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## Rain, rain come again



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Less than two weeks ago, Gatesville enjoyed rainfall, but hot dry weather quickly diminished the impact.

## Hot, dry weather blankets area

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

Continuing dry conditions with little to no relief in sight prompted the Coryell County Commissioners Court to continue its burn ban, and also to prohibit the sale of fireworks for the Memorial Day holiday.

Although parts of the county enjoyed some rainfall the first week in May, record high temperatures, some of which are expected to reach triple digits, are in the forecast with the summer months still ahead.

"We have had some rain, but it's my belief in talking to (Gatesville Fire Chief) Billy Vaden and a couple others (regarding potentially dangerous fire conditions) and with below average rainfall and continu-

ing dryness that this remains a concern," said County Judge Roger Miller.

He noted that there had been more than 300 calls received following the rainfall requesting the burn ban be lifted so people could burn brush. The county did that for a brief period - from May 6-8 - but then reinstated the ban.

"I don't like restricting our citizens but want to err on the side of caution to protect our communities and our firefighting resources," Miller said.

Bob Harrell, emergency management director for Coryell County, said conditions support the continued burn ban.

"We're getting 10 to 20 mile an hour winds with gusts up to 30 miles an hour and we have less than a 10% chance of rain," he said. "We're looking at below average rainfall and have had one of the

warmest starts to May drying things out. We've also got to be careful we don't exceed the maximum gigawatt load and lose power.

"It's going to get hotter and drier, so we need to be able to manage it."

Commissioner Kyle Matthews agreed that the best course of action is to continue the burn ban.

"We need to stay with the restrictions prohibiting burning," he said. Also in response to fire dangers, the commissioners court opted to not authorize the sale of fireworks for the Memorial Day holiday.

"With current conditions (approving the sale) would be a contradiction," Miller said.

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## Turnersville VFD request delayed 'til budget time

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

Turnersville's Volunteer Fire Department may receive the funds requested from Coryell County to help with building a brush truck, but it will be a few more months until the item can be considered during budget talks.

That was the decision made recently by the Coryell County Commissioners Court, which was following up on an agenda item originally considered in April.

"There was conflicting information, so I asked for it to be put back on (the May 10 commissioners court agenda)," said Commissioner Kyle Matthews.

County Judge Roger Miller said the request was not a regular budget expenditure. Those priorities are set during the budget meetings each year, which typically take place over the summer months and set guidelines for the upcoming fiscal year.

"Is it an emergency?" Miller asked. "If not, then we can address it during budget season."

The Turnersville VFD has requested \$19,451.87, which is a portion of what is needed to help complete the building of a new brush truck to supplement both that department's and Coryell County's firefighting capabilities.

"We bought the truck and we are getting ready to start building," said Turnersville VFD Chief Allan Thompson. He noted that with duties such as helping contain the Fort Hood fire and with fire dangers high because of the exceptional drought conditions, "this will help us get it done."

He said the vehicle will be an additional truck for the department to rely on.

"We're asking for that amount from the county, and we'll fund the rest of it ourselves to build it," Thompson said.

Based on the current budget, "those funds are not available," Miller said.

Commissioner Ray Ashby asked if any American Recovery Plan Act funds could be used.

"There are none that were budgeted (for that expense)," Miller said. He noted that more than \$470,000 has been budgeted for area fire departments in the current budget, which is distributed in quarterly payments to nine fire departments.

Thompson said he had brought up the funding request "a couple of times in the past" and added, "I don't think we're asking too much."

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In other action, the commissioners court gave its seal of approval for the Copperas Cove Fire Department to donate a 2009 truck to the Coryell City-Osage Volunteer Fire Department.

Miller said the county does not own nor pay for insurance or upkeep of the truck.

The commissioners court approved the donation "to help recoup the value of the vehicle, which still provides value and purpose," Miller said.

Commissioner Matthews noted that both of the fire departments involved were in support of the donation.

## Gatesville's Conner, Luensmann are top '22 grads

The Gatesville Independent School District recently announced their top honor graduates for the graduating class of 2022.

Rachel Conner, daughter of David and Elke Conner, has been named the valedictorian with the highest-grade point average (GPA) of 4.54.

Rachel is a member of the National Honor Society and Phi Theta Kappa. She was a member of the varsity soccer team for four years and was named the 2022 District Defender of the Year. Rachel volunteered with youth soccer camps and is a Texas Bioscience Institute

Ambassador.

She also graduated May 14 with an associate degree in multidisciplinary studies from the Texas Bioscience Institute at Temple College.

She plans to attend Texas Tech University majoring in cell and molecular biology. Rachel wants to earn a master's degree in genetic counseling and become a genetic counselor.

Hailey Luensmann, daughter of Brian and Kandi Luensmann, has been named the salutatorian with the second highest GPA of 4.43.

She is the Senior Class presi-

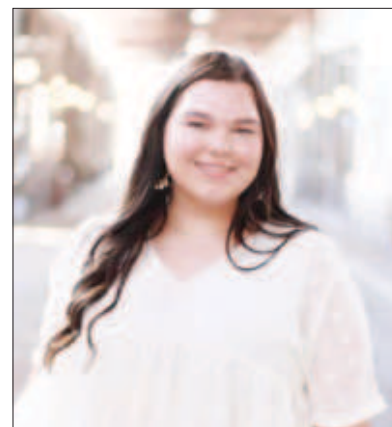
dent, Student Council president, National Honor Society president, yearbook editor, FFA chapter president and Area VIII president. She was named Outstanding Student and Exchange Club Student of the Year 2022.

Hailey was Chamber of Commerce Junior Ambassador President and 2021 Junior Ambassador of the Year. She was a Miss Heart O' Texas Fair and Rodeo, Coryell County 4-H Ambassador, and Coryell City 4-H Club vice president.

Hailey plans on attending Texas A&M University in the Business



Conner



Luensmann

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# 4-H students speak on chiropractic care, water

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

Two Gatesville High School students who are also participants in the Coryell County AgriLife Extension Office 4-H program, junior Thiele Alvarado and seventh-grader Anna McPherson, both gave presentations to the Gatesville Exchange Club on May 12.

