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*From the City River Oaks*

## ***Garbage Collection Hours to Change Monday, June 17***

With the summer heat comes the summer schedule for residential garbage collection.

Beginning Monday, June 17, trucks will run from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily Monday through Friday.

Residents are requested to put garbage out by 6 a.m. daily. There will be no changes to the routes or to bulk collection days.

*From Suburban Newspapers Staff Writers*

## **The Importance of Child Car Seat Weight Limits and Expiration Dates**

Adhering to child car seat weight limits and expiration dates is paramount for ensuring the safety of children during car journeys. These limits and dates are not arbitrary; they are based on rigorous testing and research aimed at protecting young passengers from injury or even death in the event of a crash.

Weight limits are crucial because they determine whether a child is securely restrained in the seat. If a child exceeds the weight limit, the seat may not be able to properly restrain them in the event of a collision, increasing the risk of injury. Additionally, exceeding weight limits can strain the car seat's structure, potentially compromising its integrity.

Expiration dates are equally important, as car seats are made from materials that can degrade over time, especially when exposed to fluctuating temperatures and sunlight. As they age, the structural integrity of the seat can weaken, reducing its effectiveness in protecting a child during a crash. Moreover, advances in safety technology and design mean that newer car seats offer improved protection compared to older models.

By adhering to weight limits and expiration dates, parents and caregivers prioritize the safety of their children on the road. Regularly checking these factors and replacing car seats as necessary demonstrates a commitment to providing the highest level of protection for young passengers. After all, the peace of mind that comes from knowing a child is properly secured in a car seat that meets safety standards is invaluable.

### **Find an In-Person Car Seat Inspection Station**

Cook Children's car seat program is able to offer in-person car seat checks!

If you would like to schedule an appointment for more than four children please call 682-885-2634 or email [Injury.Prevention@cookchildrens.org](mailto:Injury.Prevention@cookchildrens.org).

If you are unable to find a date that works with your schedule, please go to [www.freecarseatcheck.org](http://www.freecarseatcheck.org) and select Resources at the bottom of the page to see other car seat programs in our area.

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Individual with Disabilities Education Act  
Perkins V: Strengthening Career and Technical  
Education for the 21st Century  
Elementary and Secondary School Emergency  
Relief (ESSER)

White Settlement ISD will hold a public meeting  
at 5:30pm, June 17, 2024 at the Administration  
Building located at 8224 White Settlement Rd.,  
White Settlement, Texas 76108.

The purpose of the meeting is to review and allow  
public comment regarding the plan for spending  
these federal funds.

From the City of White Settlement

**Tarrant County Community Development  
Department Seeks Responses**

The Tarrant County Community Development Department wants to hear from you  
about housing and other neighborhood issues.

You can scan the QR code on the graphic (*pictured below*) to fill out their brief survey.  
You can also participate in one of the upcoming Townhall Meetings to give additional  
feedback.



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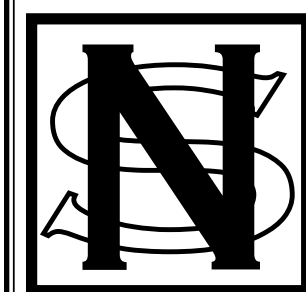
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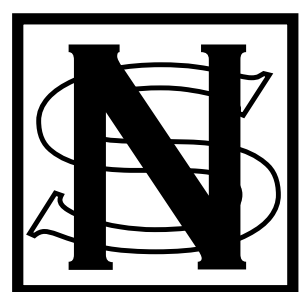
Tarrant County  
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and Housing Survey 2024

