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From Castleberry ISD

## CHS Lion Band Returns to Competitive Marching



The Castleberry High School Band competed at the UIL 4A Area D Marching Competition on Oct. 30 in Pflugerville. The band qualified for the contest through earning a first division at the UIL Region 30 Marching Contest on Oct. 16.

The band performed their show entitled "A River Returns." The show's music included "Down in the River," "Savannah River Holiday," and "On a Hymnsong of Philip Bliss" all arranged by Evan Vandoren. Percussion arrangements were written by Percussion Director, Mr. Taylor Dwyer. Michael Cabrera created the chore-

ography for the color guard, with Ms. Blanca Guerrero serving as the guard's technician for the season.

The band ranked 12th at the end of prelims, which earned them a performance in the finals. The drum majors recalled their experiences. Melissa Tobias, a junior drum major for the band said, "My favorite moment in the show was the end of the third movement, when everyone turns around and I can see the smiles on their faces. They know they've done a great job, and it gives me the drive to finish strong."

Many band

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From the Sports Desk with John Loven

## Late Rally Gives Lions Victory on Senior Night

The Castleberry Lions and the Diamond Hill Eagles battled On Friday, Oct. 29 at Clark Stadium. Both teams entered the game 0-8 and were seeking their first victory of the season.

Thankfully, for Lion fans, it was Castleberry who would come out victorious. The week before the Lions had scored 55 points in a losing effort against Western Hills as they gave up 68 to the Cougars.

The Lions hung another 50+ points for the second week in a row, racking up 57 points on the Eagles. However, this game the defense limited Diamond Hill to 35 to secure the win.

The Lions close their season this week. The game, originally scheduled for Friday, Nov. 5, has been changed to Thursday, Nov. 4, but game will still be played at W.O. Barnes stadium.

The Lions will be taking on the Carter-Riverside Eagles and kickoff is 7:30 p.m.

With the Lion offense having scored 112 points in the last two games, look for them to continue to roll and score a lot of points.

Come out and show your support on Senior Night. Go Lions!

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From Tarrant County

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Just as 9-1-1 became an easy way to reach emergency medical, police and fire services, 2-1-1 is revolutionizing the way Texans get information about important non-emergency services. (This information can be reached by dialing 817-258-8100.)

Highly-trained information and referral specialists housed at Tarrant County United Way assist callers in an eight-county area. This confidential and nationally-accredited service is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

The information specialists help callers find answers to questions about issues such as: Caregiver Support; Child Care; Financial Assistance; Food; Health Services; Housing; In-Home Services; Legal Assistance and Transportation.

Tarrant County United Way is one of the Area Information Centers that make up the 2-1-1 Texas network now serving all Texas counties. 2-1-1 Texas is a program of United Way in collaboration with the Texas Health and Human Services Commission.

2-1-1 information is also accessible over the Internet at <http://www.tarrantcounty211.org>.

From the City of River Oaks

# Public Meeting - Transit Service

We want to hear from you on how transit has impacted you, as the city weighs its options on whether to continue transit service in River Oaks.

The EDC and Trinity Metro have scheduled a public meeting at 5300 Blackstone Dr. on Monday, Nov. 22 at 6 p.m. in the River Oaks Event Center.

In addition to operating ACCESS in River Oaks, Trinity Metro also provides bus service via Route 91, which operates between the North Side Station and Normandale Street.

If the City decides to continue with Trinity Metro, you will maintain the current level of service. If the City chooses to discontinue, you would no longer have ACCESS or bus operations in River Oaks.

A Flyer will be provided by Trinity Metro at a later date.



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members, audience members, and judges consistently praised the band for their reverent rendition of "It Is Well with My Soul," leaving the melody floating on the field.

Suleima Guerrero, a senior drum major stated, "When we got to the fourth movement, I looked across the field and made eye contact with Melissa, I knew it was really good." The final movement of "Down in the River" brought the uplifting moment to the field and left audience members humming the tune. At 11:30 pm, the band's final placement was announced as 9th place, and the season closed on a high note.

