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From the City of River Oaks

City Council Meeting Dates Changed

In January 2024, the regular City Council meeting days will change from the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month to the first and third Tuesday of the month, beginning Tuesday, Jan. 16.

Ordinance # 1399-2023 changing the regular meeting days can be found at http://www.riveroakstx.com/doc/1399meetingdays.pdf.

From the City of River Oaks

River Oaks City Council Application Period for a Place on Ballot Begins Jan. 17

The City of River Oaks will hold an election on Saturday, May 4 for Place 2 and Place 4 on the River Oaks City Council. Applications for a place on the City of River Oaks Regular Election ballot may be filed Wednesday, Jan. 17 through Friday, Feb. 16.

Applications may be filed in person or by mail at City Hall, located at 4900 River Oaks Blvd.

Office hours are Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 17.

Contact City Secretary Paula Luck at 817-626-5421 x326 or by email at pluck@riveroakstx.com with questions or for more information.

From Castleberry ISD

Castleberry ISD Student Holiday Monday

Castleberry ISD students will not attend classes Monday, Jan. 8. Students will return to classes Tuesday, Jan. 9 at regularly scheduled times.

From the City of River Oaks

75th Anniversary City Of River Oaks Logo Contest

The City Of River Oaks is calling on all resident budding artists to help design the 75th Anniversary Logo.

The winning Logo will be used as the Official Logo of the City for the entire 2024 year for the 75th Anniversary year celebration!

All entries must be original, and unpublished. Please consider incorporating the current City Logo into the design.

All entries must be submitted digitally, through the following email: alee@riveroakstx.com.

The deadline for entries is Thursday, Jan. 11 by 5:30 p.m.

City Council will determine the winner of this contest, and their decision will be final.

The winner of the Logo Contest will be announced at the Jan. 16 City Council Meeting.

An award of \$100 in valuation will be awarded to the winning entry.

From the City of River Oaks

Yard Sale Rules

Residents are allowed a total of four yard sales per year. Residents may hold two yard sales in a row, skip a week, then have two more.

Yard sale permits are \$10 each. This allows you one permit sign and two directional signs.

To hold a yard sale and request a permit, residents must have an active water account in good standing at the yard sale address.

You must also provide a valid United States-issued photo ID with the yard sale address on it

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Billie Hammack

Billie Hammack, 64, of Nacogdoches, Texas, passed away December 15, 2023, in Nacogdoches.

Billie was born in Seymore, Texas to Billy Gene and Marie Antionett (Anderson) Horn on March 21, 1959.

She graduated from Joshua High in Joshua, Texas. She met her husband, Jeffrey Hammack in Fort Worth, Texas and on July 7, 2001, they got married and have had 22 wonderful years together. Billie lived life to the fullest. Riding bulls in the rodeo, bowling, plants, beading, art, and playing games were her favorite hobbies.

She is preceded in death by: her parents, Billy and Marie; brother, David Horn; and sister, Lois Hulsey.

Billie is survived by: her husband, Jeffrey; her daughters, Jennifer Naslund and husband, Carl, Lauren Weber, and Brianna Lehr; her son, David Wells, and wife Kezia; sister, Venita Horn; grandchildren, Bjorn "Teddy Bear" Naslund, Elliot Hammack, Jaedyn Fortner, Trent Fortner, Calista McKerral, Lilly Wells, and one on the way; great-grandchildren, Violet Hammack and Wesson McKerral, niece, Wendy Thomas, nephew, Les Hulsey and great-nephew, Ricky Cody Pope.

From Suburban Newspapers Staff

Story Submission Information

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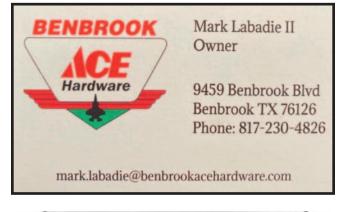
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Public Input Opportunity Open to Residents

The North Central Texas Council of Governments is closing the year with an online public input opportunity. North Texans can provide feedback on the end of 2023 ozone season, the Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Fleet Recognition Awards and Annual Survey results, and the National Drive Electric Week recap. Information will be posted online at www.publicinput.com/nctcogDec23 for public review and comment through Jan. 9.

