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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 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.

A Note from the Editor

A New School Year Begins - Filled with Excitement and Opportunities

The first day of the Castleberry 2024-2025 school year is Wednesday, Aug. 7!

The first day of a new school year is brimming with excitement and possibilities. Fresh notebooks and sharpened pencils hint at new adventures and challenges. The buzz of anticipation fills the air as students reunite with friends and meet new teachers. Hallways echo with the promise of learning, each classroom a blank canvas for fresh ideas. It's a time of renewed enthusiasm, where each day offers a chance to explore, achieve, and make lasting memories.

May you have the best year, yet!

- Emily Moxley, Editor

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From the Project Linus Blanketeers

From City of White Settlement

First Monday Quilt Club - Project Linus Volunteers Needed

Special Needs Swimming Event Aug. 15

Come join the fun and fellowship with the Quilt Club volunteers while you make a difference by crafting quilts for Project Linus.

Splash Dayz is excited to announce a family friendly event for our special needs community on Thursday, Aug. 15, from 5 to 8 p.m. Families with special needs individuals are invited to join us for a private, supervised swim time on this day.

purchased at the front gate only (not available online) for just \$10 each, so bring the family and the siblings too!

For questions, visit the website at <https://www.splashdayzws.com/contact>.

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. Instead of a potluck lunch, ladies are asked to bring brunch or snack items. Their next meeting is on Monday, Aug. 5.

The park will not be open to the public so this is a great opportunity to experience the water park without the crowds and noise.

Those with special needs get into the waterpark for free for this event and tickets for the rest of their family and guests can be

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Volunteers also make coverlets for veterans, nursing home residents, and the homeless. Unfortunately, the need for these blankets increases each month. They desperately need volunteers with portable sewing machines to help assemble the quilts.


No experience is needed - there is a place for you. 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 of Project Linus, visit www.projectlinus.org.

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




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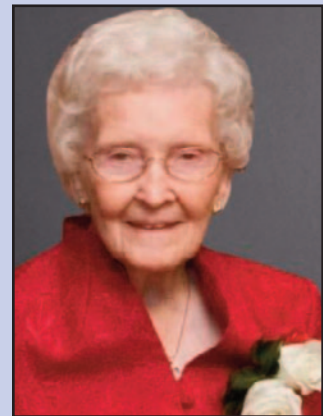
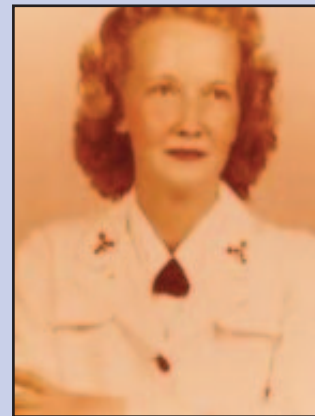
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This weekend you can program your sprinkler system to water only twice a week, even in the summer. (Any more is wasted!) And switch out some of those thirsty landscape plants for beautiful native plants. Have a water-saving weekend! Visit us online to find more water-saving projects.



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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.

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, find a police officer or staff member in a neon vest for assistance.

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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 campus, 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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IMPORTANT DATES	
July 1-5	District Holiday [Independence Day]
July 29 - 30	New Teacher Professional Learning
July 31- Aug 6	Teacher Professional Learning and Work Day
Aug 7	First Day of School
Sep 2	District Holiday [Labor Day]
Oct 14	District Holiday [Columbus Day]
Oct 15	Student Holiday/Teacher Professional Learning Day
Nov 25 - Nov 29	District Holiday [Thanksgiving Break]
Dec 23 - Jan 3	District Holiday [Winter Break]
Jan 6	Student Holiday/Teacher Work Day
Jan 20	District Holiday [Martin Luther King Jr. Day]
Jan 21	Student Holiday/Teacher Professional Learning Day
Feb 17	District Holiday [Presidents' Day]
Mar 17 - Mar 21	District Holiday [Spring Break]
April 18	District Holiday [Good Friday]
May 23	Last Day of School and Graduation
May 26	District Holiday [Memorial Day]
May 27	Teacher Work Day

CALENDAR LEGEND			
[New Teacher Professional Learning/Student Holiday	[Start of Quarter
]	Teacher Professional Learning/Student Holiday]	End of Quarter
E	First/Last Day of School	E	Early Dismissal
*	District Holiday	*	State Testing
W	Teacher Work Day/Student Holiday	W	Bad Weather Make Up Day
	Half Work Day/Half Professional Learning/Student Holiday		ADSY Saturday & Summer Program

GRADING PERIODS				
TERM	DATES	3 WKS PROGRESS REPORTS <i>Available Online</i>	6 WKS PROGRESS REPORTS <i>Available Online</i>	REPORT CARDS <i>Available Online</i>
1	Aug 7 - Oct 11	Aug 27	Sep 17	Oct 17
2	Oct 16 - Dec 20	Nov 5	Dec 3	Jan 9
3	Jan 7 - Mar 14	Feb 4	Feb 25	Mar 27
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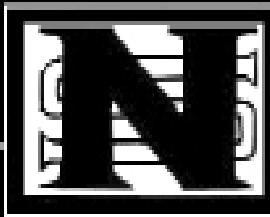
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Friday, Aug. 2

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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