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to provide your input or go to  
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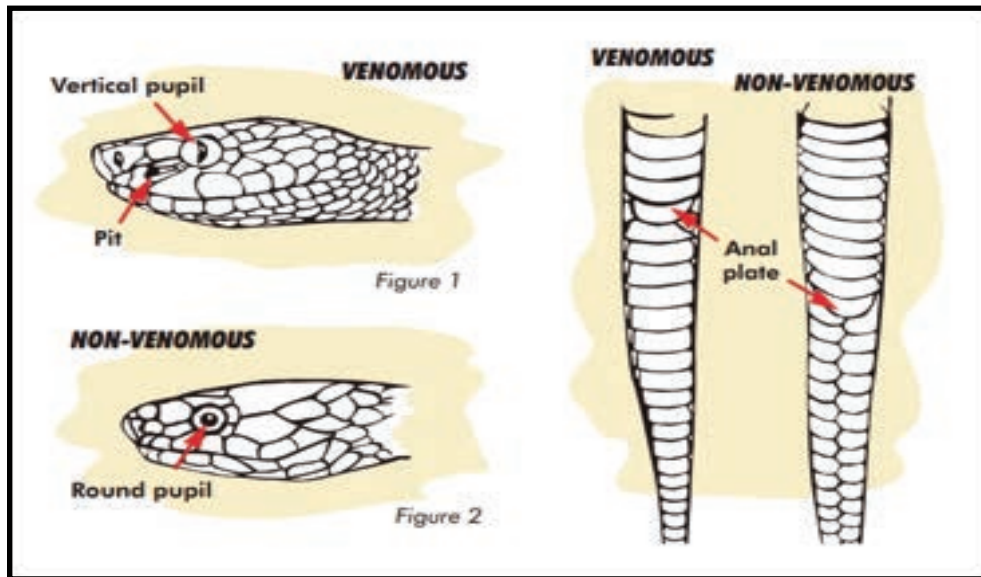
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# Summer Safety: Identifying Venomous and Nonvenomous Snakes



Identifying venomous snakes from nonvenomous ones is crucial for anyone living in or visiting areas inhabited by these reptiles. Several key characteristics can aid in distinguishing between the two.

Firstly, observe the snake's head shape and size. Venomous snakes typically possess triangular-shaped heads, wider at the back and narrowing towards the snout. This is due to the venom glands located behind their eyes, giving them a distinct shape. Nonvenomous snakes, on the other hand, often have heads that are more rounded or oval-shaped.

Examine the snake's eyes. Venomous snakes usually have elliptical or slit-like pupils, similar to a cat's, whereas nonvenomous snakes typically have round pupils.

Consider the body length and shape. Venomous snakes tend to have shorter, thicker bodies, while nonvenomous snakes may be longer and more slender.

Check for pit organs. Many venomous snakes, such as pit vipers, have heat-sensing pits located between their eyes and nostrils, which aid in detecting warm-blooded prey. Nonvenomous snakes generally lack these pits.

Lastly, observe the coloration and patterns. While there are exceptions, venomous snakes often have vibrant colors or distinctive patterns, serving as a warning to potential predators. Nonvenomous snakes may also have patterns, but they are typically less bold and striking.

Remember, it's essential to exercise caution with all interactions with snakes in the wild. When in doubt, it's best to give them space and appreciate them from a safe distance.

If you encounter a snake and are unsure of its venomous status, seek assistance from a local expert or wildlife authority.

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From the National Society United States Daughters of 1812

# General Edward H. Tarrant Chapter United States Daughters of 1812 Holds Installation of New Officers

The General Edward H. Tarrant Chapter of the United States Daughters of 1812 held their Installation of Officers and annual Memorial Service at Ridglea Country Club on Thursday, May 9.

The new officers were installed by State 1st Vice President Lorna Rankin.

New members were welcomed and awards from the Annual State Conference were celebrated.

The National Society United States Daughters of 1812 is a non-profit, non-political, women's service organization for descendants of patriots who aided the American cause during the War of 1812.

For more than a century, members of the National Society United States Daughters of 1812 have dedicated themselves to patriotism, preservation of documents and relics, and education.

These goals are as relevant today as they were when the organization was founded in 1892.

For information on membership, email [lineagesocieties@att.net](mailto:lineagesocieties@att.net).



Pictured above: (l-r) Chapter President Dawn Needles, New members Bonnie Baker and Carol Dismukes, Registrar Joyce Ogle.



