash register, a home stereo unit and a gun.

Clovis King, tax assessor-collector for the Gatesville Independent School District, had been designated as a certified Texas assessor by the board of the Institute of Certified Texas Assessors located in Dallas.

Rev. W.E. Smith, pastor of the Garnett Road Baptist Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma, was called as the new pastor of the First Baptist Church of Gatesville, ending a seven-month search by the church's pulpit committee.

The St. Louis Southwestern (Cotton Belt) Railway ended more than 80 years of rail service to Gatesville. For the last 40 years prior, the Cotton Belt operation to Gatesville had been strictly freight service and there had not been a depot agent in Gatesville since 1968.

be discharged as successfully as those duties were performed. Old-timers will recall that during the five years that she coached the basketball team, Gatesville lost only two games. This use of a woman in an official position is also in keeping with the programs of the war department, for a WAAC company is soon to be quartered at Camp Hood.

For Sale: Good house and lot. Worth the money. \$2,750.00. \$1,000 cash. See Tom Freeman, The Realtor. Corp. Bill Ament of Camp Sutton, North Carolina, is here visiting with his wife and mother.

Today playing at the Ritz Theatre, "International Squadron," starring Ronald Reagan.

Coryell Museum is open Wednesday thru Saturday from 10 to 4. We have a wonderful gift shop, 24,000 square feet of exhibit space and two rooms for rental. The Gilbreath Room and Coryell Room can be rented for your group meeting or family reunion. Call us at 865-5007 for rentals or for group tours during or after museum hours.

Jonesboro hosts first Christmas market Nov. 26

The city of Jonesboro has scheduled its first annual Christmas Vendor's Market on Saturday, Nov. 26. The market will be held at the Jonesboro Community Center, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

There will be \$10 booths available, and organizers are looking for a few more food and retail vendors for this event.

The Community Center is at 11625 TX HWY 36 in Jonesboro. For more information or to reserve a booth contact Valerie at 254-258-7465 or Amanda at 254-216-2031.

MOUND NEWS

Mound mourns the loss of Kari Dunn Hopson's father, Ricky Dunn

BARBARA HOPSON
Mound News Correspondent

Little Mr. Benjamin Travis Hopson was honored on his third birthday with a hot dog supper and a hayride on Saturday evening at the home of his grandparents, David and Pam Hopson. Those attending were family and friends.

Rebekah Stephens of Flower Mound spent a few days with her grandparents, Ray and John Stephens.

Donna Schultz and John Stephens visited Thursday afternoon in Bryan with Jean Rose.

Correction

It was originally reported in the Gatesville Messenger's Salute to Veterans section that Milton Bud Pollard was a Private in the Army but he was in fact a Staff Sergeant.



Milton Bud Pollard
Staff Sergeant
United States Army
1942-1945



RECIPE

A favorite recipe from the 'Methodist Best' cookbook

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

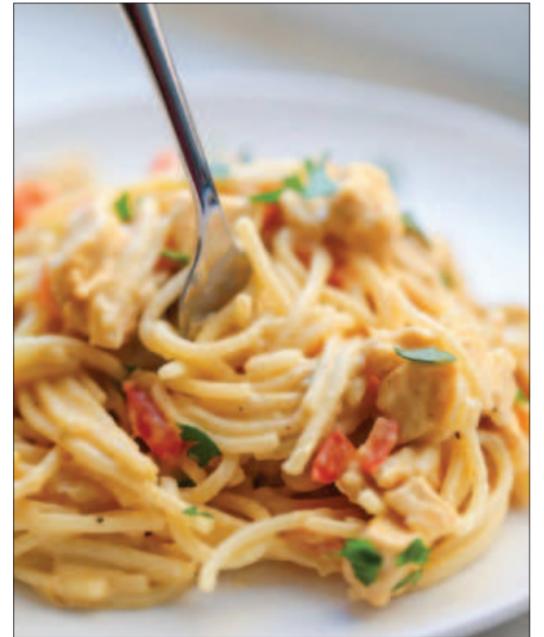
KAREN'S CHICKEN SPAGHETTI

Anne Ramminger

1 chicken or 3-4 large chicken breasts
1 med. onion, chopped
1 bell pepper, chopped
1 cup chopped celery
1 stick of butter
1 cup original Rotel tomatoes and green chiles
1 cup cream of mushroom soup

