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From Castleberry ISD

Board of Education Meeting Monday, Jan. 13

Castleberry ISD's regular Board of Education meetings are held at 6 p.m., the second Monday of each month (unless otherwise announced) in the Administration Building Board Room, 5228 Ohio Garden, Fort Worth, Texas, 76114. The public is invited.

The next meeting will be held Monday, Jan. 13. Agendas can be found on the [district's website](#).

The official minutes of each public meeting are maintained by the Superintendent's Office.

From the City of River Oaks

River Oaks City Council Elections Move from May to November

New legislation passed for home rule, where city manager and city council ruled cities have the option by Resolution to move their general election dates to November of each year, instead of May.

The River Oaks City Council adopted [Resolution 1126-2024](#) on June 18, 2024, changing the date on which the city holds its general election for officers to the November uniform election date, pursuant to section 41.0052 of the Texas Election Code.

From the City of River Oaks

Prepare Now for Upcoming Winter Weather Events

The metroplex will experience cold winter weather in the coming weeks, and now is the time to prepare your home, car and pet areas!

- Disconnect all hoses and insulate outside faucets. Foam faucet covers are inexpensive and very easy to install. They come fully assembled and can be reused each season.

- Insulate water pipes. Check areas of the home where pipes are prone to freezing, such as a bathroom that has an outside wall, crawl spaces, attics, and garages. Use foam pipe insulation or insulating tape to cover the entire length of the exposed pipe.

- Keep the cold out. Boost your home's ability to hold in heat by applying weather stripping around doors and windows, or install a plastic window insulation kit.

- Take care of outdoor pets by buying a heated water bowl for dogs or installing a heating element in your ceramic birdbath. Bring outside pets in when temperatures drop below freezing.

- Stock up. Purchase in advance all the necessary tools to clear sidewalks and driveways, such as snow shovels, salt or sand, and windshield deicer.

- Create an emergency kit. In case the power goes out, or you are unable to leave your home, prepare an emergency kit with items such as a battery-powered radio, cell phone charging brick, flashlights, extra batteries, candles, and matches.

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From the Project Linus Blanketeers

First Monday Quilt Club

Volunteers Needed

Start the New Year off right by coming to join the fun and have fellowship with the Project Linus Quilt Club volunteers as you make a difference in our community by being a blessing to others.

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, Jan. 6.

Project Linus is a non-profit service organization. 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. Unfor-

tunately, 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.

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 or Virgie Anderson at 817-244-5276.

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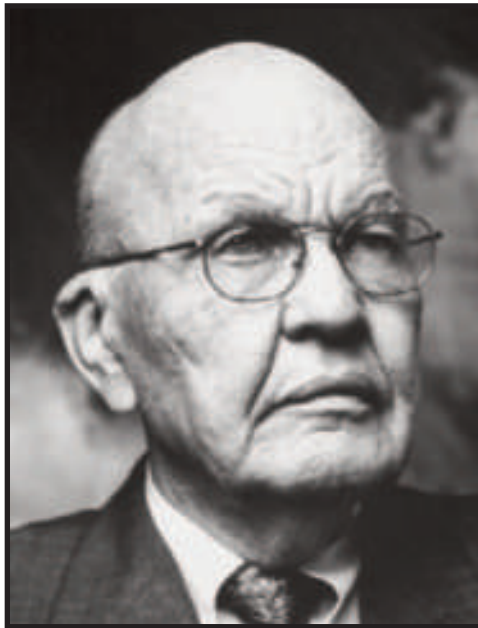
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Texas History Minute by Dr. Ken Bridges

American Electrical Engineer, Jack Kilby

One person with the world in ways no one can imagine. One invention, coming from one person tinkering in a lab or workshop can go from science fiction fantasies to an indispensable part of modern life in only a short time now. Some of these remarkable devices, such as the integrated circuit and the hand-held calculator were largely the result of the dedication and imagination of one man, adopted Texan and Nobel Prize winner **Jack Kilby**.



Kilby was born in Jefferson City, Missouri, in 1923. When he was still very young, the family moved to Great Bend, Kansas, where his father ran an electrical supply company. This, coupled with his father's interest in short-wave radio, nurtured a fascination with electronics. He spent hours studying the field and putting together different gadgets. After his graduation from high school, Kilby enrolled at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and earned a bachelors degree in electrical engineering in 1947.

