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From the City of River Oaks

Special Notice: Storm Debris Collection

The City Sanitation Department will collect any tree limbs and brush placed at the curb from the storm damage at no additional cost to residents.

The Public Works is requesting that tree limbs and debris when stacked in a pile not exceed 12 feet in length, four feet in width, and four feet in height which are stacked neatly with the larger diameter of the limbs facing in one direction for easy handling.

For larger piles, contact the Public Works Department at 817-626-5421, ext. 332 in order to schedule a special collection.

From the City of River Oaks

We Need Your Input

The City of River Oaks is creating a Comprehensive Park and Recreation System Plan to determine which recreational facilities and programs are needed in the future. We are seeking input from your household to help us determine the needs of our community.

Please take this opportunity to fill out the survey online.

From the City of River Oaks

Disposal Opportunity for Discarded Tires

Discarded tires laying around in the yard is an opportunity for mosquitos to breed. Put those old, discarded tires out at the street curb each week on Wednesday and the city will pick them up and get rid of them for no charge to you.

This offer is good until April 30, so take advantage of the special free collection service while it lasts.

Please limit the number of tires to be discarded at any one time to no more than four used/discarded tires. Where there are more than four tires, contact the Public Works Department to schedule a special pickup at 817-626-5421, ext. 332.

Otherwise, Citizens can call for pickup or else public works will pick up tires when placed on curb.

This service is for residential customers only. The City will not collect tires disposed of from businesses since commercial collection is under contract with a commercial waste hauler.

For more information about unwanted mosquitoes and how to protect yourself please contact the Emergency Management Coordinator at 817-476-0362.

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You can complete the form on your computer and then print, sign and return the completed form. The completed application must be returned to the Elections Depart-

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Completed applications must be returned or clearly postmarked by the 30th day before any election in which you desire to vote.

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Tips to Keep Young Minds Active Over Spring Break

No matter the length of a vacation, students often have some catching up to do upon their return to school. However, it doesn't have to be this way. Check out these five spring break ideas that will keep young minds active and engaged, for a smooth transition back to the classroom.

- 1. Host a read-a-thon: Get inspired by the reading challenges hosted by schools and libraries during the long summer break and host a mini event this spring. Invite your child and their friends to participate. You might even want to add a philanthropic element have participants get sponsored by friends and family to earn money based on the amount of reading they do. (Because of the short duration of the event, you may choose to have pledges be based on the number of pages or chapters a student reads, instead of entire books.) Donate the money raised to a local charity.
- **2. Pick up a new instrument**: Spring break can be a great time to immerse oneself in a new instrument. To build a solid musical foundation fast, consider a beginner instrument.
- **3. Get outdoors**: What do physical activity and time spent outdoors have in common? They're both beneficial for cognition and brain health. Take advantage of the warm spring weather to hit up a local park, trail or nature center and get moving as a family.
- **4. Make math a game**: Use the time away from school to show kids that math is not just for the classroom. From puzzles to patterns to logic challenges, recreational mathematics can reintroduce

an often dry subject to students in a way that is fun. Equip your child with a calculator, which can be used to play a variety of games. The basic, scientific and graphing calculators from Casio are easy to use and can be part of the fun.

5. Get creative: Whether it's writing poems, painting a portrait or putting on a play, making art can boost self-esteem while offering kids an outlet for self-expression. It's also a fun way to keep the mind active during the break.

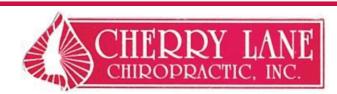
Not only is a week off from school the perfect time to explore interests, take up new hobbies and to be creative, engaging in these activities can help make the transition back to school after spring break easier.

Visit with a Veteran! by Denise Honeycutt



VFW Post 5617 members (l-r) **James Wittenberg**, Ret. USAF; **Mike Stacy**, Ret. Army; **Mike Vee**; **Jeff Perry**, Ret. Army; **Mike Alcala**, Ret. USAF; **Mike Dorow**, Ret. USAF and **Joe Lanier**, Ret. USAF await at the Post to share their stories and listen to yours. Pop in for a visit and meet some distinguished veterans!





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FWDP Monthly Meeting March 20

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The next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, March 20 at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden Center, 3220 Botanic Garden Blvd in Fort Worth.

Floral on Tin will be instructed by Beth Stodieck.

For more information contact Suzane at 817-269-2821 or visit the website at **www.fwdecorativepainters.com**.

SPRING FORWARD!

Daylight saving time begins Sunday, March 12. Set clocks ahead one hour Saturday night.





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The White Settlement Independent School District (WSISD) will accept Online Bids beginning April 3, 2023, 9:00 a.m., for our Approved Vendor List. The online bids can be accessed through Ionwave on the WSISD Website, www.wsisd.com and go to: Business Services/Purchasing/Doing Business with WSISD/WSISD eBid System. Please contact Nancy Escobar at nancy.escobar@wsisd.net for inquiries. The deadline to respond to the Online Bids in Ionwave will be May 26, 2023 by 4:00 p.m.



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>>> Obituary <>>>



Greta Wade Vargas

Greta Wade Vargas passed on and went to be with the Lord on Feb. 26, 2023 after several weeks of illness. Greta was 73.

