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From the Sports Desk with John Loven

Castleberry Rallies Past Ranchview for Key District Win

The Castleberry Lions took a major step toward a possible playoff berth last Friday night in Carrollton, defeating the Ranchview Wolves 28-21 in a crucial district matchup.

The Lions entered the game following a 55-7 loss to Kennedale in their district opener, while Ranchview was coming off an 86-13 loss to Alvarado. With both teams seeking their first district win, the matchup carried significant playoff implications.

Castleberry trailed at halftime and entered the fourth quarter down by a touchdown before rallying to score twice in the final period. The Lions' defense held strong, shutting out the Wolves in the fourth quarter, while the offense surged to secure the comeback victory.

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From Castleberry ISD Student Aubrey R.

CISD REACH Students Cheer on the Dallas Stars



Pictured are: (l-r) Emily R., Aylin R., Delilah M., Aubrey P., Ritamarie L., Aliya V., Abby B. and Aubrey R; (back row) teachers Nadine Mihalicz and Mike Colbert.

Thanks to the Dallas Stars Foundation, Castleberry ISD REACH students were given the opportunity to attend a Dallas Stars pre-season game on Tuesday, Sept. 23. After attending the College Fair at Castleberry High School, REACH students loaded onto the bus and headed to watch the Stars in Dallas.

The bus arrived at its destination, a few blocks away from the

American Airlines Center in downtown Dallas. After checking in with their tickets, the students made their way to their seats, and as expected, the arena was loud, crowded, and energetic. REACH students conversed about the rules of hockey and who they wanted to win, excitement visible on their faces.

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From the City of River Oaks

Residential and Commercial Garbage Collection Rates to Increase Nov. 1

The City of River Oaks announced that garbage collection rates will increase beginning Nov. 1 to offset rising landfill, operational, and equipment costs.

Residential garbage rates will rise by \$2 per month, from \$27 to \$29 per household, plus tax, following a 6.4 percent increase in landfill fees this year.

In addition, a 10 percent monthly franchise fee will be applied to commercial dumpster customers. The city said the fee will help recover expenses related to street usage, dispatching, billing, and other administrative costs associated with waste collection.

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Obituary

Honey Anne Lee, 78, of White Settlement, Texas, passed away on Oct. 18, 2025.

A memorial service celebrating Honey’s life will be held Saturday, October 25, 2025, at 2 p.m. at Trinity Bible Church in Willow Park, Texas.

She was born on Sept. 29, 1947, in Dallas, Texas, and graduated from Merkel High School. Honey went on to earn both her bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Texas Christian University.

Honey dedicated more than forty years to education as a teacher, coach, At-Risk Coordinator, and administrator at Lake Worth and Brewer High Schools. Her sharp mind and insight made her a respected leader and mentor. Her passion for helping students stay in school, graduate, and succeed changed countless lives. Through her selfless service, quiet sacrifice, and spirited wit, she made a lasting impact on everyone she met.

She was a proud member of Delta Kappa Gamma, an organization supporting women educators, and Wesley United Methodist Church, where her faith and community involvement were central to her life.

Honey was a devoted TCU Horned Frogs fan, proudly wearing her purple and cheering them on through every season. Even more than her love for the Frogs, her greatest joy in life was her family, especially her son, Derek. She was his number one fan, never missing a baseball game, school event, or milestone. Her love and devotion to her son, daughter-in-law, and grandchildren were boundless. Honey adored Ella, Graham, and Cora, showering them with love and support, and taking great pride in all their adventures.

She was preceded in death by her beloved grandparents Frank and Annie Wilson, her mother Mamie Steck, and her brother Russell Steck.

Honey is survived by: her son, Derek Lee, his wife, Larissa, and their children, Ella, Graham, and Cora of Willow Park, Texas; her brother, Don Lovelady, and wife, Sharon, of North Richland Hills; her sister, Cyndi Trawick, and husband, Tim, of Abilene; her brother, Michael Steck; her former husband, Robert Lee, of Crowley. She is also survived by niece, Leanne Nassoy, and husband, Shane; nephews, Kyle Lovelady, and wife Kelli; Bret Lovelady, and wife, Allison; nieces, Rikki Lally and Kacy Casady; nephew, Shane Trawick; along with many beloved grand and great-grand nieces and nephews.



