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From Castleberry ISD

CISD Registration for Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten

Parents may begin to pre-register both Pre-K and Kindergarten students who are new to CISD for the 2021-2022 school year. This pre-registration is very important for new students and is the beginning of the registration process. Registrations will be finalized in July 2021, before the school year begins.

Pre-Kindergarten Students

The CISD Pre-K program is free and there is a place for every student. New this year, CISD Pre-K has open enrollment and is accepting all students who are 4 years of age on or before Sept. 1, 2021, whether they live in CISD or reside outside the district. Even if your child does not meet the federal qualifying guidelines for a Pre-K program, he or she can still attend Pre-K in Castleberry ISD.

To qualify for Pre-K under federal guidelines, a child must be educationally disadvantaged (eligible for free or reduced lunch), unable to speak and comprehend the English language, homeless, the child of an active-duty member of the armed forces of the United States or a member of the armed forces who was injured or killed while serving on active duty, is or ever has been in foster care, or the child of a person eligible for the Star of Texas Award program.

For more information on Pre-K registration and to begin the registration process, **click here**.

Kindergarten Students

Children enrolling in Kindergarten must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2021. The pre-registration process for students who will be in Kindergarten and are new to Castleberry ISD begins April 1, 2021, and the registration process will be finalized in July 2021. Students who qualify to attend CISD Kindergarten but live outside the district may apply for an Out-of-District Transfer to be considered for this program.

For more information on Kindergarten registration and to begin the registration process, **click here**.

Required Documents for Pre-Registration

The following items are needed to register students for both Pre-K and Kindergarten: Parent ID, certified copy of student's birth certificate, student's social security card, valid immunization record, current utility bill or copy of a current lease agreement dated within the last three months, and Proof of income, military status, foster care, or (continued on page 2)

From the City of River Oaks

Early Voting for May 1 General Election Begins April 19

Early voting for the May 1 General Election to elect Council members for River Oaks City Council Place 2 and Place 4 will begin on Monday, April 19 and run through Tuesday, April 27.

Early voting by personal appearance will be held Monday through Friday, April 19 through April 23 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, April 24 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sunday, April 25 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Monday, April 26 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Tuesday, April 27 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at River Oaks Annex (old Library), located at 4900 River Oaks Blvd. in River Oaks, or at Tarrant County Elections Center, 2700 Premier Street, Fort Worth, 76111.

Election day is Saturday, May 1 and the polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Candidates that returned an application for Council Member, Place 2 include: Dan Dagel, Steve Holland and Zachary Wheat.

Candidates that returned an application for Council Member, Place 4 include: Edmundo E. Guitierrez, Garrett Grissom, Yolie Rodriguez and Sherrie Uptmore Dast.

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Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Registration

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From the Sports Desk with John Loven

Lady Lions Cruise to Easy Win on Senior Night

The Castleberry girls softball team has had an up and down season to date. They started out on fire when they jumped out to a 5-2 record to start the season. All seven games came against larger 5A and 6A schools and included winning the Everman Tournament.

Then the girls hit a bit of a slump when they dropped their next four games (all in a very tough district). On Friday, March 26 they hosted the Lady Bullfrogs from Lake Worth and barely broke a sweat while coasting to a 16-0 victory in just three innings.

Ace pitcher freshman Brenlee Gonzales began the night by striking out the first two batters she faced on just six pitches. The next Lady Bullfrog managed to barely get her bat on the ball and resulted in an infield grounder which ended in a CHS error and allowed her to reach first base. But Gonzales would take just three more pitches to then strike out the next batter. End result was she struck out the side with just 10 pitches.

The Lady Lions took little time in the bottom of the first to get runs on the scoreboard. After Gonzales led off with a walk, senior Mia Little bunted her way on base (with the help of a Lake Worth error) to put runners on first and second. Sophomore Anna Medina then doubled in the first run of the game. Freshman Haley Veliz, junior Clarissa Veliz, and senior Alondra Martinez each would drive in an additional run before the inning was over.

Lake Worth entered the top of the second inning down 4-0. CHS's Gonzales continued her mastery on the mound by striking out the entire side once again, this time taking 15 pitches to do the trick. The Lady Lions put 8 runs across the plate in the second inning. It was highlighted by a two-run RBI single by Medina, a two-run homer by Hailey Veliz that cleared the left centerfield fence, a two-run RBI double down the left field line by senior Penelope Ortiz, and then a two-run RBI double by Gonzales.

Lake Worth took the plate in the top of the third and now trailed 12-0. Gonzales needed just 10 more pitches to record another strike out sandwiched between two infield outs. Her stats for the night ended with three innings pitched, 0 runs scored, 7 strikeouts on just 35 pitches.

