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From Castleberry Independent School District

Summer Reading Kick Off with MoBus and the Library Team Tonight!

The community is invited to kick off a summer of reading with MoBus! The River Oaks Lions Club and the River Oaks Fire Department will be in attendance to help launch this fun-filled initiative. Families will receive a STEM Bag and summer STEM Challenge #1.

The event will feature a variety of engaging activities, including:

- **Water Activities:** Enjoy refreshing and interactive water games that are perfect for all ages.
- **STEM Activities:** Participate in hands-on STEM projects designed to spark curiosity and innovation in young minds.
- **Equine Outreach:** Experience the joy of interacting with horses and learn about equine care and therapy.

Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to start the summer with fun, learning, and community spirit!

Come enjoy the MoBus on Thursday, May 30 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the River Oaks Community Center, located at 5300 Blackstone Drive.

From North Central Texas Emergency Communications District

Understanding the Differences Between 9-8-8 and 9-1-1

In times of crisis, knowing where to turn for help can make all the difference. While many are familiar with 9-1-1 as the emergency number for immediate assistance, fewer are aware of the new 9-8-8 hotline dedicated to mental health crises.

During Mental Health Awareness Month, let's explore the differences between these two critical services and how they can support those in need.

9-1-1: Emergency Assistance for Immediate Response

9-1-1 is the familiar emergency number that connects callers with Emergency Medical Services (EMS), fire, and law enforcement as needed. It is accessible via call or text (in some areas of the United States, available across the NCT9-1-1 service area), providing a vital lifeline in urgent situations. When you contact 9-1-1, you reach a trained 9-1-1 telecommunicator and public safety dispatch workers, not licensed mental health professionals. These professionals answer the phone, listen to the caller, understand how their problem is affecting them, provide support, and share resources if needed.

In situations involving an individual with a mental health condition or someone experiencing a mental health crisis, a trained officer from a crisis intervention team, who has received basic training in handling mental health crises, may be accessible through the 9-1-1 call center.

9-8-8: Support for Mental Health Crises

9-8-8 is the new 24/7 hotline dedicated to mental health crises. It offers call, text, and chat access to trained crisis counselors who can help people experiencing suicidal, substance use, and/or mental health crises, or any other kind of emotional distress. Unlike 9-1-1, which focuses on immediate emergencies, 9-8-8 provides a compassionate and understanding ear for those facing mental health challenges.

Both 9-1-1 and 9-8-8 are free and available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. If you are experiencing an emergency, do not hesitate to reach out for help. By spreading awareness for Mental Health Awareness Month, we can ensure that more people know about these vital resources and can access the support they need in times of crisis.

Before You Go To Sleep, Remember the...



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From the Project Linus Blanketeers

First Monday Quilt Club: Project Linus Volunteers Needed

Come join the fun and fellowship with the Quilt Club volunteers while you make a difference in our community and bless others by making quilts for Project Linus.

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, June 3.

Project Linus is a non-profit service organization, and 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 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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49th Annual Meeting of White Settlement Historical Society

Saturday



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The White Settlement Historical Society will meet for their 49th Annual Meeting on Saturday, June 1 at noon in the White Settlement Senior Services Center, 8211 White Settlement Rd.

Society President Tracy J. Houpt will give a presentation on “The History and Culture of the Tonkawa Indians: One of the Tribes That Lived On This Land.”

New officer elections for 2024-2025 will be held during the business session of the meeting agenda.

Members, family, friends and the general public are invited to attend. Attendees are requested to bring a plate of food or dessert, whether cold, cooked, baked or store-bought, for the refreshments table. Also, take note of the new start time of noon with the doors open about 11:30 a.m.

Annual Society memberships are available for \$10/single or \$15 family/group. Funds help to sponsor a \$500 Annual College Scholarship for a graduating BHS Senior in good standing, affiliated by Society membership, as well as to care for, document and maintain local pioneer cemeteries like Thompson Public and Isbell and other historically related activities.

For more information, call 817-246-9719 or visit <http://www.wsmuseum.com/WSHS>.

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CASE NUMBER: CC-24-CV-602

TO: JOSHUA HENRY STOBEL and KIMBERLY ANN MUNIZ

You are ordered to appear and defend a civil action filed against you entitled

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VS

Joshua Henry Stobel and Kimberly Ann Muniz

which has been filed in Circuit Court, Montgomery County, Tennessee, and your defense must be made within thirty (30) days from the date of the last publication of this notice, which shall be published for four consecutive weeks in the *Suburban Newspapers Inc.*

You are further directed to file your defense with the Clerk of the Court and send a copy to the Plaintiff's attorney at the address listed below. In case of your failure to defend this action by the above date, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

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Around the Town with Denise Honeycutt

VFW Post 8235 Hosts Grand Opening

The long weekend drew several individuals to the VFW Post 8235 Grand Opening. Chicken fried steak, brisket, hot dogs, haircuts, a motorcycle wash, prizes, karaoke, fun and fellowship was enjoyed by everyone who attended.

Pictured right: At the ribbon cutting for the grand opening were (l-r) Trustee **Chris Woodruff**, Quartermaster **Philip Casey**, Guard **John Meza**, Commander **Randall High**, Member **Dan Zmroczel**, Member **Arthur Cabello** and Trustee **Martin Agee**.



