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From the Sports Desk with John Loven

Lady Lions Suffer Steep Home Loss

The Castleberry High School Lady Lions basketball team hosted the Bridgeport Sissies on Tuesday, Jan. 9.

Castleberry entered the game 8-13 while Bridgeport came in sporting a 14-11 record. This was the second district game for both squads. The Lady Lions were seeking their first district win while the Sissies were looking for their second straight district victory.

The game started slowly for both teams during the first couple of minutes. The Sissies broke the ice with a bucket at the 6:14 mark in the first quarter and took a 2-0 lead. The Lady Lions quickly responded with a basket by senior Jaquelyn Ortiz (#10) to tie the score 2-2.

Both teams struggled to score on a consistent basis. With under 3 minutes left in the first quarter, Bridgeport led only 6-2. But with .48 seconds left, the Sissies made their first 3-pointer of the game (after missing their first five attempts) to push their lead to 9-2.

And later, with just 1.6 seconds left they had a chance to score again as they inbounded the ball from under their own basket. The shot just beat the buzzer and found the bottom of the net to give the Sissies an 11-2 lead going into the second quarter.

The second quarter began with Bridgeport quickly making a free throw for a 12-2 lead. At the 6:33 mark sophomore Jayleen Lopez's (#3) basket made the score 12-4.

The game completely deteriorated from this point for CHS as they could simply not make a basket. The Sissies size advantage over the Lady Lions began to assert itself and they also began to find their shooting touch. In the last 5 minutes of the second quarter the Sissies more than doubled their scoring and put up 17 more points before halftime.

Sophomore Madeline Michaels (#21) hit the only other basket for Castleberry. The Lady Lions trailed 29-6 at halftime.

If the first half wasn't bad enough for CHS – the second half was unfortunately a total nightmare.

The only highlight certainly was the fact that they held Bridgeport to only 2 points in the third quarter. Sadly, however, the Lady Lions were held to zero points in the quarter. And for that matter they were also shut out in the fourth quarter as well. The Sissies broke out for 9 points in the final quarter to make the final score 40-6 for the Bridgeport victory.

The Lady Lions return home on Friday, Jan. 20 to take on Springtown.

Go Lady Lions!

From the City of River Oaks

City Council Candidate

Application Filing Period Open

The City of River Oaks will hold an election on Saturday, May 6 for the places of Mayor and City Council Place 5. Applications for a place on the City of River Oaks Regular Election ballot may be filed now through Friday, Feb. 17.

Applications may be filed in person or by mail at City Hall, located at 4900 River Oaks Blvd.

Office hours are Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 17.

The candidate packet and application is available for download at the City of River Oaks website.

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From the North Central Texas Council of Governments

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From StatePoint

Six Things to Consider Doing if You Can't Pay Rent This Month

The average national rent surpassed \$2,000 for the first time ever in 2022, which has made keeping up with rent payments challenging for millions of people across the United States. In fact, a recent Freddie Mac survey found that 70 percent of renters are concerned about making their rent payment in the short term.

If you're among those struggling to pay rent, there is good news: many resources exist to help renters remain in their homes.

Here are six actions you can take to help keep you in your rental:

1. Contact Your Landlord. If you know you will be unable to pay your rent, contact your landlord in writing to explain your situation. Your landlord may be able to offer you such options as changing the date rent is due each month, lowering rent payments or creating a repayment plan.

2. Consider More Affordable Apartments. Finding a less expensive apartment may be the right solution if you anticipate having regular trouble paying your rent. However, with rents on the rise everywhere, this can be a challenge. As you start your search, remember to factor in the fees and moving expenses you might incur. Moving within your building or to another property managed by the same company may be one way to avoid onboarding fees.

3. Find a Roommate. If you have the space, taking on a roommate can significantly reduce your monthly rent and utility expenses. Make sure to follow the terms of your lease when adding a roommate to any apartment. This could include having them sign a formal lease.

4. Access Short-Term Rental Assistance. Local housing authorities and some national organizations have short-term rent relief funds you can apply for to help cover the cost of rent while you get back on your feet. The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) has a list of assistance programs for renters.

