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From the City of River Oaks

Annual All American Festival Saturday, June 24

Victory Church, located at 5116 River Oaks Blvd. will host the annual All American Festival on Saturday, June 24 at 5 p.m.

This event is fun for the whole family. Fireworks will begin after sundown.

From the City of River Oaks

City Offices Closed for Juneteenth Holiday

City Offices will be closed on Monday, June 19, but there will be regular residential garbage collection on that day.

Juneteenth was first recognized as a federal holiday in 2021, when President Joe Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act into law.

It has been celebrated locally in Texas since the 1860s and became a state holiday in 1980.

From Castleberry ISD

Make Plans to Meet Up with Mo for Books and Bytes this Summer!

Mo, the district's traveling bookmobile is hitting the road for a fifth summer! Families are invited to stop by to pick up books, participate in themed activities, and visit with surprise guests!

Thursday, June 15

Sleepy Hollow Mobile Home Park
1170 Sleepy Hollow Dr, Fort Worth, TX 76114
4 to 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 20

A.V. Cato Elementary
4501 Barbara Rd, Fort Worth, TX 76114
9 to 11 a.m.

Summer Reading Round Up

Tuesday, June 27

River Oaks Community Center
5300 Blackstone Drive, River Oaks, TX 76114
5 to 6:30 p.m.

From Castleberry ISD

Register for the 2023-2024 School Year Today

Online registration for the 2023-2024 school year at Castleberry ISD is open. To register a current student, log into [Skyward Family Access](#) and complete the online registration process.

Be prepared to provide updated proof of residency, such as current water, gas or electric bill, or rental agreement, dated within the last three months, and a driver's license, state ID or consular ID.

For additional information regarding enrollment at Castleberry ISD, visit the [district's website](#) or contact your child's campus.

- A.V. Cato Elementary - 4501 Barbara Road; 817-252-2400
- Castleberry Elementary - 1100 Roberts Cut Off Road; 817-252-2300
- Joy James Academy of Leadership - 5300 Buchanan Road; 817-252-2500
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- Castleberry High School - 315 Churchill Road; 817-252-2100
- District Administration - 5228 Ohio Garden Road; 817-252-2000

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Obituary



Gaylon Wayne Wilson, 94, went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, June 10, 2023, surrounded by his loving family.

Visitation will be held 5 to 7 p.m., Thursday, June 15, 2023, at Winscott Road Funeral Home, 1001 Winscott Road, Benbrook Texas 76126.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Friday, June 16 at Winscott Road Funeral Home. Graveside services will follow at Laurel Land Memorial Park, 7100 Crowley Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76134.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations in honor of Wayne Wilson to The Benbrook United Methodist Church, 1122 Bryant St., Benbrook, Texas 76126 for the support of their AED Units.

Wayne was born on Nov. 21, 1928, in Stephens, Arkansas. He was the first of two children of Bert Wilson and Selma Wilson. He served in the U.S. Army and U.S. Army National Guard and retired as a Lt. Colonel. He also retired from the US Postal Service. Wayne was an active member of the Benbrook United Methodist Church. He served as President of NAPS, served on Benbrook Water Authority board, and as Benbrook Mayor. He held memberships in the Benbrook Jaycees, Benbrook Lions Club, and Benbrook Volunteer Fire Department. Wayne loved flying his private planes, spending his spare time traveling all over the world, including yearly visits to Hawaii for 21 years.

Wayne was preceded in death by his father, Bert Wilson; his loving mother, Selma Wilson; brother, Bert Wilson Jr.; and sister, Freda Moore.

Survivors include: his devoted wife, Martha Jane Wilson; his loving children, daughter, Debbie Wilson of White Settlement; son, Gary Wilson and wife, Leslie of Benbrook; daughter, Mindy Markum and husband, Trey of Paradise; grandchildren, Tracie, Chris, Amanda, Nathan, Chad, Chase, Alison, Holt, and Tiffany; 20 great-grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; brother-in-law, David Hooten and wife, Jeanie and many other loving family members and friends.

Pallbearers will be Trey Markum, Chase Markum, Holt Markum, Nathan Wilson, Chris Henninger, and Iain Yockov.

From Suburban Newspapers Staff Story Submission Information

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From StatePoint

Donate Plasma to Save Lives this Summer

Plasma donation is an impactful, meaningful way to give back to your community this summer. By donating plasma, you can help people like Mabelle Pecoraro.

