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From the City of River Oaks

Early Voting for May 1 General Election Ends Tuesday

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

Early voting by personal appearance will be held Friday, 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 Dangel, 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.

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.

From the Office of the Texas Comptroller

Texas Sales Tax Holiday for Emergency Supplies

As the potential for severe weather approaches, Texans can purchase certain items tax-free during the state's sales tax holiday for emergency preparation supplies. The sales tax holiday runs from Saturday, April 24 through Monday, April 26.

There's no limit on the number of qualifying items that can be purchased including:

- household batteries
- fuel containers
- flashlights priced at less than \$75
- hurricane shutters and emergency ladders priced at less than \$300
- portable generators priced at less than \$3,000.

This weekend's event begins at 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, April 24, and ends at midnight on Monday, April 26. For purchases made online, note that delivery, shipping, handling, and transportation charges are part of the sales price. If the emergency preparation supply being purchased is taxable, the delivery charge is also taxable.

For more information and a list of emergency preparation supplies that may be purchased tax-free, visit the website of the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

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Mrs. and Mrs. Sean Matthews of Benbrook are proud to announce the marriage of their daughter, **Emily Frances** to Dennison Edward Hill.

Dennison is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hill of Aledo.

The couple were married at Holy Family Catholic Church on Saturday, April 10.

The couple, who are high school sweethearts, honeymooned in Orlando, Fla. and will reside in Fort Worth.

The bride is a pre-school teacher at Primrose School of Fort Worth and the groom is an IT Support Technician for Cinque Technologies in Arlington.

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From the City of River Oaks

River Oaks City Council Meeting Tuesday, April 27

The City Council of River Oaks meets on the second and fourth Tuesday night of each month. Agendas for the meetings are available as soon as they are posted on the City's website, 72 hours prior to each meeting. Minutes of each meeting will also be available once they are completed and posted.

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Crud Mobile Coming May 1

The Crud Mobile Event will be held on Saturday, May 1 from 9 to 11 a.m. in the City Hall Parking Lot located at 4900 River Oaks Blvd. This is your chance to dispose of your household hazardous materials. [Click here](#) for what to bring and not to bring.

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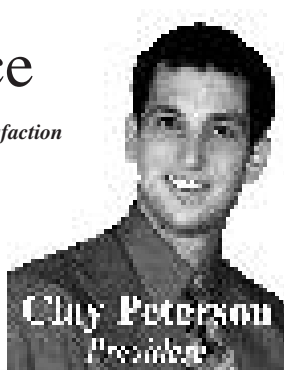
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From Castleberry ISD

CISD Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Registration

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 statement of homeless living status, if applicable.

Out of District Transfers Apply Now

Castleberry ISD is now accepting applications for Out of District students in grades Pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. Applications will be accepted April 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021.

For more information and to apply for an Out of District Transfer, [click here](#).

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From StatePoint Media

Five Tips to Protect Seniors from Financial Scams Right Now

Social isolation among seniors is not only linked to numerous negative health consequences like depression and cardiovascular disease, but it's also a primary contributing factor in financial exploitation and scams. Estimated to affect one in 10 older adults and cost billions annually, the threat of elder financial fraud is pervasive, and especially so right now.

With seniors more isolated than ever due to the pandemic and stimulus checks being sent to millions of Americans nationwide, experts suggest that seniors and their families be extra vigilant.

Scammers look for key time periods where money and private financial information are in motion. Not only is IRS fraud one of the most common and successful types of scams that exists, as a general rule, additional money equates to additional fraud," says Ron Long, head of Aging Client Services at a national banking institution.

"Scammers are banking on the fact that many seniors are apart from families and friends due to COVID-19. When someone is alone, physically or socially, they often miss out on the added benefit of a second pair of eyes and ears."

Compounding the risks associated with isolation is the number of seniors who feel their chances of falling victim to a financial scam is unlikely. According to a recent study conducted by The Harris Poll, 69 percent of all seniors age 60 and above believe they're not likely to be susceptible to a financial scam, despite nearly all seniors (97 percent) acknowledging that older people are very or somewhat susceptible to becoming a victim. When asked about their peers, the poll found that 47 percent of all seniors knew someone who had already fallen victim to a scam.