After his college graduation, he landed a job with an electronics manufacturer in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Anxious to further his education while working full-time, he went to night school where he eventually earned a masters degree in electrical engineering the Milwaukee Extension of the University of Wisconsin in 1950. Three years later, he created his first invention: a plug-in circuit that helped computer engineers expand the capacity of computers. It would become the first of ten patents he would hold when approved in 1959.

Texas Instruments, a still fairly new Dallas company, was interested in his ideas on circuit miniaturization and hired him as a researcher and developer in 1958. Within a few months of his arrival, he made a revolutionary breakthrough. He helped develop the integrated circuit, a forerunner of the microchip that allows modern computers to operate. Kilby's invention, for which he secured three patents for different parts of the design, allowed computers to perform calculations faster and for computers to start becoming smaller and cheaper. Shortly afterward, the U. S. Air Force began contracted with Texas Instruments to experiment with Kilby's integrated circuit, which were soon being incorporated into new computer designs. Three more patents were secured as Kilby perfected the initial design. With Kilby's breakthrough, engineers raced to top one another to make circuit designs smaller, faster, and more efficient.

In 1965, Kilby and his team invented the thermal printer, using heat for printing with industrial devices instead of the cumbersome mechanical keys used in typewriters for decades by this point. This allowed for increased speed and efficiency and fewer mechanical problems. It was soon being used in the new computers that Texas

Instruments was producing.

By 1967, one of the earliest practical applications of the integrated circuit was developed by Kilby for the general public, the handheld electronic calculator. Homes and businesses across the nation were transformed as it became an essential device for everything from household budgets to schoolwork. The patent for this invention was granted in 1974.

From 1978 to 1984, he served as a distinguished professor of electrical engineering at Texas A&M University. Kilby formally retired from Texas Instruments in 1983, just as the computer revolution he had helped inaugurate was getting underway. As the world embraced computers in the 1980s, an increasing number of the new generation of designers, engineers, and programmers pointed to the importance of Kilby's work in making new computer technology possible. He often spoke to colleges and businesses around the world in his retirement years.

In 2000, he received the highest honor in science for his lifetime of achievement when he was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics, sharing the award with Z. I. Alferov of Russia and Herbert Kroemer of Germany, who had also made major breakthroughs in semiconductor research. The mild-mannered engineer for TI was now recognized as one of history's most brilliant minds. Kilby died in Dallas in 2005 at age 82.

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Around the Town with Denise Honeycutt

VFW Post 8235 Celebrates the Holidays!

VFW Post 8235 was very busy organizing holiday events for members and the community leading up to Christmas Day.

The annual festivities began with karaoke, 50/50 raffles, the Post Christmas Party and Gift Exchange, Steak Night and Queen of Hearts.

On Christmas Day, the Post prepared a free dinner open to the public. The menu included turkey, ham, sausage, stuffing, mashed and scalloped potatoes, gravy, rolls, cornbread, kolaches, corn, pea and garden salads, baked beans, green bean casseroles, fresh tamales, a variety of chili, cranberry sauce and an array of desserts.

The spirit of the holiday season was enjoyed by everyone who participated at the events.

Happy New Year from VFW Post 8235!



Jennifer Walker dons her festive attire.



Canteen Manager Brenda Agee and Commander Randall High.



Cook Shack Chef's Amberlee Gerhart and Manny Hermosillo prepared mouth-watering steaks!



Randy and Patricia Graef drove from Austin and wound up at VFW Post 8235!



