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*From Castleberry ISD*

## Castleberry ISD Offers Free After-School Program with 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant

Castleberry ISD is a recipient of the Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Center grants.

This grant is intended to provide Castleberry ISD students with academic support, enrichment activities (including STEAM, sports, gaming, and more), social-emotional learning, leadership skills, high-impact tutoring (HIT), snack and dinner.

The program also includes parental and family involvement activities that build on the local community, while also integrating career and college preparedness.

Students must be enrolled at a Castleberry ISD school to participate in this free after school program. The program starts on Sept. 5 and runs every Monday through Friday until 6 p.m. at A.V. Cato Elementary, Castleberry Elementary, Joy James Academy, Irma Marsh Middle School, and Castleberry High School.

[Click to register a Castleberry ISD student for this free after-school program today!](#)

For additional information, contact Claudine Avila, Project Director at [avilac@castleberryisd.net](mailto:avilac@castleberryisd.net).

*From the City of River Oaks*

## 2024 Proposed Budget Public Hearing Aug. 29

The City's Proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Operational Budgets is available to [view here](#).

The public hearing to adopt the city operational budgets is Aug. 29, at 6 p.m. in the City Council Room located at 4900 River Oaks Blvd.

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**SCAN TO REGISTER:**

For More Info, Contact:  
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From City of White Settlement

# Take Precautions During Dry Conditions to Avoid Accidental Fires

We continue to experience extremely dry conditions that present increased fire danger. According to the National Weather Service, the DFW area received just .78 inches of rain in June and just .47 inches in July. This is well below the monthly averages, making this summer's fire danger even more serious than previous years.

Here are a few less common fire safety tips that need to be observed during this extremely dry summer:

- Avoid using power tools near dry vegetation, as sparks from power tools can easily start a fire in these dry conditions.
- Be careful when using lawn mowers and weed trimmers. Older or damaged lawn mowers or other power lawn care tools can generate sparks, especially if you hit something hard or metallic while mowing.

• Dispose of cigarettes properly. You're never supposed to throw your cigarette butts outside, but it's even more important to follow this rule during extreme dry conditions.

• Keep your grill clean and free of grease. Grease can cause portions of your grill to catch fire, which can then spread and cause grass fires.

• Secure tow chains. Heavy duty chains used for towing can cause sparks when they hit the street, possibly igniting a grass fire.

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White Settlement ISD will hold a public meeting at 5:30 pm, August 21, 2023 at the Administration Building located at 8224 White Settlement Rd., White Settlement, Texas 76108.

The purpose of the meeting is to review and allow public comment regarding the district's plan for continuing to safely conduct in-person instruction.

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From the Fort Worth Gem and Mineral Club

# Fort Worth Gem and Mineral Club to Meet Aug. 22

The Fort Worth Gem and Mineral Club meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 22 at 7 p.m. at 3545 Bryan Avenue; Fort Worth, Texas 76110.

This month's program will be a Precious Metal Clay demonstration by a local artist.

Meetings are always open to the public. The purpose of this club is to delve into the study of geology, mineralogy, and the lapidary arts. We also strive to stimulate interest in the searching and collecting of minerals and fossils.

For more information or directions, please visit [www.fortworth-gemandmineralclub.org](http://www.fortworth-gemandmineralclub.org).

From the White Settlement Public Library

# Teen DIY: Yarn Coasters Aug. 28

Teens in the seventh through 12th grades are invited to join us making fun tools, decor, fidget toys, and more! Teen DIY meets the last Monday of each month at the White Settlement Public Library at 4:30 p.m. This is a free event and all materials are provided. Signing up is encouraged to ensure we have enough materials - teens can sign up online here: <https://www.wstx.us/FormCenter/Library-6/Teen-DIY-Sign-Up-88>.



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# Key Things to Do After Having a Baby



Becoming a new parent is a joyous occasion, but no matter how many parenting books you've read, nothing can completely prepare you for your baby's arrival. With every pregnancy comes a long to-do list, but here are five tips to review after having a baby.

## 1. Start building an emergency fund.

Being financially prepared for anything can help protect your growing family. Managing your cash flow and setting aside a specified amount each month for an emergency fund will have your future self thanking you. Whether it ends up being an unplanned doctor's bill or emergency car repairs, you'll be prepared to meet the cost. Use a free online emergency fund calculator to determine what's a good amount of cushion for your situation.

## 2. Review your life insurance plan.

Although this big, exciting event just happened and the last thing you want to think about is something bad happening, it's always better to be prepared. A set amount of money each month towards a life insurance plan can help your family in a worst-case scenario, providing financial security and the ability for your family to maintain their current lifestyle. Life insurance could pay for daycare to allow the surviving spouse to work, fund your child's education and provide income replacement to help pay off a mortgage. Hint: Ask your insurance agent about bundling your home, auto and life insurance – it may be able to save you money.

3. Apply for your baby's Social Security number and birth certificate.

Social Security numbers (SSN) and birth certificates are not automatically generated upon birth. Nurses or the hospital will more than likely offer you the steps to apply for your baby's SSN and to fill out the birth certificate. However, it is important to complete these items promptly to avoid a delay or issues in adding your baby as a dependent on tax forms, health plans and more.