Considering the CHS Lion Band did not perform often or compete last year, due to the pandemic, this was a tremendous result for the 160 member program. Senior drum major Camille Martinez said, "Performing this year brought us all closer, and we celebrated when we made finals. We've grown as a family and have a bond that will never break."

Josh Perry, Director of Bands, shared his elation with the band's season and performance level. "These students have

worked so hard this season, and we are all incredibly proud of their results. For the staff, I think what has impressed us the most about these kids has been their ability to adapt, and how well they have been able to work together after so much time apart. There is no way we could accomplish all of this without the help and support of our parents, community, and staff. Thank you to our district leadership for supporting us and our Board of Education and community for constant encouragement. We look forward to the 2022 marching season!"



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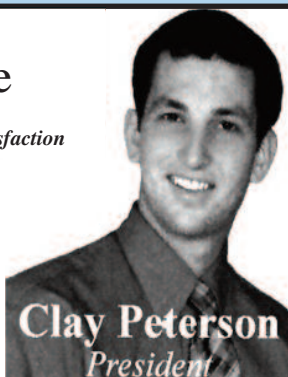
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From the Lockheed Martin Association of Retirees

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Meetings are held in the IAM union auditorium located at 7711 Clifford Street in White Settlement.

For more information, visit lmarfw.com or contact Scott Sadler at jscottsadler@aol.com.

From North Central Texas Council of Governments

# Regional Transportation Council Meeting Nov. 11

The next business meeting of the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) will convene at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 11 and will be conducted as a videoconference meeting. View a livestream of the RTC meeting at [www.nctcog.org/video](http://www.nctcog.org/video) under the "live" tab.

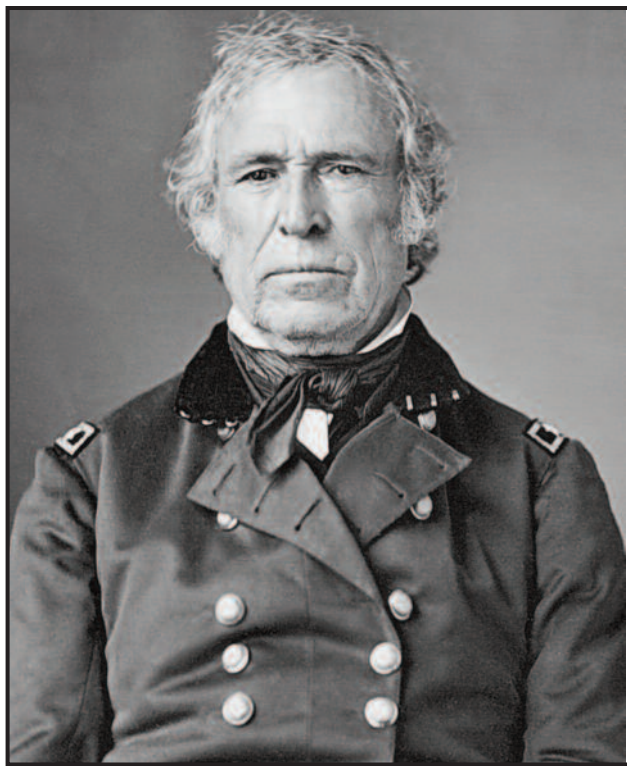
The meeting agenda and supporting items can also be accessed through the Internet at NCTCOG's Transportation Department RTC home page. The address is [www.nctcog.org/rtc](http://www.nctcog.org/rtc).

The Regional Transportation Council of the North Central Texas Council of Governments has served as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for regional transportation planning in the Dallas-Fort Worth area since 1974. The MPO works in cooperation with the region's transportation providers to address the complex transportation needs of the rapidly growing metropolitan area. The Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area includes Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Hood, Hunt, Johnson, Kaufman, Parker, Rockwall, Tarrant and Wise counties. The RTC's 44 members include local elected or appointed officials from the metropolitan area and representatives from each of the area's transportation providers. More information can be found at [www.nctcog.org](http://www.nctcog.org).

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# War Hero, President Zachary Taylor *by Dr. Ken Bridges*



War hero and president are how **Zachary Taylor** is usually remembered, if at all. Though obscure today, he was at one time one of the most famous figures in the country.

