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From Castleberry ISD

Castleberry ISD Invites the Community to Tonight's Homecoming Events



The homecoming parade will commence from the front parking lot of Castleberry High School tonight, Thursday, Oct. 6, at 6 p.m.

- 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, southbound on Churchill Road, travel to the intersection Churchill Road and White Oak Lane.

- Parade will turn right, westbound onto White Oak Lane, and travel up to the intersection of White Oak Lane and Merritt Street.

- Parade will turn left onto Merritt Street and travel southbound on Merritt Street until the intersection of Merritt Street and Blackstone Drive.

- Parade will turn left, eastbound on Blackstone Drive, and continue eastbound to Churchill Road where the parade will conclude in the high school parking lot.

IMMS Community Block Party

Irma Marsh Middle School is hosting a Block Party at the Homecoming Parade starting at 5 p.m. The community is invited to stop by for a great view of the parade and free food (until it's gone). Community resources and organizations will be available at the vendor booth area. The Block Party will take place in the visitor's parking lot at W.O. Barnes stadium, just north of the field.

Community Pep Rally and Burning of the Letters

Following tonight's parade, the community is invited to stay for the annual community pep rally and Burning of the Letters Ceremony, beginning at approximately 7 p.m. The event will be held in the parking lot in front of W.O. Barnes stadium. 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

The best place to park is Irma Marsh Middle School. Limited parking will be available at the Castleberry ISD Technology Building, located near the high school, but vehicles will be blocked in once the parade begins. The CHS/W.O. Barnes Stadium lots will be blocked for the IMMS Block Party Event and the Burning of the Letters/Community Pep Rally.

Parade Participant Drop-Offs

Please drop-off any students who are part of a float in the driveway of the CHS Competition Gym. It will be best to enter via White Settlement Road, pull into the driveway and exit to avoid the parade assembly areas. (continued on page 2)

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My name is Mimi Coffey and I am running to be your State Representative. I have spent most of my entire life in District 99. I have raised my 4 children here. As a defense attorney of 27 years, I am used to fighting uphill battles and negotiating. I will fight hard for the needs of our northwest Tarrant County residents.

Our property taxes are too high. Women's reproductive rights have been taken away. Our public schools are in a crisis with a shortage of teachers. It is getting harder for the majority of northwest Texans to make ends meet with rising costs. As a small business owner of 22 years, I know what it takes to run a successful business and take care of your people. The pandemic has taught us that to survive we must embrace change. I am ready to serve both Democrats and Republicans alike. District 99 is military and defense industry heavy. I understand and respect this as my father served in the Army and retired from Lockheed-Martin (General Dynamics). I have the utmost respect for our incumbent representative and if elected, plan to continue his tradition of excellent service to the community.

I invite you to visit my website, mimicoffeyfordistrict99.com for more information. I'm asking for your vote so that we can put PEOPLE OVER POLITICS. Feel free to text or call me direct at 817-205-4861.

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From the Sports Desk with John Loven

Lions Still Seeking First Win

The Castleberry Lions football team has had a tough stretch the first half of their 2022 season.

On Friday, Sept. 30 they traveled to Kennedale to tangle with the traditional state playoff powerhouse. The Wildcats entered the game with a 2-2 record. The heavy favorite to win district again this year put away the Lions rather convincingly and quickly. They streaked out to a 49-0 halftime lead and went on to easily cruise to a 56-0 victory.

The Lions return to W.O. Barnes Stadium this week on Friday, Oct. 7 for the 2022 Homecoming game.

The Lions will face a Diamond Hill team who is struggling even more than our Lions.

The Eagles are also in search of their first victory of the season (0-5) but have been completely blown out in all five games.

Their losses been to Conrad (52-0), Turner (62-0), Ranchview (57-0), Dunbar (60-0), and Eastern Hills (56-0). The Eagles have yet to score this year in five

games.

Kickoff is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Come early to see the band pre-game activities. Also, there will be a CHS pep rally at 3 p.m. featuring CHS alumni and former staff. Go Lions!

CHS Homecoming

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Varsity Football Game

Homecoming week excitement will culminate at the Castleberry High School Varsity Football Game on Friday, Oct. 7 at 7:30 p.m. as the Lions take on Diamond Hill High School at W.O. Barnes Stadium. Homecoming royalty will be introduced during halftime, and the class of 2023 King and Queen will be announced.

