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From the City River Oaks Wrestling Event July 26 at **Event** Center

Wrestling fans will have a chance to experience high-energy action when the All Pro Wrestling Academy presents "River Oaks Riot" on Saturday, July 26.

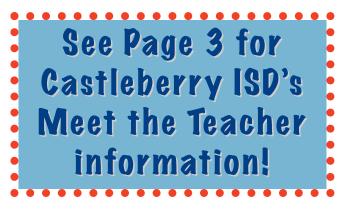
Event Center of River Oaks, located at 5300 Blackstone, River Oaks, TX 76114. Doors uled for 6 p.m.

Tickets are \$19 for ringside seating and \$16 for general admission. Children ages 12 and under are admitted free with a paying adult, making the event a family-friendly option for local wrestling enthusiasts.

liver a night of entertainment, featuring athletes from All Pro Wrestling Academy. The organization is known for showcasing skilled performers and up-and-coming talent from across the region.

Fans are encouraged to arrive early to secure seating and enjoy the pre-show atmosphere.

For more information on the event or to purchase tickets, contact All Pro Wrestling Academy or visit The Event Center of River Oaks on the day of the show.



From the City of River Oaks Final **Funday Monday** of the Season **July 28**

The River Oaks Event Center, located at at 5300 Blackstone Drive, invites families election on Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2025 for Place The production will take place at The for one last Funday Monday event, on Monday, July 28, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

> Important note: Children must be accomthe event.

Participants play at their own risk, and the City of River Oaks and the River Oaks by mail at River Oaks City Hall, located at Event Center are not responsible for injuries. 4900 River Oaks Blvd, River Oaks, TX,

For more details, visit www.riveroak-The "River Oaks Riot" promises to de- scommunitycenter.com or call 817-732-5885.

From the City of River Oaks **River Oaks Seeks Applicants to Serve** on City Boards

The City of River Oaks is currently seeking applicants that would like to serve on a City Board.

Interested persons may find the application on the City of River Oaks official website, sign it, and send in by mail or return it in person to: City of River Oaks, City Manager, 4900 River Oaks Blvd, River Oaks, Texas 76114 or email the completed applithe City Manager cation to at mgregory@riveroakstx.com.

From the City River Oaks **River** Oaks **City Council Candidate Deadline** Aug. 18

The City of River Oaks will hold an 1 and Place 3 on the River Oaks City Council.

Applications for a place on the City of open at 5:30 p.m., with the first bell sched- panied by a parent or guardian, who is re- River Oaks Regular Election ballot may be quired to remain on site for the duration of filed starting Saturday, July 19 through Monday, Aug. 18.

> Applications may be filed in person or 76114

> 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 Monday, Aug. 18.

> If an applicant wishes to email an application, they may send it to pluck@riveroakstx.com; applications may also be faxed to 817-625-2790.

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

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From Castleberry ISD Meet the Teacher Aug. 9

Parents and are students are invited to attend Meet the Teacher hosted by each Castleberry ISD campus the Saturday before the first day of school.

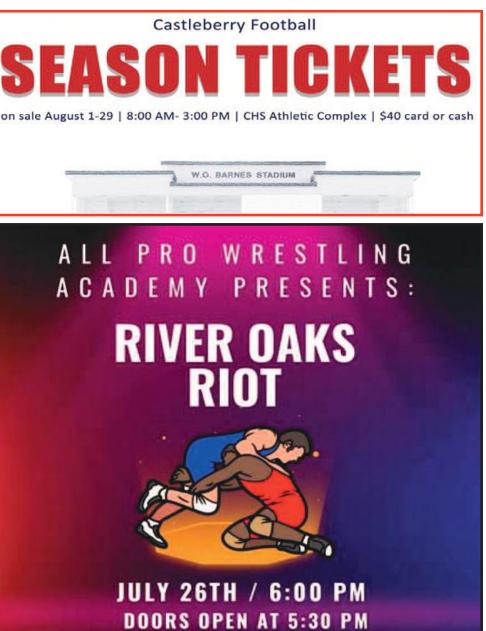
The annual event provides parents and students an opportunity to tour their campus, meet their teachers and administrators, and much more.

