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*From Castleberry ISD*

## Castleberry ISD Invites the Community to Tonight's Homecoming Events

### Parade

The homecoming parade will commence from the front parking lot of Castleberry High School tonight, Thursday, Sept. 19, at 6 p.m. Spectators are invited to find a spot along the route to cheer the Lions on to victory over Diamond Hill-Jarvis High School on Friday.

Parade will turn left on Churchill road, and immediately make a left to travel westbound on Blackstone Drive to the intersection of Merritt Street and Blackstone Drive.

Parade will turn right on Merritt Street, and travel northbound to the intersection of Merritt Street and Black Oak Lane.

Parade will turn right on Black Oak Lane, and travel eastbound to the intersection of Black Oak Lane and Churchill Road.

Parade will turn right, and travel southbound on Churchill Road, passing by Irma Marsh Middle School and ending at Castleberry High School.

### Community Block Party Hosted by IMMS

Irma Marsh Middle School is hosting a Community Block Party to celebrate homecoming! Members of the community are invited to bring a chair and set up in the front south parking lot of the school tonight starting at 5 p.m. Enjoy a great view of the parade, free food (until it's gone), and meet community representatives from area organizations and resources.

### Burning of the Letters Community Pep Rally

Following tonight's parade, the community is invited to assemble in front of W.O. Barnes Stadium for the annual Burning of the Letters Community Pep Rally! Listen to the CHS marching band, watch the CHS cheerleaders perform, and hear messages from members of the senior class as each letter is burned.

### Parade Parking

Spectator parking will not be available at CHS or in front of W.O. Barnes Stadium. Limited parking (continued on page 3)

*From the City of River Oaks*

## Make Plans to Enter the Scarecrow Harvest Event at 75th Anniversary Festival

The City of River Oaks invites community members, schools, churches and families to join the Scarecrow Harvest activity on Oct. 5 at the River Oaks Event Center from noon to 6 p.m., as part of the River Oaks 75th Anniversary Festival celebration.

Everyone is invited to come make this milestone event unforgettable with the community. Award categories will include: Laugh Out Loud Scarecrow, Spookiest Scarecrow, Schcoolest Scarecrow, Best in Show, Celebrity Scarecrow.

*From the River Oaks Police Department*

## Community Invited to National Night Out at the River Oaks Event Center Oct. 1

The River Oaks Police Department will celebrate National Night Out at the River Oaks Event Center, located at 5300 Blackstone Dr. from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 1.

The community is invited to come meet some of the officers and see many of the tools that are used every day to serve the community. The ROPD will be grilling hamburgers and hot dogs for everyone!

*From the City of River Oaks*

## Fall Garbage Collection Hours

The fall/winter garbage collection schedule will begin Monday, Sept. 30. Trucks will run from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Garbage should be placed out by 7 a.m.

There will be no changes to the routes or to bulk collection days.

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From the Texas Department of Licensing & Regulation

# Parent-Taught Driver Education

The parent taught program is complex and requires parents, guardians, and designees to [work with multiple entities](#). The [Driver Education Teen course](#) consists of a minimum of 32 hours of classroom instruction, seven hours of in-car observation, seven hours of behind the wheel supervised instruction, and 30 additional hours of behind the wheel instruction.

Before beginning a parent taught course, thoroughly read all webpages to avoid unnecessary costs, delays, or invalidated training hours.

## STEP 1

### Eligibility and Authorization

The parent, guardian, or designee, and student must first verify their eligibility to participate in the parent taught program. The parent, guardian, or designee must then apply for authorization to conduct a driver education course.

## STEP 2

### Selecting a Classroom Course

You'll need to purchase the curriculum from a licensed driver education provider with the parent-taught endorsement.

The classroom instruction page will help you to choose a course, learn about

methods of instruction, and provide helpful info on taking the written exam.

## STEP 3

### Learner License

After the student has completed sufficient classroom hours, they can apply for a learner license at the DPS driver license office. The learner license page has information on when you can apply, and what you need to bring with you.

## STEP 4

### Selecting a Behind the Wheel Course

If you have not done so already, you must purchase the curriculum from a licensed driver education provider with the parent taught endorsement.

## STEP 5

### Provisional License

After the student has completed all instructional and practice hours, they are eligible to test for a provisional license.

If the student is under 18, they must have held a valid learner's license for at least six months.