Pecoraro lives with Hereditary Angioedema (HAE), a rare disease that can cause attacks of swelling, and often pain, in specific parts of the body, including the stomach, hands, feet, arms, legs, genitals, throat and face. Like with many serious and rare diseases, the therapies used to treat HAE require human plasma donations.

Donors' Impact

"Plasma donors directly impact my ability to live a full and productive life. Therapies made from these donations allow me and my son, who also lives with HAE, to receive ongoing treatment for our conditions," says Pecoraro.

Plasma, a straw-colored liquid that carries red blood cells, white blood cells and platelets, helps to maintain a steady level of blood pressure, supports the immune system and delivers critical nutrients to cells.

Plasma donations are used to replace crucial proteins people living with rare and serious diseases lack, and to produce therapies that treat diseases such as primary immune deficiencies, hereditary angioedema,

hemophilia, Alpha-1 Antitrypsin deficiency and various bleeding and neurological disorders.

There is a critical and ongoing need for plasma donations, as these life-saving medicines treat people in more than 100 countries around the world. Every year, it takes more than 1,200 plasma donations to treat one hemophilia patient, more than 900 plasma donations to treat one alpha-1 patient and more than 130 plasma donations to treat one primary immune deficiency patient.

"Plasma donors do the amazing, as plasma is used to develop life-saving therapies for people living with rare and serious diseases. We encourage those who can donate to visit a nearby CSL Plasma donation center," says Rachpal Malhotra, MD, head of plasma donor safety, CSL Plasma.

Eligible, qualified plasma donors also receive payments in connection with donating plasma.

with a permanent address.

Although wait times may vary at each location, the collection process takes approximately 90 minutes after the first donation.

It is recommended that you drink four to six 8-ounce glasses of water, fruit juice or other caffeine-free liquid at least two to three hours before donation, avoid caffeinated beverages, avoid alcohol of any type for 24 hours beforehand, eat a meal prior to donation and get adequate sleep.

CSL Plasma has 320 plasma donation centers across the United States.

Visit cslplasma.com for more information and to find a center near you. The CSL Plasma donor app is also available for Apple and Android device users.

"I thank all donors and encourage anyone who is considering donating to remember that doing so does make an impact for people like me and my son," says Pecoraro.

The Donation Process

To donate, you must be in good health, between the ages of 18-74, weigh at least 110 pounds, and have had no tattoos or piercings within the last four months. You must also meet the health and screening requirements and have valid identification



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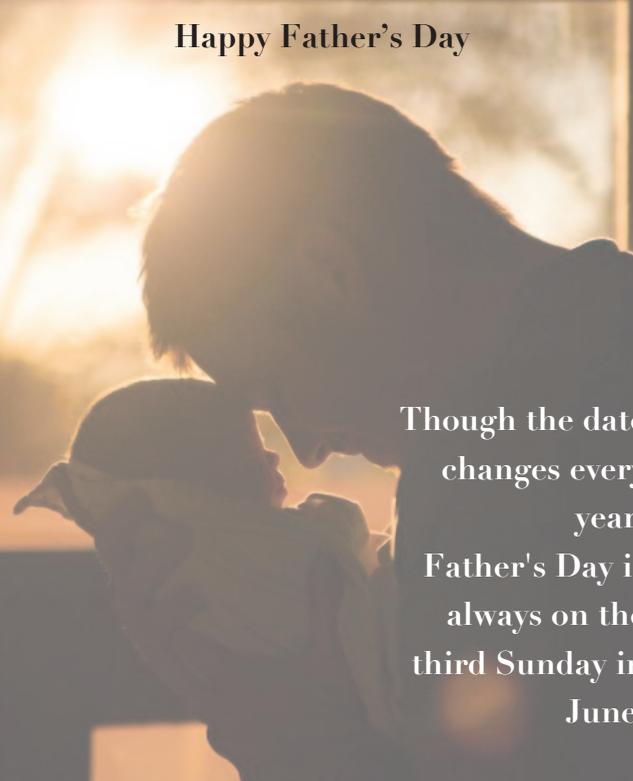
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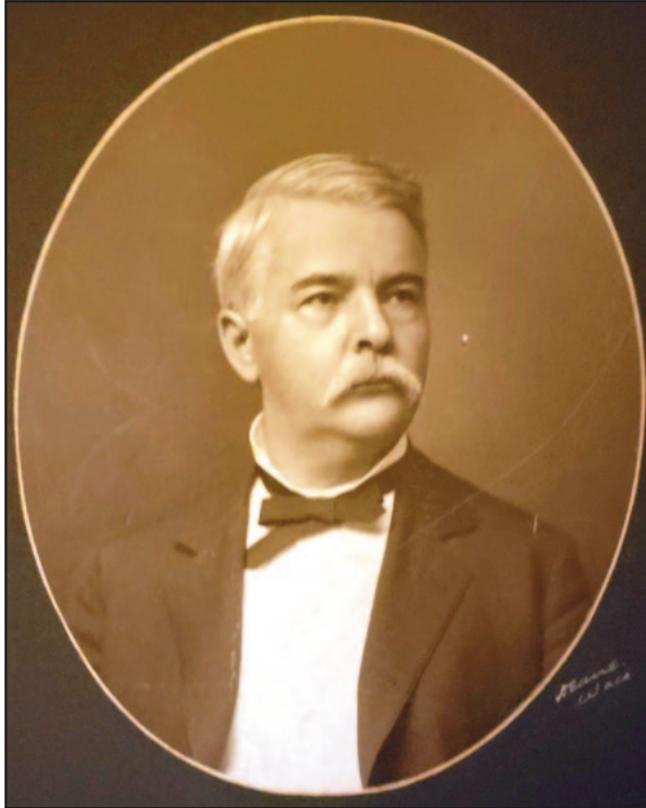
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Former Governor of Texas, Joseph D. Sayers *by Dr. Ken Bridges*

