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From the Sports Desk with John Loven

Lady Lions Open Season with Victory

With a new calendar year comes the beginning of a new high school sport season. Soccer teams across the state of Texas have been practicing for weeks, but official games did not begin until the new year.

The Castleberry High School Lady Lions soccer team opened their 2023 season with a home game against the Lady Eagles of Oak Cliff Faith Academy on Tuesday, Jan. 3.

The Lady Lions led 2-0 at halftime. Eventually they stretched their lead to 4-0 before the Lady Eagles scored a couple of meaningless goals in the last 14 minutes to make the final score of 4-2 look closer than it was in reality.

The first 20 minutes of the first half was thoroughly dominated by the Lady Lions. The Eagles goalie was very good and was kept very busy while keeping CHS scoreless. Were it not for her outstanding defense this game could have been a blowout for the Lady Lions.

Despite 10 shots on goal in the first 20 minutes CHS could not score. At the 20:36 mark CHS freshman Alexa Rivera (#10) got a terrific shot on goal but the Lady Eagle goalie made a great save. Up until this point the Lady Eagles had not even advanced the ball offensively well enough to manage a single shot on goal. At the 5:41 mark Rivera got another great shot on goal that was again excellently defended by the goalie.

But the Lady Eagles could not continue to rely on their goalie to save every kick the entire night. At the 4:45 mark junior Lesly Martinez Vegan (#20) finally got a kick past the Lady Eagle goalie and put CHS on the scoreboard. About one minute later, at the 3:35 mark, CHS scored again. Rivera was rewarded for her relentless play when she launched a rocket from over 20 yards out that hit paydirt. The Lady Lions went up (continued on page 3)

From Castleberry ISD

Castleberry ISD Honors School Board Members Throughout January



Board members serving Castleberry ISD are:

Kenneth Romo, Board President, Serving Since 2009
David Holder, Board Vice-President, Serving Since 2001
Cathy Gatica, Board Secretary, Serving Since 2013
Mary Lou Martinez, Board Member, Serving Since 2004
Tracy Gallman, Board Member, Serving Since 2020
Ariela Martinez, Board Member, Serving Since 2021
Linda Aguillon, Board Member, Serving Since 2021

January is School Board Recognition Month and Castleberry ISD is celebrating its school board members for their dedication and commitment to the district and its students.

The theme of this year's School Board Recognition Month is Forward, Together, which highlights the (continued on page 4)

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From Castleberry ISD

Candidacy Filing Window for Castleberry ISD School Board Election Opens

Castleberry ISD's Board of Education Election will be held Saturday, May 6, 2023. Place 1 and Place 2 on the District's Board are up for election. The Castleberry ISD Board of Education consists of seven at large board members serving terms of three years, with elections held annually.

Citizens residing in the Castleberry ISD boundaries who are interested in running for School Board may file for a place on the ballot starting Wednesday, Jan. 18 through Friday, Feb. 17 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Citizens residing within the Castleberry ISD boundaries who are interested in running for School Board may submit their application beginning Wednesday, Jan. 18, with the Elections Administrator located at the Gary S. Jones Administration Building. Candidate application packets may be submitted in person, mail, email, or fax. In order to be considered a candidate, a com-

pleted packet must be submitted within the filing period, which ends at 5 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 17.

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From the City of River Oaks
River Oaks City Council Meetings

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.

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. in the River Oaks City Council Chambers located at 4900 River Oaks Blvd. in River Oaks, Texas in order to receive public input on the 49th year (FY 2023) Community Development Block Grant Program for the City of River Oaks.

For more information please contact the Public Works Director at 817-626-5421, extension 322.

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Students will not attend classes on Monday, Jan. 16 in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

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Students will return to classes on Tuesday, Jan. 17 at regularly scheduled times.

CHS Soccer

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2-0, and that score stayed until halftime, despite CHS having 15 shots on goal to the Lady Eagles two.

It did not take long in the second half for CHS to extend their lead.

Senior Elimar Mojica's (#4) corner kick, barely 3 minutes into the second half, found the back of the net and gave CHS a 3-0 lead. The Lady Lions really put the game completely out of reach on a nice breakaway by Rivera (#10). Her goal, at the 18:33 mark, put CHS up 4-0.

The Lady Eagles finally got on the scoreboard with a goal at 13:03 mark. They managed a second score with 3:18 left in the game on a somewhat questionable penalty kick.

Rivera almost got a hat trick with her third goal of the night, but her kick with 1:19 left just barely missed as it hit the right side of the goal post.

Nevertheless, the Lady Lions did open the season successfully with a home victory. Go Lady Lions!



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School Board Recognition Month

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collaboration among school leadership, teachers, and parents on behalf of students.

“Thanks to approval from the school board, Castleberry ISD was able to increase safety and security measures for the 2022-2023 school year,” Renee Smith-Faulkner, superintendent of schools said. “This included expanding the district’s police department to include five police officers, the addition of two security monitors, and funds for additional security equipment and upgrades of preexisting equipment to ensure all facilities throughout the district are safe and secure.”

