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*From the City of River Oaks*

## Street Closures In June

Andale Construction will be treating the newly paved streets beginning June 15 until June 22 in sections. This will involve road closures while the street is coated with a high density mineral bond that will help to significantly extend the life of the streets in the 1100-2200 blocks of Roberts Cut Off, 700-1000 blocks of Merritt, 5100-5200 blocks of Ohio Garden Rd. and Tulane.

For more information on road closures and to view your specific street, visit this website: [www.ha5info.com/riveroaks](http://www.ha5info.com/riveroaks).

### Where do I park my car?

While your road is closed, you may park on the street in any open area outside the work zone. No vehicle will be allowed on the newly treated road surfaces until the road is reopened. Please do not park within 50 feet of any road being worked on.

### What if my car is parked on a road that is closed?

We will begin work at 7 a.m. and vehicles will be allowed to exit the area up until 7:30 a.m.. The streets being treated will be closed for 24 hours. If your vehicle is on a street that will be blocked by adjacent surfacing work, it will have to remain until the work is complete. If your vehicle is on the street when work begins, it will have to be towed to the end of the area.

### What if I drive on the road while it's closed?

Please do not attempt to drive on the

road while it is closed as this may cause damage to your vehicle and several thousands of dollars of damage to the newly treated surface. Andale Construction is not responsible for damage to your vehicle or to the newly treated road surface.

### What will we do on trash day?

We have coordinated with your local trash service. If your trash day falls on a day where work is to be performed, your bin will have to be at the curb by 5 a.m.

### How will we get our mail, FEDEX and UPS packages?

We have coordinated with the postal service and you will receive your mail and packages as scheduled.

### How will the shuttle system work?

You should be able to park within walking distance of your home. If assistance is needed with transport between your home and vehicle, please call the number listed below between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

### How will this affect any landscaping work?

Please hold off on any landscape work while road work is being performed and turn off sprinkler systems during and 24 hours after the road is treated.

### How will this affect emergency vehicles?

Emergency vehicles will be able to access any home in the neighborhood 24 hours a day.

*From Castleberry ISD*

## CISD to Serve Up Good Nutrition for Local Children This Summer

Bringing healthy summer meals to Fort Worth, River Oaks, and Sansom Park children ensures kids have a healthy vacation and return to school ready to learn.

Throughout the month of June, Castleberry ISD will connect children 18 and younger and enrolled students with disabilities up to 21 years old with healthy, no cost summer meals. The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) (continued on page 5)

*From the City of River Oaks*

## TRWD Recreation Master Plan Meeting Tonight

Tarrant Regional Water District (TRWD) will host ten public meetings over the summer with the meeting in River Oaks to be held on Thursday, June 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the River Oaks Event Center, located at 5300 Blackstone Drive.

Information will be gathered from the public as TRWD develops a recreation master plan that will focus on trails, trailheads, parks, recreation areas, events and event spaces.

The District's plan will focus on its assets along the Trinity Trails System, as well as at Eagle Mountain and Marine Creek Lakes in northwest Tarrant County.

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From Mary Isham Keith Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution

# Mary Isham Keith Chapter DAR

## Awards Scholarships

Mary Isham Keith Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution celebrated their Annual Awards Luncheon recently at Ridglea Country Club in Fort Worth.

An ROTC scholarship, the project of retiring chapter regent Diana Lussier, was presented to a graduating Fort Worth ISD JROTC student, Cadet Kayla Rojas, who will attend Prairie View A&M University to obtain an engineering degree.

Scholarships were presented to a TWU history student and four TCU nursing students.

Honorary Regents Joye Evetts and Welba Dorsey installed chapter officers for 2023-2025 after which, Incoming Chapter



Regent Charley Holler greeted members with her theme for the next two years, "Celebrating the Legacy of Yesterday... Using Our Gifts for the Dreams of Tomorrow."

DAR is a non-profit, non-political volunteer service organization and lineage society. Contact [www.dar.org/](http://www.dar.org/) for more information about DAR and its programs.

