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Around the Town With Jo Ann Dennis and Melody Dennis

Castleberry ISD Earns an A+ for Innovative Parent University



The graduating parents of the first ever CISD Parent University are: **Yuridia Alvarado, Juanita Arellano, Maria L. Gonzalez, Mario H. Gonzalez, Anna M. Govea, Iris Hernandez, Dean Kuhn, Mandy Kuhn, Carmen Medina, Patricia Moctezuma, Ana Maria Ojeda, Martina Ortega, Miguel Ruiz, Nohemi Lopez Saldana, and Leticia Zavala.**

Studies have shown for years that parents are a crucial part of their children's academic success. The National Education Association found in a 2014 study that family engagement in schools improves achievement, absenteeism, higher grades and test scores, better social skills, and better behavior for the students whose parents involve themselves in their children's education. Washington Christian Academy found in a study that parent involvement taught students the value of education, along with growing higher esteem, self-discipline, better grades, and increased motivation. The Harvard University Parent and Student Achievement Study found that if parents have confidence in their child's education, they will have high expectations for their children, and in turn the children will respond with higher achievement.

Parents matter in their children's lives. They always have, and they always will. You may think you have all the parenting issues figured out, but

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River Oaks City Council Swears in Members for New Term

by Sarah Hodgman



Pictured are: (l-r) **Steve Holland**, Mayor **Herman Earwood** and **Joe Ashton**.

There was a full house at the City Council meeting held Tuesday, May 22. Mayor Earwood read a proclamation in recognition and appreciation of the accomplishments and value of MedStar EMS services. Matt Zavadsky, Chief Strategic Integration Officer of MedStar, accepted the proclamation giving an overall synopsis of improvements. The main points highlighted were the decreased response time to all calls, the Star Saver Program which costs a household \$69 annually, which helps with added transport costs, and a program called the MedStar Explorer Post 644. This program targets high schoolers who may have interest in this field as a career. It also engages them in community service projects such as taking sack lunches and feeding the homeless. This program currently has 23 members.

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Obituary



Patricia Ann Easterwood

Memorial services for Patricia Ann Easterwood, 72, of Weatherford will be held at 2 p.m., June 1, 2018 at Trinity Baptist Church, 820 Church Hill Rd. in River Oaks. Burial will follow at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, 2301 N.Sylvania Avenue in Fort Worth with Pastor Jase Waller officiating.

Patricia Ann Easterwood died Saturday May 12, 2018. She was born June 1, 1945 to the late John Franklin and Ruth Alice Hubbard. She graduated Castleberry High School in 1963.

Patricia was a long time volunteer at the Parker County Senior Center in Weatherford, where she was crowned the Valentine Queen. She was the assistant to the director at the Parker County Senior Center. She greatly enjoyed teaching and assisting the seniors in craft making, for fundraisers.

She is survived by her daughter Twala Watters and husband of Winnsboro, her son Bryan Gibbs of Colcord, Oklahoma, her sister Tonya Lynch and husband of Springtown, her sister-in-law of Fort Worth, four grandsons, one granddaughter, three great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

For those desiring, the family suggests memorial contributions to the Parker County Senior Center, 1225 Holland Lake Drive, Weatherford, Texas 76086.

Civil War Living History Demos at the White Settlement Historical Museum



The White Settlement Museum, located at 8320 Hanon Dr. in White Settlement, hosts a living history demonstration with the 15th Texas Cavalry, Second Texas U.S. and Ninth Texas Infantry on Saturday, June 9 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The event includes:

- Period costumed reenactors
- company drills
- black powder weapons and filled powder cartridge demonstrations
- shooting demos on request

This event is weather permitting. Admission is free.

For more information visit www.wsmuseum.com.



Free Family Event at the Kimbell Art Museum

The Kimbell Museum hosts Family Festival: Passport to Asia on Sunday, June 3 from noon to 5 p.m.

This free and fun-for-all-ages event will celebrate ancient traditions and precious objects from across Asia. Festivities include music and dance performances, craft demonstrations, art making, and gallery explorations. Participants will also enjoy free admission to the special exhibition "From the Lands of Asia."

The Kimbell Art Museum is located at 3333 Camp Bowie Blvd, Fort Worth, Texas 76107. For more information visit www.kimbellart.org.