Throughout January, Castleberry ISD campuses and departments will honor and show appreciation for the district’s board members. Each campus in the district has adopted a school board member to celebrate and recognize.

Dan Troxell, executive director of the Texas Association of School Boards, applauded the efforts of trustees in providing leadership and good governance so that school districts can focus on educating the 5.4 million public schoolchildren in their care.

“Texas school boards are critical to the success of students and the future of Texas,” Troxell said. “Boards lead their districts in the right direction, providing oversight, setting goals, overseeing the budget, and selecting and evaluating the superintendent. These volunteers serve for the betterment of their local schools and communities.”

To learn more about school board service online visit the [Texas Association of School Boards website](#). For more information about serving on Castleberry ISD’s school board and upcoming elections, visit the [Board Elections page](#) on the district’s website.

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In the region, approximately 1,850 people volunteer with the Red Cross. These local volunteers are part of the almost 300,000 people across the country whose support enables the Red Cross to respond to an average of more than 60,000 disasters every year and deliver more than 6.4 million blood products to hospital patients in need. Volunteers

also help train more than 4.6 million people in Red Cross lifesaving skills; help provide nearly 550,000 services to military members, veterans and their families; and to reconnect almost 9,000 families separated by war or disaster around the world.

“Our Red Cross volunteers step up to help our neighbors here in the North Texas Region each and every day,” said Shelley Vanlaningham, Interim Regional Volunteer Services Officer, Red Cross North Texas Region. “In the last year, volunteers responded to more than 2,000 disasters, installed more than 6,000 smoke alarms in homes and provided care for nearly 10,000 individuals. Just imagine the impact you could make in 2023 by joining us as a volunteer.”

Volunteering is good for you and our community. The top five benefits of resolving to volunteer in 2023 include:

- Meeting new people. Our volunteers are amazing individuals with diverse backgrounds that are inspired to give back, just like you.
- Learning new skills. Red Cross volunteer positions include free training and provide an opportunity to experience new adventures.
- Being part of something larger. Become a vital part of the Red Cross and our mission to prevent and alleviate human suffering.
- Making a difference in someone's life. Whether you are helping a family that just had a home fire or supporting the collection of lifesaving blood, your impact is real.
- Staying active. Many volunteer roles require physical activity which is great for your overall health.

Here are just a few of the positions we need help filling (more information available at the links below):

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- [Disaster Action Team Members](#) sign up for on-call shifts as part of a team to help provide 24-hour emergency response to local disasters, ensuring that your neighbors have access to resources for necessities such food, shelter and clothing.
- [Service to the Armed Forces Clinic Volunteer](#) help enhance the morale of patients by providing direct and indirect assistance to patient care activities in military treatment clinics.

Training is free, but the hope you provide as a Red Cross volunteer is priceless. Visit redcross.org/volunteertoday to get started.

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From StatePoint

Personalized Ways to Celebrate Galentine's Day



Are you ready to celebrate Galentine's Day on Feb. 13? Originating from a 2010 episode of the popular TV show, *"Parks and Recreation,"* Galentine's Day celebrates some of the most important relationships in our lives: our girlfriends. Over a decade later, the now-official holiday has skyrocketed in popularity. Here are tips on celebrating your gal pals with personalized touches.

1. Batch of Baked Goods. Food is the way to most anyone's heart, especially when its homemade. Test a new recipe of your gal pal's favorite dessert; or decorate cakes, cookies or cupcakes with icing in her favorite colors. No matter what you make, the extra effort will show just how much you care.

2. Creative Customized Cards. Everyone knows that gals love a sappy, pull-on-your-heartstrings letter or card. And you can up your card-sending game with a more personalized approach that resonates with the recipient. With the continued evolution of digital greetings, SmashUps and Creatacard from American Greetings have made it easier than ever to create a card just as special and unique as your individual friendships. Specific friendship-themed ecards include creative options like talking animals or tacos, messages from celebrities, animated folded digital greetings celebrating your "girl gang" and more! They're sure to entertain, surprise and delight your friends.

3. BYOB – Build Your Own Brunch. Brunch is all about spending time together, catching up on life, laughing until your stomach hurts...and of course the plentiful food and drinks. Hosting your Galentine's Day brunch at home can make for a more cost-effective and customized experience—no reservations required! Make it interesting (and easier for the host) by asking each gal to bring her favorite brunch dish or drink to share, or by prepping and cooking dishes together, all while toasting with a festive mimosa, Bloody Mary or unique mocktail.

4. Mixology with a Twist. If your group of gals is more of an evening crowd, request that each friend brings her own batch of cocktails or mocktails and a snack that follow a given theme. Whether it's an era (Roaring 20s), a hit movie, a popular show, or one that draws from personal experience, the more festive the theme, the more fun the party. You can even tie it all together with an activity, like spa treatments or game night, or dress the part as well.

