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From the Texas Department of Transportation

TxDOT Urges Drivers to be Alert As Children Return to School

As millions of Texas children head back to school, the Texas Department of Transportation is reminding drivers to stay focused and drive safe in and around school zones and bus stops. This includes adhering to a new Texas law that requires drivers to stop and yield to pedestrians in crosswalks.

Everyone has a responsibility to keep children safe on their way to and from school. TxDOT offers these safety tips for drivers, parents and students:

Tips for Driving in School Zones

- Be aware that traffic patterns around schools may have changed since the last school year.
- Stay alert and put your phone away. Using a handheld electronic device while driving in an active school zone is against the law.
- Always obey school zone speed limit signs. Remember, traffic fines increase in school zones.
- Drop off and pick up your children in your school's designated areas, not the middle of the street.
- Keep an eye on children gathered at bus stops.
- Watch for children who might dart

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From the City of Benbrook

Benbrook Heritage Fest Returns Sept. 28

Benbrook Heritage Fest 2024 will be packed full of exciting Western entertainment, musical performances, food, vendors, hayrides, and a chuckwagon dinner and street dance.

Gates will open to allow guests to enter at 10 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 28, at Dutch Branch Park.

General admission is free! Additional free activities include axe throwing, archery, canvas painting activity, face painting, hayrides, mechanical bull riding, pony rides, petting zoo, sand art activity, train rides, and more. Strollers and wagons will be permitted at Heritage Fest.

Outside food or drinks are discouraged on the festival grounds. Alcohol is not allowed and coolers need to stay in a vehicle along with glass bottles/containers/weapons.

Chuckwagon dinner tickets are on sale now. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for kids 12 and under. There are a limited number of tickets available. Call 817-249-6091 to purchase your tickets.

Entry forms for the dog costume competition, corn on the cob eating competition, and stick horse race can be found on the [Heritage Fest webpage](#).

Well-behaved, leashed pets will be allowed on premises, following the city pet ownership ordinance. Attendees are required to pick up after pets.

In the event of a personal emergency, there will be a first-aid station located behind the main stage near the bathrooms. For medical emergencies, proceed to the nearest first-aid station or call for help immediately, EMTs will be onsite. In all other emergencies, please find a police officer or staff member in a neon vest for assistance.



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Student Athlete Spotlight: Cougar Senior Brycen Foster



Brycen Foster helped lead the Western Hills football team to a playoff berth last year, and this year, he will have an even bigger role to play.

The incoming senior was a stalwart at linebacker for the Cougars, and coach Blake Moilan said he could not have asked for much more from him.

“Brycen was a leader on the team,” Moilan said. “He had a great season as a linebacker and will continue to be one of our big leaders. He finished the season as an all district linebacker.”

Foster will still be a big part of what the Cougars do defensively in 2024, but Moilan said he will be doing more on the other side of the ball as well.

“Brycen will also be asked to play more offense this season,” Moilan said. “He will need to have 10-20 plays a game as a receiver and adds a big physical body on our offense. Defensively, Brycen will shut down a side of the field as an outside linebacker. Most importantly, he is a leader by words

and example.”

Foster, 17, said he was happy with what his team was able to accomplish last season.

“At Western Hills, making it to the playoffs is the expectation, with many doubting if we would even make it due to graduation losses,” Foster said. “I’m proud that we were able to prove them wrong.”

Foster said his major goal heading into the last season was to be an all-district selection at whatever position he was playing, and said this year, he mainly wants to focus on doing his job effectively.

“My objective for next year is to be a leader my team needs,” Foster said.

The Cougars linebacker said his happiest memory from this season was “shutting down Castleberry for the fourth year in a row in their own house,” and said his playing career has had a few obstacles along the way.

“My biggest challenge as a football player was learning to play multiple new positions this season to fill in spots for the team,” Foster said.

Moilan said he had two major objectives for Foster coming into this season, and said he was able to accomplish both of them.