A Texas resident for a time, “Old Rough and Ready,” as his troops affectionately called him, stirred the nation’s imagination.

Taylor was born into a wealthy plantation family in central Virginia in 1784.

As a youth, his family left Virginia for Kentucky. The area was still largely a wild frontier region, and Taylor received little formal education. However, he was known for being a quick thinker and for a sense of curiosity about the world.

In 1808, he enlisted in the army as a lieutenant. Along the way, he started buying property in Kentucky and Mississippi, making a tidy profit in the process. After compiling an honorable record in the War of 1812, he was assigned to command a garrison in western Louisiana in 1821. After a transfer to Baton Rouge in 1824, he bought a plantation in Louisiana, expanding his real estate holdings. Along the way, he developed a reputation for problem solving and for bravery in the field and also wearing rumpled civilian clothes in combat.

President John Tyler assigned him to command the garrison at Fort Smith, Arkansas in May 1841. He stayed in Arkansas for several years, quietly maintaining the peace between settlers and the tribes across the state line in the Indian Territory.

By 1844, with Texas annexation looming, Taylor was again sent to Louisiana to prepare for the admission of Texas. Mexico had sworn retaliation against the United States if Texas were annexed. However, with Mexico weakened by internal upheavals and a near-constant stream of political crises, there was little that Mexico could do. Once Texas was firmly a part of the Union by 1845, Taylor entered Texas to enforce the American claim.

Mexico claimed Texas only had a boundary at the Nueces River instead of the Rio Grande. While stationed at Corpus Christi, Taylor was ordered by the newly inaugurated President James K. Polk to the Rio Grande to enforce America’s border claim.

In May 1846, fighting broke out between U. S. and Mexican troops north of the Rio Grande, prompting the United States to declare war on Mexico. With war now a reality, Taylor charged into Mexico, sweeping aside larger Mexican forces to a series of resounding American victories. By the fall of 1847, an

American victory was secure with troops occupying Mexico City, and Taylor returned to the United States.

Across the nation, voters were now talking of nominating Taylor for the presidency. Ironically, Taylor had been very quiet about his political leanings, believing that as an army officer, he should avoid any appearance of conflict with the elected civilian government. Before 1848, he had never even voted in an election. The Whig Party looked to take advantage of his celebrity status and nominated him as their candidate.

Texas voted against the one-time resident, preferring

Democratic Sen. Lewis Cass of Michigan by a margin of 70 percent to 30 percent. Nevertheless, Taylor won the election nationally, relying on support from the eastern states.

Taylor’s presidency, however, would be short and tumultuous. His administration was consumed with the political fallout from the Mexican War and rising tensions between North and South over slavery. Territory from California to Texas had been won from Mexico, and slaveholders wanted to expand slavery into these new areas while abolitionists firmly objected.

Texas insisted on claiming New Mexico east of the Rio Grande as part of the state in spite of objections from New Mexicans. Taylor, though a slaveholder and a southerner, surprised everyone by opposing the Texas claim and opposing the spread of slavery. Taylor would not live to see the resolution of the crisis that was tearing America apart.

He died suddenly on July 9, 1850.



From the River Oaks Police Department

# River Oaks Police Department Crime Report

## Monday, Nov. 1

Officers from the River Oaks Police Department conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the parking lot of a business located in the 2600 block of River Oaks Blvd after learning that the vehicle had been reported stolen out of Fort Worth. The driver of the vehicle was subsequently placed under arrest for Unlawful Use of a Motor Vehicle. This subject was transported to the River Oaks Police Department and booked without incident. The vehicle was returned to its rightful owner.

Officers were dispatched to a residence in the 1800 block of Melba in reference to a possible stolen truck at this location. Upon arrival, officers spoke with the homeowner who advised that a friend had driven the truck to his house the previous day and that he suspected the truck was stolen. Officers spoke with the homeowner's friend who was also on scene. This subject gave several excuses as to how he came into possession of the vehicle. A check of the truck revealed that it had been reported stolen out of White Settlement. This subject was placed under arrest for Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle as well as a Theft Warrant from Tarrant County. This subject was transported to the River Oaks Police Department and booked without incident.

