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From Castleberry ISD

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The district prohibits bullying on school property, at school-sponsored or school related activities, or in any vehicle operated by the district. Bullying may be verbal or written expression or expression through electronic means, or physical conduct. Bullying is not tolerated by the district and any student or parent of a student who believes that the student or another student has experienced bullying or that a student has engaged in bullying is encouraged to immediately report the incident. Retaliation against anyone involved in the complaint process is a violation of district policy and is prohibited. Official district policies regarding bullying can be found in district local policy FFI.

From North Central Texas Council of Governments

## **Public Involvement Crucial to Mobility 2050 Planning**

As North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) develops Mobility 2050, the long-range transportation plan for the Dallas-Fort Worth area, public input is being gathered on accessibility to jobs, healthcare, education and healthy food.

From November 2023 to June 2024, NCTCOG received 340 Map Your Experience comments and heard from 2,126 survey participants. Analysis of this input reveals that only 35 percent of respondents feel roadways fully meet their job access needs. Transit is the preferred mode for job access, but only 7 percent report their needs being met via transit. For accessing healthy food, walking and biking are preferred, but only 31 percent report their needs being met by these modes.

Top public concerns include roadways not keeping pace with growth and lack of a robust transit network. The 2050 demographic forecast shows Dallas-Fort Worth will surpass 12 million people in 25 years.

Population growth is extending into suburbs, leading to longer commute times. Vehicle hours spent in delay are projected to rise 144 percent by 2050, with annual cost of delay reaching \$32.3 billion. One potential solution to this is to promote mixed-use, higher density communities, which could shorten commute times and encourage infill development and density around public transportation, healthcare, education and healthy food.

By 2050, only 37 percent of the population will live in areas served by transit, down from 48 percent in 2019, according to NCTCOG data. This highlights the need for multimodal solutions, such as passenger rail, to serve areas where people are moving. NCTCOG is collecting input for the plan through the end of the year.

If you have not already provided yours, visit [nctcog.org/m50](http://nctcog.org/m50).

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From the City River Oaks

# Upcoming River Oaks Food Bank Event Friday, Aug. 9

The River Oaks Food Bank donation days are held on the second and fourth Fridays of each month at the River Oaks Event Center, located at 5300 Blackstone Drive in River Oaks.

Attendees are encouraged to begin lining up by 9 a.m. to get a place in line. The supply truck often arrives early, meaning the food is given to line members earlier than the posted time.

Attendees are requested to stay in their vehicle, as the food bank is drive through.

For more information, call 817-732-5885.

From Suburban Newspapers Staff Writers

# Saving Small Town Newspapers

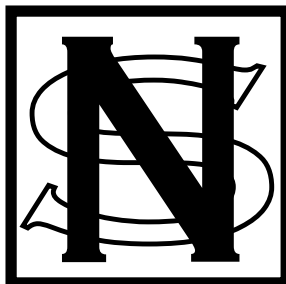
Saving small-town newspapers is crucial for preserving local history and fostering community connection. These papers capture unique stories, local events, and personal milestones that larger media often overlook.

They serve as vital records of a community's evolution, reflecting its culture, values, and concerns. Small-town newspapers also provide a platform for local voices and issues.

Supporting small-town journalism strengthens the fabric of communities and upholds the importance of grassroots storytelling.

**2024 CHS Varsity Football Schedule**

HOME	AWAY
<b>BENBROOK</b> Friday, August 30   7:30 PM	<b>BRIDGEPORT</b> Friday, September 13   7:30 PM
<b>SOUTH HILLS</b> Friday, September 6   7:30 PM	<b>FERRIS</b> Friday, September 27   7:30 PM
<b>DIAMOND HILL</b> Friday, September 20   7:30 PM	<b>KENNEDALE</b> Friday, October 11   7:30 PM
<b>RANCHVIEW</b> Friday, October 18   7:30 PM	<b>LAKE WORTH</b> Friday, October 25   7:30 PM
<b>ALVARADO</b> Friday, November 1   7:30 PM	<b>WAXAHACHIE LIFE</b> Friday, November 8   7:30 PM



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From City of White Settlement

# Handmade Happiness: Crafting Hour Tuesdays at the Library

Calling all crafters! Whether you're into knitting, crocheting, scrapbooking, painting, or any other creative endeavor, come be a part of our Homemade Happiness crafting circle! Crafters can meet every Tuesday, from 3 to 4 p.m. at the White Settlement Public Library Classroom.

