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County Clerk Now Offers Remote Marriage Licenses

Getting a marriage license no longer requires a trip to the Tarrant County Clerk's Office.

The program is available to everyone but could be especially attractive to members of the military who will no longer be required to schedule a trip home.

"We are the first certified in the State of Texas to offer remote marriage licenses," said County Clerk Mary Louise Nicholson. "We are looking to serve military service men and women and those people who do not want to make the drive to get their marriage licenses. You don't have to ask for leave. You can be in the comfort of your home or at your military base."

Remote marriage licenses became legal when the Texas Legislature approved SB 907.

To use the service, couples must have access to computer or laptop that includes a webcam and speakers to conduct a virtual meeting.

Click on the following link for the marriage license application site. If a couple is applying remotely, they must submit a notarized Affidavit of Age and Identity.

For more information about cost and approved forms of ID, go to the County Clerk's website.

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Hello Fellow District 99 Residents,

My name is Mimi Coffey and I am running to be your State Representative. I have spent most of my entire life in District 99. I have raised my 4 children here. As a defense attorney of 27 years, I am used to fighting uphill battles and negotiating. I will fight hard for the needs of our northwest Tarrant County residents.

Our property taxes are too high. Women's reproductive rights have been taken away. Our public schools are in a crisis with a shortage of teachers. It is getting harder for the majority of northwest Texans to make ends meet with rising costs. As a small business owner of 22 years, I know what it takes to run a successful business and take care of your people. The pandemic has taught us that to survive we must embrace change. I am ready to serve both Democrats and Republicans alike. District 99 is military and defense industry heavy. I understand and respect this as my father served in the Army and retired from Lockheed-Martin (General Dynamics). I have the utmost respect for our incumbent representative and if elected, plan to continue his tradition of excellent service to the community.

I invite you to visit my website, mimicoffeyfordistrict99.com for more information. I'm asking for your vote so that we can put PEO-PLE OVER POLITICS. Feel free to text or call me direct at 817-205-4861.

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From the City of River Oaks

River Oaks City Council to Meet Nov. 8

The City Council of River Oaks meets website, 72 hours prior to each meeting. on the second and fourth Tuesday night of each month.

Agendas for the meetings are available posted. as soon as they are posted on the City's

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From StatePoint

Why Experts Say Plastic Recycling Won't Save the Planet

In the last two years, the global plastic pollution crisis has gotten worse, with more plastic being produced and an even smaller percentage of it being recycled, according to a new report.

While a 2020 Greenpeace USA report anticipated that the declining cost of plastic production would lead to declining rates of recycling, its follow-up report, "Circular Claims Fall Flat Again: 2022 Update," not only proves this prediction true, but highlights additional barriers to plastic recycling that make it an untenable solution.

As the report notes, the high recycling rates of paper, cardboard, and metals in the United States show that recycling can be an effective way to reclaim valuable natural material resources. However, unlike these other materials, plastic waste is extremely difficult to collect, virtually impossible to sort, environmentally harmful to reprocess, and often made of and contaminated by toxic materials.

Complicating matters is the fact that the self-reported data of is also calling on companies to take the following steps: corporations is often misleading, as it relies on the theoretical possibility of recycling a plastic item rather than actual plastic waste approaches. Set targets to have at least 50 percent reusable packprocessing rates. In reality, of the 51 million tons of plastic waste aging by 2030. generated by Americans in 2021, only 5-6 percent was recycled.

with industry front groups to promote plastic recycling as the solution to plastic waste for decades. Today, as plastic waste Ramsden, senior plastics campaigner, Greenpeace.

As these realities are becoming more difficult to ignore, discussions about what to do regarding single-use plastics and plastic mation. packaging are underway at the global level through the United Congress, in city halls and state capitals across the country, and in retailers. To read the full report, visit www.greenpeace.org. corporate boardrooms.

a Global Plastics Treaty to set international standards, Greenpeace and turn to reuse and refill solutions," says Ramsden.



