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Around the Town with Denise Honeycutt

Pink Moon Festival in River Oaks

The Pink Moon Festival was held recently in River Oaks with vendors, beverages, fellowship, music and food. This event was enjoyed by all in attendance.

Susan Eaves, Barbara Eaves and Brianna Bothwell delight in the music.

Music was provided by Troy Williams and Daniel Katsua.



Megan Dolph poses in the Fairy Garden.



Children enjoyed dancing to the music.



Attendees enjoyed a sense of community.



Elie Gray, Kiley McKim, Johanna Ramos Fana and Samantha Ho brought their treasures to share.



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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.

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From the City of River Oaks

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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General Election Voting Day Saturday

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

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

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



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From the City of White Settlement

Community Blood Drive May 14

The City of White Settlement is once again partnering with Carter BloodCare to hold a community blood drive on Friday, May 14 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the White Settlement Senior Citizens Center, located at 8211 White Settlement Road.

For each pint of blood donated, three lives can be saved. There is a person in need of blood every three seconds, making your donation critically important.

Let's continue to show that our community is here to do our part in helping those around us.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The River Oaks Public Works is accepting applications for open public works positions in both the water and recreation departments. You can view the job descriptions for the open positions by clicking on e-services on top of the city web page or click on the jobs below. For more information please feel free to contact the Public Works Director, Gordon Smith, at 817-626-5421 extension 322. River Oaks is an equal opportunity employer.

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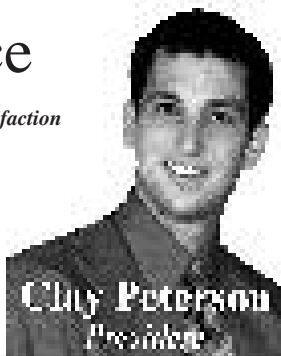
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From Suburban Newspapers Staff Writers

Brewer HS Class of 1971 50th Reunion

Brewer High School classmates of 1971 Interested classmates are requested to are having their 50th class reunion on respond to the post on the Brewer Bears Saturday, June 19 at 6 p.m. at the Railhead Class of '71 Facebook page, messenger or Smokehouse in Willow Park located at 129 call Jerry Wood at 817-903-1448 to RSVP. 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.

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From Suburban Newspapers Staff Writers

Sunny Days, Smiles and Bluebonnets

Barbara McClellan and Asta sent in these pictures of a sunny Benbrook day in a huge field of our state flower!

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From the Benbrook Public Library

Cliburn In The Community Concert

The Benbrook Public Library and the Friends of the Benbrook Library are hosting a free Cliburn in the Community Concert at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 29 at the Benbrook Library, located at 1065 Mercedes St. Benbrook.

Rachel and Alex McDonald will present an outdoor concert on the grounds of the Benbrook Library. Residents and community members are invited to bring lawn chairs or a blanket to enjoy a world class piano concert.

A Friends' book sale will also be held.

Three Day Weekend Forecast



Friday, April 30:

AM - A 20% chance of showers before 1pm. Mostly sunny, with a high near 74. North northeast wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

PM - Partly cloudy, with a low around 55.



Saturday, May 1:

AM - Mostly sunny, with a high near 80.

PM - Mostly clear, with a low around 61.



Sunday, May 2:

AM - Mostly sunny, with a high near 84.

PM - Partly cloudy, with a low around 65. Winds from the South up to 15mph.

Extended Forecast [Click Here](#)



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U.S. Senator for Texas, Sam Houston *by Dr. Ken Bridges*

The year was 1854, and the nation was bitterly divided once again over slavery. Sam Houston, now a U. S. Senator for Texas, was in the middle of the debate, faced with a choice between his political career and the future of the nation.

The vote was on the politically explosive Kansas- Nebraska Act. For years, Congress had walked the delicate tightrope trying to balance the interests between North and South. Increasingly, the slavery question dominated every political argument, and Congress tried to avoid discussing it just as much. But this new legislation reopened the festering wound.

The act, introduced in January 1854, was a cynical political ploy by Sen. Stephen Douglas of Illinois to try to make Chicago the hub of the transcontinental railroad. This meant that all railroads going to the West Coast would be routed through Chicago, meaning a fortune for the city and the state. Other potential hubs included Memphis, Tennessee, and New Orleans, Louisiana, which would include more southerly routes through more populated areas, including Texas.

Douglas initially proposed organizing the entire area from the border of the Indian Territory (present-day Oklahoma) to the border with British Canada into the Nebraska and Kansas Territories. This area was the last unorganized remnant of the Louisiana Purchase, and the 1820 Compromise had forbidden slavery in the

area. Douglas called for the compromise's repeal by allowing slavery into the new territories while territorial voters decided the final status of slavery.

The nation had 16 free states and 15 slaves states in 1854 plus five territories that would come in as free states in the future. Texas was the slave state admitted. With no more pro-slavery territories, southerners were increasingly worried about being outnumbered and surrounded. Immediately, sharp opposition to the bill arose.

Southern politicians rallied around it as their last chance to bring a slave state into the union, except Houston. Houston had been a protégé of President Andrew Jackson and was an ardent Unionist. He had fought for the nation in the War of 1812 as a young man, bled for Texas to free it from Mexico and to bring it into the United States, and served Texas proudly as its U. S. Senator and former president.