5. Understand Eviction Protections. Be aware of the eviction protections you're eligible for should you be unable to pay rent. The CFPB has a list of states with protections in place that prevent landlords from evicting renters for failure to pay rent.

6. Work with a Renter Resource Organization. There are many nonprofit Renter Resource Organizations throughout the country that can assist you if you are facing a housing-related challenge. These entities provide services and resources to help you maintain housing, including eviction prevention and landlord-tenant mediation. They also can assist you in locating alternative housing and provide financial planning advice. Services offered may vary by provider. To find an organization that can help you with your situation, contact Freddie Mac's Renter Hotline at 800-404-3097.

For more information about renting, including resources to help you determine how much you can afford, visit My Home by Freddie Mac at myhome.freddiemac.com.

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Obituary



Keith L. Rodgers

Keith L. Rodgers passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Sunday, Jan. 15, 2023 at the age of 71.

Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (two hours prior to service time) Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2023 at the funeral home.

A celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2023 at Brown Owens & Brumley Family Funeral Home with interment at Greenwood Memorial Park.

Keith was born Feb. 3, 1951 to the late Coleman and Lola Rodgers in Fort Worth, Texas.

He graduated from Brewer High School, class of 1969. He worked for San Diego Wild Animal Park, Frozen Food Express, Western Co. and then retired from General Dynamics/Lockheed Martin after 31 years of dedicated service.

Keith is preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Angela Holloway; grandson, Tra Holloway; and step mother, Dorothy Rodgers.

Survivors include his loving wife of 37 years, Judy Rodgers; daughter, Michelle Thomas; son, Adam Rodgers and wife, Amber; daughter, Jennifer Nance; daughter, Amy DePue and husband, Troy, son, Logan Rodgers and wife, Caitlin; son in law, Matthew Holloway and wife, Cindy; brother, Roger Rodgers; aunt, Neta Caddell; granddaughters, Kirstin Simpson and husband, Laramie, Madison Sievers, Brooke Rodgers, Lina Rodgers, Tiffany DePue and Jadence DePue; grandsons, Chandler Jones and Triston DePue; one great-grandchild, Reagan Simpson; numerous nieces, nephews and beloved cousins.

From Suburban Newspapers, Inc. Staff Writer, Denise Honeycutt

Hawaii Pa'u Riders Attend Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo Parade

Founded in 1981 by John and Lita Cook from Waimanalo, Hawaii; the Hawaiian Pa'u riders are a unique, colorful and beautiful equestrian unit, that have participated in 42 parades all over the United States and France.

This Unit strives to share the Aloha Spirit and perpetuate the Hawaiian culture. Mr. And Mrs. Cook's daughter, Leiala, has now taken the task of continuing this legacy.

The Pa'u (pronounced pah-oo), is a culotte skirt and consists of 12 yards of fabric, sectionally coordinated and held together with only six kukui nuts; no buttons or zippers.

In the 1800's, Hawaii's Queens and Princesses would ride on horseback to gala events in their beautiful gowns and the pa'u protected their attire from being soiled from the dirt and dust. Today, the pa'u tradition has sophisticated velvets, satin and cotton printed material. Once the ladies are wrapped in their pa'u they cannot disrobe until their travel to an event is completed. It takes 15 minutes to assemble; in this parade there were 10 riders!

Each rider is responsible to adorn their horse with colorful and fragrant leis which consists of 150 bundles of flowers twined with wax string onto a ti leaf backing brought from Hawaii. It takes one week to pick, clean and put together the horse leis.

Spectators at this years Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo Parade were anxious and excited to see the Hawaii Pa'u Riders as they were on social media and news television broadcasts of their participation.

This is the second time they have been invited back; the first was in 2017 and they received the Most Prestigious Award for Excellence for the 121st event, which has only been awarded twice. As of this writing, the Hawaii Pa'u Riders are waiting for the results from this years parade.



Sheldon Kaupuiki, the Queen's Page, rides with the banner.



