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## Fire Ant tour draws 150 cyclists



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**TIME TO RIDE:** Participants in the 26th annual Gatesville Exchange Club Fire Ant Tour take off from the starting line at 8 a.m. June 11.

## Heat does not deter participants from 26th annual event

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

Despite hotter than usual weather, 150 bicycle riders from throughout Texas – and even some from other states – visited Gatesville on June 11 to participate in an annual Fire Ant Tour, sponsored by the Gatesville Exchange Club.

Alan Mathis, Exchange Club president, told riders to be cautious of the heat and to look out for each other.

“It’s hot today, and I rode in Saudi Arabia in 1993 and Iraq in 2003, so I know what heat is,” Mathis said. “Pace yourself, be careful and watch out for your buddy. Everybody you see here today is your buddy.”

To help keep the tour riders as comfortable as possible, the Exchange Club and other local volunteers staffed five water break spots, had five sag wagons (vehicles driving the route to see if anyone needs a ride and a bit of relief) and first responders along each of the routes.

This was billed as the 26th annual Fire Ant Tour. The event started in 1996, and the 2022 version of the ride was among the hottest, along with 2011 – another year for record-breaking heat.

High temperatures were expected to climb well above 100 degrees, so most participants began the race at 8 a.m. A few of those riding the longer routes actually started about 6 a.m., said JoAnn Sugg, a longtime Exchange Club member and one of the organizers of



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**Nick Borriceno, 85, was the oldest participant in the event. He is pictured with his daughter, Chris Carlson. They are from Kempner and Fort Worth.**

the event.

One of the newest local sponsors for the bicycle tour was Cycle Logical, owned by Josh Gooden of Gatesville. A bicycle mechanic,

Gooden travels to events throughout the state.

During the Fire Ant Tour, he helped riders fine-tune their bikes before the event began.

“There were some shifting issues and flat tires, and I helped with whatever they needed,” Gooden said. “It was actually a pretty easy day.”

Gooden said he has helped with bicycle rides in Muenster (North Texas) and the Houston area, as well as San Antonio and a 24-hour ride that takes place in Amarillo and Canyon.

In the Gatesville event, the oldest rider was 85, while the youngest who had pre-registered was 13.

Exchange Club member Faye Nichols said several of the riders are from the Gatesville area, and several others are members of the military.

Proceeds from the event go toward scholarships for students and different charity efforts for the Exchange Club.

“All the riders seem to appreciate that we do this,” Nichols said.

“I love to meet people who come here from everywhere,” Sugg said.

“Some have been here for several years,” Nichols said. “They tell us they do rides all over Texas and that this is one of their favorite ones.”

Riders had a choice of 11-, 31-, 48- and 62-mile routes.

The first rider back, Dan O’Brien of Fort



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**Plenty of thirst-quenching beverages and snacks were available for tour participants.**

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## Hospice house a goal for local doc

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

Helping to make sure people have a comfortable, dignified place to spend their final days is a goal of Dr. Jeff Bates and some of his partners in The Lord’s Work Christian Mission.

Although it can be a difficult topic to consider, end of life care is something that will eventually impact everyone. It’s not something that Bates has shied away from.

“I always wanted to be involved in helping people, and when I was a kid, a lot of the people in my life were older and were dying, so it made an impact on me,” he said. “I wanted to be a part of helping people facing that.”

Bates, the chief medical officer at Coryell Health in Gatesville, is involved in a ministry called The Lord’s Work that helps people with medical care and the basic needs of life in Haiti, Kenya and other locations throughout the world. But a new project he is focused on will benefit Central Texas. The goal is to have several hospice houses throughout the area. Hospice care helps those who are nearing the end of life, and Bates has been involved in helping to provide that care.

“We didn’t have a hospice doctor when I came to the hospital in Gatesville, and people asked why I didn’t do that,” he said. “So I did. I think it’s very important.”

Some people who are nearing the end of life don’t want to spend their

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## Methodists explore future affiliation

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

First United Methodist Church of Gatesville members continue to consider options for the future of the church, and will have a meeting at 6:30 p.m. today (June 15) to hear a presentation on reasons for remaining under the United Methodist umbrella.

The meeting will be held in the banquet hall of the church.

A difference of views on same sex relationships and other issues has led to a split within the church body both nationally and internationally, prompting Methodists to consider affiliating with a different organization, one of which is the more conservative Global Methodist Church.

During announcements on June 11, FUMC Gatesville Pastor Stephen Schmidt said that 92 of the 257 churches in the Central Texas Annual Conference were considering disaffiliating from the United Methodist Church.

In May, the Rev. Dr. Leah Hidd Gregory, an elder in the UMC who is also has a connection to the Global Methodist Church, spoke to the Gatesville congregation about the process of disaffiliating from the UMC.

Schmidt has asked members of the church to pray about the decision.

Among those who have left the UMC to join the Global Methodist Church are the Rev. Michael Lowry, who had served as a church bishop in Fort Worth.

Lowry was quoted in The Christian Post, saying the UMC had “strayed in significant ways from faithfully upholding” orthodox beliefs of the Methodist tradition, adding “Jesus is my Lord. It is first and foremost in allegiance to my Lord and savior that I take this action.”

# TOUR

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Worth, arrived at the start/finish area at 8:58 a.m.