Craig Brasfield (right) won the 50/50 raffle with Commander **Randall High**.



Theresa Byers and **Philip Davis** enjoyed their meal.



Bartender **Rene Jones** and Canteen Manager **Brenda Agee**.



Mark Hufnagle, **Shane Hufnagle**, **Diane Madigan**, **Blake Madigan** and **Regina Hufnagle** from VFW Post 10429 came out to show their support.



Pictured left: **Michelle Casey** served up delicious chicken fried steak.

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Texas History Minute by Dr. Ken Bridges

Medal of Honor Recipient, Colonel Neel E. Kearby



In war, young men are pushed to their limits in defense of their country. The defense of the United States during World War II demanded much of the men fighting the war. Thousands made the ultimate sacrifice. One of the most noted fighter pilots during the war was Texas flying ace, Neel Kearby. In his short life, he became one of the most decorated pilots in the Pacific, including earning the Congressional Medal of Honor for his exploits.

Neel Ernest Kearby was born in Wichita Falls in June 1911. His father was a physician. After spending his early childhood in Wichita Falls, they moved to Mineral Wells. A few years later in 1924, the family moved again to Arlington where he graduated from Arlington High School in 1928.

After graduation, Kearby worked a series of odd jobs in Dallas for a time before continuing his education. In 1930, he enrolled at what is now called the University of Texas at Arlington. His college education was interrupted several times before he earned a degree in business administration in 1937.

By the mid-1930s, Kearby had enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He began his flight training at Randolph Field in San Antonio, one of the most important army flight

schools.

When World War II started in 1941, Kearby was quickly called into action. The war in the Pacific spread out thousands of square miles. It was a bitter war of soldiers fighting on nameless beaches and unforgiving jungles on a string of islands, ships blasting each other on the high seas, and planes dueling in the sky. Because of the great distances between habitable islands with modern airstrips and military facilities, air superiority determined the course of the war.

By October 1942, he was given command of the 348th Fighter Group. After a few months of training, the squadron moved to a forward position in the South Pacific. Now a lieutenant colonel, Kearby led the 348th on daring attacks on the Japanese using the new P-47 fighter.

The P-47 had only been introduced into service in November 1942 by Republic Aviation. Thousands were manufactured for use by the United States, Great Britain, and France. It was durable and maneuverable, able to climb quickly and attain high speeds and high altitudes. The P-47 was known for a distinctive bubble-shaped cockpit that allowed pilots to look in all directions, a valuable advantage in aerial combat. The airplane was mostly used by the U. S. Army Air Force.

Kearby realized that the P-47 could climb higher than Japanese planes. He designed numerous new formations and attack patterns diving from high altitudes onto unsuspecting Japanese bombers and fighters. He quickly became an ace in his trusty fighter he called "Fiery Ginger" after his wife.

In October 1943, while leading a reconnaissance mission against enemy positions in New Guinea, he spied a Japanese bomber squadron with a heavy fighter escort. He and the three other pilots with him attacked, outnumbered twelve-to-one. He shot down six planes, the most shot down by an American pilot in one day up to that point. For this act of valor, he was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Kearby was promoted to full colonel and given a staff position with the 5th Air Force. He had earned the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Silver Star. Kearby had done his duty, but he wanted to go back and fight alongside the men of his unit. He continued to fly missions, compiling a record of 21 planes shot down by March 1944.

On March 5, he was again leading a mission when they encountered a Japanese squadron. He chased after and shot down a Japanese plane.

In the process, another sighted and attacked Kearby's aircraft. The enemy fighter blasted away at Kearby's P-47, fatally damaging the engine. The plane stalled and sped toward the ground. Kearby was apparently injured in the attack but managed to parachute away from his doomed plane. It crashed into a thick jungle forest on the one of many islands in the area. Kearby landed not far from the craft, but he was too far from help. Unable to get medical assistance, he soon died. He was 33 and left behind a widow and three children.

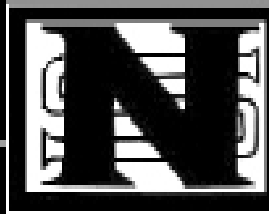
Because of the course of the war, the military was not able to recover Kearby's remains for several more years. He was not laid to rest until 1949. His brother, Maj. John G. Kearby, was also killed during the war, and the family had the two buried next to one another. It was a testament to a family that had sacrificed so much for the nation.

His legacy was not forgotten. In 1959, a building was named for him at Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls. The city of Alexandria, Louisiana, named a street for him near their airport, a former air base.

In 2010, the Texas Historical Commission and the City of Arlington unveiled a historical marker and statue at the city's public library.

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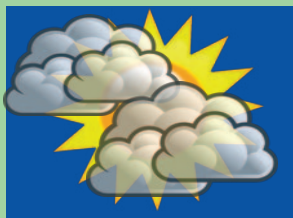
Friday, May 31:

AM - Showers and thunderstorms. High near 80. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80%.
PM - A 40% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 69. East southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.



Saturday, June 1:

AM - A 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1pm. Partly sunny, with a high near 85. South southeast wind around 5 mph.
PM - A 20% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 71. South southeast wind around 5 mph.



Sunday, June 2:

AM - A 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 1pm. Partly sunny, with a high near 86. South wind 5 to 10 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.
PM - A 20% chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1am. Partly cloudy, with a low around 73. South wind around 10 mph.

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