Alvarado's presentation was on why it is good to pursue a career as a chiropractor, and McPherson focused on the importance of water. Chiropractors focus on spine and joint health, and how they also impact other body systems, Alvarado said. He talked about how the work chiropractors do can have a positive impact on the central nervous system, on one's ability to relax and even on dietary matters. While chiropractors who specialize in treating people are well-known, Alvarado said one can also specialize in chiropractic care for animals. "Chiropractors work on the spine and joints of the human body and can make adjustments," he said. "They emphasize health, mobility and nutrition, stress management and good posture.

About 4,200 hours of class and lab work are required for one to become a chiropractor, Alvarado said. He noted that while it can take five to seven years to become a doctor, one can become a chiropractor in just over three years.

"Chiropractors can earn up

to \$144,000 annually, and if you work with college or professional athletes, your income can increase tremendously," Alvarado said.

Those who are chiropractors for animals help relieve pain and improve performance, he said.

"They see a variety of different animals - pets, zoo animals, livestock and racehorses," Alvarado said. Those focusing on animal chiropractic care must have earned either a doctorate of chiropractic medicine or doctor of veterinary medicine, he added.

The cost of animal chiropractic treatment ranges from \$50 to \$200 depending on the type of animal and the treatment needed.

Alvarado said he intends to become a chiropractor for both people and animals. He plans to attend Texas Tech.

He learned of animal chiropractors when he was showing a goat that would not lower one of its legs, and received treatment to fix the problem.

"I'm trying to get a job getting more experience in a chiropractor's office as a desk clerk," Alvarado said.

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McPherson's focus was on the importance of water. She said the human body consists of about 60% water, which is composed of hydrogen and oxygen molecules.

In addition to being a vital component of all living creatures, water is also used extensively for agriculture,



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Gatesville High School junior Thiele Alvarado spoke on reasons to be a chiropractor.

industry, cooling and even energy production, McPherson said.

Staying hydrated also has many health benefits, she said, including "regulating body temperatures, keeping tissue moist, helping flush toxins from cells and lubrication."

McPherson provided the



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Gatesville Junior High seventh-grader Anna McPherson spoke about the importance of water.

To underscore the importance of drinking enough water, McPherson said there was a chant at a camp that she attended: "Water, water, H2O, dehydration, no, no, no."

"A person can't survive more than a week without water, and you know your needs - choose water," she

said.

Asked about other liquids, such as tea, coffee or soft drinks, although they are liquid, they are not as good for the body as water, McPherson said.

More information about water recommendations can be found at [cdc.gov](http://cdc.gov).

## Fort Hood troops alerted to deploy to Europe

On May 13, the Secretary of Defense ordered the deployment of the 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division from Fort Hood to deploy to the U.S. Army Europe and Africa Command area of operations to assure NATO allies, deter Russian aggression and to be prepared to support a range of other requirements in the region.

Approximately, 4,100 troopers will deploy to Grafenwöhr, Germany

alongside the other U.S. units already in Europe supporting the NATO Response Force.

The brigade is trained and ready to deploy after recently completing a month-long training rotation at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, California, where they honed the unit's war fighting skills utilizing the most modern tank and artillery platforms in the U.S. Army inventory including the M1A2 SEP V3 Abrams Tank, the M109A7 Paladin, and

M2A3 Bradley.

"Our brigade is one of the most modern, capable and well-trained armor brigades; we remain committed to deploy anywhere in the world and accomplish any assigned mission," said Col. Justin Y. Reese, commander of the 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division. "We are proud to represent the 1st Cavalry Division while supporting, reassuring and defending our NATO allies and partners."

## Fort Hood opens 'People First Center'

The III Armored Corps and Fort Hood "People First Center" officially opened its doors during a ribbon-cutting ceremony amid gathered leaders, soldiers, and community members on May 13.

The center, months in the making, is a "leadership laboratory" according to the center's developers, and it is designed to reinforce elements of a healthy organizational culture.

"What's unique about the People First Center is that it's the one-stop shop on Fort Hood where we offer integrated services that look at every aspect of what it is to be a person and a human being," said U.K. Maj. Gen. Michael Keating, III Armored Corps deputy commanding general-support. "I think that's what's unique rather than distributed across an installation as big as Fort Hood."

Keating, who officiated the

ceremony, was accompanied by soldiers and leaders from across Central Texas as he took an oversized pair of scissors to cut the ceremonial ribbon, signifying the official opening of the center.

The People First Center's forward-looking approach to leader and soldier development revolves around preventing harmful behaviors before they happen. Experts in the fields of family advocacy, sexual harassment and assault prevention, equal opportunity, resiliency, substance abuse, suicide, and spiritual readiness, are all housed at the center with training focused on immersion.

"What separates the Fort Hood People First Center from existing programs is its innovative development model that focuses on prevention through the delivery of immersive, scenario-based developmental

experiences," said Col. Chad Foster, Fort Hood garrison commander, in an opinion piece discussing the center's novel approach to leader and soldier development.

Sgt. First Class Amanda Hoover, the center's deputy commandant, said of the center's humble beginnings months ago, that she wanted people to look at the center and think of how leaders can innovate. She said she wanted leaders to look at the center and think "this is how we change the future."

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## HEAT

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"I don't like the idea - I hate to spoil anybody's fun, but it's just too dry," Matthews said.

County Attorney Brandon Belt asked if the order would prohibit the discharge of fireworks or just selling them.

Miller said the order would only prohibit the sale.

"I don't see much use restricting the sale if you're not going to restrict the use," Belt said. He added that at times the discharge of fireworks with sticks or fins are prohibited.

Miller said a certain level on the drought index must be reached in order to prohibit discharging fireworks, and that level has not yet been reached.

A two-week projection on the drought index indicates that level is not expected to be reached within that timeframe.