"I rode the 11-mile route," he said. "I was going to do the 31-mile one but the sun is already so hot. I love this event. All the volunteers are so friendly and helpful, and they have exactly what you need at the break stops. Their routes were very well marked, which can be a problem at some of the other events I've attended."

"The organizers of this ride did a terrific job - I'm very impressed."

O'Brien said this is the second time he has participated in the Fire Ant Tour.

"I did this once before, years ago," he said. "I am just starting riding again after a hiatus of about 20 years."

Mattigan Moffat of Killeen and Morgan Moffat of Fort Worth also rode the 11-mile route.

"I just like the way this ride is organized and getting to ride with a lot of other people," Mattigan said. "I do a lot of riding alone, and it's great to be able to ride together."

"It was cool so see all the different set-ups and people here this morning," Morgan said "This was a nice ride."

Mattigan said this was his second time to do the Fire Ant Tour. He rode in the event four years ago. Morgan said this was her first time to do this ride.



Bill Morton and his grandson Sean Morton, both from the Houston area, were participating in the Fire Ant Tour for the first time.

Because of the heat, they decided to limit their ride to about five miles.

"We weren't prepared for all the hills - there's no hills in Houston," Bill said. "This was Sean's first tour."

"I really liked the start," Sean said. "That was a lot of fun getting together with everybody."

Bill said he sees messages for rides all over the state on the internet, and an ad for the Gatesville event brought him and his grandson to Central Texas.

"He's out of school, so it's nice to be able to do something together as grandpa and grandson."

Sponsors of the 2022 Fire Ant Tour included: the city Of Gatesville, Acorn Waste Solutions, The Gatesville Messenger, H-E-B, the Gatesville Exchange Club, Velvet Impressions, Hillside Medical Lodge, dentists Bryan E. Taylor and Danielle Geshay of Brazos Braces Orthodontics, Coryell Health and RehabLiving at the Meadows, Blazing Technology, Air Armor Tech, Gatesville Drug, Hope & Kevin Koch, Whitt Building Supplies,



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Many Fire Ant Tour participants chose an earlier start for the longer routes, while others decided to take a shorter route in order to avoid what weather watchers were calling the hottest early June temperatures since 2011.

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# HOSPICE

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final days in a hospital or nursing home and may not want or be able to go home. So, a hospice house gives them a place where they can go and be cared for.

"Waco doesn't have a hospice house and neither does Temple," Bates said. He added that when he and his wife Jennifer, who is a nurse, were dating, they had a mutual interest in building a hospice house.

"People in Central Texas aren't familiar with the concept because they don't exist here," he said. "I told my wife to take the life insurance when I die and build a hospice house."

The Bates family wouldn't have to wait that long to see their hopes for a hospice house move much closer to reality.

About \$3 million worth of property in Robinson was donated to Bates' charity, and plans for a hospice house moved forward.

"There's a cabin on it with about 14 acres, and I started thinking it was the perfect place for a hospice house," he said. "All these steps fell into place."

Confirmation of Bates' plan came when he talked to Rod Ready, a longtime friend of Pastor R.L. Whitworth, who had a connection with the Robinson property through the Calvary Assembly of God in that area.

"Rod told me that Pastor Whitworth wanted to build a hospice house out there, and I couldn't believe he said that. It's exactly what I'd been thinking about."

Helping Bates through The Lord's Work are Waco builder Tom Wright and Gatesville radiologist Kevin Dwyer.

Bates said having a hospice house can be a blessing for local residents.

"Most people want to die at home, and that's a wonderful luxury if you have it," he said. "It's not for everyone though, and it can be a huge burden on family. Our goal is to take care of people in their

last week of life." A hospice house in Florida proved to be a blessing for the Bates family when his father was dying.

"My dad had five days left, and he was able to go to a hospice house in Florida," Bates said. "It was impractical for his wife to take care of him at home. It was the perfect place for him to be able to go. That was the first time I actually got to visualize a hospice house."

The hospice house in Robinson will serve as the first for The Lord's Work, but land has already been donated for another hospice house in Liberty Hill. There are also plans to build hospice houses in Temple, Gatesville and Georgetown.

"I want this to be something the community will embrace and support," Bates said. "There are thrift stores that support the Florida hospice house (where Bates' dad went), and I plan to open a thrift store in Robinson to help generate money for the hospice house."

Bates has raised more than \$57,000 already, and he said he needed about \$100,000 to renovate the cabin on the Robinson property for a hospice house.

"We'll need a couple hundred grand more for staff," Bates said. "It costs about \$250 or \$300 a day for

someone to stay in a hospice house. We won't charge that because we are a charity, but we certainly will welcome donations to help cover the costs."

Bates looks forward to the day when hospice houses serve multiple local communities.

"It's something God put on my heart and He moved all the pieces into place," he said. "I really do think this is something that can be a benefit to people in our community."

More information can be found online at thelordswork.org/hospice-house/.

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PEARL NEWS

# It's bikini season!

**BETSY CLARK**  
Pearl News Correspondent



Have you noticed? It's bikini season! The itty bitty, teeny weeny, turquoise greeny ghastly garment at the Pearl Cottage Bookstore is happy dancing, hoping someone will pick up the foolish frippery and meander on down to the closest creek for a dip in the cool, clear stream. But wait! It's 110 in the shade, no rain for weeks, and every creek in the county is dry as a bone. We better pray for rain before that devious draping goes on the warpath.