5. Get Posh with Polaroids. Whatever you choose for you Galentine's get-together, be sure to capture the moment. And while we love selfies and Insta pics, Polaroids can make cute and creative keepsakes. Whether you're at home or out on the town, the charming aesthetic and instant gratification of seeing your photo masterpiece is bound to make everyone smile.

While Galentine's Day started with fictional characters eating waffles at brunch, there are so many personal, intimate ways to celebrate the very real friendships in your life and create long-lasting memories.

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Army Cartographer, General William Emory *by Dr. Ken Bridges*

The borders of the United States have expanded considerably since independence was declared. As the nation grew, newer and more detailed maps were needed so the country could plan ahead and utilize the landscape and resources available. Gen. William Emory, an army cartographer, was a vital part of this process. Emory's diligent studies and attention to detail not only shaped the borders of the United States but also shaped the borders of Texas and revealed the great wonders of the Upper Rio Grande.

William Hemsley Emory was born in September 1811 in Eastern Maryland. He was extremely bright and as a young man earned an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York.

He graduated from West Point in 1831 as a lieutenant and was assigned to an artillery unit.

Looking for other opportunities to satisfy his curiosity and imagination, he resigned from the service in 1836 to pursue civil engineering. The army, however, lured him back two years later with a unique new program, the Corps of Topographical Engineers. This new unit was in charge of surveying resources and infrastructure for both potential military use and civilian development. He spent the next few years engaged in careful surveys of harbors and rivers on the East Coast. Also in 1838, he married Matilda Bache in Philadelphia. Bache was the great-granddaughter of Benjamin Franklin and the daughter of later Texas State Senator Richard Bache, Jr.

In 1844, Emory arrived in Texas. Though Texas was still independent, Texas was working with the United States in pursuit of annexation and invited the Corps of Topographical Engineers into the republic to examine what Texas had to offer. He spent months studying the Upper Rio Grande Valley, producing maps that were invaluable to American forces during the Mexican War two years later and much more accurate than had been produced up to that point. His survey of the American-Canadian border between 1844 and 1846 were also a valuable part of the negotiations over the resolution of the Oregon Country dispute and helped finalize the border between the two nations.

When war erupted against Mexico in 1846, he was assigned to join Col. Stephen Kearney in his trek from Kansas to New Mexico and then to California to strip the lightly populated and almost undefended area away from Mexico. The mission was a tremendous success, and the northern third of Mexico was in American hand in a matter of months.

Along the way, Emory continued to make careful surveys and notes of the regions the army marched through. In the course of the war, Mexican troops never again entered Texas. When the war was won in 1848, the Texas border at the Rio Grande was unquestioned, thanks to Emory's maps.

His efforts would reap huge dividends again in 1853 when the United States finalized the Gadsden Purchase from Mexico. The United States had won what is now the southwestern quarter of

the country as a result of the Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo in 1848. Mexico surrendered the lands from the Rio Grande in central New Mexico (what was then West Texas) across to California and the Pacific.

Because of Emory's surveys, federal officials realized some of the unique features of the area. Just south of the Gila River was a break in the Rocky Mountains, an area where the land was relatively smooth. The area was ideal for railroad construction as the concept and ultimate route of the transcontinental railroad began to be discussed. As a result, Ambassador James Gadsden negotiated a new treaty with Mexico, paying \$10 million for the land that became the southern edges of Arizona and New Mexico. Emory's correspondence with U.S. Senator Thomas Rusk of Texas helped secure the treaty ratification in the Senate.

In 1855, Emory was named head of the International Boundary Commission. His reputation as a scientist and a map-maker was growing. His two major reports on the geography and wildlife of the Southwest, *Notes of a Military Reconnaissance from Fort Leavenworth to San Diego* (1846) and *Report of the United States and Mexico Boundary Commission* (1859) were major foundations in the later scientific study of the area.

During the Civil War, Emory served with distinction, rising to the rank of general and taking command of the Nineteenth Corps during the Shenandoah Campaign of 1864. He commanded the Department of the Gulf during Reconstruction, which served in Louisiana, Arkansas, and Mississippi. In 1874, as the terroristic White League overthrew the elected government of Louisiana, Emory resorted to diplomacy to convince the coup plotters to restore the elected government and to peacefully disband. What could easily have escalated ended without further bloodshed.

Emory retired from the army in 1876 and moved east. He died in Washington, DC, in 1887 at age 76. He continued to be widely respected by geographers and cartographers in the years after his passing.

Emory Peak in the Big Bend area was named in his honor as well as New Mexico's Emory Pass. Astronauts also named a crater on the Moon after him during the 1972 Apollo 17 mission.

In the end, his years of study and calculations had an impact that shaped the United States and touched the heavens.

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Three Day Weekend Forecast



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PM - Clear; low around 39. E/NE wind around 5mph becoming south after midnight.



Saturday, Jan. 14:

AM - Sunny; high near 67. S wind 5-15mph, with gusts as high as 20mph.
PM - Partly cloudy; low around 49.



Sunday, Jan. 15:

AM - Partly sunny; high near 71.
PM - A 20% chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, low around 56.

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