## 4. Add your baby to your health plan and benefits.

Most insurance plans allow 30 to 60 days to add your new baby to a health plan so that the birth and continued care are covered. Be sure to add your new dependent or the hospital might bill the full amount for your stay. Contacting your health insurance provider is the easiest way to ensure your new dependent is added.

Hint: Before your baby is born, compare health plans to see which insurance plan will cover more birth and postnatal costs.

## 5. Start saving for college.

It's no secret that student loan debt is out of control. Putting away a set amount of money each month into a secure account can set up your child with a healthy debt-free financial future. If your child chooses to take an alternative path, they can use that money for a down payment on their first home. Be sure to discuss with an accountant the different long-term savings options available.

As new parents, you can provide all the TLC required for your new bundle of joy, but following these five steps will help set up you and your baby for success, no matter what life throws at you.

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*From City of Benbrook*

## ***Vendors Wanted for 15th Annual Benbrook Heritage Fest***

The City of Benbrook will host Heritage Fest on Saturday, Sept. 30 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Dutch Branch Park. Vendors will be provided the opportunity to display and sell their products.

If you are interested in participating, contact Sydney Turner at [sturner@benbrook-tx.gov](mailto:sturner@benbrook-tx.gov) before Sept. 2 to book your place - space is limited.



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## UTEP - The University of Texas at El Paso by Dr. Ken Bridges



As schools and universities across Texas begin their school years, teachers and administrators continue their work to educate students and improve lives. The University of Texas at El Paso has long been such an institution, serving as one of the pioneers for education in West Texas.

At the turn of the century, El Paso leaders were looking to escape the image of the lawless frontier town.

By 1910, the city's population had reached 39,000. Mining was a strong component of its economy. Copper mining in the area and especially copper, silver, gold, and lead ores mined across the border in Mexico were smelted within the city, creating a multi-million dollar economic boon for El Paso. Given the city's unique needs and its location more than 500 miles from the state's flagship university, the importance of a college devoted to mining was clear.

The state legislature passed the bill sponsored by Sen. Claude Hudspeth creating the State School of Mines and Metallurgy in 1913, which was signed into law by Gov. Oscar B. Colquitt. The college opened in September 1914 with just 27 students in a building just off the Fort Bliss compound. The students paid no tuition. They simply paid a one-time \$30 registration fee (\$721 in 2016 dollars) and would pay occasional lab fees ranging from \$1.50 to \$25 per course.

The college struggled in its early years.

One enduring story was that the college established a football team in 1915, but only because of the donation of \$800 (nearly \$19,000 in 2016 dollars) from one professor, John Kidd, for whom a future stadium would be named. Enrollment rose to only 39 students by 1916. That fall, the campus was hit by a devastating fire that destroyed the main building. El Paso residents rallied to save the college. Fundraisers were held and land was donated for the college to move and rebuild.

By fall 1917, the college reopened with new buildings at its present location. After World War I, reorganizations by the state legislature led to a rapid series of changes on campus.

In 1919, the college was merged with the University of Texas to become the University of Texas Department of Mines and Metallurgy. The next year, the name was changed to the Texas College of Mines and Metallurgy and became widely known as "the College of Mines."

Football continued to be a popular part of campus culture. In 1935, the college hosted the first annual Sun Bowl championship game. However, since the college did

not have its own field yet, the first three Sun Bowls were played at El Paso High School. The first Sun Bowl on the college's campus was not played until 1938.

The name would change once again to Texas Western College by 1949. In 1961, the college trained the first group of Peace Corps volunteers, part of President John F. Kennedy's program to bring new schools, hospitals, food, and clean water to poverty-stricken communities in the Third World.

In 1967, the University of Texas System was reorganized again, with Texas Western College now becoming the University of Texas at El Paso. It expanded rapidly and steadily offered new programs, with its first doctoral program being offered in 1974 (in geology) and a new nursing program starting in 1976.

Today, UTEP has more than 25,000 students and offers more than 160 different undergraduate and graduate degrees.

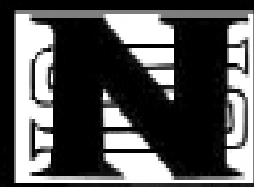
It is currently the only university in the nation with an active mine shaft on campus, still used for training miners.

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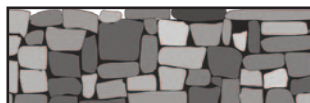
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# Three Day Weekend Forecast



## Friday, Aug. 18:

AM - Sunny and hot, with a high near 108. S/SW wind 5 to 10 mph.  
PM - Clear, with a low around 79. South wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.



## Saturday, Aug. 19:

AM - Sunny and hot, with a high near 105. S/SW wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.  
PM - Mostly clear, with a low around 79. SE wind around 10 mph becoming south southwest after midnight.



## Sunday, Aug. 20:

AM - Sunny and hot, with a high near 107. W/SW wind 10 to 15 mph becoming E/NE in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.  
PM - Mostly clear, with a low around 80.

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