Free Maker Mania Event at the Benbrook Public Library

The Benbrook Public Library, located at 1065 Mercedes St. in Benbrook hosts Makerspace Mania on Saturday, June 2 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The library will have 10 different booths with different tools to showcase activities that you can do at the library including:

- Raspberry Pi
- Littlebits
- MBot
- Laser engraver
- 3D printing
- Vex
- Spheros
- Green screen
- Mr. Robot
- Mindstorms

This will be an event open to everyone - you don't have to have a library card to attend.

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Around Memorial Day, the Red Cross sees a steep decline in blood donations. Busy summer schedules, vacations and school breaks also cause a drop in donations. Accidents and medical emergencies don't take a summer break – patients need blood every minute, every day.

The public is asked to schedule an appointment to help ensure that hospitals and patients have the blood they need this summer. Make an appointment to donate blood by downloading the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Those who come to give May 25-29, will receive an exclusive Red Cross branded T-shirt, while supplies last.

- Sunday, June 3, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, 5969 Bowman Roberts Rd.
- Wednesday, June 6, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Lowe's Store 2546, 1111 Eastchase Pkwy.
- Thursday, June 7, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Cabela's, 12901 Cabela Drive
- Friday, June 8, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Ryder Incorporated, 13599 Park Vista Blvd. and noon to 6 p.m., Lowe's Lake Worth, 3500 Northwest Centre Drive
- Monday, June 11, 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., 6000 Western Place, 6000 Western Place, Suite 100

Fort Worth Gem and Mineral Club Meets June 26

The Fort Worth Gem and Mineral Club meets monthly on the fourth Tuesday. The next meeting is June 26 at 7:30 p.m. Meetings are open to the public. The purpose of this club is to delve into the study of geology, mineralogy, and the lapidary arts. They also strive to stimulate interest in the searching and collecting of minerals and fossils. For more information or directions: www.fortworthgemandmineralclub.org.

Toastmasters International Meets Weekly

Toastmasters International is open to new members. Many people's greatest fear is public speaking. Communication skills are the key to promotions at work. How do you get over a fear of public speaking, improve your chances of promotion, and have fun doing it?

Toastmasters International has been helping people since 1924. Club 349, Plus Two has been helping people for more than 75 years! Founded in 1946, this is the oldest club in Fort Worth.

Toastmasters meets on Monday evenings at Le Madeleine French Country Cafe, 6140 Camp Bowie Blvd., Fort Worth, TX 76116

All events are free and open to the public. More information available at <https://plustwo.toastmastersclubs.org>. For immediate information, please contact Warren Ehn, President, at 817-913-1185 or Tim Huebner at 682-551-4576.

Southwest Fort Worth Chapter of AARP Welcomes Area Agency on Aging to June Meeting

The Southwest Fort Worth Chapter of the AARP will meet on Wednesday, June 20 at Genesis United Methodist Church, 7635 South Hulen Street, Fort Worth, Texas, 76133.

Coffee is served at 10 a.m. with the program beginning at 10:30. The June meeting will feature Jamie Harwell from the Tarrant County Area Agency on Aging (AAA). Harwell will talk about some of the programs AAA offers the community including assistance gaining access to services; long term care support; mobility assistance programs, meal plans & housing; nutrition programs; individual counseling and support groups; and caregiver training and respite care.

For additional information, visit the website at www.fortworthaarp.org or call 817-921-6717.

Rampant Porch Lizards on Break Until June 16

There will be no Celtic Music played by the Rampant Porch Lizards on Saturday, June 2 and 9. They will return to play at the White Settlement Museum on Saturday, June 16 from 10 a.m. to noon. Visit the website www.wsmuseum.com/ or call 817-246-9719 for more details.

First Monday Quilt Club Meets in White Settlement

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 9 a.m. to noon. Instead of a potluck lunch, attendees are asked to bring brunch or snack items. Their next meeting is on Monday, June 4.

Project Linus is a non-profit service organization, and the members of this group are Tarrant County Chapter Project Linus volunteers who create hand-made 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, or money to purchase materials are greatly appreciated.

Come join the fun and have 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 of 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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White Settlement Historical Society Meeting



Pictured are: (l-r) **Tyler Alberts**, **Jim Weaver** and **Rod Satterfield** at the Historical Society’s annual meeting.

The White Settlement Historical Society held its 43rd Annual Meeting on Saturday, May 19 in the White Settlement Senior Services Center. Jo Ann Grammer was elected to succeed Jim Weaver as Society President. Weaver successfully led the Society in that position from May 2016 to May 2018.

