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From Castleberry ISD

Castleberry ISD to Host Student Immunization Clinic Ahead of 2025-26 School Year

ing an immunization clinic exclusively for Castleberry ISD students to ensure their immunizations are current for the 2025-2026 school year on Thursday, July 24 from 9 a.m. to noon at Castleberry Elementary, located at 1100 Roberts Cut Off Road, Fort Worth, TX 76114.

Whether your child is heading to kindergarten, junior high, or college, vaccines are essential for a healthy school year and protecting students from serious illness.

The Immunization page on the district's website includes dates Hepatitis B, HIB, Meningitis

Passport Health/Staying Healthy Medical Services is conduct- for additional in-district clinics, as well as information about the immunization requirements, as set by the Texas Department of State Health Services, in conjunction with the Texas Education Agency.

> If you have additional questions, please contact your child's school nurse.

This event coincides with Castleberry ISD's Back to School Bash.

Available vaccines include: Chicken Pox, DtaP, Hepatitis A, *(continued on page 4)*

From Texas Health and Human Services **Texas Health Officials Urge Vigilance as Child Hot Car Deaths Spike in July**

The Texas Department of State Health Services is urging vigilance after the state's fourth case of a child dying in a parked car. all within a two-week period. The deaths in those two weeks have surpassed the three total hot car deaths recorded in all of 2024.

According to the Texas Heatstroke Taskforce, there have been 15 hot car deaths in the United States this year as of July 9.

"The heatstroke death of a child is a tragedy too often repeated in our state," said DSHS Commissioner Jennifer A. Shuford, MD, MPH. "The temperature inside a vehicle can rise nearly 20 degrees in 10 minutes, and heatstroke will occur when a child's body can't cool itself quickly enough. Children – and pets – should never be left in the car for any length of time."

Suffering heatstroke in a parked car is the second-leading cause of vehicle-related deaths in children under 15, following only car crashes. The causes for these deaths vary. Sometimes a caregiver forgets a child is in the car. A child may get into a vehicle without anyone knowing and be unable to get out. Or sometimes a caregiver may knowingly leave the child in the car, not expecting the vehicle to heat up to dangerous levels. Cracking a window DOES NOT protect your child or pet.

DSHS recommends these prevention and awareness tips to keep kids safe this summer:

• Never leave a child alone in a car, even if the car and air conditioner is running.

• Make sure to check the back seat before you get out of the car and Look Before You Lock.

• Don't assume it can't happen to you or your child. A change in routine or schedule can cause a caregiver to forget that a child is still in the car.

• Use reminders to check the back seat when you reach your destination. Place something you will need in the back seat when traveling with a child.

• Keep cars locked at all times and keep car keys away from children. If a child is missing, check pools and water sources first, then vehicles, including trunks.

• Call 9-1-1 immediately if you see a child alone who is in or around a car.

For more information and resources, visit: DSHS's Pediatric Vehicular Heatstroke Dangers in Texas site Texas Heatstroke Task Force GetParentingTips.com TexasReady.gov National Safety Council

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When it's time to water your lawn, think 1, 2...zero. Once a week if it needs a little water. Twice a week if it's dry and hot. Zero if it's been raining. Make sure your sprinklers aren't leaking or pointing the wrong way. And try drip irrigation for flowers and shrubs. Visit **Water is Awesome.com** for more tips.



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From the City River Oaks River Oaks City Council Application Period Opens Saturday, July 19

The City of River Oaks will hold an election on Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2025 for Place 1 and Place 3 on the River Oaks City Council.

Applications for a place on the City of River Oaks Regular Election ballot may be filed starting Saturday, July 19 through Monday, Aug. 18.

Applications may be filed in person or by mail at River Oaks City Hall, located at 4900 River Oaks Blvd, River Oaks, TX, 76114.

Office hours are Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 18.

If an applicant wishes to email an application, they may send it to pluck@riveroakstx.com; applications may also be faxed to 817-625-2790.

Contact City Secretary Paula Luck at 817-626-5421 x326 or by email at pluck@riveroakstx.com with questions or for more information.



From the Texas Comptroller's Office **Texas Sales Tax Holiday set for Aug. 8-10**

Texas shoppers can save big during the annual sales tax holiday, scheduled for Friday, Aug. 8 through midnight Sunday, Aug. 10, 2025. During this period, most clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks priced under \$100 are exempt from sales tax, whether purchased in-store, online, by phone, or via catalog, no exemption certificate required

What's Included:

chase limit.

