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## County considers grant priorities

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

The Coryell County Commissioners Court is setting priorities for what to do with a \$3.4 million Community Development Block Grant to help offset damage from flooding, and the first step will be to provide the cities of Gatesville and Copperas Cove with \$500,000 each.

Those cities will decide how best to spend their \$500,000 share, leaving county leaders with \$2.4 million to devote to county projects. Based on previous discussions, those priorities will include addressing low-water crossings, a drainage study and Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping.

"My number one recommendation is to approve the funding for Gatesville and Cop-

peras Cove," said County Judge Roger Miller. "Other priorities are a drainage study and allocating funds for work on the bridge on 314."

Commissioner Kyle Matthews asked what the cost will be to replace the bridge.

"I would estimate between \$150,000 and \$200,000," said Justin Latham, the county road and bridge administrator. "There is a large tree that will have to be removed, too."

Matthews said he would like to see some funding set aside for communications infrastructure, and Commissioner Ryan Basham said some of the money could be divided up to improve county roads.

Miller said a drainage study will help to know areas of future flooding concerns and prioritize projects to mitigate those issues. "We'll be able to look at the most rapidly

developing areas in the county - we have historically had challenges with getting drainage easements," he said. "This will also serve as a model for future growth."

Latham noted that some of the easement concerns go together with the county's continuing ETJ (extra-territorial jurisdiction) talks with Copperas Cove and Gatesville, and whether the cities or counties are responsible for specific areas.

Based on population, Gatesville's ETJ extends one mile outside the city limits, while Copperas Cove's extends for two miles.

Latham suggested if a drainage study is approved, the county look at the Fort Gates area.

"I believe the city of Gatesville is funding that," Miller said. "If not, then we need to fund that."

Miller said the county is looking at what projects it needs to get estimates for to determine how the grant will be applied.

"I have no idea how much a drainage study would cost, whether \$400,000 or half a million," Miller said. "Being that we're about to come into budget season, we are looking at getting cost estimates."

Matthews said he was not in favor of funding a drainage study until the county resolves ETJ issues.

"I think we need to put (money) into road improvements," he said.

Miller asked Matthews about funding for improved communications systems.

"I think it can be done and it will expedite emergency calls," Matthews said. He referred

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## Celebrating the GHS class of 2022



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**HERE COME THE GRADS:** (Top photo) Gatesville High School Valedictorian Rachel Conner and Salutatorian Hailey Luensmann lead the GHS Class of 2022 before graduation ceremonies at Tommy Davidson Field at McKamie Stadium on May 20.



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**TIME TO CELEBRATE:** (Right photo) Gatesville High School's graduating class members throw their caps in the air at the end of commencement ceremonies on May 20.



## Missing person leads to murder probe

STAFF REPORT

A Waco woman who was reported missing and last seen in Gatesville in early April is now being reported as a murder victim, according to local law enforcement officers.

Elizabeth Rios, 44, vanished sometime after April 2. According to law enforcement and as reported by KWTX, a suspect has been named in the murder investigation - Jessica Colleen Robinson, 34. Robinson is also charged with theft of property.

In addition to the Coryell County Sheriff's Office investigating the case, the Waco Police Department has offered assistance.

## GISD launches bus tracking

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

After a successful trial run, Gatesville Independent School District leaders are looking forward to continuing a national (school bus) fleet tracking program that helps both parents and school administrators keep better tabs on students using GISD's transportation system.

Yancey Sanderson, executive director of testing and federal programs for the district, gave an overview of the fleet tracking program, known as BusView, during the May meeting of the GISD Board of Trustees.

A memorandum included in packets given to school board members states, "BusView enables schools

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## Oglesby High School names top graduates for 2022

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

Adrian Harrings, daughter of Rebecca Aaron and Amedia Harrings, has been named the valedictorian of her graduating class. Adrian has been involved in Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCCLA) - State and National in STAR event. She was also involved in FFA winning a blue ribbon at the San Antonio Show and a red ribbon at the Houston Livestock Show.

During her high school career, Adrian has been an active member in 4-H and the Beta Club. She has also participated in volleyball, basketball, track and golf.

Following graduation, Adrian plans to attend Tarleton State University to work on a degree in animal science in order to become a small animal veterinarian.

Nataly Salas, daughter of Annette Martinez, has been named the salutatorian of her graduating class. She has been involved in FFA for two years. At the Coryell County

Show in 2021, she won first place for two of her art pieces in acrylic and mixed media. In 2022, she won second and third for two of her art pieces in acrylic and paper collage. She has been a member of the BETA Club for three years and has also served as the club's photographer. She has been a VASE member for two years where she entered two acrylic paintings. In addition, she won the TREA art contest. She also

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Harrings



Salas



# Gatesville High School Graduation 2022



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**MOVING TO THE NEXT STAGE:** Gatesville High School's Class of 2022 heads to graduation ceremonies on May 20 before moving on to the next stage of their lives. Ceremonies were held at McKamie Stadium.

## Fort Hood to host Carry the Load Rally

III Corps and Fort Hood will host the "Carry the Load Rally" at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, May 26 at the 1st Cavalry Division Horse Detachment.

