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From Castleberry ISD

Castleberry ISD District Science Fair

Each year, students in third through 12th grades spend many months preparing for the Castleberry ISD Science Fair, hosted by CISD Science Coordinators Nicole McDorman and Denise Fisher.

Secondary students have the opportunity to advance to Regional, State, and National Science Fair competitions.

This year, join us from the comfort of your home, for our first virtual Science Fair.

The Science Fair will be broadcast live on the Castleberry Parent Resources Facebook page at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 26.

You can attend the Science Fair by going to the Castleberry Parent Resource Facebook page, or by scanning this QR code.

During the live event, McDorman and Fisher will present the 2021 winners and awards. Join us for this virtual event to celebrate the hard work of these outstanding CISD students.



From Castleberry ISD

CISD Gifted and Talented Program Nomination Period

Nominations for the Castleberry ISD Gifted and Talented (GT) Program will be accepted through Jan. 29, 2021.

Parents who have a student currently enrolled in kindergarten through 12th grades, and who feel their child may benefit from services provided through the Gifted and Talented Program, may nominate their child by completing a parent nomination packet.

Nomination packets are available online on the district's gifted and talented webpage and in the main office of your child's school.

For more information, visit the [Castleberry ISD website](#) or contact your campus counselor.

All nomination packets must be returned to your child's campus by Friday, Jan. 29, 2021.

From the Sports Desk with John Loven

COVID-19 Still Adversely Affecting Sports

Everyone is acutely aware of how the pandemic affected life and therefore sports in 2020. Professional and college sports, all the way down to high school and middle school saw games, championships and in some cases entire seasons cancelled. Examples include an NBA championship played in a "bubble" isolation, the World Series played in Arlington with limited attendance between visiting teams. In high school this past fall some cross-country meets were cancelled as well as volleyball and football games when members of a team tested positive for COVID.

Now that we have finally closed the door on 2020, what has changed? In too many cases not much, yet. (continued on page 3)

From the City of River Oaks

Next River Oaks City Council Meeting Jan. 26

The City Council of River Oaks meets on the second and fourth Tuesday night of each month.

Agendas for the meetings are available as soon as they are posted on the [City's website](#), 72 hours or more prior to each meeting.

Minutes of each meeting will also be available once they are completed and posted.

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From the Tarrant Area Food Bank

Tarrant Area Food Bank Mega Mobile Market Schedule

Tarrant Area Food Bank (TAFB) has resumed their Mega Mobile Markets with a market on Friday, Jan. 22 at Herman Clark Stadium from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

TAFB will continue to hold Mega Mobile Markets every Friday at Herman Clark Stadium until further notice.

In addition, TAFB will once again have the help of the Army National Guard, which will be deployed to TAFB for at least the next 30 days. Now more than ever, TAFB is seeking volunteers to assist with registration, traffic control and food distribution. Sign up to volunteer [here](#).

These events are designed to serve any and all residents of the Tarrant area community who are in need of food assistance, and any-

one whose access to nutritious food has been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

TAFB continuously strives to provide access to nutritious food to as many people as possible across 13 counties in North Texas.

TAFB is committed to serving the Tarrant Area community in response to COVID-19.

With the Mega Mobile Market being proven as an effective distribution model, food can be received by the community at a more rapid rate. The goal is to spread the word about these events as far as possible to ensure that no family goes hungry.

Friday, Jan. 22 - 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Herman Clark Stadium, 5201 CA Roberson Blvd, Fort Worth, TX 76119.

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Sports Desk

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This past weekend we saw the final state championship football games finally being played – a good month later than usual – all due to COVID-19. However, now UIL basketball and soccer seasons are in full swing. Games are still being cancelled, in some cases at the very last minute, due to a positive COVID test on one team or the other.

Unfortunately, with the COVID-19 numbers in north Texas still rising at an alarming level, sudden cancellations of UIL sports will likely continue.

If you plan on attending a basketball, softball, baseball game, a power lifting or track meet, it would be wise to check with the host school (Castleberry High School or Irma Marsh Middle School) on the day of competition if possible, to see if it is still going to take place.

Hopefully, with more vaccinations available and administered in the near future, the end of this pandemic is on the horizon. Let's all continue to try to be positive and optimistic, and continue to wear your mask, keep socially distant and be smart!

And Go Lions!

From the River Oaks Police Chief Christopher Spieldenner

ROPD Crime Report

Friday, Jan. 8

Officers from the River Oaks Police Department were dispatched to a residence in the 900 block of Hallum in reference to a stolen vehicle. Upon arrival, the victim advised that he had initially allowed a friend to borrow his vehicle to drive to the store. After several hours, the friend had not returned the vehicle and was reported to be trying to sell it somewhere in the North Side of Fort Worth. Detectives will be trying to recover the vehicle, and/or filing theft charges with the Tarrant County District Attorney's Office on the friend.