Honey Anne Lee

From the River Oaks Police Department

River Oaks Crime Report

The River Oaks Police Department responded to several incidents between Oct. 6 and Oct. 12.

On Tuesday, Oct. 7, officers investigated reports of fraud in the 5400 block of River Oaks Boulevard, a building burglary in the 5300 block of River Oaks Boulevard, and an aggravated assault in the 4800 block of Ohio Garden Road.

On Thursday, Oct. 9, police handled a report of indecent exposure in the 2600 block of Jacksboro Highway and an evading incident in the 4300 block of River Oaks Boulevard.

On Friday, Oct. 10, one person was arrested on narcotics charges in the 2600 block of Jacksboro Highway.

Two arrests for driving while intoxicated were made on Saturday, Oct. 11, one in the 5200 block and another in the 4900 block of River Oaks Boulevard.

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Sports Desk

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Ranchview opened the scoring in the first quarter with a 30-yard screen pass and a successful two-point conversion to take an 8-0 lead at the 8:08 mark. Castleberry answered in the second quarter when senior running back Isaiah Ford broke several tackles for a 20-yard touchdown run on fourth-and-1. After the extra point, the Lions trailed 8-7 with 11:11 left in the quarter. The score held through halftime.

Ford powered the Lions’ offense, rushing for 233 yards on 42 carries, a remarkable workload that may have set a school record. His 57-yard touchdown run in the third quarter gave Castleberry a 14-8 lead at the 9:41 mark. Ranchview responded with two touchdowns to reclaim a 21-14 lead heading into the fourth quarter.

With 2:58 remaining, sophomore Anthony Dunn scored on a reverse play on fourth-and-6 from the Wolves’ 14-yard line. Sophomore kicker Cristian Gutierrez converted the extra point to tie the game at 21-21. Then, with just 45 seconds left, Ford punched in his third touchdown of the night on a short goal-line dive to seal the 28-21 victory.

The Lions’ defense made several key plays. Seniors Nathan Moreno and Lucas Aguillon each recorded a sack, while senior Juan Chavez and freshman Lewis Rodriguez recovered fumbles that helped swing momentum.

Castleberry (4-3, 1-1 in district) sits in the middle of its six-team district, where the top four teams advance to the playoffs. The Lions will face Lake Worth (1-6, 1-1 district) this Thursday, Oct. 23, at W.O. Barnes Stadium. Kickoff is set for 6:30 p.m. The winner will take sole possession of third place in the district standings.

Fans are encouraged to come out and support the Lions in this pivotal rivalry game. GO LIONS!

October Is Fire Prevention Month: A Time to Take Action

Each October, fire safety organizations across the country emphasize the importance of home fire prevention through a month-long observance culminating in Fire Prevention Week, held this year Oct. 5-11. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) leads the effort with education, awareness campaigns and resources for families, schools and fire departments nationwide.

A Legacy of Prevention

Fire Prevention Week dates back to the early 1920s. In 1922, the NFPA first sponsored Fire Prevention Week, and in 1925, President Calvin Coolidge declared it a national observance. The timing was chosen to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire, which began Oct. 8, 1871, and caused devastating loss of lives and property. Today, Fire Prevention Week remains the longest-running public health observance in the United States.

While Fire Prevention Week is a designated “spike” for public education, October as a whole is observed as Fire Prevention Month. Throughout the month, local fire departments, school systems and community groups host open houses, safety demonstrations and awareness drives to reinforce fire safety habits.

2025 Theme: “Charge Into Fire Safety”

The NFPA’s theme for Fire Prevention Week 2025 is “Charge into Fire Safety™: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home.”

Because lithium-ion batteries power so many of our everyday devices, the campaign encourages people to adopt safer practices when buying, charging and disposing of them.