The family plans a private burial.

She was born on Jan. 18,1950 to Margaret and L.R. Winfrey at All Saints Hospital in Fort Worth.

Greta attended Central Elementary, Brewer Junior High and Brewer High School in White Settlement, graduating in 1968.

She was a lifelong resident of the Fort Worth/White Settlement area with the exception of a short period, 1971 and 1972, where she and her husband Walter Wade lived in Heilbronn Germany while he served in the army. They were able to travel to the French Riviera, Rome, Italy and London, England. They were married fourteen years. Greta lived in Texas, Fort Worth and White Settlement all her life.

She enjoyed roller skating, dancing and all kinds of music. She worked at John Peter Smith hospital in the Medical Records Department, as a Security Guard and a General Dynamics assembling circuit boards. and published the book, Northern Catchers.

Greta loved the Lord and her family. She was kind to everyone, helping others whenever she could and was a faithful prayer warrior. She attended The Baptist Temple in White Settlement.

She is survived by her two children: son Jeff Wade and his wife Karin of Benbrook, Texas and daughter Darla Baughman, her husband Brian, and grandson Preston Baughman of Dover, Ohio, and her two brothers John Winfrey and his wife Marietta of Lawrence, Kansas and Steven Winfrey of White Settlement.

19th-Century American Lawyer and Soldier - William Barret Travis by Dr. Ken Bridges



William Barret Travis is perhaps one of the most memorable figures from the Texas Revolution and the siege of the Alamo. His name has since been honored with the naming of Travis County, a park in San Antonio, and numerous schools across the state. Like many heroic figures, his life was one fraught with difficulty.

Travis was born in Saluda County, South Carolina, on Aug. 1, 1809. He was the first of 11 children born to farmer Mark and Jemima Travis. He came from a family of pioneers who had settled in Virginia as early as 1627. Eager for new opportunities, the family headed westward and settled in southern Alabama in 1817. He briefly became a school teacher before gaining his law license through an apprenticeship in 1828.

Everything in his life seemed to be going in his direction at this point. He was ambitious, becoming steadily more successful, and making himself an important part of the community. In 1829, his new wife gave birth to their first child. In addition to his law practice, he started a newspaper, the *Claiborne Herald*. He joined the local Masonic lodge and also joined the Alabama Militia. But in less than two years, he lost it all.

His weekly newspaper turned into a disaster as his continual typesetting mistakes, missed deadlines, and poor decisions pushed the oncepromising publication into insolvency. He found himself unable to attract any significant clients to his law firm. Of the few clients he had, he was unable to collect any legal fees or awards. The bills piled up, no money was coming in, and he now faced the suspected infidelity of his wife.

By early 1831, he owed \$834 to various creditors, an immense sum at the time. Unable to pay, he was taken to court and found liable. By March, an order for his arrest was made for the unpaid debts. Buried in debt and on the run from the law, Travis left Alabama in disgrace.

He went to Texas to recover his fortunes. He started a modest law firm at Anahuac, near modern-day Houston. In 1832, he was arrested following a legal dispute over three slaves who had escaped from Louisiana. The incident touched off a violent encounter with the Mexican

Army that left six dead.

In 1834, Travis moved his law practice to San Felipe as relations between Mexico and Texas settlers deteriorated. By 1835, he was made a lieutenant colonel in San Antonio and ordered to recruit volunteers for the defense of the city, but he found few people willing to join him. In early 1836, troops began reinforcing the old mission at the Alamo, which at that time was just outside San Antonio. By mid-February, Col. James Neill took a leave of absence to attend to his family, leaving Travis in command of about 50 men. One hundred more soon joined, under the command of Jim Bowie.

In spite of Gen. Sam Houston's orders that the mission be abandoned, Travis and the other men decided to make their stand. He sent urgent appeals for reinforcements. On Feb. 24, he sent an open letter addressed "To the People of Texas and All the Americans in the World," asking for troops "in the name of liberty, of patriotism, and everything dear to the American character." He proclaimed, "I shall never surrender or retreat."

By the time the final siege started, there were only 188 defenders at the Alamo, compared to the thousands of soldiers attacking the mission.

On March 6, the final attack started, and the men of the Alamo faced their destiny. Travis died at the Alamo on that fateful day. He lived a short 26 years, but in one fateful moment in history, he became a legend.

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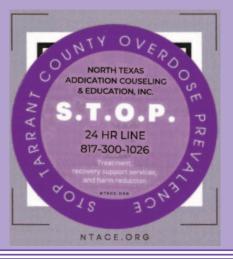
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Friday, March 10:

<u>AM</u> - Mostly sunny; high near 65. N/NE wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. <u>PM</u> - Partly cloudy; low around 55. E/NE wind 5 to 10 mph becoming S/SE after midnight.



Saturday, March 11:

<u>AM</u> - Partly sunny; high near 79. S wind 10 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

<u>PM</u> - A 20% chance of showers before midnight. Partly cloudy; low around 59. S wind 15 to 20 mph becoming W/SW after midnight. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.



Sunday, March 12:

<u>AM</u> - Partly sunny; high near 70. **PM** - Mostly cloudy; low around 46.

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