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From the Sports Desk with John Loven

Lions Open Season with Home River Oaks Christmas Parade **Victory**

The 2022-23 Castleberry High School boys' basketball season got underway in early November. They opened with a home game against the Palmer Bulldogs on Nov. 22. In a game that early looked like a cake walk for the Lions, then turned into a dogfight, eventually saw the Lions slowly pull away in the second half for a 52-42 victory.

Castleberry jumped out to a 17-5 lead in the first quarter. The team was led by seniors Eddie Hernandez (#1) who scored 8 points, and Amin Ba-Ahmad (#23) with 7 points. But the Bulldogs came roaring back in the second quarter, mainly the result of some excellent 3-point shooting.

After going 0-7 from the 3-point line in the opening quarter, the Bulldogs connected on three of their first five 3-point attempts in the second quarter. They finished 4-10 in the quarter. The Lions still led 22-19 with under 2 minutes to play in the half. But with 14.2 seconds left the Bulldogs hit a bucket and drew a foul on the play. They made the free throw to complete an old fashioned "3 point play" and tied the game 22-22. Even though there was still time for the Lions to get off a good shot – they had to settle for a long contested 3-point attempt which they missed. Score remained tied at halftime.

The Lions moved back ahead, 24-22, to open the third quarter. But at the 7:16 mark of the quarter, the Bulldogs took the lead (25-24) on a 3-point shot. This was only the second time Palmer had seen the lead since they led 2-0 to open the game. It would also prove to be their last time to lead in the game. Sophomore Everitt Arellano (#12) hit a bucket on a great assist from Hernandez (#1) and gave the lead back to the Lions for good at 26-25. The rest of the third quarter belonged to Ba-Ahmad (#23) who scored 11 points.

With 1:22 left in the quarter the Lions led by just 2 points, 34-32. But they closed the quarter on a 6-0 run (all by Ba-Ahmad) to take a 38-32 into the final quarter.

The Bulldogs fought hard in the final quarter but the Lions responded to each challenge. Palmer got to within 4 points of the Lions early in the quarter (38-34), but that was as close as they would come. The Lions were very bal- (continued on page 2)

From the City of River Oaks

and Tree Lighting Dec. 10



The City River Oaks will host a Christmas Parade on Saturday, Dec. 10 starting at 6 p.m. at Castleberry Elementary located at 1100 Roberts Cut Off Rd.

A tree lighting event will follow the at River parade Oaks City Hall located at 4900 River Oaks Blvd.

Contact 817-626-5421 extension 318 for more information.

Christmas Parade Route

- West (right) on Tulane
- South (left) on Yale
- West (right) on Black Oak
- South (left) on Sam Calloway
- Cross Roberts Cut Off to Blackstone
- North on Merritt back to Elementary
- *Detour (road construction)
- East (right) on Black Oak
- North (left) on Lydick/Long
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Lions Basketball

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anced in their scoring in the final quarter. Four Lions scored in the quarter. They were led by sophomore Demetrius Valadez (#3) with 6 points.

The Lions worked hard and eventually won 52-42. All 5 starters helped the cause and scored points in the game. They were led by Ba-Ahmad (#23) with 18 points, followed by Hernandez (#1) with 14 points. The balanced scoring was rounded out senior Miguel Huerta (#21) with 8 points, and Valadez (#3) and Arellano (#12) who both scored 6 points.

The Lions play away tonight at Venus High School.

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that staying on budget is Americans' top Christmas is great for last-minute gifts. concern this holiday season, followed by and being charged late or hidden fees.