From the City of River Oaks

# Meals on Wheels

## Needs Volunteers

We currently have 43 open meal delivery routes. We need your help in filling these routes to ensure our homebound, elderly, disabled, and food-insecure neighbors receive the nutritious meals and daily safety checks they depend on us to provide!

Are you currently a substitute driver and would like to commit to a weekly route? Please let us know by contacting our VP of Volunteer Services at 817-258-6426 or email [Judith.Bell@mealsonwheels.org](mailto:Judith.Bell@mealsonwheels.org).

Already a meal delivery volunteer? Encourage family, friends or co-workers to follow your lead! (continued on page 4)

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Buc-ee was sent to Nature's Edge Wildlife to be brought back to health.

If you'd like to keep up with all the great

work that PAWS is doing be sure to follow their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/PAWSWS>.

*From White Settlement Public Library*  
**Summer Movies at the Library**

Take a break from the heat this summer with family-friendly movies at the Library!

Movies will be shown each Monday at 1 p.m. from June 12 through July 31, except for June 19 as the Library will be closed in observance of Juneteenth.

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**TinkerLab**

Join us every Thursday from June 15 through Aug. 3 for TinkerLab at the Library at 2:30 pm for two full hours of fun.

TinkerLab is a program that facilitates creativity and learning. During TinkerLab hours, kids of all ages can participate in a variety of activities with a focus on STEAM learning.

TinkerLab activities include building toys, circuit and robotics toys, slime, arts and crafts, and lots more!

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# Meals on Wheels

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What Does It Take To Be a Volunteer? Anyone who can spare 1.5 hours for one day per week, Monday through Friday, can change someone's life for the better!

Volunteers Must Be Able To:

- Provide their own transportation and gasoline
- Deliver between the hours of 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Meals On Wheels will provide you with volunteer orientation, insulated containers to transport food and a delivery route sheet with a map.

Learn more [here](#).

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Southwest	Haltom City
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### FRIDAY ROUTES:

Eastside FTW, North Hills, Handley-Woodhaven, Northside FTW, Everman, Haltom City, Diamond Hill, North Arlington, Forest Hill, Westside

## Around the Town with Denise Honeycutt American Legion Post 297 Hosts Ceremony

Post Everlasting is the final destination within the American Legion where departed comrades are transferred when called for duty by the Supreme Commander.

A list of those who passed this prior year were recognized at the Post recently. Seven names were read, including Paul Mansir whom the Post is named after.

The list was lit by fire in a brazier as several individuals witnessed this solemn ceremony.

The deceased are remembered and we thank them for their contribution of service to our Country, community and the Post.



Chaplain **Ron Hand** (left) and Commander **Lora McGee** presided over the event.



Adjutant **Shelly Hook** places an American Legion cap on the rifles.



**Bill Kuehner** (back) follows **John Ragstad**, **John Ashton** and **Dan Hook** as they escort the brazier to Post Everlasting.




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From the Fort Worth Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol

## Great Start Program

The Fort Worth Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol will have another Great Start program for new members starting Aug. 7.

The Cadet Great Start program is a comprehensive introduction to Civil Air patrol for new cadets. It transforms a cohort of ordinary youth into cadet airmen in four weeks, while giving cadet NCOs and officers opportunities to apply their leadership skills. Parents are welcome to participate in the Great Start program alongside their cadets to get a greater understanding of the program.

In Civil Air Patrol, cadets focus on Emergency Services, Aerospace Education, Safety, Character Development, Leadership, and Fitness. As they learn about these areas, they advance through a series of achievement levels, earning honors and increased responsibilities along the way. Civil Air Patrol has been an integral start for many astronauts, pilots, engineers, and scientists. Home-schooled cadets can even earn high school credits for their work in the program.

If you are interested in Civil Air Patrol, visit the website at <http://fortworthcap.org/> or find us on Google by searching Fort Worth Civil Air Patrol.