Key messages from the NFPA include:

- **BUY** only listed products. Look for certification marks from recognized testing labs (for example, UL, ETL, or CSA). Avoid uncertified or counterfeit batteries and chargers.
- **CHARGE** devices safely. Use manufacturer-recommended cables, place devices on hard, noncombustible surfaces (not on a bed or couch), and avoid overcharging or charging overnight without supervision.
- **RECYCLE** batteries responsibly. Never toss lithium-ion batteries in the trash or standard recycling bins, they can ignite. Use designated battery recycling locations. (A good resource is Call2Recycle, which helps consumers find drop-off sites.)

Know the Risks: Alarms, Cooking & More

In addition to battery safety, NFPA offers a wide range of fire prevention tips for the home. Among the key facts:

- Nearly three in five home fire fatalities occur in homes with no smoke

alarms or in homes where alarms aren’t functioning.

- Although almost all U.S. households now have at least one smoke alarm, 61% report testing them less often than recommended.
- Cooking remains the leading cause of home fires and fire-related injuries. Unattended cooking is a major contributor.
- Halloween decorations pose additional fire risks. The NFPA advises keeping decorations away from open flames, ensuring exits remain clear, and using flame-resistant materials when possible.

Smart Tips for Fire Prevention at Home

To make October more than just a countdown, here are practical, actionable steps drawn from NFPA resources:

- Install and maintain smoke alarms. Place alarms on every level of your home, inside and outside bedrooms. Test them monthly, replace batteries at least twice a year, and retire any alarm older than 10 years.
- Plan and practice escape routes. Make sure every household member knows two ways out of each room and agree on a meeting place outside. Practice drills periodically.
- Stay alert while cooking. Keep pot holders and flammable items away from stovetops. Never leave cooking unattended, and keep children and pets at a safe distance while cooking.
- Be cautious with heating devices. Keep portable heaters at least three feet away from anything that can burn. Turn them off before leaving the room.
- Use fire-safe holiday decorations. For Halloween or fall décor, avoid placing materials near candles or heating vents. Keep exits clear.
- Inspect cords and appliances. Replace damaged electrical cords, avoid overloading outlets, and unplug appliances when not in use.

Join the Effort

Fire Prevention Month and Fire Prevention Week are opportunities for community engagement. Local fire departments often host events such as open houses, school visits, fire safety fairs, and demonstrations.

Many fire safety tip sheets and outreach materials are available free from the NFPA web site for public distribution.

As we move through October, it’s important to remember that fire safety is a year-round commitment. By investing a little time now in checking alarms, updating habits, and raising awareness, households across the country can make their homes safer.

For more information and downloadable materials, visit [NFPA’s fire prevention resources online](#).

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Eligibility for Participation

If you're 55 years of age and older before the starting date of the classes, you are eligible.

There are no citizenship, residency, or educational requirements to enroll.

Costs & Refunds

One \$20 registration fee per semester allows you to enroll in as many Senior Education classes as you choose at one or all of our campuses.

Some special event courses may have an additional fee.

Tuition Exemption

Senior education classes are not eligible for the Texas resident 65 and older tuition exemption.

Class Schedule & Changes

The 10-week sessions are offered each fall and spring. Classes have no tests or grades.

Browse Upcoming Classes

Browse upcoming classes online in [MyTCCTrack's Instant Enrollment](#).

Change Your Schedule

You may change your schedule online prior to the first day of class. After the first day, you must contact an office on the campus where the class(es) is/are scheduled.

Changes are made on a space-available basis only. No changes can be made after the second class period.

Register & Pay for Classes

Register and pay for upcoming Senior Education classes in [MyTCCTrack's Instant Enrollment](#).

There are no limits on the number of classes for which you can register.

For help, learn how to register for [Life-style and Community Learning](#) classes.

Parking Permits

Parking permits are only required for classes on Trinity River Campus or Trinity River East. Park in the spaces marked by the white lines.

Questions?

Contact the Lifestyle and Community Learning department.

Local Campus

Tarrant County College Northwest Campus, Senior Education Office, WCTS 1207, 4801 Marine Creek Parkway, Fort Worth, TX 76179, 817-515-7759.