"The results indicate what most of us want -- the ability to age relatively unaffected from the realities associated with aging," says Dr.

Marti DeLiema, a gerontologist. "The problem is that when someone doesn't feel they're at risk, they're unlikely to take precaution."

To better protect seniors from elder financial fraud and abuse, consider these tips:

1. Don't wait for a crisis. Seniors should speak with trustworthy family members about financial plans, as well as consult them when something doesn't feel right.

2. Stay up-to-date. Seniors and families should draft and periodically update legal documents such as wills, healthcare directives and powers of attorney.

3. Automate. Seniors should consider signing up for direct deposit, automatic bill pay and large transaction alerts.

4. Prioritize security. Seniors should keep checks and credit cards locked away, and update passwords when information is compromised. They should also carefully review credit reports, account statements and bills for unusual activity or charges.

5. Be aware. Families can help seniors stay aware of the latest and most common scams, as well as help them identify potential red flags, including:

- Alleged emergency situations involving family members, often grandchildren, requiring immediate payment.
- Lottery winnings requiring upfront cash payment for taxes and other fees.
- Phone calls from alleged government agencies, such as Social Security, threatening arrest or penalties.

"Aging resiliently requires planning ahead and not shying away from difficult conversations," says Long. "We have to talk with our older loved ones about the risks, the warning signs and prevention -- and we have to keep talking."

From Suburban Newspapers Staff Writers

The WARM Place, a Grief Support Center For Children

How to Refer a Family to The WARM Place:

Children who are referred to The WARM Place may have experienced the death loss of: a parent, a sibling, a grandparent, an aunt, uncle, cousin, a close friend or a classmate.

Steps to follow:

- The legal guardian of the child/children contacts The WARM Place. Call any time after the death loss to schedule an intake/interview appointment.

- Families can call any time during office hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) if they need to talk to someone. The family comes to The WARM Place for an in-take/interview. The intake/interview is during the day and lasts about 1-1/2 to 2 hours. All family members, including children and legal guardian(s), must be present at the intake.

The Objective of the Interview:

The family can share their death loss experience. The tour of the facility alleviates possible fears of coming to The WARM Place. The intake/interview is conducted by a counselor and time is spent with adult(s) and children separately. The family is assigned a group night based on who has died in the child's life.

Support groups for children offered at The WARM Place are:

- Parent loss — includes step-parent
- Sibling loss — biological or step-sibling
- Grandparent loss — cousin, aunt, uncle, friend, or any other significant death loss

Each night the support groups meet, the children are divided by age: children, ages 5 to 8; preteens, ages 9 to 12 and teenagers, ages 13 to 18. The guardian(s) must attend with the children.

General Information:

Groups meet every other week. Families attend The WARM Place for as long as it is necessary to resolve death loss issues.

Additional groups are provided for Young Adults, ages 19 to 25. Groups are available for preschoolers, ages 3- 1/2 to 5.

Groups are led by facilitators who have had extensive training in the grief process and group dynamics.

There is never a fee for families to participate in The WARM Place program, located at 809 Lipscomb St. Call 817-870-2272, email to info@thewarmplace.org, or go to their website: www.thewarmplace.org for more information.

Amber Hagerman and the Amber Alert System *by Dr. Ken Bridges*

What can be worse for any parent than to lose a child? People across Texas and the nation today may hear the warning of a lost or abducted child by radio, television, internet, or text, commonly called an Amber Alert. But an Amber Alert does not refer to a color. It is the painful reminder of a little girl and a horrible tragedy.

Amber Hagerman was nine years old in January 1996. She was described as a delightful and protective young girl. On Jan. 13, she and her younger brother were visiting her grandparents in east Arlington.

It was a Saturday that started with all the excitement and joy that any weekend offers for a young child. The two youngsters decided to ride their bikes in the empty parking lot of a nearby, closed grocery store. It was daylight, and there were other people around. And what nine-year-old could resist the chance to ride a

bike on a free afternoon?

As the two rode, a man in a black pickup truck suddenly appeared, grabbed Amber Hagerman, and drove off. One witness stepped forward and told what she had seen, but the details were sketchy. Police leaped into action and conducted a relentless search. But four days later, her lifeless body found less than five miles from the abduction site.