The Society's annual scholarship for a graduating Brewer High School student affiliated by membership was awarded to Blake Latham, a son of Lisa Blackburn Latham and a grandson of Bert and Lillian Blackburn. The meeting's guest speaker was Tyler Alberts, Executive Director of the Military Museum of Fort Worth located at 2501 Rodeo Plaza in the Exhibits Building in the Stockyards Historic District. Alberts gave a PowerPoint program on “Camp Bowie 1917 to 1919,” the World War One training post for the 36th Division from Texas and Oklahoma activated for service on July 18, 1917.

During the War, some 100,000 soldiers passed thru the camp for training. After the War's end, Camp Bowie served as a discharge camp with another 50,000 being processed thru the facilities. The camp was named in honor of Col. James Bowie and contained some 2,186 acres, much of it in the Arlington Heights area of Fort Worth.

A wonderful array of refreshments were again provided by Hospitality Chairs Dean and Rod Satterfield and thoroughly enjoyed by the members and guests in attendance. The White Settlement Historical Society meets next on September 22.

Memberships are available at \$10 per individual or \$15 per family/group annually. Visit the Society website at <http://www.wsmuseum.com/WSHS> or call 817-246-9719 for more details.



Pictured are: **Jo Ann Grammer** and **Jim Weaver**.



Pictured are: **Dean Satterfield** (left) and **Sandi Celusniak**.

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2017-2018 a Good Year for Castleberry High School Athletics *by John Loven*

Our Lions and Lady Lions had a pretty good year. It started off with a tremendous and unprecedented year by Coach Bart Beasley's cross-country teams. The boys and girls both won district championships for the second consecutive year, and qualified for the regional meet for the 12th consecutive year. But this year they also both qualified for state – for the first time in school history. And the girls finished as the 4A State Runner Up – led by freshman Caitlin Buendia who also finished individually second in state, beaten only by the defending state champion.

CHS football saw great improvement in Coach David Ritchie's second year. And the volleyball team qualified for the playoffs once again under Coach Yolanda Beasley. As the fall sports ended the boys and girls basketball teams took center stage. The girls, led by Coach Kenneth Ybarra, qualified for the playoffs. They also had the 7-4A Co-Newcomer of the Year in junior Emilee

Ashkar. And Coach Bart Beasley's boys basketball team had an outstanding season finishing with a 19-12 record and also a birth in the 4A playoffs. The boys also had the unanimous 7-4A MVP in junior Luis Hernandez and 7-4A Offensive Player of the Year in junior Luis Espitia.

The Powerlifting team had a banner year. Coached by Yolanda Beasley and Montey Stevenson, the girls qualified two for the state meet. They were senior Briana Sims (fifth) and freshman Yadira Abreu (10th). Soon after this the spring sports took over and also enjoyed great success. In his first season at CHS as head baseball coach, Stephen Voth, led the Lions to an outstanding record of 18-6-1, and a spot in the 4A playoffs. They were led by centerfielder Justin Taylor and pitcher Kade Parnell, a couple of seniors who had great seasons.

And what a year the soccer teams had! In just their second season as a varsity sport – unbeliev-

able success was achieved. The boys, coached by McKane Rogers, were District 7-4A Champions and Bi-District Champions and finished 16-4-4. The girls, coached by Leo Vasquez, had a truly special season. They were Bi-District Champions, Area Champions, and Regional Quarterfinal Champions. They were led by senior Mitzy Guereca, District 7-4A Co-MVP (and who led the entire area in scoring) and freshman Caitlyn Buendia who was named 7-4A Offensive Player of the Year. The girls finished with an outstanding 20-6-1 record.

The athletic programs at CHS, headed by Athletic Director Lenny Lasher, are enjoying much success. They are getting better and facilities are improving each year. Congratulations to all Castleberry athletes, boys and girls, for a very successful year! And a special thank you to the seniors as they finish up their careers at CHS with many good memories!

Joy James Garden Club is Blooming with Fun this Spring



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Pictured: (l-r) **Jaylen Jack, Narel Garcia, and Destiny Silva** work in the JJE garden.

The Garden Club at Joy James Elementary Garden Club is blooming this spring. This activity provides students with the opportunity to obtain skills for a more sustainable life, understand nutrition, and experience where food comes from. Through specifically designed horticultural activities, students are engaged to develop healthy habits for both themselves and the community. The students teach each other, assume leadership and mentoring roles, and experience positive social interactions. They work in a nonjudgmental environment where they can collaborate through hands-on activities with purpose and meaning, to learn about caring for nature, seasonal rhythms,



Pictured: (l-r) **Daira Perez, Jennifer Torres, Nathalia Rodriguez, Julio Gaussin, and Natalia Vengas** show off their garden harvest.

and experience plant life stages from seed to harvest. They are also engaged academically to reinforce their curriculum through real life experiences.

