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Around the Town with Denise Honeycutt

City of River Oaks Celebrates 75th Anniversary

The City of River Oaks in Tarrant County was originally a village in 1941 and transitioned into a city in 1946.

The community celebrated their 75th anniversary on Jan. 11 in front of City Hall where several individuals, Castleberry ISD employees, distinguished guests, family, friends and long-time residents came out to support this special occasion and shared their stories.

The City continues to grow steadily, focusing on enhancing infrastructure and quality of life amenities while fostering a vibrant and close-knit community.

A reception was held inside the building after the presentation.



River Oaks City Hall staff are: (1-r) Belinda Hernandez, Celina Moreno, Violet Alvarez, Anna Lee, Ana Padilla, Porscha Calderon, Paula Luck and Stacy Whatley.



Former Mayors of River Oaks in front of the updated monument are: (l-r) Jack Adkison, 1997; current Mayor Darren Houk; Herman Earwood, 2003; and Joe Ashton, 2020.

From the Sports Desk with John Loven

Girls Soccer Shut Out

The Castleberry Lady Lions soccer team played a home game Tuesday, Jan. 9 at W.O. Barnes Stadium.

They entered the game with a 1-2 record, having won their first game of the season, a 4-0 victory over (continued on page 3)

From Castleberry ISD

Castleberry ISD School Board Candidacy Filing Window for May 2024 Election is Now Open

are up for election. The Castleberry ISD Board of Education consists of seven at large board members serving terms of three years, with elections held annually.

Citizens residing within the Castleberry ISD boundaries who are interested in running for a place on the school board may sub-

Castleberry ISD's Board of Education Election will be held Sat- mit their application packet with the filing officer at the Gary S. urday, May 4, 2024. Place 3 and Place 4 on the District's Board Jones Administration Building, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

> Candidate filing packets may be submitted in person, mail, email, or fax. In order to be considered a candidate, a completed packet must be submitted within the filing period, which ends at 5 (continued on page 2) p.m. on Friday, Feb. 16.

Obituary



Geneva Kay Cassidy

Geneva Kay Cassidy, aged 70, passed away on Dec. 31, 2023.

A celebration of life was held on Sunday, Jan. 14, 2024 at 1 p.m. at Los Vaqueros Restaurant in the Stockyards for all friends to celebrate the life of Kay Cassidv.

Kay graduated from Castleberry High School in 1971. She met her husband James while working at Green Oaks Inn and they were married on Aug. 21, 1976.

They recently celebrated their 47th wedding anniversary this past August. Kay had retired from Texas Health Hospitals in 2021 after working there for over 20 years.

In her free time, Kay loved spending time with her husband, six grandchildren, sewing, traveling to the beach whenever possible, and drinking margaritas with her friends. Kay was immensely proud of her family and leaves behind nothing but beautiful memories.

She is preceded in death by her son, Jonathon Sons.

She is survived by her husband of 47 years, James; two daughters, Jamie Beckham (husband, Billy) and Katie Bulger (husband, Patrick); and her most beloved grandchildren: Colt, Cassidy, Harper, Sean, Sloan, and Spencer.

School Board Candidacy Filing Window

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Gary S. Jones Administration Building 5228 Ohio Garden Road River Oaks, TX 76114

> Angela Branch, Castleberry ISD Filing Officer brancha@castleberryisd.net Phone: 817-252-2004

Fax: 817-252-2097

To access candidate packets and learn about running for a place on the school board, visit the Board elections webpage. Early voting for the May general election runs from April 22 through April 30. The deadline to register to vote in this election is April 4. Information regarding how to reg-

ister to vote in Tarrant County is available on the Register to Vote page of the Tarrant County website.





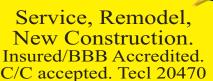
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Sports Desk (continued from page 1)

Poly, on Dec. 22.

Jan. 4) and Ennis (1-0, on Jan. 6). They were hoping to get back 20 minutes of the contest. in the win column on this evening against Crowley.

Eagles the game was close to begin with, and despite not giving up 1st half, the Lady Lions were down 2-0 at halftime. many shots on goal, the Lady Lions fell by the score of 5-0.



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The Lady Lions began the game with a strong defensive effort. However, that was followed up with losses to Alvarado (6-1, on They fought off 6 shots on goal by the Lady Eagles during the first

Meanwhile, CHS actually got 4 shots on goal themselves. But The Lady Eagles entered the contest with an impressive 3-1 the scoreless tie was broken at the 16:35 mark when Crowley record with victories over Fossil Ridge (1-0), North Forney (2-1), scored and led 1-0. Unfortunately for the home team, the Lady and Mansfield Summit (2-1). Their only loss was to Horn (4-2). Eagles scored again just 3 minutes later (13:29) to push their lead In this particular contest between the Lady Lions and the Lady to 2-0. Despite just being out shot 9-5 with kicks on goal in the

> The second half was somewhat similar. It began with both teams just getting one shot on goal in the first 15 minutes, with neither team scoring.

