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From the Sports Desk with John Loven

## From First Kick to Final Whistle: Castleberry Lions' Unforgettable Road to the State Final

The 2025 Castleberry High School boys' soccer team's season ended on Thursday, April 10. This special season began with great promise, led by an experienced group of coaches and players. The team jumped out to a fast start this year going 5-0-2 in their first seven games. Then, on Jan. 22nd they suffered their first loss of the season to rival Diamond Hill. The Lions proceeded to go 17-0-1 over the next 18 games. This brought them to the final stage, the 4A Division 1 State Soccer Championship. The Dream was now within their grasp.

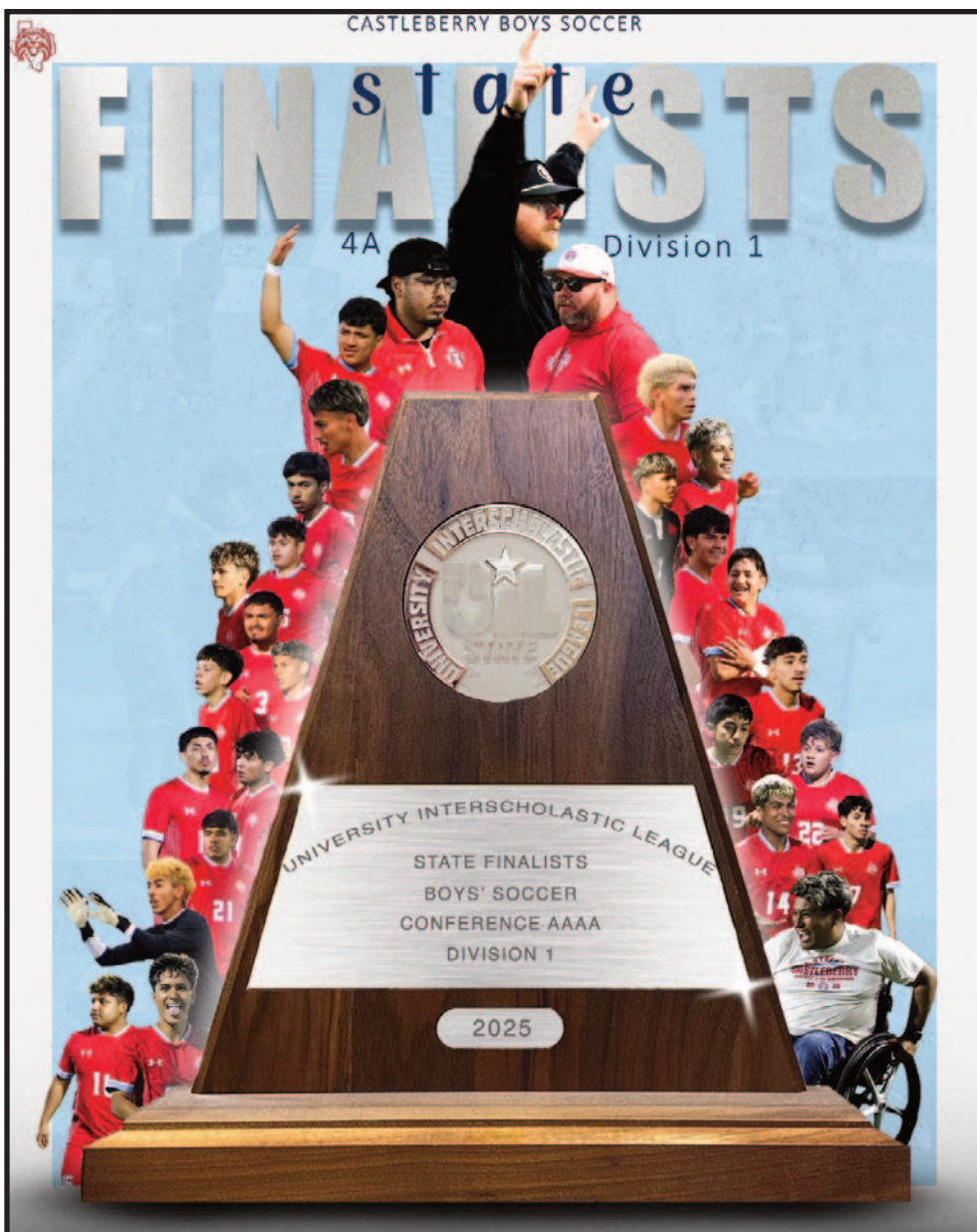
During this historic playoff run, the Lions had been a defensive

giant. In fact, CHS had not given up a single goal in the first five playoff games (winning by the scores of 5-0, 4-0, 3-0, 2-0, and 2-0). They came into the state championship against Salado with a record of 22-1-3. The Eagles came in 23-3-3, having won their semi-final game by forfeit over Progresso.