From the Texas Department of Licensing & Regulation Parent-Taught Driver Education

The parent taught program is complex and requires parents, guardians, and designees to [work with multiple entities](#). The [Driver Education Teen course](#) consists of a minimum of 32 hours of classroom instruction, seven hours of in-car observation, seven hours of behind the wheel supervised instruction, and 30 additional hours of behind the wheel instruction.

Before beginning a parent taught course, thoroughly read all webpages to avoid unnecessary costs, delays, or invalidated training hours.

STEP 1

[Eligibility and Authorization](#)

The parent, guardian, or designee, and student must first verify their eligibility to participate in the parent taught program. The parent, guardian, or designee must then apply for authorization to conduct a driver education course.

STEP 2

[Selecting a Classroom Course](#)

You'll need to purchase the curriculum from a licensed driver education provider with the parent-taught endorsement.

The classroom instruction page will help you to choose a course, learn about methods of instruction, and provide helpful info on taking the written exam.

Legal Notice

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Mixed Beverage Permit (MP) by REPUB LK Inc, DBA Al's 1187 Bar & Grill to be located at 3969 FM 1187 Ste 210-220 Crowley TX 76036.

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STEP 3

[Learner License](#)

After the student has completed classroom hours, they can apply for a learner license at the DPS driver license office. The learner license page has information on when you can apply, and what you need to bring with you.

STEP 4

[Selecting a Behind the Wheel Course](#)

If you have not done so already, you must purchase the curriculum from a licensed driver education provider with the parent taught endorsement.

STEP 5

[Provisional License](#)

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A “Real Daughter” Brings History to Life for Local DAR Chapter



Pictured (l-r) are: Laura Tauzel (portraying Susan Spratt Polk Rayner) and Regent Pat Sinclair.

Members of the Mary Isham Keith Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), were treated to a lively journey through history when “Real Daughter” Susan Spratt Polk Rayner, portrayed by Laura Tauzel, paid a visit during the group’s September meeting.

In front of 45 members, prospective members, and guests, Tauzel brought Mrs. Rayner’s remarkable story to life with humor, historical detail, and a touch of theatrical flair. Mrs. Rayner was one of only four “Real Daughters” who were members of Texas DAR chapters, a rare distinction that makes her legacy especially meaningful.

Every DAR member can trace her lineage to a patriot who served in the American Revolution. But a “Real Daughter” held an extraordinary connection: she was not only a DAR member herself but the actual daughter of a Revolutionary War soldier or patriot.

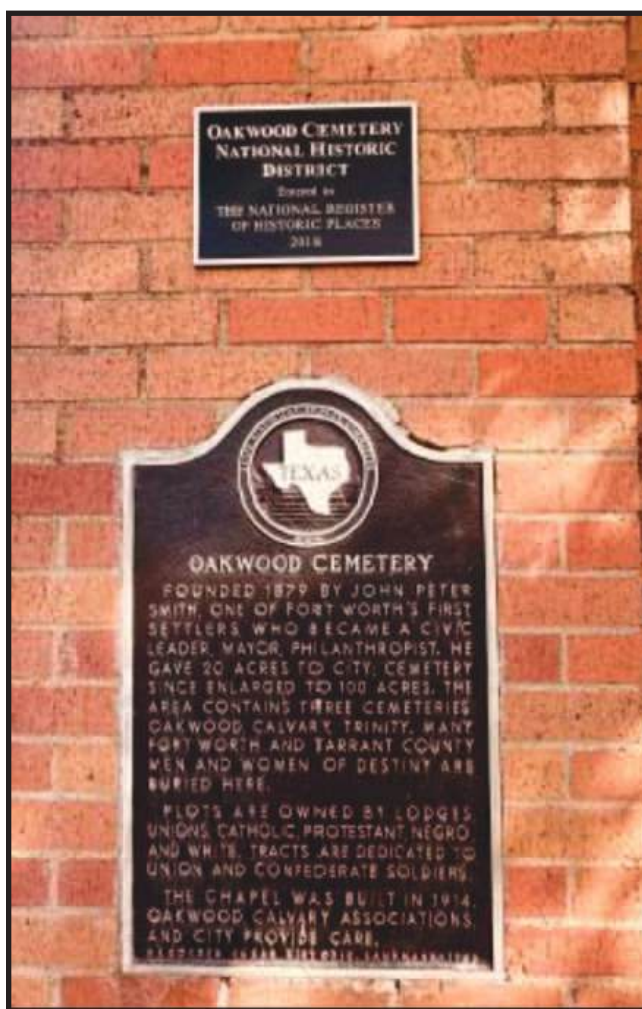
Tauzel’s presentation featured the “Trav-