- Urgently move to reuse systems and packaging-free
- Commit to collaborating with others to standardize reusable "The plastics and consumer goods industries have worked packaging and build shared reuse systems and infrastructure.
 - Phase out all single-use packaging and products.
- Be transparent. Annually release verified data about the commounts, chokes our planet, and pollutes our communities, it is pany's single-use packaging footprint. Disclose where plastic clear: most plastic simply cannot be recycled," says Lisa originates and report on the full lifetime climate footprint of packaging production, use and disposal.
 - Advocate for political action to drive industry-wide transfor-

Ramsden notes that consumers can also get informed and fos-Nations Environment Programme's plastics treaty, in the U.S. ter change by contacting their political representatives and their

"We cannot rely on the recycling myth to solve the plastic cri-Advocates say there is a way forward. In addition to calling for sis. It is time to accept that plastic recycling is a failed concept



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The 1914 WWI Christmas Truce by Dr. Ken Bridges

one moment in 1914, there came a Christmas miracle. The sol-spirit of the holiday. diers in the trenches stopped fighting, and for a moment, there Truce.

to be over in a few months was now mired in a stalemate with no United States into the war by 1917. end in sight.

Christmases of the past with friends, family, warmth, and laugh- giving, of peace, and of brotherhood. ter.

Then the stillness of the night on that Christmas Eve was bro- Truce is a gift for the world even more than a century later. ken. Some of the soldiers began singing Christmas carols. Other units up and down the front line began picking up the tune and singing it, from one army to another. And then the troops on the other side of no-man's land began singing with them. The songs Did You Know...? were the same, whether they were sung in Belgian, French, English or German. The meaning was the same. The memories of past Christmases were suddenly not so far away.

The soldiers shouted Christmas greetings to one another. cian is born. Eventually, informal truces were arranged, and they agreed to come out of the trenches to greet one another in the spirit of the United States. Christmas. They did not wait for orders, they simply followed their hearts and their consciences. The troops walked toward each competition with the Ford Model T. other, shook hands, and wished each other well. They put aside their arms and exchanged drinks, food, and small gifts of tobacco and chocolates from home. As dawn broke, the truce continued. dies. Troops arranged soccer games between the units and between the opposing armies. German troops allowed French and Belgian 2. On board is the first animal to enter orbit, a dog named Laika. troops across the lines to send Christmas letters to their families in occupied territories. The singing and laughter continued toward Mercury. On March 29, 1974, it becomes the first space through the day. Small gestures of human decency marked Christmas between the throngs of troops that had been at each other's throats just days earlier. It has been estimated by historians City, replacing the Twin Towers after they were destroyed during that perhaps 100,000 troops participated in the Christmas Truce.

For a few hours, it no longer mattered who was right or who

It was once called the War to End All Wars, but World War I was wrong or even who was winning. The ideologies and the coldragged on year after year. Governments were shattered, lives ors of the flags and the uniforms no longer mattered. What matwere destroyed, and many more wars came in its wake. But for tered for those few hours was their common humanity and the

The spirit of the truce would not last, unfortunately. By was peace on the battlefield. This came to be called the Christmas Christmas night and into Dec. 26, the troops had mostly returned to the trenches. In some areas, the truce would stretch on for a few The governments of both sides had enticed their young men to more days. While the Christmas Truce was remembered by many sign up and head for the front lines, promising glorious victories on the front lines, commanders made sure there was no repeat of in no time at all. Instead, the casualties mounted, and the battles the informal cease-fire in 1915 or beyond as they ordered raids became increasingly brutal. Pleas for peace from President and artillery barrages on those Christmas Days. News of the infor-Woodrow Wilson, the pope, and millions around the world were mal truce was suppressed on both sides. In the months and years ignored by the warring government. The war that was supposed afterward, the world continued to disintegrate, dragging the