Ozone season concluded Nov. 30 for the 10-county Dallas-Fort Worth nonattainment area. As the region continues to work toward compliance of the 2008 and 2015 ozone standards, staff has been tracking the exceedance days at various monitors and will provide a summary of the 2023 ozone season data. Staff will also provide comparative data from previous ozone seasons and a snapshot for the 2024 ozone season.

Each year, DFW Clean Cities surveys local fleets about alternative fuel use and other fuel saving activities. Staff will present the 2022 Annual Survey results and details of the 2023 Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Fleet Recognition Awards.

National Drive Electric Week is a celebration used to educate people about the benefits of owning an electric vehicle. The

The North Central Texas Council of Governments is closing the clean Cities Coalition has hosted a regional NDEW event annually since 2011. Staff will provide a summary of the 2023 event, held in October in Fort Worth.

Information and resources about Map Your Experience, the Regional Smoking Vehicle Program (RSVP), vehicle incentive and funding opportunities and Try Parking It will also be made available.

For special accommodation due to a disability, language interpretation or to request printed copies of the information, contact Jackie Castillo at 817-695-9255 or jeastillo@nctcog.org.

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Why You Shouldn't Brush Off the Dentist This Year



When scheduling annual physicals, son to see the dentist for an annual screenings, vaccinations and other pre- checkup sooner rather than later. ventive care, don't forget about another critical part of overall health that gets connections to overall health, including neglected all too often: dental care.

brary of Medicine revealed that nearly that can come before heart attacks, half of American adults postponed their strokes and sudden vascular events, acscheduled dental visits during the pandemic. Even prior to the public health emergency, at least one-third of U.S. dental plan for available benefits. Don't adults didn't see their dentist annually.

ommended teeth cleanings can lead to tions and orthodontics (braces). gingivitis, gum disease and cavities. This can also escalate into bigger problems, ployed and are in need of a dental plan, like the need for root canals or crowns, online tools can help you comparison or even tooth loss."

treatments can amount to thousands of contact insurers directly to learn more dollars in out-of-pocket expenses, com- about their options for individuals. pared to little or no out-of-pocket expense for preventive care, such as exams tist – which millions of Americans are – and cleanings. A recent study found that there are plenty of ways to address that, high out-of-pocket costs are the top rea- too. Many dentists accommodate fearful son people delay dental care – a good reapatients, offering headphones, sunglasses

Studies also show that oral health has an impact on cardiovascular health. Re-A recent study from the National Li- search links gum disease to inflammation cording to Penn Medicine.

With all this in mind, review your have dental insurance? Dental plans can "Now is a great time to schedule an be purchased year-round and there are appointment with your dentist," says Dr. many affordable options. If you have a Cary Sun, chief dental officer, Cigna comprehensive plan through your job, it Healthcare. "Brushing off dental care can may cover care such as exams and cleanhave serious implications for your health ings, and other necessary treatments like and wellness. Even forgoing rec- crowns, root canals, gum therapy, extrac-

If you are between jobs or self-emshop, and brokers can help you purchase Even with dental insurance, extensive an individual dental plan. You can also

Finally, if you are afraid to see a den-

and other items to soothe anxieties. There are also new approaches, such as teledentistry, that allow you to see a dentist at home through imaging and communication technologies. This doesn't replace in-person care, but can help allay dental fears.

"It's a perfect time to take control of your oral health. Innovations in dental care make it easier than ever to gain peace of mind from a checkup, or to catch the little problems before they become major, painful and expensive ones," says Dr. Sun.

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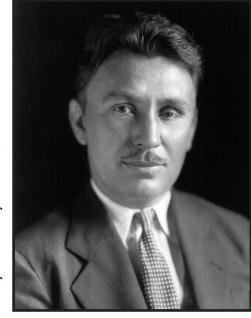
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American Aviator - Wiley Hardeman Post

For the adventurers and dreamers of the world, there are no limits. Wiley Hardeman Post was born on his parents' cotton farm near Canton in November 1898. He was born on a farm with no electricity in a time when airplanes were still just a dream, but within a few years, he would become one of the most famous pilots in the world.

Like many farm families of the time, the Post family often



struggled and moved often. When he was three, the family left Van Zandt County and moved to a farm near Abilene. In 1907, the family moved to Oklahoma.