This was the first year for the Joy James Garden Club and thirty students participated. The group is looking forward to next school year when they plan to continue the development of not only sustainable lives for students, but also building their character.

For more information and photos, visit the garden club's Facebook page "JJE Garden Club."

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Paulina Callejas and Stephanie Gonzalez led the graduates and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas Flags.

the truth is that all parents can usually do better at parenting, and most parents truly want to give their children the best chance possible at a healthy, happy life. Schools have been trying to get parents involved from the beginning of organized education as they offered PTA (Parent Teacher Association), homeroom parents, and many, many more opportunities for parents to engage in their child's life and education. The problem has always been that the schools and the parents never fully understood how to implement a lasting, and result-driven program which impacts both parents and their children, so parent involvement was often left up to chance.

Castleberry ISD, though, has really hit upon a winner for involving parents and teaching parenting skills which benefit the entire family. These parenting skills quickly trickle down and begin to enhance their children's education. This unique program is called Parent University. Laura Little, CISD's Coordinator of Research, Evaluation and Accountability, wanted to find a way to improve student attendance through helping parents understand the importance of regular daily attendance. She also wanted parents to see that regular attendance is part of teaching successful habits, which will impact their children the rest of their lives. Little chose a program called "Raising Highly Capable Kids," which teaches parents how to model and instill forty crucial developmental characteristics that all humans need to be happy and successful. There are only a handful of schools in Texas that are taking this approach of helping parents and not just students, so parents can then equip their children to come to school each day with a desire to master academics, fine arts, athletics, and life in general. Other districts, including one school campus in Fort Worth ISD, have found great success with Parent University and have found the parents helped the school make tremendous improvements, not to mention creating happier students, teachers and administrators.

Castleberry's Parent University was a 13-week program that began this spring, and the parents and the instructors met for one hour on Thursday evenings. There were nine instructors, and each class touched on the several of the 40 developmental assets from "Raising Highly Capable Kids." Of the eight instructors, seven were CISD teachers and employees, one was a CISD board member, and one was a community volunteer. The nine were Mareka Austin, Jeannette Bray, Ilse Grado, Board Member Mary Lou Martinez, Tony Martinez, Sara Mischnik, Fio Parks, Guadalupe Perez, and Faith Turner.

The fifteen proud parents who graduated from parent university were Yurida Alvarado, Juanita Arellano, Maria L. Gonzalez, Mario H. Gonzalez, Ana Govea, Iris Hernandez, Dean Kuhn, Mandy Kuhn, Carmen Medina, Patricia Moctezuma, Ana Maria Ojeda, Martina Ortega, Miguel Ruiz, Nohemi Lopez Saldana, and Leticia Zavala. The graduation ceremony held



Pat Hardy, former Castleberry HS Teacher and current Texas State Board of Education Member; **Mary Lou Martinez**, CISD Board Member; and **Carlos Flores**, Fort Worth City Council Member, visit at graduation.



Seven of the nine teachers for Castleberry Parent University sit on the stage for graduation. Pictured are: **Mareka Austin, Jeannette Bray, Ilse Grado, Mary Lou Martinez, Sara Mischnik, Fio Parks, and Faith Turner**. Not pictured are Tony Martinez and Guadalupe Perez.

true to traditions with the parents wearing caps and gowns, a commencement speaker (Fort Worth City Council Member Carlos Flores), the graduates walking across the stage and receiving their diplomas, their children, families, and friends in the audience cheering and taking pictures, and then a catered meal for all after the ceremony.

Laura Little said of the first CISD Parent University, "I feel the university was very successful for the first session offered. I hope as we continue Parent University next September, we will have more and more participants, and CISD will also offer a Year Two program for those who complete the first session."

CISD Board Member Mary Lou Martinez said, "What I found the most memorable from Parent University was the dialogue it created between the parents. It also gave the parents new expectations for themselves and their children. We are all looking forward to the next chapter in being life-long learners."

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City Council (continued from page 1)



Steve Holland takes his oath.

The Mayor also voiced great appreciation to Fire Chief James Brown and Police Chief Christopher Spieldenner, also in attendance, for their dedication and service. The week of May 20 through 26 was proclaimed as Emergency Medical Services Week.