Carry the Load is a non-profit organization providing a way to honor our Nation's military, law enforcement, firefighters, rescue personnel and their families.

The organization has

brought countless participants together to walk and cycle from the West Coast, Midwest and East Coast before culminating in Dallas, Texas, over the Memorial Day weekend.

Ten to 15 participants will rally at the 1st Cavalry Division Horse Detachment for the color guard posting of the colors, the singing of the National Anthem and a

demonstration by the horse detachment.

A representative from the Carry the Load Organization and retired III Corps and Fort Hood Commanding General Lt. Gen. Paul Funk will provide remarks during the event. In addition, members of the local communities will be in attendance.

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to calls sometimes "bouncing around" from one area to another.

"It comes back to protecting lives," Matthews said. "A communication center is important. I also think we should put more into road and bridge improvements."

County Attorney Brandon Belt said employing a grant specialist to help get all the information gathered and properly submitted would benefit the county.

"It seems to me it would behoove the county to have somebody help us with (the process)," he said. "If we don't have somebody

to help us organize and focus, we'll have the same discussion in two weeks, four weeks, eight weeks ..."

Miller said having a GIS database and mapping system will also benefit the county.

"That sounds expensive," Matthews said. "It is expensive," Miller answered.

Belt said the expense is actually cheaper than what the county might spend on some equipment.

Miller said he hopes to work with the Coryell County Central Appraisal District and share some of the GIS data that they have.

In addition to the \$500,000 for Gatesville and Copperas Cove, the commissioners court also approved \$650,000 for the county road and bridge department for improvements.

## GISD

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schools to monitor bus metrics, including location, speed, stops, idle-time, mileage, engine hours - all in real-time and viewable via maps."

The biggest boon for the district with the program may be StudentView and ParentView.

"StudentView also provides monitoring, but for students," the memorandum stated. "Students scan on and off buses, and this is marked on a map in real-time, providing location, date and time."

The ParentView component "works with this data, enabling parents to see this detail for their kids, providing peace of mind. Parents can also set perimeter alerts so that when the bus is ap-

proaching, they get alerts, reducing the need to keep their kids on the street longer than necessary. This also reduces idle-time for buses, reducing fuel costs for schools."

Sanderson said the district had just over 1,000 students riding GISD buses, with more riders in the afternoon than in the morning.

As of the May meeting, 55 parents had signed up with GISD to participate in ParentView, but Sanderson said he expects that number to increase as people become more familiar with the program.

"This is a great program to have and another step to providing greater safety for our students," he said.

GISD Superintendent Barrett Pollard echoed Sanderson's views.

"In a more and more dan-

gerous world, this adds more safety and security in," he said. "That's exciting for us and really helpful. Parents can know if their child got on the bus and got off, and when and where."

School board member Mary Anne Leib expressed her support for the tracking system.

"It's a great idea," she said. "How are we going to push for more parents (to participate)?"

"We've really just gotten started - expect more and more will want to do this," Sanderson said.

Leib, who said she is a former bus driver, added, "this sounds great - something to increase safety."

Sanderson said he has already received a lot of positive feedback about the program.

Community College. She then plans to transfer to Tarleton State University to finish up her bachelor's degree. In the future, she would like to be a graphic novelist and own an art company/publishing company.

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served on the yearbook staff.

Following graduation, Nataly plans to get her associate's degree in studio art at Temple

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## Family visitation permitted Sunday at Ft. Hood cemeteries

Memorial Day weekend visitation for families who have relatives buried in cemeteries within the Fort Hood live-fire training areas are between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., Sunday, May 29.

Families may visit the cemeteries between these hours without area access clearance.

No vehicle pass is required for the cemetery visits unless accessing the installa-

tion through vehicle control points (gates). Non-DOD identification card holders must obtain a pass from the visitors' center located on T.J. Mills Blvd. prior to coming on post.

Range operations will have guides available to assist families and monitor cemetery visits to ensure that all visitors are clear of the live-fire training areas by 7 p.m.

Signs will be posted along

roads giving directions to the cemeteries. Roads which may be used are: East Range Road, Hubbard Road, West Range Road and Owl Creek Road.

For more information, contact Mike Smith at the range control operations office, 254-553-1943 or 254-291-2363 or email michael.j.smith447.civ@mail.mil.



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Memorial Day is Monday, May 30.

## Offices set to close Monday for Memorial Day holiday

Memorial Day, formally known as Decoration Day, is a federal holiday observed yearly on the last Monday of May. It is a day that commemorates all men and women who have died while serving in the military for the United States of America.

The history of Memorial Day dates back to the American Civil War. It started as an event to honor soldiers who had died during the war. It is said to be inspired by the way people in the southern states honored the dead. The original national celebration of Decoration Day took place on May 30, 1868.

Businesses and govern-

mental offices across Coryell County will join the rest of the nation on Monday, May 30, in celebrating Memorial Day.

Closings in the immediate area include:

### GOVERNMENT

The City of Gatesville, City of Evant, City of Oglesby, Farm Service Agency and Coryell County Courthouse will be closed on Monday.

### SCHOOLS

All local schools have finished the school year.

### FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Educators Credit Union, Extraco Bank, BanCorp South, First National Bank of Gatesville, First National

Bank of Evant, and the First National Bank of Oglesby will be closed on Monday.