Here are five tips to protect your holiday budget:

- family. Americans plan to spend \$998 on gifts this holiday season, according to the overspend. Know your budget up front draws one name and buys a gift for just checkout. the person they selected. You can add a bit recipient a secret until you open gifts!
 - 2. Take advantage of deal days. Timing

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- 3. Purchase gift cards to easily track incurring long-term debt, shipping costs spending. Gift cards are a popular, convenient gift, but some would-be buyers may hesitate to purchase them out of fear that the business may end up closing, 1. Set a spending cap with friends and especially those still struggling during the ongoing pandemic.
- 4. Track when products are discounted National Retail Federation. 'Tis the sea- with a browser extension. Do you want son for giving, but make sure you don't the best deals but don't have the time to spend searching for them? There are and communicate that with loved ones. extensions you can download on web Another idea to limit spending is to put browsers that will compare prices and everyone's name into a hat. Each person even apply the best coupon codes at
- 5. Use credit card rewards. You've of intrigue by keeping the identity of your earned those points throughout the year and now is a great time to cash them in. The simplest way to use points is for gift cards, as it's one of the top requested gifts and there are many categories to choose from, including restaurants, clothing and grocery stores. Another option is to take advantage of the money saved from a statement credit to cover the expense of holiday gifts.

Being mindful of your spending now can help you have a low-stress holiday season and start the new year off on the right foot.

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Animator, Cartoonist, Director and Actor - Tex Avery by Dr. Ken Bridges

Cartoons have captivated and delighted children, and the young at heart, for generations. As the motion picture industry surfaced, cartoons became a staple feature of the matinee. As television later emerged, they became normal fare on Saturday mornings and late afternoons after school. Even in the modern age of DVD players and wireless streaming, they still delight audiences of all ages. Young



from as early as the 1930s and 1940s that their parents and the Woody Woodpecker cartoons. By the late 1950s, Avery grandparents grew up watching. One of the early and most moved on to animated commercials before retiring in the early important pioneers of animation was a Texan known simply as 1970s. Tex Avery.

Austin in 1908. The family moved to Dallas when he was still mators and writers and creators in the history of the genre, leavyoung. He later attended North Dallas High School where he ing his own, unmistakable imprint on animation and giving the occasionally drew cartoons for the student newspaper and year- world so many memorable characters. book; and students often greeted each other with, "What's up, course at the Art Institute of Chicago before returning to Texas. more years.

In 1928, he and a few friends took a train trip to California. Avery struggled at first, taking menial jobs loading the docks or painting cars while sleeping on the beach at night. Within a few From Carter BloodCare months, he landed a job at Universal Studios painting the animated cels for their different cartoon productions. Along the way, he picked up the nickname "Tex." He began looking at the different stages of cartoon production, slowly mastering the makes a lifesaving difference for neighbors in need. Donating process. Many of the cartoons he worked on were for the blood helps local patients in urgent need of transfusions "Oswald the Lucky Rabbit" series, an early creation of Walt because of surgeries, severe trauma, cancer treatments, organ Disney. Avery wrote his first cartoon story in 1932 and even transplants, difficulties during childbirth, and age-related health offered voices on some of the early cartoons. He ultimately issues. worked on dozens of different stories in his years with Universal. By 1934, he directed the first of 143 cartoons in his fact, every two seconds, someone needs a lifesaving transfucareer.

He lost his job with Universal in 1935 and began working at Warner Brothers Studio a few months later. He immediately BloodCare community blood drive on Friday, Dec. 9 from began working on the emerging Looney Tunes series. Avery 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Carter BloodCare Bus in the and his crew created such characters as Daffy Duck, Elmer parking lot of Library located at 1065 Mercedes Street in Fudd, and Bugs Bunny, who gained the name from a nickname Benbrook. for one of the staff animators. It was Avery's idea, remembering his high school days, to give Bugs Bunny his classic when you sign up online. "What's up, Doc?" catchphrase in 1941.

Avery often said, "In a cartoon, you can do anything." He thus encouraged writers and animators at the studio to be creative and appeal to both adults and children in the audience.

While children enjoyed the vibrant imagery and slapstick comedy, adults could enjoy the subtle political and social satire that was often on display. While he worked well with his fellow animators, he often clashed with his own superiors. He left Warner Brothers in 1941 and began working for MGM.