The championship game was played in Georgetown at Birkelbach Field and the stands were full of hundreds of faithful Lion fans who made the three-hour drive down I-35 for the 6:30 p.m. game.

The Lions struck quickly, scoring a goal within the first 5 minutes of the match. Senior Christian Serrato had a free kick from about 20 yards out that got past the Salado goalie and found the left corner of the net. At the 35:42-mark CHS led 1-0. Seniors Ethan Padilla and Jose Chairez ater got shots on goal but did not score. At the 27:40 mark of the first half something happened that had not occurred during the CHS playoff run, a goal was scored on them. The Eagles tied the game 1-1.

For the next 20 minutes Salado controlled the tempo of the game, keeping the Lions mostly playing defense. The Eagles managed five more kicks on goal, but none scored, thanks to a great diving play by junior goalie Caleb Castaneda. The last 7 minutes of the first half saw the Lions regain the momentum. They got five shots on goal. With just 1:47 left until halftime Chairez floated a kick over the Salado goalie into the net to give the Lions a 2-1 lead which remained through halftime. *(continued on page 5)*



From the City of River Oaks

## City Hall Holiday Closures

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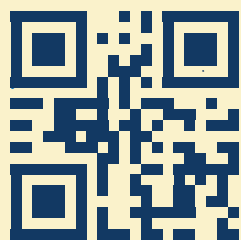
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# Mary Isham Keith Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution NSDAR Presents Community Service Awards

Mary Isham Keith Chapter, NSDAR, was pleased to present Community Service Awards to two of its members in April.

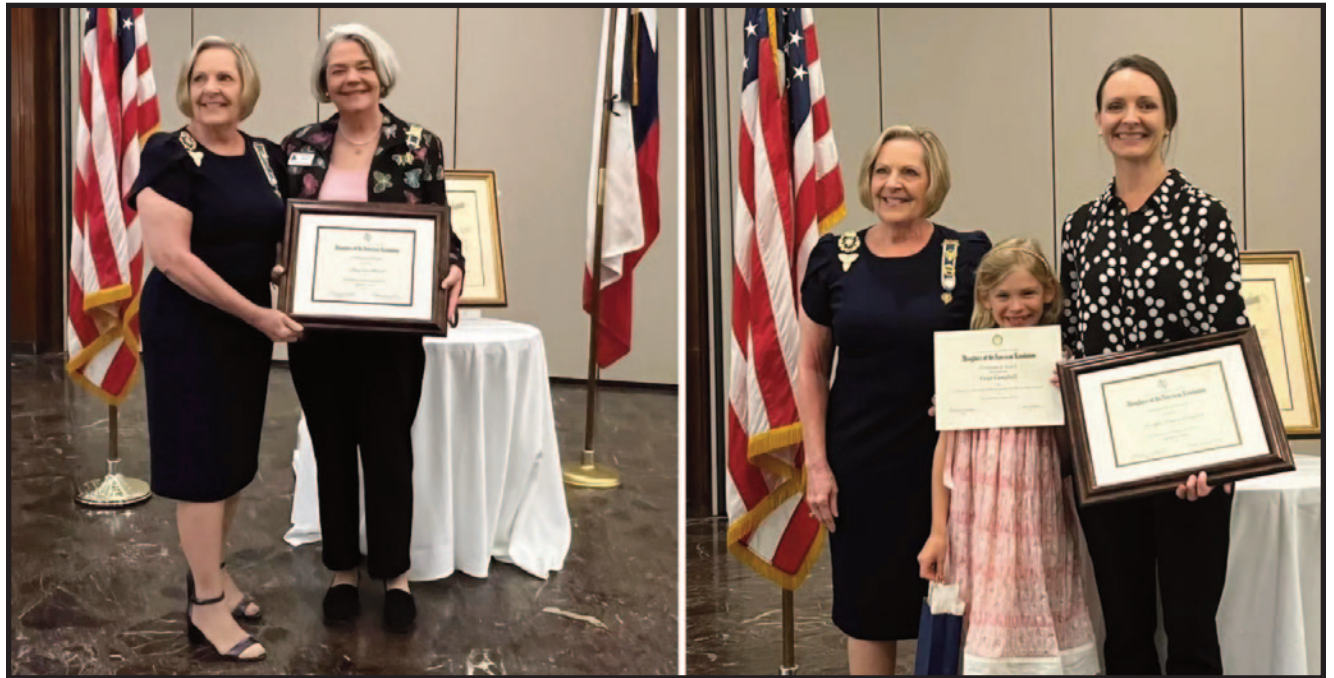
Betty Coe Manuel was presented the DAR Community Service Award in recognition of her outstanding contributions to the Fort Worth Garden Club, the Botanical Research Institute of Texas, and the community at large. Her dedication, expertise, and leadership have significantly enriched the FWGC initiatives, fostering a deep appreciation for horticulture, floral design, and environmental stewardship. Her active involvement in several projects and committees exemplifies her unwavering commitment to service and education.