Pa'u riders, dressed in their vibrant attire, are ready to mount their horses



Kary Takemoto rides down Main Street on the parade route.



Kaniela Kimura flashes "Shaka" to the crowd.



Members from the Order of the Purple Heart participated in the event which spectators gave an overwhelming applause.



Sheldon Kaupuiki assembles a horse lei with assistance from **Clayton Chung**.



Lori Takato drapes **Faith Kalamau** in her pa'u.



Cheryl Vierra acknowledges the parade spectators.

Former Governor of Texas, Samuel Willis Tucker Lanham

by Dr. Ken Bridges

Texas has had 48 governors since statehood was achieved in 1845. Some enjoyed remarkable success and achievements during their terms and have been remembered fondly years later while others left in disgrace. S.W.T. Lanham, who served as governor from 1903 to 1907, was a respected figure though he has been nearly forgotten.

Samuel Willis Tucker Lanham was born in rural South Carolina on July 4, 1846. He was the oldest of eight children born into a modest farm family. As a young man eager for adventure, he enlisted in the Confederate Army in 1861, barely 15 years old. His unit participated in several battles, and he served with distinction. At the age of 17, Lanham was wounded at the bloody Battle of Spotsylvania Courthouse in Virginia.

After the Civil War ended, Lanham married and left for Texas. After his arrival, he worked as a school teacher for several years, first near Clarksville and then in Bowie County before moving to Weatherford. Like many other frontier teachers, he was interested in furthering his own education and ambitions. He studied law in his spare time. In 1869, he was admitted to the state bar.

Lanham impressed locals with his skills, and he gradually developed powerful connections. In 1871, Gov. Edmund J. Davis appointed him as district attorney, a position he would hold ably for five years.

In 1882, he ran for Congress in the new Eleventh District, a massive district that included Parker County and 97 other counties, covering hundreds of miles from Weatherford to El Paso to Amarillo.

Once in Congress, Lanham rose quickly. By 1887, he was made chairman of the Committee on Claims, a committee which oversaw petitions made to Congress and requests for exemptions to federal laws.

In 1892, he declined to run for re-election. Though he enjoyed his time in Congress and was well-respected, he had his eyes on higher office.

He prepared to run for governor in 1894 and worked hard to consolidate his connections across the state. At this time, nominees for state offices were chosen by nominating conventions.

He lost the Democratic nomination to state Attorney General Charles A. Culberson. In 1896, he jumped back into politics after US Rep. Charles K. Bell declined to run for re-election and won the first of three terms for the redrawn Eighth District, which included Weatherford and Fort Worth and a fraction of the counties he had served previously.



In 1902, Lanham ran again for governor, this time winning the prize he had so coveted. He would be the last Confederate veteran elected Texas governor.

As governor, he enacted several laws protecting the rights of organized labor and acts aimed at modernizing the election process.

In 1903, he enacted the Terrell Election Act, which provided for partisan primary elections for all state offices. In a state like Texas where one party, the Democrats, so dominated the political scene, the primary essentially acted like the election.

The law also set a primary date for the fourth Saturday in July to ensure that Texas farmers, the bulk of the voting population, would be able to participate and not distracted by planting or harvesting seasons.

His pragmatic approach as governor frustrated liberals and conservatives alike, but he remained respected by the people and won re-election easily in 1904. The position, however, was not what he expected. In spite of his successes as governor, the pressures of the office overwhelmed him, steadily wearing down his health.

Lanham chose not to seek re-election in 1906. His successor, Gov. Thomas M. Campbell, appointed him as a regent for the University of Texas, but it was not an honor that Lanham's declining health would allow him to enjoy.

He died at his home in 1908 at the age of 62.

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PM - Partly cloudy; low around 43. E/SE wind around 5mph.



Saturday, Jan. 21:

AM - A 50% chance of showers. Mostly cloudy; high near 55. East wind 5-10mph.
PM - A 30% chance of showers before midnight. Mostly cloudy; low around 38.



Sunday, Jan. 22:

AM - Mostly sunny; high near 56.
PM - Mostly clear; low around 38.

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