### About Fort Worth Civil Air Patrol

*Founded in 1941 and established as the official civilian auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force seven years later, Civil Air Patrol is chartered by Congress as a nonprofit organization for the purposes of youth development, aerospace education, and to promote general aviation. In an auxiliary role as a Total Force partner of the Air Force, CAP operates the world's largest fleet of single-engine aircraft for search and rescue, disaster relief, training, and education. Civil Air Patrol is dedicated to serving America's communities, saving lives, and shaping futures.*

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## Summer Nutrition (continued from page 1)

is a U.S. Department of Agriculture nutrition program administered in the Lone Star State by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA).

For the children who rely on school meals during the academic year, these meals offer a source of good nutrition when school is out for the long summer vacation.

The following campus locations will offer free breakfast and lunch, Monday through Friday, through Friday, June 30:

- **A.V. Cato Elementary School** (4501 Barbara Road, Fort Worth, TX 76114) Breakfast 7:45 to 8:45 a.m. / Lunch 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

- **Castleberry Elementary School** (1100 Roberts Cut-Off Road, Fort Worth, TX 76114) Breakfast 7:45 to 8:45 a.m. / Lunch 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

- **Joy James Academy of Leadership** (5300 Buchanan Street, Sansom Park, TX 76114) Breakfast 7:45 to 8:45 a.m. / Lunch 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

- **Irma Marsh Middle School** (415 Hagg Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76114) Breakfast 7:35 to 8:05 a.m. / Lunch 11:25 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

- **Castleberry High School** (215 Churchill Road, Fort Worth, TX 76114) Breakfast 7:35 to 8:05 a.m. / Lunch 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Castleberry ISD is one of the is one of the nonprofit organizations partnering with TDA to serve meals across Texas. Families are encouraged to use these three tools to find a meal site anywhere in the state:

- Call 2-1-1 to speak to a live operator
- Visit [www.SummerFood.org](http://www.SummerFood.org) for an interactive site locator map
- Text FOOD or COMIDA to 304-304

More information about TDA is available on the district's website. USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

From the FWGMC

## Fort Worth Gem and Mineral Club to Meet June 27

The Fort Worth Gem and Mineral Club meets monthly on the fourth Tuesday. The next meeting is June 27 at 7 p.m. Meetings are always open to the public.

The purpose of this club is to delve into the study of geology, mineralogy, and the lapidary arts. We also strive to stimulate interest in the searching and collecting of minerals and fossils.

For more information or directions, visit the website at [www.fortworthgemandmineralclub.org](http://www.fortworthgemandmineralclub.org).

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# Teacher, Prohibition Advocate and Politician - Helen J. Stoddard

by Dr. Ken Bridges



Change often came slowly to the South, but it often arrived with a whirlwind of effort pushing it along.

**Helen Stoddard**, a force of nature unto herself, became a leader in the state with her efforts to defeat alcohol and promote women's equality.

Stoddard became an early professor and pursued a host of causes across Texas, including child welfare, women's education, food safety, prohibition of alcohol, and women's suffrage. Her stubborn mindset, coupled with a sharp intellect and fiery sermons galvanized legislators and public

opinion at the turn of the century. Along the way, Helen Stoddard became one of the co-founders of what is now Texas Woman's University and one of the first women to run for Congress.

Helen M. Gerrels was born in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, off Lake Michigan, in 1850. Church was an important part of her early life. She was a bright and exceptional child and attended Ripon College, a church-based college preparatory institution as a young woman.

She enrolled at Genesee Wesleyan Seminary in New York and excelled at her studies. She graduated from the seminary as head of her class in 1873. It was there that she met her future husband, S. B. Stoddard, and the two married shortly after graduation and moved to Nebraska. They soon had two sons, but their happiness soon dissipated. One son died in infancy, and her husband's health collapsed. The family moved to Florida, believing the warm climate would save his failing health. However, his condition deteriorated, and he died in 1878.

Her parents had moved to Hamilton County, Texas, in 1877, and with a young son to raise, Stoddard moved to Texas to join them. She began teaching school and soon set up a Sunday School in Indian Gap. In 1885, Stoddard began teaching at the now-defunct Fort Worth University, a college associated with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

She soon became interested in the prohibition movement, convinced of the serious harm that alcohol did to families and marriages through health issues, financial ruin, and violence in the home.