Upcoming events:  
\*The Pearl Baptist Church is hosting a Father's Day Breakfast from 8:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. on June 19. All are invited.

\*The Pearl Church of Christ will have a Father's Day Brunch following services on June 19. Church starts at 10:30 a.m. The church encourages everyone to bring a picture of their father to share.

\*A gospel singing will be held at the Pearl Baptist Church on June 25 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Several church groups will be performing. A pulled pork lunch will be provided, and everyone is invited.

\*The annual Pearl Cemetery Association meeting will be held at the Pearl Community

Center on June 27 at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

\*The next Pearl Bluegrass event will be July 2. Everyone is invited. More details will follow soon.

\*The Pearl Church of Christ will have its annual Revival on July 9-10. The speakers will be Steve Hanson and Wil Jackson. The Saturday evening service begins at 7 p.m., and the Sunday morning service begins at 10:30 a.m. There will be an ice cream supper following the Saturday evening service, and a brunch/lunch will follow the Sunday morning service. Everyone is invited.

\*The quarterly meeting of the Pearl Community Center board will meet on July 25 at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

\*Items for the Labor Day Sunday Scholarship Auction and Fish Fry on Sept. 4 will be out and ready for bidding in the dining room on August 21 at the Pearl Church of Christ.

It is with great pleasure that I give a special shout-out to Mr. Bjorn Bloth, a faithful and devoted reader of the Pearl News—and he lives in Sweden. Mr. Bloth, 85 years young, lives in Stocksund, and reports via his daughter, Kristen Stevenson of Gatesville, that he looks forward to our little column each week. Thank you, Kristen, for taking our news abroad and sharing it with your sweet dad. We are both honored and humbled. Hmmm, I wonder if he would be interested in rehoming a wayward stringy bikini. We would love to send him this spectacular gift if you wouldn't mind carting it to him on your next trip home (if you can contain it on the plane, that is). On second thought, we just couldn't do that to this dear gentleman as the darned thing never, ever behaves. The Pearl Cottage Bookstore's name would be "mud" in Sweden.

This week's Bible verse: He says, Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations. I will be exalted in the earth. Psalm 46:10 NIV.

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

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## From a cow to a cross

### TUMBLEWEED SMITH

When Tommy Womack was a boy, his family moved from El Paso to Amarillo. His daddy had just been discharged from the Horse Cavalry at Fort Bliss and had taken a job with the Santa Fe Railroad in Amarillo. Tommy started working in journalism.

"I rode a bicycle and delivered the Amarillo Globe newspaper to some neighborhoods. I would ride my bicycle down the middle of the street and throw papers to houses right and left. That's just the way paper boys did it back then."

He says after having that job a while, he acquired a throwing skill and had a strong rhythm of getting the paper from the bag, folding it and throwing it, almost always landing it on the front porches of houses.

"Every once in a while, I'd throw a wild pitch and the paper would land on the roof or in a flowerbed and I'd have to retrieve it and put it by the front door. That really upsets the rhythm."

When the family moved to Happy, a teacher convinced Tommy he should get involved with 4-H and Future Farmers of America, although he had no agricultural experience at all since he had always lived in a big city.

"I started doing some agriculture stuff and ended up winning a heifer and I knew I had to bring it back the next year to show her. Now you know how I got into the livestock business."

Tommy lives a dozen miles from Tulia. He has herds of cattle. "Now I'm down to about 500 mother cows. But of course, we're

calving." He farms several thousand acres of land, some of it in cotton. "Looks like the price is gonna be real good this year."

He is up early and works late. "I'm busy all the time doing something and really enjoy everything I do." He and his wife spend winters on South Padre. "That's kind of a slow time of year for us and we go there in late January and leave just before it starts getting hot."

Once he and his son were going deer hunting and got to an area near Groom where a giant cross is located. "It turned out to be so foggy and I was looking for the cross because I had been there several times and knew it should start showing up through the fog. But I couldn't see it even though I knew it was lit. But when we got up really close there was this circle of white fog and right in the middle of this circle was that cross. It was such a dramatic sight and that image stayed with me for about two years. I could not get it out of my mind. It was like my brain had taken a picture of that cross and permanently placed it there. So, I got to thinking maybe I should build a cross."

He spent a year building a metal cross 45 feet high on his land near Happy. "Everything fell into place so quickly and easily from making a platform for it, the delivery of equipment, raising it up and supplying electricity. There were so many people willing to help and be involved."

The cross went up 10 years ago on Good Friday. It's visible on I-27 near Happy. "It belongs to the public. My kids know it's never to be sold."

# The DISPATCH

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of June 9 - 11. 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

**June 9**  
8:39 a.m., a threat was reported in the 1000 block of Lovers Lane.

8:44 a.m., animal cruelty was reported in the 1100 block of Baldrige Drive.

11:58 a.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 100 block of Avenue C.

12:47 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 4300 block of S. State Highway 36.

6:35 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1200 block of Pleasant Street.

9:00 p.m., animal cruelty was reported in the 1100 block of E. Leon Street.

**June 10**  
1:41 p.m., an assault was reported in the 100 block of Trails Private Drive.

2:14 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of N. 14th Street.

2:34 p.m., a theft was reported in the 1300 block of N. Highway 36.

5:54 p.m., an accident was reported in the 600 block of E. Main Street.

7:58 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 2800 block of S. Highway 36.

9:12 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of Bluestem Circle.