• Backpacks under \$100 qualify, and Texas shoppers may buy up to 10 tax-free at a time

• Specific school supplies such as notebooks, pencils, markers, calculators, binders and more under \$100 are exempt

• Cloth and disposable face masks are considered clothing and are included; however, medical-grade masks like N95s are not

What's Not Covered:

• Items priced at \$100 or more, athletic-specific footwear (e.g., golf cleats), protective/workwear, accessories (like jewelry, wallets, briefcases), school supply kits with mostly taxable items, and computing devices remain taxable

Layaways and Orders:

holiday remain tax-exempt, even if items arrive later



817-378-9262

Rain checks or orders paid after Aug. 10 aren't exempt **Shipping Charges:**

Shipping, handling and delivery fees count toward an item's total price. If the combined price reimburses \$100 or more, the tax exemption does not apply.

Refund Rules:

Customers who mistakenly pay tax can request a refund from • Clothing & footwear under \$100 are tax-exempt, with no pur- the seller or complete Form 00–985 to file directly with the Comptroller's office

Retailer Guidelines:

Retailers must correctly report exempt and taxable sales. Those who "pay the tax" on non-exempt items must clearly state so in ads and receipts. Reporting ensures exempt sales are separated in tax filings.

The sales tax holiday is a signature Texas event aimed at easing education-related expenses for families and encouraging support for local businesses.

CISD Immunization Clinic

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Final layaway payments or special orders placed during the (seventh grade and college required), Meningitis B (recommended for college), MMR, Polio, Pneumonia and TDaP. Medicaid and CHIP will be accepted - and a copy/photocopy of both sides of the Medicaid or CHIP card will be required.

Accepted Insurance Plans include: Aetna, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Cigna, Humana & United Health Care PPO plans. A paper photo copy of insurance card and driver's license must be provided to receive vaccines at no charge.

Electronic copies of insurance cards will not be accepted.

Insurance plans not accepted include: Aetna and Blue Cross Gold, Silver, or Bronze plans or HMO plans with any insurance company.

The cost for uninsured students is \$10 per dose of vaccine with a \$40 maximum per child. Cash or Zelle will be accepted (no bills over \$20).

A printed paper copy of the student's current vaccine record or note from the school stating missing vaccines is required.

Electronic proof will not be accepted.

To download/print the minor patient information and consent form, click here.

Printed copies of the consent forms will be available at the event.

Passport Health will host one more in-district clinic on Wednesday, Aug. 13 from 3 to 6 p.m.

Visit the CISD website for more information.

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Suburban Newspapers, Inc. From 4PAWS & Benbrook Animal Shelter **Come Find a Friend!**



Buster is a sweet and gentle American Staffordshire/Boxer mix. He is approximately one year old and weighs 65 pounds. He already knows basic commands and is a very good boy!

He is currently available for adoption at the Benbrook Animal Shelter, located at 469 Winscott Road.

Adoption hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday. Visit www.4pawsinc.org or call 4 PAWS volunteers Ursula at 817-262-3086, or Lynda at 682-279-0760 to set up a meet-and-greet or to get more information about any of the dogs available.

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Texas Health and Human Services **Texas Offers Early Childhood Intervention** Services to Support Development

Texas parents of infants and toddlers ships in the community. with developmental delays or disabilities can access Early Childhood Intervention Launching a Career in ECI (ECI) services through the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), the agency confirms. The statewide program serves children from birth up to 36 months, working with families to foster development in essential areas such as communication, cognition, and social skills .

helped more than 950,000 Texas children and their families. The program assigns an ECI professional to partner with each family, guiding them in integrating developmental support into their daily routines and environments. Services may include speech and language therapy, occupational and physical therapy, audiology, nutrition counseling, mental health care, and assistive-technology support.

Referral and Eligibility

A medical diagnosis is not required for referral. Families or professionals may request services based on concerns or observed developmental delays. Eligibility is determined for children under 36 months who live in Texas and meet specific delay criteria.

Once accepted, children and families receive an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) that outlines specific goals and services tailored to the child's and family's needs, often delivered in the family's own environment. This early support aligns with federal mandates under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

HHSC provides an extensive ECI resource guide and operates a central directory to help families connect with local providers. An audio-visual library offers informational materials to educate families and professionals about developmental services. ECI also collaborates with various state agencies and private organizations to expand its reach, forming critical partner-

HHSC outlines career opportunities for professionals interested in early childhood intervention. Prospective candidates work closely with families, offering training and strategies to support children's day-to-day development.

ECI referrals and more detailed infor-Since its creation in 1981, ECI has mation are available through HHSC's website, where families can initiate the process or seek clarity on program details.

Why Early Intervention Matters

Early intervention services are vital because the first three years of life are critical for brain development. Delays in communication, motor skills, or cognitive abilities are easier to address when identified early.

Research shows that children who receive timely ECI support are better prepared for school and long-term success.