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A paper copy of the bid can be obtained on the WSISD website, [www.wsisd.com](http://www.wsisd.com), by visiting the Purchasing section of the Business Services page. If assistance is needed, please contact Nancy Escobar at [nancy.escobar@wsisd.net](mailto:nancy.escobar@wsisd.net). The deadline for questions is October 4, 2024, at 2:00 pm and proposals are due by October 10, 2024, at 2:00 pm. It is preferred that proposals be submitted online at <https://wsisdebid.ionwave.net/Login.aspx>. If a hard copy proposal will be submitted, it should be addressed to White Settlement ISD, Attn: Nancy Escobar, 8224 White Settlement Road, White Settlement, TX 76108. Faxed or e-mailed proposals will not be accepted.

White Settlement ISD reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals.



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# CISD Homecoming Events

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will be available in the W.O. Barnes visitor lot (corner of Worthview Street and Blackstone Street) and in Irma Marsh Middle School's front north parking lot.

Community members are invited to park anywhere along the route to watch the parade pass by!

## Varsity Football Game

Homecoming week excitement will culminate at the Castleberry High School Varsity Football Game on Friday, September 20 at 7:30 PM as the Lions take on Diamond Hill-Jarvis High School at W.O. Barnes Stadium. Homecoming court will be introduced during halftime, and the King and Queen for the Class of 2025 will be announced.

## Game Tickets

Tickets for all home athletic events must be purchased in advance using the [online ticket portal](#).

Tickets will be scanned and redeemed at the gate upon entry. Please note, if purchasing a ticket for someone, share the ticket link from the browser or forward the email confirmation to the recipient, instead of taking a screenshot. Screenshots of tickets cannot be redeemed.



From the City River Oaks

# Pie Baking Contest at 75th Anniversary Festival

Calling all bakers! Enter the pie baking contest for the River Oaks 75th Anniversary Festival on Oct. 5.

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Stay in your car, this is a drive through food bank.

*River Oaks 75th Anniversary Festival*

**EVENT SCHEDULE** 05 OCT 24 12:00-6:00 PM

\*\*The pictorial history of River Oaks will be displayed for viewing all day in the event center\*\*

- 12:00 **Ballet FOLKLORICO** de FORT WORTH, Inc.
- 12:30 Castleberry ISD Mariachi
- 1:30 **KIDLINKS**
- 2:30-4:00 Castleberry ISD Elementary Schools' Showcase - AV Cato, CE, Joy James
- 12:30-4:30 National Art Honors Society 75th Anniversary Live Art Mural
- 4:00 PM Hot Dog Eating Contest
- 4:15 PM FW Swing Dancers Syndicate Performance and Dance Lessons
- 5:00-6:00 PM Castleberry ISD Jazz Band Pie Contest and Scarecrow Winners Announced Closing Remarks



From AARP

# How to Vote in Texas' 2024 Elections

## How to register to vote:

The deadline to register to vote is Monday, Oct. 7. On the registration application, you must provide your Texas driver's license number, Texas personal ID card number or the last four digits of your Social Security number, or check the box stating you don't have one of these forms of ID.

## You can register:

- By mail: Complete a [voter registration application online](#). Then print, sign and mail it to your [county registrar's office](#). To request an application be mailed to you, contact your county voter registrar.

- In person: Request an application form at your [county registrar's office](#), public libraries and certain government offices.

Texas doesn't permit registration on Election Day, and you can check your registration status via the state's [online voter portal](#).

## How to request a ballot by mail:

A ballot by mail is available to voters who meet [certain qualifications](#), including those who are 65 or older, are sick or have a disability, or will be out of their home county on Election Day and during the early voting period. Applications must be received — not postmarked — by Friday, Oct. 25.

## Apply for a ballot:

- By mail: [Download an application](#), fill it in electronically or print and fill it in by hand. Or request an application be mailed to you from the [secretary of state's office](#) or your [county's early voting clerk](#). Once complete, hand-deliver or mail your application to your [county's early voting clerk](#). Forms require first-class postage when mailed.

- In person: Request an application from your [county's early voting clerk](#).

- By email or fax: [Download an application](#), and email the completed form to your [county's early voting clerk](#), or fax it, if the clerk's office has a fax machine. You must also mail the original application to the clerk. If applying on or near the deadline, the mailed copy must be received by the clerk no later than the fourth business day after the email or fax version was received.

Your application must include your Texas driver's license number, Texas personal ID number or election ID certificate number (which is different from your Voter Unique Identifier number). If you haven't been issued one of these numbers, you can submit the last four digits of your Social Security number.

If you haven't been issued any of the required personal identification numbers, you can check the box stating so, but your voter's registration record must not contain any of these numbers.