### LIBRARY

The Gatesville Public Library will be closed on Monday.

### POST OFFICES

All local post offices will be closed on Monday in observance of Memorial Day.

### SENIOR CENTER

The Gatesville Multi-Service Center will be closed on Monday.

### NEWSPAPER

The Gatesville Messenger will be closed on Monday in observance of Memorial Day and will re-open on Tuesday, May 31.

## MY FRONT PORCH

### I've got no phone, no cash, no gas, but no problem



#### SAM HOUSTON

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

Do you recall the days before cell phone service and electronic money? Everyone now days has a cell phone which gives them the ability to communicate with others. We have all gotten so accustomed to being able to instantly connect, we forget the time before cell phones and how troubling it could be. The same goes for debit/credit cards. In today's world, few young people carry cash in any form, they simply carry a "card" and transact their business. Such was not always the case.

It was my freshman year in college, and I had traveled home to see my folks during a vacation break. Before I left to go back to school, I wanted to make a quick trip to see my grandparents who lived in a rural part of the state some four hours away. My Mom liked my idea and happily agreed to allow me the use of her car. Being a college kid, I was broke, but Mom gave me a check to cash. My folks still banked at their old hometown bank and once I got to where the grandparents lived and cashed it, I would have

enough money to fill the car back up to drive home. As I got in the car, Mom assured me the vehicle had plenty of fuel and waved as I drove off.

I got down the road about three hours and began noticing the gas tank was creeping lower and lower. Mom had assured me I had plenty of fuel to arrive with gas to spare, but the fuel gauge in her car did not seem to affirm her declaration. I became more and more nervous. I did not have a single penny in my pocket; not even a dime to make a telephone call. What was I going to do?

After twenty minutes of driving slower, coasting down hills, and praying for divine intervention, the car's engine sputtered and coughed and let me know it was starving for fuel. I pulled off to the side of the highway and immediately began to ponder how I was going to get out of the pickle I was in. I had stopped smack dab in the middle of rural America. There was not a town for twelve miles, and I was 40 miles from my grandparents' house. The only thing I could think to do was to walk to the farmhouse I had passed about a ½ mile back and see if they would let me use their phone to make a collect call to my grandfather. Once I communicated my situation, I knew he would come and bring gas.

I made the stroll to the farmhouse, and an elderly gentleman slowly opened the door and asked what I needed. I explained my situation, how I had a check but no cash, and if I could use his phone to call for help I knew my grandfather would come and rescue me. The old man wore overalls like the other farmers of the area. He looked at me, nodded his head and said, "I don't

spect we need to bother your grandfather. I bet we can get you fixed up".

I had no idea what the old man had in mind, but he motioned me to follow him as we walked to his barn. He retrieved a five-gallon fuel can, filled it with gasoline from the tank he used to fill his farm equipment, and then told me to get in his pickup. We drove back to my mom's car where he proceeded to pour the gasoline into the fuel tank. I cranked up the motor, and with the fresh fuel, it fired right up. I looked at the man, thanked him profusely, and told him I would be back on this same road the next day and I would be happy to stop and pay him for the 5 gallons of fuel and his trouble. I showed him the check I had in my billfold and told him I would have it cashed and would be able to reimburse him.

The old man smiled and then looked at me and said, "Son, it is just a little gas, and everybody needs help sometimes. I bet you would do the same for me if I was in a jam. Just remember the next time you see someone who needs some help".

I went on my way that day, but here I am nearly 50 years later, and I have never forgotten what the old man told me. I am sure he passed on many years ago, but he is still a bright shining light. The whole world needs to know about my old acquaintance and the lesson he taught me. It is a good lesson to learn. I have tried to practice the lesson as often as I can.

Oh, and by the way, never trust your mother on how long your fuel will last!

Thought for the day: Helping others is the secret sauce to a happy life!

Until next time.

## Smith Cemetery Association to meet May 28 after homecoming

The annual meeting of the Smith Cemetery Association will be held Saturday, May 28, following the Purlama Homecoming. The homecoming will take place at Purlama Baptist Church from 10 a.m.

until 2 p.m. There will be a potluck meal. Purlama Baptist Church is located at 875 FM 932.

Smith Cemetery's annual fundraising newsletter is in the process of being mailed.

Those who wish to send donations for maintenance may remit to Smith Cemetery, c/o Glenda Manning Reid, 11135 FM 116, Gatesville, TX 76528.

## Flint Creek Cemetery Association to meet May 28 at the pavilion

The Flint Creek Cemetery Association will meet for a Memorial Day meeting on Saturday, May 28, at 11 a.m. under the pavilion at the

cemetery.

The business meeting will begin at 11 a.m. and will be followed by a potluck meal. Those who have family mem-

bers buried at Flint Creek are encouraged to attend.

Flint Creek Cemetery is located off CR 354 in Coryell County.

## TUMBLEWEED SMITH

### Cats with six toes



Tumbleweed Smith of Big Spring, newspaper columnist and producer of The Sound of Texas radio series

Joy Doss calls herself the crazy cat lady in the area. On her ranch near Sulphur Springs, she has a cat rescue operation and takes care of cats that are unadoptable because of medical or behavioral problems.