Officers were dispatched to a residence in the 5300 block of Cornell in reference to a juvenile runaway. The complainant advised that her juvenile daughter had left the house without permission. The complainant advised that she believed the juvenile would be in the company of her boyfriend. Officers completed a missing persons report which was entered into the FBI computer database. NOTE: This missing juvenile was later recovered by the Fort Worth Police Department and back safe at home.

Saturday, Jan. 9

Officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the 5000 block of River Oaks Blvd for speeding 55mph in a posted 40mph zone. Officers made contact with the driver of the vehicle and noted a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his breath. The driver was given a standardized field sobriety exercise and displayed distinct signs of intoxication. The driver was arrested for Driving While Intoxicated. The driver was then transported to a local hospital where his blood was drawn for testing. This subject was then transported to the River Oaks Police Department where he was booked without incident.

Officers were dispatched to a residence in the 4400 block of Byrd in reference to a disturbance. Upon arrival, officers spoke with the victim who advised she had been assaulted by her boyfriend's ex-girlfriend with a handheld electric stun gun. Officers completed a report for Assault causing Bodily Injury. Detectives will be further investigating to determine what charges will actually be filed in this case.

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.** in the River Oaks City Council Chambers located at 4900 River Oaks Blvd. in River Oaks, Texas in order to receive public input on the 47th year (FY 2021) Community Development Block Grant Program for the City of River Oaks. For more information please contact the Public Works Director at 817-626-5421, extension 322.

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

of property to satisfy landlord's lien. Pursuant to Chapter 59, Texas Property Code. Sale is **10 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 30, 2021 at Store It Now, 8877 Boat Club Rd., Fort Worth, TX 76179.** Call 817-236-7711 with any questions.

Property will be sold to the highest bidder for cash. Property includes contents of spaces of the following tenants:

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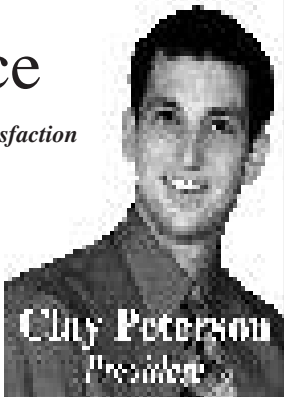
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PM - Mostly cloudy, with a low around 48.



Saturday, Jan. 23:

AM - A 30% chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 61.

PM - A 30% chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 51.



Sunday, Jan. 24:

AM - A 50% chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 67.

PM - A 30% chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 51.

Extended Forecast
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Texas History Minute

Doolittle Raider and Texas Native Robert L. Hite *by Dr. Ken Bridges*

The attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941 horrified the American people. More than 2,000 people were killed in the attack that wrecked much of the navy's Pacific Fleet.

America wanted to strike back hard to tell Japan that America would not be defeated. In spring 1942, America got that chance with Doolittle's Raid, a feat helped in part by a number of Texas natives, including pilot Robert L. Hite.

Doolittle's Raid was named for Lt. Col. Jimmy Doolittle, who devised a plan to strike back at the heart of Japan to avenge their attack on Pearl Harbor. Doolittle commanded a squadron of sixteen B-25 bombers in a surprise raid on Tokyo and other Japanese cities.

Word of the impending raid had quietly spread among pilots who jumped at the chance to strike back at Japan.

Hite had repeated a story for years that men were offering him up to \$500 to take his place. He turned them all down, a patriot determined to do his duty. On April 18, 1942, they lifted off from the crowded deck of the USS Hornet, aiming for targets 800 miles away. The daring raid was later adapted into the famous 1944 film *Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo* starring Spencer Tracy.

While the bombing did little long-term damage to the Japanese war machine, the attack humiliated them. They pulled several fighter squadrons from forward positions to protect Tokyo from further attacks. As the war raged on, this prevented these units from responding to American offensives as Allied forces slowly retook the Pacific region. Americans were thrilled at the success of the raid.

Of the 80 men on sixteen bombers for the mission, thirteen were from Texas, including Robert L. Hite. Other Texans included Thadd H. Blanton of Archer City, a co-pilot, Kenneth E. Reddy of Bowie, also a co-pilot, and John A. Hilger of Sherman, a pilot.

Hite was the son of cotton farmers outside Odell, Texas, in 1920. He briefly attended West Texas State Teachers College before enlisting in the army in 1940. He wanted to serve as a pilot but flunked the first physical. In spite of this setback, he gained his certification as an Army Air Force pilot the next year.

Hite's crew hit a fuel depot and a factory in Nagoya. Of the aircraft, only one landed safely in Allied territory. The remainder were either shot down or crash-landed in Japanese-occupied China. Hite's crew was captured and spent the remainder of the war in a POW camp and tortured for the next three years.

After the war ended, he continued to serve. He married his first wife Portia in 1946, with whom he had a son and a daughter. He briefly left the service but returned during the Korean War era before retiring as a lieutenant colonel. In 1955, Hite moved his family to Arkansas where he took a job as manager of a hotel. Here in 1961, he hosted a convention of Doolittle Raid veterans. He went on to manage a series of hotels before his retirement in 1984.

