



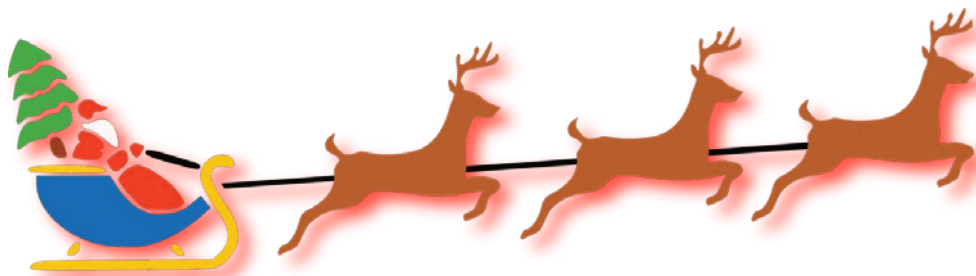
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From the City of River Oaks

River Oaks Fire Department to Escort Santa Through Local Neighborhoods



Santa Claus will be trading in his North Pole route for a tour through River Oaks as off-duty members of the River Oaks Fire Department volunteer their time to escort him through city neighborhoods next week.

Beginning Thursday, Dec. 12, and continuing through Dec. 19, Santa will make evening appearances across four districts, waving from his sleigh as firefighters guide him through local streets. After each neighborhood tour, families will have *(continued on page 3)*

From the Sports Desk with John Loven

Early Season Basketball Report

The Castleberry High School boys basketball team has struggled a bit to start the 2025-26 season. They did open the season with a victory over the Trimble Tech Bulldogs, 34-30. But since then the Lions have found victories just beyond their reach. They followed that first win with losses to Itasca (50-39), Mineral Wells (34-32), Palmer (61-37), and Vanguard (75-41).

Upcoming games for the Lions in December see them traveling to Godley for a tournament on Dec. 11-13. Following that they will travel to Ferris on Dec. 16. The Lions will then return home to play Newman International on Dec. 19. They will then host the annual Castleberry Tournament Dec. 29-31. Go Lions!

The Lady Lions basketball team has gotten off to a little better start than the boys. CHS won their first two games of the season. They beat Diamond Hill (76-9) and Western Hills (50-18). Unfortunately a 5 game losing streak followed, with losses to Roosevelt (57-34), Adams (56-30), Arlington (40-6), *(continued on page 2)*

From the City of River Oaks

River Oaks Announces Holiday Closures, Adjusted Trash Schedule for Christmas Week

City officials have announced holiday operating changes for Christmas week, including temporary closures and modifications to trash collection services.

River Oaks City Hall and the Event Center will close at noon on Wednesday, Dec. 24, and will remain closed Thursday, Dec. 25, and Friday, Dec. 26, in observance of the Christmas holiday. Normal business hours will resume the following week.

Trash collection will also see temporary adjustments. Bulk trash service will not run on Wednesday, Dec. 24. Regular trash pickup scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 25, will be postponed to Monday, Dec. 29. Friday's regular collection on Dec. 26 will run as normal.

City officials encourage residents to plan ahead for the holiday schedule and wish the community a joyful Christmas season.

From the City of River Oaks

Holiday Food Bank Dates at River Oaks Event Center Dec. 12 & Dec. 19

The new line up route and time changes to the Food Bank at the River Oaks Event Center began Sept. 12.

Participants are requested to start lining up no earlier than 8:30 a.m. at the River Oaks Event Center, located at 5300 Blackstone Drive, and to remain in their vehicles. *(see route on page 3)*

The City would like to remind drivers not to block residents' driveways or cross streets, in case police or emergency services need access.

Food Bank days are usually held the second and fourth Fridays of each month, but December dates have been changed to observe the Christmas holiday.

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Sports Desk

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Irving (39-22), and Benbrook (48-32). The Lady Lions bounced back with victories in their next two games over Adamson (33-26) and North Side (16-13). These wins were followed by a couple of defeats to Peaster (45-7) and Carter Riverside (42-19). The rollercoaster continued with victories over Village Tech (29-25) and Trimble Tech (36-28) with a loss to Lake View (29-25).

The girls entered a rematch with Carter Riverside this past week. They played much better this time, despite a much closer score in this game they were just barely nosed out in the end and lost 32-29. The Lady Lions are now 6-9 on the year.

Upcoming schedule includes games on Dec. 12 (Poly) and Dec. 16 (Bridgeport) both at home. On Dec. 19 they will travel to Krum before returning home for the annual Castleberry Tournament on Dec. 29-31. Go Lady Lions!