Lisa Moore, RN - Rehab Living Director of Nursing; Crystal Cooper, RN - Clinic Nurse Manager; Becky Terrel MSN, RN - Home Health Administrator; Heather Rambeau MSN, RN - Chief Nursing Officer; Deanna Pratt BSN, RN - Acute Care Nurse Manager; Michele Lehnert BSN, RN - Director of Surgical Services; Lauren Shelton BSN, RN - Chief Quality Officer; Brianna Proctor MPH - Infection Preventionist; Chancy Lay RN - Director of Nursing; Amber Attaway BSN, RN - Nurse Manager Emergency Department; Vicki Marwitz BSN, RN - Employee Health

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PEARL NEWS

# Pearl Church of Christ VBS starts May 30

**BETSY CLARK**

The annual Pearl Church of Christ Vacation Bible School begins on May 30 and goes through June 3 from 9 a.m. until noon each day. Everyone is invited to attend and encouraged to bring lots of family and friends with you. The theme for this year is "The Chosen—Let Us Be Fishers of Men." In case you like to plan ahead, here is a list of each day's theme for VBS:

Monday--USA or Red/White/Blue T-shirt for Memorial Day

Tuesday--The Chosen T-shirt day (will be given out at VBS to all who attend)

Wednesday--Tutu Day/Cowboy Day

Thursday--Hero T-shirt Day

Friday--Camo/Kilt Day

Of course, you can always wear whatever is cool and comfortable if you don't have theme day apparel.

We just hope to see you there at our annual VBS and that you invite others, too.

The next Pearl Bluegrass event will be June 4. Bands can begin playing on the stage at 1 p.m. Jamming goes

on all day long. If any band wants to schedule stage time, please contact Ronald Medart at 254 865-6013. Be sure and visit the bluegrass kitchen, open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, June 4, the Pearl Cottage Book Store and Resale Shop will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Surrounding the bookstore will be our monthly Pearl Flea Market with Junk-In-Your-Trunk. Vendors can come as early as 8 a.m. and leave when you want to since it is so hot. You can bring a trailer full of treasures or a trunk full with the rule of First Come-First Park on the Community Center grounds. There will be a small fee of \$5 charged which goes toward the maintenance and upkeep of the Pearl Community Center building and grounds. Let's grow this every first Saturday event (except for September when we will be open the second Saturday) into the most popular flea market event in the area. We're inviting anyone to bring their fresh vegetables and/or fruits—only no "already prepared" food items as

there will be food in the Pearl Community Center kitchen for sale to benefit the center. If you would like to advertise your business, bring some business cards and join us.

We always have someone interested in real estate, so agents in the area are welcome to set up a booth. People are always asking for recommendations for people who can clear a lot, dig a tank or well, or build a fence. For only \$5 a booth, you can get your message out. If any bands would like to come and play under the pavilion or on the stage, you are welcome, especially kid's bands. (Call Ronald Medart at 254-865-6013 to schedule stage time in advance if you wish). Come and spend the night on the grounds, RV spaces are available. Sites are also available for longer stays. Full hook-up pull-throughs are available as well. 30 AMPS-\$20 per night; 50 AMPS-\$25 per night. For more information on renting trailer spaces or the Community Center itself, call 254-223-0621. Pearl Book Store contact numbers are 254-865-9282 or 254-865-5864.



Betsy Clark

The Pearl Church of Christ was honored to give a \$1,000 scholarship in memory of Roger Barnett to Evan Hanson, son of Steve and Kristi Hanson. More scholarships will be given throughout this month.

This week's Bible Verse: Hebrews 10: 23—We must hold on to the hope we have, never hesitating to tell people about it. We can trust God to do what He promised. ERV

Contact me at betsy-clark47@yahoo.com to submit any Pearl news.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Coryell County Genealogical Society donates to the Historic Eagle Springs Baptist Church restoration fund in memory of Carol Smith.

## Donation made in honor of Carol Smith

The Coryell County Genealogical Society recently made a generous donation to the restoration fund of the Historic Eagle Springs Baptist Church in memory of Carol Smith, who passed away in March. Smith had been an active member of the genealogical society since it was first organized in 1979 and had held every office within the group. She loved to share her knowledge of and her love for Coryell County with anyone who would listen.



Carol Smith

The Historic Eagle Springs Baptist Church is located in the southeastern portion of Coryell County a few miles from Mother Neff State Park. The church was constructed in 1878 with cypress wood which was hauled in wagons from Galveston. The building has two front doors - men entered through the right door and sat on the right side of the church, while women and children entered through

the left door and sat on the left side. The church is drastically in need of levelling, repairs to the siding, general repair work and painting. The donation from the Coryell County Genealogical Society in memory of Carol Smith was very much appreciated by the organization.

# The DISPATCH

The following is a partial breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of May 12 - 15. 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**

**May 12**  
10:38 a.m., a disturbance was reported in the 2400 block of E. Main Street.  
12:06 p.m., a structure fire was reported in the 200 block of Creek Cliff Drive.  
3:51 p.m., an accident was reported in the 600 block of E. Leon Street.  
9:29 p.m., a theft was reported in the 2200 block of E. Main Street.  
**May 13**  
1:21 a.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 600 block of S. 14th Street.  
1:42 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2200 block of Bridge Street.  
3:09 p.m., an accident was reported in the 900 block of E. Main Street.  
6:14 p.m., a vehicle fire was reported in the 2500 block of Business Highway 36.  
**May 14**  
12:38 a.m., a structure fire

was reported in the 1900 block of N. State Highway 36 Bypass.  
8:22 a.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 100 block of Sandy Lane.  
2:43 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 200 block of State School Road.  
5:11 p.m., a theft was reported in the 900 block of Lovers Lane.  
**May 15**  
3:48 a.m., a theft was reported in the 2300 block of E. Main Street.  
9:50 a.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 1200 block of Golf Course Road.  
8:40 p.m., a burglary was reported in the 100 block of Park Lane.  
8:45 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 1200 block of N. State Highway 36.  
9:24 p.m., harassment was reported in the 200 block of N. 8th Street.

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**May 12**  
7:03 a.m., a threat was reported in the 9300 block of S. Highway 36.  
8:14 a.m., a scam was reported in the 300 block of Slater Road.  
12:27 p.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 6400 block of FM 116.  
3:32 p.m., a minor accident was reported at the Sale Barn, Cattle Drive.  
9:13 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 3100 block of FM 116.  
**May 13**  
10:02 a.m., a dog bite was reported in the 900 block of

Footo Road.  
10:26 a.m., shots being fired was reported in on Boone Street.  
11:25 a.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 100 block of Canyon Drive.  
1:52 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on E. Highway 84 and FM 185.  
10:01 p.m., trespassing was reported in the 400 block of CR 317.  
**May 14**  
12:28 a.m., a minor accident was reported on N. Highway 36 and CR 196.  
12:40 a.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 1200 block of Twin Mountain Road.  
9:18 a.m., a major accident was reported on FM 580 and Perryman Creek.  
**May 15**  
12:14 a.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 6000 block of W. Highway 84.  
1:41 a.m., loud music was reported in the 1800 block of CR 269.  
2:07 a.m., a minor accident was reported in the 6700 block of E. Highway 84.  
11:18 a.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 3300 block of CR 196.