Officers were dispatched to a residence in the 1100 block of Harvard Street in reference to a burglary. Upon arrival, officers spoke with the victim who advised that they were in the process of moving out of the residence and that it is currently vacant. The victim advised that sometime in the recent past someone made entry into the residence and took several household items to include a mirror, light bulbs, and some antique glass dinnerware. Officers checked the immediate area and located all the missing items but the antique glass dinnerware in a neighbor's yard. These items were returned to the victim. Officers completed a burglary report and detectives will be working to identify the actor in this incident.

## Wednesday, Nov. 3

Officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the 5400 block of River Oaks Blvd. The vehicle failed to stop and continued driving westbound before finally coming to a stop in the 200 block of Koldin Lane in Westworth Village. Officers contacted the driver and noted a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his breath. This subject was given a standardized field sobriety evaluation and showed distinct signs of intoxication. This subject was placed under arrest for Driving While Intoxicated and transported to a local hospital where a blood sample was obtained for evidentiary purposes. This subject was then transported to the River Oaks Police Department and booked for DWI without incident.

## Saturday, Nov. 6

Officers were on an unrelated call in the 2600 block of Jacksboro Highway and observed a vehicle drive over the median as it travelled westbound in the 4300 block of River Oaks Blvd. Officers noted that the vehicle flattened its tire as it drove over the median. Officers conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle in the 4400 block of River

Oaks Blvd. Officers contacted the driver had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his breath. This driver was given a standardized field sobriety evaluation and showed distinct signs of intoxication. This subject was placed under arrest for Driving While Intoxicated with a previous DWI conviction. This subject was transported to a local hospital where a blood sample was obtained for evidentiary purposes. This subject was then transported to the River Oaks Police Department and booked without incident.

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*From Tarrant County Justice of the Peace*

## Emergency Mental Health Commitments

Any adult may file an application with a magistrate, including a justice court judge, for an emergency mental health commitment.

The application must state:

- That the applicant has reason to believe and does believe that the person evidences mental illness;
- That the applicant has reason to believe and does believe that the person evidences a substantial risk of serious harm to himself or others;
- A specific description of the risk of harm;
- That the applicant has reason to believe and does believe that the risk of harm is imminent unless the person is immediately restrained;
- That the applicant's beliefs are derived from specific recent behavior, overt acts, attempts, or threats;
- A detailed description of the specific behavior, acts, attempts or threats; and
- A detailed description of the applicant's relationship to the person whose detention is sought

The application may be accompanied by any relevant information and must be personally presented to the magistrate. The magistrate may issue to a peace officer a warrant for the person's immediate apprehension if the magistrate finds reasonable cause to believe that:

- The person evidences mental illness;
- The person evidences a substantial risk of serious harm to himself or others;
- The risk of harm is imminent unless the person is immediately restrained; and
- The necessary restraint cannot be accomplished without emergency detention

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For more information, contact MHMR at 817-569-4300 or click here to [visit the MHMR website](#).

From the Tarrant Area Food Bank

# Tarrant Area Food Bank Kicks Off Happy Healthy Holidays Season of Mega Mobile Markets

Tarrant Area Food Bank (TAFB) recently announced the kick-off of its holiday season with Mega Mobile Market events scheduled through December.

Two large scale distributions of Thanksgiving meals will be provided for families at a location within the 76104 zip-code and at AT&T Stadium.

“The Tarrant Area Food Bank has formed critical partnerships with organizations who have a vested interest in the Fort Worth, Arlington and surrounding communities, to ensure no family goes hungry this Thanksgiving” said Julie Butner, President and CEO, Tarrant Area Food Bank.

As the pandemic continues into the holiday season, many families are unsure of where their next meal will come from. Food insecurity is still an issue that many in the Tarrant Area are facing this holiday season. TAFB realizes this need and with the partners listed above, have strategically

From the Tarrant County Veterans Council

## Veterans Day Parade

Tarrant County Veterans Day Parade will be held on Thursday, Nov. 11. This will be the 102nd anniversary of Armistice Day/Veterans Day celebrations in Cowtown. The parade route includes North Forest Park Blvd. along the Clear Fork section of the Trinity Trails system to Rotary Plaza, then back to Panther Island.