"They call me and ask me if I have room for this cat and I rarely say no, so we have ended up with 21 cats. One of them has a tendency to attack other cats so we have a jail for him. We take him out by himself, and he

plays outside for a while, then we put him back in his cell, which is a roomy cage. He's pretty content unless a cat wanders by, then he wants to kill it."

Joy is a former biology teacher who loves to observe animal behavior. She has different eating bowls and sleeping arrangements for each cat.

"Some of them sleep in my tack room where my saddles are. Some sleep in the hay barn. We arrange the bales so there's space between them and they're just snug as little bugs in there."

Some of her cats stay by a pond.

"I've got some really good frog catchers. They catch little frogs all the time. And we don't have a mole within three miles of this place because they're all good mole catchers. They'll sit and watch a molehill so they can coax that mole out of there. We don't have to have any mole traps set out at all."

Only one cat stays in the house. It's a big one that weighs 17 pounds. It has six toes and has learned how to shake hands.

"I'll take him to a school or summer camp and hold him up to look at the person in front of him then he'll stick out that right paw to shake hands."

Six-toed cats are called polydactyl, meaning multiple toes or fingers.

"They're very unusual and they can handle all six toes. They have muscles to them so they can actually grab things and hold on to them. They pull their food bowls over and sometimes pick up their food with their fingers. They can grab and hold your finger like a baby does. They're very gentle cats and they're comical, always wanting to play. We've heard that cats don't like water but polydactyl cats for some reason like water. When I take them to the pool, they get in. They love to play in water."

The cats with six toes are hard to find and when they come up for adoption, they go fast.

"It is a recognized breed by the cat association and if you get one that is a pure-bred polydactyl, those kittens sell for at least \$1,500 a kitten."

Joy Doss also has a cat with no tail called a Pixie-bob. It looks like a bobcat, acts like a dog but purrs instead of barks.

## Gatesville Public Library

### The Gatesville Public Library announces summer reading lineup

Gatesville Public Library recently announced their weekly Summer Reading activities which will take place from Wednesday, June 1 until Friday, July 15.

#### MONDAYS

ABC's of Yoga for Kids - We'll work our way through the alphabet as we learn easy yoga poses. Pre-K to elementary age with a caregiver. This program will be from 9:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. Please RSVP.

Beginner Spanish - Learn the basics of the Spanish language with Adara. Ages 7 and up, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Please RSVP.

#### TUESDAYS

Ukuleles - Learn to play the ukulele from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. Registration is required.

Oceans of Legos - Learn about the ocean with Lego challenges. Ages 5 and up from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. No registration is required.

Movies for Teens - Movies are rated PG or PG-13 and start at 1:30 p.m. No registration.

#### WEDNESDAYS

Story Time - Stories for both elementary and preschool children from 11 a.m. to noon. No registration.

#### THURSDAYS

Movies - These movies will be rated G or PG and start at 1:30 p.m. No registration.

#### FRIDAYS

Cooks N Books - Learn about new books and how to cook the foods mentioned. 11 a.m. until noon. Please RSVP.

#### READING PROGRAM

If parents/caregivers would like their student to become a better reader, the library is offering two parent workshops this summer to help. Whether you are a parent of a home-schooled or public-school student, these workshops will help you understand the read-

ing process and will give you hands-on suggestions for improving that process. The workshops will be led by Rebecca Jones who is a reading specialist and licensed dyslexia therapist.

The first workshop, Ways to Improve Reading Fluency will be held on Thursday, June 9, at 1:30 p.m. The second workshop, Strengthening Reading Comprehension will be held on Thursday, June 16, at 1:30 p.m.

These workshops are for parents and caregivers of beginning readers through fifth graders and will be conducted at the same time as Thursday's movie, so childcare can be provided. Please RSVP.

Those interested in any of these events, workshops, or programs can RSVP to gatesvilletx.com/library.

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**RETIRED TEACHERS GIVE SCHOLARSHIPS:** Pictured left, Velva Riddle, scholarship committee chairperson, presents scholarships to GHS seniors Olivia Brownlee and Mikala Bryson.

## Retired educators award two scholarships to graduating seniors

Coryell Retired School Personnel (CRSP) recently awarded scholarships to two deserving seniors from Gatesville High School who plan to enter college and pursue a degree in the field of education. The recipients are Olivia Brownlee and Mikala Bryson.

Olivia Brownlee has consistently been on the A or A/B Honor Roll at GHS while participating in band and working with concession stands as a community service project. In work experience, she has been a cashier at Studebakers Pizza, a CNA for Home Health and a checker/bagger for HEB. She has been accepted at Tarleton State University, where she plans to major in psychology and then earn a master's degree in psychology, while also studying education.

Olivia's ultimate goal is to become a special education teacher and later a diagnostician. "I am already an aide in our high school life skills class, and I have

enjoyed every second of it. Every day I go in there, they (the students) make my day so much better," she said. "I thought that I would be in that class to assist and help teach them, but they have taught me more than I could ever teach them." Concluding, she admits, "I have become very passionate about my desire to assist kids with disabilities and to help them further their education and life skills."