“Brycen had a great off-season and is bigger and faster than he was last year,” Moilan said. “We expect him to have a great season.”

Foster's Favorites

Favorite Athlete: Troy Polamalu
Favorite Sports Team: Florida State

Favorite Food: tacos

Favorite Movie: *Tombstone*

Favorite TV Show: *Last Chance U*

Last Book Read:

“*Empire of the Summer Moon*”

Favorite Musical Group or Performer:

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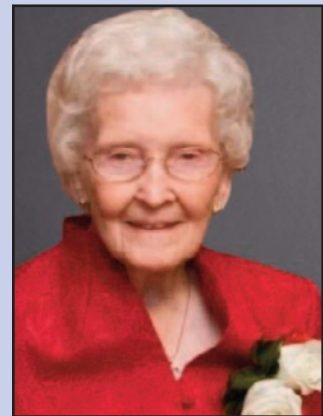
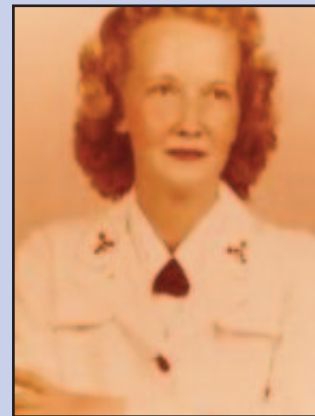
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Obituary



Myrtle Ovelle Tipton 'Tippy' Foster

Tippy Foster, 103, passed from this life on July 26, 2024.

A reception with family will be held Thursday, Aug. 1 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Greenwood Funeral Home, with a private interment at Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery.

Tippy was born in Kaufman, TX, to John Delmer and Ila Zangara Bobbitt Tipton on Dec. 23, 1920, and was the eighth of 10 children. She spent her childhood living in various towns in East Texas and Arkansas, as her father was a farm worker and a minister for the Church of Christ.

As the youngest girl surrounded by brothers, she learned early to be a strong, confident woman. This little farm girl took the courageous step of enlisting in the Navy, and spent her years there as an Aviation Machinist's Mate. While stationed at Alameda Air Station, she met her sweetheart, Navy Seaman P.A. Foster. Their first date was a double date; the only problem was that she was the date of the other man! After that initial meeting, Foster and Tip only had eyes for each other. Eventually, they settled in Fort Worth with P.A. working for what became General Dynamics, and Tip focused on raising their family.

While being a wife and mother was her top priority, she also owned a fabric store on River Oaks Blvd and did beautiful seamstress work for many women. She became a loving caregiver to several teachers' children in the Castleberry School District, and later, she joined the Executive Staff at CHS District Offices.

In her sixties, she began teaching at River Oaks Private School, and continued in that position well into her seventies. Retirement was spent traveling and getting involved with Roll Call of Fort Worth, an organization supporting WWII veterans. As active veterans, they went on the Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. and laid the wreath at the WWII memorial, a rarity as a veteran couple. In 2019, Tippy was invited to join a group of veterans and travel to the WWII Museum in New Orleans where she was honored by the Gary Sinise Foundation. In 2020, Governor Greg Abbott awarded her The Yellow Rose of Texas award (one of twelve Texas women that year) for her service in WWII and her support of veterans.

P.A. and Tippy were charter members at West Side Church of Christ, and remained members for over sixty years. She taught children's Bible classes, and led classes for the ladies as well. She was always one of the first to show up to someone's home with a casserole when illness, death, or simply tough life situations affected them. Her home was always open to anyone that needed a warm meal or a place to sleep. The virtuous woman of Proverbs 31 is a perfect description of Tippy, "Her children rise up, and call her blessed; Her husband also, and he praiseth her, saying, many daughters have done worthily, but thou excellest them all."

Tippy was preceded in death by her parents; six brothers; three sisters; son, Michael; and grandchildren, Patrick and Claire.