The war would continue for three more blood-stained years. And Christmas 1914 arrived. Allied troops in Belgium and In the end, more than 15 million people had died and much of France had been dug into trenches for months. Their German Europe lay in tatters. But in the middle of the fighting, the armies counterparts across the fields of barbed wire, shrapnel and stopped for a few hours to remember what Christmas meant. For artillery craters of no-man's land were in the same shape. It was that short time, they realized that even the harshest of differences cold. Dustings of snow covered the shivering troops. They were could be put aside. They remembered that peace was always an all tired, they were hurting, and they were far from home. The option. For a few hours, they cast aside their fears in the pursuit madness of the summer and fall months had become a Christmas of hope and joy and the dream that the spirit of the day did not Eve sitting in the mud with cold food, longing for the simple have to end. They recognized what Christmas was about: a day of

In a world torn apart by division and fear today, the Christmas

From Suburban Newspapers Staff Writers

On this day, Nov 3:

- 1793 Stephen F. Austin, American businessman and politi-
- 1908 William Howard Taft is elected the 27th President of
- 1911 Chevrolet officially enters the automobile market in
- 1949 Solomon R. Guggenheim, American art collector and philanthropist, founded the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum
- 1957 Sputnik program: The Soviet Union launches Sputnik
- 1973 Mariner program: NASA launches the Mariner 10 probe to reach that planet.
- 2014 One World Trade Center officially opens in New York the September 11 attacks.

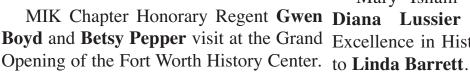
From the Daughters of the American Revolution

Grand Opening of Fort Worth History Center

Mary Isham Keith Chapter Daughters Linda Barrett, Fort Worth Library collections are now Opening of the new Fort Worth History the area. Center on Saturday, Oct. 22.

The new Fort Worth History Center is of the American Revolution recently pre-located at 501 E. Bolt Street, just off I-35, sented the DAR Excellence in Historic across from La Gran Plaza in south Fort Needed Preservation Certificate and Medal to Worth. Its extensive archives and history available for Genealogy Unit Head at the Grand researchers, genealogists, and historians in







Mary Isham Keith Chapter Regent ticipating. MIK Chapter Honorary Regent Gwen Diana Lussier presented the DAR thread, and yarn) are provided. Boyd and Betsy Pepper visit at the Grand Excellence in Historic Preservation award



Mary Isham Keith Chapter members Grand attending Opening of the Fort Worth History are: (1-r) Center Karen Johnson, Becky Gray, Gwen Boyd, Katie Crow, Diana Lussier, Dawn Needles, and Michele Elekes.

Pictured

left:

From the Project Linus Blanketeers

First Monday Quilt **Club** - Project **Linus Volunteers**

The First Monday Quilt Club will meet at Bethany Christian Church located at 1500 Meadow Park Drive in White Settlement from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 7. Ladies may bring snack foods to share with others if desired.

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 love, warmth, and comfort for local children who have suffered trauma, tragedy, or illness. 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 par-Materials (fabric, batting,

Donations of fabric, yarn, thread, sewing machines, sergers, or money to purchase materials are greatly appreciated.

Come join the fun and enjoy fellowship with the Quilt Club volunteers while you make a difference in our community by being a blessing to others.

For more information about the mission Project Linus. visit www.projectlinus.org. For more information on this group and meetings, call Virginia Biela at 817-244-1263.

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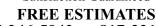
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Friday, Nov. 4

<u>AM</u> - A chance of showers, then showers and possibly a thunderstorm after 1 p.m. High near 78. South wind 15-20mph, gusts as high as 35 mph. Chance of precipitation 80%.

<u>PM</u> - An 80% chance of showers before 1 a.m., then a chance thunderstorms after. Low around 53. South wind around 15mph becoming west after midnight. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.



Saturday, Nov. 5:

<u>AM</u> - A 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 1 p.m. Mostly sunny, with a high near 68. West wind 10-15mph, with gusts as high as 30mph.

PM - Clear, with a low around 50.



Sunday, Nov. 6:

AM - Sunny, with a high near 75. **PM** - Clear, with a low around 55.

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