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FROM MY FRONT PORCH

# The good old summertime is right around the corner



**SAM HOUSTON**  
Sam Houston is the publisher of the Hood County News. He is also an actor, author, playwright, performer and entertainment producer/promoter.

I have been so occupied with a variety of tasks that I failed to realize we are half-way through the month of May. Before we turn around school is going to be out, graduation is going to take place, and we will find ourselves smack in the middle of summer!

The summer vacations of my youth were a lot different than the experience kids seem to have now. I was not signed up for summer camp, nor did my family have expensive travel plans to Disney World or some faraway land. Our family vacation might be an overnight camping trip. But I think I had as much fun and pleasure as any little boy ever had.

On the last day of school, my shirt came off and I hardly put a shirt on until school started in the fall. There was no sunscreen or preventative measures against UV rays. We simply played out all day long and once we got a good

sunburn, it seemed like we "browned" and the sun did not bother us for the rest of the summer. We did wear our Cardinals baseball caps but I think that was more to imitate one of our baseball heroes than it was a sun precaution. By the time August came, my skin had turned such a bronze color I could have passed as a member of an Indian tribe. No telling how many of my childhood friends are going to end up with skin cancer.

Soon as breakfast was over, my friends and I hit the ballfield. Even if only my buddy Bobby and I were available, I would pitch, and he would catch. We played imaginary games that would go on until we were too tired to stand, and then started up the next day where we left off. We played so much catch, Bobby's dad had to reweave the web of his glove because we flat wore the leather out. Looking back, I threw so many pitches my right arm should be a couple of inches longer than my left!

When we were done playing ball, we frequently would go for a swim in the aluminum stock tank that sat on my driveway. No, it was not an inground pool and we had no private club to go to, but my friends and sisters would jump in, play games, splash and go underwater — having as much fun as anybody could have, doing just about anything.

There were nights we all played kickball after dinner, or caught fireflies, and one of the highlights of summer was playing with fireworks on the 4th of July. We would shoot off pop bottle rockets and

Black Cats and do our very best to not burn ourselves or catch anything on fire. We stretched the limits of good judgement and would have "duels" where we would shoot bottle rockets at each other, or we would try and blow-up little model cars with a couple of firecrackers. Nowadays, our parents would probably be charged with "failure to supervise," but we were just boys being boys. Best as I recall we never hurt anyone or anything.

About dark, I would be glued to the radio to listen to the ballgame. I knew every one of the players on all the teams and as the game wore on until past my bedtime, I would get into bed and fall asleep with the game playing in the background. The first thing I would do in the morning was run to my dad to find out how the game came out. There was nothing more important than baseball and a win the night before made for the great start of a day. A loss made the day less joyful and even made eating breakfast a grim task.

Maybe kids have more fun now. Maybe their fun is safer, more educational, or more inspiring. I am sure contemporary children would be "bored" with our early 1960s routine, but they were some of the best times in my life. Wish I could take off the summer and do them all over again.

Thought for the day: Summer is when laziness finds respectability.  
Until next time...  
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## YARD OF THE MONTH



COURTESY PHOTO

The Keep Gatesville Beautiful Yard of the Month for May goes to Diana and James Brown who live at 109 Inwood Lane. Diana and James have lived there for a couple of years. This neat-as-a-pin yard caught the eye of Keep Gatesville Beautiful. Their Bermuda grass lawn is like plush carpet and the red geraniums and other flowers brighten up their front flower bed. Diana put in their landscape and James maintains it.

## T-ville Homecoming May 29

The 65th annual Turnersville Homecoming will be held Sunday, May 29 at the Turnersville tabernacle.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m. and those interested are invited to visit and have coffee before the memorial service at 11 a.m.

Dinner on the grounds will follow the program at the Community Center. Dinnerware, drinks and bread will

be provided. Those attending are encouraged to bring favorite dishes.

One of the most treasured traditions is to honor veterans who have proudly served our community and our nation. A faithful group at Turnersville will again place flags on the graves of those we honor.

George W. (G.W.) Smith, class of 1956, will be the

speaker.

Those unable to attend and would like to make a donation to either to the Cemetery Memorial or Maintenance Fund may do so to Memorial Fund Treasurer, James Marvin Baize, 2320 CR 108, Gatesville, TX 76528 or to the Maintenance Fund Treasurer, Nancy McKnown Gilmore, 8070 FM, 182, Gatesville, TX 76528.

## Texas Folklore Society seeks submissions for 2023 edition

Years ago, how did your family celebrate, commemorate, congregate? How do you observe traditional events? Which customs have withstood the test of time? How have your gatherings changed?

The Texas Folklore Society would like to know. Any suitable occasion, write it up for publication in its 2023 volume.

Potential topics range far afield and embrace the eclectic - parades, festivals, fairs, cookoffs, carnivals, sewing circles, homecomings, reunions, revivals, quinceañeras, bar and bat mitzvahs, debutante balls, hunting excursions, summer camps, sporting events, rodeos, livestock shows, cattle drives, trail rides, weddings, baby showers, funerals, burials, farmers markets, community events, concerts, theatre performances, pickling circles, jam sessions, fiddler

reunions, tamaladas, canning time, sausage making, Zoom parties. Or anything else appropriate.

Initial drafts are due July 1 and can be sent via email to TexasFolkloreSociety@gmail.com. Typical entries range 4,000 to 8,000 words.

Scholars, amateur folklorists and TFS members are encouraged to contribute. Annual and lifetime memberships are available for students, individuals, families and groups. Learn more at TexasFolkloreSociety.org or call 254-459-5445.