Pictured above: (l-r) Texas State First Vice President Lorna Rankin installed President Lori Duhon, Vice President Christine Waterfield-Copeland, Chaplain Josie Kinard, Treasurer Pam Medlin, Registrar Lisa Kight Alcalá, Secretary Alice Stone, Historian Ann Marie Thompson and Librarian Shelley Gayler-Smith.

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From the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fort Worth District

# U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Emphasizes Water Safety this Summer

Swimming in open water is more difficult than in a swimming pool. Statistics show that 90 percent of those who drown at United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) lakes and rivers may have survived if they had worn a life jacket. Although boating incidents have been the leading cause of fatalities at Corps lakes in the past, in recent years Fort Worth District has seen more swimming and wading accidents. These incidents are often due to sudden drop-off and swimmers misjudging the water while swimming and boating.

If you see someone in trouble in the water, remember, "Reach or throw, don't go." Reach for the person with a pole, a long stick, a boat paddle, even a towel, to reduce the chance the panicked victim will drag you under.

If you can't find something to reach someone in trouble, or if the person is too far to reach, throw something that floats, like a life jacket, life board or lifebuoy. Even a small, closed water cooler can assist in keeping someone afloat long enough to get more help for a rescue.

"Obviously no one plans to drown when they head out for a fun day at the lake, so it's important to expect the unexpected," said Col. Jonathan Stover, Commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District. "An essential item of your packing list should include a life jacket for anyone who will be in or near the water. And an essential action is to ensure that you and your loved ones wear life jackets properly by fastening the straps and zippers."

While having a blast this holiday and summer, here are some water safety tips to help ensure you return home safely to those you love.

## 1. Wear a life jacket.

- Statistics show that 90 percent of those who drown at USACE lakes and rivers may have survived if they had worn a life jacket.

- Drowning is the nation's second leading cause of accidental

death.

- Accidents happen, even to responsible boaters. A life jacket can provide time for rescue.

## 2. Know your swimming ability.

- Swimming in open water is more difficult than in a swimming pool because a swimmer can tire more quickly and get into trouble.

- Conditions can change quickly in open water.

- Swim in designated areas and wear a life jacket. A life jacket will help conserve energy and provide flotation.

## 3. Be a "Water Watcher."

- When on or near the water watch your children.

- A child can drown in 20 seconds

- Drowning happens quickly and quietly. A drowning victim's head will be back, they will be gasping for air, they will not be yelling, and their arms will be slapping the water as though trying to climb out of the water.

## 4. Avoid exhaust fumes around boats.

- Carbon monoxide, an invisible killer, can accumulate anywhere in or around boats regardless of what type of boat. Install and maintain carbon monoxide detectors on and inside your boat. Maintain a fresh circulation of air through and around your boat at all times.

- Early symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning include eye irritation, headache, nausea, weakness and dizziness. Know the signs and stay alive.

- Avoid areas around boats where exhaust fumes may be present. Do not let friends swim under or around the boarding platform where fumes can accumulate.

Questions regarding Fort Worth District's ongoing Water Safety awareness campaign can be directed to USACE Public Affairs Specialist Bobby Petty at 817-886-1314 or [Bobby.N.Petty@usace.army.mil](mailto:Bobby.N.Petty@usace.army.mil).

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From Mary Isham Keith Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution

# Mary Isham Keith Chapter NSDAR Awards Scholarships

Mary Isham Keith Chapter, NSDAR had an exciting year, celebrating 125 years of service.

The chapter completed service projects during the past year in celebration of this milestone by cleaning graves at Fort Worth cemeteries and thanking fire and police departments with cakes from their Birthday Brigade.

An America 250! Liberty Tree was dedicated at Fort Worth's Botanic Garden last November. This tree was purchased with the aid of a one-time \$500 grant from the National Society, and was part of Regent Charley Holler's project Liberty Trees Times Two. The second Liberty Tree will be dedicated at the Garden this month, in honor of our American Revolutionary patriots.