Spectators can picnic along the Trinity while viewing the parade on the west side of downtown Fort Worth. Plenty of spectator parking is available at the Fort Worth city lot (old Pier One headquarters) at 5th Street and Forrest Park Blvd. There's additional free parking on the west side of the river (crossover walkway at Rotary Park) and off road along Forrest Park Blvd.

More information about this year's Veterans Day salute, Bells of Peace, and the parade poster can be found on the [parade website](#).

prepared these distributions to ensure families are able to provide a healthy Thanksgiving meal for their loved ones. Families can expect to receive a variety of Thanksgiving related nutritious food, including turkey or chicken.

Thanksgiving Mobile events include:

- **Wednesday, Nov. 17** - (MILITARY ONLY), Thanksgiving Distribution at the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve in Fort Worth coordinated through the Fleet and Family Support Center, beginning at 11 a.m.

- **Thursday, Nov. 18** - Second Annual Mega Mobile Market event at AT&T Stadium, presented by the Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic from 8:00 a.m. to Noon, with protein donated by Albertsons/Tom Thumb

- **Saturday, Nov. 20** - Bishop Elect Michael E. and Elect Lady Jana K. Williams present the Turkey Giveaway Thanksgiving Distribution to be held at 1911 Yuma in Fort Worth beginning at 8 a.m.

Mega Mobile Markets are designed to serve all residents in Tarrant Area Food Bank's service area who need food assistance. No identification or documentation is required. All are welcome to receive food at these Happy Healthy Holiday markets.

The Holiday mobile food distribution events continue into December:

- **Thursday, Dec. 2** - a Holiday Mega Mobile Market will be hosted at Dickies Arena Yellow Parking Lot in Fort Worth from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. presented by H.E.B.

- **Saturday, Dec. 4** - from 9 a.m. to noon a Holiday Mobile event will be held for local residents in Weatherford and surrounding cities at 112 Winners Circle, the new Tarrant Area Food Bank West Distribution Center in Parker County.

- **Tuesday, Dec. 14** - Six Flags Over Texas will host the final Mega Mobile Market holiday event of the season by

serving the Arlington and surrounding communities from 9 a.m. to noon.

More details will be communicated closer to the scheduled mega mobile distribution dates. Tarrant Area Food Bank is committed to ensuring families in need throughout their 13-county service area have access to nutritious food this Holiday season. TAFB need volunteers to assist at these Mega Mobile distributions, sign up to volunteer at [tafb.galaxydigital.com](http://tafb.galaxydigital.com).

From Suburban Newspapers Staff Writers

## Did You Know...?

### Veterans Day

- Veterans Day originated as “Armistice Day” on Nov. 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of World War I.

- Congress passed a resolution in 1926 for an annual observance, and Nov. 11 became a national holiday beginning in 1938.

- Unlike Memorial Day, Veterans Day pays tribute to all American veterans, living or dead, and gives thanks to living veterans who served their country honorably during war or peacetime.

- In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower officially changed the name of the holiday from Armistice Day to Veterans Day.

- Every Veterans Day and Memorial Day, Arlington National Cemetery holds an annual memorial service. The cemetery is home to the graves of over 400,000 people, most of whom served in the military.

- 19 million living veterans served during at least one war as of April 2021.

- 11 percent of veterans are women.

- 5.9 million veterans served during the Vietnam War.

- Of the 16 million Americans who served during World War II, about 240,000 were still alive as of 2021.

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## Three Day Weekend Forecast



### Friday, Nov. 12:

**AM** - Sunny; high near 67. Southwest wind 5-15mph. Winds could gust as high as 20mph.  
**PM** - Clear; low around 39. North northwest wind 5-10mph.



### Saturday, Nov. 13:

**AM** - Sunny; high near 66. Northwest wind 5-10mph becoming south in the afternoon.  
**PM** - Mostly clear; low around 46. South southwest wind around 10mph, gusts as high as 20mph.



### Sunday, Nov. 14:

**AM** - Sunny; high near 71. South southwest wind around 10mph, gusts as high as 20mph.  
**PM** - Mostly clear; low around 44.

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