Councilmen Steve Holland, Place 2, and Joe Ashton, Place 4 were given Certificates of Election and sworn in by City Secretary Marvin Gregory. Councilman Ashton's family was in attendance for the ceremony and had his father hold his Bible as he took his oath. Council member Holland, having served 24 years, was appointed Mayor Pro-Tem. There was a brief adjournment of all in attendance to host a reception in their honor.

In reconvening, they approved minutes from the last meeting, bills payable for the period ending May 22, and approved the appointment of River Oak's own reporter about town, Melody Dennis, to the Storm Water Task Force.

A letter of appeal had been filed by Nicole Radomus, owner of the property located at 621 Oaklawn in regard to the Order of Demolition. Timothy Taylor, the owner's son, who resides at the property, appeared before the Council. He has been updating and bringing up to code the front house and is wanting to make improvements to the added structure. Although the demolition order still stands, no action was taken as they are allowing Mr. Taylor another walk-through with the building inspector to see if it is possible to salvage the rear structure. Mr. Taylor will report the outcome of his walk-through at the next Council meeting.

Updates on other substandard properties include: an extension of time given to 1101 Oxford due to a new buyer; a title search is currently in process for 1605 Montrose; 4908 Almena has been demolished and removed; and 1617 Hillside has a potential new buyer, however, if plans are not submitted quickly, it too will be demolished on June 12.



Joe Ashton takes his oath while his father holds the Bible.

Luis Hernandez of Luis Hernandez & Associates appeared with renderings for a car wash he wants to build on the pie-shaped property at 4710 River Oaks Blvd. There was great debate due to architect error in the drawing. There was even an Executive adjourning for almost an hour. Although the council members are in favor of the carwash, they were unable to approve based on the inaccuracy of the renderings. Hernandez owns another carwash in North Richland Hills and is working with a narrow timeline in purchasing this lot. The Council has rescheduled a special meeting on May 29 with hopes that Hernandez will be able to produce a corrected rendering at that time.

This year there will be no fireworks at the All American Festival being held on June 30 due to zoning requirements and restrictions, but a small band will be able to play in the parking lot of the Community Center.

A Blood Drive was approved and will be held at City Hall on July 17 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Due to some old and outdated ordinances currently on the books, the Council has slated Saturday, June 9, for a strategic planning workshop with the Zoning Board of Adjustments and Planning and Zoning for the needed updates and changes in the City's set back and zoning ordinances.

The meeting ended with Gordon Smith, Public Works Director, giving updates on the water treatment plant and the sewer pipe replacement project. The water plant is on point and even ahead of schedule. The original schedule for being back online was June 29. If things go according to plan the new date could be June 15. In regard to the sewer pipe replacement, there was a major glitch due to blockage in a main trunkline at Barbara and Merritt. The blockage was removed and repairs were made but it has put the project behind schedule.

City Council meetings are open to the public and held every second and fourth Tuesday. All are welcome.

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Castleberry ISD is excited to invite local families to visit the Books and Bytes program this summer. The program is a collaboration between Castleberry ISD, Library and STREAM Services, and the Child Nutrition department. Books and Bytes will deliver free food for kids, tons of books to take home, and fun STEM activities all summer long.

“Books and Bytes will help families enjoy great books at home over the Summer,” said Heather Lamb, Lead Teacher Librarian For CISD. “Plus, giving families easy access to quality, early literacy programs is going to support our students in becoming excited, life-long readers.”

There will be crafts, science activities, robots, nature walks, and mystery readers, so come ready to have a good time. Books and Bytes will meet Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from June 5 to August 2. Alan Small, STREAM Coordinator for the district also hopes that families take notice of a special part of the program. “On Wednesday mornings Books and Bytes will offer a weekly Nature Club program at Marion Sansom Park. Nature lovers, explorers, and folks interested in natural science should come hunt fossils, learn about wildlife, and hike trails with us!”

No registration is required to enjoy the Books and Bytes fun, and families are welcome to attend any location. Activities are scheduled at CISD schools as well as other locations around the neighborhood. You are welcome to bring water bottles, a chair or blanket, and a hat to enjoy the summer program. Please visit the calendar on www.cisdbooksandbytes.org or www.castleberryisd.net for dates, times, locations, and more.

River Oaks Public Library Summer Reading Program

The River Oaks Library will host a six-week summer reading program for students entering pre-k thru fifth grade on Fridays at 11 a.m. from June 15 through July 20.