Adversity, it is said, is the truest test of character. When times are flush and problems scarce, few will have to find a way to rise to the occasion when the occasion has risen for them. Gov. Joseph Sayers was a man who faced many crises in his life and faced even greater crises as governor as the state weathered a number of natural disasters. Even in the face of disaster, Sayers found ways to pave a path forward for Texas.



Joseph Draper Sayers was born in Granada, in northern Mississippi, in 1841. It was a family of farmers, as most families were at that time. Tragedy befell the family while he was still young. His mother died in 1851; and as a result, his distraught father moved him and his younger brother to Texas to start over. Eventually, the family settled in the Bastrop area, and the two brothers both attended the Bastrop Military Institute.

When the Civil War erupted, he and his brother both enlisted in the Confederate army. As it turned out, Sayers would become one of the last Civil War veterans to serve as Texas governor. He served in the 5th Texas Cavalry and was noted for his bravery in actions in New Mexico and Louisiana. The war put his life in danger often, but he pressed on in the face of steadily advancing Union armies. He was twice wounded in combat and rose to the rank of major before the Confederate surrender in 1865.

After returning to Bastrop, Sayers decided not to live a life of bitterness and regret but instead chose to give back to the community and build a future. Though Sayers never attended college himself, he nevertheless continued his own education and worked to bring opportunities to others. He opened a school in Bastrop and began studying law at night. Within a year, he gained admission to the state bar and began practicing law.

In 1872, Sayers was elected to the state senate and steadily moved up the political ladder. He would go on to serve as chairman of the State Democratic Committee; and in 1878, he was elected lieutenant governor. He was elected to the first of seven terms in Congress in 1884, eventually rising to chair the House Appropriations Committee for the 1893-1894 term, one of the most coveted and respected positions in Congress. In 1898, he was elected as the state's twenty-second governor.

In the spring of 1899, Texas faced major flooding as spring rains relentlessly soaked the state. The Brazos River overflowed its banks, causing many people to flee for their lives. Sayers stepped forward immediately to make sure state authorities helped those in danger and later helped those rebuild.

In 1900, Galveston was devastated by the deadliest hurricane in American History when more than 6,000 people died. Sayers immediately dispatched food, medicine, and state personnel to the devastated city to help survivors in the face of impending starvation, disease, and riots. Impressed with his response to these disasters and management of the state, voters re-elected Sayers in 1900.

He advocated a number of reforms as governor, most concentrating on anti-trust laws. He worked to ban railroad rebates to preferred customers, insisting customers be treated equally.

Labor unions were exempted from anti-trust laws as they had become targets of many early anti-trust lawsuits. He also worked to expand education funding.