1 cup milk
1 cup grated Velveeta cheese
8 ounces spaghetti, uncooked
1 cup cream of chicken soup
Green olives, optional
Boil chicken, cool, debone and cut into small pieces. Reserve broth. In large saucepan, sauté onion, bell pepper and celery in melted butter.

Cook spaghetti in chicken broth. Add Rotel, soups, milk and Velveeta cheese to sautéed vegetables over medium to low heat until cheese has melted, and mixture is warm.
Stir in chicken. Add cooked spaghetti.
Garnish with green olives and enjoy.



Chicken spaghetti

COURTESY PHOTO



Hopson

Tabernacle of Praise presents Praise in the Park today

The Tabernacle of Praise presents "Praise in the Park" with Matt Linton on Saturday, Nov. 19.

Matt Linton is an ordained minister and has filled multiple ministerial roles over the years including senior pastor, associate pastor, youth pastor, international evangelist, serving time on the mission field in Guatemala, and has released three music projects as a southern gospel recording

artist.

Praise in the Park will begin at 2 p.m. at Faunt Le Roy Park and will be free to the public. There will be food, door prizes, live music and more.

Faunt Le Roy Park is located at S. 7th Street in Gatesville. For more information on this event, contact the Tabernacle of Praise at 254-206-1826 or visit www.gatesvilletop.org.

OBITUARIES

HELEN TAYLOR THEAKER

Feb. 9, 1952 - July 7, 2022



Helen Taylor Theaker of Gatesville, passed away on July 7, 2022.

Helen was born in Dallas on February 9, 1952, and graduated from Trinity University in San Antonio, class of 1973. For almost 40 years, Helen worked at the Vinson & Elkins Law Firm in Houston, supporting the managing partner for the last ten years. In 2013 Helen and her husband Tom retired to Gatesville and are oh so glad they did. Helen loved Gatesville, its people, living in the country and was filled with joy every day. Helen was a woman of faith and a member of First United Methodist Church Gatesville. Helen is survived by her

husband, Thomas H. Theaker; her aunt, Liberta Taylor, her cousin Tim Taylor, Tim's son Jason and Jason's family, her brother-in-law and his wife Ken and Linda Theaker; her niece, Kelly and her husband, Nathan McCarter, and their two children; and her niece, Kasey, and her husband, Kyle Fitzpatrick, and their two children. Helen may have had a tiny biological family, but she was so very blessed with a large, loving, supportive, funny, and precious family of friends.

Helen died from complications due to ALS, commonly known as Lou Gehrig's Disease. Helen and Tom suggest any memorial donations be made to:

The ALS Association of Texas, 14555 Dallas Parkway, Suite 100-219, Dallas, TX 75254,

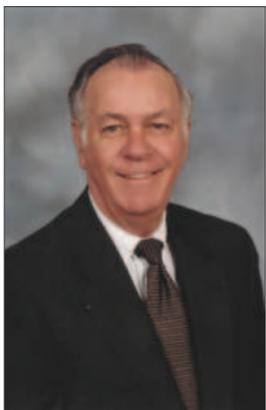
(www.alstexas.org)
Compassion & Choices, 101 SW Madison Street #8009, Portland, OR 97207

(www.Compassionand-choices.org)
The First United Methodist Church, 2600 E. Main Street, Gatesville, TX 76528.

(www.fumcgatesville.org)
A private memorial service for the family will be held at a later date.