Mikala Bryson, in addition to maintaining academic averages that place her on the A or A/B Honor Roll, has participated in Future Farmers of America, varsity soccer and band. She too has been involved in a variety of community service projects - packing boxes at the Care Center, entertaining and doing lawn work for residents at The Meadows, coaching City League Soccer, making blankets and collecting toiletries for the Raisin Room, serving soup in a local soup kitchen, and working as a

church nursery attendant for the First United Methodist Church.

Mikala says she has "had the privilege of being taught by many history teachers who had a passion for that subject and were great leaders and role models." She further explained, "Being around them and seeing their love of history has not only helped me realize my own love of history but has also helped me shape my future into one of helping others and encouraging students through learning." Her primary goal is to become a high school history teacher.

"As members of CRSP, we encourage furthering students' education, and we are proud that these students have chosen the field of education to become teachers," said Velva Riddle, scholarship committee chairperson for CRSP. "We need quality teachers, and we plan to support these students in their endeavors."

# The DISPATCH

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of May 19 - 21. 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

**May 19**  
 9:26 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 800 block of S. 7th Street.  
 10:14 a.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 12000 block of FM 116.  
 4:37 p.m., a threat was reported in the 200 block of N. 8th Street.  
 7:06 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 100 block of Sandy Lane.  
 9:24 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of S. State Highway 36 Bypass.  
 10:58 p.m., a burglary was reported in the 2200 block of E. Main Street.

**May 20**  
 9:01 a.m., a theft was reported in the 2100 block of Saunders Street.  
 11:07 a.m., a theft was reported in the 1500 block of E. Main Street.  
 4:07 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1000 block of Pidcoke Street.  
 7:11 p.m., an accident was reported in the 500 block of Saunders Street.  
 8:21 p.m., animal cruelty was reported in the 200 block of N. Lovers Lane.  
 9:12 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 1100 block of Waco Street.  
**May 21**  
 3:13 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 400 block of S. FM 116.  
 9:00 a.m., an intoxicated driver was reported in the 2500 block of Bridge Street.  
 10:10 a.m., a disturbance was reported in the 2300 block of Business Highway 36.  
 5:54 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 1200

block of Golf Course Road.  
 8:44 p.m., a structure fire was reported in the 16000 block of FM 107.  
 9:10 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 1700 block of FM 107.

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### CORYELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

**May 19**  
 5:14 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported on FM 107 East of Old Fort Gates Road.  
 8:11 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported on S. Hwy. 36 North of Flat.  
 8:26 a.m., a theft was reported in the 300 block of FM 107.  
 2:45 p.m., missing livestock was reported in the 1000 block of Bluestem Drive.  
 4:26 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 400 block of Coryell City Road.  
 7:45 p.m., a hit and run was reported on N. Highway 36.  
**May 20**  
 9:58 a.m., the burglary of a habitation was reported in the 400 block of Coryell City Road.  
 3:42 p.m., a grass fire was reported on Hwy. 36 near CR 303.  
 5:41 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on CR

233 near Mosheim.  
 8:19 p.m., harassment was reported in the 100 block of 2nd Street.  
 10:50 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 900 block of CR 3376.  
 11:46 p.m., property damage was reported on CR 140 and CR 142.  
**May 21**  
 1:35 a.m., shots being fired was reported on Airport Road.  
 6:48 a.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 1200 block of FM 580.  
 11:42 a.m., a dog bite was reported in the 100 block of Liberty Street.  
 6:15 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 100 block of Western Ridge Road.  
 9:59 p.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 100 block of Laura Street.  
 10:28 p.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 100 block of Julia Drive.

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700-800 lb.	130-155

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under 300 lb.	140-175
300-400 lb.	140-170
400-500 lb.	140-165
500-600 lb.	130-160
600-700 lb.	130-150
700-800 lb.	115-135

<b>Slaughter Cows</b>	
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Fats	75-85
Thin & Shelly	35-50

<b>Packer Bulls (1250-2075 lb.)</b>	
Yield Grade 1&2	80-109

<b>Cow &amp; Calf Pairs</b>	
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## Matthews receives degree from Tarleton

Mason Matthews currently serves as a Loan Officer with First National Bank, and recently received his Master's Degree in Business Administration from Tarleton State University graduating cum laude. He previously graduated from the Commercial Banking Program at Texas A&M University in 2019, having received a degree in Finance. He also received a Credit Certification from the Risk Management Association.



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Mason Matthews

Mason graduated from Gatesville High School in 2016, and later did an internship program at First National Bank while working on his undergraduate degree. Upon graduation, he became a full-time employee in January 2020.

Mason is the son of Coryell County Precinct 1 Commissioner Kyle Matthews, and

Julie Matthews BSN RN. His fiancée, Tiffany Sartor, is a CNA at Coryell Health and is pursuing a nursing degree. Mason also has a sister, Maci, who is a senior at Texas State University.