• Castleberry High School and REACH Meet the Teacher will be held on Saturday, Aug. 9 from 9 to 10:30 a.m.

• Irma Marsh Middle School Meet the Teacher will be held on Saturday, Aug. 9 from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

• A.V. Cato Elementary, Castleberry Elementary, and Joy James Academy of Leadership Meet the Teacher will be held on Saturday, Aug. 9 10 to 11:30 a.m.

The first day of school is Monday, Aug. 11.



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From the City of Benbrook Stick Horse Racers Wanted!



Kids seven years of age and younger are invited to run the barrels with other cowboys and cowgirls during the Benbrook Heritage Fest on Sept. 27, at Dutch Branch Park.

Costumes are optional and prizes will be awarded for the fastest three times in each age division, and the top three best costumes. There is a \$5 entry fee, and all racers receive a goodie bag.

Payment is required in advance. To pay email your name and phone number to mgamillo@benbrook-tx.gov.

All contestants need to be registered by Sept. 8 to enter the competition.

To learn more about the rules and sign up, click here.



From Suburban Newspapers Staff Writers Did You Know... On This Day:

July 24 is the 205th day of the year in the Gregorian calendar; 160 days remain until the end of the year.

• **1304** – Wars of Scottish Independence: Fall of Stirling Castle: King Edward I of England takes the stronghold using the War Wolf.

• 1567 – Mary, Queen of Scots, is forced to abdicate and be replaced by her one-year-old son James VI.

• **1866** – Reconstruction: Tennessee becomes the first U.S. state to be readmitted to Congress following the American Civil War.

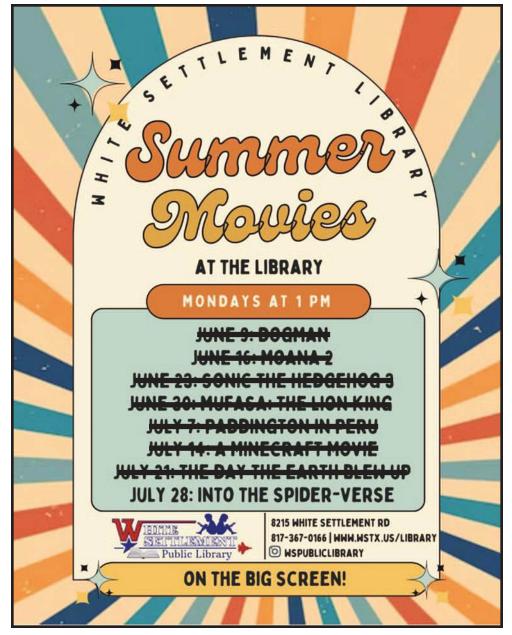
• **1901** – O. Henry is released from prison in Columbus, Ohio, after serving three years for embezzlement from a bank.

• 1915 – The passenger ship SS Eastland capsizes while tied to a dock in the Chicago River. A total of 844 passengers and crew are killed in the largest loss of life disaster from a single shipwreck on the Great Lakes.

• **1935** – The Dust Bowl heat wave reaches its peak, sending temperatures to 109 °F in Chicago and 104 °F in Milwaukee.

• **1969** – Apollo program: Apollo 11 splashes down safely in the Pacific Ocean.

• **1974** – The United States Supreme Court unanimously ruled that President Richard Nixon did not have the authority to withhold subpoenaed White House tapes and they order him to surrender the tapes to the Watergate special prosecutor.



Texas History Minute by Dr. Ken Bridges John Williams: The Texas Novelist Whose Words Continue to Inspire Generations



There is a power in the written word that transports the reader from their living rooms, offices, or classrooms to a different place and time in their imaginations. Writer John Williams, a noted Texas native and award-winning novelist, wove tales that created different lives but also led readers to think about their own lives.