Post's education was limited, and Post was never a very good student. He never attended high school, which was not unusual for the time period. He saw his first airplane when he and his family attended a county fair in Lawton, Oklahoma, in 1913. He immediately fell in love with aviation. Post soon enrolled at the Sweeney Automobile and Aviation School in Kansas City, Missouri, where he learned to fly. After a few months of study, he returned to Oklahoma, but he was unable to make a living as a pilot, and his dream of aviation had to wait. He worked various jobs in construction and in the oil fields for the next few years.

In 1918, during World War I, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps and trained as a pilot and radio technician. However, the war ended before he saw active service and was discharged.

Post returned to the oilfields, and in 1924, joined an air show called Burrell Tibbs and His Topnotch Texas Flyers. He thrilled audiences as a parachutist, at a time when jumping from an airplane was still very new, and as a pilot. The pay, however, was unsteady, and he had to return to working the oil fields. In 1926, an oil rig accident in Oklahoma injured his left eye, and he later lost all vision in that eye after an infection set in. He won a worker's compensation award of \$1,700 (or about \$25,800 in 2021 dollars) and bought his first airplane. He made a steady living flying a passenger at a time from one location to the next. It was during this time that he met Will Rogers, a popular comedian, movie star, and performer. In 1930, Post became the personal pilot to two prominent Oklahoma oilmen and bought his next plane, a Lockheed Vega he named Winnie Mae after his daughter.

He gained national fame when he won the National Air Race Derby in this plane in August 1930. He flew from Los Angeles to Chicago in a record nine hours and eight minutes. The next

year, he took on his next big challenge: to become the first to fly around the world in a fixed-wing aircraft. Joined by his navigator, Harold Gatty of Australia, he left Long Island, New York, in the Winnie Mae in July 1931, and with stops along the way, they flew more than 15,400 miles in eight days, 15 hours. Afterward, they were given a ticker-tape parade in New York City and published a book on the flight called Around the World in Eight Days. In 1932, he was honored by Congress with the award of the Distinguished Flying Cross for his exploits.

He took it a step further in July 1933 to embark on a solo flight around the world. He modified his plane with experimental autopilot and radio directional finders and flew east from New York City. His trip was even faster this time. With stops, he completed his trip in seven days, 18 hours.

Post was inspired to fly higher and further than ever. Working with engineer Russell S. Colley, he developed one of the first pressure suits for high-altitude flights. Using what he jokingly called his "Man From Mars" suit, he reached an altitude of 40,000 feet in this pressure suit in September 1934. In another flight shortly afterward, he reached an altitude of 50,000 feet, well into the stratosphere. He noticed on these high-altitude flights eastward that his ground speed was often faster than his air speed. In doing so, he was the first pilot to confirm the proposed existence of what was later called the jet stream, which is still an important part of timing air flights and predicting the weather

By 1935, he was trying to develop passenger and air mail routes from the Pacific Coast to Russia. At the time, he was building his own aircraft from parts scavenged from other aircraft. His friend Will Rogers asked to fly with him when they left in August 1935. Rogers wrote about the trip for his newspaper column, and the two celebrities created a stir with each stop in Washington and Alaska. On August 15, they left Fairbanks for Point Barrow on the Arctic Ocean. Along the way, they became lost in the vast and unmarked territory. They landed near a lagoon to ask for directions. The plane crashed shortly after its next takeoff, and both men were killed. The cause of the crash was never fully established.

After his death, several airports were named after him. Wiley Post Airport is a municipal airport in Oklahoma City. Barrow, Alaska (now Utqiagvik), and Renton, Washington, both have airports named in honor of both Post and Will Rogers. In 1936, the Smithsonian bought his airplane Winnie Mae, which is now on display at the National Air and Space Museum in Washington, DC. His insights into the jet stream and pressure suits are still an important part of aviation today.

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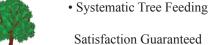
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Weekend Forecast



Friday, Jan. 5:

<u>AM</u> - A 30% chance of showers before noon. Partly sunny, with a high near 55. SE wind around 10 mph.

PM - Partly cloudy, with a low around 37. E wind 5 to 10 mph becoming W/NW in the evening.



Saturday, Jan. 6:

AM - Mostly sunny, with a high near 54. NW wind around 10 mph.

PM - Partly cloudy, with a low around 35. N/NW wind 5 to 10 mph becoming W after midnight.



Sunday, Jan. 7:

AM - Sunny, with a high near 58. W wind 5 to 15 mph becoming south in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

PM - Partly cloudy, with a low around 44.

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