From Benbrook Public Library

Adulting 101: Self Defense Spaces Filling Quickly

Join us for this interactive two-hour session to learn self defense on Saturday, June 24 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Kathy Ledford meeting room at Benbrook Public Library located at 1065 Mercedes St. Special guests Brian Cole and Kevin Capps will teach you the basics of protecting yourself and understanding core moves of self defense. Participants must be 16 years of age or older and registration is required - [find the online registration form here](#). Registration for this event will close on June 23 at 2 p.m.

Adulting 101

Kind of confused about car maintenance? Fretful over finances? Stressed about crafting the perfect resumé?

Worry not! Adulting 101 is a series of presentations aimed at young adults who want to hone the skills necessary for navigating the tasks of the adult world. Those ages 16 and older are encouraged to attend and learn about different topics to make adulting a little easier. Whether you're just starting out or need a refresher, join us monthly for new skills and topics.

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From Look Out Texans

Tips to Make Summer Safer for Anyone Riding a Bicycle

Bikes have been the mode of summer transportation for children and teenagers for decades. They allow them to independently move around without a car.

Summer has begun, and with that comes more children and teens on their bikes on neighborhood streets and trails.

It is important for children and teens to have proper knowledge about bike safety to ensure a fun and memorable summer. This is not just a message for North Texas youth.

Bike safety is important for riders of all ages. Here are some tips to help North Texans have an active, fulfilling and safe summer on bikes:

- Obey traffic signals and stop signs at intersections.
- Use hand signals when turning, changing lanes or stopping.
- Be aware of your surroundings and don't wear headphones/ear buds while bicycling.

- Ride as far to the right as practicable without jeopardizing your safety.

- Always ride in the same direction as traffic.

- Claim space at intersections by riding in the rightmost lane going in your destination direction and position yourself at intersections to be seen by drivers.

- Be visible, especially at night. Turn on your front and rear bike lights and wear bright or reflective clothing.

In addition to the tips mentioned above, there are other ways to increase safety. Make sure children and teens know how to check their brakes, tire pressure, and how to inflate tires to their recommended pressure. Additionally, always send children and teens out with a water bottle (or two!).

In Texas, dehydration can happen quickly. Remember that the combination of cycling and the sun will cause everyone to have to drink more water to remain safe.

For more information and valuable tips, visit www.lookout-texans.org.

From the North Central Texas Council of Governments

Continue Your Clean Air Commitment Through Ozone Season



If you made a commitment on Clean Air Action Day to help improve the region's air quality, consider adopting it as part of your routine. Whether you worked from home, combined errands, limited idling, took your lunch to work or opted for another ozone-reducing measure, you can carry that commitment through ozone season, which ends Nov. 30. And share it with others. Your actions may inspire your friends or colleagues to become part of the solution.

Be sure to use #CAAD2023 and tag @NCTCOGtrans on social media to show your commitment to clean air in your community. A full list of clean air strategies individuals, businesses and governments can enact is available at www.airnorthtexas.org/cleanairactionday.

Sign up for air quality alerts at www.airnorthtexas.org/signup to stay informed of when action is encouraged.

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Community resource information includes:

- Basic Needs
- Senior Services
- Veterans Services
- Child Care
- Employment Services
- Health Care
- Legal Services
- Disaster Resources

If you need help, dial 2-1-1 or 1-877-541-7905. Community resource information is also available online at www.211texas.org.

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Sunday, June 18

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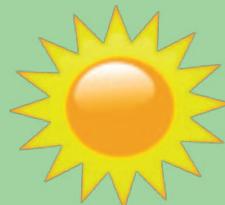
Three Day Weekend Forecast



Friday, June 16:

AM - Sunny and hot, with a high near 101. Heat index values as high as 107. S wind around 10mph becoming W/SW in the afternoon.

PM - Mostly clear, with a low around 75. N/NE wind around 5 mph becoming SE after midnight.



Saturday, June 17:

AM - Partly sunny and hot, with a high near 100. S wind around 10 mph.

PM - Partly cloudy, with a low around 77. S wind 10-15mph, with gusts as high as 25mph.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Sunday, June 18:

AM - Sunny and hot, with a high near 100. W/SW wind around 15mph, with gusts as high as 20mph.

PM - Mostly clear, with a low around 76. W/NW wind around 10mph becoming SE in the evening.

[Extended Forecast Click Here](#)