He was born John Edward Williams in Wichita Falls in August 1922, according to family records. His father died when he was still quite young, and he and his mother moved to the Northeast Texas community of Clarksville. It was mostly a farming community, and his grandparents had made a living working the soil on their own land in the area. As a young student, Williams showed a strong aptitude for literature and theater. However, his mother died in 1940. It was a crushing loss. He graduated from high school that year and enrolled in a nearby junior college, but he was too distracted to be able to concentrate on his studies. He took a series of jobs at newspapers and radio stations afterward.

In October 1942, with the nation fighting World War II, Williams enlisted in the Army Air Force. He was stationed at Allied posts in India and Burma and rose to the rank of sergeant. It was during this time that he began writing his first novel. After his honorable discharge, he used his benefits from the GI Bill and enrolled at the University of Denver to restart his education.

During his time at the University of Denver, he completed *Nothing But the Night*. The 1948 novel depicted the harrowing life of a man haunted by the traumatic experiences of his youth. He earned an English degree and married in 1949. That year, Williams also

published his first book of poetry, *The Broken Landscape*. He earned a masters degree in 1950. Afterward, he took a job as a professor at the University of Missouri where he also earned a doctorate.

After five years, he returned to Denver as director of the creative writing program. He began a new literary journal, *The Denver Quarterly*, which was widely respected and gave a new outlet to aspiring writers. While teaching his own students about the writing process, he continued to work on his own writing. *Butcher's Crossing*, was published in 1960, followed by a new collection of poetry, *The Necessary Lie*, in 1965.

One of his most noted novels, *Stoner*, was published in 1965. The novel follows the fictional life of William Stoner, an English professor who had risen from an unremarkable childhood on a farm to a position of relative respect and comfort though not one of wide acclaim. It follows his difficult marriage and travails through life and his own career. Though respected by critics, it did not sell very well. As Williams's career progressed, he was fond of repeating a line from the novel: "You must remember what you are doing and what you have chosen to become, and the significance of what you are doing. There are wars and defeats and victories of the human race that are not recorded in the annals of history."

His fourth novel, *Augustus*, was perhaps his most successful. It was a fictional retelling of the life of the first Roman emperor, recounting his youth and rise to power and his lengthy political career, all cleverly told through letters and recollections of others. The Romans were at the height of their power and their arrogance. Octavian Caesar, who later renamed himself Augustus, or "the revered one," swept aside the division and civil wars that beset Rome and set out to rid his society of the moral rot that he believed was destroying it. In the process, Augustus had to destroy those same institutions he claimed to respect, leading Rome on a path away from a republic and toward dictatorship. In many ways, it was a cautionary tale for the America of the 1970s, one beset by corruption and deep divisions but confident of its own future.

Augustus won the prestigious National Book Award for fiction for 1972. For the first time, the award was shared with another novel, John Barth's *Chimera*.

Williams retired from teaching in 1986. He and his wife moved to Fayetteville, Arkansas, where he settled into a quiet life of writing. He began writing a new novel, but frustrations with his health delayed his writing. He died of respiratory failure at his home in 1994. *The Sleep of Reason*, his last work, was never completed, though portions of the work have been printed in short story form. In the years after his death, the works of Williams have begun finding a new generation of readers.

Even when the writer is no more, the words remain and still speak to those who will hear.

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Weekend Forecast

Friday, July 25:

AM - Sunny and hot, with a high near 100. Heat index values as high as 104. South wind 5 mph. PM - Mostly clear, with a low around 77. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

Saturday, July 26:

AM - Mostly sunny, with a high near 96. South southeast wind 5 to 10 mph. <u>PM</u> - Partly cloudy, with a low around 77. South southeast wind around 10 mph.

Sunday, July 27:

AM - Mostly sunny, with a high near 95. South wind 5 to 10 mph. <u>PM</u> - Mostly clear, with a low around 77. South wind 5 to 10 mph.

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