The chapter received several awards at State Conference. Among the awards was first place in three categories - the report on the chapter's 125th anniversary, Junior Membership for having added the most juniors, and best chapter National Defense Report. Photojournalist Rick Irving was awarded the Outstanding Veteran Volunteer. Regent Holler's Bronze Braille Flag dedication at DFW National Cemetery was a South-Central Division winner for National Defense.

The chapter continued its legacy of

granting scholarships to Tarrant County College LVN and TCU nursing students, and a TWU history student. National Defense awards were presented to 14 middle schools, six JROTC and two TCU ROTC cadets. Students participating in the Good Citizen and American History Essay contests also received recognition and scholarships.

If you are interested in learning more about DAR membership, email mikregent2023@gmail.com.



Pictured above: (l-r) National Defense Chair **Pat Sinclair** with TCU Air Force Cadet **Audrey Rebollar**.



Pictured above: (l-r) Dr. **Brenda Matthews**, TWU History student **Jody Holmes**, Scholarship Chair **Karen Allison** and Regent **Charley Holler**.

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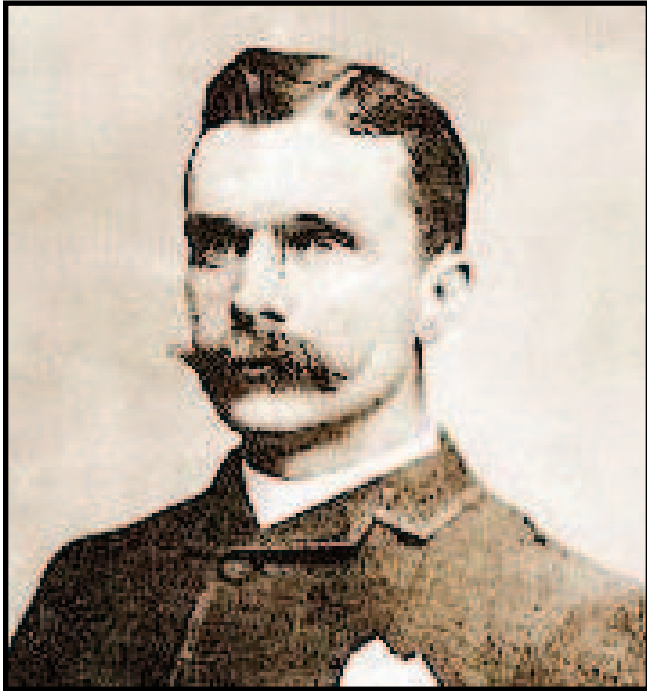


Pictured are: (l-r) TCU Army Cadet **Maggie Madani** with **Sue Zwick**.



Pictured above: (l-r) Dr. **Gina Alexander**, Scholarship Chair **Karen Allison**, Regent **Charley Holler**, Honorary Regent **Joye Evetts** with TCU Nursing students **Ashley Hernandez**, **Taylor Shmeets**, **Naisa Nyangaresi** and **D.J. Trutza**.

# American Outlaw, Sam Bass



In a quiet cemetery in Round Rock, a tombstone used to read, “*A brave man reposes in death here. Why was he not true?*”

The tombstone was whittled away by time and curiosity-seekers. The epitaph was placed by one of the sisters of the deceased, Sam Bass. He lay dead at the end of a crime spree that lasted only a couple of years but was remembered for generations. In the Old West when the population was still small and the emptiness of the wide-open frontiers was filled by larger-than-life personalities, Sam Bass stood out.

Bass was born on a farm in Indiana in 1851. He was the fourth of nine children, two of whom died before he was born. The family had a successful farm and a good reputation. Few problems were reported about the future outlaw save for his dislike of school, the little time he did attend. In 1861, Bass’s mother died. His father remarried, but he died in 1864. At that point, he spent the rest of his childhood living on a nearby farm of one of his uncles.