## Returning your ballot by mail:

A return envelope will be provided with your ballot. Before

sealing your ballot in this envelope, you must include your Texas driver's license number, Texas personal ID number or election ID certificate number in the space provided. If you haven't been issued one of these numbers, you can submit the last four digits of your Social Security number, or a statement that you haven't been issued one of the requested forms of ID.

Return your voted ballot:

- By mail: Mail your ballot to your [early voting clerk](#). To be counted, your ballot must be postmarked by 7 p.m. on Nov. 5 and received by Nov. 6 at 5 p.m.

- In person: Deliver your ballot to your [early voting clerk's office](#) on Election Day by 7 p.m.

Check the status of your mail-in ballot via the state's online [Ballot by Mail Tracker](#).

## Voting in person before Election Day:

Any eligible registered voter can cast a ballot at an early voting site in their county. Early voting runs from Monday, Oct. 21, to Friday, Nov. 1. Hours vary per location. Contact your [county elections office](#) for location details, or check the state's [online voter portal](#). Locations will be posted closer to the start of early voting.

## Voting at the polls on Election Day:

Poll hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. local time. If your county participates in the [Countywide Polling Place Program](#), you can vote at any location in your county. If your county doesn't participate, you can only vote at the voting precinct assigned to you.

Find your voting precinct location using the state's [My Voter Portal](#), which will be populated with voting sites closer to Election Day, or contact your [county elections office](#). Your voting precinct number (Pct. No.) is located next to your birth year on your voter registration certificate.

Learn about what's on the ballot on the [secretary of state's website](#), closer to Election Day.

## Voter ID requirements on Election Day:

Before voting, you must present one of Texas' [seven acceptable forms of photo ID](#), which include a Texas driver's license, an election identification certificate and a U.S. passport. If you don't have a photo ID and can't reasonably obtain one, you can fill out a [Reasonable Impediment Declaration](#) at your polling place. You must also present an [acceptable form of supporting ID](#), such as a current utility bill or bank statement. If you have an acceptable photo ID but didn't bring it to your polling place, you can still vote a provisional ballot. For your vote to count, you must present an acceptable ID to your county registrar within six days or process an [exemption](#) if it was lost in a natural disaster.

## Voting with a disability:

Voters who are sick or have a

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## How to Vote (continued from page 4)

disability may request a ballot by mail.

All polling places in the state must be [accessible](#) for voters. Voters who can't read English may use [interpreters](#) at the polls. If a voter is physically unable to enter a polling place, [curbside voting](#) is available. If planning to vote curbside, you're encouraged to call your polling place ahead of arrival.

If you need assistance to cast your ballot, you may ask a person of your choosing (aside from your employer, an agent of your employer, or an officer or agent of your union) or two election workers. The person assisting must recite an oath stating they'll mark the ballot as directed and won't try to influence the voter. For more information, visit the [votetexas.gov](http://votetexas.gov) website.

### Recent voting changes in Texas:

Election laws enacted in 2023 have affected several voting rules and processes.

Among the changes:

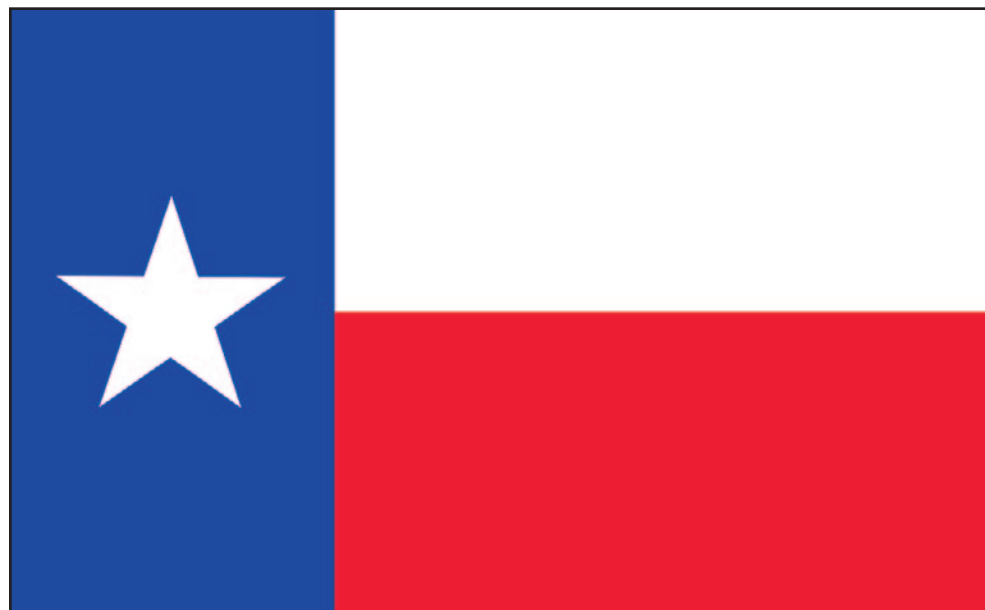
- Voters with mobility problems can skip the line when voting in person. Polling places must have at least one parking spot for voters who are physically unable to enter the site and want to vote curbside.