**June 11**  
5:19 a.m., an accident was reported in the 1300 block of N. Highway 36.

12:36 p.m., a threat was reported in the 500 block of Bridge Street.

1:10 p.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of Elm Street.

4:59 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 300 block of Regal Lane.

5:30 p.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 2400 block of Business Highway 36.

9:21 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1100 block of Waco Street.

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**June 9**  
6:24 a.m., a welfare concern was reported at the TDC unit.

10:37 a.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 700 block of Northern Hills Drive.

11:08 a.m., a phone line was reported down in the 200 block of CR 320.

3:36 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 4500 block of E. Highway 84.

**June 10**  
1:55 a.m., a welfare concern was reported on S. Highway 36 at Smith Creek.

6:02 a.m., a major accident was reported on FM 116 and Elijah Road.

11:37 a.m., a major accident was reported in the 3100 block of FM 2412.

1:54 p.m., a theft was reported on N. Highway 36 and Old Osage Road.

10:24 p.m., trespassing was reported in the 2700 block of Highway 236.

**June 11**  
1:15 p.m., illegal dumping was reported on CR 265 at Oglesby.

2:45 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 600 block of Dove Lane.

3:06 p.m., a theft was reported in the 5200 block of FM 1829.

3:29 p.m., the burglary of a building was reported in the 3200 block of CR 107.

3:43 p.m., a civil matter was reported in the 6400 block of FM 1783.

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Local delegates to the District XII Spring Leadership and Training Conference for Texas Retired Teachers are, left to right; Debbie Grmela, Local Community Volunteer Services Committee Chairperson; Gail Johnson, President; Gayla Linton, First Vice-President; and Jo Ann Sugg, Immediate Past-President.

## Retired Teachers delegation attend district conference

The Texas Retired Teachers' Association District XII Spring Leadership Training Conference was recently held in Waco at the Region XII Education Service Center. Retired educators representing 14 local units within District XII were in attendance including delegations from the following counties: Bell, Bosque, Coryell, Falls, Freestone, Hamilton, Hill, Lampasas, Limestone, Mills, Navarro and McLennan. Representing the Coryell County Chapter were Debbie Grmela, Local Community Volunteer Services Committee Chairperson; Gail Johnson, President; Gayla Linton, First Vice-President; and Jo Ann Sugg, Immediate Past

President. The main speaker was Leroy DeHaven, Immediate Past State TSTA President. He mentioned some of the accomplishments and further goals of TRTA, such as increasing membership to over 100,000 retirees, and increasing our children's book program and volunteerism. Results and impact of recent state legislature measures were recapped and discussed. Shirley Strong was called upon to explain the new TRTF Tutoring Program. Afterward, delegates participated in training sessions for chapter officers and committee chairmen, reviewing the duties and responsibilities of

each. Members shared ideas and spent some time planning the 2022-2023 year's events and projects. After lunch, outgoing District President, Laura Rothrock of Mexia, presided over the business meeting. Committee reports were given, after which the meeting was turned over to Leroy DeHaven to preside over the installation of new District XII officers for 2022-2024. These included Jo Ann Sugg, President; Bonnie Emmons, Treasurer; Julia Phillips, Section Vice-President; Laura Rothrock, Immediate Past President; and John Gallen, First Vice-President.

## Canaan Baptist to offer VBS

Canaan Baptist Church will be featuring "Date Night" Back to Normal Comedy Tour with Scott Davis followed by a Vacation Bible School kick-off party on Sunday, June 26, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. The event will be free and those wishing to

RSVP may call 254-421-0884. The church's Vacation Bible School will begin on Monday, June 27, and continue until Friday, July 1, from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. each evening. A meal will be provided. The theme this year will be "Spark Studios,

Created in Christ, Designed for God's Purpose." For more information about the VBS, please contact Jim at 254-421-0884. Canaan Baptist Church is located at 177 Coryell City Road at Canaan Baptist Church Road.

## FUMC offers VBS June 20-23

The First United Methodist Church will be offering a Vacation Bible School on Monday, June 20, through Thursday, June 23, from 9 a.m. until noon. The theme

this year will be "Rocky Railway, Jesus' power pulls us through." The Vacation Bible School is for children 4 years of age through the fifth grade. To

register, please call 254-865-2520. First United Methodist Church is located at 2600 E. Main Street in Gatesville.

## Grace Bible Church hosts VBS

Grace Bible Church will be hosting their Vacation Bible School from Monday, June 20, until Friday, June 24 from 6 until 8 p.m. The theme this year will be "Stand Strong in the Battle for Truth."

Vacation Bible School will be for children ages 6 to 14. A meal will be provided each evening. Registration will be required and can be done online by visiting: <https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSeWSit.../>

viewform Grace Bible Church is located at 4012 US Hwy. 84 in Gatesville. They can be reached by calling 254-248-0053.