ROBERT F. (BOB) SALTER

May 17, 1934 - Nov. 14, 2022



Robert F. (Bob) Salter, Sr., age 88, of Gatesville, passed away on Monday, November 14, 2022, in Gatesville.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 22, at Scott's Funeral Home Chapel, with Dr. Levi Price officiating. The family will receive visitors one hour prior to services at the funeral home. Interment will be at Restland Cemetery. For those unable to attend, Mr. Salter's funeral services will be livestreamed at the link below his obituary page at www.scottsfh.com.

Robert Frederick Salter was born on May 17, 1934, in Jacksonville, Florida to the late Walter H. and Laverna Collins Salter. He graduated from Andrew Jackson High School in 1952. He attended Stetson University from 1952 thru 1955. He then entered the U.S. Army and was stationed at Ft. Hood, he was honorably discharged in 1957. While at Ft. Hood, he met Lynita Steward and they married in 1957, and moved to Jacksonville, Florida. While in Jacksonville he earned his bachelor's degree from Jacksonville University in 1960. He then entered Baylor School of Law and

received his Juris Doctorate Degree in 1963. He joined Byron McLellan Law Firm in Gatesville in 1963 and later transitioned into his own law practice, that he served at until his retirement in 2005. He was elected to the 60th Legislature of the Texas House of Representatives, where he served three consecutive terms. As a state representative he wrote House Bill 121 that created Texas State Technical Institute (TSTI). He served on the appropriations committee for his three terms of office. He was the chairman of the insurance committee for his three terms of office. He tried a case for the Texas Youth Council in front of the U.S. District Court with Judge William Wayne Justice presiding. He was instrumental in establishing the water supply from Belton Lake to the City of Gatesville. He served as the City Attorney for the City of Gatesville for 31 years, from 1974 to 2005. He was a Deacon and member of First Baptist Church of Gatesville, where he was active in the choir and taught Sunday School class for 40 years. He was a member of Gatesville Masonic Lodge #197 A.F. & A.M. and the Waco Karem Shrine. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Gaston Salter, Rev. Walter H. Salter, Jr. and a sister, Laverna McKinney.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Lynita Salter; sons, Robert F. Salter, Jr. and wife, Sherry, Charles Salter and wife, Sheila, Steve Salter and wife, Stacia; six grandchildren, Katelyn Stewart, Courtney Salter, Shelby Salter, Alan Salter, Luke Salter and Zach Salter; and three great-grandchildren, Dallas, London and Rilee.

In lieu of flowers, the family has designated that memorials be made to First Baptist Church, 912 E. Main Street, Gatesville, TX 76528.

King Baptist set for community-wide Thanksgiving feast on Nov. 26

King Baptist Church is inviting the public to its annual "Community-Wide Thanksgiving Feast." Everyone is invited to join then to share a meal and to enjoy

the company of the community.

The meal will take place on Saturday, Nov. 26, at 6 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. King Baptist Church is lo-

cated at 6730 FM 1783 near Gatesville. For more information, call 254-865-7075.

King Baptist Church can trace its roots back to 1875 when the Baptist congrega-

tion was first organized. The current sanctuary was built in 1975 and the church has continued to serve the surrounding area for 147 years.

Christmas with the Chamber is Dec. 10

The Gatesville Chamber of Commerce will be holding a day-long event called "Christmas with the Chamber" on Saturday, Dec. 10.

The day will begin with Chamber Market Days from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. and will be located at the chamber depot.

The Christmas Parade will commence at 10 a.m. and will start behind H-E-B. This

year's theme is "'Tis the reason for the season!"

In order to be entered into the ugly sweater contest you must have your photo taken anytime from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the chamber.

When the parade is finished, there will be a chance for the little ones to get their photo with Santa. Families are welcome to stop by

the chamber for individual or family photos. There will be activities for the kids, as well as hot chocolate, hot apple cider and coffee which will be served for one dollar each.

Christmas with the Chamber will end with a Christmas Family Night Sweater Party. The party will be at the chamber from 6 - 9 p.m.

The Elf movie will be showing, and everyone is encouraged to wear a Christmas sweater.