> But at the 23:56 mark the Lady Eagles found the back of the net and took a commanding 3-0 lead. That lead grew to 4-0 at the 16:43 mark. The final goal came at the 13:56 mark.

> In the second half, the Lady Lions had 5 shots on goal, which was only 1 less than the Lady Eagles. Sadly, for the Lady Lions, half of Crowley's shots on goal in the second half found paydirt. This made the final score: Crowley 5, Castleberry 0.

> The Lady Lions will travel to Western Hills to face the Lady Cougars on Jan. 19 at 7:30 p.m.

Go Lady Lions!

From Tarrant County

Election Notice for the Tarrant Appraisal District Board of Directors May 4 Election

Application for Place on the Ballot for Tarrant Appraisal District Board of Directors At-Large Place 1, At-Large Place 2, and At-Large Place 3 are filed with the office of Tarrant County Judge Tim O'Hare, at 100 E. Weatherford St., Suite 501, Fort Worth, Texas 76196.

Applications may be filed now through Feb. 16, 2024. Our office is open during these dates from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday only.

Application for Place on the Ballot and additional information can be found at the Secretary of State link here.

Other important links and filing information may be found at the Tarrant County website.



From Tarrant County

Avoid Penalties - Pay Property Taxes by Jan. 31

The last day to pay 2023 property taxes to avoid penalty and interest and interest. is Wednesday Jan. 31, 2024.

"All eight of the Tarrant County Tax Office locations are open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to assist taxpayers with their property tax payments, but we encourage taxpayers to pay online County Tax Assessor-Collector.

- Property taxes can be paid online at Tax Payer website
- Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover is accepted for online payments and in person at all branch locations. A convenience fee* will be added to debit and credit card payments.
- Online e-Check payments can be made with no additional convenience fee.
 - Pay-by-phone is available 24/7 at 817-884-1110.
- Payments made by mail are posted according to the US Postal Service postmark date. Ensure that your payment is postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service by January 31, 2024, to avoid penalty and interest. Take extra precautions when paying by mail due to occurrences of checks stolen, washed, cashed and ultimately not delivered to the Tax Office.
- Online and phone payments must be **completed** by 11:59 p.m. Central Standard Time on Jan. 31, 2024. Incomplete and pending payments completed at or after midnight Central Standard Time on February 1, 2024, will be posted accordingly.
- Code does not authorize the Tax Assessor-Collector to waive penalty 0024 or through their website at TAD.org.

• There is no provision in the Tax Code for a delayed payment or extended due date due to inclement weather conditions or other emer-

The Tarrant County Tax Office Customer Service Center is available whenever possible to avoid the crowds," said Wendy Burgess, Tarrant at 817-884-1100 to assist citizens with property tax and motor vehicle

> Phone lines are open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with extended hours on January 29, 30, and 31 until 7 p.m.

> "Please do not hesitate to contact us with your questions," Burgess said. "The Tarrant County Tax Office encourages citizens who cannot pay in full to make partial payments. Partial payments will be applied and only the remaining balance will be subject to penalties rather than the full original amount due."

> Due to a high call volume, taxpayers may experience a delay in speaking with a customer service representative over the phone. An alternative method of contact for taxpayers is to email taxoffice@tarrantcountytx.gov. Please allow a 48-hour response time for emails.

> Visit the Tarrant County Tax Office website or call the Customer Service Center at 817-884-1100 if you need additional assistance or visit us in person at any of our branch locations.

> *Convenience fees are charged by the credit card service company for all debit and credit transactions.

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From Alzheimer's Foundation of America

High School Seniors Invited to Apply for AFA's Teen Alzheimer's Awareness Scholarship Contest

High school seniors impacted by Alzheimer's disease can earn up to \$428,000 in college scholarships have been awarded since the program's \$5,000 for college through the Alzheimer's Foundation of America's (AFA) Teen Alzheimer's Awareness Scholarship Contest. Students can enter the contest by visiting www.alzfdn.org/scholarship.

College-bound high school seniors are invited to apply for the scholarship by submitting an essay (1,500 words maximum) or submitting a video (four minutes in length or less), describing how Alzheimer's disease has impacted their lives and what they have learned about themselves, their family and/or their community through their experience with Alzheimer's. Entries can be submitted by visiting www.alzfdn.org/scholarship. The deadline for submissions is April 1, 2024, at 5 p.m. (Eastern Time).

Experiences that students can write about include:

- Having a loved one with Alzheimer's disease or another dementia-related illness
- Helping care for someone with Alzheimer's disease or another dementia-related illness
- Volunteering or working in a care setting that serves individuals with dementia

The first-place winner receives a \$5,000 scholarship. Additional prizes awarded for runners up and honorable mentions. More than

inception.