eling Trunk,” a hands-on history collection filled with photos, artifacts, and replicas, including a copy of the DAR publication “*My Father Was a Soldier... DAR Real Daughters of the American Revolution*,” which documents the stories of 767 Real Daughters across the nation.

Following the program, Chapter Regent Pat Sinclair announced her Regent’s Project: the installation of an America 250! Patriot Marker at Fort Worth’s historic Oakwood Cemetery, final resting place of Susan Spratt Polk Rayner. The marker will honor the men and women who supported the American Revolution as the nation celebrates its 250th anniversary.

The DAR is a non-political women’s service organization dedicated to historic preservation, education, and patriotism. Members across the country contribute millions of volunteer hours each year to their communities.

To learn more about membership in the Mary Isham Keith Chapter, email mikregent2025@gmail.com



Dallas Stars Game

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The game started with loud music blasting through the speakers and flashing green lights. REACH scholars watched as the players huddled around the puck until one finally made the first move.

The game was intense with players shoving and slamming each other into the glass. Finally, someone scored and the sound of boos and awes filled the arena. The score for the first period was 1-0 with the Minnesota Wild in the lead. The score did not change during the second period, leading the game into intermission. During this time, REACH students took the opportunity to stretch their legs and walk around the arena, sticking in groups of two or more to avoid getting lost.

The third period of the game was fierce. Both teams scored one after another, making it a compelling game. The students, halfway out of their seats, excited to see who would score next, were visibly stunned when the third period ended with a tied score of 2-2. That’s when Nadine Mihalicz, a REACH teacher and hockey enthusiast, explained to the students that the players would be heading into a five-minute sudden-death overtime, and whoever scored first would win.

Silence engulfed the group as they followed the puck with their squinted eyes. Suddenly, REACH students were flying out of their seats, hands in the air, and cheering. A loud buzzer echoed, signifying the end of the game. The final score for the game was 3-2 for the Dallas Stars. What an exciting finish to the game!

Weeks later, conversations about the Stars game still lingered at REACH. Anthony M. was asked what he thought about hockey after getting to watch a game for the first time, to which he stated, “At first I really just wanted to see the players fight, but I thought the game was interesting. I would like to go again.”

Not only was the game action-packed, but it also allowed the students to connect outside of school and experience something new. REACH students will always be appreciative of moments like these and will continue to make the most of them.

Texas History Minute by Dr. Ken Bridges

When a Wrong Turn Made History: The Texas Pilot Who Accidentally Flew Across the Atlantic



Accidents happen. People make wrong turns. Sometimes these end badly, sometimes not. One supposed wrong turn became part of an aviation legend. And with it, Texas native Douglas Corrigan became known for one of the most bizarre feats in aviation history, the transatlantic flight that went the wrong way.

Douglas Corrigan was born in Galveston in 1907, less than four years after the Wright Brothers completed their historic first flight. His father was an engineer, and the family moved often. But his home life was fractious, and his parents divorced when he was still young. Eventually, he ended up with his mother, sister, and brother in Los Angeles.

He dropped out of high school as a teenager and took odd jobs in construction. In 1925, he happened across a pilot offering plane rides for \$2.50. Curious, Corrigan paid the fee, hopped into the Curtiss JN-4 Jenny, and instantly fell in love with flying. He began taking lessons, and five months later, he was a licensed pilot.

Not long after he earned his license, he began working for the Ryan Aircraft Co. in San Diego, California. He helped assemble Charles Lindbergh's custom-built Spirit of St. Louis that would later be used for the historic first transatlantic flight in May 1927. In the meantime, Corrigan continued to perfect his own piloting skills. He eventually began performing aerial stunts in company airplanes on his lunch breaks, much to the frustration of his employers.