All TFS members receive a hardback copy of the corresponding year's publication. In 2022, members will read Fiestas in Laredo; Matachines, Quinceañeras, and George Washington's Birthday by Norma E. Cantu. The volume on gatherings will be sent to members in late 2023.

TFS, chartered in 1909, preserves and shares the practices and customs of the people of Texas and the Southwest. Its offices and library are hosted by Tarleton State University's College of Liberal Arts.

## Purmela Homecoming May 28

The Purmela Homecoming will be held on Saturday, May 28, at 10 a.m. at the Purmela Baptist Church.

Those attending are asked

to bring a covered dish. Lunch will be served at noon. Paper products and drinks will be furnished.

The Evergreen-Bundrant

and Smith Cemetery Association meetings will follow lunch.

The church is located at 875 FM 932 in Purmela.

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## Gatesville Elementary Buzz Buck Bash



DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

The students at Gatesville Elementary School recently participated in the end of the year Buzz Buck Bash. "Students earned a ticket to the bash by saving their Buzz Bucks they earned through hard work and great behavior," Gatesville Elementary Principal Keegan Webb said. The students had popsicles, popcorn, tattoos, bubbles, an obstacle course and the chance to dunk their teacher and principal in the dunking booth. Inflatables were on hand as well which were a great source of enjoyment to the students.

## Kaulfus earns doctorate



COURTESY PHOTO

Irene Kaulfus (his mother), Dr. Aaron Kaulfus, Dr. Udaysankar Nair (his advisor), and Ronald Kaulfus (his father). Kaulfus, a 2008 graduate of Gatesville High School and a 2012 graduate of the University of Oklahoma, recently received his Doctor of Philosophy in Atmospheric Science from the University of Alabama in Huntsville. Kaulfus currently works for NASA in Huntsville, Alabama. He is the son of Ronald and Irene Kaulfus, former residents of Gatesville, who recently traveled to the University of Alabama to witness their son's graduation.

## Meadows Graduation



DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

The Gatesville Chamber of Commerce Junior Ambassadors recently helped with a graduation ceremony held at Coryell Rehabilitating at The Meadows for residents who never received their high school diplomas. The Junior Ambassadors brought roses for each of the nine participating graduates, read aloud a little about each graduate, and honored them with their diplomas. The graduates were honored by the year they would have graduated, starting in 1942 and going forward to 1992. The oldest person participating in the graduation ceremony was 98-year-old Lela Collins, pictured at right. She grew up in the Mosheim and Turnersville communities and served as a CNA for many years with Goodall Witcher Hospital in Clifton. Upon receiving her diploma, 80 years after the date she would have graduated, Collins said "Isn't this nice?"

# MEMORIAL DAY

HONORING THOSE WHO GAVE ALL

Draw and color the American flag here.

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**History of Memorial Day**  
Memorial Day was originally a day to honor the nation's Civil War dead by decorating their graves.

It had a different name to begin with. To find out what Memorial Day was originally called, circle every third letter on the flagpole. The first one is done for you. Write the letters on the lines below.

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**USS Arizona Memorial**  
The USS Arizona Memorial is the final resting place for many of the ship's 1,177 crewmen who lost their lives on Dec. 7, 1941. The 184-foot-long Memorial structure is above the mid-portion of the sunken battleship which still rests below the water's surface. The names of those killed are engraved on a marble wall.

Where is the USS Arizona Memorial located? Circle every third letter to find out.  
**RTHNLADRW  
XPAYNIPLI**

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

Do you see four American flags here? Look again. Only one of them is correct—the other three each have something missing or in the wrong place. Which one is the real deal?

**Standards Link:** Science Investigation: Find similarities and differences in common objects.

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### Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

SACRIFICE	F F A T S E F H A O
MEMORIAL	N O R B H C L E N M
FLAGPOLE	M E M O R I A L O S
ARIZONA	L O N E V F G B Z E
SERVICE	T O M E A I P R I R
WREATH	R O S R I R O A R V
SUMMER	I A L T N C L M A I
MARBLE	D A Y H T A E R W C
HONOR	R E M M U S H I P E
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**Standards Link:** Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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### FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

#### Memorial Day Collages

Create a collage of newspaper words and pictures to illustrate Memorial Day. Display the collages and discuss how they honor the past and the memories of fallen soldiers.

**Standards Link:** Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

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#### Write On!

## Thank a Veteran

What would you say to a veteran to thank them for their service?

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#### How to Observe Memorial Day

This information is from [www.usmemorialday.org](http://www.usmemorialday.org)

Memorial Day should be observed:

- ★ by visiting cemeteries and placing flags or flowers on the graves of our fallen heroes
- ★ by visiting memorials
- ★ by flying the US Flag at half-staff until noon
- ★ by flying the POW/MIA Flag to honor soldiers who are Prisoners Of War or Missing In Action

- ★ by participating in a "National Moment of Remembrance" at 3:00 p.m. to pause and think about the true meaning of the day and to listen to "Taps"
- ★ by renewing a pledge to aid the widows, widowers and orphans of our fallen dead and to aid disabled veterans

**How will you and your family observe Memorial Day?**

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### PUZZLING PICNIC

Memorial Day weekend is seen as the start of the summer vacation season. Many people spend the weekend outdoors, enjoying barbecues and picnics.

Write the name of each picnic food shown in the correct boxes on this picnic blanket.

**Standards Link:** Spelling: Spell grade-level appropriate words correctly.

### Annual Tradition

Every year, Memorial Day is observed at Arlington National Cemetery with the president or vice-president laying a wreath at the:

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\_ N K N \_ W N \_  
S \_ L D \_ \_ R**

Replace the missing vowels to reveal this honored location.

**Standards Link:** Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

### Design a Memorial Day Flag!

Use pictures and words cut from the newspaper to design your own Memorial Day flag. Display your flag in your classroom or in a window at home.

**Standards Link:** Visual Art: Know how subject matter, symbols and ideas are used to communicate meaning.

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**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR CEMETERY GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SERVICES**

The City of Gatesville is seeking proposals from qualified and experienced contractors interested in providing grounds maintenance services for City of Gatesville Cemeteries (Restland, City Cemetery, and Oak Grove Cemetery) and/or Right-Of-Way mowing.