The heartbroken family, with the support of the community, decided to help others in the midst of their grief. Congressman Martin Frost of Dallas introduced the Amber Hagerman Child Protection Act that summer, which created a national registry of sex offenders and provided new resources for law enforcement. President Bill Clinton signed the act into law that year.

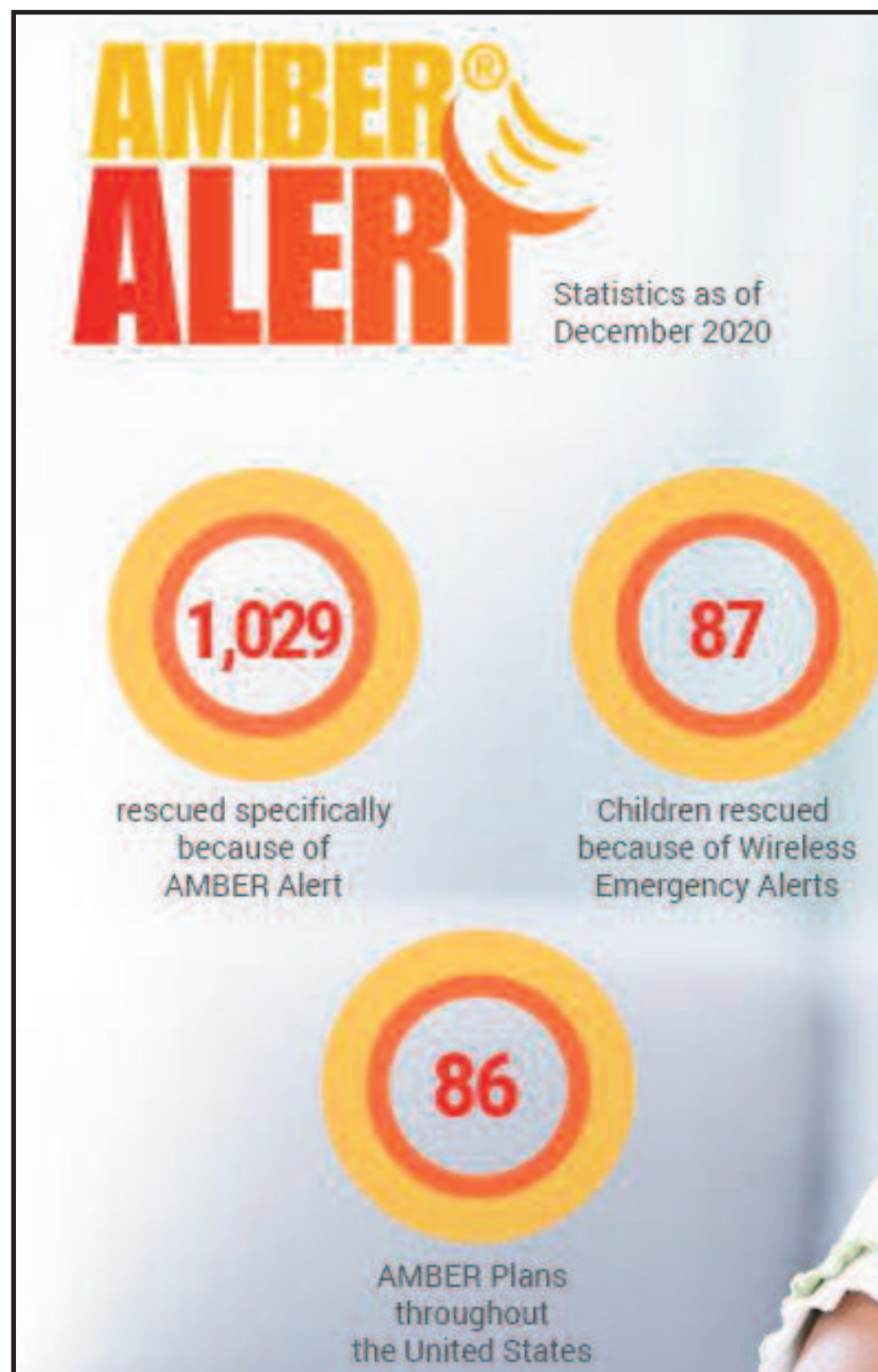
Locally, North Texas radio stations began organizing a new warning system through law enforcement to alert area residents of an abduction or a lost child. In such situations, time is essential. As a result, the Amber Alert system was in place by October 1996, named in memory of young Amber Hagerman.