- Ballot-by-mail voters who make errors in their applications or submitted ballots will receive instructions from election officials on how to correct their mistakes when there's enough time to meet voting deadlines.

- Early voting days and hours at each county's main early voting polling place have been standardized for general elections, with weekend hours required.

- A sweeping 2021 state law that banned drive-through and 24-hour early voting, introduced ID requirements for mail-in voters and prohibited election officials from distributing mail-in ballot applications to voters who didn't request them faces legal challenges.

Redistricting that went into effect in 2022 redrew the boundaries of certain state legislative and U.S. congressional districts, but litigation over some districts is ongoing. Confirm your district using the state's online [My Voter Portal](#).



From the Spay Neuter Network

## Fort Worth Clinic Offers Pet Spay, Neuter & Vaccines

Spay Neuter Network's (SNN) Fort Worth clinic, located at 3117 E Seminary Dr, Fort Worth, TX 76119, provides affordable and free high-quality spay, neuter, vaccinations, parasite prevention and basic pet care for dogs and cats.

Low-cost Vaccines and Wellness services are available first-come, first-served. No Appointments are taken.

In order to provide a level of care and due to high volume, we may limit the number of clients. Wait times may vary and could run up to 1 hour or more. To decrease wait times you can print and fill in vaccine forms ahead of time [here](#).

The Fort Worth clinic will be open for surgeries on Sept. 19, 23, 24, 25 and 26.

### Free Spay/Neuter and Vaccine Program for Dogs and Cats

Fort Worth residents in qualifying zip codes can receive free spay or neuter, rabies vaccine, pain medication, and Microchip for their dogs and cats.

Qualifying zip codes for this program are: 76103, 76104, 76105, 76106, 76107, 76108, 76110, 76111, 76112, 76114, 76115, 76116, 76119, 76133 and 76140.

Surgery Check-in is at 7 a.m., and appointments are encouraged.

Everyone arrives for check-in and check-out at the same time. Wait times can be up to an hour or more.

Walk-ins are welcome if space is available after clients with appointments are checked in. Space is limited so services cannot be guaranteed without an appointment.

Un-owned outdoor cats and feral cat surgery check-in starts at 9 a.m. A minimum of six cats are taken on a first-come-first-served basis during open surgery days, with two cats allowed per person. More will be accepted if the clinic is not at capacity. No appointments are given. We request that you do not arrive until at most 20 minutes before check-in time, and if you do arrive early, please wait in your temperature-controlled vehicle.

For more information about Un-owned outdoor cats and Feral cats, including special programs that may be available to you, [click here](#).

Surgery check-out is at 4 p.m.,

The clinic will be open for vaccines and wellness checks every Monday from 2 to 4 p.m., also including Sept. 19, 23, 24, 25 and 26.

The clinic will be closed Sept. 27.

### Free Pet Food for Those in Need

SNN is a distribution partner with Don't Forget to Feed Me. They deliver pet food to this location monthly to help those who cannot afford to feed their pets. Food is available while supplies last on a walk-in bases when the clinic is open.



# American Lawyer and Federal Judge, Sarah T. Hughes



“It all depends on whether you’re willing to work hard enough to get what you want, not what stands in your way,” Judge Sarah T. Hughes said in 1977. Hughes faced obstacles in her life, but became the first woman appointed as a federal judge in Texas and also became a nationally-known figure amidst a national tragedy.

She was born Sarah Tilghman in Baltimore in 1896. As a youth, she was extremely intelligent and also very determined. She excelled at athletics and academics alike.

She earned a bachelors degree from Baltimore’s Goucher College, then an all-women’s college. After graduating in 1917, she took a series of interesting jobs on her way to her law career. She taught science for two years at a small school in North Carolina before coming to Washington, DC, to attend law school at George Washington University. In a time before women could vote nationwide or even attend some universities, she was determined to become an attorney and worked her way through law school as a police officer, taking classes at night. For a time, she even had to live in a tent on the edge of the city.