At MGM, Avery helped direct and write cartons promoting the war effort during World War II. He also began directing and writing stories for the *Droopy* and *Barney Bear* cartoons. He also directed many of the *Tom and Jerry* cartoons produced in the 1940s and early 1950s.

He left MGM in 1954 and began working with his old colchildren still enjoy discovering and watching the same cartoons league from Universal, Walter Lantz. Here, he helped produce

He spent more than 40 years working in animation in his Frederick Bean Avery was born in Taylor, just northeast of long career, working alongside some of the most important ani-

Tex Avery died at his home in California in 1980, leaving Doc?" He graduated in 1926 and took a summer drawing behind animated stories that will continue to delight for many

Community Blood Drive Dec. 9

This holiday season, residents are invited to give a gift that

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From the City of River Oaks

City Council to Meet Dec. 13

The City Council of River Oaks meets on the second and fourth Tuesday night of each month.

Agendas for the meetings are available as soon as they are posted on the City's website, 72 hours prior to each meeting. Minutes of each meeting will also be available once they are completed and posted.

A 65 voice choir will be accompanied Trumpet. This outstanding presentation will be conducted by Dr. Jolene Webster.

Guest soloist for this years concert include: Julie Johnson, soprano, Hilary Taylor, alto, Keith Brnson, tenor, and Dr. David Robinson, bass.

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Most needed items include:

- canned proteins like chicken or tuna
- pasta
- rice
- healthy cereal
- fruit in juice
- tomato sauce
- toothbrushes and toothpaste
- soap and deodorant
- shampoo and conditioner
- dish soap and
- laundry detergent
- surface cleaners
- diapers and baby wipes
- baby bottles

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From the Project Linus Blanketeers

First Monday Quilt Club - Project Linus Christmas Party

The First Monday Quilt Club will meet at Bethany Christian money to purchase materials are greatly appreciated. Church located at 1500 Meadow Park Drive in White Settlement from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 5.

Volunteers are asked to bring one unwrapped toy for the Toys for blessing to others. Tots Christmas program, brunch snacks or Christmas goodies to phant) gift for a gift exchange. Come join the fun as we celebrate together.

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Come join the fun and enjoy fellowship with the Quilt Club volunteers while you make a difference in our community by being a

For more information, visit www.projectlinus.org. For questions share during the party, and a wrapped (inexpensive or white ele- about this group and meetings, call Virginia Biela at 817-244-1263.

From the White Settlement Historical Society

Winter Meeting and Christmas Party Dec. 10

The White Settlement Historical Society will gather for their Volunteers also make coverlets for veterans, nursing home resi- 47th winter quarterly meeting with a shared dish Christmas party dents, and the homeless. Unfortunately, the need for these blankets and white elephant gift exchange game on Saturday, Dec. 10 at 1:30 increases each month. They desperately need volunteers with p.m. at the White Settlement Senior Services Center, located at 8211 White Settlement Rd. Bring an unwrapped, small gift in a gift sack No experience is needed - there is a place for you. Anyone can or box to exchange by the drawing of lots and share a plate of your help if you can follow instructions, sew, tie a knot, crochet a blanket, favorite holiday food or dessert treat for the refreshments table. or tell a good joke. Volunteers have lots of fun and develop fantastic Please renew your annual membership dues as they help to support friendships. High school students can receive community service our annual BHS \$500 Society Scholarship, maintain local historic cemeteries like Thompson Public and other related activities.

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Friday, Dec. 2:

<u>AM</u> - Mostly cloudy, with a high near 70. South wind 10 to 15mph, with gusts as high as 30mph. <u>PM</u> - Partly cloudy, with a low around 56. S/SW wind around 10mph, with gusts as high as 25mph.



Saturday, Dec. 3:

<u>AM</u> - Partly sunny, with a high near 67. West wind around 5mph becoming N/NE in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 20mph.

PM - A 30% chance of showers, mainly after midnight. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 54.



Sunday, Dec. 4:

<u>AM</u> - A 20% chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 69. <u>PM</u> - Mostly cloudy, with a low around 64.

Extended Forecast Click Here