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Santa's Tour (continued from page 1)

the chance to meet Santa at designated community locations.

Santa's first ride will take place Dec. 12 from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. in District 1, followed by a meet-and-greet from 8 to 9 p.m. at McGee Park, 1521 Glenwick Dr.

On Dec. 15, he will visit District 2 during the same evening hours, then stop at Marsh Middle School, 415 Hagg Dr., to greet area children.

The tour continues Dec. 17 in District 3, with a community meet-up scheduled at the River Oaks Community Center, 5300 Blackstone Dr. Santa will wrap up his neighborhood visits Dec. 19 in District 4, finishing the night with a stop at Castleberry Elementary School, 1100 Roberts Cut Off Rd. (see map on page 7)

Fire department officials ask that children remain in their yards as Santa passes through each neighborhood and avoid approaching the moving sleigh. Families are encouraged to visit the designated stopping point for their district, where children will have a safe opportunity to say hello and share their Christmas wishes.

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River Oaks News Holiday Schedule

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The offices of Suburban Newspapers, Inc. located at 7820 Wyatt Dr. in White Settlement will close Monday, Dec. 22 through Friday, Dec. 26, and will be closed Thursday, Jan. 1 for New Years Day, but we will publish the first edition of 2026 on that day!

There will be no newspapers on Dec. 25.

The deadline to appear in the Jan. 1 digital publications is Monday, Dec. 29 at 2 p.m.

The office will reopen Monday, Dec. 29 at 10 a.m.

For more information, reach out to us by email at suburbannews@sbcglobal.net.

From the White Settlement Public Library

Library to Host Christmas Celebration Thursday, Dec. 18

The White Settlement Public Library, located at 8215 White Settlement Road, invites all families for a free, festive community celebration during the Christmas at the Library event on Thursday, Dec. 18.

The event begins at 4:30 p.m. and will feature a special appearance by Santa Claus! Families will have the opportunity to take photos and enjoy a variety of holiday-themed activities.

In addition to a photo booth, the library will offer hands-on activities for children and holiday treats for attendees.

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From the City of White Settlement

'Polar Express' Movie Night Dec. 19

Families are invited to climb aboard for a magical evening as the City of White Settlement Parks and Recreation Department hosts a Polar Express Movie Night on Friday, Dec. 19, at 6:30 p.m.

The event will take place at the White Settlement Recreation Center, 8213 White Settlement Road, where the classic holiday film *The Polar Express* will be shown in a festive, pajama-friendly setting. Organizers encourage attendees of all ages to wear their coziest sleepwear to fully embrace the movie's iconic theme.

In addition to the screening, the evening will feature several holiday activities, including a hot cocoa bar, a seasonal puzzle station and coloring activities for younger children. Parks and Recreation staff say the event is designed to bring families together for a relaxed night of holiday cheer before the rush of Christmas week.

Admission is free, and residents are encouraged to arrive early to secure seating.

For more information, contact the Recreation Center at 817-246-5012.



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The owner is Keith Armand.

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From the White Settlement Public Library

WSPL Shifts Teen Game Night to Dec. 15 for Holiday-Themed Event



The White Settlement Public Library (WSPL), located at 8215 White Settlement Road, is adjusting its Teen Game Night schedule this month to accommodate early voting for the Dec. 13 special election. The monthly program, typically held on the second Monday, will instead take place Monday, Dec. 15.

The December session will feature a festive round of Christmas Movie Bingo beginning at 4:30 p.m. Teens in seventh through 12th grades are invited to take part in the free, holiday-themed gathering, which includes snacks and a screening of the 1964 classic Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer.

Participants will mark their bingo cards with memorable moments from the film as they enjoy the seasonal activity in a relaxed, social setting. Library staff said the event is designed to offer teens a fun and welcoming place to unwind during a busy time of year.

For more information, contact the White Settlement Public Library at 817-367-0166.

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Texas History Minute by Dr. Ken Bridges

Peacemaker of the Plains: Jesse Chisolm's Legacy Lives on Through the Legendary Trail That Bears His Name

The Old West became notorious for the violence that befell communities and individuals. Some individuals, however, acted as peacemakers. Jesse Chisolm, a merchant who developed a network of trading posts from Texas up to Kansas, became known for his mediation efforts and his efforts to expand commerce in the area. He was never wealthy, but his reputation as a guide, translator, diplomat, trader, and explorer gave him an important role in shaping the West. His most lasting legacy was creating the legendary Chisolm Trail, which became a vital pipeline for the famous cattle drives of the late nineteenth century.