## OUR WATER

### Small steps to save drops

**STEPHANIE KEITH**  
Education and Public Relations Coordinator for Middle Trinity Groundwater Conservation District

Recent conversations here at the district have swirled around drought forecasts and below normal rainfall totals even with the past rains. As the days heat up and the water demand rises, have you thought about the water requirements of your landscape? We all know that a healthy, beautiful landscape around our homes takes a lot of hard work and sometimes a lot of water. There are simple ways to practice water conservation even in droughty times. One small step to incorporating water conservation into landscape features is to plant for success. There

are so many beautiful native species options that can significantly reduce a landscape's water consumption by approximately 80%. Deeper root systems keep the plants thriving in the crazy Texas weather patterns, including high temperatures and little rainfall. Texas Smart Scape and [www.wildflower.org](http://www.wildflower.org) are both great resources to learn more about native plant species. Trading out thirsty turf grasses like St. Augustine and Bermuda for native grass species like Curly Mesquite and Buffalo grass can also lower lawn irrigation needs. Mulch is another helpful addition to beds. Just a minimum of 3 to 6 inches of organic mulch will help maintain moisture levels and reduce watering frequency. Don't set it and forget it. Sprinkler systems have their

benefits. Smart controllers, rain sensors and even soil moisture meters can all aid in a conservative approach to landscape irrigation, but even with technology, human involvement is still needed. It is important to closely monitor landscape. Checking the soil moisture level, sensors, controllers and sprinkler heads on a regular basis will cut down on unnecessary watering. Rainwater harvesting can also be incorporated into lawn irrigation systems. There are many system options that can be used to fit your needs and budget. In Texas, rainwater harvesting equipment is tax exempt. Making small changes within our homes and landscape to save water will not only add up by the drop but could also add up by the dollar.

## Evant school accepting pre-K, Kindergarten enrollment

Evant ISD is continuing to enroll students for the 2022-2023 school year. Pre-K students must be 4 years of age by Sept. 1, 2022, and kindergarten students must

be 5 years of age by Sept. 1, 2022. Enrollment packets can be picked up at the front office Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Please contact the school at 254-471-5536 if you have any questions. Evant ISD is located at 339 N. Memory Lane in Evant.

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### TALES OF SUNKEN TREASURE!

#### A Sunken City

In the 1600s, Port Royal, Jamaica, was one of the busiest seaports in the Caribbean. It was home to merchants, missionaries, smugglers and pirates.

In 1692, an earthquake hit the city. Much of it sank 65 feet (20 meters) below sea level. For hundreds of years, sand and mud covered the city. Many treasure seekers tried to find the sunken city and failed.

Then in 1965, a diver named Robert Marx used modern equipment to dig under the layers of mud and found the lost city. He was not looking for treasure, but find it he did! Thousands of coins were found—perhaps lost pirate treasure.

#### Sunken Ships

Long ago, Spanish ships full of treasure sailed the seas. Sometimes these ships sank, leaving tons of treasure on the sea floor. Search the sea floor for seven coins with letters on them. Unscramble the letters to find out what these ships were called!

**A Spanish treasure ship was called a**

#### ABC Treasure Hunt

Take a trip under the deep blue sea and look for treasures from A to Z. Can you find each letter of the alphabet hidden in the picture?

#### Shark Alert

Diving for the lost city of Port Royal is dangerous. Divers must watch out for sharks.

#### Treasure Hunter Clues

Divers looking for sunken treasure do not look for the hulls of sunken ships. Wooden hulls rot after hundreds of years under water.

Treasure hunters look instead for lumps that could be the remains of metal parts of a ship: cannons, anchors, tools and ballast. Sometimes, even these are hard to see, as most of them have been encrusted with sand and shells.

#### Uncover the Unlikely

Well, shiver me timbers! There are two land animals hiding in the picture above. Can you find them all?

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

#### Sunken SOMETHING

Some say that in 1876, *something* carrying millions of dollars of gold crashed and fell into the Ashtabula River in Ohio. Many have tried to find the mystery bullion, but to date no one has. Do you think it is really there? Or is it a legend?

To find out what crashed, color each space with one dot BLACK and color each space with two dots BLUE.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension.

### Double Double Word Search

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

MYSTERY	T	A	L	D	N	A	S	E	T	S
SUNKEN	O	E	L	Y	R	E	T	S	Y	M
TREASURE	F	O	R	S	U	R	O	U	T	K
JAMAICA	G	N	S	U	E	L	D	N	I	R
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DIVER	R	D	P	O	R	T	E	N	E	S
GOLD	S	M	U	G	G	L	E	R	S	A
LOST	S	L	A	Y	O	R	U	R	T	E
CITY										
SAND										
ROYAL										
SHARK										
MUD										
PORT										

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

### FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

#### Strange and Definitely NOT True

Cut out words from the newspaper to create a very strange headline. Make up and write a strange story to go with your headline. Be sure to include WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHY and HOW.

Standards Link: Writing: Students write imaginative narratives in newspaper format.

### Write On!

#### The Greatest Treasure in the World

What is the world's greatest treasure? Why?

### Kid Scoop Together: Pirate Pairs

The crew of the pirate ship *The Scurvy Albatross* came up with a unique flag. It's the only one here that has no exact duplicate. Circle it.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

## YARD OF THE MONTH



COURTESY PHOTO

The home of Frank and Sue Lyle located at 3606 Churchill Drive was chosen as June's Yard of the Month by Keep Gatesville Beautiful. The home is surrounded by live oaks and the meticulously kept front lawn is St Augustine grass. Included in the landscape are Japanese boxwood bushes and a beautiful flowering crepe myrtle along with irises and other flowers. Sue designed and planted the flowerbeds with Frank's help and Frank takes care of the lawn. The yard ornaments add color and just the right touch of fun. Frank and Sue have lived in their home for two years.

## Chamber to host golf tournament

The Gatesville Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a golf tournament on Saturday, July 23, at the Gatesville Country Club. Tee-off time will be at 10 a.m. The cost will be \$75 per player or \$300 per team.