The Gatesville Chamber of Commerce is located at 2307 S. Highway 36 in Gatesville. For further information contact The Gatesville Chamber of Commerce at 254-865-2617.

Gatesville Elementary to host annual Christmas Extravaganza Dec. 3

Gatesville Elementary School will hold their fourth annual Christmas Extravaganza on Saturday, Dec. 3. The extravaganza will start and 9 a.m. and

continue through 2 p.m. at the elementary campus. Activities throughout the day will consist of pictures with Santa, food trucks, vendors, shopping, and

other fun activities. Amber Colson Photography will be taking photos with Santa.

Gatesville Elementary is located at 2537 East Main

Street in Gatesville. For more information on this extravaganza, contact the school at 254-865-7262.



DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Last year's open house at Central Texas Hospitality House

Central Texas Hospitality House to have Christmas Celebration open house Dec. 13

The Central Texas Hospitality House will host their Christmas Celebration on Tuesday, Dec. 13 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

The celebration will include various family activities. There will be a special

nutcracker exhibit, a bounce house, live music, door prizes, refreshments, a tour of the Central Texas Hospitality House, and a live Christmas story with a free giveaway for the kids.

The Christmas Celebra-

tion is given as an appreciation celebration with the Gatesville community, families, and surrounding areas for their support of the Central Texas Hospitality House.

The Central Texas Hos-

pitality House is located at 708 Highway 36 in Gatesville. For more information, contact 254-404-2260 or email cthospatialityhouse@gmail.com.

Hidden Gem seeking food donations for Thanksgiving dinner boxes

The Hidden Gem Family Center needs food donations for Thanksgiving dinner boxes for families. Hidden Gem will be accepting donations of the

following:

- Turkey, Hens, or Hams
- Boxes of stuffing mix
- Packets of instant turkey gravy
- Cranberry sauce

- Vegetables
- Rolls
- Box cake mix and icing

All donations are appreciated. The Hidden Gem

Family Center is located at 115 S. 7th Street in Gatesville. For more information on donations contact them by calling 254-206-3003.

Pennoli B&B taking donations for annual clothing and blanket drive

The Pennoli Bed & Breakfast presents "Hearts Making Hearts Warmer" as their first annual clothing and blanket drive. The drive began Nov. 15 and will run through Dec. 11. The Bed & Breakfast is partnering with the Hidden Gem Family Center to help

those in need in our community this winter.

Donation drop off times will be Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., and Saturdays from 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. The donation drop-off point will be on the front porch of the Pennoli Bed & Break-

fast. Priority donations include coats, gloves, beanies, scarves, hats and blankets. This will be for adults and children of all sizes and must be in good condition.

Pennoli Bed & Breakfast is located at 1009 E. Main Street in Gatesville. For more

information, call Pennoli Bed & Breakfast at 360-560-5615 or by email at Pennolibandb@gmail.com. Contact the Hidden Gem Family Center at 254-206-3003 or by email at Hiddengemfamilycenter@gmail.com.

Gatesville Junior High vs Intermediate

Gatesville ISD held their annual Food for Families food drive volleyball game at the high school Wednesday. Students got to watch teachers from the Gatesville Intermediate School square off with teachers from the Junior High. Teachers danced, cheerleaders from the high school and junior high cheered, and kids cheered and sang along to the songs. The two campuses competed to see who could collect the most jars of peanut butter and jelly. For every jar of peanut butter brought in, students get a ticket to enter a drawing for who gets to throw a pie in Mr. Herbelin's face. While the Intermediate teachers dominated during the volleyball match, the Junior High students came in ahead of the Intermediate with 743 pounds for the food drive.



PHOTOS BY DAVID SCOTT,
SE'VETTE EARLY AND
CANDI GARVIN



HOUSES OF WORSHIP

BAPTIST

BETHEL HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH: 3835 CR 127, Gatesville; Sunday services - Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m.

BETHLEHEM PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH: Elder, Hugh Montgomery, pastor; Peabody community 5 miles south of Pearl, 4555 FM 1690, Gatesville; Sunday services - Morning worship 4th Sunday each month at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

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 at 7:30 a.m.