Ouick Facts

• Age range: Birth to 36 months

- No diagnosis required: Referral based on concern or delay
- IFSP: Customized plan with family-specific goals
- Range of services: Therapy, nutrition, mental health, assistive technology
- Resources: Statewide directory, informational library, agency partnerships

For more information, contact Texas HHSC through its website or review the resource guide and directory to connect with local ECI providers.



Texas History Minute by Dr. Ken Bridges Roger Mills: Civil War Veteran, Influential Texas Lawmaker, and Tariff Reformer Whose Stances Cost Him a Senate Seat



Roger Mills was an early Texas lawyer and legislator. He fought in the Civil War and served for nearly three decades in Congress and the U.S. Senate from the 1870s through the 1890s. Though respected for his dedication and work ethic, his political stands damaged his political career.

Roger Quarles Mills was born in Todd County, Kentucky, just on the Tennessee state line, in 1832. Not long after statehood and the end of the Mexican War, the family moved to Texas in 1849. Mills was interested in law, but as there were no law schools in Texas at the time, he apprenticed himself to an attorney and studied it himself. In 1852, barely 20 years old, he was admitted to the bar, becoming the youngest attorney in the state at the time.

Mills settled in Corsicana, built a respected practice, and got involved in local politics. In 1859, he was elected to the state legislature. Texas seceded from the Union in February 1861, as his term ended. He quickly enlisted in the Confederate Army, serving as a private. He soon saw action at the Battle of Wilson's Creek in August 1861 in Missouri as Confederate forces tried unsuccessfully to pull that state out of the Union. In October, the 10th Texas Infantry Regiment was organized, and Mills was promoted to colonel as he helped organize the new regiment, also called "Wilson's Guards."

The first major action that the 10th Texas saw was at the Battle of Arkansas Post on the Mississippi River in January 1863. Confederate forces were overwhelmed, and most of the 10th Texas was captured and held prisoner until an exchange a few months later.

The 10th was combined with the 6th Texas Infantry and the 15th Texas Cavalry, with Gen. James Deshler in command. At the battle of Chickamauga in October, Deshler was killed, and Mills assumed command.

For the rest of the war, Mills led the 10th Texas as Confederate defenses in eastern Tennessee and northern Georgia faltered. By 1865, Mills led his troops into North Carolina with what remained of the Confederate Army. His forces surrendered near Durham, North Carolina, in late April, more than two weeks after Gen. Robert E. Lee's surrender at Appomattox.

After the war, he returned to Corsicana. In 1872, he was elected as a Democrat to Congress. In Congress, he became known for his work ethic. He rose to become chairman of the influential Ways and Means Committee, which crafted the federal budget, and later the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. As the economy depended on exports of cattle, cotton, and grains, foreign trade was especially important; but there were still many defenders of high protectionist tariffs. Mills attempted to push through a bill that reduced the overseas tariff but instead only got a watered-down tariff reduction bill, the Mills Bill of 1888, which passed the Democratic House of Representatives easily but was shot down by the Republican Senate.

One of his most notable political battles came in 1891 after the Democrats reclaimed the U.S. House of Representatives in the mid-term elections. Mills ran for Speaker of the House. He quickly gathered commitments from 120 fellow Democrats. However, backroom deals peeled away several supporters; and the election went on ballot after ballot. As with his stubborn nature he had shown through much of his career, he refused to back down and make compromises. On the thirtieth ballot, he lost to Rep. Charles Crisp of Georgia by a margin of 119 to 105.

In spite of the loss, in 1891, the Oklahoma Territory named the new Roger Mills County, which borders the Texas Panhandle, after him. In March 1892, the state legislature elected Mills to the U. S. Senate, succeeding Sen. Horace Chilton. Increasingly, silver coinage was a popular issue among farmers across the South and Midwest as farmers were desperate to reverse the tide of collapsing crop prices. They saw monetary inflation as the solution to ending their debt problems. However, eastern bankers opposed silver coinage as it cut into their profits from loans, and eastern factory workers opposed it as it ate into their wages. Loyal to President Grover Cleveland, Mills backed a partial repeal of the 1890 Sherman Silver Purchase Act which sought to add more inflationary silver into the nation's money supply.

Upset at the action, the Texas legislature declined to re-elect him in 1898. When his term ended in March 1899, Mills returned to Texas and resumed his law practice. He died in Corsicana in September 1911 at age 79.

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Weekend Forecast

Friday, July 18:

AM - Sunny, with a high near 95. South wind around 5 mph. PM - Mostly clear, with a low around 76. South wind 5 to 10 mph.

Saturday, July 19:

AM - Sunny, with a high near 95. South southwest wind 5 to 10 mph. PM - Mostly clear, with a low around 77. South wind around 10 mph.

Sunday, July 20:

AM - ASunny, with a high near 96. South wind around 10 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. PM - Mostly clear, with a low around 77.

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