Just shy of his 18th birthday in 1869, he left Indiana and made his way down to Mississippi. He worked in a mill for some time and also mastered poker and the revolver. Bass then left for Denton, Texas. He landed a job with Sheriff W.F. “Dad” Eagan as a farmhand and wagon driver. He developed a reputation for his hard work. He traveled the back roads of Denton, Collin, Grayson, Cooke, and Dallas counties extensively,

roads that eventually became his escape routes.

By 1874, he was becoming a successful horse racer in his spare time. He saved enough to buy his own horse, which he called “Denton Mare.” He eventually made so much that he quit working altogether.

What led him to his crime spree is uncertain. He was steadily winning races and raking in the proceeds. Then by late 1875, his luck ran out; and his life fell apart.

In December 1875, Bass and an associate picked up a job driving cattle from Texas to the railroad junctions in Kansas. The two went on to Nebraska, where prices were higher, and kept the payment for the cattle, to the tune of \$8,000 (roughly \$228,000 today). They traveled still further north into the Black Hills of the Dakota Territory hoping to strike it rich in the growing gold fields of the area. The mining venture failed, and by the end of 1876, Sam Bass and a number of others started robbing stage coaches. These robberies continued for months until Bass assembled a gang determined to take on larger stakes.

In September 1877, Bass and five others held up a Union Pacific passenger train in the dead of night. They took \$60,000 in gold coins and \$1,300 from the passengers, a total of nearly \$1.83 million in 2024 dollars. The six then scattered. Bass himself narrowly avoided escape from bounty hunters and U. S. Marshals by pretending to be a bounty hunter himself. Three members of his gang were killed within weeks of the robbery.

In spite of the fortune, he added a few more to his gang and held up two stage-coaches in Texas in spring 1878. They robbed four trains in Collin and Dallas counties in rapid succession that spring and summer, disappearing into the thickets and creek bottoms Bass had come to know so well. Texas Rangers put together a special company of men to pursue Bass and his gang, scouring the whole area between Dallas, Sherman, and Denton. Bass managed to stay a step ahead of them -- barely.

Jim Murphy, a member of the gang, was

soon arrested at his father’s house. He made a deal with prosecutors and turned informant and rejoined Bass’s gang. In late April, Bass barely escaped death in a gunfight with Rangers. The gang decided to go further south and planned a bank robbery in the Williamson County community of Round Rock, and Murphy sent a letter ahead to alert the Rangers.

By July, the Bass gang had reached Round Rock and scouted the area for days in mid-July, often walking past the very Rangers and deputies in pursuit of them. After five days, Murphy broke away and warned Rangers of Bass’s plan. On July 19, Rangers confronted Bass and his two remaining men in town. Within moments, a gunfight erupted. One Ranger was hit, and Bass’s two men were killed on the spot.

Bass was hit with one shot, but he managed to pull away. He rode several miles north and stopped. The wound was too severe, and his strength spilled away with each drop of blood. The next morning, he was found, slumped against a tree. He weakly identified himself and was taken into custody. By this point nothing more could be done for him, yet he refused to identify his cohorts or anyone associated with him and died the next afternoon, his twenty-seventh birthday. His death was such that even his pursuers paused to pay their respects.

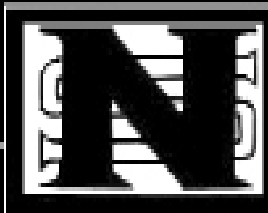
His outlaw life did not destroy his reputation. In fact, after his death, he became a larger-than-life figure. Several communities have streets named after him, most notably Denton and Round Rock. Bass’s career was re-enacted on movies and television. His last days figure prominently in Round Rock’s annual Frontier Days celebration.

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**PM** - Partly cloudy, with a low around 76. South southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.



**Saturday, June 8:**  
**AM** - A 20% chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1pm. Mostly sunny, with a high near 95. South wind 5 to 10 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.  
**PM** - Mostly clear, with a low around 76. South southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.



**Sunday, June 9:**  
**AM** - A 20% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 93.  
**PM** - A 20% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 72.

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