Participants must register before June 1 at 4 p.m. to qualify for a completion certificate and a goody bag that will be given out on the last day. Each Friday session will include a story, activity and snack.

For more information or to register, call the library at 817-624-7344. The River Oaks Public Library is located at 4900 River Oaks Blvd.

Back Beats Band to Perform in July

The Back Beats will perform a selection of hits from the 1950s, 60s, and 70s at the River Oaks Center, located at 5300 Blackstone Dr. on Friday, July 20 beginning at 6 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Admission is \$5. Cake and coffee will be served. For more information, call the River Oaks Center at 817-732-5885 or visit www.riveroakscommunitycenter.com.

City Council Meets June 12 and 26

The River Oaks City Council meets twice per month on the second and fourth Tuesday night beginning at 7 p.m. Agendas are posted on the City website at <http://riveroakstx.com> under Departments/City Council and minutes are uploaded as they are approved.

Meetings are open to the public and held in the Council Chambers located at 4900 River Oaks Blvd. The facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking space are available in front of City Hall.

Next River Oaks Community Forum to be Held June 5

The Community Forum will be held at the Community Center, located at 5300 Blackstone Drive in River Oaks on Tuesday, June 5, at 6 p.m.

21 Joy James Students Place at Academic UIL Competition



Joy James Elementary had 25 students participate in Academic UIL this school year. Academic UIL is an academic league in which students practice and compete in different subject areas such as writing, reading, and even chess.

Joy James students competed in eight areas

at the end of year meet: Spelling (third and fifth grades), Ready Writing (third and fourth grades), Oral Reading (second, fourth and fifth grades), Creative Writing (second grade), Music Memory (third grade), Number Sense (fifth grade), Storytelling (second and third grades), and Chess Puzzle (second through fifth grades).

The Joy James staff is very happy to announce that 21 of the students placed in the finals of their category, making this the most successful Academic UIL year yet.

River Oaks Police Department Weekly Crime Report

from Police Chief Christopher Spieldenner

Monday, May 21

Officers responded to CVS in response to Theft. One of the two females were identified from past law enforcement contacts. Charges are pending. Officers responded to an emotionally disturbed subject in the 1700 block of Montrose. The subject was subsequently transported to John Peter Smith Hospital for a mental evaluation.

Wednesday, May 23

Officers conducted a traffic stop in the 4900 block of River Oaks Blvd. Subsequent investigation revealed the driver was in possession of Marijuana. Officers responded to First Cash Pawn reference attempted theft and criminal mischief. Detectives have identified the suspect and an arrest warrant will be issued. Officers responded to the 1700 block of Hilltop Circle in reference to an assault. The suspect fled the scene prior to officers arrival and the victim refused to cooperate. Officers conducted a traffic stop in the 4400 Block of River Oaks Blvd. Subsequent investigation revealed the driver was in possession of methamphetamine.

Sunday, May 27

Officers responded to the 4600 block of Barbara Rd. An unknown person drove through the fence and failed to stop. Officers responded to the 4700 block of River Oaks Blvd. reference a motor vehicle accident that caused damage to a utility pole and TXDOT equipment. TXDOT is working to get the lights back on, waiting on a part.

Monday, May 28

Officers conducted a traffic stop at the 5000 block of River Oaks Blvd. A subsequent investigation revealed the passenger was in possession of a controlled substance (Heroin).

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Parent University Graduates Yuridia Alvarado and Leticia Zavala said, “University helped us to interact and communicate with our children better. It allowed us to understand about their homework needs, and it was really enjoyable to change our daily routine and have ‘parent time’ to talk with other parents.”

Graduates Miguel Ruiz and Carmen Medina said, “University was very thorough. It allowed us to step back and see what we were missing as parents, and to realize we can do better, and be better parents.”

The graduation ceremony on May 17 was a fabulous event and it made me a little teary eyed as most graduations do. Pride and warm fuzzies were very much alive during graduation as the fifteen graduating parents basically were saying with their actions, “My son, my daughter, I love you. I want to know what you need in life, and how I can partner with you to help you achieve your dreams.” The parents were also stating with their actions that they know the incredible value of an education and the importance of dedicated educators who also want to see children achieve dreams.

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See you next week!



Laura Little, Coordinator of Research, Evaluation, and Accountability for CISD, and Coordinator for Parent University, and **Guadalupe Perez**, CISD Teacher and Parent University Teacher, greet guests at the graduation ceremony for Parent University.



Parent University graduate, **Martina Ortega**, reads a statement about what Parent University meant to her.



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