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 p.m.

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 6:30 p.m.

HAY VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH: 3110 Hay Valley Road, off Hwy 36 North. Sunday morning services - Sunday School 10:00 am, Worship 11:00 am. AWANA children's ministry Sunday evening 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Bible Study for men and women on Wednesday at 6:30 pm.

JONESBORO BAPTIST CHURCH: Matt Dossey, pastor; 11420 North State Hwy. S, Jonesboro; Sunday services - Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship 10:50 a.m.

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- ▶ 0.87 Acres, 2 Br, 2 Ba Home, Gustine TX, 2 car attached carport, 2 living areas. 1 water well, metal build with concrete slab. \$154,900
- ▶ 2/1 brick home, 560 W. Hwy. 84, Evant, TX, recently painted, updated shower, garage/workshop, fenced in backyard, utility shed-boat shed. \$169,500
- ▶ 1.064 Acres, 4/2 Doublewide Home, 509 W. Brooks Dr., Evant, TX. Open floor plan, fireplace, kitchen island, garden tub, walk-in closet, 2 car carport, shed. \$182,500
- ▶ 8.5 Acres, 2 Br, 2 Ba Home, Gustine TX, 2 car attached carport, 2 living areas. 1 water well, metal build with concrete slab & an older wooden barn. \$255,000
- ▶ 10.01 acres east of Evant, TX. Lot 8 Phase 5 Rio Escondido Subdivision, good tree cover, rolling terrain, great views to build a home, gated subdivision. \$119,900
- ▶ 10.01 acres north of Evant, TX. Lot 85 Phase 4 Rio Escondido, Rolling Terrain, Good tree cover, good views. \$129,500
- ▶ 10.01 acres west of Hamilton, TX, CR 607. Electricity, great views, rolling terrain, scattered tree cover, Lot no. 1 in the Bluff View Subdivision. \$139,500
- ▶ 10.01 Acres, Lot 20 Phase 4 Rio Escondido north of Evant, TX. Good tree cover, great views. \$150,000
- ▶ 10.01 Acres, Lot 28 Phase 4 Rio Escondido north of Evant, TX. Good tree cover, great views. \$200,000
- ▶ 10.01 acres, Evant, TX, Buffalo Creek Ranch Subdivision Lot No. 53. Langford Branch, Nice Home Site, scattered tree cover, native pasture \$225,000
- ▶ 11 +/- acres at Arnett, TX in Coryell County. Good tree cover, nice home site, the property will need to be fenced on the east boundary. You will need to drill a water well for water. \$179,500
- ▶ 11.64 acres 3/2 home south of Evant, TX in Coryell County. Nice porch, large master Br and Bath, barn, workshop, seasonal creek, Hwy. 281 frontage. \$850,000
- ▶ 20.02 acres, Evant, TX, CR 421, Hamilton County, Lot No. 21, Mulberry Creek, rolling terrain, good tree cover. \$250,000
- ▶ 21 acres south of Evant TX, CR 154 W, Coryell County, rolling terrain, scattered tree cover, good views, electricity on northeast corner of property. \$425,000
- ▶ 25 acres west of Purlma, TX on CR 181. Stock tank, good exterior fencing on 3 sides, 1 side will need to be fenced, coastal and native grasses. \$275,000
- ▶ 25.06 acres Pottsville, TX Hamilton County, Paloma Vista Subdivision Lot 31, rolling terrain, scattered tree cover, great views. \$275,000
- ▶ 33.43 acres, near Coryell City, Coryell County, FM 929 & CR 260 frontage, rolling terrain, good views. \$295,000
- ▶ 36 +/- acres west of Evant, TX, Hamilton County. Scattered tree cover & rolling terrain, Fiber Optic Internet Service, you will need to drill a water well. \$387,000
- ▶ 47.332 ac. south of Ireland, TX, good tree cover, rolling terrain, good fencing on 3 sides, southside will need to be fenced. \$395,000
- ▶ 50.07 acres 8 miles south of Evant TX, Coryell County CR 154, rolling terrain, good tree cover and good views. \$425,000
- ▶ 50.28 acres 8 miles south of Evant TX, Coryell County CR 154, rolling terrain, good tree cover, good views, electricity on northeast corner of property. \$425,000
- ▶ 50.24 Acres, 3/2.5 home, 2171 CR 419, Evant, TX, rolling terrain, 40% being good tree cover, the remaining balance being open pasture, great views. \$675,000
- ▶ 52.73 Acres, 3/2.5 barndominium, 1197 CR 404, Hamilton, TX. Water well, metal building, nice porch, good tree cover, rolling terrain, 2 tanks, good fences. \$899,000
- ▶ 68.9 Acres, 3/2.5 rock home, 101 Mac Dr., Gatesville, TX, approx. 2900 ft of Leon River frontage, ceramic tile floors, carpet in the bedrooms, vaulted ceiling, rock fireplace, granite countertops, breakfast bar, garden tub, metal building approx. 45 ft x 24 ft, older barn approx. 50 ft. x 30 ft., cattle pens, 1 stock tank, approx. 48 acres of coastal. \$1,375,000
- ▶ 74.264 acres west of Purlma, TX, FM 1241 & CR 181, stock tank, barn, cattle pens, good exterior fencing, approx. 65 acres w/coastal & native grasses. \$556,980
- ▶ 88.007 acres, 36 ft. Travel Trailer, 25 ft. x 30 ft. metal barn, Electricity, 1 tank, seasonal branch, water well, scattered tree cover, good hunting. \$720,000
- ▶ 100.054 acres 8 miles south of Evant TX, Coryell County, rolling terrain, good tree cover, good views, electric on property. \$850,000
- ▶ 105 acres south of Pearl, TX on Self Rd. Good tree cover, rolling terrain, small branch, barn, rain harvest system, \$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, breakfast bar, ceramic tile in kitchen, breakfast area & bathrooms. Laminite wood flooring in living room & carpet in 2 bedrooms, inground pool with slab that was poured 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, good exterior & interior fencing, set of cattle pens near the center of the property, rolling terrain with scattered tree cover and great views. \$2,150,000