She is survived by daughters, Jean (Roger) Paulsel and Susan (Marshall) Grayson; grandchildren, Clay (Garett) Anderson, Amy (Michael) Murrell, Kate (Jason) Landon, Kahley (Kelvin) Leu, Skye (Kristi) Grayson, Kevin (Tyana) Grayson, Jonathan (Kristen) Foster, Laura Foster, Brian Foster; 15 great-grandchildren (Travis, Addi, Faith, Holden, Cole, Levi, Lucas, Jordan, Taylor, Micah, Sadie, Michael, Carter, Peyton, and Sawyer) and two great-great granddaughters, Emily and Lucy.

The family requests no flowers, as Tippy would rather you plant seeds and let them grow. If you wish to donate in her name, please consider Sacred Selections, a Christian adoption agency.

FORT WORTH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

2024-2025 TRADITIONAL CALENDAR

JULY 2024						
SU	M	TU	W	TH	F	SA
	1	2	3	4 July 4th	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	NEW HIRE TEACHERS BEGIN 7/31/2024		
0 Student Days 1 New Hire Teacher Day						

AUGUST 2024						
SU	M	TU	W	TH	F	SA
				1	2	3
				NEW HIRE TEACHERS		
4	5 CAMPUS PROF LRN	6 CAMPUS PROF LRN	7 TCHR PREP	8 DISTRICT PROF LRN	9 TCHR PLAN	10
11	12 TCHR PREP	13 START FIRST DAY	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 TCHR PLAN	31
13 Student Days 20 Teacher Days 22 New Hire Teacher Days						

SEPTEMBER 2024						
SU	M	TU	W	TH	F	SA
1	2 Labor Day	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 END 1 ST SIX WEEKS	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 Report Cards	28
29	30	Hispanic Heritage Month September 15 - October 15				
20 Student Days 20 Teacher Days						

OCTOBER 2024						
SU	M	TU	W	TH	F	SA
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 TCHR PLAN Indigenous People Day	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		
22 Student Days 23 Teacher Days						

NOVEMBER 2024						
SU	M	TU	W	TH	F	SA
Native American Heritage Month					1 END 2 ND SIX WEEKS	2
3	4	5 DISTRICT PROF LRN Election Day	6	7	8 Report Cards	9
10	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Thanksgiving	29	30
THANKSGIVING BREAK						
15 Student Days 16 Teacher Days						

DECEMBER 2024						
SU	M	TU	W	TH	F	SA
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
STAAR Testing English I and II • Algebra I • Biology • U.S. History						
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 END SEMESTER	20 TCHR PREP	21
22	23	24	25 Christmas	26	27	28
WINTER BREAK						
29	30	31				
14 Student Days 15 Teacher Days						

JANUARY 2025						
SU	M	TU	W	TH	F	SA
			1 New Years	2	3	4
WINTER BREAK						
5	6 TCHR PLAN	7 START SEMESTER	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Report Cards	16	17	18
19	20 MLK	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	
18 Student Days 19 Teacher Days						

FEBRUARY 2025						
SU	M	TU	W	TH	F	SA
African American History Month						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 END 4 TH SIX WEEKS	15
16	17 TCHR PLAN TELPAS START Presidents Day	18	19	20	21 Report Cards	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	March 1
19 Student Days 20 Teacher Days						

MARCH 2025						
SU	M	TU	W	TH	F	SA
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Spring Break TCC	17 STAAR AII START	18	19	20	21	22
SPRING BREAK						
23	24 DISTRICT PROF LRN Chavez Huerta Day	25	26	27	28 TELPAS END	29
30	31	Women's History Month				
15 Student Days 16 Teacher Days						

APRIL 2025						
SU	M	TU	W	TH	F	SA
		1	2	3	4 END 5 TH SIX WEEKS	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 Report Cards	12
STAAR Testing - English I and II Grades 3-8 Reading Language Arts						
13	14	15	16	17	18 STAAR AII END Good Friday	19
STAAR Testing - Biology and U.S. History Grades 5 and 8 Science & Grade 8 Social Studies						
20 Easter	21	22	23	24	25	26
STAAR Testing - Algebra I Grades 3-8 Mathematics						
27	28	29	30	Arab American Heritage Month		
21 Student Days 21 Teacher Days						