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Title 16 U.S.C. 470 EE Archaeological Resources Protection Act and Title 36 CFR 327.14(a) provides restrictions prohibiting the collection of archaeological or paleontological resources on Corps of Engineers project lands. Title 36 CFR 327.14(a) specifically states that "destruction, injury, defacement, removal, or any alteration of public property including but not limited to, developed facilities, natural formations, mineral deposits, historical and archaeological features, paleontological resources, boundary monumentation or markers and vegetative growth, is prohibited except when in accordance with written permission from the district commander." USACE restricts activities at the lakes that could cause harm or destroy these sensitive resources.

If a person finds an object with potential archaeological, paleontological, or historical value on government-owned property, he or she should make note of its location and inform a park ranger or the lake office. He or she should not collect the item, as removal of these items is a citable offense under Title 36 Part

327.14(a). Often the true importance of an archaeological or paleontological discovery is its provenance and context, which often progresses scientific understanding more than the item itself. People who have found archaeological, historical, or paleontological resources and reported their finds correctly to the project offices have provided a valuable service to the Corps of Engineers and the greater scientific understanding of the unique and diverse resources protected by the Corps of Engineers.

USACE asks all to help us with protection of our natural resources, recreate responsibly with outdoor and water safety always as a priority.

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The next River Oaks City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, Oct 11 at 7PM

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From AARP

How to Vote in Texas' 2022 Elections

Texas' Nov. 8 general election includes races for U.S. House, state House and Senate, governor and several other state offices. The state's primary was March 1 and its primary runoffs were May 24.

Essential information:

- **Mail-in voting:** Mail-in ballots (formerly called absentee ballots) are available only to registered voters who are 65 or older, are sick or have a disability, are incarcerated but otherwise eligible, or will be out of their home county on Election Day and during the early voting period.

- **Early in-person voting:** Early in-person voting is available from Monday, Oct. 24, to Friday, Nov. 4, for the general election.

- **In-person voting on Election Day:** The general election is Tuesday, Nov. 8. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

What's new this year?

A new state law introduced in 2021 has changed voting in Texas, including:

- A ban on drive-through and 24-hour early voting.
- Election officials are no longer allowed to send unsolicited vote-by-mail application forms to voters.
- Mail-in-ballot voters must now provide ID on both the application and the return carrier envelope for their completed ballot.
- Those who assist someone else in filling out a ballot at the polls must sign a form disclosing their relationship to the voter. They also must recite an oath stating that they did not pressure or coerce the voter into choosing them as their assistant.

Also, a [new redistricting plan](#) has changed the boundaries of some state legislative and U.S. congressional districts and may affect which candidates appear on your ballot. Visit [votetexas.gov](#) for more information.

What races are on the ballot and who's running?

- **U.S. House:** all 38 seats; Texas gained two seats in the House, as determined by population growth in the 2020 census
- **State Senate:** all 31 seats
- **State House:** all 150 seats
- **Governor:** incumbent Greg Abbott (R), Beto O'Rourke (D)
- **Lieutenant Governor:** Mike Collier (D), Dan Patrick (R)
- **Attorney General:** Rochelle Mercedes Garza (D), Ken Paxton (R)
- **State courts**

Visit the [secretary of state's website](#) for more races and sample ballots.

How do I register to vote?

- **By mail:** Complete a [voter registration application](#) online, then print, sign and mail it to the [voter registrar in your county](#). If you'd prefer to complete the application by hand, [make an online request](#) or call your voter registrar to have them mail you a registration form. You can also pick up an application form from your voter registrar's office or from [public libraries](#), [government offices](#) or high schools and mail it to your voter registrar once complete.

- **In person:** Visit the [voter registrar in your county](#).

The voter registration form requires you to provide either your

Texas driver's license number, your state ID number or the last four digits of your Social Security number. If you don't have one of those, you must indicate that on the form.

The last day to register to be eligible to vote in the general election is Tuesday, Oct. 11.

Check to see if you're already registered at the state's [Am I Registered? webpage](#). Note that you must reregister if you move to a different county. You can update your address online through the secretary of state's [Voter Name and Address Changes portal](#).

Once registered, you'll be mailed a voter registration certificate or card with your name, address and the number of the precinct in which you'll vote.

How can I get a mail-in ballot? Are there important deadlines?

Mail-in ballots (formerly called absentee ballots) are available only to voters who are 65 or older, are sick or have a disability, are incarcerated but otherwise eligible, or will be out of their home county on Election Day and during the early voting period. You can request a mail-in ballot:

- **By mail:** [Download the application](#) for a ballot online, or contact your [county's early voting clerk](#) or the [Secretary of State's office](#) and request that an application be mailed to you. Once complete, mail it to your [county's early voting clerk](#).