Attendees may bring a current project and spend an hour crafting and socializing with fellow enthusiasts. This is a fantastic opportunity to share tips, inspire each other, and enjoy a relaxing time together.

While the program is geared toward adults, children accompanied by adults are welcome. So grab your supplies, bring your creativity, and let's make some magic!

We can't wait to see you there and create some Homemade Happiness together!

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From StatePoint Media

# Quick Indoor Organizing Projects to Tackle Now

From leaving on vacations and weekend getaways to heading out for a hike or to a sporting event, frequent in-and-out traffic in summer can leave our spaces a mess. While a deep clean can be reserved for fall, home organizing expert Abby Lawson of the popular *Abby Organizes* blog says there are quick ways to tidy up the home now.

• **Easy Entrance and Exit:** A new survey by Duck brand finds 76 percent of people feel “overwhelmed” by their family members’ mess. To help control clutter near the entryway, install Duck brand Easy Mounts Interior Drywall J Hooks to give items like beach bags, hats and umbrellas a designated spot. Lawson says she also likes to put a basket by the door, so her kids have a place to toss their shoes.

“Helping everyone adopt a routine when they come in the door encourages tidiness,” Lawson explains. “If you have little kids, move the hooks to their level, so hanging their bag becomes part of their routine.”

• **Medicine Cabinet Makeover:** The outdoor season brings its fair share of challenges like sunburn, bug bites, bee stings and rashes. Stock a cabinet with must-have emergency supplies. Lay a shelf liner on the shelf, so surfaces stay clean and dry from leaking bottles and sticky spills. Lawson keeps these essentials on a shelf near her entryway, so it’s easy for her family to apply sunscreen or bug repellent quickly on their way to the park or pool.

• **Order for Overflow:** More than half of the people surveyed

say clutter in the living room is the “most annoying” mess their family members make on a regular basis. Lawson says she uses hooks on the inside wall of her hall closet to hold an organizer. This creates extra storage for small toys as well as hand soap and toilet paper. She also recommends that households establish a consistent cleanup time to “reset” the room.

“No matter how much we try to clean up, staying organized will come down to the habits that we have,” Lawson says. “Institute a daily or weekly reset where everyone in the family works together to get everything back to where it goes. That will keep the clutter from piling up.”

• **Gather Your Gadgets:** From tongs to skewers, we often use the same tools to cook in the summer. Lawson suggests storing go-to grilling gadgets in a caddy, so they can easily be taken from inside to out. She also says to divide drawers with small trays and use shelf liner with fun prints and patterns under the trays to add a pop of color to the area.

Additionally, put bulky items like egg, pineapple and watermelon slicers in a basket on a higher shelf, so they don’t take up drawer space.

• **Car Clean-Out:** Whether you’re heading on a day trip or a road trip, the car can easily get chaotic. Lawson recommends putting an organizer on each of the back seats, so kids’ snacks, electronics and car games are easily accessible. These pockets can also be a handy place for hand sanitizer, trash bags and water.

Setting up these simple organizing systems with the help of useful products and organizing tools will encourage tidy habits for a neat home all season long.

**BACK TO SCHOOL SALES TAX HOLIDAY TAX FREE WEEKEND**

**AUGUST 9 - 11**

**SHOP LOCAL**

This year's sales tax holiday begins Friday, August 9, and goes through midnight Sunday, Aug. 11. The sales tax exemption applies only to qualifying items you buy during the sales tax holiday.

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**HOLIDAY COUNTDOWN**

**84 Days Until HALLOWEEN**

**112 Days Until THANKSGIVING**

**139 Days Until CHRISTMAS**

**145 Days Until 2025!**

Texas History Minute, by Dr. Ken Bridges

## Former President of Peru - Fernando Belaúnde Terry



Texas universities have produced many interesting political figures. Perhaps one of the most unusual journeys was that of University of Texas graduate Fernando Belaunde. Belaunde earned a Texas architectural license, became a noted architect, and was twice elected president of Peru, surviving a military coup in the process.

Fernando Belaunde Terry was born in Peru in 1912 into a prominent family. His father had been a professor and prime minister, and his great-grandfather had been president of the country. As a child, and for most of his life, he would be caught up in the chaos of South American politics. When the military overthrew the civilian government in 1924, Belaunde and his family fled the country in a panic. They soon settled in France. In 1930, his father got a job as a professor at the University of Miami, the family moved to Florida, and Belaunde began taking architecture classes there.