**Proposals will be received at the Finance Director's Office, 110 N. 8th St. in Gatesville, Texas, until 2:00 P.M., local time, on Friday, May 27th 2022.**

Services to be provided consist of furnishing all materials, equipment and labor necessary to perform grounds maintenance services, including but not limited to mowing, edging, and trimming, at three city-owned cemeteries, and/or 1 ALT- city rights-of-way (ROW) described herein. The work will be awarded in one Annual Contract with two (2) one-year renewal options.

Contract documents will be on file at City Hall, 110 N. 8th St, Gatesville, Texas or downloaded from the City of Gatesville website [www.gatesvilletx.com](http://www.gatesvilletx.com). Proposers downloading contract documents assume responsibility for downloading all addenda published on City of Gatesville website prior to submittal of Proposals.

Owner's Right: City of Gatesville reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive informalities, and to make an award deemed in its best interest. City of Gatesville reserves the option to negotiate terms, conditions and pricing with the selected proposer at its discretion.

For further information or clarification, contact office of the Finance Director.  
Mike Halsema, Finance Director, (254) 865-8951

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**PUBLIC NOTICES**

JENNIFER NEWTON  
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TO: DECEDENT'S UNKNOWN HEIRS  
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THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF CORYELL

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF JOE ALFRED COOK, DECEASED, CAUSE NO 21-10476, COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS. LILIAN COOK FILED IN THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS ON THE 10TH DAY OF MAY, 2022, AN APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP OF SAID JOE ALFRED COOK, DECEASED.

SAID APPLICATION SHALL BE HEARD AND ACTED ON BY SAID COURT ON OR AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY NEXT AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF TEN DAYS FROM DATE OF POSTING THIS CITATION, THE SAME BEING THE 23RD DAY OF MAY, 2022 AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN GATESVILLE, TEXAS.

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

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE COUNTY COURT OF CORYELL COUNTY IN GATESVILLE, TEXAS THE 12TH DAY OF MAY, 2022.

JENNIFER NEWTON  
CORYELL COUNTY CLERK  
CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS  
BY: K. HANGST

**The Gatesville Police Department has the following openings:**

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- Applicants must be at least 21 years of age, have a High School Diploma or GED, possess a valid driver's license, be in good physical and mental health, possess good communication and problem solving skills, and be able to work rotating shifts.
- Starting salary for non-certified officers while attending the Academy is \$36,400. Salary will increase to \$46,592 once licensed. Benefits include certification/incentive pay, health insurance, life insurance, TMRS retirement, paid holiday time, vacation time, sick time, duty weapons, uniforms, and more.

**Communications Officer**

- Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, have a High School Diploma or GED, possess a valid driver's license, be in good physical and mental health, possess good communication and problem solving skills, and be able to work rotating shifts.
- Starting salary is \$32,302. Benefits include certification/incentive pay, health insurance, life insurance, TMRS retirement, paid holiday time, vacation time, sick time, etc.

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**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**THE STATE OF TEXAS**  
**COUNTY OF CORYELL**

BY VIRTUE OF ORDERS OF SALE issued pursuant to judgment decrees of the District Court of Coryell County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date in the hereinafter numbered and styled causes, and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said Court, I have on the 11th day of May, 2022, seized, levied upon, and will on the 7th day of June, 2022, at the Courthouse Steps, at 10:00 A.M. on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, as provided for by the TEXAS PROPERTY TAX CODE.

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

TRACT	SUIT #	STYLE	PROPERTY DESCRIPTION, APPROXIMATE ADDRESS, ACCT #	MIN BID
1	CTX-14-03135	Coryell Co. vs. Tim Sullivan	Lot 5, Block 6, Town of Leon Junction (V468/P37) CR 347, Leon Junction, #116464	\$14,809.79
2	CTX-16-03263	Coryell Co. vs. Martin M. Magnum, Jr.	Lot 9, Block 5, Leon Junction Addition (Instrument #205976 OPR) Leon Junction, #116510	\$4,013.86
3	CTX-19-03559	Coryell Co. vs. William Harney	A Manufactured Home only, Label #RAD1069837, Serial #OVU0028, located on Cedar Grove Estates Mobile Home Park, #53, 53 Locust Drive, Copperas Cove, #147243	\$3,299.00
4	CTX-21-03693	Coryell Co. vs. Elaine Kinney	Lot 2, Block 82, (Instrument #289503 OPR), 307 N 10th St, Gatesville, #114191	\$36,043.84
5	CTX-21-03710	Coryell Co. vs. Jacob David	Manufactured Home only, Label #HWC0431214, Serial #CBH025630TX, FM 1829, Gatesville, #150713	\$3,893.86
6	CTX-21-03733	Coryell Co. vs. Unknown Trustees, beneficiaries, and successors in interest of the Good Shepherd Lodge No. 99, Knights of Pythias of Gatesville, Texas	Lot 1, Block 109, (V43/P75), 506 N 14th St, Gatesville, #114365	\$6,750.00

This sale will be conducted to satisfy the judgment(s) for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interests due on the properties described herein, and for all costs of court and sale.

I do hereby verify that true and correct copies of the foregoing Joint Notice of Sale have been delivered by United States Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, and by regular mail, to each of the Defendants named in each of the numbered and styled causes.

DATED the 11th day of May, 2022, at Gatesville, Texas

*Scott Williams*  
SCOTT WILLIAMS  
Sheriff, Coryell County, Texas

You may contact the attorney for the taxing units at (254) 756-7755.

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**JOINT NOTICE OF SALE**

**THE STATE OF TEXAS**  
**COUNTY OF CORYELL**

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This sale will be conducted to satisfy the judgment(s) for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interests due on the properties described herein, and for all costs of court and sale.

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DATED the 11th day of May, 2022, at Gatesville, Texas

*Scott Williams*  
SCOTT WILLIAMS  
Sheriff, Coryell County, Texas

You may contact the attorney for the taxing units at (254) 756-7755.

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# Competing at state



**LADY HORNET LEADER:** Gatesville High School freshman Vania Martinez recently competed in the 3200-meter run at the Class 4A state track meet. In the top photo, she stands with her coaches. At right is a photo of Martinez running during the cross country season. On May 12, Martinez ran 3200 meters in 11:36, a personal best and a new GHS record, to finish eighth in the state of Texas.