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Hornet volleyball players earn district honors



GLADYS WHITENBURG | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Freshman Emma Pollard, center, made a strong impact on the court and was one of the dominant players in district. The Hornet standout was named Newcomer of the Year for District 23-4A.



GLADYS WHITENBURG | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Senior Lola Barron was a steady presence for the Hornet volleyball team and earned first team All District honors. Serving up aces was one of Barron's specialties.



GLADYS WHITENBURG | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Senior Kayleigh Haywood, 16, at right, was named first team All District for the Hornet volleyball team. After missing part of the season with an injury, Haywood's return helped spark the team to new heights, including bi-district and area championships and a trip to the third round of the playoffs for the first time since 2012.

Two recognized on first team, 1 as top newcomer

BY JEFF OSBORNE
Senior writer & editor

The Gatesville Hornet volleyball team was well represented on the All District 23-4A postseason volleyball squad, taking two first team spots and the Newcomer of the Year honor.

Seniors Lola Barron and Kayleigh Haywood were both named to the first team, while freshman Emma Pollard was the district's top newcomer.

Senior Charlee Barron earned second team recognition.

Honorable mention went to junior Barrett Boyd, senior Khloe Mathews and sophomore Tamiah Miller.

The Hornets excelled not only on the court, but also in the classroom. Earning Academic All District honors were Lola Barron, Boyd, senior Rachel Garrett, Haywood, sophomore Vania Martinez, Mathews and Pollard.

The team advanced to the third round of the playoffs, earning both bi-district and area championships.

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Hornets cap off '23 campaign with 7-4 mark

Team had strong showing in first year for head coach Aaron Hunter

Photos by Gladys Whitenburg