Tough Tots Fund, a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit public charity was founded by Jennifer

Campbell, with a heartfelt mission to provide unwavering support, comfort, and essential financial assistance to pediatric patients, their caregivers, and the dedicated medical providers who journey with them. Her efforts include managing donations, fundraising, coordinating the assembly and delivery of essential items, and raising awareness within the community. Chapter members have collected and donated backpacks stuffed with items for children with epilepsy at Cook Children's Hospital in support of the Tough Tots charity.

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is a non-political women's service organization whose members can trace their lineage to an individual who contributed to securing American independence during the Revolutionary War. Today's DAR is dynamic and diverse, with over 185,000 members in 3,000 chapters in the United States and abroad. DAR members annually provide millions of hours of volunteer service to their local communities across the country and world. DAR chapters participate in projects to promote historic preservation, education, and patriotism.

If you are interested in learning more about DAR membership, please email [mikregent2023@gmail.com](mailto:mikregent2023@gmail.com).



Regent Charlseay Holler with Betty Coe Manuel (left) and (right) with Jennifer Campbell and daughter Paige, poster child and inspiration for Tough Tots Fund



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# Sports Desk (continued from page 1)



The second half began and both squads had good chances to score but great defensive plays kept that from happening. Junior Richard Montes, Padilla and Chairez had shots but could not score. With just less than 14 minutes from the state championship trophy, the hard-to-believe happened, the Eagles scored a second goal. At the 13:57 mark the score was tied up at 2-2. Regulation ended in this tied score.

Overtime consisted of two 10-minute periods. Lightning struck for a third time against the Lions. At the 7:02 mark, Salado scored an unbelievable third goal on CHS. For the first time in the playoffs the Lions found themselves trailing in a game. Chairez and senior Eddie Zapata got some good shots on goal but both were defended by the Salado goalie. The first overtime period ended with Salado ahead 3-2.

The second overtime saw the Lions get close to a score on a kick by Zapata but it was again defended by the Eagles goalie. The last chance the Lions had was a shot by Montes with only 10 seconds left that just missed right. And suddenly, the dream season came to a close and ended. Castleberry lost to Salado 3-2 in overtime.

This Lions still made history and that can never be taken away from them! They were the first CHS team to make it to the State Championship game. They were a joy to watch and are to be congratulated for their historic season.

### 2025 Castleberry Lion Soccer Varsity Roster

- #1 Caleb Castaneda - Jr.
- #2 Juan Carrillo - Jr.
- #3 Gerardo Garcia - Jr.
- #4 Fernando Hernandez - Jr.
- #6 Nerik Aguilar - Sr.
- #7 Gio Saldana - So.
- #8 Jose Sifuentes - Sr.
- #9 Richard Montes - Jr.
- #10 Christopher Montoya - Sr.
- #11 Ethan Padilla - Sr.
- #12 Jose Chairez - Sr.
- #13 Sebastian Garcia - So.
- #14 Uriel Pereyra - Jr.
- #15 Michael Lujan - Sr.
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- #21 Angel Chavez - Sr.
- #22 Anthony Herrera - Jr.
- #23 Eddie Zapata - Sr.
- #25 Jairo Garcia - Jr.
- #99 Cristobal Salas - Sr.

Head Soccer Coach is Paul Smith, and Assistant Coaches are Sean Fontenot, Bryan Carrillo, Erik Akinnibosun and Aden Slay.

## From the City of River Oaks River Oaks City Council Candidate Application Period to Begin in July

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. In the Nov. 4, 2025 General Election, Council places 1 and 3 will on the Ballot.