After a few years at the University of Miami, Belaunde wanted a better architectural school. In 1935, he enrolled at the University of Texas. He honed his skills as he learned from the most respected architectural minds in the South. He soon graduated with a bachelors degree and earned a Texas architectural license.

After finding work in Mexico as an architect, he left Texas. Shortly afterward, he returned to Peru and began publishing a noted

magazine on architecture and began designing houses. He soon became a renowned consultant on housing issues and eventually became a professor of architecture and urban planning by 1943. He was elected to the national congress in 1945 on a reform ticket. But the congress was shut down when yet another dictator came to power in 1948.

When the military allowed elections in 1956, he attempted to run for president on the new party ticket of the New Front of Democratic Youth. The military would not give up power easily. They refused to let him onto the ballot and engineered the election toward their own hand-picked successor. After leading a series of protests, he was finally allowed onto the ballot but finished a distant second. He and his supporters soon founded a new political party, the Popular Action Party. Popular Action was meant to be a centrist party by the standards of Peru, between the extremes of the handful of elites and military juntas that had previously controlled the economy and the political system and the extremists such as the socialists and the communists. The party advocated free market reforms, economic development, and anti-corruption measures.

Belaunde won the 1963 presidential election with 39% of the vote in a deeply divided contest. He immediately began working to expand college education opportunities across the country, allowed the return of free municipal elections, and pushed for new agricultural and business development. He also instituted a construction program for new highways to be built into the most remote parts of Peru. But in spite of his successes, his popularity dropped with a series of economic crises in 1967 and 1968. The situation was made even worse with a vastly unpopular settlement with a Standard Oil subsidiary to return control of Peruvian oil production to Peru.

With his unpopularity increasing among the public, the military again took control. In October 1968, Belaunde was forced from office by the army.

He was forced to return to the United States, fearing for his life. He spent the next several years teaching architecture at Har-

vard University and George Washington University. The Peruvian military proved completely inept at running the economy and agreed with civilian politicians to allow a new constitution and for free elections in 1980. Belaunde returned to Peru and won the presidential election with 45 percent of the vote in a divided field with 14 other candidates.


However, the Peru that Belaunde returned to was very different. Peru, like most of Latin America, was devastated by years of unrest and dictatorships in the 1970s that left deep economic and social scars. Though he was able to complete important and popular highway projects, he was unable to do much more.

During the Falkland Islands War between Argentina and Great Britain in 1982, he attempted to broker a peace agreement between the two. The plan, however, was rejected by Argentina's military dictators, who subsequently lost the war with Britain and were overthrown.

However, Peru's economic problems were only accelerating. The economic problems caused by the dictatorship of the 1970s worsened, with increases in inflation and unemployment and declines in income. Foreign debt increased sharply. A series of weather disasters wrecked the fishing and agricultural industries. Unrest increased as a result, leading to communist uprisings in southern Peru.

Belaunde declined to run for re-election in 1985, and his Popular Action Party was dealt a devastating defeat. He served in a ceremonial position in the Peruvian Senate until 1992 when the position was abolished and he retired.

He died in 2002 at the age of 89.



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*From City of White Settlement*  
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Contestants will build a cardboard boat and race to the end of the wave pool. This free event is sure to be a ton of fun!

There will also be awards for Siren Showdown, Best Sink, Best Boat Design, Best Costume, and an Iron Man Challenge so gather your team and sign up today.

For more information, call 817-246-5012 or email [kwsb@wstx.us](mailto:kwsb@wstx.us).

Find construction tips and race rules on the [City of White Settlement website](http://City of White Settlement website).

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### Friday, Aug. 9:

**AM** - Sunny and hot, with a high near 100. East wind 5 to 10 mph.

**PM** - Mostly clear, with a low around 78. East wind 5 to 10 mph.



### Saturday, Aug. 10:

**AM** - Mostly sunny, with a high near 98. East wind around 5 mph.

**PM** - Partly cloudy, with a low around 76. East southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.



### Sunday, Aug. 11:

**AM** - Mostly sunny, with a high near 97. South southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

**PM** - Mostly clear, with a low around 78.

**[Extended Forecast Click Here](#)**