The bottom of the third saw Clarissa Veliz drive in a run with a single. Another run would score on a Bullfrog wild pitch. The final two runs came on a double by senior Brooke Tincher. The score grew to 16-0 and the mercy rule was enforced which ended the game for an easy victory for Castleberry.

Congratulations Lady Lions!

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The Feed My Sheep ministry, which provides clothing and food items to those in need at no charge, will reopen on the first Saturday of each month at 1500 Meadow Park Dr. in White Settlement from 9 a.m. to noon.

The next date is Saturday, April 3, face masks/coverings are required.

Bethany Christian Church accepts donations of clean, usable clothes and shoes, non-perishable foods and health and beauty items. They do not have room for household items, toys, etc.

Everyone is welcome. For more information call 817-246-1170.

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From the Tarrant County Veterans Council

Veterans Day Parade Marching On

Battlefront at Home… Saluting our Veterans and First Responders is the theme of this year's Tarrant County Veterans Day Parade to step off on Thursday, Nov. 11, at 11 a.m. Participants will form up in the Fort Worth Panther Island Pavilion parking lot, march down North Forest Park Blvd. along the Clear Fork of the Trinity River and return.

Although months away, The Tarrant County Veterans Council is busy planning for the special event. A new parade website has launched (fw2021vetsdayparade.org) and the parade committee is soliciting support from individuals and organizations across North Texas for this year's celebration.

"Everyone can join in our salute to veterans and first responders who have given so much during the pandemic," notes Parade Chairman Ken Cox. "Simply visit our website where you can learn how to support, volunteer and take part.

"Will you consider joining the festivities?" Cox asks. "If you're not available, please help us spread the word."

Fort Worth's annual Veterans Day parade began as an armistice procession through downtown in 1919 to honor those who had fought in World War I.

In 1945, World War II veteran Raymond Weeks from Birmingham, Ala., sought to expand Armistice Day to salute all veterans. Weeks led a delegation to Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, who supported the idea of a national Veterans Day. Weeks led the first celebration in 1947 and annually until his death in 1985.

From the City of River Oaks

April Is Warrant Fee Amnesty Month

During the month of April, the court will waive the $50 warrant fee for each unpaid traffic citation if the delinquent balance is paid in full. Start your summer with a clean slate, this offer is available from April 1 through April 30.

Municipal court hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call the courts at 817-626-1597.

Warrant Officer Cantu may be reached at 817-626-1991, extension 319.

Three Day Weekend Forecast

Friday, April 2:

AM - Mostly sunny, with a high near 68. South southeast wind 10 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

PM - Partly cloudy, with a low around 50.

Saturday, April 3:

AM - Mostly sunny, with a high near 71.

PM - Partly cloudy, with a low around 56.

Sunday, April 4:

AM - Mostly sunny, with a high near 76.

PM - Mostly clear, with a low around 51.

Extended Forecast Click Here

Douglas "Wrong Way" Corrigan *by Dr. Ken Bridges*

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, Cali. 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. 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.

In 1935, he applied for clearance to fly 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 more 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. 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, 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. Corrigan 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."

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-wishes 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. "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 was planned or whether it really was an accident has been debated for 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.

He took the jokes in stride. He published an autobiography titled "*That's My Story*" and even endorsed a "Wrong-Way" novelty watch that ran backward.

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 flew new planes to bases as part of the Air Transport Command. He stepped away from aviation as a career by 1950.

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

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From the Daughters of the American Revolution

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This event was held at the Shelter House where in 1938 the chapter had donated a U.S. Flag and flagpole to the new garden.

Last August, chapter members cleaned and polished the 1938 dedication plaque on the base of the flagpole to prepare for this ceremony.

Pictured right, top: Chapter Regent **Dawn Needles** presented 50th Anniversary Commemoration lapel pins and certificates to ten Vietnam veterans in appreciation of their service and sacrifices. Vietnam veterans who served on active duty between Nov. 1, 1955 and May 15, 1975, regardless of location, are eligible to receive the 50th Anniversary Commemoration lapel pin and certificate.

Pictured right: Chapter Regent **Dawn Needles** presented the flag to Fort Worth Botanic Garden Director of Horticulture **Keith Brock**.

Pictured below: Boy Scouts from Troop 17 raised the new flag on the historic flag pole.

From Suburban Newspapers Staff Writers

A Look Back - 103 Years Ago

A *Suburban Newspapers* reader submitted this photo of downtown Fort Worth from spring of 1918.

The 36th Infantry Division, also known then as the Panther Division, can be seen marching down Main Street. The 36th Infantry Division is an infantry division of the United States Army and part of the Texas Army National Guard. It was organized during World War I from units of the Texas and Oklahoma National Guard.

Once a White Settlement resident, Hattie Gibson (born in 1897), carefully tucked this photo into a scrapbook to preserve for years to come. Gibson's husband, PVT Hq. Co. 142 DeWitt T. Gibson served in the army during World War I.