She met her future husband, George Hughes, a Texas native, in law school. The two married in 1922 and left for Dallas. While her husband quickly found success

with a private firm, Sarah Hughes had a difficult time as a woman in spite of her impressive law school degree. One law firm in Dallas hired her as a receptionist and only handed her a few cases at first. Within a short time, she earned the respect of the other attorneys. Nevertheless, she enjoyed the law and “the thrill of a fight” as an attorney, as she told an audience in 1928.

In 1930, she was elected to the state legislature. She worked for rights for women and served on the Judiciary and Labor committees. One issue she had become passionate about was a law barring women from serving on juries. She attempted to have the law changed in her time in the legislature but failed. She continued to work for it afterward, and as a result of her work, the right for Texas women to serve on juries was secured by 1954.

In January 1935, as Hughes started her third term in the legislature, Gov. James V. Allred appointed Hughes to an open judicial, the 14th District Court in Dallas. In the process, she became the first Texas woman to serve as a district judge. She was elected to a full term in 1936 and re-elected every four years up to 1960. When influential Dallas Congressman Hatton Sumners retired in 1946, Hughes jumped at the chance to run for the seat that comprised all of Dallas County. However, she came just short in the primary against J. Franklin Wilson, himself a former Dallas judge.

She had become a respected figure in legal circles and had generously donated to her old college in Maryland. In honor of what she had achieved, Goucher College established the Sarah T. Hughes Field Center in Politics to study Maryland politics and to encourage students to get more heavily involved in politics. She helped secure Dallas County’s first juvenile detention center in 1950. In 1952, she was surprised by being nominated for vice-president at the Democratic National Convention. She realized she did not have a chance and won only one vote while the vice-presidential nomination went to Sen. John Sparkman of Alabama with Illinois Gov. Adlai Stevenson heading the ticket.

Hughes ran for the State Supreme Court

in 1958. In a hard-fought contest, she won 49.3 percent of the vote, coming up just 14,000 votes short in her race against incumbent Justice Joe Greenhill.

At 65, when most people were preparing to retire, Hughes was determined to move up the ladder. In 1961, she asked her old friends Vice-President Lyndon Johnson and Sen. Ralph Yarborough to recommend her for a federal judgeship. Johnson, Yarborough, and House Speaker Sam Rayburn of Bonham lobbied President John F. Kennedy for the appointment. Several women had been appointed to the federal judiciary already, starting with Judge Kathryn Sellers in 1918, but the issue that the American Bar Association and even Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy had was her age. President Kennedy nevertheless was impressed by her accomplishments and appointed her to the newly-created position of Federal Judge for the District of North Texas.

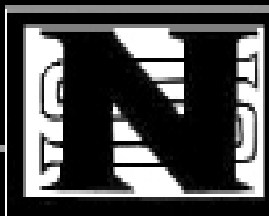
It was that fateful trip to Dallas by President Kennedy on Nov. 22, 1963, that thrust her into the national spotlight. After Kennedy’s assassination, Johnson, fearing a Soviet plot, insisted on being sworn in as president immediately and asked for Hughes. The judge was preparing to leave for Austin to see Kennedy’s speech that night when Barefoot Sanders, a United States Attorney and future federal judge, contacted her and asked her to come to Love Field to swear in Johnson aboard Air Force One.

Hughes administered the oath to Johnson in a cramped compartment aboard the plane with the grieving aides and next to a traumatized Jackie Kennedy still in clothes covered in her husband’s blood. Only photographs from reporters and an audio recording exist as no TV cameras were present. In that horrible moment, Hughes became the only woman to swear in a president – and the only Texan.

In 1964, the Federal Bar Association presented its first Outstanding Woman Jurist Award to Hughes.

She retired from her full-time status in 1975 at age 79. She spent her last years in a Dallas nursing home, where she died in April 1985 at age 88.

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## Weekend Forecast



### Friday, Sept. 20:

**AM** - Sunny, with a high near 98. Heat index values as high as 106. South wind around 5 mph.  
**PM** - Mostly clear, with a low around 75. South southeast wind around 5 mph.



### Saturday, Sept. 21:

**AM** - Sunny, with a high near 96. South wind 5 to 10 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.  
**PM** - Mostly clear, with a low around 74. South southeast wind around 10 mph.



### Sunday, Sept. 22:

**AM** - Sunny, with a high near 93. South wind around 10 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.  
**PM** - Partly cloudy, with a low around 71. South wind around 10 mph.

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