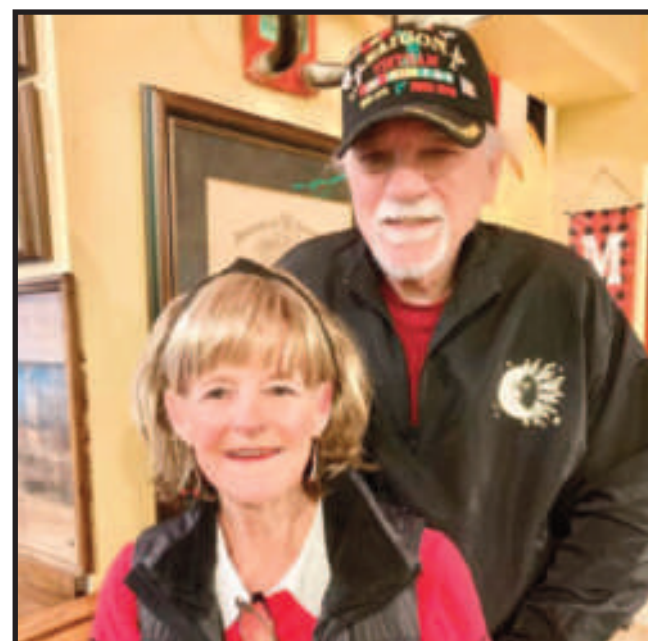
Dennis Hubert and Scott Hummel.



Martha Scott, Paul Walker and Shawn Glover participated at one of the many events.



Ned Gorman, Bartender Rene Jones and David Babbs.



Tim Eastman and Laurie Weaver wait for karaoke to begin.

From National Society Daughters of the American Revolution

Mary Isham Keith Chapter Honors Veterans on Wreaths Across America Day

The Mary Isham Keith Chapter, NSDAR, honored the veterans interred at Pioneers Rest Cemetery in Fort Worth for Wreaths Across America on Saturday, Dec. 14.

Mary Isham Keith Chapter members were joined by scouts from Trail Life USA and American Heritage Girls, veterans' family members, and other civic and community members for the dedication ceremony and placing of wreaths on 168 graves. The ceremony opened with greetings from Pioneers Rest Cemetery Board President Melanie Smith and the National Anthem was led by Sheila Randolph. Historic Preservation Committee Chair Virginia Brown explained how Wreaths Across America came about and introduced historic Camp Worth reenactors, Ray Thomas and David K. Hilton, who told about various historic people buried at Pioneers Rest.

Honorary Regent Diana Lussier called for representatives from each branch of the various Military Services to respectfully place a wreath on each of eight wreath stands. The crowd was invited to place the remaining wreaths on veteran graves throughout the cemetery,

saying the veteran's name aloud, thanking them for their service and sacrifice, and reflecting on that person and their life.

In 2007, Morrill Worcester, owner of Worcester Wreath Company of Harrington, Maine, along with the support of veterans organizations and a variety of other groups and individuals, formed Wreaths Across America, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. The wreath-laying that began more than 30 years ago is still held annually, on the second or third Saturday of December.

The United States Congress unanimously voted to nominate Dec. 13, 2008 as Wreaths Across America Day. WAA's annual pilgrimage from Harrington, Maine to Arlington National Cemetery has become known as the world's largest veterans' parade. See <https://wreathsa-crossamerica.org/> for more information.

The next National Wreaths Across America Day will be held at Pioneers Rest Cemetery on Saturday, Dec. 13, 2025.

For more information, contact mikregent@gmail.com.



Historic Camp Worth reenactors Ray Thomas and David K. Hilton with Liliane and Ethan Lollar, members of the Captain William Scott Society, Children of the American Revolution.



Pictured: Regent Charlseay Holler, Historic Preservation Committee Chair Virginia Brown and Katrina Lorenzen.

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From Meals On Wheels

Meals On Wheels In Need of Volunteers

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“Volunteers are the backbone of what we do,” said Carla Jutson, President. “Not only do they deliver nutritious meals, but they also provide daily safety checks.”

Volunteering takes about one hour, one day a week, Monday through Friday, between 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

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Friday, Jan. 3:

AM - Mostly sunny, with a high near 59. N/NE wind around 5 mph becoming E/SE in the afternoon.

PM - Partly cloudy, with a low around 45. E/SE wind around 5 mph.



Saturday, Jan. 4:

AM - Mostly cloudy, with a high near 59. S/SE wind 5 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

PM - Mostly cloudy, with a low around 51. S/SE wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.



Sunday, Jan. 5:

AM - A 20% chance of showers and thunderstorms before noon. Partly sunny, with a high near 65.

South wind 15 to 20 mph becoming W/NW in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

PM - Mostly clear, with a low around 29. N/NW wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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