In the years since the war as the World War II generation faded away, their importance to the freedom of the world and appreciation for what these soldiers accomplished grew. The Doolittle Raiders were presented many honors, and Hite himself was inducted into the Texas Aviation Halls of Fame at the Lone Star Flight Museum in Galveston. By March 2015, Hite was one of just three men left alive from the legendary 1942 raid. A White House ceremony was planned for April to honor him and his comrades with the Congressional Gold Medal.

Days before the ceremony, Hite died at the age of 95. He was buried with full military honors and surrounded by family, friends, and a host of well-wishers.



Legal Notice

ORDINANCE NO. 1301-2020

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 4.06 "AMUSEMENT DEVICES"; REVISING SECTION 4.06.001 "DEFINITIONS" SPECIFICALLY FOR "AMUSEMENT MACHINE ESTABLISHMENT"; REVISING SECTION 4.06.004 "PERMIT REQUIRED" SUBSECTION (b) ADDING SECTION 4.06.004(b)(5) THAT ALLOWS FOR THE PERMIT EXEMPTION WHEN INVOLVING THREE OR LESS AMUSEMENT DEVICES IN A SINGLE BUSINESS; REVISING SECTION 4.06.005 "PERMIT FEES" SPECIFICALLY IN SECTION 4.06.005(a) REQUIRING THAT THE ANNUAL PERMIT FEE FOR EACH AMUSEMENT MACHINE ESTABLISHMENT THAT DISPLAYS FOUR (4) OR MORE AMUSEMENT MACHINES SHALL BE THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00); REVISING SECTION 4.06.006 "PERMIT APPLICATIONS" REVISING SECTION 4.06.006(a) PROVIDING THAT THE APPLICATION MUST BE ON A FORM AS PROVIDED FOR IN "EXHIBIT A" ATTACHED HERETO THIS ORDINANCE; REVISING SECTION 4.06.007 "ISSUANCE OF PERMIT AND DECAL; NON ASSIGNABILITY" SPECIFICALLY IN SECTION 4.06.007(a) INVOLVING THE PERMIT ISSUANCE BY THE CITY SECRETARY FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION BY THE AUTHORIZED CITY DESIGNEE; OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF RIVER OAKS, TEXAS; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE OF ALL ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION THEREOF; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVER OAKS:

SAVINGS

All rights and remedies of the City of River Oaks are expressly saved as to any and all violations of the provisions of the City of River Oaks Code of Ordinances (2020) or any other ordinances affecting Amusement Devices which have accrued at the time of the effective date of this ordinance; and, as to such accrued violations and all pending litigation, both civil and criminal, whether pending in court or not, under such ordinances, same shall not be affected by this ordinance but may be prosecuted until final disposition by the courts.

PENALTY

(a) In case of any willful violation of any of the terms and provisions of this article, the city may institute any appropriate action or proceedings in any court of appropriate jurisdiction to restrain, correct, or abate such violation. For violations of this article, the city may also invoke civil remedies provided by the laws of the state, which shall be cumulative and subject to prosecutions prescribed for such violations.

(b) A fine not to exceed an amount as provided in <https://z2codes.franklinlegal.net/franklin/DocViewer.jsp?doccode=z20000010&z2collection=riveroaks> \ "JD_1.01.009" section 1.01.009 shall be levied against any permittee upon conviction of any violation of any provision of this article. Each day shall constitute a separate offense.

(c) In addition, the city is authorized to seal any coin-operated machine (as that term is defined in V.T.C.A., Occupations Code, chapter 2153, as amended) for which the city's occupation tax has not been paid, and shall charge a fee of \$5.00 for the release of any machine so sealed for nonpayment of tax (as authorized by V.T.C.A., Occupations Code, chapter 2153, as amended).

(d) Any person, firm or corporation who violates, disobeys, omits, neglects or refuses to comply with or who resists the enforcement of any of the provisions of this article shall be fined as provided in <https://z2codes.franklinlegal.net/franklin/DocViewer.jsp?doccode=z20000010&z2collection=riveroaks> \ "JD_1.01.009" section 1.01.009 for each offense. Each day that a violation is permitted to exist shall constitute a separate offense.

PUBLICATION

The City Secretary of the City of River Oaks is hereby directed to publish in the official newspaper the caption, savings clause, penalty clause, publication clause and effective date clause of this ordinance one (1) time after the adoption of this ordinance as authorized by Chapter 5, Section 5.02(c) of the Charter of the City of River Oaks.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage and publication as required by law, and it is so ordained.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 12th DAY OF JANUARY 2021.

Mayor Joe Ashton

ATTEST: Paula Luck, City Secretary

From the City of River Oaks

City Council

Application Filing Period Ends Feb. 12

Persons interested in running for a position on the River Oaks City Council May 1 ballot may pick up an application at River Oaks City Hall, located at 4900 River Oaks Blvd., from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The filing period deadline to file applications is Friday, Feb. 12.

Applicants may mail in their forms to City Hall, email pbagwell@riveroakstx.com or fax to 817-625-2790.

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