She was elected president of the Texas Women's Christian Temperance Union in 1891 and took on the cause of combating alcohol full-time. She went across the state recruiting members and speaking to different organizations. She successfully lobbied legislators to pass a slew of laws aimed at protecting children and public health in the 1890s, including laws mandating that public school students be taught the dangers of alcohol, banning over-the-counter sales of cocaine, restricting mail delivery of alcohol to dry counties, banning child labor in factories, raising the age of consent for girls from 12 to 15, and banning the sale of cigarettes to children under 16.

Stoddard also lobbied for the opening of a state women's college.

In 1901, the legislature agreed to create the Girls' Industrial College though there had been great opposition to college education for women. Stoddard was named to the board of regents, the first woman in Texas to serve on the governing body of any Texas state college. The board selected Denton as the site of the new college, which opened in 1903. Stoddard continued to serve as the college changed its name to the College of Industrial Arts (it became Texas Women's University in 1957). At the college's dedication, Stoddard noted, "Economic independence will allow them to build their lives upon intelligent choice."

She also became an advocate for giving women the right to vote, believing it would help the cause of women's education and the fight against alcohol. The strain of her schedule overwhelmed her, causing a series of health problems. She stepped down from her roles with the WCTU and the college board in 1907. She moved to California to be near her son and his wife.

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*From the Fort Worth Botanic Garden*

## *Free Admission for Juneteenth Monday, June 19*

The Fort Worth Botanic Garden (FWBG) invites guests to visit the Garden with free admission Monday, June 19 in honor of the Juneteenth federal holiday.

Quarterly free admission days and a recently established shuttle system throughout the Garden are two significant ways that invite the entire community to enjoy the local treasure that is the Fort Worth Botanic Garden.

"The significance of Juneteenth spans our nation, but we are proud to celebrate this day in Fort Worth, home of the future National Juneteenth Museum and activist, Opal Lee," said FWBG CEO and President Patrick Newman.

The Garden offers a 120-acre campus filled with 23 specialty gardens, including the popular Japanese Garden with koi-filled pools and dramatic waterfalls, and the iconic Rose Garden, with a terraced ramp featuring paths that wind past colorful flower beds.

*About the Fort Worth Botanic Garden*

*The Fort Worth Botanic Garden is the oldest public botanic garden in Texas with beautiful theme gardens, including the Rose Garden and Japanese Garden, the Adelaide Polk Fuller Garden featuring a comprehensive collection of trees, shrubs, and perennials, and the Victor and Cleyone Tinsley Garden, highlighting plants native to north central Texas. In addition to stunning horticultural displays, the Garden also offers community education for adults, children and families, and international research conducted through the Botanical Research Institute of Texas (BRIT®). The BRIT Philecology Herbarium contains nearly 1.5 million plant specimens from around the world making it one of the largest herbaria in the United States, and the BRIT Research Library houses nearly 125,000 volumes of botanical books and journals. The BRIT Press publishes botanical-related books and the esteemed, peer-reviewed journal JBRIT. The combined campus comprises 120 acres in Fort Worth's Cultural District two miles west of downtown Fort Worth at 3220 Botanic Garden Blvd., Fort Worth, Texas 76107. [www.fwbg.org](http://www.fwbg.org)*

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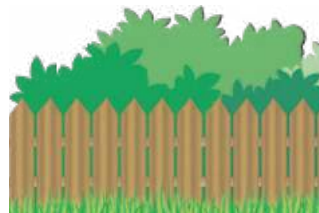
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### Friday, June 9:

**AM** - Sunny, with a high near 96. Calm wind becoming south around 5mph in the morning.  
**PM** - A 20% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 70. Southeast wind 5 to 10mph.



### Saturday, June 10:

**AM** - A 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1pm. Mostly sunny, with a high near 93. South wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.  
**PM** - A 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1am. Partly cloudy, with a low around 70. South wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.



### Sunday, June 11:

**AM** - Sunny, with a high near 96. Southwest wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.  
**PM** - Mostly clear, with a low around 72.

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