Cash prizes will be offered along with contests for those

getting their ball the closest to the pin and the longest drive. There will be a four-person scramble as well. A meal will be provided during tournament.

Proceeds from the tournament will be used for further expanding the services and resources the Gatesville

Chamber of Commerce provides to its members.

To enter or for more information, contact Gatesville Country Club at 254-865-6917 or the Chamber office at 254-865-2617.

The Gatesville Country Club is located at 1308 Golf Course Road.

### FROM MY FRONT PORCH

## Life's Circle from High School Graduation to Retirement



**SAM HOUSTON**

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

These past few weeks have been full of graduation activities. Students all over the county have walked across the stage, picked up their diplomas and marched straight into their future. What a time of excitement and uncertainty!

Graduation signals an end to the security blanket of classmates and home as one steps forward to begin the pursuit of their dreams. What will college be like? The first apartment? What company will hire me for my first job? How different will the workplace be from school? How will finances be managed, relationships evolve, having children, and a thousand other life choices which are made in the time period between 18 and 35? There is so much uncertainty and that uncertainty is a big part of the excitement of being young.

My friend Mark just turned 65. He has been working at his profession for over 40 years and is contemplating retirement. When he turned 60, and the finish line of retirement came into view, he allowed himself to start considering what his life might look like when he stopped work. Naturally finances came into consideration as did health concerns, but my friend had spent so much time working his life away, he never gave a lot of thought of what he might want the last years of his life to look like.

Mark and I sat down, and we talked about the future discussing things like social security, Medicare supplement insurance, the cost of living, personal health and all the other "hot topics" which retirement aged people focus. He made a statement which I considered to be very insightful. Mark said, "You know, I feel like I am graduating high school all over again. I have all sorts of ideas and plans in my head, but I don't know what is going to happen. Retirement is going to be such an exciting change".

I congratulate Mark for having such an attitude. I think he would admit to being a little scared of the unknown, but he also realizes the possibilities his retirement might bring him. The opportunity to sleep in late if he chooses, or to stay up and watch a west coast ball game and not fear getting up the next morning to get to work on time. On a moment's notice he can go to Ft

Worth to see a friend, drive to San Antonio and attend an event, or he can sit home and do nothing. He doesn't know exactly what is going to happen or when, but the freedom of making choices without the restraints of work seems very appealing to my friend.

We did discuss the need to stay social, to interact with others and maintain personal relationships. We agreed quitting work, going home and staying there, isolated from the world, would be a death sentence carried out much quicker than we would like.

Something about the idea of retirement and having a whole other chance to start a new life makes me feel uplifted and refreshed. I think the saddest thing in life would be to wake up and not have excitement or plans for the days ahead. I love the job I have but I look forward to someday seeing what that next part of life will be like. For me, the someday is going to somewhere down the line but I realize it will be here before I know it. One thing is certain, change is constant.

For Mark, I hope retirement brings amusement, friendship, good health and satisfaction. He has worked hard and deserves it. I know I am pulling for him.

Thought for the day: Retirement is the only time in your life when time no longer equals money.

Until next time  
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## Gatesville Primary enrolling Pre-K, K

Gatesville Primary School is continuing to enroll students for the 2022-2023 school year. Pre-K students must be at 4 years old by Sept. 1, 2022, and kindergarten students must be 5 by that date.

The Primary office is open Monday through Thursday

from 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. for anyone wanting to pick up enrollment packets. Contact the school at 254-865-7264 if you have any questions.

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### 032 MISCELLANEOUS

### HEAD START

**TAKING APPLICATIONS!!!** (No Transportation Provided)

Gatesville Head Start is now accepting applications for the 2022-2023 school year. Head Start is a pre-school offering excellent educational opportunities along with medical, dental, developmental, and nutritional benefits at no cost. The Head Start approach of individualized care and guidance is well suited to helping children with disabilities. Children between the ages of 3 and 5 may be eligible. There is no charge for participation in Head Start. Pick up your application now at the Head Start Center at 1105 Saunders Street or 1111 W. Main St. For more information, call your local center at 254-865-5423, 254-404-2198 or 254-865-5555 or Hill Country Community Action Association at 325-372-5167.

### HEAD START

**ESTA ACEPTANDO APLICACIONES !!!** (Ningun Transporte Proporcionado)

Gatesville Head Start esta aceptando aplicaciones para el año 2022-2023. Head Start es una escuela para niños de edad 3-5 años que califican. Head Start ofrece oportunidades excelentes para educación y también beneficios de medicina, dental, desarrollo, y de alimento. Head Start ofrece mucha ayuda para niños y familias. No cuesta nada para que su niño atienda el programa de Head Start. Puede usted recoger ahora una aplicación para solicitar un puesto en Head Start. Para más información llame a la Head Start, 1105 Saunders Street, or 1111 W. Main St. del telefono: 254-865-5423, 254-404-2198, 254-865-5555 or Hill Country Community Action at 325-372-5167.

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### 037 HELP WANTED

The Gatesville Police Department has immediate openings for a full-time Communications Officers. Qualified candidate should be 18 years of age or older, possess a High School Diploma or GED, and be willing to work all shifts. Potential candidate will also be required to undergo a psychological evaluation and drug screen.