COURTESY PHOTOS



# Regional fishing report

**Belton**  
**GOOD.** Water lightly stained; 73 degrees; 3.86 feet low. Threadfin shad continue to spawn every morning providing easy shallow topwater action from 6:15-7:00 a.m. Look for blue herons and white herons feeding on the shore to find these fish. Mature white bass are beginning to show up in good numbers in the lower ends of the tributaries and main lake. Fishing vertically with MAL Dense Lures is accounting for 200-300 fish morning trips. Afternoon results are still solid, but mornings are better. With the recent warmup, sunfish are now in the shallows to stay, and bass are becoming reliable on small, dark soft plastics fished on jigheads in the timbered coves. Report by Bob Maindelle, Holding the Line Guide Service. Crappie are awesome fishing between 10-20 feet of water on standing timber. Brush piles are starting to hold some good numbers. Report by Zach Minnix, Jig N Jerk Guide Service.

**Stillhouse**  
**GOOD.** Water lightly stained; 74 degrees; 3.85 feet low. White bass are hit-or-miss in the middle third of the lake on MAL Lures and slabs as they make their way to deep, clear water for the summer. Sunfish are abundant in the sprouting, shallow hydrilla. Largemouth bass fishing is consistent using dark-colored soft plastics along the deep, outside edge of stands of hydrilla in 12-14 feet of water. Report by Bob Maindelle, Holding the Line Guide Service.

**Waco**  
**GOOD.** Water stained; 68-70 degrees; 5.18 feet low. Crappie fishing in Waco has been on fire. Crappie are in 10-14 feet of water. Report by Zach Minnix, Jig N Jerk Guide Service.

**Whitney**  
**GOOD.** Water lightly stained; 66 degrees; 2.28 feet low. Fish are finally in a good pattern so we can fish them the same way. Striped bass are great in 22-45 feet of water throughout the reservoir using deep diving crankbaits, umbrella-rigs, but best on live shad. Catfish are great on live and cut shad in 30-40 feet of water along creek channels. Report provided by

Kraig Sexton, Sexton's Guide Service LLC.

**Brownwood**  
**SLOW.** Water stained; 71-75 degrees; 3.12 feet low. Bass are good to 8.05 pounds on jigs, crankbaits and swim-baits along the rocky banks and docks in 3-10 feet of water. Some bass are still spawning, most are post spawn and a few are in a summer pattern. Crappie are good to 1.82 pounds on minnows and shad color jigs from 3-15 feet of water on the banks and around lighted docks. Most females caught still have eggs. White bass are good to 2 pounds on assorted moving baits under the lights. Catfish are slow on cut bait and liver.

**Buchanan**  
**GREAT.** Water lightly stained; 71 degrees; 3.10 feet low. Crappie fishing is good in 15-20 feet of water over brush piles using chartreuse jigs. Report by Jess Rotherham, Texas Crappie Fishing Service. Bass are good on shallow rock and vegetation, and flipping shallow trees with worms and craw worms. The topwater bite is getting good as well. Crappie, white bass, hybrids and stripers are going strong using small jiggging spoons or flutter spoons. Report provided by Bryan Cotter, Texas Hawgs Bass Fishing Guide Service.

**Austin**  
**FAIR.** Water clear; 72 degrees; 0.58 feet low. Fish are ready for the summer hanging out in the creeks. Bass are good in the canals with wacky worms, small paddle tail swimbaits, or a shaky head senkos in shallow water. Lady Bird Lake bass fishing is good in shallow and deep vegetation using weedless swimbaits and Texas rigged senkos. Report provided by Carson Conklin, ATX Fishing.

**LBJ**  
**GOOD.** Water lightly stained; 74 degrees; 0.82 feet low. Crappie are good in 15-20 feet of water on chartreuse jigs. Report by Jess Rotherham, Texas Crappie Fishing Service.

**Travis**  
**GOOD.** Stained; 73 degrees; 26.09 feet low. Bass are chasing minnows early on sunny days. Look near the fronts of coves and in 5-10 feet of water on points and rocky

shorelines using topwaters early switching to worms later in the day. Report by David Townsend, Austin Fishing Guide. Bass are good with many smaller catches but good numbers if you are just looking to catch lots of fish, they are there. Best baits are 4-5 inch worms and craw worms in watermelon colors. Shallow crankbait and walking style topwaters and poppers are also producing. Report provided by Bryan Cotter, Texas Hawgs Bass Fishing Guide Service.

**Granbury**  
**GOOD.** Water lightly stained; 69 degrees; 0.07 feet low. Bass continue to be good with the best area being mid lake rocky points using crankbaits and soft plastics. Deeper boat docks with rocky banks are producing. Report by James Moore, North Texas Bass Fishing and Cmoore Striper Guide Services. Fishing patterns are holding steady with good numbers of catches. Striped bass can be caught on deep diving crankbaits, umbrella-rigs and live bait in 20-40 feet of water. Catfish are good on live and cut shad in 30-50 feet of water. Report provided by Kraig Sexton, Sexton's Guide Service LLC.

**Weatherford**  
**GOOD.** Water lightly stained; 71 degrees; 4.03 feet low. Fish are biting in the traditional fashion. Look for birds to point out schooling fish. White bass are good using slabs and silver jiggging spoons. Bass are good using crankbaits, swimbaits and the topwater bite is picking up. Crappie are good on main lake brush piles with minnows and jigs. Catfish are good shallow using cut and prepared bait.

**Joe Pool**  
**GOOD.** Water lightly stained; 70 degrees; 1.84 feet low. Bass and crappie fishing continues to be great at this time. Bass can be caught on white or shad-colored crankbaits or spinnerbaits on most shorelines with a rocky bottom or any type of cover. Slow dragging a Texas rigged senko-style bait off main lake points can be a great choice for larger fish. Fish the bait in 1-10 feet of water in or around coves and secondary points. Report provided by Ben Robertson, Ben's Bass Excursions.

**Grapevine**  
**FAIR.** Water lightly stained; 70 degrees; 1.43 feet above. Fishing has slowed as most catches continue to be undersized. Start fishing early along shorelines as the shad spawn at first light. Fish will be actively feeding on the bait. In-line spinners will attract the attention of the fish. Report by Omar Cotter, Luck O'the Irish Fishing Guide Service.