- **In person:** You can also submit your application in person to your [county's early voting clerk](#).

For the general election, applications can be submitted starting Friday, Sept. 9, and must be received (not postmarked) by Friday, Oct. 28, by noon or close of business, whichever is later.

- **By email or fax:** If you think you may miss the deadline to submit your application for a ballot by mail, you can email your application to your [county's early voting clerk](#) — or fax it, if your county clerk has a fax machine. You must then also mail the original application so that the clerk receives it no later than the fourth business day after it was received via email or fax.

**Note that new state law requires you to provide either your Texas driver's license number, Texas personal ID number or election ID certificate number (which is different from your Voter Unique Identifier number) on your mail-in ballot application and the return carrier envelope for your voted ballot. If you have not been issued one of these numbers, you can submit the last four digits of your Social Security number.*

If you require assistance to complete your mail-in ballot request form and/or mail-in ballot, your assistant's name, address and signature must be included on the request form and/or the carrier envelope used to return your ballot to the early voting clerk. Voters may not be assisted by their employer, an agent of their employer, or an officer or agent of their union.

How do I submit a mail-in ballot? Are there important deadlines?

Texas voters can deliver completed mail-in ballots only by mail or in person to their county's early voting (continued on page 5)

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clerk; drop boxes are not available. Your completed mail-in ballot must be received by **your county’s early voting clerk**:

- By 7 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 8, if the carrier envelope is not postmarked.
- By 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 9, if it’s postmarked by 7 p.m. on Election Day.

Make sure the identifier you list on your return carrier envelope matches at least one of those on your voter registration record. There were reports of mail-in ballots being rejected during the primaries because voters did not meet this new requirement.

Also note that postage may be required to both apply for a mail-in ballot by mail and to return your mail-in ballot. Texas counties aren’t required to prepay postage, but some counties do.

Can I track my absentee ballot?

You can check the status of your mail-in ballot as well as correct any missing or incorrect information identified by county election officials via the state’s official online **Ballot by Mail Tracker**.

Can I vote in person before Election Day?

Yes, registered voters can vote in the general election at early voting sites in their county from Monday, Oct. 24, to Friday, Nov. 4.

Early voting locations and hours will be posted on the **secretary of state’s web portal** two days before early voting begins. Hours for early voting vary from county to county but can happen only between the hours of 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. Counties with more than 55,000 residents must have polls open for at least 12 hours each weekday during the second week of early voting. Drive-through and 24-hour early voting are no longer permitted.

Note that the recent redistricting in Texas means **your polling location** may have changed. Lawsuits over the new districts are pending, however, they will not be decided before the 2022 general election.

When is Election Day? When are polls open?

The general election is Tuesday, Nov. 8. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Voting sites will be listed on the **secretary of state’s web portal** on Sunday, Nov. 6, two days before Election Day.

All polling places in Texas must be **accessible** for voters. If you

require assistance to cast your ballot you may receive assistance from either a person of your choosing (aside from your employer, an agent of your employer, or an officer or agent of your union) or from two election workers. Those who assist others must sign a form disclosing their relationship to the voter. They also must recite an oath stating they did not pressure or coerce the voter into choosing them as an assistant.

Voters who can't read English may use **interpreters** at the polls. If a voter is physically unable to enter a polling place, **curb-side voting** is also available.

Do I need identification to vote?

Yes. You must present one of the **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 you can fill out a declaration at your polling place, where you must also present **one of the acceptable forms of supporting ID**, such as a certified copy of a domestic birth certificate, current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, or government check; or the voter registration certificate from your county voter registrar.

If you have an acceptable photo ID but don’t have it at your polling place, you can still vote a provisional ballot. You will have six days — until Monday, Nov. 14 — to present the acceptable ID to your county registrar or to process an **exemption** in order for your vote to count.

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Admiral James Otto Richardson *by Dr. Ken Bridges*

The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941 has been studied at length by military minds and academics for decades. The naval officer in charge of the Pacific Fleet in the months before the attack was a Texas native, Admiral James Otto Richardson. As the United States began preparing for war in 1940, Richardson pointed to weak defenses at Pearl Harbor that he feared would lead to disaster.

Richardson was born in Paris in September 1878. After he graduated from high school, he did not immediately attend college. In 1898, he instead received a congressional appointment to attend the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. He excelled in his studies, graduating fifth in his class in 1902.