## CTC to host virtual orientation for new students May 26

Central Texas College will host a virtual new student orientation Thursday, May 26 to provide students an overview of policies, procedures, class delivery and other information relevant to their success in the fall semester. The orientation is from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and includes a discussion of EagleMail, CTC's student email system; an introduction to Blackboard, the school's online learning management system; financial aid and grant opportunities; academic advising; tips for being successful in class; safety and security; and other available student and academic services. A faculty panel will also

be held to allow students the opportunity to hear from instructors about classes, academic programs and more. The discussion will be followed by a question-and-answer session to allow students to get real-time answers to any questions they may have regarding admissions, registration, or other services. To access the orientation, students should sign up at <http://ctc4.me/NSORegisterSummer22>. The new student orientation is open to new students, prospective students, parents as well as returning students interested in learning more about available services.

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# OBITUARIES

## Dorothy Nell Barrington

Feb. 11, 1926 - May 17, 2022



Dorothy Nell Barrington, age 96, of College Station, formerly of Gatesville, passed away on Tuesday, May 17,

2022, to join her husband and be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 21, 2022, at Scott's Funeral Home Chapel, with Dr. David Crosby officiating. Interment followed the service at the Gatesville Masonic Cemetery.

Dorothy Nell Barrington was born on February 11, 1926, in Gatesville, to the late Bertrede Dewey and Bessie Featherston Clary. She grew up in Gatesville and married Gerrell Wayne Barrington on Jan. 21, 1943. They resided in south Texas, until moving back to Gatesville later in their married life. Her husband preceded her in death on Jan. 20, 2008.

Dorothy lived a full life serving in her church and

was a former member in Gatesville of Trinity Baptist Church, Eastwood Baptist Church, and Live Oak Baptist Church. She was also an active member of the Order of Eastern Star, Chapter #1005 in Gatesville.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Danny Barrington, and brothers, Dewey D. Clary, and Billy Clary.

Dorothy is survived by her daughter, Gerry Barrington Foley and husband, Robert Foley, of Bryan; son, Bill Barrington and wife, Donna, of Kerens; sister, Bobbie Clary Ferrell of Gatesville; her adored five grandchildren, Chris Foley, Keri Foley, Melinda Barrington Hooks, Misti Barrington Harron, Christi Barrington Drilling; and nine great-grandchildren.



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## Air Evac medical emergency helicopter ambulance

# Air Evac Lifeteam issues water safety tips ahead of Memorial Day

As area residents begin making plans for Memorial Day weekend, Air Evac Lifeteam wants to remind them of the importance of boating and swimming safety.

In 2017, the U.S. Coast Guard reported more than 4,000 recreational boating accidents resulting in 658 deaths and 2,629 injuries. Additionally, 1.2 million people drown worldwide every year, with half of those being children and more than one-quarter of them being people who knew how to swim.

While drowning accidents can happen any time of the year, incidents increase during warm weather months when more people enjoy water recreation. Most drowning incidents occur in open

water, lakes, rivers, ponds, and the open sea where lifeguards are limited.

Justin Bright, program director for Air Evac Lifeteam in Killeen, has several suggestions to help prevent water accidents.

A few simple but vital steps to keep you safe while boating:

- Always wear a lifejacket or personal flotation device
- Take a boating safety course
- Avoid alcohol and drug use
- Check the weather forecast before heading out
- Learn to swim
- Never stand up in your small powerboat, canoe, or similar watercraft

- Don't overload your boat
- Use common sense and operate responsibly

Things to keep in mind when swimming:

- Never swim alone
- Only use approved flotation devices; do not rely on toys or inner tubes
- Don't take chances by overestimating your swimming skills
- Swim only in designated swimming areas
- Watch small children near water
- Never dive into rivers or lakes; each year nearly 3,000 people are paralyzed as a result of diving into shallow water or hitting an unseen underwater obstruction.

## PEARL NEWS

# Texas never turns down a good rain and Pearl could use more



BETSY CLARK

I thought I would open with the biggest news for this last week first which is that many of us got a good rain on Saturday, an answered prayer indeed. However, don't stop praying now as many more of our good friends and neighbors still need a drought-busting surge. All of us could use more. As the saying goes, Texas never turns down a good rain.

Linda Ray has been busy at the Pearl Church of Christ preparing for the upcoming VBS. Be sure and mark your calendars, and make note of the following as you don't want to miss it:

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 you are 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 veg-

etables 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. 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.

This week's Bible verse comes from James 3:17-18: But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness. NIV

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

# Purmela Homecoming and cemetery meetings Saturday

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.

Purmela Baptist Church is located at 875 FM 932 in Purmela.

# T-ville Homecoming is Sunday

The 65th Turnersville Homecoming is scheduled for Sunday, May 29 at the 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 and stay after

the meal to renew friendships and catch up on all that has passed during the two Homecomings missed since the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

George W. (G.W.) Smith will be the speaker at the homecoming. G.W. grew up on

Creek Road and was a graduate of the class of 1956.

Those unable to attend but 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.

# VBS set for Pearl Church of Christ

Pearl Church of Christ recently announced they would be hosting their Vacation Bible School on Monday, May 30, through Friday, June 3,

from 9 a.m. until noon each day.

The theme for Vacation Bible School this year will be "The Chosen - Let us be Fish-

ers of Men."

Pearl Church of Christ is located at 6790 FM 183. For more information, please call 254-865-9282.

# Mooney benefit set for Sunday

A fundraiser benefit to help defray the medical expenses of Hershall Mooney will be held on Sunday, May 29, at 4 p.m. at Texas Station Event Center. Tickets will be \$50 per person and will include a crawfish plate.