MAY 2025						
SU	M	TU	W	TH	F	SA
Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month				1	2	3
Jewish American Heritage Month						
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 END LAST DAY	23 TCHR PREP	24
25	26 Memorial Day	27	28	29	30	31
16 Student Days 17 Teacher Days						

JUNE 2025						
SU	M	TU	W	TH	F	SA
1	2	3	4 Report Cards	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 Juneteenth	20	21
STAAR Testing - English I and II Algebra I • Biology • U.S. History						
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					
20 Work Days						

TxDOT: Drivers Stay Alert (continued from page 1)

across the street or between vehicles.

Tips for Drivers Sharing the Road with School Buses

- Follow at a safe distance, keeping in mind that school buses make frequent stops.
- Always remain alert for children around buses and remember that they may not always look for vehicles before crossing the street.
- Stop for flashing red lights or a stop sign on a school bus, regardless of which direction you're headed. Continue your trip once the bus has moved, the flashing lights stop flashing or the bus driver signals it's okay to pass.
- Violations can lead to a fine of up to \$1,250 for a first offense.

Tips for Children Walking or Biking to School

- Always use sidewalks. If there's not a sidewalk, walk on the left side of the street facing traffic.
- Cross the street at intersections or marked crosswalks. Look left, right and left

again before proceeding.

- Always obey crossing guards.
- Make eye contact with drivers before crossing the street. Never assume a driver sees you.
- Look for traffic when stepping off a bus or from behind parked vehicles.
- Always wear a helmet when riding a bicycle.
- Don't be distracted by electronic devices that take your eyes and ears off the road.
- Follow all traffic rules, signs and signals.

"Be Safe. Drive Smart." is a key component of #EndTheStreakTX, a broader social media and word-of-mouth effort that encourages drivers to make safer choices while behind the wheel to help end the streak of daily deaths. Nov. 7, 2000, was the last deathless day on Texas roadways.

To submit an obituary, email suburbannews@sbcglobal.net

From the Project Linus Blanketeers

First Monday Quilt Club - Project Linus Volunteers Needed

The First Monday Quilt Club meets on the first Monday of each month at Bethany Christian Church, located at 1500 Meadow Park Drive in White Settlement from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Ladies are asked to bring brunch or snack items. Their next meeting is on Monday, Aug. 5.

Project Linus is a non-profit service organization. The members of this group are Tarrant County Chapter Project Linus volunteers who create handmade quilts and blankets that provide comfort for local children who have suffered trauma, tragedy, or illness. Volunteers also make coverlets for veterans, nursing home residents, and the homeless. They desperately need volunteers with portable sewing machines to help assemble the quilts. No experience is needed.

Anyone can help if you can follow instructions, sew, tie a knot, crochet a blanket, or tell a good joke. Volunteers have lots of fun and develop fantastic friendships. High school students can receive community service credits for participating. Materials (fabric, batting, thread, and yarn) are provided. Donations of fabric, yarn, thread, sewing machines, sergers, or money to purchase materials are greatly appreciated.

For more information about the mission, visit www.projectlinus.org.

For more information about the First Monday Quilt Club, call Virginia Biela at 817-244-1263.

From Suburban Newspapers Staff Writers

Benbrook City Council Meeting Tonight

The Benbrook City Council meets the first and third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. (with a pre-meeting work session at 7 p.m.) in the City Hall Council Chambers, located at 911 Winscott Road in Benbrook, 76126.

The Aug. 1 agenda is available to view [here](#).



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Texas History Minute, by Dr. Ken Bridges

19th Governor of Texas, Lawrence Sullivan “Sul” Ross



John Adams, the nation's second president, once wrote, "I must study war and diplomacy so that my children may study math and science and that their children may study art and philosophy." Thus is the story of **Lawrence Sullivan “Sul” Ross**, a man who beat the proverbial sword into a plowshare, leaving a lasting legacy on Texas government and education. Ross was a soldier, governor, and educator.