Houston demanded the 1820 Compromise be upheld and the act rejected. As Houston characterized the choice, "Our children are either to live in after time in enjoyment of peace . . . or the alternative remains for them of anarchy, discord, and civil broil." Houston voted against the demands of Texas and southern politicians – the only southerner to vote against the legislation – and faced bitter criticisms in letters and newspapers across the region.

Houston's conscience was clear, regardless of the consequences. He told his wife that the criticism "falls off me like water off a duck's back."

While Houston was popular with the people of Texas, this was a time before the Seventeenth Amendment and U. S. Senators were still chosen by the state legislatures. Though Houston's term would not expire until 1858, legislators immediately voted not to return Houston to a third term.

In 1858, Supreme Court Chief Justice John Hemphill was elected by legislators to replace him.

The Kansas-Nebraska Act passed, it was a disaster. It completely destabilized the sense of compromise that existed between North and South. Kansas would erupt into its own civil war with hundreds dead as pro-slavery and anti-slavery forces fought for control of the territory. As it was, 86 members of the House of Representatives in both of the major parties lost their seats because of their support for the Kansas-Nebraska Act. America now headed headlong into the coming civil war.

Houston, however, would not be stopped. In 1859, the people elected him as the state's seventh governor with a landslide 57% of the vote.

The story became another example of Houston's patriotism and legendary integrity. The story was later featured in John F. Kennedy's Pulitzer Prize-winning work Profiles in Courage in 1956. Sometimes integrity is more important than ambition or popularity.

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From the Tarrant Area Food Bank

Tarrant Area Food Bank to hold Meals for Moms Mega Mobile Event Tuesday



The Tarrant Area Food Bank (TAFB), in partnership with the Arlington Police and Fire departments, is holding a Meals for Moms Mega Mobile Market (mass food distribution) at AT&T Stadium on Tuesday, May 4. This market is estimated to serve approximately 2,000 to 4,000 families.

This Meals for Moms collaboration comes on the heels of TAFB's recording-setting Mega Mobile Market at AT&T Stadium on Nov. 20, 2020, which was the largest food distribution of any kind in the North Texas area, distributing 778,090 pounds of Thanksgiving-related food, including turkey, chicken and other related groceries to 9,154 families.

Volunteers from TAFB and several area organizations are slated

to be on hand to assist with the event.

The Meals for Moms Mega Mobile Market is designed to serve anyone who needs food assistance. This includes families who are still facing the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as those who are looking to provide a Mother's Day meal for their family. No identification or documentation is required. All are welcome to receive food at this market.

The Mega Mobile Market is scheduled for Tuesday, May 4, distributing food from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. while supplies last.

The market will be located in Lot 4 at AT&T Stadium, which is directly east of the stadium near the corner of Cowboys Way and AT&T Way.

The pandemic brought to light how easy it is for people to slide into food insecurity. TAFB realizes this need and has worked diligently with the partners listed above to prepare for this market. TAFB is committed to providing families with access to enough nutritious food to provide a Mother's Day meal to celebrate the matriarch of their households. The goal is to spread the word about this event as far as possible to ensure that no family goes hungry in the 13 counties that they serve, particularly moms looking to feed their families.

From StatePoint Media

Is Your Home at Risk for an Electrical Fire?

Springtime is peak home-buying and building season. And it's critical to protect one of the largest investments you'll make in a lifetime — as well as your loved ones.

May is National Electrical Safety Month and it is a good time to brush up on potential electrical hazards and learn more about National Electrical Code requirements.

According to the National Association of Certified Home Inspectors (NACHI), some of the top things to look for in a home are: insufficient electrical service, inadequate overcurrent protection, and dangerous, damaged or noncompliant wiring and wiring connections. To help you ensure the home you're buying or building is protected from future electrical problems, consider these additional tips:

- Hire a certified and licensed home inspector. A professional home inspector can tell you a lot about the safety of a home's electrical system and what may need to be repaired and updated. To ensure you're hiring someone qualified, visit the NACHI website at nachi.org/certified-inspectors.

- Meet National Electrical Code requirements. Make sure your home's electrical system meets National Electrical Code requirements, including AFCI circuit breaker installation, which offers key areas of the home protection from electrical fires. While there's a common misconception that this technology is unaffordable and hard to find, the average cost to protect a new 2,000 square foot,

four-bedroom home is only \$300, and AFCI circuit breakers are available at electrical supply houses, home improvement stores and online.

Rooms where water is present, like kitchens, bathrooms, laundry rooms and outdoor areas, should be equipped with Dual Function AFCI/GFCI circuit breakers. GFCI stands for Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters and work with AFCI technology to help prevent possible shock and electrocution. If the home doesn't have this protection, be prepared to ask the owner or builder to make updates in accordance with your state electrical and building codes, or be ready to hire a licensed electrical professional to install these life- and property-saving devices once you move in. A great resource for more information is www.afcisafety.org.

- Practice safety at home. A few simple steps can be taken around the house that will help protect your home from electrical fires and keep your family safe. Check to see that light bulbs are the correct wattage and tight in the socket. Make sure no furniture is placed on appliance cords or up against plugged-in receptacles. Protect valuable electronics by installing surge-protective devices and prevent circuit breaker tripping by not overloading any circuit.

- Ask the right questions. Ask the seller if they made any updates to the home's electrical system. Be sure to find out if this was a DIY project or if a licensed electrician did the work under a permit.