AFA is able to provide scholarship funds through the generous support of charitable donors. Individuals wishing to support this and other programs and services for families affected by Alzheimer's disease can do so by visiting www.alzfdn.org/donate or calling AFA at 866-232-8484.



American Soldier, Actor, and Songwriter - Audie Murphy



In Texas, 76 men have been awarded the Medal of Honor for their courage above and beyond the call of duty since the inception of the medal. Perhaps the As one of the most decorated American most recognizable of those figures from World War II was Audie Murphy.

Murphy was born into a desperately poor family in Hunt County in 1925. His father abandoned the family when he was young, and he, his mother, and his sister moved between Farmersville and Greenville often for work. He quit school in the fifth grade in order to help support the family, and in 1941, his mother died.

When World War II started, Murphy tried to enlist in the Marines and the navy, but both rejected him because of his short height and thin build. The army, however, accepted him in 1942. In 1943, he fought in Italy before being transferred to France in 1944. High casualties in his platoon and his own gallantry resulted in a series of promotions from private to lieutenant.

On Jan. 24, 1945, Murphy was

tually to take command of his company.

attack by advancing Nazi troops accompasee any more of his men injured, he or- violent outbursts, and migraines. dered them to fall back to defensive posidirected artillery against the Germans.

mans. For nearly an hour, he single- with these symptoms. handedly pinned down the Germans,

the Congressional Medal of Honor. Portions of the incident were recreated in the to establish new programs to help combat popular 1955 autobiographical film To veterans cope with PTSD issues, but it still *Hell and Back*, which starred Murphy.

He was honorably discharged in 1945. erans. soldiers of World War II, he also earned two silver stars and two bronze stars for bravery, the Distinguished Service Cross, and three Purple Hearts for injuries sustained in combat. In spite of his own gallantry, Murphy was quick to point out the heroics of others whom he felt never got credit. "There were so many guys who should have gotten medals and never did -- guys who were killed."

His fame led his to appear in more than 40 movies after the war. Most of his movies were westerns. He would sometimes laugh about his acting. "I'm working under a great handicap -- no talent," he would guip. He also returned to military service in the Texas National Guard in the 1950s, eventually reaching the rank of major.

While he enjoyed success as an actor wounded in both legs as his division held and rancher after the war, the post-war off an attack by Nazi forces near the Ger- years were very chaotic for Murphy. He

man border. High casualties led him even- engaged in very impulsive behavior such as addictions to gambling and problems On Jan. 26, his company came under with alcohol and prescription pain-killers and developed money problems. He also nied by six German tanks. Not willing to developed severe problems with anxiety,

Murphy often talked about his own istions in the nearby woods while he sues with what he called "shell shock," a common name at the time for the con-When a tank destroyer was hit, Murphy dition which is more properly understood ordered the men to safety, climbed atop as Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder today. the burning destroyer, and started firing its In the 1960s, he began urging the military .50-caliber machine gun against the Ger- to take more action to help veterans cope

He died in a plane crash in 1971 at the killing nearly 50 enemy troops while age of 45. In honor of his service, the being injured in the leg himself. He then Audie Murphy Veterans Hospital in San ordered his men into a counterattack that Antonio was dedicated in 1973, and the repelled the German force, saving the day. Audie Murphy American Cotton Museum For his gallantry, Murphy was awarded was later established in Greenville.

> In recent years, the military has worked remains a daunting problem for many vet-

Public Health Notice Rabies Alert

Tarrant County Public Health would like to remind the public that bats are wild animals and grounded bats should never be touch or handled. Bats can be infected with rabies. Not all sick bats are rabid, and not all rabid bats appear sick.

On December 27th, 2023, a bat was found in the 900 block of Carondolet Ct. in River Oaks, TX 76114. The bat later tested positive for rabies. If you think that you or someone else may have come in physical contact with this bat, please call:

> City of River Oaks - Animal Control 817-626-1991 x 333 jbrown@riveroakspd.com

Rabies exposure occurs only when a person is bitten or scratched by a potentially rabid animal, or when abrasions, open wounds, or mucous membranes are contaminated with saliva, brain, or nervous system tissue of a potentially rabid animal. Touching such an animal, or contact with its urine or feces does not constitute an exposure.

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Weekend Forecast



Friday, Jan. 19:

<u>AM</u> - Sunny, with a high near 35. North wind 10 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. <u>PM</u> - Mostly clear, with a low around 19. North northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.



Saturday, Jan. 20:

<u>AM</u> - Sunny, with a high near 36. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph. <u>PM</u> - Mostly cloudy, with a low around 25. East southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.



Sunday, Jan. 21:

AM - Cloudy, with a high near 38. Southeast wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. **PM** - A 50% chance of showers. Cloudy, with a low around 33.

Extended Forecast Click Here