“Sul” Ross was born in the Iowa Territory in 1838. His family moved to Texas in 1839. His father, Shapley P. Ross, was an early settler of both Milam and McLennan counties and a Texas Ranger.

As a child, his father was often in battle against frontier Native American tribes. These experiences, coupled with the kidnapping of an uncle by one tribe, led Ross to develop a great deal of animosity against the tribes. When he came of age, he served with the army in raids on the Comanches, even briefly leaving college to fight. He graduated from Wesleyan College in Alabama in 1859 and joined the Texas Rangers in 1860, engaging in numerous battles against the tribes in the Young County area and northwest toward the Pease River.

He entered the Confederate army when the Civil War began. He became a colonel with the 6th Texas Cavalry and participated in the bloody Confederate losses at Pea

Ridge, Arkansas, and Corinth, Mississippi. In 1864, he was promoted to general, and at age 26, was one of the youngest in the Confederacy.

He returned to Texas in 1865 and rebounded from the war. He expanded his property holdings and was elected sheriff of McLennan County in 1873. As Reconstruction came to an end, he was elected as a delegate to the state constitutional convention that drafted the 1876 constitution the state still uses.

In 1880, he was drafted to run for state senate. The county Democratic convention could not agree between two candidates and chose Ross as a compromise. Ross reluctantly accepted and won in a landslide.

As early as 1884, newspapers began calling for Ross to run for governor. In 1886, he threw his hat into the ring and won the election with a resounding 73 percent of the vote. In 1888, he presided over the dedication of the new State Capitol building, rebuilt after its destruction in an 1881 fire. He pushed the legislature to fund a new state orphanage and a Confederate veterans nursing home. He ran a comfortable budget surplus for Texas.

Republicans did not nominate a candidate in 1888, and Ross was re-elected easily, defeating the Prohibition Party candidate.

As his term was winding down, he was chosen to be the third president of what is now Texas A&M University. The college had struggled since its founding in 1876. He raised student fees in order to construct a new cafeteria and a new dorm (named Ross Hall). He expanded the curriculum and began allowing women to attend the college (though only the daughters of professors). Enrollment rose dramatically and the school's money problems soon vanished. The university band was formed and the first football teams were organized. Students also began publishing their own newspaper and yearbook under Ross.

In 1894, he was offered a seat on the Railroad Commission, but he declined in order to continue serving as president of the college. Ross was a popular figure on cam-

pus, and students developed a great deal of loyalty toward him. However, he died suddenly at the age of 59 in 1898. University students accompanied Ross's body to Waco where the funeral was held.

In 1917, the state established Sul Ross State Normal College in Alpine in his memory. Nearly three thousand students attend what is now Sul Ross State University. Ross's influence continued to be felt at Texas A&M. A street on campus was later named in his honor.

A statue of Ross was placed on the Texas A&M campus in 1918. Students to this day often place pennies at the feet of the statue for good luck on their exams.



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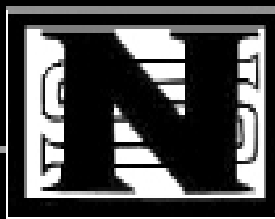
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Friday, Aug. 2

AM - Sunny and hot, with a high near 105. Heat index values as high as 111.
 Southwest wind around 5 mph.

PM - Mostly clear, with a low around 80. South/southeast wind around 5 mph becoming southwest after midnight.



Saturday, Aug. 3:

AM - A 20% chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1pm. Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 104. West southwest wind around 5 mph becoming east northeast in the afternoon.

PM - A 20% chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1am. Mostly clear, with a low around 78. South southeast wind around 5 mph becoming calm after midnight.



Sunday, Aug. 4:

AM - Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 102. Calm wind becoming east southeast around 5 mph in the afternoon.

PM - Mostly clear, with a low around 77. East southeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south after midnight.

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