Jesse Chisolm was born in the Great Hiwassee area in the mountains of southeastern Tennessee around 1805, inside what had been Cherokee territory. His exact date of birth is uncertain. He was the oldest of six children born to Ignatius Chisolm, a Scottish immigrant and trader, and Martha Rogers, a Cherokee. His father was involved in sales of all sorts, respectable and otherwise, including trading slaves in the Knoxville area.

Chisolm's lifetime would be marked by the dramatic collapse of tribal control of their territories. Even as a child, he was already living with its effects. By this time, relations between the Cherokees and the settlers were breaking down. Many settlers were encroaching on Cherokee lands, seizing it for themselves in violation of treaty while the federal government did little to stop it. By the early 1810s, many Cherokees were starting to see the writing on the wall and started moving west. The Chisolms left with this first wave westward, settling in what is now western Arkansas for a time.

In the 1820s, the family moved further west near Fort Gibson in what was soon to become the Indian Territory, or modern-day Oklahoma. His father brought him into the merchant business, and he made a respectable living as a guide and a trader. Chisolm steadily built and maintained a series of trading posts throughout the area.

Though he spent most of his adult life as

a merchant, Chisolm's most sought-after product was peace. Respected among both white politicians and Native American tribes, he was routinely sought out to mediate disputes between the tribes and the settlers. Chisolm reportedly spoke a dozen languages, mostly the languages of the different tribes of the Great Plains. As a trader, such skills of language and diplomacy were vital to his business success.

Sam Houston, while serving as President of the Republic of Texas, sought out Chisolm often to negotiate between Texas and the tribes. Houston himself had lived among the Cherokees for a time and believed that peace was possible between the settlers and the tribes. Chisolm managed to convince several tribes in the North Texas area to meet with Houston and Texas officials in a series of meetings called the Tehuacana Creek Councils in 1843 and 1844 near Waco. Through these efforts, several treaties of peace and trade were established between Texas and the different tribes. The success of these meetings helped expand his reputation as a translator and a mediator.

In the 1850s, Chisolm provided similar services helping to mediate between officials in Kansas and tribal representatives there. Throughout his efforts, Chisolm repeatedly tried to relay the good will and peaceful intentions of the tribes to leaders in Texas and Kansas.

During the Civil War, tribes in the Indian Territory were deeply divided and often sided with the Confederacy. Chisolm tried to stay out of the conflict, often trading with both the Union and Confederate sides. By 1864, he was operating out of Wichita, Kansas, and serving as an interpreter for the Union Army.

In 1865, Chisolm hoped to resume his trade business and expand his range of customers. He loaded a team of wagons with goods and left Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, south to his trading post near modern Oklahoma City. He extended the trail south to the Red River in order to give ranchers access to

his trading posts along the way. Word of this safe and well-marked trail spread. As Texas ranchers saw the potential profit in driving cattle to Kansas for sale and shipment to eastern markets, Chisolm's trail became the obvious route to use as the cattle drives began by 1867.

After the end of the Civil War, it became increasingly obvious that the federal government intended to clamp down control over the tribes and force them onto reservations in spite of existing treaties. Chisolm attempted to bring tribal leaders together with federal officials in the Indian Territory to discuss the issues at hand. Tribal leaders were reluctant to meet, realizing that any treaty at that point probably meant a surrender. Within two years, leaders slowly gathered to talk with federal representatives. The result was the Medicine Lodge Treaty, a series of three treaties signed between the tribes and the federal government starting in October 1867. The treaty stipulated that the tribes would be assigned reservation territories within the Indian Territory, effectively putting an end to their way of life.

In April 1868, Chisolm died suddenly, apparently of food poisoning, while in the Indian Territory. He was respected for his efforts to broker peace on the plains. His efforts at expanding trade, however, would become his most famous legacy. As he died, the great age of the cattle drives was just beginning.

As more ranchers began shipping their cattle to Kansas from the late 1860s through the 1880s, his trail became a popular route and soon became known as the *Chisolm Trail*.



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PM - Mostly clear, with a low around 44. N/NE wind around 5 mph.

Saturday, Dec. 13:

AM - Mostly sunny, with a high near 67. N/NE wind around 5 mph becoming S/SW in the afternoon.
PM - Partly cloudy, with a low around 41. East wind 5 to 10 mph becoming N/NE after midnight.

Sunday, Dec. 14:

AM - Partly sunny, with a high near 54. N/NE wind 5 to 10 mph.
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