**Canyon Lake**  
**GOOD.** Water lightly stained; 72 degrees; 1.63 feet low. Bass are very good around hydrilla and points using plastics in watermelon or green pumpkin. Good early morning topwater bite with shad imitations. Striped and white bass are good at night in the marina green lights at night using live minnows and small shad.

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**Donut Dash 5K/10K  
 2022**

- This chip timed race will start and finish at the Gatesville City Pool, 300 S. 8th St. in Gatesville, Texas. Runners will have the option of running a 5K or 10K race, both offering unique challenges for runners of all ages. All proceeds will benefit Centex Crime Stoppers.
- For both the 5K and the 10K races, we will be awarding top 3 finishers in the following age groups: 19&U, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70+
- Race-day registration and packet pick-up will be race morning 7-7:45am at the race site.
- Packet pick-up will also be available Friday, May 20, at Gatesville Fitness Center
- Race-day registration is \$30 (Cash/Check)

**Saturday, May 21, 2022**  
 register@  
[runsignup.com/Race/TX/Gatesville/CrimeStoppersDonutDash](https://runsignup.com/Race/TX/Gatesville/CrimeStoppersDonutDash)

*Our sweet Yaya,*

**Always be you and do what is right, live life's journey, trust in the Lord and He will hold you tight. You are fierce, so pursue the things that set your heart on fire.**

*Love you, Mom and Dad*

**Congratulations, Riann Tippit!**

*We are so proud of you and all of your accomplishments!*

*We cannot wait to see what your future holds! We love you with all our hearts!*

*Dad, Marlena, Jeret, Emma Lee, and Wemberly Granddaddy and Nannie*

## Adapting & overcoming obstacles



DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Gatesville Adaptive Sports recently hosted a field day at Faunt Le Roy Park's walking trail. The group hosted a little baseball fun for Gatesville residents and those in the surrounding areas. Special needs children of all ages were in attendance and enjoyed the afternoon batting the ball and running the bases. Members of the Gatesville High School JV baseball team were on hand to help with the baseball event. Despite the heat, the field day was a great success.



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Gatesville Adaptive Sports gave young athletes a chance to swing the bat and run the bases during a special event at Faunt Le Roy Park.

### Area sports roundup

#### Jonesboro baseball ends season

The Jonesboro Eagles ended the season in the area playoffs against the Hubbard Jaguars after falling in three games at neutral sites.

The Eagles fell 7-5 in game one before battling back and earning a 7-1 victory in game two.

The third and deciding game, played in Belton, was won by the Jaguars by a score of 14-4.

In bi-district play, the Eagles defeated the Gordon Longhorns in a three game series, winning 10-5 in the first game, losing 11-6 in game two and then winning 26-1 in the third and deciding game of that series.

#### Donut Dash set for May 21

Centex Crime Stoppers will be presenting the 5K/10K Donut Dash on Saturday, May 21, from 8 a.m. until 10 a.m.

This chip-timed race will start and finish at the Gatesville City Pool located at 300 S. 8th Street. Runners will have the option of running a 5K or 10K race, both offering unique challenges for runners of all ages. All proceeds will benefit Centex Crime Stoppers.

For both the 5K and the 10K, they will be awarding the top three finishers in the following age groups: 19&U, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, and 70-plus.

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For more information visit their website at: [runsignup.com/Race/TX/Gatesville/CrimeStoppersDonutDash](https://runsignup.com/Race/TX/Gatesville/CrimeStoppersDonutDash)

#### Fire Ant bike tour slated for June 11

The 26th Annual Gatesville Exchange Club Fier Ant Tour 100k bicycle tour is scheduled to start at 8 a.m. Saturday, June 11.

Cost is \$35 per rider for early registration until May 27, and \$45 after May 27.

Routes are about 10, 32, 50 and 62.5 miles.

For registration, visit the Exchange Club website at <https://gates.clubexpress.com/>

### GISD sports camps start soon

The Gatesville Independent School District will have summer sports camps to help teach fundamentals and techniques, learn Hornet schemes and terminology and have fun with friends and future teammates.

The camps are coached by Gatesville High School and Gatesville Junior High School coaches, assisted by GHS varsity athletes.

Camp forms are available at all GISD campuses and on the GISD Athletics website, [www.gatesvilleathletics.com](http://www.gatesvilleathletics.com). Participants may register up to the first day of each camp.

Questions may be emailed to [rgphilli@gatesvilleisd.org](mailto:rgphilli@gatesvilleisd.org).

The 2022 camps are:

\* Football, May 23-25, from 7:30-10:30 a.m. for grades 1-6. Cost is \$40.

\* Baseball, May-31 through June 2. Times are determined



by age groups and will be from 8:30-10:30 a.m. for grades 1-2; 10:30-1 p.m. for grades 3-5; and 1-3:30 p.m. for grades 6-9. Cost is \$40.

\* Girls basketball, May 31 through June 2, from 8:30-11:30 a.m. for grades 1-9. Cost is \$40.

\* Boys basketball, June 6-8. Times are determined by age groups and will be from 9 a.m. to noon for grades 1-6 and 1-4

p.m. for grades 7-9. Cost is \$40.

\* Softball, June 6-8. Times are determined by age groups and will be from 8-10 a.m. for grades 1-7 and from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for grades 8-9. Cost is \$40.

\* Tennis, June 27-29 from 8-10 a.m. for grades 1-9.

\* Volleyball, July 11-13 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. for grades 1-9. Cost is \$40.

\* Wrestling, July 11-15. Times are determined by age groups and will be from 8:30-9:30 a.m. for grades 1-6 and from 10-11 a.m. for grades 7-12. Cost is \$40.

\* Football, July 25-27, from 7:30-10:30 a.m. for grades 7-9.

Soccer camp will be on Sunday afternoons in September and October for grades 4-6. The time and cost will be determined later.

**The Gatesville Messenger is seeking a full-time sports reporter. In the meantime, we welcome photo and story submissions. Please email to [jeff@gatesvillemessenger.com](mailto:jeff@gatesvillemessenger.com) or [editor@gatesvillemessenger.com](mailto:editor@gatesvillemessenger.com). We appreciate your help!**