Responsibilities include answering 911 and administrative phones, gathering call information and dispatching the appropriate responders, entering and retrieving information in department computers, and maintaining contact with field officers. Experience in the Communications field is preferred, but not required.

This position is open until filled. Applications may be downloaded at [www.gatesvilletx.com](http://www.gatesvilletx.com) or obtained at the Police Department. The City of Gatesville is an EOE.  
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### 037 HELP WANTED

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**Coryell Health Medical Clinic - Waco:**

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- PCA PRN - for Gatesville, Evant and Copperas Cove

**Culinary:**

- Cook - FT (Food Handlers Cert. preferred)

**EMS:**

- EMT B - FT
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- EMT B - PRN

**Emergency Department:**

- RN - FT Mid Shift (11a-11p)
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- RN - PRN all shifts

**Material Management:**

- Maintenance - FT
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**Med Surg:**

- RN or LVN PRN all shifts
- CNA-FT Nights
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**Mills County Medical Clinic - Goldthwaite:**

- X-Ray Technologist - FT

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### 070 LAND & LOTS

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SE'VETTE EARLY | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Gatesville youth had a chance to work on their basketball skills and knowledge during a Gatesville ISD basketball camp June 6-8. For more camp photos, see Page 8.

## Way too hot



The electronic sign in front of the Gatesville ISD Administration Building on June 11 posts the temperature at 109 degrees.

DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

## Gatesville High School Honor Roll

The Gatesville High School recently released the A and A/B Honor Roll for Semester 2, Cycle 2, fourth nine weeks. Students qualifying to be included on the honor roll include:

### 9th Grade

#### A HONOR ROLL

Brianna Allen, Hannah Bartlett, Audrey Blanco, Romi Bomar, Jeret Burks, Destiny Campbell, Grace Carothers, Kyle Casey, Teagan Comer, Dillon Daniels, John Davidson, Karilyn Dudik, Ryleigh Eaton, Reagan Fitts, Kasey Fitzer, Kinlee Gardner, Katherine Hopson, Alexander Johnson, Emily Kelly, Elaina Knobloch, Vincent Lira-Rodriguez, Jamie Lisenby, Stetson Love, Caleb Mannix, Jahaziel Martinez, Avery Meelbusch, Brayden Mills, Emilie Moore, Logan Morgan, Dutch Nielsen, Malachi Olvera, Brianna Petrie, Gabriel Pollard, Lucy Pritchett, Ian Rainer, Dominyk Romero, Liam Shoaf, Callie Smith, Hunter Swindall, Cameron Thompson, Memphis Wells, Addison Woods

#### A/B HONOR ROLL

Jesus-Abraham Almandariz, Jack Armstrong, Devyn Ayala, Logan Biggs, Roland Bowen, Jaylyn Campos, Carvin Coppersmith, Tyson Crawford, Bradley Crozier, James Dickerson, Jathan Dooley, Mason Emigh, Jackson Erwin, Kloye Feldman, Raylee Glover, Dylan Granados, Madison Hester, Trent Hickman, Torri Hobbs, Amelia Holden, Lilyana Huggins, Clayton Jones, Keira Jones, Alyra Kilgore-Coalston, Sara Kiphen, Tiffany Kollman, Vania Martinez-Jaramillo, Ana Mata, Chloe Mathis, Evan McCracken, Tamiah Miller, Dana Myers, Alison Ochoa Hernandez, Andrea Ortiz Saenz, Rexall Owen, Allyson Penrod, Laura Perez, Mary-Jane Perkins, Katelyn Sanchez, Paige Marie Sentillas, Jaycee Shelton, Ariel Short, Lyssa Slaughter, Yeri Solano, Owen Sorel, Maryjane Stevens, Nathan Stewart, Avery Streetman, Craig Talley, Addison Taylor, Logan Turner, Ricardo Villagrana, Mariah Votruba, Keyana Webb, Joseph Whittle, Alora Whittle, Zayla Wischart, Alaynah Wrisk

### 10th Grade

A HONOR ROLL  
Riley Aaron, Barrett Boyd,

Kale Branum, Lilyana Carrillo, Wyatt Dunbar, Zoe Gribble, Anna Laskowski, Carsyn Modisett, Lawson Mooney, Jasmine Olivar, Bethany Penrod, Mikenna Reeves, Olivia Walker

#### A/B HONOR ROLL

Tommy Aaron, Sean Aguilar, Hadleigh Ament, Madison Ayres, Elizabeth Bales, Blake Barnes, Charlee Barron, Caden Brister, Christine Brown, Zachary Bryant, Lorelai Byrd, Max Carpenter, Jonathan Chavez, Kendal Clarke, Cayleigh Coursey, Hannah Cuellar, Launa Dickson, Natalie Fast, Damian Guerrero Martinez, Danelle Gutierrez, John Hall, Hayden Heck, Madison Heth, Rachel Holden, Justin Johnson, Ellie Kelley, Charles Kemnitz, Gracie Key, Chase Lee, Devin Nashif, Wyatt Nichols, Anna Phillips, Andi Pitrucha, Vanessa Robledo, Jaeda Rodriguez, Xzavier Rodriguez, Lillianna Romero, Elaina Sherman, Le'Yah Smith, Noah Smith, Raylie Snively, Charlie Sommerfeld, Layton Stone, Garrett Sullivan, Elara Sumrall, Yodfah Sun, Tatum Taylor, Ryan Tesar, Aliyah Trotter, Hannah Williford, Ashley Yuchasz