The tickets are pre-sale and can be purchased at Vintage Royalty.

Entertainment will be provided by Waylon Thibodeaux, "Louisiana's Rockin Fiddler." Those planning to attend are asked to

bring lawn chairs and coolers. It will be a BYOB fundraiser event.

Doors will open at 3 p.m. and food will be served at 4 p.m. Texas Station Event Center is located at 305 Old Fort Gates Road.

# Plainview School Reunion set for Saturday at Ranchers

All former students are invited to attend the 46th reunion of the Plainview School. The reunion will take place on Saturday, May 28, at noon at Ranchers Steakhouse and Grill located at 107 Highway 36 Bypass N. The restaurant menu will be provided for ordering meals. All former students, teach-

ers and family members are encouraged to attend.

The community of Plainview was the result of the consolidation of the Tipton and Hemmeline Schools which formed the Plainview School in 1925. Between 1925 and 1949, hundreds of children attended Plainview School. In 1928, electric

lighting was added to the building, and by 1936, there was a school bus and driver. In 1948, school lunches were introduced at Plainview.

In 1949, the Trustees of the school voted unanimously to consolidate with Gatesville.

## BOOK REVIEW

# Real people caregiving in chaos

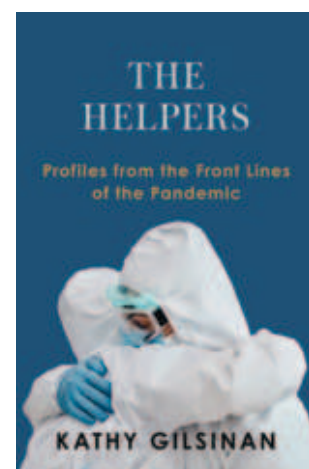
TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

Just a little pinch. That's what they tell you when you get a shot in the arm. Just a "pinch," a half-second of pain and you can handle that, right? Still, nobody likes getting a shot. Nobody enjoys the sore arm afterward or anything else about it. Those things aren't fun but neither — as in the new book "The Helpers" by Kathy Gilsinan — is a pandemic.

Some people saw it coming: the sister of The Patient was a doctor herself, for instance, and she was aware. The Vaccine Developer, who spent most of her time studying a headline-making disease from years ago, was alarmed, too. They recognized that the virus running rampant in China was trouble in the making.

The CEO knew it, too: the headquarters of his company, "one of only a handful in the world" that made ventilators, was near where the first U.S. death from the virus occurred. If they could get the parts, his factories could manufacture more machines but not the "tens of thousands" of ventilators that the country needed. This dilemma led him to a car company.

Because he'd dealt with emergencies for most of his working life, The Paramedic recognized the urgency of



mother lay in a coma...

For going on three years now, COVID-19 has saturated our lives and killed more than a million American parents, children and grandparents.

Now's the time to read "The Helpers."

Here, author Kathy Gilsinan specifically names her subjects - depicted are real people and real lives, and nearly all of them are everyday folks who pounced on the problems endemic to a pandemic. The few who weren't "helpers" nevertheless help by displaying the inner workings of caregiving in chaos, and it all reads like a thriller, with heart-stopping moments of terror mixed with a backstory, heroes who rush to save lives, a surprising bit of adventure, and a little light toward the end of the book. Yes, there's death here, and frustration, and Gilsinan doesn't skip the naysayers in an account that's familiar but fresh.

More than a million Americans. Are you keeping a wary eye on this fall? Then this is a book you'll want to read. For you, "The Helpers" is worth pinching into.

"The Helpers: Profiles from the Front Lines of the Pandemic" by Kathy Gilsinan c.2022, W.W. Norton, \$24.95, 288 pages.

it all, and he headed with a team from Colorado to New York to help. He still had 9/11 on his mind and regretted that he hadn't offered a hand then.

As the patient load went "from two to nearly 700 in two weeks in the middle of March" that year, The Nurse watched it and she was exhausted. She lived with her parents and grandmother in a Bronx apartment, and she had to avoid carrying the virus home.

As The Chef tried to figure out how to feed her poor community in the shadow of Breonna Taylor's murder, The CEO brought his former VP of manufacturing out of retirement, and The Vaccine Developer lost sleep over a preventative. Meanwhile, The Paramedic wasn't feeling well, The Nurse tested positive, and The Patient's



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**JOINT NOTICE OF SALE**

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BY VIRTUE OF ORDERS OF SALE issued pursuant to judgment decrees of the District Court of Coryell County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date in the hereinafter numbered and styled causes, and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said Court, I have on the 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.

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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
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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

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: Dori Ray Mystic Attorney at Law P.O. Box 246

Copperas Cove, Texas 76522 DATED the 19 day of April, 2022.