After the success of Lindbergh's flight, Corrigan decided he wanted to replicate the feat on his own. He spent several years taking various jobs as an aircraft mechanic and pilot. In 1933, he bought a used Curtiss Robin OX-5 for \$300. The plane was a mess, but Corrigan rebuilt it and modified it over the next several years for his flight.

In 1935, he applied for clearance to take his OX-5 across the sea from New York to Ireland non-stop. Aviation officials in New York immediately declared the plane unfit for the flight, citing a number of structural and mechanical problems. But he was cleared to fly the plane back to California. After two years of repairs and extensive modifications, Corrigan applied repeatedly, but his plane was rejected each time.

In July 1938, he flew from California to New York hoping to receive permission to finally make the flight. Somewhere during the 27-hour flight, a fuel leak developed. After he landed, he was refused

again. He spent several days making repairs, and at 5 a.m. on July 17, he departed from New York and headed east. Along the way, the fuel started leaking into the cockpit, forcing Corrigan to punch a hole in the floor of the plane with a screwdriver to let the fuel escape safely. He arrived in Ireland 28 hours later. Bewildered Irish authorities were caught completely by surprise by his arrival. He claimed that his compass was broken and that he flew above the clouds and never realized he was flying over the ocean so he never noticed his "mistake." He apologized profusely for the misunderstanding.

For safety reasons, all pilots must file a flight plan with federal aviation authorities before each flight. Corrigan's flight plan stated he intended to fly back to California. In response, Corrigan's license was suspended for two weeks, the exact time it took to ship his plane back home, by boat.

After the news broke, The New York Post ran the headline "Hail Wrong Way Corrigan" in reverse. When he arrived back in the United States, he was treated to a ticker-tape parade before a throng of well-wishers estimated by newspapers at close to a million people.

Flights across the Atlantic were not so unusual by this point. Wiley Post, himself a Texas native, had completed the same trip in 1931; and Amelia Earhart became the first woman to make the flight in 1932. Seaplanes regularly crossed the Atlantic, while Zeppelin airships, the German hydrogen-filled blimps, made routine flights across the Atlantic by the mid-1930s. "Wrong Way" Corrigan was the fourth to fly from New York to Ireland non-stop in a fixed-wing aircraft, but the circumstances with his misdirection, humility, and broken-down aircraft won the hearts of millions.

Whether the flight to Europe was planned or whether it really was an accident has been debated for many years. Corrigan nevertheless insisted throughout his entire life that the flight was an accident, at least publicly. "Honest, I meant to fly to California," he said with a shrug.

He took the jokes and the good-natured ribbing in stride. He published an autobiography within months of his flight titled *"That's My Story"* and even endorsed a "Wrong-Way" novelty watch that ran backward. In 1939, he starred in a movie about his life called *The Flying Irishman*.

After the acclaim of his trip faded, Corrigan returned to a simple life. During World War II, Corrigan quietly served as a test pilot for the Army Air Force and delivered new planes to forward bases as part of the Air Transport Command.

After the war, he worked as a commercial pilot. He stepped away from aviation as a career by 1950 and bought an orange grove in California. He married and had three children who followed his love of flight. He sold the orange grove to developers after his wife died in 1966 and settled into semi-retirement. Tragically, one of his sons, also a pilot, died in a plane crash in 1972.

Corrigan died in December 1995 in California at age 87, beloved by family and friends. The plane from his famed transatlantic flight is on display at the Planes of Fame Museum in Chino, California.

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Friday, Oct. 24:

AM - A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 81. South wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50%.
PM - Showers and possibly a thunderstorm. Low around 62. Southeast wind around 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 90%.

Saturday, Oct. 25:

AM - Showers and possibly a thunderstorm before 4pm, then showers likely. High near 74. South southeast wind 5 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80%.
PM - A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 58. North wind around 5 mph becoming south after midnight. Chance of precipitation is 40%.

Sunday, Oct. 26:

AM - Mostly sunny, with a high near 75. W/NW wind around 5 mph becoming south in the afternoon.
PM - Partly cloudy, with a low around 60.

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