### 11th Grade

#### A HONOR ROLL

Payton Armstrong, Charlize Breitinger, Lena Clawson, Kylie Cox, William Crozier, Lindsey Cummings, Rosalee Dilly, Slone Early, Brenden Gohlke, Kason Herberlin, Mariana Hughes, Kagen Hunt, Ezekiel Kimbrell, Kallyn Moreland, Maria Olvera Rodriguez, Dawson Poliquin, Kennedy Preciado, Ty Warren, Jacob Ybarra

#### A/B HONOR ROLL

Thiele Alvarado, Jacy Archie, Katherine Arnold, Mya Ayers, Lola Barron, Korbin Brown, Everett Cameron, Brady Carothers, Aurelia Chavez, Joshua Coalston, Sariah Cutri, Kaitlyn Darby, Preslea Edmond, James Erwin, Kaelyn Evans, Jeremy Featherston, Chesnea Ford, Lucas Garcia, Rachel Garrett, Cheyenne Gerber, Evalyn Gregory, Cameron Harley, Katelynn Heilman, Sara Hernandez, Shay Heuer, Chance Hicks, Grecian Hilliker, Madison Johnson, Nathaniel Johnson, Alianna Longoria, Benjamin Mabry, Carlo Martinez Jaramillo, Khloe Mathews, Lana Mer-

riam, Laura Mitchell, Mason Mooney, Aydan Necessary, Tiffany Newman, Blayson Nichols, Nickhil Patel, Breanna Pospisil, Mattison Robinette, Alexander Scott, Jose Silva Hernandez, Trevor Smith, Lauren Stuard, Holliana Tassin, Jordan Underwood, Giulia Ursini, Bryce Vader, Carter Williams, Ryan Wilson, Addison Wolff, Jordyn Wood, Eric Yean

### 12th Grade

#### A HONOR ROLL

Matthew Arrington, Samuel Belt, Ciera Billingsley, Mikala Bryson, Ella Burns, Brett Byler, Joao Francisco Cerqueira Lima Chaves, Rachel Conner, Peyton Dooley, Logan Edwards, Zane Foster, Mathew Gomez, Brodie Huggins, Brooke Johnson, Pamela Johnson, Scout Key, Kaitlynn Merritt, Cheyenne Miller, Anna Mitchell, Hayden Mooney, Tina Moran, Avery Mullins, Allison Pearce, Jorja Penny, Nolee Pickles, Lexi Poston, Kalli Robinette, Georgia Rogers, Jessi Salas, Sarah Saunders, Ryan Smiley, Bella Smith, Brenon Smith, Baylee Snoddy, Harlee Snoddy, Juleeva Sun, Cooper Sutton, Tyler Sutton, Zachary Swindall, Natasha Thoms, Riann Tippit, Brendan Wrisk, Dayne Zacha

#### A/B HONOR ROLL

Briyana Alexander, Jacob Baker, Megan Barcroft, Jacob Briede, Carson Brizendine, Wesley Brown, Olivia Brownlee, Adeline Carpenter, Colton Cummings, Ryan Darby, Calista Downey, Hazlee Edwards, Cheyenne Garcia, Kinsey Gardner, Jaiden Gomez, Javon Hall, Jimmy Hall, James Hamilton, Tyler Hutts, Jozy Jackson, Jaylee Janisch, McKenzie Jaynes, Angela Johnson, Christopher Johnson, Natalie Jones, David Kennon, Levi LeBlanc, Hailey Luensmann, Luis Macias Ayala, Cayden Mata, Alyssa Molina, Paige Monroe, Shandiin Monroe, Camden Morra, Breanna Okruch-Montgomery, Alexis Ortega, Isabella Perry, Evonna Pitrucha, Lyndi Poynter, Pablo Romero, Kagan Saunders, Kaitlynn Seward, Johnnie Short, Sophia Solano, Stormy Tatum, Camron Tindell, Cera Touchet, Abbigayle Turner, Kayla Vega, Eric Wise

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## Area Fishing Report

### Belton

GOOD. Water lightly stained; 77 degrees; 4.64 feet low. At Lake Belton, the summer heat is beginning to make a difference in the fishing. Average white bass catch numbers for half-day morning trips have dropped off from around 200 fish per trip to the 150 to 160 level. White bass are beginning to suspend more frequently and make use of the bottom. Report by Bob Maindelle, Holding the Line Guide Service. Crappie are good on timber and brush piles anywhere from 10-20

feet of water using minnows and jigs. The 12 foot Outlaw crappie rods were the key enabling us to keep off the brush pile. Report by Zach Minnix, Jig N Jerk Guide Service.

### Waco

GOOD. Water stained; 77 degrees; 5.89 feet low. Crappie are good on timber and brush piles anywhere from 10-20 feet of water using minnows and jigs. The 12 foot Outlaw crappie rods were the key enabling us to keep off the brush pile. Report by Zach Minnix, Jig N Jerk Guide Service.

## Building basketball skills for future



SE'VETTE EARLY | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Gatesville High School head basketball coach Brit Campbell, dad Kenneth Campbell and varsity basketball player Jack Carroll worked with future Hornet athletes during a boys basketball camp held June 6-8.



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Children in grades 1-9 had a chance to work on basketball fundamentals during the GISD basketball camp June 6-8.



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Participants in the GISD basketball camp focus on their shooting position during a drill.