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TO: DECEDENT'S UNKNOWN HEIRS  
UNKNOWN ADDRESS  
UNKNOWN STATE

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF CORYELL

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF EDITH PEARL JORDAN, DECEASED, CAUSE NO 22-10664, COUNTY COURT OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS. DELIA BUCKRAM FILED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS ON THE 5TH DAY OF MAY, 2022, AN APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP OF SAID EDITH PEARL JORDAN, 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 30TH 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 AT LAW OF CORYELL COUNTY AT THE SAME ABOVE MENTIONED TIME AND PLACE BY FILING A WRITTEN ANSWER CONTESTING SUCH APPLICATION SHOULD THEY DESIRE TO DO SO.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE COUNTY COURT OF CORYELL COUNTY IN GATESVILLE, TEXAS THE 19TH DAY OF MAY, 2022.

JENNIFER NEWTON  
CORYELL COUNTY CLERK  
CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS  
BY: K. HANGST  
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**JOINT NOTICE OF SALE**

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. Magrum, 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.



# Donut Dash 2022



DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Runners ranging in age from children to senior citizens participated in the Centex Crime Stoppers 5K/10K Donut Dash on May 21 in Gatesville. The event started and ended at the Gatesville City Pool parking lot. All proceeds from the event generate funds to ensure that the Crime Stoppers program has funding to help keep area streets safe from criminals.

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## Stingrays

Stingrays are flat fishes that seem to fly underwater. Stingrays and other rays are sometimes called *batoids* because they look a bit like bats when they are swimming.

Stingrays got their name from the sharp, venom-tipped spines on their tails that can come out when the tail hits an animal. They only sting when threatened or stepped on.

Stingrays burrow in the sand in shallow waters to hide from predators or wait for prey to swim by. Their colors often match the sand or mud where they hide. This is called **camouflage**.

**Stingray Shuffle**  
When walking in shallow waters where stingrays live, do the stingray shuffle. Shuffle your feet along the bottom to warn hiding stingrays that you are coming. The shy, gentle creature will hear you and swim away before you step on it.

**Help the ray escape the shark!**

SLIDE → SLIDE → SLIDE →  
SLIDE → SLIDE → SLIDE →

**What do rays eat?**  
Unscramble the letters to see some of the things rays eat.

LSNISA  
HSPIMR  
LMALS HFSI  
SMLAC

### Largest Ray is the Manta Ray

The giant manta ray is the largest ray. Use the code to discover the manta ray's size.

●=0 ●=1 ●=2 ●=3 ●=4 ●=5 ●=6

Manta rays can grow to be more than  feet wide.

They can weigh more than  pounds.

Manta rays never stop swimming and travel in large groups to feeding grounds. These large groups can include as many as  rays and are known as a **fever**.

### Smallest Rays

The smallest ray is the short-nose electric ray which is about 4 inches across and weighs less than a pound.

Electric rays are named for their ability to generate and transmit an electric current to stun prey and for protection from predators.

**It's been a long time!**  
Fossils of rays have been found that are  million years old!

50 + 50 + 50

Standards Link: Math/Number Sense: Calculate sums and differences.

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

**Double Double Word Search**

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

P	S	P	I	N	E	S	H	A	R	P
D	S	R	F	S	L	L	I	G	Y	
I	L	S	E	A	L	S	S	M	A	
O	E	W	V	D	M	H	V	A	R	
T	V	I	E	T	A	D	E	T	G	
A	A	M	R	L	N	T	N	C	N	
B	R	I	L	A	T	N	O	H	I	
G	T	O	S	R	A	A	M	R	T	
Y	W	T	I	M	S	A	R	T	S	

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

### Kid Scoop Together

**Proof It!**

Are you an eagle-eyed reader? Read the article below and circle the eight errors you find. Then rewrite the article correctly.

**Seaworthy Facts**  
Imagine what it would be like like if one person tried to lift 50 jumbo jets. This amount of pressure, more than eight tons per square inch, is the same as the pressure at the deepest part of the ocean.

Did you know that gold is suspended in the worlds seawater? If it was possible to extract that gold, each person on Earth would have nine pounds of gold.

Most people know that Mount Everest is Earth's tallest mountain at 29,029 feet. But Mauna Kea, an old volcano in Hawaii, is raelly taller. In total, Mauna Kea is 33,465 feet tall if measured from the seabed. Only 13,796 feet are above the surfis of the ocean.

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### FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

**All the Angles**

The newspaper is a great place to find and identify angles. How many right angles (A) can you find in the newspaper? How many obtuse angles (B)? How many acute angles (C)?

Standards Link: Identify different types of angles.

### Write On!

## Why read?

Why is it important to know how to read? Describe to other students the reasons reading is important and entertaining.



## Next generation of Hornet tennis



COURTESY PHOTO

Macee Ayres and Breeze Buckner won second place in eighth grade division 1 girls doubles.



COURTESY PHOTO

Madeline Fast and London Kizer won first place in eighth grade division 1 girls doubles.



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Zayden Charles and Bo Kelley finished first in seventh grade boys doubles consolation.



COURTESY PHOTO

Daniela Lee and Isis Germain finished second in seventh grade girls division 2 doubles.



COURTESY PHOTO

Ben Woodson finished first in eighth grade boys consolation singles.



COURTESY PHOTO

Ally Nichols finished first in eighth grade girls consolation singles.



COURTESY PHOTO

Katelyn Campbell finished first in seventh grade girls consolation.

**Gatesville Junior High tennis results were from a tournament May 7 in Robinson.  
Photos were submitted by Sunshine Buckner.**