The first day to apply for a place on the General Election ballot will be July 19, 2025 (*dates are subject to change from the 2025 legislation*).

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# From Hill Country to High Command: How Texan Chester Nimitz Led the U.S. Navy to Victory in WWII



Admiral Chester W. Nimitz with Commander Herbert E. Schonland and Lieutenant Commander Bruce McCandless aboard USS San Francisco (CA-38), in December 1942.

Chester Nimitz was a Texan ready to serve his country in its darkest days. Through clever planning and fearless determination, Nimitz led naval forces in the Pacific to victory in World War II.

Chester William Nimitz was born in Fredericksburg in 1885 and had a childhood far from the sea. His father died just before he was born, and he was raised by his mother and paternal grandfather, Charles Nimitz. The elder Nimitz was a German immigrant and had been a sailor before he settled in Texas in the 1850s. He also had served as a captain in the Confederate Army during the Civil War. He had a profound impact on the younger Nimitz.

As he reached adulthood, he wanted to serve his country and applied for admission to the U. S. Military Academy at West Point. His congressman convinced him to apply to the U. S. Naval Academy, where he graduated seventh in his class in 1905. He served with distinctions on a number of battleships and destroyers after his graduation, mostly serving in the Pacific fleet. In 1909, he was assigned to serve with the navy's first submarine fleet and helped with the construction of the ships and training of the earliest crews.

During World War I, he served as chief engineer on a destroyer and later served as an aide to Adm. Samuel Robison, commander of the Atlantic submarine fleet. After the war, he was given his first command, the cruiser USS Chicago. In 1926, he established the navy's first ROTC program to ensure a steady supply of reliable, educated officers for the navy. He steadily rose through the ranks, respected for his dedication and his imagination in modernizing engine designs, submarine construction, and even mid-ocean refueling techniques.

On Dec. 17, 1941, ten days after the disastrous attack on the

Pacific fleet at Pearl Harbor, President Franklin D. Roosevelt named Nimitz commander-in-chief of the Pacific fleet. The fleet was in shambles, and Nimitz was responsible for holding back the tide of the Japanese navy threatening American shores.

He quickly rallied American ships to stop the Japanese advance on Australia with the Battle of the Coral Sea in 1942. Learning that Japan was trying to finish off the navy, he organized a massive fleet to meet the Japanese at Midway that June. Midway was a tremendous victory for America, allowing the U. S. to recapture the Central Pacific. Japanese officials realized they had lost the war at that point but fought on.

Nimitz organized the "island-hopping" campaigns of the South Pacific as American forces fought to liberate key island groups. His tactics at the Battle of Leyte Gulf in 1944 broke the back of the remaining Japanese navy and led to the recapture of the Philippines. When Japan finally surrendered in 1945, Nimitz was on the USS Missouri to accept their capitulation.

After the war, Nimitz was named Chief of Naval Operations and oversaw the dismantling of the massive fleet the nation had built during the war. At the same time, he pushed for modernization of the fleet as oversaw the construction of the submarine USS Nautilus, the first nuclear-powered naval vessel. He retired from his duties as chief of naval operations in 1947, but his status as a fleet admiral kept him on active duty. He served as a Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Navy, advising the navy on special issues. He also served as a regent for the University of California system during the 1950s.

He died at his home in California in 1966. The nation revered the great hero after his passing. Eight communities named schools after him, including a high school in Irving and an elementary school in Kerrville. In 1971, his hometown of Fredericksburg honored him by opening the Chester Nimitz Museum which has since expanded into the National Museum of the Pacific War.

In 1975, the navy commissioned the USS Nimitz, a top-of-the-line nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, a vessel still serving to this day.

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### Friday, April 18:

**AM** - Mostly cloudy, with a high near 86. South wind around 15mph, with gusts as high as 30mph.  
**PM** - Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm after 1am. Cloudy, with a low around 66. South wind around 15mph, with gusts as high as 20mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%.



### Saturday, April 19:

**AM** - Possibility of a thunderstorm. High near 77. South wind 10-15mph, with gusts as high as 25mph. Chance of precipitation is 80%.  
**PM** - Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm after 1am. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 55. S/SE wind around 10mph becoming W after midnight. Chance of precipitation is 70%.



### Sunday, April 20:

**AM** - A chance of showers, with thunderstorms also possible after 1pm. Mostly sunny, with a high near 74. West wind 10-15mph, with gusts as high as 20mph. Chance of precipitation is 50%.  
**PM** - A 20% chance of showers before 1am. Mostly clear, with a low around 51.

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