His first assignment was with the Asiatic Squadron helping with naval support of American attempts to suppress a rebellion in the Philippines. He was transferred to the Atlantic Fleet in 1905. He came to command two small torpedo boats in 1907, the USS Tingay and the USS Stockton. In 1909, he was tapped to enter the Naval Academy's special graduate engineering school, part of the first group of officers selected for this special training and education program. By 1914, he rose to head the Bureau of Steam Engineering, responsible for monitoring the navy's fuel supply.

Richardson had an honorable record and steadily moved up the ranks. He served as executive officer of the battleship USS Nevada during World War I. He then rose to command the USS Asheville, a gunboat, by 1922 when he led the navy's patrols of the South China Sea. Periodically, his service was interrupted by further studies at the naval academy and the Naval War College. He commanded the heavy cruiser USS Augusta from 1931 to 1933. While serving as Budget Officer with the Navy Department, he was promoted to rear admiral in 1934.

As Assistant Chief of Naval Operations in 1937, he was at the forefront to the navy's response to two events that riveted the world's attention. When famed aviator Amelia Earhart disappeared in the Central Pacific, Richardson helped coordinate the navy's search operations. He also helped formulate the information and response to Japan's sinking of an American gunboat, the USS Panay, in China's Yangtze River. Japan's invasion of China and steady expansion in East Asia became a grave concern to the United States.

In January 1940, Richardson was named commander-in-chief of the United States Fleet, one of the senior-most positions in the navy, which also put him in command of the Pacific Fleet. In June 1940, President Franklin D. Roosevelt ordered the Pacific Fleet to move its headquarters to Pearl Harbor. Roosevelt believed that the nation must begin preparing for a possible war. He also believed that while Pearl Harbor was still thousands of miles from the Japanese sphere of influence, the presence of the fleet in the Central Pacific sent a strong message of disapproval to Japan and might dissuade Japan from further incursions in the Far East. In the meantime, the United States continued to negotiate with Japan

for it to cease its military actions, negotiations that continued until December 1941.

Richardson was respected as an expert on Japanese military tactics throughout the military and by civilian politicians. He expressed grave fears over headquartering the Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor, especially since Japan had a history of engaging in sneak attacks. He looked at the situation from a careful tactical standpoint. Pearl Harbor was a good natural harbor that had been under American control for decades. But Hawaii was more than two thousand miles away from mainland naval bases at San Francisco and San Diego, far from any emergency support, and unprepared for an attack. He brought his pointed criticisms of the situation to Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox and Admiral Harold Stark, the Chief of Naval Operations. Twice he went to Washington to explain his position in person, to no avail.

He pushed for increased air patrols and for bolstering the defenses of the facility. He coordinated with his army counterparts on war game scenarios to practice for a possible invasion, a practice begun by previous Pearl Harbor commanders. He was discouraged when army forces on the island were never able to repel a naval invasion.

Years after World War II, Richardson said that he never believed that a carrier-based attack on the base would happen. He had anticipated a more traditional naval invasion with battleships, destroyers, and landing troops. In 1940, however, the United States still had very few military resources to spare in spite of increasing preparations. In February 1941, Richardson was relieved of command in favor of Adm. Husband E. Kimmel.

Richardson was assigned to the Navy General Board, an advisory body within the Navy Department in Washington. Like the rest of the nation, he was shocked and horrified by the attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. He stepped down from the position in October 1942. He spent the remainder of the war working with the Navy Relief Society, a navy charity designed to help sailors and Marines and their families. He also worked as senior member of a special committee to reorganize America's defenses.

After his formal retirement from active duty in 1947, he lived the rest of his life quietly in Washington, DC, occasionally writing on his naval experiences. In 1973, he released his memoirs, "*On the Treadmill to Pearl Harbor*." He died at his home in 1974 at the age of 95.

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Three Day Weekend Forecast



Friday, Oct. 7:

AM - Mostly sunny; high near 85. Northeast wind 5-10mph, with gusts as high as 20mph.
PM - Partly cloudy, with a low around 60. Northeast wind 5-10mph.



Saturday, Oct. 8:

AM - Mostly sunny, with a high near 79. East northeast wind around 10mph.
PM - Mostly clear, with a low around 58. East northeast wind around 5mph.



Sunday, Oct. 9:

AM - Sunny, with a high near 83.
PM - Mostly clear, with a low around 62.

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