By the year 2000, Congress passed new legislation encouraging all states and communities to create a similar warning system. By 2005, every state had its own local system in place. Within a few years afterward, similar warning systems were in place in Canada and parts of Europe.

New communications tools and a public willing to assist have proven an effective new tool for protecting children.

Years later, leads trickle in to the Arlington Police Department in the Hagerman case, but it remains unsolved. The maniac responsible was never brought to justice.

Because of the Amber Alert system in place across the nation, many lives have been saved and hundreds of children have been returned to their loving families unharmed. The Amber Alert website, <https://amberalert.ojp.gov>, states of December 2020, 1,029 children have been successfully recovered through the AMBER Alert system. But for one Texas family, it will always be too late, and they will always be haunted by the sight of an empty chair at the table and the memories of what might have been.



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Tarrant Area Food Bank (TAFB) has resumed their Mega Mobile Markets with a market on Friday, April 23 at Herman Clark Stadium from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. TAFB will continue to hold Mega Mobile Markets every Friday at Herman Clark Stadium until further notice.

These events are designed to serve all residents of the Tarrant area community who are in need of food assistance, and anyone whose access to nutritious food has been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Friday, April 23 - 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Herman Clark Stadium, 5201 CA Roberson Blvd., Fort Worth, TX 76119.

The House Fort Worth church is hosting a food drive this month; a ID/drivers license is required to participate:

Saturday, April 24 - 1 to 3 p.m. in the former Toys-R-Us parking lot, 7606 West Fwy., White Settlement, TX 76108.

Three Day Weekend Forecast



Friday, April 23:

AM - Showers & thunderstorms likely after 1pm. Mostly cloudy, high near 74. S/SE 10-15mph, with gusts as high as 25mph. Chance of precipitation 60%.

PM - A 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1am. Partly cloudy, with a low around 55. S/SE wind around 10mph becoming N after midnight.

Winds could gust as high as 20mph.



Saturday, April 24:

AM - Mostly sunny, with a high near 76.

PM - Mostly clear, with a low around 52.



Sunday, April 25:

AM - Sunny, with a high near 81.

PM - Mostly clear, with a low around 60.

[Extended Forecast Click Here](#)

VFW Post 10429 Holds Rummage Sale and Hawaiian Luau; American Legion Post and Auxiliary Unit 297 Present Check to WHHS Cougar Pride Foundation

Ladies from VFW Post 10429 held a rummage sale on Saturday, April 17. Individuals from the community brought their treasures to the facility to raise money for the Post.



VFW Post 10429 recently hosted a Hawaiian luau with a roasted pig and all the side dishes. The event was enjoyed by everyone in attendance. Pictured are: **Thomas Johnson, Gloria Bermejo, Karen Toomer, Stephanie Sights, Paul Sights, Commander, Aracely DeRise, Baby Fiona** and (front) **Alda Ollactillium**.



The American Legion Post and Auxiliary Unit 297 recently presented a check to Western Hills High School (WHHS) Cougar Pride Director **Patty Presley** to help with children needing assistance in our community.

Pictured are: (l-r) Commander Post 297 **Joe Pugliano**, **Presley** and American Legion Auxiliary Unit 297 and WHHS alumni **Kathy Richeson**.

From Suburban Newspapers Staff Writers

Brewer HS Class of 1971 50th Reunion

Brewer High School classmates of 1971 are having their 50th class reunion on Saturday, June 19 at 6 p.m. at the Railhead Smokehouse in Willow Park located at 129 S. Ranch House Rd. There will also be a band starting around 7 p.m.

The deadline to RSVP is June 11. The price for dinner is \$13 plus tax and 20 percent gratuity per person. It includes sliced beef, sliced chicken and sausage. The sides are beans, potato salad, and coleslaw and water, tea and fountain drinks are included in this price. There is a bar where you can purchase drinks with cash or credit card. There will be a person to take your money for your dinner as you enter the banquet.

Interested classmates are requested to respond to the post on the Brewer Bears Class of '71 Facebook page, messenger or messenger call Jerry Wood to RSVP.